



NATURAL HERITAGE, SAN JUAN DE LA RAMBLA

Giant pine - a splendid specimen

The mayor of San Juan de la Rambla, Fidela Velázquez, has signed an agreement with the secondary school, the IES San Juan de la Rambla together with her local Councillor for Monument Protection Cayetano Silva.

According to the agreement, the trainees on the course for forest work and nature conservation will embellish the surroundings of the giant pine tree at Molino del Viento and give it the status it deserves. After all, the Canarian pine

is an endemic tree and this splendid specimen is a proud 25 metres high with a trunk circumference of 512 centimetres. It stands directly on a path that connects the San José district with the neighbouring town of La Guancha and which is named after the pine tree. After some problems with the fortification were solved last year, it's now visited daily by about a dozen passers-by. The course participants are being asked to develop a project that rec-



Discussion in the shade of the giant pine tree

ognises the tree as a monument of insular interest and also makes it perceptible as a tourist attraction. ■



Canarian arts and crafts have widespread facets

The summer break is over and therefore the successful project called Granadilla Artesanal will be revived on September 25. On the last Wednesday of every

month from 9am to 2pm, over a dozen artisans of different genres will be exhibiting their products. "It's a beautiful project with which we value this handicraft

MARKING THE END OF SUMMER

Granadilla Artesanal

work and want to bring it closer to the residents and the visitors" said the local Councillor for Culture and Fiestas, Eudita Mendoza Navarro. Schools, hotels and residents will be encouraged to take an interest in the ancient crafts of the Canary Islands, which have many different facets. So far, the market

has taken place in the Historical Museum, but from now on it will take to the streets with the aim of making it even more visible and attractive. In the future it will enliven the Vía Arquitecto Marrero Regalado which is part of the pedestrian zone and is close to the Plaza González Mena and the Franciscan convent. ■

GUARDIA CIVIL DEPLOYMENT

Potential road danger prevented

A Guardia Civil patrol in Santa Cruz recently saved an apparently confused man from running onto the TF-1 motorway and endangering himself and others.

During a patrol at 11.5 kilometres from the city, they discovered a person lying on the pavement on a motorway bridge. The officers stopped to help him. The man reported that he had quarrelled with a carer from the centre where he lived while they were out on an excursion, so he ran away. He had injured his hand and was disoriented at that moment and did not know where he was. Due to his excitement and injuries, the officers requested an ambulance and tried to find out which centre the man was living in. When the paramedics arrived, the man became even more nervous and even tried to run onto the road. Only by the quick reaction of the officers who stopped him, could the injured person be held back, for his safety and that of all other road users. He was taken to hospital. ■

CONFISCATED

Drugs shutdown

Following a two-month investigation, Guardia Civil officers at Tijarafe in La Palma, in cooperation with SEPRONA, the nature conservation unit responsible for protecting the Caldera de Taburiente, discovered a rudimentary greenhouse dedicated to the cultivation of marijuana plants near El Roque in the borough of Puntagorda.

Various tools and 16 kilograms of the narcotic were confiscated. Previously, during an inspection of an area where rubbish had been disposed of at Las Manchas, Guardia Civil officers from El Paso had also discovered a greenhouse on a finca where marijuana plants were being cultivated. In this case, more than six kilograms of the drug were seized. In connection with these two investigations, two people were arrested for public health violations. ■



Plants and typical utensils were seized