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Minister appeals for calm as heatwave claims first victim

Met Office does not expect a repeat of last summer's temperatures

A forty-eight-year old man died yesterday in Ciudad Real, the first victim of the heatwave that has seen temperatures climb to 45 degrees in southern Spain. Elena Salgado, the Spanish health minister, has appealed for calm, adding that "technically speaking one cannot say it is a heatwave". Meteorological experts say they do not believe we will see a repeat of last summer's long hot summer which left tens of thousands of dead across Europe, especially in France. In regard to the method of recording deaths caused by the heat, which last year was considered inaccurate, Salgado said that the basic approach would not change, but that medical services would be better equipped to identify more precisely the cause of death and would be able to inform the authorities if they considered it to be heat-related. (See page 3)



The government is anxious to avoid panic after last year's heatwave left tens of thousands dead across Europe

Markets nervous as US interest rate set to rise

the expected rise in the US interest All the indications point to a rise of rate, as the Federal Reserve bank 0.25%, up from its current 1 perprepares to increase it for the first cent, which is the lowest figure since time in four years, in a bid to control 1958. (See page 10)

Investors are bracing themselves for inflation in the American economy.

Pistols price of ticket to the beautiful game

In a welcome departure from the the island. In an attempt to stem the selfishness and greed that dominates football, the Brazil national team are to play a friendly match in have to give up their weapon as the Haiti in a bid to bring some peace to price of admission. (See page 12)

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Fire damages crop fields in Lleida

Four fires burn over 295 acres of farmland killing vegetation in the district La Segarra

Fires flared yesterday over crop fields in the county of La Segarra, in Lleida, bringing out the fire department of the Generalitat. The fires have damaged more than 120 hectares (over 295 acres) of vegetation. Specifically the municipalities of Massoteres and Ribera d'Ondara were the areas that saw the worst fires, in which is was hardest to hold back the flames. The first incident

was reported at 12:20 p.m. in Cervera, where eighteen firefighters have been worked to put out the fire. In Massoteres, specifically in the area of Taltaüll, the fire burned 78.5 hectares of crop land. In that area there were 13 firefighters by land and two by air. In Sant Antolí and Vilanova, in the municipality of Ribera d'Ondara, 25 hectares were burned, also leveling crops. Fifteen firefighters on foot and five in aero-

planes went to combat the fires in that area. At around 6:30 p.m., a fourth fire was eating away two hectares in Sanaüja, but was under control within less than an hour. Around the same, firefighters got control over the flames in Segarra. Thirty or so of them were distributed at different points in order to soak and put the fire out. Nobody was harmed, according sources in the fire department. The Catalan

government is preparing to implement measures to avoid forest fires this year. It has approved the Summer Plan, which aims to boost the government's ability to deal with fires and the effects of the summer heat on health. Under the plan, more officers and technical resources will be made available compared to last year. To detect early forest fires, 85 lookout posts will be staffed by 170 people.

Maragall announces that family law to include gay marriages

President of the Catalan government Pascual Maragall announced yesterday modifications in the Catalan family law as well as the law of stable partner unions that would include marriages between homosexuals. He referred to the promise that the Socialist government made to legalise adoption by homosexuals, which in his opinion is merely an acknowledgement of an existing reality. The announcement of the legal changes comes after the Catalan congress initiated procedures to demand that the government legalise marriage between homosexuals. He referred to the new attitudes that are present with respect to this issue and commented that the law should extend equal rights to all citizens "regardless of their country of origin, age or sexual orientation".

Apart from the changes proposed by Pasqual Maragall, the Generalitat is drafting an interdepartamental plan to prevent discrimination against homosexuals with the objective of pinpointing measures that "promote positive social attitudes in the areas of education, labour and health care". Green Party spokesman Joan Boada requested that the legal reforms should also include provisions specifically against discrimination against elderly homosexuals and homophobic attacks. The proposals to change the Catalan laws come just after the Congreso de Diputados in Madrid approved a motion to move forward changes in gay marriage laws for the whole of Spain.

Gangofthievesis disbanded in Salou

A group a young thugs are strategically placed by a bureau de change and await their victim, usually British women changing pounds to euros. Once the tourist exits the change office, some older members of the gang signal to the younger ones to advance. While one distracts her, the other snatches her purse. This is how it went down on fifteen The five gang members have been detained.

The arrests were made possible by an investigation by the police force, La Guardia Civil. The group of thieves was made up of foreigners without legal residence in Spain. They were two minors aged 14 and 15, and three adults, Fartaes I.M., 27; Andrión C., 26; and Gabi A., 18. All had previously lived in the province of Barcelona. With the excep- will stand before children's court.

tion of one, none of them carried identification. The police have records of at least fifteen similar cases, always employing the same method and all having been committed in the month of June. Many of the muggings occurred on carrer Sara-

Evidently, the minors of the group were enlisted to commit the muggings because of they could gain occasions during this past month in a certain measure of legal leeway the capital of the Costa Daurada. that the adult members could not. Also, the elders thought they could somehow be excused from the acts, as it would be difficult to prove their connection and for victims to identify them.

The arrest took place shortly after the gang had robbed a total of 420 euros from an English woman that had just left the bureau de change. The three adults will be tried in court 2 in Tarragona and the two minors



Public transport use miles ahead of private cars

Indicators show that public transport is becoming more and more widely used in Barcelona. Buses and trains were taken over 5 per cent times more than last year, while pri-

per cent, reports the municipal group Vía Pública. Could it be that Barcelona's traffic problems will soon be solved? Looking at these figures, it is not clear, but it is the hope city.

vate vehicles only went up by 0.56 of any concerned urbanite. It also seems that, for the third year in a row, street parking has gone down. This could be due in part to a changing socio-economic profile in this

Government calls for calm as summer temperatures climb

Minister of Health says that this summer should not produce a heat wave as severe as 2003

ROBERT KIMPLETON

In spite of high temperatures last month which got up to 45 degrees in some parts of Spain, this year will not be anything like the relentless summer of 2003, according to Spanish Health Minister Elena Salgado.

She has made a point of assuring the population that "technically speaking we are not having a heatwave, so there is no need to be alarmed. This summer we will probably not have a heat wave as severe as the one we had last year."

Nevertheless, there has been at least one possible heat-related death in Spain. A 48-year-old man in Ciudad Real with chronic heart problems died in circumstances where heat may have been a factor, although the exact cause of death has not yet been determined.

The government, judging from its actions, is not leaving anything to chance this year. Since last month they have taken various measures to avoid heat related illnesses, deaths and other negative effects of extreme heat.

Salgado warned that with or without a certified heatwave, a period of continually high temperatures can always put certain people such as the elderly, the chronically ill and children at risk.

The National Meteorological Institute will provide a five-day forecast to the autonomous communities so that they can issue public alerts when necessary. Citizens can also call 902 222 292 to get advice and information about the heat.









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Generalitat to create 30,000 new nursery places for 0 to three year-olds by 2008

REBECCAWARDEN

The Catalan autonomous government or Generalitat is to create 30,000 places for 0 - 3 year-olds in state nursery schools within four years. In the first step towards this goal, the education department will draw up a document mapping the current provision of nursery places and planning how the new ones should be distributed. This is due to be finished before the end of the year.

A law giving legal force to the measures was being voted in the Catalan parliament vesterday. The move is the result of a popular initiative, a proposal put forward by a broad range of civil organisations including trades unions and associations of parents, residents and consumers.

The 30,000 new places will help lessen a chronic shortage of nursery provision in Catalonia. Problems



The new law aims to boost nursery school places throughout Catalonia by 2008 / EFE

for their offspring is a common complaint among parents.

The Generalitat will favour deprived areas and will try and take has announced it is earmarking 21.7

finding an affordable nursery place into account future population growth in certain municipalities when allocating the new places.

On the same day, the Generalitat

million euros for the first 9,300 places. On July 14, the education department will meet local councils to begin drawing up the map, according to Catalan education minister Marta Cid. "The approval of this law will mark a before and after in the education of 0 - 3 year-olds in this country," she said. It should also help familes juggling the demands of work with childcare.

The new law is the result of pressure for more nursery places from the general public and the educational community since March 2002. Teachers collected a total of 100,000 signatures within a six month period. This was then submitted to the Catalan parliament but got bogged down in parliamentary procedures. While the original committee behind the proposal welcomed yesterday's news, they also questioned why it had to wait two years to see the light of day.

FOODSTUFFS

Homemade mayonnaise a risk

People should be very careful of how they prepare homemade mayonniase during the summer months, according to the Spanish Association of Sauce and Condiment Makers. High temperatures means that fresh ingredients can soon go off, increasing the risk of food poisoning. Current legislation does not allow bars and restaurants to sell mayonnaise made with non-pasteurised eggs. This change has produced a marked decrease in the number of group infections in recent years. However the figures for food poisoning from food produced at home have remained stable.

MOBILE PHONES

Cheaper calls while abroad

Mobile operator Vodafone will allow Spanish subscribers who are travelling in Europe this summer to call home at a 50 per cent discount. The new service will apply for calls made to both fixed and mobile phones from Germany, Greece, the Netherlands, Hungary, Italy, Ireland, Portugal, Britain, Sweden, France and Austria. New customers joining Vodafone's Spanish operations will be given this service automatically as part of a welcome package when they buy their line. Existing customers will need to pay 6 euros to sign up for this service available in July and August.

Alternative medicine appraised

Catalan health minister Marina Geli confirmed yesterday that the Generalitat is considering regulating the field of alternative medicine. The autonomous government will produce a report this year on whether the training of alternative health practitioners needs regulating. It will also look into the possibility of accrediting centres so that certain kinds of alternative medicine could be offered via the public health system. These moves show tacit official recognition of the popularity of alternative medicine, according to the minister.

MUSIC

Prize for young pianist

Young pianist Javier Merino has won the Sofia Puche prize for young pianists at the Catalan Young Pianists Competition. The competition took place yesterday in Vilafranca del Penedès. Merino, 26, graduated with honours from the Liceu Conservatory and has performed at the Auditori de Barcelona and the Gran Teatre del Liceu as well as working with Opera Mobile as a roving pianist. The prize gives the winner prize money of 2,000 euros.

DISTRIBUTION

Beer delivered to your doorstep

Starting this month Via Servicios Logisticos can deliver your beer requirements right to your home. The company, a subsidiary of Repso-IYPF, is adding this new service to its already existing home deliveries of mineral water and milk. It aims to add another 160 distributors to the network of 130 it has established in 33 provinces around Spain.

City farms give urban residents a taste of rural life and work

Barcelona's first city farm to be set up in the Montjuic area

GABRIELLE MAGUIRE

Barcelona children who think that milk comes from the grocery store and vegetables from the market will soon be able to see where the food they eat really comes from — without actually leaving the city.

Plans are underway to set up a city farm, a kind of miniature yet fully operational farm located in a urban area, in the Montjuic area of Barcelona.

In a city farm, children and other citizens are allowed to participate in the every-day activities of real farming, such as working a vegetable garden, making compost, feeding and grooming animals, and planting and watering tree and plants, and of course cleaning animal dung.

The idea of city farms is to put city dwellers in direct contact with natual processes and ecology through farm work.

There are over 1,100 city farms around Europe, and 350 in Holland alone with an average of 15,000,000 visitors annually.

Barcelona has the ideal location, right in the heart of the city, to create an urban farm that is readily accessible to all.

The project has the full support of the European Federation of City Farms, and is being co-orinated locally by the *Associació per el Desenvolupament de la Granja Urbana*. City Farms remind children that animals are not humans in furry disguises, but are unique creatures with unique needs.

Apart from learning about the



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work of farmers, participants also gain a greater understanding of the impact of their human activities on the environment and become more awarene of the need for to sustainable forms of food production and land management.

At city farms, participants are experiencing mushroom culture,

confronted daily with reuse, repair and recycling. Animal manure and vegetable scraps are composted to serve as vegetable humus to be used as fertilizer and kitchen waste is fed to animals.

In a city farm one may find people experiencing mushroom culture

wine making, learning a craft, building solar panels, propagating plants and trees, protecting rare breeds of domestic animals, conservation of habitats, sustainable farming, biological gardening, recycling paper into durable materials and much more.

Immigrants struggle to send money to family members living in their countries of origin

ANNA AGUILAR

Ansumane Dahaba left Guinea Bissau eight years ago and currently lives in Vic with his wife and children. In his country of origin he left behind his mother, brothers, aunts and uncles, and cousins, all of whom live in his hometown and depend on agriculture for their livelihoods. They do not have a fixed income every month. So, when he can, Dahaba lends them a hand by sending them some money.

"If the rainy season was not very good and the crops fail, they should at least be able to buy food", he explains, adding that with 100 euros, his family can buy four 50-kilo sacks of rice.

Behind every immigrant, there is a personal story but also a joint project with his or her family, a project full of hope. And patience. Bringing the family here is not easy. First, there is legal question, then financial issues

"When a country is as far as way as mine, it is very hard to get all the money together to buy plane tickets for the family. So, we send them what we can save up, so that at least they can get by back there", said Sergio Olivares, an immigrant from Chile living in Barcelona.

The harder it is to reunify the family in this country, the more transfers immigrants send back to their countries of origin. How much they send and how frequently they do so depend on the possibilities and needs of each family. Most of them send 100-300 euros a month. Magaly Ibarra explains that 100 euros is almost an average monthly salary in Ecuador.

According to statistics from the Bank of Spain, in the year 2003, immigrants sent over 2,353 million euros abroad. This represents a 250 percent increase over the last four

years. This entity also estimates that each immigrant sends an average of 3,864 euros a year back to his or her family. These figures are bound to grow over the next few years, given that by the year 2010, the foreign population in Spain could reach 14.3% and by 2015, 27.4%, according to a report by José Félix Tezanos and Sergio Tezanos in Papeles de Economía.

There are families, cities and even countries that depend a great deal on the money that expatriates send back. For example, in Mexico "there are entire towns that are practically maintained solely by the inhabitants' relatives who have gone to the United States", says Sofia Riggen, a young Mexican woman from Guadalajara who arrived in Barcelona a few months ago to study.

Everybody wants to go to the North to earn money, support their families, and return to Mexico with their big cars and houses. For that reason, they'll accept any kind of job, any kind of exploitation. The money that arrives from abroad is used to cover families basic needs, from food and clothing to some product or service that helps raise their standard of living.

Magaly Ibarra explains that she especially sends money back when people are ill. In Ecuador, there are no public hospitals, so medical treatment there is expensive

There are also special occasions which involve extra expenses such as Christmas, or some family celebration. At Christmas time, the post offices note a sharp increase in parcel shipments. Currently, 40% of the packages that the post office handles every year are sent out of the country, with the most popular destination being Latin America. Most of the contents are gifts or photos and sometimes medicine.

ANIMALRIGHTS

Mistreatment of bulls

A representative of the Catalan government in Terres d'Ebre has urged local city councils, and especially the organisers of local festivals, to prevent the mistreatment of bulls during bull festivals but to permit such festivals to continue. According to Lluís Salvadó, festivals where the bulls have flaming torches tied to their horns are legal and that this kind of celebration should be allowed to go on. Recently bull festivals in Terres de l'Ebre have met with some protests, and the National Association for the Protection and Well-being of Animals has reiterated that it would file a legal claim against any such festivals on the grounds that such celebrations constitute cruelty to animals.

HOUSING

More social housing

The Diputació de Barcalona and Caixa de Catalunya have signed an agreement to build 400 social housing units in over a four-year period in 12 municipalities. Caixa de Catalunya will invest 40 million euros in the project and will carry out the the necessary administrative tasks to initiate construction. The homes will be both rented and sold to future residents. The new units will be located in the following towns: L'Ametlla del Vallès, Arenys de Munt, Calaf, Guardiola de Berguedà, Manresa, Olesa de Montserrat, Sant Celoni, Santa Margarida de Montbui, Súria, Vilanova i la Geltrú, Matadepera, and Olvan i Òde-

ECOLOGY

Lleida gets cleaning equipment

The Lledia city council showed off yesterday six new street-cleaning vehicles and other devices designed to improve the collection of waste and begin a procedure to collect organic waste. The new cleaning equipment includes special devices for cleaning graffiti off of building walls. The city will also begin collection of organic wastes in businesses and hotels. It previously had been carried out only in large shopping centres, schools and hospitals.

SAFETY

$Clothes line \, saves \, elderly \, woman$

An elderly woman who fell yesterday from the fourth-floor of a home for the elderly avoided hitting the ground after getting caught in a second-storey clothesline. The woman suffered a broken leg and bruises as a result of the fall, but rescue workers concluded that falling into the clothsline prevented her from sustaining more serious or fatal injuries.

FOOD

Genetically engineered food

Veterinarians Without Borders in Osona has organised an informative session today about genetically engineered food. Advantages and disadvantages of this kind of food will be discussed as well as whether it might offer a solution to the problem of hunger. The session will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Vic Casino.

Saddam handed over to Iraqis to face trial for abuses of power

 $Former \ dictator \ accused \ by \ Iraq is \ of torturing \ and \ killing \ thousands \ of fellow \ citizens$

REUTERS, BAGHDAD

Saddam Hussein, who brutalised Iraqis for decades, said "Good morning" and sought to ask some questions when the United States handed him over to Iraqi justice, a witness says. Saddam, who was captured hiding near his hometown of Tikrit in December, looked in good health as he appeared before an Iraqi judge on Wednesday in the first legal step towards a trial for the cruelties he inflicted during his 35 years of

"Saddam said 'Good morning' and asked if he could ask some questions. I think they had to do with whether he would have a right to counsel," Salem Chalabi, a lawyer leading the work of a tribunal that will try Saddam, told Reuters.

"He was told he should wait until tomorrow," said Chalabi, who was in the courtroom where Saddam and 11 of his former lieutenants were turned over to Iraqi legal custody. The former dictator, who was not shackled when he appeared before the judge, no longer had the long hair and thick beard that shocked Iraqis when they saw him on television after U.S. troops captured him in December.

Many of the other former Iraqi officials were nervous and agitated, said Chalabi, who has received numerous death threats since taking on the task of helping amass evidence against Saddam and preparing a special tribunal to try him.

When investigative judges for the tribunal were chosen, their names



Sadam said "Good morning" and asked about legal counseling when handed over to Iraqi authorities / ARCHIVE

were not publicised due to security fears. Saddam, 67, is accused by Iraqis of torturing and killing hundreds of thousands of people with the help of officials in his Baath party. Saddam became president in 1979, but had already been Iraq's strongman since a Baathist coup in 1968. His

former lieutenants appeared nervous and some were hostile as they were told they would be charged on Thursday. Such men once petrified Iraqis when they appeared in public. Ali Hassan al-Majid, known as "Chemical Ali" for his role in poison gas attacks, including one that killed

about 5,000 Iraqi Kurds in Halabja in 1988, appeared especially rattled. "He looked very scared. He was shaking", said Chalabi.

Saddam will remain in the physical custody of U.S. forces. He and the 11 others are to be charged on Thursday.

Court orders Israel to reroute West Bank barrier to allow Palestinians access to farms and schools

REUTERS, JERUSALEM

Israel says it will re-route part of its disputed West Bank barrier after its highest court ordered changes to prevent Palestinians being cut off from their farms, schools and cities.

A three-judge panel said its unanimous thumbs-down to a planned 30-km segment of the barrier would set guidelines for hearings on more than 20 Palestinian petitions against sections of the network of fences and walls. In response, the Defence Ministry said yesterday it would shift sections of the barrier based on the High Court finding that Israel's need for security did not allow it to give short shrift to the rights of the nearby Palestinian population.

"The replanning of these sections will be based on the principles set by the High Court, namely the proper balance between security and humanitarian considerations", the



The Defence Ministry said yesterday it would shift sections of the barrier / ARCHIVE

ministry said in a statement. It noted tory they want for a future state since that the court said Israel had a right to build a barrier on requisitioned land for security reasons.

Palestinians call the barrier a disguised bid to annex occupied terriit often snakes well into the West Bank to take in Jewish settlements Israel's government vows never to yield under any peace deal. Israel says the barrier, 200 km of which

have been built, aims to keep out Palestinian suicide bombers who have infiltrated Israeli cities and killed hundreds of people.

In 10 days the International Court of Justice in The Hague is expected to issue an advisory ruling on the barrier's legality as requested by the United Nations.

'This is a courageous and very important (High Court) ruling", said Mohammed Dahleh, lawyer for petitioning villages. "This decision is more important than the one at The Hague because this one will be followed. It says that the wall as it is being built is illegal and there is another way to build it that will give security to Israel but won't violate Palestinian rights", he told reporters at the court. He said the decision would redeem around 5,200 hectares of land that includes portions of a barrier that have trapped West Bank villagers in enclaves.

HEALTH

Labour to ban public smoking

Smoking in public places such as bars and restaurants might be banned if the Labour Party win the next general election. The proposals form part of the party's third term agenda, according to the Guardian. The government appears undecicided on whether restrictions on public smoking should be the responsiblity of local councils or national government but it states that "the need to protect young people and children is seen as of paramount importance." Other proposals in the manifesto, which is due for an official launch later in the summer, include police reforms such as more policing by volunteers, more private finance initiatives, restrictions on binge drinking, irresponsible pubs and unscrupulous food marketing. The general election in the United Kingdom is expected next year.

LABOUR MARKET

French job-seekers increase

The number of people looking for work in France has increased by 0.8% in May, while the unemployment rate remained at 9.8%, according to the French Minister of Labour. There were 20,300 new jobseekers in May, making the total number of people looking for fulltime work as 2.45 million. The number of part-time workers who worked more than 78 hours a month, went up by 0.6% to reach a total of 2.88 million in May. The number of people out of work for more than a year rose by 0.5% as did the figure for the those out of work for more than two years by 0.9%. French Prime Minister admitted the unemployment figures would still be "bad" for some months but would improve later in the year.

CONSCRIPTION

U.S.recalls ex-soldiers for duty

To boost its military presence in Iraq and Afghanistan the U.S. army has recalled nearly 6,000 ex soldiers. The move has been slammed as backdoor conscription, as it is the first big call-up since the Gulf War. Experts say that the move shows the U.S. army has over extended itself. It has about 140,000 troops in Iraq. The recalled troops are not like other reservists, as they do not train and receive no pay, unless mobilised. The U.S. army said the move was "nothing new or unusual."

Canada's political spend

Canada's Liberal Party might be forced to spend more cash in return for support from the New Democrats. The Liberal's won a fourth term in office but have to rely on a pact with the left leaning New Democrats to maintain power. Experts claim that this will lead to a more free-spending agenda compared to previous Liberal governments that cut taxes and balanced the budget.

Transplant women pregnant

A 25 year-old women is the first person to conceive a child after having an ovarian tissue transplant in Bel-

PINION

PLATFORM

MARTÍ CRESPO

The dirty laundry of the clean industries

t is estimated that 315 to 600 million computers will soon become obsolete, and that is just in the United States alone. The infinite growth trend in the computer business and the pressure to constantly put newer, faster, smaller devices onto the market ignores the fact that this burgeoning volume of electronic material will eventually wind up at the back of a closet, or in a storage room, or it will simply go straight into the rubbish.

In few cases will these computers and consumer electronic devices make it to a recycling centre, where they could be reconverted for new uses and where the toxic elements in the CPU and the screen could be processed and not dumped into the environment. The fact is that beneath the label of clean industries that is so often applied to the computer sector and the new technologies, there are unpleasant surprises that a simple dissection of a PC will reveal. Commonly used in computers are such potentially harmful elements as mercury, chromium, lead and cadmium.

This issue and other aspects of the electronic age have been studied by the Computer Take Back Campaign (www.computertakeback.org), an American initiative that promotes corporate responsibility in recycling computer waste materials. The campaign is focusing its efforts on pressuring computer makers to introduce ecological criteria into their designs and to use ma-



Computer parts may contain hazardous materials but are tossed away without being recycled

terials that are more recyclable and free of ics Coalition (www.svtc.org), which joined elements that are hazardous to people's health and to the environment. But, so far, the response of the major American computer firms has not been very positive toward the demands of this initiative.

Two other associations that are also concerned about the final end of computer leftovers are Basel Action Network (www.ban.org) and the Silicon Valley Tox-

forces two years ago. In a devastating report, Exporting Harm: The Techno-Trashing of Asia, they revealed that 50 to 80 per cent of the components that were turned in for recycling in California wound up in Asian dumps and incinerators. China, Pakistan, and especially India receive the often toxic remains of US computer equipment, and they incinerate or destroy them

without taking into account the possible harmful effects this can have on local water supplies, agriculture and health.

Two years after this report, the attitude of the large manufacturers continues to be dominated by indifference, and the movements made by some computer firms towards more ecological designs and the implementation of recycling programmes are testimonial. And, while the Chinese government seems to have reacted to put an end to the situation, in India this practice is just adding to an even larger, more dangerous trend: the conversion of the Indian subcontinent in the West's toxic waste dump. The Toxics Link organisation (www.toxicslink.org) has compiled a long list of substances dumped in that country: impoverished mercury from Spain and Russia; asbestos from Canada; arsenic from the European Union; ship frames from Great Britain; used electronic components from the US and Singapore; PVC and plastic waste from the US and Denmark; hazardous oil waste from the Middle East; and zinc and lead batteries, among others.

Although India has signed the 1988 Bale Convention, which prohibits international trafficking in hazardous waste, up until now it has turned a blind eye to the profitable illegal entry of more than 1 million tonnes a year of such material, 80 per cent of which comes from the developed

THE STING BY JAP COMMENTARY



MIQUEL PAIROLÍ

False feeling of safety with Bush

The world is a safer place since the US invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq according to George W Bush. And we know why he says this. In November he needs the American public to vote for him in greater numbers than they did four years ago. If they don't, and they vote the same way or even less, he will lose the election. So, there's no need to take what he says seriously as his words are meant for the electorate. Even if we shouldn't pay attention because characters like Bush always attempt world. We wish to live deluded by the wonderful sensation that noth we spend a lot of money on it. Yet this shell is as fragile as that of a snail.

to instil a feeling of safety and prosperity in the population that is in evitably presented as a direct consequence of their political actions. Naturally this traditional recipe is alternated with creating periodic states of alarm to justify the restrictive policies currently in place.

But the world is not at all a safer place than it was three years ago. And neither is it less safe. Insecurity is a constant in life, and security is

ing bad can happen to us. We are willing to make whatever sacrifice is called for in the name of this comfortable illusion. [...] In other ages the feeling of living exposed, at the mercy of chance or destiny was far stronger and much more accepted. People suffered but they were resigned to it. Nowadays we struggle to create the illusion that we live sheltered by a virtual shell that protects our possessions, health and there wasn't an election coming up one of the myths of the modern even our lives. We crave safety and



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BUSINESS

Mortgage rates up for third month in a row reaching over 2.4 per cent

Bank of Spain's Caruana sees GDP growth of nearly 3 per cent in 2004-2005

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Mortgage lending rates in Spain showed an increase in June for the third consecutive month, reaching 2.404 per cent, nearly four decimals above the figure for June 2003, according to the Euribor, the main index for deciding the price of loans in Spain. The latest rise means an increase a little more than 22 euros in monthly rates for an average twenty-year mortgage plan of 120,000 euros.

In May, the Euribor had already set mortgages at a higher level than last year, a move that would mark the first time that rates would go up since Abril 2001. In June, the index set prices at 2.479 per cent, but halfway through the month it moderated the boost, ending in 2.404 per cent. This latest increase mainly came at the behest of the European Central Bank, who have been advocating for such moves in recent weeks, analysts say.

The question remains to be how this will affect the Spanish economy overall. Indicators show that it will grow by nearly 3 per cent between now and 2005, the Bank of Spain governor Jaime Caruana says. Speaking in parliament on the issue of petrol, Caruana said there are no



 $Head\,of the\,Bank\,of Spain\,Jaime\,Caruana\,expects\,growth\,\,/\,\,{\tt EFE}$

changes" in the current trend in economic growth. While noting that in the short term the Spanish economy is more vulnerable to changes in oil prices than other eurozone economies, due its greater dependence on energy, the governor said the recent rise in crude prices should not have

any serious impact on economic growth. To compare with one of the $world's \, strongest \, economies, the \, US$ Mortgage Bankers Association said its seasonally adjusted market index, a measure of mortgage activity, fell for the week ending June 25 by 4.4 per cent from the previous week.

Euribor. Monthly average

June 2003

▶2.014

July

▶2.076

August ▶2.279

September

▶2.258

October

November ▶2.410

December

▶2.381

January 2004

▶2.216

February ▶2.163

March ▶2.055

April

▶2.163

Mav ▶2.297

June ▶2.404

indications pointing to "sudden

Parliament pushes for

relief fund, again

Catalan Parliament unanimously approved a bill to be sent to Spanish Congress requesting a "relief fund" to help reduce the number of motorway tolls. The bill comes after years of wrangling with the central government on the subject, seeing as though Catalans feel they are taxed unfairly on the road as 34 per cent of Spain's toll booths reside in this autonomous community. Only 5 per cent of the state's free motor-

ways are located in Catalonia. the past legislature, where all voted in favour — including the Popular Party of Catalonia (PPC) — but it was denied once it reached PP led Spanish Congress. Spokespeople for the different groups in Parliament yesterday expressed their hope that this time, with the socialists in office in Spain, the bill would be passed. In comparison to the pre- yound 1 January 2006."

vious attempt, this one figures in contributions from all the autonomous communities to the "relief fund", in addition to the state. Regarding state funding, the bill specifies that resources can come be taken from society tariffs and VAT

Furthermore, the document indicates that "the state and community budgets are to contribute to the fund annually", and that the sharing out of money among the different The bill was approved by the communities be proportional to Catalan legislative chamber during the amount of tolls existing in each territory." It is foreseen that after a period of six months every autonomous government should determine which tolls they wish to eliminate. In this way the taxes that apply to the rest may be reduced, and they can establish a time frame within which their objectives may be achieved, but "in no case may it go be-

Montilla rules out energy tax increase

The electrical energy tax will not rise above the established rate, Spain's ministry of Industry assures. In statements made yesterday on Spanish National Radio (RNE), José Montilla said that it was "totally premature to be talking about revising the taxes" as a consequence of the Kyoto Protocol. In this way, Montilla reminded listeners, in theory there are mechanisms in place that revise such taxes automatically, "precisely to keep the system sta-

"I don't wish to say that because of Kyoto there may not be outcomes in terms of the consumers, but now it is absolutely premature," he said. As Montilla explained, the commitments to reducing environmental pollutants agreed upon in the Kyoto Protocol have been spelled out in the Nation Plan for the Allocation of Emission Rights. The plan, submitted 22 June, declared that C02 emis-



Minister of Industry Josep Montilla

sions would be reduced by 1.2 per cent in the next three years, and that the country would comply with the Kyoto agreement by 2012. In terms of Spain's great dependence on energy, Montilla said, "we must save energy because if not we cause waste that is counterproductive."

MORTGAGES

More mortgages in Girona

The province of Girona has the second highest number of mortgages for every 100,000 people, throughout Spain. Figures from the National Institute of Statistics, show that the province had 3,609 new mortgages last year, meaning that 789 out of every 100,000 people have mortgages in the province, which is only surpassed by Almeria with 991. Figures also show that the regions of Girona are among the top in the amount of money borrowed per habitant for mortgages. The figures reveal that in the first three months of this year a total of 9,592 mortgages were agreed in the province, an increase of 4.12% in the same period in the previous year, and that the money borrowed was a thousand million euros, a rise of 25%.

BUSINESS

Huge investment in cable plant

The multinational company Draka, has invested 8 million euros in the expansion of its plant of Santa Perpètua de Mogoda, Vallès Oriental. The factory makes cables and the cash will be used to increase production of the products. Draka is confident that the cable is growing particluary with an increase in construction and the law that requires fire resistent cables.

SALES

Plea for later sales

The secretary of the Confederation of Catalan Trade, Miquel Angel Fraile, wants the annual sales to start 15 days later, as the cooler weather during these months runs a risk that some goods don't sell in the shops.

TECHNOLOGY

Massive cash boost for IT

The Generalitat will award 100 million euros to computer services next during a tendering process, that has interested more than 250 companies. The Generalitat's bidding process will be carried out over the internet for the first time.



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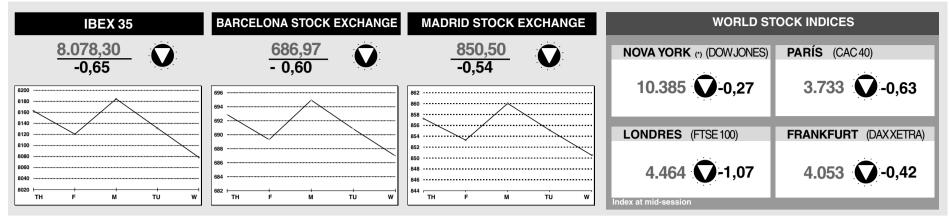


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STOCK MARKET



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NAME	Last euros	Last Ptas.	Dif. %
Global Steel	1,95	324	5,41
Indo Internac.	7,43	1.236	5,39
A. Domínguez	17,00	2.829	4,94
Cemig Preference	12,06	2.007	4,60
Vasconia	12,15	2.022	4,58
T. Algodonera	3,30	549	4,43

DOWNS

NAME	Last euros	Last Ptas.	Dif. %
Net S. Comunicacao	1,67	278	-13,47
Sniace	0,66	110	-2,94
Gas Natural	19,69	3.276	-2,23
Altadis	25,40	4.226	-2,08
ACS	13,85	2.304	-1,84
Abengoa	7,21	1.200	-1,77
Inditex	18,86	3.138	-1,77

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Stocks trade lower across Europe

• European stocks traded lower as investors awaited the U.S. Federal Reserve's decision on raising interest rates. Experts predict a rise by a quarter percentage point from its current 1 per cent, its lowest since 1958. The Dow Jones Stoxx 600 index, was down by 0.6% at 241.02. Neil Parker, an economist at Royal Bank of Scotland said, "Along with the Fed's statement, Friday's U.S. June non-farm payrolls report could also be

decisive for shares." Oil stocks continued a downward trend as stocks in Shell fell to 1.8% to 404.5 pence in London. BT rallied 0.8% to 198.5 pence. News that the firm is planning to cut the price of broadband rental by 25% from July helped push stock higher. At the close FTSE-100 was 1.1% lower at 4464.1, while in Paris and the the CAC-40 was 0.6% lower at 3732.99. Frankfurt's Xetra Dax Index was down 0.4%.

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Ült. Euros, Euros: Cotització al tancament en euros; Ült. Ples. i Ples.: Cotització al tancament en pessetes; Dil.: Variació en euros entre el tancament de l'última sessió i el tancament de la sessió anterior; Dil. %: Variació percentual entre el tancament de l'última sessió i el tancament de la sessió anterior; Màx: Cotització maxima del dia, en euros; Min. Cotització minima del dia, en euros; V. liq.: Últim valor liquidatiu del fons; R. Men. %: Variació del valor liquidatiu des de començament de mes; R. Any %: Variació del valor liquidatiu des de començament d'any.

Major buys

Charas (thousands)	Eur (thousands)
Shares (thousands)	Eur (triousarius)
43.836	373.922
33.877	411.602
23.919	430.546
23.497	257.997
19.406	345.430
15.654	247.954
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OTHER IN	DICES				
Name	Last	High	Low	Dif.	Dif. %
Bilbao	1.449			-	-
Valencia	675	675	675	-4,05	-0,60
Milán MIB 30	28.198	28.408	28.192	-161,00	-0,57
Tokio Nikkey	11.859	11.888	11.808	-1,94	-0,02
S&P	1.134	1.138	1.134	-1,83	-0,16
Nasdaq	1.505	1.511	1.503	-0,85	-0,06
Latibex	779	782	775	4,40	0,57

Fuente:Morgan Stanley. Telf.: 901 11 64 31

CONTINUOUS MARKET SHARES

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Shares Closin	g prices	High	Low	Dif.	Dif. 9
Capital/ Intermed	d Godds				
Miquel y Costas	41	41,40	41,00	0,00	0,0
Tafisa	0,91	0,91	0,90	0,01	1,1
Europac	3,62	3,63	3,56	0,03	0,8
CIE AUTOMOTIVE	11,59	11,59	11,50	0,14	1,2
Azkoyen	5,75	5,78	5,74	-0,03	-0,5
CAF	58,5	58,50	57,45	0,00	0,0
Lingotes	4,96	5,10	4,96	0,03	0,6
Arcelor S.A.	13,72	13,91	13,72	0,00	0,0
Global Steel	1,95	1,95	1,87	0,10	5,4
Seda Barna	2,01	2,04	2,01	-0,02	-0,9
Zardoya Otis	17,3	17,35	17,24	0,04	0,2
Duro Felguera	5,6	5,68	5,59	0,00	0,0
Mecalux	5,55	5,55	5,50	-0,01	-0,1
Nicolás Correa	2,93	2,93	2,86	0,11	3,9
Reno de Medicci	0,67	0,67	0,67	0,00	0,0
N.Montaña	0,34	0,34	0,34	0,00	0,0
Ercros	0,33	0,34	0,33	0,00	0,0
berpapel	15,2	15,32	15,01	-0,03	-0,2
Sniace	0,66	0,68	0,66	-0,02	-2,9
Acerinox	46,79	47,39	46,52	0,03	0,0
EPPIC	0,22	-	-	0,00	0,0
Volkswagen	34,69	35,00	34,69	0,00	0,0
Ence	22,6	22,62	22,20	0,20	0,8
EADS	22,85	23,32	22,85	-0,05	-0,2
Uralita	3,12	3,14	3,06	0,07	2,3
E.del Zinc	1,83	1,83	1,83	-0,01	-0,5
Gamesa	12,11	12,38	12,11	-0,14	-1,1
Tubos Reunidos	6,3	6,30	6,30	0,20	3,2
Tudor	5,98	5,98	5,80	-0,02	-0,3
Tubacex	1,64	1,65	1,64	-0,01	-0,6
C. Portland	48,55	48,85	48,20	0,00	0,0
CONSUMER GO	ODS				
Cortefiel	8,84	8,85	8,67	0,10	1,1
Natra	3,86	3,90	3,83	0,05	1,3
Barón de Ley	33,12	33,32	33,07	0,12	0,3
Paternina	6,52	6,52	6,52	0,00	0,0
Natracéutical S.A.	0,74	0,75	0,74	0,00	0,0
Dogi Int. Fabrics S		4,76	4,66	0,08	1,7
Campofrío	11,78	11,79	11,70	-0,01	-0,0
Faes Farma	12,43	12,53	12,42	-0,02	-0,1
Service Point Solut		0,45	0,44	0,00	0,0
Puleva Biotech	2,71	2,71	2,66	0,03	1,1

Shares Closing	prices	High	Low	Dif.	Dif. %
Carrefour	14,94	14,94	14,90	0,01	0,07
Inditex	18,86	19,39	18,86	-0,34	-1,77
CVNE	10,02	10,02	10,02	0,22	2,24
Viscofán	7,77	7,80	7,70	0,05	0,65
Ebro Puleva SA	9,85	9,85	9,75	0,08	0,82
T. Algodonera	3,3	3,30	3,15	0,14	4,43
Altadis	25,4	25,84	25,21	-0,54	-2,08
Vidrala	11,54	11,69	11,54	-0,14	-1,20
A. Domínguez	17	17,00	16,03	0,80	4,94
SOS Cuétara	24,25	24,26	24,15	0,10	0,41
Aldeasa	24,5	24,50	23,78	0,65	2,73
Bodegas Riojanas	8,4	8,54	8,32	-0,15	-1,75
Zeltia	5,63	5,70	5,63	-0,02	-0,35
Pescanova	16,8	16,80	15,75	0,55	3,38
COMMUNICATIO	NS				
Indra	10,48	10,59	10,30	-0,09	-0,85
Terra	4,83	4,90	4,83	-0,02	-0,41
Prisa	14,36	14,70	14,36	-0,24	-1,64
TPI Pag Amar	5,45	5,50	5,45	-0,04	-0,73
Telefónica Móviles	8,58	8,73	8,58	-0,12	-1,38
Jazztel	0,26	0,26	0,25	0,01	4,00
Telefónica	12,15	12,33	12,13	0,03	0,25
Avanzit	2,35	-	-	0,00	0,00
Recoletos	5,79	5,85	5,73	0,10	1,76
Antena3 TV	43,5	43,94	42,70	0,43	1,00
Sogecable	33,15	33,15	32,27	0,83	2,57
Amper	3,96	4,00	3,94	0,02	0,51
Tele 5	12,27	12,43	12,24	-0,05	-0,41
CONSTRUCCTIO	N				
Acciona	51,1	52,00	51,10	-0,65	-1,26
FCC	30,46	30,78	30,46	-0,04	-0,13
Ferrovial	34,22	34,50	34,20	-0,35	-1,01
ACS	13,85	14,10	13,85	-0,26	-1,84
OHL	6,4	6,40	6,30	0,02	0,31
ENERGY					
Enagas S.A.	8,91	9,09	8,91	-0,14	-1,55
Gas Natural	19,69	20,19	19,69	-0,45	-2,23
Endesa	15,84	16,00	15,83	-0,08	-0,50
Unión Fenosa	17,53	17,66	17,48	0,08	0,46
Hullas C.Cortés	10,26	10,39	10,26	0,00	0,00
Bayer	23,5	23,50	23,50	0,06	0,26
Cepsa	27,6	27,80	27,30	-0,05	-0,18

Shares Closin	g prices	High	Low	Dif.	Dif. %
Repsol	18	18,13	17,89	-0,06	-0,33
Red Eléctrica	13,98	14,04	13,90	0,07	0,50
Iberdrola	17,35	17,40	17,26	0,01	0,06
MARKET SERV	CES				
Inm.Colonial	21	21,19	21,00	-0,20	-0,94
Abertis	14,32	14,42	14,27	-0,02	-0,14
Abengoa	7,21	7,37	7,21	-0,13	-1,77
Aguas Barna.	14	14,07	13,92	0,00	0,00
Befesa	11,78	11,78	11,75	0,00	0,00
Amadeus	5,39	5,39	5,30	0,11	2,08
Inbesós	4,27	-	-	0,00	0,00
Metrovacesa	31,46	31,68	31,22	-0,10	-0,32
Sacyr-Valle	11,25	11,45	11,20	-0,19	-1,66
Urbis	9,07	9,16	9,05	-0,08	-0,87
Urbas	0,65	0,65	0,64	0,00	0,00
Telepizza	1,62	1,63	1,59	0,04	2,53
Transp. Azkar	5,9	5,92	5,85	0,06	0,94
Sotogrande	8,05	8,05	8,00	0,05	0,63
Sol Meliá	7,39	7,42	7,27	0,09	1,23
Prosegur	12,63	12,74	12,30	-0,01	-0,08
Testa Inmuebles	13,8	13,90	13,80	0,00	0,00
Iberia	2,36	2,42	2,36	-0,01	-0,42
NH Hoteles	9,04	9,14	9,03	-0,08	-0,88
Elecnor	34,99	34,99	34,00	0,99	2,91
Logista	26,52	26,85	26,05	0,52	2,00
G. Inmocaral S.A.	2,62	2,64	2,60	-0,02	-0,76
Europistas	4,76	4,82	4,76	0,00	0,00
ndo Internac.	7,43	7,43	7,40	0,38	5,39
Fadesa Inmobiliar	ia 12	12,04	11,89	0,01	0,08
Funespaña	6,8	6,80	6,66	0,14	2,10
FINANCIAL SEF	RVICES				
Andalucía	68,5	70,20	68,50	0,45	0,66
Vasconia	12,15	12,15	11,62	0,53	4,58
Dinamia	13,95	13,98	13,91	-0,04	-0,29
Unipapel	15,51	15,54	15,46	0,03	0,19
Fastibex	0,45	-	-	0,00	0,00
Galicia	20,7	20,70	20,50	0,34	1,69
Alba	24,55	24,62	24,28	-0,05	-0,20
C. Occidente	28,8	28,90	28,45	0,00	0,00
SAN	8,53	8,72	8,53	-0,15	-1,73
Corp. Mapfre	10,07	10,17	10,02	-0,02	-0,20
	21,75	21,75	21,50	0,25	1,16
Guipuzcoano		16,88	16,68	0,20	1,22

Day				
prices	High	Low	Dif.	Dif. %
46,42	47,00	46,42	-0,20	-0,43
71,79	71,79	71,79	0,00	0,00
22,9	-	-	0,00	0,00
	24,91	24,61	0,19	0,77
	11,13			-0,99
				0,00
				-0,72
				0,35
				-0,01
				-0,31
				0,18
17,8	17,80	17,45	0,30	1,71
27,45	27,45	27,45	0,10	0,37
29,35	29,47	29,35	-0,05	-0,17
38,03	38,03	37,85	0,73	1,96
14,47	14,55	14,47	0,12	0,84
13,94	13,94	13,88	0,06	0,43
14,47	14,47	14,27	0,19	1,33
12,06	12,08	11,98	0,53	4,60
2,62	2,62	2,60	-0,01	-0,38
24,37	24,70	24,37	-0,37	-1,50
12,51	12,55	12,51	-0,19	-1,50
4,06	4,06	4,00	0,12	3,05
4	-	-	0,00	0,00
				0,41
				-1,29
				0,00
				2,07
				-13,47
				-1,67
				0,98
	20,06	19,96		1,16
	-	-		0,00
	-	-		0,00
27,1	27,25	27,10	0,25	0,93
2,1	2,11	2,10	0,00	0,00
	38,47	38,20		0,63
32		32,00	0,10	0,31
2,27	2,27	2,27	0,01	0,44
2,6	2,60	2,60	-0,04	-1,52
2,9	-	-	0,00	0,00
0,9	-	-	0,00	0,00
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STOCK MARKET

INVESTMENT FUNI	os		
Funds	Liquidity Mont	hly S. % An	nual S. %
AHORRO CORPORACIÓ		0.00	E 70
AC Australasia	15,32	0,29	5,78
AC Australasia AC Cuenta FT	4,02 1.311,11	-4,28 0,14	10,39
AC Deuda FT	13,76	0,03	0,50
AC Divisa	7,24	-0,93	3,67
AC Euroacciones	4,36	1,58	1,74
AC Largo FT	11,25	0,07	0,75
Ahorrofondo	40,19	0,22	3,48
onmix Laietana	4,58	0,76	1,62
BANCO POPULAR			
Eurovalor Bolsa	184,62	-1,72	4,78
Eurovalor Bolsa Europea	46,05	-1,22	1,2
Eurovalor Bolsa Internac.	39,90	0,23	3,57
Eurovalor Dinero	1.576,26	0,14	0,52
Eurovalor Mixto 15	73,50	-0,19	1,19
Eurovalor Mixto 30	69,39	-0,64	1,94
Eurovalor mixto 70	2,62	-1,13	0,44
Eurovalor Renta Fija	6,16	-0,18	0,50
Eurovalor RF Corto	77,16	0,12	0,7
Eurovalor Sector Inmobil.	86,80	3,34	
Eurovalor Tesoreria	809,67	0,15	0,48
BANCO SABADELL			
nversabadell 25	15,75	0,23	1,0
Inversabadell 50	4,95	0,37	1,20
Invertecnocredit	5,97	0,24	1,12
MB Divisas 1	7,34	0,86	6,06
MB Fondo 2	15,49	0,16	2,65
Sabadell Bonos Euro	14,09	0,35	1,5
Sabadell Dinero	9,78	0,14	0,5
Sabadell Dolar Bolsa	6,44	0,10	-2,8
Sabadell Europa Bolsa	7,55	-0,74	1,18
Sabadell Global	3,72	-0,19	1,4
Sabadell Interes Euro 1	17,80	0,00	0,50
Sabadell Interes Euro 3	15,83	0,11	0,88
Sabadell Interes Euro 4	7,98	0,03	0,6
Solbank Dinero Solbank Interes Euro	8,18 12,65	0,14 -0,02	0,50
	12,03	-0,02	0,44
BANKINTER	4 700 04	0.04	0.0
BK Bolsa Euribex	1.700,61	0,24	3,00
BK Bolsa Internacional	581,57	0,02	0,4
BK Dinero	1.215,23	0,16	0,50
BK Fondo Fijo	21,96 1.171,27	-0,81 0,03	0,30
3K Mixto Espa a 50 3K Mixto Europa 20	68,35	0,03	2,30 1,0
BK Renta V. Europea	49,10	-0,23	0,19
Fondo Telefonico CP	981,48	0,21	0,70
	001,10	0,21	0,71
BANKPYME	E 00	0.00	0.00
Bankpyme Comunicaciones Bankpyme Eurovalor	5,82 5,37	-2,06	0,68 3,78
Bankpyme Multifix 25 RV	13,62	1,43 1,06	2,3
Bankpyme Swiss	20,01	3,68	6,4
Bankpyme Top Class 75 RV	9,70	0,11	4,2
	0,70	0,11	7,21
BBVA	504.04	0.44	0.4
BBVA Biofarma	531,24	-0,44	6,40
BBVA Bolsa Europa	62,55	0,14	3,10
BBVA Bolsa Internacional BBVA Bolsa Japon	11,99	0,02	5,1
•	3,71	-5,10	6,58
BBVA Bono 2000 A BBVA Bonos USA	1.075,02 10,69	0,03 -1,13	0,23 3,2
BBVA Crecimiento Europa	6,98	0,48	2,10
BBVA Dinero	1.901,92	0,48	0,4
BBVA Fonbolsa Int.G	11,38	0,12	0,0
BBVA Mix 80 A	539,22	0,48	2,7
BBVA Multifondo Dinamic.	518,43	-2,92	4,8
BBVA Plan Renta	1.039,18	-0,41	0,8
BBVA RF Largo	13,78	-0,09	0,6
BBVA Small Caps Europa	6,99	0,63	
CAIXA CATALUNYA	-,00	-,00	-,5
Caixa Cat. Borsa 5	5,88	0,27	1,4
Caixa Cat. Borsa Europea		1,67	1,70
Caixa Cat. Borsa Usa	3,36	2,09	5,3
Caixa Cat. Dinero	1.810,41	0,06	0,5
Caixa Cat. Global	11,76	0,00	0,3
Caixa Cat. Index	8,17	2,19	6,0
Caixa Cat. Inversio 2	4,55	1,48	1,2
Caixa Cat. Patrimoni	7,78	-0,07	0,3
Caixa Cat. Patrimoni Plus	7,70	-0,05	0,4
Caixa Cat. Plus	7,83	0,07	0,6
Caixa Cat. Previsio	17,93	-0,06	0,9
Caixa Cat. Sanitat	4,77	0,18	1,7
Caixa Cat. Telecomunic.	2,04	-0,03	-0,2
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CAIXA GIRONA	6.00	-0.00	4 6
Caixagirona Global	6,20	-0,28	4,60
Fonsgirona Fonsgirona II	2,05	0,01	0,10
Fonsgirona II Giroborsa	10,29 3,71	0,09 1,39	0,32 2,99
Girofons	8,18	0,30	1,78
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Funds	Liquidity Mont	hly S. % An	nual S. %
Plusgirona	6,35	0,41	2,05
CAIXA LAIETANA	10.55	0.00	4.70
Fonlaietana Fonlaietana 30	16,55 1.373,10	0,03 -0,01	1,78 1,10
Laidiner	1.672,30	0,63	1,27
Laietana Bolsa	3,77	-0,39	1,41
CAIXA PENEDÉS			
Fonpenedes	9,15	-0,23	0,11
Fonpenedes Borsa	5,69	0,18	4,57
Fonpenedes Borsa Japo Fonpenedes Borsa USA	6,44 5,37	3,01 0,96	6,59 3,57
Fonpenedes Diner	8,54	0,14	0,48
Fonpenedes Euroborsa 100	3,72	-0,03	3,00
Fonpenedes Inversio	7,46	-0,26	0,19
Fonpenedes Mixt Euroem. Fonpenedes Tecnologia	12,29 4,66	0,70 1,35	4,88 1,94
Fonpenedes Variable Mixt	4,69	0,19	2,42
CAIXA TARRAGONA	.,		
Tarragonafons 1	711,30	0,14	0,50
Tarragonafons 10	7,42	0,13	0,54
Tarragonafons 2	6,06	1,00	1,51
Tarragonafons 3	7,91	0,13	0,89
Tarragonafons 4 Tarragonafons 5	6,13 7,58	1,66 0,13	1,66 0,53
Tarragonatons Global	6,25	0,13	1,96
CAIXA TERRASA	5,20	-,,,,,	.,00
CT Diner	10,60	0,16	0,56
CT EUROFIX FIM	10,39	-0,18	0,47
CT Euromixt 25	9,77	-0,14	0,68
CT EUROMIXT 50	9,95	-0,19	1,43
CT Euromixt 75 CT Global 100	8,47 6,82	-0,16 -2,76	1,94 3,90
CAJA MADRID	5,02	-,,,	5,50
Fondmadrid	1.536,91	0,14	0,50
Invermadrid FT	14,16	-0,11	0,56
Madrid Bolsa 100	10,32	-0,79	-0,72
Madrid Bolsa Activa	6,66	0,01	0,46
Madrid Bolsa Europea Madrid Deuda Ft	5,35	0,64	3,30
Madrid Premiere	10,59 12,68	-0,07 0,05	0,93 1,19
Plusmadrid 25	6,45	0,32	1,51
Plusmadrid 50	5,71	0,81	2,06
Plusmadrid Int.50	7,96	-0,31	2,12
CAJA MANRESA			
Caixa Manresa Mundiborsa	21,72	0,23	3,03
Caixamanresa Op.Globals Cem Tesoreria	22,37 7,40	0,00	2,38 1,01
Eurocem	6,55	0,35	3,37
Fonmanresa	1.554,30	0,19	0,69
Invermanresa	15,98	-0,11	1,41
Invermanresa 2	9,45	0,57	2,53
CAM (CAJA DEL MEDITER CAM Bolsa Indice	5,81	0,60	5,88
CAM Dinero 1	1.176,87	0,16	0,53
CAM Dinero Plus	925,01	0,28	0,60
CAM High Yield	6,98	-1,35	0,23
CAM Mixto 25	560,23	0,02	1,62
CAM Mixto Variable Europa	8,38	-2,64	0,68
DEUTSCHE BANK	17.00	0.70	4.00
DB Acciones DB Capital 1	17,90 7,47	-0,73 0,10	4,96 0,69
DB Capital 2	7,47	0,10	0,69
DB Diner	1.177,37	0,15	0,56
DB Diner II	861,48	0,15	0,55
DB Europa bolsa	7,33	-0,03	2,54
DB Mixta DB Norteamerica Bolsa	17,59 5,25	-0,09 2,62	2,24 3,81
GAESCO	0,20	2,02	0,01
Cahispa Multifondo	58,00	-4,00	4,73
Catalunya Fons	13,48	-0,25	8,77
Eurofondo	11,79	-0,65	4,79
Gaesco Fondo de Fondos	5,89	-3,57	5,05
Gaesco Multinacional	44,64	-2,08	-1,51
Gaescoquant	3,26	-3,21	-0,55
IBERCAJA Ibercaja Ahorro	16,13	0,08	0,49
Ibercaja Bolsa Europa	4,71	-1,52	2,32
Ibercaja Bolsa Internac.	6,07	-2,07	0,98
Ibercaja Euro	6,87	0,16	2,09
	5,04	-0,87	2,57
	10,26	-0,80	9,82
Ibercaja Renta Internac. Ibercaja Sec.Inmobiliario			
lbercaja Sec.Inmobiliario «LA CAIXA»	0.40	0.07	4.05
Ibercaja Sec.Inmobiliario «LA CAIXA» Fonc. 17Mixto Internacional	9,40 al 8.25	0,27	1,95
Ibercaja Sec.Inmobiliario «LA CAIXA» Fonc. 17Mixto Internacional Fonc. 18 RV Mixto Internacion	al 8,25	0,27	1,94
Ibercaja Sec.Inmobiliario «LA CAIXA» Fonc. 17Mixto Internacional			

Funds	Liquidity Mor	ithly S. % An	nual S. %
Foncaixa 57 RFLargo Euro	14,86	0,07	0,42
Foncaixa 94 FF Bolsa Europea	a 6,38	-0,11	1,36
Foncaixa Ahorro 2	18,77	-0,02	0,14
Foncaixa Ahorro 7	16,45	0,17	0,72
Foncaixa Bolsa 33 Foncaixa Bolsa 43	23,29	0,58	5,67
Foncaixa Bolsa 5	5,40 21,65	0,07 1,77	3,37 3,70
Foncaixa Bolsa 52	4,98	1,69	3,36
Foncaixa Bolsa 53	6,38	-0,82	2,46
Foncaixa Bolsa 54	5,28	1,29	6,17
Foncaixa Bolsa 55	5,18	-2,16	11,17
Foncaixa Bolsa 62	3,38	-5,04	0,60
Foncaixa Bolsa 63	5,27	3,41	12,87
Foncaixa Dinero 6	601,01	0,00	
Foncaixa Dinero77	13,47	-0,02	0,14
Foncaixa Futuro 21	6,88	-0,19	0,84
Foncaixa Internacional 1	0,36	- 0.05	2,67
Foncaixa Mixto 25 Foncaixa Mixto 28	7,36 7,36	-0,35 -0,35	0,14
Foncaixa Mixto 29	7,63	-0,33	0,15 3,21
Foncaixa Mixto 38	7,03	0,37	1,61
Foncaixa Mixto 42	7,33	-0,11	3,16
Foncaixa Patrimonio 16	8,49	0,10	1,11
MAPFRE			
Fondmapfre Bolsa	18,79	0,78	4,04
Fondmapfre Bolsa Europa	4,40	0,78	2,16
Fondmapfre Diversificac.	9,95	0,64	3,61
Fondmapfre Internacional	966,85	-0,49	3,10
Fondmapfre Rta. Mixto	7,27	0,18	1,69
MORGAN STANLEY			
MS Ahorro	18,25	0,06	0,76
MS Bolsa	21,48	2,70	5,08
MS Bolsa Internacional	7,56	0,57	3,14
MS Bolsaplus	16,85	3,06	5,64
MS Dinerplus	1.406,14	0,07	0,49
MS Divisa	8,54	0,29	1,24
MS Euro Acciones	6,51	2,41	6,32
MS Euro Deuda	7,81	0,20	1,26
MS Euro Global	7,44	0,85	2,56
MS Euro Seleccion	7,49	1,84	7,29
MS Fondo	23,53	0,10	0,94
MS Fondo 19 MS Fondo 25	17,14	0,97	2,80
	878,12	0,10	0,67
MS Fondos Agresivo MS Fondos Conservador	8,21 9,82	2,24 0,77	6,15 2,85
MS Fondos Moderado	8,89	1,56	4,63
MSS Asian Equity A	14,64	-3,05	-2,53
MSS European Eq Growth B	8,56	1,54	2,51
MSS Global Brands A	32,08	2,46	9,53
MSS Global Sm Cap Val A	20,40	4,13	13,33
MSS Global Value Eq A	29,19	2,49	7,71
SCH			
Banesto Bolsas Europeas	4,89	1,73	2,62
Banesto Dinero	15,40	0,03	0,24
Banesto Especial Dinero	7,33	0,20	0,75
Banesto Especial RF	7,78	0,14	1,06
Banesto Especial RV	5,52	2,04	8,40
Banesto Fons. Cat. Mixt	10,85	0,41	0,99
Banesto Mixto Extra	5,86	0,28	1,04
Banesto Mixto Fijo 2	6,44	0,23	0,55
BCH Acciones BCH Fondimo 1	10,70 1.789,29	0,55	5,97
BCH Fondimo 2	1.175.82	0,16	0,52
BCH Int. Acciones	95,22	0,14 -0,19	0,52 6,39
BCH Interes Diario	7,75	0,02	0,10
BCH Internet	32,58	-0,06	-0,13
BCH Mixto Iberoamerica	72,82	-0,81	-0,51
BCH Salud	43,01	-1,58	3,47
BSN Banif Acc. Esp.	27,50	0,51	5,94
BSN Banif Acc. Euro	5,85	1,67	3,11
BSN Banif Acciones Emerg.	57,01	-8,42	0,64
BSN Banif Acciones Japon	295,24	0,51	14,30
BSN Banif Dinero	1.815,09	0,19	0,60
BSN Banif SILA	10,02	0,57	2,04
Extradinero Banesto	843,41	0,13	0,48
Sant. A Eleccion Sant. Acciones	617,23 2,17	-0,27 1,74	1,74 2.58
Sant. Acciones Europeas	11,87	1,74	2,58 4,71
Sant. Dinero FT.	1.258,59	0,12	0,41
Sant. Growth	5,99	-0,04	0,41
Sant. Indice	11,98	0,63	6,61
Sant. Rentabilidad Europa	646,92	0,03	0,51
SCH Euroindice	6,10	1,15	4,10
SCH Japon	30,92	-0,21	15,27
SCH Mixto Renta Fija 90/10	10,49	0,15	0,63
SCH Selec.Fds Global	47,09	-0,94	5,72
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Fuente:Morgan Stanley	. Telf.: 901	11 64 31	

EURO STOXX 50	Closing pr	ices: 2.811,
Name	Euros	Dif. %
Abn Amro	17,98	-0,06
Aegon	9,91	-0,10
Air Liquide	135,90	-0,51
Alcatel Altshom	12,68	-0,31
Allianz AG	89,03	-0,41
Aventis	62,05	-1,04
Axa	18,10	-0,66
Basf	43,99	-1,03
Bayer AG	23,70	0,25
BBVA	10,98	-0,99
BNP-Paribas	50,55	-1,46
Carrefour	39,88	-1,38
DaimlerChrysler	38,40	-0,52
Danone	71,70	-1,04
Deutsche Bank	64,58	-0,98
Deutsche Telekom	14,44	-0,96
E.ON-AG	59,30	-0,55
Endesa	15,84	-0,50
Enel SPA	6,58	-0,15
ENI ITL	16,34	0,13
Fortis NV	18,14	0,39
France Telecom	21,42	-0,97
Generali Assic	22,20	0,14
Iberdrola	17,35	0,06
Ing Groep	19,40	-0,67

1,08 Dif.: -0,62%		
Name	Euros	Dif. %
Koniinkligje Ahold	6,45	0,00
Konin Philips	22,13	0,00
L'Oreal	65,65	-0,76
L.V.M.H.	59,45	-0,59
LAFARGE	73,30	0,21
Muench Rueck Nam	89,10	-1,18
Nokia Helsinki	11,83	1,63
Olivetti & C	2,56	0,20
Repsol	18,00	-0,33
Royal Dutch	42,18	-1,61
Rwe St	38,65	-0,54
Saint-Gobain	40,97	-0,94
SAN	8,53	-1,73
San Paolo Imi	9,92	0,20
Sanofi	52,10	-0,86
Siemens	59,11	0,19
Societe Generale	69,85	-1,41
Suez Lyonn Eaux	17,11	0,71
TECOM IT MOB	4,67	0,21
Telefónica	12,15	0,25
Total Fina	156,70	-0,70
Unicredit	4,06	0,00
Unilever Cert.	56,10	-0,27
Vivendi (EX CGE)	22,80	-2,10
Volkswagen Ag	34,72	0,12

RATES & TYPES OF INTEREST

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US Dólar	1,216	March-2004	
Sterling	0,671	Banks	
Yen	132,400	Saving Banks	S
Swiss franc	1,524	Average bank	ks
Swedish crown	9,145	CECA	
Norwegian crown	7,433	Mibor	
Canadian crown	8,437	Euribor	
\$ Can	1,634		
\$ Au	1,755	MIBOR	
\$ NZ	1,921		
Polish Zloty	4,524	Termini	Mitjà
Hungarian florint	251,600	1 setmana	2,06%
Slovak crown	39.880	1 mes	2,07%
Czech crown	31,755	2 mesos	
		3 mesos	-
Cypriot lire	0,582	6 mesos	2,17%
Estonian crown	15,652	1 any	-

Saving Bank	s		3,46
Average ban	ks		3,358
CECA			4,625
Mibor			2,056
Euribor			2,055
MIBOR			
Termini	Mitjà	Màxim	Mínim
Termini 1 setmana	Mitjà 2,06%	Màxim 2,07%	
			2,05%
1 setmana	2,06%	2,07%	2,05%
1 setmana 1 mes	2,06%	2,07%	Mínim 2,05% 2,07%
1 setmana 1 mes 2 mesos	2,06%	2,07%	2,05%

Shares 3,241

SPANISH VALUES ON WORLD MARKET

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In	New	York

Last	Min Year	Max Year	Last closing price
44,36	33,00	51,67	44,12
10,44	8,35	12,40	10,52
21,77	15,59	22,54	21,74
18,90	15,15	20,55	18,76
57,65	30,00	61,00	57,72
13,36	10,20	14,55	13,44
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In Paris

Name	Last	Min Year	Max Year	Last closing price
Telefónica	12,23	9,77	13,56	12,14
B. Popular	46,46	38,00	55,00	46,46
BSCH	53,00	19,45	54,50	50,70

In Frankfurt

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Aluminium	Londres	1.718,00
Sopper	Londres	2.700,00
Tin	Londres	8.880,00
Nickel	Londres	14.975,00
Lead	Londres	897,00
Zinc	Londres	971,00
Metal prices in \$	Market	Price
Gold	Londres	421,80
Palladium	Londres	326,00
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Platinum	Londres	906,00
Petroleum (euros)	Market	Price
Brent barrel	Londres	33,29

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Bank of Spain calculates growth rate of 3% for 2004 and 2005

Bank governor says recent oil price increases should not have a significant negative impact

The governor of the Bank of Spain Jaime Caruana said yesterday that as long as the price of oil does not rise sharply, the Spanish economy can expect a growth rate of 3% for 2004 and 2005, which will facilitate the process of convergence with the European Union.

He also said that oil price increases which have occurred in recent weeks should not have a significant negative impact on growth, although he did say that such shortterm rises in the price of crude affect Spain more than other countries because of its high level of dependence on energy importation.

He also stated that in spite of the favourable economic outlook for 2005, Spain should attempt to shift its growth patterns away from a dependence on consumer spending and construction and more towards activities which could lead to increases in productivity such as investment and exportation.

The current growth model, he said, will lead to an eventual loss of competivity and other factors which could end up destabilising the financial situation of businesses and families.

In so far as the Bank of Spain's monetary policy, he said that over the past few years it has been centred on making adjustments for the relative sluggishness of the euro-zone economies. This policy has resulted in record low interest rates, but continued permissive policies will not solve the structural problems that European economies face.



 $Jaime \, Caruana \, recommended \, that \, Spanish \, companies \, make \, salary \, increases \, contingent \, on \, increases \, in \, productivity \, and \, continue \, the \, continue \, c$

Salary rises fuelled by collective agreements with organised labour have contributed to inflation. He encouraged linking salary increases to increases in productivity. He also suggested that businesses improve their distribution networks and encourage competition as a way to slow inflation.

He had good things to say about the government's tax policy and said that public finances were in good shape, allowing Spain to meet the requirements for the European Union's Stability and Growth Pact.

He said that Spain's autonomous communities should continue to work towards improving public finances and went so far as to recommend that the communities try to achieve a surplus to enable them to meet their entitlement obligations as the population continues to age. He also said that fiscal responsibility is necessary in order for the monetary union to function effec-

Investors around the globe remain tense as US interest rates are expected to rise by 0.25%

RICHARD MCCRANN

Investors around the world are bracing themselves for the expected rise in the United States (US) interest rates by a quarter of a percent. All the indications point to the Federal Reserve bank increasing the rate to 1.25% from its current 1% which is its lowest since 1958. Officials from the bank including the chairman Alan Greenspan, have hinted that they want to move in a bid to control price growth. The Bush administration is expected to play down the fact that a rise in interest will slow growth in the economy because credit will be more expensive.

Asian investors are anticipating a US rate rise, but with mixed results for the region's stock market. Japanese investors are more patient and the benchmark Nikkei closed almost unchanged, down 0.2%, while stocks on Hong Kong's Hang Seng seemed oblivious to the impending



 $The \, Chairman \, of the \, Federal \, Reserve \, bank, Alan \, Green span, is \, set \, to \, raise \, rates \, / \, {\tt EPA}$

Inflationary pressure is also building on the US economy that might result in a rise in the interest rate. tion measurement that cuts out vol-Last week the US Commerce De- atile food and energy prices, rose by

announcement and surged 1.3%. partment issued its inflation figures and said that the core price index for consumer spending, a central infla-

2% in the quarter, up 1.7% a month ago. This appears a good reason for a an interest rate rise to help lessen $inflationary\,pressure.\,And\,the\,boost$ in new jobs, nearly a quarter of a million were created in the US last month, point to a rate increase. A report said that US consumer confidence was at a two-year high, a sign that the economy is is good shape and could take a small rate increase.

Over the past three years, Alan Greenspan, has repeatedly cut rates to offset the downsizing of the technology bubble in the late 1990's, the terrorist attacks on 11 September, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He said he would act at a "measured" pace in normalising interest rates. In April he told the Congress' Joiint Economic Committee, that rates said rates would have to rise. Market analysists will read the wording carefully of any announcement for further increases.

TEHNOLOGY

Wireless equipment sales to slide Global wireless equipment sales will rise slightly this year, then slide through 2008 as wireless operators reduce their spending, according to a report released on Wednesday. The industry's global sales are expected to inch up 1 percent to \$46.8 billion this year, following last year's 2 percent increase, according to research firm Yankee Group. However, that will be followed by a 14.5 decline through 2008 to \$40 billion. The wireless equipment industry hit a peak in 2000 when global sales reached \$54.5 billion, but fell to \$45.2 billion in 2002, Yankee Group

TOURISM

Cruise Lines' Anti-Terror Rules

Big cruise lines, which move nearly 11 million people through the world's ports each year, appear ready for tough shipping-security requirements coming into force on Thursday. The new global anti-terrorism regulations mainly affect ports and ocean freighters, but U.S. officials are taking a hard line and have warned operators that any vessel falling short could be delayed or refused permission to dock.

ENTERTAINMENT

Filmmakers want protection

U.S. cinematographers and other film industry workers have asked the Bush administration to take action against Canadian, Australian and other government filmmaking subsidies that they say have lured away tens of thousands of jobs. "We have been harmed by runaway production of films, videos and television shows that are being made in foreign countries because of unfair trade practices", the Film and Television Action Committee said in comments filed this week.

PHARMACEUTICAL

Approval sought for diabetes

Amylin Pharmaceuticals Inc. and Eli Lilly and Co. on Wednesday said they had asked U.S. regulators for permission to market a new treatment for Type 2 diabetes, derived from the saliva of a desert lizard. The treatment is the first in a new class of medicines known as incretin mimetics to treat Type 2, or adultonset, diabetes, in which the body does not produce enough insulin and cells in the body do not respond normally to insulin. Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes, affecting an estimated 15 million Americans, and can lead to serious complications such as blindness and amputations.

OIL

Saudi says prices fair

Top world oil exporter Saudi Arabia, which has boosted supply to cool prices, believes the market has now fallen to a fair value and sees no reason to change its production level, Saudi Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi said Wednesday. "I believe the current prices are fair and there is no reason to take any measures either to decrease or increase the production", he told reporters in Riyadh.

CULTURE

Grec festival kicks off with music, dance and theatre

A total of 40 shows taking place in Teatre Grec and other concert spaces

MICHAEL BUNN

If you are a newcomer to Barcelona, you might not be aware that the Grec festival is actually not an event that has sprung up this year as an offshoot of Forum 2004 - the Grec is an annual festival of theatre, music and dance which has taken place for many years. There is no better way of winding down towards your summer holidays than enjoying the nightly outdoor Grec events featuring some of the biggest international names in the performing arts. The festival is comprised of a total of 40 different shows chosen by the Grec director, Borja Sitjà, in an attempt to showcase the best of the old and the new on the contemporary arts scene. The festival takes place in a number of different venues, the main one being the Teatre Grec, a leafy amphitheatre on the side of Monjtuïc.

This year features another excellent mix of shows, beginning tonight with Daniela Mercury, the Brazilian pop music diva, who will be playing at the Teatre Grec. Mercury's rich voice is a chameleon-like instrument that adapts freely to reggae, samba, African music or funk. Other musical events include Juliette Greco, the queen of French chanson whose ageless voice evokes the bohemian Paris of Sartre and Camus. Meanwhile, on Monday 5 July (this time at the Palau Sant Jordi) there will be a special concert CALLED Neruda in our hearts featuring, among others, flamenco guitarist Vicente Amigó. Jazz fans



Flamenco guitarist Vicente Amigó will be performing at Palau Sant Jordi along with a dozen others, including Joan Manuel Serrat, in Neruda in our hearts / ARCHIVE

are particularly in luck this year, as the Grec festival is featuring a couple of bands who have come to remind us what jazz really is (as opposed to the decaffeinated "Jazz lite" which has been infecting our radios for the last few years). On Monday 12 July

the classic jazz-fusion group Shakti (featuring original members John McLaughlin and Zakir Hussain) will be appearing at the Teatre Grec. Not to be missed. The other highlypromising jazz concert is also on at the Teatre Grec, and features a quar-

Wayne Shorter, Herbie Hancock and Dave Holland. As for theatre, Peter Brook is has arrived in town again, all ready take us on a trip into the heart of Africa with Tierno Bokar. Meanwhile, the Grec festival

tet of living legends, including will also feature the premiere of a musical version of the film Baghdad cafe. And last but not least, the renowned choreographer Pina Bausch will be offering us her latest show. The festival lasts until the beginning of August.



 $Juliette\ Greco\ rose\ to\ fame\ as\ the\ face\ of\ France's\ New\ Bohemian is\ m\ with\ her\ chanson\ /\ ARCHIVE$



Wayne Shorter's Jazz borrows from Rock and Classical / ARCHIVE

Underdogs set to have last laugh on superstars

The big surprise is that only one of the Euro 2004's semi-finalists is ranked in Fifa's top ten

MICHAEL BUNN

No international football tournament would be complete without its surprises; it is all part of the fun to watch the occasional "minnows" dump out more illustrious opponents, as South Korea did to Italy and Spain in 2002. However, giantkilling has always been the exception rather than the rule - until Euro 2004, that is, which has seen so many surprises that the people who draw up Fifa's world ranking system must be in a state of shock. Of the four semi-finalists, only one is in the Fifa top 10 Holland (5th). Below them there are the Czech Republic (11th), Portugal (22nd), while Greece come alowly 35th.

Thus at half-time we will have the curious experience of watching Coca-Cola ads featuring stars like Raúl, Beckham and Oliver Kahn, none of whom are left in the competition. While this is obviously a total marketing disaster, the football press has also been left with egg on its face, and journalists are now casting around trying to find explanations for this strange turn of events. The obvious excuse is that the footballing stars from bigger nations arrived in Portugal already exhausted after having given their all for the big clubs. However, that argument falls apart when one considers that many of the major names in the Portuguese side are from Porto, who put in lots of extra work last year to win the Champions League.

though many of them play for some of Europe's mightiest clubs. The reason for this upset may well be the fact that all this year's semi-finalists are sides comprised of players drawn from clubs all over Europe, and travel has doubtless enriched their footballing knowledge and helped them to mature. Meanwhile, the German and Italian sides comprise players taken entirely from their domestic leagues, England only has two players who play abroad (Beckham and Hargreaves), while Spanish footballers are notoriously travel-phobic, with only Morientes playing outside the country.

Obviously France is the exception, but their poor showing is more than likely due to the pressure of being favourites, as well as to their age - the French players' average age is almost 29, which is fairly elderly in footballing terms, and no matter how talented they might be, age does tell in the withering heat of a Portuguese summer. Another problem was that Zidane finished last season in terrible form, not having been rested enough during the year, and as we saw in the last World Cup, $when their inspirational \, figure head$ is below par, the French team tends to lose its way on the pitch. And so all bets are off with this surprise semi-final line-up.

Any of the four teams could win on Saturday, though perhaps the ideal result (for football romantics, Nor are the Dutch looking weary, anyway) would be a victory for the



 $Czech star Pavel \ Nedved \ will \ want to \ avoid \ another \ yellow \ card \ in the semi-final \ match \ against \ Greece to night \ / \ \ EPAPHOTO \ and \ Applications \ another \ yellow \ card \ in the \ semi-final \ match \ against \ Greece \ to night \ / \ EPAPHOTO \ and \ Applications \ another \ yellow \ card \ in the \ semi-final \ match \ against \ Greece \ to night \ / \ EPAPHOTO \ another \ yellow \ card \ in the \ semi-final \ match \ against \ Greece \ to night \ / \ EPAPHOTO \ another \ yellow \ card \ in the \ semi-final \ match \ against \ Greece \ to night \ / \ EPAPHOTO \ another \ yellow \ card \ in the \ yellow \ yellow$

Czech Republic, because that would see a real football fairy tale come true. One of the most important members of the dynamic Czech side (the only team to have steamrollered their way to victory in all four matches) - has been 32-year-old Karel Poborsky, who a year ago was not expecting to play in Euro 2004, and he only agreed to do so when the team qualified for the championships. However, through a curious twist of fate, tonight's match against Greece will be his 99th appearance for his country, and a Czech victory would mean that he would play his 100th game for his country in the final, after which he plans to retire.

Poborsky is very much on form at the moment, playing a vital role in the goals against Latvia, Holland and Denmark. He was also in the

1996 squad that lost in the final, and he knows this is his last chance for the championship. However, coach Karel Bruckner is concerned that he will not be able to field the injured Jiranek, while centre half Bolf is also doubtful. The great Czech star Nedved picked up a yellow card in his last match, and wants to avoid what happened in last year's Champions League final, which he missed.

Gené behind the wheel in French Grand Prix

AGENCIES

Catalan test driver Marc Gené is set to replace the injured Ralf Schumacher for this weekend's French Grand Prix at Magny-Cours. Gené will drive the Williams car, after the Schumacher was injured driving in the U.S. Grand Prix. Tests showed he suffered two spinal fractures and may be out of action for three months. His car spun and crashed heavily into a concrete wall during

of 34 Grand Prix, and has raced at Magny-Cours twice in the past. He has completed 13,000km of testing for the Williams team this season. It is a shame that opportunities only come along when one of my colleagues is injured, but it is my job to make the best of such circumstance and ensure the team is not compromised by Ralf's absence," said Gené. Team boss Frank Wiliams is relieved. "We are fortunate to have the race on 20 June. Genéis a veteran a driver of Marc's calibre," he said.

Brazil's team plans to play peace game in Haiti to help ease tensions

MICHAEL BUNN

In this cynical age when football clubs appear as often in the business section of our newspapers as they do on the sports pages, when the hopes and dreams of millions of soccermad youngsters have become so comprehensively co-opted by advertising companies, the news that the Brazil national football team plans to play a friendly match in Haiti in August to promote peace in the civil war-stricken country is as

amazing as it is refreshing. How- backed coup - left around 200 Haiever, it will not just be a charity match - the idea is that Haitians who want to see stars such as Ronaldo and Ronaldinho play will only be offered tickets in exchange for guns.

This novel idea is an attempt to reduce the number of weapons in what is the poorest state in Latin America, and where a brief but bloody civil conflict in February when elected president Jean-Bertrand Aristide was ousted in a U.S.-

tians dead.

The idea for a game to "alleviate tensions" came from current Haitian Prime Minister Gerard Latortue when he spoke to Brazilian journalists in May. He was quoted as saying "a few Brazilian soccer stars could do more to disarm warring militias than thousands of peacekeeping troops". In fact, Brazil is currently heading U.N. peacekeeping forces in Haiti.

WHAT'S O

THURSDAY

Concerts

BARCELONA

▶La Boîte. Blues concert by Pete Gage Band. At 12 am. Avda. Diagonal, 477.

- ▶La Pedrera. Fundació Caixa Catalunya. Music from around the world, as part of the cycle of concerts The Pedrera by Night. Telephone: 902400973
- ▶Bikini. Concert by Luciano and Jahmesen Band and Dara J, reggae. At 8 pm.
- ►Fundació Joan Miró. Concert by Pole-Pole, as part of Nights with Music. At 8:30 pm. Parc de Montjuïc.
- ▶Jamboree. Jazz concert by Laia Cagigal Group. At 11 pm. Pl. Reial, 17.
- ►Jazz Sí Club. Concert by Palosanto, with Maria Elena. At 9 pm. Requesens, 2.
- ►L'Auditori. Concert Músiques per la pau (Music for peace), directed by J. Savall. Lep-
- ► La Paloma. Concert by Dj's Professor Angel Dust & De Lippo, as part of Bongo Lounge. C/del Tigre, 27.
- ▶La Rosa de Foc. Concert by Gemma & Greg Dayton Trio - jazz, blues. At 10 pm. Rec 69 / Antic de Sant Joan 12.
- ▶Plataforma. Concert by Essential Drum'n'bass. At 12 am. Nou de la Rambla, 34. ▶ Razzmatazz 3. Concert by Narcís Perich,
- presenting his last record El sol surt per tothom. Pamplona 88.

FIGUERES

►Teatre Municipal El Jardí. Jazz concert by Carme Canela Quartet. At 10 pm.

GIRONA

- ▶Festival of World Sacred Music. At the cathedral of Girona. Dates: from June 29th until
- ► Festival of World Sacred Music. Concert by Triton Cello ensemble. At the Cathedral, at 9
- ▶Fontana d'Or. Concert by Gaspacho. At 8
- ► La Via. African percussion and house music, by Mendengue, Marc Blume and Zazin. From 11 pm to 5 am.

Dance

BARCELONA

▶Teatre Victoria. Bellydance Superstars. Until July 4th. Tuesday to Thursday: 9:30 pm, Friday 10:30, Saturday 7:30, Sunday 7:30. Tickets: 15-26 euros. Avinguda Paral.lel, 67. Tel. 933299189.

Children

BARCELONA

▶Placeta de Diagonal Mar. Session Activitats infantils - various games. As part of the 15th Estiuàs de Sant Martí. At 10 am.

- ▶Central Library. Story telling by Alícia Romano. At 6 pm.
- ▶Ernest Lluch Library. Contes d'arreu del *món*, by L'Escarbat. at 6 pm.

Theatre

BARCELONA

- ▶Tantarantana Teatre. The play Buits, by the theatre company Teatre de Calaix, Directed by Lurdes Barba. Until June 27th. Tickets: 10-16 euros. Nou Tantarantana Teatre-C/ Flors, 22 - Ciutat Vella. Telephone: 93 441 70 22.
- ▶Teatre Artenbrut. Dolça Betilda, a play writ-
- ten and performed by Teresa Urroz. Directed

Recommended



Cinema in original version and picnic at Sala Montjuïc

• Sala Montjuïc opens on July 7 with a new cycle of cinema in open air. It is organised by Modiband and is inspired in the Open air cinema festival from Villette Park, Paris, which has been offering quality international independant cinema for more than 15 years. Until August 6 you will be able to enjoy films in original version on a giant screen in the middle

of the Montjuïc gardens; this year's programme includes films like Underground by Kusturica, Ghost Dog by Jarmush, or classics like Modern Times, by Chaplin. The films are preceded by live jazz concerts and short films, and you can have a picnic on the lawn with your friends while listening to music. Weds and Fri from 20:30. Tickets: 2 euros (at the box office).

Phil Collins in concert at Palau Sant Jordi

• Phil Collins performs today 1st of July at Palau Sant Jordi in Barcelona, one vear after the release of his last album, Testify. The album has been a great success thanks to hits like Can't stop loving you and You'll be in my heart. As part of First Final Tour, it is his only concert in Spain and makes part of Forum in the City. With more than 70 million albums sold during his carreer, the artist also composed many famous soundtracks. 10 pm. Tickets: 38-70 euros.

Amnèsia de fuga, a play about fresh starts

• Amnesia de fuga, Ignasi Duarte' last work, is directed by Roger Bernat and deals with people' need of travelling and discover new places. It tells the story of a man from Barcelona who decides to travel to Bombay and starts life from zero, following the opposite route taken by an immigrant who has just arrived in the city. The performance is in Catalan and Hindu and makes part of Forum 2004. Until July 10. Ovidi Montllor Theatre. At 9 pm. 18 euros. 93 426 18 75.

by Chus Gómez. Thursday to Saturday: 9pm. Sunday: 6pm. Until July 4th. Tickets: 12 euros.

- C/Perill, 9 Gràcia. Telephone: 93 457 97 05. ►Artenbrut Teatre. La dona com a camp de batalla, by Matéi Visniec. Thursday to Saturday 9 pm. Sundays 6 pm. Until July 25th. Perill 9. Tel. 93 457 65 16. Tickets: 16.
- ►Club Capitol. Maca, per favor...els postres, by Total Memos company. Wednesdays to Saturdays 9:30, Sundays 6:30. Until July 18th. Rambles 138. Tel. 934 122 038. Tickets: 18-20.
- ►Espai Escènic Joan Brossa. Amor Matern, by August Strindberg. Tuesday to Saturday 9 pm, Sunday 7 pm. Tickets: 9-16 euros. Dates: Until July 25th. Allada Vermell 13. Tel. 93 301
- ►Jove Teatre Regina. El vestit nou de l'emperador, after Hans Christian Andersen's tale. Thursday to Sunday 7 pm. Until July 18th.
- ►Sala Muntaner. Cançons dedicadas , by Franz Xavier Kroetz. Wednesday to Saturday 9:30 pm, Sunday 7 pm. Check for tickets. Dates: until July b25th. Muntaner 4. Tel. 933 235 227.
- ▶Teatre Nacional de Catalunya. The prestigious company Volksbühne from Berlin performs Dolc ocell de ioventut, by Tennesee Williams. Directed by Frank Castorf. From the 28th of June until the 1st of July.

Poetry

BARCELONA

►CaixaForum. Poetry session Xiu xiu (Tian Yu), as part of La pantalla chinesa. At 8 pm. Avda. Marqués de Comillas 6-8.

Miscellaneous

▶Espai Mallorca. Presentation of the book Solstici d'estiu 7. At 7:30 pm. Carme 55. ►Museu del Cinema. Short films projection. As part of Animac Mòbil 2004. At 5:30 pm.

Exhibitions

BARCELONA

►Museu Barbier-Mueller Art Precolombí. Exhibition Imágenes del cuerpo, by North

- American stage designer Robert Wilson, C/ Montcada, 14 - Ciutat Vella. Until July 31st. ► Macba - Museu d'Art. Exposition Arte y utopía: la acción restringida
- ▶Casa Batlló. Exhibition and guided tour The attics and the chimneys. Audioguided in six languages. A new tour has been adapted on the main floor for blind people. From Monday to Sunday 9am-8pm. Passeig de Gràcia 43. Fore more details call tel. 93 216 0306.
- ▶Centre Cívic Ateneu Fort Pienc. Joc de daus, by eight contemporary artists. Until July 10th. Ribes, 14.
- ► Centre Cultural Caixa Catalunya. El Cos i el cosmos. Art escultòric del Mèxic precolombí. Tickets: free. Dates: Until October 10th. Prov-

ença 261-265. Tel. 93 484 59 95.

- ►Mnac. Festins, rituals, cerimònies. Ancient bronze works from Shangai. Tickets: 4,20. Closed on Mondays. Dates: until September 12th. Palau Nacional de Montjuïc. Tel. 93 22 0360.
- ▶Palau Robert. Centre d'informació de Catalunya. Mercats de la Mediterrània. Until Auaust 31st.
- ▶Palau Robert. Exhibition space Catalunya Propostes. Until July 11th. Free entrance.
- ▶Palau Robert. La vitrina del fotògraf: Manuel Outumuro. Until July 20th.

CADAQUÉS

- ► Meifrèn exhibition room. Dalí i Gala: 40 anys de vida en comú, by Arturo Caminada. Until January 23rd 2005.
- ► Museu de Cadaqués. Dalí desconegut. Until November 2nd.

FIGUERES

- el Joguet de Catalunya. Exhibition Els vint primers anys de Salvador Dalí. Until September 30th.
- ►Museu Empordà. Exhibition El País de Dalí. as part of Any Dalí (The Year Dali). Until August 29th.

GIRONA

- ▶Centre Cultural de la Caixa de Girona. Barbarà. Until July 4th.
- ►Espais, Fundació d'Art contemporani, Fotografies i videoprojeccions de Marcel Dalmau. Until September 10th.
- ▶Fontana d'Or. Centre Cultural de Caixa de

CULTURAL CENTRES

Articket. www.articketbcn.es

MACBA (Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona). Plaça dels Àngels. Tel. 93 412 08 10. www.macba.es

CCCB. (Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona). Montalegre 5. Tel. 93 306 41 00. www.cccb.es

Fundació Joan Miró. Parc de Montjuïc, s/n. Tel. 93 443 94 70. www.bcn.fjmiro.es

Fundació Antoni Tàpies. Aragó 255. Tel. 934 870 315.

www.fundaciotapies.org

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www10.gencat.net/probert/angles

Gran Teatre del Liceu (Opera House). La Rambla, 51-59, Tel. 93 485 99 00. www.liceubarcelona.com.

L'Auditori. Lepant, 150. Tel 93 247 93 00. L'Auditori, opened in 1999, is the city's new cultural complex in Barcelona and one of the most popular musical venues in the country, www.auditori.org

Museu Picasso. Montcada, 15-23. Tel 933196310. www.museupicasso.bcn.es

La Pedrera (Casa Milà). Provença, 261 Tel 902 400 973. Museu d'Història de Catalunya. Pl. de

Pau Vila, 3 (Palau de Mar). Tel. 93 225 47 00 | 93 225 47 26 | 93 225 47 32. www.mhcat.net Museu Egipci de Barcelona (Egyptian

Museum). Valencia, 284. Tel. 93 488 01 88. www.fundclos.com MNAC (Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya). Palau Nacional, Parc de

Montjuïc. 93 622 03 76. www.mnac.es. Museu Marítim. Av. de les Drassanes

s/n. Tel. 933 429 920. www.diba.es/mmaritim/english/index.htm

Teatre Nacional de Catalunya. Pl. de les Arts, 1. Tel 933 06 57 06. Ticket sales: 902 33 22 11 or www.servicaixa.com

Caixafòrum. Avda. Marqués de Comillas, 6-8. Tel. 93 476 86 00.

Sagrada família. www.sagrafafamilia.org

Museu del Ferrocarril (Railway Museum). Pl Eduard Maristanv. Vilanova i la Geltrú. 93 815 84 91. www.ffe.es/vilanova

GIRONA

Museu del Cinema. C/Sèquia, 1, 17001 Girona. Tel. 972 412 777. www.museudelcinema.org

Museu del Call. C/Força, , 8, 17004 Girona. Tel. 972 21 67 61. callgirona@ajgirona.org.

Centre Cultural Caixa de Girona. C/Ciutadans, 19 17004 Girona Tel, 972 20 98 36 www.fundaciocaixadegirona.org/cultura

Museu Dalí. Opened in 1974, The Museu Dali contains the broadest range of the artistic career of Salvador Dalí, from his earliest works and his creations within the Surrealist movement up to his last works. Tel. 972 677 500. www.salvador-dali.org

Museu Nacional Arqueològic de

Tarragona, Placa del Rei, 5 (Tarragona). Very important archaeological collection from Tarraco, the capital of Roman Spain. Tel 977 23 62 09. www.mnat.es

Girona. Exhibition Empúries, un viatge de retorn. Suite Alexis Eudald Solà. Drawings and engravings by Joan Barbarà. Until July 4th. ►Fundació "La Caixa", sala Girona. Exhibition Matisse. Els Ilibres il.lustrats. Until July 25th. Tel. 902 22 30 40.

- ► Museu d'Art. Exposició de cartells. Until September 19th.
- ► Museu de l'Art. La llegada del Pop Art a Catalunya. Until September 12th.
- ► Museu del Cinema. Tomàs Mallol Collection. Dalí i les il.lusions (òptiques). Tuesday to Friday, 10 am-6 pm. Dates: until September 12th.

SANT CUGAT DEL VALLÈS

► Museu de Sant Cugat-Monestir and Casa Aymat. Exhibition Grau-Garriga. Until Nevember 14th. As part of Grau-Garriga year.

TARRAGONA

► Exhibition *Moonlight*, by Valentin Vallhonrat. At Museu Arqueològic. Until August 29th. ► Exhibition *Vita Romani. Vida dels Romans*. At Fòrum Provincial (Pretori romà). Pictures by Peter Connolly. Until September 30th. ► Exhibition *Els Dalí*, by Català-Roca. At Caixa Tarragona. Until July 25th.

Forum site

CIRCUS

► Grottesco, by Spanish company Monty & Cia. The magic of the circus in ten stories reflecting tenderness, poetry, diversity, hypocrisy, greed and fear from the ironical point of view of a clown. Site - Marina stage (Port Area). Dates: Until July 18th.

KABARET

- ► Elisa Lucinda. Poet and actress. Listening to Elisa Lucinda, poetry becomes a close, recognizable part of daily life. Lucinda poeticizes life with admirable spontaneity, sensitivity and ability. Site: Cabaret (Port Area). Dates: until July 18th.
- ► Esma Redzepova. Her music is passionate, erotic and joyful, rooted in the traditions of India. Site: Cabaret (Port Area). Dates: until July 18th.
- ► Hildes Kappes. In her current programme, Unlabelled, Hilde Kappe sings about the terrifying joyful side of life. Site: Cabaret (Port Area). Until July 18th.
- ►Leslie Bee. Currently living in Los Angeles, California, Leslie Bee is known as the black Marilyn Monroe, especially thanks to her great power of communication and her natural talent for connecting with the public. Site: Peace Port (Port Area). Dates: until July 18th.
- ► Lila Downs. Until July 1st. Site: Haima Stage (The Plaza).
- ► Shooglenifty. Shoglenifty is one of those bands that helps make traditional Scottish music familiar to everyone. On June 30th and July 1st. Site: Marina Stage (Port Area).

PERMANENT PERFORMANCES

- ► Move the World (Omkarakala), by Hansel Cereza and Alfons Flores.
- ► Fantòtems. Marionetas gigantes en el puerto. The Fantòtems are six giant puppets, some 10 metres high, in a performance designed by Joan Baixas as a great game of questions that are difficult to answer about life, the planet and people. Until September 26th. Site Pangea Island/Rompeolas (Auditorium Park).
- ► Day Parade (Pasacalle de Día) Higroma.

 A daytime parade of giant invertebrates that calls for the spectators participation -through small actions and improvisations- with the aim of reflecting on the environment. Site Itinerant.

 ► Night Parade (Passacalle de noche) Sum-
- mer Night's Dream, by Sèmola Teatre. It represents the conflicts of daily life by displaying high-impact scenographic installations throughout the port area. Site Itinerant. > The Giant of the Seven Seas. A show by La Machine and Escarlata Circus. The Giant of the 7 Seas emerges every day from the waters of the Large Auditorium to make us reflect upon the degradation of the sea. It is an unusual construction measuring 12 metres in height and made of fine materials -wood, leather, brass, etc. Site Large Auditorium. Two to four per-
- formances daily.

 ➤ The Memory Tree. The Tree of Memory, a living manifesto of sustainability and environmentalism, is a project by Els Comediants, a



Music for peace at the Auditori

• Music for Peace aims to stimulate the dialogue between East and West. The programme culminates with Da Pacem, Domine (Give us peace, Lord), a work by Arvo Pärt, one of today's most popular composers. Pärt is Estonian and living in Hamburg. Over the years he has been composing religious vocal music, highly contemporray music inspired in Gregorian chant. Jordi Savall directs this concert in which will perform renowned groups like Ensemble Kaboul, Capella Reial de Catalunya and Hespèrion XXI. At the Auditori-The Symphonic room. At 8 pm. Ticket prices range from 10 to 30 euros and can be purchased at the box office.

company that pioneered in street theatre. Site-Auditorium Park Area. Two to four times daily.

STREET PERFORMANCES

- ►El Bosco. Viaje al infierno. By Discípulos de Morales company. It takes up El Bosco's Garden of Earthly Delights in a three dimensional interpretation based on street theatre. Site: Haima (Esplanade Area). Dates: until July 18th
- ▶ El Teatro de Autómatas. Gonzalo Cañas has been collecting and restoring mechanical theatre objects since 1992, and currently owns Spains last remaining theatre of automata. As we walk through the theatre, we come across delightful moving tableaux of daily life and miniature performances. Site: Talismans Plaza (Esplanade Area). Dates: until July 18th.
- ► Le Manège d'Andréa. Built under the supervision of François Delarozière, the Eureka carousel guarantees anyone who chooses to climb aboard an extraordinary journey. Up to 34 children can ride on it. A dizzy circular dance that will thrill children and fascinate adults. Dates: From June 15th to September 26th. Site- Convention Center Boulevard (Entrape Arca)
- ►Annibal. Opositos enormous mechanical elephants parade to the beat of a group of Indian musicians and dancers. A joyful, festive parade, open to audience participation, fusing the modernity and design of the elephants with traditional Indian costumes and music. Dates: Until September 29th. Check for schedule. ►Le Zaka. Exhibition of exotic funeral masks, and traditional dance on the music of the group Makava. Ronda Port (Port Area). Until July 22nd.

THEATRE

bLibertas Libertatis. Yeses is the theater troupe of the Madrid Women's Penitentiary. Established in 1985 as a workshop inside the prison, today it is a consolidated company that combines inmates with drama professionals. Their aim is to connect women in prison to the outside society. That's why it is fundamental for them to jump the prison walls to show their plays in the free world. The Forum is a good opportunity. Until July 22nd. Site: Theatre (En-

trance Area).

- ► Metamorphosis. By Russian company *Tehb Teatre*. The painter creates a variety of images on the screen using different techniques of shadow theatre and graphic design, accompanied by music and sounds. A genuine show that goes beyond the limits of shadow theatre. Site: Theatre (Entrance Area). Until July 20th.
- ▶ Paren de falar mal da rotina. By Elisa Lucinda. With her excellent skills as a poet and actress, she constantly fascinates her audience. Through her guidance, poetry becomes familiar and easy to recognize. Site: Theatre. Until July 21st.

WORLD CUISINE

► Bread Continent: Pizzas and savoury pastries. Cocas, "coca de recapte", foccaccia, fougasse, and pizza are some of the prominent figures from the bread family. Site: Haima Stage (The Plaza). Until July 1st.

Forum in the city

EXHIBITION

▶ Ladies of the Nile. Women and Goddesses of Ancient Egypt. One of the most extraordinary features of the Nile civilization, throughout its history, is the active and decisive role played by women. The exhibition introduces us to the civilization and religions of the Pharaons from a new perspective: by revealing new aspects of the life of women in ancient Egypt: their legal position, their private lives, their power, and their beliefs. Until September 26th. The Egyptian Museum of Barcelona.

► At War. The exhibition is focused on the different stages of a conflict. CCCB (Centre de Cultura Contemporànla de Barcelona). Dates: until September 19th. Tickets: 3-4 euros.

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► Objects/Subjects. A Barcelona design perspective. Museum of Decorative Arts. Design and its importance as a revitalizing process and expression of cultural diversity and the impact of sustainable design on quality of life and sustainability. Curators: Enric Franch and Joan Antón Benach. Until December 31st.

► The Exploding City. Recent territorial transformations in the urban regions of southern Europe (Spain, France, Italy, Portugal): perspectives and directions. Col-legi d'Arquitectes de Catalunya. Until September 29th.

▶ Phil Collins. At Palau Sant Jordi, at 10 pm. One of the most renowned pop singers of the moment is performing in Barcelona one year after the release of his latest album, *Testify*. The album has been a great success, thanks to hits such as *Cant stop loving you* and *Youll be in my heart*. Tickets: 36-70.

Fòrum grec'04

DANCE

► For Heaven's sake, by NND/Galili Dance. Abstract dance and live music from the Middle East. On July 2nd and 4th. At 9 pm. Tickets: 22. Mercat de les Flors. Lleida, 22.

MUSIC

- ► Daniela Mercury the great diva of the Brasilian traditional music. Teatre Grec. Pg. de la Santa Madrona 38. On July 1st. At 10 pm. Tickets:15-28.
- ►Juliette Gréco. Teatre Grec. On July 3rd. At 10 pm. Tickets: 15-45.
- ► Moncho. The bolero king presents his new album *Inolvidablemente*. On July 2nd. At 10 pm. Tickets: 15-28. Teatre Grec.
- ► Moncho. Teatre Grec. The bolero king presents his last album *Inolvidablemente*. On July 2nd. At 10 pm. Tickets: 15-28.
- ►Teatre Romea. Homage to Catalonia, by George Orwell. Tuesday to Friday 21.00, Saturday 18.30 and 22.30, Sunday 18.30. Tickets: 12-16. Dates: from 20th of May to 13th of June. Hospital 51. Tel. 933 015 504 ► Voladores de Papantla. An amazing performance based on a Totonaca legend. The "flying men" of Papantla climb up a 30 metres tall pole, tie a rope around their feet and launch themselves into the void. A ritual dance that defies gravity to salute The Father Sun.

THEATRE

- ►Amnèsia de fuga. Directed by Roger Bernat. At Teatre Ovidi Montllor. In Catalan and Hindu. At 9 pm. Tickets 18 . Margarida Xirgu, s/n. ►Bagdad Café. The Musical, by Percy Adlon and Eleonore Adlon. At Barcelona Teatre Musical. The story of friendship between two women from different cultures. Until July 25th. No shows on Thursday 1st July and Wednesday 7th. Tuesday to Friday 9:30 pm. Saturdays 6:30 pm. Saturday 3rd July at 10 pm. Sundays 6:30 pm. Tickets: 20-50 . Av. de la Guàrdia Urbana. s/n.
- ►EI Rei Lear, by William Shakespeare. Directed by Calixto Bieito. Starring Josep Maria Pou as The King Lear. In Catalan. Until August 1st. Tuesday to Friday 9:30 pm, Saurday 10 pm, Sunday 6:30 pm. Tickets: 10-28.
- ▶ Forbidden Christmas or The Doctor and the patient. At Teatre Lliure, sala Fabià Puigserver. By Baryshnlkov Dance Foundation. Created and directed by Rezo Gabriadze. A remarkable sharp, full of humour text. Until July 1st. Tickets: 28 . Pg. de Santa Madrona, 40-46.
- ► Fortuna accidental. At Villarroel Teatre. Written and directed by Manuel Dueso. In Catalan. From July 1st to August 1st. Tuesday to Saturday 10 pm. Sunday 9 pm. Tickets: 17-21. Villarroel, 87.
- ▶ Fortuna accidental, at Villarroel Teatre. Directed by Manuel Dueso. Dueso's last work is focused on the contemporary scociety, dominated by ambition and selfishness. From July 1st to August 1st. Tuesday to Saturday at 10 pm. Sundays at 8 pm. 17-21 euros.
- ▶ Teatro de los sentidos. La memoria del vino. Poble Espanyol. Created and directed by Enrique Vargas. From July 1st to July 31st. Monday to Saturday 8 pm. Tickets: 20 . Av. Marqués de Comillas s/n.
- ► Vox 21. Josafat. Opera composed and directed by Pere Josep Puértolas. At Universitat de Barcelona. From June 30th until July 3rd. At 10 pm. Tickets: 8-12.

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Shrek 2

• Shrek 2 starts exactly where the first movie left off and takes us once again to the kingdom of far, far away. Shrek (voice by Mike Myers), and Princess Fiona (Cameron Diaz) have just returned from their honeymoon and Shrek has to face the most difficult challenge: his in-laws. In their journey they are accompanied by the Donkey (Eddie Murphy), who insists on coming along. King Harold (John Cleese) and Queen Lilian (Julie Andrews), actually expect a human



Films showing in original version in Barcelona

The trailer of the film

Prince, so they are shocked to find that their daughter has not only married an ogre, but has also become one. Especially angry are the Fairy Godmother (Jennifer Saunders) and her son Prince Charming (Rupert Everett), who was supposed to be the one who lifted Fiona's curse. We are introduced to a bar called the Poison Apple, where the villains of the fairy tale world hang out, and the great ogre-slayer Puss-in-Boots (Antonio Banderas), hired by the king to get rid of Shrek. The film is full of hilarious scenes, and the technology is absolotely astonishing. On the whole, great fun for kids and parents alike.

Two for the road

USA, 2004. 105'. **Dir.**: Stanley Donen. **With**: Audrey Hepburn, Albert Finney, Eleonor Bron. After twelve years of marriage, Mark and Joanna still love each other but aren't sure if they are in love any more. They decide to drive the place where they first met in order to revive their marriage. During the journey, they remember the past with the best and worst moments.

Shrek 2

USA, 2004. 105'. **Dir.**: Andrew Adamson, Kelly ASbury, Conrad Vernon. Shrek and Princess Fiona return from their honeymoon. After battling a firebreathing dragon and the evil Lord Farquaad to win Princess Fiona's hand, the ogre has to face now the most difficult challenge: his in-laws. Once at home, they find an invitation to visit Princess Fiona's parents, the King and Queen of the Kingdom of Far Far Away.

Blueberry. L'expérience secrète

France, 2004. 120'. **Dir.**: Jan Kounen. **With**: Vincent Cassel, Juliette Lewis, Michael Madsen. A mystical western set in the 1870s about a spiritual marshal named Blueberry who tries to stop Blount, the man who murdered his girlfriend, from getting to a treasure of gold hidden in India.

Das Testament des Dr. Mabuse

Germany, 1933. 80'. **Dir.:** Fritz Lang. Fritz Lang's masterpiece focuses on the terrifying atmosphere in Nazi Germany. Lang uses once again the character Dr. Mabuse (which he also used in 1922), a criminal following Nazi orders in post-war Berlin.

Janis et John

France, 2003. 105'. Dir.: Samuel Benchetrit. With: Sergi López, Marie Trintignant, François Cluzet. Pablo Sterni is an honest insurance salesman who is in deep financial trouble. If he cannot get his hands on half a million francs in two weeks, he could go hail. He then learns his cousin has just inherited a million francs from his recently deceased father. This is the last film made by Marie Trintignant just a few months before she was murdered.

Kill Bill. Volume 1

USA, 2003.111'. Dir.: Quentin Tarantino. With: Uma Thurman, Lucy Liu, Viveca A. Fox, Michael Madsen, Daryl Hannah, David Carradine. The body of a young pregnant woman lies on the floor in a rural church in El Paso. She is wearing a blood splatered wedding dress. Years later, when the Bride awakes from the coma, she she realizes what happened to her and prepares for revenge...

La mala educación (Bad Education)

Spain, 2003.115'. **Dir.**: Pedro Almodóvar. **With**: Fele Martínez, Gael García Bernal, Javier Cámara, Lluís Homar. A young boy is sexually violated by a priest and separated from his friend in a Catholic church. Years later, the two friends meet again. One of them is a transvestite wanting to become an actor while the other one is a successful film director. Together, they recall their childhood and the difficult times they wentthrough at school.

Peter Pan

USA, 2003. 113'. Dir.: P.J. Hogan. With: Jason Isaacs, Jeremy Sumpter, Rachel Hurd-Wood, Olivia William, Ludivine Sagnier. Wendy Darling is a lovely preteen in Victorian London who entertains her little brothers, John and Michael, with fantastic tales about Peter Pan and his adventures. Her parents urge her to grow up, but she resists. One night, Peter Pan comes to her room and soon Wendy and her brothers are flying to Neverland, where there is no need to grow up...

Salinui chueok (Memories of murder)

Corea, 2004. 129'. **Dir.:** Bong Joonho. **With:** Kim Sang-Kyng, Song Kang-Ho. From 1986 to 1991, ten women were raped and then murdered in a small village in Seül. The high class society didnt like the idea of a serial killer and tried to hide the facts.

The Butterfly Effect

USA, 2004. 113'. Dir.: Eric Bress, J. Mackye Gruber. With: Ashton Kutcher, Melora Walters, Amy Smart, Elden Henson. Evan Treborn is a young man who tries tries to forget his horrible childhood memories. He devises a technique of travelling back in time in order to repair the damage. But every time he goes back into the past, he only makes things worse.

The Ladykillers

EUA, 2004. Dir.: Joel i Ethan Coen. With: Tom Hanks, Irma P. Hall, Marlon Wayans. An eccentric professor and his three accomplices plan to rob "Bandit Queen", a riverboat casino on Mississipi. They are staying in Mrs.Muson's house and are going to dig a tunnel to where the money is kept. But dealing with Mrs. Munson appears to be more difficult than they expect.

The Mother

Regne Unit, 2004. 112'. **Dir.:** Roger Michell. **With:** Anne Reid, Daniel Craig. May is a grandmother who lives in the suburbs. When her husband dies during their family visit to London, she finds herself submerged in her children's stressful metropolitan life. But when she meets Darren, everything changes for

Troy

EUA, 2004. 160'. Dir.: Wolfgang Petersen. With: Brad Pitt, Eric Bana, Orlando Bloom, Sean Bean, Brendan Gleeson. In 1193 B.C., Prince Paris (Orlando Bloom), son of Priam, the king of Troy, seduces Menelau's wife, Helen, the most beautiful woman in the world. He convinces her to follow him away from her husband, setting the two nations at war with each other. Menelaus and his brother, Agamemnon, go to war against Troy, partly because of Helen, but more because it is an excuse to conquer the Trojans. Achilles, the greatest warrior among the Greeks, helps Agamemnon to fight against Troy.

Un filme falado

Portugal-France, 2003. 96'. Dir.: Manoel de Oliveira. With: Leonor Silveira, John Malkovich. Leonor Silveira, John Malkovich. Rosa Maria, a young History teacher at University of Lisboa, goes on a Mediterranean cruise with her daughter, Maria Joana. As they travel from France to Turkey, Rosa Maria talks to her daughter about world history. She plans to meet her husband in Bombay, and then go on holiday together.

Wilbur Wants to Kill Himself

Dinamarca, 2004. 105'. Dir.: Lone Scherfig. With: Jamie Sives, Adrian Rawlins, Shirley Henderson. Wilbur is successful with women, he has a good job and a great brother, buthe is not happy. Disappointed by life, he decides to commit suicide. But this is not as easy as he thinks...

Harry Potter and the prisoner of Askaban

USA 2004. 136'. Dir.: Daniel Radcliffe. With: Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Robbie Coltrane. Potter and his friends find themselves at the Hogwarts school for their third year studies, where they try to find out about the mistery of Sirius Blank - a dangerous magician and complice of Lord Voldemort, who wants to revenge against Harry Potter. At the same time, Harry will discover more secrets from his past.

Confessions of a dangerous mind

USA, 2004. 113'. **Dir.:** George Clooney. **With:** Sam Rockwell, George Clooney, Drew Barrymore, Julia Roberts. Chuck Bariis is a successful showman who led a double life as he also worked as an assassin for the Cia.

I am Dina

Norway, 2002. 121'. Dir: Ole Bornedal. With: Maria Bonnevie, Gerard Depardieu. Little Dina involontarily causes her mother's death in an accident. Dina's father cannot forgive his daughter and refuses to raise her; she is sent to be looked after by the household servants. Dina becomes a wild creature, unable to speak or read, until a kind family friend, Jacob, convinces Dina's father to hire a totor to take care of her.

Barcelona casablanca

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Camino de Santiago. El origen	16.30-20.30
Das Testament des Dr. Mabuse (V.O.S.E)	18.00-22.20
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La meglio gioventù (V.O.S.E)	11.15-14.30
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La puta y La Ballena

Spain, 2003.117'. Dir.: Luis Puenzo. With: Aitana Sánchez-Guijon, Leonardo Sbaragvia. Vera leaves Madrid and takes a new job as a photographer. In Buenos Aires she finds out she finds out that she needs a breast operation, changing her life forever. She also discovers the love story between the Catalan girl and an Argentinian boy from the 1930s.

Machuca

Chile, 2004. **Dir.**: Andrés Wood. **With**: Federico Lupi, Tamara Acosta. After the Pinochet coup d'état, little Pedro Machuco, child of a very poor family, starts classes in a private school. He makes friends with Gonzalo and together they will bear witness of the social changes in the country.

El abrazo partido

Argentina, 2004. **Dir.**:Daniel Burman. **With**: Daniel Hendler, Adriana Aizemberg. Ariel is a young man from Buenos Aires in his thirties whose world revolves around his mother's linen shop. The film takes place in the capital in crisis, which many people want to leave, hoping to find a better life in Europe. But when his father arrives, Ariel finds his life is about to chance.

The Russian Ark

Russia, 2002. **Dir.**:Alexander Sokurov. **With**: Sergei Dontsov, Maria Kuznetsova. Sokurov shot a 96 minute film in one take. The camera follows the steps of a 19th century French diplomat throughout the Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg. A long walk through the museum reveals a good part of Russian history and culture.

Whale Rider

New Zealand, 2004. **Dir.:** Niki Caro. **With:** Keisha Castle-Hughes, Rawiri Paratene. The descendents of the whale rider have no heir. Paikea is a Maori girl from a small New Zealand coastal village who has to face her destiny: become the heir of the great chief.

The shape of things

USA, 2003. Dir.:Neil LaBute. With: Gretchen Mol, Paul Rudd. A modern story of love, sex and art, which tells of the intense relationship between Evelyn and Adam. Evelyn is an art student and her last project turns her boyfriend, Adam, into a completely different person. Their friends don't like the physical and psychological changes that Adam goes through...

The day after tomorrow

USA, 2004. 125'. Dir.:Roland Emmerich. With:Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllental, Emmy Rossum, Sela Ward. Sudden global warming has devastating consequences for the entire planet. In the middle of this catastrophe is Adrian Hall(Quaid), a paleoclimatologist (a scientist who studies the ways weather patterns changed in the past), who struggles to save the world from the effects of global warming. At the same time, he is also trying to find his son, Sam, who was in New York City as part of a scholastic competition.

Unconditionallove

USA, 2002. 121'. **Dir.:** P.J. Hogan. **With:** Kathy Bates, Ruppert Everett, Dan Aykroyd. Grace Beasley spent all her life taking care of her husband and children. When her husband leaves her, Grace travels to London for the funeral of Victor Fox, her favourite singer. There, she meets Everett, the lover of the dead pop star, and she convinces him to come back to Chicago with her to figure out who killed the singer.

The purple rose of Cairo

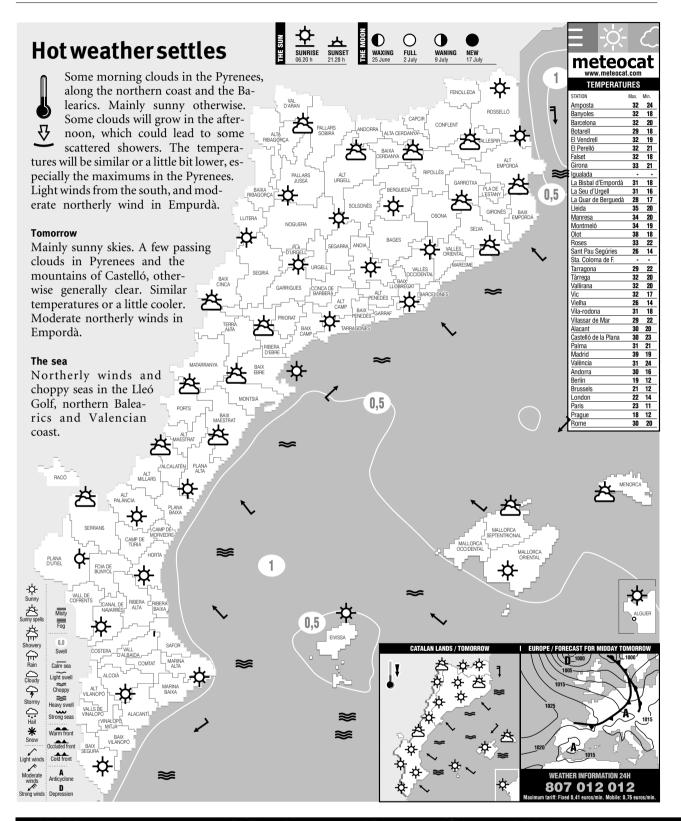
USA, 1985. 78'. **Dir.**:Woody Allen. **With**: Mia Farrow, Jeff Daniels. Farrow plays a woman trapped between an abusive marriage and a dead end job, whose only escape from dreadful reality is the cinema, where she always watches the same film.

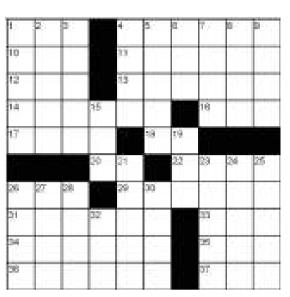
A streetcar named Desire

USA, 1951.117'. Dir.: Elia Kazan. With: Vivien Leigh, Marlon Brando. Blanche is a fragile and neurotic woman who is exiled from her hometown for seducing a 17 year-old teenager at the school where she taught English. She arrives at her sister's home, but she cannot get along with her brother-in-law.

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WEATHER CROSSWORD





ACROSS

1.Pooch. 4.Unstable. 10.Snacked. 11.Seasoned. 12. That girl. 13.Inching forward. 14.Mounth part. 16.Compass point. 17.Association (abbr.). 18.Street (abbr.). 20.Letter afterward. 22.What children talk with. 26.Extra-sensory perception. 29.Washington City. 31.80's U.S. president. 33.Child. 34.Quit. 35.Skit. 36.Kitchen cleaning toll. 37.Air.

DOWN

1.Noodles. 2.Guiding principles. 3.Adolescents. 4.In_of. 5.Mountain range. 6.Irritate. 7.Part of the eye. 8.Microscope viewer. 9.Lip. 15.Gross national product (abrr.). 19.Tender loving care. 21.Canned chili brand. 23.Tiny amounts. 24.Covera. 25.Formed meat. 26.Goffs. 27.Ooze. 28.El_(Texas city). 30.Green Gables dweller. 32.Card game.

ANSWERS

ACROSS

1.Pet. 4.Labile. 10.Ate. 11.Inured. 12.She. 13.Edging.
 14.Tongue. 16.Sse. 17.Assn. 18.St. 20.Ps. 22.Lisp.
 26.Esp. 29.Tacoma. 31.Reagan. 33.Tot. 34.Resing.
 35.Act. 36.Sponge. 37.Sky.

DOWN

Pasta. 2.Ethos. 3.Teens. 4.Lieu. 5.Andes. 6.Bug. 7.Iris.
 Lens. 9.Edge. 15.Gnp. 19.Tlc. 21.Stagg. 23.Iotas.
 24.Smock. 25.Patty. 26.Errs. 27.Seep. 28.Paso.
 30.Anne. 32.Sky.

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