



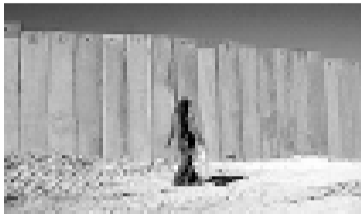
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Minister appeals for calm as heatwave claims first victim

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

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Markets nervous as US interest rate set to rise

Investors are bracing themselves for the expected rise in the US interest rate, as the Federal Reserve bank prepares to increase it for the first time in four years, in a bid to control

inflation in the American economy. All the indications point to a rise of 0.25%, up from its current 1 percent, which is the lowest figure since 1958. (See page 10)

Pistols price of ticket to the beautiful game

In a welcome departure from the selfishness and greed that dominates football, the Brazil national team are to play a friendly match in Haiti in a bid to bring some peace to

the island. In an attempt to stem the violence, anyone who wants to see Ronaldo and company play will have to give up their weapon as the price of admission. (See page 12)

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Firefighters fought hard to put out the fires in the county of La Segarra yesterday / XAVIER SANTESMASES / SEGRE

Fire damages crop fields in Lleida

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

ALEXLEFF

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 it 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 Sanauja, 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 interdepartmental 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.

Gang of thieves is disbanded in Salou

ALEXLEFF

A group of 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 occasions during this past month in the capital of the Costa Daurada. 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-

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 Saragossa.

Evidently, the minors of the group were enlisted to commit the muggings because of they could gain a certain measure of legal leeway 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 will stand before children's court.



Public transport use miles ahead of private cars

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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-

ivate vehicles only went up by 0.56 per cent, reports the municipal group *Via 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

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 city.

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 heat-wave, 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.



Fans, umbrellas and water fountains are all used by people — and even dogs — in different parts of Spain to beat the heat / EFE

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

REBECCA WARDEN

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 yesterday. 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

finding an affordable nursery place for their offspring is a common complaint among parents.

The Generalitat will favour deprived areas and will try and take

into account future population growth in certain municipalities when allocating the new places.

On the same day, the Generalitat has announced it is earmarking 21.7

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 families 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

Peopleshouldbeverycarefulofhow they prepare homemade mayonnaise 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.

HEALTH

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 Logísticos can deliver your beer requirements right to your home. The company, a subsidiary of Repsol-YPF, 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 an 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 natural 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-ordinated 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



City farms put city dwellers in direct contact with the natural processes involved in food production

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

At city farms, participants are

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.

ANIMAL RIGHTS

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 Barcelona 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 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 Odena.

ECOLOGY

Lleida gets cleaning equipment

The Lleida 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

Clothesline 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 clothesline 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 Iraqis 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 power.

"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 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 terri-

tory they want for a future state since it 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 undecided on whether restrictions on public smoking should be the responsibility 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 job-seekers in May, making the total number of people looking for full-time 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 back-door 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."

POLITICS

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.

SCIENCE

Transplant women pregnant

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

PLATFORM

MARTÍ CRESPO

The dirty laundry of the clean industries

It 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 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-

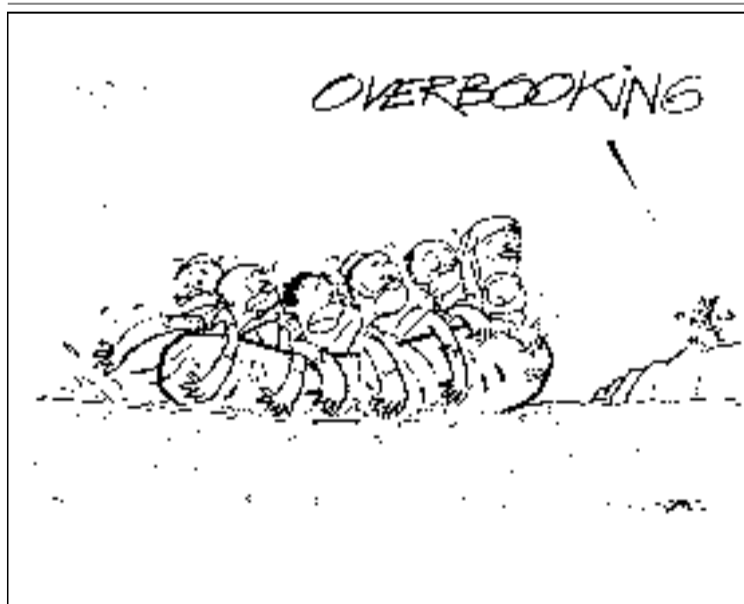
ics Coalition (www.svtc.org), which joined forces two years ago. In a devastating report, *Exporting Harm: The Techno-Trashing of Asia*, they revealed that 50 to 80 per cent of the components that were turned in for recycling in California wound up in Asian dumps and incinerators. China, Pakistan, and 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 countries.

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 there wasn't an election coming up we shouldn't pay attention because characters like Bush always attempt

to instil a feeling of safety and prosperity in the population that is inevitably 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 one of the myths of the modern world. We wish to live deluded by the wonderful sensation that noth-

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 even our lives. We crave safety and we spend a lot of money on it. Yet this shell is as fragile as that of a snail.



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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

ALEXLEFF

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 April 2001. In June, the index set prices at 2.479 per cent, but half-way 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 indications pointing to "sudden



Head of the Bank of Spain Jaime Caruana expects growth / 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 to 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.

STATISTICS

Euribor. Monthly average

June 2003

▶2.014

July

▶2.076

August

▶2.279

September

▶2.258

October

▶2.303

November

▶2.410

December

▶2.381

January 2004

▶2.216

February

▶2.163

March

▶2.055

April

▶2.163

May

▶2.297

June

▶2.404

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 motorways are located in Catalonia.

The bill was approved by the Catalan legislative chamber during 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-

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 taxes.

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 communities "be proportional to 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 beyond 1 January 2006."

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 stable."

"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 CO2 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 particularly with an increase in construction and the law that requires fire resistant cables.

SALES

Plea for later sales

The secretary of the Confederation of Catalan Trade, Miquel Àngel 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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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 short-term 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 competitiveness 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

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 pub-

lic 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 effectively.

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 Greenspan, is set to raise rates / EPA

announcement and surged 1.3%. Inflationary pressure is also building on the US economy that might result in a rise in the interest rate. Last week the US Commerce De-

partment issued its inflation figures and said that the core price index for consumer spending, a central inflation measurement that cuts out volatile food and energy prices, rose by

2% in the quarter, up 1.7% a month ago. This appears a good reason for 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 in 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' Joint Economic Committee, that rates said rates would have to rise. Market analysts 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 percent 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 said.

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 drug

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 adult-onset, 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.

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 Monjuïc.

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 highly-promising jazz concert is also on at the Teatre Grec, and features a quar-

ter of living legends, including 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

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 Bohemianism 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, giant-killing 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 a lowly 35th.

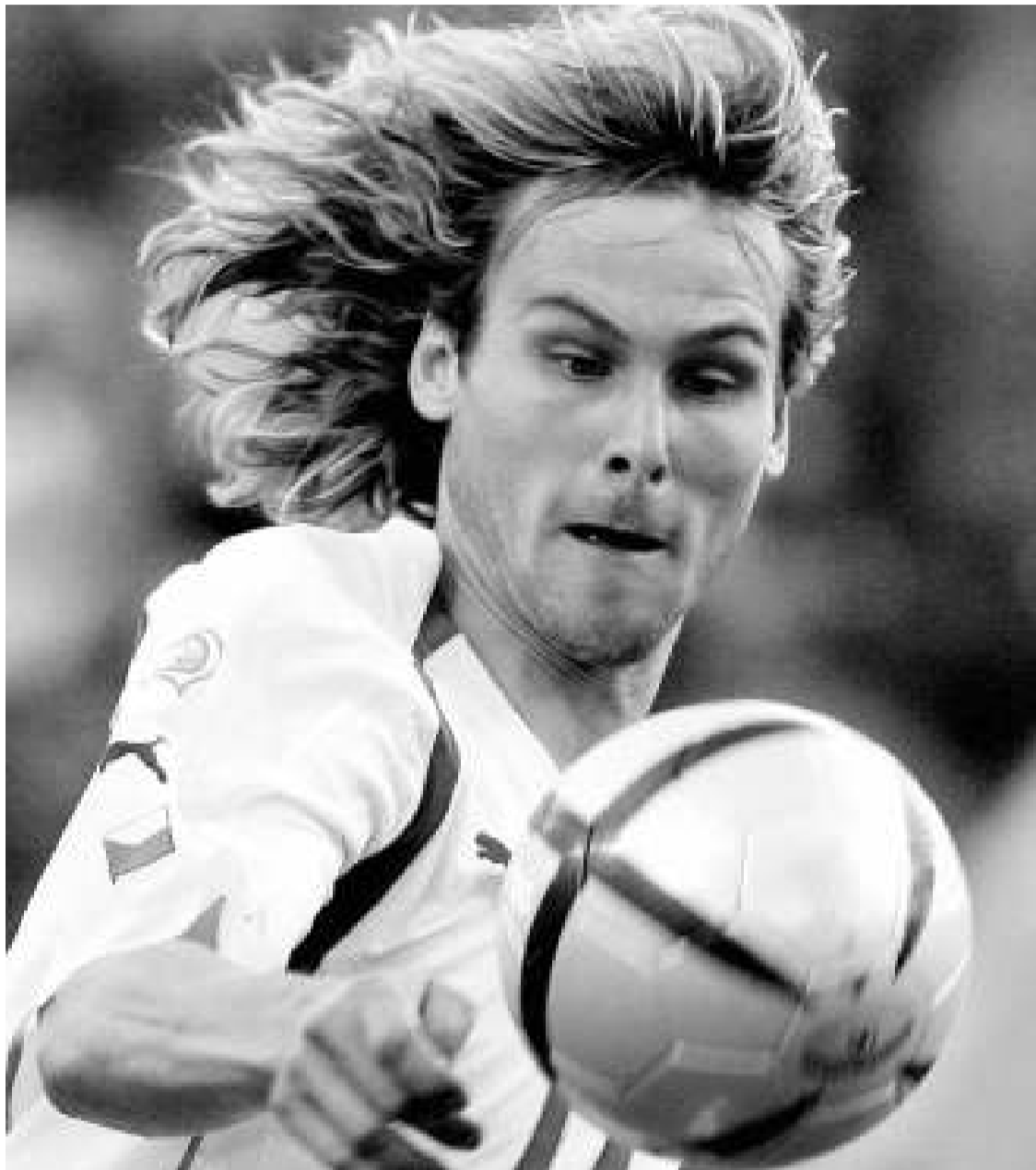
Thus at half-time we will have the curious experience of watching Coca-Cola ads featuring stars like Raúl, Beckham and Oliver Kahn, none of whom are left in the competition. While this is obviously a total marketing disaster, the football press has also been left with egg on its face, and journalists 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.

Nor are the Dutch looking weary,

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 figurehead 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, 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 tonight / EPAPHOTO

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 champion-

ships. 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 the race on 20 June. Gené is a veteran

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 Williams is relieved. "We are fortunate to have 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 soccer-mad 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. However, 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.-

backed coup - left around 200 Haitians dead.

The idea for a game to "alleviate tensions" came from current Haitian Prime Minister Gerard Lator-tue 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 peace-keeping troops". In fact, Brazil is currently heading U.N. peacekeeping forces in Haiti.

CT BACK

WEATHER

CROSSWORD

Hot weather settles

Some morning clouds in the Pyrenees, along the northern coast and the Balearics. Mainly sunny otherwise. Some clouds will grow in the afternoon, which could lead to some scattered showers. The temperatures will be similar or a little bit lower, especially the maximums in the Pyrenees. Light winds from the south, and moderate northerly wind in Empurdà.

Tomorrow

Mainly sunny skies. A few passing clouds in Pyrenees and the mountains of Castelló, otherwise generally clear. Similar temperatures or a little cooler. Moderate northerly winds in Empordà.

The sea

Northerly winds and choppy seas in the Lleó Golf, northern Balearics and Valencian coast.

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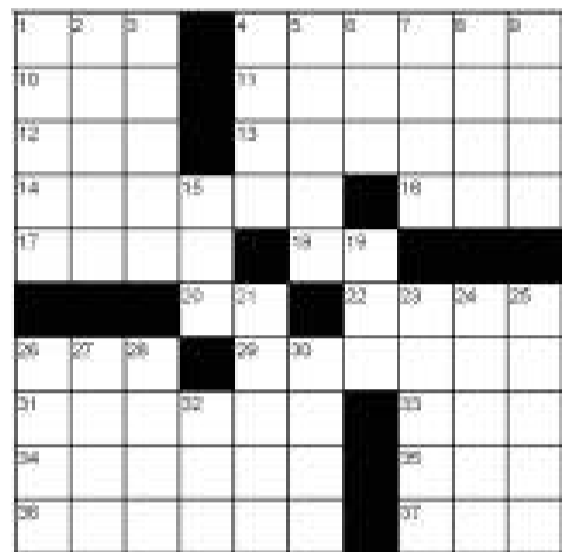
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1.Noodles. 2.Guiding principles. 3.Adolescents. 4.In_of. 5.Mountain range. 6.Irritate. 7.Part of the eye. 8.Microscope viewer. 9.Lip. 15.Gross national product (abbr.). 19.Tender loving care. 21.Canned chili brand. 23.Tiny amounts. 24.Covera. 25.Formed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

ANSWERS

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DOWN

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