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Welcome to telecom city

Meeting signals thaw in relations and end to the hostilities of Aznar era

Presidents Zapatero and Maragall met formally yesterday in what promises to be the start of a new era of understanding and co-operation between Barcelona and Madrid after a period of mutual hostility under José María Aznar's government. Despite some differences over constitutional reform, there were key points of agreemnt, including the siting of the headquarters of the State Agency of Telecommunications in Barcelona, using part of the site currently occupied by the Forum. Continued on page 2

Banc Sabadell

declares profits

The Banc Sabadell group have recorded first term net profits of 159

million euros, which represents a rise of 7 percent compared to the

same six-monthly period last year. This figure is increased to 28 percent if the calculations include the incorporation of Banco Atlantico, an operation which has affected all the company's results from the first half

of 159 m euros

for first term



Editorial

A welcome breath of fresh air

he first official meeting between Spanish president José Luís Zapatero and Catalan president Pasqual Maragall since they both took office has had positive results in the areas they discussed as well as what they hope for the future. The decision to base the the National Commission of Telecommunication Markets in Barcelona is significant, not only because of the fact that a regulatory body of its importance has come to the Catalan capital but because it is the first move towards political decentralisation / continued on page 6



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Maria del Mar at the Grec tonight



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National deficit rises 85% in single year



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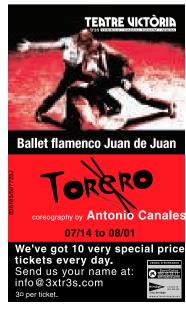
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of the year 2004.

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FC Barcelona use warm-up tour to woo Asian tourists to Catalonia

Club has received 850 applications for club membership from Japanese



Mediterranean Conference for 2005 to be held in Barcelona

Spanish telecommunications market commission to be moved from Madrid to Barcelona

ROBERT KIMPLETON

Catalan president Pasqual Maragall and prime minister of the Spanish government José Luis Zapatero in their first offical meeting yesterday in Madrid agreed to agree that the Generalitat most definitely forms part of the Spanish state, and more importantly that it's high time relations between Spain and Catalonia showed some significant improvements. A jubilant Maragall declared that Spain now has a prime minister who "understands Catalonia" and that both men share an "optimistic view" of Spain.

As tangible proof of their newfound "good vibrations", Maragall announced that the Spanish Commission of the Market of Telecommunications will be moved from Madrid to Catalonia, the first time that any state ministry has been moved from Madrid to Catalonia. Zapatero also announced that the second Euromediterranean Conference will be held in Barcelona in 2005 and that the presidents of autonomous communities will be able to accompany the prime minister on trips abroad.

Maragall went on say that the relationship he and Zapatero were able to establish was positive "in the sense of making the [relationship] more cordial, we believe that exemplarily measures and gestures are significant", he said, adding that he looks forward to a "new kind of political and institutional relationship which is more mature, more serious and shows a deeper level of commitment".

The meeting was one in a series of encounters that Zapatero is having with heads of Spanish autonomous territories. The main topics discussed yesterday were the reform of the structural makeup of the Spanish state (*model d'Estat*), the system of financing the autonomous governments and the Catalan language.

Maragall announced that his first trip abroad with Zapatero will be to the French cities of Tolouse and Montpellier in October. Barcelona's Casa de Asia and the Mediterranean Studies Institute will be strengthened to create a new Center for International Studies based in Catalonia. Maragall also proposed that a representative from the Catalan government should meet twice a week with the central government in Madrid, an idea that Zapatero agreed to "in principle" but would rather carry out in conjunction with representatives from all of the autonomous communities.



 $Spanish\,prime\,minister\,Zapatero\,and\,Catalan\,president\,Maragall\,during\,their\,meeting\,yesterday\,\,/\,\,KOTERODRIGO\,$



Zapatero supports AVE links

One area where Catalan President Pasqual Maragall tried to gain ground during his meeting with José Luis Zapater concerned the creation of a kind of "Euroregion" that would include parts of the south of France, the north of Catalonia and other parts of Spain close to the Pyrenees. The idea, popular with many Catalan politicians, is to create an area of co-operation where governments and industry set up needed infrastructures irrespective of national borders. Maragall claims that that Zapatero has expressed his support for an AVE (high speed rail) connection linking Barcelona, Girona and Montpelier as well as another between Barcelona and Bilbao, which could be intrepreted as a first step towards making the Euroregion a reality.

Good feelings aside, they do beg to differ

José Luis Zapatero and Pasqual Maragall certainly have reasons to claim that their relationship is off to a good start, but there are still key governmental issues that divide them, or at least where they are not in total agreement. One such issue is the recognition of the historic nationalities of autonomous communities such as Catalonia in Spain's Magna Carta, which Zapatero is not willing to change. Another area of contention concerns the way that autonomous communities are finced. Maragall and Zapatero both agree that richer communities such as Catalonia should pay more than poorer areas, but Maragall would prefer a fixed rate as opposed to a percentage of a communities economic output. With respect $to \, language, Maragall \, would \, like \, Za$ patero to push harder to get Catalan recognised as an official language within the European Union.

FOO

Produce on chefs' mind

The leading chefs Ferrán Adriá, Karlos Arguiñano, Juan Mari Arzak and Pedro Subijana have expressed their concern to establish a greater connection between the produce industry and cooks. They this as very necessary as it is the only way for chefs to guarantee that the freshest and healthiest food is going into their dishes. The industry has to be more careful and take greater involvement in the health of its customers, $the four chefs \, agree. \, They \, also \, spoke$ on behalf of children, saying that food education needs to be an integral part of the school system.

TOURISM

Tourist numbers to rise by 1.4%

Foreign tourists coming to Spain are expected to grow in numbers by 1.4 per cent throughout the year, according to statistics and forecasts by the tourism firm Exceltur. "The figure we are betting on for the close of 2004 is, at most, an increase of 1.4 per cent, which means 52,892,283 tourists," said Exceltur executive vice president Jose Luis Zoreda. His outlook is grim, considering that it is lower than previously expected. "This figure would not be so important," Zoreda added, "if the drop were to coincide with a rise in spending or a longer stay by tourists in Spain, which is not occuring now."

IMMIGRATION

Undocumented under a million

The influx of illegal immigration has been considerably reduced, according to the labour minister Jesús Caldera. The number of foreign people without documents in Spain "is far below a million", Caldera said during his speech at a summer course called The future of the left at the Universidad Complutense in Madrid. Immigration "should be absolutely legal and adapted to the needs of the host country", he said, showing confidence that the current government would soon get a handle on the situation. Caldera criticised the discourse of past years that has he feels has painted a negative portrait of immigrants.

NERGY

CC.OO presses for vapour pump

Barcelona drivers can now use a petrol station with a vapour recovery system for the first time. The Cepsa petrol station located at Ronda Sant Pau has been running with the new pump for nearly a month. This pilot initiative came about through the joint work of the environmental department of CC.OO. and the petrol company Cepsa, following the framework of a project prepared by the trade union with enterprises and institutions. The new pump dispenses fuel that helps reduce carcinogens and recovers volatile organic components.



Quad riders will be required to take a test to be awarded a licence to ride their vehicles around in rural areas. Motorcyclists will also be regulated / ARCHIVE

Green licence to be required for quad-riders and motorcyclists

The Catalan minister Salvador Milà wants to make changes to the 1995 environment law

NEILSTOKES

City dwellers are treating the countryside like "the patio round the back of the house," according to Catalan Environment minister, Salvador Milà. His words were directed at all those, from mountain bikers to mushroom pickers, whose free-time pursuits could harm the rural environment. In order to ensure, "more respect when using natural spaces," Milà and his department want to alter the law and to introduce a green licence for users of vehicles such as motorbikes and quads. The Department of the Environment would only hand

out licenses to drivers who had completed a training course and passed an

Milà's department are currently studying various legal formulas that will allow them to bring in the green license under the existing law of 1995 which already covers use of motorised vehicles in natural spaces. A key aspect of the proposal would be an obligatory course leading to an exam certifying that the holder of the license is trained in the use of two or four wheel motorised vehicles in the countryside. The license would try to ensure driving standards by making failure to get a license or keep to the rules punishable by fines. Withdrawl of the license would also be a possible sanction thereby effectively prohibiting offenders from accessing the countryside. The measure would first be applied to bikers and quad riders. "Later it will also be compulsory for mushroom pickers that use motorised vehicles," said Milà.

The idea for such a green license originally came out of the conference, Fòrum de Medi Natural held on 12 June in Osona. On that occasion Milà promised about a hundred fans of trial and 4X4, that the following year

would see a new law covering access to the countryside. The 1995 law has proved unpopular with motorbike users as it bans access to paths of less than four metres wide. Milà's latest statements show a more ambitious desire to provide a wider response to the problems related to use of natural spaces.

Ecological groups have reacted positively to the proposals. Joan Vázquez of the Assemblea d'Entitats Ecologistes de Catalunya, goes further in calling for a tax on countryside users such as that already paid by hunters and anglers.



Parents protest school cuts

A group of forty mums and dads wearing nappies stormed Sant Jaume square in the centre of Barcelona yesterday morning. They were protesting the reduction of personnel and timetable in Barcelona nursery schools, a measure that is to be put forth next school year. / JUANMA RAMOS

Temperatures to soar but only for the weekend

M.TOPOR / AGENCIES

temperature rise, especially on Friday and Saturday in eastern, central and southern areas of the Iberian Peninsula. José Antonio Fernández Monistrol, the head of operations in the National Centre for mediumrange weather forecasts, told Europa Press that the temperatures will rise during the weekend, caused by a mass of air coming from northern Africa. According to specialists,

maximums of 42 to 43 degrees are The National Institute of Meteorol- expected in the valleys of Guadalquiogy (INM) has announced a high vir and Badajoz, while temperatures over 40 degrees will affect the southern and central areas of the Peninsula. Madrid and inlands areas of Valencia could also expect temperatures around 40 degrees. Fernández Monistrol says that the minimum temperatures will also rise, and he sets Sevilla as an example, where the minimums will be about 23 and 24 degrees. The high temperatures are expected to cool down on Monday.



Maria Eugènia Alegret / Andreu Puig

A woman elected president of Catalonia High Court

RICARDVIÑAS / AGENCIES

The plenary session of the General Council of the Judiciary appointed yesterday Maria Eugènia Alegret as President of the Tribunal Superior de Justícia de Catalunya (TSJC, Catalonia High Court), thus becoming the first woman in Catalonia or Spain to hold this office. In the voting session, the former president Guillem Vidal received nine votes while Maria Eugènia Alegret was elected after receiving eleven votes. Alegret is currently working as judge in Barcelona Provincial Court. According to the informing sources, the election of the TSJC president has been somewhat controversial. Alegret was elected after receiving the votes from the members proposed by the Popular Party and the president, whereas Vidal only received the votes from the members proposed by PSOE, IU and CiU as well as that of the independent member of the General Council of the Judiciary.

Bed and breakfast wins initiative award

The rural tourism company in Manlleu, Belinda Jane Parris, has won the award for best corporate iniciative 2004. The 9,000 euros prize was formally presented to the company by the Manlleu town council. Belinda Jane Parris has been working in the tourism field for eight years. It started out as a restoration project of the historic Avenc de Tavertet homestead, and in 2000 the company was formed. With the pass of time, the homestead has been fully restored back to its original splendour, becoming a major landmark on the tourist trail. The award is granted each year by the Area of economic and occupational promotion of the Barcelona city commission, with an endowment of 40,500 euros. This year 71 companies were reviewed from 20 towns. The prize was created to stimulate developing companies and to reward their initiative.

FC Barcelona signs up to promote tourism in Catalonia during tour

Catalonia tourist authorities make most of Barça fever gripping Asia

MADELEINE SHEAHAN

Barça has agreed to help promote Catalonia as a tourist destination under a one-year deal between the football club and the Department of Trade, Tourism and Commerce of the Generalitat. Team members will take up their new roles as tourist ambassadors for the region during the club's forthcoming tour of Asia.

During their visits to Japan, China and South Korea the team will meet with local tour companies to promote the region. They will be accompanied by a member of the Tourism Department and aided by a specially produced video.

The number of Asian visitors to Catalonia is relatively small. "But the potential for growth is enormous," says Trade & Tourism spokesperson Pere Esteve, who signed the agreement with the club, because all three countries are so heavily populated. And it is clear that football is a useful weapon in the tourist industry's arsenal. In recent weeks Barça has received some 850 applications for membership from Japanese supporters, in anticipation of the tour. Making the most of Barça fever in the region, the club has launched Japanese and Chinese language pages on its website.

Barça will be mindful of the rewards reaped by Real Madrid last year when the club set up its pre-season training camp in China, where the newly-signed David Beckham was a huge sensation. It is not certain to what extent the city and region of Madrid was able to make the most



Tourism and Trade official Pere Esteve (left) and Barça president Joan Laporta sign an accord to promote tourism in Catalonia / ACN

of the publicity.

Catalonia's tourist industry will be hoping the likes of Ronaldhino and new signings Henrik Larsson, Deco, Sylvinho and Belleti will have the same sort of impact.

Club president, Joan Laporta, has not discounted the possibility that the team shirts might in the future carry some kind of promotional em-

blem. The parties are looking forward to mutual benefits although, according to Esteve, the agreement does not, at this stage, include any financial compensation. Nevertheless, says Laporta, "Catalonia will benefit from the strength of Barça and Barça will benefit from its connection with Catalonia."

Barça is identified with the very

values Catalonia wants to use to promote itself, added Esteve, such as "quality" and "the diversity of the

FC Barcelona's foray into the region, under the banner, On Tour Asia 2004, runs from 29th July to 8th August and includes matches in Seoul (Korea), Shanghai (China), and two in Tokyo (Japan).



Vallhermosa's medal winning wine / ACN

Penedes dessert wine picks up prestigious wine medal

M.S. / ACN

A Penedes wine has taken the silver medal in one of the world's most prestigious wine competitions, the French Muscats de Monde 2004. The Vallhermosa dessert wine, Bouquet D'or was competing with 259 wines from 24 countries, all made exclusively with the moscatel grape.

VINE GROWING

War against parasites

The Denominació d'Origen (DO) authority of Terra Alta is sharing its expertise with growers. The authority's own biologists are running training days to help growers deal with parasites that attack their vines. The authorities are sharing their knowledge of the biology of plagues to in order to help growers beat them. The aim is for growers to select treatments as precisely as possible, choosing chemicals with low impact on the environment.



Police discovered 50 kilos of cocaine concealed in 76cm industrial screws / ACN

Cocaine haul stashed in hardware

MADELEINE SHEAHAN

Police have smashed a cocaine ring which imported the drug from Colombia concealed in hollowed-out 76cm industrial screws. Five Colombian nationals were arrested in Piera (Barcelona) after police intercepted 50 kilos of cocaine hidden in a container with 3,000 kilos of hardware. The bust followed a two-month investigation by Narcotics and Customs officers who tracked the container from Barcelona Port to a warehouse in Piera.

Squatters occupy party HQs in protestagainstevictions

MADELEINE SHEAHAN

Squatters who occupied the Barcelona headquarters of each of the parties in the tripartite government yesterday said they had achieved their goal. The protest against evictions from a number of sites in the city had achieved the visibility they were seeking, said a spokesperson for the group. The squatters, or Okupas entered the PSC, ICV and ERC buildings yesterday morning, demanding meetings with party representatives to urge them not to go ahead with evictions from various "social centres", such as the old Hamsa factory in Hostafrancs, Sants.

The occupation at the PSC was over by lunchtime, soon after riot police turned up. A dozen of the squatters, who had attached themselves to chairs and tables with plastic ties, cut themselves loose, after "some pushing and shoving on the part of the police," according to a



Squatters vacate PSC headquarters around midday yesterday / ALBERTO ESTEVEZ/ACN

abandoned their posts at the entrance; "by force" according to the squatters, "voluntarily" according to police. The occupation at ERC headquarters continued for a few to evict the Okupas.

spokesperson. Another 20 or so more hours before the entire group decamped to ICV offices. ERC and ICV sources said they had not called in the police and the PSC said it had, but had not specifically asked them

9/11 report lists ten "missed opportunities" to uncover plot

Commission details intelligence failings and reinforces doubts over Al Qaeda-Iraq links

The report on the September 11 2001 terrorist attacks lists as many as 10 missed opportunities by the Bush and Clinton administrations to detect or derail the plot, according to a report in the Washington Post in advance of today's publication.

The 600-page report by the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States was also expected to conclude that Al Qaeda's relationship with Iran and Hezbollah was far deeper and more long-standing than its links with Iraq, which had never established operational ties with the terrorist group. Media reports earlier this week have already revealed that as many as 10 of the 9/11 hijackers travelled via Iran before the attacks. The commission's findings will thrust the panel back into the political storm over claims by President Bush, Vice President Cheney and other administration officials that Saddam Hussein and al Qaeda may have had significant ties. Bush said on Monday that U.S. officials were now investigating possible links between Iran and 9/11 but both the commission and government are

stressing that there is no evidence that Tehran knowingly aided the

The report was expected to stop short of saying the attacks ought to have been prevented but would identify 10 "operational opportunities" to halt the plot that the government missed, six during the Bush administration and four under Clinton. It would acknowledge that in many cases these were either long shots or would have required luck to alter the outcome. One official told the Washington Post that the list included: the CIA's failure to add two hijackers' names to a terrorism watch list; the FBI's handling of the August 2001 arrest of Zacarias Moussaoui, accused of conspiring in the plot; and several failed attempts to kill or capture Osama bin Laden. The report was expected to note, however, the difficulties that intelligence agencies face in assembling a clear picture of a terrorist threat.

The report details broad government failures in connection with 9/11 and recommends wide-ranging restructuring, including a cabinet-level intelligence director to



oversee the CIA, FBI and other

The 10-member bi-partisan commission has had to tread carefully on the overarching question of whether the attacks could or should have been prevented and has not made a definitive judgment in its final report. An unnamed member of the commission told the Washington Post that "Some will conclude [the attacks] could have been prevented, others will say it might have been prevented and the rest will say it's impossible to tell... We said we couldn't get an answer to this.'



Greece bans armed security

Greece has forbidden Olympic teams to bring their own armed security guards and said it will be exclusively responsible for protecting athletes. The country's constitution bans foreigners from bearing arms on Greek soil so visiting teams will have to rely on the largest ever Olympic security operation in the history of the Games, budgeted at one billion euros. Public Order Minister, George Voilgarakis, confirmed that Heads of State would be able to bring their own personnel.

UK armed forces jobs slashed in biggest shake-up in decades

AGENCIES

Almost 20,000 defence jobs will go in the UK in the biggest shake up of the armed services for a generation. Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon announced huge cuts yesterday as part of sweeping modernisation plans. Over the next four years the RAF will shed 7,500 jobs, the Navy 1,500 and a further 10,000 civilian posts will o. Aircraft, tank and snip numbers will also be cut. Mr Hoon said the military would have "what it needs for the 21st century rather than what they inherited from the 20th century." Post-cold war, British forces needed to deal with terrorist insurgency and undertake peacekeeping missions in diverse environments.

Freed up funds would provide investment for high-tech systems enabling British forces to work more

easily with their US counterparts. However, the cuts reflect increasing financial pressure on the Ministry of Defence following last week's spending review in which Gordon Brown demanded prudence.

Shadow defense secretary, Nicolas Soames, said the changes "would seriously damage our military capability ... while we wait for the arrival of unproven new technology Members of the services would feel "betrayed", he added.

Chief of Defence staff, General Sir Michael Walker, said these were "stimulating times for all three services...Nonetheless, we have had to make some hard choices to achieve these aims "

Personnel in the army will be reduced to 102,000, with the navy cut to 36,000 and the RAF to 41,000.

Saudiforces find head in fridge and seize stash of arms

Saudi forces found the head of a US hostage in a fridge at a militants' hideout where they killed two wanted Islamists and seized weapons, including a surface-to-air missile.

They said the head of Paul Johnson (49), an employee of US helicopter gunship maker Lockheed Martin, was found when security forces stormed a villa in Riyadh on Tuesday night. He had been killed on June 18 on the expiry of a deadline imposed by the militants for authorities to free Islamist prisoners. A videotape of his beheading had appeared on the internet.

As well as a surface-to-air missile, security forces found rocket-propelled grenades, automatic rifles, pistols, hand grenades, ammunition, computers, cash and nitrates and aluminium powder — used to make explosives. This was the latest scuffle between government forces and al Qaeda supporters. One of the killed militants, Isa al Oshan, was on the list of 26 most wanted al Qaeda militants, the Saudi officials said.

Bomb kills four as hostages are taken in Iraq

REUTERS, BAGHDAD

Four people were killed in a car bomb attack on a residential district of Baghdad yesterday, the latest in a string of attacks in the capital. At the same time a previously unknown group of Iraqi miltants claimed that it had taken six hostages and would start to kill them if their Kuwaiti employer did not pull out of Iraq. The group, which styled itself The Holders of the Black Banners, said it had taken six lorry drivers hostage, three Indians, two Kenyans and an Egyptian. The group said that anyone doing business with what it called the "American cowboy occupiers" would face "the fires of the mujahideen. The name of the Kuwaiti company is not known.

Hawking sees way out of black holes after all

Stephen Hawking has revised his view about black holes and no lon ger believes they destroy everything that falls on them. Hawking's 1975 theory, that a black hole was an object from which it was not possible to escape, was deemed an incredible breakthrough. But he now believes it might not be one-way trip after all.

The black hole only appears to form but later opens up and releases information about what fell in," he

OPINION

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A breath of fresh air

decentralisation that has occurred in Spain. That is, it is the first time that an official body has relocated from Madrid to Barcelona and not the other way around. We only have to look back to such absurd events as the relocation of the public maritime corporation Transmediterrànea to Madrid, a city which has never had and most likely never will have a

EDITORIAL

Several conclusions can be drawn from the meeting between Zapatero and Maragall. The first is that we are probably entering a new era in relations between Catalonia and Spain, which should result in a reorganisation and modernisation of the Spanish state. Second, for the next few years we can look forward to an era of political understanding that both leaders should take full advantage of for the benefit of everyone. The policies of the Popular Party, as well as those of the previous PSOE administration, did nothing to resolve problems such as the fiscal deficit, the infrastructure shortage and the concentration of large companies in Madrid to fester. Third, the

current situation strengthens Maragall as a political figure within the socialist camp. If conflicts develop within the different departments of Catalan government, Maragall will be able to rise above the fray and emerge as a true

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Such abilities are particularly important at the present

time. Below par figures from the tourism industry, one of the main engines of the Catalan economy, and the departure of companies due to relocation give the public a reason to be concerned. Catalonia should not settle for losing hard-fought-for ground to such events, but should foster an atmosphere which produces developments such as the move of CNMT to Barcelona. The challenge is to go even further. The Catalan economy needs more regulatory and business headquarters, and it needs for the Spanish government to change policies related to ports and airports. It needs for corporate relocation from Madrid to Barcelona to be more than a facade, as it has been in the cases of Terra Networks and the Auna group. Maragall and Zapatero have opened themselves up to the future and we should be thankful for that. Now it is up to them not to let a sense of hopefulness turn into frustration.

THE STING BY JAP



COMMENTARY

MÍRIAM DÍEZ BOSCH

Different but still unequal

en think, women feel. Men are reflective, women are hysterical. Nature versus nurture, reason against feelings. This premise, or rather fallacy, has always been presented as natural fact by those twin supports of European culture, the Judaeo-Christian tradition and Greek philosophy. While easier to spot sexism in Judaeo-Christian thinking, a review of the history of philosophy exposes a fine discrimination against women.

Women have always been restricted to the home and it seemed that this was their natural ambit. Access to education, more than access to work, has brought about changes in this oppressive tendency. Yet change does not mean disappear-

The book is as interesting as it is depressing, and reviewing what the great and good have said about women is frightening. In science, technology, biology, the arts and so many other areas of knowledge, women are just about completely missing. In some cases the woman is there as an object but not as a subiect. Women continue to be silenced, invisible and often looked down on, and we are all complicit. It is important to include women's points of view in every ambit, especially in those of authority. Defending women's dignity is not a faddish



Women who believe that the struggle is over are deluding themselves. / EFE

return to feminism but a benefit for the whole of humankind.

Women who think it is no longer necessary to struggle are not only kidding themselves but represent an impediment to achieving a better society. In adhering to a feminism that insists men and women are different, many of these women sustain the stereotypes. The opposite of equality is not difference, it's inequality. Thinking there is no longer any reason to struggle is to deceive oneself.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BEST WISHES

Since 1994 me and my family regularly started to visit Catalonia and Sitges in particular. This tenth year is the first with a local newspaper written in English. I just want to say thankyou and give my best wishes for the future. I find it most interesting to read your newspaper and it gives me a glimpse of what's going on in the area.

Ugo Hagstrand, Sweden

CATINAMICROWAVE

Wondering why those countries heading the quality of life list also such as high suicide rates, alcohol book also brought on centuries of caption claimed, Charles De Gaulle.

and drug abuse or even simply terminal boredom, Mr Burgen has missed the point: we are not fretful in paradise. Such language only blurs the issue, which is that these affluent countries are also at the forefront of rapid, ceaseless technological development. Comparing the Internet to the production line underlines the point. What only recently seemed a linear, coherent world has become instant, infinitely variable and so inextricable as to seem chaotic. We are living inside out, on our nerve endings, or as a cat in a microwave.

militant nationalism, so living at the speed of light will go on unleashing explosive energies and boundless anxieties until everyone on the planet is in the current. A parting reflection: a large number of children in my classes spend their free time in front of computers, and not with books. Shall we try to stop them, as if we could, or shall we follow the logic? Ours is not a time for bookish nostalgia.

Joel Graham

CORRECTION

We need to think past beautiful In the photograph printed on page 19th-century ideas like the Forum four of yeserday's paper the person suffer from serious social problems—or the modern Olympics. Just as the—to the left of Hitler was not, as the



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BUSINESS

Banc Sabadell records first term net profits of 159 million euros

Current profit figures represent a seven per cent rise over the same period last year

NEIL STOKES, BARCELONA

Banc Sabadell group have recorded first term net profits of 159 million euros, a rise of 7 per cent over the same period last year. This figure increases to 28 per cent if the incorporation of Banco Atlántico is included in the calculations. The plan for integrating Banco Atlántico into the group has been strictly carried out, a bank press release said yesterday, and has affected just about all aspects of results from the first half of the year. Operating costs, for example, reached 393 million euros, a rise of 39 per cent over the previous year. Without counting the Banco Atlántico takeover the rise in costs would have been around 3 per cent.

Results from financial operations peaked at 40 million euros, 69 per cent more than last year, thanks in part to cash operations and client activity in the currency markets. The basic margin was 699 million euros, an increase of 32 per cent, while operational profits were 309 million euros, a growth of 25 per cent, and pre-tax profits were 249 million euros, 20 per cent up. At the end of this first term the bank group have seen their total assets increase by 52 per cent, reaching 44 billion euros, while the gross investment in the form of client loans went up 11 billion to 34 billion euros. Another 11 billion euros went into the likes of investment and pension funds, part of 44 billion euros in total resources managed on behalf of clients. The bank has also earmarked



Banc Sabadell President Josep Oliu (left) and Board of Directers Chairman Juan María Nin (right) / EFE

116 million euros for insolvency funds, 37 million of which are generic in nature and another 58 million of which will go to the Statistical Fund as stipulated by the Bank of

Juan María Nin, the director gen-

eral of Banc Sabadell promised that cess could mean the closure of 77 ofthe integration of Banco Atlántico would be completed as planned by December. If the process of absorbing Banco Atlántico goes according to plan, it will set a European record of nine months. However, the pro-

fices in order to avoid duplicating. "Integrating Banco Atlántico will act as a catalyst in transforming Banc Sabadell into a firm with a presence all over Spain," commented Nin.

TELECOMMUNICATION

Mobile is higher than fixed

For the first time, Spaniards in 2003 spent more on calls from mobile phones than from fixed phones, according to figures released this week by the Commission of the Telecommunications Market (CMT). Also in 2003, income reported by telephone companies for mobile calls went up by 18 per cent while those for fixed calls went down by 3 per cent. The amount spent on mobile calls in 2003 was 8.8 million euros, compared to 8.3 million euros for calls from fixed phones. The amount of time spent talking on mobile handsets went up by 24 per cent for a total of 36.3 million minutes, while conversation time on fixed lines decreased by 10.6 per cent for a total of 113.1 million minutes. At the end of 2003, there were 37.2 million mobile phones being used, an increase of 4 million over the previous year. Currently 87.2 per cent of the Spanish population now has a mobile phone, a figure which is three per cent higher than the European average. Also, instant messaging recorded higher figures for 2003 compared to 2002, with a total of 11.7 million messages sent in 2003. According to CMT president Carlos Bustelo, the mobile sector should continue to grow as new services are added. In terms of market share of mobile operators, both Telefonica (53 per cent) and Vodaphone (25 per cent) both lost ground to Amena, which saw its market share go up to 22 per cent. In terms of fixed phones, Telefonica holds on to a market share of 81 per cent.

BANKING

Banco Popular shows increase

Banco Popular recorded net profits of 369 million euros, an increase of 11.2 per cent over the same period last year. The bank's figures were made public to the National Commission of the Stock Exchange. This double-digit growth was made possible by a 22 per cent increase in credits and a 19 per cent increase in resources managed by clients. The interest margin (the difference between income and expenses for interests and deposits) decreased 10.3 per cent, while the financial margin (which includes commissions and financial operations) increased by 10.4 per cent.

Sogecable shows losses

The Spanish pay-TV company Sogecable recorded losses of 8.2 million euros for the first half of the year, compared to losses of 7.3 million euros recorded for the same period last year. The company's turnover was 721 million euros, compared with 523 million euros for the same period last year, which represents a 38 per cent increase. The company has 2.2 million paying suscribers to the Canal Plus and Digital Plus services.

Iberdrola records 13% increase in profits despite difficulties faced by power industry

EFE, MADRID

Iberdrola, the second largest electricity company in Spain, has surprised analysts by recording a net profit of 572 million euros for the first term of 2003, 13% more than crease is considered to be remarkable in light of the difficult conditions the electric power industry in Spain is facing, relatively low turnover as well as higher tax rates.

The gross development profit grew by 7.1 per cent to 1.5 million euros due to the increase in gross profit as well as improvements in efficiency. The gross development product increased in all business areas: national (2 per cent), interna-

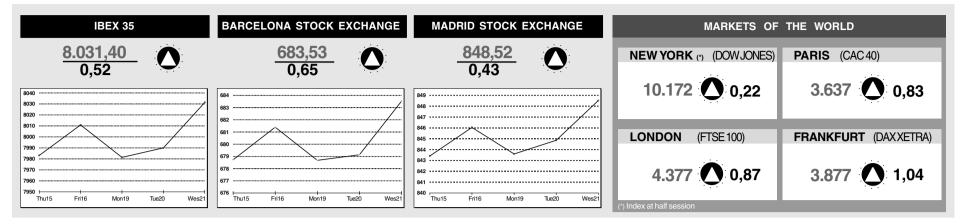
tional (63 per cent) and non-energy business (26.2 per cent).

Turnover was 4.9 billion euros, an increase of 9.1 per cent, which the company attributes to an increase in total production of the group by for the same period last year. The in- 11.5 per cent. 86 of its turnover is from Spain while 14 per cent is from its business in Latin America. Turnover figures for Spain increased by 5.1 per cent reaching 4.0 billion euros, due to an increase in turnover in the newly deregulated markets of natural gas and electricity. Production in Spain increased by 0.9 per cent due to the establishment of a new natural gas plant which produced 139 per cent more than



Iberdrola president Iñigo de Oriol (left) speaks with government officials / EFE

STOCK MARKET



BEST PERFORMING STOCKS

Last.Euros Chg.% Stock Vale Do Río doce Ord 3,90 44,72 Grupo Alfa A 26,15 3,56 Arcelor S.A. 3,49 13,36 Vale Rio doce 36,75 3,23 Santan. PtoRico 19,85 3,17 0,33 3,13 **Ercros**

WORST PERFORMING STOCKS •

Stock	Last.Euros	Chg.%
Avanzit	2,12	-6,19
G. Inmocaral S.A.	2,39	-4,40
C. Occidente	28,83	-2,73
Popular	44,89	-2,24
Cemig Preference	13,87	-2,05
Cortefiel	9,18	-2,03

market analysis | REUTERS

Earnings cheer lifts European shares

• European shares ended Wednesday at a week high after upbeat outlooks from technology bellwether Ericsson and drugmaker Roche soothed investors' worries that corporate profits are peaking. Volvo's raised estimates for truck sales drove market gains, while solid earnings at Pfizer and General Motors and a pledge by Microsoft to return over \$75 billion in cash to shareholders over the next 4 years further cheered investors. The

FTSE Eurotop 300 index of pan-European blue chips ended 0.98 percent higher at 978.2 points. Cable & Wireless bucked the stronger trend, down 4.6 percent after the telecom firm posted a slump in quarterly revenues and raised concerns about its recovery plans by saying trading conditions remained challenging. World confectionery manufacturer Cadbury Schweppes was another sore spot, as it fell by 3.9 percent.

Last. Euros: NAV at close; Chg: Difference between last value and value from previous day; Chg %: Difference in percentage between last value and value from previous day; Max: Maximum value reached during the day; Min: Minimum value reached during the day; NAV: Last Net Asset Value; Mnth YId: NAV Variation since beginning of the month; YTD: NAV Variation since beginning of the year.

MOST ACTIVE ISSUES

Stock	Issues traded(000's)	Volume.Eu(000's
BBVA	61.249	668.837
Telefónica	45.223	546.751
SAN	19.680	166.298
Repsol	8.303	149.622
Iberia	6.753	15.263
Endesa	6.521	100.425

OTHER MARKETS							
Stock	Last.	Max.	Min.	Chg.	Chg.%		
Bilbao	1.441	1.446	1.435	7,11	0,50		
Valencia	676	676	676	3,29	0,49		
Milán MIB 30	27.668	27.781	27.637	106,00	0,38		
Tokio Nikkey	11.434	11.434	11.327	175,49	1,56		
S&P	1.107	1.116	1.107	-1,23	-0,11		
Nasdaq	1.404	1.433	1.404	-17,35	-1,22		
Latibex	807	807	796	10,60	1,33		

MARKET SECTORS

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Name	Last (Euros)	Max.	Min.	Chg.	Chg.%
COMMUNICA	TION				
Avanzit	2,12	2,28	2,12	-0,14	-6,19
Telefónica Móv	iles 8,62	8,71	8,61	0,00	0,00
TPI Pag Amar	5,46	5,48	5,37	0,11	2,06
Prisa	14,32	14,41	14,02	0,43	3,10
Amper	3,76	3,81	3,74	0,04	1,08
Telefónica	12,09	12,16	12,00	0,17	1,43
Jazztel	0,27	0,27	0,26	0,00	0,00
Terra	4,88	4,89	4,83	0,06	1,24
Indra	10,41	10,46	10,36	0,05	0,48
Antena3 TV	44,65	44,95	44,00	0,65	1,48
Sogecable	31,98	32,78	31,75	0,73	2,34
Tele 5	13,25	13,65	13,25	-0,25	-1,85
Recoletos	5,84	5,86	5,75	0,04	0,69
CONSTRUCT	ION				
Acciona	51,95	52,20	51,50	0,45	0,87
ACS	13,95	14,00	13,94	0,05	0,36
Ferrovial	37,27	37,27	36,45	0,82	2,25
OHL	6,24	6,27	6,22	0,00	0,00
FCC	30,41	30,60	30,23	0,24	0,80
CONSUMER	GOODS				
Carrefour	14,96	14,98	14,96	0,00	0,00
Cortofial	0.10	0.24	0.10	0.10	2.02

CVNE	10,6	10,60	10,60	0,00	0,00
Pescanova	16,14	16,14	16,00	-0,01	-0,06
Aldeasa	25,05	25,69	24,75	-0,10	-0,40
Dogi Int. Fabrics S	.A. 4,67	4,68	4,59	0,05	1,08
Bodegas Riojanas	8,32	8,33	8,29	0,00	0,00
Natracéutical S.A.	0,72	0,72	0,70	0,01	1,41
Puleva Biotech	2,61	2,61	2,55	0,00	0,00
Inditex	19,08	19,30	19,02	0,03	0,16
Service Point Solut	ions 0,43	0,43	0,41	0,01	2,38
T. Algodonera	3,06	3,08	3,06	-0,01	-0,33
Faes Farma	12,56	12,69	12,56	-0,04	-0,32
Natra	3,89	3,90	3,87	0,02	0,52
Altadis	25,55	25,86	25,45	-0,18	-0,70
Vidrala	11,77	11,78	11,64	0,14	1,20
A. Domínguez	16,95	16,96	16,91	0,13	0,77
Ebro Puleva SA	9,5	9,61	9,48	-0,07	-0,73
Viscofán	7,64	7,64	7,58	0,04	0,53
SOS Cuétara	24,6	24,70	24,55	0,05	0,20
Campofrío	12.03	12.11	11.80	0.13	1.09

Day							
Name	Last (Euros)	Max.	Min.	Chg.	Chg.%		
Zeltia	5,47	5,47	5,39	0,08	1,48		
Barón de Ley	32,5	32,50	32,07	0,39	1,2		
ENERGY							
Repsol	18,02	18,14	17,91	-0,05	-0,28		
Bayer	22,15	23,00	21,93	0,15	0,6		
Enagas S.A.	9,19	9,29	9,19	-0,06	-0,6		
Unión Fenosa	17,52	17,52	17,37	0,14	0,8		
Iberdrola	17,28	17,28	17,15	0,19	1,1		
Hullas C.Cortés	10,25	-	-	0,00	0,0		
Gas Natural	19,44	19,50	19,28	0,14	0,7		
Cepsa	30,41	30,55	29,98	0,31	1,0		
Red Eléctrica	13,63	13,69	13,61	-0,03	-0,2		
Endesa	15,4	15,44	15,34	0,12	0,7		
FINANCIAL S	ERVICES						
Valencia	17,27	17,28	17,12	0,01	0,0		
GuipuzcoanoA	21	-	-	0,00	0,0		
C. Occidente	28,83	29,50	28,80	-0,81	-2,7		
Vasconia	11,6	11,60	11,60	0,00	0,0		
Bankinter	30,69	30,87	30,45	0,29	0,9		
Andalucía	70,4	70,75	69,35	0,00	0,0		
Galicia	20,5	20,70	20,50	0,50	2,5		
Banesto	9,61	9,65	9,58	0,04	0,4		
Fastibex	0,45	-	-	0,00	0,0		
Guipuzcoano	22,51	22,99	22,50	0,03	0,1		
Gral. Inversión	1,39	1,39	1,37	0,00	0,0		
SAN	8,45	8,53	8,43	0,01	0,1		
BBVA	10,92	11,01	10,85	0,03	0,2		

Corp. Mapfre	9,69	9,82	9,69	0,03	0,31			
Popular	44,89	46,18	44,89	-1,03	-2,24			
Unipapel	15,6	15,70	15,50	0,10	0,65			
INVESTMENT GOODS								
CAF	57	57,00	57,00	0,00	0,00			
Ercros	0,33	0,34	0,32	0,01	3,13			
EADS	22,35	22,55	21,95	0,62	2,85			

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Banc Sabade

	Day				
Name	Last (Euros)	Max.	Min.	Chg.	Chg.%
EPPIC	0,22	-	-	0,00	0,00
Mecalux	5,7	5,75	5,70	0,00	0,00
C. Portland	48,39	48,55	47,06	-0,27	-0,55
Ence	22,2	22,40	22,20	-0,02	-0,09
Reno de Medic	ci 0,63	0,63	0,63	-0,01	-1,56
E.del Zinc	1,82	1,83	1,82	0,00	0,00
Volkswagen	33,49	33,49	33,47	0,85	2,60
Uralita	3,04	3,06	2,97	0,02	0,66
Tubos Reunidos	6,05	6,05	6,05	0,05	0,83
Tudor	5,76	-	-	0,00	0,00
Tubacex	1,62	1,63	1,60	0,02	1,25
Acerinox	47,28	47,53	46,86	0,70	1,50
Tafisa	0,88	0,89	0,87	-0,01	-1,12
CIE AUTOMOTIV	E 11,55	11,55	11,55	-0,05	-0,43
Miquel y Costas	43,5	43,50	43,40	0,15	0,35
Seda Barna	1,99	2,00	1,99	-0,03	-1,49
Azkoyen	6,08	6,10	5,95	0,09	1,50
Europac	3,55	3,57	3,50	0,07	2,01
N.Montaña	0,34	0,34	0,34	0,00	0,00
Nicolás Correa	2,92	2,92	2,92	0,05	1,74
Iberpapel	15,1	15,17	15,10	-0,15	-0,98
Duro Felguera	5,67	5,67	5,57	0,09	1,61
Arcelor S.A.	13,36	13,37	12,96	0,45	3,49
Lingotes	4,57	4,57	4,50	0,09	2,01
Zardoya Otis	15,81	15,89	15,76	0,09	0,57
Global Steel	1,98	1,98	1,98	0,01	0,51

Sillace	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	U,U
MARKET SERV	ICES				
Aguas Barna.	14,15	14,40	14,12	-0,22	-1,5
Amadeus	5,41	5,45	5,38	0,02	0,3
Abertis	13,83	14,09	13,81	-0,17	-1,2
Abengoa	7,16	7,24	7,12	0,04	0,5
Metrovacesa	33,45	33,64	33,24	-0,05	-0,1
Sacyr-Valle	11,48	11,64	11,43	-0,12	-1,0
Urbis	9,3	9,30	9,25	0,00	0,0
Urbas	0,61	0,61	0,59	0,01	1,6
Telepizza	1,58	1,60	1,57	0,02	1,2
Transp. Azkar	5,9	5,92	5,87	0,04	0,6
Sotogrande	8	8,00	8,00	0,00	0,0
Sol Meliá	7	7,11	6,98	-0,03	-0,4
Prosegur	13,5	13,56	13,45	0,10	0,7
Iberia	2,26	2,30	2,25	0,01	0,4
NH Hoteles	0.25	0.20	0.23	0.02	0.2

Name Last	(Euros)	Max.	Min.	Chg.	Chg.9
Inbesós	4,29	4,29	4,29	0,00	0,0
Logista	27,3	27,30	27,03	0,27	1,0
G. Inmocaral S.A.	2,39	2,53	2,39	-0,11	-4,4
Indo Internac.	7,15	7,15	7,15	0,05	0,7
Funespaña	7,03	7,03	7,00	0,00	0,0
Fadesa Inmobiliaria	11,36	11,36	11,12	0,26	2,3
Europistas	5,02	5,04	5,01	-0,02	-0,4
Elecnor	36	36,00	36,00	0,00	0,0
Inm.Colonial	22,9	22,98	22,65	0,10	0,4
Befesa	12,4	12,40	12,40	0,00	0,0
Testa Inmuebles	14	-	-	0,00	0,0

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LATIBEX					
Grupo Alfa A	26,15	26,15	26,15	0,90	3,56
América Móvil	30.25	30.25	29.75	0.66	2,23
Banco Bradesco	39,65	39,86	39,65	-0,27	-0,68
Brasken, S.A.	16,47	16,65	16,47	0,24	1,48
Bradespar Ord.	15,35	15,40	15,35	0,01	0,07
Bradespar Pref.	15,86	15,94	15,86	0,11	0,70
Cemig Preference	13,87	14,26	13,87	-0,29	-2,05
Copel Pref.B	2,82	2,91	2,82	-0,03	-1,05
Banco de Chile	26,8	26,80	26,25	0,75	2,88
D y S	12,15	12,15	12,15	0,10	0,83
Electrobras Pref.	5,05	5,05	4,98	0,07	1,41
Electrobras	4	-	-	0,00	0,00
Enersis	4,87	4,87	4,87	0,05	1,04
Endesa Chile	10,3	10,30	10,25	0,07	0,68
BBVA Bancomer	16,92	16,92	16,92	0,00	0,00
Gerdau Preferentes	10,88	11,05	10,88	-0,02	-0,18
Net S. Comunicacao	1,86	1,89	1,80	0,00	0,00
Grupo Modelo C	20	20,00	19,75	0,43	2,20
Petrobras Ordinary	23,06	23,06	23,01	0,03	0,13
Petrobras Preference	,	21,05	20,71	0,02	0,10
Suzano	2,8	-	-	0,00	0,00
Suzano Petroq.SA Pr.	0,15	-	-	0,00	0,00
Telmex	25,4	25,40	25,10	0,45	1,80
Corp. UBS Int.	2,09	2,09	2,07	0,04	1,95
Vale Do Río doce Or	d.44,72	45,08	43,43	1,68	3,90
Vale Rio doce	36,75	36,90	35,75	1,15	3,23
Volcan C.M.	2,21	2,21	2,21	0,00	0,00
Arac Celul B	2,84	2,84	2,84	0,00	0,00
Banco Francés	2,9	-	-	0,00	0,00
B. Rio Plata B	0,9	-	-	0,00	0,00

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AC Australasia	3,87	-7,85	6,2
AC Cuenta FT	1.311,87	0,20	0,5
AC Deuda FT	13,77	0,09	0,5
AC Divisa	6,95	-4,83	-0,4
AC Euroacciones	4,25	-1,06	-0,90
AC Largo FT	11,27	0,19	0,8
Ahorrofondo	40,00	-0,25	2,99
Fonmix Laietana	4,58	0,92	1,78
BANCO POPULAR			
Eurovalor Bolsa	184,12	-1,99	4,49
Eurovalor Bolsa Europea	45,40	-2,62	-0,2
Eurovalor Bolsa Internac.	38,22	-4,00	-0,80
Eurovalor Dinero	1.577,58	0,22	0,6
Eurovalor Mixto 15	73,50	-0,18	1,1
Eurovalor Mixto 30	69,43	-0,18	2,0
Eurovalor mixto 70	2,59	-2,08	-0,5
Eurovalor Renta Fija	6,17	0,08	0,7
Eurovalor RF Corto	77,27	0,00	0,7
Eurovalor Sector Inmobil.	88,98		
		5,93	15,0
Eurovalor Tesoreria	810,15	0,21	0,5
BANCO SABADELL			
Inversabadell 25	15,70	-0,08	0,7
Inversabadell 50	4,90	-0,61	0,2
Invertecnocredit	5,95	-0,06	0,8
MB Divisas 1	7,25	-0,28	4,8
MB Fondo 2	15,44	-0,15	2,3
Sabadell Bonos Euro	14,13	0,64	1,8
Sabadell Dinero	9,79	0,23	0,5
Sabadell Dolar Bolsa	6,17	-4,06	-6,8
Sabadell Europa Bolsa	7,39	-2,73	-0,8
Sabadell Global	3,74	0,38	2,0
Sabadell Interes Euro 1	17,81	0,07	0,5
Sabadell Interes Euro 3	15,85	0,23	1,0
Sabadell Interes Euro 4	7,99	0,12	0,7
Solbank Dinero	8,19	0,22	0,5
Solbank Interes Euro	12,66	0,05	0,5
BANKINTER			
BK Bolsa Euribex	1.679,92	-0,98	1,7
BK Bolsa Internacional	581,94	0,08	0,4
BK Dinero	1.215,95	0,22	0,6
BK Fondo Fijo	22,02	-0,55	0,5
BK Mixto Espa a 50	1.164,38	-0,56	1,7
BK Mixto Europa 20	68,07	-0,18	0,6
BK Renta V. Europea	47,52	-4,14	-3,0
Fondo Telefonico CP	982,25	0,29	0,7
	002,20	0,20	0,1
BANKPYME	F 40	0.40	
Bankpyme Comunicaciones	5,46	-8,19	-5,6
Bankpyme Eurovalor	5,25	-0,68	1,6
Bankpyme Multifix 25 RV	13,55	0,53	1,8
Bankpyme Swiss	19,28	-0,12	2,5
Bankpyme Top Class 75 RV	9,44	-2,51	1,5
BBVA			
BBVA Biofarma	507,43	-4,90	1,6
BBVA Bolsa Europa	61,23	-1,98	0,9
BBVA Bolsa Internacional	11,52	-3,94	0,9
BBVA Bolsa Japon	3,70	-5,14	6,5
BBVA Bono 2000 A	1.082,33	0,71	0,9
BBVA Bonos USA	10,51	-2,73	1,6
BBVA Crecimiento Europa	6,88	-0,91	0,6
BBVA Dinero	1.903,38	0,19	0,5
BBVA Fonbolsa Int.G	11,38	0,00	0,0
BBVA Mix 80 A	532,78	-0,72	1,5
BBVA Multifondo Dinamic.	510,34	-4,43	3,2
BBVA Plan Renta	1.045,61	0,20	1,4
BBVA RF Largo	13,83	0,31	1,0
BBVA Small Caps Europa	6,98	0,49	16,4
CAIXA CATALUNYA			
Caixa Cat. Borsa 5	5,86	-0,05	1,1
Caixa Cat. Borsa Europea	4,01	0,46	0,4
Caixa Cat. Borsa Usa	3,27	-0,72	2,4
Caixa Cat. Dinero	1.811,55	0,12	0,6
Caixa Cat. Global	11,78	0,17	0,6
Caixa Cat. Index	8,20	2,60	6,4
Caixa Cat. Inversio 2	4,46	-0,51	-0,7
Caixa Cat. Patrimoni	7,80	0,10	0,5
Caixa Cat. Patrimoni Plus	7,60	0,10	
Caixa Cat. Patrimoni Plus			0,6
	7,84	0,14	0,7
Caixa Cat. Previsio	18,01	0,43	1,4
Caixa Cat. Sanitat	4,60	-3,51	-2,0
Caixa Cat. Telecomunic.	1,98	-3,08	-3,2
CAIXA GIRONA			
Caixagirona Estalvi	10,29	0,11	0,3
Caivagirana Euromiyt 20	8,17	0,11	1,5
Gaixagirona Euronnixi 20	0,17		
	6,33	0,03	1,6
Caixagirona Euromixt 20 Caixagirona Euromixt 40 Caixagirona Global		0,03 -2,29	1,67 2,49

Fund	NAV.	M.YId%	YTD%	Fu
Giroborsa	3,64	-0,61	0,96	<u>Fo</u>
CAIXA LAIETANA				<u>Fo</u>
Fonlaietana	16,52			Fo Fo
Fonlaietana 30 Laidiner	1.362,75 1.674,63	-0,76 0,77		Fo
Laietana Bolsa	3,67			Fo
CAIXA PENEDÉS				Fo
Fonpenedes	9,15	-0,20	0,15	<u>Fo</u> Fo
Fonpenedes Borsa	5,67	-0,10	4,27	Fo
Fonpenedes Borsa Japo	6,22	-0,49	2,97	Fo
Fonpenedes Borsa USA Fonpenedes Diner	5,12 8,54		-1,34 0,55	Fo
Fonpenedes Euroborsa 100	3,67			Fo
Fonpenedes Inversio	7,47			Fo Fo
Fonpenedes Mixt Euroem.	12,29	0,70	4,87	Fo
Fonpenedes Tecnologia	4,41		-3,49	Fo
Fonpenedes Variable Mixt	4,64	-0,72	1,48	Fo
CAIXA TARRAGONA Tarragonafons 1	711 70	0.01	0.57	Fo
Tarragonatons 10	711,79 7,43		0,57 0,68	Fo Fo
Tarragonatons 2	5,98			Fo
Tarragonafons 3	7,93			Fo
Tarragonafons 4	5,98			М
Tarragonafons 5	7,59	0,26		Fo
Tarragonafons Global	6,14	-1,13	0,16	Fo
CAIXA TERRASA	10.61	0.25	0.65	Fo
CT Diner CT EUROFIX FIM	10,61 10,43		0,65 0,81	Fo Fo
CT Euromixt 25	9,77			M
CT EUROMIXT 50	9,93	-0,36	1,26	M
CT Euromixt 75	8,44			M
CT Global 100	6,60	-5,87	0,58	M
CAJA MADRID	1 507 05	0.00	0.56	M
Fondmadrid Invermadrid FT	1.537,85 14,19	0,20 0,08	0,56 0,75	M
Madrid Bolsa 100	10,32			M
Madrid Bolsa Activa	6,67	0,09	0,54	M
Madrid Bolsa Europea	5,24			M
Madrid Deuda Ft	10,62			M
Madrid Premiere	12,72			M
Plusmadrid 25 Plusmadrid 50	6,42 5,65			M
Plusmadrid Int.50	7,78		-0,24	M
CAJA MANRESA	.,,.	=,0.	0,2.	M
Caixa Manresa Mundiborsa	21,17	-2,31	0,41	M
Caixamanresa Op.Globals	22,37	0,00		M
Cem Tesoreria	7,41	0,39	1,10	M
Eurocem	6,34	-2,85	0,07	M
Fonmanresa Invermanresa	1.555,54 15,99		0,77 1,48	M
Invermanresa Invermanresa 2	9,46			S
CAM (CAJA DEL MEDITE				Ba
CAM Bolsa Indice		,	4,56	Ba
CAM Dinero 1	1.177,54	0,22		Ba
CAM Dinero Plus	925,63	0,34		Ba
CAM High Yield	7,04			Ba Ba
CAM Mixto 25	558,33 8 20			Ba Ba
CAM Mixto Variable Europa	8,29	-3,65	-0,35	Ba
DEUTSCHE BANK DB Acciones	18,03	0,01	5,74	BO
DB Capital 1			0,41	BO
DB Capital 2	7,39			<u>B(</u>
DB Diner	1.178,34	0,23	0,64	<u>B(</u>
DB Diner II	862,17			B(
DB Europa bolsa				BC
DB Mixta DB Norteamerica Bolsa	17,68 5.08	0,41 -0,61		В
GAESCO	5,00	0,01	0,55	<u>BS</u>
GAESCO Cahispa Multifondo	56,98	-5,68		<u>BS</u>
Catalunya Fons		0,27		<u>BS</u> BS
Eurofondo	11,71			BS
Gaesco Fondo de Fondos				BS
Gaesco Multinacional				Ex
Gaescoquant	3,18	-5,75		Sa
IBERCAJA	10.15	0.00	0.61	Sa
Ibercaja Ahorro		0,20		Sa Sa
Ibercaja Bolsa Europa Ibercaja Bolsa Internac.			0,34 -2,78	Sa
Ibercaja Euro		0,44		Sa
Ibercaja Renta Internac.				Sa
				SC
Ibercaja Sec.Inmobiliario				<u>S(</u>
Ibercaja Sec.Inmobiliario «LA CAIXA»				
«LA CAIXA»	9,29	-0,91	0,74	
«LA CAIXA» Fonc. 17Mixto Internacional Fonc. 18 RV Mixto Internacio	nal 8,16	-0,92	0,73	
«LA CAIXA» Fonc. 17Mixto Internacional	nal 8,16	-0,92 -0,41	0,73 1,69	<u>S0</u>

und	NAV	M.YId%	YTD%
oncaixa 57 RFLargo Euro	14,87	0,14	0,48
oncaixa 94 FF Bolsa Europea		-0,47	0,99
Foncaixa Ahorro 2	18,78	0,02	0,17
Foncaixa Ahorro 7 Foncaixa Bolsa 33	16,46 23,10	-0,27 -0,26	0,82 4,79
oncaixa Bolsa 43	5,23	-3,18	0,01
oncaixa Bolsa 5	21,12	-0,71	1,17
oncaixa Bolsa 52	4,88	-0,44	1,20
Foncaixa Bolsa 53	6,11	-5,06	-1,92
Foncaixa Bolsa 54 Foncaixa Bolsa 55	5,12 4,84	-1,73 -8,62	3,00 3,83
oncaixa Bolsa 62	3,33	-6,47	-0,91
oncaixa Bolsa 63	5,31	4,21	13,74
oncaixa Dinero 6	601,01	0,00	
oncaixa Dinero77	13,47	0,02	0,17
oncaixa Futuro 21	6,86	-0,44	0,59
Foncaixa Internacional 1 Foncaixa Mixto 25	0,35	0.40	0,60
oncaixa Mixto 28	7,35 7,35	-0,49 -0,47	0,01
Foncaixa Mixto 29	7,60	-0,46	2,83
oncaixa Mixto 38	6,99	-0,69	0,55
oncaixa Mixto 42	7,31	-0,48	2,78
Foncaixa Patrimonio 16	8,49	0,14	1,15
MAPFRE			
ondmapfre Bolsa	18,63	-0,06	3,17
ondmapfre Bolsa Europa	4,27	-2,61	-0,84
ondmapfre Diversificac.	9,82	-0,70	2,23
ondmapfre Internacional	963,58	-0,82	2,75
ondmapfre Rta. Mixto	7,25	-0,13	1,37
MORGAN STANLEY			
MS Ahorro	18,28	0,17	0,95
MS Bolsa MS Bolsa Internacional	21,26 7,28	0,04 -4,07	4,02 -0,65
MS Bolsaplus	16,38	-2,34	2,65
MS Dinerplus	1.406,80	0,04	0,54
MS Divisa	8,46	-0,68	0,35
MS Euro Acciones	6,32	-2,02	3,29
MS Euro Deuda	7,84	0,46	1,67
MS Euro Global	7,37	-0,57	1,71
MS Euro Seleccion	7,34	-1,75	5,08
MS Fondo MS Fondo 19	23,58 16,92	0,18 -1,13	1,14 1,50
MS Fondo 25	878,65	0,05	0,73
MS Fondos Agresivo	8,00	-2,25	3,46
MS Fondos Conservador	9,74	-0,73	2,02
MS Fondos Moderado	8,73	-1,62	2,75
MSS Asian Equity A	14,17	-4,51	-5,66
MSS European Eq Growth B	8,19	-4,43	-1,92
MSS Global Brands A	30,91	-3,16	5,53
MSS Global Sm Cap Val A MSS Global Value Eq A	19,78 28,27	-3,42 -3,18	9,89 4,32
	20,21	0,10	- 4,02
SCH Banesto Bolsas Europeas	4,78	-0,67	0,20
Banesto Dinero	15,40	0,06	0,26
Banesto Especial Dinero	7,33	0,29	0,84
Banesto Especial RF	7,79	0,30	
Banesto Especial RV	5,40	-0,23	5,99
Banesto Fons. Cat. Mixt	10,81	0,08	
Banesto Mixto Extra	5,83	-0,30	0,45
Banesto Mixto Fijo 2 BCH Acciones	6,41	-0,34	-0,02
BCH Acciones BCH Fondimo 1	1.790.63	-0,44 0,24	
BCH Fondimo 2	1.176,49		
BCH Int. Acciones	91,38	-4,21	
BCH Interes Diario	7,75	0,02	
BCH Internet	29,68	-8,95	-9,02
BCH Mixto Iberoamerica	72,28		
BCH Salud	41,37		
SSN Banif Acc. Esp.			5,06
BSN Banif Acc. Euro BSN Banif Acciones Emerg.	5,72 54,86		
3SN Banif Acciones Japon			
BSN Banif Dinero	1.816,47		
BSN Banif SILA	9,98	0,15	1,62
Extradinero Banesto	843,91	0,19	0,54
Sant. A Eleccion	616,80		
Sant. Acciones	2,12		
Sant. Acciones Europeas	11,57		
Sant. Dinero FT. Sant. Growth	1.259,23 5,99	0,17 -0,04	0,46 0,81
Sant. Indice	11,85		
Sant. Rentabilidad Europa			
SCH Euroindice	5,91		0,89
SCH Japon	29,47	-4,90	9,84
SCH Mixto Renta Fija 90/10	10,48		
SCH Selec.Fds Global	45,33	-4,64	1,78
SCH Selec.Fds Global Source:Morgan Stanley			

EURO STOXX 50	Close:	2.728,91	
Stock	Euros	Chg.%	Stock
Abn Amro	17,15	1,00	Koniinklig
Aegon	9,55	3,24	Konin Phi
Air Liquide	135,00	0,82	L'Oreal
Alcatel Altshom	11,72	2,63	L.V.M.H.
Allianz AG	82,21	1,78	LAFARGE
Aventis	65,40	1,40	Muench F
Axa	17,08	1,73	Nokia Hel
Basf	43,90	0,43	Olivetti &
Bayer AG	22,33	1,09	Repsol
BBVA	10,92	0,28	Royal Dut
BNP-Paribas	47,89	0,95	Rwe St
Carrefour	39,30	-0,03	Saint-Gob
DaimlerChrysler	36,65	1,47	SAN
Danone	69,50	1,02	San Paolo
Deutsche Bank	59,48	1,76	Sanofi
Deutsche Telekom	13,69	-0,22	Siemens
E.ON-AG	59,91	-0,43	Societe G
Endesa	15,40	0,79	Suez Lyo
Enel SPA	6,55	-0,02	TECOM IT
ENI ITL	16,64	-0,14	Telefónica
Fortis NV	17,90	1,42	Total Fina
France Telecom	20,12	-0,15	Unicredit
Generali Assic	21,70	-0,32	Unilever C
Iberdrola	17,28	1,11	Vivendi (E
Ing Groep	18,65	2,19	Volkswag

XX 50	Close:	2.728,91	Chg: 0,77%		
	Euros	Chg.%	Stock	Euros	Chg.%
	17,15	1,00	Koniinkligje Ahold	5,94	0,68
	9,55	3,24	Konin Philips	20,52	1,08
	135,00	0,82	L'Oreal	60,65	-0,16
	11,72	2,63	L.V.M.H.	58,90	0,86
	82,21	1,78	LAFARGE	71,60	0,99
	65,40	1,40	Muench Rueck Nam	80,00	0,76
	17,08	1,73	Nokia Helsinki	9,91	0,92
	43,90	0,43	Olivetti & C	2,49	-0,08
	22,33	1,09	Repsol	18,02	-0,28
	10,92	0,28	Royal Dutch	42,13	0,10
	47,89	0,95	Rwe St	40,63	-0,37
	39,30	-0,03	Saint-Gobain	39,65	0,86
	36,65	1,47	SAN	8,45	0,12
	69,50	1,02	San Paolo Imi	9,41	-0,22
	59,48	1,76	Sanofi	55,25	1,84
1	13,69	-0,22	Siemens	56,50	2,11
	59,91	-0,43	Societe Generale	67,00	0,75
	15,40	0,79	Suez Lyonn Eaux	16,75	0,84
	6,55	-0,02	TECOM IT MOB	4,53	-0,07
	16,64	-0,14	Telefónica	12,09	1,43
	17,90	1,42	Total Fina	158,90	0,00
	20,12	-0,15	Unicredit	3,96	0,03
	21,70	-0,32	Unilever Cert.	52,95	0,19
	17,28	1,11	Vivendi (EX CGE)	21,12	0,81
	18,65	2,19	Volkswagen Ag	32,92	1,17

CURRENCIES AND INTEREST RATES

Currency per Euro	
US Dollar	1,230
Sterling Pound	0,667
Japanese Yen	134,080
Swiss Franc	1,534
Swedesh Crown	9,182
Danish Crown	7,437
Norwegian Crown	8,505
Canadian dollar	1,622
Austr.Dollar	1,703
NewZelandDollar	1,894
Polish Zloty	4,467
Hung.Floris	249,940
Eslov.Crown	39,880
Czech. Crown	31,438
Cyprus Pound	0,582
Eston.Crown	15,600

-2004		A	vg Rate
Banks			3,245
Saving Banks			3,362
Avg.Credit Ba	nks		3,307
CECA			4,625
Mibor			2,405
Euribor			2,404
MIBOR			
MIBOR Termini	Mitjà	Màxim	Mínim
	Mitjà 2,05%	Màxim 2,05%	
Termini			2,01%
Termini 1 setmana	2,05%	2,05%	2,01%
Termini 1 setmana 1 mes	2,05%	2,05%	2,01%
Termini 1 setmana 1 mes 2 mesos	2,05%	2,05%	Mínim 2,01% 2,07% -
Termini 1 setmana 1 mes 2 mesos 3 mesos	2,05%	2,05%	2,01%

MORTGAGE INTEREST RATE

SPANISH STOCKS IN THE WORLD

New York	(

STOCK	Last	win. Year	wax.rear	Prev. Glose
Telefónica	44,12	33,00	51,67	44,41
BSCH	10,33	8,35	12,40	10,49
Repsol	21,99	15,77	22,58	22,40
Endesa	18,84	15,15	20,55	19,00
Cameco Corp	59,75	30,69	61,00	60,11
BBVA	13,35	10,20	14,55	13,51
Paris				
Stock	Last	Min.Year	Max.Year	Prev.Close
T-1-46-1	40.00	0.77	40.50	11.05

Stock	Last	Min.Year	Max.Year	Prev.Close
Telefónica	12,09	9,77	13,56	11,95
B. Popular	45,40	38,00	55,00	46,80
BSCH	50,55	19,45	54,50	50,50
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Frankfurt				
Stock	Last	Min.Year	Max.Year	Prev.Close
Telefónica	12,07	9,76	13,55	11,93
Repsol	18,05	13,95	18,52	18,00
DOOLL	7.40	0.54	40.00	0.54

METALS		
Basic Metals \$/Tm.	Market	Price
Aluminium	London	1.731,00
Copper	London	2.908,00
Tin	London	9.050,00
Nickel	London	15.050,00
Lead	London	936,00
Zinc	London	994,00
Precious Metals \$/ounze	Market	Price
Gold	London	421,80
Palladium	London	326,00
Silver	London	8,10
Platimun	London	906,00
Crude Oil (euros)	Market	Price
Brent	London	38,30



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Spain's deficit reaches 5,167 million euros in second quarter

The national debt has gone up by 85.3 per cent since this time during the last twelve-month period

ALEX LEFF, MADRID

Spain has registered a deficit of 5,167 million euros in the second quarter in terms of national accounting, representing 0.66 per cent of GDP. The figure has gone upby 85.3 per cent compared to the first half of financial year 2003, according to the state secretary of Treasury and Budget, Miguel Ángel Fernández Ordóñez.

The state deficit is a result of a total of 48,007 million euros in nonfinancial earnings (2.6 per cent less than last year), and spending which reached 53,174 million between January and June (2.1 per cent more than the same period last year). The deficit increase, according to Fernández Ordóñez, is mainly due to the refunds on income tax (IRPF) and sales tax (IVA) that have been made throughout the course of the year, as well as the reduction of national income. In terms of national savings, the state recorded a deficit of 6,737 million euros in June, slightly lower than the 6,892 million from the year before, as a result of reduced interest, and end-of-term payments. Net collection rose to 66,692 million euros, up by 2.7 per cent, as well as earnings, 19,022 million euros, which have been ceded to the territories.

Looking at tax revenue, collection was at 26,966 million euros, down 0.5 per cent, while the IRPF revenue fell by 5.3 per cent to a total of 21,237 million euros, owing to the dramatic increase in the num-



State secretary of Treasury and Budget, Miguel Ángel Fernández Ordóñez / víctor lerena / efe

ber of refunds as compared to last year. More specifically, there have been 38 per cent more refunds this year than in 2003. Also part of tax earnings, the state made 17.2 per cent more in corporate tax, up to 4,587 million euros, which Fernández Ordóñez says, in this case,

ber of refunds as compared to last is a consequence of a lower number and register an 11 per cent increase year. More specifically, there have of refunds compared with 2003. by the end of the fiscal year. The

In the Treasury Secretary's opinion, IRPF collection couldend up with a four per cent growth by the end of the year, despite its slippage until June. Corporate tax will moderate its current growth rate

and register an 11 per cent increase by the end of the fiscal year. The Spanish Treasury expects earnings from direct taxes to go up by seven per cent in 2004. Government earnings from the IVA, or VAT tax grew to 22,794 million euros, up by 3.3 per cent.

Caixa Catalunya up by over 120 million euros in first two quarters

ALEX LEFF

Caixa Catalunya earned a net profit of 121.68 million euros in the first two quarters, which is a 16.4 per cent increase compared to the same period the year before, the bank announced yesterday. This growth reached full steam when credit rates shot up to 18.7 per cent. But the increase is also attributed to the 19.5 per cent rise in fee income and to high-yield funds from financial transactions and participating businesses.

Looking at the interest spread, financial intermediation went up by 5.3 per cent, a total of 341.3 million euros. The operational profit, which combines charges and financial operations, produced better activity, growing by 9.9 per cent or 473.87 million. The increase of 19.5 per

cent in fee income and 51.7 per cent in operations fuelled the better activity in the ordinary spread as compared to growth in finances. Operating profit, which reflects banking activity purely, rose by 17.8 per cent. Gross profit for the the Caixa performed equally well, up by 31.5 per cent.

However, this trend could not be duplicated in net profit, owing to the considerable rise in the fiscal rate—up 42.6 per cent—which held earnings growth down at 16.4 per cent.

Caixa Catalunya is the parent of Spain's seventh-largest banking group and the fourth-largest savings bank group, by total assets. It is present throughout Spain, helped by expansion in Madrid and Valencia. Earlier this month its individual Fitch rating was upgraded to "B".

Negotiations for Vivendi-Lagardere merger under way

AGENCIES

French media groups Vivendi Universal and Hachette, an affiliate of the world's largest magazine publisher Lagardere, are negotiating a potential merger, a French weekly newspaper reported on Tuesday.

"It's true, we have discussed an eventual merger", an anonymous person present at the negotiation table told *Le Canard Enchainé*. However, the person added that "it is not yet clear on either the Vivendi side, or the Lagardere side."

The new group would be led by Vivendi's current chairman, Jean-René Fourtou, if things go according to plan. The possible merger got the go-ahead from French prime minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin and minister of Finance Nicolas Sarkozy. They were both convinced that



Finance minister Nicolas Sarkozy / AP

the move would guarantee that the media group Cegetel-SFR, of which Vivendi owns 55.8 per cent, would not fall into British hands, the French weekly reported.

UNITED KINGDOM

Biomass industry seeks help

Britain must throw a financial lifeline to green stations which burn wood chips and other biomass fuels or risk missing out on an important source of clean fuel in years to come, according to renewable energy firms. The government's renewables obligation subsidy scheme for green power has failed to spark significant growth in the biomass sector, which is still suffering a crisis of confidence after its biggest project went bust two years ago, they said. Ministers want biomass, which ranges from willow cuttings and elephant grass to chicken litter and mashed olives, to expand alongside other green power sources such as wind and solar power to help meet ambitious targets on cutting greenhouse gas emissions.

HOTELS

Boost in on-line booking

On-line hotel reservations went up by 256 per cent in the first half compared to last year, according to Rumbo, a web agency with Terra and Amadeus as leading shareholders. According to the study, hotel bookings have become the fastest growing product on the net. It estimates increases by 200 per cent for 2005 and 100 per cent for two years after that. The study finds that 35.7 per cent of Spanish hotel reservations in the first six months of 2004 were made for establishments located along the coast, especially Costa del Sol, followed by Valencia and Costa Blanca-Alicante.

AIRLINES

EasyJet opens new route

The British low-cost airline company EasyJet is set to launched its new route flying between Madrid and Berlin. It is scheduled to begin daily flights starting on 31 October 2004. Planes will depart from Madrid Barajas airport at 4:24 pm and from Berlin Schoenefeld at 12:15 pm Seats are already on sale at the company's website, easyjet.com, priced at 20.49 euros, tax not included. Madrid has become an important partner for the airline company, which has announced the opening in autumn of other possible connections to the Spanish capital, including Gineva and Paris. In addition to its Madrid-Liverpool flights, as well as routes to London Luton and London Gatwick airports, the airline will offer a total of eight new routes.

SIEMENS

Kaeser named new strategy chief

German engineering conglomerate Siemens named a new strategy chief yesterday to take over from Klaus Kleinfeld, who is to become the firm's chief executive when Heinrich von Pierer retires. Joe Kaeser, currently chief financial officer at Siemens Mobile, will become head of corporate strategy on 1 October, reporting directly to von Pierer. The 47-year-old, who began his career at Siemens in 1980, was responsible for the recent negotiations at Siemens Mobile that led to the re-adoption of a 40-hour week at two German production plants, igniting a national debate on working hours.

CULTURE

María del Mar Bonet's poetic exploration of the Mediterranean

María del Mar Bonet will be performing tonight at the Teatre Grec

MICHAEL BUNN

The Mallorcan singer-songwriter María del Mar Bonet will be appearing tonight in the Teatre Grec as part of the Forum-Grec festival. She will be performing her show Amic i Amat, which is her personal attempt at expressing a musical mysticism through the prose of the Catalan writer Ramon Llull through and Arabic music of love.

The show is based around the work of the 13th-century poet Ramon Llull, whom Maria del Mar Bonet discovered in a poetry anthology of Llull compiled by Jacint Verdaguer, in which Verdaguer translated a selection of Ramon Llull's work Llibre d'Amic i Amat (The book of the friend and the loved one). The results of Bonet's discovery of Llull, who was one of the exponent of the Catalan renaixença, also coincides with the centenary of the death of the artist Perejaume in Folgueroles (Osona).

The singer said "it was a great discovery for me because I find it easier to create songs out of poetry. Though the truth is I can't tell any more where Llull ends and Verdaguer begins". The story of the *Llibre* dAmic i Amat, which includes generous doses of Arabic mysticism, has enabled Bonet to imbue her sound with the music from the eastern Mediterranean. "When it was suggested I should perform at the For-



 $Mar\'ia\,del\,Mar\,Bonet's\,music\,is\,an\,evocative\,blend\,of\,Mediterranean\,cultures\,\,/\,\,ARCHIVE\,ARCHIVE\,ARchive\,Arch$

um-Grec festival, I immediately thought of creating a dialogue between both sides of the Mediterranean. And in fact, that is what I have always done, as I love exploring the music of that region".

To achieve the right sound, Maria del Mar Bonet will be performing with musicians from the Cham Ensemble of Damascus, whom she met after a performance in the Syrian

capital. They will be accompanying Bonet as she performs a number of muaxajas — compositions dating back to the old civilization of Al-Andalus. The concert will comprise six sections, two of which were composed by Luis Delgado, the producer of the show. These compositions will appear on disc by the end of the year, to coincide with Bonet's tour of the US and Mexico.

Antonio Gades, one of Spain's great dancers and choreographers

MICHAEL BUNN

Antonio Gades, who died on Tuesday after a long battle with cancer, was one of the leading dancers of the 20th century, and during his long career he gained international recognition for his fusion of classic and flamenco dance.

Gades discovered dance when he was only eleven years old, "by complete accident". After a short period during which he was torn between dancing and builtighting, ne met the dance teacher Pilar López, who taught him for nine years. Though his initial interest was in flamenco, he later studied ballet techniques. and went on to dance at the Opera in Rome and the Scala in Milan.

But it was his work as a dancer and choreographer in productions such as Blood Wedding and Carmen (which were both made into films) that brought him fame. His near-



Though he was not Andalusian or a gypsy, Gades was a great flamenco dancer / EFE

not only made him into a dance leg-age to declare himself a Communist end, it also dragged Spanish dance under Franco's dictatorship.

perfect technique and his modern, into the 20th century. He was also a understated approach to set design man of principle who had the cour-



Dino de Laurentiis pictured at his studios before they were sold off in 2000 / ARCHIVES

Cradle of Fellini films, the legendary Dino de Laurentiis studios go up in smoke

The Roman studios were used to make many of Fellini's classic films during the 1960's

MICHAEL BUNN

A fire has destroyed part of the old Dino de Laurentiis studios, which were used to make films such as John Huston's "The Bible" and Fellini's last film, "The Voice of the Moon". Initial police reports have revealed that the blaze started from a short circuit in one of the electrical units, and the flames spread quickly through the buildings, destroying roomsful of old scenery and sets.

Though there were no victims, the fire caused widespread material damage, and before the firemen could extinguish the blaze they had to break down several doors which had been automatically locked by the electronic security system.

The studios, which stand on the outskirts of Rome, were created by the producer Dino de Laurentiis in the 1960s, and are known as "Dinocittà". They were purchased in 2000 by entrepreneurs who have used the complex for producing made-for-TV films, including a television serial about ancient Rome called "Empire", made by the ABC network and Touchstone television (Disney). Many of the original sets used in Fellini's films, which were stored in the studios, are thought to have been destroyed in the fire.

OPERACIÓN ALGECIRAS - THE STORY OF A FAILED COMMANDO RAID

Following the success of Michael Moore's controversial documentaries, certain film distributors have decided to try and capitalise on the public's new interest in the documentary genre. Hence, on Friday, the film "Operación Algeciras" will be appearing at cinemas around the country. This film, which is a Spanish-Argentinean co-production, tells the story of a team of Argentinean commandos who, just before the Malvinas war was about to erupt in 1982, embarked on a secret mission, travelling from Buenos Aires to Spain in order to blow up the British warships that were anchored at Gibraitar, using impet mines. The Malvinas conflict might have had a different outcome if the operation had been a success, though in the event it was an utter failure that verged at times on absurdist comedy. The director Jesús Mora tells the story using testimonies from the people who were actually involved, and with the help of a narrator (the voice of Abel Folk).

However, the basic story is the version that was recounted by one of the commando team called Nicoletti, who was a submarine expert in the Argentinean navy. He explains how the mistake-ridden attempt to blow up the ships was foiled by the fact that the British intercepted the com $mandos `radio \, communications, and \, they were \, promptly \, \bar{a}rrested \, by \, the$ Spanish police and spent the duration of the war in prison.

SPORTS

Atlético may solve Saviola problem

Barça president Joan Laporta must be dreading that the curse of Joan Gaspart will never lift

MICHAEL BUNN

Ex-Barça president Joan Gaspart is a successful businessman who owns a chain of hotels, though given his chaotic period of presidency, this is hard to believe. In fact, if he had applied the same degree of business dexterity to his hotels as he did to the club, he would have built them next to sewage treatment plants, furnished the rooms with assorted tat from second-hand markets and staffed the hotels with teams of baboons.

And now it seems that the dead hand of Gaspart has intervened once again in Barça's dealings: after more than a year of waiting, Argentinean striker Javier Saviola has been granted Spanish citizenship, which will mean that coach Rijkaard will have one less headache with respect to the number of non-EU players in the squad. The only problem is that the contract Saviola signed with Gaspart stipulated that when the player achieves Spanish citizenship, he will be granted an extra 1.3 million euros bonus.

Given that the Barça management was already trying to reduce Saviola's current salary, this news will have come as a shock, and since they seem to have been unable to reach a deal with the Argentinean, it came as no surprise that yesterday's Marca reported that Atlético had made a bid for the striker. However, ery week to Newcastle and Atlético



Apart from Atlético, Barcelona's Argentinean striker Javier Saviola has also had offers from several English teams / ARCHIVE

Barça will probably have to negotiate a similar deal as they did when they finally rid themselves of Kluivert this week: because the prospective buyer, Newcastle, refused to pay all of the astronomical salary that Kluivert was demanding, Barça had to agree to shell out almost half the amount. Paying out hefty sums evwill certainly be a drain on Barça's resources, though much less so than if they had kept the players at Barcelona on their full salaries.

Meanwhile, it seems that Barcelona's bid to sign Zaragoza's Milito is doomed to failure, and they have now opted to bring in Sammy Hyppia from Liverpool on loan to cover the position the Zaragoza player

would have occupied.

Joan Laporta must be keeping his fingers crossed that the ghost of Joan Gaspart does not make any further appearances during the coming season, as the current president has had to work long and hard to correct his predecessor's errors, which brought the club to the point of near bankruptcy a year ago.

Iniesta shines andscoresin Barça's friendly with Palamós

MICHAEL BUNN

On Tuesday night Barcelona won a resounding 6-0 victory in a friendly match against third division side Palamós, as part of their pre-season training campaign. After a disappointing match last week against Banyoles, Barça found their form, and goals came from Iniesta, Luis Garcia, Gerard (2), Messi and Verdú.

Iniesta and Ronaldinho were particularly outstanding, forming a lethal pairing in which the Brazilian created the imaginative moves and Iniesta supplied the efficiency. With his slick performance, Iniesta took excellent advantage of the opportunity coach Frank Rijkaard had given him to prove that he deservesaplaceinthesquad, and even as part of the regular team. He showed he meant business straight away by opening Barça's scoresheet after only five minutes, as well as playing a vital part in setting up two of the other goals.

The other positive note as far as Rijkaard was concerned was the rapid, elegant performance given by new signing Ludovico Giuly who, though he only came on for the last 15 minutes, showed that he has finally overcome the injury which prevented him from playing in the champions league final, and he even came close to scoring.



Argentina reach final in 3-0 rout

On Tuesday Argentina crushed defending champions Colombia 3-0 in the Copa America semifinals to qualify for their first final in 11 years. Argentina deserved the result, after having had most of the possession. Carlos Tevez opened the scoring in the 33rd minute, after which Luis González doubled the score (in photo, with Tevez) and Juan Pablo Sorin headed home 10 minutes from time. Colombia made the mistake of sitting back and defending for much of the game, and were punished for their conservative play. / EFE

Armstrong destroys Basso in l'Alpe d'Huez time trials

REUTERS

Lance Armstrong seized complete control of the Tour de France yesterday with an awesome display of power cycling to win the 9.6-mile individual time trial. The American, who is bidding for a record sixth overall Tour victory, blasted round the 21 hairpins on the twisting climb to the Alpine ski resort in 39 minutes 41.47 seconds to annihilate his nearest rival Ivan Basso. It was his third stage win on this year's Tour and it came a day after he took over the yellow jersey with a stunning victory on the climb to Villard-de-Lans. "There was a lot of emotion and adrenaline, this mountain is special for me and for the Tour", the fivetimes champion said. He went on to criticise the behaviour of some of the fans, who almost blocked his way at many points along the road.



WHAT'S C

THURSDAY

Concerts

BARCELONA

- ►La Pedrera. Fundació Caixa Catalunya. Music from around the world, as part of the cycle of concerts The Pedrera by Night. Provença, 261. Friday and Saturday, 9.30 pm-12 pm. Tickets: 10 euros (refreshments included). Until August 28th.
- ▶Apolo. Concert by Femi Kuti. At 10:00 pm. Nou de la Rambla, 113.
- ▶Apolo. Deep funk concert by DJ Raw Deal. As part of Powder Room. At 12:30 am. Nou de la Rambla, 113.
- ▶Bikini. Soul, funk, folk concert by Jonah Smith. At 9:00 pm. Deu i Mata, 105.
- ▶Centre Cívic Matas i Ramis. Rock concert by El Sobrino del Diablo. At 10:00 pm. Feliu i Codina, 20-22.
- ▶Domèstic. Concert by DJ Andy Dábula, GrooveLab and Sound System. As part of Glamourama. At 10:00 pm. Diputació, 215. ▶Fundació Joan Miró. Concert by Ned Rothenberg. As part of Nits de música. At 8:30
- pm. Parc de Montjuïc. ► Heliogàbal. Jazz concert by Standards de jazz. At 10:00 pm. Ramón v Cajal, 80.
- ▶Jamboree. Jazz concert by Andreu Jacob & Michael Grossman. At 11:00 pm. Pl. Reial 17. ▶ Jardins de la Tamarita. Concert by Duo Helua, flute and guitar. As part of Música Clàssica
- als Parcs. At 10:00 pm. Pg. Sant Gervasi, 41. ► Jardins del Turó Parc. Concert by Zonazul, guitar, flute and precussion. As part of Música als Parcs. At 10:00 pm. Av. Pau Casals, 1.
- ► Jazz Sí Club. Concert by Palosanto and Decarga Cubana with María Elena. At 9:00 pm. Requesens, 2.
- ▶La Boîte. Jazz funk concert by Funk Player Reunion. At 12:00 am. Diagonal, 477.
- ►La Cova del Drac Jazz Room. Concert by Ramón Díaz Group. At 11 pm. Vallmajor, 33. ▶ La Paloma. Percussion concert by Guem. At 10:00 pm. Carrer del Tigre, 27.
- ▶ La Paloma. Concert by DJs Professor Angel Dust & De Lippo. As part of Bongo Lounge. At 12:00 am. Carrer del Tigre, 27.
- ►La Terrazza. Concert by DJs Mirus Love & Jaime Fiorito. At 12:00 am. Poble Espanyol. ► Laboratori Musical Les Basses. Flamenco concert by Nuria Ventura. At 10 pm. Teide, 20. ▶London Bar. Blues concert by Tota Blues. At
- 12:30 am. Nou de la Rambla, 34 ▶Los Tarantos. Flamenco concert by Tío Car-
- los. At 8:30 pm. Plaça Reial, 17. ▶ Moog. Concert by DJs Paco Osuna and Purpur. At 1:00 am. Arc del Teatre, 3.
- ▶Otto Zutz. Concert by DJ Jeff K. At 12:30 am. Lincoln, 15.
- ▶Plataforma. Concert by Essential Drum'n'Bass. At 12 am. Nou de la Rambla,
- ▶ Razzmatazz 1. Rockabilly concert by Stray Cats. At 9:30 pm. Almogàvers, 122.
- ▶Rita Blue. Bossa Nova concert. At 10:30 pm. Pl. Sant Agustí, 3.
- ►Sidecar. Pop concert by Sakapatú. At 10:30 pm. Heures, 4-6.
- ▶Sottovoce. Blues and jazz concert by Jonathan and Karl. At 10:30 pm. Pl. Duc de Med-

GIRONA

►Carpa Nummunit. Jazz concert by Dave Wilkinson. At 1:00 am.

SANT FELIU DE GUÍXOLS

►Auditori Plaça Abadia. Concert by Michael Nymann and String Quartet & Sarah Leonard. As part of Festival de la Porta Ferrada. At 10:30

Recommended | M. TOPOR



Amic i Amat, with Maria del Mar Bonet

• Born on the island of Mallorca, Maria del Mar Bonet started learning traditional Balearic songs when she was a child. She moved to Barcelona around 1967 and made her first stage appearances with the group of Catalan singers and songwriters Els Setze jutges. Soon after, the warmth of her voice and her passionate elegance seduced audiences around the world. The great

artist is presenting tonight at Teatre Grec her new album in embryo - Amic i Amat, a work inspired by the close relationship between the poetry of Ramon Llull and the poetry and music of Arab countries. The Mallorcan artist works as before with musicians from Damascus and the Coral Cantiga choir. Tickets: 15-36 euros. Pg. Santa Madrona, 36.

Ple de riure festival: Masnou in a good humour

• The Festival Ple de Riure arrives at Masnou with a great variety of activities aiming to entertain children and adults alike. Until Saturday 26 July, the festival, which first took place eight years ago, will be offering good doses of humour through mime performances, juggling, theatre and circus. Apart from the already familiar marquees on the beach of Masnou, there will also be free street performances, such as El Mercadillo and street parades.

Night tours: a good time for secrets and legends

• If you want to know more about the history of Tarragona, its cultural heritage and legends, then nothing is better than Història a la fresca, a set of activities offered by the Museu d'Història which will introduce you to the secrets of the city. You can choose between night tours to the most important monuments of the city (the muralla, Pretori Romà and the Circus), a walk on la Rambla, or a visit to the Castellarnau palace. For further details check www.tgna.org

TARRAGONA

►Monestir de les Carmelites Descalces. Concert by José Benantzi, organ, and Marta Mateu, soprano. At 8:30 pm.

▶Vic Bang Jazz Cava. Concert by VokSka, Insòlits and guest artist. At 10:30 pm.

Dance

BARCELONA

►Antic Teatre. Solo by Víctor Zambrana. At 9:00 pm. Verdaguer i Callís, 12.

Theatre

BARCELONA

- ►Artenbrut Teatre. La dona com a camp de batalla, by Matéi Visniec. Thurs to Sat 9 pm. Sundays 6 pm. Until July 25th. Perill, 9. Tickets: 16 euros.
- ▶Espai Escènic Joan Brossa. Amor Matern, by August Strindberg. Tues to Sat 9 pm, Sunday 7 pm. Tickets: 9-16 euros. Until July 25th. Allada Vermell 13. Tel. 93 301 01 64.
- ►Sala Muntaner. Cancons dedicades , by Franz Xavier Kroetz. Wed to Sat 9:30 pm, Sunday 7 pm. Until July 25th. Muntaner 4.
- ▶Teatre Apolo. Amor y fuego, by Manolo Carrasco (pianist). Tuesdays 9:30 pm, Wednesdays 6 and 9:30 pm, Thursdays 9:30 pm, Fridays 10 pm, Saturdays 7:30 and 10:30 pm, Sunday 7 pm. Tickets: 18-24. Until August 1st. Paral-lel 59. tel. 93 441 79 92.

- ▶Teatre Borràs. Dreamers by Gemelos Lombard. Tues to Sat, 9:30 pm. Sundays, 7:30 pm. Until August 1st. Check for tickets. Pl. Urquinaona, 9. Tel. 93 412 15 82.
- ►Teatre Nou Tantarantana. Diktat, by Enzo Corman. Wednesday to Saturday 9 pm, Sunday 7 pm. Until August 22nd. Tickets: 13-16. C/de les Flors, 22. Tel. 93 441 70 22.
- ▶Teatre Novedades. Mientes + que parpadeas. Tickets: 18-22. Until July 25th. Casp, 1. Tel. 93 412 11 75.

▶Teatre Tívoli. Fama. El musical. Wed to Fri

- 9:30 pm, Sat 6:30 and 10 pm, Sun 6:30 pm. Tickets: 20-30 . Check for dates. Casp 8. ▶Teatre Victòria. Torero by Antonio Canales. Tues to Thurs, 9:30 pm. Fridays, 10 pm. Saturdays, 7:30 and 10 pm. Sundays, 7:30 pm. Tickets: 20-30 euros. Until August 1st. Par-
- ▶Versus Teatre. Play The backroom by Cia. 8:30 pm. Until August 29th. Tickets: 16 euros. Castillejos, 179. Tel. 93 232 31 84.
- ►Versus Teatre. Play La pentamorfosis de *Kafka* by Ever Blanchet. Wed to Sat at 8:30 pm. Sundays at 6:30 pm. Until August 1st. Tickets: 12 euros. Castillejos, 179. Tel. 93 232 31 84.

Miscellaneous

►Casal de Joves del Coll. Animation film screening El viatge de Shihiro by Hayao Miyazaki. At 10 pm. Duran i Borrell, 24.

▶Palau Robert. D'Alexandria a Empúries, music and poems by Kavafis and Catalan poets. At 8:30 pm. Pg. de Gràcia, 107.

PALAMÓS

► Museu de la Pesca. La ruta marítima Josep Pla. Excursion on typical Catalan boat. Until August 31st. At 10:30 am.

SABADELL

▶Pati del Museu d'Art. 5th Short Film Festival. At 10:30 pm.

TERRASSA

► Centre Cívic Montserrat Roig. Film screening Donnie Darko. As part of Kaos al cinema. At 10:00 am.

Exhibitions

►Museu del Montsià. Exhibition Pintura i compromís (Painting and compromise) by Niebla. Until August 22nd.

- ► Macba Museu d'Art. Exposition Arte y utopía: la acción restringida. Works by Picasso, Braque, Duchamp and Rauschenberg. Until September 12th. Tickets: 4-7 euros. Macba, Pl. Àngels, 1.
- ▶CaixaForum. Exhibition Estarem segurs mentre tot es mogui (We're safe as long as everything is moving) by Doug Aitken. Until September 26th. Av. Marquès de Comillas,
- ▶Casa Batlló. Exhibition and guided tour The attics and the chimneys. Audioguided in six

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

Palau Robert (Catalan Information Centre) aims to provide all the information needed to enable residents and visitors alike to get to know Catalonia. Passeig de Gràcia, 107. Tel. 93 238 80 91

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

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

languages. New tour for blind people. Mon to Sun 9am-8pm. Passeig de Gràcia 43.

- ▶CCCB. Exhibition Pascal Comelade i la seva orquestra d'instruments de joguina. A selection of 32 toy instruments. Free entrance. Until August 22nd. Montalegre, 5.
- ►Centre Cultural Caixa Catalunya. El Cos i el cosmos. Art escultòric del Mèxic precolombí. Tickets: free. Until October 10th. Provença 261-265. Tel. 93 484 59 95
- ► Centre d'Art Centre Mònica. Apparent Phenomena, by Joao Tabarra. Until September 26th. Rbla Santa Mònica, 7.
- ▶Espai Caja Madrid. Exhibition Cuando los cómics se llamaban tebeos. Orginal works from the 50s and 60s. Until August 12th.
- ▶Fundació Joan Miró. Manifest groc. Dalí, Gasch, Montanya i l'antiart. Until September 26th. Parc de Montjuïc. Tickets: 3,6 . Colsed on Mondays. Tel. 93 443 94 70.
- ►Galeria d'Art Contemporani Maria Villalba i Badia. Painting exhibition Tung Wen Margue. Mon to Fri 12-14 pm and 6-9 pm. Bailèn, 110.
- ▶Institut Francès. Boyzone. Imatges del cos, by Clarisse Hahn. Closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Until September 22nd. Moià, 8.
- ▶Mnac. Festins, rituals, cerimònies. Ancient bronze works from Shangai. Tickets: 4,20. Closed on Mondays. Until September 12th. Palau Nacional de Montjuïc.
- ► Museu d'Arqueologia. D'Hèrcules a Superman. Gods and heroes of the Greek and Roman mythology. Until November 1st. Tickets: 2,40 euros. Pg. Santa Madrona 39-41
- ►Museu Marítim. Titanic. Until October 10th. Tickets: 7 euros. Av. Drassanes. 1.
- ▶Palau de la Virreina. Exhibition El primer Eros. Àfrica, Amèrica i Oceania. Free entrance. Until October 31st. La Rambla, 99.
- ▶Palau Moja. Catalunya, país de trobada. Until October 3rd. Portaferrissa, 1.

► Meifrèn exhibition room. Dalíi Gala: 40 anys de vida en comú, by Arturo Caminada. Until January 23rd 2005.

FIGUERES

►Museu del Joguet de Catalunya. Exhibition Els vint primers anys de Salvador Dalí. Until September 30th.

- ►Espai del Museu d'Art. Temporary exhibition Senyals, directed by Marleen Kars. Until September 5th.
- ►Centre Bonastruc ça Porta. El secret dels llibres. Els documents amagats dels jueus a Girona. 10 am-6 pm. Sunday and holidays 10 am-3 pm. Until September 30th.
- ▶Fontana d'Or. Viure a Palau a l'Edat Mitjana, segles XII-XV. Until September 19th.
- ►Fundació "La Caixa", sala Girona. Matisse. Els llibres il·lustrats. Until July 25th. ►Galeria d'Art Sant Félix. Recent works by
- Juan Carter, El Gato. Until July 31st. ►Museu d'Art. El llegat del Pop Art a Catalu-
- nya. Until September 12th. MATARÓ

►Museu de Mataró. Exhibition on Dalí's works. Until October 24th. As part of the Museums International Day.

PALAFRUGELL

- ▶Fundació Pla. Exhibtion Salvador Dalí, Josep Pla: coincidències. Until November 28th.
- ► Galeria Antoni Pinyol. Exhibition by América Sánchez, Nora Ancarola and Uwe West, Until August 31st.

- ►Castell-EcoMuseu Urbà. Exhibition Serrat: un temps de cançons. Tues to Sat, 4 to 8 pm. Sundays, 11 am to 2 pm. Until July 30th. **SANT CUGAT DEL VALLÈS**
- ►Canals Galeria d'Art. Exhibition Un món proper, un món diverse by various artists from different countries. Weekdays, from 5 to 8 pm. Saturdays, 11 am to 2 pm and 6 to 8 pm. Until August 30th.

►Museu d'Art de la Pell. Exhibition Antoni Tàpies, cos i llenguatge. Until September 12th.

Guided tours

- ▶Palau Maricel. Guided tour to Palau Maricel, with music and cava. At 8 pm. Fonollar, s/n. **TARRAGONA**
- ▶Tarragona Romana. Until September 15th.



More than just a pleasant voice

• After the great commercial success of her album Scattering poems, which she recorded with Julia Hülsmann's trio. and which was number two on German jazz lists, the Norwegian artist Rebekka Baken has received great critical acclaim for her solo debut The art of how to fall (Universal Music). The eleven original compositions show her as a highly talented 33-year-old woman with a lot more than just a pleasant voice: she proves to be an excellent musician and singer following the steps of artists such as Joni Mitchell, Rickie Lee Jones, Tom Waits or Bob Dylan. Rebekka Baken is performing on the Forum's Haima Stage tonight at 10:30 pm. • M. T

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PERMANENT PERFORMANCES

- ► Move the World (Omkarakala), by Hansel Cereza and Alfons Flores. Moving the World is a construction of a 30 metres sphere which, emerges from the port's waters every evening at the sunset and shows how dialogue among people and cultures is the only antidote to chaos, injustice and violence.
- ▶Fantòtems. The Fantòtems are six giant puppets, some 10 metres high, in a performance designed by Joan Baixas as a great game of questions about life, the planet and people. The questions are asked by children from around the world through an interactive webgame. Until September 26th. Site - Pangea Island/Rompeolas (Auditorium Park).
- ▶Day Parade 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.
- ►Night Parade Summer Night's Dream, by Sèmola Teatre. It represents the conflicts of daily life by displaying high-impact scenographic installations throughout the port area.
- ►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. Two to four performances daily.
- ▶ The Memory Tree. The Tree of Memory, a living manifesto of sustainability and environmentalism, is a project by Els Comediants. Two to four times daily.

STREET PERFORMANCES

- ►Le Manège d'Andréa. Under the supervision of François Delarozière, the Eureka carousel guarantees anyone who chooses to climb aboard an extraordinary journey that will thrill children. Until September 26th.
- ▶Annibal. Enormous mechanical elephants parade. A joyful, festive parade fusing the modernity and Indian tradition. 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

►Libertas 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 (Entrance Area).

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 Contemporània de Barcelona). Until
- September 19th. Tickets: 3-4 euros. ▶Ethnic. From Traditional Cultures to Interculturality aims to offer an ongoing exhibition of ethnographic material from the collections of Barcelona's Museum of Ethnology. This will be the first time that most of the museums valuable collections are simultaneously exhibited. Until September 24th.
- ▶Objects/Subjects. A Barcelona design per**spective**. 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 trans-

formations in the urban regions of southern Europe (Spain, France, Italy, Portugal): perspectives and directions. Col-legi d'Arquitectes de Catalunya. Until September 29th.

Fòrum grec'04

▶ Mystic River. Directed by Clint Eastwood. July 22nd. Días de fútbol. Directed by David Serrano. July 27th. Piscines Bernat Picornell. Av. Estadi. s/n.

►Glimpse. Play by Gelabert Azzopardi Cia. de Dansa. The author dances solo in a dialogue with a monitor showing the dancer's thoughts. feelings and emotions. At 9:00 and 10:15 pm. Until July 23rd. Tickets: 18 euros. Teatre Lliure - Sala Fabià Puigserver. Passeig de Santa Madrona, 40.46.

MUSIC

- ►Maria del Mar Bonet. Amic i amat. Bonet opens her new show with musicians from Syria and Coral Cantiga. July 22nd. At 10 pm. Tickets: 15-36 euros. Teatre Grec. Pg. Santa Madrona, 38
- ▶Natacha Atlas & Naab. Modern touch to North-African and Arabic music. July 23rd. At 10:00 pm. Tickets: 15-36 euros. Teatre Grec. Pg. Santa Madrona, 38.
- ►Wayne Shorter, Herbie Hencock, Dave Holland & Brian Blade. Jazz concert. July 24th. At 10:00 pm. Teatre Grec. Pg. Santa Madrona, 38.

THEATRE

- ▶1714. Món de guerres. An opera with contemporary bites: a rape, bombs exploding in Bagdad or Palestine... July 27th and 28th. At 10:00 pm. Tickets: 12-28 euros. Teatre Grec. Pg. Santa Madrona, 38.
- ▶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. Tues to Fri, 9:30 pm. Sat, 6:30 pm. Sun, 6:30 pm. Tickets: 20-50 euros. Av. de la Guàrdia Urbana, s/n.
- ▶Como Casas (Homes). Play directed by Ernesto Collado. With Jordi Casanovas and Nicole Balm. The play deals with modern uprooting in a society obsessed with success. In Catalan, Spanish, French, Dutch and English. From July 22nd to July 25th. At 9:00 pm. Tickets: 12 euros. CCCB. Montalegre, 5.
- ►El Rei Lear, by William Shakespeare. Directed by Calixto Bieito. With Josep Maria Pou as King Lear, In Catalan, Until August 1st, Tues to Fri 9:30 pm, Sat 10 pm, Sun 6:30 pm. Tickets: 10-28 euros
- ▶Esquena de ganivet. Play by Miquel Àngel Raió and Pep Tosar. Directed by Pep Tosar. The play expores the life of Majorcan painter. sculptor, photographer and poet Damià Huguet. In Catalan. From July 21st to July 25th. At 9:00 pm. Tickets: 18 euros. Teatre Ovidi Montllor. Plaça Margarida Xirgu, s/n.
- ▶ Esthetic Paradise, by Victoria Szpunberg. Directed by Carol López. With Mia Esteve and Mar Ulldemolins. In Catalan. Until August 1st. Tues to Sat, 10 pm. Sundays, 7 pm. Sala Beckett. Alegre de Dalt, 55. Tickets: 16.
- ▶Fortuna accidental. at Villarroel Teatre. Written and directed by Manuel Dueso. Dueso's last work is focused on the contemporary scociety, dominated by ambition and selfishness. In Catalan, From July 1st to August 1st. Tuesday to Saturday at 10 pm. Sundays at 8 pm. Tickets: 17-21. Villarroel, 87.
- ►Morir a Bagdad. Play directed by Josep Rodri. The play is an homage to all civil and military victims of the Iragi conflict. From July 20th to July 24th and from July 28th to July 31st. At 10:00 pm. Tickets: 18 euros. CCCB. Montalegre, 5.
- ▶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.
- ►Tiempo Bokar. Written by Marie-Hélène Estienne. With Sotigui Kouyaté and Bruce Myers. In French with Catalan subtitles. The play takes the audience to traditional Africa, a place influenced by Islam and ruined by its many internal conflicts. From July 27th to August 4th. Mon to Sat, 9 pm. Tickets: 24 euros. Mercat de les Flors. Lleida, 55.

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Secretary

• After quite a long absence from the screens, James Spader returns with an independent movie recently released in the United States. Maggie Gyllenhaal, who can also be seen in the current Casa de los Babys is doing a great job in this intriguing film with scenes of explicit S&M between a dominant lover and a submissive female. The plot evolves around the relationship between a lawyer - E. Edward Grey (James Spader) and his secretary Lee Holloway (Mag-



Maggie Gyllenhaal plays the part of Lee, a lawyer's secretary

Films showing in original version in Barcelona

gie Gyllenhaal), a young woman who has just been released from a mental institution where she has been unsuccessfully treated for self-mutilation tendencies. They soon embark on a personal relationship, and Edward starts to discover what his real needs are while helping her unlock her sensuality. The director sems to be more interested in the characters' emotions than in their actions and creates a witty film that actually deals with the complexity of love as an essential ingredient in our lives. The film is based on the short story Secretary, from Mary Gaitskill's collection Bad Behaviour.

Casa de los babys

USA, 2003. 115'. Dir.: John Sayles. With: Daryl Hannah, Marcia Gray Harden, Mary Steenburgen, Rita Moreno, Susan Lynch, Maggie Gyllenhaal. Six American women travel to Mexico, where they wait to adopt a baby, but they are all trapped in byreaucracy problems. The action takes place in a hotel owned by Madame Muñoz (the charismatic Rita Moreno) in an unidentifies South American country, where the well-off women rent suites and wait for the adoption to go through

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

Girl with a pearl earring

UK, 2003. 91'. Dir.: Peter Webber. With: Scarlettt Johansson, Colin Firth, Tom Wilkinson, Judith Partfitt, Cillian Murphy. Griet is a 17 year-old girl who has to leave home from the Dutch city of Delft to work as a babysitter in the house of the painter Jan Vermeer. Shy and sensitive, she starts a quiet emotional relationship with the great teacher of the 17th century. They find refuge in study, and Griet becomes the paintor's muse and inspiration

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 to jail. 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.

Antonia, una historia de Chile

Spain, 2004. 100'. Dir.: Mariano Andrade. With: Javier Lago. Antonia, a successful businesswoman suffering from depression, meets an old lover, Martín, who had left Chile years before. This encounter makes Antoniaś life even more complicated.

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 to forget his harrible childhood memories. He devises a technique of travelling back in time in order to repair the damage.

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.

Una onda no ar

Brasil, 2004. 92'. Dir.: Rhelvécio Ratton. With: Alexandre Moreno, Babu Santana, Adolfo Moura, Banjamin Abras. This movie is inspired by the true story of a community radio station from the 1980's. Jorge and his friends create "Radio favela" to express their position against racism in Brasil and to serve as the voice for the people. While playing the sounds of Brazilian hip-hop, soul and funk, they also mix criticism of the government, reports of people in need. However, an illegal set-up could silence their revolution-

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 $meet\,her\,husband\,in\,Bombay, and\,then\,go\,on\,holiday$

Wilbur Wants to Kill Himself

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

Harry Potter and the prisoner of Azkaban

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, working as an an assassin for the

The Inheritance

Denmark, 2002. 108'. Dir: Per Fly. With: Ulrich Tomsen, Lisa Werliner, Christoffer, the heir of a vast industrial fortune, has decided to abandon the family steel business. He now owns a restaurant in Stock holm, where he is happily married to Maria, a Swedish stage actress. When his father decides to kill himself, his mother insists that Christoffer takes over the management of the family business.

Spiderman 2

USA, 2004. Dir.: Sam Raimi. With: Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, Alfred Molina, James Franco. Now Pe-

Barcelona

Otto e Mezzo (V.O.S.E)

All the King's Men (V.O.S.E)

■ CASABLANCA-KAPLAN	
Antonia, una historia de Chile (V.O.S.E)	16.00-18.00-20.00-22.15
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Las noches de Cabiria (V.O.S.E)	17.45
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Shrek 2 (V.O.S.E)	16.15-18.10-20.05-22.05
Seres queridos	16.30-18.30-20.25-22.30

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Casa de los Babys (V.O.S.E)	16.10-18.15-20.30-22.40
La muerte de nadie (V.O.S.E)	16.15-18.15-22.35
Das Testament des Dr. Mabuse (V.O.S.E)	20.10

■ VERDI PARK	
Sur mes lèvres (V.O.S.E)	16.00-20.30
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The day after tomorrow (V.O.S.E)	11.40-14.10-17.00-19.45-22.30
Harry Potter and the prisoner of Azkaban (V.O.S.E)	12.00-15.30-18.30-21.30
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ter Parker is in college and he has to face new threats to New York City and the people he loves. He works two jobs to pay the rent, while Aunt May struggles with mortgages payments. At the same time, the relations with the people he loves most are crumbling. He wants to reveal his secret to Mary Jane (Kristen Dunst), his friendship with Harry Osborn is stressed by Harry's growing hatred of Spider-man, as he blames him for his father's death. Complicating things, a new foe, Dr. Otto Octavius appears

Amarcord

20.00

Italy, 1973. 1274. Dir.: Federico Fellini. With: Bruno Zanin, magali Noël, Luigi Rossi, Alexander Godunov. In this movie Fellini portrays his home town of Rimini as he remembered it in the 30s, at the height of the Fascist period. He describes the everyday life of the inhabitants of Rimini, Fellini's birthplace (in Rimini, Amarcord means "I remember"). At the same time, the film criticises the Italian privincial life during the 1930s, when Mussolini's dictatorship enjoyed its greatest popular support.

The day after tomorrow

USA, 2004. 125'. Dir.: Roland Emmerich. With: Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllental. Sudden global warming has devastating consequences for the entire planet. In the middle of this catastrophe is Adrian Hall, 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.

All the king's men

USA, 21949. 105'. Dir.: Robert Rossen. With: Broderick Crawford, Joanne Dru. The film is the story of the rise of Willie Starks from rural county seat to the spotlight. Star is s poor but honest lawyer in a small town, who fights against a corrumpt political system. He soon becomes an important politician, but gets caught up in the power of his position. Along the way, he loses his initial innocence, and he becomes just as corrupt as those who he has always criticised.

21 grams

USA, 2003. 125'. Dir.: Alejandro González Iñarritu With: Sean Penn, Naomi Watts, Benicio del Toro, Charlotte Gainsburg. A story of hope, humanity and survival. A tragic accident destroys the lives of the three characters (Jack, Paul and Christine), and their destinies become irrevocably interwined in a fusion of love, redemption and obligation.

Lost in translation

USA, 2003. 105'. Dir.: Sofia Coppola. With: Bill Murray, Scarlett Johansson, Giovanni Ribisi. Bob Harris is a TV star who arrives in Tokyo to shoot a whiskey commercial. One day he meets Charlotte, a workaholic photographer's wife. They become good friends and a new life opens up for them..

The secretary

USA, 1995. 92'. Dir.: Andrew Lane. With: Mel Harris, Sheila Kelley. Ellen is an attractive woman with a good salary, a brilliant future and an adorable family. At her job she meets Deindre, a secretary who becomes a good friend of hers. However, Ellen soon realises how ambitious Deindre is, willing to do any thing to succeed in her career.

A letter to three wives

USA, 1948. 99'. Dir.: Joseph Mankievicz. Denis Arcand With: Jeanne Crain, Linda Darnell, Kirk Douglas, Luise Bennett. MarieJosee Croze. Dorothy Beryman. Three women prepare to board a boat which will transport them to a picnic. Suddenly they are handeed a letter from their friend Addie Ross, who claims she is leaving town and taking one of the three women's husband with her. She doesn't mention which huspand with her

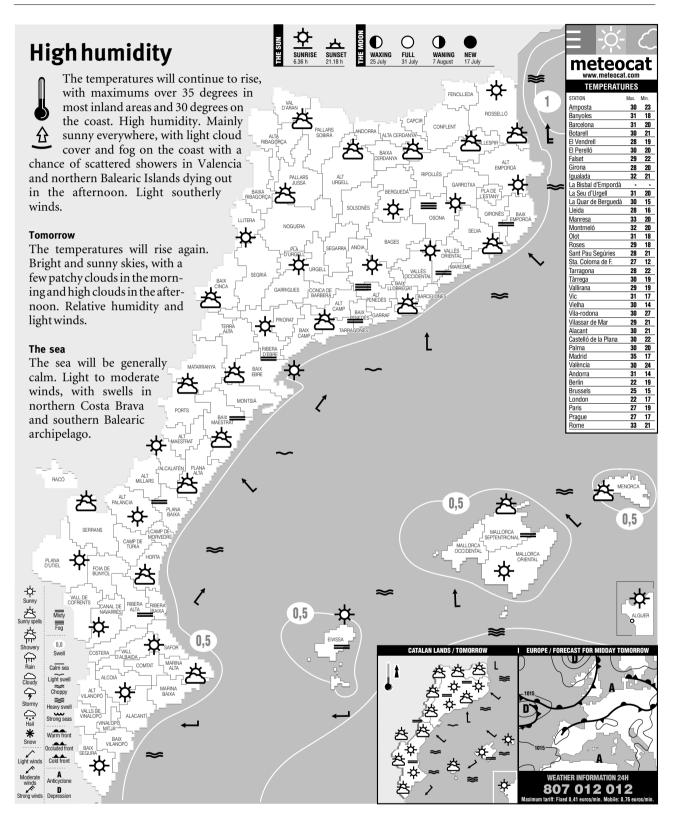
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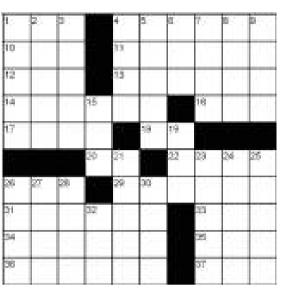
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USA, 1970. Dir.: John Cassavetes. With: Ben Gazzara, Peter Falk, John Cassavetes, Judith Lowry. After their beast friend's death, Harry, Archie and Gus gather together to pay their respects and decide, on a whim, to travel to London to get away from the pressures of work and family. Upon arriving, they gamble and bring three call girls back to their hotel room; these actions present them with individual life issues.

CT BACK

WEATHER CROSSWORD





ACROSS

1.Extremely high frequency (abbr.). 4.Craft paper. 10.Mr. 11.Seas. 12.Resort hotel. 13.Moat. 14.For each one. 16.Allege. 17.Egg part. 18.Southeast. 20.Mr. __(TV horse). 22.Dalai____. 26.High naval rank (abbr.). 29.Verse meter. 31.Responds. 33.Moose relative. 34.Pointed. 35.Snacked. 36.Spanish explorer. 37.Middle

DOWN

1.School assignment. 2."Hungry ______" (Children's game). 3.Decrepit. 4.Reserve Officers Training Corps. 5.Land measurements. 6.Toll. 7.Air blowers. 8.Ancient Indian. 9.Pallid. 15.Stretch to make do. 19.Shade tree. 21.Also. 23.Right angle to a ships lenght. 24.Many. 25.Begged. 26.Middle East dweller. 27.Factor of ten. 28.Disfigure. 30.Afloat. 32.Car.

ANSWERS

ACROSS

1.EHF. 4.Raffia. 10.Sir. 11.Oceans. 12.Spa. 13.Trench.
 14.Apiece. 16.Say. 17.Yolk. 18.SE. 20.Ed. 22.Lama.
 26.Adm. 29.Iambus. 31.Reacts. 33.Elk. 34.Acuate.
 35.Ate. 36.Balboa. 37.Mid.

DOWN.

1.Essay. 2.Hippo. 3.Frail. 4.ROTC. 5.Acres. 6.Fee. 7.Fans. 8.Inca. 9.Ashy. 15.Eke. 19.Elm. 21.Ditto. 23.Abeam. 24.Multi. 25.Asked. 26.Arab. 27.Deca. 28.Maul. 30.Asea. 32.Cab.



