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Veteran volunteers from Barcelona's 1992 Olympic Games attended the Forum yesterday to lend their support to the Festival of Volunteers. / QUIM PUIG

Volunteers from Barcelona Olympics gather in gesture of solidarity at Forum conference

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Volunteer work generates up to 14 per cent of GDP in some countries

The Spanish government plans to spend more on non-profit groups to promote volunteerism

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People are working free of charge all over the world. But while the social need for such work is increasingly evident, its impact on global economies is little known. A recent study by the international group ATD Fourth World has found that volunteers are responsible for more capital production than people may think—up to 14 per cent of GDP in some countries.

These findings show that “volunteers put in an enormous effort but it goes unnoticed,” according to Viola Krebs, speaking yesterday to a diverse crowd at this week’s World Volunteer Conference at the Forum Barcelona 2004. Volunteer work is fundamental to building an egalitarian society, Krebs says.

The Spanish government is catching on to this idea. During the same conference a day earlier, the Secretary of State for Social Services and the Labour Ministry, Amparo Valcarce, underscored the government’s determination “to put social pedagogy into practice,” and to obtain “greater recognition for the work carried out by volunteers so that Spain is no longer at the tail end of volunteer social work within the framework of the European Union.” Valcarce announced a series of



Participants from the 1992 World Volunteer Conference greet this year’s attendees at the Forum Barcelona 2004 / EFE

state initiatives meant to propel this sector, claiming foremost that “this unpaid work is a good way of getting a job.” The next National Budget, due to be drafted next month, includes a “significant” increase in financing non-profit organisations that promote volunteering. Also,

Valcarce added that “as a result of the 0.52 per cent on Personal Income Tax, more resources will be earmarked towards providing greater stability in the sector.” In the viewpoint of this state official, the Forum can serve as a platform for the “government to announce its

commitment to NGOs and to their stability.”

Valcarce praised the role of volunteers in the events of the 11 March Madrid bombings, saying “they demonstrated a magnificent example of solidarity and played an important role in alleviating the pain.”

PUBLISHING

Company to meet creditors

The publishing company of the *Avui* newspaper, Premsa Catalana, has called a meeting with its creditors for the 1 October in the Palau de la Música in Barcelona. At the meeting it will present a proposal for the continuation of the paper and to safeguard 160 jobs, according to sources from Premsa Catalana. The publishing company of *Avui* filed for bankruptcy three months ago with debts of 42 million euros, a move which has the approval of the Generalitat for liquidation of the current company and to maintain the newspaper through selling it or through a takeover.

TELEVISION

Too much “rubbish” on TV

Catalonia’s audiovisual advisory group (CAC) is concerned with the increasing amount of “junk” TV that is being programmed on different channels especially by big private TV companies that broadcast throughout the country. They claim violent programmes and those that show personal tragedy might harm young people. The CAC is concerned with the effect that the increase in these types of programmes has on the television audience. The CAC will open a debate about TV “junk” with people involved in the sector and with experts as was done previously with personal tragedies and immigration shown on the news.

SPORTS

Traditional sports games

This year’s annual festival at Amposta will include a championship of traditional sports. Participants will compete in for the first time games and activities that the town’s elderly might remember. One such event will be “camàlics” which is the transporting of a person in a chair. Other events will test strength and courage such as the lifting of sacks of rice. Also, they will restage the “regata de mulettes” where participants have race each other on the river Ebre using a type of old fishing boat.

CLIMATE

Euro temperatures rise

The average temperature in Europe has increased by between 2 and 6.3 centigrades this century due to emissions of gas that increase the greenhouse effect. The information has been issued by the European Environment Agency. (AEMA). In its report about the greenhouse effect it says that the temperature in Europe also increased by nearly 1 centigrade in the last century. It also reveals that in the past 50 years the levels of CO2 emissions have increased, which has led to a rise in temperatures, bringing about an abundance of “storms, floods and drought and other more frequent extreme metrological conditions.” These elements all have economic effects, it said.



Actors from the group during rehearsals for XXX in Hamburg, Germany / EFE

Controversial sex show performs in Denmark

The world famous Catalan theatre group, La Fura dels Baus, will be staging their controversial sex spectacle “XXX” in Denmark later this month. The multi-media show has been shocking audiences in Europe for the past several years, and is performed by the Barcelona based group. The show is inspired by the

novel by Marquis de Sade, *Philosophy in the Boudoir*, written in 1795, which portrays games of lust and violence. Scenes of incest, rape and pornography in the play caused a stir during a performance two years ago in Frankfurt. They will be performing at the Loakoon festival in Denmark until 29 August.

Hotel boss anger over fight incident in Lloret

RICHARD MCCRANN

The president of a group of hotels in Lloret de Mar has hit back at the Catalan Government for naming the town in a pledge to reduce booze tourism. Enric Dotras, the president of the Gremio Hotels in Lloret was angered by the Interior minister Montserrat Tura’s pledge to crack-down on booze tourism in zones like Lloret. It followed a massive brawl between youngsters and the local police in the town last week. Dotras said the fight was an “isolated” incident. “Fights like the one last week are isolated facts that represent 0.1 per cent of the population in the town. A fight or two in the season are not significant enough to create such an uproar,” he said.

A member of the Catalan parliament for the CiU, Antoni Fernández Teixidó, said the Catalan government had done tourism no “favours” by its pledges to beat booze



Antoni Fernández Teixidó critical of Tura

tourism. “The remarks were untimely and imprudent,” he said. Enric Dotras confirmed that the Gremio group wants to meet with the Catalan government to discuss issues of security and tourism in Lloret as they felt they didn’t have enough “support” to boost tourism.



Sabor de Gracia started in 1994 by bringing musical flavours from their native Barcelona neighbourhood suggested by the band name / EL PUNT

Jane Birkin and Amparanoia to raise the roof at Argelès festival

The 8th annual Les Méditerranéennes music festival is on until Friday near Perpignan

ALEX LEFF

In the village of Argeles, near the French-Catalan region of Perpignan, Les Méditerranéennes music festival has begun. Until 21 August, big names from south of the Pyrenees such as the Catalans Sabor de Gracia and the Granada band Amparanoia are to unite with cinema composer Jane Birkin to make the eighth year run of this festival a memorable occasion.

This event, which celebrated its first years in the neighbouring village of Ceret, moved two years ago to Argelès-sur-Mer, known to Cat-

alans as Argelès de la Marena, located just outside the border and an under two-hour drive from Barcelona. This is the first time the festival is taking place in August, diverging from its usual schedule in September.

Les Méditerranéennes is celebrated in the Parc de Valmy, with a majestic castle resting atop the grounds' summit. At night, festival-goers will quickly forgive the rescheduling as the music works its way down to Exotik Café on the beach, where DJs will be spinning into the wee hours.

Tickets cost between 23 and 30 euros a day, or visitors can purchase a three-day pass for 65 to 80 euros. The village mayor, Pierre Aylagas, told reporters in Barcelona that the decision to change the date was "to try and attract students from Montpellier, Toulouse and Barcelona," who, in September, are either in exams or in class. Moreover, with the new date Les Méditerranéennes aims to become "the main summer festival in the region," Aylagas said.

Today's lineup includes a performance by Amparo Sánchez and her group from Granada, Amparanoia,

who have just recorded their last album *Rebeldía con alegría* in France. Also today, there will be a special appearance by the Perpignan native singer/songwriter Cali, who has reached stardom in his country for his record, *L'Amor perfecta*.

This evening will finish off with two French groups: Tetes Raides, capable of filling the house in Parisian concert halls with their punk sound; and Les Wampas, a French band with a considerable following in Navarra, Spain.

To get to Argeles, take motorway AP-7 France bound.

Andalusia and Morocco fight against human trafficking

Andalusian presidential advisor Gaspar Zarrías agreed yesterday to co-operate with neighbouring Morocco to tackle the issue of illegal human trafficking. Zarrías stressed the fact that a bilateral agreement should aim to provide contracts for Moroccans looking to work in Spain, and should allow for a safe return to their country once their permit is up. The advisor pointed out a similarity, saying "we Andalusians went to work outside of Andalusia or Spain." The Andalusian government intends to utilise this agreement in order to get an eventual grasp on the problem of *mafias* set up to transport illegal labourers across the Strait of Gibraltar. These gangs, Zarrías says, "are nowadays the ones that are putting lives of more and more people in jeopardy." Future corroborative policies need to be "serious and rigorous," he says, adding that stronger measures might prevent people from "having to make the decision of going aboard the boat and coming to our country."

Catalonia processes 20% of bookings

Catalan travel agencies within the distribution network of tourist booking, Savia Amadeus, processed some 3,383,000 reservations in the first half, which is 20 per cent of the total in Spain. The Amadeus group does business with 93.6 per cent of the market. According to a spokesperson for the tourism company, the total figure for the first six months is up 1.6 per cent from last year, putting Catalonia in the No. 2 slot next to Madrid, where a quarter of all bookings in Spain are made—a total of 4.2 million. Within Catalonia, the province of Barcelona accounts for 92.2 per cent of Amadeus' business, with 3.1 million reservations; followed by Girona (3.8 per cent), with 130,000.

New cases of Legionnaires' disease in city

The number of people suffering from Legionnaires' disease in Barcelona has risen to 26 after four new cases were discovered. The outbreak is confined to the Vallcarca area of the city. According to public health agency of Barcelona town hall the new cases include two men aged 66 and 77 and two women aged 69 and 75. Health officials have warned that there is the possibility of detecting new cases due to the incubation period of the disease.



Award-winning signs on display

Starting today, Caja Madrid's *Espai Cultural* in Plaça Catalunya will be exhibiting the 28 works shortlisted for the Fifth Annual National Prize for Signs 2004, until 23 September. The art show gives special attention to the significance of water in signs by Aina Requena Melgarejo.

Over 400 Spanish tow truck drivers protest

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More than four-hundred drivers of tow trucks throughout Spain gathered yesterday morning in Derio (Vizcaya) to demand better conditions and an increase in fares for all road services. The towing vehicles began to arrive one by one at the meeting place—the old Derio seminary—at around 9 o'clock in the morning. At 11:30, a half hour after the scheduled time, a long trail of tow trucks set off on a journey around the outskirts of Bilbao, re-

fraining from dipping into the city centre. The convoy caused some traffic problems as it circled the village of Txorierrri, though once they converged on motorway A-8, they were free to roam. With this protest, the Spanish Confederation of Roadside Assistance (CEPAS) aimed to demonstrate its agitation with working conditions and to show "the population the problem we have not only in the Basque Country but also in the rest of Spain," said a CEPAS spokesman.

Kathmandu cut off from outside world by Maoist rebel blockade

Rebels demand that businesses close down operations in capital city

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A blockade by Maoist rebels of the Nepalese city of Kathmandu has disrupted food and other supplies to the city. The BBC reports that roads linking the city with the rest of the country are virtually deserted. The army is offering escorts to all drivers but most are staying off the road for fear of reprisals. Earlier in the week, the rebels hurled bombs onto the tennis court of a Kathmandu hotel. No one was injured but the hotel closed for business. The rebels have demanded that a number of businesses in Kathmandu, including multi-nationals, shut down their operations.

Nepal's Maoist rebels emerged in 1996 out of disenchantment with the country's political system following the establishment of democracy in 1990. Beginning as a small group of armed insurgents, they now number 10-15,000 fighters and are active throughout the country, totally controlling parts. Among their number are refugees from mainstream politics who took part in the overthrow of the country's absolute monarchy. Subsequent to the country's first parliamentary elections, they became disillusioned with political infighting and the lack



Nepalese soldiers guard a Kathmandu hotel bombed by Maoist rebels this week / AP

of action on behalf of the rural poor, and embarked on an armed struggle. Two of the key rebel leaders, Prachanda and Baburam Bhattarai, are said to be inspired mainly by Peru's Shining Path rebels. Like the Shining Path, they deal with dissent ruthlessly. Human rights groups

claim the Nepalese Maoists are perpetrators of torture and summary executions.

The rebels promise to continue the current blockade until a number of demands are met, including the release of detained rebels and an inquiry into the killings of others.

Georgia fights for control of breakaway South Ossetia

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Fighting in Georgia's breakaway South Ossetia region has intensified since, and in spite of, the signing of a ceasefire less than a week ago. Clashes between the army and separatist rebels have centred on a vital access road linking nine Georgian villages, according to BBC reports.

At least three Georgian soldiers have been killed in the past few days. Georgian president, Mikhail Saakashvili, has called on the international community to take an active role in peace talks. The BBC said he wanted world leaders to hold a conference on the future of South Ossetia and to send Western peacekeepers into the region. His prime minister, Zurab Zhvania, has proposed direct talks with the South Ossetian president, Eduard Kokoiti, but Kokoiti has refused, so long as Georgian soldiers remain in the region. Zhvania was himself the target of attacks several days ago, when his convoy came under fire while he was visiting Georgian-populated villages in the region. President Saakashvili has vowed to assert control over South Ossetia, which wants to join Russia.

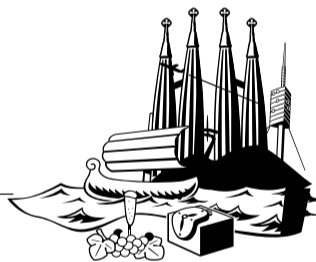
Last week, the Georgian parlia-

ment voted almost unanimously to demand the withdrawal of Russian peacekeeping troops and have them replaced by international peacekeepers. The BBC said the MPs had voted for a resolution with stated that it was: "unacceptable to entrust this peacekeeping mission to a country whose political interests run counter to any fair and final settlement".

Officials from all sides were due to meet yesterday to discuss prospects for a face to face meeting between the two parties' leaders but there was little sign that South Ossetia would be responding in positive terms.

South Ossetia, which has a population of about 70,000, broke away from Georgia in 1992 after 18 months of conflict. Many South Ossetians want to join up with their ethnic brethren in North Ossetia, which is part of Russia.

On Monday, President Kokoiti called the fighting a well-planned provocation by Georgia but insisted that he was still willing to search for a compromise. Both sides accused the other of firing the first shots in the round of attacks in the early hours of yesterday.



Vox Pop

By Richard McCrann

Ina and Sebastian Students from Germany

"It's the hot spot of Europe"

"I've always wanted to visit Barcelona, I think it is the most important city in Spain, more important than Madrid," said Ina. It was her first visit to Barcelona and she was not disappointed. "I heard Barcelona was the place to be, the hot spot of Europe, a very fashionable city, so of course I had to come," she said. However, Sebastian her boyfriend had been in Barcelona previously, but wanted to return with his girlfriend Ina for the romance. "I think it's a very romantic city and ideal for couples to idle away a long weekend." Both agreed that the Rambla del Raval was one of their favourite areas, "because it doesn't have many tourists and has its own identity and sub culture with interesting shops," said Ina. They liked the reasonable prices. "There is a good choice of hotels in the city and well priced for low

budget holidays." However, an aspect of the city that they disliked were the waiters. "The waiters were very unfriendly." During their six day holiday (12-17 August) in Barcelona they rented bikes which enabled them to see more of the city's architecture than going on foot. "We saw a lot of the city's culture, it was very satisfying," they said. Ina was unsure if she would return to Barcelona. "There are so many places I want to visit before I return here," she said. But Sebastian was more positive and said he would like to return but maybe in the next couple of years. Both said that they were going to recommend Barcelona to their friends. "Our friends would love this city as it has so much to offer and it is easy to find accommodation which is cheap and comfortable."



Ina and Sebastian came to Barcelona for a romantic holiday

Globetrotters in Barcelona

Ina Greckl, 26, and Sebastian Neumann, 29, both live in Berlin, Germany. They are studying business communications management at the University of Applied Sciences in Berlin. They are seasoned globetrotters having travelled to many parts of the world. Ina has spent a great deal of time in Asia and South America. She enjoys the way people live in what she calls their "personal culture". Sebastian has been to North America and in many parts of Europe. He used to work in advertising but his aim is to find a job that involves travelling.

INA AND SEBASTIAN'S RATING FROM ZERO TO TEN

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Value for money of services	7
Noise levels	2
Public safety	3
Information	8
Treatment of tourists	7
Friendliness of local people	7



Mehdi Army militia have occupied the Najaf shrine with their rebel Shi'ite leader Moqtada al-Sadr for almost two weeks / AP

Shi'ite cleric agrees to end uprising just hours before assault on shrine

British soldier killed in separate clashes with militants near Basra

REUTERS

Rebel Shi'ite leader Moqtada al-Sadr has agreed to end his uprising in the holy city of Najaf and leave the shrine from where he has fought US forces for almost a fortnight.

A spokesman for Sadr, Sheikh Mahmoud al-Sudani, told Reuters, yesterday, that "Sayyed Moqtada has agreed to the demands", without specifying which of those demands he was referring to. The statement followed a visit to Najaf by a team of delegates from the Iraqi national conference who had urged Sadr to disarm his militia, the Mehdi Army, and join the country's political process.

Back at the national conference

the delegates read a letter from Sadr's Baghdad office which said he had agreed to back down and leave the Imam Ali Mosque. A short time earlier, the Iraqi defence minister had given the militiamen a deadline to surrender, warning that troops were preparing for a major assault that would "teach them a lesson they will never forget".

The uprising has inflicted a heavy toll of civilian deaths and injuries, not only in Najaf. The Iraqi health ministry said that 21 people had been killed in clashes in Baghdad, Basra, Diwaniya and Najaf, and dozens more wounded, in the 24 hours up until mid-yesterday.

A British soldier was killed in cl-

ashes with militants in the southern city of Basra on Tuesday. Lance Corporal Paul David Trevor Thomas (29) was killed, and a second soldier wounded, following an attack on a small British patrol by militia with firearms and rocket-propelled grenades, said a British Army spokesman, Squadron Leader Spike Wilson. Wilson said the attack by up to 50 militia was an "isolated" event during a "reasonably quiet couple of days".

The Najaf uprising kept tensions high at the Baghdad conference of 1,300 delegates and forced an extension to allow for the emergency trip to the city in advance of voting to elect a new 100-member council.

World numbers set to grow by one third within half a century

India is set to overtake China as the world's most populous country and Britain will probably overtake France. Those are among predictions in an exhaustive demographic study released by the Population Reference Bureau (PRB). In 2050, the world's population will be 9.3 billion (6.4bn today) of which 1.6bn will live in India, and 1.4bn in China. The US is set to increase by 50% with one of the highest birth rates in the developing world, with a total fertility rate of 2.0. Globally, birth rates vary wildly from 1.2 to 8.0 per woman. Throughout Europe the rate is under 2.0 and in many countries deaths outnumber births. Britain is expected to grow slightly, from 59.5m to 65m. Eastern Europe will see a marked decline if current trends continue. Bulgaria could lose 38% of its 7.8m inhabitants.

Bomb kills five in Gaza as settler row escalates

AGENCIES/MADELEINE SHEAHAN

A senior Hamas leader survived an Israeli assassination attempt in Gaza yesterday but at least five other Palestinians were killed when his home was bombed. Hamas gunmen told Reuters a missile fired by an Israeli drone hit the home of Ahmed al-Jabari, a top commander in the militant Islamic group's armed wing, the Izz el-Deen al-Qassam Brigades. Al-Jabari was said to have been wounded.

The attack came as Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was hoping to avoid defeat at the hands of party rebels over plans to withdraw from Gaza. Sharon's proposed alliance with the Labour party in a coalition to push through the withdrawal plan has provoked a rebellion in the Likud ranks.

This week's announcement of tenders to build 1,000 new settlers'

homes in the West Bank, widely perceived as an attempt to appease his own party, has pleased nobody. Settlers and the right have viewed it as a cynical ploy in advance of the Likud conference, while Americans and the Israeli left accuse him of tearing up the "road map" for peace. The director general of the *Peace Now* campaign, Yariv Oppenheimer, accused Sharon of "shutting the door in the face of the whole world" and breaching a clear commitment to freeze all settlement activity.

Israeli prison authorities, meanwhile, are yet to persuade some 2,300 prisoners off hunger strike in spite of ordering officers to eat in front of them at barbecue meat under their windows. The prisoners demand an improvement to conditions which have been condemned by the Public Defender's Office.



Blairs avoid Italian bomb

Italian police defused a bomb near PM Silvio Berlusconi's holiday villa just hours after British PM Tony Blair and his wife Cheri ended a short stay there. Italian press say the bomb was placed by Italian anarchists. The visit with Berlusconi fell between stays in Sir Cliff Richard's Barbados villa and Prince Guicciardini Strozzi's Tuscany villa a five-star itinerary that has enraged the British press. The usually loyal *Guardian* asked: "Does the sun derange their moral instincts?" and former PR adviser Charlie Whelan described the PM's "monstrous freebie tour of millionaires haunts" as a public relations disaster.

Savage killing of aid worker puts pressure on charities

The savage lynching of an aid worker in a refugee camp has become a political football in Darfur's ethnic conflict, according to a report in *The Independent*. Medibor Ahmed Mohammed, an Arab employed by Care charity, was mutilated and murdered at Kalma camp by a mob of Africans who accused him of belonging to the Janjaweed militias which have been terrorising African civilians. Sudanese authorities are investigating the charity and the media has accused Care and others of operating irresponsibly. But aid agencies told the UK paper they fear an attempt by the government to intimidate them and gain greater control over aid distribution.

Carter suggests poll audit to allay suspicions of fraud

Venezuelan electoral authorities agreed to carry out a sample audit of Sunday's referendum result in the hope of quelling continued allegations of fraud. Opposition parties have been insisting there were irregularities in the poll which confirmed the term of left-leaning president Hugo Chávez with 58% of the vote. Former US president Jimmy Carter, one of the election observers, says the fraud charges are unwarranted but he, and the Organization of American States, suggested the audit to allay suspicions. The electronic results of a sample 140 voting machines will be checked against the paper record of each vote in the presence of witnesses.

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Boozers on the beach, money in the bank

War has been declared on booze tourism, according to Montserrat Tura, the minister of the interior in the Catalan government. The best thing about this kind of war - like Ronald Reagan's war on drugs or Tony Blair's on so-called "yob culture" - is that, if there is a victim, it is usually the minister responsible. However, before we hang up the "Closed for Business" sign up on the Costa Brava and most of the Spanish coast, let us remind ourselves just what booze tourism has done for this country.

Back in the early Sixties, when the nation was pinned under the fascist boot and Lloret de Mar was somewhere to tether your goat, the Costa Brava had two things that young, newly-moned northern Europeans wanted: sunshine and cheap booze. All that was missing was a sink to throw up in and a bed in which to pass out, and these the Catalans generously provided. Up until then, thanks to its geographical and political isolation, almost the entire Iberian peninsula clung to the bottom of Europe like some poor peasant, lagging way behind its neighbours in social and economic development. All that has changed, thanks to sun, sea and sangria, which more than any other economic factor catapulted the country into the modern age. Fascism, the hegemony of the Church, and grinding poverty: all washed away on a tide of belching, sunburnt tourists who mostly don't care and sometimes don't remember whether they are in Tossa de Mar or Torremolinos, just as long as the sun



shines and the drink flows. Which is one reason why the tourism that the costa has enjoyed - or, perhaps, endured - up till now is under threat; as, if that's all you want, then Turkey or Croatia will do just as well. We are talking here about the type of holidaymakers whom the comedian Lenny Henry once said board the plane in London as passengers and are taken off in Málaga as baggage.

It is not pretty, neither at home or abroad.

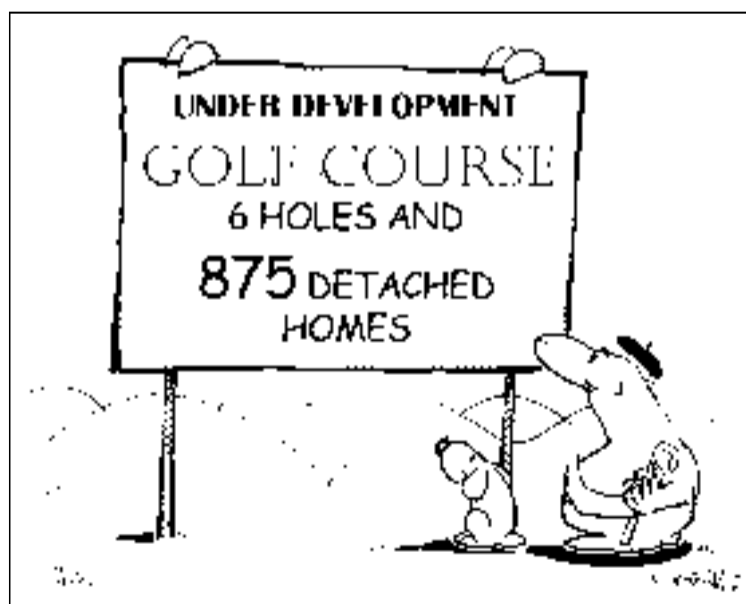
In Britain there is much hand-wringing about the descent into drunken vulgarity that characterises the typical British weekend and one reason for the government's futile war against it is that this behaviour is now exhibited by the middle-class, including the prime minister's son. It is not clear why northern Europeans have such a passion for drink, nor why so many of them strive for a state of drunken oblivion. Maybe they're just shy. Many English

people, unskilled at conversation, drink to loosen their tongues, not a problem faced by most Latin people for whom silence is anathema. All this drinking gives the Brits a bad name and for many it is a source of shame, so much so that they avoid destinations such as the Costa Brava and instead go to Ibiza where they can enjoy the more sophisticated pleasures of drug tourism.

Let's not be hypocrites. Whatever the Ibiza authorities think about the colossal consumption of Ecstasy and cocaine on their island during the summer months, for the most part they keep their thoughts to themselves, because club culture and illegal substances go hand in hand and besides, the clubbers are young and spend lots of money. And as a bonus, someone high on Ecstasy causes less trouble than a drunk and is more likely to give you a hug than punch your lights out.

The question is, do you want the drunk's money? Back in the Sixties the Costa Brava landowners laughed at the idiots who bought their "useless" land on the coast and in turn the same idiots then laughed at the tourists who fell asleep drunk in the noonday sun. They laughed at them but they took their money. The fact is, booze tourism is a Catalan invention and it has made a lot of people here very wealthy. Now they've had enough (of the drunks, not the money) and want to attract a more sophisticated tourist. Gastro-tourism is the big idea. Fine, but until they can fit five million people into el Bulli, best keep pouring the drinks. Cheers!

THE STING BY JAP



TELEVISION MORE HARMFUL THAN BULLFIGHTS

Living half the time in Amsterdam, half in Barcelona, I would like to react to one of your articles about the bullfight. It strikes me that you call the bullfight a "sport". I, as many others, see bullfighting more as a tradition or at least as a cultural event. That a sport would be inappropriate to watch for young people is strange. So it is to forbid any cultural event for people. Watching television seems to me more cruel to children and with much less meaning anyway.

Although cruel in the eyes of our time, we can learn a lot from the *toros bravos* and the *toreros*. The total

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dedication from the *toreros*, for example, seems to me not too bad for young people to watch. And the bravery and power of a wild beast is seldom seen in modern life. I think that passing half-hearted laws with a view to forbidding bullfights for younger people will not lead to anything.

I think that Catalonia just wants to make itself look more European than the "Spaniards" by forbidding bullfights. I think that the bullfight has also in Catalonia a long history and tradition and one should not only be proud of the language of a country but also of their cultural aspects, whether they match with Spanish traditions or not. **Jeroen Lopes Cardozo**

BARCELONA'S UNSUSTAINABLE NOISE

I have just read some interviews about noise in Barcelona and I'd like to say that I'm also fed up with noise here. I can't remember the last time I slept well when there is not a party going on, the neighbours will listen to music or shout all night. And one of the worst things of all is the motorcycle racket - why don't the authorities do anything about it? I don't think we should blame the Latin character as I've also lived in Girona, and people respect themselves there. The authorities talk a lot about sustainability, but they should really start to make living here sustainable. **Herbert Kreutz**



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Tarragona exhibition breaks Fenosa down to the elemental

The exhibition attempts to situate the artist in "his rightful place in 20th-century sculpture"

CARINA FILELLA

Fire, Air, Earth and Water not only form the world but are also the main elements in the work of the artist Apel·les Fenosa (Barcelona 1899-Paris 1988). Until 17 October, 68 examples of his work are on exhibition at the cultural centre of the Fundació Caixa Tarragona before beginning a tour which will include Lleida, Andorra and Germany. The exhibition, which has been jointly organised with the Apel·les Fenosa foundation, attempts to highlight the artist's relationship with nature.

Apel·les Fenosa, Els quatre elements attempts a novel approach to Fenosa's work by singling out the natural aspects of his style and in particular the influence of the four elements. The 68 pieces on show in Tarragona represent the range of the artist's work from small to large and corresponding to the most important phases in his development as a sculptor. Exhibited works include the likes of the model for *Monument*

Artist's work has a mystic quality and depicts things that are closer to poetry

als màrtirs d'Oradour (1944), *Flama* (1971), *Tempête pourchassée par le Beau Temps* (1957) or *Metamorfosis de les germanes de Phaetó* (1950), the common theme being the link with nature. "Earth was the material that shaped his world, air that put his universe in movement, water that gave life to his beings and fire that changed them into ascending and unpredictable evocations," says Conxita Oliver in the catalogue. For Josep Miquel Garcia, director of the Caixa Tarragona foundation, Apel·les Fenosa's works, "have a mystic, poetic quality; the artist depicts things that are closer to poetry."

In this umbilical cord that ties Fenosa's work to nature, women have a definitive role. The artist transforms the feminine figures into natural elements. Fire, waves, clouds or air all take on the female form. This dialectic between the feminine and the natural world, between the sensual features of the female nude and poetry is fundamental to Fenosa's work. Masculine figures only appear when heroes are required, such as Ulysses: "For the sculptor, the hero represents the myth of the exile who cannot return to his homeland and is forced to struggle against fate." In this aspect



The exhibition focuses on the natural aspects of Fenosa's style, with particular regard to the four elements. / ANDREU PUIG

Fenosa reflects himself, as in 1939 he was forced to flee to Paris.

The exhibition, which can be seen for free at 5 Higiní Anglès in Tarragona, will go to the Lleida, Ceret, Andorra and the Darmstadt museum in Germany from 17 October.

Born in Barcelona in 1899, Apel·les Fenosa was to die in Paris in 1988. Nevertheless, he managed to maintain close ties with the Tarragona area, in particular with Vendrell. In the summer of 1958, Fenosa and his wife, Nicole, acquired the

old house of the Portal de Pardo del Vendrell, an architectural gem of mediaeval origin which they bought with the financial help of friends such as Picasso. Presently, this house is the headquarters of the Apel·les Fenosa foundation.

BARCELONA THEATRE

Malkovich to put on "Hysteria"

American actor John Malkovich is finishing preparations to make his debut in Barcelona's Teatre Victoria on 14 September with the play *Hysteria*. He will be directing the play by the British playwright, Terry Johnson, starring actors Abel Folk as Freud, Enrique Alcides (Dalí), Isabel Serrano (Jessica) and Ricard Borrás (Doctor Yahuda). It deals with a visit by a young Salvador Dalí to an ageing Sigmund Freud. The show is due to play other theatres around Spain before it reaches Barcelona.

KING OF POP

Michael Jackson in legal setback

Superstar Michael Jackson's lawyers have failed in their attempt to have all evidence seized in a raid on his ranch thrown out ahead of his trial. The pop singer's lawyers argued that the evidence had been obtained inappropriately and was therefore inadmissible. But a judge ruled that police had "probable cause", believing Jackson had committed a crime when they searched his Neverland ranch last year. Jackson has pleaded not guilty to 10 child abuse charges. His trial is scheduled to start on 30 January. While dismissing the general challenge by the Jackson team, judge Rodney Melville said he would still allow the lawyers to argue against individual items of evidence taken away by police.

SOHO MUSIC

MacGowan to play Ronny Scott's

The legendary singer and former Pogues frontman, Shane MacGowan will play a mini-residency at London's famous Ronnie Scott's jazz club. He is scheduled to play four dates during "a month of Sundays" at the Soho venue early next year. His sets may be recorded for DVD and are expected to draw other high-profile musicians to play on the bill. MacGowan plays live only intermittently with his band, The Popes. He is also due to play eight days with a reformed Pogues lineup in December. "After a lull a year ago, he's having a creative surge; he's on the ball at the moment," the singer's spokeswoman told BBC News.

VOICE OVER

McKellen back into Magic role

Lord of the Rings star Sir Ian McKellen will voice the character of Zebedee in a computer animated version of the children's TV classic *The Magic Roundabout*. McKellen, who played Gandalf in the movie trilogy, is joined by Kylie Minogue and Robbie Williams who also provide voices already recorded for the film which is due out next year. Minogue's voice is used for the character of Florence, and Williams' for the shaggy-haired dog Dougal. The original was made in the 1960s in French by Serge Danot and adapted into English and aired on BBC One.

Major airlines raise fares as crude price hits new record of 47 dollars

Air France has announced a 12 euro per flight surcharge, while KLM will add an extra 3 euros

REUTERS

Oil prices have surged to a new high of \$47 a barrel on evidence from major economies that energy costs are not substantially slowing the economic growth that fuels oil demand. A number of air carriers have announced that they would be passing on increases in the price of oil to passengers in the form of surcharges.

French flag carrier Air France is raising its ticket prices by up to 12 euros per flight leg, and KLM said it would impose a fuel surcharge of an average 3 euros per coupon for all fares as of September 1. Earlier this week Germany's Lufthansa said it was increasing prices by 2 euros on domestic flights and 7 euros per leg for long-haul travel. British Airways and Hong Kong's Cathay Pacific are making similar moves and Singapore Airlines said on Monday it was considering a surcharge as well.

Jet fuel is the second-biggest cost for airlines after labour and accounts for 10-20 per cent of operating expenses. Worries about the impact of high oil prices have weighed on airline stocks this year. US light crude rose 29 cents to a record \$47.04 a barrel yesterday after a 93-cent jump on Tuesday.

London Brent rose 21 cents to \$43.20 a barrel. US oil has set all-



Air France headquarters. The French company was one of several carriers to announce ticket surcharges / ARCHIVES

time highs in all but one of the last 14 trading sessions and is up \$10 a barrel, 27 per cent, since the end of June. The United States on Tuesday said consumer prices fell in July for the first time in eight months, indicating underlying inflation pressures are largely under control in the

world's biggest oil importer. In Germany yesterday Chancellor Gerhard Schröder said that while high prices were a concern, global growth remained strong. "We don't currently see any negative impact from the oil price and we still have very robust global growth," Schröder told

a press conference in Berlin.

"The economy overall is unaffected by oil prices at this high level. That suggests retail oil demand will continue to be healthy," said Tony Nunan, manager at Mitsubishi Corp's international petroleum business.

German citizens rally against welfare cuts

Several thousand German citizens have staged protests in a number of German cities this week against proposed cuts in unemployment benefits, continuing a series of weekly demonstrations against government reforms.

Police said 15,000 protestors marched to the headquarters of Chancellor Gerhard Schröder's Social Democrats (SPD) in central Berlin in a noisy but peaceful protest against the biggest reform of Germany's generous welfare system in decades. In demonstrations in several eastern cities, organizers said 15,000 people marched in Magdeburg and another 25,000 in Leipzig.

The scale of the protests led Schröder to order ministers back from vacation for an emergency cabinet session to reconsider the proposed changes. Economics and Labor Minister Wolfgang Clement, a staunch supporter of reform, has



German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder

strongly criticized the demonstrations and insisted they would not influence the government.

An economic slowdown and unemployment topping 19 per cent have made German workers particularly worried about any cuts in government assistance.

INTEREST RATES

Bank of England votes rise

All nine members of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee voted to raise interest rates by a quarter-point to 4.75 per cent this month, minutes of their Aug 4-5 meeting show. The minutes revealed that there was no discussion of a half-point rate rise as had been recommended by some analysts and as there had been in May, suggesting the central bank was in no hurry to raise interest rates again. Short sterling interest rate futures promptly rose. The latest decision was made in the light of the BoE's forecasts published last week, which showed inflation rising to its 2.0 per cent target in two years if interest rates rose in line with bond market expectations—probably just one more hike by the end of the year. The news that the bank's decision was unanimous had been expected by analysts. "It seems there wasn't any great angst against voting for the quarter point hike," Ross Walker, economist at RBS Financial Markets, said. "The minutes were consistent with the MPC's recent more relaxed tone on the housing market and consumer debt." The BoE has raised interest rates five times and by a total of 125 basis points since November to cool booming house prices and consumer spending. But many analysts believe the tightening cycle is now close to its peak with only one or two more rate hikes ahead. The MPC also considered arguments for keeping rates steady at 4.5 per cent but did not find them persuasive. Instead, there were several arguments for raising borrowing costs by a quarter-point—most notably that a hike was needed if inflation was to hit its 2.0 per cent target. "First and foremost, the Committee's forecasts, whether based on the market yield curve or the constant interest rate assumption, suggested that an increase would be consistent with bringing CPI inflation back to its 2.0 per cent target," the minutes said.

EUROZONE

Annual inflation falls while family indebtedness increases

Annual inflation in the 12-nation eurozone fell from 2.4 per cent in June to 2.3 per cent in July 2004, the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat), reported yesterday. The fall in inflation has reduced pressure on the European Central Bank (ECB) to raise interest rates even though the zone's inflation rate remains above the two per cent limit set by the ECB. Meanwhile, the BCE has also released data showing that household debt in the eurozone countries increased in the first quarter of 2004 to 4.4 per cent compared to 7.1 per cent during the same period in 2003. Debt owed by businesses went up by 1.8 per cent in the first quarter of 2003, while the debt of governments held steady at 5.3 per cent.



The Eurostar strike would probably take place at the end of August / REUTERS

Eurostar says service not affected by strike

Eurostar workers have voted to strike over pay, but the company says the action will not affect passengers despite a busy holiday weekend. Members of Britain's largest rail union at Eurostar's Waterloo and Ashford terminals voted 2-1 for industrial action in a dispute over pay and grading. Eurostar runs the high-

speed passenger train service that links Britain with France and Belgium. Rail, Maritime and Transport Union spokesman Bob Crow said yesterday union officials would decide on strike dates later in the week, but the strike would probably take place on the bank holiday weekend of August 28, 29 and 30.

Google sale to be put on hold as shareholders await approval

The sale price of the search engine shares drops as the SEC stalls on giving the green light

AGENCIES/NEILSTOKES

The world's biggest search engine, Google Inc., reported its intention of slashing the range of prices on its eagerly-awaited initial public offering (IPO) yesterday. Original statements on the sale of shares, the largest ever IPO of the internet sector, were expected to be in the range of \$108-\$135, but following a delay in the final regulatory approval of the sale, a drop to \$85-\$95 per share was being reported before the close of the Nasdaq last night.

On the California based company's web site (ipo.google.com) yesterday, it was also announced that in light of the expected fall in price, the number of shares that selling shareholders are expected to sell has been reduced to 5.5 million, representing a drop of 6.1 million from what was originally envisaged. Google itself still plans to sell off more than 14 million shares, which along with the selling shareholders offer would make a total of 19 million shares up for grabs. This is in contrast to the original statement announcing the IPO some months back, when figures of 24 million shares were fore-



The Google headquarters in Mountain View, CA. Bidders eagerly await the internet's largest ever sale of stock / AP

seen. These changes would reduce the maximum size of the IPO to \$1.9 billion and the potential maximum valuation of the company to under \$26 billion, a fall of \$10 billion. The delay in the IPO was caused

by the internet firm not receiving the required authorisation from the official regulating body, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). However, Google's web state-

ment confirmed that the company had submitted a further request to the SEC to declare the registration statement effective as of 4pm US time yesterday after this newspaper went to press.

Irrigation lands may not need water from Ebre diversion

Water consumption for agricultural use in Spain has gone down by 16.25% since 1989, according to the latest data released by Federación Nacional de Comunidades de Regantes (FENACORE), the Spanish Federation of Sprinkler Communities. As maintained by FENACORE, the 8.15 million acres of Spanish irrigated land use approximately 24,000 cubic hectometers every year, more than half of which come from the Ebro (26%), Duero (15%) and Guadalquivir (13%) basins. As for the origin of the water for agricultural use, the data released show that 68% of total irrigated land (5.44 million acres) is irrigated by superficial water, whereas 28% of the agricultural land uses underground water and the remaining 4% uses water from river diversions, treatment plants, desalination plants and water return. FENACORE also emphasizes the effort made by the government and the agricultural industry to modernize the irrigation systems, which will allow a more efficient water consumption. On the other hand, according to these data, 20% of the total water supply is for domestic use and less than 10% is destined to industrial use.



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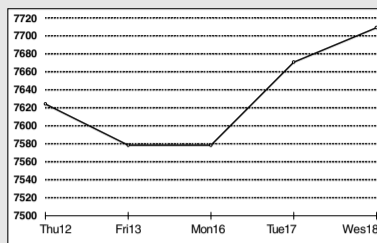
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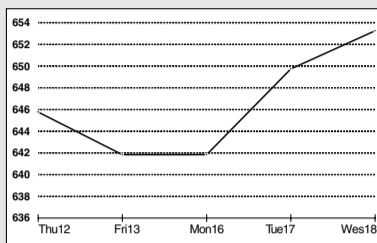
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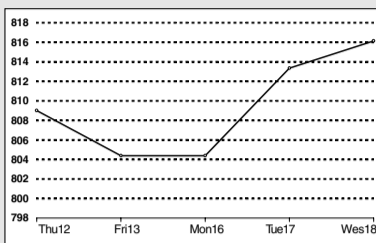
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NEW YORK (DOW JONES)

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PARIS (CAC 40)

3.541 0,24



LONDON (FTSE 100)

4.355 -0,08



FRANKFURT (DAX XETRA)

3.727 0,56



(*) Index at half session

BEST PERFORMING STOCKS

Stock	Last. Euros	Chg. %
Paternina	6,90	6,15
Net S. Comunicacao	1,58	6,04
Cemig Preference	14,82	4,73
Brasken, S.A.	18,96	3,89
Endesa Chile	11,50	3,42
G. Inmocaral S.A.	2,46	3,36

WORST PERFORMING STOCKS

Stock	Last. Euros	Chg. %
Volcan C.M.	1,89	-5,50
Cepsa	28,10	-3,93
Duro Felguera	5,55	-3,48
Indo Internac.	6,81	-3,13
Sotogrande	8,02	-2,79
Antena3 TV	40,60	-2,33

market analysis | REUTERS

Oil hike takes toll on European shares

European shares struggled yesterday as food leader Nestle became the latest casualty of high crude oil prices, which rose to a new peak above \$47 a barrel. Nestle shares tumbled 5.7 per cent to 296 Swiss francs on news that higher raw material costs, affected by high oil prices, and lower ice-cream sales in Europe ate into the Swiss group's first-half results. The price of inputs, such as milk and packaging, were driven higher on

surging crude prices amid concern about possible supply disruptions. The airline sector is also under pressure from rising fuel costs, and Europe's largest carrier Air France-KLM joined rivals yesterday in raising ticket prices to offset rising jet fuel costs. Citigroup Smith Barney lowered its earnings forecasts for all of the European airlines it covers, and cut its target price and stock recommendation on Air France.

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 Yld: 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	19.329	210.105
Amadeus	14.998	84.136
Telefónica	12.532	143.235
SAN	11.921	94.057
Endesa	9.929	146.650
Iberia	7.853	16.335

OTHER MARKETS

Stock	Last.	Max.	Min.	Chg.	Chg. %
Bilbao	1.389	1.390	1.379	5,11	0,37
Valencia	649	649	649	3,17	0,49
Milán MIB 30	26.621	26.659	26.458	42,00	0,16
Tokio Nikkei	10.774	10.774	10.659	48,29	0,45
S&P	1.088	1.089	1.079	6,63	0,61
Nasdaq	1.352	1.355	1.328	15,87	1,19
Latibex	819	819	810	8,90	1,10

Source: Morgan Stanley. Tel.: 901 11 64 31

MARKET SECTORS

Name	Last (Euros)	Max.	Min.	Chg.	Chg. %
COMMUNICATION					
Avanzit	1,54	1,58	1,52	-0,02	-1,28
Telefónica Móviles	8,05	8,09	7,99	0,02	0,25
TPI Pag Amar	5,17	5,20	5,09	0,00	0,00
Prisa	12,7	12,87	12,68	0,00	0,00
Amper	3,65	3,66	3,62	0,01	0,27
Telefónica	11,43	11,44	11,27	0,09	0,79
Jazztel	0,25	0,25	0,24	0,00	0,00
Terra	2,88	2,89	2,86	-0,01	-0,35
Indra	10,23	10,29	10,15	-0,02	-0,20
Antena3 TV	40,6	41,92	40,60	-0,97	-2,33
Sogecable	28,96	29,10	28,36	-0,04	-0,14
Tele 5	12,83	12,88	12,61	0,12	0,94
Recoletos	5,66	5,73	5,65	-0,07	-1,22
CONSTRUCTION					
Acciona	49,11	49,15	48,19	0,31	0,64
ACS	13,48	13,55	13,37	0,01	0,07
Ferrovial	36,42	36,85	36,24	-0,33	-0,90
OHL	6,03	6,04	6,00	-0,07	-1,15
FCC	29,37	29,39	28,93	0,27	0,93
CONSUMER GOODS					
Carrefour	14,97	-	-	0,00	0,00
Cortefiel	8,79	8,90	8,74	-0,09	-1,01
Paternina	6,9	6,90	6,82	0,40	6,15
CVNE	9,73	-	-	0,00	0,00
Pescanova	15,99	15,99	15,93	0,06	0,38
Aldeasa	23,95	24,00	23,90	0,00	0,00
Dogi Int. Fabric S.A.	4,27	4,28	4,21	0,02	0,47
Bodegas Riojanas	8,1	8,10	8,10	0,00	0,00
Natracéutica S.A.	0,71	0,72	0,71	-0,01	-1,39
Puleva Biotech	2,55	2,56	2,51	0,01	0,39
Inditex	18,44	18,50	18,21	0,02	0,11
Service Point Solutions	0,4	0,40	0,38	0,01	2,56
T. Algodonera	2,88	2,91	2,86	-0,03	-1,03
Faes Farma	12,41	12,43	12,37	0,03	0,24
Natra	3,98	4,07	3,98	-0,06	-1,49
Altadis	25,56	25,57	25,37	-0,12	-0,47
Vidrala	11,91	11,95	11,91	0,01	0,08
A. Domínguez	16	16,00	15,40	0,35	2,24
Ebro Puleva SA	9,14	9,20	9,02	0,05	0,55
Viscofán	7,5	7,50	7,40	0,06	0,81
SOS Cuétara	25	25,00	24,92	0,00	0,00
Camofrío	11,72	11,80	11,50	0,22	1,91

Name	Last (Euros)	Max.	Min.	Chg.	Chg. %
Zeltia	5,35	5,37	5,26	0,06	1,13
Barón de Ley	32,35	32,35	32,35	-0,04	-0,12
ENERGY					
Repsol	16,56	16,64	16,43	0,03	0,18
Bayer	20,43	20,49	20,43	-0,06	-0,29
Enagas S.A.	9,07	9,18	9,06	-0,08	-0,87
Unión Fenosa	17,85	18,09	17,64	0,20	1,13
Iberdrola	16,53	16,57	16,39	0,05	0,30
Hullas C.Cortés	9,77	-	-	0,00	0,00
Gas Natural	19	19,11	18,93	-0,04	-0,21
Cepsa	28,1	29,17	28,10	-1,15	-3,93
Red Eléctrica	13,65	13,69	13,53	0,02	0,15
Endesa	14,77	14,78	14,61	0,06	0,41
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
Valencia	17,6	17,60	17,45	0,06	0,34
GuipuzcoanoA	22,68	-	-	0,00	0,00
C. Occidente	30,25	30,26	30,22	0,00	0,00
Vasconia	11,6	11,60	11,60	0,00	0,00
Bankinter	29,23	29,35	29,12	-0,03	-0,10
Andalucía	69,8	69,80	68,30	0,00	0,00
Galicia	20,4	20,40	20,40	0,00	0,00
Banesto	9,06	9,07	8,95	0,01	0,11
Fastibex	0,45	-	-	0,00	0,00
Guipuzcoano	23,75	23,75	23,60	0,15	0,64
Gral. Inversión	1,3	1,30	1,30	0,00	0,00
SAN	7,89	7,89	7,81	0,04	0,51
BBVA	10,87	10,87	10,69	0,14	1,30
Atlántico	71,79	-	-	0,00	0,00
Alba	23,54	24,10	23,54	-0,55	-2,28
Pastor	24,66	24,94	24,45	-0,24	-0,96
Tecnocom	5,6	5,69	5,56	-0,07	-1,23
Cto. Balear	18,9	19,25	18,90	0,00	0,00
Castilla	16,25	16,25	16,25	0,00	0,00
Dinamia	13,8	13,80	13,70	0,00	0,00
Banc Sabadell	15,8	15,91	15,56	-0,05	-0,32
Corp. Mapfre	9,33	9,33	9,06	0,17	1,86
Popular	43,72	43,87	43,40	-0,01	-0,02
Unipapel	15,68	15,68	15,68	-0,02	-0,13
INVESTMENT GOODS					
CAF	57,1	57,10	57,10	0,00	0,00
Ercros	0,32	0,32	0,31	0,01	3,23
EADS	21,04	21,24	20,80	0,00	0,00

Name	Last (Euros)	Max.	Min.	Chg.	Chg. %
EPPIC	0,22	-	-	0,00	0,00
Mecalux	5,85	5,85	5,80	0,05	0,86
C. Portland	47,01	47,15	47,01	-0,22	-0,47
Ence	22,67	22,83	22,52	0,02	0,09
Reno de Medicci	0,65	-	-	0,00	0,00
E.del Zinc	1,67	1,68	1,67	0,00	0,00
Volkswagen	31,08	31,32	31,00	0,00	0,00
Uralita	3,05	3,11	3,04	-0,06	-1,93
Tubos Reunidos	6	-	-	0,00	0,00
Tudor	5,6	5,60	5,60	0,00	0,00
Tubacex	1,6	1,61	1,59	0,00	0,00
Acerinox	11,07	11,17	11,01	-0,10	-0,90
Tafisa	1,08	1,09	1,05	0,01	0,93
CIE AUTOMOTIVE	11,1	11,45	11,05	0,00	0,00
Miquel y Costas	42,84	43,00	42,84	0,00	0,00
Seda Barna	1,95	1,98	1,94	0,00	0,00
Azkoyen	6,05	6,11	6,01	-0,05	-0,82
Europac	3,47	3,49	3,45	-0,02	-0,57
N.Montaña	0,34	-	-	0,00	0,00
Nicolás Correa	2,8	-	-	0,00	0,00
Iberpapel	14,99	14,99	14,99	0,00	0,00
Duro Felguera	5,55	5,70	5,55	-0,20	-3,48
Arcelor S.A.	13,77	13,86	13,56	-0,11	-0,79
Lingotes	4,5	4,50	4,50	0,05	1,12
Zardoya Otis	17,25	17,38	17,12	-0,15	-0,86
Global Steel	2,06	2,08	2,06	0,03	1,48
Gamesa	10,86	11,03	10,82	-0,08	-0,73
Sniaace	0,64	0,65	0,63	0,01	1,59
MARKET SERVICES					
Agua Barna	14,48	14,48	14,25	0,06	0,42
Amadeus	5,61	5,74	5,42	0,16	2,94
Abertis	14,24	14,24	14,10	0,08	0,56
Abengoa	6,67	6,80	6,58	-0,14	-2,06
Metrovacesa	34,51	34,59	34,00	0,45	1,32
Sacyr-Valle	11,17	11,17	11,09	0,06	0,54
Urbis	9,28	9,33	9,28	-0,05	-0,54
Urbas	0,59	0,60	0,59	0,00	0,00
Telepizza	1,43	1,43	1,40	0,01	0,70
Transp. Azkar	5,95	5,99	5,95	-0,02	-0,34
Sotogrande	8,02	8,02	8,02	-0,23	-2,79
Sol Meliá	6,55	6,59	6,52	-0,04	-0,61
Prosegur	12,7	12,96	12,65	-0,12	-0,94
Iberia	2,08	2,14	2,07	-0,01	-0,48
NH Hoteles	8,72	8,77	8,57	0,07	0,81

Name	Last (Euros)	Max.	Min.	Chg.	Chg. %
Inbesós	4,2	4,20	4,20	0,00	0,00
Logista	32	32,50	31,91	-0,05	-0,16
G. Inmocaral S.A.	2,46	2,47	2,36	0,08	3,36
Indo Internac.	6,81	6,81	6,81	-0,22	-3,13

STOCK MARKET

INVESTMENT FUNDS

Fund	NAV	M.Yld%	YTD%
AHORRO CORPORACIÓN			
AC Acciones	14,28	-6,49	-1,37
AC Australasia	3,71	-5,47	1,76
AC Cuenta FT	1.313,10	0,29	0,62
AC Deuda FT	13,80	0,33	0,81
AC Divisa	6,74	-7,81	-3,53
AC Euroacciones	4,00	-6,86	-6,71
AC Largo FT	11,34	0,81	1,49
Ahorrofondo	38,83	-3,17	-0,03
Fonmix Laietana	4,59	1,17	2,03
BANCO POPULAR			
Eurovalor Bolsa	174,14	-4,25	-1,17
Eurovalor Bolsa Europea	42,76	-4,57	-6,01
Eurovalor Bolsa Internac.	38,22	0,00	-0,80
Eurovalor Dinero	1.579,57	0,08	0,73
Eurovalor Mixto 15	72,95	-0,60	0,44
Eurovalor Mixto 30	68,49	-1,05	0,62
Eurovalor mixto 70	2,49	-3,18	-4,52
Eurovalor Renta Fija	6,19	0,28	1,11
Eurovalor RF Corto	77,38	0,09	1,01
Eurovalor Sector Inmobil.	88,74	0,27	14,74
Eurovalor Tesoreria	810,82	0,04	0,63
BANCO SABADELL			
Inversabadell 25	15,61	-0,75	0,18
Inversabadell 50	4,81	-2,03	-1,66
Invertecnocredit	5,92	-0,74	0,26
MB Divisas 1	7,17	-0,96	3,64
MB Fondo 2	15,33	-0,69	1,59
Sabadell Bonos Euro	14,23	0,51	2,49
Sabadell Dinero	9,80	0,07	0,70
Sabadell Dolar Bolsa	5,86	-6,53	-11,52
Sabadell Europa Bolsa	7,13	-3,99	-4,44
Sabadell Global	3,77	0,67	2,74
Sabadell Interes Euro 1	17,85	0,13	0,79
Sabadell Interes Euro 3	15,90	0,17	1,30
Sabadell Interes Euro 4	8,01	0,15	0,95
Solbank Dinero	8,20	0,07	0,69
Solbank Interes Euro	12,69	0,13	0,72
BANKINTER			
BK Bolsa Euribex	1.601,90	-3,81	-2,97
BK Bolsa Internacional	582,45	0,05	0,57
BK Dinero	1.217,20	0,05	0,72
BK Fondo Fijo	22,18	0,65	1,27
BK Mixto Espa a 50	1.135,56	-1,77	-0,74
BK Mixto Europa 20	67,50	-0,49	-0,19
BK Renta V. Europea	44,52	-4,75	-9,15
Fondo Telefonico CP	983,55	0,07	0,91
BANKPYME			
Bankpyme Comunicaciones	5,16	-6,63	-10,77
Bankpyme Eurovalor	4,98	-4,04	-3,65
Bankpyme Multifix 25 RV	13,44	-0,72	1,02
Bankpyme Swiss	18,19	-3,57	-3,23
Bankpyme Top Class 75 RV	9,15	-3,19	-1,56
BBVA			
BBVA Biofarma	493,41	-2,75	-1,18
BBVA Bolsa Europa	59,08	-3,22	-2,62
BBVA Bolsa Internacional	11,11	-4,09	-2,58
BBVA Bolsa Japon	3,51	-4,87	0,83
BBVA Bono 2000 A	1.093,20	0,79	1,93
BBVA Bonos USA	10,63	-1,56	2,67
BBVA Crecimiento Europa	6,49	-4,35	-5,07
BBVA Dinero	1.905,02	0,04	0,63
BBVA Fonbolsa Int.G	11,38	0,00	0,09
BBVA Mix 80 A	519,72	-2,55	-0,99
BBVA Multifondo Dinamic.	491,36	-4,08	-0,62
BBVA Plan Renta	1.054,21	0,65	2,29
BBVA RF Largo	13,88	0,18	1,39
BBVA Small Caps Europa	6,78	-3,05	13,07
CAIXA CATALUNYA			
Caixa Cat. Borsas 5	5,80	-0,52	0,09
Caixa Cat. Borsas Europea	3,75	-4,77	-5,97
Caixa Cat. Borsas Usa	3,11	-5,81	-2,35
Caixa Cat. Dinero	1.813,16	0,05	0,70
Caixa Cat. Global	11,75	-0,07	0,39
Caixa Cat. Index	7,70	-4,26	-0,02
Caixa Cat. Inversio 2	4,28	-4,50	-4,84
Caixa Cat. Patrimoni	7,82	0,23	0,84
Caixa Cat. Patrimoni Plus	7,55	0,17	1,02
Caixa Cat. Plus	7,84	0,05	0,80
Caixa Cat. Previsio	18,17	0,62	2,29
Caixa Cat. Sanitat	4,45	-3,58	-5,25
Caixa Cat. Telecomunic.	1,89	-4,97	-7,58
CAIXA GIRONA			
Caixagirona Estalvi	10,29	0,02	0,41
Caixagirona Euromixt 20	8,08	-0,53	0,54
Caixagirona Euromixt 40	6,16	-1,30	-0,94
Caixagirona Global	5,78	-3,44	-2,41
Caixagirona Monetari	2,05	0,00	0,13

Fund	NAV	M.Yld%	YTD%
Giroborsa	3,53	-3,15	-2,14
CAIXA LAIETANA			
Fonlaietana	16,46	-0,51	1,23
Fonlaietana 30	1.340,40	-2,39	-1,31
Laidiner	1.678,55	1,00	1,65
Laietana Bolsa	3,49	-7,80	-6,13
CAIXA PENEDES			
Fonpenedes	9,16	0,12	0,29
Fonpenedes Borsa	5,37	-3,88	-1,29
Fonpenedes Borsa Japo	5,74	-6,99	-5,02
Fonpenedes Borsa USA	4,92	-5,22	-5,18
Fonpenedes Diner	8,55	0,03	0,63
Fonpenedes Euroborsa 100	3,43	-5,13	-5,07
Fonpenedes Inversio	7,47	-0,01	0,29
Fonpenedes Mixt Euroem.	12,13	-1,47	3,47
Fonpenedes Tecnologia	4,04	-8,43	-11,64
Fonpenedes Variable Mixt	4,44	-3,51	-3,01
CAIXA TARRAGONA			
Tarragonafons 1	712,48	0,05	0,67
Tarragonafons 10	7,44	0,13	0,81
Tarragonafons 2	5,77	-2,70	-3,35
Tarragonafons 3	7,95	0,25	1,40
Tarragonafons 4	5,61	-4,75	-6,97
Tarragonafons 5	7,60	0,13	0,80
Tarragonafons Global	6,03	-2,27	-1,63
CAIXA TERRASA			
CT Diner	10,62	0,08	0,77
CT EUROFIX FIM	10,49	0,55	1,36
CT Euromixt 25	9,70	-0,53	0,01
CT EUROMIXT 50	9,74	-1,59	-0,72
CT Euromixt 75	8,17	-2,59	-1,60
CT Global 100	6,29	-5,18	-4,13
CAJA MADRID			
Fondmadrid	1.539,34	0,07	0,66
Invermadrid FT	14,25	0,38	1,17
Madrid Bolsa 100	10,24	-0,40	-1,48
Madrid Bolsa Activa	6,68	0,12	0,71
Madrid Bolsa Europea	5,06	-1,54	-2,39
Madrid Deuda Ft	10,71	0,72	2,01
Madrid Premiere	12,81	0,67	2,25
Plusmadrid 25	6,37	-0,26	0,25
Plusmadrid 50	5,50	-1,29	-1,67
Plusmadrid Int.50	7,69	-0,82	-1,38
CAJA MANRESA			
Caixa Manresa Mundiborsa	20,44	-5,67	-3,03
Caixamanresa Op.Globals	22,37	0,00	2,38
Cem Tesoreria	7,42	0,57	1,29
Eurocem	6,19	-5,26	-2,41
Fonmanresa	1.557,47	0,40	0,89
Invermanresa	16,00	0,00	1,52
Invermanresa 2	9,44	0,43	2,39
CAM (CAJA DEL MEDITERRANEO)			
CAM Bolsa Indice	5,44	-5,86	-0,92
CAM Dinero 1	1.178,58	0,31	0,68
CAM Dinero Plus	926,60	0,45	0,77
CAM High Yield	6,98	-1,24	0,34
CAM Mixto 25	552,26	-1,41	0,17
CAM Mixto Variable Europa	7,95	-7,57	-4,41
DEUTSCHE BANK			
DB Acciones	17,05	-3,43	-0,04
DB Capital 1	7,38	-0,86	-0,47
DB Capital 2	7,29	-1,30	-1,04
DB Diner	1.179,39	0,04	0,73
DB Diner II	862,96	0,04	0,72
DB Europa bolsa	6,87	-4,33	-3,91
DB Mixta	17,04	-2,20	-0,98
DB Norteamerica Bolsa	4,87	-3,90	-3,67
GAESCO			
Cahispa Multifondo	54,13	-3,83	-2,25
Catalunya Fons	13,11	-2,45	5,82
Eurofondo	11,12	-4,11	-1,14
Gaesco Fondo de Fondos	5,49	-3,94	-2,06
Gaesco Multinacional	39,31	-7,12	-13,27
Gaescoquant	2,92	-6,53	-11,13
IBERCAJA			
Ibercaja Ahorro	16,18	0,15	0,81
Ibercaja Bolsa Europa	4,44	-3,49	-3,39
Ibercaja Bolsa Internac.	5,60	-5,10	-6,84
Ibercaja Euro	6,86	-0,08	1,96
Ibercaja Renta Internac.	4,91	-1,97	-0,02
Ibercaja Sec.Inmobiliario	10,00	-1,86	7,05
«LA CAIXA»			
Fonc. 17 Mixto Internacional	9,06	-2,19	-1,78
Fonc. 18 RV Mixto Internacional	7,95	-2,19	-1,80
Fonc.64 Pat.Bol.Ind.Euro	4,38	-4,73	-4,37
Fonc.65 Bol.Indice.Esp	4,28	-3,64	-2,44
Foncaixa 56 Patr.50 RV	5,72	-2,19	-1,56

Fund	NAV	M.Yld%	YTD%
Foncaixa 57 RFLargo Euro	14,88	0,04	0,55
Foncaixa 94 FF Bolsa Europea	6,31	-0,30	0,38
Foncaixa Ahorro 2	18,78	0,01	0,19
Foncaixa Ahorro 7	16,48	0,06	0,94
Foncaixa Bolsa 33	21,91	-3,55	-0,60
Foncaixa Bolsa 43	5,05	-3,76	-3,36
Foncaixa Bolsa 5	19,83	-4,81	-5,03
Foncaixa Bolsa 52	4,61	-4,58	-4,42
Foncaixa Bolsa 53	5,95	-4,54	-4,43
Foncaixa Bolsa 54	5,03	-3,25	1,25
Foncaixa Bolsa 55	4,52	-4,52	-2,98
Foncaixa Bolsa 62	3,33	-2,66	-0,79
Foncaixa Bolsa 63	5,18	-1,32	10,94
Foncaixa Dinero 6	601,01	0,00	-
Foncaixa Dinero77	13,47	0,01	0,19
Foncaixa Futuro 21	6,86	0,11	0,52
Foncaixa Internacional 1	0,35	-	1,67
Foncaixa Mixto 25	7,33	-0,18	-0,33
Foncaixa Mixto 28	7,33	-0,20	-0,32
Foncaixa Mixto 29	7,40	-1,69	0,22
Foncaixa Mixto 38	6,80	-2,21	-2,22
Foncaixa Mixto 42	7,12	-1,69	0,17
Foncaixa Patrimonio 16	8,49	0,05	1,11
MAPFRE			
Fondmapfre Bolsa	18,08	-2,21	0,13
Fondmapfre Bolsa Europa	4,12	-3,93	-4,44
Fondmapfre Diversificac.	9,56	-2,40	-0,54
Fondmapfre Internacional	953,73	0,14	1,70
Fondmapfre Rta. Mixto	7,20	-0,51	0,62
MORGAN STANLEY			
MS Ahorro	18,35	0,30	1,34
MS Bolsa	20,28	-3,66	-0,78
MS Bolsa Internacional	6,96	-5,16	-4,99
MS Bolsaplus	15,75	-3,30	-1,30
MS Dinerplus	1.408,16	0,05	0,64
MS Divisa	8,45	-0,81	0,21
MS Euro Acciones	6,10	-3,39	-0,38
MS Euro Deuda	7,91	0,86	2,63
MS Euro Global	7,31	-0,87	0,88
MS Euro Seleccion	7,06	-2,80	1,09
MS Fondo	23,66	0,28	1,52
MS Fondo 19	16,72	-1,27	0,32
MS Fondo 25	879,79	0,07	0,86
MS Fondos Agresivo	7,78	-2,74	0,68
MS Fondos Conservador	9,69	-0,66	1,48
MS Fondos Moderado	8,59	-1,70	1,14
MSS Asian Equity A	14,41	-1,44	-4,06
MSS European Eq Growth B	7,90	-4,01	-5,39
MSS Global Brands A	29,79	-3,00	1,71
MSS Global Sm Cap Val A	19,13	-3,92	6,28
MSS Global Value Eq A	27,35	-3,32	0,92
SCH			
Banesto Bolsas Europeas	4,53	-3,79	-4,92
Banesto Dinero	15,41	0,02	0,31
Banesto Especial Dinero	7,34	0,08	0,98
Banesto Especial RF	7,83	0,34	1,76
Banesto Especial RV	5,15	-3,56	0,98
Banesto Fons. Cat. Mixt	10,77	-0,36	0,23
Banesto Mixto Extra	5,77	-0,74	-0,65
Banesto Mixto Fijo 2	6,39	-0,24	-0,21
BCH Acciones	10,04	-4,08	-0,51
BCH Fondimo 1	1.792,23	0,05	0,69
BCH Fondimo 2	1.177,73	0,06	0,68
BCH Int. Acciones	88,42	-4,25	-1,21
BCH Interes Diario	7,75	0,01	0,11
BCH Internet	26,96	-10,34	-17,36
BCH Mixto Iberoamerica	74,08	-1,61	1,21
BCH Salud	40,60	-3,08	-2,32
BSN Banif Acc. Esp.	25,83	-4,14	-0,47
BSN Banif Acc. Euro	5,43	-3,81	-4,34
BSN Banif Acciones Emerg.	55,10	-1,35	-2,74
BSN Banif Acciones Japon	261,04	-6,59	1,06
BSN Banif Dinero	1.818,45	0,05	0,79
BSN Banif SILA	10,15	-2,31	3,36
Extradinero Banesto	844,97	0,08	0,66
Sant. A Eleccion	612,42	-0,35	0,94
Sant. Acciones	2,02	-3,80	-4,74
Sant. Acciones Europeas			

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Greek sprinters exit games to minimise shame

Kenteris and Thanou offer apology to Greek people while protesting their innocence

Greece's top two sprinters pulled out of the Olympic Games Wednesday after inflicting six days of embarrassment on their country in a hide-and-seek contest with anti-doping enforcers.

Costas Kenteris and team mate Katerina Thanou quit the competition protesting their innocence but apologizing to the Greek people. The International Olympic Committee said it would take no action and was therefore "no longer the authority responsible for issuing potential sanctions" related to the affair. Instead, it said it was passing the

case on to the world athletics governing body, the IAAF, "for potential sanctions."

The IAAF was asked to probe both athletes plus coach Christos Tzekos, as well as Greek officials, over the missed tests. "With a sense of responsibility and national interest I am retiring from the Olympic Games," said Kenteris. "I was never notified to go to the Olympic Village to take the test," he said. But he divulged no more about the mystery motorcycle crash that night which put the two in hospital seclusion, beyond the reach of Olympic officials.



IOC legal advisor François Carrard at a press conference yesterday concerning Greek sprinters Kenteris and Thanou / AP



Dutch, American win

Pieter van den Hoogenband of the Netherlands (photo) won the Olympic gold medal in the men's 100 metres freestyle yesterday. Michael Phelps won the 200 metre butterfly and helped his American team mates to win the 800 metres freestyle relay. Poland's Otylia Jędrzejczak won a gold medal in the women's 200 metres butterfly at to become Poland's first Olympic swimming champion.



Hamilton wins gold

American Tyler Hamilton won the men's cycling time trial yesterday. Viatcheslav Ekimov, the defending champion, took the silver and Bobby Julich claimed the bronze, with German favourite Jan Ullrich only seventh. In the women's time trial, Leontien Zijlaard-van Moorsel of the Netherlands won the gold while Spain's Joane Somarriba (photo) finished in seventh place.



Russian takes gold in women's shot put

Russia's Irina Korzhanenko won the first track and field event of this year's edition, taking gold in the women's shot put with the ancient Greek ruins surrounding her. The 30-year-old threw a season's-best 21.06 meters while Cuba's Yumileidi Cumba claimed the silver. The shot put is the only event taking place in the 2,500-year-old Olympiastadium.

Alonso may play for Liverpool this weekend if deal finalised in time

Liverpool hope to complete the signing of Real Sociedad midfielder Xabi Alonso by the weekend, manager Rafael Benitez said on Wednesday.

"We hope to finish our conversations about signing Alonso this week," Benitez said at a news conference shortly after news signing Antonio Núñez was injured in his first training session. "I'm not sure when the transfer will be completed. It is near -- we hope before the weekend but I'm not sure he will be able to play on Saturday."

"Liverpool is one of those clubs that all players dream about being able to play

for," Alonso said. "Liverpool also showed more interest (in signing me) than Madrid."

Definitely unavailable will be Núñez after he twisted his left knee in training and has suspected ligament damage. The former Real Madrid midfielder, signed on Tuesday as part of the deal that took striker Michael Owen in the opposite direction, was expected to play for the reserves on Wednesday and feature against Manchester City in the Premier League on Saturday.

"We are all desperately disappointed for Antonio because this injury has come

at such a bad time for him and he is understandably gutted," Liverpool spokesman Ian Cotton told the club's website. "We will know more about his injury on Thursday afternoon."

While the Núñez injury is a blow for Benitez, his squad should be bolstered by the expected arrival of Alonso. Real Sociedad said on Tuesday they had agreed to sell the Spanish player and Spanish media reported that Liverpool had made a bid of 16 million euros for the 22-year-old. "He will be a very good midfield player for us. He will give us more possibilities in the midfield alongside Didi Hamann, Steve Gerrard and Igor Biscan," said Benitez. "Xabi is very clever. He is good with long passes and short passes. He has more skill than strength. He is intelligent and will play well."



Xabi Alonso said that Liverpool were more interested in signing him than Real Madrid

WHAT'S ON

Thursday 19 August 2004

THURSDAY

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Concerts

BARCELONA

- **Apolo.** Deep-house concert by DJ Harry Callahan and DJ 2D2. At 12:30 am. Nou de la Rambla, 113.
- **Barcelona City Hall.** Hip hop, funk concert by DJs Eddie Saïd and Fanatik. At 12:30 am. Rambla Catalunya, 2-4.
- **Carrer Bruniquer.** Jazz concert by Ivanow jazz Group. As part of *Festa Major de Gràcia*. At 11:00 pm.
- **Carrer Joan Blanques de Baix.** Concert by Tandoori Lenoir. As part of *Festa Major de Gràcia*. At 10:30 pm.
- **Carrer Joan Blanques de Dalt.** Concert by Lucki Guri Quintet. As part of *Festa Major de Gràcia*. At 11:00 pm.
- **Carrer Martínez de la Rosa.** Concert by Nelson & Grinyo. As part of *Festa Major de Gràcia*. At 10:00 pm.
- **Carrer Martínez de la Rosa.** Concert by Dani Flaco Band. As part of *Festa Major de Gràcia*. At 11:00 pm.
- **Carrer Mozart.** Blues concert Blues Txues. As part of *Festa Major de Gràcia*. At 10:00 pm.
- **Carrer Mozart.** Traditional music concert by Foktreubanya. As part of *Festa Major de Gràcia*. At 11:45 pm.
- **Carrer Mozart.** Rock concert by La Cobasky. As part of *Festa Major de Gràcia*. At 1:15 am.
- **Carrer Reig i Bonet.** Pop, rock and soul concert by La Banda Puig. As part of *Festa Major de Gràcia*. At 11:00 pm.
- **Carrer Tordera.** Salsa concert by Clave and Compás. As part of *Festa Major de Gràcia*. At 12:00 am.
- **Jamboree.** Jazz concert by Perico Sambat Sextet. At 11:00 pm. Plaça Reial, 17.
- **Jazz Sí Club.** Cuban music concert by Palosanto, with Maria Elena. At 9:00 pm. Requesens, 2.
- **La Boïte.** Rock, blues concert by Eric Sardinias. At 12:00 am. Diagonal, 477.
- **La Cova del Drac.** Jazz concert by Ramon Cardo & Joan Soler Quartet. At 11:00 pm. Vallmajor, 33.

- **La Paloma.** Concert by La Gardenia Blanca. At 6:00 pm. Carrer del Tigre, 27.
 - **La Paloma.** Concert by Professor Angel Dust & De Lippo. Visuals by VJ Ulises and VJ Panagua. At 12:00 am. Carrer del Tigre, 27.
 - **La Terrazza.** Funky, deep-house concert by Mauricio Avilés. At 12:00 am. Poble Espanyol.
 - **London Bar.** Latin pop concert by Saira. At 12:30 am. Nou de la Rambla, 34.
 - **Los Tarantos.** Flamenco concert by Tío Carlos. At 8:30 pm. Plaça Reial, 17.
 - **Moog.** Concert by DJs BVS and Juan B. At 1:30 am. Arc del Teatre, 3.
 - **Otto Zutz.** Concert by DJs Neu Amklassiker and Collectivo Concuenda. As part of *The Edge Club*. At 12:30 am. Lincoln, 15.
 - **Plaça del Sol.** Balearic Islands music concert by For if the Flies, Morning Groove, Gaia and Nerea. As part of *Festa Major de Gràcia*. At 10:30 pm.
 - **Plaça Rius i Taulet.** Rumba concert by Djous Paella and Andreu El Rumbero. As part of *Festa Major de Gràcia*. At 10:30 pm.
 - **Sala New York.** Concert by DJ Gaspar Artuña. At 12:00 am. Escudellers, 5.
 - **Teatre de l'ACIDH.** Concert by Rama 1/2 and DJ Nubla. As part of *Festa Major de Gràcia*. At 11:00 pm. Milà i Fontanals, 49.
- BEGUR**
- **Pati de les Escoles Velles.** *Carmen Amaya: la última noche.* Flamenco show by Cia. Eva Santiago. August 19th and 20th. At 10:30 pm.

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Exhibition on Confucius' doctrine at CaixaForum

● The exhibition *Confucius*, at CaixaForum, shows the doctrine of the Chinese philosopher born in 551 B.C. in more than 120 artefacts and documents of enormous historical and artistic value, mainly coming from the Museum of Shandong - Confucius' home province - and the Musée Guimet, from Paris. The exhibition is organised into seven sections and begins with

an introduction to the feudal Chinese society, and how Confucius' teachings transformed and influenced society until it became the official religion in China in the second century B.C. The exhibition is closed by a presentation of the spread of this doctrine in the Far East and its influence on European philosophy. Avda. Marqués de Comillas, 6-8. Tel. 476 86 00.

Jazz and bolero concert at Museu Deu in Vendrell

● The Museum Deu of Vendrell will offer tonight at 8:00 pm a jazz concert by Sussi Castellet Group, a familiar name at the International Jazz festival of Tarragona. The vocalist Sussi Castellet, Josep Maria Domènec (piano), Ramon Teixidor (batteries) will perform a deep and mature blend of jazz, *bossa nova* and boleros, with a clear respect for tradition. The band's album *Plays Ellington* (2000) is a tribute to the great Duke Ellington. The entrance is free.

Senza Tempo combines theatre and dance at Forum

● The show *El bosque de Marcela* combines theatre and dance, with games as the focal point. The company Senza Tempo has been producing performances for both theatres and street venues, which are usually a refined mixture of theatre, dance, poetry and surrealism which will charm and engage the audience emotionally. The show will be on until 23 August at Auditorium Park. There are three performances a day, at 17:45, 20:00 and 23:00 pm.

CAMPRODON

► **Pont Romànic.** Havaneres concert by Pescadors de l'Escala. At 10:00 pm.

CASERES

► **Església de Santa Maria Magdalena.** Catalan and Spanish lied concert. As part of *Cicle de Concerts d'Estiu de Caseres*. At 8:30 pm.

CASTELLBISBAL

► **Avinguda Gaudí.** Concert by The Bon Scott Band. At 11:00 pm.

► **Plaça del Joc.** Jazz concert by The Amazing Funklab Quartet. At 12:00 am.

EL VENDRELL

► **Auditori Pau Casals.** Children choir concert by Tölzer Knabenchor. As part of *Festival de Música Pau Casals*. At 10:30 pm.

► **Museu Deu.** Jazz concert by Sussi Castellet Grup. At 8:00 pm.

GIRONA

► **Centre Bonastruc ça Porta.** Iberian traditional music concert by Paco Diez. At 10 pm.

L'ALEIXAR

► **Paròquia de Sant Martí Bisbe.** Organ concert by Roberto Fresco. As part of *Cicle de Concerts d'Orgues de Catalunya*. At 10 pm.

LA ROCA DEL VALLÈS

► **La Roca Village.** Concert by Anna Luna, Sabine and Virginia Martinez. At 7:00 pm.

MATARÓ

► **Lasal.** Concert by DJ Elbee Bad. At 11 pm.

MONT-ROIG DEL CAMP

► **Les Nits de Bonmont.** Jazz concert by Jazz Antic. At 9:00 pm.

PALAFRUGELL

► **Jazz Club La Guitarra.** Concert by jazzcare Trio and guest artists. At 11:00 pm.

PALAMÓS

► **Teatre La Gorga.** Concert by Mònica Orpí, soprano, Susanna Puig, soprano, Lluís Guinovart, violin, Carles Puig, violin, Esther Ramos, piano, and Marta Alsina, piano. At 10:00 pm.

PALAU-SAVERDERA

► **Sant Joan de Palau-saverdera.** Brandenburg concert by Bach Ensemble. As part of *Festival de Música de l'Albera*. At 10 pm.

PLATJA D'ARO

► **Passeig Marítim.** Concert by Agustín Aspa and Habana band. At 12:00 am.

SANT FELIU DE GUÍXOLS

► **Casa Iria.** Concert by Jordi Ortega, cello, and Lluís González, piano. As part of *Festival Internacional de la Porta Ferrada*. At 8:00 pm.

SANTA CRISTINA D'ARO

► **Església Parroquial.** Concert by Sestetto Leonardo. As part of *Festival Internacional de Música de Cambra*. At 9:00 pm.

TERRASSA

► **Pati de la Casa Baumann.** Tango Concert by Maquetango, Laboratorio de Tango. As part of *Terrassa de Nit*. At 10:00 pm.

TORDERA

► **Plaça de l'Església.** Havaneres concert by PortBo. At 10:00 pm.

TORREDEMBARRA

► **Plaça del Castell.** Celtic music concert by Birkin Tree. At 11:00 pm.

TORROELLA DE MONTGRÍ

► **Església de Sant Genís.** Concert by Il Giardino Armonico, with Giovanni Antonini, conductor, and Núria Real, soprano. At 10:30 pm.

VILAFRANCA DEL PENEDÈS

► **Cal Figarot.** Concert by Carlos Bannik, cover. At 11:00 pm.

Dance

BARCELONA

► **Espai de la Dansa.** Dance performance by Comodin A4. As part of *Festa Major de Gràcia*. At 10:30 pm.

Children

BARCELONA

► **Plaça del Nord.** *La màgia de la vida*, children's play by Companyia Xicana. At 6:00 pm.

GIRONA

► **Biblioteca Ernest Lluch.** *Peix peixet*, children's stories told by Va de Contes. At 6:00 pm.

► **Museu del Cinema.** Animation film screening *Animac mòbil 2004*. At 5:30 pm.

Theatre

BARCELONA

► **Artenbrut Teatre.** *Élvino en un barco*, by Cia. Wai. Thurs to Sat 9:00 pm. Sun 6:00 pm. Check for tickets. Until August 29th. Perill, 9.

► **Carrer Martínez de la Rosa.** Theatre performance by Els Mullats. As part of *Festa Major de Gràcia*. At 5:00 pm.

CULTURAL CENTRES

BARCELONA

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.fimiro.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. www.10.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

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

Sagrada família. www.sagrafamiliaria.org

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

GIRONA

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

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

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

Museu Dalí. Opened in 1974, The Museu Dalí 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

TARRAGONA

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

► **Teatre Nou Tantarantana.** *Diktat*, by Enzo Corman. Wed to Sat 9 pm, Sun 7 pm. Until August 22nd. Tickets: 13-16 euros. Flors, 22.
► **Versus Teatre.** Play *The backroom* by 4D Produccions. Wed to Sat 10:30 pm. Sun 8:30 pm. Until August 29th. Tickets: 16 euros. Castillejos, 179.

CASTELLBISBAL

► **Casal Cultural i Recreatiu.** *Bufaplanetes*, soap bubble show by Pep Bou. At 10:30 pm.

FIGUERES

► **Plaça Josep Pla.** *Se fue con un extraño y no perdí una hija, gané un cuarto de baño*, play by Cia. Ducomics. At 10:00 pm.

SANTASUSANNA

► **Espai Jardí de la Masia Can Ratés.** *Antoi, como lo dijo Hamlet*, theatre and circus show. As part of *Festival Shakespeare*. At 11 pm.

SITGES

► **Auditori Melià Sitges.** *Mamááá!!!*, with Joan Pera and Paco Morán. At 10:45 pm.

Miscellaneous**BARCELONA**

► **CCCB.** *Gandules '04*. DJ sessions and film screenings. At 8:00 pm. Montalegre, 5.

► **Centre Civic Fort Pienc.** Documentary screening *Bowling for Columbine*. Dir.: Michael Moore. At 10:00 pm. Ali Bei, 109.

GIRONA

► **Museu del Cinema.** Screening of a selection of the best "making off" documentaries. From 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Exhibitions**BARCELONA**

► **CaixaForum.** Exhibition *Estarem segurs mentre tot es mogui* by Doug Aitken. Until September 26th. Av. Marquès de Comillas, 6-8.

► **CaixaForum.** Exhibition *Absència pública*. by Javier Peñafiel. Until October 3rd. Closed on Mondays. Av. Marquès de Comillas, 6-8.

► **CaixaForum.** *Un proyecto para la colección* by Jorge Pardo. Until November 7th.

► **Centre d'Art Santa Mònica.** *16 factures*, by Maria Eichhom. Until September 26th. Rbla. Sta Mònica, 7.

► **Casa Àsia.** *Orient i Occident a l'Índia dels segles XX i XXI. Daniélou. Santiniketan. Tagore*. Until October 20th. Diagonal, 373.

► **CCCB.** Exhibition *Pascal Comelade i la seva orquestra d'instruments de jojuina*. 36 toy instruments. Until August 22nd. Montalegre, 5.

► **Centre Cultural Caixa Catalunya.** *El Cos i el cosmos. Art escultòric del Mèxic precolombi*. Until October 10th. Provença 261-265.

► **Centre d'Art Centre Mònica.** *Apparent Phenomena*, by Joao Tabarra. Until September 26th. Rbla Santa Mònica, 7.

► **Centre d'Art Santa Mònica.** Exhibition *Borrowed Scenery (enriched seminaturalistic enclosure)* by Florian Göttke. Until September 26th. Rambla Santa Mònica, 7.

► **Centre d'Art Santa Mònica.** *Mudo (amb drippings sonors de Vacca)* by Pep Duran. Until September 26th. Rbla. Santa Mònica, 7.

► **Col·legi d'Arquitectes.** Photograph exhibition *La primera mirada*. Until September 15th. Plaça Nova, 5.

► **Fundació Joan Miró.** *Manifest groc. Dalí, Gasch, Montanya i l'antiart*. Until September 26th. Tickets: 3,6 euros. Parc de Montjuïc.

► **Institut Francès.** *Boyzone. Imatges del cos*, by Clarisse Hahn. Until September 22nd. Moia, 8.

► **MACBA.** *Arte y utopia: la acción restringida*. Works by Picasso, Braque, Duchamp and Rauschenberg. Until September 12th. Tickets: 4-7 euros. Pl. Àngels, 1.

► **MNAC.** *Festins, rituals, cerimònies*. Bronze works from Shanghai. Tickets: 4,20 euros. 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.

► **Palau de la Virreina.** *El primer Eros. Àfrica, Amèrica i Oceania*. Until October 31st. La Rambla, 99.

► **Palau Moja.** *Catalunya, país de trobada*. Until October 3rd. Portaferrissa 1.

► **Palau Robert.** *Mercats de la Mediterrània*. Until August 31st.

CADAQUÉS

► **Galeria Cadaqués Dos.** Photograph exhibition *Dream of Venus*. Until September 5th.

**Galicia's music with Mercedes Peón**

● One of the not-to-be-miss performances at the Forum is taking place tonight: Mercedes Peón is one of the most representative and popular voices of Galician music. She will perform accompanied by five musicians on Marina Stage, at 11:30 pm. Born in La Coruña in 1967, she innovated traditional music of Galicia after recovering it from the most remote parts of the land. In this way she prevented the unwritten traditional music from being lost forever. Mercedes Peón is skilled in several traditional instruments such as *gaita* (Galician bagpipe), and percussion instruments, such as the drum, the *pandereita* and the *pandeiro* (types of tambourines). • *M. TOPOR*

► **Galeria Marges U.** Exhibition *Llum 2004. Dalí*. Until September 1st.

EL VENDRELL

► **Fundació Apel·les Fenosa.** *Vieira da Silva-Arpad Szenes-Fenosa*. Until September 30th.

► **Museu Deu.** Engraving exhibition *Goya. Gravats: capritxos i desastres*. Until September 12th.

FIGUERES

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

► **Museu Empordà.** Exhibition *El País de Dalí*, as part of Year Dalí. Until August 29th.

GIRONA

► **Espai del Museu d'Art.** Temporary exhibition *Senyals*, directed by Marleen Kars. Until September 5th.

► **Fontana d'Or.** *Viure a Palau a l'Edat Mitjana, segles XII-XV*. Until September 19th.

► **La Cova. Col·legi d'Arquitectes.** *Biopolis, building nature*. Until September 13th.

► **Museu d'Art.** *Exposició de cartells*. Until September 19th.

► **Museu d'Història.** *Santos Torroella. Entre l'art i la poesia*. Until October 10th.

► **Museu d'Art.** *El llegat del Pop Art a Catalunya*. Until September 12th.

► **Museu del Cinema.** *Dalí i les il·lusions (òptiques)*. Tues to Fri 10 am-6 pm. Until Sept. 12th.

MATARÓ

► **Museu de Matarró.** Exhibition on Dalí's works. Until October 24th.

► **Museu de Matarró.** Exhibition *Salvador Dalí. Lletres i ninots*. Until October 24th.

PALAFRUGELL

► **Fundació Pla.** Exhibition *Salvador Dalí, Josep Pla: coincidències*. Until November 28th.

PERALADA

► **Centre Cultural Sant Domènec.** *Imatges ambigües... Mirades joves sobre Dalí*. Until August 29th.

SANT CUGAT DEL VALLÈS

► **Canals Galeria d'Art.** Exhibition *Un món proper, un món divers* by various artists from Italy, Belgium, Andorra and USA. Weekdays, 5 to 8 pm. Sat 11 am to 2 pm and 6 to 8 pm. Until August 30th.

SANT FELIU DE GUÍXOLS

► **Museu d'Història de la Ciutat.** *Girona i la Costa Brava*, photograph exhibition by Francesc Català-Roca. Until August 29th.

TARRAGONA

► **Fòrum Provincial.** Exhibition *Romanorum Vila*. The exhibition can be visited until September 30th.

► **Fòrum Provincial (Pretori romà).** *Vita Romani. Vida dels Romans*. Pictures by Peter Connolly. Until September 30th.

► **Museu Arqueològic.** Exhibition *Moonlight*, by Valentin Vallhonrat. Until August 29th.

► **Museu d'Art Modern de Tarragona.** Exhibition *Biennal d'Art 2004*. Until August 29th.

► **Refugi 1. Moll de la Costa.** *Atapuerca i l'evolució humana*. Until September 5th.

► **Sala d'Exposicions de Caixa de Tarragona.** Exhibition *Els quatre elements*, by Apel·les Fenosa. Until September 17th.

TORTOSA

► **Galeria del Quadre.** Works by Picasso, Miró, Dalí, Tàpies, Clavé, Todó, Guansé... Open Monday to Saturday.

Guided tours**GIRONA**

► **Museu d'Història de la Ciutat.** *Una ciutat amb història*, dramatised guided tour by Debòlit Teatre and Artemis. Every Tuesday and Thursday until September 7th. At 10:00 pm.

PALAMÓS

► **Guided tours** to the port and Museu de la Pesca. Everyday until August 31st. Mondays in English. Tuesdays in German. Thursday in French, Friday in Catalan.

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

TARRAGONA

► **Tarragona Romana.** Guided tours to old Roman quarters of the city, organized by ITINERE. Until September 15th. Tel. 977 23 96 57.

Forum site**CAFÉ-CONCERT-TÉ**

► **Piru Gabetta.** Tango as a synthesis of a unique fusion of cultures coming together in

the port of Buenos Aires at the dawn of the 20th century. Until August 22nd. Three performances daily. Site: Haima.

MUSIC

► **Azarbe.** Azarbe are now unhesitatingly regarded as a key point of reference within Spanish folk music. Until August 20th. At 4 pm. Site: Haima Stage.

► **Frank Trax.** Concert by DJ Frank Trax. At 10:30 pm. Site: Photovoltaic Terrace.

► **Laurence Revey.** Laurence Revey presents her new album, "Le creux de fées - Le Cliot di Tserafouin", which harmoniously range from traditional music to electronic remixes. August 19th. At 10:30 pm. Site: Haima Stage.

► **Mercedes Peón.** Mercedes Peón is one of the most powerful performers on the Galician folk music scene, offering an innovative sound accompanied by five musicians. August 18th and 19th. At 10:30 pm. Site: Marina Stage.

PERMANENT PERFORMANCES

► **Move the World (Omkarakala),** by Hansel Cereza and Alfons Flores. Everyday at sunset.

► **Fantòtems.** A great game of questions that are difficult to answer about life, the planet and people. Until September 26th. Site: Pangea Island.

► **Day Parade - Higroma.** A daytime parade of giant invertebrates. Site: Itinerant.

► **Night Parade - Summer Night's Dream,** by Sémola Teatre. It represents the conflicts of daily life. Site: Itinerant.

► **The Giant of the Seven Seas.** A show by La Machine and Escarlata Circus. Site: Large Auditorium. Two to four performances daily.

► **The Memory Tree,** a project by Els Comediants. Site: Auditorium Park Area. Two to four times daily.

STREET PERFORMANCES

► **Le Manège d'Andréa.** Built under the supervision of François Delarozière, the Eureka carousel guarantees anyone who chooses to climb aboard an extraordinary journey. Until September 26th. Site: Convention Center Boulevard.

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Open water

● Solitude and anguish for everything we cannot see and control are maybe the most inherent fears of human beings. This is precisely what the director Chris Kentis exploits in *Open waters*, his second low-budget film newly released at the Sundance festival. It is a tale of survival, which reminds us how fragile and vulnerable we are in relation to the vast and indiscriminant power of nature. Daniel and Susan are a yuppie couple on holiday on a Caribbean island,



The two scuba-divers are abandoned in the middle of the Atlantic

where they go on an underwater tour of the reef. But they are accidentally left behind by the distracted crew, in the middle of the Atlantic, in shark-infested waters, with no hope of survival. Described by critics as the best shark movie since Spielberg's *Jaws*, and quite similar to *The Blair Witch Project*, *Open Water* is partly based on a true story. The director makes the film seem credible by using easy resources such as filming at water level or using a handheld camera, just like non-professionals do. However, the best of the movie is the physical and psychological evolution of the main actors Blanchard Ryan and Daniel Travis.

Films showing in original version in Barcelona

Catwoman

USA, 2004. **Dir.:** Pitof. **With:** Halle Berry, Benjamin Bratt, Sharon Stone, Lambert Wilson, Frances Conroy, Alex Borstein. Patience Phillips is a shy, sensitive artist who can't seem to stop apologizing for her own existence, working as a graphic designer for a gigantic cosmetics company on the verge of releasing a revolutionary anti-ageing product. When Patience inadvertently happens upon a dark secret her employer is hiding, she finds herself in the middle of a corporate conspiracy. What happens next changes Patience forever. In a mystical twist of fate, she is transformed into a woman with the strength, speed, agility and ultra-keen senses of a cat. With her newfound prowess and feline intuition, she becomes Catwoman, a sleek and stealthy creature balancing on the thin line between good and bad.

Fahrenheit 9/11

USA, 2004. 112'. **Dir.:** Michael Moore. Through facts, documents and interviews, the film criticises George W. Bush and the war in Iraq. Michael Moore explains how President Bush acted after the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York, and how later he manipulated the facts to serve his wealthy bankers' corrupt ambitions.

Home on the Range

USA, 2004. 70'. **Dir.:** Will Finn, John Sanford. **With:** Cuba Gooding Jr., Roseanne Barr, Steve Buscemi, Randy Quaid. When Alameda Slim, a greedy outlaw, schemes to take possession of the "Patch of Heaven" dairy farm, three determined cows, a karate-kicking stallion named Buck, and a colourful corral of critters join forces to save the farm in a wild quest. Braving bad guys and the rugged western landscape, this unlikely assortment of animals risk their hides and match wits with a mysterious hunter named Rico in a high stakes race to capture Slim and collect the reward money.

I, Robot

USA, 2004. 115'. **Dir.:** Alex Proyas. **With:** Will Smith, Bridget Moynahan, Alan Tudyk, James Cromwell, Bruce Greenwood. Set in 2035 Chicago, "robotophobic" Police Detective John Spooners investigates the murder of Dr. Alfred Lanning who worked at US Robotics. A robot, Sonny, appears to be implicated, even though that would mean that the robot had violated The Three Laws of Robotics, something that is apparently impossible. And it seems impossible because if robots can break these laws, there is nothing to stop them from taking over the world. Is it already too late?

Kill Bill, Volume 2

USA, 2004. 136'. **Dir.:** Quentin Tarantino. **With:** Uma Thurman, David Carradine, Daryl Hannah, Michael Madsen. The Bride continues her quest for vengeance against Bill and his associates. She has already done away with two of her enemies but she still has to kill Budd and Elle Driver before she meets Bill.

King Arthur

USA, Ireland, 2004. 130'. **Dir.:** Antoine Fuqua. **With:** Clive Owen, Ioan Gruffudd, Mads Mikkelsen, Keira Knightley, Stephen Dillane. After 15 years of serving and fighting for the Roman Empire the Sarmatian Knights, lead by Arthur/Artorius Castus, are about to receive their freedom as the Romans are leaving Britain. But the Knights must carry out one final order before they are free. A Roman priest and his family, especially his son Alec, must be rescued from the invading Saxons. But there is another danger lurking on the road to freedom - the Woads, British rebels who hate the Romans.

Open Water

USA, 2003. 79'. **Dir.:** Chris Kentis. **With:** Blanchard Ryan, Daniel Travis, Saul Stein, Stelle Lau. Susan and Daniel are a happily married couple hoping to have a memorable vacation in the Bahamas. Their relaxing vacation soon ends when they are left in the middle of the ocean by a careless diving boat crew. As the reality of isolation sets in, they turn to one another for support. Unable to support each other, they begin to panic and are soon prompted to question their own fates as encircling sharks start to appear...

Secretary

USA, 2004. 104'. **Dir.:** Steven Shainberg. **With:** James Spader, Maggie Gyllenhaal. Lee Holloway is a young woman who has just been released from a mental institution where she has been unsuccessfully treated for self-mutilation tendencies. She gets a job at a lawyer's office and starts working for Edward Grey. They soon embark on a personal relationship, and Edward starts to discover what his reely needs are, while helping her unlock her hidden sensuality.

Shrek 2

USA, 2004. 105'. **Dir.:** Andrew Adamson, Kelly Asbury, Conrad Vernon. Shrek and Princess Fiona return from their honeymoon. After battling a fire-breathing 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 the Queen of the Kingdom of Far Far Away.

Spartan

USA-Germany 2004. 116'. **Dir.:** David Mamet. **With:** Val Kilmer, Derek Luke, William H. Macy, Ed O'Neil. A firt-rate thriller about political power and governmental intrigues. Val Kilmer plays Robert Scott, a special agent hired by the government to find the President's kidnapped daughter, Laura Newton - a first-year student who disappears from campus on a Friday afternoon. Scott has only three days to rescue her, as she disappears on Friday and then press will notice if she doesn't show up to class on Monday. Along the way, he will discover a more dangerous, sinister plot.

Spider-Man 2

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

The Ladykillers

EUA, 2004. 104'. **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 Mississippi. They are staying in Mrs. Muson's house and are going to dig a tunnel to where the money is kept. But dealing with Mrs. Munson appears to be more difficult than they expect.

The Price of Milk

New Zealand, 2000. 87'. **Dir.:** Harry Sinclair. **With:** Danielle Cormack, Karl Urban, Willa O'Neil, Michael Lawrence. New Zealand milk farmer Rob gives his lover Lucinda a ring. Trying to spark up her relationship with Rob, she takes her friend Drosophila's advice and starts to try and make Rob angry. Admiring her ring while driving a lonely road, she has a run-in with an older woman that sets off a chain of events.

The Russian Ark

Russia, 2002. **Dir.:** Alexander Sokurov. **With:** Sergei Dontsov, Maria Kuznetsova. Sokurov shot a 96 minute film in one take. The camera follows the steps of a 19th century French diplomat throughout the Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg.

The Stepford Wives

USA, 2004. 93'. **Dir.:** Franz Oz. **With:** Nicole Kidman, Matthew BRoderick, Christopher Walken. Joanna Eberhart is a wildly successful president of a TV network who, after a series of shocking events, suffers a nervous breakdown and is moved by her husband to the chic community of Stepford, Connecticut. There she makes good friends with the ascerbic Bobbie Markowitz, a Jewish wirtler who's also a recovering alcoholic. Together they find out that all the housewives in town are blissed and... doomed.

Barcelona

CASABLANCA-KAPLAN

The Stepford wives (V.O.S.E)	16.00-18.00-20.00-22.15
Monsieur Ibrahim et les fleurs du Coran (V.O.S.E)	16.00-18.00-20.00-22.15

MÉLIES

La Casita blanca	16.30
She's gotta have it (V.O.S.E)	16.30
The night of the hunter (V.O.S.E)	18.30
Les quatre-cents coups (V.O.S.E)	20.30
Easy rider (V.O.S.E)	20.30
A bout de souffle (V.O.S.E)	22.30
Citizen Kane (V.O.S.E)	22.30

RENOIR FLORIDABLANCA

Fahrenheit 9/11 (V.O.S.E)	16.00-18.25-20.40-22.55
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Machuca	16.05-18.20-20.35-22.50
L'ultimo bacio (V.O.S.E)	16.10-18.30-20.40-22.50
Shrek 2 (V.O.S.E)	16.15-18.10
La promesa	16.15-18.15-20.25-22.35
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Isi / Disi: Amor a lo bestia	20.05-22.20

RENOIR LES CORTS

L'ultimo bacio (V.O.S.E)	16.00-18.15-20.30-22.45
Fahrenheit 9/11 (V.O.S.E)	16.00-18.20-20.40-22.55
Touching the void (V.O.S.E)	16.05-18.20
La promesa	16.05-18.20-20.35-22.50
Fuera del cuerpo	16.10-18.15-20.30-22.45
Monsieur Ibrahim et les fleurs du Coran (V.O.S.E)	16.00-18.20-20.40-22.15
Incautos	20.30-22.50

VERDI

Fuera del cuerpo	16.00-18.10-20.25-22.35
Spartan (V.O.S.E)	16.00-18.10-22.35
I banquiers di Dio (V.O.S.E)	16.00-22.40
La grande séduction (V.O.S.E)	16.05-18.15-20.30-22.40
Il cuore altrove (V.O.S.E)	16.05-18.15-20.30-22.40
Iris	16.25-18.30-20.35-22.40
Das Testament des Dr. Mabuse (V.O.S.E)	20.20

VERDI PARK

Wilbur Wants to Kill Himself (V.O.S.E)	16.10-18.20-22.40
The price of milk (V.O.S.E)	16.15-18.20-20.25-22.35
Kill Bill Vol. 2 (V.O.S.E)	16.30-19.15-22.00
Ludwig (V.O.S.E)	18.20
Russian Ark (V.O.S.E)	20.30

YELMO ICARIA

I, robot (V.O.S.E)	11.15-13.30-15.40-18.00-20.20-22.40
Secretary (V.O.S.E)	11.20-13.30-15.45-18.00-20.15-22.30
La grande séduction (V.O.S.E)	11.20-13.30-15.45-18.00-20.15-22.30
Touching the void (V.O.S.E)	11.20-13.30-15.45-18.30
Torapia	11.20-13.30-15.45
Spider-Man 2 (V.O.S.E)	11.20-14.00-16.45-19.30-22.15
Tian di ying xiong (V.O.S.E)	11.20-14.00-16.45-19.30-22.15
Catwoman (V.O.S.E)	11.30-13.45-15.50-18.00-20.10-22.20
The Stepford wives (V.O.S.E)	11.30-13.30-15.30-17.30-19.30-21.30
King Arthur (V.O.S.E)	11.30-14.00-16.30-19.00-21.45
Monsieur Ibrahim et les fleurs du Coran (V.O.S.E)	11.30-13.30-15.30-17.30-19.30-21.45
Shrek 2 (V.O.S.E)	11.40-13.45-16.10-18.15-20.15-22.15
Open water (V.O.S.E)	11.40-13.45-15.30-17.30-19.30-21.30
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Girona

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House of sand and fog (V.O)	17.30-20.00-22.30
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Touching the Void

United Kingdom, 2004. 106' **Dir.:** Kevin Macdonald. **With:** Nicholas Aaron, Richard Hawking. Two young climbers attempted to reach the summit of Siula Grande in Peru, a feat that had never been achieved. Simon and Joe reach the peak on the descent Joe falls and breaks his leg. It is an accident with terrible consequences for both of them.

Wilbur Wants to Kill Himself

Dinamarca, 2004. 105'. **Dir.:** Lone Scherfig. **With:** Jamie Sives, Adrian Rawlins, Shirley Henderson. Wilbur is successful with women, he has a good job and a great brother, but despite all that he is not happy. Disappointed with life, he decides to commit suicide, but killing oneself is not as easy as he thinks.

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Tomorrow

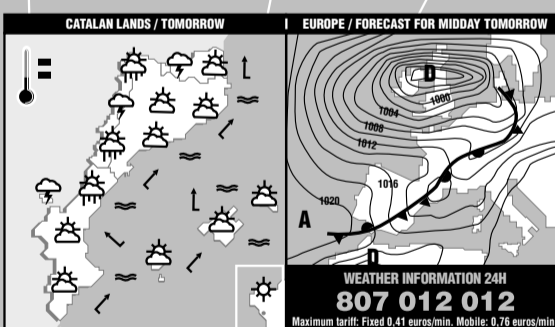
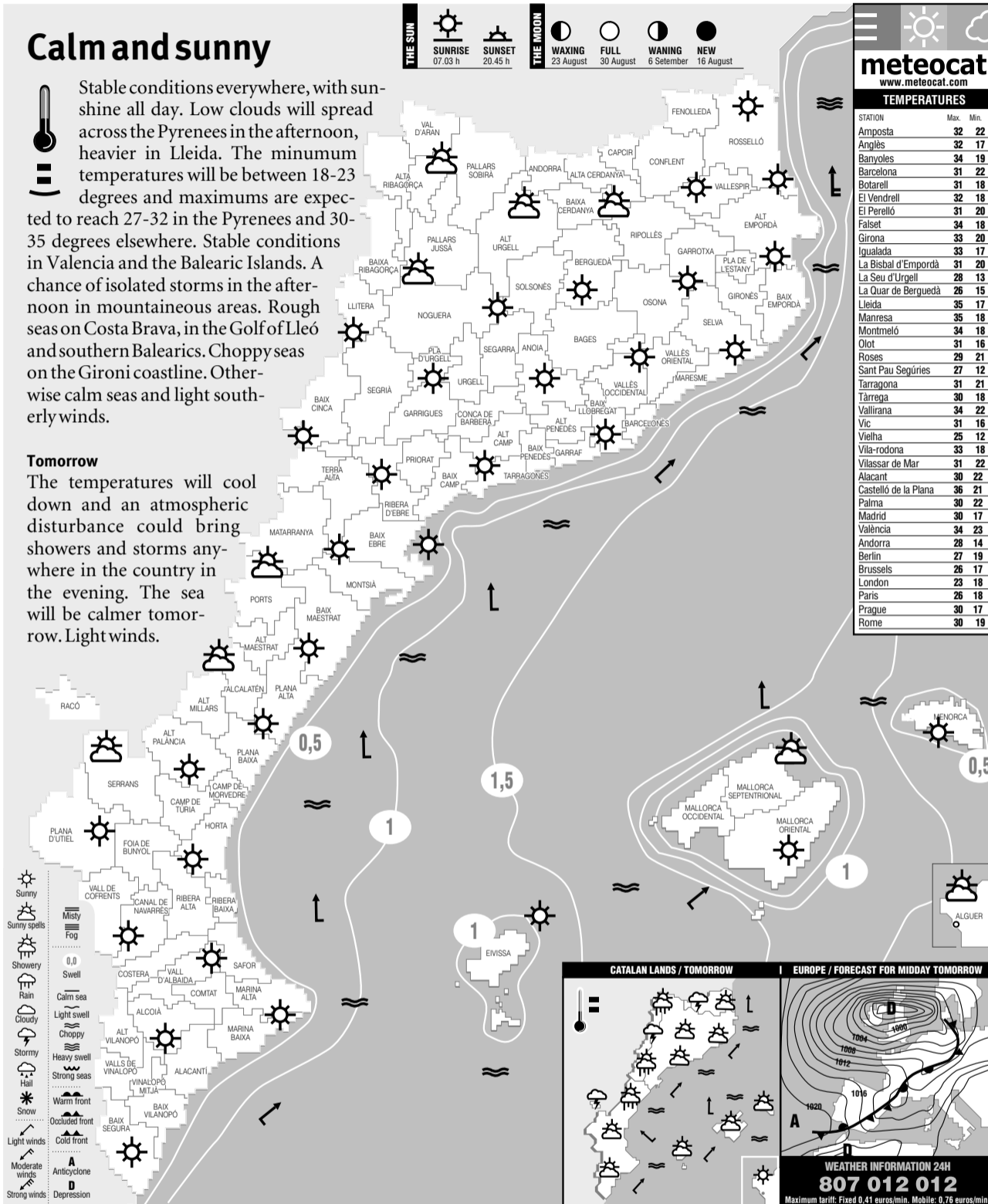
The temperatures will cool down and an atmospheric disturbance could bring showers and storms anywhere in the country in the evening. The sea will be calmer tomorrow. Light winds.



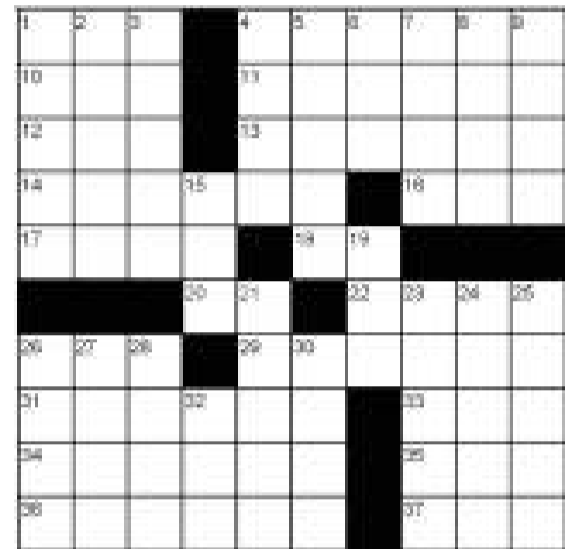
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El Vendrell	32	18
El Perelló	31	20
Falset	34	18
Girona	33	20
Igualada	33	17
La Bisbal d'Empordà	31	20
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Vila-rodona	33	18
Vilassar de Mar	31	22
Alacant	30	22
Castelló de la Plana	36	21
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Brussels	26	17
London	23	18
Paris	26	18
Prague	30	17
Rome	30	19



CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Short-term memory.
- Clothing brand name.
- Thai.
- Adjust.
- Most basic.
- Attributes.
- Overly (2 words).
- Negative.
- Opposite of rich.
- Dad.
- Nova Scotia (abbr.).
- Hit.
- Hotel.
- Long loose overcoat.
- Film.
- Airport abbr.
- Parka.
- Silent.
- Threaten.
- South southeast.

DOWN

- Emboss.
- Not allowed.
- Opposite of macro.
- Food.
- Sharpen a razor.
- School group.
- Ravage.
- Within.
- Trial.
- Gray sea eagle.
- Abdominal muscles (abbr.).
- Wood.
- Objects.
- Unborn life.
- Supporting structure.
- Trickery.
- Long.
- Soon.
- Erie, for example.
- Time period.

ANSWERS

ACROSS

- STM.
- Esprit.
- Tai.
- Attune.
- ABC.
- Traits.
- More so.
- Not.
- Poor.
- Pa.
- NS.
- Biff.
- Spa.
- Ulster.
- Cinema.
- ETA.
- Anorak.
- Mum.
- Menace.
- SSE.

DOWN

- Stamp.
- Taboo.
- Micro.
- Eats.
- Strop.
- Pta.
- Ruin.
- Into.
- Test.
- Ern.
- Abs.
- Sumac.
- Items.
- Fetus.
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