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Computer projection of hotel scheme for Badalona

Barcelona to get 111 new hotels by 2007

Occupancy up to 74% after period of decline

One hundred and eleven new hotels will be built in the greater Barcelona metropolitan area over the next three years, Jordi Clos, president of the chain Gremi d'Hotels of Barcelona, told a press conference yesterday. Clos said the sector had picked up during the first six months of the year, with over 74 per cent occupancy, an increase of

just over 1 per cent after a period of steady decline. He said that room prices had fallen to keep pace with cheaper European countries, with an average fall of 8.8 euros this year in the metropolitan area and almost 5 euros in the city itself. The only month in which there was a price rise was March, when they rose 5 per cent compared to last year.

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English as she is miswrote in public places

STEPHEN BURGEN

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On the struggle to learn new languages

CARLES RIBERA

OECD predicts jobless fall in 30 states over next two years

According to a report issued by the OECD in Paris this week, unemployment is expected to drop slightly in the second half of 2004 and in 2005 in the 30 countries that belong to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. In addition, the report mentioned that there would be sharp disparities between the different countries, and encouraged Spain to make its labour legislation more flexible.

City to invest 40m to boost Poble Nou hi-tech scheme

Xavier Casas, Barcelona's deputy mayor, has announced that the city will be investing 40 million euros in the next three years to relaunch the 22@high-tech district in Poble Nou. Casas said that the project is now moving at "cruise speed" as far as the construction of infrastructure was concerned. However, he went on to say that contributions from companies should be higher.



Religious leaders gathered yesterday for the opening ceremony of the Parliament of the World's Religions at the Forum

Thousands turn out as parliament of hope convenes at the Forum

Thousands attended the opening ceremony yesterday of the Parliament of the World's Religions, one of the Forum's most high-profile events. The ceremony followed an earlier gathering of 400 religious

leaders at the monastery of Montserrat. Although the Dalai Lama was unable to attend, reportedly through ill health, speakers included Ramon Panikar, an expert on religious dialogue and Rabbi David

Rosen, who leads an organisation that promotes christian-Jewish understanding, Shirin Ebadi, the Iranian Nobel peace prize winner, and Fèlix Martí of the Unesco Centre of Catalonia.

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Forum officials shun Tibetan mandala



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The route of design is now signposted in English

