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Adoption of foreign children doubles over three years

Russia and China are the main destinations for adoptive parents

Increasing numbers of Catalans are opting to adopt children from abroad and over the past three years the number of foreign adoptions has doubled from 558 to 1,042. The Federation of the Associations for Adoption expects the number to rise to 1,400 for 2004. Very few Spanish or Cat-

alan children come up for adoption, forcing childless couples to look abroad, with China and Russia being the current most popular countries. The most recent countries to join the list of those that permit people from abroad to adopt are Ethiopia, Nepal, Mexico and Morocco. It is an ex-

pensive business and can cost as much as 12,000 euros. The Chinese, for example, ask adoptive parents to make a 3,000-euro donation to the local orphanage. In Catalonia the government demands a further 900 euros for a certificate, a fee not levied in other autonomous areas.

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Religious parliament pronounced a success

The week-long Parliament of the World's Religions, held under the auspices of the Forum, ended yesterday with the establishment of a network linking 40 cities with the goal of working towards the parliament's objectives on the issues of water, foreign debt, refugees and religious violence. Organisers expressed satisfaction with the parliament, which attracted over 8,000 visitors from 85 countries.

Beckham's botch shows high price of failure

The ball that David Beckham sent flying into the crowd when he missed the penalty against Portugal that ended England's hopes in Euro 2004 has reached a staggering 10 million euros on an internet auction site. The ball was caught by Pablo Carral, a Spanish fan. The ball's starting price was one euro but within 48 hours had reached 10 million. Bids will be taken until July 22.



Passenger numbers were up at all Catalan airports, with Girona recording a 156 per cent rise over the first six months of year

Record check-in figures as budget flights fuel Catalan air travel boom

Business in Catalan airports is up on last summer with more than two million passengers passing through Barcelona's El Prat airport last month alone, nearly 8 per cent more than during the same period

last year. Visitors from France and the UK showed a rise of over 23 per cent. Girona and Reus airports, both of which are used by budget flier Ryanair, showed significant increase in traffic. One million pas-

sengers passed through Girona airport in the first six months of the year, an staggering increase of 156 per cent, while Reus, with 440,000 travellers, recorded an increase of 55 per cent.

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Jilted Kluivert looks for wealthy English suitors as Barcelona show him the door

Adoptions of foreign children by Catalans double in three years

Adoption federation appeals for more government support for families

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More and more Catalans are adopting children abroad. Over the past three years the number of such adoptions has doubled, rising from 558 in 2000 to 1,042 in 2003, according to the Federation of Associations for Adoption (FADA). The federation, comprising 11 associations representing 5,000 families, expects the number will continue to grow, and believes around 1,400 children will be adopted abroad during 2004.

The demand from Catalan families for foreign children is growing apace; 2,111 people put in a request for this kind of adoption on 2002, but by 2003 the number has jumped to almost 3,000. The top countries for adopting children in 2003 were Russia (438) and China (223) where adoption formalities are speedier than elsewhere. 50 countries around the world currently allow foreigners to adopt their children. The most recent to join this list are Ethiopia, Nepal, Morocco and Mexico.

Catalonia's autonomous government, the Generalitat, must do more to help families who wish to adopt abroad, according to FADA. The biggest problem facing families is the lack of official information about how to go about it, says Anna Maria Osa, president of FADA.



This woman in Arbucies in the province of Girona hopes to adopt two children from Haiti / LLUÍS SERRAT

Most people "end up coming to the federation or asking other parents," she says.

Catalan families also have to foot the bill for getting a certificate of suitability to adopt which costs 900 euros and takes six to eight months to obtain from private companies li-

censed by the authorities. Families in other autonomous communities do not have to pay for this service. Osa called on the Generalitat to give people the choice of paying to use a private service or going to a public sector one paid for by the taxpayer.

Adopting a child abroad is a big

financial as well as emotional undertaking for the family. It usually costs between 7,000 euros and 12,000 euros, depending on the country of adoption. The Chinese authorities, for instance, ask adoptive parents to make a donation to the local orphanage of 3,000 euros.

LLEIDA

PP attack coalition

The Partido Popular has criticised the three-party Catalan coalition government for rejecting all their budget amendments, which would have been financially beneficial for the Lleida region. The PP minister for Lleida, Jordi Montanya, who submitted the amendments, accused the government of effectively "marginalising" the area of Lleida from its budgets.

TRAFFIC

Police arrest hit-and-run driver

Last Monday 5 July, an eighty-five-year-old woman was run over and left seriously injured by a hit-and-run accident in the town of Anglès. However, thanks to an investigation by Girona's traffic police, the vehicle involved in the accident was located and police have arrested the driver, who was a young man from Anglès. Meanwhile, the elderly woman is recovering from her injuries in the Josep Trueta hospital in Girona.

INDUSTRY

More industrial space for Lleida

Lleida's Chamber of Commerce and Industry has announced that one million square meters of private industrial land is to be made available in the capital of Segrià and the surrounding towns. At the same time, the Chamber has repeated its demand for more public industrial space, and is expecting to sign an agreement soon with Lleida City Council to create several new industrial estates. The lack of industrial space is one of the most serious concerns for both Lleida businesses and the Chamber of Commerce.

A network of 40 cities to continue the work set out in inter-religious parliament at Forum

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The fourth Parliament of the World's Religions (PWR), celebrated from last Wednesday to Tuesday, has brought about the creation of a network linking together forty cities from around the world to work towards the objectives laid out during the dialogue, including the shortage of drinkable water, foreign debt, refugees and religious violence, according to the executive director of the Council for the PWR, Dirk Ficca. Himself a Christian minister, Ficca said he was "very satisfied" yesterday with the outcome of the past week of dialogue in Barcelona, which has led to interfaith work towards "a better world".

Some 8,400 people from 85 different countries — 30 per cent were from Spain according to Ficca — and nearly one hundred cultural and religious communities participated in symposia, assemblies, dia-

logues and debates in and around the Forum building and convention centre. "No concrete solutions have come out of the Parliament," Ficca admits, adding that solving the world's problems "was not the intention." Ficca underscores that the importance of the fourth meeting was "more practical than profound". The aim was not to make a deep analysis on global issues, but rather that each community would pledge to commit simple acts in their own countries, Ficca says. One of the more promising moments of Tuesday night's closing ceremony was when teenagers announced their own commitment to bring the ideas of change that were discussed at the Parliament back to their home communities. "All the religions admit they are changing and recognise the importance of this change as something positive," UNESCO Centre director Félix Martí says.

Study reveals that Mediterranean culture lowers risk of heart death

A study has revealed that Mediterranean culture is a factor that helps lower the risk of dying from heart disease in Spain compared to English-speaking countries. Experts from the hospital of Sant Pau in Barcelona, claim that only 47% of sudden deaths in Spain are the result of heart disease, while in English-speaking countries this figure rises to between 80%-90%. According to the head of the study, doctor Bayés de Luna, the reason for this difference is cultural. "It is more than the Mediterranean diet and is due to the way people deal with life with optimism and happiness compared to the people in English-speaking countries," said doctor Bayés de Luna, who heads the research at the hospital.

He found that hypertension was also responsible for sudden deaths associated with heart conditions and was a risk for sufferers. He dis-



Eating fish and enjoying life helps Spaniards lessen risk of heart disease / LLUÍS CRUSET

covered that this illness was responsible for the majority of cases of the enlargement of the heart. "Hypertension is more influential than we

had previously thought in sudden deaths linked to heart disease and it would be premature to ignore the role of cholesterol," he added.

More passengers and cargo checking into Catalonia airports

Barcelona, Girona and Reus have all registered higher numbers than past years

ALEX LEFF

The number of people checking in and out of airports in Catalonia is higher than in previous summer tourist seasons. Most of these tourists are from France and the UK, which had a considerable rise in recent months of 23.6 per cent. Over two million passengers passed through Barcelona's Prat airport last month, 7.7 per cent more than the same month in 2003. The amount of merchandise being handled on airport cargo belts has gone up as well, weighing in at a total of over 38 million kilos in the first two quarters of the financial year, which is an 11.8 per cent increase from 2003.

Passenger traffic abounded even more so in Girona, whose airport saw over one million fliers check in during the first six months of the year, a whopping 156.9 per cent increase from the year before, owing to the cheap-flight invasion. Bucking the trend, cargo usage actually went down by 3.8 per cent with a total of 53,490 kilos.

The airport in Reus has seen an increase in the number of passengers of 55.2 per cent in the first half of the financial year, reaching over 440,000 people. Over 175,000 people checked into Reus in June, which is 23.4 per cent more than the year before. Reus saw an increase in cargo transport in the past six months by 138 per cent. Last month cargo grossed at some 6,186 kilos, up by 138 per cent.

Prat has introduced two new routes for direct transcontinental flights this summer, Natal (Brazil) and Havana (Cuba), airport officials reported yesterday. The airline company Varig will make trips to Natal from 25 July to 2 August. Cubana will be flying to and from Havana between 2 August to 25 October.



Reus airport has seen an increase in passengers and cargo in past months / ABRAHAM SEBASTIÀ

Ryanair trying to do away with luggage checking

Passengers of the low-cost air carrier Ryanair who show up at Spanish airports with lots of baggage to be checked may soon be in for an unpleasant surprise. The airline yesterday announced measures to encourage passengers to travel with only carry-on baggage in a bid to lower cost and eliminate queues of passengers in the baggage claim areas of airports. And according to international reports, they may end up banning checked baggage altogether.

One new measure is an increase in the allowance for carry-on baggage from seven to ten kilos, while at the same time decreasing the allowance for checked baggage from 20 to 15 kilos. Another measure is raising the fee for excess checked luggage from 2.65 euros per kilo to 2.98 euros.

At a press conference called to announce the changes,

Alfons Claver, sales manager for the company in Spain, stressed that Ryanair has led "a revolution in the price of air travel in our country," citing the average price of a ticket with the company from May 2003 to May 2004 was 40 euros, and adding that "ticket prices may go even lower".

Measures similar to those taken in Spain are becoming widespread in other countries as well. Last week a company spokesman in London told the *Financial Times* that the company is mulling over the idea of doing away with the practice of loading baggage in the holds of its planes, meaning that passengers would be able to fly only with whatever items they are able to bring onboard the plane. According to CEO Michael O'Leary, such cost-cutting ideas are the result of recent disappointing results on the stock market.

RELIGION

Mandala to be dismantled

The world's largest mandala, located in a marquee at the end of the Rambles in Barcelona, will be ceremoniously dismantled today in accordance with Buddhist tradition. Sponsored by the Barcelona Tibet House as an offering to promote world peace, the mandala depicted the "wheel of time" with an intricate floor design created with coloured sand and measuring four metres in diameter. Thubten Wangchen, director of the Tibet House, expressed sadness at the mandala's passing, but reiterated that Buddhist philosophy "teaches one to accept that everything that is born must also die". A reflection on the "temporary nature of the things in this world" will form part of today's ritual dismantling of the mandala. After a session of meditation and prayer, a procession of Tibetan monks, together with any other interested individuals, will carry what is left of it to the port, where it will be thrown into the sea.

RENFE

Female staff can choose trousers

The Spanish rail company Renfe has decided to let female staff working on its AVE (high-speed) and long distance trains decide whether to wear uniforms with skirts or trousers. Female staff, whose uniforms have always included skirts, have been petitioning Renfe for the right to wear trousers should they wish to. Minister of Development Magdalena Álvarez had promised upon taking office that giving women this option would be one of her priorities. The change comes at a time when uniforms for these two services are being replaced for some 1,700 staff members, both male and female.

EDUCATION

Flamenco offered at university

Students wishing to study flamenco as a university subject will soon be able to do so at the University of Cordoba. Augustín Gómez, a professor at that university, said that his objective was to make flamenco both a subject for university-level classes as well as a field to be researched. He said that establishing flamenco in universities was the best way to ensure its survival as a serious discipline, and that his plan was to eventually make flamenco into a "thematic nucleus" for other disciplines. He pointed out that courses about flamenco had already been offered at the Sorbonne University in Paris.

HEALTH

New cancer test centre planned

The Catalan Institute of Oncology (ICO) has signed an agreement with the multinational Lilly Research Laboratories (LRL) to create an oncology test analysis centre with the aim of making more efficient use of the resources available for cancer research, according to ICO director Ramon López. Under the terms of the agreement, LRL will provide 340,000 euros for the operation of the new centre and participate in the research and testing carried out within it.

Joan Gaspart calls for tourist sector to be regulated to protect heritage sites

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The president of Barcelona's tourism consortium, Joan Gaspart, has called for the tourist sector to be regulated. During a speech at the Forum 2004 he urged local, regional and national government to "regulate" the sector and asked business people working in the industry not to fear any new laws. "Neither business people nor the government have to worry about the phrase 'regulating the sector,'" he said. "I encourage the government to keep a

firm hand in what they say and what they do in order to conserve our heritage," he added. He was addressing a debate launched at the Forum yesterday called "Tourism, cultural diversity and sustainable development."

Gaspart, the former president of Barcelona FC, defended the role of businessmen in preserving local culture. "It is clear that business people have to earn money and this is something that we should not be ashamed about," he added. He said



Gaspart spoke at the Forum yesterday

during his speech called "The responsibility of the tourist company with the heritage of the communities" that business people having obtained the necessary profits, should reinvest part of their income in helping to maintain heritage sites. He also defended the Forum and said it was about a "creative" initiative but not "speculative" a criticism leveled at the event by some of its critics. "It has been built here so that in the future Barcelona can enjoy this area which in past we have been proud."

Ball used in Beckham's botched penalty shot worth 10 million

Spanish fan who caught ball in Portuguese stadium has put it up for auction on eBay

REUTERS

The ball that David Beckham blasted into the stands when he missed a penalty in England's Euro 2004 shootout defeat by Portugal has attracted a bid of over ten million euros on an Internet auction site. Beckham's wild spot-kick contributed to his side's quarter-final elimination, and collectors have decided it is worth battling for the ultimate memento of an error the England captain would much rather forget.

The Spanish football fan who claimed the trophy when it landed in his arms in Row Q of the Luz stadium in Lisbon decided to put the ball up for sale on the Spanish site of Internet auctioneers eBay (www.es.ebay.com) after a British newspaper offered to buy it for 18,000 euros. The ball, embossed with the names of the teams, the date and match venue, went on sale on Monday at a starting price of one euro but after 48 hours it had reached an astronomical ten million euros. Bids will be taken until 22 July and eBay says they can only be withdrawn in special circumstances.

Pablo Carral, a 25-year-old Deportivo La Coruña fan, admitted he could hardly believe his luck when the ball sailed into his hands. "The incredible thing was that the ball reached us because we were so far away from the goal," he said. "Two friends helped me get out of the stadium while I hid the ball under my clothes." Carral has been keeping the ball locked away in a safe pending its sale.



Beckham readies himself for his penalty (top left), takes the kick (top right), which misses the goal and sends the ball careering into the hands of spectator Pablo Carral, as the defeated shooter agonises over his off-the-mark performance (bottom) / EPA / AP

Princess Diana fountain runs dry for second time in a week

The Princess Diana Memorial Fountain in London has run dry due to a pump blocked by fallen leaves. The same problem caused flooding just after the fountain, located in Hyde Park, was inaugurated last week by Queen Elizabeth II. The structure has been controversial, not the least of all because of its 3.6 million-pound price tag. And two breakdowns in a week have left others with doubts about its feasibility. A representative of the company in charge of maintenance of the fountain said the problem was solved quickly. "It only took about two hours (to fix the breakdown)," he said. "We don't anticipate it happening again", he added.

The fountain is built around a large ring of granite from which water pours out in two directions into a large reflecting pool. The memorial fountain's unusual shape has won the praise of some for its stylishness, while others say it does not look stately enough to be the memorial for a princess.

Football clubs attend "terror summit" in UK

Thirty professional football clubs in Britain are meeting police and firefighters at a summit at Stoke City's Britannia stadium to discuss planning for a chemical, biological or nuclear attack, according to a BBC report. Among the clubs are Arsenal, Liverpool and Manchester City. Manchester United is not attending. There is no current threat but clubs are writing up a contingency plan and carrying out simulations to be ready for the possibility of an attack, which they see as real. "What you can do is have a plan that will deal with the possible problems that could arise," said Stoke City Council emergency planning consultant Malcolm Millichap.

Berlusconi faces turmoil over media reform

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's government has plunged into turmoil after a rebellious coalition partner joined forces with the opposition to vote to sack the board of state broadcaster RAI. The move came hours after Berlusconi told parliament he was ready to modify his reform programme to keep his government together. The Democratic Union Centre party (UDC) decided to press ahead regardless and vote to oust the RAI board.

Paco de Lucía awarded Asturias prize for arts

AGENCIES

World-famous flamenco guitarist Paco de Lucía has been selected for this year's Prince of Asturias Award for Arts for his music which, in the words of a jury spokesman "transcends borders and styles and has made him into a universally-acclaimed musician."

"I didn't expect the award because flamenco is not fashionable (in Spain)", the Spanish artist said yesterday. "This in fact makes winning it even more satisfying." He got the news of the award while on tour in France to promote his latest album, and is scheduled to play tonight in Perpinyà, after which he will continue the tour in Spain.

Paco de Lucía is regarded as one of the world's finest living flamenco guitarists. His reserved nature (he tends to sit almost motionless on stage and says very little in between songs), contrasts sharply with his

furiously fast playing style, which has ironically brought him more recognition abroad than in his native Spain.

De Lucía beat a field of candidates including singers Bob Dylan and Chavela Vargas, orchestra director Ricardo Muti and Spanish cinema director Pedro Almodóvar. Recent winners of the award include artist Miquel Barceló (2003), Woody Allen (2002), Polish composer Krzysztof Penderecki (2001) and opera singer Barbara Hendricks (2002).

The yearly competition is sponsored by the Prince of Asturias Foundation and gives awards in eight categories each year, including international co-operation, communications and humanities, social sciences, technical and scientific research and sports. Winners of the awards receive 50,000 euros and a sculpture created for the awards by Catalan painter Joan Miró.



Paco de Lucía is regarded as one of the world's greatest living guitar players. He is currently on a 7-country tour through Europe to promote his latest album / EFE



The inquiry into weapons of mass destruction has determined that there was "no deliberate attempt on the part of the government to mislead" / EPA

Iraqi suicide bomb kills eleven as Mosul governor is assassinated

Tony Blair was "not responsible" for pre-war intelligence flaws, the Butler inquiry has found

REUTERS, BAGHDAD

A suspected suicide car bombing killed 11 people and wounded 40 on Wednesday in the first big guerrilla attack in Baghdad since an interim Iraqi government took over from the US-led occupiers on June 28. "This is naked aggression against the Iraqi people," said prime minister Iyad Allawi, standing by burned-out vehicles near a main entrance to the heavily defended "Green Zone" compound. "We will bring these criminals to justice," he vowed, adding that seven Iraqi civilians and three National Guards had been killed

led and 40 people wounded. Later, gunmen killed the governor of the Iraqi city of Mosul, Osama Kashmoula, and two of his bodyguards, as they were travelling to Baghdad. The blast occurred hours after the news that Islamist militants led by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi had killed one of the two Bulgarian truck drivers held hostage in Iraq. They vowed to kill the second within 24 hours unless US-led forces freed prisoners. Bulgarian government officials, who described news of the deaths as "shattering" would not disclose which of the two truck drivers,

Georgi Lazov, 30, or Ivailo Kepov, 32, had been killed.

Britain's pre-war intelligence on Iraq's armaments had "serious flaws" but Prime Minister Tony Blair was not personally responsible, an inquiry found on Wednesday. "No single individual was to blame. This was a collective operation," Lord Butler told reporters after releasing a report that also said Saddam Hussein had no significant banned weapons ready for use prior to the US-UK invasion.

His findings mirrored last week's Senate committee report that lam-

basted US intelligence services for exaggerating the threat from Iraq, but found no sign President Bush had pressured analysts to reach preset conclusions. Wednesday's long-awaited report by former top British civil servant Lord Butler concluded that Iraq "did not have significant - if any - stocks of chemical or biological weapons in a state fit for deployment nor developed plans for using them." The government's Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC) strove to put together a dossier on Iraq's weaponry in 2002 reflecting available intelligence.



Submarine leaves after protests

The British nuclear submarine *Tireless* has left Gibraltar after a diplomatic row between Spain and Britain. The submarine arrived at the naval base last Friday, leading to angry protests from the Spanish government, which demanded that the submarine should leave as soon as possible. / EFE

Nearly half of Aids victims are women

AGENCIES

A conference has been told that nearly half of the world's Aids victims are women. The co-organisers of the Aids conference in Bangkok, called for new strategies to be put in place to reduce this figure. Delegates were also told that the increase of Aids amongst women was the result of discrimination, poverty, the difficulties of gender and violence suffered by them in many parts of the world. Of the 38 million people infected with the virus, 17 million are women,

or 48%. The conference was told that the situation in countries of sub-Saharan Africa was alarming, as more women than men have been infected with the virus. Doctors at the conference also revealed that children with Aids are missing out on treatment because of a shortage of specially-designed drugs. They pointed out that the lack of a profitable market meant that custom-made drugs for children were in short supply, as most of the children suffering from Aids live in poorer countries.

Swastika attack woman made up the story, say police sources

A French woman who claimed she had been the victim of an anti-Semitic attack, made up the story according to police sources in Paris. The 23-year-old woman alleged that six men had attacked her on a train in the suburbs of Paris, drawing swastikas on her body and accusing her of being Jewish, said the BBC. Police sources say the woman has admitted inventing the story and that she drew the swastikas with the help of her boyfriend. This follows the study of video tape from surveillance cameras at the train station where the six alleged attackers were supposed to have left the train, but investigators have found no evidence to support this claim from the footage. French media report that the young woman has filed several complaints in the past about being the victim of violence. The alleged attack on the woman provoked anger and adds to concerns about racist and anti-Semitic attacks in the country. The woman and her boyfriend are now in police custody.

First lady will not be candidate for top post

Marta Sahagún, the high-profile wife of the Mexican president, has said she will not be standing as a candidate in the country's 2006 presidential elections. This puts to an end months of speculation about her political future. "Mexico is ready to be governed by a woman, but I don't want to be a candidate for the president of the republic," she said. The current president Vicente Fox is set to stand down once his term of office expires in 2006. Her critics had accused her of using a private foundation called "Vamos Mexico" as a means to further her political career. She indicated that after her husband leaves his post, they will retire. "We will both go home and enjoy family life," she said.

Police look into Mafia threat to Clooney film

Undercover police have been watching the filming of a George Clooney movie in Sicily as part of an investigation into the mafia. Clooney is making a sequel to Ocean's Twelve in the region, and local mafia have been spotted near the set. Police are worried that they might try and blackmail filmmakers or are protecting an arms dump from discovery. A police spokesman said nobody on the set was aware of their activities.

PLATFORM

MANUEL MILIÁN MESTRE

Does Islam need positive discrimination?

“If you can't beat them, join them,” runs the popular saying. Is this about to happen to us? What surprises me is the recent manoeuvring of justice minister, López Aguilar in referring to certain concessions to islamists, such as the advisability of teaching Islam in schools. His words reveal an unusual liberality when contrasted with the typical attitudes to the teaching of religion (Catholic in other words) in schools. Zapatero, meanwhile, called for, “more gym and less religion.” Can they feel so uncomfortable with what Catholics in Spain may think, believe or say? I have never thought it correct to deny anyone their rights to worship but heaven forbid Christians openly preaching in Arabia. In the Islamic world these rights are denied. Resorting to legislation is unnecessary; one merely has to observe the pronouncements of the Koran in relation to the “infidel”.

Nevertheless, our traditional democratic sense of individual freedom has opened up the door to a process of Islamicisation. Salvador Puig, director general of production, innovation and agri-food Industries of the Catalan government appeals to private initiative in facing the challenge from a European market of, “almost 35 million Muslims,” being provided with food produced according to the codes of the Halal Institute in Andalusia. In Catalonia, the Catalan Government appears well-disposed to doing whatever is called for in encouraging the integration of the Muslim community among us. There is little doubt



that our respect for other cultures will keep us from subjecting a mosque to such disagreeable action as that seen in the cathedral of Barcelona some weeks back, where the lack of respect in a sacred place was remarkable. It is something not to be forgotten when the imams reassert their rights to raise mosques here. This controversy has already been seen in the Maresme last summer and is being repeated in Seville, where the city council have provided

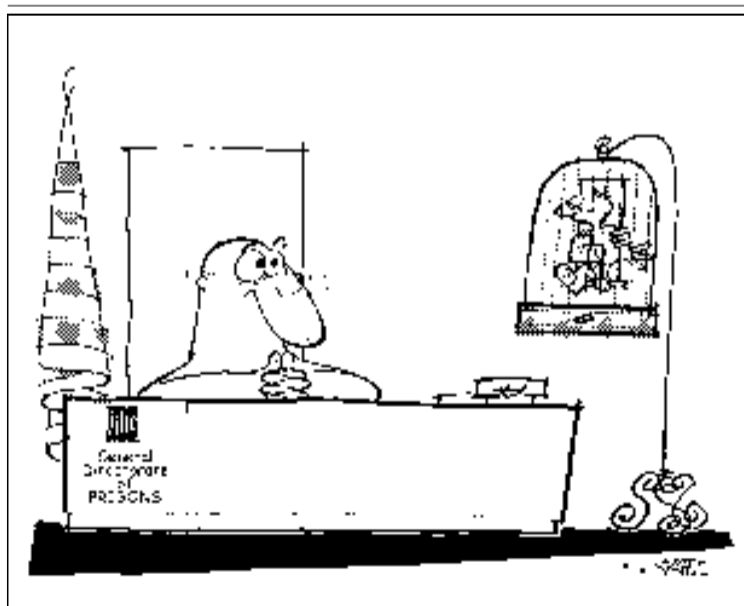
prime land of 6,000 square metres to build a mosque and cultural centre, and possibly a school of international Islamic studies. Why are Christians not allowed to do the same in Islamic lands?

Nobody seems to have realised what is really happening in Europe, Spain and Catalonia. A recent study by the academic Victor Pérez Díaz - *Muslim Immigration in Europe* warns of the negative experiences in Germa-

ny, France and other countries. The experts are surprised that it is the second generation of immigrants who show the strongest rejection of the adopted culture. It is in fact logical: they have less to be grateful for in having been born *in situ* and they suffer the impositions placed on them by their social group when adapting to the new culture. Just look at the crisis of the headscarves in French schools, for example. A recent police report published in *Le Monde* warns of signs of “community withdrawal” in 300 neighbourhoods, revealing an increasing problem of integration. The solution provided by the new law for religious teaching has provoked a group of imams in Lyon to look into the possibility of them providing teaching for Muslim girls in Catholic schools. The problem is deeper than a simple conflict with secularisation - these groups question the very values of modern Western society. In Paris, for example, I was told by Edgar Pisani, president of the Islamic Centre of Paris when we were at a Nato meeting: “It is you and your dubious morality that creates the rejection of the West by Muslim youth.”

Female teachers in our schools are beginning to experience a lack of respect from certain Muslim boys. According to Pérez Díaz's study, many Moroccan adolescents, “feel superior to them (female teachers) and they question their authority with acts of defiance.” It would not be a bad idea if Catalonia, which is so open to other cultures that settle here, began to seriously decide on either integration or positive discrimination.

THE STING BY JAP



PRESS REVIEW



Is Catalonia a region or a country? Racing car driver, Oriol Servià, makes no secret of what he thinks. On Sunday when 18 cars line up to start the Molson Indy race in Canada, Servià will be sporting his helmet emblazoned with the red and yellow stripes of the Catalan flag. Servià was 30 this week and it's not unusual for the younger generation of Catalans to wear their nationalist sympathies on their sleeves. Servià, who is sponsored by Catalan companies, has taken the debate a step further by registering

THE CHARACTER



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Birthday:
▶ July 13, 1974
Birthplace:
▶ Pals, Catalonia

in the Champs Car Nation's Cup as representing Catalonia.

“I never say I'm not Spanish. I'm just saying I'm Catalan. And nobody can deny that,” says Servià. In common with many of his generation the driver from Pals grew up listening to horror stories of Franco's 37 year regime and its banning of the Catalan language. But Servià claims that his opinions do not make him a fanatic: “I'm not one of those super radical guys. I just say I speak Catalan at home with my friends and that's how I feel. Nobody from Catalonia would have any problem being Spanish too, if some Spanish people wouldn't try to deny that we have a different language; that we are Spanish, but different.”



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Lleida to host new trade fair for construction and property firms

The "Saló Immobiliari i de la Construcció" is to take place between 25 and 27 February 2005

RICHARD MCCRANN

The Fira de Lleida is expanding to include for the first time a trade fair for property and building sectors in a bid to highlight their growth in the region of Ponent. The new fair is seen as a major development for the Fira de Lleida and is a bid to improve its results and avoid losses for the organisers. The expansion of the trade show is the result of a study, led by Xavier Roca, to see how it could incorporate new stands. The property section will promote new and older homes, second residencies, industrial factories and land and offices. The organisers of the trade show want to obtain the maximum involvement from private companies, public bodies and professionals from the construction sector to guarantee its success.

The manager of the trade show explained that the idea to create a fair of this kind came from the decoration stand, which had a construction part, along with the vitality that the building sector has been enjoying in Lleida. Most of the companies to participate in the trade show are local-owned, but in many instances they work in other regions, Roca points out. The property and building fair will take place in the pavillions 3 and 4 of the Fira de



Lleida has undergone considerable growth in the property sector, especially due to demand for second homes / ARCHIVE

Lleida. The show manager has confirmed that the first requests starting arriving the day it was announced. It is believed that this type of show could attract a mixed crowd, including private individual buyers and real estate agents seeking property.

Along with the Fira de Lleida, the event is being organised by Big Exhibitions and Caixa Terrassa and Massanagrup. The mayor of Lleida Àngel Ros and the president of the Chamber of Commerce Joan Simó attended the presentation of the

trade show, expressing their certainty that it would be a success. Roca did not wish to reveal any specifics on the event, as they have not yet been confirmed. Fira de Lleida is currently hosting Sant Miquel, Denúvis, Firantic and Cucalòcumn.



Consolidation of supermarkets

The chains Carrefour, Caprabo and Candis represent nearly half of all supermarket retail trade, according to a report on corporate consolidation in the retail sector in Catalonia. The findings were based on a study made in 2002 but only now made available to the public. Consolidation occurs more in other places including the Basque Country (71%), Valencia (62%) and Madrid (51%). However, the first major commercial food providers in the Basque Country and Valencia, such as Eroski and Mercadona, are locally-owned. Carrefour is French-owned, a cause for concern for Catalan minister of Trade, Tourism and Consumer Affairs, Pere Esteve. / M.B.

Government to open 17 trade offices abroad

MICHAEL BUNN

Speaking yesterday at Reus, Pere Esteve, the Catalan government minister for Trade and Tourism, announced the government's new business plan, which is called Plataformas Empresariales de Catalunya and involves the creation of 17 offices around the world for the use of Catalan businesses interested in breaking into markets outside the EU. Esteve said that these offices will be opened between 2004 and 2006.

The aim of this project is to facilitate the process of internationalisation for Catalan companies though, as Esteve pointed out, "it will not only be for the purposes of export but also to help Catalan businesses establish themselves abroad, to develop and gain importance in these new markets. To date, the Catalan government has set up offices in Mexico, Miami and Casablanca, and by the end of this year, Beijing,



Pere Esteve / ARCHIVE

Tokyo, New Delhi, Sao Paulo, Prague and Warsaw will also have branches. The Plataformes offices are currently being used by over 100 companies in Catalonia.

Saudi prince encourages growth of tourism

Saudi Prince Salman bin Abdul-Aziz took advantage of his visit to Barcelona's forum to promote his country as a first-class destination for cultural tourism. The prince, speaking at the dialogue "Tourism, cultural diversity and sustainable development", played down the problems created by Islamic Terrorism and spoke of a project that the Saudi government is undertaking to boost tourism in the Arabian Peninsula, which has a similar land area to that of Western Europe. "We are restructuring the tourism industry since it is one that can make a significant contribution to our economy," he said, adding that it is vitally important for Saudi Arabia to make the country's cultural diversity known to the rest of the world. He emphasised the warmth and hospitality that Saudis show to foreign visitors "in spite of the reputation that it has in the mass media". The prince stressed that his country is modern and the "the most developed country in the region".

Travel agencies claim up to 5 per cent increase in summer travel

Package holiday sales have gone up this summer between four and five per cent compared to last year, according to Spanish travel agencies association head Jesús Martínez Millán. However, it is difficult to predict exactly how the season will close, considering the growing trend in last-minute travel, he added. More and more travel packages are popping up, Martínez points out, and there may even be an excess of them. This has occurred in tourist destinations such as the Caribbean, where deals have grown in abundance by 40 and 50 per cent compared to last year, despite all the last-minute planning.



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BBC orders inquiry after viewers complain about drop in quality

Spotlight on BBC1 controller as governors question balance of peak time output

AGENCIES

The BBC's board of governors has ordered an independent review of BBC1 amid falling approval ratings and questions over the future of the channel's controller, Lorraine Heggessey. The corporation's annual report, published yesterday, said the study would "assess whether or not the channel has the best balance of output in peak time". In particular, it questioned whether BBC1 had achieved the ideal combination of innovative and mainstream broadcasting.

Under Greg Dyke, the BBC's last director general, BBC1 became more commercially competitive, moving the news to 10pm and Panorama out of peak time. Shows such as Casualty and Holby City were extended to run for much of the year, and there was a narrowing of the range of programmes screened by the channel. The corporation yesterday denied any "crisis" at BBC1, saying the review would be the first of many into its services. But the governors' report adds: "Audiences' perceptions that the quality of BBC television is declining are worrying, and we need to do more to understand this better."

The BBC's revealed last month that approval ratings for BBC1 fell to their lowest level in April, and it is understood that the decline has continued. The governors last ordered a review of BBC1 four years ago; shortly afterwards, the then controller, Peter Salmon, was moved to become the director of



The BBC's director general Mark Thompson is not ruling out making changes at the top / AP

sport. Mark Thompson, the BBC's director general, was asked yesterday whether the latest concerns about BBC1 meant it was time for Ms Heggessey, who was appointed by Dyke, to be replaced. He replied that Ms Heggessey had taken action to improve the public service per-

formance of BBC1 and pointed out that the governors found much to praise about the channel. But Thompson stopped short of ruling out any management changes, and there is speculation that he will want to impose his authority on the corporation with an executive reshuffle

soon. Thompson said that "over time all services will be subject to this review". But he insisted that "there's not any kind of concern about BBC1". "The governors believe BBC1 is getting stronger in terms of public service delivery in many ways," he said.

Diamond firm De Beers settles price-fix charge and moves in on US

ALEXLEFF

The lucrative US diamond market has fully opened up to De Beers after the resolution of a price-fixing case, according to the BBC. The company, which is a leader in the diamond trade, pleaded guilty on Tuesday to conspiring to fix industrial diamond prices in 1991 and 1992 and agreed to pay a 10 million dollar fine. The settlement means De Beers operations will now work directly within the US. Until now the firm has had to use intermediaries in the US. De Beers faced its first charge of price fixing just after World War II. The US industrial diamonds market is worth an estimated 500 million dollars. "That's a pretty big market to give up and not be actively involved in," anti-trust lawyer John Majorastold the BBC. The company

was happy to have the case resolved according to its general counsel. Prosecution of De Beers has been difficult as US officials have no jurisdiction over the South Africa-based company.

"The guilty plea reflects the department's persistence in the fight against illegal price fixing," R. Hewitt Pate, assistant attorney general for the Department of Justice in Washington told the BBC. General Electric (GE), one of the world's biggest companies, was also charged but was then dismissed because, according to US district attorney George Smith, the government had failed to prove its case. The United States makes up nearly half of the worldwide diamond market which is currently valued at around 30 billion dollars.

Giant Tesco opens shop in China's supermarket sector

ALEXLEFF

Supermarket giant Tesco managed to get a foothold in China with the purchase of a fifty per cent stake in a 25-strong hypermarket chain for 140 million pounds (around 210 million euros), according to the BBC. The foray into the Ting Hsine chain ends a three-year search for a venture partner in the Chinese market. Tesco currently has stakes in twelve countries, including Hungary, Poland, South Korea, Taiwan and Japan. "China is one of the largest economies in the world with tremendous forecast growth," Tesco's Sir Terry Leahy told BBC. Ting Hsine is the largest food supplier in the country and is owner of the Hymall supermarket chain, now half-owned by Tesco. Hymall started out in September 1998 and is one of the



Tesco is branching out into China

leading operators in the country, with US chain Wal-Mart and French-owned Carrefour among its rivals. Valued at 420m euros, it serves 2 million customers a week.

RETAIL

Marks & Spencers bout heats up

The biggest shareholder in British retail icon Marks & Spencer pressured the company's board yesterday to enter talks with suitor Philip Green as it braces for a colourful and vocal annual general meeting. Brandes Investment Partners, which holds 11.7 percent of Britain's top clothing retailer, said in a statement it would be in the shareholders' interests for M&S Chief Executive Stuart Rose to talk to billionaire tycoon Green. Brandes, which has given its support for Green's 9.1 billion pound bid, said it had not been convinced by Rose's recovery plan, outlined to investors on Monday.

MEDIA

NY Times earnings up slightly

The New York Times Co yesterday reported a slightly higher quarterly profit but said it would need additional cost control measures to meet 2004 targets amid slower advertising revenue growth. The company, publisher of the New York Times and Boston Globe newspapers, said second-quarter earnings rose to \$75.5 million, or 47 cents per share a year ago. Revenue grew to \$823.9 million from \$801.9 million a year earlier. Advertising revenue rose 3.9 percent, while circulation revenue remained flat from a year ago, the New York Times Co said. Analysts had on average forecast earnings per share of 49 cents with revenue of \$839.6 million.

TECHNOLOGY

Asian hotels get tech-savvy

At first glance, Le Meridien in Hong Kong's high-tech Cyberport complex looks much like any other in a recent crop of hotels catering to the upwardly mobile. But out of sight of the hotel's modern furniture and softly glowing fixtures are no fewer than five wireless and wired networks, allowing guests to check in, take room calls, surf the Web and print documents from anywhere on the property. Asia is helped by having many small, high-end hotel chains often controlled by one or two major shareholders who can easily push through high-tech add-ons costing millions of euros. Asian hoteliers said time will tell if travelers embrace the latest electronic gadgets and services.

INTERNET

Music labels losing file-share war

Rogue exchanges continue to dwarf the nascent market for legitimate music download services by programmes such as Apple Computer's iTunes. The popularity of file-sharing is costing the largest Internet service providers \$10 million per year each in bandwidth and network maintenance costs, according to England-based technology firm CacheLogic. "One of the biggest myths put forth by the music industry — that they are winning the war on file-sharing — is simply wrong," Andrew Parker, co-founder of CacheLogic told Reuters. "It's a case of displacement," he added, "users are just moving to new networks." File sharing has doubled in the past year.



While Catalan architect Enric Miralles' ambitious design for the Scottish Parliament Building has delighted many people in Scotland, the spiralling costs have not / SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY CORPORATE BODY

Scotland's Sagrada Familia?

Since work on the project began in 2000, costs have skyrocketed to an amount that is ten times the original budget

XSOLANO/M BUNN

Ever since the necessary architectural technology came into existence, mankind started building big and tall; from the pyramids of Egypt to Europe's medieval cathedrals to the skyscrapers of Hong Kong, successive generations have attempted to express their social and national identity through enormous buildings and, invariably, many of these projects fell victim to wildly exceeding their budgets or failing to meet the expected finishing date.

Edinburgh's new Scottish Parliament Building, designed by the Catalan Enric Miralles, is a perfect example of an ambitious monolith of a building which, owing to a multitude of unforeseen events (not least the fact that the architect died weeks

after construction started) has become mired in controversy.

It all started when Donald Dewar, the First Minister of Scotland and the brain of the country's ongoing devolution process, decided that something special was needed to herald the renaissance of Scotland politics, and Miralles made sure that he got it. The choice of a Catalan architect for the project was no accident, as Catalonia is considered by many Scots to be one of the most important models in terms of the political devolution process.

Unfortunately, this idealistic project was hit by an endless series of problems no sooner than it had commenced, causing the original budget to become a mere fond memory. Since construction started

in June 2000, the original budget of 10 million pounds has skyrocketed to over 430 million. Meanwhile, three years after the agreed finishing date, over 1,000 builders are still swarming over the building, frantically trying to complete it in time for parliament to move in over summer, as well as for the royal opening in October. The staggering expense and delay has provoked fury and outrage in Scotland, and in the search for someone to blame, Lord Fraser was commissioned to carry out an inquiry that will be published this September, just one month before Queen Elizabeth opens the building. However, Lord Fraser and his committee have long known that the fiasco cannot be blamed on one person alone - the project has seen

too many errors of judgment by too many people, as no less than 15,000 modifications have been made to the original design, while an extra 3,000 square metres of space have been requisitioned for the site. Further problems have derived from the complexity of the construction (and the impossibility of discussing any design problems with the original architect) and the death of Donald Dewar, whose brainchild the building was.

Meanwhile, the debate continues as to whether this building - no matter how beautiful and innovative it might be - is worth almost 500 million pounds. Opponents say that given Scotland's lack of resources in such areas as health and education, it is decidedly not. But on the other

hand, say the building's defenders, if social and economic problems had always been given priority through history, then today we would probably have no pyramids, fewer beautiful cathedrals, and a low-rise Hong Kong. The financial outlay might be immense, but that tends to be forgotten with time, leaving a deep pride amongst city-dwellers for their famous buildings, as the inhabitants of Zaragoza feel for their La Pilar cathedral, or Sydney inhabitants do for their opera house. "Now I don't have to go to Barcelona any more", a Scottish MP said recently, "now we have our own Sagrada Familia". But was he referring to the beauty of Miralles' design, or to the fact that nobody knows when it will be completed?

Jilted Patrick Kluivert unable to attract any wealthy English suitors

The problem is that the Dutchman has an inflated idea of his value

MICHAEL BUNN

Patrick Kluivert's inevitable departure from Barça is showing no signs of becoming any less protracted or messy. The Dutch striker has long said that he wants to move to an English club, but when the big three - Manchester United, Arsenal and Chelsea - signally failed to drop everything and rush over to talk to him, Kluivert's approach has been to lower his sights, though not his income bracket.

Newcastle and Bolton are both keen on him, but he is refusing to accept anything less than his current Barcelona wage of 120,000 euros a week. Newcastle have offered half this amount and Kluivert took this as a personal insult. But perhaps Patrick should open his eyes and realize that there are many who do not believe that he is worth so much.

The problem with Kluivert is the huge chasm between what you see and what you get. What you see is an athlete of immense energy, commitment and elegance, a player with a light touch who can score beautiful goals. However, it is the ones he misses that stick in the memory, the countless sitters whacked high and wide. When Barça go for their twice-a-season romp and flatten some opponent 6-0, Kluivert will be in there with a hat trick. But when it is 0-0 after 75 minutes and he has a free shot on goal, he inevitably falls over his feet or blasts it into the crowd.

This last year has been particularly trying for him, as though he scored Barça's opening goal in their victory against Madrid, that was the goalscoring highlight of his year. Things got so desperate that he even learned Catalan in an attempt to ingratiate himself with the Culés, but it was a case of too little, too late. The



Kluivert rues another missed chance - though this time it is for his national side / EPA

Barça management want rid of him because he costs too much, while Barça supporters are notoriously impatient with lost causes.

Another Barça player who is currently moving inexorably towards the exit door is Javier Saviola. The Argentinean also has contractual problems, though he has refused to renegotiate his payments. As a player he has also proved disappointing over the past three years. He has Kluivert's problem of rarely scoring when it really matters, merely adding a couple of goals when the team are romping home 5-0. When he

first arrived at Barça, everyone was hoping that he would be a nippy little striker in the style of Michael Owen, who could turn quickly and lose his markers with ease; in the event, he is fast and fairly accurate, but he fails to use his size to his advantage - quite the opposite, in fact, and many's the game in which he has been marked into invisibility. Coach Frank Rijkaard is known to favour bigger strikers who can fight for space in the area, and it remains to be seen whether Ranieri's interest in Saviola joining Valencia will solve Barça's problems.



Virenque usually takes at least one stage every year at the Tour / MANUEL BRUQUE / EFE

Frenchman Richard Virenque wins 10th stage on Tour on Bastille day to retain yellow jersey

Virenque crossed the line five minutes ahead of his nearest challengers Kleoden and Zabel

REUTERS

An inspired and rejuvenated Richard Virenque snatched his annual Tour de France stage in the longest ride in this year's race between Limoges and St Flour Wednesday. The most popular and most controversial cyclist in France won the 147.3-mile 10th stage on Bastille Day to claim back the King of the Mountains jersey he has already won six times. It was a dominating performance by Virenque, who came across the line to wild applause more than five minutes ahead of his nearest challengers Andreas Kleoden and Erik Zabel, both of Germany.

The Quick Step team leader, kicked out of the Tour in 1998 because of the Festina doping scandal, has now won seven mountain stages in seven different Tours and is ideally placed to win a record seventh polka-dot jersey. The national day celebrations were perfect for local fans as young Frenchman Thomas Voeckler stayed with the Tour favorites and retained his overall leader's yellow jersey. Five times Tour champion Lance Armstrong had warned that he would be riding conservatively in the first really tough stage in this Tour and he kept to his word to remain well-placed in sixth.

Ernie Els starts as favourite to win golf's British Open at Royal Troon

REUTERS

Tiger Woods is no longer the automatic choice of bookmakers and punters. British company Ladbrokes are among four major firms to make Ernie Els favorite at 6-1 or 13-2 to win the British Open which starts at Royal Troon on Thursday. It is the first time in around four years that Woods has not uniformly started favorite in any of the majors. Several companies have Els and Woods as 7-1 joint favorites but only Hills side with the American,

quoting Woods at 6-1 ahead of his South African rival at 7-1. Defending champion, American Ben Curtis, on offer at 300-1 before the 2003 Open, is at 150-1 to retain his crown. Twice major champion Vijay Singh is in confident mood for this week's British Open at Royal Troon where he believes he is due for a win. The Fijian has been the hottest player over the last 12 months and is determined to go one better than his tie for second in last year's Open championship at Royal St George's. "I'm

feeling pretty good," the 41-year-old told reporters on Wednesday as he prepared for Thursday's opening round. "I've probably had one practice round but I've played here before so I'm pretty familiar with the course." Singh tied for 38th when the Open was last staged at Troon in 1997, and was 23rd at the 1989 championship. Since tying for sixth at the U.S. Masters in April, Singh has won the Houston Open and the HP Classic of New Orleans on the PGA Tour.



Stewart Appellby of Australia on the practice course at Royal Troon / EFE

WHAT'S ON

Thursday 15 July 2004

THURSDAY

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Concerts

BARCELONA

- **La Pedrera. Fundació Caixa Catalunya.** Music from around the world, as part of the cycle of concerts *The Pedrera by Night*. 902400973
- **Apolo.** Concert by Sexy Sadie, Frank T, Guateque All Stars and Dneo. At 8:30 pm. Nou de la Rambla, 113.
- **Apolo.** Hip hop concert by DJ 202 and Wakanda. As part of *Powder Room*. At 12:30 am. Nou de la Rambla, 113.
- **Auditori.** Concert by King's Consort Orchestra. *Mass in B Minor* by J. S. Bach. At 9:00 pm. Lepant, 150.
- **Biblioteca Vapor Vell.** Concert. At 9:30 pm. Joan Güell, 14-22.
- **Bikini.** Concert by The Bees. At 9:00 pm. Deu i Mata, 105.
- **Centre Cívic Casal de Sarrià.** Jazz concert by Rusc. As part of *Nits de jazz*. At 9:30 pm. Eduard Conde, 22.
- **Domèstic.** Concert by DJ Andy Dábula, La Kasbah/Bcn. As part of *Glamurama*. At 10:00 pm. Diputació, 215.
- **Fantástico.** Concert by Bankrobbe gang dj's. At 11:30 pm. Ptge. Escudellers, 3.
- **Fundació Joan Miró.** Concert by Don Byron Quartet. As part of *Nits de música*. At 8:30 pm. Parc de Montjuïc.
- **Heliogàbal.** Punk concert by Sivil Vane. At 10:00 pm. Ramon i Cajal, 80.
- **Jamboree.** Jazz concert by Jannine. At 11:00 pm. Plaça Reial, 17.
- **Jardins de la Tamarita.** Concert by A. Rodríguez and M. Serra, violin and piano. As part of *Música Clàssica als Parcs*. At 10:00 pm. Pg. Sant Gervasi, 41.
- **Jazz Sí Club.** Cuban music concert by Palosanto, with María Elena. At 9:00 pm. Requesens, 2.
- **La Boîte.** Blues concert by Corey Harris. At 12:00 am. Avda. Diagonal, 477.
- **La Cova del Drac - Jazz Room.** Jazz concert by Adrián Laies. Vallmajor, 33.
- **La Paloma.** Concert by DJ's Professor Angel Dust & De Lippo. As part of *Bongo Lounge*. At 12:00 am. Carrer del Tigre, 27.
- **La Terrazza.** House/speed garage concert by DJ Roog. As part of *Inspired music*. At 12:00 am. Poble Espanyol.
- **London Bar.** Pop rock concert by Lucas Masciano and La Xunta. At 12:30 am. Nou de la Rambla, 34.
- **Los Tarantos.** Flamenco concert by Tio Carlos. At 8:30 pm. Plaça Reial, 17.
- **Moog.** Concert by DJ Juan B, Mouserap, Purpur. At 1:00 am. Arc del Teatre, 3.
- **Otto Zutz.** Concert by DJ Kosmos. As part of *The Edge meets Palace Recordings*. At 12:30 am. Lincoln, 15.
- **Plaça de la Concòrdia.** Chill out and electronic music concert. As part of *Accions de nit*. At 9:00 pm.
- **Plataforma.** Concert by Essential Drum'n'bass. At 12:00 am. Nou de la Rambla, 145.
- **Poble Espanyol.** Concert by Chamlaio and Pastora. 10pm. Marqués de Comillas, s/n.
- **Rita Blue.** Concert by Bossa Nova. At 10:30 pm. Plaça Sant Agustí, 3.
- **Rosa del Foc.** Concert by Paula and César. At 10:00 pm. Rec, 69.
- **Sala Caja Madrid.** Cante concert by José Antonio Martín "Salao". As part of *Cicle de Joves Flamencos a Caja Madrid*. At 7:30 pm. Pl. Catalunya, 9.
- **Sidecar.** Pop rock concert by Jellyfish Skies.

Recommended | M. TOPOR

Versus Teatre to stage *The Backroom*, by Adrian Pagan

● Gironi company "4 Producciones" is the name of a new theatre company, recently created to perform Adrian Pagan's *The Backroom*. Versus Teatre, specialized in alternative projects, is hosting the production, and its run has recently been extended until 29 August. *The Backroom* debuted on 14 July 1999 at Bush Theatre in London and was received

with great enthusiasm by audience and critics alike. Adrian Pagan's first work obtained Verity Bargade Award and is focused on gay prostitution, a topic actually used as an excuse to comment on life and human relationships in big cities of western society. The play is directed by Xavier Pujolràs. Castillejos, 179. Tel. 93 232 31 84.

Ways of communication in exhibition at CaixaForum

● CaixaForum is hosting until 26 September the exhibition *We're safe as long as everything is moving*, by American artist Doug Aitken. The exhibition, which aims to present the world of communication through sound and images, will seduce the visitors with magical unconventional atmosphere. Faces, rhythms, landscapes, religious litanyes or gestures are showed one by one, creating a constant sensation of movement. Tues to Sun 10am to 8pm. 93 476 86 00.

Bach masterpiece in concert at L'Auditori

● One of Bach's greatest works will be performed at L'Auditori tonight as part of Forum in the City. *Mass in C-minor* is a Catholic work which took Bach 25 years to finish, and which was never played as a whole during the composer's lifetime. The piece is performed by Kirstein Blaes (soprano), Robin Blaze (counter-tenor), James Gilschrist (tenor), Peter Harvey (bass) and Robert King (tenor), accompanied by the choir and orchestra of the Kin.

At 10:30pm. Heures, 4-6.

GIRONA

- **La Via.** Night concert by DJs Padrino, Janja, P.O.L., Lluc Sound and Panxil. As part of *Electrobambual'express*. Pedret, 66.
- **Plaça Jacint Verdaguer i Santaló.** Concert. At 10:00 pm.

Festivals

BARCELONA

- **Plaça de la Mercè.** *Festival França*, with French traditional culture. At 8:00 pm.

Children

GIRONA

- **Centre Cívic Pont Major.** Children show by Jordi Toniatti. At 5:00 pm. Pont Major, 67-73.
- **Museu del Cinema.** Film screening *Animac mòbil 2004*. At 5:30 pm. Sèquia, 1.

TARRAGONA

- **Museu Nacional Arqueològic de Tarragona.** *Al'estiu, fes un viatge per la història (Summer travel through history)*. For children aged between 8-16. Plaça del Rei, 5.

Theatre

BARCELONA

- **Tantarantana Teatre.** The play *Buits*, by the theatre company Teatre de Calaix. 93 441 70 22.
- **AREAtangent. 0,5.** *Las cosas son la mitad de complicadas de lo que parecen*, by Alex Ser-

rano and Raquel Tomàs. 9 pm. Aurora, 21.

- **Artenbrut Teatre.** *La dona com a camp de batalla*, by Matei Visniec. Tel. 93 457 65 16. Tickets: 16.

- **Centre Cívic Cotxeres Borrell.** *7 a la carta*, directed by Marta Ferrari and performed by Cia. Entropia Teatre. As part of *Teatre a la fresca*. At 10:00 pm. Viladomat, 2-8.

- **Centre Cívic Torre Llobeta.** Play *Circus of dreams* by Bea Insa. At 9:00 pm. Santa Fe, 2.

- **Club Capitol.** *Maca, per favor...els postres*, by TotalMemos company. 934122038. Tickets: 18-20.

- **Espai Escènica Joan Brossa.** *Amor Matern*, by August Strindberg. Until July 25th. Allada Vermell 13. Tel. 933010164.

- **Jove Teatre Regina.** *El vestit nou de l'emperador*, after Hans Christian Andersen's tale. Thursday to Sunday 7 pm. Until July 18th. Sèneca 22. Tel. 932181512.

- **Plaça Frederic Soler.** Play *Nits de teatre*. As part of *Theatre nights*. At 9:30 pm.

- **Sala Muntaner.** *Cançons dedicades*, by Franz Xavier Kroetz. Check for tickets. Until July 25th. Muntaner 4. 933235227.

SABADELL

- **Cafeteria Àgora.** Play *Parella de dos* by AMBX Teatre. At 9:30 pm. Sol i Padris, 93.

Miscellaneous

ARENYS DE MAR

- **Club Nàutic.** Water activities for the handicapped. Until July 30th.

BARCELONA

- **Casal de Joves del Coll.** Animation film screening *La Princesa Monoke*. Dir.: Hayao Miyazaki. 1997. As part of *Cicle Hayao Miyazaki*. At 10:00 pm. Durani Borell, 24.

- **CCCB.** Film screening *The Atomic Café*, with Kevin Rafferty, Jayne Loader and Pierce Rafferty. OVSS. As part of *En Guerra*. At 8:00 pm. Montalegre, 5.

- **Centre Cívic Can Basté.** Film screening *El carter de Pablo Neruda*. As part of *Cinema a la fresca*. 10pm. Pg. Fabra i Puig, 274-276.

- **Espai Mallorca.** Presentation of the book *La gran improvisació*, by Josep M. Morrerres. At 7:30 pm. Carme, 55.

- **FNAC Diagonal Mar.** Screening of *Festival Internacional de Benicàssim 2004*. At 7:00 pm. Diagonal, 3-35.

- **FNAC El Triangle.** Screening of Japanese animation film *Las caras del anime*. At 8:00 pm. Plaça Catalunya, 4.

- **Fundació Antoni Tàpies.** Film screening *A Europa em 5 minutos*. Brazil, 1986. As part of *Tour-Isms*. At 7:00 pm. Aragó 255.

GIRONA

- **Museu del Cinema.** Nica Libre. Dir.: Fèlix Zurita. As part of *2n Cicle de cinema social de la CGT*. At 8pm. Sèquia, 1.

Exhibitions

AMPOSTA

- **Museu del Montsià.** *Pintura i compromís* by Niebla. Until August 22nd.

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

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

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

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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

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Film | M. TOPOR / M. PÉREZ

Connie and Carla

● Nia Vardalos, the Oscar-nominated writer and star of the highly praised *My Fat Big Greek Wedding* (2002), follows the hit with *Connie and Carla*, again in dual roles as both screenwriter and actress. Starring alongside her is Toni Collette (*About a Boy*, *The Sixth Sense*). The Vardalos' script was brought to screen by television comedy veteran Michael Lembeck, whose first success was *Santa Clause 2* and who directed various episodes of *Friends*. Connie and Carla are



Nia Vardalos and Toni Collette play Connie and Carla

two small-town girls who dream about becoming great stars, while they in a Chicago airport lounge. Their life is altered the day they accidentally witness how their boss Frank - one of their few supporters - is killed by the Russian mafia. Just like Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon in Billy Wilder's *Some like it hot*, the two girls have to find a place where the killers would never look for them, so they end up in Land Dreamers, Los Angeles, where they work as drag queens with new identities and become big hits on the scene - "women imitating men imitating women", as one of them says.

Films showing in original version in Barcelona

Capturing the Friedmans

USA, 2004. 107'. **Dir.:** Andrew Jarecki. The story of the Friedmans, an upper-middle class Jewish family from New York, whose happy life was suddenly destroyed when the father and son were charged with horrible crimes of child molestation.

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 Queen of the Kingdom of Far Far Away.

The wild one

USA, 1954. 79'. **Dir.:** Lazlo Benedek. **With:** Marlon Brando, Lee Marvin, Robert Keith, June Gable. Johnny, leader of Black Rebels Motorcycle Club, goes to the city with his buddies looking for trouble. Harry, the local police officer, can't control either them or the rival gang lead by Chino. Johnny, who is in love with Harry's daughter, Kathie, can't express his feelings while she can't accept his ways.

Das Testament des Dr. Mabuse

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

Janis et John

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

Kill Bill. Volume 1

USA, 2003. 111'. **Dir.:** Quentin Tarantino. **With:** Uma Thurman, Lucy Liu, Viveca A. Fox, Michael Madsen, Daryl Hannah, David Carradine. The body of a young pregnant woman lies on the floor in a rural church in El Paso. She is wearing a blood splattered wedding dress. Years later, when the Bride awakes from the coma, she realizes what happened to her and prepares for revenge...

La mala educación (Bad Education)

Spain, 2003. 115'. **Dir.:** Pedro Almodóvar. **With:** Fele Martínez, Gael García Bernal, Javier Cámara, Lluís Homar. A young boy is sexually violated by a priest and separated from his friend in a Catholic church. Years later, the two friends meet again. One of them is a transvestite wanting to become an actor while the other one is a successful film director. Together, they recall their childhood and the difficult times they went through at school.

The last kiss

Italy, 2003. 120'. **Dir.:** Gabriele Muccino. **With:** Stefano Accorsi, Stefania Sandrelli. The young and handsome Carlo lives a happy life with his girlfriend, but when she gets pregnant, he panics picturing fatherhood as the end of freedom and youth. On the other hand, the prospect of being a grandmoother reminds Anna of her vaguely unsatisfying marriage and her long-gone youth and beauty. Carlos has a bunch of friends who are all trying to escape responsibility and fight against age.

The Butterfly Effect

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

The Ladykillers

EUA, 2004. **Dir.:** Joel i Ethan Coen. **With:** Tom Hanks, Irma P. Hall, Marlon Wayans. An eccentric professor and his three accomplices plan to rob "Bandit Queen", a riverboat casino on Mississippi. They are staying in Mrs. Munson'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.

Troy

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

Un filme falado

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

Wilbur Wants to Kill Himself

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

Harry Potter and the prisoner of Askaban

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

Confessions of a dangerous mind

USA, 2004. 113'. **Dir.:** George Clooney. **With:** Sam Rockwell, George Clooney, Drew Barrymore, Julia Roberts. Chuck Baris was a successful showman who led a double life as he also worked as an assassin for the Cia. At the height of his career, the television star was recruited to be a spy.

The Inheritance

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

Machuca

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

El abrazo partido

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

Barcelona

■ CASABLANCA

Swing (V.O.S.E)	16.00-18.00-20.00-22.15
Um filme falado (V.O.S.E)	16.00-18.00-20.00-22.15

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The wild One (V.O.S.E)	16.30
La Casita blanca	16.30
In a lonely place (V.O.S.E)	18.15
From here to eternity (V.O.S.E)	18.20
Sunset Boulevard (V.O.S.E)	20.15
Days of wine and roses (V.O.S.E)	20.35
Paths of glory (V.O.S.E)	22.30
American Graffiti (V.O.S.E)	22.45

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L'ultimo bacio (V.O.S.E)	16.00-18.25-20.40-22.55
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Shrek 2 (V.O.S.E)	16.15-18.10-20.05-22.05
Seres queridos	16.30-18.30-20.25-22.30
Und führe uns in Versuchung (V.O.S.E)	18.15-22.20

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Machuca	16.00-20.30
L'ultimo bacio (V.O.S.E)	16.10-18.15-20.30-22.45
Incautos	16.05-18.20-20.35-22.50
Casa de los Babys (V.O.S.E)	16.10-18.15-20.15-22.15
Seres queridos	16.10-18.25-20.35-22.50
Shrek 2 (V.O.S.E)	16.15-18.30-20.30-22.40
El abrazo partido	18.20-22.45

■ VERDI

Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (V.O.S.E)	16.00-18.15-20.30-22.40
Spartan (V.O.S.E)	16.05-18.15-20.30-22.40
Baran (V.O.S.E)	16.10-18.10-20.20-22.35
Casa de los Babys (V.O.S.E)	16.10-18.15-20.30-22.40
La muerte de nadie	16.15-18.15-22.35
Das Testament des Dr. Mabuse (V.O.S.E)	20.10

■ VERDI PARK

Arven (V.O.S.E)	16.00-18.15-20.30-22.45
Wilbur Wants to Kill Himself (V.O.S.E)	16.00-18.10-20.20-22.30
Camino de Santiago. El origen	16.10
Russian Ark (V.O.S.E)	16.15-18.15-20.20-22.35
Sur mes lèvres (V.O.S.E)	17.30-20.00-22.30

■ YELMO ICARIA

Unconditional love (V.O.S.E)	11.15-13.30-15.45
The Ladykillers (V.O.S.E)	11.20-13.30-15.45-18.00-20.15-22.30
Wilbur Wants to Kill Himself (V.O.S.E)	11.20-13.30-15.45-18.00-20.35-22.50
Casa de los Babys (V.O.S.E)	11.20-13.30-15.45-18.00-20.15-22.45
Janis et John (V.O.S.E)	11.30-13.45-15.45-18.00-20.15-22.50
Um filme falado (V.O.S.E)	11.30-13.30-15.30-17.30-19.30-21.30
Incautos (V.O.S.E)	11.30-14.00-16.45-19.15-22.00
Shrek 2 (V.O.S.E)	11.30-13.45-16.00-18.15-20.30-22.45
Kill Bill. Volume 1 (V.O.S.E)	11.30-13.45-16.00-18.15-20.30-22.50
Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (V.O.S.E)	11.30-14.00-16.30-19.00-21.45
The day after tomorrow (V.O.S.E)	11.40-14.10-17.00-19.45-22.30
Arven (V.O.S.C)	11.40-14.10-17.00-19.30-22.15
Sur mes lèvres (V.O.S.E)	11.40-14.10-17.00-19.45-22.30
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Troy (V.O.S.E)	12.00-15.30-18.50
The Butterfly Effect (V.O.S.E)	18.15-20.35-22.50
Capturing the Friedmans (V.O.S.E)	0.00

Girona

■ TRUFFAUT

Les invasions barbares (V.O)	18.30-20.30-22.30
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The Russian Ark

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

The day after tomorrow

USA, 2004. 125'. **Dir.:** Roland Emmerich. **With:** Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllental. Sudden global warming has devastating consequences for the entire planet. In the middle of this catastrophe is Adrian Hall, a paleoclimatologist (a scientist who studies the ways weather patterns changed in the past), who struggles to save the world from the effects of global warming.

Unconditional love

USA, 2002. 121'. **Dir.:** P.J. Hogan. **With:** Kathy Bates, Ruppert Everett, Dan Aykroyd. Grace Beasley spent all her life taking care of her husband and children. When her husband leaves her, Grace travels to London for the funeral of her favourite singer.

Spartan

USA-Germany. 106'. **Dir.:** David Mamet. **With:** Val Kilmer, Derek Luke, William H. Macy, Ed O'Neil. 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.

In a lonely place

USA, 1950. 80'. **Dir.:** Nicholas Ray. **With:** Humphrey Bogart, Gloria Grahame, Frank Lovejoy, Pietro Morretti. Screenplayer Dixon Steele has to write the script of a bestseller. He asks a young woman to tell him the story the way she sees it, but the next day she is found murdered and Dix becomes the first suspect.

Paths of glory

USA, 1957. 81'. **Dir.:** Stanley Kubrick. **With:** Kirk Douglas, Ralph Meeker, Adolphe Menjou. During WWI a French general gave an impossible order to his troops. After their failure he decides to execute three men to teach the rest a lesson.

The Barbarian invasions

Canada, 2003. 99'. **Dir.:** Denis Arcand. **With:** Marie-Josée Croze, Dorothy Beryman. A divorced man in his mid-fifties is seriously ill. From his death bed, he is visited by his son Sébastien, whom he hasn't seen for years. Despite their falling out, Sébastien wants to gather all his father's old friends and former lovers to make his final days more enjoyable.

Casa de los babys

USA, 2003, 115'. **Dir.:** John Sayles. **With:** Daryl Hannah, Marcia Gay, Mary Steenburgen, Rita Moreno, Susan Lynch, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Lily Taylor. Six well-off American women have travelled to Mexico to adopt a child. The action takes place in a hotel owned by Madame Muñoz (played by the charismatic Rita Moreno), where the women rent suits and wait for the adoption to go through.

American Graffiti

USA, 1973. 107'. **Dir.:** George Lucas. **With:** Richard Dreyfus, Ronny Howard. In a small town in Northern California a group of teenagers spend their last evening together after graduation, having fun for one last time before moving into adulthood. Before dawn they all have to decide what they will do in the future.

Days of wine and roses

USA, 1962. 112'. **Dir.:** Blake Edwards. **With:** Jack Lemmon, Lee Remick. Joe, public relations agent addicted to alcohol, meets Kristen, a secretary hooked on chocolate. They fall in love and get married. Joe introduces Kristen to the "pleasures" of drinking and soon both are confirmed alcoholics.

Sunset Boulevard

USA, 1950. 106'. **Dir.:** Billy Wilder. **With:** William Holden, Gloria Swanson, Erich von Stroheim. Joe is a frustrated screenwriter who is hiding from his past. He hides in an old mansion on Sunset Blvd.

CT BACK

WEATHER

CROSSWORD

Hot and sunny

Mainly sunny in all the parts of the country. Some morning clouds will extend across the coastline, in the Pyrenees and in the Balearic Islands, which could bring some showers in the afternoon. Higher temperatures, with heat during the day and humidity on the coast. Light to moderate winds from the southeast.

Tomorrow

Patchy clouds in the Pyrenees, which could lead to occasional showers in the afternoon. Mainly sunny elsewhere, with a few scattered clouds. High temperatures.

The sea

Mostly calm seas. Light swells near the coastline and moderate to heavy swells in the Gulf of Lleó and the Balearic Islands, which will die away throughout the day. No changes tomorrow.

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SUNSET 21.23 h

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El Vendrell	25	14
El Perelló	27	16
Falset	28	16
Girona	28	13
Igualada	29	16
La Bisbal d'Empordà	-	-
La Seu d'Urgell	28	15
La Quar de Berquedà	25	11
Lleida	23	10
Manresa	32	13
Montmeló	28	14
Olot	27	12
Roses	25	13
Sant Pau Segúries	27	20
Sta. Coloma de F.	22	9
Tarragona	26	19
Tàrraga	27	15
Vallirana	26	14
Vic	26	11
Vielha	24	10
Vila-rodona	26	16
Vilassar de Mar	25	17
Alacant	25	18
Castelló de la Plana	27	18
Palma	28	18
Madrid	31	17
València	27	19
Andorra	29	14
Berlin	19	12
Brussels	19	10
London	20	14
Paris	24	12
Prague	17	11
Rome	28	15

ACROSS
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DOWN
 1. Brush and _ . 2. Scare. 3. Bye. 4. Round cracker brand. 5. Goofed. 6. Bumbling insect. 7. Far away. 8. Skirt. 9. Otherwise. 15. Omega. 19. Kitten's cry. 21. Outlaw James. 23. Not as false. 24. Yucky. 25. Quickly. 26. Red deer. 27. Sejo lily's bulb. 28. Time periods. 30. Brad. 32. Clairvoyance.

ANSWERS

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 1. FDA. 4. Rebate. 10. Lad. 11. Ireful. 12. Oui. 13. Treats. 14. Sneeze. 16. Rue. 17. Stun. 18. DM. 20. DJ. 22. Etna. 26. SSE. 29. Enwrap. 31. Teresa. 33. USA. 34. Agassi. 35. ETC. 36. Gospel. 37. Rye.

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