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TELEVISIÓ

Everyone loves a good debate

Our Finest Hour, this evening, Matthew welcomes his guests Anna Arqué, Francesc Colom and Patricia Gabancho

Today from 7:10pm

POINT MADE

Jordi Panyella

The train that never arrives

Members of the Mediterranean corridor strategy council yesterday morning were the subject of an interesting picture on the lawns of the Pedralbes Palace. It is an overhead shot, taken by a photographer from the terrace of the first floor of the building, showing a compact group, displaying an unequivocal image of unity and action in their demand for a rail infrastructure considered vital for the economy of the country. The image shows all those who took part in the meeting yesterday, a hundred representatives of all sectors and political spectrums. It also shows the number of men and women who took part; there were only 13 women! Not only is there a delay, but there are trains that never seem to arrive.

FACES OF THE DAY



CHAIRMAN OF CASA TARRADELLAS

Josep Tarradellas

Reputation and turnover

Leader in pizzas and refrigerated dough, cold cuts and salamis, the Catalan company continues to invest in its production line; 2015's turnover, €859 million, up 6.3%.



FILM MAKER

Juanjo Giménez

The short takes the prize

Cannes, Sunday, and the Catalan film maker walks away with a Palma d'Or (beating 5,007 other hopefuls) with his 15 minute short "Timecode". Glory has arrived!

The TV debate war begins

■ Sánchez wants one-to-one debate with Rajoy to present himself as the only alternative and shut out Iglesias; PP says a four-way joust is more appropriate

Montse Oliva
MADRID

First it was the war to reduce electoral costs. Now the battle is for the TV debates where different leaders seek to position themselves depending on what the polls indicate. The PSOE leadership started things off yesterday morning proposing a new face to face between Mariano Rajoy and Pedro Sanchez. This, to stem the momentum that the coalition between Pablo Iglesias and Alberto Garzón is gaining which could possibly result in a new force to the left of Spain's socialists and to present the PP and the PSOE as the only alternatives to government, perpetuating the pre-December



The opening scene from last December's debate between Mariano Rajoy and Pedro Sánchez ■ ELPUNTAUVUI

political scene in Spain. Rajoy has rejected the proposal and says he will only accept one debate between the four main candidates.

With the socialist brand increasingly

blurred, despite Sanchez taking centre stage in the negotiations after the December elections, what is needed now is that the real aim of the IU-Podem group led by Iglesias does not appear to the public as

defeating Sánchez, but Rajoy. The leader of the PP however, is unlikely to help Sánchez but the PP Deputy Secretary, Pablo Casado has left the door slightly ajar saying that "Just which of the two forces the polls reflect greater importance should be considered."

Iglesias must appear as the real alternative to the PP, and he is open to any debate, but the only clash that seems certain at present to be repeated is between Iglesias and Rivera, moderated by Jordi Évole. The PSOE has turned down the risk of facing Iglesias alone.

In all likelihood, there will be a four-way encounter as it suits everyone's interest. Except, that is, for Sánchez. ■



Protesters clash with supporters in New Mexico ■ REUTERS

INTERNATIONAL

Fighting breaks out at Trump meeting

Police in Anaheim (California) were yesterday preparing for possible incidents at the rally Donald Trump was to hold in their town, the day after disturbances broke out at an electoral meeting in New Mexico. Hundreds of protesters gathered at the Albuquerque Convention Centre, where Trump was speaking, pulling down barriers and throwing rocks and bottles at anti-riot police. Arrests were made inside and outside the centre, where protesters con-

stantly interrupted the speech of the presidential candidate. Outside the building, protesters chanted slogans against Trump and waved the Mexican flag. Police responded with smoke bombs and pepper spray. The same evening, Trump won the primaries in the state of Washington. With this victory he is close to the majority of delegates needed to win his party's presidential nomination at the convention in Ohio this summer. ■ STAFF

Workers propose new structure for CCMA

Staff
BARCELONA

Workers from TV3 yesterday evening presented a proposal to change the management model of the Catalonia's broadcasting commission, the CCMA, based around the co-responsibility of professionals, at the Catalan

journalists' association. An independent commission in TV3, unconnected to the employees' council has been working on the proposal for three years. This opens a debate at the same time that parliament has just begun to deliberate amendments to the law on audiovisual communication in Catalo-

nia. The aim is to place this model of co-management of the CCMA in the public eye and open political debate. Yesterday's presentation was attended by UAB professor and former Catalan minister of broadcasting and culture, Joan Manuel Tresserras, under whose direction the present law came into being.

The workers' proposed co-management system is based on a managerial structure for companies of more than 2,000 workers established in Germany 50 years ago. With this system, workers would have more decision-making power in directing the entity. It is proposed that a significant part of the managerial board would be professionals on staff elected by internal vote. In addition, workers want the board to act as an organ of management control as well as strategic direction. ■

SCIENCE

Scientist awarded EMBO's gold medal

Ben Lehner, head of the Centre de Regulació Genòmica team and ICREA research professor, has been awarded the EMBO Gold Medal, one of the most prestigious awards given by the European Molecular Biology Organisation for his contributions to life sciences. Lehner studies the origins of phenotypic diversity in development and evolution. ■ XA

SOCIETY

Tighter gun control for police on sick leave

Catalonia's internal affairs department has made changes to gun control in regards to police officers who are off work for reasons of health, following the death of a woman killed by her estranged partner, a Mossos d'Esquadra on leave for depression. Following her death, the officer committed suicide. Officers must now relinquish their arms immediately. ■ STAFF