

SLOWPORTS

What are world's most delay-prone airports?

«Altroconsumo» magazine has drawn up a blacklist showing the number of delayed flights for every 100 flights:

Sal Cabral (Cap Verde) **47** out of **100**

Varadero Gomez (Cuba) **44**, Sao Paulo Guarulhos (Brazil), Punta Cana (Dominican Rep.) Maastricht Aachen (Netherlands) **40**

Cancan (Mexico) **33** Agadir (Morocco) **31** Havana Marti (Cuba) **30** Bruges (Belgium) **29** Porto Seguro (Brazil) **28**

Source: "Altroconsumo"

THE PRICE OF LOVE

700 euros is the sum Italian singles are prepared to spend to find their soul mate. The first meeting is key: **46.7%** of single men are prepared to spend 500 euros to buy a new outfit and pay for dinner and a gift for the lady. **1.4%** would be prepared to spend as much as **750** euros. Italians spend about the same amount as the French and the Germans but far less than the British, who spend a hefty 17 billion pounds a year.

Source: Parship.it with Makno&Consulting and E-Res

TELEPHONE GIANTS

Mobile telephony speaks Chinese: with **291** million users, China Mobile heads the list of the top ten international companies.

China Mobile (China) **291** million, Vodafone (Great Britain) **199**, China Unicom (China) **142**, Telefónica (Spain) **126**, América Móvil (Mexico)

117, Deutsche Telekom (Germany) **99**, France Télécom (France) **98**, Telenor (Norway) **68**, AT&T (U.S.) **64**, Telecom Italia **60**

Source: Cowen & Co

TODAY'S YOUNGSTERS...

Italy currently has the oldest population in Europe but in 2050 it is Spain that will have the largest number of over-65s.

Comparative figures: Spain **17%** (2005); **36%** (2050) Italy **19%**; **35%** Germany **19%**; **32%** Czech Republic **14%**; **31%** European average **17%**; **30%** Poland **13%**; **29%** Hungary **16%**; **28%** France **16%**; **27%** U.K. **16%**; **27%** Sweden **17%**; **24%**

Source: Eurostat

CONTRACEPTION IN EUROPE

Belgians are the biggest consumers of oral contraceptives in Europe. Catholic Spain and Italy tail the classification. Percentage of European women using the pill per country:

Belgium **49%** Netherlands **48%** France **43%** Portugal **38%** Denmark **36%** Germany **34%** Czech Republic **33%** UK **31%** Switzerland **28%** Sweden **27%** Hungary **27%** Slovenia **26%** Ireland **24%**

Austria **22%** Italy **19%** Spain **18%**

Source: Consultorio Villaggio della Madre e del Fanciullo, Milano

UNDERAGE DRINKERS

Italian children have a bad record: at 11 years of age they drink more alcohol each week than their European contemporaries, according to a survey carried out by Oms and Hbsc (Health behaviour in school-aged children)

Italian **8.5%** (girls); **18.7%** (boys) Israeli **8.5**; **18.0** English **8.1**; **13.9** Greek **3.2**; **10.7** Ukrainian **3.1**; **9.3** Slovenian **2.5**; **9.2** Polish **1.5**; **6.8** Croatian **2.4**; **5.7** French **1.9**; **6.1** Swedish **1.8**; **6.0** Irish **2.2**; **4.5** German **1.9**; **4.8** Spanish **1.6**; **4.7** Swiss **1.2**; **3.3** Norwegian **1.2**; **2.7** Finnish **1.0**; **2.9** Portuguese **0.3**; **2.6**

Source: Hbsc

PROFITABLE CARS

Porsche makes the most money on every car it sells: **21,799** euros; a figure that makes other manufacturers bite the dust: BMW, **2,475** Audi, **1,580** DaimlerChrysler, **708** Volkswagen, **332** Porsche posted pre-tax profits of **2.1** billion euros in 2006, having sold **96,000** cars.

Source: "Usa Today"

NEWSPAPER READERS

20.8 per million

inhabitants: that is the number of daily newspapers in Norway, putting the country at the top of the European classification. Next come Luxembourg with **16.2**, Cyprus with **13.0**, Finland with **12.3**, Malta with **12.2** and Sweden with **11.8**. **12** years: that is the age of the free press, launched in Switzerland in 1995 and very widespread in northern Europe: there are **170** free dailies in Sweden and **322** in Denmark, distributed on the street, in the underground and through post offices, mainly to young people: at least one-third of readers in each of the 27 EU countries is less than 29 years old.

Source: Eurodailynews

WIRELESS EUROPE

37% of European users connect to the Internet using wireless systems. Europeans spend **17** hours a week online with a wireless connection, against **12** hours watching television. **94%** of all wireless users have a broadband connection in the place where they regularly access the Internet (**9%** more than in 2005). **81%** have a PC at home (against **61%** of all Europeans). **68%** have an MP3 player or I-Pod and **61%** have Wi-Fi access at home. This category uses Internet much more frequently on weekends: **91%** of users with a laptop or palmtop use the Internet on Saturday and Sunday as compared to **79%** of all Internet users.

Source: European Interactive Advertising Association