

Canary Islands

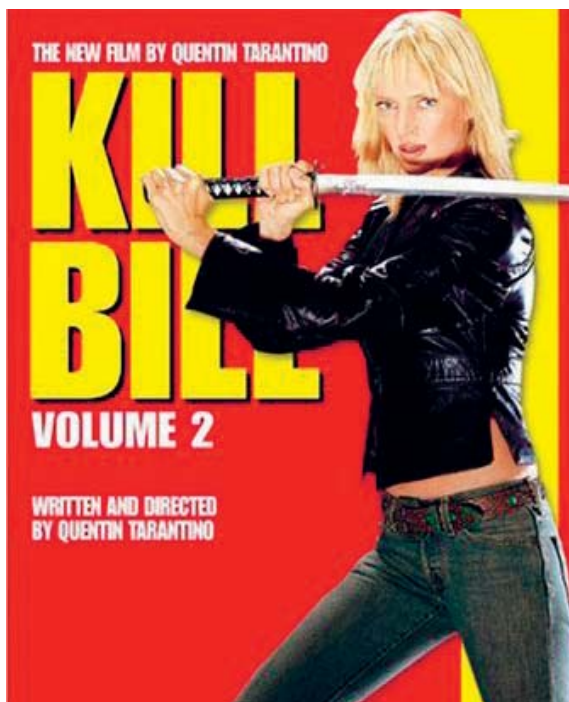
Canarian kids see too much violence

▲ **Bosses at Spanish TV** may have to rethink the current programme scheduling following the decision by the country's Ombudsman to investigate complaints that the children's watershed time is not adhered to in the Canaries.

The one-hour time difference between the Islands and the rest of the country means that programmes broadcast as of 9pm nationwide can be seen in Canarian homes at 8pm, including programmes unsuitable for young children. Among the examples cited in the complaints was the recent showing of the over-18 film *Kill Bill 2*, in which one of the characters described in gory detail how he had killed a rival. The Ombudsman, Enrique Mújica, said there was prima facie evidence that at least some programmes shown after 8pm were detrimental to the education of young people and he would investigate the matter further.

His findings may force Spanish TV to insert a time-lag on its programmes or produce local content to fill in the gap between 8pm and 9pm.

One of the examples quoted was the showing of the film *Kill Bill 2*



Lanzarote

Museums visitors

▲ **Lanzarote's museums** have joined forces in a Cabildo-sponsored initiative to increase their attractiveness to visitors. The island's governing body has published an information guide to the 11 museums, which it says are 'top quality' but have not managed to sell themselves to locals or tourists

down the years. The new guide was unveiled recently in the Castillo de San Gabriel in Arrecife, ironically one of the few museums not to feature in the mini-book.

2000 copies have been printed for distribution to hotels and visitor centres on the island, as well as the airport.

Gran Canaria

T-shirt terrorist

▲ **A Moroccan** who publicly manifested his support for Osama Bin Laden in Telde on the day of the Madrid train bombings in March 2004 will not have to spend time in jail for his defence of terrorism.

31-year-old Sidi Blaiha was expected to face at least a year in prison for causing a breach of the peace in the town when he took to the streets wearing a Bin Laden T-shirt and shouted to passers-by that he "was glad Al-Qaeda had blown up the trains", killing 194 people. His trial in Madrid's Criminal Court, which has

sole jurisdiction over terrorism offences, was halted immediately after the only person who had agreed to take the witness stand to confirm his behaviour failed to appear to give evidence.

Blaiha's lawyer said afterwards that his client had been treated unfairly and the prosecution service knew there was no chance of a conviction. However, the acquittal has angered locals in Telde, who say that the Moroccan was treated too leniently and want him to be deported immediately.

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