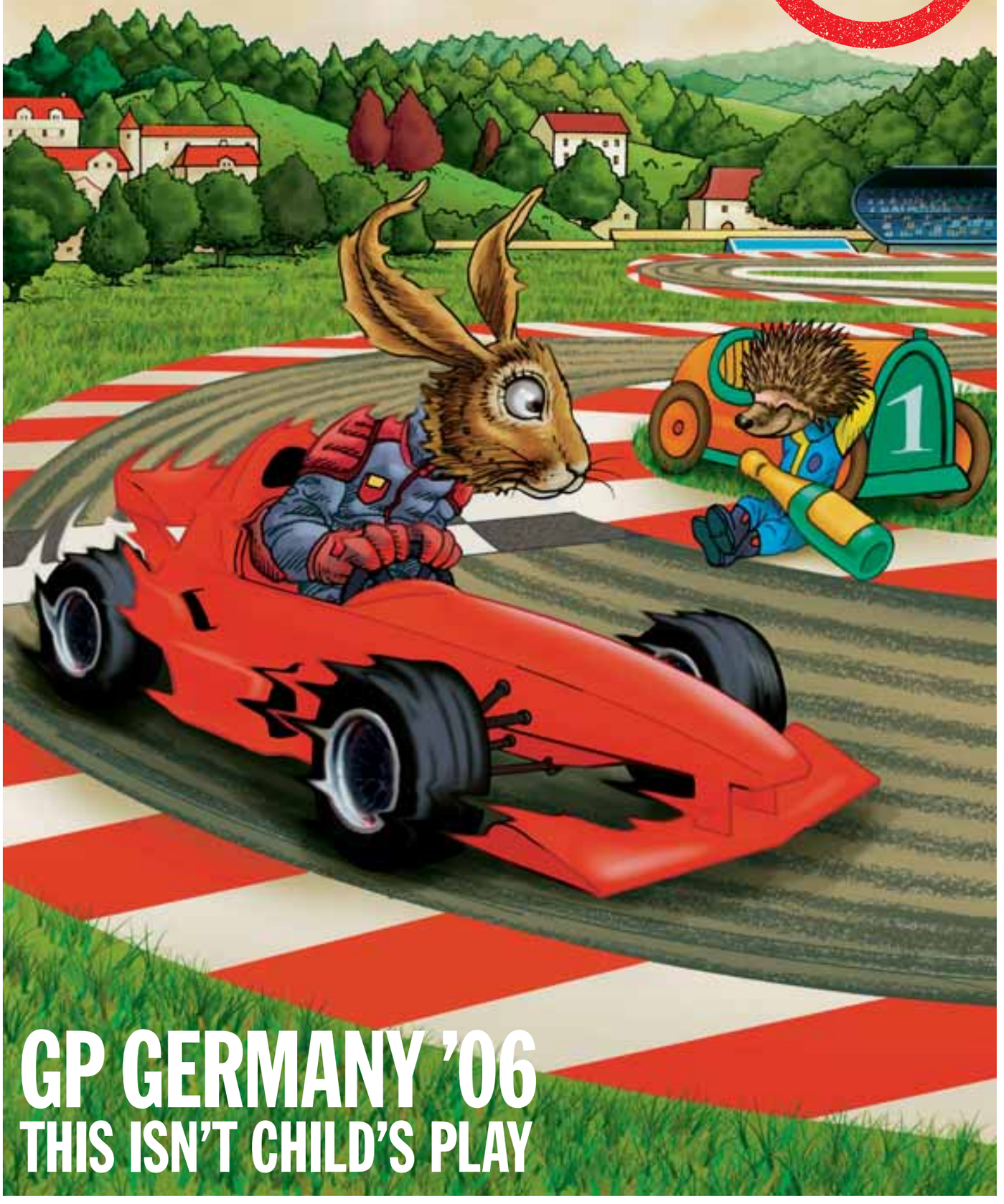
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THIS ISN'T CHILD'S PLAY

FERRARI



COULD THIS BE A new career move for Michael? DJ Schumi and MC Massa took to the decks at a Vodafone event in Heidelberg yesterday, with the Schumster choosing to raise the roof by spinning the Black Eyed Peas 'Don't Phunk with my Heart', a very popular tune in the Schumacher household we're informed. Acrobats were performing football tricks to the music as well, but when one audience member was allowed to give it a go, he kicked the ball on to one of the decks and broke it. Contractually, Michael was then allowed to use Felipe's set.

OUR THOUGHTS HAVE BEEN with F1 caterer Chris Mays, who had a motorcycle accident in Koh Samui on New Year's Day. He is still in a semi-comatose state but since we called for funds back in Bahrain many of you responded with kind donations and Chris was flown from Thailand back to the UK thanks to the generosity of the F1 Mechanics Trust. The cost of Chris' constant medical care is high. His family and friends are organising a charity auction for September and we are asking for donations of F1 memorabilia to help Chris and his family. Please e-mail us if you would like to donate, or to pass on words of support: secret.service@theredbulletin.com

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PACESETTER



WITH THE BRITISH MOTOR Show underway, Nigel Mansell has spoken out about how drivers mustn't rely on improved car safety in the event of a crash, they should concentrate on avoiding an accident in the first place. As president of the Institute of Advanced Motorists, Nige pointed out in a newspaper column on Tuesday that "drivers cause crashes – not cars, not roads. Concentration, observation, interpretation and control are all advanced driving skills every bit as important to road drivers as to racers." While this is true, we can't help remember that the esteemed president lost his licence for doing a ton in his Bentley on a country road, ditched a Lotus 91 into the hay bales at Goodwood two weeks ago (the organisers are still fuming!) and rammed Fernando Alonso in the 2001 Minardi two-seater race at Donington (above) with a paying passenger on board.

RED BULL



KNOWN FOR HIS COMEDY routines and his starting likeness to 'Marlon' (British soap opera Emmerdale's village idiot), RBR IT engineer Stuart Bailey is setting out on his final race weekend here at Hockenheim. He's stepping down to take a server team job back at the Milton Keynes factory. Fellow IT boffin Faye Wilson has been slaving away over a special photo album, documenting Stuart in a seemingly endless compilation of silly poses and humiliating acts stretching right back to his days with Jaguar Racing. Stuart Bailey, this was your F1 life.

BRIDGESTONE

EVERY YEAR THE PRANKSTERS down at Bridgestone count the days until Magny-Cours. The target of their mischief? Michael Schumacher's Go-Ped. Michael parks up next to their garage set-up each year in France, but maybe he should take a hint. Last year they hooked up a cardboard wheel clamp and slapped a forged parking fine on the champ's transport. The latest in a long list of clever capers was to tie tin cans to the back of the scooter with a metre of twine. It worked like a charm as Schumi tore down the paddock wondering what all the racket was about. He was less than amused, while Keke Rosberg needed to be picked off the floor he was laughing so hard. The culprit? That would be Malcolm von Berg. Malcolm, we salute you.





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JOHNNY SERVOZ-GAVIN

GEORGES-FRANCIS 'JOHNNY' SERVOS-GAVIN has died at the age of 64. He competed in only 12 grands prix before his retirement, but this dashing Frenchman made his mark beating Jacky Ickx to take second place at the 1968 Italian GP. Legend has it that he was given the nickname 'Johnny' by the throngs of girls who would swoon over him on the ski slopes, where he was an instructor during his youth.
He caught the racing bug at the age of 21. Johnny came close to victory when he stood in for an injured Jackie Stewart at Monaco in '68. He qualified on the front row and burst into the lead, holding the top spot for three laps before clipping a barrier at the nouveau chicane, terminating his race. In 1969, he won the European F2 championship with Matra but, when he failed to qualify his Tyrrell at Monaco in 1970, he retired immediately, never to race again.

CLUB 500



ERCOLE COLOMBO

"When the German GP was held at the Nürburgring, it was much more than a race, it was an event which gathered more than 300,000 people to the edges of the legendary 22km track.
It was surely the world's biggest campsite. The first time Vittorio Brambilla raced there in the March Ford in 1974, he had an unpleasant experience during qualifying when he found himself with no brakes after coming over a little rise. Off he went.
In the afternoon session, he found he had exactly the same problem when he stamped on the brake pedal and it travelled all the way to the floor with no effect.
Off he went again.
Things didn't improve on Saturday morning when the man from Monza had to retire once more after the long downhill jump section.
Back in the pits, he had trouble convincing Robin Herd that he really had a problem, so he ripped the brake pedal out of the car and handed it to the technical chief.
Determined, Brambilla still went out in the last session and managed to qualify."

This weekend will be freelance photographer Ercole Colombo's 551st race.

FOUR COMMENTARIES

THE CRITICAL LIST

1 PATIENT'S PULSE GROWS FAINT
BY JUSTIN HYNES

It's hot. Hot and wet, which, to paraphrase Robin Williams, is fine if you're with a lady but not so good if you're in the back of a bus with failing air con on the wrong side of the Hockenheim tracks. It's hot, which reminds one of the joke about the man from Cologne who was sent to hell. The devil fired up the furnaces and soon it was boiling hot with 90 per cent humidity. He gave the man a sledgehammer and told him to start breaking rocks. Three hours later, he came back to find the man happily whistling while smashing rocks into gravel. The devil turned up the heat: 50° Celsius, 98 per cent humidity. Three hours later, the same result. Figuring the Cologne man relished the heat, the devil changed tack. He plunged the thermostat all the way down until the needle hit -10°. Running back into the room he found the Cologne man dancing around, jumping for joy. "Goddamit, why are you f***in' happy?" screamed Satan. "Cold day in hell!" howled the Cologne man, "Toyota must have won a race." Apologies to Toyota for that one, but Honda have been the butt of too many jokes this season.

Hockenheim so far has been a fiery furnace of a venue on a continent in meltdown. But it's only the weather that's getting people hot at the moment. Nothing on the track appears to be working in that regard. And as such it seems that the powers that be are about to undertake a PR schmooze for the sport in a bid to up F1's profile, get people interested and put bums on seats. Will it work? It might in the short-term. It might get a few curious punters through the turnstiles on a race weekend but will they stay? Given the current formula, I wouldn't imagine so. No-one's saying the sport is in terminal decline, or that people would rather watch three-day eventing, but, apart from the interest last year when Alonso finally broke the Schumacher/Ferrari stranglehold, wider interest in the sport struggles to get past the "there was a race? Who won?" level.

Love-bombing the media with nuggets about F1 or inviting the world to come and see the circus is not the answer either. It's a Band-Aid for a problem that is proving resistant to all remedies. And it's a difficulty that requires surgery rather than placebos.

The FIA have made a few steps in the right direction with common ECUs and control tyres (however unpalatable these may be for some sections of the paddock), but bolder cuts need to be made. Like surgery, it's a delicate task and needs a degree of precision and discretion in order to fix the patient while at the same time not disfiguring it so that those closest to it can no longer bear to look at it.

The first major incision, though, must be to promote overtaking. To reward boldness on the track. It's obviously a function of aerodynamic controls but does it also require circuit redesign and a restructuring of the points system to reward attacking driving and penalise cautious banking of safe points?

It's a big ask but how much will be spent on a global marketing make-over. Funds better allocated elsewhere?

'Love-bombing the media is a Band-Aid for a problem that requires surgery'

2 PIT BITCH
BY HELEN PARADYCE

Oh bollocks! Sorry to start by swearing, but news that Jenson Button has overlooked me again for a younger model he bumped into on the dance floor of a St Tropez nightclub has left me numb and heartbroken. What with that and the heat, the weekend is not shaping up too well.

But at least I'm not having a row with my brother. It's part of the German GP tradition that Ralf Schumacher has a dig at big brother and this time he's been quoted as saying: "Personally and professionally, Michael was never a role model for me." A shame, as Ralfie might be a lot richer and have won a few more races if he had looked up to Mike. The heat is evidently affecting the locals, as another quote came courtesy of Norbert Haug who reckons: "If Kimi is intelligent, he will stay where he is." Do I have to take this thought further or can you work it out?

If these German gentlemen are putting their feet in it, at least they're doing so with the right shoes on, unlike a man from the BBC Radio F1 team, who bought himself a very expensive pair of new shoes at Frankfurt Airport. Except that when he got to his hotel, he found he had bought shoes for two left feet. We believe he is now considering staging ballet on radio. Don't knock it – hearing the pas de deux from Giselle might be more fun than next week's Hungarian GP.

News that we might only have to come to Germany once a year in future is great, but that's only because Hockenheim and Nürburgring are not exactly the most fascinating parts of Germany. But I think I have found the solution. Instead of alternating the race between these two venues, let's go to Berlin and race at Avus. Like a generation of English girls, my view of Berlin was laid out for me by Liza Minnelli in Bob Fosse's Cabaret. I still remember the look on the nuns' faces when I turned up at school wearing a bowler hat stolen from my grandfather and stockings and suspenders under my school blazer. At the time, I wanted to look like Liza and these days I look more like her estranged and rather strange husband, David Gest.

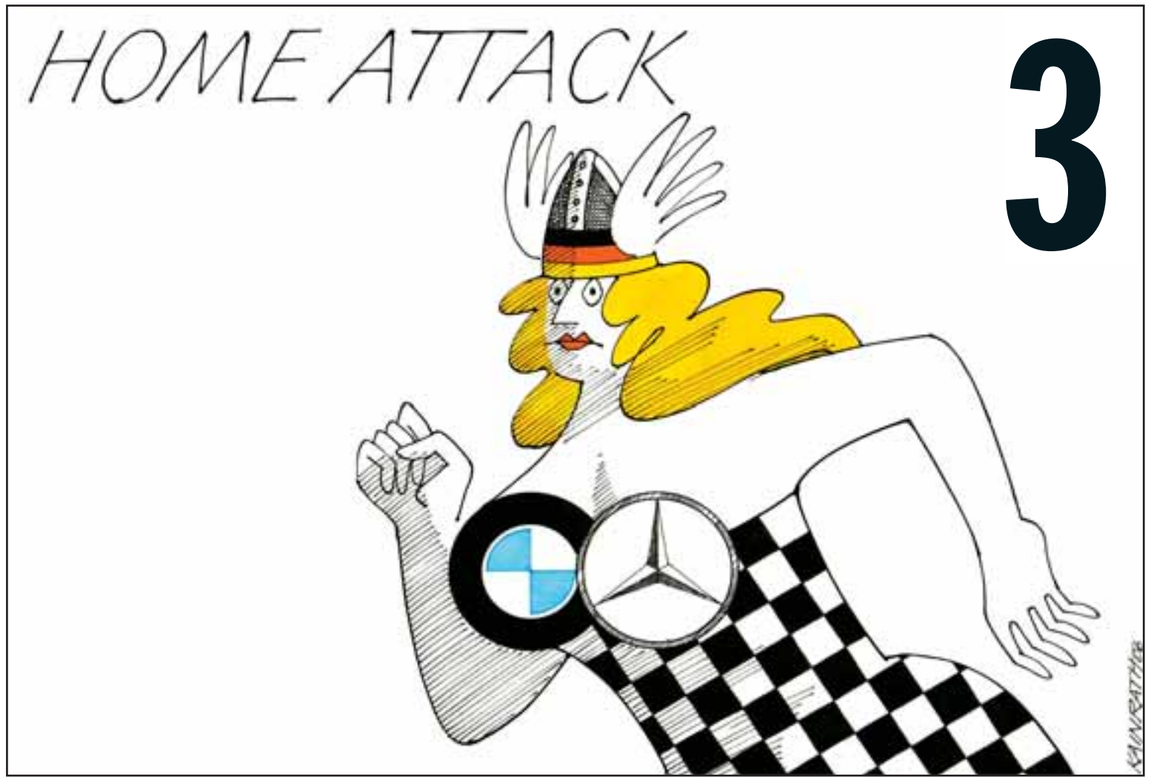
Berlin today might not be quite as decadent as it was in Christopher Isherwood's prose, but it's still a load more fun than Heidelberg or Mannheim. Younger readers will be wondering what I'm prattling on about, because to you Berlin is all about a wall and old Michael Caine films. In fact, if you're German, you probably think David Hasselhoff brought the Berlin Wall down. But times have changed. In the past your typical Berlin joke went like this: an East Berliner going to a bar parks his bike next to the wall. He comes back. There's no bicycle... and no wall! Now, the humour is far more sophisticated, as in: what happens when a blonde moves from Berlin to Bavaria? The collective IQs of both places go up.

At least Berlin would offer better food as I am convinced the locals here live on pizza and pasta, and all those restaurants serving bratwurst and sauerkraut are just there for the tourists. This carb diet mixed with vast quantities of gassy beer would explain why, if I was stranded on an iceberg, rather than trying to kill an elephant seal and climb inside its corpse for warmth, I'd say: "I'll wait until a lovely, blubbery German passes by."

F1 FUNNIES



"The pilots used to race at Hockenheim apparently..."



4 NÜRBURGRING RACE RESORT
BY DR WALTER KAFITZ

Personally, I cannot speak for Hockenheim, but F1 is without doubt the most important event on the calendar for the Nürburgring, both for image and business aspects. The region generates a turnover of about 60 million euros from this race and up to 2,500 people's jobs depend on the event for their livelihood. We don't take that for granted, and we constantly work on our performance.

This year's European GP was a pleasure to be part of and, at the same time, the result of very hard work and great support by the teams and the administration of F1.

If the idea of having only one race in Germany and have it alternately run at the Hockenheimring and at the Nürburgring becomes a reality, we would fully support it because it might be the only way F1 in Germany can be guaranteed in the long run. The circuits need it, the regions need it and the fans in Germany definitely deserve it.

The Nürburgring is steeped in tradition. From the very beginning the Nordschleife has been the birthplace of legends. Today the modern Grand Prix track supplies top class facilities for teams, drivers and fans – but it is still the myth and atmosphere of the 'Ring that makes it so special. You can feel, hear and even taste it (but beware of the notorious shooter Eifelgeist). But we have to balance the heritage with the high-tech, one without the other just would not work.

The Nürburgring, like so many other famous race circuits around Europe, is faced with a challenge. Today we all have to enrich our identity beyond that of a race venue.

Our heart will always belong to motorsport but we must also look to provide an incomparable destination for racing, business, adventure and holidays. And we will.

'Like so many European circuits we have to enrich our identity beyond that of a race venue'

We're lucky at the Nürburgring: situated right in the middle of Germany the 'Ring can easily be reached within two hours by 30 million people. About 100 races and an additional 200 events take place on the track, in the paddock, on the training grids or on- and off-road every year. Already more than two million visitors come to see us, and that number is going to grow.

We have forged strong and long-lasting partnerships with such companies as ADAC and AvD, Mercedes-Benz and BMW and we are in the middle of a programme that will see us invest about 200 million euros in even better infrastructure. By 2009, we will offer a new main grandstand, spectacular events in an indoor arena, an additional four-star hotel, entertainment in a new indoor theme park with state-of-the-art F1 attractions – all integrated in a glass-roof-boulevard alongside the start/finish straight. Even the F1 village will fit in and be totally independent of the weather (though I have to say the weather at the Nürburgring is always beautiful).

We do this work because this is what a modern circuit has to do to compete in a world with a vast choice of entertainment.

Would holding a grand prix here only every other year leave the halo effect of Formula One untarnished? It would and it will. The Hockenheimring and the Nürburgring will still be real grand prix circuits and we will have more spectators when we have only one race between us.

If somebody asked me what would happen if there wasn't a GP in Germany or, even worse, at the Nürburgring at all: I would tell them that this is unthinkable, just as the Black Forest without cuckoo clocks.

● Dr Walter Kafitz is the managing director of Nürburgring GmbH.

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FRENCH FRIED...

At Magny-Cours, the Bull's Eye caught Michael Schumacher proving he was still hot stuff, while the rest of the paddock sweltered in the blazing summer sunshine.



"Evel Knievel, eat your heart out!" says Schumi after pulling off his first stunt jump, just failing to clear three soft drinks cans.



"I don't care if your dad was a world champion, you're not parking it here."



...and 500m away, right down the other end of the paddock, a mechanic found he had trodden on a strand of brown wool.



Bernie's ability to swivel his head through 180 degrees to confront annoying TV crews was unnerving to say the least.



Sadly, on current form, this is what passes for pitstop practice in the Honda team.



PHOTOS: CRISPIN THRUSTON, MURIEL BROUSSEAU

"I only get to f*ing** drive on Friday and the rest of the f***ing time I get to hold f***ing David Coulthard's spare f***ing shirt."



In Magny-Cours, you had to hand it to Marlboro for finding a way round the tobacco advertising ban with this great subliminal message.

SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR WELL-EARNED REST MISS DIETRICH, BUT...

One of the most famous female icons, sex symbols, wartime siren and mascot, and sophisticated cabaret artist, has just strolled into the Hockenheim paddock. But with all Schumacher's supporters invading the place there's not much chance of her finding time to be alone.

Marlene Dietrich or Maria Magdalena Dietrich, as someone who was not afraid to speak her mind, there can only be one first question: what brings you here? It doesn't seem to be the sort of place that offers the cultural and Bohemian life you were used to in Berlin, New York and your final resting place, Paris?
Darling, I am here to try and help your sport resolve its conflicts, such as the arguments between the GPMA and the FIA over engine rules. Although I don't understand why the small dictator person who runs your sport has not found a solution to the situation himself.

You yourself were not keen on little dictators.
But Bernie is lovely. It's true that, like many Weimar entertainers, I hated National Socialism and anti-Semitism in Germany, so I became an American citizen in 1937.

What makes you think you can sort out the political problems in F1?
Because of Lili Marlene, probably the only song that was equally popular with both sides during the last great conflict, thus proving my skills as a diplomat. Oh and the fact my legs go all the way up and I look great in a basque and fishnet stockings. Although, the average man is more interested in a woman who is interested in him than he is in a woman with beautiful legs. Anyway Darling, the legs aren't so beautiful, I just know what to do with them.

Yes, we see what you mean. Altogether the whole package does rather beat Vera Lynn singing about the White Cliffs of Dover. Why do you think FIA and the teams should come to an agreement?
Aus Anstand.

You mean, "it was the decent thing to do," a reference to the famous comment you made when asked how you dared accompany General Patton to within a few kilometres of the German lines. Why did Lili Marlene become such a popular song?
Don't ask me darling: can you explain why the wind became a storm? But I could do a special motorsport version with the lyrics: "Underneath the lantern, by the paddock gate."

Why did you like singing in English?
In a way it was a necessity, but consider that my most famous song, Falling In Love Again, in my mother tongue becomes, Ich bin von Kopf bis Fuss auf Liebe eingestellt. So I think you can see why.

Do you know anything about cars?
Why have a chauffeur and drive yourself? But I do know that if you are looking to buy a used car and all the buttons on the radio are tuned to rock music stations then the chances are the gearbox will be kaput.

But if it comes to your own musical ability, you didn't have much of a voice?
No, but Burt Bacharach who was my musical arranger in the '60s did a great job of hiding the fact and people were more interested in looking at me than listening.

'I COULD DO AN F1 VERSION OF LILI MARLENE WITH THE LYRICS: "UNDERNEATH THE LANTERN BY THE PADDOCK GATE"

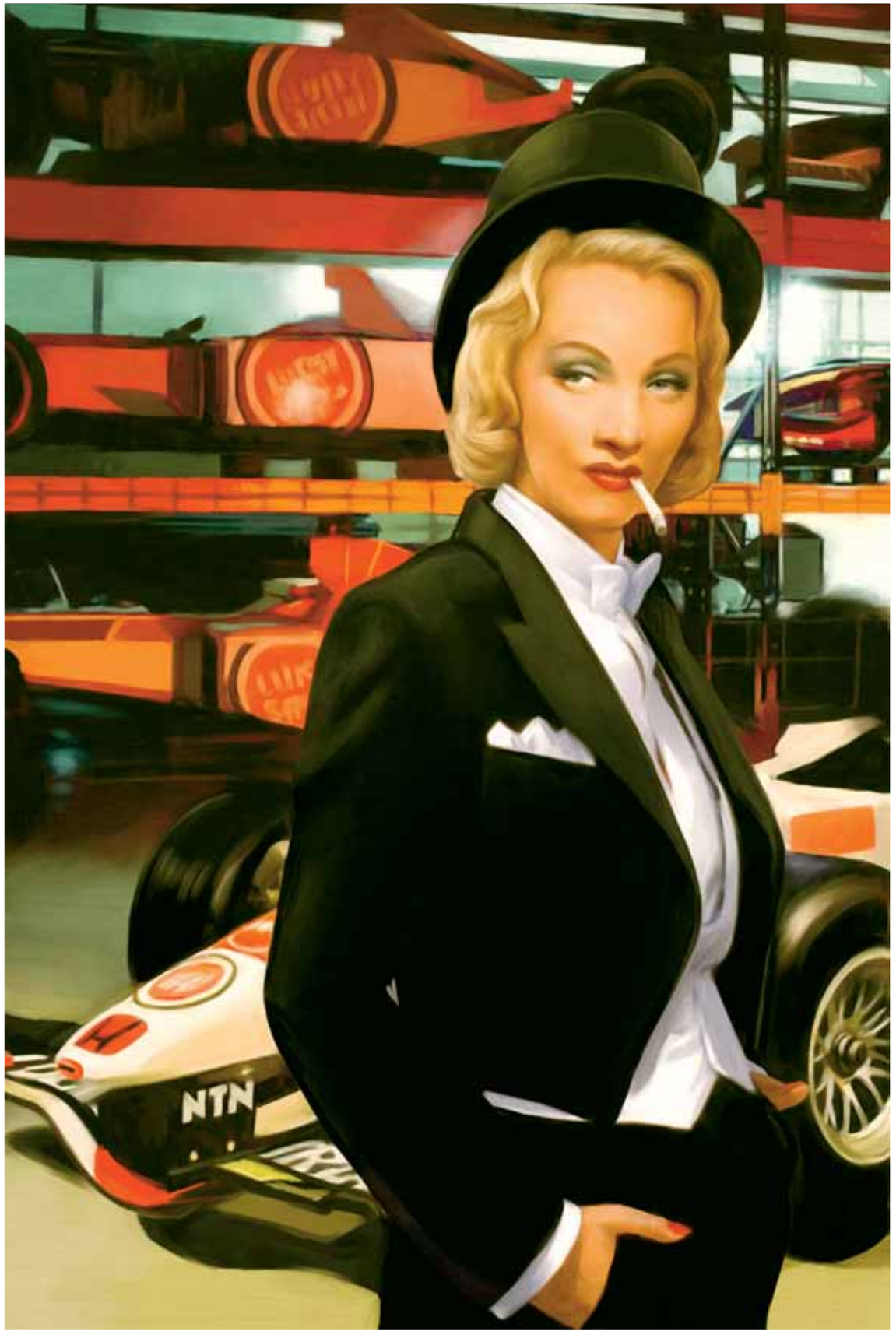
For your cabaret shows, it's said you would wear body-hugging rubber undergarments and had to be sewn into your dresses while standing up. You were also the pioneer of the cheap facelift, having your hair woven into tight braids that were pinned into your scalp. These days the singer Madonna achieves a similar effect by working out in the gym.
Madonna? I'm a bit suspicious of anyone who needs to do that much exercise just to sing. After all, I got by just fine, having sufficient strength to perch on a bar stool. But then I had been an actress before I was a singer and I always got what I wanted. When I was due to film Seven Sinners, I spotted John Wayne in the studio restaurant and said to the director, "Daddy, buy me that!" He ended up starring opposite me. Broderick Crawford was also in the film, in his usual sort of role, playing my dumb friend. Crawford once said about his typecasting, "I may not be the greatest wit in the world, but why do I always play a half-wit."

But there were plenty of other women you did "like", if you take our meaning, with Greta Garbo, Joan Crawford and Claudette Colbert all apparently your lovers, as were Joe Kennedy and his son the future President of the US, John F Kennedy. What was that about?
It was a linguistic misunderstanding. I heard the expression "like father, like son" and thought I'd give it a try.

The German teams in F1 don't seem to be doing too well at the moment, so do you have any advice for them?
The weak are more likely to make the strong weak than the strong are likely to make the weak strong.

And on that enigmatic note Miss Dietrich, we will let you go and get ready for your grid-girl practice.

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COASTIN'

Eleven teams, hundreds of workers, buses, trucks and offices. The paddock is a city and each part has its own character. So here's the city as we see it, and on a weekend you can often hear the screams coming from the Honda Funfair, where people go on their days off to be exhilarated or chilled to the very bone…



1 BIG DIPPER
Sometimes you're up, and sometimes you're down, that's the way it is when you take the wild ride that is the Honda roller coaster.

2 INTERACTIVE
With the Japanese Grand Prix off to Fuji next year, Honda will be forced to race on a rival's turf: unless they can come up with a cunning plan to bring the race back to Suzuka. The name of the game is to suggest a scheme – if it works, you win a goldfish.

3 PRACTICE
The Honda funfair offers a karting experience with a difference for young drivers. Honda-powered karts are a bit quick for the juniors, so they get a run out on Honda tractors.

4 DRIVE-BY-WIRE
It's an open secret that Honda have been experimenting with a self-driving road car, but that wouldn't work in Formula One. The ASIMO robot, on the other hand, definitely has potential.

ILLUSTRATION: MONIKA FAULER

WHO GOES WHERE?

With the transfer market hotting up, we take a stab in the dark as to who's coming and who's going in '07.



INCOMING?

HEIKKI KOVALAINEN
RENAULT F1 TO RENAULT F1
Why? He's the next driver on Flavio Briatore's conveyor belt to the bank. Having cashed in on Alonso, Flav will increase the value of his new asset by putting him in a Renault seat.

LEWIS HAMILTON
ART GP2 TO MCLAREN
Why? McLaren are losing both their current drivers and have Fernando Alonso coming in to lead the team. If a change has to be made, why not be imaginative?



ROBERT KUBICA
BMW SAUBER TO BMW SAUBER
Why? The BMW test driver has been quick all year and the BMW people like the look of the rising Polish star. He's expected to give Heidfeld a run for his money in 2007.

ANTHONY DAVIDSON
HONDA F1 TO SUPER AGURI
Why? Having tested for Honda since he was in short trousers, Anthony needs to go racing again. Super Aguri will have a better car and do not need two Japanese drivers in 2007.

STAYING?

RENAULT

GIANCARLO FISICHELLA
Why? Good question. Fisichella has been overshadowed for two years by Fernando Alonso and is not going to suddenly step up to be a number one. He is there to make Heikki Kovalainen look good.

MCLAREN



FERRARI

MICHAEL SCHUMACHER
Why? What else can he do? Retirement is too dull to contemplate and with a couple of years to go in his F1 career there's not much point in changing teams. Will have fun dealing with Raikkonen.

TOYOTA

RALF SCHUMACHER
Why? Ralf earns a pile of money from Toyota, so there was no need to look at the NASCAR option. Besides, no-one in NASCAR was interested.

JARNO TRULLI
Why? Occasionally Jarno does something brilliant and as the Toyota bosses do not seem to understand how to win races in F1, they've settled on him in the hope that one day he will win every race.

WILLIAMS

MARK WEBBER
Why? Williams have an option on his services so Mark cannot go anywhere else. There is logic in such a strategy as it is hard to imagine that Williams can have as bad a year in 2007.

NICO ROSBERG
Why? There is a contract and Nico did well enough in his early races to look good. Sponsors like his flowing golden locks and Williams like the idea of new sponsors.

HONDA

RUBENS BARRICHELLO
Why? After a rocky start Rubens is doing fine against Jenson Button, which means that he can raise his price when the current contract runs out in a couple of years.

JENSON BUTTON
Why? Because he cannot afford to pay off another contract. Button hopes that things will improve in 2007 as he needs a victory soon to remain a man of the future.

TORO ROSSO

SCOTT SPEED
Why? Although not as quick as Liuzzi, it's only his first season and he's doing a reasonable job. Plus the American fans love him, which translates into good publicity for the team in the US.

BMW SAUBER

NICK HEIDFELD
Why? There is a contract and BMW cannot find another half-decent German yet. Heidfeld has not had a very good year and has only matched veteran Jacques Villeneuve.



MIDLAND

TIAGO MONTEIRO
Why? There are no other vacancies in F1 at the moment and a Midland drive is better than no drive. Tiago has done a decent job but no-one is paying the team much attention.

CHRISTIJAN ALBERS
Why? There are a bunch of Dutchmen trying to buy the team, including his girlfriend's dad, so he is in the right place at the right time if the bid is accepted by team owner Alex Shnaider.

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DAVID COULTHARD
Why? Christian Klien has failed to beat him this year, so DC has won another season in F1 because he is a steady old hand and can still keep up with the kids.

SUPER AGURI

TAKUMA SATO
Why? He is the only Japanese driver who knows how to drive a Formula One car and Honda are keen to get the Japanese public excited about F1.

LEAVING?

FERNANDO ALONSO
RENAULT F1 TO MCLAREN
Why? Because Renault was paying him peanuts and he can earn three times the money and still have a decent car with a chance of winning the championship again in 2007.



KIMI RAIKKONEN
MCLAREN TO FERRARI
Why? The Finn has not had a good time at McLaren of late. The cars are not fast enough and Kimi feels constrained by the team attitudes. Ferrari may not offer freedom, but they are offering more money.

FELIPE MASSA
FERRARI TO SCUDERIA TORO ROSSO
Why? Massa showed in Indianapolis that he's quick and can have races where he doesn't make mistakes. If Schumacher and Raikkonen are at Ferrari, he has to go somewhere else – and Scuderia Toro Rosso will use Ferrari engines.



TONIO LIUZZI
TORO ROSSO TO RED BULL RACING
Why? Because the folk at Red Bull Racing think he's the best thing since sliced bread and want someone in the team who can go faster than David Coulthard.

CHRISTIAN KLIEN
RED BULL TO AMERICAN RACING
Why? Even with Red Bull loving an Austrian in the team, Christian has not achieved enough to stay on for another year. No-one else in F1 is interested. In the circumstances, American racing looks good.

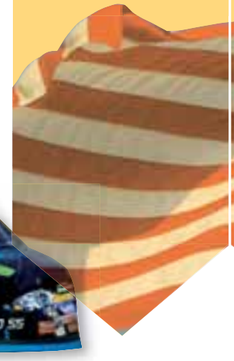
FRANCK MONTAGNY
SUPER AGURI TO AMERICAN RACING
Why? Franck never made the cut at Renault and is only with Super Aguri by accident. He has seen what his longtime rival Sebastien Bourdais has done in America and likes the smell of the greenbacks.



JUAN PABLO MONTOYA
MCLAREN TO NASCAR
Why? Montoya had had his chances in F1, but did not make the most of them. Even an extraordinary natural talent was not enough to find him another F1 ride worth having. He'll also be able to eat more burgers.

JACQUES VILLENEUVE
BMW SAUBER TO NASCAR
Why? Villeneuve is only in the BMW team because he had a contract for 2006 and BMW could not get out of it. He has not beaten Heidfeld enough this year.







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FORMULA UNA GERMANY

Here are the 10 delightful and fun-loving Unas who will be partying away in the hot summer sun in Hockenheim in the hope of being picked to represent Germany at this year's Una final in Brazil.



Name: Nina Larghi
Age: 22
Star sign: Aries
Occupation: Student
What are your hobbies and interests? Travelling, literature and suddenly football
Who's your favourite driver? Michael Schumacher – a great driver and down-to-earth
If you had to sing karaoke, what song would you choose? (I've Had) The Time Of My Life from Dirty Dancing
Who's the most famous person you've met? Pharrell Williams
If you could have any job in the world, what would it be? I'd be Bill Gates, although I have no idea about computers
What's the best piece of advice you've been given? Be honest, even if it's hard



Name: Nneka Okafor
Age: 26
Star sign: Aquarius
Occupation: Student
What are your hobbies and interests? Diving, horse riding, travelling... and many more
What's the best place you've ever visited? South Africa is amazing
Do you have any pets? I have a crazy dog named Chiara
What's your favourite film? The Last Unicorn (don't laugh)
If you had to sing karaoke, what song would you choose? I'm a terrible singer so it's lucky I don't have a favourite karaoke track
What's the worst job you've had? I did a lingerie show and the room was very cold
What's the funniest joke you know? My cooking
What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given? Don't cook



Name: Maria Sinowzik
Age: 19
Star sign: Aquarius
Occupation: Model
What are your hobbies and interests? Dancing, swimming, jogging, fashion, chilling with friends, photography
Who's your favourite driver? David Coulthard – he seems nice and friendly
What's your favourite film? Man on Fire
What's your favourite item of clothing? I like summer dresses
What's your most treasured possession? A silver-bracelet from my little sister
Who's your style icon? Gisele Bündchen
What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given? Master your life with a smile

"I AM SITTING ON A BICYCLE AND LIFE IS LIKE A WASHING MACHINE"
MAJA, 19



Name: Julia Sonnenstuhl
Age: 22
Star sign: Aries
Occupation: Model
Have you been to a big sporting event like this before? I went to a football match between England and Germany. There was a great atmosphere
What's your favourite food? Seafood, salad, pasta and Kinder Schokolade
What's your favourite item of clothing? Anything sexy and easy to wear
What's your most treasured possession? A small bottle containing water, crystals and gold dedicated to me by a yogi master in order to protect me
What's the most extravagant thing you've done for someone? I risked my life to save a dog
What's your worst habit? Playing with my hair and eating Kinder Schokolade
What's the best piece of advice you've been given? Always wear a bra



"THE BEST ADVICE I EVER GOT WAS I SHOULD ALWAYS WEAR A BRA"
JULIA, 22





Name: Lena Issa
Age: 20
Star sign: Cancer
Occupation: Student
Have you been to a big sporting event like this before? I've been to a Grand Prix at the Nürburgring. The atmosphere and the noise were fantastic
What's the best place you have ever visited? Hotel Oberoi on Mauritius because everybody there treats you like a princess
Do you have any pets? Hasko, my lovely white shepherd dog
What sports do you do? I swim and run (mostly with Hasko)
Who's the most famous person you've met? Kai Ebel
What's the most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to you? I was in a sauna (actually the part for women) with a friend and suddenly the door was opened and a male teacher of mine stood in front of us (he choose the wrong door), stark-naked

Name: Maja Dejanovic
Age: 19
Star sign: Leo
Occupation: Student
What car do you drive? My dream car is a Porsche but no one is silly enough to give me a car
Do you have any pets? Otto the Frog
What's your most treasured possession? My Pez machines
Who's the most famous person you've met? The Bloodhound Gang
If you could have any job in the world, what would it be? Stuntwoman
What's your worst habit? I'm chaotic
What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given? I am sitting on my bicycle and life is like a washing machine
What's the best way to get a date with you? Be funny

Name: Sina Beckmann
Age: 25
Star sign: Aries
Occupation: Student
Who's the most famous person you've met? David Hasselhoff
If you could have any job in the world, what would it be? My all time dream is to be the host of a TV travel show
What's the most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to you? Last week, one of my shoes got stuck in a tram rail and I had to pull it out with both hands while lots of people stared at me
What's the funniest joke you know? A blonde goes to her bank and says she needs a new account. The cashier asks her why, because she already has one. She says: "Yes, but there is no money in it."

FORMULA UNA



Name: Sophye Gassmann
Age: 22
Star sign: Gemini
Occupation: ?
Have you been to a big sporting event like this before? I've been to a couple of boxing matches
What's your favourite item of clothing? Every morning I choose a new favourite item and every morning it's my shoes
What's your mobile phone ringtone? Doin' It (LL Cool J)
What's the last music album you downloaded? Stadium Arcadium by Red Hot Chili Peppers
How many pairs of shoes do you have? About 30
Who's the most famous person you've met? Tom Jones
Who's your hero? Wolverine from X-Men
If you could have any job in the world, what would it be? Car mechanic
What's the most extravagant thing you've done? I spent three days on a shopping tour of Cape Town
What are you most scared of? Lifts
What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given? Treat people how you want to be treated



Name: Jenny Vilsmeier
Age: 20
Star sign: Capricorn
Occupation: Model
Who's your favourite driver? Nico Rosberg, because he lives close to my hometown and he's very natural
Have you been to a big sporting event like this before? Yes, I've been to a Grand Prix. It was amazing... and very loud
What's the best place you've ever visited? That's definitely California. I love the weather, the people and the atmosphere
Who's the most famous person you've met? The singer Xavier Naidoo
What's the worst job you ever had? I had a promotion job for BMW which meant standing around in an awkward silver alien dress in the rain
If you could have any job, what would it be? Head of my own fashion label
What's the most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to you? During a date, I had to jump over a small fence. I tore a huge hole in my trousers and my bum and got stuck on the fence. My date had to get me down. Then I had to go home by bus
What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given? Look to the sun. Then the shadows will fall behind you

'MY MOST TREASURED POSSESSION IS MY HEALTH – AND MY HANDBAGS'
ENYERLINA, 24



Name: Enyerlina Sanchez
Age: 24
Star sign: Sagittarius
Occupation: Student
Have you been to a big sporting event like this before? I was a member of the Dominican Republic team at the International Latin-American Volleyball games
What car do you drive? Maserati GranSport
What's the best place you've ever visited? The Seychelles is a little paradise
What's the worst job you ever had? I had to work five hours without a break in really high heels for a car presentation
What's your most treasured possession? My health. Apart from that, my handbags
What are you most scared of? Snakes
What's the most extravagant thing you've done? I took part in the Miss Dominican Republic contest
What's the best way to get a date with you? Be a gentleman
Describe the worst date you've been on: When I was out for dinner with a boy from school and he threw up at the table

THE RACE

IT'S FRIDAY, SO WE MUST BE IN...

Germany, Friday, July 28, 2006 €1



IT'S THE SNOOZE OF DIE WELT

As temperatures soar in Germany, leading politicians are calling for a nation-wide afternoon nap to be introduced to beat the heat.

Klaus-Uwe Benneter of the SPD led the calls, saying: "We should have a siesta. We need to change our working time like in Southern Europe."

CAUGHT RED-HANDED



HAMBURGLAR FINGERED

A burglar was caught red-handed after he left his severed finger at the crime scene in Hamburg. The finger of suspicion pointed to Michael Baumgartner, 31, after police in Hamburg matched his finger to prints on their database.

Baumgartner was spotted breaking into a leisure centre and fled the scene as the police arrived. But as he was making his escape over a metal fence, a ring on his index finger got caught and he ripped his digit off. Police found it on the ground and tracked him down but it was too late for surgeons to re-attach the severed finger.



Fashion victim: Jogi Loew

JOGI BARE

New Germany football coach Joachim 'Jogi' Loew must have a different approach to his superfit predecessor Juergen Klinsmann after he was caught on camera puffing away on a cigarette while holidaying in Sardinia.

But far from being pilloried in the press, national newspaper De Bild poured praise on Yogi for having the most fashionable taste in cigarettes, sunglasses and clothes of any Germany coach.

BACK IN A FLASH

A 42-year-old Stuttgart man has been fined 30 euros after being caught by a speed camera driving at more than 55kph in a 35kph zone – going backwards.

A police spokesman said: "That is the first time any of us have ever seen a driver get flashed by a radar while reversing."

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E-MAIL TO...

Honda hired pop impresario Simon Fuller to spice up their image back in February, but it now seems there could be a conflict of interest in the marketing department...

Friday, July 28, 2006

Subject: New image
From: Gil & Nick, Brackley
To: Simon

Dear Simon

How's that whole 'making us look good' project coming along? We don't want to hurry the creative process or anything, it's just that things haven't been going so well out on the black stuff, and we could use a bit of a superficial sunshine in the perception department. To be honest, we didn't think you'd have any problems – after getting people to like the Spice Girls and Pop Idol, how hard can it be to make an F1 team look good?

Gil & Nick, Brackley

Friday, July 28, 2006

Subject: New image
From: Simon
To: Gil & Nick

Hi Gil, Hi Nick

Well I've been wandering around the factory for a couple of months now and quite frankly the whole set-up stinks like a month-old halibut. I see where you're going, but it just won't work.
You need to have aliases that every racing fan can associate with. Cute Honda, Ginger Honda and Cheerful-because-he's-beating-Jenson Honda just won't cut it. How about Fatty Honda, Drunk Honda, and Determined-To-See-Zandvoort-Return-To-The-F1-Calendar Honda? Let's get them eating pies, wearing anoraks and being thrown out of nightclubs ASAP.

Simon

Subject: New image
From: Gil & Nick
To: Simon

Dear Simon

I don't think you've fully grasped the nature of what you're asking. This isn't the 1970s, our drivers are athletes, they take the skin off chicken, they go running a lot. We don't think pies are going to work.

Gil & Nick, Brackley

Subject: New image
From: Simon
To: Gil & Nick

Hi Gil, Hi Nick

Do you really think the posh one was really posh? I gave her a little black dress and told her to keep her mouth shut, and it all came up roses. F1 drivers are the only group of sportsmen I've ever seen go into a hotel, eat fruit and tidy up a bit. It isn't going to work. You have to know your audience and tailor the bullshit to match.

Simon

Subject: New image
From: Gil & Nick
To: Simon

Dear Simon

Are you suggesting we pretend Jenson is posh? He's from Somerset! It's all we can do to stop him scratching his arse in public.
We were thinking something along the lines of one of your talent competitions. Everyone seems to love them, though we can't for the life of us work out why. We could get Eddie Jordan to judge it. He'll do anything to get on TV.

Gil & Nick

Subject: New image
From: Simon
To: Gil & Nick

Hi Nick, Hi Gil

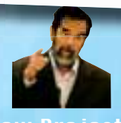
Hmm... an F1 reality TV show, that sounds like the most preposterous idea I've ever heard and I think you're getting away from the point.
Nicknames are what you need to make an F1 team really successful – the problem is that you just don't have a Sporty one. I'll be in touch.

Simon





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New Projects



WIN A FABULOUS HOLIDAY

THE GREAT RACE

The Red Bulletin quiz is played for high stakes. This season we're offering a once-in-a-lifetime holiday to be taken whenever you can get the time off work.

We'll set six questions every Friday. Answer all six correctly for 10 points. Get eight points for five correct answers and so on. We'll keep track over the season and at the end of the year the person at the top of the table will be bathed in glory and in need of an extra-large suitcase.

QUESTION 1: PRODUCT PLACEMENT

The lady's watch reminds us of which TV presenter?





☐ **1** Karen



☐ **2** Kai



☐ **3** Louise



☐ **4** Katherine

QUESTION 2: KAISER-RINGS

100 years of grand prix but how many of the circuits visited by F1 last season fell inside Germany's 1906 borders?

☐ **1** Only one
☐ **2** Between one and two
☐ **3** Between two and three
☐ **4** Three or more



QUESTION 3: LADY IN RED



A little Black Forest style in the Hockenheim Paddock last year. What do the red dumplings on top of the woman's hat tell us?

☐ **1** Hey, boys, I'm available
☐ **2** Hands off, I'm married
☐ **3** I'm a member of the guild of cuckoo-clock makers
☐ **4** This way to the sauerkraut

QUESTION 4: ON THE RECORD

In what year did this record-breaking attempt take place?





☐ **1** 1928
☐ **2** 1938
☐ **3** 1948
☐ **4** 1958

QUESTION 5: STRAIGHT TO THE POINT

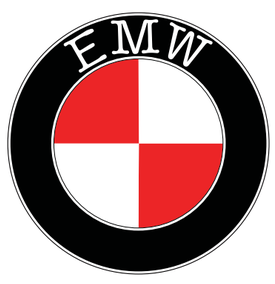


Where does one usually see this graphic during the race?

☐ **1** On the side of a Ferrari pit wall monitor.
☐ **2** In the Paddock Club's Ferrari Lounge.
☐ **3** Only in Monza.
☐ **4** At a Ferrari pitstop.

QUESTION 6: LOOKS FAMILIAR

This is the logo of an obscure racing car manufacturer that lined up in a previous German Grand Prix alongside Ferrari and BMW. Which country is it from?



☐ **1** Poland
☐ **2** England
☐ **3** East Germany
☐ **4** Czechoslovakia

RULES OF PLAY

As well as the holiday, we're awarding team prizes this year, so tell us who you work for to be in with a chance of winning a mystery prize for your whole crew – it could be a day of jet-ski racing or a night out with our credit card.

The quiz is published on Fridays and answers must be emailed by the following Tuesday. Only people holding a 2006 paddock pass may enter. Send your answers, your full name and your affiliation (if applicable) to quiz@theredbulletin.com. Answers will be published at the following race, alongside the current leaderboard.

LEADERBOARD

1 **Peter Nygaard:** Grand Prix Photo	**104 points**
2 **Mathias Brunner:** Motorsport Aktuell	**91 points**
3 **Rainer Krüger:** Premiere TV	**81 points**

ANSWERS FROM FRANCE

Q1. Answer: 2 – Red Bull Energy Drink is officially banned in France.

Q2. Answer: 3 – The first ceremony was held in London in 1996. It was originally supposed to take place in Monaco in 1995 but was postponed because of strikes in France.

Q3. Answer: 2 – B stands for Bibendum (meaning "Let's drink") also known as The Michelin Man.

Q4. Answer: 1 – In the Pinewood Derby 2005 at Magny-Cours, Ferrari beat the Boy Scouts of America in the final – but only just.

Q5. Answer: 4 – France's Luc Alphand won the Kitzbühel Hahnenkamm race and the 2006 Rallye Dakar.

Q6. Answer: 4 – The Finnish flag went up behind third-placed Michael Schumacher and the German tricolour went up behind Kimi Raikkonen.

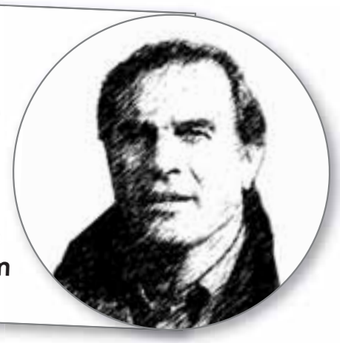
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GERMANY IS RENOWNED THROUGHOUT Europe for the deep-seated satisfaction it derives from neatness. So it comes as a bit of a shock to see the Nürburgring paddock, 1971 vintage, looking more like a bad day at the local municipal breakers' yard. Of course, everything became distinctly more euclidean when The Word According To Bernie, delivered enthusiastically by Pasquale, decreed: Thou Shalt Park Properly. The 2006 Hockenheim paddock looks like it's been arranged with a set square – and it probably has.

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TAKE THE PIOLA CHALLENGE



Take a break from the heat of Hockenheim with these brain-teasers from Mr Piola. The first entry drawn from those with the most correct answers wins the prize.

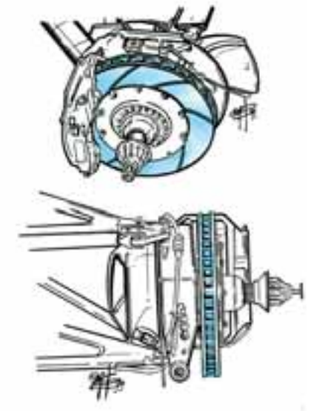
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At which race in 2004 did McLaren use this unique cut in the back of the front end plate?
A Suzuka B Montreal C Monza



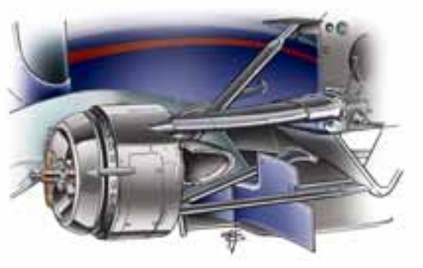
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In 1999 one team used a non-carbon brake disc for one of its drivers. Was it?
A McLaren and Coulthard
B Williams and Zinardi
C Sauber and Alesi



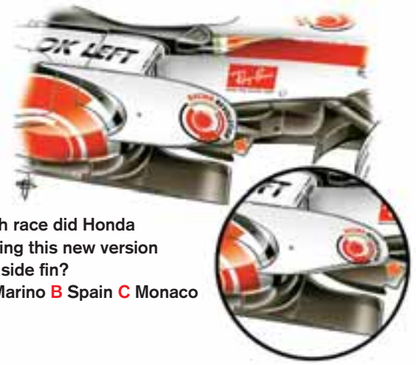
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At which race did Red Bull Racing introduce these drum brake ducts this season?
A Monaco B Imola C Silverstone



Once you've got the answers, send them, with your name and a phone number (so we can contact you on Sunday morning), via e-mail to secret.service@theredbulletin.com or fax on +49 202 292 32 98 before midnight on Saturday. The answers and winner will be announced in the after-race edition on Sunday.

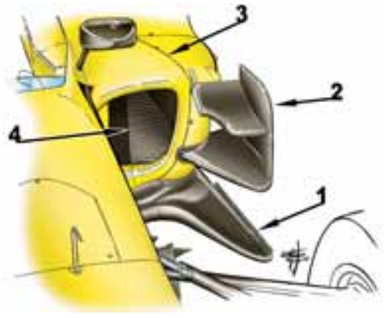
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At which race did Honda start using this new version of their side fin?
A San Marino B Spain C Monaco

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At which race in 2005 did Jordan introduce this new aero package?
A Magny-Cours B Budapest C Silverstone



6



At which race this year did Toyota introduce this new set of double mid-wings?
A Australia B Great Britain C Monaco

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YOUR PADDOCK PROBLEMS SOLVED

by ROLAND BUTTA

THE CLOWN DUELS

Dear Herr Roland,
Heidelberg is famous for its duelling tradition among its university students. Recently, meine englischen Freunde is saying Schumacher is not the best driver of time all. I have a rush of blood to the Kopf and around the face hit him with meine driving glove and challenge him to duel with swords. I win the fight and remove both his arms. But now with guilt I am filled, because I used an illegal sword with a flexible blade. I wish to buy meine Freund a gift to say sorry. Can you suggest something appropriate?
Yours swashbucklingly,
Herr Lipp

Dear Herr Lipp,
Grapes are a traditional gift for people in hospital, but without his arms, your friend will be unable to eat them. But he might enjoy listening to a book on audiotape. May I suggest the Ernest Hemingway classic, A Farewell to Arms? If you insist on staying with the grape theme, then it can only be the great John Steinbeck novel The Grapes of Wrath. Don't ask me to hand out advice again.
Yours off-handedly,
Roland Butta

A LITTLE LITE RELIEF

Dear Mr. Butta,
I have been picked to be a Formula Una lady in Hockenheim this weekend, but I did not tell the judges I have bad cellulite. When they see me in the very short skirt I am planning to wear to show off my intellectual credentials, I am worried they won't vote for me because of the cellulite on my thighs. Also, when asked to list my hobbies, I put 'song-writing,' but whenever I start writing a song, I can't think how to finish it. Can you help?
Polly-Esther Pantz

Dear Ms Pantz,
Try changing the name of your cellulite to Bakelite and then you could make useful artefacts from the 1930s, like clocks, radios, ashtrays and door-handles. As for the song-writing problem, tell the judges you meant to write story-writing. You can start the story, but as soon as you run out of ideas, just put 'The End'. It works for me every time. The End, Roland Butta.

LETTERS

We don't make these up. We find them in the box marked 'To Shred' in other people's offices.

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

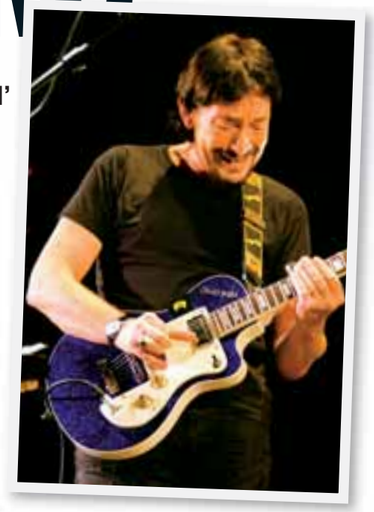
As an F1 regular I would like to congratulate the organisers of the French Grand Prix. While the security staff at Spa are famed for an unyielding, dictatorial approach to access control, their general intransigence, inability to see reason and the sheer brutality of their welcome, they do so safe in the knowledge that people will continue to



flock to the circuit year after year even if attacked with a machete. It takes a special kind of bravery to replicate this behaviour when your circuit is shite, accessible only via a kart-track and is not surrounded by the Ardennes and some of the world's best beer.
Magny-Cours, I salute you.
Name withheld for fear of retribution (ie having to go back testing)

THE LUNATIC IS ON THE GRASS

Dear Sirs
If the Pink Floyd album Dark Side of the Moon is played simultaneously with a video of the 2006 French Grand Prix, images from the race occasionally appear to synchronise with the music and lyrics. In the song Speak to Me, the spoken words 'I've been mad for fuckin' years' coincide with a shot of Takuma Sato rolling to a halt. Jean Todt is seen to murmur 'Don't leave me,' into his microphone during Breathe and there's a particularly poignant image of Nick Fry over the line 'Hanging on in quiet desperation is the English way…' I could go on but it's all frankly far too eerie.
R Waters
Cambridge



STILL ON THE ROAD FROM NOWHERE

Dear Red Bulletin
In July 1991 the French Grand Prix was first held at Mangy-Hors. In August 1991 Ferrari-junkie and frequent F1 visitor Chris Rea released Road to Hell. Coincidence? I think not… He wasn't the only one 'Driving home for Christmas…'
Mr Clermont Ferrand, Dijon

NO MORE MEALS ON WHEELS

Dear Juan
This thing is a disgrace. I can understand there being a few crumbs under the seat, but the half-eaten Mars-bar stuck to the radiator and the boiled sweets rolling around in the tub are just too much. And what's this dripping off the wheel?… barbecue sauce!



Disgruntled of Barcelona



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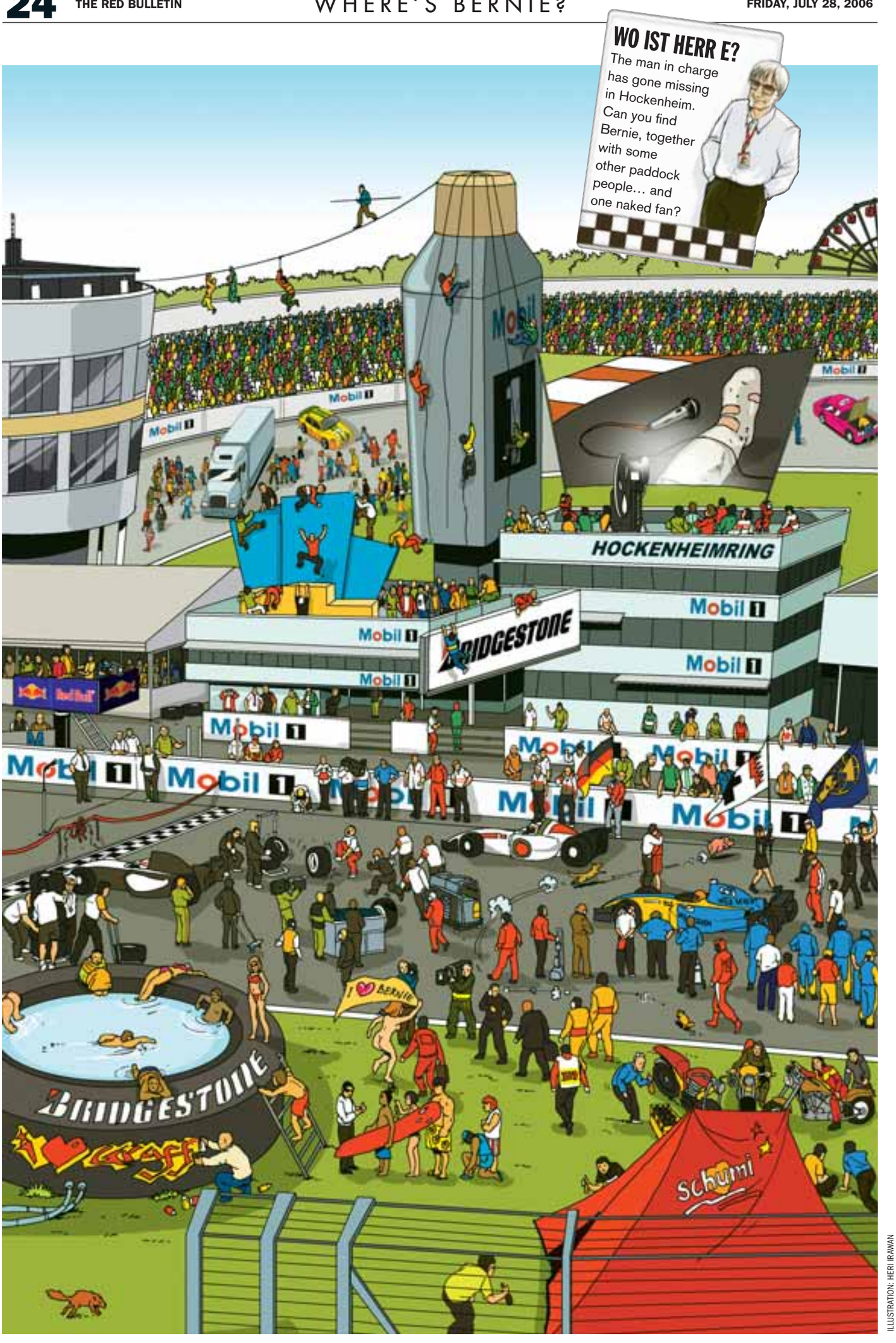


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