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HAMILTON'S HOME RUN!



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Winning at Monaco in May fulfilled one lifelong ambition for Lewis Hamilton, but victory in his home race must have been uppermost in his thoughts today. Ahead of him, though, were a trio who'd not surrender easily. Polesitter Heikki Kovalainen had the advantage, and with the Red Bull of Mark Webber and Kimi Räikkönen's Ferrari also in the way it was going to be another tough afternoon...

DEEP IN THOUGHT
The last month has been difficult for Lewis and his home race just added to the pressure. But a solid grid placing gave him a good platform from which to plan a challenge for victory today.
PHOTOGRAPHY: LAT









FLYING THE FLAG FOR LEWIS

If Hamilton had been feeling at all downhearted before he arrived at Silverstone, then one look at the support from the British fans around the track should have been enough to lift his spirits as he made his way to the grid.





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MAN IN WAITING
Mark Webber prepares to challenge for top spot on the podium after securing second on the grid in his Red Bull – equalling his best Formula One qualifying position so far.



CALLING TIME
David Coulthard makes a visit to Red Bull's Bull Shop to say farewell to his supporters at his last British Grand Prix, after announcing he'll retire at the end of this season.





This page: Rubens Barrichello and David Coulthard keep dry. Below left: Mark Webber with Red Bull guests Manchester United footballer Michael Carrick, cricketer Kevin Pietersen and pop star Brian McFadden. Below right: top chef Gordon Ramsay. Opposite page bottom left: Tamara Beckwith with husband Giorgio Veroni. Bottom right: Mr and Mrs E.





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RAIN ON THE PARADE

The weather may have been terrible but that didn't stop everyone wanting a piece of the grand prix action. Celebrity guests flocked to the grid, all trying to get as close to the cars and drivers as possible.

STORMING START
Lewis Hamilton was on a charge, attempting to pass McLaren team-mate Heikki Kovalainen off the line. He didn't manage to take the lead, but on lap five he tried another move and this time made it stick.

PHOTOGRAPHY: CRISPIN THRUSTON

SLIPPING AWAY
It was a sad end to David Coulthard's last home grand prix. From a promising position on the grid, the Scot looked poised for points, but on a most unpredictable day, the Silverstone gravel claimed another victim.

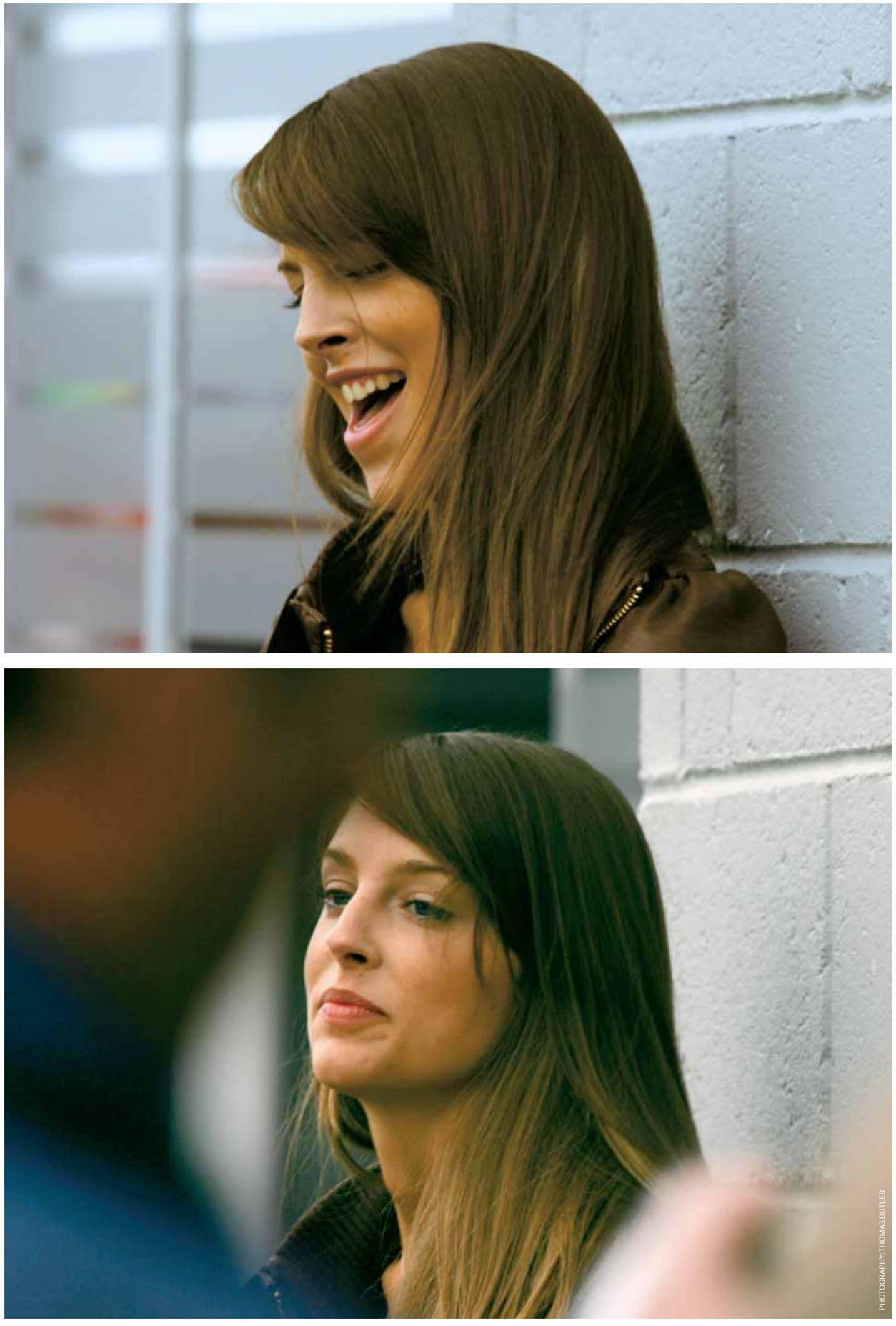
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RED BULL LA FORMULA UNA BRITAIN

Georgina Russell is the lucky lady who'll be joining us in the sunshine (hopefully) at the season finale in Brazil.

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BACK FROM THE DEAD

Noticed anything odd about the provisional '09 calendar? That's right, GP France is clearly there, even though we thought it had as much chance of taking place as a snowball fight in Hell. The Red Bulletin 'celebrates' by looking at other comebacks from oblivion.

TAKE IT TO THE BRIDGE

There's plenty to suggest that Richey Edwards, of the Welsh band the Manic Street Preachers, was suicidal when he went missing early in 1995. It's known that he was deeply depressed, he'd done a nostalgic taxi ride to his old haunts, he'd withdrawn large amounts of money for no apparent purpose – and his Vauxhall Cavalier, found abandoned at a service station by the Severn Bridge between England and Wales, had a flat battery, suggesting poor Richey had been living in it. The location suggested a watery grave for Edwards beneath the pylons of the road bridge, but many people – including bandmate James Dean Bradfield – refuse to believe that Richey didn't come back and start his life anew. As well as being spotted in a Welsh passport office before his disappearance, sightings have been reported in Goa and Lanzarote, and the band continue to pay 25 per cent of all royalties into his bank account on the offchance he'll one day come walking back through the door.

TWO-MINUTE WARNING: Lead singer of Depeche Mode Dave Gahan came home one day at the age of 10 to discover that the man he knew as his real dad, recently deceased, had in fact been his stepfather, and that the stranger in the family kitchen was his biological father. Before he could properly get to know his new/old dad, he disappeared from Dave's life again, leaving behind a fatherless and angry juvenile vandal and thief, who later took on and was sacked from over 20 jobs, for various misdemeanours. Even though a period at art college led to the formation of Depeche Mode and fame, Gahan still wrestled with his demons, overdosing on heroin and cocaine in Los Angeles in 1996. Having been pronounced clinically dead for two minutes on his way to the ER, Gahan was miraculously revived, and was later rehabilitated.

FAN-ASSISTED START...

When Motley Crüe's Nikki Sixx went to a shady London heroin den after a gig at the nearby Hammersmith Odeon in 1986, he was "impressed that the dealer had clean needles". Sixx was less impressed when, having overdosed on the heroin he'd taken, he was beaten with a baseball bat by the dealer to try to revive him. Having failed, the dealer – funny how they always come across as bad guys in these stories – tried to dump the lifeless star in a wheelie bin to get rid of the evidence, only for Sixx to wake up. An ambulance having been called, Nikki then slipped away again. Clinically dead for two minutes, all hope for him seemed lost, but one of the paramedics, an avowed Motley Crüe fan, refused to give up on his hero and said, "He's not gonna die!" Sixx did indeed recover, and dedicated the song Kickstart My Heart to the lifesaving adrenaline he'd been given. Of course, the paramedic cannot lay claim to being the Crüe's biggest fan – if he had been, he would surely have taken the night off to go to the concert, leaving Sixx to die at the hands of someone else who might have preferred Elton John.

YOU ONLY LIVE TWICE, MR BOND: Like Nikki, James Bond is famous for cheating death, but in You Only Live Twice, Naval Commander Bond does in fact 'die'. After making love to a Chinese lady, she flips the bed up into the wall, with the post-coital 007 still lying in it, whereupon gunmen burst into the room and pepper the bed with bullets, 'killing' our hero. Bond is buried at sea with full military honours – but fortunately, it's just a trick to allow Bond to go undercover. His coffin is rescued and Bond is revealed in full naval uniform with an oxygen mask to allow him to breathe. It's said that Sean Connery really was accidentally sealed up in the coffin during filming, and as a result all his hair fell out from the shock and he was really bad-tempered ever after. But maybe we made this up.

WHO'S THAT?

One of the delights of watching cult British sci-fi show Doctor Who in the 1970s and 1980s was when the time-travelling doctor transformed into a new incarnation, usually after some kind of innocuous-looking accident had 'killed' him. The best such transformation (or worst, depending on your opinion, Doctor Who fans) came when Tom Baker turned into Peter Davison in 1981 after falling to his doom from a radio telescope gantry while trying to save the universe (he was always going to struggle there). Incidentally, Baker himself is still wrongly referenced as dead in real life by some sources. The death of an American actor of the same name from a drug overdose in 1982 was attributed to the one-time Doctor in some reports, traces of which persist. Baker himself sometimes deflects questions about his famous role by saying, "You will have to excuse me, but I was drunk at the time," but despite his fondness for alcohol, the drink has yet to bring about his demise.

GREAT WHITE HOPE: In the Lord of the Rings, wizard Gandalf the Grey dies saving the members of the Fellowship of the Ring and protecting Frodo in his attempts to return the ring to Rivendell to be destroyed. He sacrifices himself when he and the Balrog plunge into a fiery abyss, with the parting words, "Fly, you fools!" Having died defeating the monster in a two-day battle, a higher being decides that Gandalf's work on Middle-earth is not done and sends his spirit back from outside time to Lórien. As well as white hair and stronger powers, the newly renamed Gandalf the White gets some rather smart new white robes, which make him much easier to follow in the dark when there are lots of nasty spirits swirling around and you're trying to deliver an evil ring.

UP SHIT CREEK WITH A PADDLE

On March 21, 2002, John Darwin kissed his wife goodbye and went down to the beach at Seaton Carew in north-eastern England to go canoeing, just like anyone would on a normal day. This time, however, he disappeared without trace, sparking a huge hunt by search and rescue services that led only to the discovery of a paddle in the sea the next day and then Darwin's shattered kayak on the beach several weeks later. Darwin's two sons went to the family home to grieve with their mother – not knowing that their father was alive and well, and sitting in a bedsit just next door which he accessed through a specially constructed hole at the back of a wardrobe. His wife Anne had claimed his life insurance after he was declared officially dead, paying off debts, and had been planning to emigrate to Panama when her husband suddenly walked into a London police station in December 2007, looking tanned and healthy, saying he thought he "might be a missing person" and claiming not to remember anything from the previous five years. A member of the public typed 'John', 'Anne' and 'Panama' into Google and discovered a 'Move to Panama' website with a picture from 2006 of Darwin and his wife, both very much alive, and the scam was exposed by British newspaper the Daily Mirror with the headline 'Canoe's this in Panama?' The worst part was that their sons knew nothing and believed their father to be dead throughout. "My sons will never forgive me," said Anne Darwin. They say blood is thicker then water, but it probably depends on whether you've pretended to drown in it. Their criminal trial on deception charges begins next week.

COMPUTER GAMES KILL NURSE: When English nurse Martin Dunn ran into trouble in 2004 after selling 410 computer games on eBay in August that wouldn't even exist until November, he came up with a novel way of sidestepping complaints from some of the people who had parted with £20 each for the unreleased games: "Martin passed away suddenly on November 14 following a fatal car crash. The only reason I have checked this email account is because I have the unpleasant task of trying to sort out my husband's affairs," read one reply, purportedly from Dunn's wife. Once it had been quickly established that father-of-one Dunn was very much alive and £10,000 better off than he should have been, he was arrested and eventually jailed for six months. Whether he was allowed an Xbox in prison to play any newly released games is not recorded.

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Jean-Pierre Beltoise launches his Tyrrell Matra-Ford at the Nürburgring in 1969.

ONE FOR THE MONEY, TWO FOR THE SHOW

The FIA wants to resurrect a cut-price F2 series. Is it fact? Is it fiction? Actually, most people think it's science fiction – but why let that get in the way of a good story? It never did in the past, when Formula Two could be magical, and even better than the real thing.



April 5, 1970, Pau. Jochen Rindt's Lotus 69 is on pole, with the Brabhams of François Mazet and Jack Brabham alongside.







Left: By 1970 Jacky Ickx had graduated to F1, while still managing an F2 programme with BMW. Below: Reigning F1 Champion Jackie Stewart tackling Thruxton in the John Coombs Brabham BT30. Above: Michele Alboreto at Pau in 1981, racing the Minardi 281.







Left: Jacques Laffite's Ecurie Elf Ambrozium Martini Mk16 BMW at Silverstone in 1975. Above: Jacky Ickx's Matra MS7 competing in the 1967 German Grand Prix. Below: Patrick Depailler in the John Coombs Racing Alpine A367 at Hockenheim in 1972.

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I SAY, JOLLY GOOD SHOW!

The excitement's all over for yet another race weekend – phew! And the good news is we've crossed that magic halfway point of the season: nine grands prix down, nine more to go. To keep your adrenaline levels up until the next race, here's a little mental challenge.

Britain has Europe's highest rate of teenage pregnancy. Petrol costs a fortune. There have been more deaths in London as a result of knife crime since May 2007 than the same period in all of France, Spain and Germany put together. It's little wonder people want to come and live here. But now you have to take a test. This issue's first 10 questions are real ones from the 'Life in the UK' test. You need to get eight right to get in and start cleaning UK toilets. Otherwise, it's back to being a nuclear physicist in Warsaw.

1. When is Mother's Day?
(a) The Saturday four weeks before Easter
(b) The Sunday four weeks before Easter
(c) The Sunday one week before Easter
(d) The Sunday three weeks before Easter.

2. How many Commonwealth member states are there?
(a) 25
(b) 39
(c) 53
(d) 75.

3. What is the maximum number of hours that a child can work on a schoolday or Sunday?
(a) Three
(b) Four
(c) Six
(d) Two.

4. What's the distance from John O'Groats on the north coast of Scotland to Land's End on the south-west corner of England?
(a) Approximately 1,100 miles
(b) Approximately 950 miles
(c) Approximately 500 miles
(d) Approximately 870 miles.

5. What other regional language, in addition to English, is spoken in Scotland?
(a) French
(b) Gaelic
(c) Scottish
(d) Welsh.

6. What is the youngest legal age for children to do paid work?
(a) Nine years old
(b) 12 years old
(c) 14 years old
(d) 13 years old.

7. Who is the monarch not allowed to marry?
(a) Anyone not of royal blood
(b) Anyone who is not Protestant
(c) Anyone who is under 21
(d) Anyone who was born outside the UK.

8. What proportion of young people enrol in higher education after school?
(a) One in two
(b) One in three
(c) One in four
(d) All young people have to move on to higher education.

9. At what voltage is electricity supplied in the UK?
(a) 1,000V
(b) 110V
(c) 240V
(d) 24V.

10. What is the financial help called that is available to young people from low-income families who leave school early?
(a) After School Allowance
(b) Education Maintenance Allowance
(c) Housing Benefit
(d) School Leavers Maintenance Assistance Allowance.

12. What is represented by the number 12 on the Beaufort Scale?

11. Films are like TV programmes, only longer. Take a look at these film posters we've removed the titles from. Can you guess what the films are?


(a)


(b)


(c)



(d)


(e)

13. So, you travel the world, do you? Think you know a thing or two? Well, try to name the countries for which these are the capital cities.
• *Lose a point if you get one wrong – that'll teach you to try to be clever, won't it?*
(a) Vienna (b) Sarajevo
(c) Bogotá (d) Jerusalem
(e) Lima (f) Abu Dhabi
(g) Ulaanbaatar (h) Canberra
(i) Bridgetown (j) Tallinn.

14. Where on a horse do you find its poll?

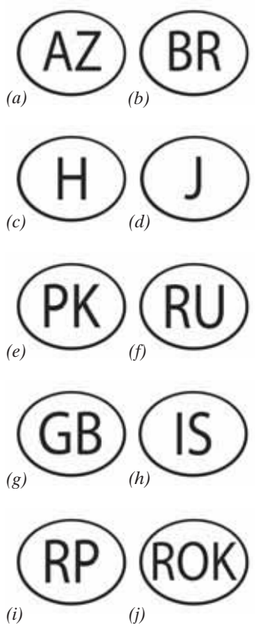
15. It's phobia time again. What on earth would people be afraid of with these phobias? (1) Graphophobia (2) Levophobia (3) Lutraphobia (4) Macrophobia (5) Phronemophobia (6) Clinophobia (7) Scriptophobia (8) Medomalacuphobia (9) Helminthophobia (10) Defecaloesiophobia.

16. Years ago, boxing was called wrestling. These days, they are different sports in their own right, each with different names: boxing and, of course, wrestling. Here are some names of manoeuvres that you might pull during a wrestling match: five are real and five are made up. Get one point for knowing which are which.
(a) Bronco Buster
(b) Mongolian Chop
(c) Butler's Bellring (d) Cactus Clothesline (e) Clothesline From Hell (f) Dolphin Flog
(g) Crankshaft (h) Frenchman's Assault (i) Bionic Elbow
(j) Hedge Trimmer.

17. This is easy! Look at this LP cover sleeve and name the band, then name the album, then name all the songs on the album. Then sing the chorus of your favourite song. There are 17 choruses in total to choose from.
• *Bonus five points for singing.*



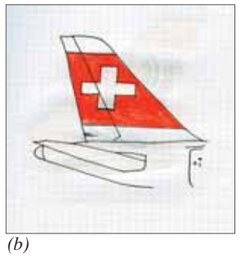
18. There are cars all over the world, and at least once every minute, someone somewhere in the world looks at or thinks about a car, or group of cars, parked or moving. Here are some stickers you would put on the back of your car to tell people where you were from. But can you tell where?
• *Bonus point if you don't know where you're from.*



(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j)

19. Aeroplanes are everywhere. Chances are you know someone who has either driven one or at least looked at one that's being driven by someone – not necessarily someone either of you knows, but someone nevertheless. Or perhaps not. Anyway, here are some pictures of the tail fin designs of some airlines – but can you name them?


(a)


(b)


(c)


(d)

20. It's the 2007 British GP and you are Scott Speed, you lucky thing. For reasons far beyond your control, you somehow fail to finish. But who else didn't make it to the end of last year's grand prix?

21. OK, it's still 2007 and you're still Scott Speed. You finished the race early so you could get a seat in the Red Bull Energy Station to enjoy the podium celebrations. But who are you looking at up there, while you enjoy a sugar-free Red Bull energy drink? Name them for a point.
• *Bonus point for knowing their respective positions as well.*

22. It's way back in the year 2000 and you're still Scott Speed. So you're, like, two years old or something, and you're watching the British Grand Prix in black and white on TV at home. Pedro Diniz has finished 11th. But who's finished above him?
• *Bonus point for knowing who won.*

23. OK, you're no longer Scott Speed. Instead, you are Graham Hill! It's the 1969 British Grand Prix and you have come seventh. Who finished above you?
• *Bonus point for knowing who won.*

30. Where is the Island of Reils? (Clue: it's not as far away as you might think.)

24. In 1969, that winner of the British GP also went on to become the world champion. What other races did he win? There were five more in total.

25. Depending on where you are born in the British Isles, you are given a name that people can shout at you during fights over a kebab or parking space. Can you say where these people were born? (1) Monkey Hanger (2) Mackem (3) Tyke (4) Yellowbelly (5) Culchie (6) Moonraker.

26. OK, your mum would be able to guess Tiger Woods, but name the nine other guys who are in the top 10 golf world rankings (as of July 1 this year).

27. Name the 16 countries bidding or considering a bid to host the FIFA World Cup 2018.

28. According to the Internet (so it must be true), what are the 10 most common last names in America?
• *Bonus point for being original and not being in the top 10. Lose a point if you are.*

29. OK, one for the truckies – what are Julie Andrews' 14 favourite things in the song My Favourite Things from the film The Sound Of Music?
• *Bonus point if you get all 14.*

ANSWERS

1. (d).

2. (c).

3. (d).

4. (d).

5. (b).

6. (c).

7. (b).

8. (b).

9. (c).

10. (b).

11. (a) Chariots of Fire
(b) Attack of the 50 Foot Woman
(c) 48 Hours
(d) Twelve Monkeys
(e) American Beauty.

12. A hurricane.

13. (a) Austria
(b) Bosnia and Herzegovina
(c) Colombia
(d) Israel
(e) Peru
(f) UAE
(g) Mongolia
(h) Australia
(i) Barbados
(j) Estonia.

14. Between the ears.

15. (1) Handwriting
(2) Things on the left side of the body
(3) Otters
(4) Long waits
(5) Thinking
(6) Going to bed
(7) Writing in public
(8) Losing an erection (ie of the penis, not a building)
(9) Being infested with worms
(10) Painful bowel movements.

16. Real: (a), (b), (d), (e), (i); Fake: (c), (f), (g), (h), (j).

17. It's Queen's Greatest Hits (UK edition). Your choices of singalong were: Bohemian Rhapsody; Another One Bites The Dust; Killer Queen; Fat Bottomed Girls; Bicycle Race; You're my Best Friend; Don't Stop Me Now; Save Me; Crazy Little Thing Called Love; Somebody to Love; Now I'm Here; Good Old-Fashioned Lover Boy; Play The Game; Flash; Seven Seas Of Rhye; We Will Rock You; We Are The Champions.

18. (a) Azerbaijan
(b) Brazil
(c) Hungary
(d) Japan
(e) Pakistan
(f) Russia
(g) Great Britain
(h) Iceland
(i) Philippines
(j) South Korea.

19. (a) Uzbekistan Airways
(b) Swiss International Airlines
(c) US Airways
(d) Air France

20. Mark Webber, Adrian Sutil, Ralf Schumacher, Anthony Davidson, Jarno Trulli. If you said how/why each of the drivers didn't finish, lose three points for each boring explanation of how they went out and give them to whoever is sitting next to you as compensation.

21. (1) Kimi Räikkönen
(2) Fernando Alonso
(3) Lewis Hamilton.

22. (1) David Coulthard
(2) Mika Häkkinen
(3) Michael Schumacher
(4) Ralf Schumacher
(5) Jenson Button
(6) Jarno Trulli
(7) Giancarlo Fisichella
(8) Mika Salo
(9) Alexander Wurz
(10) Jean Alesi.

23. (1) Jackie Stewart
(2) Jacky Ickx
(3) Bruce McLaren
(4) Jochen Rindt
(5) Piers Courage
(6) Vic Elford.

24. South Africa, Spain, Holland, France, Italy.

25. (1) Hartlepool
(2) Sunderland
(3) Yorkshire
(4) Lincolnshire
(5) Rural Ireland and Northern Ireland
(6) Wiltshire.

26. (2) Phil Mickelson
(3) Geoff Ogilvy
(4) Adam Scott
(5) Ernie Els
(6) Stewart Cink
(7) Steve Stricker
(8) Sergio Garcia
(9) Justin Rose
(10) K J Choi.
Eldrick 'Tiger' Woods is, of course, number one.

27. Australia, Canada, China, England, Japan, Mexico, Qatar, Russia, USA. Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands are bidding together, as are Israel and Palestine, and finally Portugal and Spain.

28. Smith, Johnson, Williams, Brown, Jones, Miller, Davis, Garcia, Rodriguez, Wilson.

29. Lose five points if you sang it, you wimp – it's bad enough you even knew the song...
The 14 things were (count them): Raindrops on roses, whiskers on kittens, bright copper kettles, warm woollen mittens, brown paper packages tied up with strings, cream-coloured ponies and crisp apple strudels, doorbells, sleigh bells, schnitzel with noodles, wild geese that fly with the moon on their wings, girls in white dresses with blue satin sashes, snowflakes that stay on my nose and eyelashes, silver white winters that melt into springs.

30. It's in my head. No, I don't mean I made it up – you find it in your brain.

GP BRITAIN QUOTES

Heikki Kovalainen celebrates his pole, Mark Webber is delighted with his good fortune, but for Silverstone the news is less bright.

"AFTER MANY YEARS OF PATIENT BUT FRUITLESS NEGOTIATION WITH THE BRDC, WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT BERNIE HAS BEEN ABLE TO ENSURE THAT THE BRITISH GRAND PRIX WILL KEEP ITS PLACE ON THE FORMULA ONE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR."

FIA PRESIDENT MAX MOSLEY ON THE MOVE TO DONINGTON

"IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO GO AROUND THE WORLD SAYING 'THIS IS WHAT WE WANT YOU TO BUILD', AND THEY SAY 'CAN WE HAVE A LOOK AT SILVERSTONE?' AND I HAVE TO SAY 'THAT'S WHAT WE DON'T WANT'."

BERNIE ECCLESTONE

"IT IS EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTING TO RECEIVE THE NEWS, AT THIS TIME, THAT FOM HAS SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH DONINGTON PARK. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO KEEP DIALOGUE OPEN WITH FOM AND SHALL CONTINUE WITH OUR PLANS TO DEVELOP SILVERSTONE INTO ONE OF THE TOP SPORTING FACILITIES IN THE WORLD. THERE IS NO DOUBT IN OUR MINDS THAT IF THE POSITION CHANGES, THEN SILVERSTONE WILL STILL BE READY TO HOST THE BRITISH GRAND PRIX BEYOND 2009."

THE BRDC EXPRESS REGRET

"WE ARE BUILDING A WORLD-CLASS FORMULA ONE FACILITY. WE ARE AIMING TO MATCH THE LEVEL OF FACILITIES ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD. WE MUST. WE WANT TO GIVE THE BRITISH FANS SOMETHING OF WHICH TO BE PROUD, SOMETHING THE REST OF THE WORLD WILL SEE AS THE EQUAL OF WHAT THEY HAVE IN PLACES LIKE TURKEY AND MALAYSIA."

SIMON GILLETT, CEO OF DONINGTON VENTURES LEISURE

"I PUT £200 ON HEIKKI AT 23-1 SO I'M IN GOOD SHAPE."

MARK WEBBER CELEBRATES HIS FRONT-ROW SLOT IN MANY WAYS

"HEIKKI'S LAP WAS JUST PHENOMENAL. TO BE HALF A SECOND QUICKER THAN ANYONE ELSE AROUND HERE IS VERY DIFFICULT."

RON DENNIS HAILS KOVALAINEN'S FIRST POLE POSITION

"I HAVE ALWAYS HAD A FAIRLY REALISTIC VIEW ON THE CAREER OF A SPORTSMAN, HOW LONG IT MAY LAST AND THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE THERE FOR YOU. I FEEL FULFILLED IN THE OPPORTUNITIES I HAVE HAD. I WON'T BE LOOKING BACK THINKING IF ONLY, IF ONLY I HAD HAD A WORLD-CHAMPIONSHIP-WINNING CAR."

DAVID COULTHARD REFLECTS WITH PRIDE AFTER ANNOUNCING HE WILL RETIRE AT THE END OF THE SEASON

"HE'S THROWING DOWN A MAN CHALLENGE. YOU CAN'T TURN DOWN A MAN CHALLENGE."

DAVID COULTHARD GOADS LEWIS HAMILTON AFTER THE MCLAREN STAR HESITATED OVER JENSON BUTTON'S OFFER TO COMPETE IN A TRIATHLON AGAINST HAMILTON

"LEWIS ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE LIKE THE GOOD SPORT HE IS, BUT HIS MANAGER [HAMILTON SNR HIMSELF] HAS DECIDED TO WITHDRAW HIM FROM IT. HE IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND HIS FOCUS IS ON THAT."

ANTHONY HAMILTON RULES LEWIS OUT OF THE CONTEST

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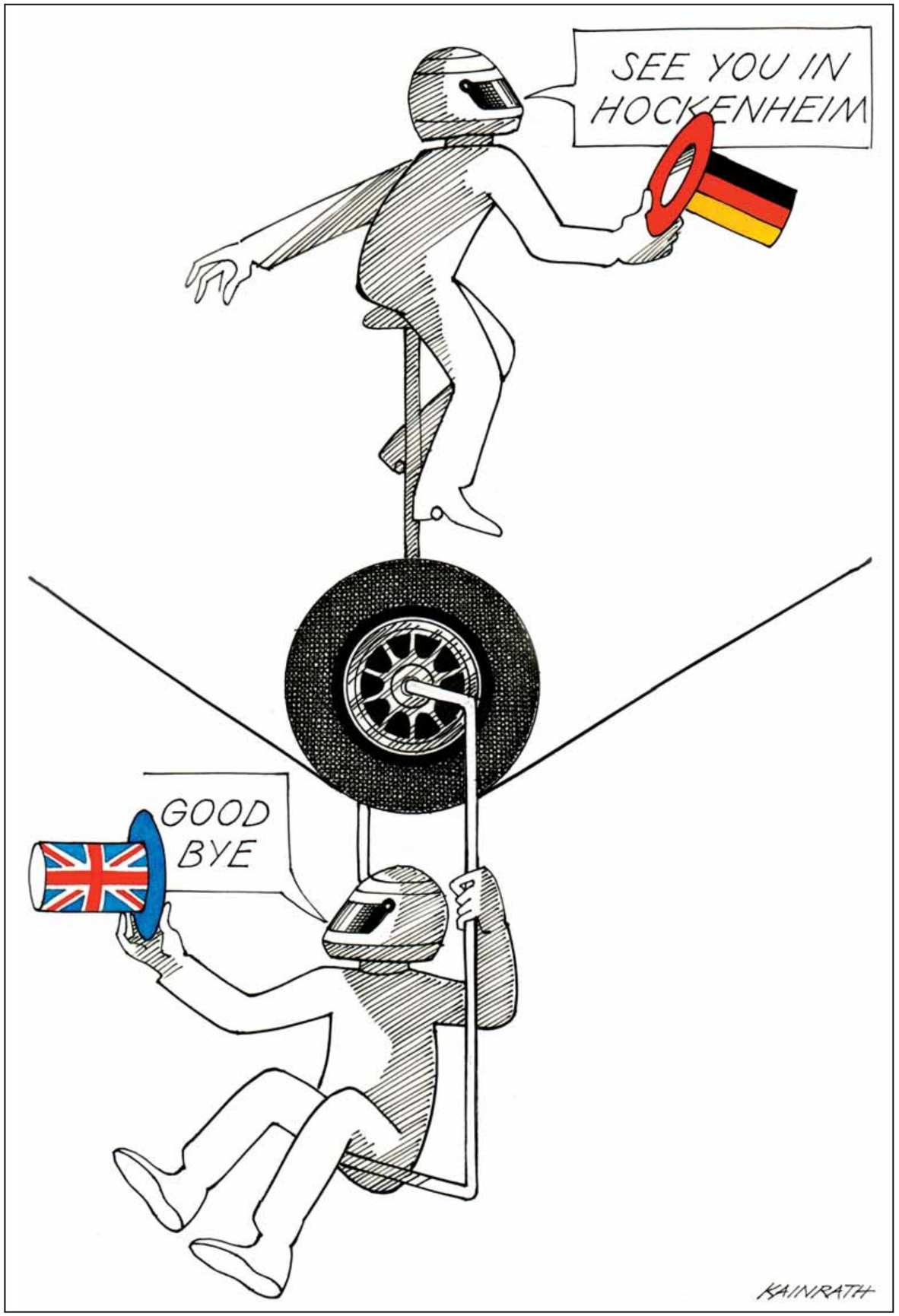


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GBR'08 RACE RESULTS

2 NICK HEIDFELD, BMW SAUBER

1 LEWIS HAMILTON, MCLAREN-MERCEDES

3 RUBENS BARRICHELLO, HONDA

RESULTS IN FULL

	DRIVER	TEAM	LAPS	TIME	POINTS
1	**Lewis Hamilton**	McLaren-Mercedes	60	1 hr 39:09.440	10
2	**Nick Heidfeld**	BMW Sauber	60	+68.5 secs	8
3	**Rubens Barrichello**	Honda	60	+82.2 secs	6
4	**Kimi Räikkönen**	Ferrari	59	+1 lap	5
5	**Heikki Kovalainen**	McLaren-Mercedes	59	+1 lap	4
6	**Fernando Alonso**	Renault	59	+1 lap	3
7	**Jarno Trulli**	Toyota	59	+1 lap	2
8	**Kazuki Nakajima**	Williams-Toyota	59	+1 lap	1
9	**Nico Rosberg**	Williams-Toyota	59	+1 lap	
10	**Mark Webber**	RBR-Renault	59	+1 lap	
11	**Sébastien Bourdais**	STR-Ferrari	59	+1 lap	
12	**Timo Glock**	Toyota	59	+1 lap	
13	**Felipe Massa**	Ferrari	58	+2 laps	
Ret	**Robert Kubica**	BMW Sauber	39	+21 laps	
Ret	**Jenson Button**	Honda	38	+22 laps	
Ret	**Nelson Piquet**	Renault	35	+25 laps	
Ret	**Giancarlo Fisichella**	Force India-Ferrari	26	+34 laps	
Ret	**Adrian Sutil**	Force India-Ferrari	10	+50 laps	
Ret	**Sebastian Vettel**	STR-Ferrari	0	+60 laps	
Ret	**David Coulthard**	RBR-Renault	0	+60 laps	

FASTEST LAP: RÄIKKÖNEN 1:32.150

DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	DRIVER	PTS
1	**L Hamilton**	**48**
=	**F Massa**	**48**
=	**K Räikkönen**	**48**
4	**R Kubica**	**46**
5	**N Heidfeld**	**36**
6	**H Kovalainen**	**24**
7	**J Trulli**	**20**
8	**M Webber**	**18**
9	**F Alonso**	**13**
10	**R Barrichello**	**11**

CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	TEAM	PTS
1	**Ferrari**	**96**
2	**BMW Sauber**	**82**
3	**McLaren-Mercedes**	**72**
4	**Toyota**	**25**
5	**RBR-Renault**	**24**
6	**Williams-Toyota**	**16**
7	**Renault**	**15**
8	**Honda**	**14**
9	**STR-Ferrari**	**7**
10	**Force India-Ferrari**	**0**

MR BLUE SKY

With dark clouds hanging over Silverstone like an ugly metaphor, the British Grand Prix began on wet tyres. Lewis Hamilton, from fourth, made the best start – with Mark Webber desperately trying to cover Kimi Räikkönen, the crowd favourite slipped through to challenge for the lead. Team-mate Heikki Kovalainen's response was robust, brutal even. Behind them, Webber spun, then Felipe Massa. David Coulthard and Sebastian Vettel went off together. Hamilton then took the lead on lap five.

The race never settled, but order of a sort developed. Kovalainen had a spin and lost second



place to Räikkönen. Lap 20 saw the first round of pitstops. Kovalainen and Webber, the front row of the grid, came in first. Räikkönen and Hamilton came in next time around, line astern. Kimi kept his tyres, Lewis opted for a fresh set of wets. It proved crucial. Räikkönen's challenge faded as the weather deteriorated. Heidfeld, meticulous as always, picked the pocket of both Räikkönen and Kovalainen to take second. Everyone struggled and few drivers escaped unscathed – Massa appeared to be in a spin that began at 1pm and didn't end until 2.30. Survival, rather than speed, was paramount. With the second-stop window just about open, and weather easing, most teams chose normal wets. Rubens Barrichello, the exception, was soon lapping 10 seconds clear of the field on



the monsoons. Despite the need for a further stop, it elevated Honda into a rare podium position.

Behind him, a battle for the lesser points places finished with Räikkönen fourth, followed by Kovalainen, Fernando Alonso, Jarno Trulli and Kazuki Nakajima. Up front, with conditions improving, Hamilton, barely putting a foot wrong, opened up a lead of epic proportions. He had over a minute on the field, lapping everyone up to third. Heidfeld and Barrichello behind were in clear air, and the last few laps were anticlimactic: a procession for the newly anointed king of Silverstone.



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