

Take a shot at

Your photo could make the podium

by **TARIQ TAHIR**

THEY whizz past in a flash – but if you've managed to capture the stars of Formula 1 in action, you might be in pole position to win a Metro competition.

We're inviting motor-racing fans to send us their F1-themed pictures as part of Zoom, a charity event that sees top drivers try their hand at photography. The best entry will



Inside track: Pictures by F1 drivers and bosses include Nico Rosberg

be displayed alongside signed pictures by the likes of Sebastian Vettel and Lewis Hamilton, which are to be auctioned in aid of Great Or-

mond Street children's hospital. The winner will be invited to bring a guest to the auction, hosted by the BBC's F1 presenter Suzi Perry,



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New jobs driven by powerhouse capital

by **CHERYL LATHAM**

THE slow economic recovery is widening the gap between London and other cities.

Researchers say almost ten times as many jobs are being created in the capital than the next best area.

London accounted for 80 per cent of national private sector employment growth between 2010 and 2012, according to the Centre for Cities think-tank.

For every public sector job created in the capital, two have been lost in other cities, the study showed.

While London is 'booming', cities such as Bradford, Blackpool and Glasgow have seen jobs lost in private and public sectors, the report stated.

■ **SOARING rents and divorces are forcing record numbers of over-40s to flatshare with strangers. Last year, 60,000 people posted a 'room wanted' advert on SpareRoom.co.uk, compared with 20,000 in 2009. The site's director, Matt Hutchinson, warned buying a home was impossible for many because of housing shortages. He said: 'People are going to be sharing for longer.'**

There has also been a significant number of jobs created in private companies in Edinburgh, Birmingham

and Liverpool which have helped offset the effect of public sector job cuts. In the two years to 2012, there were 216,000 private sector and 66,300 public sector jobs created in London, compared with losses of 7,800 and 6,800 in Glasgow.

Other cities where jobs have been created in private companies included Nottingham (8,900), Brighton (6,400) and Aberdeen (4,900), but they were all hit by cuts in public sector employment.

Alexandra Jones, CEO of Centre for Cities, said: 'Devolving more funding and powers to cities so they can generate more of their own income and play to their different strengths will be critical to ensuring this is a sustainable, job-rich recovery.'

A date with history: 27/1/1984



THE aim was to set Pepsi sales alight but on this occasion it was Michael Jackson in flames. The singer, then 25, was performing Billie Jean during the filming of a commercial for the cola brand when

fireworks showered him in sparks and set fire to his hair. About 3,000 fans saw the incident in Los Angeles. Jackson remained calm but was later taken to hospital with second-degree burns PICTURE: XPOSURE

becoming an F1 champion



admiring a vintage Mercedes, Paul di Resta's driver's view, a pit lane image by Franz Tost of Toro Rosso, Red Bull chief Christian Horner's donkeys and Ferrari drivers by boss Stefano Domenicali

at the InterContinental hotel in London on February 7.

The money raised will go towards a new, state-of-the-art

surgery centre at Great Ormond Street.

Readers' pictures – which can depict any aspect of a day

at an F1 race – will be judged by Keith Sutton, one of the top F1 photographers. To enter, send your photo with your

name, address and phone number to comps@ukmetro.co.uk by 5pm on Wednesday. The prize also includes a

framed copy of your winning photo, a Nikon Coolpix camera and a copy of the official Zoom book. Winners will be

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Schoolgirl lovers reunite after 13yrs

TWO lesbian lovers were reunited after 13 years when they made contact through Facebook.

Mother-of-two Kimberly Horton-Jenkin, now 29, told her husband she wanted a divorce two days after the message from Kate, who is now her civil partner.

The pair had an affair at Coed-y-Lan Comprehensive school in Graigwen, near Pontypridd, which their parents ended. Kate was 15 when her father sent her away to Norwich to live with her older sister, telling her that she was going on holiday.

Kim married in 2004 but knew the relationship with her husband would not last. The



Happy couple: Kate and Kimberly two women were reunited after the post in October 2012 that read: 'Long time no see. How are you?'

Kate told Wales on Sunday: 'It was as if we had never been apart when we found each other again. I know this is going to sound soppy but Cupid does only strike once.'

MISSING Can you help?

Omar Mohamud

The 14-year-old was last seen in Spalding, Lincolnshire, in October 2013. He could be in London and may go by the names of Abdi Amar or Omar Abdurahman. Call Missing People on 116000.



Metro supports Missing People charity. For more information, click on missingpeople.org.uk

Sounds a loco idea

MONICA CROWE, 67, from Hove, Sussex, turned her train-mad grandson's pushchair into a replica of Stephenson's Rocket using hardboard and cardboard.