

Is it a car?
Is it a plane?
It's both!

The AirCar making its successful flight (above) and in ground mode (right)

Pictures: Klein Vision



Flying cars in air 'by end of this decade'

» Inventor makes successful test flight

Motor industry experts say flying cars could be in operation within the next 10 years.

It means by the time children now in primary school are old enough to take their driving tests, cars could be zooming overhead instead of clogging up roads.

Michael Cole, the European boss of car company Hyundai, said: "We believe it really is part of the future."

"We think that by the latter part of this decade certainly, urban air mobility will offer great opportunity to free up congestion in cities."

His comments come as a prototype

flying car has made a successful flight between two airports in the central European country of Slovakia.

The AirCar made a 35-minute flight from Nitra to Bratislava and its inventor, Professor Stefan Klein, then drove it off the runway and into the city's streets.

Prof Klein said his AirCar can fly 600 miles (1,000km) at a height of 8,000ft (2,400 metres).

It is powered by a normal car's petrol engine and can carry two people. It converts from being a car to an aircraft in just over two minutes.

The AirCar needs a runway to take off and land like a normal aeroplane, but others being developed – like the one planned by Hyundai – could be capable of vertical take-off and landing, making them easier to use in towns and cities.

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COMING SOON

TOKYO OLYMPICS

The final edition of *The News Shed* for this summer term, available on July 16, will be a special edition given over entirely to the Olympic Games, which are due to start on July 23.

It will be packed with information on what's happening and when at the summer Games, and will focus on the great athletes, feats and records in Olympic Games history.

Don't miss it!



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Stolen Picasso is found at last

A painting by artist Pablo Picasso has been found, nine years after being stolen from the National Gallery in Greece.

The artwork, called *Head of a Woman* in Picasso's famous Cubist style, was one of three pieces stolen from the Athens gallery in a daring heist in 2012.

A 49-year-old builder was arrested by police, who found two of the paintings in good condition hidden in a dried-up riverbed.

A painting by Dutch artist Piet Mondrian was also recovered, but the suspect said the third work had become damaged and he had flushed it down the toilet.

The Picasso work, painted in 1939, was donated to the people of Greece by the artist in recognition of their bravery during World War Two.

Famous masterpieces can be bought and sold for hundreds of millions of pounds, but the Greek government said *Head of a Woman* could never have been sold because it had an inscription on the back reading: "For the Greek people, a tribute by Picasso."

The drama did not quite end with the recovery of the painting – when it was



Head of a Woman by Pablo Picasso

being shown off to reporters at a press conference, it suddenly slipped off the shelf where it was being displayed and crashed to the floor. Fortunately, no damage was done.

Fact SHED

The most expensive paintings ever sold

Price	Title	Artist
■ £325 million	Salvator Mundi	Leonardo da Vinci
■ £216 million	Interchange	Willem de Kooning
■ £180 million	The Card Players	Paul Cezanne
■ £151 million	When Will You Marry?	Paul Gauguin
■ £144 million	Number 17A	Jackson Pollock

Taking it easy on our summer holidays

Many people are planning to enjoy the simple things in life on holiday this year, according to new research.

With exotic foreign holidays still a tricky business because of Covid-19 travel restrictions, people aim to take it easy according to the survey carried out for the National Trust.

It found that 70 per cent of British

people are planning a walk in nature, with 46 per cent planning to go barefoot.

More than 40 per cent are aiming to enjoy a picnic, while 10 per cent are looking forward to listening to the sound of the sea.

The Trust is asking people to look after wildlife and landscapes by binning litter or taking it home to dispose of.



Scottish wildcat population is said to be 'not viable'

IN BRIEF

Police raid home to save 'pet' lion

Police in Cambodia have confiscated a lion that was being kept as a pet.

The animal was imported into the Asian country specially to be kept as a pet, and police were on the case when the owner posted a video of the creature on social media site TikTok.

"People have no right to raise rare wildlife as pets," said a government spokesman.

Animal rescue charity Wildlife Alliance helped in the raid to rescue the lion. Its canine teeth and claws had been removed, "which drastically reduces a lion's quality of life," the charity said.

Counting a whole country's wildlife

Authorities in Kenya are to carry out a massive survey of wild animals in the country.

Planes, helicopters and 4x4 vehicles will be used to count animals in nearly 60 wildlife reserves and national parks.

The government and other organisations will then be able to use the information to plan future policy to protect animals such as endangered primates and rare birds.

Go wild for kids' art competition

The RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) has launched a WildArt competition.

Artwork can be in traditional paint, pens or pencil or could use materials such as textiles or collages. Entries are only by photographs of the artwork on email.

There are three categories: under eight, eight to 12 and 13 and over.

For more details, go to: www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-kids/rspb-kids-competitions/wild-art/

Major cash boost to save wildcats

» Project to protect endangered species

Work to save Scottish wildcats has been given a big helping hand.

A report in 2019 said the population of the animals in the wild was "not viable", meaning there were so few of them they were in danger of becoming extinct.

A project, Saving Wildcats, was launched by the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (RZSS), in partnership

with several wildlife groups. It aims to breed more Scottish wildcats and release them into the wild.

Now the project has been handed a £400,000 grant from the Scottish Government to help the work.

Funding for the project had been hit by the Covid-19 pandemic, which forced the closures of Highland Wildlife Park and Edinburgh Zoo, costing RZSS more than £1.5 million.

Conservation experts are hopeful the first wildcats can be released in 2023, with potential locations being explored in the Cairngorms mountains.

Tortoise sisters get luxury new home

London Zoo's three giant Galapagos tortoises are to have a brand new home.

Giants of the Galapagos is a new island home for sisters Dolly, Polly and Priscilla, who will have a choice of two lagoon pools to cool off in and a tropical forest to explore on the island, which opens in August.

Visitors can walk through the island with the tortoises only feet away in the warmth of the 30°C tropical atmosphere – the perfect temperature for the 26-year-olds, who have an expected life span of more than 100 years.

Picture: ZSL London Zoo



Dolly, Polly and Priscilla

Children can learn about the long life cycle of a giant Galapagos tortoise, to discover how tiny hatchlings the size of a hamster eventually grow into the biggest tortoises in the world.

POKÉMON

25 years old and still going strong

» Video game which became huge business

One of the world's most popular and successful children's computer games is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

The first Pokemon game, called Pocket Monsters Red and Green, was played on a Nintendo Game Boy and was launched in Japan in 1996.

It was two years before the game was released in the United States and more than three until it came to Europe.

Pokemon has since gone on to become a massive global franchise, including television series, films and even a stage musical.



One of the most popular spin-offs has been Pokemon trading cards, with more than 34 billion cards sold around the world.

Very rare cards are bought and sold for big money, with the most expensive card sold for more than \$350,000 (£250,000) on eBay.

The original video game is the second most popular of all time, behind the Mario franchise. It has sold more than 380 million copies, while mobile downloads have topped a billion.

There have been many versions of the game released over the past 25 years, and the anniversary will be celebrated in November with the latest version, Pokemon Brilliant Diamond and Shining Pearl.

Game review **SHED**



Ratchet & Clank: Rift Apart
PlayStation 5, Insomniac Games/Sony
Out now – £69.99

A brilliant example of how the PlayStation 5 console can make games look amazing.

Two aliens battle to save the universe from a robotic villain in a game which is easy to follow and great fun at the same time.



Game Builder Garage
Switch, Nintendo
Out now – £27

You actually get to be a Nintendo game maker with this package, which gives you the tools to build games yourself.

A detailed tutorial gives you all the information you need to create your own unique games.

Iron men get that sinking feeling

The famous iron statues on Crosby beach in Merseyside have been given a makeover.

The artwork, by sculptor Antony Gormley and called Another Place, features 100 iron men dotted around a two-mile stretch of the sands.

They were first installed in 2005 but, since then, 10 of the men had sunk beneath the surface of the beach.

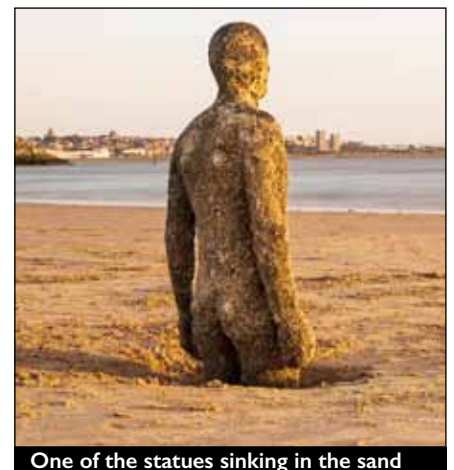
Now Mr Gormley has personally overseen an operation to restore his

work to its original state.

Powerful metal detectors pinpointed the missing men, and diggers and cranes were used to bring them back to the surface.

Barnacles were removed from the sculptures and the artist then made sure they were all at exactly the right angle.

The artwork was originally only meant to stay for just over a year, but Mr Gormley now hopes they will be in place for a thousand years.



One of the statues sinking in the sand

This WEEK in HISTORY



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July 3, 1928
John Logie Baird, inventor of the television, demonstrated the first colour transmission.

July 3, 1886
The engineer and inventor Karl Benz demonstrated the first car.

July 3, 1936
Fred Perry won his third consecutive Wimbledon men's singles title. He would be the last British winner until Andy Murray 77 years later, in 2013.

July 4, 1892
The International Date Line was moved, causing July 4 to happen twice in Samoa. It was also a leap year, so there were 367 days there that year.

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July 4, 1776
The United States declared independence from Britain.

July 5, 2012
The Shard in London was opened. At 1,020ft (310 metres) high, it became the tallest building in Europe.

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July 6, 2002
Serena Williams beat her sister, Venus, to win her first Wimbledon singles title.

July 5, 1994
Online delivery firm Amazon was founded by Jeff Bezos.

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July 6, 1919
An airship – a craft suspended beneath a huge gas-filled balloon – landed in New York after the first crossing of the Atlantic by such an aircraft.

July 7, 2011
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2, the eighth and final film in the series, had its premiere in London.

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July 9, 1922
Johnny Weissmuller, later known for playing Tarzan in films, became the first man to swim 100 metres freestyle in under a minute.

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July 9, 2011
South Sudan became the newest country in the world when it gained independence from Sudan.

July 9, 1877
The first ever Wimbledon tennis championship began.

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July 8, 1976
Sailor Ellen MacArthur was born. She went on to set a new record for the fastest circumnavigation of the globe, sailing her trimaran Castorama around the world in 71 days in 2005.



Marianne Vos has been world champion 12 times and has two Olympic gold medals

RUGBY UNION

Lions chaos as captain is injured and South Africa locks down

The British and Irish Lions tour to South Africa was thrown into chaos even before it started.

The Lions, made up of players from the England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales national teams, had a comfortable 28-10 win over Japan in their warm-up game in Edinburgh, but it came at a huge cost.

Lions captain Alun Wyn Jones suffered a dislocated shoulder only seven minutes into the game, and was quickly ruled out of the entire tour.

Jones has played for the Lions in nine Test matches across three tours, and his fourth tour was to have been his first as captain.

And the bad news did not stop there as another Welsh forward, Justin Tipuric, also suffered an injured shoulder and was also ruled out of the tour.

Coach Warren Gatland named Ireland scrum-half Conor Murray as the new Lions captain, and called up two more Welsh forwards, Adam Beard and Josh Navidi, to replace Jones and Tipuric.

And as the Lions were preparing to leave to start the tour, further bad news came out of South Africa.

First, the South Africa squad had training delayed when three of their players tested positive for Covid-19.

The country's president, Cyril Ramaphosa, then announced a new lockdown as cases of the virus in the country increased, meaning the tour schedule may have to be changed.



Women cyclists return to Tour

» Female version of big race to run again

The world's leading female cyclists will have their own Tour de France once more from next year.

A Tour de France Femme (women) was held for six years in the 1980s but, since then, there have been a variety of different events for women cyclists, none of which have had the high profile of the men's version of the Tour de France.

The most recent women's event associated with the Tour has been La Course, a one- or two-day event which has run during or just before the Tour.

This year's La Course, won by Dutch rider Demi Vollering, is likely to have been the last as the Tour de France Femme has been confirmed for 2022.

It will be an eight-day stage race and will start on the famous Champs Elysees avenue in Paris, on the same day the men's Tour finishes there.

The return of the race after 33 years has been welcomed by Marianne Vos,

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Tour de France Femme winners

■ 1984	Marianne Martin	USA
■ 1985	Maria Canins	Italy
■ 1986	Maria Canins	Italy
■ 1987	Jeannie Longo	France
■ 1988	Jeannie Longo	France
■ 1989	Jeannie Longo	France

one of the greatest female cyclists of all time. Vos won the first La Course in 2014 and has been world champion in various disciplines a dozen times as well as the winner of two Olympic gold medals.

She said: "It's very nice that the Tour de France for women is coming back to the calendar as a full-fledged stage race, with opportunities for different specialists and all the elements that make cycling so beautiful. So boys and girls can dream of the yellow jersey."