



Pair's rivalry extends to football terraces, too

Is football the great leveller? Labour politician Lord Mandelson and Standard Chartered economist Gerard Lyons nearly came to blows in Davos.

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In a shared session Lyons said “Europe’s politicians had been playing to the gallery not tackling the financial crisis.”

Mandy bit back. “I don’t think anyone in this audience needs to take lectures from bankers on the flaws in the financial system.”

Ding ding. Round two took place on Tuesday morning in the presentation *Third Wave of*

Globalisation, hosted by the Institute of Public Policy Research

One question was, “what would globalisation mean for the Hartlepool man”?

In Lyon’s answer he referenced a trip to the Teeside town (Mandy’s former constituency) to watch Fulham FC play, many years ago.

By jove, Mandy was at the same game.

Nothing changes. Just like the euro debate they were on opposite sides.

Decision-making not the consultants' selling point



KPMG’s consultants have reinvented themselves more times than Lord Mandelson.

The big four’s management consultancy arm first called itself Performance. A few year’s later it rebranded as Performance & Technology.

Now KPMG has reverted to Management Consulting.

What do management consultants flog again? Oh yes, efficiency.

Snow exercises next season from Lotus

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Flying Scotsman, Sir Jackie Stewart is the adviser to Genii Group - the investment management firm that owns Lotus Formula 1 team.

This week Sir Jackie's private jet flew senior bods from Total, Lotus UK and Renault Sport to Jerez in Spain.

Several hours and oodles of champagne later Lotus F1 unveiled consumer goods company Unilever as its new sponsor.

The Unilever product that will appear on the car is not your normal F1 glamour - it's Clear Anti-Dandruff shampoo.

You won't see the Lotus drivers for dust - or dandruff next season.

Let them eat cake made in England, says Boris

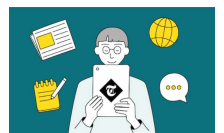
Rhetoric of the week comes from Boris Johnson. The Mayor opened the Fire Station on Tuesday - PwC's social enterprise eatery.

He ranted: "London is the culinary capital of the world. Not a surprise as we invented the chocolate hobnob. We also export chocolate cake to France, from Waltham. To Nicholas Sarkozy I say "Qu'ils mangent de la brioche chocolat de Waltham."



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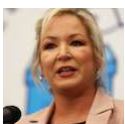
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