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Former British Olympic skier inherits £3bn

A FORMER British Olympic skier who co-starred in the epic film Lawrence of Arabia has now become one of the richest people in Britain with a family fortune of £3 billion.

Sunday Times Rich List after inheriting a £2.96 billion stake in the Dutch brewer Heineken earlier this year.

A talented athlete from an early age, Michel de Carvalho, son of a Brazilian father and an English mother, broke into Hollywood when a friend of his parents was looking for a boy who could ski to appear in a film.

Alastair McCall am I doing here," said de Carvalho. "Lawrence was an 18-month project; it set one back years in my studies."

down an icy track. He later became a multi-millionaire from a career as a banker in the City, where he is now vice-chairman of Schroder Salomon Smith Barney. He remains an athlete and a keen cyclist, and this summer will compete in his 9th one-day amateur Tour de France.

Heineken, was kidnapped. After his release, he became more reclusive and his daughter and de Carvalho took on greater roles in the business. The couple, who have five children, control about 50% of the business.

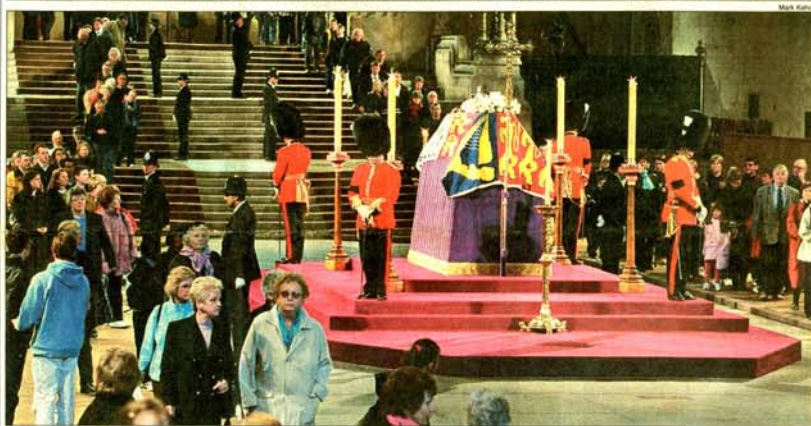
dominance of the south-east has waned slightly for the first time, fewer than half the entries in the list come from the region.

Shop giant pays Blair's top fixer £100,000

NICHOLAS RUFFORD LORD LEVY, one of Tony Blair's closest and most trusted political aides, has been paid £100,000 by an Australian property giant seeking planning permission to develop shopping malls across Britain.

and Chris Rea, has come to prominence as Labour's chief fundraiser, pulling in donors such as Bernie Ecclestone, the Formula One boss who donated £1m, and Lakshmi Mittal, the Asian steel billionaire.

Respect: Thousands pay it as princes recall Queen Mother's unique sense of fun



Last respects: a queue three miles long built up yesterday as an estimated 50,000 people waited to file past the coffin of the Queen Mother at Westminster Hall in London

THE QUEEN Mother once impersonated the comedian Ali G by clicking her fingers and offering her "respects" to the Queen, Princes William and Harry have revealed.

50,000 people were estimated to be waiting in a three-mile queue. In their tributes, the princes recalled fondly how their fun-loving great-grandmother used to make the family howl with laughter.

Christopher Morgan the incident at the end of Christmas lunch at Sandringham a couple of years ago when the Queen Mother did her impersonation of Ali G, the spoof rap star from Staines played by Sacha Baron Cohen.

Christmas Day alternative to the Queen's message — when she entered the room and asked them why they were laughing.

Harry recalled: "It was at the end of the meal, and she stood up and said: 'Darling, lunch was marvellous — respect, and clicked her fingers.'"

A grenade bounces near me and I think: 'Not again'

MARIE COLVIN RAMALLAH I tried to walk out of Tamil-controlled territory from which journalists had been banned.

THE first I saw of the grenade was a bouncing cylinder 20 to my right. I had spotted two Israeli Jeeps racing towards me, but at the sight of the grenade, I thought: "This cannot be happening again."

Marie Colvin Ramallah estinian leader, scattered. Soldiers stood up through openings in the Jeeps came to life. "Get out! Get out!" shouted someone inside. The Jeeps advanced, a rifle barrel protruded from a passenger door and a soldier fired. Two rubber-coated bullets smashed into the CNN car's windshield, cracking the reinforced glass at the point where the crew had

tailed no shrapnel. As I raced for the armoured car in which I had arrived, more followed. Two hit a CNN TV crew on the feet. An ABC cameraman was struck on the calf.

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taped "TV" in huge letters to warn the Israelis that journalists were inside. The army claimed later that journalists had tried to force their way into Arafat's compound. I was there. A group of us were on a boat mission, awaiting the arrival of an American envoy, when we were fired on. One can only imagine what happens to Palestinian civilians without the protection of a foreign passport, away from the gaze of international cameras.

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Advertisement for Park Lane Mayfair London W1, featuring images of the building and text: 'IMAGINE a HOME where EVERYTHING can be TAKEN CARE OF... Fully serviced 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom apartments and penthouses, elegantly furnished and available immediately'.

# Italy's Signor Memory could hold key to Alzheimer's



**John Follain**  
Rome

memory skills. The other half is due to a memory system and lots of practice."

Golfero demonstrated his talent at a university lecture in Milan last week. He was given a 48-digit number,

GOOD memories run in Gianni Golfero's family. His grandfather knows some of the works of Ariosto and Petrarch, the Italian poets, by heart. His father, a pilot, flies without the help of charts and does complicated mathematical calculations in his head.

Golfero, 24, who started to speak at six months, realised

studied it for less than three minutes and was then able to repeat it from memory. Challenged by students he was also able to identify a given digit's place in the sequence.

His memory technique involves thinking of a word or number as a picture. He links the pictures by making them

as a very young child that he could remember events that adults had forgotten.

Over the years he has learnt the contents of 261 books, including all the main philosophical treatises dating from ancient times to the Italian renaissance.

Last week Italian scientists announced that they are to

interact and stores the resulting image in one of 100 "rooms" in a house that he has created in his mind. This, he says, allows him to feel as if he has lived through whole chapters of a book.

Scientists believe that memory will improve with training, just as working out strengthens the physique.

study the DNA of Golfero, his father and grandfather in an attempt to isolate genes for memory. They hope to discover why certain people suffer from memory loss and ultimately to develop a treatment for Alzheimer's disease.

Golfero said: "My personal hunch is that genetics accounts for about half of my

"Brains are like muscles: the more you exercise them, the more they develop," said Antonio Malgaroli, a professor of physiology who will analyse the Golfero DNA.

"Golfero's family is pretty much unique because they all have a memory that is above average by far. So there could very well be a genetic link."