

...on a resurgent Labour Party under Jeremy Corbyn has numbers have declined. With so s, better organisation may be tion. Inspiring activists is a not be helped by a reshuffle that nch than a missed opportunity.

## ...is too high

...io Four's *Today* programme ad themselves caught up in an ver the BBC's salary levels. roadcaster's China Editor, had at being paid less than male re considered were doing the

...cie was presenting the had not actually quit the BBC, is accusing her employers of laws that have applied for more s running the China bureau of s being in charge of, say, the where the output is almost

...res around overall pay equality the salaries currently being ernment as part of its new urements. But what does this tell us? One of the worst et, which has a 51.7 per cent pay st entirely accounted for by the airline's pilots are men an are in more low-paid cabin

...on over the way she had been make wider points about ce in society as a whole. But is demonstrated is that pay t of control. They even offered o try to placate her. larities at the top are oth for presenters and stars of so for managers". Indeed so. If fall in the BBC's salary bill, it

Peter Varley  
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## Late digital pips

SIR - Paul Grimsdell (Letters, January 6) explains why the sixth pip of the BBC time signal is sometimes missing from digital radio.

Surely the more important fault is that the BBC's digital broadcasts of the time signal are three seconds later than FM broadcasts.

My clock, radio-controlled by the National Physical Laboratory transmitter in Cumbria, tells me that the FM broadcasts are correct.

Can't modern digital broadcasts of the time signal be more accurate?

Alan Williams  
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SIR - Some years ago, the last bar of a Mozart symphony over-ran the beginning of the 8am time signal on Radio 3.

The announcer drily remarked: "I trust the Mozart did not interrupt your enjoyment of the pips."

David T Price  
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## Wrong kind of Yimby wants 2,000 more houses

SIR - It is true that Eastleigh borough council in Hampshire, led by Keith House, recently voted to pursue a Local Plan that involves building nearly 2,000 more houses than the Government requires ("Meet the 'Yimbys' arguing for more homes to be built in their area", Business, January 3).

However, Mr House gives the wrong impression by saying that the decision was taken "to foster growth rather than manage decline" in line with emerging Yimby ("Yes In My Backyard") thinking.

Yimby groups espouse housing infill close to transportation. Mr House's plan sits on the very edge of his borough in ancient Hampshire countryside, miles from Eastleigh's town centre and existing infrastructure.

Indeed, Mr House's plan isn't even in his backyard. It's in adjacent Winchester city council's backyard. The reason Mr House wants the extra 2,000 houses is because they enable the developer to pay for a costly new road that is central to the scheme

(though it has no proven wider benefits). Mr House has doggedly pursued this plan, repeatedly rejecting expert transport, planning and environmental advice.

Even now the plan lacks critical evidence to support its deliverability, sustainability and affordability. Mr House and his fellow councillors have gambled that the Government's planning inspector will be blind to these glaring gaps.

It's not too late for Mr House and his fellow councillors to change their minds.

A more credible alternative proposal, once supported by them, waits in the wings. The irony is that this proposal fits far more neatly with Yimby ideals.

Mark Lloyd  
CEO, *The Angling Trust*  
Stephen Joseph  
Chief Executive, *Campaign for Better Transport*  
Dee Haas  
Chairman, *Campaign To Protect Rural England, Hampshire and 252 others; see telegraph.co.uk*

Together we made a hair of several hundred miles by the Punjab and the Sind dei Lahore to Karachi, in order world that Lahore had *not* f India as a news agency had reported from New Delhi.

Those of course were bei days of the mobile telephor  
John Osman  
Witney, Oxfordshire

## Grit in the Oystre

SIR - I have just tried to add wife's visitor Oyster Card, v not been used for six month visit to London.

Transport for London wi accept payment by telephon since it has not been used in eight weeks, the card cann registered for internet payr helpful advice is to join the top it up once you arrive.

This really is the most to unfriendly system and mus nightmare for foreign touri London actively discouragi  
Peter Catton  
Wetherby, West Yorkshire

# Trump is a man of our celebrity-obsessed tir

### New allegations change nothing. The people voted for this most imperious of imperial presidents

TIM STANLEY



your next job interview.

Wolff's book changes nothing: the polls haven't moved, and why should they? The Americans who voted for Trump in 2016 were under no illusion that he was Jesus Christ. Just like the radical hippies who nominated a pig for president in 1968 (he was called Pigasus and, believe it or not, was arrested for causing an affray), one votes for a pig in the full knowledge that he's a pig. In fact, because he's a pig.

Steve Bannon, Trump's former chief

and mental state is a constitutional issue. Trump, say the haters, is too eccentric to be president. Obama, said Trump, maybe wasn't born in America. Reagan was accused of senility. Weeks before the 1964 election, Barry Goldwater, a libertarian Republican, was labelled a madman. A magazine headline read: "1,189 Psychiatrists Say Goldwater is Unfit to be President!" Respondents to the survey called him a "chronic schizophrenic", "grossly psychotic"

stop it. Some bits of the US constitution are coming aliv Trump: the courts are work overtime to stop his orders. Congress, if it turns Democ midterm elections, might ge shot at impeachment.

And in reaction to this, Tr shows his true colours. He i disruptor in a conservative: Goldwater, but the most im imperial president the coun seen for a long time. Many c