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Business news: Adam Shaw examines the attractiveness of gold through the generations. And Adrian Ash, of the gold brokerage Bullion Vault, analyses the current record-high price of gold.

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Two little girls died within days of each other this summer when they were [crushed by automatic gates](#). Richard Jackson, of Jackson Fencing, and Tony Walker, a cousin of one of the girls crushed to death, discuss what might be done to prevent such incidents from happening in the future.

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The Chief Inspector of Constabulary says that police efforts to tackle [anti-social behaviour](#) in England and Wales must not suffer because of spending cuts. Chairman of Magistrates' Association John Thornhill and Paul McKeever of the Police Federation discuss whether the police need more resources to keep order on the streets.

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India is frantically trying to save the [Commonwealth Games](#) after teams around the world threatened to pull out unless the authorities sort out the venues and make them safe and habitable. Workers' rights campaigner Maushmi Basu has complained about problems throughout the construction of the venue.

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Business news with Adam Shaw.

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A major study has uncovered genetic markers that substantially increase the likelihood of suffering from [asthma](#). Professor William Cookson of Imperial College London outlines details of the research.

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British environmentalists and climate scientists have joined climate sceptics in demanding the resignation of [Professor Rajendra Pachauri](#), the Indian chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Environment analyst Roger Harrabin explains why the scientists think Professor Pachauri has lost credibility.

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The sports news with Garry Richardson.

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The heads of six of Britain's top universities have warned that cuts in the government's science budget will [harm the research base](#), universities and the economy as a whole. Lord John Krebs, chairman of the Lords' Science and Technology Committee, voices his concern that the best researchers will move to countries which are investing more in research and development.

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The paper review.

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The composer Eric Whitacre is hoping to break the world record for the largest number of people singing in a [virtual choir](#). Eric Whitacre and singers Helen James and Anna Wight explain how the experiment works.

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Since the end of US combat mission in Iraq last month, there have been numerous violent incidents involving US troops in the country. US military spokesman in Baghdad General Jeffrey Buchanan [explains what has actually changed following the end of combat operations.](#)

0810

The police are [often too focused on targeting crimes rather than lowering the level of harm and nuisances on the streets](#), says the Chief Inspector of Constabulary. Correspondent Nick Ravenscroft talks to two people with first hand experience of anti-social behaviour and Sir Denis O'Connor outlines his views on street policing.

0820

Once the most famous house in Georgian England, Horace Walpole's gothic fantasy of Strawberry Hill in Twickenham is to be restored at a cost of £9m. Arts editor Will Gompertz [took a tour of the house before the transformation begins.](#)

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Is it getting harder [to make new ground-breaking scientific discoveries?](#) Science correspondent Tom Feilden reports on the significance of latest scientific breakthroughs and Lord Martin Rees, president of the Royal Society, explains why he does not think that humanity has reached the end of discovery yet.

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It has been 70 years since German bombers devastated cities across the country. Correspondent Robert Hall is at Aldwych, the first tube station to be used as a shelter during the Blitz, and which is [reopening to the public this weekend.](#)

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Business news with Adam Shaw.

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Studies suggest that almost half of those sent to prison [had used heroin, crack or cocaine in the previous year.](#) Evan Davis continues his series exploring the big challenges in criminal justice with the filmmaker and criminologist Roger Graef and Professor Christopher Stone from Harvard.

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The Chief Inspector of Constabulary for England and Wales says police have "retreated from the streets" since the 1970s, and tackling anti-social behaviour is too often not seen as "real police work". Former Home Office Minister Alun Michael [outlines his views on how the police could re-claim the streets.](#)

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