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The facts and figures

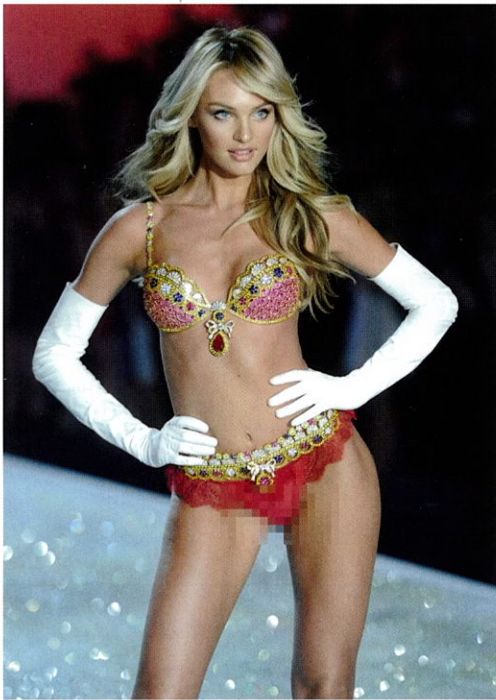
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US\$52 million



THE WORLD-RECORD PRICE PAID FOR A 1963 FERRARI 250 GTO IN OCTOBER BY AN UNNAMED BUYER. IT BEAT OUT THE PREVIOUS RECORD, WHICH WAS ALSO FOR A FERRARI 250 GTO, BY A STAGGERING US\$17 MILLION.

171,456,478
bottles of champagne drunk by the French each year. That's 56 per cent of the country's annual champagne harvest. The industry is worth 4.4 billion euros annually.



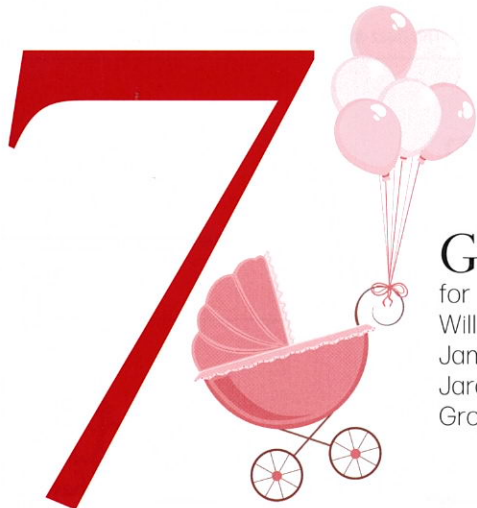
52 carats

The mass of a pear-shaped ruby adorning the world's most expensive piece of underwear – the Victoria's Secret Fantasy Bra, worn by Candice Swanepoel at the brand's annual fashion show. The bra cost a cool US\$10 million, was hand-crafted in 18K gold, and boasted more than 4,200 gems including diamonds and yellow sapphires.

US\$30.8 MILLION
The price paid for a 118.28-carat white diamond at Sotheby's October auction in Hong Kong. Sotheby's described it as the largest D-colour (rare and colourless) flawless diamond ever sold at auction.



The year that Asia will next host the Olympic Games, after Tokyo's bid edged out Madrid's and Istanbul's September's IOC vote. The Japanese capital last held the games in 1964.



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