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Down to earth: Edward Nino Hernandez waits for a lift to work. A disadvantage of his fame is people 'touching me and picking me up,' he says AP



Fame: Mr Hernandez holds the Guinness World Records book

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FOR many healthy 24-year-olds the sky is the limit – but for little Edward Nino Hernandez it is usually the table.

The shop dancer measures just 70cm (27in) but can still get one over on his friends after being named the shortest living man by Guinness World Records.

'I feel happy because I'm unique,' said Mr Hernandez, who weighs in at 10kg (22lb).

Doctors apparently never explained why he, and one of his four siblings, were born so small.

Mother Noemi Hernandez said he was born weighing 1.5kg (3lb 5oz)

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and measuring 38cm (15in) but stopped growing aged two.

Apart from cataracts, he is healthy and even has a girlfriend – a 1.5m (5ft) 18-year-old beauty called Fanny. He has also landed a film role as a pint-sized drug thug.

But the star from Bogota, Colombia, must make the most of his fame. Nipping at his heels is Khagendra Thapa Magar of Nepal.

The 17-year-old – who measures 56cm (22in) – is the shortest living teenager and will take the title when he turns 18 next month.

Hague: I have nailed rumours

WILLIAM HAGUE last night insisted he had 'nailed' the rumours of a relationship with a former special adviser. The foreign secretary (pictured) said the claims made about him and Christopher Myers were a 'big lie', as he thanked colleagues and the public via Twitter. He expressed regret that Mr Myers felt he had no choice but to quit.



Five are jailed for postal vote scam

FIVE men, including two former councillors, were jailed yesterday for a failed postal

vote scam to get Haroon Rashid elected Tory MP for Bradford West. Some 900 forms emerged in the 2005 plot with many from people who did not exist. Leeds Crown Court heard. Jamshed Khan, 65, Reis Khan, 40, Mohammed Sultan, 52, and Mohammed Rafiq, 70, received 21 months after being found guilty of conspiracy to defraud. Alyas Khan, 52, pleaded guilty and was jailed for 11 months.

Goldie son faces life for murder

THE son of music DJ Goldie faces life in prison after being found guilty yesterday of murdering a rival gang member. Jamie Price stabbed Marlon Morris in the heart and back after leaving a Wolverhampton nightclub. Mr Morris, 21, died



Free view: Staff at the Eden Project try out the new platform overlooking the world's biggest indoor rainforest. The 55m (180ft) tower is the latest attraction at the Cornish tourist spot. Picture: Getty

on his way to hospital. CCTV footage of the victim's final moments in 2008 played as his mother sobbed in Nottingham

Crown Court. Price, 23, of Wolverhampton, is sentenced today but Judge John MIMO has said by law he would get life.

Expenses MP sells duck house

AN MP who was forced to stand down after claiming £1,645 on expenses for a floating duck house has sold it for charity. Former Conservative MP Sir Peter Viggers (pictured) was criticised for his £30,000 claim for gardening costs. The duck house was sold at an auction for £1,700, which he donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.



spree. Peter Blake, who split from 37-year-old Moat's mother before he was born, said he was stunned when he heard he had shot three people on the news. 'If I'd have been there for him any time in his life, I think none of this would have happened,' he told This Morning. Moat shot three people - killing one - in Northumbria in July before killing himself.

and finally...

GAME care home residents have proved you're never too old by forming their own netball team. Now, the team - average age 90 - from Holcroft Grange in Warrington, Cheshire, are looking for other vets to play. Olive Cook, 101, said: 'I used to do lots of games but netball was always my favourite.'

Moat's father: I am responsible

THE father of killer Raoul Moat yesterday blamed himself for his son's shooting



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TUC: Health czar would stop deaths

BRITAIN must get a health and safety czar to help reduce the 20,000 people killed prematurely by their work each year, union leaders are demanding.

Thousands of workers die from cancers and lung disorders, exposure to fumes and chemicals, and traffic accidents, the TUC says in a new report.

In The Case For Health And Safety, it says calling Britain one of the safest countries to work in is a myth.

About 1.2million people suffer from a work-related illness, such as heart disease, stress, back and shoulder pains or depression, said the union.

It has called on the government to ignore calls from business to reduce legislation and appoint a health and safety czar.

General secretary Brendan Barber said: 'Despite the

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and safety is no joke. Regulation works, as long as it is enforced, and it saves lives and prevents the contraction of unnecessary illnesses.

'That's why the UK continues to need strong regulation and enforcement.

'Every one of the 20,000 annual workplace-related deaths could have been prevented and, if the level of Health and Safety Executive and local authority funding is cut, the effects will be even more catastrophic.'

In 2009, David Cameron said: 'Excessive rules have given the impression that we have a right to a risk-free life and that impression has been exacerbated by prominent claims and pay-outs.'

The Confederation of

