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Some notable articles in this week's print edition of *The Economist*:

- **Cover Story**
  - [Designer babies and bioethics](#)
    - *The Economist* conceives the benefits of gene-editing (for instance, the possibility to eliminate malaria). Concludes that CRISPR-Cas9, or gene-editing technology, will move forward more quickly than anticipated, and calls for pre-emptive regulatory measures
- **Leaders:**
  - [Ashley Madison \(+ASHLEY\) hack: red flag for information sharing everywhere](#)
    - Editorial deduces that, in light of the data breach (and many other recent, quickly-forgotten ones), the internet is not the place for secrets of any nature
- **Business:**
  - [The state of the car salesman](#)
    - Article relays that the number of car dealerships that buyers are visiting is markedly down, test drives are less important than ever, and the role of the traditional auto salesman is ebbing. Looks at how the likes of Daimler Benz (**DAI.GR**) **BMW.GR**, and Kia (**000270.KS**) have begun to mirror Apple Stores' soft-sale model, mentions **COST**, **F**, **TSLA**, **TRUE**, **TM**, **GM**
  - [China's dealerships and slowing car sales](#)
    - In preview, there is material cause for concern. Article audits dealerships' neglect to establish ancillary businesses (spares, servicing, insurance, and auto loans); notes **TM**, **BMW.GR**, **VOW.GR**, and **NSU.GR** have forwarded cash to cover dealers' losses
  - [Europe's mobile market consolidation](#)
    - Discusses EU countries' successive reduction of four principal operators to three. Looks at the regulatory climate affecting **ORA.FP**, **KPN.NA**, **TEF.SM**, **TLSN.SS**, **BTQ.GR**, **DTE.GR**, **VOD.LN**, **LBTYA**, and **JAZ.SM**. Article reports that cheap prices derived from exceptional competition has rendered the EU's new competition commissioner, Margrethe Vestager, concerned about the weakness of European telecoms
- **Finance and Economics:**
  - [On the commodities sell-off](#)
    - Remarks on the continued over-investment in commodities, the over-supply in almost all raw materials notwithstanding. Essay partially attributes this behavior to the enduring availability to funding and relays Jeff Currie of Goldman Sachs' comments that the cycle could take up to 15 years to correct itself. Mentions **BLT.LN**, **RIO.LN**, and **GLEN.LN**
- **Science and Technology:**
  - [3D printing glass](#)
    - MIT researches are developing additive manufacturing to produce fine glass; the process could have practical implications ranging from optical prisms to decorative vessels, *The Economist* reports

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