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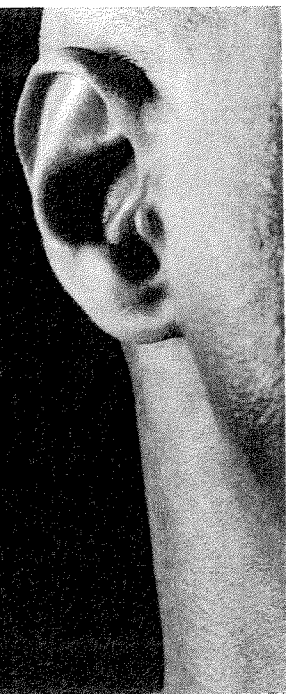
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Simply stunning...
Angelina Jolie

JOHNNY DEPP ..on ANGELINA

She's a walking poem.. beauty, fun & brains. Filming sexy scenes was super awkward*

By ADAM LES-POTTER
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"THANKS to a certain Jack Sparrow he is the hottest property in Hollywood.

Yet even Pirates of the Caribbean star Johnny Depp became starry-eyed at working with Angelina Jolie for the first time... especially when it came to the love scenes.

"Yeah, I mean, I've had more difficult days at work, definitely," says Johnny.

"But those kinds of things are always awkward. So you just laugh your way through, and you just kind of giggle and feel stupid.

"But then Angelina is a kind of a walking poem - the perfect beauty who at the same time is very deep and very smart."

In their first movie together, The Tourist, Depp, 47, plays a geeky American maths teacher dragged into the mysterious world of a stunning beauty played by Jolie.

And those "awkward" moments in the movie apparently became such a problem that a steamy scene between Jolie and Depp ended up on the cutting-room floor after it's said his long-term partner Vanessa Paradis got involved.

But then Vanessa has nothing to worry about. Johnny has been a long-time friend of Angelina's other half Brad Pitt, although he had never met Jolie until just before they started filming.

"We met oddly right before we did this which is weird because I think we have a lot of mutual friends and mutual acquaintances, people that we've worked with, however we'd never met.

"When we sat down together it was kind of instant. We got each other. Within minutes we were yacking about our kids and all of that fun stuff.

"She's impressive. She's a force.

Johnny who has two children Livi-Rose, 11, and Jack, eight, with Vanessa



Close-up...
Win Kiss

By PETER PAPER

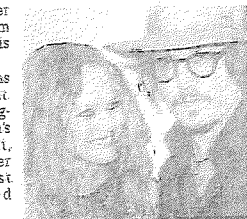
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they are
as devoted
as ever

Like mother-of-six Angelina and Brad, Johnny and Vanessa, who have been together for 12 years, are not married.

But Johnny says: "If Vanessa wanted to get hitched, why not? But the thing is I would be so scared of ruining her last name. She's got such a good last name."

He credits Vanessa (with Johnny left) with calming the redness as he felt in his younger days. "I was more at war with myself than I am now. It took me a while to figure out what I wanted and when I met the woman who made me see what I was missing.

"But raising a family and spending so much time with our



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kids is what has really had the most calming influence on me. They became my focus and it put things into perspective. Nothing makes me happier than watching Vanessa and my kids and just realising that they're my world. It's pure joy.

And the two families hit it off during filming. "One night Angie and Brad came for dinner.

They brought their son Pax and he played video games with my boy Jack. They had a blast."



Angelina Jolie

Sunday Mirror 12.12.2010 Extremists attack on jail warden

FOUR young British Muslim extremists chanted religious slogans as they battered a prison officer.

The gang chanted "death to the infidel" (non-believer) and "Allahu Akbar" (God is Great) as they laid into the warden - who is in his 40s - after prayers.

It is believed they were trying to steal his keys to let other inmates out and start a riot at the notorious Feltham Young Offenders' Institute in Middlesex.

A fellow officer came to his rescue as he hid under a pool table and used his baton to drive them back.

A source said: "It was a frightening and violent assault. The guard was lucky to escape w. his life."

Widdy eyes up TV Songs of Praise job

STRICTLY Come Dancing star Ann Widdecombe is being lined up as presenter of Songs of Praise.

The former Tory minister was voted off the hit BBC1 show last Sunday with partner Anton Du Beke.

Now Ann, 60, is set to take on a role in her "dream job". She said: "I would truly love to present Songs of Praise and hope it will happen. I think the show is just fantastic."

But she insisted she doesn't want to oust current host Aled Jones from his permanent role on Songs of Praise.

She added: "Aled is a fantastic host and the last thing I want to do is replace him. I would not mind sharing the spot with him."

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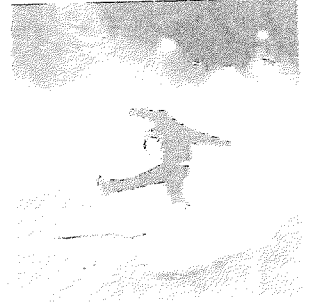
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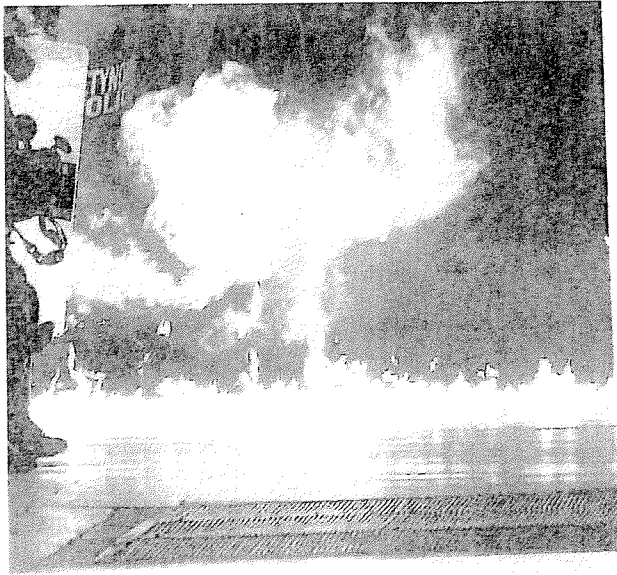
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Comedy
Tim Minchin
Brighton Centre

It's safe to say that the name of Timothy Garton Ash, author, columnist and transatlantic intellectual, does not normally crop up in a comedy gig. Tim Minchin's desire to mix high-flown ideas with populist rock anthems means that you can just about forgive him for joining the arena set.

Stadium gigs may be an abomination, but the Australian singer-stand-up certainly had enough personality to fill the vacuum in Brighton's bland megavenue (a mere village hall, it must be said, compared with the O2 Arena). That Minchin, shock-haired and barefoot, is on the road at the same time as his songs for the RSC's adaptation of *Matilda* are being given their premiere in Stratford is the mark of a performer who has energy to spare. While he may claim to be stressed, and overeating as a result, he still has the bounce and enthusiasm of the eternal undergrad rather than a 35-year-old father-of-two.

In fact, you cannot help wishing he would hold back on the music, slow the tempo and spend slightly more time delivering conventional stand-up. There's no denying the vigour of the wordplay in his new songs, yet over the course of a couple of hours the soft rock melodies grow repetitive and overbearing: by the end you begin to feel as if an antipodean Victoria Wood is beating you about the head with a besaurus. Minchin is a spirited pianist, but even with the Heritage Orchestra players and the conductor Jules Buckley by his side, he lacks Bill Bailey's light touch.

Fans probably won't be disappointed, though, especially as Minchin launches proceedings with an ingeniously over-the-top number that parodies the heatrics of all those superstars who allow in self-pity while fleecing their audiences. Later he embarks on a illab captures the mixed mot. every sleep-deprived arent who longs for a moment's peace and quiet. Shades of Roald Dahl here.

The more philosophical passages are mixed bunch. Minchin is sometimes eager to invoke the rationalist spirit of Richard Dawkins that he begins to lopt a hectoring tone. The Pope comes in for a battering, a copy of the oran is subjected to some delicate obing, and a spectacular Barry anilow-ish Latin vamp is used to molish the whole notion of miracles. inchin is preaching to the converted, course. Still, his ditty in praise of bivalence is classy fare indeed.

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Minchin — energy to spare

Cynical Santa is soft on the inside

An evil teddy, a grumpy child, but this Royal Court show is an uplifting tale, says **Dominic Maxwell**

DONALD COOPER



Imogen Doel as Holly and Tom Godwin as Bumblehole conjure the magic of a wild Christmas yarn

Theatre
Get Santa!
Royal Court, SW1

★★★★★

Anthony Neilson's last play here was an unforgettably unnerving drama inspired by the Josef Fritzl case. So is the Scottish writer and director really the man to entrust with the Court's first family Christmas show, for ages 7 and up?

Oh yes he is. Sure, Santa is tired and tetchy, an evil teddy bear cons a little girl and mankind is doomed to relive Christmas Day forever. But if you can buy into the slightly Rentaghost sensibility this beautifully unlikely play

has heart to match its humour. And it summons up that frazzled festive feeling as vividly as being dipped in cranberry sauce then rolled in Celebrations wrappers.

It looks like a big pink Christmas present. Miriam Buether's set comes wrapped in a bow, behind which is the Finnegan family's living room, entirely ordinary bar its garish colour scheme. "Christmas is rubbish!" grumps ten-year-old Holly, played with petulant appeal by the grown-up Imogen Doel. Holly is angry with Santa. Every year,

she tells us, she asks him to find her real father. Every year he ignores her. She's got a stepdad, Bernard. But he's a dog, who decorates the Christmas tree with bacon and stuffs a plastic bag in his pocket each time he takes himself for a walk. She'll capture Santa, if needs to be, to find her dad.

Neilson brings the magic of a wild Christmas yarn into the domestic arena. We get spectacle — Santa's silly son Bumblehole, played with perfectly pitched naivety by Tom Godwin, flies down from his sleigh through a skylight. We get puppetry — a spell from Santa's magic beard means that Holly's teddy is walking and talking and claiming, in a Russian accent, to be her dad, cursed by a gypsy to live forever in "this fluffy tomb". Teddy is voiced with nyahahahaha! relish by Chand Martinez. And we get songs by Nick Powell (who co-devised the story) that the cast break into to celebrate or denigrate the festive season.

Neilson does a lot of his writing in rehearsal, and sure enough his production is a bit rough round the edges. But the emotional underbelly is there to keep it all grounded. Both Holly and Bumblehole need their fathers' approval. And their neediness gives rise to some fine jokes, accessible to all ages, and a nice little *Blade Runner* reference for them as wants it.

Neilson's surprising, irreverent story ends with a warming message that the real gift of Christmas is to be thankful for what you've already got. Sure, he punctures his own homily just like he punctures everything else. But the conclusion is moving and optimistic. Inside some cynical wrapping, this is the most properly Christmassy show of the season.

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Concert
La Nuova Musica
Spitalfields, E1

★★★★★

I trudged into this concert, broken arm in sling, aching and fatigued, feeling pretty glum. Two hours later I skipped out without a care in the world. Or so it seemed for about 20 minutes. Such is the power of great architecture, superb music and musicians who perform with flair.

The architecture was Hawksmoor's, for this was the opening concert of the Spitalfields Winter Festival held in Christ Church, his soaring East End masterpiece. The music was mostly Monteverdi: miniature music-dramas from his seventh book of madrigals, the revolutionary collection that made instruments and voices equal protagonists in songs that sear the soul even as they seduce the senses.

And the performers? La Nuova Musica, here comprising five singers and ten instrumentalists, is a newish group on the period-performance scene. Set up by the countertenor David Bates, who leaps exuberantly from organ to conducting-stand and even supplies an extra voice, it makes music very much in the spirit of its founder: extrovert, free-spirited and alive to every sob, sigh and smile in these extraordinary chronicles of love's

torments and compensations. What you don't get is ultimate precision. Bates seems to have adopted as his motto Miss Jean Brodie's maxim: "safety does not come first". There were a few moments, such as the terrific polyphonic scramble in the *Ballo Tirsi e Clori*, when the ensemble seemed to hang together on a thread and a prayer.

But I would much rather experience that than the pristine but stillborn direction of conductors who demand rigorous obedience to their party line and stifle their singers' individuality in the process. Indeed, one of Nuova Musica's strengths is the interpretative liberty given to singers (Helen-Jane Howells, Esther Brazil, Thomas Herford, James Arthur and particularly Simon Wall, stealing the show with Ferrari's ranting *Amanii, lo vi so dire*) who really understand this florid early Baroque style, and who use the embellishments not to show off but to heighten the emotional impact.

In Christ Church's opulent acoustics some pieces need more air between the notes: most instrumental textures were smoothed into a wash of sound. But what a wash! And what an imaginatively programmed concert, in which Monteverdi's madrigals, choruses from Caccini's *Euridice* and other early 17th-century pieces were melded into unbroken sequences, speaking as directly today as they did to audiences 400 years ago.

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Hope springs eternal for these beautiful dreamers

spends the day at Clothes Show Live, the Holy Grail of every wannabe model's aspirations

You could be forgiven for thinking the 150,000 girls (and a few parents and boyfriends) who will visit Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre (NECC) for the Clothes Show Live are there for the fashion. While once they might have come for the miles of stands dedicated to clothes, beauty products and hair care, today an increasing number of visitors are there to try to realise their dreams of being models. "Without a doubt, a lot of visi-

tors of a certain age come because they want to be a model and they want to be spotted," Gavin Brown, managing director of Clothes Show Live. "It has become the UK's premiere event for scouting; some come hoping to be discovered as the next Cat Dealey or Vernon Kay, both of whom were spotted here." The company that spotted them, Select Models, has been the official agency of the event for the past 15 years and has become an increasingly important part of the whole event. Two years ago, it

plucked Nina Porter from the Birmingham crowd to be the face of Burberry. This year, among the thousands of hopefuls, it are hoping to find two models in particular, one to be the next "face" of the agency and the other is to find the next "face" of the Clothes Show Live. The event started in 1989, as a spin-off from the now defunct TV programme and since then has welcomed an estimated 3.5 million fashion lovers. Today, as our nation's obsession with *The X-Factor* provides an outlet for those who want to have their unfulfilled talent discovered, so the Clothes Show Live has become the venue for thousands of girls hoping that their as-yet-undiscovered beauty is noticed.

Just watching the Select stand you see a stream of wannabes, ranging from the poignant to the uncomfortable, hovering around the stand. One fashionably-dressed girl with pretty, girl-next-door looks walks slowly past the stand, stopping each time as though looking for someone. After her third, solitary catwalk, she wanders off. Then an eager, overly-made-up mother approaches with her rosy-cheeked daughter, seemingly keen that her daughter's beauty be recognised. She is (politely) sent away.

Throughout the day the agency organises shows with some of the models on their books and presentations from staff on a small stage in the main room. Then things get worse, with at least a hundred girls converging at the stand. Some are beautiful, some strangely orange, all of them, however, want to be models. In fact the workers manning the stand have to use a megaphone to disperse the crowd, reminding them that they have to be approached, rather than approach the stand, to make it as a model. Indeed it seems that those who want to be models rarely make the strict grade that fashion demands. The agency says it's keen to distance itself from the cold reputation of the fashion industry and let them down gently.

"The ones that want to be spotted gravitate towards the stand," says Susannah Hooker, Head of New Faces at Select. "Some come year after year, hoping to be spotted, even though they never will. You have to be extremely tactful. At the end of the day, these are young girls." The company's scouts patrol the floor of the venue from 9am to 6.30pm every day of the show. Girls that are seen to have potential are approached, given a card and asked, if interested, to visit the stall. There, they are photographed and have their height measured (you have to be or have the potential to be 5'9") and fill in a form of their and, if they're under 18, their parents' details. "They might be sitting on the floor with friends; they might be in the queue for the toilet," says Hooker. "If they're coming out of the fashion theatre you can have 4,000 girls streaming towards you and you might just have a split second there



Rosie Tappin, centre, after being spotted at Clothes Show Live
JOHN LAWRENCE

Some of the stars of Clothes Show Live

Vernon Kay, right, was a hygiene operative with the local council when scouted by Select models. He went on to appear in the model documentary *Babe Watch*, which launched his career as a presenter

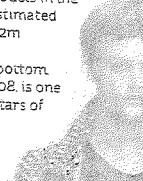


Although she is still at school she is in the latest Burberry campaign and has featured in *Vogue*

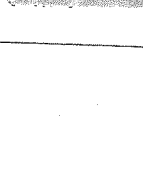
Lisa Ratcliffe was spotted at the show in 1999. At the time she was working as a dental nurse, but quickly leapt to being labelled *The Face of the Millennium* by the media



Cat Dealey, right, was discovered at Clothes Show Live, despite sporting, in her own words, 'the most hellish nightmare perm and dodgy clothes'. She is now a hugely successful TV personality on both sides of the Atlantic



Nina Porter, bottom, spotted in 2002, is one of the rising stars of the British modelling scene



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When John "Ben" Gunn was a child he killed a boy. A troubled 14-year-old living in a children's home, he got into a fight with a friend and hit him over the head with a piece of wood. Gunn called 999, was arrested and accused of GBH as the other boy was taken to hospital. Four days later the boy died. Gunn was charged with murder. If someone had told him what manslaughter was story might have ended decades ago. But he took his barrister's advice to plead guilty to murder and was ordered to be detained during Her Majesty's Pleasure with the tariff (the length of time he had to serve for retribution and deterrence before he could be considered for release) set at ten years. Thirty years later Gunn has a degree in history and politics, a master's in peace and reconciliation and is working towards a PhD in "human needs theory" in prisons. He is extremely bright, writes clearly and has become a well-known blogger. And he is still in prison. At the age of 45, he has never seen a day of freedom as an adult.

As the Justice Secretary Ken Clarke pledges to reduce the number of people we incarcerate and focus harder on rehabilitation, the story of Gunn is a timely reminder of the bizarre, baffling and epic nature of the journeys that some criminals make through a prison system clogged with obstacles to freedom and riddled with dead-ends.

Michael Gove, the Education Secretary, and a Conservative political activist called Robin Horsley, who is one of Gove's constituents, have asked Clarke for a review of the "seemingly shocking" case "as it appears that an extremely intelligent, remorseful man has been punished excessively for a crime committed as a child". Gove wrote that he hoped that his letter might "prompt this gentleman's release".

That is not going to happen just yet. Clarke wrote back to say that he was awaiting the recommendation of the Parole Board. Since then the board has recommended that Gunn be moved to an open prison and this week he was informed that the Ministry of Justice has accepted the board's recommendation. His next parole hearing will be in 2012 and if all goes well then he will be released.

Gunn, however, has been here before. He once made it as far as an open prison, but from there he was shifted back to a higher security jail when he chafed against the regime. "Kafkaesque" is an overused expression, but it is hard not to reach for it when examining what has happened to Gunn.

He has become one of Britain's best-known prisoners because of his blog in which he writes about prison life and the abuses of power he perceives in jails. Blogging is the latest manifestation of a refusal to conform that is the key to understanding why he is still behind bars.

He and his many supporters, including Gove, argue that he is no threat to the public and his difficult nature is not reason enough to keep him in jail. "It is not unique for prisoners to serve years and years over their tariff," says one of his legal advisers. "But he is unique in that there are no reasons for

him to have been in that long" Lord Ramsbotham, the former Chief Inspector of Prisons, has campaigned on his behalf, saying that "those of us who are interested in Gunn's case have lost count of the number of letters that have been written about his possible release".

Born the youngest of seven children, John Gunn (he was nicknamed Ben in prison when he grew a beard like the *Treasure Island* pirate) grew up in South Wales, where he and his siblings would "run wild and free". But after his mother died he went to live with an older sister and ended up being put into care by his father. One day his teenage anger exploded in a fight with a friend and fellow inhabitant of the children's home, with disastrous consequences.

Gunn does not dwell on whether his barrister should have sought a manslaughter conviction. "I killed a human being! This is a weight that never gets lighter and as I grew up, the more I appreciated what I had done. It is a debt that can never be repaid, a wrong that cannot be righted." He is haunted by dreams, especially around the anniversary of his crime, of his victim returning to be avenged and of meeting the boy's family. "All I can do is try and live a good life, to decry violence and, in some moral sense, add something to the world through my existence and actions."

He says that "the central pillar of my existence comes from my reaction to my crime. In a sense, I view it as being an abuse of power. I recoiled from what I had done and, as a result, all my adult life I have loathed abuses of power. Not only in myself, but in others."

"Obviously, I live in an institution that rests on power and so all of my adult life I have challenged and resisted abuses of power around me. I don't roll out of bed in the morning looking to pick pointless arguments with management, but if they act in ways that I believe are an abuse of power, then I feel compelled to challenge them. Always non-violently."

He claims that he has met only one prison governor who knows the rule books as well as he does and he ties up prison officers' time, sometimes for months, challenging the way that they run prisoners' lives and helping fellow prisoners fight low-level "adjudications" on misdemeanour charges "as if they could end in execution". He is general secretary of the Association of Prisoners, a group that is attempting to set up prisoner unions throughout the nation's jails. A member of his legal team says that he has had endless setbacks on the road to release because "all the Parole Board has to go on are the reports from prison. He constantly questions authority and exposes the futility of the system."

If he had done what officers wanted him to do he would probably have been out years ago. Michael Gove suggested that there is "perhaps a self-destructive element in his make-up, because the prison authorities always have a misdemeanour to report, some serious (never violent), some trite, to prevent parole being granted".

Gunn admits that "it can be fairly said that I am 'difficult'. Not violent, rarely disruptive, but challenging and questioning. In a 'total institution' that ultimately rests upon brute force for compliance, a man who questions is never going to be seen as a positive force. To say they have kept me in because of my attitude sounds trite, but in a sense it is true. They demand mindless compliance—I cannot give it." One particularly self-destructive failure to

comply was when he was sent to open prison in 2005, with the expectation of being free within a couple of years. He wanted to study for a PhD but says that he was told to work in a charity shop instead. He refused and was sent back to a higher-security prison.

He has also had moves to open prison rejected because he was found to have a mobile-phone charger in his room. His legal team say that he was not using the phone for criminal purposes but to talk to a woman whom he loved. It is understood that he has had relationships with three women while he has been in jail, one of whom lost her job when it was discovered.

It has been alleged that he had a relationship with a teacher who was working at the prison, but he declines to confirm or deny a romantic relationship and will say only that he met a woman called Alex who used to work at the prison and that they have stayed in touch and she is the editor of his blog. His dispatches are sent out by mail and then posted on the blog site.

Whatever Gunn and his supporters think of the validity of the reasons for the Parole Board knocking him back over the years, at least there were reasons. More mystifying were the decisions of Secretaries of State, including Michael Howard and Jack Straw, to reject the Parole Board's recommendation to move him to an open prison. He accuses Straw, the previous Justice Secretary, of "continuing the facile and simplistic populism of Michael Howard". The Ministry of Justice will not comment on individual prisoners.

I get one of his supporters to ask him if there could be something on his file that has precluded his release. "I am not a conspiracy-minded man. I don't think there is a Post-it on my file that says 'bastard—don't let him go'. But that said, I think I unsettle them because they can't get the measure of me. I came in at 14 and I'm 45. I should be an emotional f---up, a psychological disaster of a human being."

The Ministry of Justice says that "open prisons are the most effective means of ensuring prisoners are tested in the community before they are released. To release prisoners directly from a closed prison without the resettlement benefits of the open estate would lead to higher levels of reoffending. Prisoners are rigorously risk-assessed and categorised as being of low risk to the public before being placed in open conditions. Prisoners are placed in open prisons to find work, re-establish family ties, safely reintegrate into the community and address housing needs. For long-term prisoners these are essential components for successful resettlement."

Now he is heading to an open prison Gunn intends to be "far more flexible and communicative" than he was last time. He desperately wants to be free. The news from the Parole Board came just as he was digesting the news that he has prostate cancer. "To be so close to gaining release and then having that shadow cast over my life gives rise to complicated feelings that I have yet to unravel and get to grips with," he says.

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Opposite: John "Ben" Gunn as a 10-year-old Below: the Justice Secretary Ken Clarke



He realises that as a high-profile prisoner he may find that when he is free he goes "from being a minor somebody to an absolute nobody" but he is optimistic that he'll be able to occupy himself meaningfully through work on prison-reform issues.

I had wanted to talk to Gunn face to face and was given approval by the Governor of HMP Shepton Mallet to visit him last week. I sat in the waiting room with the relatives and friends of some of the other 170 "lifers". There was a hitch. A junior member of the prison staff, seeing a journalist on the list of visitors, called the Ministry of Justice press office, which blocked me from seeing Gunn. The governor, who had interpreted the rules differently, sent his deputy down to apologise and to say that he was embarrassed.

It was harder to meet Gunn in a jail than it is to interview an inmate in Death Row in Texas, a straightforward process. Gunn sent me letters with answers to questions I had passed to friends of his who could visit. He said he was "spitting" at the way our meeting was blocked and bemoaned the way that the Prison Service and ministry "expended a lot of effort attempting to keep the media away".

Even if I had been allowed in to talk to Gunn I wouldn't have been able to take a camera. The only photograph that exists of him was taken when he was 10. Despite the thousands of words that are posted on the internet in his name we have no idea what he looks like. Apparently the pirate facial hair has gone, to be replaced by a neater beard and Gandhi-style glasses.

If he plays by the rules over the next 18 months and walks free, he will enjoy doing many things that his blog readers take for granted. One will be posing for a photo. No doubt he'll post it on his blog, so that the man known as prisoner A876LAN will have a face.

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Dear deidre

She's old, overseas and an ex-con – can it work?



Deidre's photo casebook
DAVID'S IN A HURRY BUT I WAS WONDERING IF YOU HAD TIME FOR SOME FUN?

DON'T TELL ME, PENNY. THE OVULATION TESTER CHANGED COLOUR. OF COURSE I'VE GOT TIME

SORRY, SHOW IT'S NOT YET REMAINING OUT THE HOUSE TO MAKE LOVE WHEN THE TEST SAYS I'M OVULATING

IT'S FINE, I UNDERSTAND

I UNDERSTAND WE HAVE TO MAKE LOVE TO ORDER OR GO TO WORK FIRST

THEY SAID YOU WERE A MENTOR. BUT YOU'VE MADE ME FEEL LIKE I'M A MENTOR TOO

Dear Deidre I'M 41 had sex and it was amazing – really sweet and loving. It was a first for me. We had been through a lot together over the 18 months she was in prison for six months so we wrote to each other every day. I met her family while I was over there and they were all very welcoming. The age thing didn't seem to bother them. The holidays I had with her was the best two weeks of my life. I am stuck in a dead-end

job and the only thing that brought me back to the UK was my family here. Should I move to Canada to be with her permanently? Or am I too young to make such a drastic change in my life? I could expand my horizons over there but I think my family would be against it. I know you've talked online and had a great holiday together but that is very different from the demands of real day-to-day life. And if she has been in prison, that suggests she has some

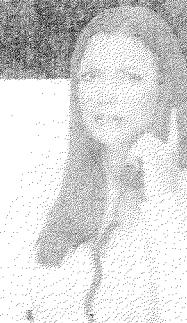
serious problems – you could be taking on much more than you can cope with. And you can't just emigrate at the drop of a hat. You have to fit the bill of what they want. Test the water for longer. Have a few more trips out there and see whether you still feel the same about one another. If it's going to work there should be no rush. I'm sending you my best on holiday romances to help you look at this relationship without the rose-tinted glasses.

SON USES MY NAME, NOT 'DAD'

Dear Deidre My son calls me by my first name because his main has said he has new partner is Dad. It fears me apart. I'm 28 and my little boy is four. I only managed to get contact last spring. His mum was with this guy she's been with for two years and my son has been brought up to call him Dad. He had been told I am his real dad but I think it's confusing him. When I first saw him again he called if he could call me Dad. I said, "Call me whatever you like," because I don't want to rock the boat. But soon he just calls me by my name and I worry he thinks I'm just a friend. DEIDRE SAYS: It's great you're back in contact with your son, but the confusion could be confusing him. Can you name of another name you would be happy with? Could you be Dad or Daddy? That way a child with him, explaining you were the daddy with his mummy when she had him – and that you love him. DEIDRE SAYS: I don't want to rock the boat and keep his mum single. But you can work his mum about your relationship.

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Do age-gap matter?
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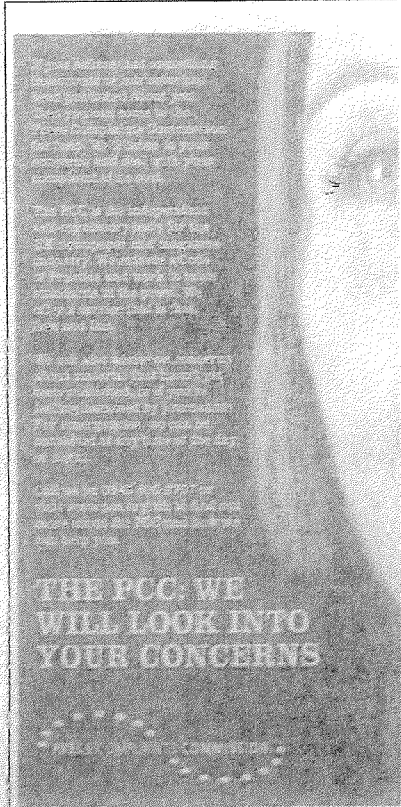


Sex life's all wrong since our holiday

Dear Deidre I WENT on holiday with my girlfriend expecting the sex to be great, but didn't climax once. We're both 24. I'm insecure about my performance though she always said I was great. But now we're back, I finish too soon. My girlfriend said, "Hard, you finished already," which made me feel awful. Now she won't have sex as she feels bad that she made me feel so bad. DEIDRE SAYS: What a tangle. Maybe you just felt under pressure to have perfect sex, or anything felt unusual, which can be enough to block normal responsiveness. Not having climaxed for so long, it would be normal to climax quickly once you felt relaxed again. Tell your girlfriend you both need to stop being over-sensitive. The premature ejaculation will probably sort itself once you get back to regular sex, but an advice line would explain what help.

TORN OFF A STRIP

Dear Deidre MY husband went to a lap-dancing club and I think he's a pervert. I'm 40 and my husband is 42. He is a garage mechanic and last week he went out with the younger mechanics to a strip club to celebrate one of the lads' 16th birthday. I said he was a pervert but he told me he didn't get turned on by the dancers. DEIDRE SAYS: Lap-dancing clubs degrade the women who work in them and encourage terrible attitudes among men. And you and I are not going to blame them but you should be as if your husband was dragged along by his workmates when it's not his scene at all. If he had something to hide, would he have talked to you about it? If this was a one-off and your relationship is good, I suggest you let it go.



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I'M IN DEBTS OF DESPAIR

Dear Deidre I NEVER owed a penny until my brother went bankrupt – and now he's dragged me down with him. I'm 30 and I live in a council flat. Just two years ago I led a good life. I worked, paid all my bills on time and was happy. My brother then asked whether I could give him some money because he was in financial trouble. I took out a loan from my bank for £20,000 – although I don't know what he did with it. My brother said he would pay me back but my bank harassed me and he was in court. He lost everything. He said he was in debt only because he was in court. He said he was in debt only because he was in court. He said he was in debt only because he was in court.

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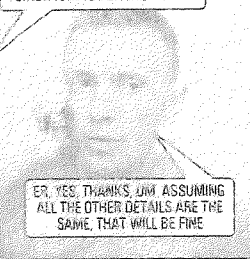
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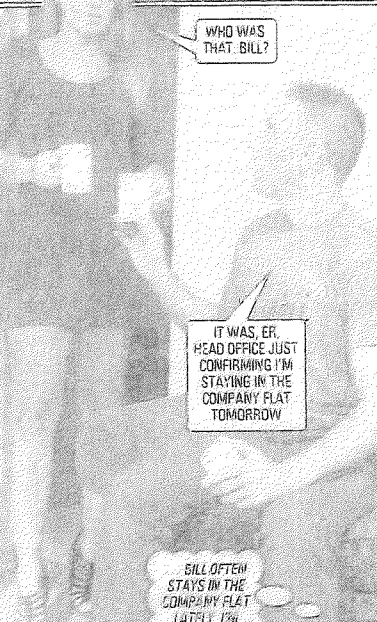
HEART'S BLEED / MOUTH BITE



I'M SO SORRY, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO CHANGE YOUR GIRL FOR TOMORROW. IS ROSANNA OKAY?



ER, YES, THANKS, I'M ASSUMING ALL THE OTHER DETAILS ARE THE SAME. THAT WILL BE FINE



WHO WAS THAT, BILL?

IT WAS, ER, HEAD OFFICE JUST CONFIRMING I'M STAYING IN THE COMPANY FLAT TOMORROW

BILL OFTEN STAYS IN THE COMPANY FLAT LATELY. I'M SURE HE COULD MAKE IT HOME IF HE REALLY TRIED



Dear Deidre I SPLIT UP with my wife after finding her in bed with my best mate. Now I'm with her pal, she's stopped me seeing my kids. I am devastated.

I am 27 and was with my missus for five years. We had two girls who are now three. I love them to bits.

I came home early one day because I felt as if I was getting the flu. I heard noises

upstairs and thought it was my wife with the girls so I went up intending to take some aspirin and go to bed.

How wrong I was. The girls were with our neighbour and my wife was in bed with my mate and making enough racket to lift the roof.

The three of us stood there with our mouths open when the next thing he was pulling his trousers on. My wife was yelling at me to get out.

We split up and I am told she and my former pal are planning to marry. Meanwhile, I have

been seeing her best friend who came round to the bedsit I moved into. She heard I was taking her and we always got on well. I cried on her shoulder and one thing led to another.

But as soon as my wife got to hear about our relationship she stopped me seeing our girls. My children are my world.

I have seen a solicitor but things are moving slowly. The kids will be strangers soon. I want them to know I am their dad and I love them.

DEIDRE SAYS: It's appalling your wife would ever think of

using the kids to get her own back on you. It's cruel to them even more than you. They need to know their dad loves them.

Tell your wife you want the girls left out of your life and ask her to help you find a fair solution (0445 600627, familymediationhelps.co.uk).

I've written a free Kids In The Middle guide for parents who are separating. You can download it or order copies online at <http://tiny.cc/6wqps> or phone 0345 60 022 60. Ask your GP to read it too.

WHY DO I HATE KIDS CRYING?

Dear Deidre

I AM married with three kids, one with a baby. I love them very much but I can't stand them when they cry.

I am 30 and my wife is 32. We have a two-year-old, a three-year-old and a six-month-old baby.

I have problems being patient with them. I hate them when they won't stop crying and find myself getting really angry.

I try to control myself but it doesn't work. I want to be able to love them when they are crying so well as to control them but the notes just overwhelm me.

DEIDRE SAYS: The crying of babies and young children is designed by nature to be hard to ignore - so that we will rush to look after them.

But it makes you feel overwhelmed, it may be because your crying time often ignored when you were young. You over-identify with the unhappy child, instead of treating like a separate adult.

Don't leave things to get worse. Talk to a counsellor about ways of coping better (0200 600 2222, www.helping.org.uk).

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For the sports book in sex?
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Sounding better and?
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Abusive partner?
02067 577 165
When partner don't get on?
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TOO SHY IN SACK

Dear Deidre I AM a 21-year-old boy and my girlfriend was really good. I love her but when it comes to sex she is shy.

I am 20 and she is 22. I am not feeling like sex all the time and I know she is not doing it because she is shy. I have had things with other girls but it has been more than a year and each time she just the same.

There must be some way of building my sexual confidence so I can join in and let her know how much I love her.

DEIDRE SAYS: It's not very nice about sexual confidence when young and that's why because we don't seem to know what to do.

We think it should be automatic but the truth is we are not born with it. It's a skill and it's one that you can learn. The advice line today (0200 600 6000) will help you develop confidence.

Little confidence over being short

Dear Deidre

I AM a 19-year-old boy and only 5'11" but I am so depressed about it. I don't go out with friends any more.

People used to say I was sociable and great to party with. I recall being like that but I haven't been out in months. College years are meant to be fun but mine are boring.

Being short has wrecked my confidence - girls laugh and I get asked for ID. I have spent a small fortune on online scams offer-

ing to make me taller. I hate feeling like this but what can I do?
DEIDRE SAYS: There's no safe permanent way to increase your height artificially though you may still grow more. But it's not the real problem. You used to be a party animal and you weren't tall then. Something has changed and left you depressed. Arrange to see the college counsellor or contact Get Connected who help under-25s to uncover the real problem (0200 600 6000, getconnected.org.uk).

TAKEN FOR A RIDE BY LAZY FELLA

Dear Deidre I OVERHEARD my 15-year-old boyfriend telling his mate he had sex with a girl on our sofa while I was in bed with our youngest. I feel I've realised how glibly I am.

I am 33 and have kids of eight and ten. My boyfriend is 26. He plays his PS3 and drinks cans every night. He says he is going to look for work but never does.

Meanwhile, I have three part-time jobs. He says I work too much but I tell him someone has to.

He goes on at the local night. He is so picking on me. He has kids. He feels sorry for himself and says I don't love him or know him. I don't know I am for real. I don't

want him here but I can't bring myself to tell him to leave because I start feeling sorry for him.
DEIDRE SAYS: I know what I really need is a kick up the backside.
DEIDRE SAYS: If you can't bring yourself to change your life for your own sake, think about the children. They are learning that it's not acceptable to play on around and drink and work at their wives. Women are bullied and work their socks off. I am sure this is not how you want their lives to be. It's likely they will do you down. Break the pattern and show them that you can be strong.

As a woman, you can find free online counselling help through the website www.helping.org.uk.

Every problem gets a personal reply free of charge. Email problems to deidre@thesun.co.uk or write to Deidre Sampson, Freepost, The Sun, London E9B 1AX (enclosing SAE)

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Dear Deidre

I fear holiday fling will end up on Facebook

Dear Deidre I HAD a fling with a girl on holiday and now I'm scared she'll write something on my Facebook wall and ruin my chances with the girl I really like.

I'm 21 and was a gorgeous girl online. I bonded straight away, constantly texting and phoning each other and we've arranged to meet next month. However my sister lives in Spain and I've already booked a

week over there. Before I went I told her I'd miss her and she's the only one to my heart.

My sister had some friends staying there and I got really friendly with one of them.

She was very funny when she was drunk and she kept telling me how fit I was and how she fancied me.

One evening I had a lot to drink and I ended up in bed together.

I was so drunk I can't remember much about it. But I felt terrible the next day for cheating on my girl. I thought

was just a fling but my sister's friend is back here now. She has been texting me asking me to meet up. She said she likes me and wants a relationship with me. I turned her down and now she's on my case.

Both girls are on my Facebook and I'm terrified the girl I like will find out about the holiday sex.

I feel very guilty. I know I was still single but if I really liked someone I'd feel terrible if they did that to me.

DEIDRE SAYS: Stop feeling guilty. You haven't even met

your future girl and you're in the position where you know you can't have a real relationship with her.

Texting and flirting online just isn't the same as face-to-face contact.

Meet her and see how things go. If you and the girl do get together you can make promises to each other about being faithful.

Be honest. Although you make it clear to the holiday girl that there's definitely no future.

Watch how much you drink in future so you don't make similar mistakes.

HE HIT ME FOR BEING 'IMPURE'

Dear Deidre My boyfriend calls me a slut and a whore because I had sex with two men before him.

I'm 20 but I was 18 when I had sex with my first boyfriend and had a one-night stand after that. My boyfriend was aggressive and violent when I told him.

In our culture we are brought up to save sex until we are married so I guess he's right.

After that he was being and loving, but I had sex I didn't already know she guy I had the one-night stand with, because I was scared of how he would react. He threw me out again. I still see being punished like a naughty child.

Now he's very controlling, paranoid and angry, but I know we love one another.

My culture says: Whatever your culture, there is no excuse for violence, and he's a hypocrite, since he's having sex himself when you're not wanted.

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SEX-LIFE SLUMP

Dear Deidre I feel my sex life is in a slump. I don't know how to get back to 20 and I don't know if we've decided to have a baby. My partner is 30 and I'm 28. I just want to know if it's normal to feel like this. I don't know if I should be worried. I don't know if I should be worried. I don't know if I should be worried.

Wife wants to ditch my beloved puppy

Dear Deidre OUR children begged for a dog, so last year we got a puppy. At first everyone loved him but then the kids lost interest and now my wife hates him and wants to get rid of him.

She moans about dog hair, chewing and barking. It's just a small, normal affectionate dog and I think she's overreacting. He's playful and happy with me and I'd hate to lose him. I know for sure we'd all miss him because we re-homed him once before, then had to get him back. But I just can't placate my wife.

DEIDRE SAYS: Make sure you are the one who clears up the dog hair, feeds him and walks with him and walks with him. Go to proper dog training classes with him so he is well behaved at home and outside. That could make a real difference.

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Mum hasn't got a gambling problem but she's acting weird and I'm in bed. Dad's worried if he finds out I'm scared about what will happen.

One evening Dad wanted to place a bet online and my mum told him he couldn't because she'd used up the betting account limit. She said she had £50 but he was working so much overtime yet they never had any cash.

She admitted the real amount to me last. She says Dad would leave if he found out. She's terrified. I'll tell her the bank statements and has even thought of cutting part of them off. I know that if she tells him she's ruining our perfect family and my brother and I will suffer, but what can she do?

DEIDRE SAYS: I am afraid you mum is kidding herself and you are she is £3,000 in debt and has a serious gambling problem. Tell her the start of sorting this out is to tell your dad. It's the first time something like this has happened in my experience, he won't know his family very well is.

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MARTIN LEWIS
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SARAH HOWIE, Kent

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SCORE CHAMPIONSHIP Cotterill's desperate for a Chain reaction

PORTSMOUTH's reluctant owner Robert Cotterill dug into his pockets to sponsor this match.

But the Hong Kong millionaire would be better off dusting off his chequebook and helping boss Steve Cotterill bring in some much-needed reinforcements after Pompey slumped to a late defeat.

David Healy's 81st-minute winner was a cruel blow for the hosts, who had fought back from two goals down at half-time.

And Cotterill groaned: "We needed reinforcements a long time ago but it's no easier trying to find them."

Sloppy

"It is not about being swashbuckling and saying 'go and get yourself a few loanees'. We need to make sure whoever we bring in is better than what we have."

"We did enough in that game to win it — even after being 2-0 down — but three sloppy bits of defending have cost us."

"We gave ourselves a mountain to climb but when we got back to 2-2 there was only one team going to win it and then we conceded another sloppy goal."

Chairman, making a rare appearance in the Fratton Park directors' box, had hardly had time to take his seat when Greg Halford sent a right-foot piledriver crashing against the Doncaster bar.

And he would have struggled not to be

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impressed by Jamie Ashdown's superb fingertip save to turn James Hayter's 10th-minute snapshot wide.

But Donny's Hayter made no mistake on 15 minutes, sweeping home Healy's cross from eight yards.

And it looked all over 11 minutes later when James Coppinger raced on to Hayter's pass before beating Ashdown.

But Pompey hit back on 66 minutes as half-time sub Joel Ward fired his first goal for Pompey from John Utaka's cross.

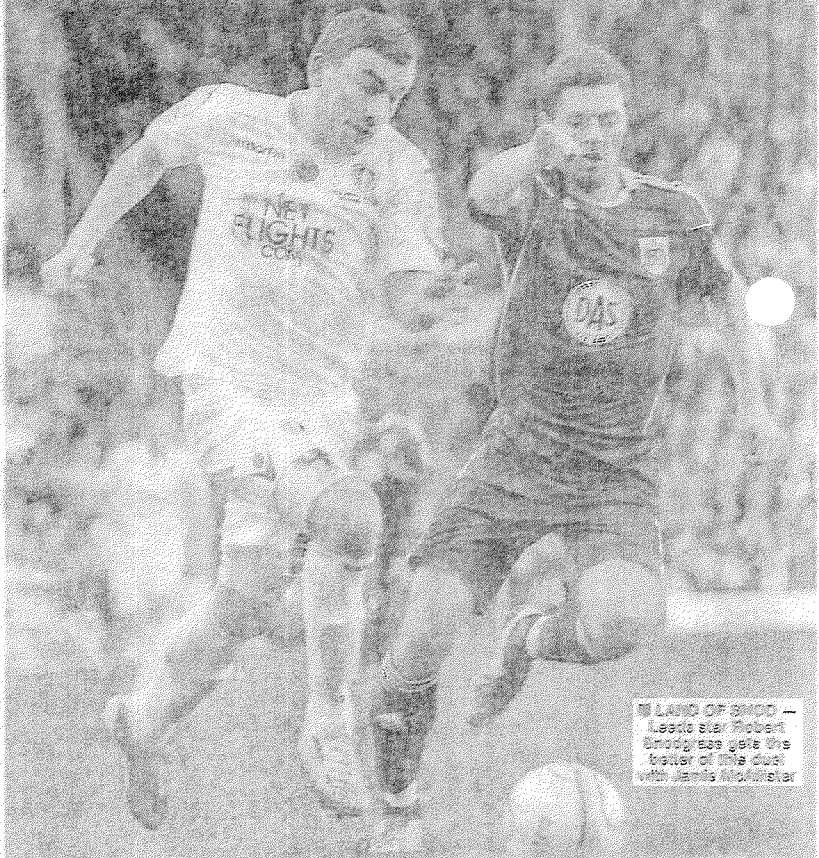
Then, 15 minutes from time, David Nugent showed great improvisation to haul the hosts level.

Donny keeper Neil Sullivan flapped at a Utaka cross and Nugent poked the ball past him before rolling it over the line with his body whilst lying on the ground.

Loan star Healy, though, had the final say with an 18-yard finish and Pompey's misery was compounded two minutes from time when defender Carl Dickinson saw red for a reckless lunge on Hayter.

Rovers boss Sean O'Driscoll said: "David Healy has come in and done better than some people expected. He has got his enthusiasm back."

BECC TO FUTURE



LAND OF BLOOD — Leeds star Robert Snodgrass gets the better of this duel with Leeds midfielder

THE frustration levels were rising around Elland Road when Luciano Becchio slipped off his perch after an hour.

Leeds had been struggling to open up a resolute Bristol City rearguard — and the prospect of a fifth home match without a win looked increasingly likely.

But enter the Argentinian — and everything changed as he struck a 23-minute header to secure a triumph that lifted the Yorkshire club into fifth spot in the table.

Becchio headed Leeds in front after 66 minutes — and though Jon Stead replied within two minutes, the South American grabbed his second from close range just 120 seconds later before sealing his treble with another header with seven minutes remaining.

Battered

Becchio had poked up a blood-curdying goal for Leeds on Tuesday — the victim of an elbow by Ian Ashbee that went unpunished — but now he was picking up his first match bill in English football.

Leeds boss Simon Grayson, who had opted to start with Davide Somma at the head of his 4-2-3-1 formation, said: "Luciano was selected today because of being battered from illness to bust over the last few games playing as a lone striker — we felt he needed a defender."

They were tactical decisions into the deal for him and he was there to do the job and make the full use of his natural qualities. He has worked so hard for his football club — Becchio's goal now will do to

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up the 26-year-old on a new contract, with his present deal expiring at the season's end.

Becchio's treble drew a line under a frustrating run of home results for Leeds, who had taken just one point from their previous four outings at Elland Road.

They created only one clear opening in the first half. After ten minutes, following some neat approach play by Neil Kilkenny and Johnny Hovson, Somma drove in a left-footed shot but David James turned behind at full stretch.

James' only other save came when Louis Carey nearly put Robert Snodgrass' ensuing low cross into his own net.

While centre-back Liam Fontaine's winning header after header, City displayed the resilience that had brought a five-game unbeaten run to its conclusion.

They might even have topped the table in the 27th minute through Jon Stead's 20-yard tap header. Robert Snodgrass's header, however, was

instead, only saved the day as the visitors' three, according to Robson, was a result of the game's tactical changes made by both

sides around the hour-mark. While Grayson sent on Becchio and Lloyd Sam to inject some rest, Millen was forced to replace injured captain Carey with Mickey Hume.

Millen said: "We looked as if we were going to hold out but our injury and the substitutions had a massive bearing on the game."

Within 60 seconds of Hume's introduction, he was beaten in the air by Becchio, who powered a header past James from Snodgrass' cross.

City levelled when Albert Adomah got past George McCann down the Leeds left and fired in a low cross that Stead turned home at the near post — but Becchio soon restored the visitors' lead.

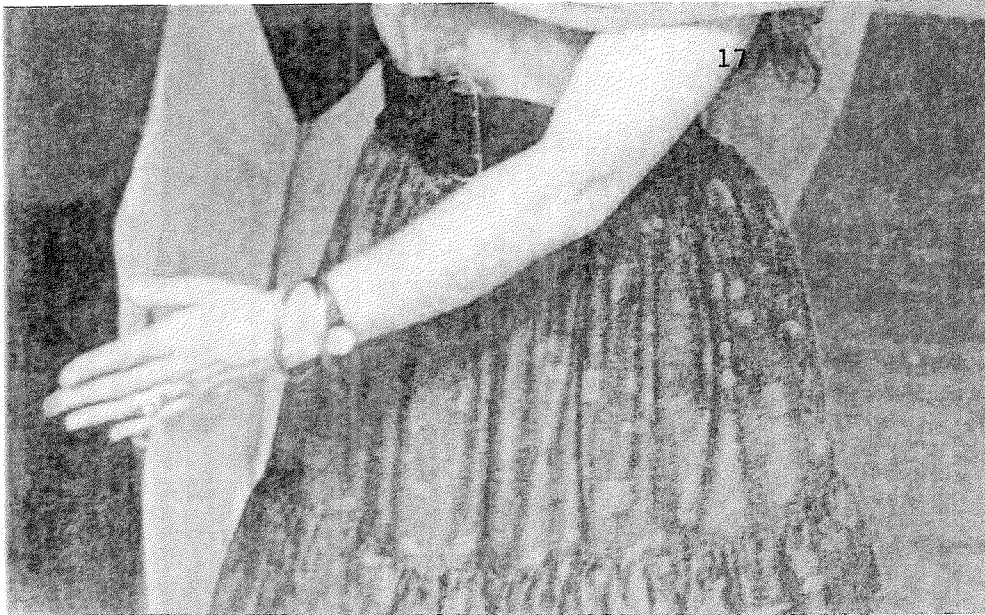
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Sam was given too much space to spot-guard the goal end, while James could only bluff. Becchio slid in on the left of the six-yard box and squashed the ball back under the keeper and across the line.

Millen added: "We struggled to deal with Becchio — and Sam on the left — and Leeds took more of a possession game in the latter half."

Becchio sealed his treble with seven minutes from time when the former Bristol player's left-footed shot curled in to beat David James. The Argentinian header, the last of his

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In her teens, Falaise studied with the Hungarian ballet coach Maria Fay. She wanted to learn the Vaganova method, developed in Russia in the Twenties, it is thought to give Russian dancers their distinctive gracefulness. Falaise was desperate to dance like her heroines, the Bolshoi and Kirov ballerinas she saw at performances in London. This was, after all, the mid-Sixties. Ballet fever in London was at its height, fuelled by the mesmerising partnership of Rudolf Nureyev and Margot Fonteyn.

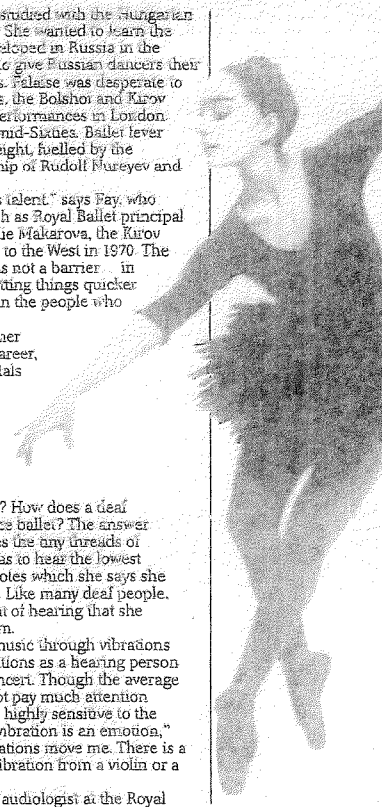
"I saw her enormous talent," says Fay, who has taught dancers such as Royal Ballet principal Wayne Sleep and Ntalia Makarova, the Kirov ballerina who defected to the West in 1970. The deafness, she says, "was not a barrier - in many cases she was getting things quicker and more precisely than the people who could hear."

At 16, Falaise began her professional dancing career, touring European capitals with established dance companies. She was obsessed by dance. "I just danced, because that is my natural way of communicating," she says.

So how did she do it? How does a deaf person manage to dance ballet? The answer is complex. Falaise uses the tiny threads of residual hearing she has to hear the lowest notes in music - low notes which she says she "treasures very much". Like many deaf people, she has a small amount of hearing that she utilises to the maximum.

Falaise also senses music through vibrations - much the same vibrations as a hearing person will sense in a loud concert. Though the average hearing person may not pay much attention to this, deaf people are highly sensitive to the slightest vibration. "A vibration is an emotion," Falaise explains. "Vibrations move me. There is a difference between a vibration from a violin or a drum, for instance."

Crystal Rolfe, senior audiologist at the Royal



Medical Institute for Deaf People, concurs: "Someone who is deaf can sense sounds through vibrations. Depending on how much hearing they have, a person may also be able to hear some of the beat of the sounds in dances, and some of the low notes in the music."

It may be difficult for people who are not deaf to comprehend how Falaise experiences the emotional power of the music she dances to. But however she does it, the proof of her ability is in her success.

After a hugely successful career as a ballerina, Falaise turned to choreography and teaching. Nowadays, living in the Malvern Hills with her husband, Paul Leo, a local government officer, she is keen to encourage deaf and other disabled people to take up dance. She says deaf students of dance can be taught to develop a fine sensitivity to the vibrations in music, from hearing live (rather than taped) instruments, and they can also be taught to observe closely and copy the teacher's movements instead of relying on spoken instructions - a technique that has served her well.

Falaise believes the most important thing in dance is for the student to love it. She wants to use imaginative stories, myths and poetry in teaching deaf students, in order to encourage their imagination.

And though she still adores ballet, Falaise's approach to teaching dance has developed in different directions over the years. "I always taught ballet and pointe work, but now I am less interested in the technical aspect of dance and more interested in fostering self-development. What interests me is dance that grows from within," she says.

"My love for dance will never fade, it is in my blood."

For information about dance for deaf and disabled people visit <http://www.sadlerswells.com/page/deaf-dance>

businessman and outspoken. That heroic life was dead. He was 73. "He was a huge personality and my best friend," says Amanda, 36. Although the MP's death received a lot of press coverage - he'd been a colourful figure in Westminster politics - the condition that killed him did not. It was pulmonary fibrosis, a nasty lung illness in which previously healthy lung tissue gradually becomes thickened and scarred (fibrous), so that the lungs eventually solidify. The victim often dies of a heart attack while struggling for breath.

Five thousand people a year in Britain are diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis, most of them over 60. It's becoming more common, and we have no idea why," says Professor Richard Hubbard, who is leading a team researching the illness at Nottingham University. "When they get a diagnosis people often say, 'Well, thank God it's not lung cancer,' but cancer can be treated. This can't." Before his sudden breathlessness, Evans's only problem had been a dry cough for several months. Symptoms such as these often get mistaken for other forms of lung disease, but in his case a chest scan at his local hospital in April picked up the scarring. He was immediately admitted, given high doses of corticosteroid drugs to reduce inflammation and delay further scarring, and was also put on oxygen.

Why he developed the disease was a mystery. "He'd always been fit and never smoked," says Amanda. "He swam every day in our pool. He had a successful office cleaning business and he loved to go to work. Now he was attached to an oxygen tank by a

long plastic tube. The tube changed every two days. What he loved to do was to take his cracker spanner, even do that any more. To keep him mobile, I brought portable battery oxygen containers, each £3,000. In August, Ebor Professor Duncan Geddes said, 'You've got to let it be. There was a very sad moment when I said goodbyes to Gerry. My main goal was to be able to walk around the garden again.'

He loved to walk but he couldn't do that on...

in respiratory medicine at Brompton Hospital in London, accompanied by his brother, Gary, now 49. Geddes said, "You've got to let it be. There was a very sad moment when I said goodbyes to Gerry. My main goal was to be able to walk around the garden again."

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the perks of his job before he has to step down next year (albeit with an £800,000 pay-off and a £215,000 pension).

In Arel, the corporation's in-house magazine, a correspondent has registered his displeasure at seeing Byford sitting in the front row of the studio audience for an edition of *Later with Jools Holland*, which featured interviews with Paul McCartney and Max Stirner.

"How about offering those kind of seats to a member of the public, who pays for our organisation, and would love to have the opportunity that Mark undoubtedly enjoyed?" asks Paul Byford, who works at BBC Leeds.



INTERESTED PARTY
After the actress Penelope Wilton called on her compatriots to buck up over their use of English - one gripe was the lack of regard for present participles - Janina Khan, above, says common words are all too often being misused.

into extra time

Sir Ronald Harwood, the Oscar-winning writer of the film *The Pianist* and an inveterate smoker, crammed a dizzy amount into his diary ahead of an operation on his back at the London Clinic last week.

On Tuesday, the day after he attended the opening of his play *Heavenly Ivy* at the Ivy restaurant, he underwent his operation. The next day, he was walking, and, the day after that, back at home.

"I had it in my mind that it would all be over on Tuesday so suddenly I find myself with extra time on my hands," says Sir Ronald, who turned 76 on the day of his surgery.

Happily, he still has things to be getting on with, not least the opening next year of his stage play *Public Servants* about Fleish Wigman, the civil

servant who leaked reports of the Nazi threat to Sir Winston Churchill before the war. There is also the film adaptation of Sir Ronald's play *Quartet*, which Sir Ronald will direct. It will star Dame Maggie Smith.

"I know this makes me a odd pecker," says the former wife of Gordon Brown, "but it irks me when even clever friends misuse the word 'disinterested' when they mean 'uninterested'." Rather disappointingly, she goes on to say: "That said, my grammar's ---"

Sleep helps the heart

By Daily Telegraph Reporter

PEOPLE who get less than six hours sleep a night are at higher risk of heart attack and stroke, a study found.

Short nights lead to increased production of inflammatory hormones and changes in the way blood vessels function, researchers from Emory School of Medi-

cine in the United States discovered. In a study of more than 500 people, the shorter sleepers had up to 25 per cent higher levels of inflammatory hormones than those reporting between six and nine hours.

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Best show in London? It's on the cards

Cézanne's meticulous studies give his gamblers a human dignity, says Rachel Campbell-Johnston



Card Players, c 1891-96, by Paul Cézanne, was posed by workers on his family's estates

Visual art
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The Courtauld has turned into a gambling den. Its new exhibition, Cézanne's *Card Players*, assembles from collections the world over an all-but-comprehensive assemblage of the great post-impressionist's pictures of pipe-smoking card players. These certainly count among the most meticulous and complex canvases executed by the painter who was lazily dubbed by later modernists as the father of us all. This is a show that

combining visual magnificence and academic rigour, shows off the Courtauld at its very best.

Cézanne began work on this group of paintings in the early 1890s. He was in his early fifties and, living in his native Aix-en-Provence, he used peasant workers from his family estates to pose. It would have seemed at the time a conventional subject had he depicted them as rowdily disreputable card players. But Cézanne invests his subjects with a heroic dignity.

The project clearly meant a lot to him. His preparatory works — precise pencil drawings, rapid watercolour studies and rare oil sketches — reveal the depth of his interest in his sitters as people as well as his plans for more complex compositions.

The spectator is placed in the presence of a master who, with dogged intensity, is striving to explore the complexities of visual perception in a completely new way. His planes of colour, built up with small, delicately rendered brush marks, his forms boldly defined by the sinuous dark strokes of the draftsman, cohere together to form surfaces so exciting that they seem almost to vibrate as you look. Cézanne takes his viewers into an intriguing illusionistic world. He poses his sitters in his studio, often with one of his own canvases as a sketchy backdrop. What is real and what is representation, he invites us to wonder.

But the real impact of this show lies in the juxtapositions of images that have seldom if ever been hung together. The Courtauld's own pipe smoker, painted in a rich harmony of browns, grows beside a similarly monochromatic and very rarely tented canvas from a private collection done in colder blues and greys. A row of three related images of smokers, in which Cézanne starts with a psychologically intense close-up and then steps gradually backward, widening his perspective, is truly remarkable. The spectator can almost sense the searching gaze of a painter who, as new research discovers, did not necessarily progress as was previously thought from the complex to the simple, but, more traditionally, built up his more ambitious compositions gradually. To walk into this gambling den must surely be to walk into one of the finest rooms in London at the moment. From tomorrow to June 16

Concert Kovacevich 70th Wigmore Hall

Nobody wants to be 70. But if you have to be, then this is the way to do it. So said Stephen Kovacevich at the end of a banistering birthday party. There were roses, champagne and as many people as could fit on to the stage and into the Wigmore auditorium.

There was Brahms — and no ordinary Brahms with the Belcea Quartet in tow. And there was Bartók, the gigantic Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussion. Kovacevich, though sometimes barely visible, worked his way through magnificent performances of both. The Brahms Minor Piano Quintet were both big-bodied and movingly intimate with each player regenerating the music's impressioned energies.

When Marina Argerich appeared after the interval, the audience almost forgot whose birthday it was; and Kovacevich, asked being severely upstaged. But the musical rapport and mutually stoked intellectual fire of these two pianists is a wonder to behold. Both are never so happy as when they are playing chamber music. And there were the percussionists Colin Currie and Sam Walton on hand too. This was a real one-off performing history, drifting to hear in the intimacy of Wigmore Hall.

At the centre of the programme, the 23-year-old Georgian pianist Liana Buzadishvili, very obviously a protégée of Argerich, tossed back her mane of black hair, bent deep into the piano's heart and gave a performance of Liszt's B minor Sonata like a manic maelstrom of musical energy. I hope not too many new edges in this remarkable musician's panoply of interpretative daring will be smoothed away in maturity. Her fingers and brain are capable, it seems, of anything — excess included. Hilary Finch

Book of the week

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More First Night reviews
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Theatre The Lady from the Sea Royal Exchange, Manchester

Like the earlier A Dolls House or the later Hedda Gabler, *The Lady from the Sea* is an Ibsen play that revolves around a woman unhappy with her marriage. Granted, that's the crux of a summary for this story — like saying King Lear is about a dad with daughter-wives. In this strange, sea-odded mirror of the rational and the mystical, the title character, Hedda, is a high housekeeper's daughter, who has become the second wife of a decent doctor, Wangel. The locals in their towns trap a lot of by the fact called her 'The Lady from the Sea' to mock her otherworldly manner. And her longing for the sea is both ironic — she's miserably dry, longs for the salt on her once-drenched hair — and a symbol of her need for freedom.

The part of Elvira, the city girl who seduced Wangel, is played by the lovely and lovely Victoria Wood. And yet, how wonderfully she might be just of these families do to her that she is hard to hear, her husband's first wife, she gives us a character who has found her herself in the darkest of seas, which her child died. True, she says, Elvira is the one to be there. At she seems to be

only by her inwardness, more wet blanket than lady from the sea.

It strikes me as the wrong performance at the heart of an otherwise excellent production by Sarah Frankcom. Using minimal resources, the designer, Liz Ascroft, deftly creates the mood of the Wangel's home and garden. And this fine new version of the text by David Eldridge keeps the language lyrical, yet filled with a more exacting, Celine Stewart's Hedda, the younger of the two Wangel daughters, would like to pursue Samuel Collins's boobyish young artist Lyngstrand — I mean, if he didn't have chest trouble and he wasn't about to die.

We come to see how all the women here are compromised. As Aunt Ulrikke, the former tutor of the older daughter, Berte, Jonathan Keeble has a somewhat proper, a womanly, softening word about to make his bid for her hand. There's an awkwardly timed moment when Sara Vickers as Berte's wealthy decider, whether in love or one kind of confinement for another.

And the dramatic moments, in which the moral choice between Dr Wangel (Peter Dinklage) and the sailor (Ed Wynn), which is the really choice to be made, then to come. To see a good actor playing a character who is responsible for her. At last, all the other people get some good. Dominic Maxwell

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Craig Brown

It's party time at You And Yours!

(After the appropriate health and safety regulations have been duly complied with...)

THE 40TH birthday of Radio 4's consumer programme You And Yours certainly called for a party, so I was delighted to receive an invitation.

'Please join us to celebrate 40 years of You And Yours,' read the card. 'All injuries sustained during the event as a result of negligence should be reported immediately to the relevant authority.'

In small letters at the bottom of the card came this additional note of caution: 'This card should be kept away from children under the age of 10. It should not be swallowed or ingested in any way. Anyone accidentally swallowing or ingesting it should be rushed to their local hospital or medical centre.'

sausage rolls have not been on animals' read a notice on the side of the plate) I began reminiscing with a fellow listener, Ms. P Herrick of East Bromwich, about our favourite episodes of this much-loved series.

'Beware also of any sharp edges on this card. Mishandling may cause cuts, grazes or severe wounds.'

On the big night, I sensed when I was within half a mile of the party venue from the sound of distant grumbling, accompanied by calls for immediate legislation.

'I'll never forget their 1976 investigation into the whole issue of faulty pockets in trousers,' she said.

She remembered that the investigation had been sparked after a gentleman from Guildford had attempted to put a small portable television in his trouser pocket — only to discover that it didn't fit!

'He had specifically bought these trousers in order to put his television in one or other of their pockets — you can only imagine how let down he must have felt,' she sighed.

Another partygoer recalled how this case had raised the whole vexed issue of protecting the consumer from inadequate trouser pocketing.



CAUTION

Someone from the Trouser Pocket Watchdog Group had taken up the cause, calling for urgent legislation to ensure that trouser pockets would always be deep enough to allow for large consumer durables. 'It's the only way to prevent similar pocket-based tragedies occurring in the future,' he had proclaimed.

It seemed that many of the partygoers who were queuing to get in were a little upset — 'in fact, disgusted is not too strong a word' they chorused — at the long wait they had been forced to endure.

'I've been queuing for precisely one minute 23½ seconds,' complained Mrs P Blyth from Cardiff. 'And not only that but my electricity bill is twice what it should be, my shower gel has caused the skin around my ankle to come out in blotches, my neighbour is growing her leylandii too high and my electric toaster is already on the blink after only three years of careful use.'

It turned out that Mrs Blyth's experience was fairly typical of the rest of the queue. 'I've been queuing for one minute 19 seconds,' said Mr R. S. Sutton from Preston. 'And this wristwatch, which I bought only seven years ago, has already lost 46 seconds. Something should be done about it!'

We all managed to get into the party within the next two minutes, but not before everyone had signed a petition condemning the delay in the strongest possible terms and calling for heads to roll.

We were greeted at the door by a senior producer, clad in special Government-approved protective clothing.

'Welcome to the You And Yours 40th Birthday Party!' he announced. 'Any complaints concerning food, drink, entertainment or fellow guests should be referred to our special Deceleration Unit, who will be supply you with the relevant forms on application.'

Over a sausage roll ('these

At this point, a hush fell over the party as the Founder of You And Yours began a speech. He reminded us of the remarkable achievements of You And Yours over the past 40 years.

'In 1980, after a middle-aged man fell off his chair at breakfast, we campaigned to have safety belts fitted to all household chairs.'

AND THEN, in 1990, we highlighted the heart-breaking case of a colour-blind woman who thought she had bought five oranges in a supermarket, only to find, on her return home, that they were not oranges but apples. Some say she never got over the shock, and she died just six years later.

'And, of course, in 2001, we drew attention to the terrible story of the toddler who was driven to tears because his favourite television programme had been postponed to make way for live coverage of a news story concerning the Twin Towers.'

His speech was greeted by roars of approval, causing many guests to produce equipment to monitor the unacceptable noise levels.

'And now let the dancing commence!' said the announcer, adding a five-minute warning against the dangers of sudden movement to music, 'particularly among the young, old or middle-aged'.

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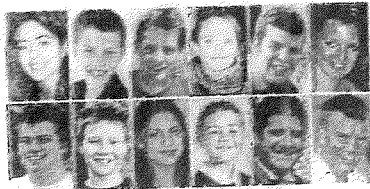
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Old safety house: Brian and Shirley

FOR DECADES, Brian Burnie has been hailed a modern-day saint. He left school at 15, started work as a grocery delivery boy, trained as an engineer, set up his own business and, ever since, has dedicated his life to making enormous amounts of money, and then giving most of it away again to charity. Earlier this year, however, he surpassed himself. Spurred on by his wife Shirley's successful battle with breast cancer, he put their £16 million, ten-acre family estate complete with luxury spa hotel up for sale. He auctioned most of their belongings, ploughed all the proceeds into a new cancer charity called Dett As A Bush and deceased with Shirley to a tiny rented terrace house in Morpeath, Northumberland, sandwiched between a housing estate and a shop selling Stannah Stairlifts. As well as the proceeds from the sale of Benford Hall, he's also sunk pretty much all the family fortune into his charity, which he hopes will provide a free bus service to take cancer sufferers to hospital appointments.

by Jane Fryer

"My accountant thinks I'm bloody mad," he says. "But I've no interest in bricks and mortar. I've no interest in possessions. As my mother said: 'You can only sleep in one bed at a time and only drive one car, and other people are in terrible need.'" When Brian, 66, first announced his plan, many people thought he was crazy, even though they admired his big-hearted generosity. They assumed he would use his will to leave all his money to charity — and not give it all away while he and Shirley were still in their prime. Shirley, it seems, thought along similar lines. For whereas her husband is clearly an extraordinary and very generous man, Shirley is a bit more, well... like the rest of us. "It's madness," she says, rolling her eyes and twiddling her beads. "The original plan was to give away the profits from the hotel, not sell it and give away everything. But that sort of fell by the wayside. Wasn't she consulted?" "No. The way it works is that he tends to make the decisions and I hear about them — or not in this case. And when I just mop up the pieces behind him." For 22 years, home was a beautiful Georgian property in landscaped gardens, complete with hot tub, spa, swimming pool, two acres, a grand hall, a wine cellar bursting with thousands of bottles and the largest yew tree maze in Britain.

cream box dwarfed by a three-pie suite that used to live on the landing of Shirley's grand staircase. The view from the window? A shelter housing complex and a clutch rubbish bins. "Mind you don't trip over anything — there's no room to put anything away and I can hardly open a door without pushing something," she says as we continue our guided tour. A master of understatement, Shirley says: "It's been a bit of adjustment." She adds heavily: "I not that there's anything wrong with it. And I really didn't mind. My husband giving away our old home — it was a job of work to look after any case, we've never been bothered about money or jewellery or flash cars or anything." "But I would have liked a detached four-bedroom house with a bit of garden so there was enough room for all the children to stay. For so reason Brian thinks that's excess but then he doesn't have to put with it — he's never here." "It's true. He is always at work — home a day every day a week in office in Newcastle preparing for launch of his new charity." "You come into this world with nothing and go out with nothing — what important is what you do in between," she says. "And we're hoping to help 50,000 cancer sufferers a year in our warm buses, how lovely is that?" Brian is tall, slim, immaculate, turned out with a very large pink tie and a soft Georgian hat. He had come on an antique picnic, it says and loves an old Ford Fiesta. "I'm not religious, but I do believe that, right at the end, when you're the eternal dream to your loved ones, you can look at your loved ones and feel that you've done a good job. I've had some people working to get out a happy, meaningful life's that, and some that were not." "My change of heart, I've never considered it a tiny bit until a number one year, an ordinary toilet, a bedroom he shared with his partner he has always been 55 — I'm

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Man arrested over murder of farmer

A MAN was arrested yesterday on suspicion of murdering a farmer who is thought to have been the victim of a botched robbery.

Julian Gardner suffered multiple injuries after apparently disturbing thieves at his isolated property in East Sussex.

A Sussex Police spokesman said yesterday: 'A 49-year-old man from Ashford, Kent, was arrested at Gars and taken to Eastbourne police station for questioning.'

Mr Gardner, 49, died after an incident at Bush Farm, Robertsham, where he ran an agricultural and car repair business. It is thought he was crushed between two vehicles. His business

By Oliver Tate

partner found his body on Monday morning and detectives believe the murder took place some time after 11pm the previous night.

On Thursday, police began searching a pond in Sandhurst, Kent, a few miles from the farm, where a burnt-out Chevrolet Jeep was found hours after the killing.

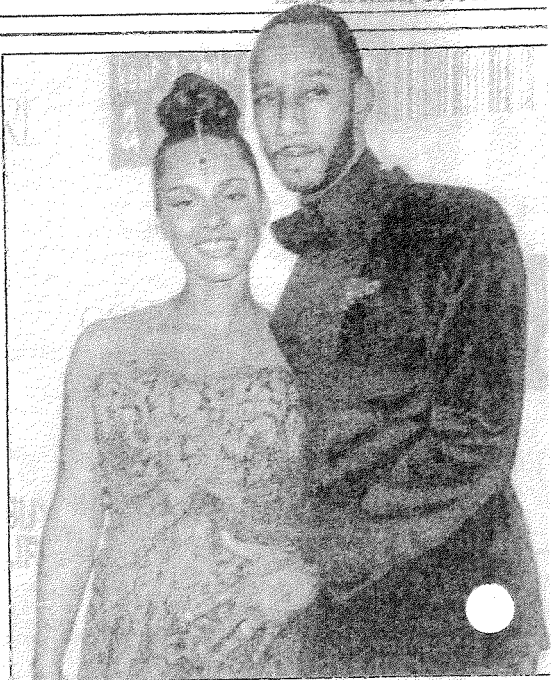
The Jeep had been in for repairs at Mr Gardner's business and had been forensically examined.

A Land Rover Defender owned by Mr Gardner was also discovered burnt-out at Cliffe Corner, near Barrie, East Sussex.

Mr Gardner's 50-year-old mother Molly was asleep in the main farmhouse at the time of her son's death. In an emotional tribute, Mrs Gardner and the victim's sister, Anne Murphy, said: 'Julian was our son, brother and dear friend, and nothing will ever be the same in our lives without him.'

'He had so much more living to do. If only he had known how many people have had their lives enriched by knowing him. He was so honest, so dependable, funny, loyal and hard-working.'

In October last year, Mr Gardner reported to police an attempted theft of vehicle batteries from his farm.



Singer Alicia celebrates after giving birth to a boy

BRIDER Alicia Keys and her husband, rapper Swizz Beatz, are celebrating the arrival of their first child after she went into labour a month early.

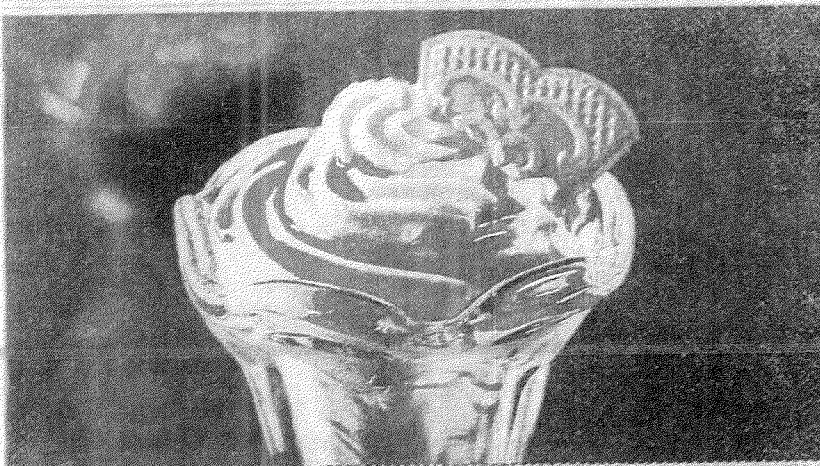
Alicia, 31, gave birth to a boy, Egypt 'Dawid' Dean, on Thursday in New York. Swizz Beatz - real

name Kasseem Dean - posted the news about his birth on Twitter, saying: 'I'm so blessed for everything I've been blessed with in my life, wowwww'

The couple, above, married off the French island of Corsica in July.



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Suzanne Moore



The poor won't vanish, even if we shunt them all to Margate

THOSE who have witnessed ethnic cleansing in the Balkans may well be outraged at Boris Johnson's remarks on Moscovy-style social cleansing. He was talking about the option of housing benefits and how it will affect inner London. Actual Moscovy-style appears calm. It is Chris Bryant who is outraged and Cameron who is annoyed. Boris has backed down slightly. What I am outraged about is the way political language is now policed into bland drivel. Do people get 978 lines for talking offence on behalf of others? Much offends me, but this prissiness is remarkable. I felt the same over 'Biggate' during the Election when I found neither Mrs Duffy's remarks nor Brown's use of the word 'bigot' particularly disturbing. People should get out more and hear how people are talking to each other. Maybe Boris got a little off his way, as I don't think we are yet talking about the nature and future of the poor, though who knows what Tory high command has got up its sleeve? Sorry, is that offensive? A couple of weeks ago I referred to Iain Duncan Smith's proposals as leading to favela slum towns on the edge of cities. Clearly I shouldn't have said that as I am not even Brazilian. But I don't mind Boris getting passionate about London. I understand what he means. For all the snobbery about John Prescott, we understand actually what he says. Politicians who say what they think I vote for that. What Boris called cleansing - the removal of the poor of inner London to the suburbs - is really what Ken Livingstone calls 'displacement'. All agree London is a special case as taxis are so high, and most know the benefit system needs reform. Labour was indeed drawing up similar plans on housing benefits until James Purnell walked. A policy that caps rents rather than benefits would be more radical but we are still stuck with these 17,000 families who cannot simply be shipped elsewhere. Outer London boroughs are already complaining they cannot cope with increased health and education costs. Local government, remember, is expected to cut its budget by 30 per cent.

As with child benefit, the Coalition are finding walking the walk of reform much harder than talking the talk.

IOR all their talk of localism, this is a top-down policy. This is why it's already unworkable. When I was campaigning in Hackney, I was disgusted at the number of empty properties, both council and private, in my part of the borough - nearly 2,000. The creation of ghost estates and ever more declines and crime is one result of this.

Such properties need to be taken over by local organisations, housing associations and those promoting shared ownership schemes. This is how I moved from a council flat to buying a place. It works. Such schemes are now few and far between.

Ed Balls was spotted introducing the construction industry by building more homes and creating jobs. This also makes sense. If we are in the



Monica does pain, not slut's spaghetti

I HAVE never fallen in love with Monica D'Amico of *Madras Club*. I am forced to watch the TV show by my nine-year-old daughter, who asks every day but who says 'big favour', 'seasoned meat' and 'lovely presentation' when I give her a boiled egg with soldiers.

But it is Monica's dedication to the cause - the rescue of her town (Margate) from the - that is amazing. She is the anti-Angela. While Angela lives in a fantasy of pleasure, sexy nights and 'slut's spaghetti', Monica does pain.

This crisis has, in part, been caused by inflated house prices. As property has replaced benefits for long-term security, many of us feel ourselves stuck, wherever we are on the ladder.

But instead of a strategy of real opposition, Labour have perceived a split in the Tory

Party. Ed Miliband's view is to sub the Lab Dame to wage on housing benefit with their conscience. Don't hold your breath. I love the London that Boris defended, in which, unlike in any class, rich and poor can live side by side. It's not always comfortable or lovely. Or indeed polite.

Components of the Coalition should indeed be outraged by the Morley of inequality in our inner cities, just as many are

upset at paying taxes to subsidise those who live in places they cannot themselves afford.

But don't denigrate what you don't understand.

Nearly half of those on housing benefit in inner London but might be already working. So being ostracged at an over-the-top independent really does nothing to help anyone being forcibly relocated to Margate.

The poor, working and unworking, are with us.

Unshunting them out of town does not make the problem go away.

>>> OSENTANTIOUS early puppy-wagging has made these symbols devoid of meaning. They have become another empty ritualistic (Michael Portillo, another a pocket, stuck one near the head, one of his than the other day. *Therapeutic*. We are all choose whether or not to wear a puppy. But to wear one for a month rather than a few days does not mean you remember the faith those that argue with.

What'll he forge next, Ken?

LISTENING to Ken Clarke on the prospect of a statutory overhaul of how financial institutions can pay on to the state seems like a bit of a mess. I think of what he said to what many of us have heard him say before. He says that, really though, even Clarke will be seen legitimising drugs as he backs the Department for Work and Pensions. I wonder what is thought of regarding the fact that Ken Clarke is a member of the Conservative Party. He is the man who helped to bring in the

Bank, when he used to work for. He said once about it a solitary member for £1,000. It says 'You are broken and slightly damaged'. We'll be well be damaged now. There's an account about with an extraordinary amount of trouble that we've had to see that. It will be a favour to me, will they? He says it can be suppressed by what he did. He said once of his time on the. If only they had been stopped by the Conservative Party. It would all have been so different.

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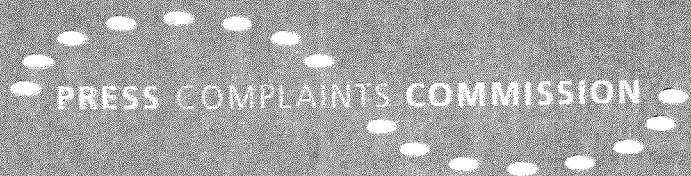
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