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In brief

Appeal after driver is robbed in car

A CAR driver was robbed by a man who he had stopped and given a lift to in Aberdeen yesterday. Police are hunting the thief after he stole property from the vehicle before making his escape in the Bridge of Don area. The man, thought to be in his early 20s, was seen to approach two vehicles as they were stopped at traffic lights outside the Lidl store on King Street at 10am. Police are appealing for witnesses to come forward and are particularly keen to speak to the driver of the other vehicle approached on King Street. The car is believed to be a light coloured taxi. The thief is described as being around 5ft 10in, of slim build with short dark hair. He was wearing a light grey jacket with black writing on the chest, dark trousers and white trainers. Anyone with information contact Grampian Police on 01224 386000 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Band performance

THE UDI Aberdeen City Band will be performing in the Duthie Park bandstand tomorrow. The event is the latest in a series of Memories of Yesteryear concerts, being staged in the park every Wednesday and Sunday during July and August between 2-4pm. The concerts are funded by the Common Good Fund. Gordon Lyon

£200 boon

THE North of Scotland branch of the Myasthenia Gravis Association has received a donation of £200 from Moray Firth Radio to cover the costs of its AGM. The money will be used to pay for members' lunches on the day. Money was also raised from this year's City of Aberdeen Baker Hughes 10K road race when Sandra Woods represented the association. She has so far raised £400, which was contributed to by association members who donated £83.

£350 fine

AN ABERDEEN man who drove the wrong way round the roundabout at the city's Beach Ballroom has been fined £350. Martin Coutts, 20, of 105 Garthdee Drive, admitted driving "counter clockwise" on the roundabout at the junction of Beach Esplanade and Links Road on May 12 this year.

Missing teenager

BUCKSBURN teenager Kately Nelly has been missing from her home since 5pm on Thursday. Police are anxious to trace the 14-year-old who is 5ft 3ins, slim, with a fair complexion, blue eyes, long brown hair, a stud over one eye and a local accent. She was wearing a T-shirt, light blue cropped jeans and white Adidas trainers. Anyone with information call Grampian Police on 01224 386000 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

A cut above

A HAIR salon in Aberdeen is celebrating after two of its stylists reached the final of a prestigious hairdressing competition. Philip Bell and Kathryn Longmuir from Ishoka in Aberdeen will attend the Scottish Hairdresser of the Year award ceremony in London on November 19.

Police flit

POLICE officers based at Nigg have flitted. But the move is only temporary to make way for the building of the new Nigg sub-station. Building is due to begin on Monday August 11 and should last 40 weeks. Officers have transferred to temporary accommodation beside the present Kinloch sub-station in Abbottswell Drive.

Big film

OWING to incorrect information being supplied, it was reported in yesterday's paper screenings for The Big Film Project would take place on August 13. In fact the screening will be on August 16.

Carer who conned OAP out of £6,000 told to repay cash

by Scott Macnab

AN ABERDEEN carer who conned a disabled pensioner out of almost £6,000 has been told she must attempt to pay back the cash. However, a city sheriff admitted yesterday there was little likelihood that Adeline Pullman

would ever repay the entire amount. The 56-year-old, of 18 Middlefield Crescent, appeared in the city's sheriff court yesterday for sentencing after having previously admitted fraud and two theft charges. Sheriff Douglas Cusine sentenced Pullman to nine months

probation after defence lawyer Jim Hay said that background reports on his client had been very favourable. He added: "These offences have had a marked effect on Ms Pullman and its unlikely there will be a repeat of this type of behaviour." The Sheriff warned her to be

of good behaviour throughout this period and also made a special condition of probation that some attempt was made to repay the overall sum which was taken from the pensioner. He said: "I'm asking you to make some attempt to repay the money." "I'm not asking you to repay

the whole amount. I understand that's not likely given your financial circumstances. Just do your best." Pullman stole £300 from the pensioner's home in Aberdeen between March 28 and September 17 last year. The court had also previously heard that Pullman undertook

the fraud scheme while working as a carer to the woman, who is severely disabled. She admitted pretending that she needed to transfer money from the severely disabled woman's building society account into her bank account. Just over £6,000 was moved between the two accounts.

Pullman then used a bank debit card in the woman's name at Safeway Stores in King Street, pretending to employees there that it was her own. She obtained money and goods worth £5,964.80 by fraud. She also stole the woman's bank card during the same period.

Scott has shaped up for chance at model career

by Laura Grant

A BID to get in shape to raise money for a local children's charity has won an Aberdeen graphic designer the chance to be the cover model on a national men's magazine.

Scott Brady, 26, from Cove, embarked on a 12-week fundraising fitness programme in an effort to get in shape and boost the coffers of Children 1st at the same time.

What he didn't bank on was his new svelte figure earning him a place among the 13 finalists chosen from 6,000 entries battling it out to win first place in the Men's Health magazine's search for a cover model competition.

It wasn't until a friend from Leeds saw the results of his hard work and told him about the competition that Scott, who works for the NW Group in Aberdeen, decided to enter.

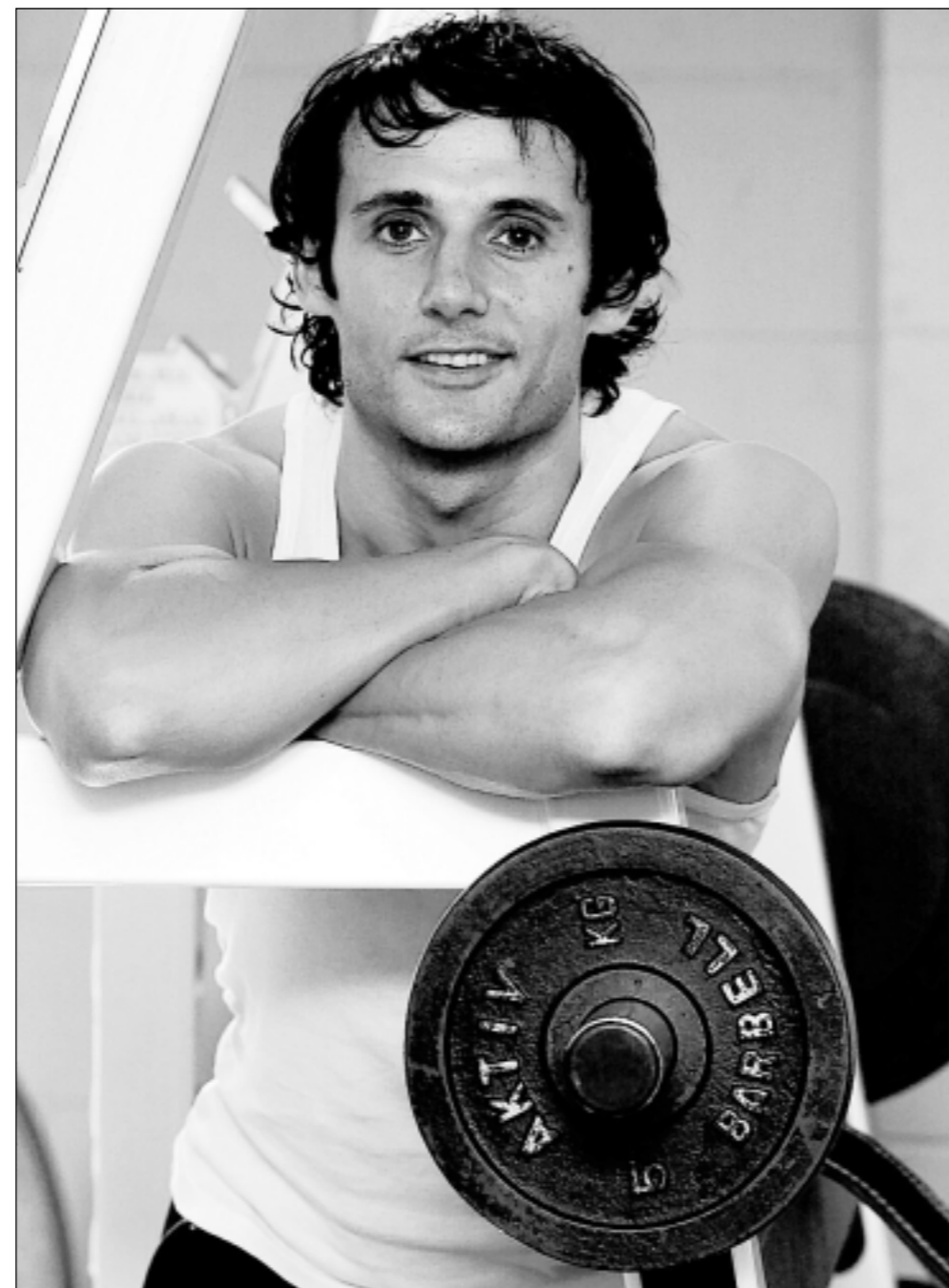
"I had heard about the competition before I started the charity thing and it was at the back of my mind because I knew the results I could get. I was out of shape at the start but in the end I thought I'd just give it a go, I had nothing to lose after all."

"I left it right until the last minute and only applied two days before the closing date. The photos I put in were the before and after shots of me following the training which showed a big difference in my body, but the result has ended up being more than I ever expected."

Having already made it through the regional heats in June where contenders were put through their paces in front of a panel of judges, all that now stands between Mr Brady and the chance to win a professional modelling contract is the finale in London on August 11.

If successful he will also win the chance to join the magazine team on a cover shoot in South Africa later in the year.

"I felt totally shocked when they told me I was through to the final. I had been expecting a letter to arrive at my mum's house and she was just as excited about it as me. Every time the mail arrived she was phoning and letting me know."



Scott Brady could be on the front cover of Men's Health Magazine. PICTURE BY COLIN RENNIE

Scott, who has never done any modelling before, has been supported every step of the way by his girlfriend, Lorraine Wilkie, 27, and his mum, Brenda.

Both will be flying down with him to attend the final in London. "Someone told me I was the only Scot to get through to the final and that I was flying the

flag for the country. All I know is that I am going to go down and try to enjoy myself as much as possible. Whatever happens in the end, it has already been an amazing experience."

Steve King, deputy editor of Men's Health, said: "The standard of entries this year far surpassed our hopes. We have had an extremely difficult time

in cutting this down to our finalists. The competition for the winning place is going to be very tough indeed and we are going to have a difficult time in choosing our cover model for 2003."

Scott will fly out of Aberdeen next Friday and is due to spend four days in London before returning to the North-east.

Chaos on Aberdeen roads to go up a gear

by Angela Taylor

MOTORISTS are bracing themselves for even more congestion as roads chaos in Aberdeen looks likely to move up a gear.

Delays are poised to get even worse with the partial closure of a main artery into the city.

The northbound carriageway of the A90 Aberdeen to Ellon road is to be closed from the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre roundabout to the Murcar roundabout for four weeks from Monday.

BEAR Scotland is making the closure to allow essential roadworks to be carried out.

That stretch of the southbound carriageway will be reduced to single lane as a contraflow system comes into operation during the roadworks.

The £460,000 package of works includes the reconstruction and resurfacing of 1.6km of carriageway designed to significantly improve safety and ride quality of the route.

A spokesman for BEAR said he anticipated some delays and asked motorists to observe temporary speed limits which will be put in place for safety reasons.

"Because of the location of the works we are anticipating



Ed Allan... "timing wrong"

that there will be some delays, but obviously the works are essential works and as you can see by the value of the scheme it's a major job we are undertaking," he said.

The spokesman said that stretch of road had reached the end of its natural life span and had to be replaced and rebuilt from the foundations up.

He said the timing of the roadworks had been decided on after consultation with the city council and Grampian Police.

The initial impact of the roadworks is likely to be lessened by the school holidays. Although BEAR has no other major roadworks planned in the city during August, routine

works like patching will be carried out, he added.

Ed Allan, chairman of Bridge of Don Community Council said he understood the work had to be carried out but would have preferred to see it completed at a time when there was less traffic using the road.

"There has been a big increase in the level of transport since the trades fortnight ended," he said. "I would have hoped that the work could have been done at a time when most people were on holiday."

"Although there is no doubt it needs to be carried out I think the timing was a bit wrong."

Mr Allan said he didn't think reopening the Grandholm Bridge for the duration of the works would have made a difference to the queues.

Motorists at the other side of the city are expected to face delays as Holburn Street is dug up for an eight-week £210,000 programme of gas pipeline replacement. Work is due to start on August 18.

For information about the A90 roadworks call 0800 587 1107 or visit www.bears.co.uk. Motorists can also traffic information from the National Driver Information and Control System at www.nadis.org.uk.

Green parents are invited to The Real Nappy Picnic

PARENTS who have supported an environmentally-friendly project which encourages greater use of children's nappies are being invited to a picnic at the Duthie Park on Monday.

Aberdeen Forward and Hippians joined forces with the city council in April to launch an innovative project to promote eco-friendly

nappy use in the city. There are now five nappy libraries where parents can try out different styles and find out what best suits their child. In addition to the nappy library, parents who buy cloth nappies can claim back up to £30 through a voucher scheme.

The Real Nappy Picnic is a way of celebrating the scheme's

success and will involve fun and games for youngsters.

Anyone with an interest in nappies or the environment is invited to bring along a sandwich and join in the activities.

As well as information on all the alternatives to disposables the Clean and Green Team will be on hand with games and giveaways.

The picnic will take place between the Winter Gardens and the Bandstand at 12pm.

For information on the benefits of real nappies or to find out about the nappy library or vouchers contact Ms MacGill on 01224 587419. To sign up for the discount vouchers contact Ian Hay on 01224 522767.

Firefighters tackle blaze at Dyce garage

ABOUT 20 firefighters were called to tackle a blaze at a commercial garage in Dyce yesterday.

The alarm was raised shortly after 4.20pm after thick black smoke was seen coming from the premises of Colin's Tyres in Farburn Terrace.

Emergency crews were called to the scene but were pulled back after cylinders containing acetylene gas were discovered in the building.

A small cordon was set up around the area of the fire as a safety precaution.

Firefighters had the blaze under control by 5.30pm but remained on scene until after 8.30pm using water pumps to cool the cylinders.

A control room spokeswoman said no nearby homes were evacuated during the fire.

Libraries tell a tale or two

CREEPY crawlers, teddy bears, magic, craft and storytelling sessions are all on offer for Aberdeen youngsters next week.

Local libraries are hosting a series of free events over the summer holidays in an attempt to encourage children to see what the facilities they have to offer.

Storytelling sessions are to be held at Dyce and Ferryhill libraries on Monday, while local storyteller Stanley Robertson will be telling Traveller's Tales at Mastrick Library, and magical adventures are on the cards for youngsters playing adventure game Wizard's Quest at Cornhill Library.

Tuesday will see beasts galore at Culter library during a Bug-U-Like session featuring spiders, snakes, beetles and lizards. Mr Robertson will again be telling tales at Torry library, while a general storytelling session will be held at Linkfield library.

Storytime for everyone will take place at the Central library and Bridge of Don library on Wednesday, and youngsters at Cornhill library can make badges.

On Thursday there will be storytelling sessions at Tilly-drone library, while a teddy bear's picnic is planned for the Central Children's library.

Daredevils to get in line

ORGANISERS of Doon the Don the Daredevil Zip Line at the Hen Blackie Fun day on Sunday August 17 are looking forward to another successful and fun-filled day.

All money raised will be used to help fund Quarriers four North East Epilepsy Fieldworkers, based in Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire and Moray.

They work in the community providing support, information and advice to children and adults with epilepsy, and their carers, liaising with Health Services, Social Work Departments, Schools and Employers to ensure care is prop-

erly co-ordinated and promoting awareness of epilepsy.

Local Fundraiser Carol Douglas is trying to encourage more daredevils to come forward.

She said: "Anybody can take part - the minimum is 15 years - and no previous experience of flying through the air on a wire is required, as professional instructors will give all training."

An application pack can be obtained by contacting Carol on 01330 844083, or e-mail carol.douglas@totalise.co.uk. For information on the fieldwork service, contact Lynette Oldman on 01261 815056.

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 Sale starts 6pm

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