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## WHO ARE BEST PARKERS ... MEN OR WOMEN? Find out on Page 11

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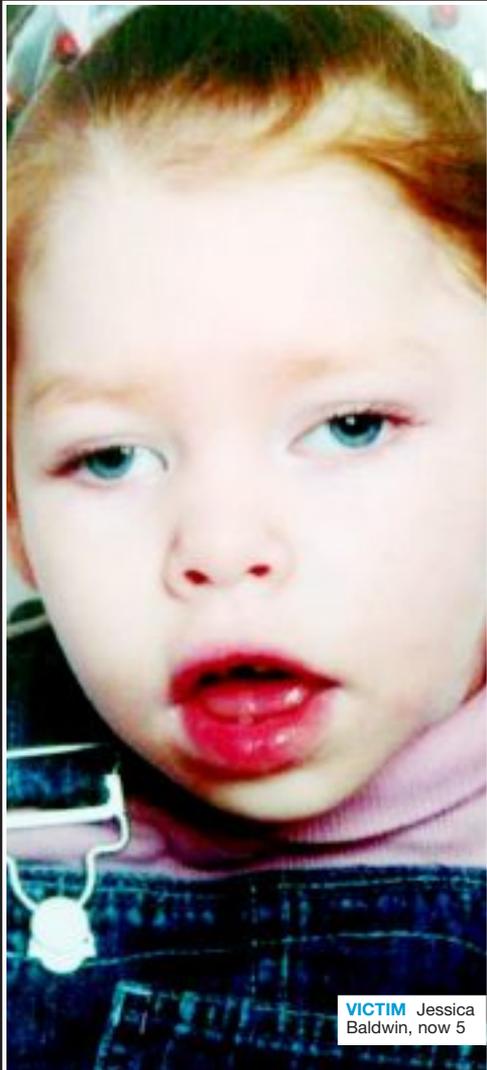
■ Family of girl born with brain damage because of Queen's Park Hospital blunder win compensation

**By NEIL DOCKING**  
 Health reporter

THE family of a girl left with permanent brain damage after blunders during her birth are to receive £5million in compensation.

Jessica Baldwin developed cerebral palsy and severe disabilities after medics delayed giving her mother a caesarean section during a mismanaged labour at Queen's Park Hospital, Blackburn.

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**VICTIM** Jessica Baldwin, now 5

**Blackburn**

## Leap in age for Hanna

EIGHT-year-old Hanna Khan is celebrating only her **SECOND** birthday today – because she was born in a leap year on February 29. ■ 3



**Great Harwood**

## Bosses 'hurt in assault'

TWO company directors were left injured when a man turned up at their premises to enforce a £34,000 debt, and violence erupted, a jury was told. ■ 5



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All-expenses paid overnight stay in **LONDON** and meet **GOK WAN!** SEE Page 11



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Open to question

Carolyn Dutton, 39 from Rawtenstall is an accountant at DTE Business Advisory Services Limited, Bury



WHAT'S THE STRANGEST THING IN YOUR HANDBAG?

Charger leads for mobile phones

THREE THINGS YOU COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT?

Mobile phone, debit card, internet

WHAT KEEPS YOU AWAKE AT NIGHT?

Not a lot

MOST IMPORTANT WOMAN IN YOUR LIFE?

My mum

BEST PIECE OF ADVICE YOU'VE EVER RECEIVED?

Never trust anyone, always look out for yourself

WHAT CHORE DO YOU DESPISE MOST?

Putting bins out

WHAT'S YOUR BIGGEST REGRET?

Stopping learning piano

WHAT ANNOYS YOU?

People

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST EXTRAVAGANCE?

Being in wine club

YOUR MOST TREASURED POSSESSION?

Son's first babygro

WHEN DID YOU LAST CRY, AND WHY?

When my son was born and we couldn't come home from hospital when we thought we were going to

WHAT SINGLE THING WOULD IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF YOUR LIFE?

More money

WHAT MAKES YOU LAUGH?

Watching Shameless

LAST TEXT YOU RECEIVED?

From friend with addresses on it

# Women are the better parkers FACT!



**ROAD WARS**  
Hazel mocks John's parking efforts, and below the test result

IT'S a debate which has raged between the sexes from the earliest days of motoring. Who is the best at parking a car, men or women? A new survey from car park operator NCP claims it's the fairer sex who hold the upper hand. Disbelieving features editor **JOHN ANSON** put the findings to the test



**T**HERE are certain things in life which need challenging: People who claim EastEnders is better than Coronation Street; those who say red sauce is better than brown on a bacon butty. But the idea that women are better parkers than men – come on! NCP say that having studied CCTV footage of drivers getting into spaces, it's women who score higher than men. Men, they say, are quicker at getting into a space but when it comes to finding one in the first place and positioning the car within the white lines it's women who are in top gear. With 30 years' experience

of seeing women drivers struggle to negotiate the terrors of an Asda car park I couldn't let the matter rest. So the battlelines were drawn. The venue on neutral territory, the empty car park of the Run Amok Play Centre in Haslingden. I was upholding the honour of male drivers everywhere. My opponent in the great parking challenge was Hazel Johnson, 20, rally driver and autotest prodigy. The test was a simple one, reverse into a parking space between the two white lines. Ever the gentleman I let my young opponent go first. Gently does it, her little Micra edged its way backwards into the designated space, with Hazel using her mirrors as she went.

The result: Driver's side wheels 14 inches from the white line, nearside wheels 14 inches from the white line – absolutely dead centre. That was definitely not part of the plan. Now I'm not making excuses here but I was under a lot of pressure, there was a bit of drizzle in the air and my car was much bigger than Hazel's. I reversed imperiously into the space, not stopping, straight in. The front of the car perfectly aligned, job done. One minor problem was the back end had decided to take on a life of its own and perhaps there was a little encroachment onto the white line. OK, I admit: I made a mess of it and was beaten hands



down. But Hazel, from Accrington, was generous in victory although I declined her offer to teach me how to park. Our challenge may have been a bit of fun but Hazel, an instructor for the North West under-17 car club which allows youngsters to try driving in a controlled environment had some good advice for all drivers. She said: "Parking is a skill like all aspects of driving. There is no shame in realising that you have difficulty parking but the only thing that will make you better is practice. "Go to an empty car park

and just get used to your car. It is always better to reverse into a space, so just take your time and your confidence will grow. Also for drivers who aren't that confident a good idea can be to book a lesson with an experienced driving instructor and explain which area of driving worries you, whether it be parking or going on a motorway." I hope she wasn't talking about me!

**LT ONLINE VIDEO**  
Do you agree? Watch John's driving challenge and comment online at [lancashiretelegraph.co.uk](http://lancashiretelegraph.co.uk)

## Competition

### Win a personal specs styling session with Gok Wan



TV style guru Gok Wan has designed 13 new glasses styles, adding to his fabulously popular GW by Gok Wan range. Designed personally by Gok and sold exclusively at Specsavers stores from March 18, the specs build on the retro-inspired look of the original collection, launched in February last year. To celebrate, the *Lancashire Telegraph* has teamed up with Specsavers to promote their great competition and offer our lucky readers the chance to win this spectacular money-can't-buy prize. You and a guest will receive an all-inclusive paid trip to London on Monday, March 19 to toast Gok's latest designs with a glass of champagne, at Specsavers' flagship store on Tottenham Court Road. Gok will be on hand to personally pick you a pair of GW by Gok Wan specs to suit your style, face shape and personality. The prize will include four star overnight accommodation for you and you guest, plus a £125 designer eyewear voucher and a GW by Gok Wan goody bag.

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