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## Drunken sailor spared jail to serve in the Gulf

WHEN Lee Gutteridge met Princess Anne it was one of the proudest moments of his naval career.

But the shamed sailor, who is due to sail to the Gulf, was spared a prison sentence yesterday after admitting "a stupid and vicious" assault on a man during a drunken brawl in a pub.

Gutteridge (23), of Cissbury Ring, Werrington, Peterborough, was ordered to pay a £1,000 fine and £1,000 compensation for his part in an attack on Tony Earley, of Edgcote Close, Westwood.

Peterborough Crown Court heard that Gutteridge, an operations mechanic with the Royal Navy, based at Plymouth, drank eight pints before taking part in an assault at The College Arms pub, in Broadway, city centre.

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**PROUD MOMENT:** Lee Gutteridge (far left) when he was presented to Princess Anne.



## Teacher on trial for computer child porn

A TEACHER bought pornographic images of children being abused by adults from a US website, a court heard.

Matthew Curtis (34), was a teacher at Bourne Grammar School, in South Road, Bourne, when the alleged offences took place.

He is charged with making and possessing indecent images of children, between June 1999 and August 2002.

Pearl Harris, prosecuting, said the former head of biology used a credit card to buy the images over the Internet.

She said they were found on a computer which had been loaned by the school to Curtis, who lives in Weedon Road, Northampton.

Miss Harris said: "The case against him is that he saved on the computer 17 images of children who were being sexually abused."

"It is admitted by the defence that the images are indecent and the issue is when those images were placed on the computer."

"Was it when it was in his possession or after he had handed it back?"

Curtis denies the charges. The case continues.

## Council under fire over £800,000 spent on cost-saving plan

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A ROW broke out today after a three-year council project aimed at saving cash cost taxpayers £800,000.

Adverts were placed in specialist publications across Europe to see if a private firm could trim the cost of running some departments at Peterborough City Council.

Three years of research and negotiation went into the project. Talks were held with consultants and legal advisors but, in the end, the idea of handing over the running of some services to the private sector was scrapped.

Today, Labour group leader Cathy Weaver said it had been a waste of money because it was found it was



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### Police hunt 'cowardly' crook

# GIRL, 8, ROBBED IN THE STREET

**AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD girl was threatened and robbed of her purse as she walked along a Peterborough street.**

The youngster was making the short journey from her Bretton home to shops at the Pyramid Centre, near Watergall, when she was approached by a young man.

The man, who was wearing a distinctive, yellow hooded top with a skeleton on the front, demanded the girl hand over her purse.

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Shocked and scared, she handed over the purse, which contained just £10, and the man fled.

The girl ran home in tears and told her parents who rang the police.

Sharon Knight, from the crime management unit at Thorpe Wood police station, said today: "For someone to target a person as young as this is unusual and it is a particularly cow-"  
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## Kayleigh's tears

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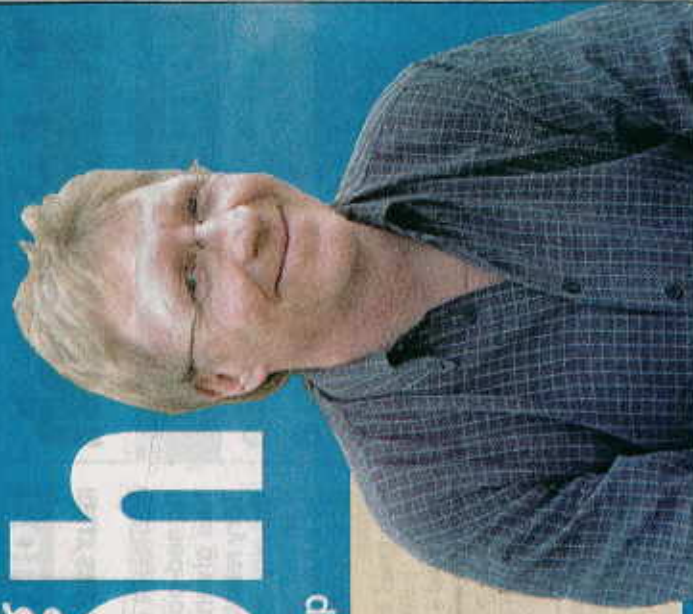
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**EVICTON THREAT** Janet McCall with some of the animals she looks after in her council home.

# IT'S YOUR PETS



## Eviction threat to woman, her 22 cats, seven rabbits, 40 hamsters and dog

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one-bedroom bungalow, 40 Russian dwarf hamsters in cages have taken over the boiler room, and seven rabbits live in a shed in the garden.

**A WOMAN** who claims to spiritually heal abused animals is facing eviction from her council house – because she has too many pets.

Janet McCall (38), who has a dog and two cats of her own, has been taking in animals for the last two years.

As well as her own pets, 20 cats now roam the

City Council that most of them must go, or she will be evicted from the bungalow in Brynmore, **Turn to Page 2**

## Suspected illegal immigrants found in back of lorry

**RACHEL WAREING** NEWS REPORTER

SEVEN suspected illegal immigrants were discovered in the back of a lorry outside a Peterborough warehouse.

Staff at the IKEA distribution centre at Kingston Park, off Fletton Parkway, alerted police after they heard voices coming from the lorry and became suspicious just after 8am yesterday.

The seven men were arrested and taken to Bridge Street police station in Peterborough where they were due to be quizzed by immigration officials.

The 50-year-old Bulgarian lorry driver was also taken into custody.

A spokesperson for IKEA said: "IKEA can confirm an incident occurred at the Peterborough Distribution Centre and it is currently being investigated by the police.

"IKEA will not make any further comment."

Peterborough police could not confirm any details about where the lorry had come from.

The £31million IKEA site, which opened in January 2003, is the biggest IKEA distribution store in the UK.

More than 200 lorries visit the centre every day, ferrying flat-pack furniture to 12 IKEA stores across the country.

When the Swedish firm's managing director Goran Nilsson officially launched the centre he said Peterborough was chosen for the distribution centre because of its location, close to ports.

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