

Werewolf in prison

AMERICAN Werewolf in London star David Naughton spent two days in jail for beating his wife.

The actor, 57, got into a row with Seann five months after they wed. A court heard he "threw her around" their home in Henderson, Nevada.

Naughton admitted domestic battery at his local municipal court and got 30 days jail, with 28 suspended. He served his term earlier this week.

Brum 2's cop quiz

COPS probing alleged corruption in English football have arrested two Birmingham City bosses.

Managing director Karen Brady, 39, and the Premiership club's part owner David Sullivan, 59, were quizzed on suspicion of conspiracy to defraud and false accounting. They were released on bail.

Police raided City last month in a probe understood to centre on Scots agent Willie McKay.



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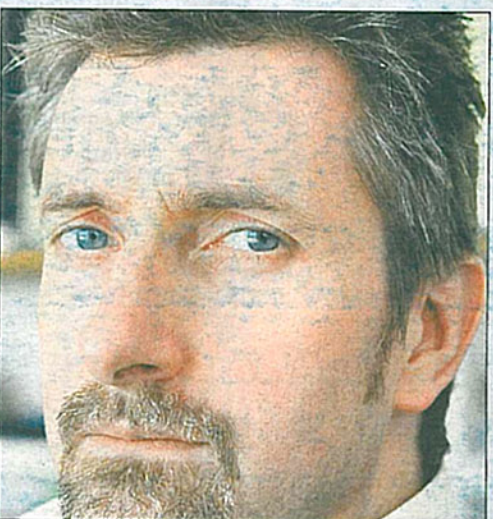
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SCOT'S BIZARRE



ICE MAIDEN... Sigourney Weaver freezes in Alien



'My brain is far too precious to waste... science is improving'



FREEZING... Mel Gibson in Forever Young flick



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FINANCE manager DJ MacLennan has plans for a future beyond the grave.

DJ is having his brain frozen in a can at -320°F after he dies, to be defrosted when medical science can bring him back to life.

The 36-year-old pays £40 a month to Alcor Life Extension Foundation, in Phoenix, Arizona, to be on the register for freezing.

He said: "My arrangement is just like a life insurance policy."

"There are people who pay out £60 to £70 a month on their policies."

"It's just the same as that."

The financial whizz - who works for a firm of architects - reckons it makes perfect sense.

He's quite happy for his brain to be put in another body.

He explained: "We don't waste organs anymore, so why do we waste brains?"

"Why do we plant people in the ground to rot?"

"Shouldn't we consider dealing with dead bodies in a different way?"

While the rest of us will be buried or cremated, DJ's remains will be in Arizona for an icy reception.

His dead body will be filled with a special anti-freezing fluid, then plunged into a bath of iced water.

It's wrapped in polythene, before being submerged in alcohol and lowered into 120kg of ice in an insulated fibre-glass box.

From there it is airlifted to Arcor's base in the Arizona desert, where it remains frozen in liquid nitrogen.

A full body freeze costs £75,000.

But DJ, right, from the Isle of Skye, has opted for a brain-only long-term freeze at a mere £40,000.

He hopes that in the future his brain or consciousness may be transferred into a new being in the same way files are uploaded on to a computer.

He said: "A good analogy is with a computer hard drive."

"When people get a new computer, they take the hard drive out the old one and transplant it into the new one so the computer is evolving and the data is being preserved, it's not being dumped."

"So, in a way, we treat our documents, music files and other data with more respect than we do our minds."

Future

The subject of cryogenics has also been explored by Hollywood.

Blockbuster Forever Young saw Aussie actor Mel Gibson used as a human guinea pig in a cryogenics experiment.

And famously in Alien, Sigourney Weaver plays Ellen Ripley, the sole survivor of an alien attack on the mining ship Nostromo. She awakens half a century later when she is found by a salvage ship - and the horror begins.

But scientists at Alcor believe cryogenics is a realistic option for the future.

A spokesman said: "The purpose of cryogenics is to save the lives of living people, not inter the bodies of dead people. Death is a neurological process that begins after the heart stops."

"A stopped heart only causes death if nothing is done when the heart stops."

"Cryogenics proposes to do something."

Alcor uses life support equipment to restore blood circulation to maintain brain viability after the heart stops, ideally within minutes.

This means that every cell and tissue of a cryonics patient can be just as alive at the beginning of cryonics procedures as any other medical patient.

Care of a terminally-ill patient can legally be transferred to Alcor as soon as the heart stops beating.

The spokesman said: "The first few minutes of clinical death are certainly reversible, even today."

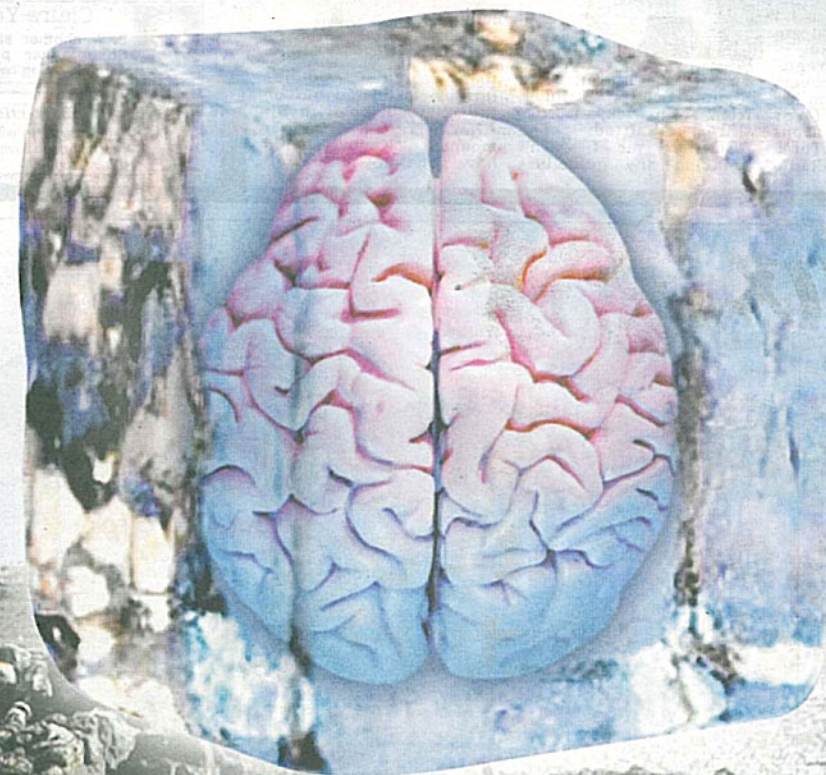
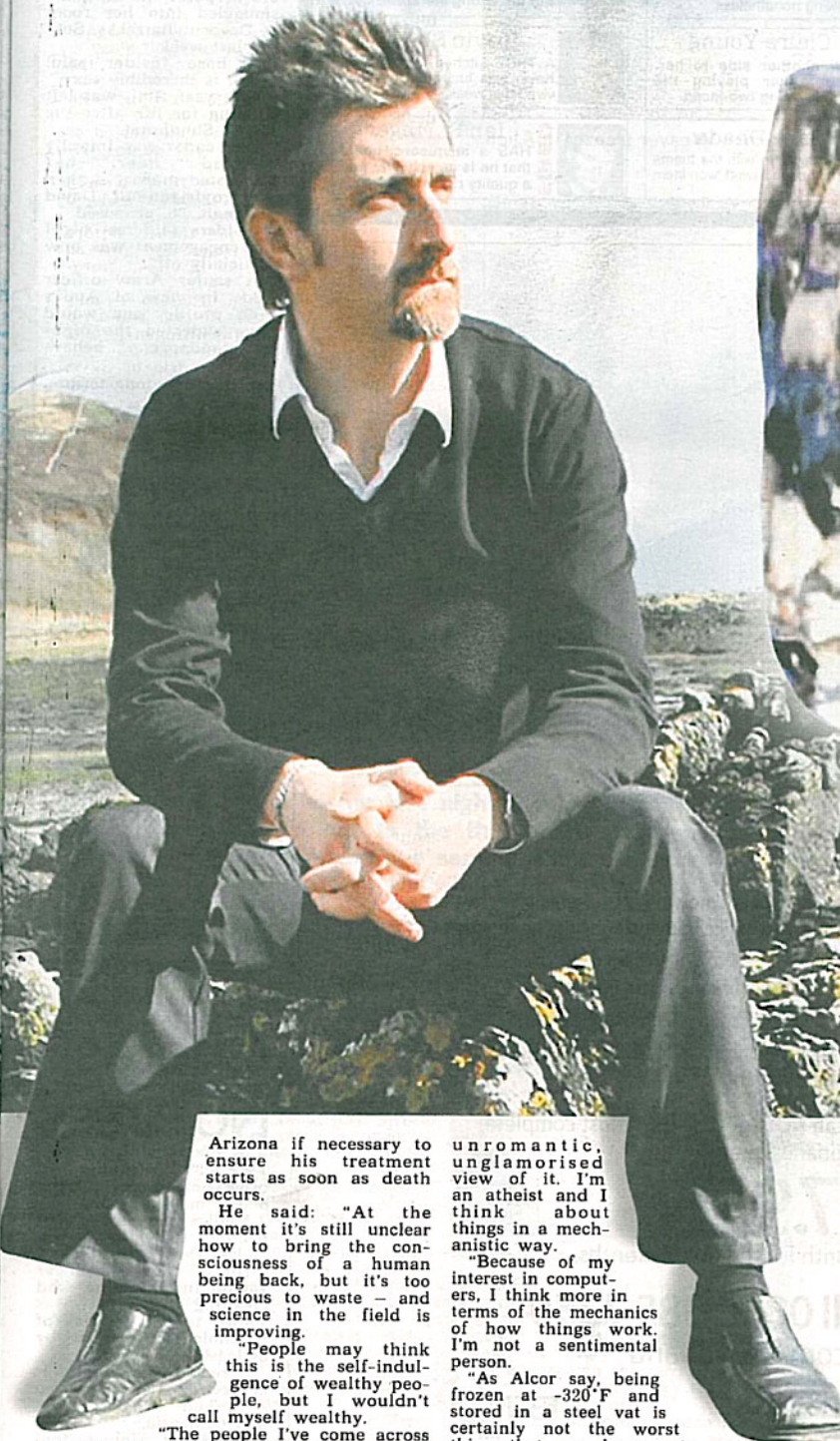
"There are good reasons to believe that this window will extend further in the future."

"Cryonics is a belief that no one is really dead until their mind is destroyed, and that low temperatures can prevent this destruction."

Alcor is a non-profit organisation with only 842 members, 79 of whom are already in cryopreservation. And desperate DJ is willing to relocate to

ATTEMPT AT LIFE AFTER DEATH

Please will you freeze my brain*



Arizona if necessary to ensure his treatment starts as soon as death occurs.

He said: "At the moment it's still unclear how to bring the consciousness of a human being back, but it's too precious to waste - and science in the field is improving."

"People may think this is the self-indulgence of wealthy people, but I wouldn't call myself wealthy."

"The people I've come across are intensely practical and they have a particular way of looking at the world, an

unromantic, unglamorised view of it. I'm an atheist and I think about things in a mechanistic way."

"Because of my interest in computers, I think more in terms of the mechanics of how things work. I'm not a sentimental person."

"As Alcor say, being frozen at -320°F and stored in a steel vat is certainly not the worst thing that can happen to you."

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DID WALT DISNEY GO FOR A COOL ENDING?

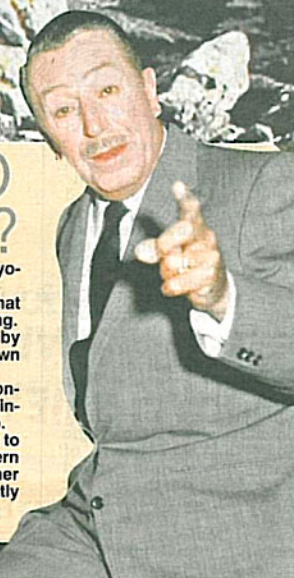
IT is famously rumoured that cartoon king Walt Disney, right, was cryogenically frozen.

Disney was a legendary task-master and one employee joked that Walt was frozen in an attempt to make himself a warmer human being.

The truth is slightly less exciting - his death certificate, signed by embalmer Dean Fluss, confirms his remains are interred at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Los Angeles.

Growing belief in cryogenics has seen the development of the Cryonics Institute where 86 people - and 50 pets - are currently held in Clinton, Michigan, in liquid nitrogen at a temperature of 196° below zero.

Benjamin Franklin first suggested in 1773 that it might be possible to preserve human life in a suspended state for centuries. But the modern era of cryonics began in 1962 when Michigan college physics teacher Robert Ettinger argued that even though freezing a person is apparently fatal, what appeared to be fatal today may be reversible in the future.



*IT COSTS £40k BUT YOU HAVE TO BE DEAD FIRST