

## Rapist's 11-hour assault

A SEX beast subjected a woman to a terrifying 11-hour rape ordeal.

Jason Murty, 41, broke into the victim's home after a night out drinking.

He kicked, punched and spat at the woman before threatening her with a drill bit and trying to choke her.

She was eventually able to call for help after he passed out at her home in Birmingham in February.

A jury at Birmingham Crown Court found Murty, of Leicester, guilty of rape, sexual assault and causing actual bodily harm. He was jailed for 12 years.

Det Insp Dave Sproson said: "I applaud the victim's bravery."

## Drug in 'repairs' to brain

A DRUG that repairs damage to the brain and spinal cord has been created by British scientists.

The new medication restores lost connections between nerves, improving memory, coordination and movement.

The synthetic protein offers hope of therapies for a range of conditions from Alzheimer's disease and epilepsy to paralysis.

Dr Radu Aricescu from the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge, said: "We created a molecule that we believed would help repair or replace neuronal connections in a simple and efficient way."

## Ancient beast's kip time

A HUGE pig-like creature which lived millions of years before dinosaurs existed hibernated like modern animals, scientists have discovered.

Lystrosaurus looked like a cross between a pig and a lizard and possibly slept for months at a time.

This is the earliest known example of hibernation, according to a US team from Harvard University.

The stout and squat four-legged forager could reach eight feet long.

Comparisons of tusks showed weeks-long reduction in activity and body temperature - suggesting the hibernation pattern.

The creature lived in what is now Antarctica, Russia, China, India, and Africa.

# EUROVISION LEGEND BACK WITH A BANG

# Crazy Kat lady on crest of a Wave...



**ON SONG:** Katrina. Inset, with her band ahead of Eurovision



**THE MIKE WARD INTERVIEW**  
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I'M chatting with Katrina, from Katrina And The Waves, and telling her I love her new album.

And it's true. I really do. The Kansas-born star behind classics such as Walking On Sunshine and Love Shine A Light (the last UK song to win Eurovision, back in 1997) has delivered a fine bunch of radio-friendly songs.

But if I'd told her something different, that frankly I had heard better, I don't get the impression she'd give a monkey's.

"By the age of 60, I don't give a s---t what people think about me," Katrina chuckles. "I really don't."

Reaching an age where she can feel this way has also brought further benefits. Although "a very private person", she's started writing some deeply personal stuff.

Which is great. It means I can ask her lots of nousey questions and not be told to mind my own business.

Questions including: "Katrina, are you bonkers?"

### Embrace

One of her new songs, Crazy Mama, celebrates her late mum's eccentricity. As a kid, she admits sometimes she found her mother's behaviour embarrassing.

She added: "But as I got older I started to relate to it and embrace it."

So I ask her how she's done that. Has Katrina ever written to a circus, for example, and asked them to hire her as a giant human hot dog in a bun? Apparently, her mum once did that. Seriously.

Disappointingly, it seems Katrina hasn't. But she does assure me she's "a wild woman of rock and roll". So that'll do.

"I've got a poodle, Mike," she adds. "That makes me crazy. I'm in a relationship with a woman. And at 60 I still play guitar in a rock band. That's way off the beaten track. Unless you're Suzi Quatro, obvious-



**ROCK ON:** Playing the guitar

ly." Perhaps surprisingly, she's also done another Eurovision song, sort of. Twenty-three years on from her win in Dublin, she put in another entry for this year's competition, called I Want To Love Again.

It made the UK shortlist. Had it been picked, however, and had this year's contest actually happened, Katrina insists she wouldn't have been singing it.

Even so, she still loves watching Eurovision on the night, particularly its madder bits.

Katrina says: "It's great entertainment. There's all these countries putting forward their very best stuff, or at least their funniest. Rather than that just a bunch of dreary ballads." **● Hearts, Loves & Babys by Katrina is out today.**

## KATRINA'S FAVOURITES

- FILM:** All About Eve
- BOOK:** The Loved One, by Evelyn Waugh
- PLAY:** Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf
- TV SHOW:** Big Little Lies
- ACTOR:** Jane Fonda
- COMEDIAN:** Jennifer Saunders
- SPORTSPERSON:** Martina Navratilova
- SPORTS TEAM:** Harlem Globetrotters
- SPORTING EVENT:** Tennis
- SONG:** It's Getting Better, by Mama Cass
- SINGER:** Mama Cass Elliot
- BAND:** Velvet Underground
- FOOD:** Tacos
- COLOUR:** Blue
- DRINK:** Corona
- CITY:** London
- HOLIDAY:** Utah
- BUILDING:** Empire State Building
- GADGET:** Pedometer
- FIGURE FROM HISTORY:** Florence Nightingale
- ANIMAL:** Poodle

## Your chance to win album

KATRINA'S latest album *Hearts, Loves & Babys* is released today. And we have six CD copies to give away.

For a chance to win one, just answer this question:

Katrina & The Waves' song Love Shine A Light won us the Eurovision Song Contest on Saturday May 3, 1997 — just hours after which newly elected Prime Minister had taken office?

- (A) John Major
- (B) Tony Blair
- (C) Margaret Thatcher

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