

NEWS IN BRIEF**Arrests after teen punched and kicked**

A 15-YEAR-old boy was injured during a late-night street assault in Bishop's Stortford.

Violence flared after the teenager, who lives in the town, spoke to two people outside the Black Lion in Bridge Street shortly before midnight last Thursday. He was punched in the face and, when he fell to the ground, he was kicked. The victim suffered swelling and redness to his left eye, scratches and bruises.

Two men aged 26 were later arrested. They have been released on police bail until November 9 while investigations continue.

Three cars damaged in vandalism attacks

VANDALS caused hundreds of pounds' worth of damage when they attacked three vehicles parked in Bishop's Stortford between Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

In Anchor Street, the front and rear panels on the driver's side of a blue Nissan Almera were kicked and a wing mirror was broken off.

And at The Thatchers in St Michael's Mead, a Vauxhall Corsa and a Ford Ka were scratched.

Little and large duo wanted for burglary

A MITRE saw worth £200 was taken after raiders forced a window to break into a house in Bishop's Avenue, Bishop's Stortford, at about 1am on Saturday.

The only description police have of the burglars is that one was tall while the other was short. Both wore dark clothing.

Forgotten bag stolen

A MAN aged 22 had his Nike sports bag containing £120 cash stolen after he mistakenly left it under a bench at a bus stop in Villiers-sur-Marne Avenue, Thorley Park, Bishop's Stortford, on Monday morning last week.



ANIMAL LOVER: Rose with parents Esme and Dave
Photo:WHCBQ2F-15

It's a tasty sum for little Rose

TASTE buds were tingling at the Tamarind Tree in Bishop's Stortford when it hosted a fund-raising night for disabled youngster Rose Willcocks.

Around 60 diners attended the curry night at the Indian restaurant in Southmill Road on Thursday last week, raising £740 towards the £15,000 needed to send Rose, 4, of The Ridings, Thorley Park, swimming with dolphins.

Rose has a rare genetic condition meaning she cannot talk. But she has been dubbed Miss Doolittle after her parents, Esme and Dave, discovered she has a special affinity with animals.

They have a fund-raising website - www.rose-willcocks-appeal.org - and have so far received almost £4,000.

Health chiefs to blame for breast cancer scandal

BLAME for breast cancer bungles which paralysed the screening service for women across the **Observer** area must be borne by health trust bosses - and not the consultant in charge.

That was the verdict of the General Medical Council's fitness to practise committee after almost a month examining evidence against Dr Kong Fa Lan Keng Lun.

He faced being struck off for alleged misconduct, but in their determination against the medic, members told him: "The external review team stated that the Princess Alexandra NHS Trust must accept much of the responsibility for the serious failure of their breast screening service."

"While this does not excuse your failings, it serves as cogent mitigation to the extent that the panel is satisfied that many of your actions or omissions would not have occurred had you received the support you needed and requested."

"The panel heard witnesses from Epping testify to your hard work and

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long working hours. It was concerned that some of the diagnostic failures may reflect the fact that at Epping, NHS targets for breast screening appear to have become an end in themselves rather than a means to an end."

After Dr Lan Keng Lun resigned from his post as chief radiologist at the mammography unit monitoring 70,000 at risk women, a catalogue of errors - which ultimately led to 18 patients being given the all clear when in fact they had breast cancer - was uncovered.

He had been employed by Princess Alexandra NHS Trust to screen females aged between 50 and 70 for six primary care trusts - including those in Uttlesford and East Herts.

Since his departure in 2004, the service has been in disarray and women in and around Dunmow are still waiting for testing to resume, almost four years after the chaos first closed the unit based at St Margaret's Hospital in Epping.

The fitness to practise committee, which sat in Manchester, has drawn up a list of 18 conditions Dr Lan Keng Lun must comply with for at least the next two years because of his "deficient professional performance", but will let him continue treating patients after his current employer in Ipswich testified he was now a valued member of its radiology department.

He is no longer allowed to act in a management role and must "formulate a personal development plan" to tackle his "deficiencies" in communication and biopsy techniques.

The committee decided: "There is no evidence of a harmful, deep-seated or attitudinal problem."

In response to the GMC rap, PAH trust apologised for "serious shortcomings" in the service during Dr Lan Keng Lun's time in charge and reassured patients that problems had been investigated and resolved.

A spokesman said: "The unit has moved on. We have appointed two new consultants who work together at all times and changes have been made to the management team responsible for the unit."

"We have undertaken a full review of our policies and procedures to ensure that we provide the best possible quality care to our patients."

The service for all women is expected to be fully restored by 2008.



FAILINGS: Dr Kong Fa Lan Keng Lun; right, flashback to the Observer's story three weeks ago

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