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Tito's limo This rare convertible Mercedes 600 limousine, first owned by Yugoslavia's communist-era president Josip Tito, could be yours for £2.5 million. The Mercedes 600 was the ride of choice for 1970s dictators and this model, a six-door Pullman Landaulet with luxury leather interior, is said to be one of only nine ever built. The young Tito, then Josip Broz, once worked at the Benz factory in Mannheim. The car is being sold by Derbyshire car dealer Tom Hartley Jnr.



TOM HARTLEY JR/SWINS

Alzheimer's drug 'reduces brain plaques'

◆ A pioneering new drug has been shown to clear away the sticky clumps of plaque in the brain that are thought to be a primary cause of Alzheimer's.

The drug, verubecestat, is now in final trials. Results from a Phase 1 study with 32 patients found it can reduce by up to 94 per cent the levels of beta-amyloid, a protein fragment that accumulates in sticky deposits in the brains of Alzheimer's sufferers.

It appeared to produce no severe side effects. Earlier experiments with similar drugs were found to cause liver and nerve damage.

It is the first drug of its kind to make it to Phase 3 trials, which will give a conclusive indication about whether it is effective. Currently, there are medicines that can alleviate some of the symptoms of the disease, but not halt or slow its progress.

The Phase 1 trial reported in the journal *Science Translational Medicine* showed that beta-amyloid was reduced nearly entirely in some cases and the effect increased with higher doses.

Dr Clare Walton, research manager at the Alzheimer's Society, a charity, said: "This finding has paved the way for much larger clinical trials that are currently under way, and we very much look forward to the results of these in the coming years."

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Sponsor a room at Centrepoint today and they won't have to.

Forced to leave home through no fault of his own, Dan aged 17 had no choice but to sleep rough. Alone and exposed, his health rapidly deteriorated. If he hadn't found a room at Centrepoint, he could have died. Shockingly, in the UK at least 136,000 16 - 24 year olds like Dan are homeless or at the risk of being homeless, and are twice as likely to die on the streets.*

Please sponsor a room today.

Just 40p a day can give a homeless young person a safe room at Centrepoint, where they can receive counselling, advice and learn the basic skills they'll need to secure a brighter future.

Call **0300 330 2729** visit centrepoint.org.uk/sponsor-a-room or fill out the form below.

We use models and change the name of the young people that we work with to protect their identity, however, all stories are true as told by the young people

*Source: University of Sheffield 2012.

Your room will save lives and change lives.

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Minister berates cult of ugliness in architecture

By **Kate McCann** SENIOR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ALMOST all modern buildings are "aesthetically worthless" and a product of the "cult of ugliness", a minister has said, as he vowed that the Government would build "beautiful" new designs and reject "soulless" architecture.

John Hayes, a transport minister, said Britain's new railway lines, stations and roads would be "sublime" and "borne ceaselessly to new elegance, style and beauty".

In a lengthy speech about the impact of buildings on the people who use them, Mr Hayes vowed to defeat the "culprits" who designed ugly buildings.

He said he would ensure that HS2, Crossrail and new rail stations would mean the Government could "lead the way to the public realm of the beautiful". He promised to support rebuilding the Euston Arch in London, demolished in 1961.

"The overwhelming majority of public architecture built during my lifetime is aesthetically worthless, simply because it is ugly," he said.

"We must create all of the sublimity of which we are capable - to enthral and inspire; to counter the disap-

pointment and harm which are bound to be part of human frailty.

"Be warned: the descendants of the Brutalists still each day design and build new horrors, from huge concrete slabs to out-of-scale, rough-hewn buildings, and massive sculptural-shaped structures which bear little or no relationship to their older neighbours."

He added: "Some modernists seem to suggest that we've grown out of a need for beauty, that a love of beauty is the sign of an immature or unsophisticated outlook. And some of our enemies say, and - still more sadly - believe, that to pursue the purely functional is intrinsically efficacious."

"Others cling to a tired desire to shock; a sad addiction to the newness of things."

He praised the new King's Cross station, where the modern building "is like a child: unique, but recognisably spawned from its parent".

The Government is planning several transport infrastructure projects, including HS2, for which, Mr Hayes revealed, there would be a team of 50 designers. "I will be looking closely at its remit, role and appropriateness," he promised.

'Struggling' Ukip may be dying, its chief sponsor says

◆ Ukip's biggest donor, Arron Banks, has warned the party could be about to "die" or "fade into the background".

The businessman also said his close ally Nigel Farage could return as leader to stabilise the party.

Asked if Ukip was finished, Mr Banks told BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme: "It could be - it's at a crossroads."

On the possibility of Mr Farage coming back as leader, Mr Banks said: "I think at some point he may do, yes, maybe. I think Nigel was probably a dominant

politician of the last 20 or 30 years, and losing him has caused the pressure cooker to explode."

Mr Banks has threatened to stop funding the party unless it "cleanses itself" of some senior figures.

"I think we are struggling at the moment, there is no point in denying it," he said. "I don't know if it's over for Ukip. It's certainly achieved its main goal in politics, which was to get the [EU] referendum and win it."

But the leadership contest front-runner Paul Nuttall lacked the "steel" to sort out the mess, Mr Banks claimed.

TV viewing on mobiles soars

◆ Video viewing on mobile devices has gone up 85 per cent in the last six years, a global report reveals.

In the UK, users now consume on average about eight hours a week of TV.

Consumer spending on video on demand services, such as Netflix and Amazon Prime, has risen 27 per cent.

Zeynep Ahmet, from Ericsson ConsumerLab, which carried out the research, said: "Consumers want to create their own worlds of compelling, personalised content."

Beware fakes for sale online

◆ Consumers have been warned about the growing threat of dangerous counterfeit goods sold via social media platforms and other online portals.

National Trading Standards (NTS) said fraudsters were selling fake items, including electrical products, through social media, where it was easier to conceal identities and disguise contact details.

Criminals were disguising themselves as well-known brands to lure users to their external sites with low prices.