

# Gay men (and women) will never forget a face

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GAY men are on a par with women when it comes to never forgetting a face.

Like women, they use both sides of their brains to rapidly assess faces and decide if they are familiar.

It's all to do with communication between the right and left sides of the brain.

Homosexual men show patterns of bilaterality – using both sides of the brain – similar to heterosexual women.

Heterosexual men tend to favour the right hemisphere for such tasks.

'Our results suggest that both gay men and heterosexual women code faces bilaterally. That allows for faster retrieval of stored information,' said study lead author Jennifer Steeves, at Toronto's York University. Subjects memorised ten black-and-white pictures of faces, minus ears and hair, which were then mixed up with 50 others. They were shown each image briefly and asked to pick out the familiar ones.

Researchers also found left-handed heterosexual participants had better face recognition abilities than left-handed homosexuals, and also outperformed right-handed heterosexuals. Previous studies have shown homosexuals are 39 per cent more likely to be left-handed.

## > Water way to set a record



Guy Cribb surfs a wave while setting a record for the number of water-sports completed in a day. The windsurfing champion took part in 21 events, including jet skiing and body-boarding, after setting off at 6am in Bourne-mouth. 'It was amazing,' the 40-year-old said. His bid has been sent to Guinness for approval

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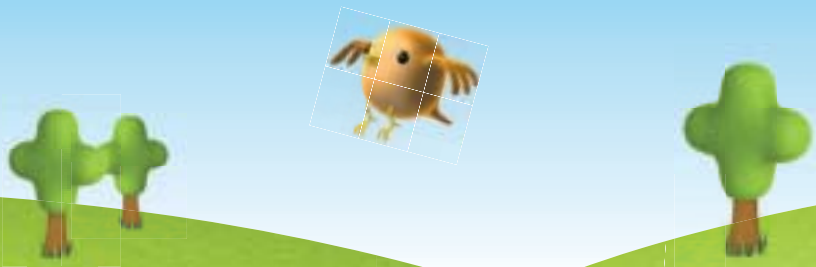
Guilty: Durnell and Ganderton

## Race hate pair jailed after sting

TWO racist jabs who physically attacked and hurled abuse at two undercover Panorama reporters were jailed yesterday. Sean Ganderton, 23, and Martin Durnell, 18, systematically 'bullied and threatened' Asian journalists Amil Khan and Tamanna Rahman as they secretly filmed Panorama: Hate On The Doorstep. They spent two months living on Bristol's Southmead estate and were told, 'You shouldn't be living here' and 'I'm going to cut you up', by the unemployed pair. Branding them 'cowards', Judge Michael Roach jailed Ganderton for two years and Durnell to 21 months youth custody at Bristol Crown Court.

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