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Sister act: Tatiana and Krista are all smiles and, below, with grandmother Louise McKay and mother Felicia Simms
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CONJOINED twins Krista and Tatiana Hogan really do have a different outlook on life – they see through each other's eyes.

The four-year-olds have a conjoined section of the brain, allowing them to hear each other's thoughts and see through each other's eyes.

'When they are playing, one of the girls will reach over and grab something from her sister's side and know

By **Hayden Smith**

exactly where it is without possibly being able to see it,' said their mother Felicia Simms, from British Columbia, Canada. 'It's absolutely awesome to watch them sometimes because there's no way she can see the toy she is reaching for. It's just incredible.'

The girls also seem to experience each other's emotions, she added. 'If

one of the girls is hurt, the other can feel it and if you discipline one the other will also cry,' she explained.

Ms Simms and her partner Brendan Hogan, 26, were unaware their daughters were conjoined until five months into the pregnancy. They share a thalamus, the part of the brain that sends physical sensations and motor functions to the cerebral cortex.

Paediatric neurosurgeon Doug Co-

chrane, who has been caring for the girls since they were born, added: 'One twin may see what the other twin does, as the brain of one of the girls receives electronic impulses from the retina of the opposite twin.'

When the girls were born by Caesarean section they weighed just 2.9kg (6.5lb). Only eight such cases have ever been documented and just three of those have survived the birth.

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Cameron backs immigration cut

DAVID CAMERON has insisted it is 'perfectly possible' to cut net immigration by more than half without harming business. The prime minister (pictured) said he was convinced he could offer 'business-friendly immigration' in plans unveiled tomorrow. His own skills tsar, Chris Humphries, said an immigration cap was 'pointless'.



league tables and results, new research claims. More than half of teachers said their school did not have a clear 'spirit', independent charity Teach First said. 'In a school with a strong ethos and culture, a pupil can learn in any classroom and know that certain actions will be met with comparable responses, regardless of classroom, subject or teacher,' the group added.

Tube travellers are owed £34m

LONDON commuters are owed up to £34million a year for delayed Tube journeys, a study shows. Passengers delayed by 15 minutes or more are entitled to a full refund on their Tube ticket or Oyster Card. But Transport For London refunds



It's a bug's life: A rare spider feared extinct in Britain has been photographed after a new colony was found. The Rosser's sac spider was spotted at Chippenham Fen, Cambridgeshire. Picture: PA

about £2million each year, leaving a 95 per cent of potential cash unclaimed, according to the website MyTubeWasLate.

com. 'There is a huge vat of people who don't know or can't be bothered to claim,' said its founder Connor Kinnear.

Dragon defends peer over gaffe

BUSINESS mogul Theo Paphitis has defended Lord Young's comment that most people have 'never had it so good'. The Dragons' Den star, 51, (pictured) said the peer was 'technically correct' and people were generally better off in this recession than the last. Lord Young who resigned as enterprise tsar on Friday.



deter young people from taking up the habit. All brands could be forced to use the same pack, all carrying health warnings, because 'it's wrong that children are being attracted to smoke by glitzy designs', said health secretary Andrew Lansley. He said he would reveal more detail shortly but campaign group Ash said he should set a date for the switch now.

and finally...

WIDOWER Tom Lackey has broken his own Guinness World Record for being the oldest person to go 'wing walking'. The 90-year-old, from Shirley, West Midlands, first strapped to a plane's wing for a flight over the Cotswolds at the age of 89 - and did it again on a Boeing Stearman biplane last week.

'Glitzy' cigarette packets must go

CIGARETTES could soon be sold in plain grey or brown packs as ministers look to

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Anti-Jewish texts 'taught in schools'

A TEXTBOOK taught in some weekend schools in Britain asks children to list the 'reprehensible' qualities of Jewish people, an investigation has revealed.

About 5,000 Muslim children are taught from books which claim that some Jews were transformed into pigs and apes, that the penalty for sodomy is execution and teach the correct ways to chop off the hands and feet of thieves, according to BBC's Panorama.

The pupils, aged six to 18, attend a network of more than 40 weekend schools across Britain which offer to teach the Saudi national curriculum to Muslim children, the programme said.

One book for children as young as six asks them what happens to someone who dies who is not a believer in Islam. The correct answer is 'hellfire'.

Investigators also found a text for pupils aged 15 which teaches about Sharia law and its punishments. 'For thieves

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their hands will be cut off for a first offence and their foot for a subsequent offence,' it reads.

Education secretary Michael Gove told Panorama the sentiments of anti-Semitism and homophobia were 'inappropriate' when it comes to educating young people. 'That's exactly the sort of sentiment that I think has absolutely no place in English education or in public life in Britain,' he added.

'I think we all recognise that any expression of homophobia and prejudice like that is totally inappropriate when it comes to educating young people.'

'We cannot have anti-Semitic material of any kind being used in English schools'

Part-time weekend schools are not currently inspected by Ofsted. British Schools Muslim Rules: Panorama will be aired tonight at 8pm on BBC 1.



Angry: Mr Gove

Hurting Mandy 'put out to pasture' by Ed

PETER MANDELSON has revealed he felt like he was being 'packed off prematurely to an old people's home' when Ed Miliband overlooked him for a job in the shadow cabinet. The former business secretary said he was 'hurt and denigrated' when the new Labour leader talked about him of having 'dignity in retirement'. He told Total Politics magazine: 'I felt as if I was being unfairly treated and packed off prematurely to an old people's home.' But, in a swipe at Mr

Miliband, he said he 'didn't really think that seriously about Ed as a would-be leader' despite spending more time with him than his brother, David, who he had backed as Gordon Brown's successor. On a personal note, he said he was not 'coping perfectly' without the pressures of his government jobs. Lord Mandelson's comments follow a growing Labour revolt against Mr Miliband, with reports emerging of a plot to oust him in two years.