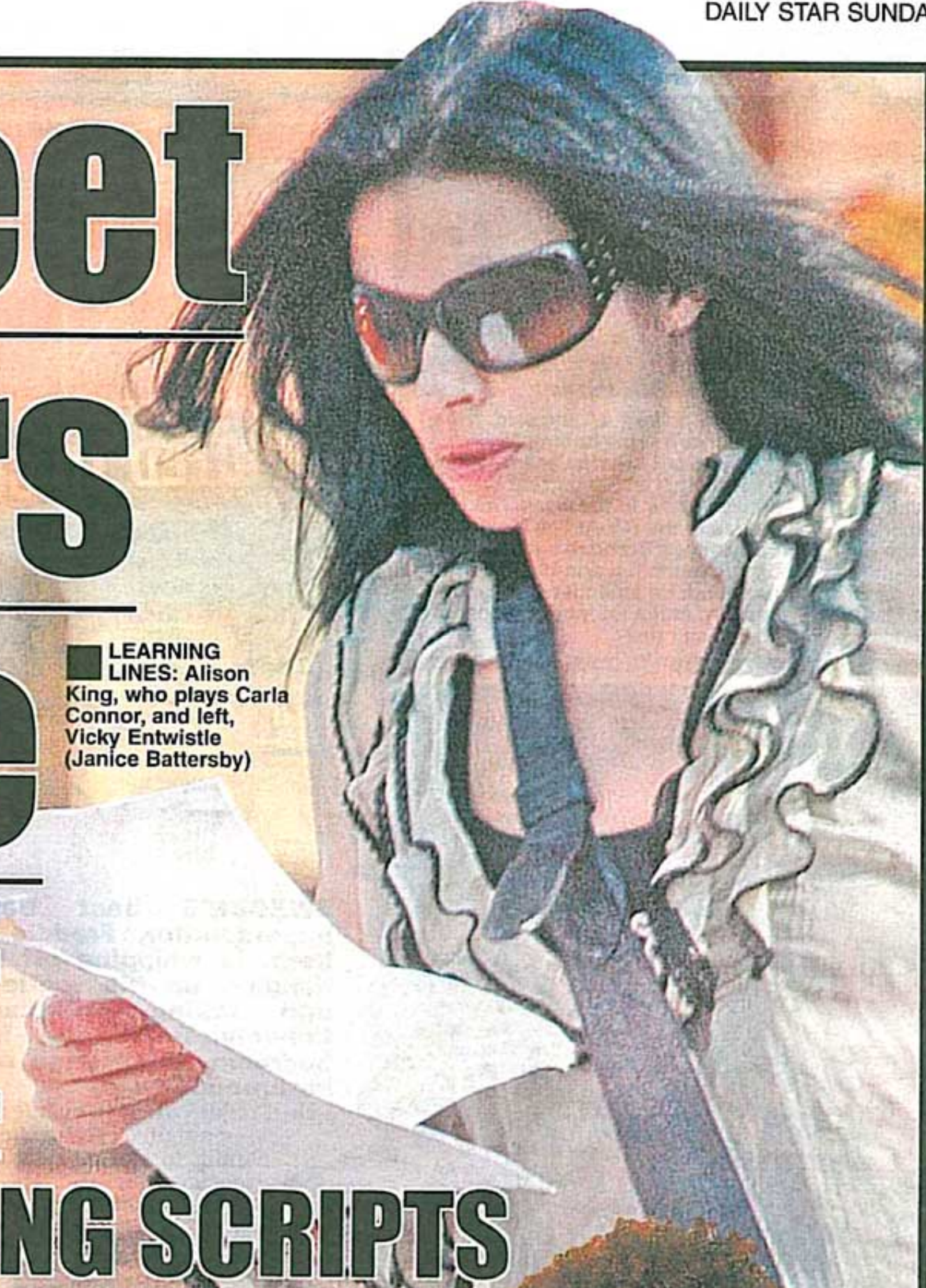




Street stars lose plot

LEARNING LINES: Alison King, who plays Carla Connor, and left, Vicky Entwistle (Janice Battersby)



WARNING ON MISSING SCRIPTS

CORRIE stars have been read the riot act - after top-secret scripts were found at a bus stop, in a rubbish skip and in the road.

The amazing gaffes sparked a strict new rule that every script handed out **MUST** be handed back in once it's been used.

Actors and crew face punishment if they don't - and will have to account for every missing script.

Bosses fear that, in the wrong hands, they could scupper months of hard work.

If plotlines are made public or sold to rivals, the cost implications to the ITV1 soap could be huge and potentially run into hundreds of thousands of pounds.

An insider said: "There is usually an eight-week period from when scenes are shot to appearing on telly."

"So if those scripts get out then it could mean we'd have to re-shoot days - if not weeks - of footage."

Sources say there have been a "number of incidents" recently where scripts have been found "in places they shouldn't be".

These have included skips, a bus stop and scattered in the road, as if

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they had been thrown out of a car. On one occasion last year Granada bosses were counting their lucky stars after warehouse worker Dave Bradshaw found scripts in a carrier bag - but handed them in.

Dave found the Tesco bag at a bus stop and was amazed to find 60 pages of storylines.

There have also been occasions when storylines have been leaked to

new rules. "Some are really efficient and bring them back every week," said our mole. "But some of the more forgetful ones still hoard them."

"The new system is much better than just letting cast members dispose of scripts themselves."

"Some people were just throwing them out with their household rubbish or putting them in wheelie bins."

"In some cases we suspect that unscrupulous neighbours may have even been going through stars' bins to find them. In one particular case

material was found on several occasions close to a particular actor's home.

"We now believe he was definitely being personally targeted by someone - so that they could cash in on the information in the scripts."

The insider added: "A lot of time and thought goes into the planning of our storylines and it was soul-destroying for the scriptwriters to have all their efforts wasted by other people's carelessness."

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internet sites or media outlets - but the source has not been identified.

And bosses reckon there have been incidents where scripts have been stolen from actors' rubbish bins.

One insider said: "There is now a 'count them out and count them in' policy to prevent any more embarrassing incidents where members of the public find discarded scripts."

"The new rules will hopefully mean no more gaffes."

Our source said cast members "have reacted in different ways" to the strict

Kelly's a mum at heart

BIG-HEARTED Corrie star Tupele Dorgu is trying for a baby.

The 30-year-old actress would love to have children with her boyfriend of three years, Mark Flanagan, 39.

And she has revealed how a near-tragedy in Mark's own family has inspired her to help raise funds for a new children's hospital in Manchester, where the couple live.

Tupele, right, who plays

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the soap's feisty factory girl Kelly Crabtree, said: "I've seen how much a child's illness can affect the whole family."

"Mark's nephew was just three when he was diagnosed with leukaemia."

"He's now five and, thankfully, he had treatment and recovered. He'll still need regular

check-ups until he's 18. But he's an incredible little boy and he has now started school."

The New Children's Hospital appeal is for £20million equipment in a new development.

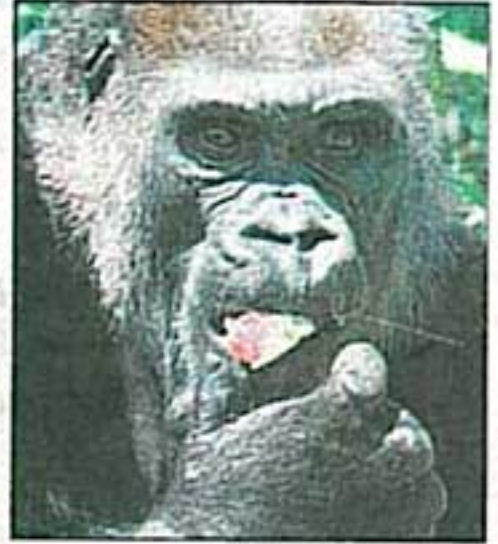
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Tupele said: "I'm hoping to have children of my own. But when I see parents of sick kids working so hard to keep the family unit together, it

makes me wonder how I would cope in their situation."

Mixed-race Tupele says being "different" has made her more aware of others' problems. She added: "Lots of kids thought my Nigerian dad was Jamaican and all we ate was chicken, rice and peas!"

● *Tupele's full interview is in Tesco magazine. Hospital donations at newchildrenshospitalappeal.org.uk*



OLDEST: Gorilla Jenny

It's so long to Kong

THE oldest gorilla in captivity, a 55-year-old female named Jenny, has died.

Officials decided to put her to sleep because of a tumour in her stomach.

She had stopped eating and drinking at Dallas Zoo, where she had lived for more than half a century.

Zoo spokesman Sean Greene said: "The last couple of weeks we noticed that she hadn't been feeling all that great. It was a quality-of-life decision."

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The International Species Information System, which maintains records on animals at 700 institutions around the world, confirmed earlier this year that Jenny was the oldest gorilla in its database.

The zoo held a party in May to celebrate Jenny's longevity, complete with a birthday fruitcake.

The Western lowland gorilla was born in the wild and acquired by the zoo in 1957. She gave birth to a daughter Vicki in 1965.

She enjoyed being around people and was often seen napping below her favourite fig tree.

A curator at the zoo, Kristen Lukas, said yesterday: "It's very sad that she's passed on but what a great life she's had."

Family Fagins

ELDERLY people are having their homes, benefits and savings stolen by members of their own families.

And the scale of the financial abuse could amount to tens of millions of pounds each year.

Kate Joplin of Help the Aged said: "We are talking about hundreds of thousands of victims."

"Sometimes the elderly are not in a position to know they are being abused because of reduced mental capacity."

Sometimes they are just hugely embarrassed.

"It's a sad reality that many abusers are family members, maybe not just a son or daughter, but quite often someone in a position of trust," she said.

APPEALING SUM

A RETIRED woman university professor has won £42,000 compensation over the noisy bells of a church in Lavagna, Italy.