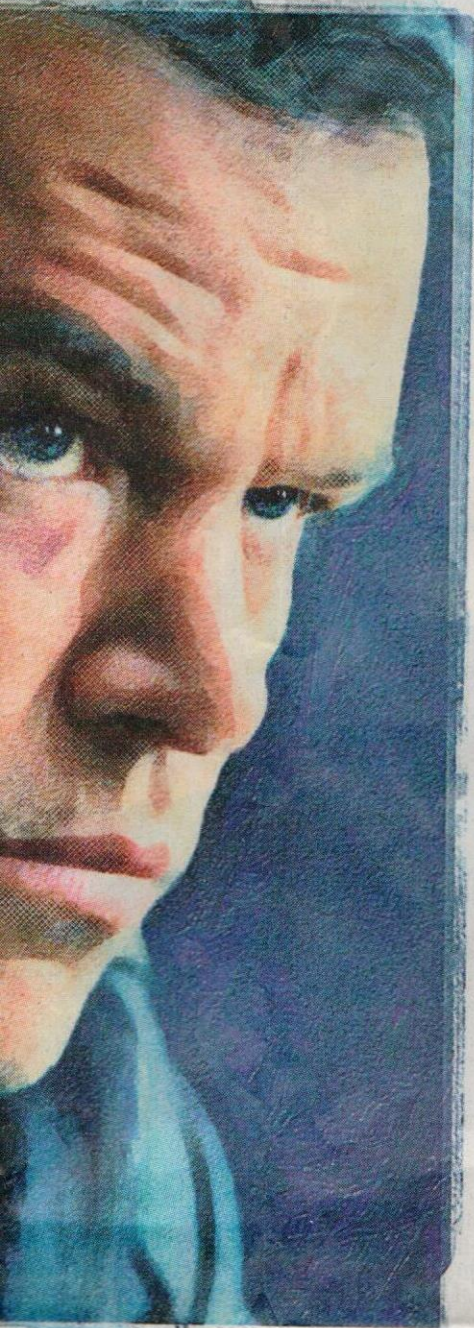


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Chris Evert

Broken by the love game

The former tennis star Chris Evert has revealed why she left the skier Andy Mill, her husband of 18 years, for his close friend Greg Norman. It was all the fault of the menopause.

"I was going through menopausal stuff that doesn't get talked about enough," she explained last week. She married the golfer Norman, but they divorced acrimoniously after 15 months.

This means that we'll have to consider a whole new definition for the word menopause – that time in a woman's life when she can't keep her paws off other men.



Carol Ann Duffy

The poet laureate's mains attraction

Sometimes poets laureate find inspiration in the most peculiar places. Carol Ann Duffy famously wasn't moved to verse by the Queen's 90th birthday, or the births of Prince George and Princess Charlotte. Yet last week she released a hymn of praise to the old-fashioned gas and electricity meters that will soon be obsolete: "for the whumpf of the flame on the water heater/ it was shillings or florins into the meter".

To get the most out of this poem, you should read it in a smelly dark cupboard under the stairs. It's what Carol Ann would want.

Pixie Lott

Audrey who? Pixie is a gem in Tiffany's role

Is there nothing the singer Pixie Lott cannot do? She once impressed viewers of *Strictly Come Dancing* with her Viennese waltz, and now her West End debut has been warmly welcomed. She plays Holly Golightly in a new production of *Breakfast at Tiffany's* at the Theatre Royal Haymarket.

The role was, of course, made famous by Audrey Hepburn, but the comparison doesn't seem to have bothered Pixie. After all, looking glamorous was easy for Audrey – she never had to parade in front of the *Strictly* judges while Len Goodman tore a strip off her cha-cha-cha.

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