

# Praise for gift of life heroes

A THANKSGIVING service for the families who carry donor cards and the medical staff who save lives will be held in Birmingham Cathedral tonight.

The service in St Phillip's was organised by Mrs Elaine Whitfield, from Redditch, whose father, Arthur, was given a heart transplant three years ago.

She wanted all the families who have benefited from a transplant operation to be able to say a proper thank you to the donors and surgeons.

**Awareness**

She campaigns constantly to raise awareness of the need to carry a donor card and said there were more than 5,500 people in Britain who are waiting for a transplant.

Tonight's service will herald next week's National Transplant Week.

The service, at 7.30pm will be attended by the Deputy Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Coun Paul Tilley, the Mayor of Worcester, Coun David Inghit, and the Mayor of Redditch, Coun Doug Baddeley.

# Two face crash charges

TWO men have appeared in court after a car crash in which two elderly women were injured.

John David Callaghan, (21), of Laburnum Avenue, Kingshurst, and Garry Dudley, (21), of no fixed address, were remanded in custody until Friday by Birmingham magistrates.

Both were charged with aggravated vehicle taking, driving while disqualified and having no insurance. Callaghan was accused of failing to stop after an accident.

# VERDICT ON OLD MUMS

ELDERLY women should not be allowed to give birth, according to readers who voted in an Evening Mail phone poll.

We asked for your views following the news that a 62-year-old Italian woman had given birth after fertility treatment.

Eighty-one per cent said births at a late stage in life should not be permitted, with only 19 per cent in favour.

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Blue Circle	317 -1	BP	459 kd +11
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Colson	281	Lawson M	6481
CRH	372	Shell	721 +51
Galfrid	372	Sunrise Enrgy	129
Laing J	280	Aspen Comms	170
McAlpine Allied	200	Bernose	416 +1
Newman Tonks	153	Lawson M	6481
RMC	959 -5	Reed Internat	792 -6
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Rugby	141 -1	United News	533
Tarmac	162	POWER COMPANIES	
Wimpey	164	National Power	436 kd +1
Woolwich	841 kd -7	Powergen	496 kd
CHEMICAL		PROPERTY	
BTP	299 kd	Brit Land	418 kd +1
Canning (W)	178	Five Oaks	24
Glaxo	582	Lamp	280
ICI	809	Land Secs	667 -1
Imperial	291	MPC	466 kd -2
Leigh Int	218	Mucklow	156
Logica	283	Saville Gordon	63
Wellcome	624 -7	South Estates	243 -1
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ACT Grp	125 kd	Beattie A'Ord	142
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IMI	314	Fenner	129 kd
Linsad	210	Granada	528 kd -2
Mackenzie	458 kd +2	Hanson	2971 +11
McCleod Russel	114	Harris (Philip)	158 kd
Metalast	102	Highpoint	53
Moscar Int	30	Katamazo	130 kd
600 Group	60 kd	Manders	348
Simon	117	NFC	194 -3
T1 Group	385 +5	P & O	675 +1
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WBS Industries	107	Reckit C	588
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Ladbroke	168	Smith Beecm	403 +1
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Aca	561	T & N	234 +1
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Booker	431		
Cadbury Sch	446 -1		
Forte	226 -2		
Grand Metro	417 kd -8		
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North Foods	204 kd		
Queens Moat	477 +5		
Sainsbury	399 kd -1		
Tate & Lyle	412 kd +2		
Tesco	239 -1		
Ungate	312 kd		
United Super	317 +11		
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# CAPITAL GROUP SHOWS FAITH IN MIDLANDS

**NEWLY-floated investment capital group 3i pumped £45 million into 94 Midland companies in the 12 months to March 31, figures showed.**

By JOHN CRANAGE

Lands' economy. With investments of £45 million in the region over the last year, 3i was able to make a significant contribution to the region's industry and commerce.

"These new figures also underline the central role that 3i plays in funding independent companies as the demand for capital investment continues to grow."

The Birmingham office increased its investment level by 10 per cent last year, as business activity picked up in the wake of the recession.

Deals backed by 3i included the £52 million management buy-out of LDV (formerly Leyland DAF Vans) and the buy-out of Citrus Colloids from Hereford cider giant Bulmers.

"We have seen some major high profile investments this year which endorsed, once again, Birmingham's skills and experience as a financial centre for large transactions," said Mr Rowlands.

"What is particularly pleasing, however, is the increase in the mix of investments we have made over the year, with a good deal of growth capital as well as buy-out and buy-in activity."

"Judging by the busy activity of the first quarter of this year, the coming months look set to be very busy."

# Costs push car auction group in red

**BUSINESS REPORTER**

**CENTRAL Motor Auctions drove into the red as profits were hit by one-off costs, figures revealed today.**

The group — which claims to be the biggest motor auction company in Europe — said it was bidding for new areas of business.

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**Computer software**

Exceptional reorganisation costs, including compensation for a former director, and a write-down of computer software costs, saw the Leeds-based group make a loss of £420,000 in the latest half-year.

This compared with a profit of £347,000 for the corresponding period a year earlier.

Losses per share of 3.1p compared with earnings last time of 1.8p. The interim dividend will be halved to 0.5p.

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