

Old folk don't want to know

OLDER people pay less attention to other points of view and are more prone to oversharing as they age.

A study found the ability to respond to different perspectives deteriorates as people grow older.

They were also more likely to bring up irrelevant details when asked to describe objects in tests.

Madeline Long, of Edinburgh University, said: "We hope the findings can be used to design training that helps them avoid communicative errors."

Clear sky for beaver moon

A "BEAVER moon" that is 14% bigger and 30% brighter than usual will appear this Friday and Saturday nights as it moves closer to Earth.

It will be the year's second supermoon, with a third on December 3.

The best chance of seeing it is Saturday, when clearer skies are predicted.

A November full moon is so nicknamed as it occurs at a time of year when northern hunters used to set beaver traps before waters froze.

Transatlantic flight

I boarded plane as a man... and walked off as a woman

BY LOUIE SMITH

AN aviation expert has told how she changed her gender during a flight to London.

Paula Collins, 57, said she got on the plane in Beijing as a man and got off in the capital as a woman.

The instructor, who teaches engineers to fix Boeing 787 Dreamliners, was worried about coming out as transgender in such a "macho" industry.

But Paula, who has two daughters, says her colleagues have supported her. She said: "I walked into work and just said, 'This is how it's going to be' and they were absolutely fine with it. "I travel the world teaching

people how planes work. It's a male-dominated industry and I feel I'm helping to change that.

"How can I hide away? I'm a 6ft tall woman with bright pink hair." Paula, of Dunstable, Beds, works for Monarch's engineering arm, which did not go bust when the airline folded.

She was born a man but realised she was "different" at the age of eight.

She plans to have full gender reassignment surgery on the NHS next year.

Chris Dare, managing director of Monarch Aircraft Engineering, said: "We fully support Paula in her decision. She is a real asset."

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PAULA COLLINS HAS BACKING OF HER BOSSES

HERWAYS Plane expert Paula at work

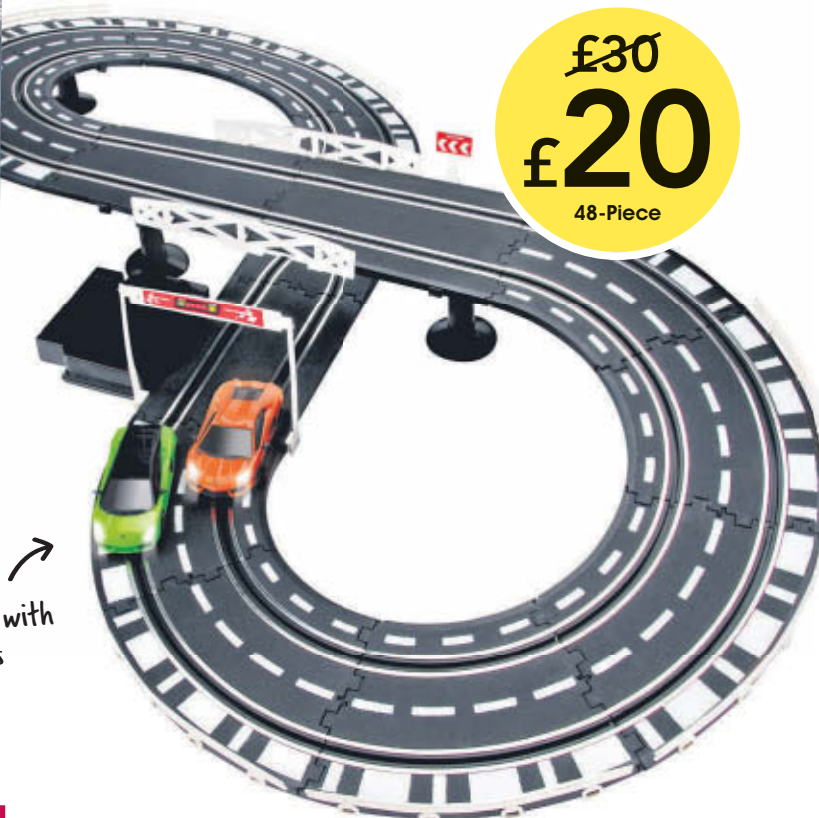


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