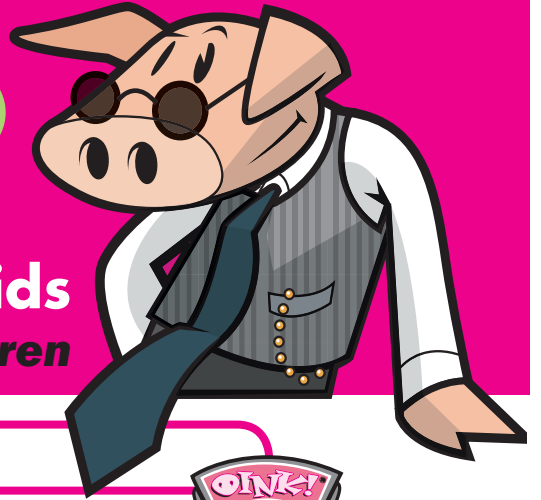


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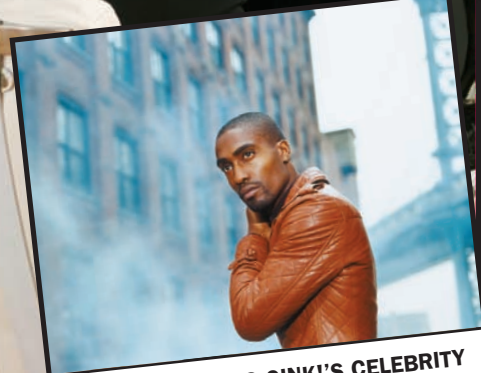
IF YOU WANT TO SEE ONE OF THE ALL TIME BEST BANDS IN THE BIZ JUST GO AND SEE WESTLIFE .

We love Westlife. And we're not alone. A recent sell-out tour of South Africa where it was hot - and sometimes rainy - shows that nothing can dampen our enthusiasm for the boys who

are tops in both hemispheres. And they love us back as we can clearly see from "The Love Tour". After eight years at the top, Westlife are considered by many to be the biggest vocal band in the world. And it's not difficult to see why. Their tours attract millions of fans, they've sold over 35 million records, had seven

multi-platinum albums in the UK alone and 13 UK number ones. Apart from that, they've performed a staggering 384 shows together since 2001 - that's an average of over one concert a week! When you consider the size and complexity of touring Westlife, that's truly amazing. It's like moving a small

army around from one venue to the next. Westlife perform tracks from *The Love Album* on *The Love Tour* as well as their all time favourites. So be prepared to sing along, sway along and generally have the greatest time with those lovely lads from the Emerald Isle.



SIMON WEBBE IS OINK!'S CELEBRITY SAVER, THIS MONTH (PAGE 12).

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CARNIVAL Pig Quiz!

Lucky Percy has just returned from a Brazilian holiday. He went to the famous Rio carnival and joined in - costumes and all! As Percy is so thoughtful, he brought back some presents for five of his closest friends and three of his cousins.

For two friends (girls), he bought beaded bracelets at R\$10.00 each (they use the Real in Brazil). He then bought four caps of each football team in Rio - three for his friends and one for himself. Each cap costs R\$12.00. He bought special bookmarks at R\$ 5.00 each for his cousins.

How much did the very kind and generous Percy spend on all the presents and a cap for himself (in Pounds)? The exchange rate is R\$4.00 to £1.

You could win that amount.

A: £ 21.00
B: £ 20.75
C: £ 17.75

To help Percy with his sums, send us your answer. Normal rules apply, see page 15. Closing date 13th April.

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WINDFALL MONEY!

Walk through an apple orchard, or your grandmother's garden, perhaps, and, if it's sometime around the end of August, you'll probably stumble across an apple, fallen from the tree. It's probably been gently eased from its branch by the wind, or it has simply dropped, its weight defying the tenuous joint between apple stalk and branch. You look at it lying there, debating what to do

with it. Should you pick it up and eat it? Or, take it inside and give it to your mum? You could take it home with you and save it for another time.

Your apple is, literally, a *windfall*. Something you weren't expecting but which has, by virtue of the wind, dropped by chance at your feet.

Windfalls are also what we call things which, purely by chance, land in our laps: we haven't done anything to get them; they simply happen. A windfall can be money left to you by a distant aunt in her will. Or large, or small, unexpected amounts of

cash or things of value, like jewellery or bonds or shares. A windfall can be money paid out by companies or building societies when they pay bonuses, or a big (or small) win on the premium bonds, the lottery or even a TV quiz show!

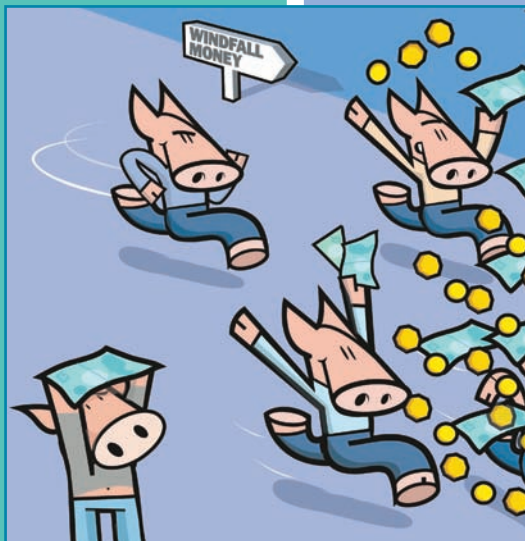
Like the decision we face when finding the apple fallen from the tree, we need to make best use of a windfall when we get one!

A cash windfall is probably the simplest to deal with and very much depends upon what we think is important at the time. Save some and spend a bit, save, spend and give some away, or give it all away! A simple decision; the difficult bit is *how*

much should we save, spend or give away. Bonds and shares are a little more complicated. If you keep them, they might lose some value; whereas, they could, just as easily increase in value. Remember, it will cost money to actually get rid of them: commissions to agents and so on.

If you're left a vintage car, that could be a wonderful windfall, worth a packet. On the other hand, it could be an albatross around your neck, and, whereas the value of the car could be, well, lots, once it's yours, you have to look after it just to maintain that value. That means paying for a garage to store it in. And not any old garage will do. It's got to be

warm, dry and safe. Then you have to insure the car, maintain it, keep it clean... Of course you can sell it, but even if you do, you'll generally



pay an agent or an auctioneer a commission to get rid of it.

OINK! THINKS

Windfall can be a burden as well as a blessing! It's very difficult to generalise because each of us lives under different circumstances. Money is clearly the easiest windfall to manage, and what we do with it will depend on our priorities. Saving is always good, and blowing a bit of cash on oneself or one's friends is fun. Giving some of your windfall away to charity, is a nice thing to do and becomes a windfall for those who benefit from your gift.

Windfalls other than money are a different matter altogether, and again will depend on our circumstances. If we can't keep the windfall or it costs us money to keep it - that vintage car for instance - then it's probably better to sell it... fast. Put it up for auction and offer it on EBAY - even if you have to pay a commission. Remember, it was a windfall and did not cost you anything.

Don't forget one thing about windfalls: there may be some tax to pay depending upon how you deal with them. So it's always good to take some advice from an accountant so you know exactly what you're dealing with.

Like the apple, your windfall could be sweet and delicious; it could also turn out to be sour and full of worms!!

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SAVE MONEY ON STAMPS!!

Did you know you can save yourself loadsa money on stamps by sending us all your competition entries together in one envelope?!!

NEXT MONTH IS EVERYBODY HAPPY?

NO! If you believe what a recent government survey tells us, our kids are some of the most miserable in the world. It also says our kids are among the worst off, don't have the highest life styles and are way down the list in terms of a good education. Do you agree? Let us know what you think. We raised this issue on OINK! ON AIR recently and received a flood of emails so it's obviously something you feel strongly about.

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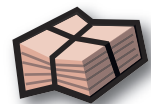
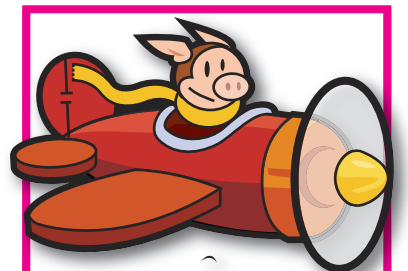
Hi from The Sty!

If Richard Branson gives us a call, we'd be quite happy to let him broadcast 'STY' News on his new Virgin Media! What a battle of the giants the Sky vs Virgin argument is turning out to be. Normally, one could predict an outcome which would include a compromise from both sides. But with Rupert Murdoch on one side, and Richard Branson on the other, who knows what will happen. OINK! watches.. and hopes for a resolution - so some of us can watch the footie again!

The good lord, Andrew Lloyd Webber, that is, is proving what a great supporter of new talent he truly is. Hot on the heels of success, discovering Connie Fisher (Maria in The Sound of Music, in case any of our readers have been visiting Mars recently!) and making pots of cash for everybody involved in the process, ALW is launching a new search... this time to find a 'Joseph' for a new production of Joseph & His Technicolor Raincoat!! OINK! has learned that the search will be made in schools throughout the land. So if you're around 14 or 15, have a go!

We've all experienced a bit of a roller coaster ride with the stock markets recently. As we predicted in our very first episode of Gordon Bennett when China sneezed and the world shifted its time continuum: when China does something, it's going to affect us all. Their stock market crashed due to investors cashing in on their investments because they were worried the government were going to impose new taxes on share deals. The Chinese market is small compared to ours (and New York and the European exchanges) so the effects of this were quite dramatic. Fortunately, our exchanges are very large and sophisticated - they've seen things like this before, and while the shares did go down, this was called a 'correction' and we've been seeing shares move up since. So that's all right, then. We hope! Who says the City isn't exciting?!!

Bye from the Sty,
Ed. Pig



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Carbon Footprints How much are you worth?



“I WEIGH A TON!”

Ever heard that expression? We've probably all said it at one time or another, especially after Sunday lunch and a particularly good pud. And indeed, we might all weigh a ton, or more specifically a tonne, if we add up all the carbon emissions we produce each day, just by... living!

Only, instead of us weighing this tonne of carbon emissions, it's sort of floating up around us, helping, they all tell us, to destroy the planet.

Which is where the new businesses of 'going green' and carbon emissions trading comes in.

First off, a tonne simply equals a ton or 2204.6 pounds (1000 kilograms).

And more or less everything we do in our daily lives, and consume, creates a carbon emission which weighs a fraction of that tonne.

For example, a human being generates enough power per day to run a light bulb, for instance, and, burning that light bulb for a day creates carbon dioxide.

So if we think of ourselves strolling down the street with an ever growing cloud of carbon emissions hanging above us... you get the picture!

So what's this all got to do with business? A lot. In fact, green issues and carbon emission trading are becoming huge businesses, with major names jumping onto the bandwagon – horse drawn, of course, so as not

to create any further carbon waste – although they do say that horse's manure produces considerable emissions – literally! But natural, of course.

One of the fastest growing new businesses is carbon emissions trading. It works like this: a car manufacturer is granted a certain number of carbon emission 'credits' which he can use in the production of his cars. If he has any left at the end of the year, he can sell his surplus 'credits' to, say, an airline, who may need them. So a trade is set up; and there are now companies, exchanges, which handle supply and demand for these carbon credits.

The credits bought are used to offset the effects of global warming through emissions. The money is used for diverse projects: creating new woodlands, donations to renewable energy projects, education and so on.

We all contribute to this. If you take a plane from London to Glasgow, you (that's you, yourself, not the other passengers in the plane) have generated 0.09 tonnes of CO₂. The Carbon Emission

the ticket, but ultimately, a proportion of this money will help us all maintain our planet.

OINK! has learned that the price of each tonne of carbon dioxide emitted which is offset is charged at an average consumer price of £8.50. It costs around £2.20 per tonne to operate the scheme, which means that £6.70 is available to be used to reduce global warming.

Is this good for business? You bet it is. Without a planet to live on, where are we going to be able to work?



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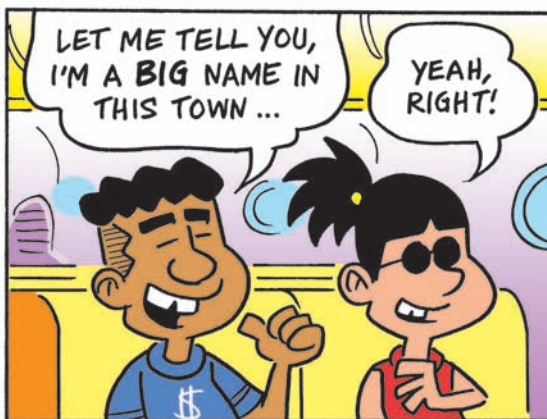
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HEY! All you money matters experts out there, can you find these words in our word-search?

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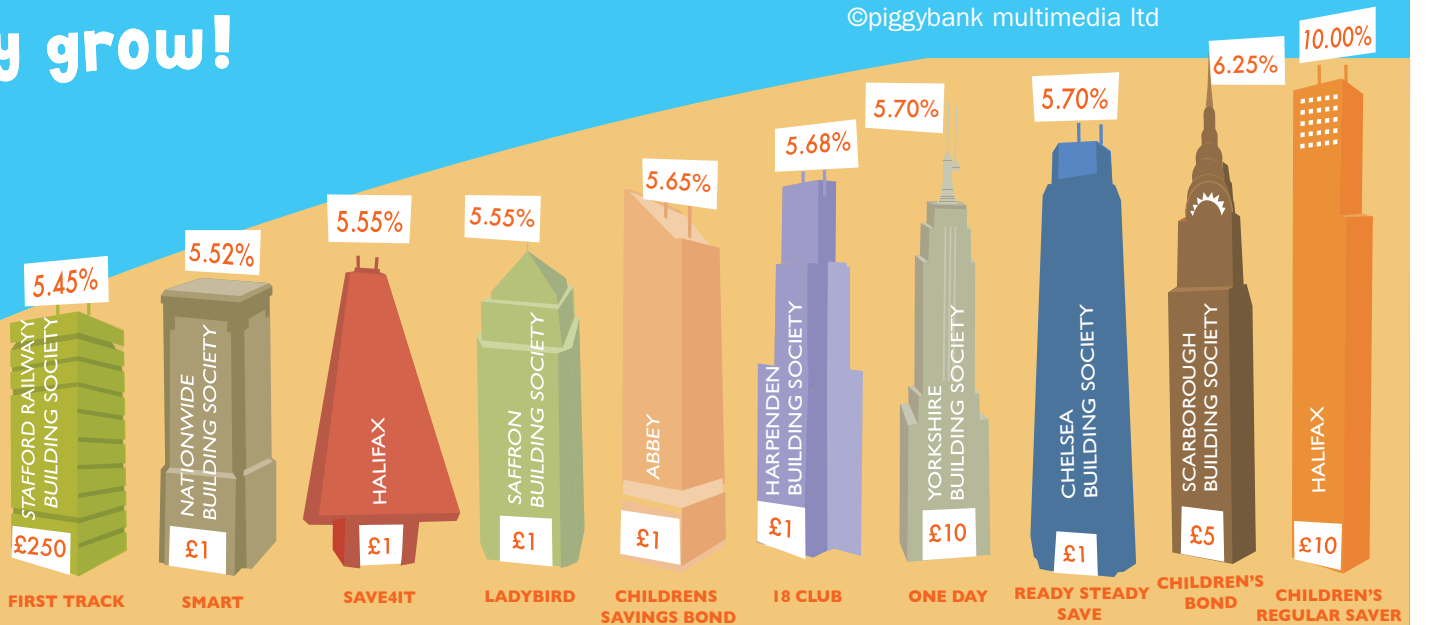
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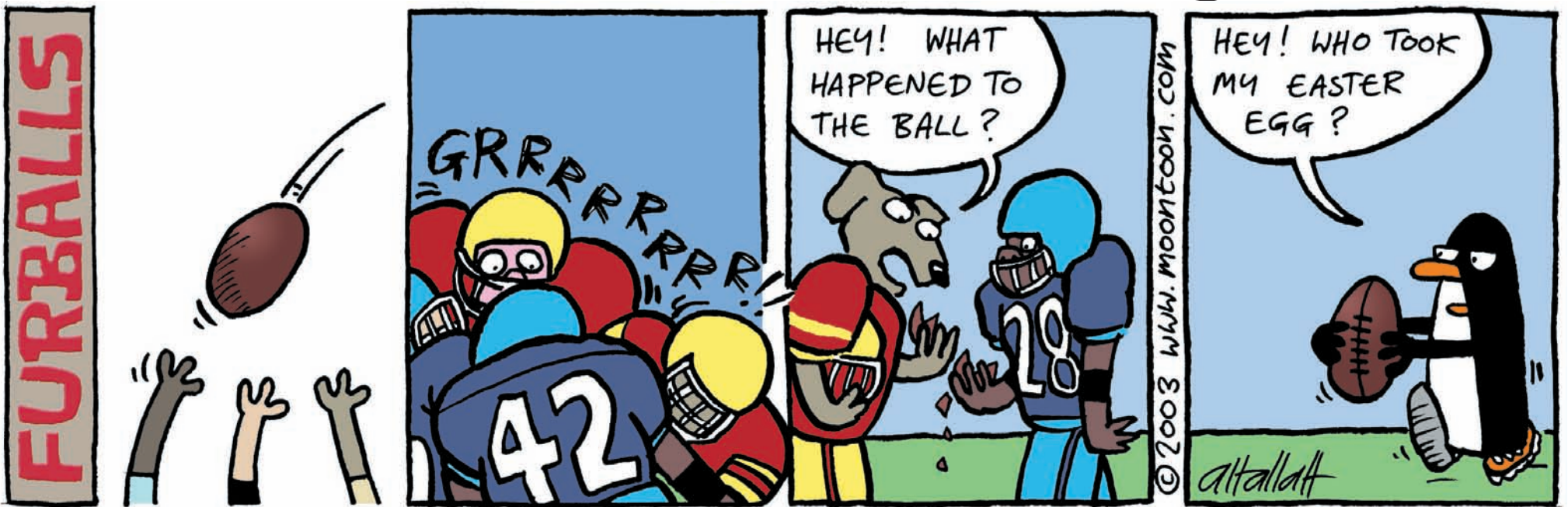
This is how to read the Money Rates Chart.



Look at these INTEREST rates! Definitely worth a close inspection: the more ££££s you save, the more you'll earn. Check out terms, rates of INTEREST the bank will PAY YOU for looking after your money and any small print. If you haven't got a savings account, it's never too late to open one. Remember that some banks may ask for a Minimum Deposit, but you can look into this online before you make the BIG decision! Then talk to your mum or dad... and get saving!



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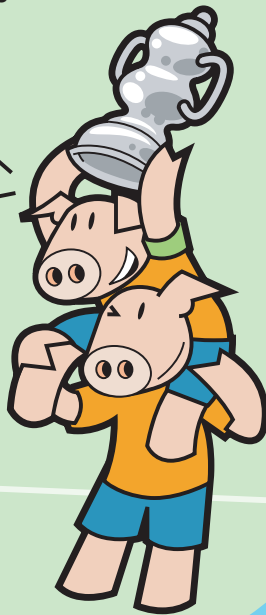
Caption Time!!!



Here's *Andy Murray* at full stretch! Can you come up with a caption for this??? Send your entries on a post card to: **ANDY MURRAY CAPTION, PIGGYBANK, PO Box 47368, London NW3 6YW**
 Last issue's winning caption (inset, above right) came from James, 14 from Liverpool! "Why did Sir Alex say I could reach the sky when all I do is fall on my bottom..."

SPORTS QUIZ!

We all know that the Claret Jug is the trophy for the Open golf championship and that the ladies winner at Wimbledon gets the Venus Rosewater Dish... Now can you recognise these trophies and who gets them?



The Trophy Special

- 
 - A. UEFA Cup
 - B. Champions League
 - C. Football World Cup
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 - A. The Ashes
 - B. World Series Baseball
 - C. Cricket World Cup
- 
 - A. US Open Golf
 - B. Solheim Cup
 - C. Ryder Cup
- 
 - A. Scottish Premiership
 - B. FA Cup
 - C. Six Nations
- 
 - A. Rugby World Cup
 - B. Rugby Sevens
 - C. Super Bowl
- 
 - A. America's Cup
 - B. Stanley Cup
 - C. Calcutta Cup
- 
 - A. Football World Cup
 - B. European Championships (Football)
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 - A. Calcutta Cup
 - B. The Ashes
 - C. Six Nation

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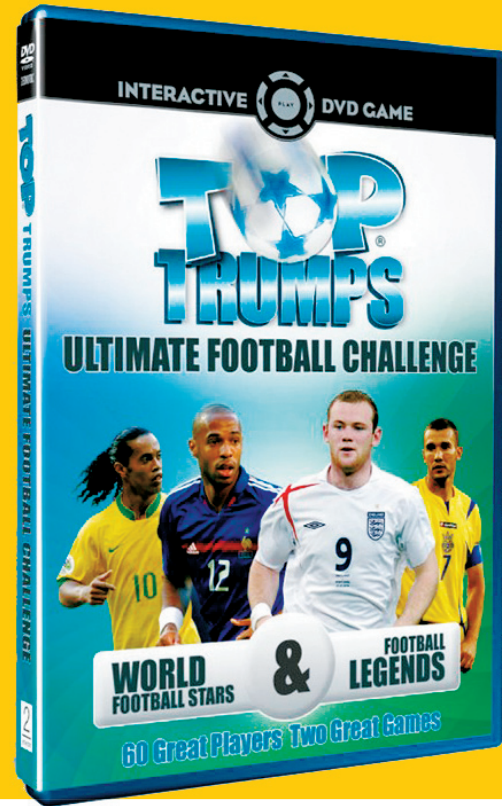
WIN!

Question:
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 A) FIFA
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Calling all Scooby Doo fans! Flik Flak, the children's watch brand from Swatch, has launched a new watch featuring the world's favourite Great Dane, the Scooby Doo Tarmac. The Scooby Doo Tarmac is priced at £22.95 and comes with some cool skateboarder tattoos!



HOODWINKED turns the classic fairy tale of Little Red Riding Hood on its head. If you thought you were familiar with the story, forget it. It'll have you hooked from start to finish. Out on DVD now.

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The Secret Country is a wonderfully fresh and funny work of fantasy, combining magical adventure with timeless storytelling. An exhilarating read about an unusual pet shop, featuring opinionated talking animals and a world leaking magic.

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Question:

WHAT DOES THE CAT CALL BEN?

- A) TINY TIM
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Top Releases



Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- Xbox 360 - age 12+ -
£34.99 - out 23rd March

The new TMNT video game uses the same dark and dangerous environments and adventurous themes featured in the new TMNT CGI film. The movie takes place in a New York City plagued by secretive villains and strange, otherworldly creatures. Faced with these perils, the Turtles will experience their most trying time as heroes and as a family, as Raphael, Donatello and Michelangelo lose their focus and struggle to maintain their unity and ninja discipline. Video game players will engage in over-the-top acrobatic navigation, collaborative combat and powerful fighting moves.



Mario Vs Donkey Kong: March of the Minis
- Nintendo DS - age 3+ -
£29.99 - out 9th March

It seems folks love those Mini Mario toys. So much so that the Mario Toy Company has expanded the line to include Mini Donkey Kong, Mini Toad and

Mini Peach figures to the series. With all these toys bringing him more money than he knows what to do with, Mario decides to fulfil his lifelong dream and open a theme park called Super Mini Mario World. Pauline falls victim to Donkey Kong's jealous rage and players must find her to save the day.

Meet the Robinsons
- PlayStation 2 - age 7+ - £29.99
- out 30th March

Disney's Meet the Robinsons, based on the upcoming Walt Disney Pictures animated film, is a time-travelling action/adventure game. Players will experience the adventure as Wilbur Robinson, helping him chase the dastardly Bowler Hat Guy and his diabolical robotic hat Doris through multiple timelines in an attempt to thwart their evil plans. The game weaves in and out of the film's plot, expanding the Robinson world and offering an all-new adventure.



OINK!'S TOP 10



- 1 THE SIMS 2: SEASONS
- 2 FIFA 07
- 3 SONIC AND THE SECRET RINGS
- 4 PRO EVOLUTION SOCCER 6
- 5 DR KAWASHIMA'S BRAIN TRAINING
- 6 THE SIMS 2 AMAZE ENTERTAINMENT
- 7 NEW SUPER MARIO BROS.
- 8 THE SIMS 2: PETS MAXIS
- 9 CARS
- 10 LEGO STAR WARS II: THE ORIGINAL TRILOGY

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The Grim Adventures of Billy & Mandy video game pits the characters from the popular Cartoon Network television show against each other in a fighting-adventure game, filled with mayhem and chaos. Become a part of this uniquely bizarre and animated world, for the first time on consoles, and recreate the emotions of the show by pitting the characters against each other in an all-out on screen brawl!

To enjoy this fab game's many exclusive Wii features and to enter the competition, just answer the question in the coupon by 13th April. See page 15 for terms and conditions.

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Question:

BILLY & MANDY ARE FEATURED IN A...

- A) CIRCUS ACT
- B) MOVIE
- C) CARTOON SHOW

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WHAT A NOTE!

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It is home to the Bosphorus, the Blue Mosque and a city once known as Constantinople.

Having said all that it could soon be losing its currency to join the euro.



HURRY, HURRY, HURRY!



THERE ARE SOME BIZARRE IDEAS OUT THERE, BUT THIS ONE COMES UNDER THE HEADING OF 'TRULY EXTRAORDINARY' AND WE JUST LOVE IT TO BITS!

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CITY TALK

WHY LONDON IS A GREAT FINANCIAL CENTRE

YOU OFTEN HEAR ABOUT "THE CITY" when people refer to the centre of big business and finance in London. In much the same way, we refer to Wall Street when talking about big business and finance in the US. It's pretty evident that business and banking and all that goes with it happens in other places in Britain.

For instance, Birmingham and Manchester are huge centres, as are Edinburgh and Leeds. Chicago in the States is a massive centre for business, and so are Boston and Denver, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

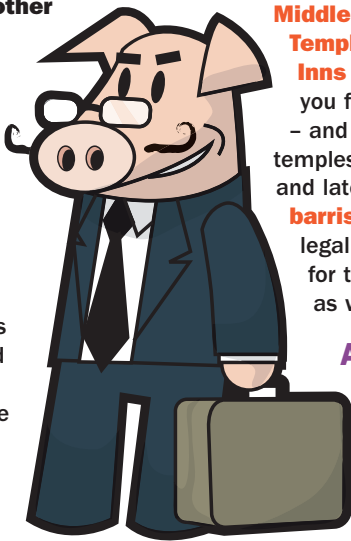
But nowhere, absolute nowhere, evokes an instant picture in one's mind of bankers and finance and international big business as the words "The City". How did it come about? What is "The City"?

THE CITY OF LONDON

Well, the City of London is just one mile square and, according to latest information, boasts around 9,200 regular inhabitants - people who

actually live there (as opposed to those who work there).

The City of London is actually a city within the city, with its own mayor and its own corporation through which it controls what goes on - except in two places: the **Middle Temple** and the **Inner Temple**, which are governed by the **Inns of Court**, which is where you find many of London's biggest - and richest - lawyers. These temples actually started as hostels and later universities which trained **barristers** and members of the legal profession. All very important for the smooth running of the City, as we shall see.



AFTER THE ROMANS!

Once the Ancient Romans had finished vanquishing the Brits, had put in a few roads, some sewage systems, laid foundations for towns and cities up and down the country, and had generally got a bit tired of beating us all up, they relaxed... and various locals, **Saxons** and **Normans** took over. All the while, and it was a long while - hundreds of years - the **City of London** maintained its distinct position as a centre for trade, primarily because of its geographical location on the Thames making it a superb port. And where you have a port, you have traders, who need **bankers** and **money changers**. And they need lawyers to draw up **bills of sale**, and **contracts**. Then you need **accountants** to count the money and figure out how much **tax** has to be paid on the **profits**.

And, of course, all these good people have to eat. So you get **Starbucks!** Not of course in the year 900 or even 1900.

LONDON, HOME OF THE MONEY MINT!

Right through its history, **money mints** were situated in London. In 670 AD the first mint since the Romans was set up in what is now the **Strand** and by the year

920 London had become the most important commercial centre in Britain with eight 'moneymen' - bankers - within its streets.

These days, financial and professional business services alone provided some **£22 billion** in 2005 to the economy. About **\$1,109 billion** A DAY gets turned over in the foreign exchange markets - that's about 32% of the **global share**. The City's **stock brokers** handle around 40% of the **foreign equity**, and 70% of all **Eurobonds** are traded through London.

LONDON - HOME TO THE WORLD'S BANKS!

If you're Chinese from Beijing or Indian from Mumbai and you want a loan, the odds are that at least 20% of your banks' money will have been arranged by a London **banking institution**.

And this is only the tip of the financial iceberg - there are around **255 foreign banks** in London and hundreds of foreign companies listed on the **London Stock Exchange**, which supports our own **Piggybank Fantasy Stock Exchange**. Add to this the fact that 75% of the largest companies in the world, the so-called **Fortune 500** have London offices.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND

It's clear why are these statistics are stratospheric. The **City of London** has built itself the greatest reputation probably in the World for stability and integrity - it does what it says it will do. And at the centre of it all is - the **Bank of England**.

In the following issues we'll start drilling down on the various businesses that go to make up the City, what they do, the money they make, the people that work there, the opportunities that exist to join them.



GLOSSARY

Bonds:

A bond is a certificate issued by a company which obliges it to pay certain sums at certain times to the holder of the bond (a bit like a cheque). So, when someone buys a company's bond, he or she is effectively lending that company money. The seller of the bond (the company) agrees to repay the loan at a specified time and at a specified rate of interest.

Eurobonds:

Bonds that have been issued in one country's currency but traded outside of that country. Eurobonds are named after the currency they denominate. Examples are the Euro-yen or Euro-dollar bonds, trading respectively in the Japanese Yen and the US Dollar. They work in the same way as bonds (see above).

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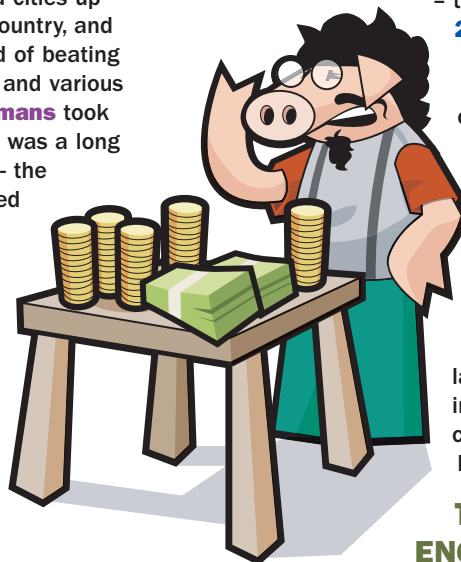
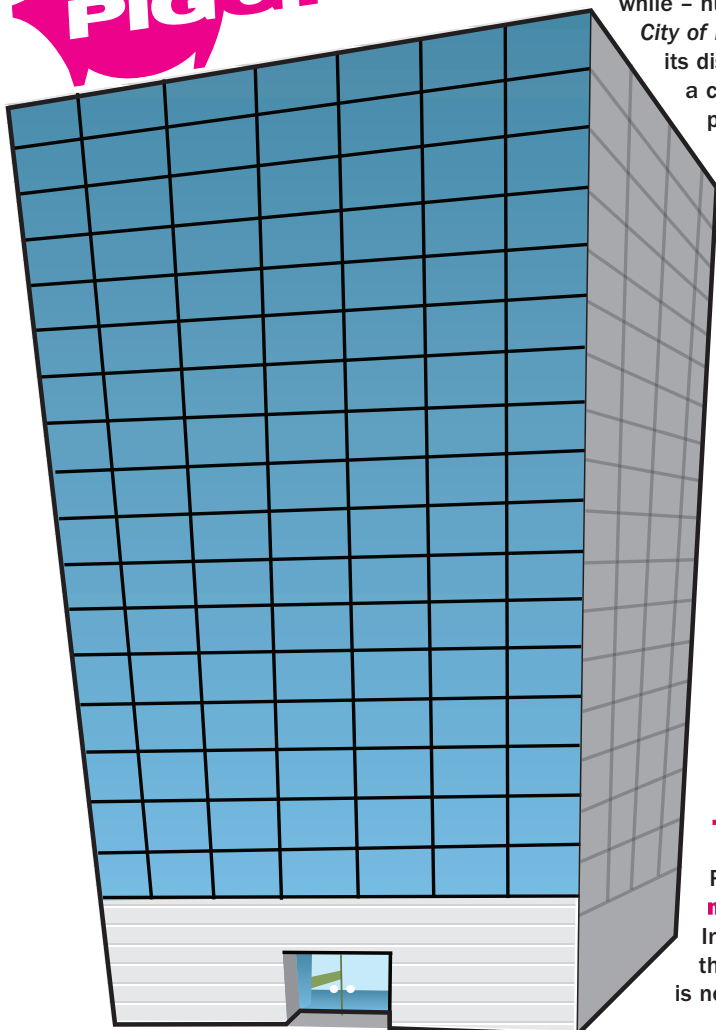
Like a stock exchange but one where people buy and sell foreign currencies - like US dollars, Japanese Yen and the euro.

Foreign Equity:

Stocks and shares of foreign companies being traded in London.

Money Mints:

Companies, printers, other institutions and those with special permission to manufacture notes and coins. (Like The Royal Mint and the Bank of England.)



OINK!
PRESENTS

THE BIZ

...OF SHOWBIZ

By Hammond Egg

HOW TO MAKE A RECORD!

THERE'S NO BUSINESS LIKE SHOW BUSINESS

...AND THERE'S NO BUSINESS LIKE THE BUSINESS OF SHOW BUSINESS. SO, TO HELP US ALL UNDERSTAND HOW EVERYTHING WORKS, ED. PIG HAS APPOINTED - AT POSITIVELY ENORMOUS COST TO THE PUBLISHING BUDGET - OINK!'S VERY OWN SHOW BIZ FEATURE EDITOR, HAMMOND EGG. HAMMOND WILL GIVE US THE LOW DOWN ON THE HIGH FLYERS THAT BRING US THE ENTERTAINMENT WE SO LOVE. AND HERE HE IS ... HAMMOND EGG!



HOW DO YOU
MAKE SHOW
BIZ PAY?



Dyyce (from left to right), Michael, Rhys, Darren, Timmy, Marcus-James and Mark.

and time. They got all three from the dynamic duo. Vie - one of the great *Flirtations* chart busting singing groups of the eighties, dusted them off, beat them up and moulded them. Kev went to work on booking the tours, clubs and shows, preparing them for the all-important record contract.

THE PRICE OF SUCCESS

Dyyce had paid their dues playing the clubs, so they knew how to engage an audience - unlike so many other hopefuls. As soon as they were polished and shining new - and ready - Kev produced their first big gig - opening for *Shane Ward* at *Wembley Stadium* and Birmingham's NEC playing in front of 9,000 plus crowds. They were great.

So, you'd think that Dyyce had it made. Not so. Right now the boys haven't earned a penny, Kev's company have footed all the expenses and backed the band in the hope of getting a record deal.

RECORDS

Ever wondered how a music record is made. I use the word 'record', but, of course, today, music can be downloaded, available on disc, plastic, tape, vinyl, through the ether, digital, enjoyed live in concert or just whistled in the street!

But how is that record actually made. What happens from the time the writer hums a toon in his bath to the time you're dancing about to its rockin' beat with an iPod stuck in your ear?

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

To illustrate the story, let's take a band called *Dyyce* - no, that isn't a typo, they are really called Dyyce. Don't ask me why: I don't know. (Why *P. Diddy*? Why not *N. Ploddy* or *B. Noddy*? It's showbiz - my name's Hammond Egg!)

Anyway, six nice looking guys get together and form a band - a singing group. They had great voices, which they can use without any instruments. You may have heard them recently on our

show *OINK! On Air*, being interviewed by *Leigh*.

They needed a song - so they wrote one, then two, then three. But then they needed to be able to deliver this package of talent to us.

A GAME OF CHANCE ...OR LUCK?

It's a roll of the dice - or should I say Dyyce! Fortunately for them, they got lucky. Luck plays a HUGE part of any success in Show Biz. It's the one bit of Show Biz business on which no-one can put a price. You either have it, or you're nowhere. *Dyyce* had it in spades when the roulette wheel's ball of life landed on the number 2! That's two great vets of the music industry, *Kev Moss* and *Vie Billups*. Kev heads up one of the biggest music agencies in the country; Vie is the larger than life Producer and Artistic Director.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Dyyce needed directing, coaching and producing. They needed faith, money



OINK! has learned that when we hear about a new band supporting a major act or tour, that band has probably had to pay the promoters anywhere from **£10,000** to **£50,000** just to appear! So how do you make money if you're having to pay to perform? From the record deal - maybe. And when you start making television appearances, and you have worked up a fan base who want to see you, so promoters can charge them for tickets.

That can take time. You have to have nerves of steel, and someone has to have faith. We've also learned that even when you do get a record contract, there's no guarantee to riches. Far from it. It costs around **£100,000** plus to produce and bring out a single. From each record the band might make around **12% to 20%** of the price the retail shop pays to buy the record in (that's called a dealer price). So, on the price of a single, that's not exactly bucks - and if there's six of you, that's even less. Of course the record company will normally pay the band a **lump sum** when they sign up - that's called an **Advance** - but they get it back by deducting the amount of the Advance from the band's share of any sales, AND deducting any other expenses they have laid out - the video, promos, cars, roadies and so on.

Albums, CDs, downloads will need to have been sold before the band starts making any serious money.

Unless you're one of the biggies like *Robbie* or *Kylie* who are paid millions upfront just to sign a contract.

Breaking new ground

However, with bands like *Koopa* breaking new ground and pushing their way into the **Top 40** from **downloads**, we may be seeing the start of bands earning the big bucks direct from the fans and without a record company in sight.

We'll keep an eye out for Dyyce and see how they rock and roll.

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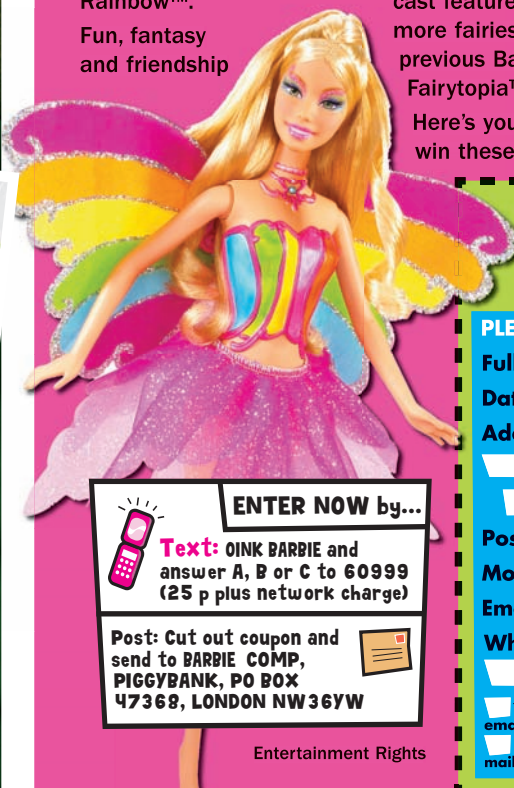
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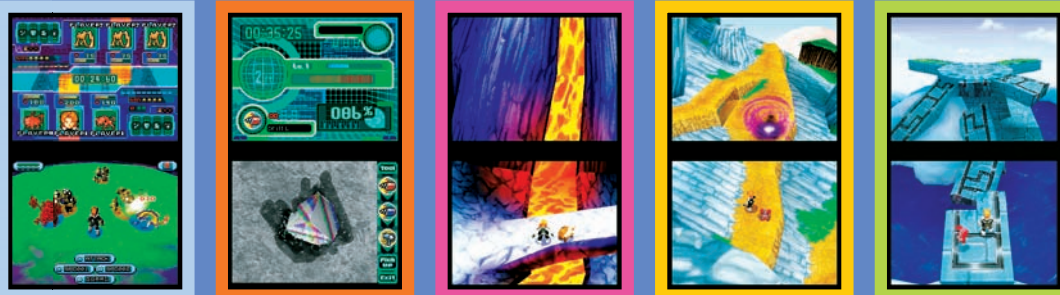


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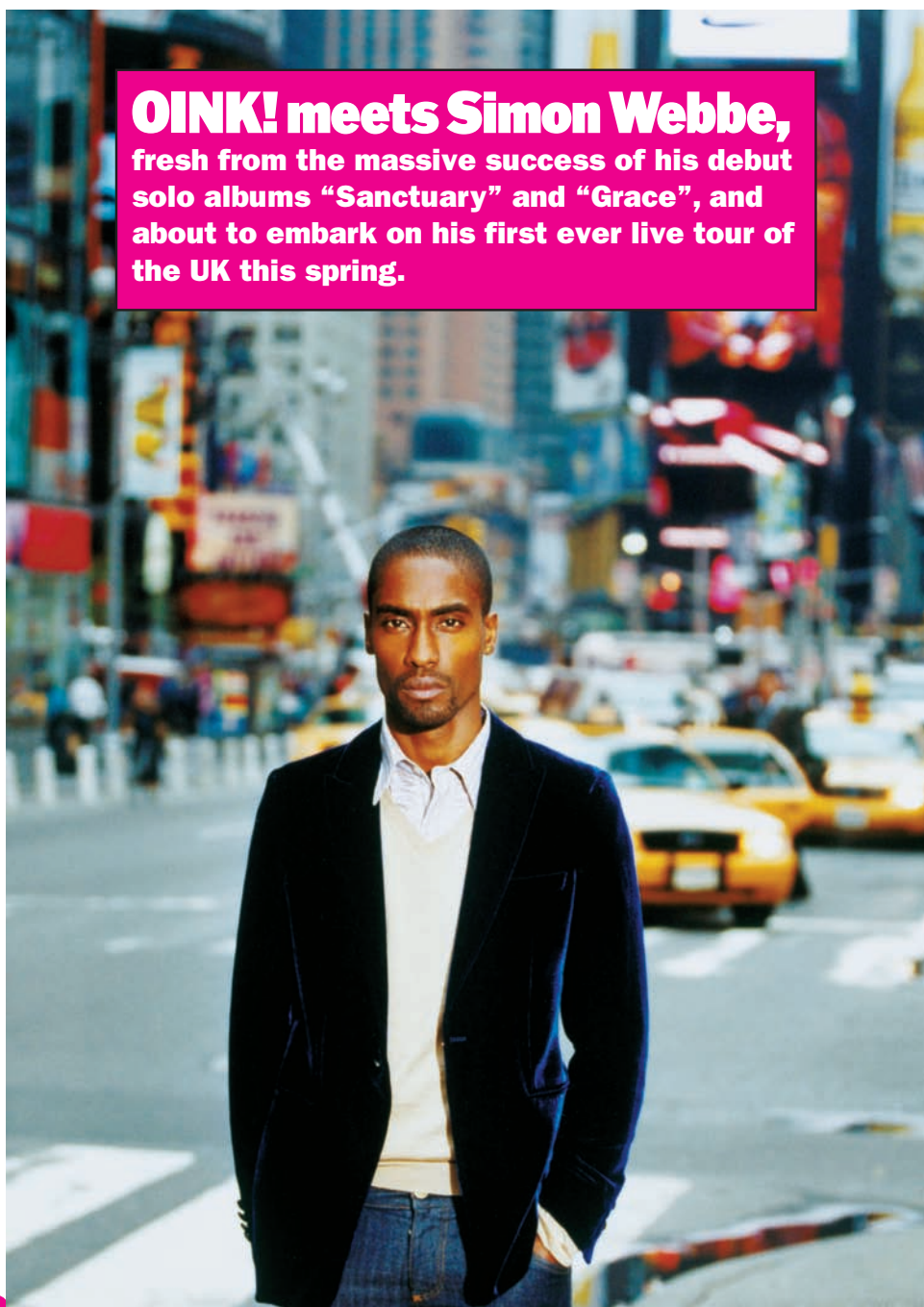
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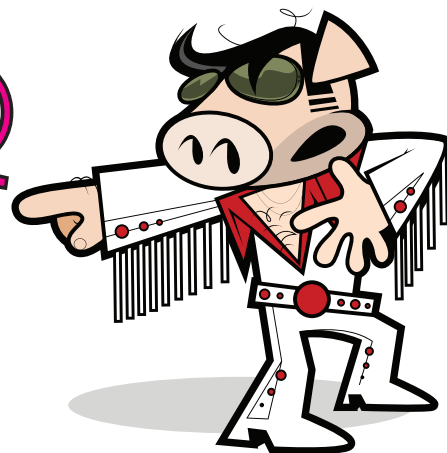
Published by Buena Vista Games, Spectrobes the new action role-playing game will be available exclusively on the Nintendo DS in March. For your chance to win one of five fab games plus goody bag, just answer the question in the coupon by 13th April. See page 15 for terms & conditions.



OINK! meets Simon Webbe, fresh from the massive success of his debut solo albums "Sanctuary" and "Grace", and about to embark on his first ever live tour of the UK this spring.



CELEBRITY SAVER



How much pocket money did you get when you were younger?

SW: £3 a week.

Did you get more or less than your siblings/friends?

SW: Less... Everyone else got £3 per day!

Were you better at spending or saving?

SW: Spending!

What did you save your money in?

SW: A bottle!

What did you spend your pocket money on?

SW: When I was younger... lots of sweets! I didn't have a computer so I spent my money in the arcades. I was addicted to games like

Street Fighter, Space Vaders and Pac-Man.

Did you ever ask your parents for a raise?

SW: Yes!

How much did you ask for?

SW: I asked for £3 a day, like my friends.

Did you get it?

SW: No, they said if I wanted to earn extra pocket money I would have to get a paper round!

What was the most expensive item you ever bought with your pocket money?

SW: When I was younger I saved up and bought 'Skeletor' because I couldn't afford 'He-Man'.

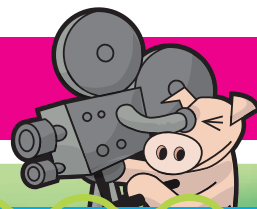
When did you open your first bank account and why?

SW: I had my first savings account when I was 7, because my mum told me it was wise to save!

Do you have any money or savings tips for OINK! readers?

SW: Yes! When you get a pound, save 50 pence. Get used to putting half away.

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AT THE STORE!

There are always so many things to look for at the Puni-mart. Can you find 5 differences between these two photos?

WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN!

Open Season is available to buy and rent on DVD from 12th February (£19.99 RRP) and features a forest full of added value, including DVD-ROM links that unlock never-before-seen content and loads of other family fun features.

For your chance to win one of five Open Season DVDs and goody bag, why not visit the Puni-mart and see if you can spot all five differences between the two photos on the left. Just circle them all, cut out the coupon and send it to us by 13th April. See page 15 for terms and conditions.

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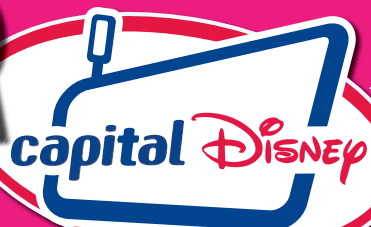
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LEIGH PURVES, DJ 'EXTRAORDINAIRE' OF OINK! ON AIR, BRINGS YOU SOME OF THE LATEST STY-LIGHTS!!!

IT'S been a hectic month - in fact February and March are the busiest months all year when it comes to showbiz events.

As well as interviewing *Sienna Miller* and *Kate Winslet* at the very posh film **BAFTAs** in London (they seemed very down to earth), I have been to the annual *Brit* awards, got into the groove at the annual *Oscars* ceremony in Los Angeles and even caught up with *Gareth Gates* who is promoting his new album, *Changes*. He's lovely and still has a bit of a stutter.

Among all this whirlwind of being a celebrity journalist, I went to Kenya in Africa to meet some very special children.

They were full of fun and laughed non stop despite being very deprived when it comes to every day things such as food and clothes. It made me realise how lucky we all are in this part of the world!

Over the next few weeks I will be bringing you the very latest in the world of Leigh and the la-la land of showbiz.

And keep tuned for some very special guests on *Oink! on Air* every Sunday lunchtime between 12 - 1 on Capital Disney.



LEIGH'S DIARY

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Our very own Leigh 'poshing' it up at the BAFTAs with Sienna Miller (left) and Kate Winslet (right). Gareth Gates (above right) in pensive mood.



MUSIC! REVIEWS MUSIC! REVIEWS



WESTLIFE

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE HEART

This is a good cover of Bonnie Tyler's 1983 track. Expect fast paced warbling all the way and you will be singing it over and over again. If it's Westlife, they rarely disappoint and this one's no exception. It's always hard to better a song that's been done before but this one works for Westlife!

LEMAR

TICK-TOCK

A slushy worded smoothie from our lovely lad Lemar. Ahhh' I love him, his voice is richer than ever with the warm, velvet tone we've come to expect from him. This one's a classic top track!

GWEN STEFANI

THE SWEET ESCAPE

The video (which you can check out on [Capital Disney.com](http://CapitalDisney.com)) sees Gwen

escape from a gold plated prison. Quite a catchy tune but quite bland in comparison to her earlier stuff. In some ways, this is a half-baked imitation of people who try to emulate her style.

TAKE THAT

SHINE

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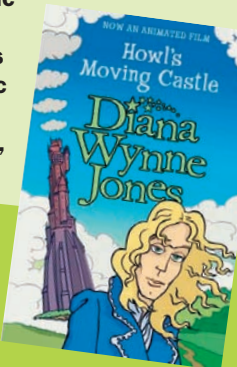
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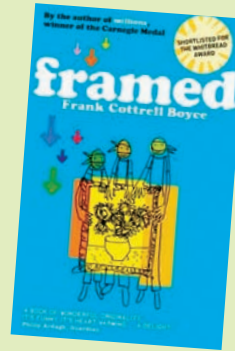
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For hundreds of years, our parliamentary system of government and governing has worked brilliantly. It has been the beacon of civilised leadership throughout the world and throughout its long history. It has served us well, kept Britain great, inspired many and guided us through the darkest days the world could ever imagine. Until now.

Any day now, you'll see parliament moving out of London, perhaps to Manchester or Hull or Exeter, and the Houses of Parliament being turned into flats or a hotel. "Fab apartment, river views, huge terrace, £30 million". What an address! You can almost hear the thunder of rushing billionaires, racing from the steppes of Russia to the door of the Palace of Westminster to be first to plonk down their deposit on one of the greatest des res in the world. "The Houses Of Parliament – your home of democracy!"

Bonkers! You say? Not really. Already, our MPs are plotting to do what Guy Fawkes failed to do. Get rid of the House of Lords as we know it. They want to change it, of course, make it politically correct and everything, but the point is, there isn't a defined plan and route map of how it's all going to work. Not really. So they'll get into a terrible mess and hope someone else can sort it out. Of course, this wouldn't be the first time our government has done this, but the Houses of Parliament are our heritage. And the guys in there are supposed to be working for us. Hah! Ever tried to actually pop into

the Houses of Parliament and have a cup of tea and a chat with an MP. Virtually impossible. Try it.

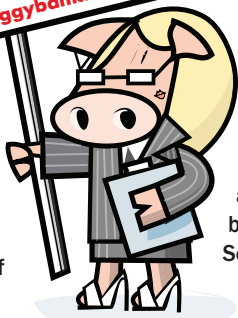
Leave it alone chaps. Get the trains working first. Get the roads sorted out. Get the hospitals cleaned up! Bring back Matron, I say. Since they did away with the formidable Matron who used to terrorise nurses and doctors alike, the state of hygiene in hospitals has deteriorated dramatically. To the extent some hospitals should probably carry a health warnings: "This hospital can damage to your health".

With all our leaders going carbon negative, embracing the good of the planet, getting positively dewy eyed over anything which is green, it's fun to speculate how life in Britain will be when Brown turns us all grey! Yes, soon our Chancellor will be hailed Leader over all he surveys. Soon we will withdraw to a new age. The Age of Brown, when colour and fun as we know it, ceases, when there are cameras on every corner 'protecting us', keeping our lives in check, and woe betide us if we step out of line.

Now I'm all for protecting the citizens and ensuring that we don't get mugged by a stray hoodie who our great Opposition Leader, Mr Macaroon hasn't yet hugged, so he's still a bit on the wild side. Not Mr Macaroon, the hoodie!

But talking closed circuit television cameras is a bit over the top. If you're in Middlesborough and you drop a piece of paper on the ground, a distant voice will ask you to pick it up, and if you don't, the voice will start shouting at you. What

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Come on, Tony! It's my turn to be PM now!

happens if you're deaf and you haven't got your earpiece turned on!

Soon we could have cameras in public places. You'll see. "You have taken four pieces of loo paper instead of the prescribed two. Put it back. Exterminate! Exterminate! Exterminate!"



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DIDN'T WE GO TO HARROW?

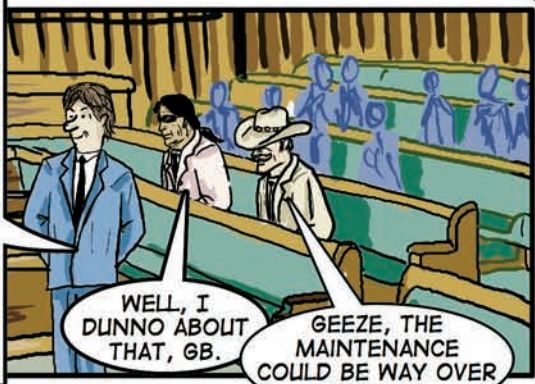


MY DEAR FELLOW, WHAT A DELIGHTFUL IDEA.

'ERE, GORD, 'OW MUCH D'YOU WANT FOR THE LOT?

AH - YOU WENT TO HAWOOW, TOO.

AND LASTLY, WE HAVE OUR RIVERS. WE'D BE PREPARED TO SELL YOU A LONG LEASE ON THOSE, AS LONG AS YOU KEEP THEM CLEAN AND UP TO STANDARD.



WELL, I DUNNO ABOUT THAT, GB.

GEEZE, THE MAINTENANCE COULD BE WAY OVER THE TOP.



VEE VILL BUY THE RIVERS!

THAT'S JOLLY GOOD OF HIM, BUT IS THAT GOING TO BE - WELL - CRICKET? I MEAN, HE'S GERMAN!

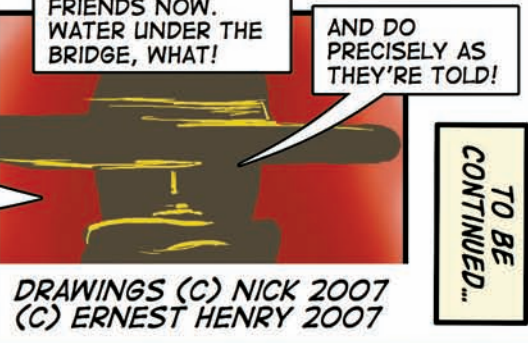
NO, IT'S ALRIGHT, OLD MAN. ALL FRIENDS NOW. WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE, WHAT!

AND DO PRECISELY AS THEY'RE TOLD!



WELL, THAT'S A JOB WELL DONE, IF YOU ASK ME.

AND WE DID ASK YOU, PM, AND YOU DELIVERED. NOW THE BRITISH PEOPLE WILL HAVE NOTHING TO DO BUT SIT ON THEIR BOTTOMS AND LIVE ON THE INTEREST FROM ALL THE MONEY YOU HAVE MADE THEM...

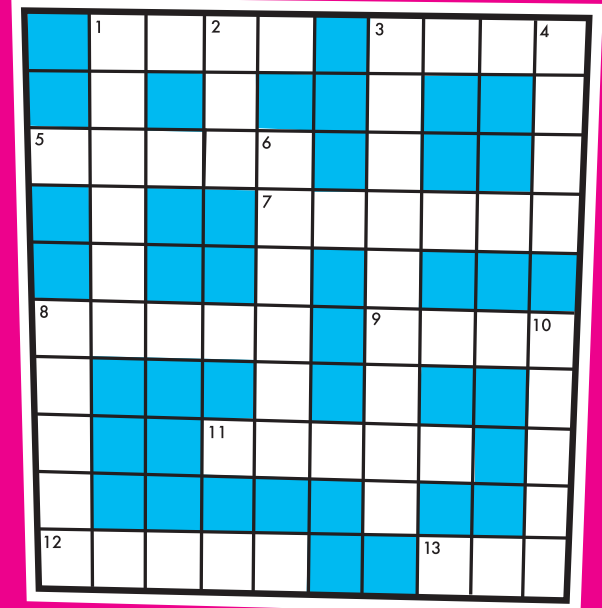


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- When you get something at a good price or when you have an agreement (4)
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- See 1 Down (5)
- Perhaps the oldest "calculator" - a mechanical instrument for making calculations (6)
- Those who are of Scottish, Irish and Welsh Gaelic ancestry (5)
- What is the American equivalent to a Penny? (4)
- England, Scotland and Wales makes up _____ Britain (5)
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- A charge (3)

DOWN:

- And 5 Across - The fastest word game in the world (6)
- According to a song: it's as easy as ___ (3)
- The other pink newspaper, the _____ Times (9)
- The statue in London's Piccadilly Circus (4)
- A German or an Austrian king would be called this (6)
- Old English money worth five shillings (5)
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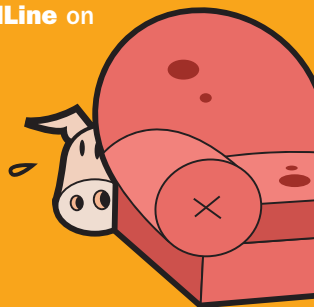
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