

SANDRA NOT BUYING INTO FAME GAME



GROUNDING: Bullock

★ **FUNNYGIRL** Sandra Bullock insists on maintaining a normal lifestyle in spite of her superstar status – and to prove it she still buys her own groceries.

Sandra says the way to tell if you are too big for your boots is if you send your staff to get your shopping for you.

★ "I like to do my own food shopping," says Sandra. "I don't have a staff to go out and get shopping for me. Occasionally I will ask someone to go out and pick me up some wine if they are near the store – but I always buy my own stuff." She says locals in her home town of Austin, Texas, keep her grounded because they don't care that she is famous.

★ "I don't get hassled by people when I go shopping. They are so over me here it's fantastic."



Upward Movement

The Management of Mindshare, Ireland's leading media planning and buying company, are delighted to announce the appointment of Emma O'Doherty to Deputy Managing Director. Emma has 13 years experience in the industry and will further strengthen Mindshare's market-leading position in Ireland.

(Pictured above from left to right are: David Sneddon - Managing Director; Emma O'Doherty - Deputy Managing Director and Bill Kinlay - CEO.)

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START

GET DOWN: Ger gets ready to start race



BAYWATCH BABE: Jennifer Garnett patrols the sidelines

MUCKING

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Our girl Geraldine spends a 'dirty weekend' at bog race

WHEN a bunch of boggers invited me for a dirty weekend, I jumped at the chance.

But I was ready for the funny farm when they told me to jump in the bog!

Normally, I'd tell them where to go but you don't muck about with people who look like the cast of an old horror B movie.

The stories about mutants living in the Monaghan bogs seemed very real as I spotted a big furry rabbit emerging from the slime, and what looked like Pamela Anderson swimming along – with her boobs on her back! There was also a bride in a wetsuit –

with her veil trailing tendrils of sludge.

The swamp monsters were a hen party from Dorset, England, who had come here for the ultimate dirty weekend. After five hours in the bog, all 24 girls looked in need of a good groom.

Adventurers

They took part in the first ever Irish International Bog-Snorkelling Championships in Duhamlet Bog near Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan, last weekend, alongside 26 Irish adventurers.

The wacky event was organised by local farmer Declan Connolly and his mate John McKeown, to raise money for the Alzheimer's ward of nearby St Mary's hospital and to attract tourists to the area.

The madcap sport, which involves swimming along a mucky trench with your hands by your sides as you breathe through a pipe, has attracted a cult following in Northern Ireland and Wales.

But this is the first time it has taken place in The Republic. And Monaghan is now officially the bog-snorkelling capital of the world since the World Bog-Snorkelling Champ Conor Murphy broke his own record there last weekend.



SUITS YOU: Eamon helps get Geraldine ready