

Lamonic Bibber's Second Best, & Only, Newspaper

# The Lamonical Chronicle



## Get out of town, Mr Gum!

» 'Take the money and run,'  
say townsfolk

» 'Shut up, I'll do what I like,'  
says Gum

Elizabeth Ghost-Train reports

'Get out of town and we'll give you this big bag of money!' That was the message the people of Lamonic Bibber gave the notorious criminal, Mr Gum last night. The extraordinary offer was the idea of a nine-year-old girl called Polly. 'We're sick an' tired of Mr Gum,' she told reporters. 'If it wasn't for him an' his evil plans, Lamonic Bibber would be the Number One Best Town In The Whole World, Even Includin' Disneyland. So we done collected up all this cash to persuade him to get lost.' 'Everyone in town's donated money to the campaign,' said Town Mayor, David Casserole. 'We've collected nearly six thousand pounds in total. Plus some marbles and a toy car which says "TURBO RACER" on the side.' Mr Gum has been menacing Lamonic Bibber for as long as anyone can remember. He has poisoned dogs, robbed a defenceless gingerbread man, tried to destroy the



'I'll never leave!' Mr Gum turns down the cash

town (twice), dropped litter all over the place (about ten million times), lied about how handsome he is and generally been a nasty old horror who smells like a drain. But last night the bearded criminal turned down the town's generous offer. 'I don't want your stupid money,' said Mr Gum. 'I wanna stay here in town an' carry on spoilin' everyone's lives. Now stop botherin' me, I'm tryin' to think up an evil plan.' Following Mr Gum's refusal to

take the money, a number of other people have come forward, all offering to leave instead. 'Give me that six thousand quid and I'll get out of town forever,' said local shopkeeper, Bob Jenkins. 'I'll leave for a thousand,' said schoolteacher, Julia Collings. 'Give me that "TURBO RACER" car and you'll never see me again,' promised one six-year-old boy. But Mayor Casserole remained firm. 'This offer only applies to Mr Gum. It's him we're trying to get rid of, no one else.'



Polly: 'We're sick an' tired of him!'

## What a sizzler!

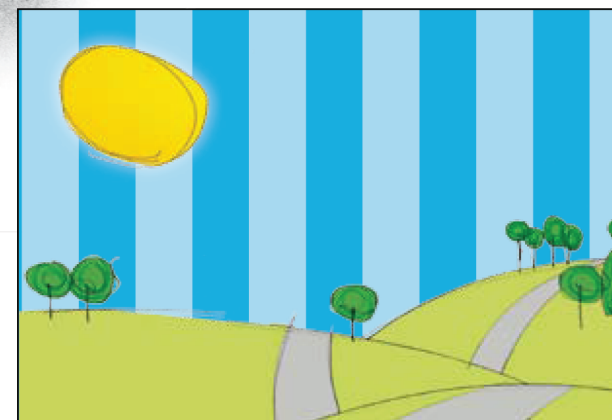
» Hottest summer since  
records began

» And it's probably even hotter  
than before records began too,  
only there's no way of knowing  
for sure, as there were no  
records before records began

Cazberry Polenta reports

Yes, yes, yes, yes, YES! It's official, say experts – it's the hottest summer since records began two years ago. Last week, temperatures were already soaring

into the upper 70s. And hang on to your sun cream, folks, because it's only going to get hotter! But why is it so hot, exactly? We asked Professor Stephen Jaffacake, the world-famous Weather Scientist, to explain. 'It's all down to that big round yellow thing in the sky,' he told us. 'When it shines it gets quite hot and that is what we Scientists call "nice weather". If it carries on shining, it will get even hotter,' he continued. 'And then it will become what we call "very nice weather", or "a lovely day for a picnic."' But Professor Jaffacake warned that nice weather wasn't always about fun and going to the beach to look at girls in small bikinis. It could sometimes be dangerous too. 'If the weather gets TOO hot,' he said, 'then we will all be burnt to cinders, like human pieces of toast, without hope



Hot! Hot! Hot! That yellow thing  
in the sky continues to shine

of escape. We will die in our millions, gasping and choking in the cruel, blazing heat. Don't worry, though,' he added, 'that probably won't happen.' When asked if the current heat wave had anything to do with global warming, Professor Jaffacake said, 'I don't know. Maybe. Who cares?'



# Tom, Dick and Onion – how naming your baby has become harder than ever

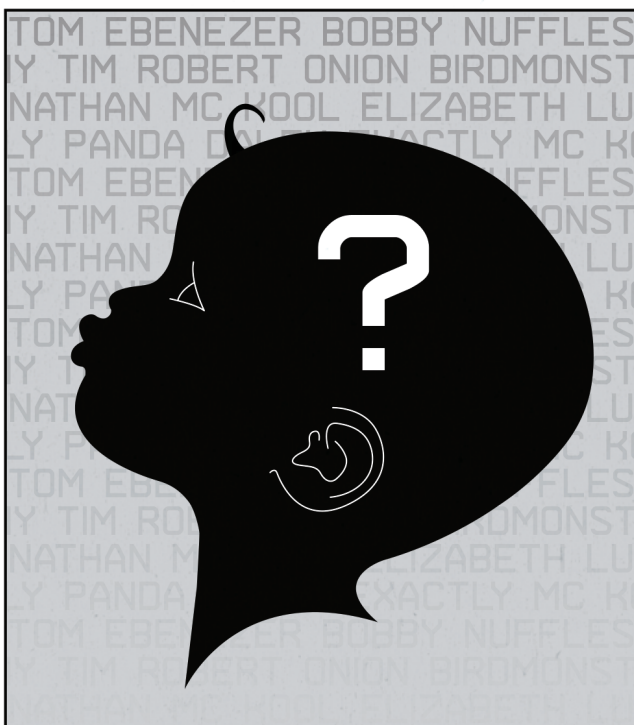
By our Health & Lifestyle correspondent,  
Dalek Greene

A hundred years ago, naming your baby was the easiest thing in the world. There were only about twenty names to choose from if it was a boy. And if it was a girl, it was even simpler. You had to call her either Elizabeth or Lucy, otherwise you'd be arrested and sent off to Australia to work on the spider farms. But how times have changed since those long ago days of long ago! These days you are allowed to call your baby whatever you like – but is this necessarily a good thing? For some parents, choosing a name has become the worst part

haven't I got a name like all the other children?" But other parents have found ingenious new ways to get around the problem. 'It was easy,' one proud father told us. 'My wife and I simply opened a dictionary at random and took whatever word was at the top of the page. Now we have two lovely, happy children – Pencil-case and Exactly. Exactly's the girl,' he added. But despite this, baby-naming remains a difficult task. And many people are giving up on having babies in the first place just to avoid having to think of names for them. 'I wouldn't bother if I were you,' childcare expert Doctor Anna Martinez told us. 'Get a dog instead – that's my advice.'

## Changing fashions: How baby's names have changed over the last 100 years

Most Popular Boys' Names (1908)	Most Popular Boys' Names (2008)
1/ Tom	1/ Robert
2/ Ebenezer	2/ Onion
3/ Bobby	3/ Birdmonster
4/ Nuffles	4/ Jonathan
5/ Tiny Tim	5/ MC Kool
Most Popular Girls' Names (1908)	Most Popular Girls' Names (2008)
1/ Elizabeth	1/ Emily
2/ Lucy	2/ Panda
	3/ Dalek
	4/ Exactly
	5/ MC Kool



Spoilt for choice: Parents are being driven to despair

about having a baby, even more unpleasant than when you're holding them and they're suddenly sick all over your shoulder. 'It's very confusing,' said worried mother, Debbie Brookes. 'There's so many names to choose from that my husband and I just can't make up our minds. Our daughter is now seven years old and we still haven't thought of a name for her.' She's always saying, "Mummy, why

## Crunchy Little Leopards



## HOROSCOPES WHAT DOES YOUR FUTURE HOLD?

With Old Granny and her mysterious powers of guesswork.



### Aries March 21 - April 19

This week will be full of surprises, Aries! The first surprise will be that your horoscope is wrong and it won't be a week full of surprises at all. It will be very very dull indeed.



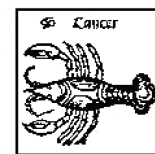
### Taurus April 20 - May 20

You know what they say: money doesn't grow on trees. So stop trying to get rich by picking apples, and start picking people's pockets instead.



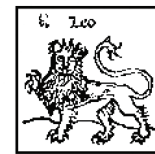
### Gemini May 21 - June 20

Today is a COLESLAW very peculiar day for you, Gemini. You will keep COLESLAW seeing the word 'COLESLAW' everywhere you COLESLAW look. Maybe you should COLESLAW go and see the COLESLAW doctor about it. COLESLAW



### Cancer June 21 - July 22

With the Moon in its third quarter, Venus rising in the fifth house of Mercury, Mars descending, Saturn remaining stable and Jupiter beginning to make its influence felt, now is the perfect time to say, 'I'm not really bothered about what's happening in space. I'm going to the park to play football.'



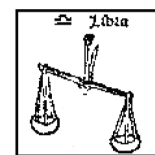
### Leo July 23 - August 22

Leos are the best-looking of all the star signs, so it seems quite likely that your parents lied about your birth date and you are actually a Taurus.



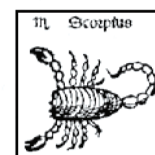
### Virgo August 23 - September 22

Today will be full of problems, Virgo. But never fear! You have the strength to overcome them all if you just trust in your heart blah blah blah, is anyone really still reading this rubbish?



### Libra September 23 - October 22

You will have quite a nice day today.



### Scorpio October 23 - November 21

Money problems are getting you down, so why not cheer yourself up with a slap-up meal in a fancy restaurant? Because you've got no money, that's why not.



### Sagittarius November 22 - December 21

Love is in the air today, Sagittarius! But unfortunately so is your bad breath. It will ruin everything and the person you fancy will run off with someone else instead.



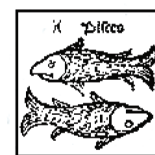
### Capricorn December 22 - January 19

The next couple of days could be tough. Then again, they could be easy. Then again, they could be somewhere in the middle. Then again, you could be run over by a bus being driven by a panther. Who really knows? Isn't life a wonderful thing?



### Aquarius January 20 - February 18

With the summer holidays just around the corner, now is the perfect opportunity to dress up as your granddad, steal his passport and fly off to the south of France for two weeks.

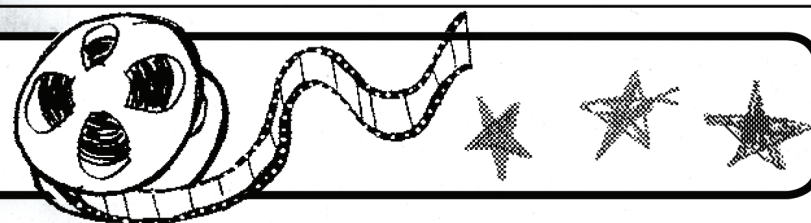


### Pisces February 19 - March 20

An old enemy will turn up on your doorstep today and say, 'hello, remember me?' Then you'll say, 'no, sorry' and he'll say, 'take a closer look.' Then you'll say, 'oh, yeah. Now I remember you. You're my old enemy. I hate you!' and he'll say 'well, I hate you too, bignose.' Then he'll wee all over your doormat and run off down the road laughing like a cornflake.



# CINEMA SCENE



Steven Bripp reviews the latest adverts they're showing at the cinema before the films.

## Advert for Crisps

This was the first advert they showed, and what an advert it was! It showed a beautiful lady (played by John Travolta) eating some crisps and saying, 'mmm, I love eating crisps.' It really made me want to buy some crisps, so I did.

RATING: ★★☆☆

**If you're anything like me, this advert will really make you want to buy some crisps!**

## Advert for Fast Car From Germany

This advert was even more exciting than the first one. It showed a fast car (driven by John Travolta) going up a mountain. Then a beautiful lady (played by John Travolta) appeared and said, 'cars are brilliant, why not buy one, even though they cost about twenty thousand pounds?' So I did.

RATING: ★★☆☆

**This advert will have you buying a car in no time!**

## Advert for 'John Travolta House of Horror' Computer Game

Yet another great advert! This is an advert for a game where you get to be John Travolta going round a haunted house and smashing up all the zombies with your plank. It's got cool graphics, and at only £39.95 it's a bargain! I immediately rushed out and bought five copies, in case four of them broke on the way home.

RATING: ★★☆☆

**What a zombie-tastic advert!**

## Advert for Poo on a Stick

This is quite a disappointing advert. A beautiful lady (played by John Travolta) holds up some poo on a stick and says, 'everyone loves this new toy, it's brilliant!' But to be honest, this advert didn't really make me feel like buying any poo on a stick.

RATING: ★

**Poo-ee! Avoid this advert at all costs – it's a stinker!**

## Advert for a Marrow

This advert shows John Travolta (played by Daniel Radcliffe) saying, 'why not buy a marrow? They are nice and quite good value.' I wasn't really convinced, but then there was a catchy song about marrows and I decided to buy one after all.

RATING: ★★☆☆

**Quite a good advert, which will eventually convince you to buy a marrow.**

## Advert for Half-Price Poo on a Stick

Well, this was a welcome surprise! They showed the 'poo on a stick' advert again – but this time they'd changed it so the poo on a stick was half-price. What a bargain! I just couldn't resist it, and immediately rushed out of the cinema to buy as much half-price poo on a stick as possible.

RATING: ★★☆☆

**This advert's got the sweet smell of success!**

## Talking cat is a bore Man dies at 106

A large tabby cat called Juicyfoot astonished its owner by somehow learning to talk – but the astonishment soon turned to boredom when it emerged that Juicyfoot had nothing particularly interesting to say. 'At first I was amazed,' said Miss Lucy Simons, the cat's owner. 'But now I'm just tired of the whole thing. Juicyfoot goes on and on about the most boring subjects imaginable. The price of carpets, how bricks are made, the history of paperclips, that sort of thing. To be honest, I wish he'd go back to saying "miaow" again. He's completely tedious.'

Nuffles McWinterleg, the oldest man in Lamonica Bibber, has died at the grand old age of 106, after an experiment with some hand grenades and a sledgehammer went horribly wrong. Nuffles had many jobs in his long life, including shop assistant, milkman and Prime Minister - but he will mostly be remembered for being the first man ever to kick a flamingo in the beak. 'I will never forget him,' sobbed his wife, Betty. 'He was a wonderful husband and very kind to animals. Except flamingos, he really hated them for some reason.'

## Man dies at 108

A man who lived at 108, Chestnut Drive has died of acne. He was 25 years old.

### QUESTION OF THE DAY

Q: WHAT IS THE QUESTION OF THE DAY?

A: What is the question of the day?

It's too hot to do any more work so we are leaving this bit blank.



# POW! Heavyweight boxer wins chess tournament

Jim Jupiter reports from yesterday's Lamonib Biber Chess tournament

In a surprising and exciting final heavyweight boxer Eddie 'The Crusher' Robinson has won this year's Lamonib Bibber Chess Tournament. In a match which lasted just over a minute and a half, Robinson knocked out the defending champion, Nigel 'Brainbox' Bromley, to take the crown. Bromley started well, moving the pawn in front of his Queen forward a couple of squares. But after studying the board carefully, scratching his head and grunting quite a lot, 'The Crusher' picked up the chessboard,

threw it through the window and punched his opponent repeatedly in the face until her was bleeding. '8... 9... 10... checkmate!' cried the referee, and that was it! Robinson was the new champ. 'It's really not fair,' said Nigel Bromley, speaking through a tube from the Lamonib Bibber General Hospital 1st night. 'I'm Much better at chess than him, he's just got bigger fists, that's all. Its shouldn't be allowed.' But Robinson was unapologetic. 'I won that chess championship fair and square,' he said. 'And I'll bash anyone who says otherwise.' This is the fifth title that 'The Crusher' has won this year, following his controversial and



bloody victories in the international Mathematics Championship, the Tiddlywinks Under-5's, the Women's Synchronised Swimming Tournament and the Nobel Peace Prize for Literature. 'And I've got high hopes for Wimbledon,' Robinson told reporters, cracking his knuckles menacingly.

**Boxing clever: Robinson takes the title**



Oi, Trouserface!  
You looking at these  
NEW book  
jackets?

