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Plans approved for Greenwich cruise terminal

Greenwich could become a "gateway to London" after plans for a large cruise liner terminal were approved.



Large cruise liners could be seen in Greenwich in five year's time Photo: ALAMY

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Once completed, the dock should allow large cruise ships to anchor beyond the Thames Barrier, which they cannot currently do.

At the moment, larger cruise liners have to use Tilbury in Essex as a docking area.

Ships up to 240-metres long – almost the length of the Titanic – could stop at the new development, which could receive around 100 ships a year when it is complete.

There are also plans for a 251-room hotel as well as 770 homes to be built alongside the dock by West Properties, the developer behind the project.

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John Comber of Greenwich Council told the News Shopper, a southeast London newspaper: "This brings the cruise liner industry right into the heart of the capital. It will be the gateway to London."

"In years gone by this river would have been teeming with vehicles. What we'd like to see is that brought back."

Preliminary work is due to start in November this year – and cruise ships could begin to dock there in two years' time, although construction is not due to end for another five years.

Up to 40,000 passengers could disembark each year at the new development when it becomes fully operational.

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Mitch Dobrowner wins L'Iris d'Or photographer of the year award

US photographer credited with 'enormous skill in his craft' for shots of storm systems in Appalachian mountains

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Storming victory ... a shot by Sony world photography awards L'Iris d'Or winner Mitch Dobrowner. Click to enlarge. Photograph: Mitch Dobrowner

Last night, at a lavish ceremony at the [Hilton Park Lane](#), London, the US photographer [Mitch Dobrowner](#) won L'Iris d'Or photographer of the year at the [2012 Sony world photography awards](#) for his extraordinary shots of storm systems in Tornado Alley in the Appalachian mountains. He was selected from a shortlist of 120 photographers, whittled down from more than 112,000 entries.

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These are just some of the images captured by Dutch astronaut André Kuipers from 240 miles above our planet's surface, aboard the International Space Station.

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The European Space Agency (ESA) engineer, part of PromiSSe, the first long-duration mission for a European following the end of the Shuttle programme in July, said before his visit: "I remember how thing the Earth's atmosphere looks from space and how black the Universe is.

"It made me realise that billions of people live in a very fragile planet. We really should take care of it."

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Apple sells 35m iPhones and 11.8m iPads in three months

Sales of its iPhone were almost double that compared with the same quarter last year - above market expectations

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Apple sold 35 million iPhones and 11.8 million iPads in the first three months of 2012.

Sales of its iPhone were almost double that compared with the same quarter last year.

And two-and-a-half times as many iPads were snapped up in the same period.

The number of iPhones sold was above market expectations but iPads and Apple/Mac computer sales - at four million, up 7% from last year - were not as good as hoped.

Apple is the world's most valuable company, valued at £351 billion.

Its stock was down 2% at the close of US trading yesterday.

Brian White, an analyst with Topeka Capital Markets, said: "They're delivering the goods. It's Apple fever at its finest."

Net income in the company's fiscal second quarter was £7.25bn - nearly double the net income of £3.75bn a year ago.

Revenue was £24.5bn, up 59% from a year ago. Analysts were expecting £23.1bn.

iPad sales came in below analyst expectations, at 11.8 million units.

But that was still two and a half times as many as it sold in the same quarter a year ago.

Apple launched a new iPad model in the quarter, and supplies are still tight.

Mr White believes short supplies of the new high-resolution screen are to blame.

Keeping with the trend over the last year, Asia, and in particular China, accounted for much of the revenue growth.

Sales in "Greater China", which includes Hong Kong and Taiwan, were three times those of a year ago, and accounted for 20% of Apple's revenue.

Windows PC makers are now hoping Windows 8 will give them a better chance at competing with Apple, both in PCs and tablets.

Intel CEO Paul Otellini said last week he believed PCs and tablets would merge into one light device with a keyboard and a touch-sensitive screen.

But Apple chief executive Tim Cook dismissed that idea on a conference call with analysts yesterday.

Tablets and PCs worked best as separate devices, playing to their own strengths, he said.

iPhone sales accounted for 58% of Apple's revenue, more than ever. Three years ago, the figure was 27%.

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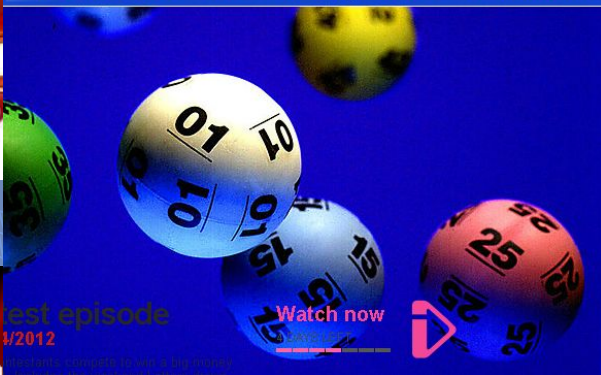
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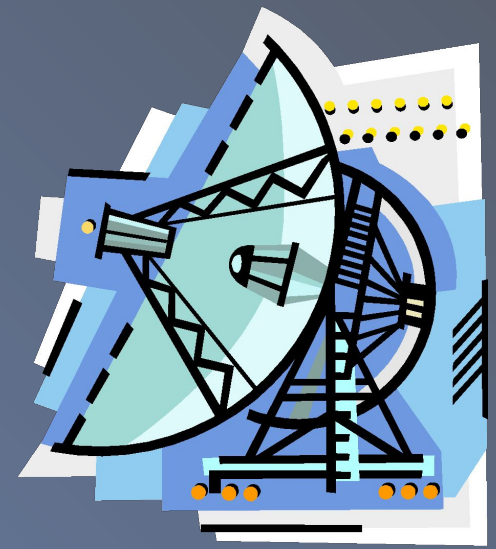
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Terry Tibbs launches his own US version of The Apprentice, the Fonejacker hits a drive thru and Brian Badonde has a final fling at an art gallery.

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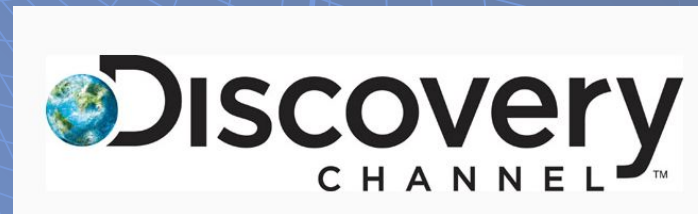
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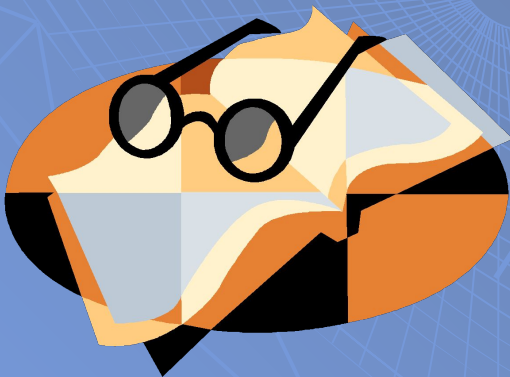
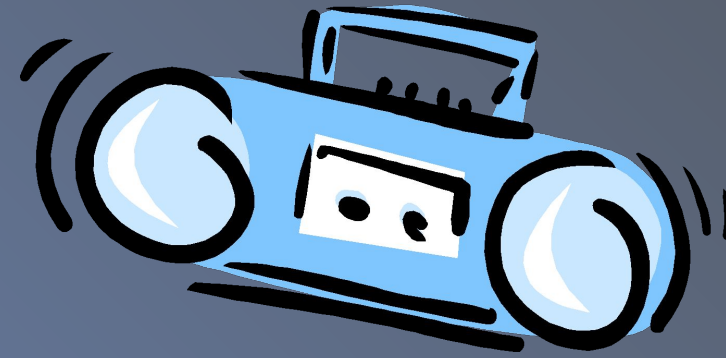
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