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Get some in: Miss England, serving officer Katrina Hodge, fronts the offer

> Sexing up the front line

LA SENZA is doing its bit for morale among troops by giving them 20 per cent off undies. The offer, which runs from today until Sunday, will apply to all who show armed forces ID. It is being fronted by LCpl Katrina Hodge - aka Combat Barbie.

Online directory is a network success



Listings: The website

AN ONLINE directory has signed up 350,000 businesses within ten months of launching. Wampit.co.uk was started by former Yell.com employees Paul Holland and Adam Purrier. It allows businesses to develop free listings and add images and video clips. As well as small businesses, it features companies such as Asda and HMV. Mr Holland, 42, said: 'We liked the fact it was possible to create your own profile through social networking sites and we wanted to bring that ethos into a business model.'

BT relies on plan to fund £9bn deficit

BT has won support from pension trustees for plans to tackle its record £9billion deficit.

The telecoms giant has Britain's biggest pension fund, with 340,000 members, and the biggest private sector pension deficit.

It is proposing a 17-year recovery plan in which instalments of £525million will be made each year for three years.

They will rise to £583million in the fourth year and grow at a rate of three per cent annually after that.

BT said it was a 'prudent' plan but warned the Pensions Regulator had 'substantial concerns' over some areas of the agreement, which is still under review by the pensions watchdog. Rod

By **Laura Shannon**

Kent, chairman of the BT pension scheme trustees, said the agreement 'secures significant additional support to the benefit of scheme members'.

Confirmation of the pension deficit, based on a triennial valuation at the end of 2008, was made as BT reported a 39 per cent leap in underlying pre-tax profits to £466million for the third quarter.

BT will have cut 15,000 jobs, ten per cent of its workforce, by March 31. That has already saved it £1.6billion in the nine months to December 31.

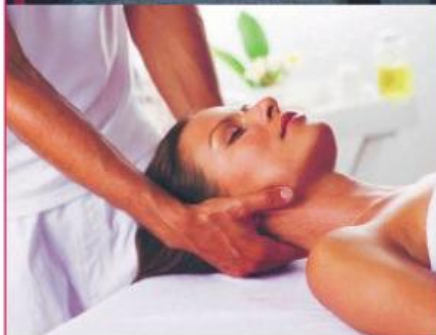
Healthier financial markets since the deficit was calculated in December 31, 2008, have also helped the scheme.

Absolute kicks off football

A COMMERCIAL radio station has secured the rights to broadcast commentary on 32 Premier League matches, it was announced yesterday. Absolute Radio agreed a three-year deal starting in August for games that begin at 3pm on Saturdays. The station is believed to have beaten off competition from the BBC and talkSPORT.

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