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New Year Newsletter

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MPA Road claims Christmas Day victim

THE Royal Falkland Islands Police were called to the scene of what proved to be a fatal traffic accident in the Elephant Canyon area on the MPA Road near Bluff Cove early on Christmas morning.

A police spokesman told *Penguin News* that only one vehicle

Lee leaves home

THE population of the Falklands has been swelled by one this week with the arrival of five year old Lee, the border collie sniffer dog who has hit the headlines in both the UK and the Islands because of the forthcoming role he will play in the continuing search for the body of missing marine, Alan Adis.

Lee is expected to search large areas of Camp in the North Arm area, supplementing an additional search by scientists from Birmingham University who will be using radar technology.

All his life Lee has lived with his handler, 41 year old, Blackpool based Sergeant Mick Swindells, who says it will be a wrench to leave the dog behind when he returns to Britain. Lee will now live with his new handler, Bernie Eccles, and his family in West Stanley.

Death of Islander in Norfolk

NEWS has been received of the death, in Norfolk, UK, of Vera Jones (nee Riches) who was born in Stanley on January 24, 1912. She married Alfred Nelson Jones on March 12, 1932, in Grytviken where he was the Acting Magistrate.

Theirs was the first marriage recorded in South Georgia. The wedding picture and certificate are in the museum at Grytviken.

They had a daughter, Elizabeth, born in Stanley, and a son, known as "Sonny", born in South Georgia. He was tragically killed in a motor cycle accident at a young age.

Some of the older residents of the Islands may remember the family.

was involved in the accident, a landrover which had come to rest on the south side of the road after apparently leaving it at speed.

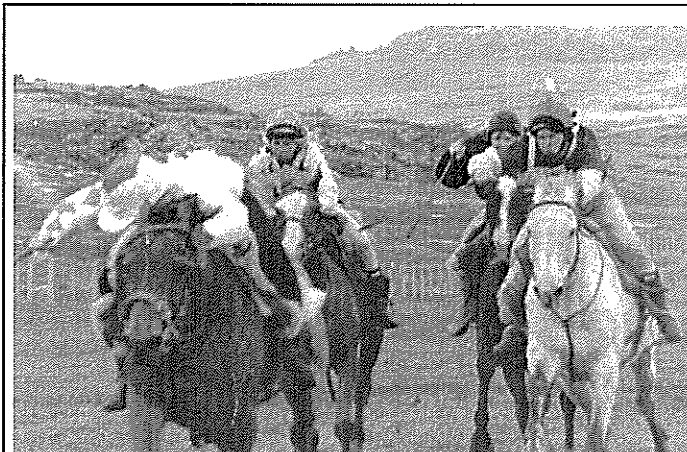
The driver, 46 year old Peter Thompson, a St Helenian National working at Hillside Camp in Stanley, received severe injuries in the incident and was taken by road to the KEMH for treatment.

Mr Thompson was then flown to MPA and then on to Montevideo where he died. He had a wife and two children living in St Helena, and a daughter in Britain.

Police are appealing for witnesses to the accident, or anyone who saw the vehicle (a blue and white landrover 110 number F420C) on the MPA Road that morning, to come forward.

Seven people have died in traffic accidents on the MPA Road since it was opened, and more than 130 injured, some seriously.

The police spokesman praised the medical services for the speed and efficiency with which they transported the injured man to Uruguay.



L-R: Serena Sinclair, Debbie Summers, Juliette Binnie and Gillian Phillips. *Penguin News* will provide a full report, photographs and results from the 1997 Stanley Sports in next week's edition.

Kind gesture from FIG allows Angeliki crew ashore at Christmas

IN what was described as a generous and humanitarian gesture, the Falkland Islands Government recently complied with a request to waive berthage fees for the MV *Angeliki* (MOD cargo vessel) on Christmas and Boxing Day so that the 25 man crew (mainly of Philippine nationality) could spend at least part of the festive season ashore.

Mike Hughes from the Missions to Seamen Centre cafe, *The Light-house*, said that without this gesture the vessel would have had to

anchor in Port William over Christmas. The berthage fees are very large, and due to the unavailability of stevedores over Christmas, the *Angeliki* could not have justified berthing at FIPASS.

It was greatly to FIG's credit said Mike (who wrote to the Chief Executive making the request) that the crew were able to enjoy their Christmas ashore, many of whom spent time with Philippine families in Stanley. One crew member told Mike that it was his first Christmas ashore for four years.

MBE for Joan Spruce

A press release from Government House expressed the great pleasure they have in announcing the award to Mrs Joan Spruce of the MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) in the New Years honours list. The award is in recognition of the considerable personal voluntary contribution which Mrs Spruce has made over many years to the cause of Falkland Islands history through the Stanley Museum, and her role in the Falkland Islands Museum and Falklands Trust, as well as for her work as a Justice of the Peace. The Governor would like to add his congratulations to those which Mrs Spruce will no doubt be receiving from many quarters.

Gallacher's gift to Falklands' children

EX Ryder Cup Captain, Bernard Gallacher recently made the kind gesture of sending Falkland Islands' school children four sets of golf clubs.

Sir Rex Hunt told *Penguin News* that two days after his return from the Falkland Islands late last year, Bernard appeared at Sir Rex's door with the generous gift.

The clubs were brought to the Islands by Mike Summers, who is arranging for them to be presented to the Community School when the term begins.

Sir Rex also asked that his grateful thanks be passed on, "for the warm welcome that Bernard and I received throughout the Islands."

January visit for Argentine next of kin

WITH the agreement of the Falkland Islands' Councillors, fifteen relatives of Argentine servicemen killed in the Falklands conflict in 1982 will visit the Falkland Islands on January 21 and 22. They will visit the Argentine war Cemetery at Darwin and stay overnight at Darwin Lodge. The party will be accompanied by a priest.

Your letters

FIG should consider vessel owner's predicament

IN reply to Mr E Anderson's letter in the *Penguin News*, December 12, 1997 - is Mr Anderson getting at the administration's handling of the Korean crisis, or our problem with housing?

The Korean fishing companies have, from the start of our fishing industry in 1986, returned year after year unlike other nations who transferred to Argentina and are now trying to get back in on allocation of licences, quite successfully.

In the past 10 years, if as quoted in this paper the Korean's licence fees are £12 million pounds per year to FIG, this would come to a staggering £120 million pounds

over a period of 10 years. If this is the case then our Government should consider the vessel owner's predicament. This year the Illex season does not start until February 15, 1998. What the Korean companies are asking for is extended dates to pay their 10% deposits as the Korean Government has suspended International Monetary transactions from their banks until they can sort out the countries financial problem.

As to eviction notices I do not see that this comes into the equation.

R Fiddes
Hanswell Maritime Ltd.

Estancia shearing triumph for Kiwi Fred Parker

Penguin News (courtesy of Ailsa Heathman) will provide a full report of the Estancia Shearing Competition in next week's paper.

DESPITE worries of wet sheep for the seventh Estancia Shearing Competition (hosted by Tony and Ailsa Heathman) a day of sunshine on December 28th meant the popular event could go ahead the following day. Numbers of shearers were down this year, but enthusiasm was not, with the day providing an intermediate, team, and open event.

Riki Evans was triumphant in the Intermediate class with Mark Summers in second place and Michele Evans in third.

The Team challenge was taken by Australians, Mike Pora and Greg Davidson, while Falkland Islanders, Peter McKay and Paul Phillips,

beat the UK team, Tom Kennedy and Hew Grierson, into second place.

Fred Parker lost only 31.3 points in the Open event giving him first place, closely followed by Peter McKay (losing 33.2 points) and Paul Phillips (losing 44.6 points). As a result, Peter and Paul will represent the Falkland Islands at the *Golden Shears* shearing competition, which will take place in Ireland.

"Tea for 550 please"

THERE can be few households around the Islands who can claim to have had more than 500 people to tea on Christmas Day. One that can, though, is on West Point Island where Lilly and Roddy Napier supplied a selection of biscuits, cakes, buns and hot tea and coffee to most of the more than 600 tourists who came ashore from the vessel *Marco Polo*.

Assisted by granddaughter, Poppy, and visitors Ellen White and Ross Chandler, Lilly and Roddy were kept busy for over seven hours before the ship departed.

In contrast, Boxing Day was relatively quiet with just 300 tourists coming ashore from the *Vistamar*.

WITH regret we announce the death, on December 29, in Carnoustie, Scotland, of Mrs Elizabeth Milne, nee Finlayson. Elizabeth was 81 years old.

Best Ram for Chartres at West Show

THE quite unseasonal weather on the morning of December 29 did not deter the Sheepowners of West Falkland travelling to Fox Bay for one of the highlights of the varied and enjoyable West Falkland Christmas and New Year Social gatherings.

Generous sponsoring once again attracted entries from both East and West Falkland to this prestigious annual event. In all there was a total of 35 rams and 70 fleeces entered from 17 farms.

Once again the quality of entries surpassed the previous years high, particularly in the Full Wool Hogget Class.

The main winners for this year's

show were: Best Ram Hogget - Chartres, Best Shearling Ram - Coast Ridge, Best Mature Ram - Shallow Harbour, Best Hogget Fleece - The Peaks, Best Fine Wool Fleece - Shallow Harbour, and Best 'B' Wether Fleece - Chartres.

The Champion Ram came from Chartres, and Shallow Harbour was the farm which achieved most points in all classes. Shallow Harbour also produced the fleece with the highest commercial value.

The under 21 Sheep Judging Competition was won by Marie Summers and Sammy Hirtle. All prizes were presented by Acting Governor, Mr Andrew Gurr.

A full report will appear in the

next edition of *Penguin News*.
(N Knight)

MEMBERS of the Falkland Islands Field Squadron (53 Squadron Royal Engineers) are currently involved in repairing and weatherproofing the building used by the Sea Cadets in Stanley. Under the guidance of Section Commander Corporal Cunningham, four Sappers have been working for the past week on the building.

The job materialised following a deal between Sea Cadets leader, Frank Leyland, and the Royal Engineers' Sergeant Major, Neil Stock. The Cadets offered to help collect money on behalf of the Squadron who have organised a number of charity events in aid of the KEMH Orthopaedic Bed Appeal and the Addenbrookes Parent's Bed Appeal. In return, the Squadron have arranged to repair the Sea Cadets' building. (Info PIO, HQBFFI)

Blistering effort raises £5,000 for twin charities

A CHARITY drive masterminded by the Field Squadron at MPA over the Christmas period, to raise funds for the KEMH orthopaedic bed appeal and the Addenbrookes Hospital (Cambridge) Ward D2 Parents Bed Appeal, culminated in the most strenuous way for two squadron members as they attempted to complete not one, but two triathlon events back to back in two days.

The two men, Major Ian Thomas and Warrant Officer II Neil Stock, began the two day event on December 29 with a 1,000 metre swim in the MPA pool.

Then it was onto their bicycles for a stiff twenty five miles pedalling into the rare easterly wind en

route for Stanley.

Ten miles short of the Islands' capital they abandoned the bikes to run the last ten miles to Hillside Camp.

Next morning the intrepid pair repeated the whole thing in reverse beginning at 0730 with a 1,000 metre swim in the Stanley pool, cycling twenty five miles and ending with ten weary miles on foot to MPA.

Thanks to the double triathlon, and other events like the charity bed push, which saw teams of ten manhandling highly decorated beds around the air base, the Field Squadron hope to have raised around £5,000 for the two charities

MV Anne Boye sailed from Shoreham in Brighton on December 20, 1997. She is carrying a mixed cargo of vehicles, foodstuffs, frozen goods and building materials. Her ETA in Stanley is January 19, 1998.

The cargo includes three houses to be built for The Falkland Islands

Company Limited by Ian Stewart Construction Ltd. which, it was stated in a recent FIC press release, "continues the company's policy of building properties for commercial purposes rather than purchasing on the over-stretched open market, thereby worsening the housing shortage."

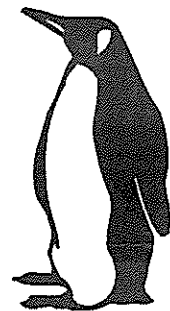
...AND OF COURSE, THE SIX-HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX... IS THE ITEM, AH EM IS...!

Final coverage of Legislative Council in next week's *Penguin News*

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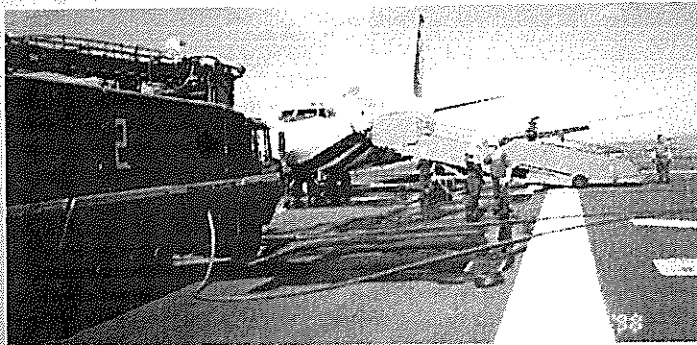
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Troubled landing for LanChile flight

HYDRAULIC problems, causing steering and braking difficulties meant the LanChile flight which arrived at Mount Pleasant on January 3 was forced to overnight in the Falklands. None of the 56 passengers on board were injured, but were subjected to some 'swaying' on landing.

To those observing the flight from the airport the aircraft appeared to approach very fast, and on landing snaked from side to side on the runway. The 'snaking' stopped when the crew applied reverse thrust which slowed the aircraft and brought it under control.

When the aircraft began to taxi towards the terminal a sound could



The troubled aircraft in a pool of water used to cool the landing gear

be heard. "like metal on metal," which might normally be associated with hydraulic problems.

Shortly after it came to a stop the pilot asked passengers to prepare for an emergency de-bus, but within 30 seconds countermanded that with instructions to de-bus in the normal way.

As passengers descended from the aircraft they could see fire-fighter crews had been hosing the

landing gear to cool it down.

Two engineers were brought in by LanChile the same day and problems were repaired, with the aircraft leaving the Islands at 12.30 the following afternoon.

An FIDC representative stressed that at no time during the incident did the aircraft appear to be in any danger, and that the crew and passengers were calm and relaxed throughout.

Fumes in cockpit cause Tristar diversion to Tenerife

'FUMES in the cockpit' as a result of a technical fault was the official reason given for the diversion to Tenerife of the Tristar aircraft which left the Islands on January 4. A number of passengers on the plane which eventually arrived in Britain at 11am on Tuesday January 6, have reported that they awoke to the smell of fumes and smoke in the cabin, and crew were donning oxygen masks, and talking of preparations for ditching the aircraft. One passenger noted that some people were asked whether they would be prepared to help with life rafts should the aeroplane be forced to ditch in the sea, but added that there was reassuringly only ten to fifteen minutes between the noticing of fumes, the diversion notice and the landing in Tenerife.

The aircraft was repaired in Tenerife by engineers on the flight before continuing its journey to the United Kingdom.

Darwin House

ALWAYS a subject of some controversy, a further question mark has been raised over future Argentine next of kin visits because of the continuing availability, or otherwise, of Darwin House, where members of past visiting parties overnighted, now that FIC (the owners) have offered it for lease.

Mr Roger Spink, an FIC director, told *Penguin News* this week that as a "humanitarian gesture" his company had "never requested any payment for the use of Darwin House for next of kin visits."

He pointed out the commercial nature of the FIC and that interest in the property had been expressed by "several parties." He could not, therefore, confirm the property would be available after the impending January visit.

Asked to comment, Councillor Mike Summers said the situation was too new to have been discussed by LegCo.

TIM and Pauline Carr who have resided in South Georgia for the last five years on their century old yacht *Curlew* (they have spent 30 years in total on *Curlew*) heard on Christmas day that they had been awarded the Tilman Medal. The medal is a prestigious award for achievements in both sailing and mountaineering. (More detailed report next week).

First duties for Fisheries patrol vessel Dorada



Left: MV Dorada on hire to the Falkland Islands Government..
Port of Registry: Stanley, Falkland Islands.
Length: 76.35 metres. Breadth 14.60 metres.
Draft: 5.50 metres. Gross tons: 2,360.
Net tons: 708.
Call sign: ZDLHI

ON-HIRE to the Falkland Islands Government for ten years, the scientific research vessel *MV Dorada* which arrived in the Falklands on December 29 was purchased by Dorada Marine Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Byron Holdings Limited.

The *MV Dorada* and crew, a number of whom are Falkland Islanders, is expected to sail on January 14. Islanders on board included Trevor Betts, Paul Morrison, Paul Clarke and David Allan (Byron

Marine Director) his wife Lorraine and five month old son Billy, Craig Paice and Brian Clayton.

The vessel which was originally built in Poland in 1991 as a combination jigger/trawler, was sold from New Zealand to Dorada Marine Limited in August 1997. Conversion works from trawler to scientific research vessel were carried out between August and December.

MV Dorada will commence her duties with a few days of scientific

fishing trials by fisheries scientists before returning to the Islands at the weekend. She will then once again leave Stanley on January 18 to begin her first fisheries patrol.

Amongst other conversions, the old fish factory was stripped and replaced with wet and dry laboratories, a Simrad EX500 scientific echosounder was fitted, accommodation was upgraded by reducing from a capacity of 50 persons down to 26 and certain items of navigational equipment was installed.

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THE relationship between tourist and local has always been an amusing one, and often the source of good natured mischief (particularly from the point of view of the local.) While Islanders could probably quote some Falklands anecdotes in this vein, my own favourite story - being an ex temporary resident of Bangor in North Wales - involved a group of Welsh students who erected a sign outside the City of Bangor on a bank holiday weekend, informing the hundreds of cars full of families heading for the popular Island of Anglesey, that the Island had been 'closed for the weekend.' A tailback of many miles soon ensued, and feeling rather ashamed at the success of their prank the students slunk away only to reveal all some time later on the TV show *Confessions*.

Luckily for the shiploads of octogenarians who swarm on to Ross Road each summer in the Falklands, we locals are, I think, kinder at heart than those students, and probably loathe to shatter the average tourist's endearing belief, that Islanders are "quaint little critters," (as described by an elderly American observing the raft race). In fact, having observed those very observers over the past weeks there was probably little reason anyway to add to their 'Falklands' experience', considering most were frequently left open mouthed in disbelief at our response to the Christmas period. While the complexities of our horse racing betting system appeared more than a little alien to many, the intricacies of the traditional horse gear definitely proved too much for one gentleman who, while aiming his video-recorder at the underside of my horse could be heard describing how "once the jockey is on top they tie his feet together to stop him falling off." Too amused by this description of my 'tie-downs' to correct him (*For the uninitiated, a tie down involves attaching a piece of cord or hide between the stirrups for added stability - a practice of South American origin*) I left him - and his family at home I presume - to ponder the potentially dreadful consequences of tightly lashing a small human being to 600lbs of galloping horsemeat.

If such a small thing could pique the interest of one, events on following days must have been for others positively mind boggling - Mike Evans careering down the racecourse with a semiconscious chicken under one arm and an army of children in pursuit - tiny tots clinging to cantering sheep - cowhide racing in torrential rain, and James Butler launching himself at spectators from a bareback bucking horse, to name but a few.

Whatever the high curiosity value to tourists, however, all of these traditional or just plain crazy events organised over Christmas are infinitely more precious to those of us who reside here for more than just a day; and for them to occur year after year there must be those willing to give their time. So to those of you who stood in the rain starting races, crouched in cupboard-like huts taking entries or bets, organised rafts, hounded jockeys, handled sheep and so on, and so on... thank you from the rest of us who didn't.



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TOURIST BOARD

Emergency Accommodation Register

The Falkland Islands Tourist Board are hoping to upgrade their register of Stanley residents prepared to give emergency accommodation at short notice to tourists and others who find themselves stranded through no fault of their own without a bed for the night. If you wish to be included, please call John Fowler or Jenny Paice on 22215.

It could be very rarely that your hospitality will be called upon, but if it is, you will be rewarded financially as well as having the satisfaction of upholding the Falkland Islands reputation for extending a friendly welcome to visitors.

Last weekend, when the Lan Chile plane came in, but was unable to leave, was just such an occasion when extra accommodation was suddenly needed in a hurry. FITB would like to take this opportunity to thank all involved in resolving the situation so speedily, including the military movements staff and Lan Chile.

Your letters

Looking for ways of changing the nature of agriculture assistance

WITH reference to your leader in the latest *Penguin News*, I fully agree with your sentiments regarding the fact that we Councillors are very predictable in our Motions for Adjournment, and I hope that this will alter as the present Council becomes better established. However, personally I find it very difficult to be brief and still get the message across.

A case in point is your understanding that I said that farms should be becoming profitable within the next three years. What I was trying to say, was that we are looking for ways of changing the nature of agricultural assistance (which seems to keep most farms marking time) to assistance which is geared towards financing improvements designed to make farms more profitable. I hope that this scheme will be well under way within the next three years although it will take some time for

the full effects to be seen.

As I see it, while this will involve mainly pasture improvements to increase stocking rates, it might also include work on any improvement or diversification projects which increase a farm's income particularly through import substitutes. In fact I see it apply to any income generating projects which either attract overseas money or reduce imports. This will require extra work for the farmers but I also see it as a way of financing the extra labour which is desperately needed in Camp if it is to be revitalised.

The main object of this scheme is to ultimately reduce the amount of agricultural subsidy, and make the income from agriculture a significant contributor to the Falklands' budget in the future.

Richard Cockwell
Fox Bay Village

Thank you FIG from Angeliki

BEFORE he sailed, the Captain of our chartered vessel *Angeliki* gave me the enclosed letter which it gives me great pleasure to pass on to you with a request to publish it.

I would like to add the thanks of HR Shipping Services to ExCo and to Andrew Gurr. In today's hard commercial climate, if this gesture had not been made we would have had little choice but to have ordered the ship out to anchor whilst not working.

As things have turned out, it was a pleasure to see the crew relaxing and taking pleasure from being involved in the life of Stanley, both in the church and pub communities and in private houses.

Chris Woodall, Superintendent
in the Falkland Islands
HR Shipping Services

Organisers grateful for raft race turn out

MAY I through your column convey our thanks for a good turn out on New Year's Day for the annual Raft Race.

A special thanks to all the participants in providing so much entertainment, Brigadier Campbell for firing the cannon supplied by the EOD (to start and finish the race) the Chief Executive for presenting the prizes; FIC, Sullivan *MV Dorado* for the the safety launches, Major Simon Hopkins

RA for the military liaison, and once more a special thanks to all the participants and you, the spectators.

Raffle: The raffle has been drawn by the Royal Engineers and the winners and amount collected will be published soon.

Bob Fiddes
Chairman Royal Naval
Association and Sea Cadets
Corps
Falkland Islands

ON behalf of myself, my officers and crew I would like to express thanks to both the members of ExCo and to Mr Andrew Gurr for their extremely kind gesture in suspending the berthing dues on FIPASS for the two days of Christmas during which our ship would not have been working cargo.

This has allowed us, although far from our families, to spend the festive season safely in port and enjoying the warmth and friendship of the local people rather than isolated out at an anchorage.

We wish a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all Kelpers. Janis Chandos
Master

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Montgomery preaching contentment?

I REFER to your reporting in *Penguin News* December 12, 1997, vis a vis the sentiments expressed by Lord Montgomery and Baroness Hooper (don't be beastly to the Argentines).

I should point out that it was the Argentines who were beastly to the Falkland Islanders. Have they apologised yet? Latins and Anglos Saxons take a different view of life. My advice to the noble Lord and Baroness is succinctly put in some lines by Rudyard Kipling.

"The toad beneath the harrow knows

Exactly where each tooth point goes:

The butterfly upon the road
Preaches contentment to the toad."

The rest of the poem makes good reading too.

Seasons greetings.

JT Clement.
Westbury, Wilts.

I THINK many of our affairs, like the Korean currency, are in shaky hands.

E Andersen
Stanley

Kelpers of a different kind

HOOKER'S Point has become a hunting ground for four scientists with a mutual interest in Falklands kelp.

Suzanne Fredredricq, (Assistant Professor at the University of Southwestern Louisiana), Showmei Lin, (graduate student also from USL), Max Hammersand (Professor at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill) and, the only Chilean of the group, Maria Ramirez, a Sub Director at the Natural History Museum in Santiago, Chile, all arrived in the Islands recently to collect samples particularly of the red seaweed, which can be found beneath the canopy of brown seaweed common to the Falklands.

The team who have already read "everything ever written about Falklands algae," will be looking at the seaweed structure (molecular relationships and analysis of DNA) of their samples and comparing them with other seaweeds from around the world. They are also interested in, "when they may have been distributed," and "type locality."

Max Hammersand and the rest of the group expressed their gratitude to Chief Fisheries Scientist (FIG) Dr. Conor Nolan for his assistance during their time in the Islands.

The team is scheduled to leave the Islands on January 10.

New stage in Marine Addis search to begin next week

ARRIVING in the Falklands next week will be a body search team, including Sergeant Swindells and Professor Hunter, to begin the latest stage in the hunt for the remains

of Royal Marine Alan Addis, who disappeared in the North Arm area seventeen years ago. Accompanied by a team of three from the Royal Falkland Islands police (headed by Inspector Dave Morris) Sergeant Swindells will be responsible for the work of the sniffer dog while Professor Hunter will concentrate on the ground penetration radar system in selected areas around North Arm.

Already arrived ahead of the search team are Line TV's Henry Singer, and Tim Carrol who will be directing and producing a documentary surrounding the forensic scientific techniques involved in the search. The documentary is to be included in the Channel 4 Equinox science series.

Ex local policeman, Steve Burston, will also be returning to the Islands to assist in the search.

Dentists past not forgotten

Torture chamber or 1960's Stanley dental surgery?



I WAS interested to read your article, 'Open Wide Sir' in the August edition of *Penguin News*, as I had the good fortune to work as a dentist in the Islands from 1960-66.

Last January I visited the Falklands for the first time since then and spent a memorable three weeks covering some of the places I had not had the chance to see before. Amongst many other things, I was very impressed by the museum and amused to see that the role of dentists past had not been forgotten. I enclose two photographs that may be of interest. One shows the Stanley surgery as it was when I arrived in 1960, and the other, shows the Camp equipment ready for use in South Georgia which I visited for three days in the winter of '63. The foot drill can be seen back left and I was sorry to see that it was not in the museum as it had been the only method of drilling teeth in the Camp for many years up until 1960, when the drill now in the museum was purchased.

Under the chair can be seen the foot controls for a technicians drill, which was very inflexible and therefore difficult to use in the mouth. However, with strong fingers and wrist and probably a degree of danger to the patient, it certainly speeded things up!

During my first year I was lucky to have Dennis Wedgewood working in the Camp, as I had my work cut out in Stanley. After a year, he went on to South Georgia and then returned to the UK where he studied medicine and ended up as a Consultant Oral Surgeon in Stoke. Also working in Stanley as the dental technician was Willi Hassenholter. He was an exceptional technician and partly trained as a dentist as, up until about 1935 in Germany, you could be apprenticed to a dentist. He left around 1962, and a year or so later Neville Bennet came back from the UK where he had trained. He also gave excellent service to the patients who needed his skills.

From 1964 until 1966, Ian Barnes worked in the Camp. He was much liked and very able and

dedicated, finally becoming Professor of Conservative Dentistry at Newcastle Dental School.

I doubt if any records remain of the work we all did, but it was considerable. For a start we worked a 5½ day week, with no time off in six years apart from one period of leave in the UK and a total of about three days when my rare cases of over indulgence became widely known by 8.30 the next morning, with the result that I spent most of the day sitting in the chair with a blistering hangover taking cancellations over the phone, as no one wish to put their mouths at risk!

For some of the time I was on my own and worked in the Camp whenever I could find time. I have many memories of the truly wonderful hospitality of the Campers. There was always a lot of work to do, and I remember in February 1962 working for fourteen hours nonstop at North Arm in the shearing shed. Using a foot-drill and an angle-poise light I carried out 35 fillings, 70 extractions and impressions and bites for at least half a dozen dentures.

This generation of dentists and patients will have no idea, I am glad to say, of the very high rate of decay in the Islands before the advent of fluoride. In the worst cases, carefully filled teeth would succumb to further decay within two or three months, making extraction inevitable.

On a personal level, I had and still have a great affection for the Islands and a great respect for the Islanders who were tough, self-reliant and as I have already said, hospitable. It was strange to see them treated as second class citizens by some of the expats, back in the 60's.

David Carr, Reading

Ps. A retired colleague of mine who joined me last January on my trip to the Islands, enjoyed himself so much and was so impressed by the museum, that he is happy to donate an old foot-drill to the museum, if anyone can manage to pick it up and take it back.

Phillips and McKay for Golden Shears

Report on the Estancia Shearing Competition... by Ailsa Heathman

ALTHOUGH only 16 miles (direct) from Stanley, we sometimes have differing weather at Estancia, thus, while everyone enjoyed the races in town on December 27 we had continuous rain for over 30 hours!

So the prospects of getting dry sheep for the 29th were looking grim. The 28th, though, saw Stanley get a drowning while we enjoyed a bright, sunny day with a breeze, and, much to our surprise, the sheep were dry enough to go in the shed that night.

The rain returned and was relentless all day on the 29th, but did not dampen the enthusiasm and atmosphere of the 7th Estancias Shearing Competition. A large crowd filtered through the shed all day enjoying some excellent shearing accompanied by Tootie Ford's amusing and informative commentary - unfortunately not broadcastable!

Entries were down this year with only four Intermediates and 18 in the Open Competition so three heats of four shearers and two heats of three shearers were run off first providing the eight semi-finalists: Andrew Smith, Michael Allan, Mike Pora, Peter McKay, John Jones, Paul Phillips, Fred Parker and Richard Short.

The Intermediates shone next with Riki Evans being triumphant losing 34.15 points. Mark Summers was second with 40.45, Michele Evans third with 44.85 and

Christopher (Kiffa) Ford in fourth place on 55.2.

After a lunch break the semi-finals of the Open took place and there followed a very boisterous team event. Six pairs of shearers took part, it was decided to shear for speed and the judging would all be done in the back pen on the finished product.

The Australian pair, Mike Pora and Greg Davidson, were the winners, scoring 43.8. Peter McKay and Paul Phillips brought the Falklands into second place with 44.35. Third were Tom Kennedy and Hew Grierson for UK with 45.35. Fourth were the pairing of Andrew Smith and Mike Allan, for the Falklands again, with 45.9. Fred Parker and Adrian Pyne were in fifth place for New Zealand with 48.65, and Tony Heathman and Riki Evans brought up the rear for the Falklands with 56.65.

Due to a shortage of umbrellas the ewes for the finals then had to be ferried by rover from another shed and manhandled up the steps and into the pens.

It turned out to be a very exciting final which culminated in a well deserved win for Fred Parker - who received loads of congratulations for his shearing on that day (the 29th) and his wedding on the 30th. He probably arrived for the ceremony still sporting the shield on his arm!

Fred only lost 43.3 points. Second was Paul Phillips 44.6. Third,

Peter McKay with 45.2, and fourth was John Jones with 48.25.

Paul Phillips and Peter McKay will therefore represent the Falkland Islands at the Golden Shears in Ireland next year. Congratulations to them all.

We would like to publicly thank Brook Hardcastle for helping us get the Shearing Competition on the road in 1991, and for all his valuable help in co-ordinating each competition for the past six years. This year Tony Pettersson took over Brook's shoes and inherited his assistant!

Hopefully Mike and Jeannie McKay have dodged the rain on the West and had an enjoyable break this year leaving the barbecue in the capable hands of Michele and Riki Evans with help from Ken and

Caroline Aldridge.

Garry Bennett and Chris McCallum took over the *hangi* this year in the absence of Keith and Mandy Heathman, and a bar was in operation thanks to Carole and Terrance Phillips. Sarah Allan also had a year off from time keeping and was relieved by Diana Berntsen-McGill.

As usual, so many people helped, and got wet, in the pens, shifting sheep, judging, rolling and stowing wool etc. Without all their help there would be no competition, so very many thanks to them all - and also Tootie Ford and Pat Pratlett who kept us all so well entertained. Also many thanks to everyone for their generous donations, and to Robert Hall for presenting the prizes.

Veterans lose in nine goal thriller

STANLEY'S Under 18 Eleven narrowly edged out the veterans by five goals to four in an entertaining soccer match on New Year's Day. Watched by a large and appreciative crowd on a windy but sunny afternoon the youngsters soon established a two-nil lead with some slick passing and good running off the ball, but then paid the price for relaxing their grip on the game by allowing goals by Patrick Watts and Glen Ross to level matters. Stephen Aldridge scored neatly to put the youngsters three two up at half time.

Glen Ross, guesting for the veterans, went on to complete an excellent hat-trick for the over 40's

assistance. If you would like to see what Santa got up to on the day, please drop into the KEMH foyer

San Carlos Santa with Jason Short, Liam, Caris and Toni Stevens, and Amy, Tamara and Michelle Minnell

but Ian Jordon netted twice to ensure the Under 18's retained their one goal advantage at the final whistle.

Oldest man on the field, Doug Hansen, made several excellent saves from dangerous crosses, while Mike Summers managed to get yellow carded for an over-zealous tackle on Wayne Clement. Also in the book was Ian Jordon for kicking the ball away after the whistle had gone for an offside decision. But this was surely an afternoon full of good humour coupled with some excellent football - both thoroughly enjoyed by the vociferous crowd and there are already calls for a return next year.

and have a look at the Flying Santa display. Ho ho ho, and see you next year.



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Top left: Shaka (Lisa Riddell) leads from Quint (Michelle Evans) and Porsche (Matthew McMullen).

Top right: Expert rider, Kieren Evans, takes on the biggest clipper in the pen.

Left: Arthur Turner attempts to create chaos in the Variety Race.

Above: A quiet moment for Chris Eynon and some tangled gear (Variety Race).

Below left: Chris May remains the only man upright in the Horse Sack Race.

Below: A stylish performance in the sack from Hermina Campbell



Santa soars in

Sue Wilks describes the day Santa took flight

FLYING Santa had a wonderful time visiting Camp children. He set off from MPA on December 23 to visit as many places as he could in one day. His elves (Sue Wilks and Miranda Cheek) packed up all the presents and, as the reindeer were getting ready for Christmas Eve, 78 Squadron and Bristows got together to help Santa on his way.

To give the reindeer a rest before their big effort on Christmas Eve, Santa set off in a Bristow's helicopter to Fitzroy where he learned that Joanne was waiting for him at KEMH in Stanley after having an accident. Then it was on to the Murrell, Salvador and Little Creek where he managed to jump a ditch on his way to visit Matthew, Chavez and Cameron.

On then to San Carlos and Pebble Island, where Gareth was assured by his mum that it was, in fact, safe to meet this happy man from the noisy helicopter.

At Hill Cove Santa received a warm welcome, which included a 'cold one' from a grateful adult! Saunders Island was next, and then

Port Stephens where he was lucky enough to be given some mince pies. The last three stops were at Albemarle, Fox Bay East, where a friendly dog decided he had better things to do than meet Santa, and North Arm before returning to MPA.

Santa even managed to find the time to drop in at KEMH the next day (Christmas Eve) to give Joanne her present and make sure she was on the mend.

One little boy at Hill Cove was sure the REAL Santa had visited - which, of course, was not news to Santa's elves who already knew it was the REAL Santa!

Santa told his elves that he was really pleased that the FIGAS pilots (really Santa's helpers in disguise) were able to deliver the rest of his presents to the Camp children he was unable to meet personally.

Finally Santa and his elves would like to thank 78 Squadron and Bristows who really got Flying Santa off the ground, and everyone who provided donations and

Tooty's top jockey!

Photographs by Penguin News.. Report by Patrick Watts (F.I.B.S.)

THE Bonners' imported Chilean mare *Croacia* retained the Governor's Cup and Maurice Davis's imported *Papina* took the Maiden Plate, but it was veteran jockey Stewart Morrison who captured the headlines with his record breaking 44 points and the Champion Jockey title. Twenty years ago the popular government storeman took the title with 27 points, and last year with 33 points he held off a strong challenge from Tim Bonner. This year it was 'no contest' as he took the

first race of the day - the Maiden Plate - on *Papina* and on a further 18 occasions Stewart returned with either a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. By the end of the first days racing he had run-up 27 points and was in an unbeatable position - eight first places, nine seconds and two thirds culminated in the massive 44 points total.

The Champion Horse is based on the number of points attained by each individual animal, and *Sandown* with four first places and three seconds amassed eighteen points, although *Croacia* remained the only unbeaten horse with four firsts from four races. The Rincon Grande Plate (900yds), West Store Ladies Gallop - ridden by Hayley Bonner, and Salvador Prize Champion Race being added to the Governor's Cup.

Sixteen year old Matthew McMullen who began his senior career with a win on *Porsche* a year ago repeated the result this year winning the Argos Gallop, and going on to take the following race, the Bike Anderson prize on *San Diego*, who like *Porsche* was trained at Goose Green by Tony McMullen.

Much attention was focused on the newly imported Chilean horses, and while Maurice Davis's *Papina* took two firsts and a second, ridden by Stewart Morrison, the others did

not fare quite so well, although *Tia Nina*, owned and ridden by Owen Summers, snatched fourth place in the Governor's Cup behind *Croacia*, *Pollerita* and a fast finishing *Mysteria Maria* ridden on this occasion by Ron Binnie of Fitzroy for Maurice Davis. The Short's *Stop Gun* and Raymond Evan's *Calimeira* not accustomed to a whistle start will obviously improve, while Keith Whitney's tongue twisting *Huista Corqueta* managed several placings including a good second in the Mile.

After a wet spell of weather the course was heavy and not to the liking of *Pollerita* who faded badly in both the Darwin Shipping Prize, which went to Arthur Turner on *Mysteria Maria*, and in the CFL Challenge which was won by the troublesome *Dory* who showed a reluctance to go to the start, but expressed no similar problems when heading in the other direction, tak-

ing the Standard Chartered Trophy and the JBG Falklands Trophy in addition to the CFL Challenge.

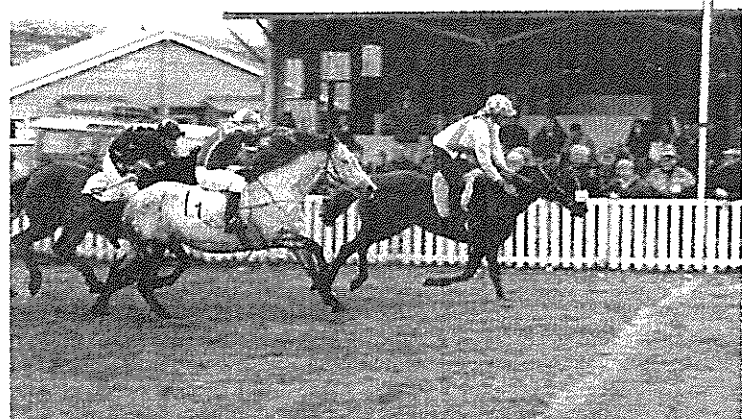
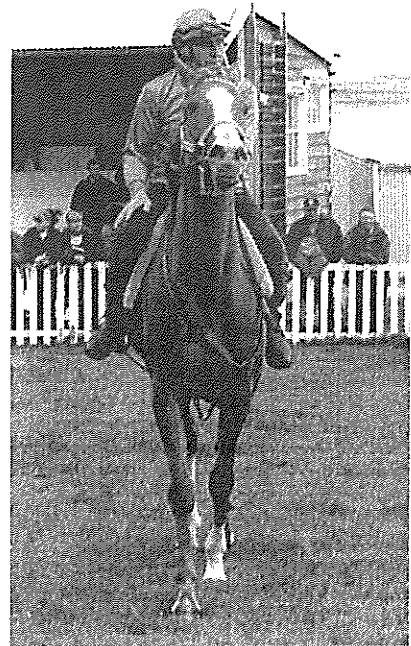
Several favourites again showed their ability with *Shaka*, ridden by Lisa Riddell, romping home in the Speedwell Store Prize and Falkland Chase, beating *Sandown*, on each occasion, and the Malcolm Binnie Memorial.

The veteran grey *Quint* relished the heavy going and took several good placings, once again expertly ridden by Michelle Evans (nee Binnie), who brought a happy smile to the face of several lucky punters who backed *Mr Sheen* in the FIC 900yds race for the Falkland Islands bred horses. The tote paid £2.50 on a 10p ticket, and Georgina Smith reportedly walked away with £250 having obviously remembered *Mr Sheen*'s plucky performances at Fitzroy ten months ago. Punters bet no less than £1,192 on the Gover-

nor's Cup.

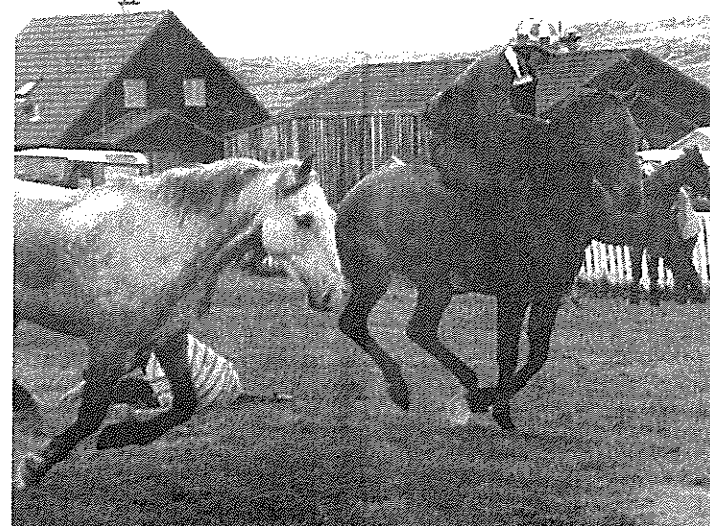
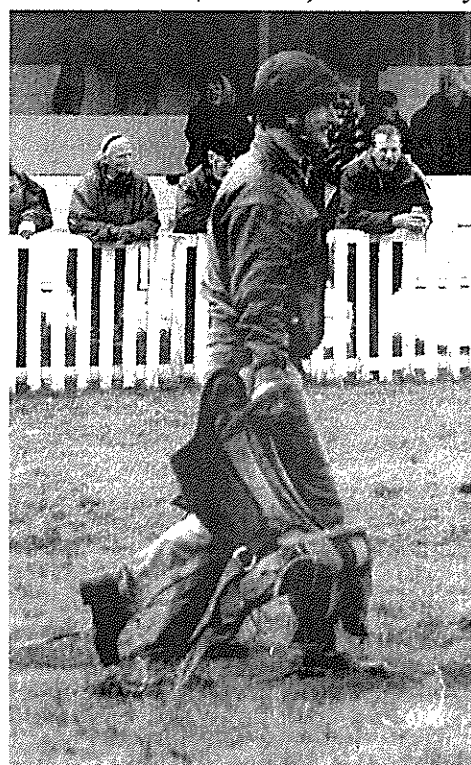
The Armed Forces Challenge Cup - a 1.2.3 for the ladies last year went to Liz Thurman, this time on *Miss Ellie*.

The young jockeys events brought wins for eight year old 'veteran' Clint Short and Roanna Lloyd, while 86 year old William Morrison who first raced a horse on the Stanley course 64 years ago, proved fast on his feet when beating another 80 year old, Charles Clifton, in the Veteran's Handicap. Just starting his running career was thirteen year old Evan Jones, and he outspurred Sarah Allan to win the Mile foot event. Youngsters Claire Kilmartin, and Charmaine Butler took the 440 and 220 yards races respectively, but the foot events were generally disappointing, with little adult participation.



Top: Champion Jockey 'Tooty' Morrison on Best Turned Out Maiden Plater, *Papina*. Above: Consolation Race: Arthur wins on *See Me Do It*, followed by Tim Bonner on *Pandora* and Troyd Bowles riding *Jump Jet*. Below Left: Variety Race - Bas Faria minus horse. Below right: Zoe Luxton and Tim Bonner. Below centre: Arthur Turner minus saddle. Right: Kids catch the rooster. Far right below: Hermina Campbell leads the ladies home from 80yards. Far right: Mike Evans adds excitement (and noise) to the dummy race. Far right second from top: Serina Sinclair takes the lead.

Far right top. Wanda Ballard's team beat the Long Islands Ladies.



likely that there can be a decision on this in March. Certainly before the end of March. That would indicate that work could start next October.

Councillor Clifton
If I may - just a point of clarification in terms of the answer - the Chief Executive gave me in No. 34 of 97 and the answer he has just given the Honourable Councillor Cockwell. Will he confirm the commencement of the road from Goose Green to North Arm and the spine

road on West Falkland both start in October 1998.

Chief Executive
If that is what I said I confirm it.

Honourable Mike Summers
Can the Chief Executive advise whether the completion date for the road between Goose Green and North Arm remains the same as was planned for some considerable while. Since the Director of Public Works has frequently told us that it is not the start date we should be

concerned about but the completion date and that he would deliver that completion date.

Chief Executive
I have spoken with him on that particular point quite recently and I think it would be unwise of me in view of the complexity of the situation to actually confirm in this forum that that date will actually be met. It is a target date as I understand it.

Question No. 10/97 (for written answer) By the Honourable Mrs J L Cheek

WILL the Chief Executive say approximately how many people (including accompanying family members) in the oil exploration support services will be based in Stanley during the next twelve months.

Reply by the Honourable the Chief Executive

At present it is anticipated that approximately nine expatriate staff will be employed in Stanley to support the exploration drilling programme. They comprise four staff for Stanley-CSM, three for Dolphin Drilling

and a FOSA representative with a drilling engineer.

At this stage the figures are estimated, until contracts and recruitment have been firmed up. Two staff have confirmed that they will be accompanied but do not have children.

In addition to personnel resident in Stanley the service companies utilising heavier equipment and materials, the mud and casing suppliers, wellhead suppliers, pipe inspection and fishing tool companies will probably have a permanent presence in Stanley utilising staff on

a bachelor basis working 28 days on/ 28 days off. The numbers are expected to range from 3-6 persons. There will be various support functions of an administrative nature that will be filled from local resources and advertisements have already appeared for some of these in the local media.

Oil company representatives expect to be able to provide more complete details of numbers at the Joint Operators' Meeting to be held in Stanley on 27th January 1998.

Meeting of the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Trust (UKFIT)

THE United Kingdom Falkland Islands Trust held its second quarterly meeting for 1997/98 at Falkland House, London on October 20, 1997. Captain Paddy Vincent took the Chair, following his recent assumption of that appointment. Miss Sukey Cameron, Representative in London, for the Falkland Islands Government, was present. Following the normal formalities, the current financial statement was tabled showing a closing balance for the quarter of £91,158.03 which included the Falkland Islands Development Grant of £17,000 for the financial year. The 1997/98 operating budget of £23,470 was tabled and explained.

Agriculture and cattle

With the Department of Agriculture agreeing to examine the need to import cattle, as put forward within Mr David Strickland's (Consultant) proposed Cattle Breeders Association, the Trust agreed to verify with the Scottish and Irish Agriculture Departments their situation as regards BSE or foot and

mouth disease in their cattle. The phasing of this work forms an important long term adjunct to the abattoir installation when completed.

UKFIT Islands' Sub-Committee
The Trust's Sub-committee in the Falklands (Councillor I. Clifton, Mr Robin Lee and Mr Tim Miller) is playing a useful part by working 'in loco' in the Islands to provide a liaison link with Government agricultural agencies and farmers to develop a close understanding of its work.

Shackleton Scholarship Fund

Sir Rex Hunt explained that the Shackleton Scholarship fund, working within the Trust's organisation, continued to concentrate on quality of life and academic subjects requiring visiting scholarships for experts. Sir Rex, visiting the Islands in November, will progress this work on a local basis.

Public Relations Apart from the annual reports on UKFIT activity and the direction of its immedi-

ate project work, it was agreed that the twenty years of UKFIT work as at 2001, will be covered by a major report for wide circulation. It is hoped that Captain Paddy Vincent will speak on the BBC *Calling the Falklands* programme before his visit. Publicity for UKFIT is a priority subject.

1998/9 Projects Anticipating a possibly increased FIDC grant for the 1998/9 Financial Year ahead, a list of projects was discussed. It is based on recent discussion between the Chairman and Director of the Department of Agriculture, Mr Bob Reid. The projects include further trials with vegetable growth; developing kelp products; work on farm composting; evaluation of calcified seaweed and a user-friendly plant guide. Preparatory and further thought on those projects will be undertaken, as applicable, so that they can be discussed with Mr Bob Reid during the Chairman's and Dr McAdam's visit in January/February.

Applications invited

Consolidated Fisheries Limited invite applications from suitably qualified and experienced people for the position of Operations Manager. The successful applicant will be a mature person with extensive maritime and commercial experience at managerial level. The ability to communicate in Spanish will be an advantage.

Further information of the duties and responsibilities of the position, and of the salary package offered are available from Mr Raymond Robson on telephone 22888 or fax 22022. Applications must reach him on or before January 19th 1998.

Weather for November 1997

IT was the wettest November since records began in 1988, the reason being three periods of wet weather, the 5th, 13th and 27/28th when on each occasion roughly half an inch of rain fell. It was also noticeably less windy than normal. Apart from the record rainfall and the wind the month was unremarkable with temperatures and sunshine totals being quite close to normal.

Temperature

Mean maximum and minimum temperatures were quite close to the average for November with the mean max' of 12.5 Deg C being slightly below the 13.1 Deg C average and the mean min' of 3.8 Deg C also being slightly below the average of 4.2 Deg C. The highest max' of 21.1 Deg C was recorded quite early in the month, on the 5th and the lowest min' 0.1 Deg C was recorded quite early in the month, on the 5th and the lowest min' 0.1 Deg C on the 2nd.

Rainfall

The record monthly total of 49.0mm was well above the mean of 33.4mm and just exceeded the previous highest November total of 48.7mm back in 1986. The wettest day was the 13th when 13.7mm fell.

Snow

The incidence of snow/sleet, 3 days, was very close to the average of 4 days and there were no days when snow lay.

Sunshine

As one might expect with it being a record wet month the monthly sunshine total of 209.9 hours was below the monthly mean of 219.9 hours. The sunniest day was the 29th with 13.8 hours. Interestingly, there was only one day in the month when no sunshine was recorded.

Wind/Gales

It was a quiet month as regards wind there being only 12 days when the wind exceeded 33 knots - the average is 19 days. The highest gust of 48 knots occurred on the morning of the 1st and it was the first November since records began in 1986 when no gust to 50 knots or higher has occurred.

Weather Statistics

Long term averages for Stanley (1962-81) are shown in parenthesis. Temperatures are in degrees Celsius, winds are in knots, rainfall in millimetres and sunshine in hours.

Highest daily maximum temperature 21.1 (24.8)
Lowest daily minimum 0.1 (-5.5).
Mean daily maximum temperature 12.5 (11.2). Mean daily minimum temperature 3.8 (3.5).
Total monthly rainfall 49.0 (43.6).
Total monthly sunshine 209.9 (196.9).
Number of days with rain 13 (16).
Number of days with snow 3 (3).
Number of days with snow lying a 1300z0 (<1).
Number of days with fog* 5 (3).
Number of days with air frost 0 (1).
Number of days with hail 5 (2).
Number of days with thunderstorms 1 (<1).
Number of days with gales 1 (5).
Number of days with gusts 34Kts or more 12 (20).
Highest gust 48 (68).

*Includes reductions due to blowing snow or heavy snow showers.

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Question No. 29 of 97 by the Honourable J Birmingham

Mr President, Honourable Members, Can the Chief Executive please inform me how long it is going to take to revise the general orders in respect of the Hay Review and could he advise me what Falkland Islands Government office hours are now.

Chief Executive

Mr President, Honourable Members: The Attorney General, the Director of Human Resources and the Government Secretary are shortly to meet to discuss the wholesale revision of this document which as Honourable Members know is largely out of date following the Hay Review of the Civil Service.

The Attorney General has also recently circulated for consideration by officers a draft public service code which will if accepted lay down the basic principles for the running of the service, and form the background to general orders. Hay Management Consultants are also to prepare over the next few months a staff hand-book which I have included in the cost of the figures I gave earlier, and which will be available to every member of the service. The production of this document was discussed with Mr Bolland during his visit at the end of November and Mr Bolland is producing a draft for consideration. On the question of government working hours, they consist of core hours between 8 and noon and 1.15 and 4.30. The previously un-established work force had their working hours reduced as a result of the review, whilst established staff had their hours increased for 15 minutes per day. It is up to heads of departments to agree with their staff when the extra 15 minutes per day are to be worked.

Councillor Birmingham

I thank the Chief Executive for his answer. On the first part what do employees of FIG work to at the moment? Do they work to colonial regulations, general orders or are they working to Hay?

Chief Executive

Mr President, Honourable Members: There's no sense in which they are working to Hay, ie, specifically changing anything that is in general orders. It is simply that there are things in general orders which have been out-dated now by what has been inserted contractually as a result of the Hay process, and it's the anomalies that are there within general orders which really need to be ironed out, and if I may say so I've always felt general orders are rather tortuous and difficult to get into and actually use in a management situa-

tion. And it is hoped that not only will we be changing those things that are anomalous, but we're looking seriously at streamlining the whole document. In fact it may well be issued in a modular form so it is much more useable than it is at present.

Councillor Birmingham

I'd like to thank the Chief Executive for his answer, but my question is what rule are they working to now? Because it seems that on occasion you can be told that you're working to colonial regulations or you are working to general orders, or at the moment you might be working to Hay. These people are signed on to the Hay System, should they be working to Hay now?

Attorney General

The portions of general orders which cannot be applied as a result of Hay are those relating to grading and to some extent in relation to disciplinary procedures because of the punishments available. There are no longer, strictly speaking the grades that there were, thus general orders cannot be applied. That does not cause any difficulty, and they do need to be replaced. The answer is General Orders are being applied except in so far as they are inconsistent with the new salary provisions and the results of those and the pension provisions. And as the Honourable Member will be aware we are now in a situation where there is performance management to be introduced and that there are not automatic annual increments. Those provisions of general orders which relate to that cannot of course be applied, and nobody is in any way disadvantaged by that because in so far as those can't be applied there's been specific agreement by the officers to what shall apply and the amendments to general orders merely follow the hours of Hay in relation to that.

Councillor Birmingham

I thank the Attorney General for that answer, it is as clear as day to all of us. Could I also ask the Chief Executive - I did actually ask for office hours - what I'm trying to get at is hours where the public have access to office workers within FIG.

Chief Executive

I believe they are the same as the core hours which I mentioned.

Councillor Birmingham

Could the Chief Executive also inform me whether the rule that he introduced in this house last year concerning replies to the public in five working days still applies?

Chief Executive

Yes, Mr President it most certainly does, and there have been a number of occasions within the last few months when I have chased through letters to ensure that the

reply was in fact received within that timing. It's inevitable in the very best regulated circles that occasionally due to illness or holiday something slips through but we do try to achieve that as a target.

Councillor Halford

You have told us what the core Government office hours are, could you confirm whether or not that is just for the Secretariat or is it for the whole of the Civil Service.

Chief Executive

It appears that it is for the whole Civil Service.

Hon. Mike Summers

There are clearly in the general orders a number of underlying employment philosophies which are no longer appropriate in the modern age, and I presume that is some of the principal issues with which the officers will be grappling. Can we be assured that those underlying philosophies and the policy decisions will be presented to Executive Council before too much work is done by the officers in rewriting the terms and conditions of employment.

Chief Executive

Mr President, Honourable Members, I believe that the general orders are the direct responsibility of Your Excellency, and it will be entirely in your province, Sir, as to whether or not these particular policies are indeed debated in the forum suggested, although I'm sure knowing you sir, that that would be your decision.

Attorney General

I can perhaps assist the Hon. Member. My intention in my efforts in the revision of general orders will be to see as far as possible a replacement of General Orders, framed so as to follow the model, so far as it is to be applied in the Falkland Islands of United Kingdom Civil service management code. That is a modern set of rules in relation to the conduct of the United Kingdom Civil Service and I believe will form an acceptable basis for the management of the Falkland Islands Civil Service. And I hope that's sufficiently illustrates the philosophy I shall adopt in my efforts with my colleagues to the replacement of general orders.

H.E. The Governor

I would simply like to pick up the point that the Hon Chief Executive made and to assure members that on a matter of such public interest, not to say concern, if it were in my time as Governor it would be fully my intention to be as consultative as anybody would wish.

Question No. 30 of 97 by the Honourable J. Birmingham

Could the Chief Executive explain the procedures departments

have in place for dealing with maintenance problems and repairs. Can he suggest improvements that can be made to prevent a repeat of the very unfortunate incident with the Leisure Centre Door.

Chief Executive

Mr President, Hon. Members. The Administration have been aware of the increasing problem of maintenance for some time. In fact there is currently no written procedure in place, within the Public Works Department, which is by far the largest, in so far as this problem is concerned. What happens in Public Works is that defects are reported and inspections are carried out, but there is no pre-planned maintenance system. The Director of Public Works wrote to me on the 7th March 1997 on this very topic, suggesting a way of initiating a system to tackle the problem, and the structure of the procedure has been determined, and the post of maintenance manager has been created - applications are currently being sought both locally and overseas. The very incident in the leisure centre, to which the Hon. Member refers which was terribly unfortunate, in that case the defect had been identified, and the replacement parts were ordered last May, but they have not yet, I've been informed arrived in the Islands. The state of the door had been monitored in the intervening period, clearly the judgments made during the inspections were not adequate.

Hon. John Birmingham

I thank the Chief Executive for his answer. I wonder whether if he had been the victim of this incident would he have now, like I would have been, testing the FIG Public Liability Insurance?

Attorney General

I don't think that question requires an answer.

Hon. John Birmingham

Excuse Me!

Attorney General

You asked if the Chief Executive would have been testing the government's Public Liability Insurance. That is a rhetorical question and does not require an answer, because it is a remark rather than a question.

H.E. The Governor

Would the Hon. Member care to rephrase the question?

Hon. John Birmingham

As far as I am aware the Attorney General can only speak if the President asks him to.

H.E. The Governor

The Attorney General has offered advice, would the Honourable Member care to re-formulate the observation as a question.

The Honourable Norma Edwards
Yes, I am a bit confused, perhaps

somebody could tell me what happened to the door, did it fall to bits - what happened?

Chief Executive

The door is the swing door on the entrance to the leisure centre, by the side of the swimming pool, and it's bolted - it has members at the top and bottom which bolt into the frame, and it was noted that one of those was particular worn. And on this particular day Mrs Nikki Luxton was actually, I believe, standing at Reception when the top member that was located into the frame, gave way and the door fell on her. It's a very weighty door and it was a very dangerous situation - if there had been a child there, a younger person, or someone in a different position, it could have been far nastier than it was. It was nasty enough, and was a very regrettable accident. It could have been averted if when the actual problem was first noted, the door had been bolted, so that only one door was used. But unfortunately that wasn't what happened.

Question No. 31 of 97 by the Honourable John Birmingham

Can the Chief Executive explain what requirements have to be made to participate in the Holiday Voucher Scheme? How much there will be in the fund for each eligible person on 31st December 1997, and who is tasked with the administering of the scheme?

Chief Executive

It is this very Honourable Member who in the past has accused me of extreme logorrhoea, and I have to

say these details are in the public domain, nevertheless I have been asked to answer the question, I will do so.

Hon. John Birmingham

Point of order. Mr. President, this question was put in before the Hon. Chief Executive was asked to go on the radio and give all the details, so I would not be too upset if he decided that as it is in the public domain he does not have to answer as it is quite a lengthy one.

Chief Executive

At one fell swoop he's cured my logorrhoea Mr. President.

H.E. The Governor

The alternative is if we want to get it into the public domain in an official way is to have it as a written answer.

Chief Executive

Can I say Mr President that anybody who wants to know the details, and they are quite interesting, can get them from the Secretariat, from Fraser Wallace, who will not only provide them with the written details but will also be able to advise them on what their entitlement is.

Hon. Councillor Luxton

Mr President, I gather there has been a broadcast about this, but I gather there is still some confusion in the Islands about the scheme. Would the Chief Executive agree that it might be a good idea to have a brief summary of the scheme and whose entitled to it, and how it operates and who administers it in our local media in print, rather than over the radio.

Chief Executive

Mr. President, they have all received it, its only a page and a half of

A4 so it is in the public domain, anybody can have it. I think to condense it any further would probably create even more confusion because it might not answer all the questions that people might have.

Councillor Lewis Clifton

Can the Chief Executive indicate if the bulk of residents are likely to take their holiday all at one time?

Is there likely to be a phased in process?

Chief Executive

That's a very interesting question, Mr. President. We feel that there won't be an embarrassment of riches at any one particular time. One of the reasons for that is because obviously those who were entitled under the old Government scheme to leave passages will merely carry forward the requisite number of points or credits into the new situation, so if they had already worked let's say 2 years or 3, they would then accumulate the next year and be able to go at the end of year one. Another factor is that of course people can part use it, in other words if they had only accumulated one year of credits they can still if you like have one third of their trip paid for by that. Or they can go on beyond the three years to as much as five years, storing up the annual credits, although there may well be a small surge in leave, for those who are doing it for the very first time, but I think that's unlikely because what we are covering is the transport costs to the UK or anywhere, and there may well be other things that can be

covered by it, for instance as long as its booked through a local travel agent - I'm giving an explanation of the scheme now - then such things as hotels, car hire can in fact be accommodated in the figure, and therefore there is immense flexibility in there, and I really don't believe its going to cause too much of a problem in year 3.

Question No. 32 of 97 by the Honourable D.L. Clifton

Can the Chief Executive explain the criteria under which residents made applications for plots in the East Stanley Development, how those applications were vetted, how many applicants were successful, how many applicants have been refused plots and how many applicants have started building?

Chief Executive Applications for building plots in the East Stanley Development have been selected in order of application and since the 7th of May 97, with preference being given to those who do not own a house, and those who do not own more than one house. Applicants in these categories have been placed on list A while those owning more than one house have been placed on list B. Applicants on list A have priority over those on list B. Applicants for commercial plots have been placed on list C and have been selected on the basis of competitive tender. Applicants seeking to obtain a housing plot at East Stanley Development are required to apply in writing giving details of both their residential and their home owner-

ship status, and where there is doubt an applicant's status is also checked by reference to the Government Secretary Immigration Department and so forth. As a further check all applications are referred to the Stanley Lands Committee for determination before the names of any applicants are placed on the waiting list. As each applicant reaches the top of list A he or she is invited to select a housing plot from those that remain. Those not wishing to select a plot at that time, and any applicant found on double checking not to qualify for a plot under the Stanley Lands remit are passed over and the next applicant on the list invited to select a plot. As at the 30th November 97 a total of 88 applicants had been placed on the list for residential building plots. Of these five have subsequently asked that their names be removed from the list and I have been placed on list B because they own more than one house. Of the remaining applicants on list A, 46 have selected plots - 11 have been invited to select a plot but have declined for the time-being and I have been found not to qualify for a plot under the Lands Committee remit. The remaining 14 applicants who have all been added to list A since the 30th June 1997 have yet to be invited to select a plot. Once all the applicants on list A have been invited to select a site those on list B will be invited in order of application to select a plot until all the remaining plots have been allocated. In total 73 building plots were available for development in phases 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the East Stanley development, but of these 10 plots in phase one were reserved for the FIG housing and 4 plots in phase 4 were reserved for commercial development. Of the remaining 59 housing plots 46 have been allocated and 13 remain available for selection, 2 in phase 2, 2 in phase 3 and 9 in phase 4. The 10 plots in phase 1 reserved for Government housing have all been fully developed but entry to the building plots in phase 2, 3 and 4 of the East Stanley Development has been delayed by the late completion of the roads and serviced infrastructure, and no building work has yet commenced on any of the associated housing plots.

Honourable Lewis Clifton

I thank the Chief Executive for that very detailed reply. Can the Chief Executive indicate when phase 2 is likely to come on production for residents who have made applications, indeed have been allocated plots in phase 2 because it seems to me what he says there, is that there is still some difficulty before those residents can move into their plots.

Chief Executive

I really can't give a date because the determination of that date is subject to criteria that are outside my control.

Councillor Lewis Clifton

It is my understanding that in terms of phase 2, that may have been handed over in the first instance by the contractor about the 1st of November and that in terms of a report that there was no reply from that to the contractor until about 22nd November, I believe

that would be the contractual norm in this respect, and remaining at that time as a test certificate for a street cable. Now that test certificate was handed over on 9th December we have progressed a long way since the 1st of November and I am very fearful and indeed I am anxious as are applicants of those plots, that they will not be handed over speedily enough.

Chief Executive

I don't have the information that the Hon. Member clearly has and as I said earlier it is a contractual situation. As I stated in my answer it is actually delaying access to these plots and we are doing our level best to resolve that but a contractual dispute is not something we can promise to resolve within a specific time because if we do we put immense pressure on ourselves in the negotiations.

Hon. Lewis Clifton

I understand contractual obligation so I think what we're trying to do with the development of East Stanley is to provide an increased housing pool generally, and there are already extra demands for houses within the community and as the oil industry begins to move in on these shores in the new year there will be an ever increasing demand and I just wish to be assured that the contractual difficulties are not an unnecessary level of bureaucracy creeping in to prevent people from taking up those plots and commencing building on those plots before the summer passes much more.

Chief Executive

As Hon. Members will be aware officers are responsible for the proper use of public money and that includes the proper management of contracts and I can assure the honourable member that we are doing everything in our power to resolve this issue as quickly as we can. It is some 8 weeks or so behind now, the East Stanley development, I wish it wasn't. We certainly don't want it to slip any further behind, and it is in everybody's interest - the contractors interest, because of his cash flow, and our interests for the very reasons that the Hon. Member is stating to get it done and resolved as quickly as we possibly can.

Councillor John Birmingham

Would the Chief Executive think it would be fair and just that compensation could be paid to people who have imported house kits and are actually having to spend money at the moment in storing them, and do you think it would be worthwhile these people contacting the administration to see whether there could be some kind of compensation.

Chief Executive

I don't believe there has been any legal or certain dates given to these people and therefore I don't believe that there is a particular case for any compensation to be paid. Of course they can contact us, but I think once again I would have to look at the responsibilities that we have as the holders of public money, and obviously an issue like that would in any case come before councillors themselves for resolution if officers were proposing anything in that area.

H.E. The Governor

Could I just make a general point - I obviously don't want to curtail Hon. Members right to ask questions, but could they please bear in mind the convention that supplementaries should be couched as questions rather than statements.

Question No. 33 of 97 by the Hon. D.L. Clifton

K.T.V. continue to provide Stanley residents with a choice of television viewing, yet its longer term aspirations seem to have been thwarted by Government bureaucracy, could the Chief Executive explain why in particular two redundant aerial masts, the property of the Falkland Islands Government and adjoining land could not have been made meaningfully available to K.T.V. Ltd. Could he also indicate what view the F.I.G. take in respect of K.T.V. Ltd.

Chief Executive

The two aerial masts in question supporting the FIGAS non-directional beacon aerial were surveyed by Telecomms Structure Consultants Ltd. on the 19th March 97. Their recommendation being that the masts were unsafe to climb. On the 26th March 1997 the fire at the F.I.D.C. building destroyed the beacon transmitter, making the masts finally redundant. An added complication to their remaining was as the beacon no longer transmitted the location of the masts were no longer evident to aircraft, and they were considered a hazard to flight safety, they are also unlit. In the light of this it was considered that the masts should be disposed of. KTV applied to the Stanley Lands Committee for the lease of the site which the committee referred to ExCo recommending the land not to be leased to KTV and that the masts be disposed of. The reason being the site had already been designated for future development, and leasing the site would effectively stifle further development of the area. Executive Council concurred. So, if there was as the Hon. Member asserts in his question a thwarting by Government bureaucracy it was achieved by the Stanley Lands Committee chaired by an elected member and by Executive Council. However, I am asked at the end of the question can I indicate what view the Falkland Islands Government take in respect of K.T.V. Ltd. well, administration is not the Government, and as Hon. Members will be aware, I am certainly not the Government, but I will tell you my view and what I believe is the view of my officers. I have nothing but admiration and respect for Mario's entrepreneurial approach to the provision of an exceptionally worthwhile service. He demonstrates a high level of skill and helpfulness in all his dealings and I believe he is to be congratulated and should receive all the help we can provide within the normal procedures.

Hon. D.L. Clifton

I thank the Chief Executive for his reply. It would seem in terms of the last part of his answer that there is a window of opportunity still available. Thank you for that.

Question No. 34 of 97 by the Hon. D.L. Clifton

The transport review included forecasts of continuing the road construction programme throughout the Islands. In large part the timetable set out for the south of the west Falkland has slipped. Can the Chief Executive explain what new timetables have been set for the start and completion of the spine road and what allocation of resources are required to ensure a new timetable might be adhered to.

Chief Executive

This is quite a difficult question to answer specifically, but I shall do my best. The timetable suggested in the Transport Review was not followed through in the 1996/97 capital estimates and that is the key because that is where Honourable Members get the chance to allocate funds. In 1997/98 it appears as a category 2 project with 5 others in front of it including the MPA Road, and the Lafonia Road. Considerable progress has been made on both of those projects and they are out to tender shortly. I am assured that the Public Works Department are actively looking at the design of a south/west Falklands spine road and a lot of work needs to be done. I'm assured by the DPW that the earliest possible commencement date is October 1998.

Question No. 35 of 97 by the Hon. J.R. Cockwell

Can the Chief Executive please advise what was the cost of the recently imported Corriedale Stud Flock, who will manage this stud flock and when will the offspring be available for private farms?

Chief Executive

The recently imported Corriedale Stud Flock arrived in the Falklands on the 5th November at a cost of approximately £1,400 each. In all 50 rams were imported with the final cost to be shared equally between Falklands Landholdings Ltd. and the Department of Agriculture. The Flock will consist of approximately 1,600 ewes, screened from the Goose Green flock by the department of Agriculture staff, 50 rams selected on a pro rata basis from the top 100 rams will be supplied annually to the Department of Agriculture for sale to the farming public. All offspring surplus to this will remain the property of Falklands Landholdings who may make some available for private sale. The farming community will find my detailed information on page 4 of the September edition of the Wool Press.

Question No. 36 of 97 by the Hon. J.R. Cockwell

Can the Chief Executive explain when it is planned for work to start on the road from Goose Green to North Arm?

Chief Executive

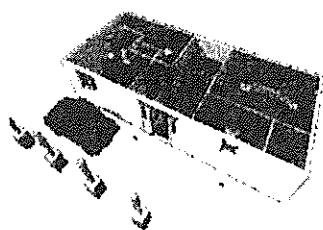
I understand that this particular tender is out later this week. It is anticipated that there will be an end of February return by those who are tendering and it is anticipated that there are a number of companies who will tender. Therefore it is



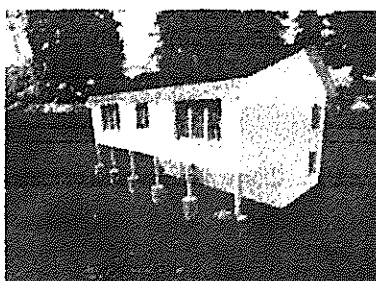
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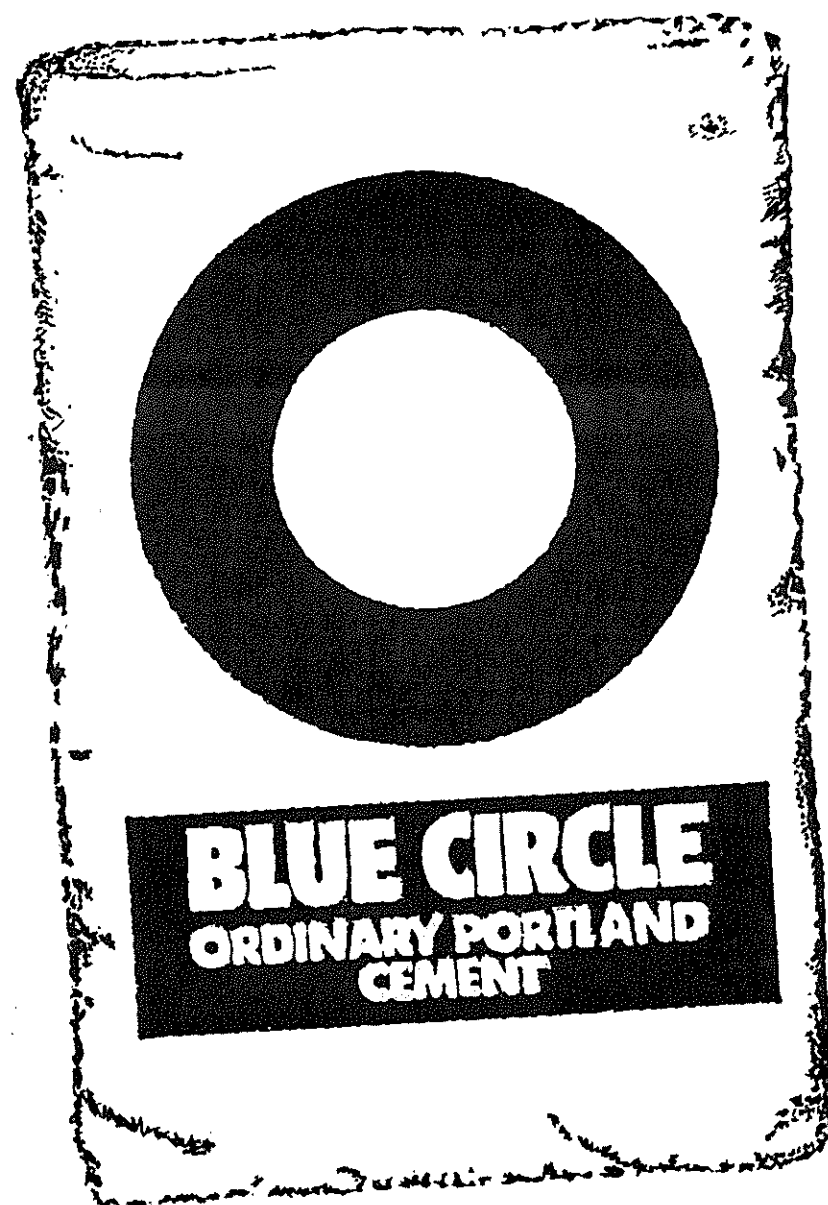
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The times and heights of high and low tides (in metres) at Stanley. Time given is Stanley time.

For Camp, make the following changes:			
Fox Bay +2hrs 30m	11	0512	1.7
Roy Cove +4hrs 30m	SUN	1145	0.3
Port Howard +3hrs 19m		1823	1.5
Teal Inlet +3hrs 30m		2338	0.7
Sealion Is. +1hr 15m	Sunrise	0451	
Port Stephens	Sunset	2108	
+3hrs 15m			
Hill Cove +4hrs	12	0556	1.8
Berkeley Sound +1hr 11m	MON	1227	0.2
Port San Carlos		1906	1.5
+2hrs 55m		0021	0.7
Darwin Harbour - 56m	Sunrise	0453	
January	Sunset	2107	
10	0423	1.6	
	1058	0.3	
SAT	1735	1.5	
	2250	0.7	
Sunrise	0450		
Sunset	2109		
13	0638	1.8	
TUE	1308	0.2	
	1946	1.5	
Sunrise	0454		
Sunset	2106		
14	0104	0.6	
WED	0718	1.8	
	1349	0.3	
	2022	1.5	
Sunrise	0456		
Sunset	2105		
15			
THURS	0143	0.6	
	0757	1.8	
	1426	0.3	
	2059	1.5	
Sunrise	0457		
Sunset	2105		
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	1504	0.4	
	2133	1.4	
Sunrise	0459		
Sunset	2104		

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Wednesday

1.30 - 3.30pm

Tuesday/Friday

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Sunday

10.00 - 12 noon

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21015

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	12.00 - 1.00	Lanes
	5.00 - 7.00	Public
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	12.00 - 1.00	Lanes
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Wednesday	7.00 - 8.00	Adults
	10.0 - 11.30	Public
	12.00 - 1.00	Lane Swimming
Thursday	5.00 - 7.00	Public
	7.00 - 8.00	Adults
	8.00 - 9.00	Private Hire
Friday	10.00 - 11.30	Parents/Toddlers
	12.00 - 1.00	Lanes
	5.00 - 7.00	Public
Saturday	7.00 - 8.00	Adults
	10.00 - 4.00	Public
	4.00 - 5.00	Adults
Sunday	5.00 - 6.00	Private Hire
	11.00 - 6.00	Public
	6.00 - 7.00	Adults

Your BFBS Television programmes

SATURDAY 10TH JANUARY

9.00 TITCH
9.10 WOLVES, WITCHES AND GIANTS
9.25 NEIL'S ART ATTACK SCRAPBOOK
9.45 OUT OF SIGHT
10.15 LIVE AND KICKING
1.15 GRANDSTAND Including: News summary; Semi-final action from the penultimate day of the 1998 World Professional Darts Championship; Racing from Haydock; the latest in the series of the British Olympic Magazine slot; Football Focus; and a full round-up of the rest of the day's sporting events
6.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.25 TOP OF THE POPS
6.55 BEST FRIENDS
7.05 WHEEL OF FORTUNE
7.30 A PRINCE AMONG MEN
8.00 NOEL'S HOUSEPARTY
8.50 CASUALTY
9.40 KING LEEK
10.30 THE UNIQUE DAVE ALLEN
11.00 ALL RISE FOR JULIAN CLARY
11.30 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.50 MATCH OF THE DAY

SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY

8.20 MATCH OF THE DAY
9.30 BREAKFAST WITH FROST
10.30 DEAR MR BARKER
10.45 DAFFY DUCK
10.50 MEN IN BLACK
11.15 BLUE PETER
11.40 JUMANJI
12.05 SONGS OF PRAISE
12.40 THE WHITBREAD: THE WORLDS GREATEST OCEAN RACE
1.10 THE CHART SHOW
2.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
2.10 BROOKSIDE
3.20 THIS IS YOUR LIFE
3.50 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW
4.35 THROUGH THE KEYHOLE (New)
5.00 FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP Derby County v Blackburn Rovers
6.50 ANIMAL PEOPLE
7.20 BLIND DATE
8.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
8.25 HEARTBEAT A death in custody puts Mike's career on the line
9.20 MURDER ONE
10.45 PARKINSON (New)
11.35 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.50 RUGBY EXPRESS

MONDAY 12TH JANUARY

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
10.00 TELETUBBIES
10.25 GIVE US A CLUE
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 TOTS TV Followed by: BFBS WEATHER REPORT
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS
2.15 NAME THAT TUNE
2.40 HOLIDAY
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.45 SPIDER (New)
3.50 THE PARKIES
4.00 ROGER AND THE ROTTENTROLLS
4.15 THE SILVER BRUMBY
4.40 FUN HOUSE
5.05 GOOSEBUMPS
5.25 HOME AND AWAY
5.45 GAMESMASTER
6.10 WISH YOU WERE HERE (New)
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET Alf and Audrey have a shock waiting in their garden. Nick and Leanne decide to make a big commitment
7.45 THE BILL Foxed: A new CID officer arrives and helps Daly and Carver to investigate a burglary at an antiques shop
8.10 DOVER
8.35 SPARK
9.05 LONDON'S BURNING (New)
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 I'M ALAN PARTRIDGE
11.00 BACK TO THE FLOOR (New)
11.30 FILM '98 (New)
12.00 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE REVIEW

10.00 TELETUBBIES
10.25 GIVE US A CLUE
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 TOTS TV Followed by: BFBS WEATHER REPORT
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10.30 I'M ALAN PARTRIDGE
11.00 BACK TO THE FLOOR (New)
11.30 FILM '98 (New)
12.00 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE REVIEW

TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS

10.00 TELETUBBIES
10.25 GIVE US A CLUE
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE SLOW NORRIS Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS
2.15 FOOD AND DRINK
2.45 VANESSA
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
3.45 KIPPER
3.55 THE ADVENTURES OF PADDINGTON BEAR
4.05 IT'LL NEVER WORK
4.30 BLUE PETER
5.00 BYKER GROVE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY
5.45 A QUESTION OF SPORT
6.15 EMMERDALE
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS
7.55 FULL CIRCLE WITH MICHAEL PALIN On the itinerary today, Peru and Colombia and on to the Caribbean coast
8.45 THE VICAR OF DIBLEY
9.15 DARK SKIES
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 THE COMEDY STORE
10.55 CUTTING EDGE
11.45 TARTAN EXTRA

WEDNESDAY 14TH JANUARY

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
10.00 TELETUBBIES
10.25 GIVE US A CLUE
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 TOTS TV Followed by BFBS Weather)
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS
2.15 HOME FRONT
2.45 THE CLOTHES SHOW
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with BANANAMAN
3.40 THE ENCHANTED LANDS
3.50 CONAN THE ADVENTURER
4.15 HOW 2
4.30 SMART
5.00 BYKER GROVE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY
5.45 TW TIME MACHINE
6.15 EMMERDALE
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET
7.45 THE BILL These Foolish Things: A seedy case of blackmail is uncovered when a toddler is snatched from a pram
8.10 YOU'VE BEEN FRAMED
8.35 CRIME BEAT
9.05 PEAK PRACTICE
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 PANORAMA A look at how the Eurofighter aircraft project has more than doubled its costs
11.10 FILM: A CASE FOR MURDER (1993,15)

THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
10.00 TELETUBBIES
10.25 GIVE US A CLUE
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE RIDDLERS Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS
2.15 TRUST ME, I'M A DOCTOR (New)
2.45 VANESSA
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.45 BERNARD'S WATCH
4.00 GET YOUR OWN BACK
4.30 BLUE PETER
4.55 THE PHOENIX AND THE CARPET
5.25 HOME AND AWAY
5.45 CALL MY BLUFF
6.15 EMMERDALE Kim confesses to Steve about her involvement with the Daniels
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 VETS IN PRACTICE

BFBS Television programmes (cont)

7.25 EASTENDERS Cindy's fate is sealed as the judge makes his decision
7.55 CONFESSIONS
8.35 STRANGE BUT TRUE
9.00 MEN BEHAVING BADLY
9.30 HOTEL (New)
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 THE LAKES
11.20 LATER WITH JOOLS HOLLAND

FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
10.00 TELETUBBIES
10.25 GIVE US A CLUE
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 POTAMUS PARK Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS The bus arsonist's identity is revealed
2.15 CAT CRAZY
2.40 COMEDY CLASSIC: DAD'S ARMY
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM

3.45 ARTHUR
4.10 PRINCE OF ATLANTIS
4.35 MR WYMI
4.50 THE WEEK ON NEWSROUND
5.00 AQUILA (New)
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Terri tries to convince herself that she isn't hurt by Lachie's casual treatment towards her
5.45 GLADIATORS
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS
7.50 DES O'CONNOR TONIGHT
8.45 DANGERFIELD The medical drama series about a Warwickshire GP and police surgeon
9.35 THIRD ROCK FROM THE SUN
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 CHALK
11.00 THIEFTAKERS
11.50 TFI FRIDAY

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YOUR PROGRAMMES FROM F.I.B.S.

SATURDAY January 10

6.00 News BFBS
6.03 Music Fill
6.30 Children's Corner
7.30 News and Sport from five live
7.40 Weather, Flights, Announcements
8.00 The Navy Lark Part 2
8.28 Rpt Weather & Flights
8.30 Dessert Island Discs
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.20 Music Fill
9.30 In the Psychiatrists Chair
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News BFBS
SUNDAY January 11

5.00 News: BFBS
5.03 Music fill
5.15 Dessert Island Discs
6.00 Music Fill
6.30 Weather, flights, announcements
7.00 Church Service-Cathedral
8.00 Wet Wet Wet Album Special
8.15 Folk Music Show with Fiona Didlick
8.30 Repeat Weather & Flights
8.45 Folk Music Show
9.00 News Desk
9.28 Rpt. Weather & Flights
9.30 Short Story, Listen to the Silence
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News BFBS
MONDAY January 12
10.03 Morning show - Corina
12.00 News and Sport BFBS
12.06 News Midday
12.09 Music fill
12.15 Lunchtime announcements

12.30 B.F.B.S Programmes
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
6.00 Country Crossroads
6.30 Michael Cain talks about the Arts
7.00 The Goons CD collection
7.30 News and Sport
7.35 Weather, Flights, Announcements
8.00 Mock Turtles in concert
8.30 Multi track hit list from BBC World Service
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt Weather and Flights
9.30 'Aliens'
10.00 News BFBS

TUESDAY January 13

10.03 Morning Show
12.00 News and Sport BFBS
12.06 Music Fill
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30 BFBS Programmes
5.03 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
5.30 News from St. Helena
5.45 Calling the Falklands
6.00 News Magazine
6.30 A little net music
7.30 News and Sports
7.35 Weather, Flights, Announcements
8.00 The Computer nut part 1
9.00 News desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt Weather & Flights
9.30 Repeat News Magazine
10.00 News BFBS
WEDNESDAY January 14

10.03 Morning show
12.00 News & Sport from BFBS
12.06 News Midday
12.09 Music Fill
12.15 Lunchtime Announcements
12.30 BFBS Programme
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
5.45 The Folk Show Rpt
6.30 The chips are down - drama
7.00 Crowded House in concert
7.30 News and Sport
7.35 Weather, Flights, Annos
8.00 Classics Hour
9.00 News Desk from BBC
9.28 Rpt. weather & flights
9.30 Masquerade
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News from BFBS

THURSDAY January 15

10.03 Morning Show
12.00 News & Sport from B.F.B.S.
12.06 News Midday
12.09 Music Fill
12.15 Lunchtime Announcements
12.30 BFBS Programme
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
5.30 A deal with disease
6.00 Mata Hari - The Fatal Lover
6.30 Memories are made of this - with Tony

Burnett
7.30 News and Sport
7.35 Weather, Flights, Annos
8.00 Pot Luck with Myriam
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt weather and Flights
9.30 Cont. with Pot Luck
10.00 News BFBS
FRIDAY January 16
10.03 Morning Show
12.00 News & Sport from B.F.B.S.
12.06 Music Fill
12.15 Lunchtime Announcements,
12.30 BFBS Programmes
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The later afternoon show
5.45 Calling the Falklands
6.00 News Magazine
6.30 My top ten - Luther Vandross
7.30 News & Sport from Five live
7.35 Weather, Flights Annos
8.00 Announcers half hour
8.30 Country Crossroads
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt Weather and Flights
9.30 News Magazine rpt.
10.00 News B.F.B.S.

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SATURDAY

0000 News & Steve Mason
0200 News & Rockumentary
0300 News & Sports N all
0500 News & Me Mark Page
0700 News & Weekend Gold
0800 News & Breakfast Show
1000 Sports n all
1200 News and David Rodigan
1400 News & Me Mark Page
1600 News & Forces Finest
1800 News & Rockumentary
1900 News & David Rodigan
2100 News & Steve Mason
2300 News & Richard Allinson
SUNDAY 0100 News & Something for the Weekend
0300 News & Pressure Drop
0400 News & Damian Watson
0700 News & Rockumentary
0800 News & Weekend Gold
1000 News 7 Something for the Weekend
1200 1200 News & Sunday Lunchtime Live
1400 News & Richard Allinson
1600 News & Damian Watson
1900 News & Weekend Gold
2100 News & Pressure Drop
2200 News & London Tonight
MONDAY 0000 London tonight continued
0100 News & In Concert
0200 News & Rockumentary
0300 News & Connect UK
0500 News & Early Breakfast
0600 News & Breakfast Show
0900 News & Gold
1000 News & FIBS Morning Show
1200 News & Announcements
1230 Jamie Gordon Live from BFBS UK
1300 News & Afternoon Show
1600 News & Connect
1800 News & Gold
1900 News & 2200 News & The Rockshow
2200 London Tonight
TUESDAY 0100 News & Force's Finest
0300 - 2000 As Monday
2000 News & Steve Mason
2200 News & London Tonight
WEDNESDAY 0100 News & John Peel
0300 - 2000 As Monday
2000 News & Force's Finest
2200 News & Santa Alton's Non Stop Xmas Eve Party
THURSDAY 0100 News & Cox & Bumfry's Big Xmas Noise
0300 - 1200 As Monday
12 - 1400 News & Cox & Bumfry's Big Xmas Noise
4 - 1600 Connect UK
16 - 1800 Craig Charles
18 - 1900 Xmas Gold
1900 News & John Lennon Special
2200 News & JSanta Alton's Non Stop Xmas Day Party
FRIDAY 0100 News & David Rodigan
0300 - 1200 As Monday
12 - 1400 Richard Allinson's Most Wanted of 1997
14 - 1600 Connect Cyprus
16 - 1800 Craig Charles
18 - 1900 Boxing Day Gold
19 - 2200 News & Friday Dance Special
2200 News & Drum N Bass

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BFBS Falkland Islands

PROGRAMME GRID FOR CHANNEL 2

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00	On Stage	BBC	Radio	5	Live	Overnight	Progs	03		
01	On Stage	Archers Omnibus	BFBS Reports	Feature	SportsTalk	Counterpoint	Sitrep	04		
02	Newsday World Service	Newsweek World Service	News Week BBC World service					05		
03	A Taste of N Ireland	Clydes Classics	Newsbriefing	and	Book Club	from	Radio 4	06		
04	Today BBC Radio 4	News/Papers Religion Music & Letter from America	"Today" from BBC Radio 4					07		
05	Sport on 4	Mersey Ma	World News	Pause for	Thought	and	Archers	08		
06	Mainly Mersey Ma	Mersey Ma	BFBS Reports	Feature	Sports Talk	Counterpoint	Sitrep	09		
07	Mersey Ma	Mersey Ma	Archers	My Word				10		
08	BFBS Reports	Archers	Woman's Hour News & Two's Company					11		
09	Short Story	World on 2	Eurofile					12		
10	McD & Co Ltd	gentle music	The World This Week					13		
11	Sport	Sunday	World	at	One	&	Sportdesk	14		
12	5	Sport	Short Story	Happy Days	Classic Review	Clydes Classics	McD & Co Ltd	15		
Music Net			News/FM Show					16		
Archers								17		
13	5	on	PM Programme from BBC Radio 4					18		
14	David McElders 6-6	Mersey Ma	Main	News	of	the	Day	19		
Short Story			My Music	Ar/Vagabond	Square One		20			
Counterpoint			SportsTalk	Mersey Ma	Sitrep	Mersey Ma		21		
15	Short Story	Clydes Classics	Tuesday	John Inverdale	Thursday	Match	Short Play	22		
16	Sound Portrait	Monday	Match from Radio 5	Football Night	from Radio 5	On Stage		23		
17	On Stage	Short Play	from Radio 5	Radio 5	Radio 5	Radio 5	XanXxoscope	24		
18	Radio	Radio	The World				Tonight	and	Book Club	25
20			Radio							26
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22	Live	Live					5			28
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spite the UN having said that all colonial rule must end by that year. The following is an excerpt from a report by Argentine newspaper 'El Cronista' on 2nd January.

Although President Carlos Menem is filled with the aspiration to suggest that Argentina and Britain share sovereignty over the Falkland Islands as from the year 2000, the British government, through Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, dismissed this possibility and once again said that the 'Islanders' opinion overrode all other considerations.

The Foreign Secretary warned: "The South Atlantic islands are not the reason behind President Menem's visit to Britain." The head of the Foreign Office explained: "We have always made it perfectly clear that it is the wishes of the inhabitants of the Falklands that count," adding that the Islanders, "do not want shared sovereignty."

"Given this state of affairs, there is no possibility whatsoever that we will accept sharing sovereignty over the islands," said Cook.

Menem has stated that he may possibly put forward the idea of sharing sovereignty over the Falkland Islands - a similar initiative to the one proposed by Spain concerning Gibraltar - when he meets Prime Minister Tony Blair during his state visit to Britain, which is due to take place in the second half of the year.

"Perhaps we shall discuss shared sovereignty and - why not - the possibility of the Argentine flag flying together with the British one on the islands by the year 2000. This is one of my dearest dreams that perhaps may come true," said the Head of State.

Although they do not admit it publicly, Argentina and Spain have not only held talks about their respective dispute with Britain over the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands and Gibraltar, but are also jointly "lobbying" other countries so as to force the British government to discuss the substantive issue in this sovereignty dispute.

Encouraged by the proximity of the year 2000 - in which according to the United Nations all colonial rule must come to an end - Argentina and Spain seemed determined to step up their offensives to seek solutions that will expose the weakness of Britain's arguments and will politically isolate Britain for its resistance to holding negotiations.

Spanish Foreign Minister Abel Matutes met Cook in London on 10th December 1997 to announce officially to him the Spanish government's proposal for shared sovereignty, a proposal which also includes a package of economic and social measures geared to protecting the rights of the inhabitants of Gibraltar.

Following the meeting, the foreign secretary declared that the U.K. "will not assume commitments concerning the issue of sovereignty against the wishes of the people of Gibraltar." If one were to replace the name of the European colony with the name of the Falklands that would be the answer that Argentina would get.

Nevertheless, the conservative newspaper 'The Daily Telegraph' published an article after the meeting stating that the Foreign Secretary had promised, "to study the Spanish scheme".

The cases of the Falkland Islands and Gibraltar are quite similar and - in the same way Spain supported Argentina during the 1982 war while the inhabitants of Gibraltar enlisted

as volunteers to fight in the South Atlantic - the settlement of the islands' problems with Britain, namely the handover of sovereignty to the countries to which they belong as of right, also has a common destiny...

Source 'El Cronista: Buenos Aires, in Spanish 2 Jan 98
Government reiterates position on Falklands

Text of report by the Argentine news agency Telam

The Argentine government today reiterated its, "unwavering determination," to recover the Falkland Islands by diplomatic means, stressing its readiness to make progress in the dialogue with the United Kingdom. The Foreign Ministry has issued a communique to mark the 165th anniversary of the British occupation of the Islands that is commemorated on 3rd January.

The Foreign Ministry communique reiterates the Argentine government's "unwavering determination to recover the exercise of its sovereignty over those territories and their ocean spaces through diplomatic negotiations."

The communique recalls, "the constitutional commitment to respecting the way of life of the Islanders," and proposes, "the re-establishment of communication and cooperation between the islands and the mainland, as a way of promoting a better understanding between the region's inhabitants."

The communique reiterates the Argentine government's willingness "to continue to make progress in the dialogue with the United Kingdom in order to strengthen the two countries, mutual trust in order to consolidate a climate of cooperation and to reach new understanding in the South Atlantic."

The official communique reaffirms the Argentine government's belief that "the resumption of negotiations on the substance of the problem will contribute to creating a framework that would be conducive to achieving a just, definitive solution to the sovereignty dispute over the islands."

In another communique, Foreign Minister Guido di Tella stressed "the excellent status of the bilateral relations" between Argentina and Great Britain, reiterating that President Carlos Menem's visit to London this year "will not be an appropriate occasion for this type of negotiation", referring to the sovereignty issue over the Falkland Islands.

"The visit will, however, play a fundamental role in building confidence between the two countries," the foreign minister said.

Sources: Telam news agency Buenos Aires

Foreign Minister sends Christmas presents to Falkland Islanders

Argentine Foreign Minister Guido di Tella's "tenacity" in sending Christmas presents to the Falkland Islanders "has borne little fruit," according to an Argentine newspaper. The report added that Argentine Defence Minister Jorge Dominguez committed a "diplomatic faux pas" by suggesting after his recent talks with his UK counterpart, George Robertson, that Britain should review the embargo on arms sales to Argentina. This was because President Menem is hoping to announce the lifting of the embargo during his visit to London in 1998. The following is the text of the report by Argentine newspaper 'Ambito Financiero' on 2nd January.

Foreign Minister Guido di Tella's has sent a letter and five books by British writers to each of the inhabitants

of the Falkland Islands. The Foreign Minister once again went through the ritual of trying to charm the Kelpers by sending them presents for Christmas. The letter, dated December, has already arrived in the Falklands and now the Foreign Ministry is awaiting repercussions.

Meanwhile, it continues to evaluate the issues on the agenda - including the Falkland Islands - that President Carlos Menem will discuss with British Prime Minister Tony Blair during their meeting in mid-1998. Menem recently enumerated some of the issues to be broached with Blair, saying that commercial matters were uppermost on the agenda. This notwithstanding, Buenos Aires expects that Britain will announce the lifting of the embargo on the sale of weapons to Argentina, a fall-out of the Falklands war, as a political gesture geared to confirming the excellent relations existing between Argentina and Britain. The Argentine Foreign Ministry might also talk Britain into accepting Buenos Aires' candidacy for being the seat of the Permanent Secretariat of the Signatories to the Antarctic Treaty.

This year the Foreign Minister decided to flatter the islanders by sending them as a present five books on Patagonia by British writers. Di Tella must be given his due for the originality of his wide repertoire of Christmas greetings through which the Foreign Minister tries year in, year out, to overcome the Kelpers' intransigent attitude. Nevertheless, the Foreign Minister's tenacity has borne little fruit, as he was given very short shrift in all his previous attempts at "charming" the islanders with gifts. The list of Christmas surprises included a video of a British cartoon called Pingu (which several islanders returned) and a book written by the French novelist and pilot Antoine de Saint Exupery, 'The Little Prince'.

The letter di Tella sent to the Kelpers this year - to which 'Ambito Financiero' had access - begins as follows: "My dear neighbour, one of the problems of my sending a small present to you every year is that I have to use my imagination trying partly to surprise, partly to please you. This year I thought that some books about Patagonia by leading British writers would be of interest to you." The Foreign Minister then briefly discusses the content of the books written by W. Hudson, Paul Theroux, Bruce Chatwin and Gerald Durrell. In the closing paragraph, Di Tella acknowledges the complex outlook for relations between Argentina and the Kelpers. He said: "It grieves me to see that you are still so distrustful of us. I am nonetheless convinced that we will be able to overcome these shortcomings some day in the future. If you happen to read the book I am sending to you I do hope that, for a fleeting moment, you will forget who has sent the book to you and enjoy reading it."

Menem's visit to Britain next year will take place at a very special political moment - Argentina will be exercising the Mercosur (Common Market of the South) presidency while Britain will be presiding over the EU parliament (as published). This circumstance is propitious for discussing sensitive issues, such as the arms embargo - on the Head of State's open agenda in London because he will have the implicit support of his Mercosur partners.

The Chief Executive will mention the award granted by the United States to Argentina for the participation of the navy in the Persian Gulf war, namely Argentina's incorporation into the exclusive group of "major non-NATO ally, a signal of our unquestionable alignment. Sources close to the Foreign Ministry confirmed that Argentina's diplomatic merits are enough to try to make the British government review an anachronistic measure such as the arms embargo. The same sources denied that this move is aimed at increasing military spending through the purchase of military hard-

ware from Britain, and said that the raising of the embargo would rather be a political gesture of mutual trust. The sources added teasingly: "We would rather contribute to reducing defence spending, as promoted by British (Defence) Secretary George Robertson, as following the removal of the embargo, it will be pointless to maintain the fortress Falklands which demands annual expenditure to the tune of 80m dollars."

The military diplomacy pursued by Defence Minister Jorge Dominguez tried to explore how things stood regarding this issue during the meeting he held with his British counterpart Robertson in London on 8th December. His attempt at seeking the limelight backfired on him. When leaving Whitehall, Dominguez suggested to the press on Horse Guards' Parade that the British government should review the arms embargo. The diplomatic faux pas hit the headlines. This angered the president because he himself wanted to make the announcement of the lifting of the arms embargo during his trip to London in 1998.

Source 'Ambito Financiero', Buenos Aires, 2 Jan 98

Britain
The Times 31/1/98
Blair pledges security for the Falklands

Tony Blair told the Falkland Islanders last night that he was committed to ensuring their security and freedom while at the same time developing better relations with Argentina.

In his first broadcast to the islands since becoming Prime Minister, he said: "You have my absolute and firm promise that I will not pursue any relations of development with Argentina at the expense of the Falkland Islands. I am committed to protecting your right to choose your own way of life. I am also fully committed to ensuring your security."

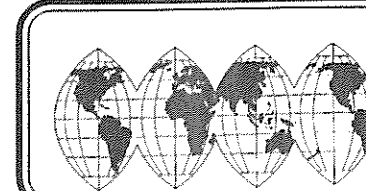
Speaking on the BBC World Service programme *Calling the Falklands*, he said that in 1982, when Argentina's invasion of the Islands led to war, Britain had demonstrated "unequivocally" its backing for the islanders' right to self-determination. In turn, the islanders had shown the world "what you were made of during that period of crisis."

Mr Blair said: "I would like to pay my personal tribute to your resolve. The new Labour Government will be equally resolute. "At the same time, he wanted to develop an "open and constructive" relationship with Argentina, which was an important country and a trading partner of Britain. President Carlos Menem was invited in November to become the first Argentine president to visit Britain since the Falklands war, and his trip, this year, was to be part of that process.

Other British and Argentine ministers were sure to meet over the year. "I believe that such contacts will benefit both the Falkland Islands and the UK. I hope they will improve your economic situation and your security."

Mr Blair added that this was a time of year when thoughts turned to peace, forgiveness and reconciliation, "whether it be in Northern Ireland or the South Atlantic. You have been generous in your own gestures towards the Argentines. I know that the recent next-of-kin visit was a great success and your readiness to allow such visits is a great tribute to you."

On Tuesday President Menem was reported to have said of his future meeting with Mr Blair, "Perhaps we could talk about shared sovereignty, which would be a significant step. And, why not, about the possibility of the Argentine flag waving next to the British one before the year 2000."



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Argentina
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ARGENTINE FOREIGN
MINISTRY PRESS INFORMATION
6/1/98

Statements of Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella

Foreign Minister, Guido di Tella, asked about the recent statements of his British colleague Robin Cook, indicated:

1. There are no novelties in Minister Cook's statements. We know that the United Kingdom does not wish to negotiate the essence of the difference concerning the South Atlantic Islands.

2. Nor is it a novelty that President Menem refers to the possibility of a formula which implies "two flags", or, to say it in another way, shared sovereignty. This shows President Menem's wish to negotiate and our willingness to find imaginative formulas and be constructive to overcome the difference of more than a hundred and seventy years.

3. President Menem's trip to London, shows the excellent state of bilateral relations and should be analysed on its own merits. As I have already indicated on numerous occasions, these visits are not the right atmosphere for negotiations of this nature. However, the visit is a fundamental contribution to the creation of mutual trust between both countries.

LA NACION 21/1/98
YPF in the Falklands

YPF does not rule out the possibility of participating in oil exploration activities in the Falklands, said yesterday (Thursday) YPF vice-president Roberto Monti.

"In the Falklands we do not rule out the possibility of our participation in the future," said the company director of the former state company, speaking to the Telam newsagency.

"However, in the short term we will concentrate in the exploration of sedimentary basins which are better known," added the director.

The businessman admitted that the company is lacking, "vast experience in exploration and exploitation in deep waters."

Nonetheless, he added that the company is getting ready to participate in this sector.

"The learning process will not take place fast. We have just signed an agreement with Unocal for offshore exploration in the Gulf of San Jorge," said Monti.

Buenos Aires and London are negotiating the possibility of signing agreements for oil exploration and exploitation in maritime areas near to the southern archipelago.

Investments
Meanwhile, the businessman announced that the company will invest more than 2,000 million dollars during 1998.

He also said that the company expects a growth rate of 28% concerning exports of petrol and gasoil during the same period.

"YPF intends to invest more than 2,000 pesos (same in dollars) during 1998, more than half in domestic upstream (exploration and production) and it will be carried out exclusively with economic criteria," said Monti. "The minimum return required for all the investments will be 15% after all the taxes have been deducted," he

added.

Monti assured that during 1997, "we made significant progress in the international area, mainly in growth in the production of oil and gas."

Buenos Aires Herald 3/1/98
Cook says Falklands not on menu

British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook yesterday emphatically ruled out the possibility of sharing sovereignty of the disputed Falkland Islands with Argentina as proposed by President Carlos Menem.

Menem is scheduled to meet British Prime Minister Tony Blair in London in the second half of this year.

"President Menem's visit is not about the islands," Cook was quoted as saying by an international news agency.

"We have made it perfectly clear that the wishes of the Falkland Islanders are the ones that count," the Foreign Secretary said.

The Islanders, "do not want to share sovereignty," he added.

"Under these circumstances, there is no possibility whatsoever of agreeing to sharing sovereignty," he said.

On Tuesday, Menem said that he will propose sharing the Falkland Islands when he meets Blair in London.

"Perhaps we could talk about shared sovereignty, which would be a significant step," Menem said in an interview with local news agencies.

President Menem was invited by the Labour government to London. He will become the first Argentine president to visit Britain since the Falklands War of 1982.

Argentina has restored diplomatic ties with Britain and the two countries have flourishing trade.

Cook said in London that he expects the talks during Menem's visit to centre around bilateral relations, and what he described as the "vigorous exchange" between both countries.

Skyhawks delivered

Although largely ignored by the press in general the arrival of the first batch of McDonnell Douglas A4-AR Fightinghawk fighter bombers in this country shortly before Christmas marks a watershed in the fortunes of the Argentine Air Force whose flying kit has been severely depleted since the 1982 South Atlantic War and as a result of the repeated defence budget cuts.

The five aircraft - four single seat and one double seat trainer - were presented at a ceremony held at the Air Force's Palokmar First Air Brigade base attended by President Carlos Menem, Defence Minister Jorge Dominguez and Air Force Chief-of-Staff Ruben Montenegro which included a flypast headed by a single A4AR followed by two formations of Mirage IIIs and Mirage Vs (Daggers) from the VI Air Brigado based in Tandil which put on one of the most impressive airshows seen in recent times, much to the delight of the VIP's, Air Force personnel and press covering the event.

Four of the newly refurbished aircraft (call signs C-908, C-918 and the Twin seater C-903) - which flew down from the US after refurbishment at Lockheed Martin were displayed on the runway flanked by a Fokker P-28 transport aircraft and one of the Air Force's recently refurbished C-130 Hercules cargo carriers.

The new aircraft which were formally incorporated as flying kit for the Fifth Air Brigade are painted in the new grey paint scheme (with markings only visible at close quarters).

The ceremony was attended by numerous Air Force officers including several Falklands War veterans and Air Force Colonel Horacio Mir Gonzalez who conducted the military ceremony as head of the unit taking delivery of the new aircraft. Among other 1982 air war veterans at the ceremony it was possible to see Colonels Moreno, Senn and Donadille, all Dagger pilots during the war.

While the arrival of the first five Fightinghawks marks a long overdue updating of the Air Force's flying stock (depleted by the loss of 100 aircraft during and since the 1982 war) it is by no means the only aircraft to have been delivered over the year. In recent weeks the Air Force also took delivery of one Boeing 707, two Sukhol 29 trainers, Bell UH1H, two Mentor trainers as well as a Toyota ambulance, four Kronenburg fire engines. Once deliveries are completed the Air Force will also be receiving another six Sukhol 29 trainers, six Bell UH1H helicopters, 28 Mentor trainers, four ambulances and 12 fire engines as well the remaining 31 Fightinghawks.

LA NACION 6/1/98
Menem will go to London in November

President Carlos Menem will visit the United Kingdom next November, on an official visit, according to the two foreign ministries. A State visit would have made Menem a guest of the British Crown.

The leaders who visit the United Kingdom on a State visit are received with great ceremony; they stay in a palace, use carriages to get around and the Queen offers an official reception in their honour. This is how the Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso, was received when he was in London last month. Menem will stay in an hotel and will move about in official vehicles, nonetheless, wants to meet Queen Elizabeth II, a possibility the Foreign Office is evaluating.

In the foreign ministry they have said that in 1963 when then Radical Argentine President Arturo Frondizi visited the United Kingdom, it was on a State visit.

The difference in the protocol does not concern Foreign Minister Guido di Tella, because the principal objective of Menem, is to become the first Argentine President to visit London following the Falklands war in 1982.

To achieve his wish the President had to wait seven years, to receive the invitation from London.

He said that he wanted to travel to London at the beginning of 1990, shortly after diplomatic relations were restored between Argentina and the United Kingdom, which had been broken off in 1982.

Menem achieved a promise of an invitation from previous Conservative British Prime Minister John Major, but was unable to carry out the visit because of differences concerning fishing in the South Atlantic.

When Labour's Tony Blair, came into office, last May, di Tella reminded his British colleague, Robin Cook, that the visit was still pending.

Finally, last November 4th the Foreign Office officially announced that

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Blair will receive Menem during the second half of this year. Now it has been decided that the visit will take place in November and all that is left to be decided are the exact dates.

Sovereignty negotiations
Last week, the President said that he would discuss with Blair the possibility of shared sovereignty of the Falklands, an idea which the British Prime Minister emphatically ruled out, when he said that his priority are the Islanders, who refuse to even maintain communication with the Continent.

The Sovereignty dispute concerning the islands is not on the agenda of matters Menem and Blair will discuss during the visit. Because of this, opposition leaders said that Menem should not visit London.

By leaving the issue off the agenda the British are reaffirming the refusal they have maintained since 1982 to seek a solution to the sovereignty dispute. This will not stop Menem from persisting with the Argentine claim when he meets the British Prime Minister, even though he is well aware of the answer he will receive.

The announcements

The visit will not end without announcements. The Argentine and British diplomats will be working between now and November to give the visit a context beyond the symbolic, that of two leaders whose countries went to war.

The Islanders want that the Foreign Office negotiate with Argentina a long-term fishing agreement in the South Atlantic. The main source of income in the Falklands is from the sale of fishing licenses. Di Tella on his part wants to re-establish communications with the Islands, which have been cut-off since 1982. The lifting of the arms embargo will also be requested, which was imposed against Argentina following the 1982 war.

Summary of World Broadcasts - 5/1/98

UK rejects shared sovereignty of Falklands
British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook has rejected shared sovereignty of the Falkland Islands as from the year 2000, in the same way that he rejected a Spanish proposal for shared sovereignty of Gibraltar, as not being wanted by the inhabitants of either territory. The UK government maintains this position de-



British press Headline stories: Jan 02 - Jan 08

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR FRIDAY 2 JANUARY 1998

NORTHERN IRELAND

The fear of more violence in Northern Ireland is the main story on many of the front pages. *The Times* quotes the Protestant Loyalist Volunteer Force, which has claimed responsibility for the latest shooting on New Year's Eve, saying that the attack was revenge for the murder in jail of its leader, Billy Wright. But the paper says that, perversely, the statement offered some hope for the peace process in the province: it helped to quell fears that the attack was the work of one of the main Protestant paramilitary organisations which have agreed to a ceasefire. *The Times* says that if one of those groups had been involved, it would have wrecked all hopes for peace. However, the *Guardian* casts doubt on this, saying police suspect that the main militant Protestant group, the Ulster Defence Association, may have been involved. The paper illustrates the despair felt by many in Northern Ireland with a front-page picture of a bunch of flowers left outside the bar where the shooting took place.

The Independent says the attack by the LVF has intensified the pressure on the British minister responsible for Northern Ireland, Mo Mowlam, to offer a concession to militant Protestants. The paper points out that they are demanding a full public inquiry into the killing of Billy Wright by Catholic paramilitary prisoners inside the high security Maze prison on Saturday.

KENNEDY DEATH

Some of the papers use the death in a skiing accident of Michael Kennedy, a nephew of the late American president, John F. Kennedy, to examine the tragedies that have hit the family. *The Sun* describes it as 'the curse of the Kennedys'. It says the jinxed Kennedy dynasty was in mourning again after Michael fell victim to what the paper sees as a curse which appears to have been handed down through the generations.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR MONDAY 5 JANUARY 1998

HURRICANE WINDS

The front pages are dominated by dramatic pictures of the effects of the hurricane-force winds that have battered Britain over the past 24 hours. They are being described as the worst storms in 10 years, and

the accompanying stories speak of roof-tops being ripped away, trees uprooted and homes flooded in several parts of the country.

DRINK-DRIVING LAW

The Times and *The Express* lead on Government plans to amend Britain's drink-driving laws, to introduce a new set of penalties for drivers caught with lower levels of alcohol in their bloodstream.

CONSERVATIVES/EMU STRATEGY CHALLENGED

The Independent chooses to focus on an apparent new challenge within the Conservative Party to the European Monetary Union strategy adopted by its leader, William Hague. The newspaper says it has received a critical letter signed by a group of prominent Tories - including a former Prime Minister, two former Deputy Prime Ministers and six former Cabinet Ministers. The letter - which is printed in full - attacks Mr Hague's decision to rule out British membership of EMU for at least a decade.

SOCIAL BENEFITS CUTS

The Guardian homes in on the level of cuts in social benefits totalling 3.2 billion pounds which it says the Labour Government is implementing over the next two years even before its much-highlighted review of state welfare spending.

ROYAL DETECTIVES TACKLE FRENCH PHOTOGRAPHERS

Several newspapers focus on an incident in Switzerland in which British detectives guarding the Prince of Wales and his two sons William and Harry tackled two French photographers. They have been accused of breaking an agreement by intruding into the young Princes' privacy while on vacation.

DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES

Meanwhile, the main headlines in the *Daily Mail* highlights the planned entrance fee for visiting the site where their mother - Diana, the Princess of Wales - is buried. It will cost 9.50 pounds per person, which the *Daily Mail* says makes it one of Britain's most expensive tourist attractions.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR TUESDAY 6 JANUARY 1998

ISRAELI POLITICS

The general impression in the weightier papers is that the Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, has clung to power by

the skin of his teeth.

The Times says that although Mr Netanyahu is saying in public that his government is stable, in private he is admitting that if parliament had rejected his budget yesterday, his government would have fallen. It quotes the Agriculture Minister as saying that the government in its current form is hanging by a thread and will not be able to survive for very long. *The Guardian* says defeat would have kindled a spark, but his probably temporary victory has only deepened the cloud over Israeli politics and the peace process.

KURDISH REFUGEES INTO ITALY

The influx of Kurdish refugees into Italy gets three-quarters of a page in the *Daily Telegraph*. It says the migration has cruelly exposed the weakness of the Schengen agreement on frontier-free travel between European Union states which sign up to it, as Italy did in October. The paper says there is intense pressure on Schengen members to use border controls to defend their interests.

The Independent talks of a bitter row between Italy and Germany, where it says many of the refugees are probably heading. It points out that under current Italian law, immigrants declared illegal are given 15 days to leave the country - plenty of time in which to head for Germany. It says that is why the German Interior Minister is accusing the Italians of irresponsibility.

DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES

The scramble for tickets to visit the ancestral home of the late Princess Diana excites extensive comment, especially in the tabloids. A headline in the *Mirror* says the whole world wants to see Diana's grave at Althorp House in the English Midlands. A reporter from the *Sun* says it took him 212 attempts to get through to the telephone hotline for booking tickets. The paper says that in death, the People's Princess is as strong a magnet as she was in life, and the *Sun* compares her to a British pop band, saying the dead Diana is 'hotter than Oasis'.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR WEDNESDAY 7 JANUARY 1998

NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS

The failure of political leaders in Northern Ireland to persuade Protestant paramilitary prisoners to renew their support for the peace process is prominent on several front pages. *The Times* quotes Protestant politicians as saying that the prisoners' hostility to the process threatened their three year old ceasefire which, the paper says, has been showing signs of fraying. The *Guardian* says the impasse has its seeds in the frustration of Protestants at what they see as a government policy which favours Sinn Féin, the political wing of the IRA.

ALGERIA REJECTS INTERNATIONAL INQUIRY INTO MASSACRES

Algeria's rejection of proposals by Washington for an international inquiry into recent massacres of civilians in the country makes headlines in several papers. *The Independent* says that the carefully crafted appeal for an inquiry shows that the United States no longer believes that what it describes as the Algerian bloodbath can be attributed

only to Islamists. *The Financial Times* says the Algerian government blames all killings on Islamist extremists, but human rights groups have raised concerns about complicity of the security forces in some of the massacres.

CHARGES AGAINST 'LADY OF THE LAKE' HUSBAND DROPPED

A number of papers report that a man accused of murdering his wife 21 years ago and dumping her at the bottom of a lake has had the charges against him dropped. Prosecutors decided to halt the case due to lack of evidence. *The Daily Express* said it has ended a nightmare for the defendant, Gordon Park, who was arrested soon after the body of his wife was found by amateur divers 18 months ago.

DEATH OF SONNY BONO

And pictures of the American entertainer, Cher, in tears after hearing of the death of her former husband, the pop star Sonny Bono, are featured in several papers. The pictures were taken at Heathrow airport in London as Cher returned to the United States to be with Sonny Bono's family and friends.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR THURSDAY 8 JANUARY 1998

NORTHERN IRELAND TALKS

The unprecedented decision by the British Minister responsible for Northern Ireland, Mo Mowlam, to visit Protestant paramilitary prisoners in an attempt to revive peace talks is the lead in many of the papers. *The Independent* says the visit is a bold initiative, which will be seen as recognition of the often highly significant role played by prisoners in the peace process. But the *Daily Mail* is critical of the move, describing it as appeasement. The paper says the Minister's courage and determination is beyond dispute, it is her judgement which is open to question. *The Guardian* comments that the doubters say the visit looks desperate, and they might be right. But the paper adds that if the Government is truly desperate for peace in Northern Ireland then there is no shame in that.

SCIENTISTS CALL FOR BAN ON HUMAN CLONING

Strong criticism of plans by an American physicist to clone human beings makes headlines on several front pages. *The Times* features calls by scientists and doctors for a worldwide ban on the practice. *The Daily Telegraph* examines what it describes as the serious medical risks facing those who want to clone humans. It quotes experts as saying that the cloning of sheep can result in death in late pregnancy and after birth. *The Times* says one of the long term dangers is that genes could be manipulated to make it possible to control an entire population.

KNIFE ATTACK CASE

And the case of a woman who was stabbed in the head on a train here in Britain is reported in a number of papers. *The Daily Star* says the victim, Alison Kennedy, whose teenage assailant was yesterday convicted of attempted murder, faces further surgery to repair a hole in her skull. *The Daily Express* says you don't have to be a neurosurgeon to know that it is only by a miracle that Miss Kennedy survived to see her attacker brought to justice.



News from South America

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CHILE EXPECTS HARD TIMES BECAUSE OF ASIAN CRISIS

Chile expects rough times for its exports during 1998 because over 30% of its foreign trade is with the Asian countries that have suffered most from the current financial and stock market crisis.

According to several Chilean experts, the country will be exposed to a double effect: an aggressive campaign from the Asian countries trying to promote their more cheaper exports, and a drop in the volume of shipments and price of goods and commodities sold to countries such as Korea and Japan. This is particularly serious concerning copper, the main Chilean commodity which still represents 37% of foreign sales and has suffered a strong drop of over 30% since the first symptoms of the crisis began to appear last June. Copper's international price is currently below 80 US cents the pound, and the Chilean budget was calculated on an average annual price of 95 cents to one dollar a pound.

Consultants estimate Chile's trade deficit could reach 2.3 billion US dollars during 1998, quite a jump from an almost balanced situation. Besides copper, other areas that could suffer quite seriously are the cellulose, fishing and textile industries.

INTERNET IS BOOMING IN LATIN AMERICA

Latin America has become the fastest growing area for Internet in the world during the last few years according to a survey from a consultant based in Puerto Rico.

The report done by Nazca S & S, an affiliate of Saatchi & Saatchi Worldwide indicates that between 1995 and 1997 the use of Internet in the area increased 778%, well over double the world average. An interesting finding of the survey is that the women, although still less than men, are growing much faster as new users of the net (50% vs. 31%).

The survey also indicated that language, (English), was no impediment since 85% of users regularly visit US websites. Similarly although most current users belong to the higher income bracket, Internet is also expanding through schools and universities to other segments of society.

Another potential for growth is that 42% of Latin Americans work with Internet from their homes and since households have 2.5 residents per computer (compared with one for every user in the US), the expansion is bound to be faster.

Finally 26% of those surveyed by Nazca said that during the last twelve months they did shopping through Internet.

VENEZUELA OPTIMISTIC ON OIL

The drop in the price of crude oil in the international markets, that last December 31st, bottomed to its lowest of the year is only momentary and will soon recover, said Asdrubal Betancour one of the managers of the Venezuelan state oil company, Petroleos de Venezuela, PDVSA.

Mr Betancour predicted that the price of the barrel of oil which in the case of Venezuela dropped to 13.88 US dollars last December 31 will begin to increase when low temperatures in the United States and Europe spur the demand. Greater sales by China and Iraq are blamed for the drop in world prices which sent the Brent crude to 15.79 US dollars and the West Texas Intermediate to 16.89 US dollars, the lowest since 1995.

But other consultants are not so confident as Mr Betancour. Gerald E Samuels from ARB Oil Co. believes that a drop in demand from Asian countries, which was the fastest growing area in the world, plus another increase in Iraq's production, from 4 to 6 billion US dollars annually, could keep the oil market depressed for the next six months.

MONTEVIDEO THE BEST CITY TO LIVE IN LATIN AMERICA

Montevideo, Buenos Aires and Panama are the best cities to reside in Latin America, while the worst are San Pedro Sule in Honduras, Port au Prince in Haiti and La Habana, Cuba, according to a survey done by a business consulting organisation.

World wide, Vancouver, Toronto and Auckland, New Zealand, rank among those with the best quality of life, and at the other end Baghdad and Zarajevo.

The report that was released by Corporate Resources Group at the end of 1997 examined 192 cities taking into account 42 factors among which, political stability, economic situation, culture, health, education and public transport.

In North America, Canadian cities top the list while Atlanta, San Francisco and Honolulu figure among the best cities to live in the United States.

The cities with the highest quality of life in Europe are Zurich, Ge-

neva and Helsinki, while in the other end figure Moscow, Saint Petersburg and Kiev.

ARCHAEOLOGISTS WILL TRY TO RECOVER 'HMS SWIFT'

A team of Argentine archaeologists, naval experts and divers will attempt to recover a British sloop of war which in March 1770 sank in Puerto Deseado and lies ten metres below water and just one hundred from the coast.

'HMS Swift', under the command of Captain George Farmer is believed to have been sailing from Port Egmont in the Falklands when it was surprised by strong southerly winds next to the Argentine coast and rapidly sunk after running into some rocks. The remains of the sloop of war measuring 28 metres long, with a displacement of 271 tons, 14 guns and a crew of 91, of which only three drowned, was first discovered in February 1982, following the instructions of an Australian relative of one of the officers on board. Patrick Rodney Gower arrived in Argentina in 1975 and with the help of students and locals finally discovered the exact place. Some utensils and minor pieces of the 'Swift', declared cultural heritage by the province of Santa Cruz, can be appreciated in the Regional Museum of Puerto Deseado.

The project is expected to take three years and will have an initial budget of 100,000 US dollars. The team is anxious to begin working in the remains that have an extraordinary value since the HMS Swift went down so fast that it will give archaeologists an excellent insight of the time. Besides it was spared for almost two centuries from human contact. The academics will also try to detect the camp in the near by coast where the crew survived until it was rescued by another Royal Navy vessel.

CONTROVERSY OVER PINOCHET

In a strong message to members of Congress of the ruling alliance who are sponsoring the constitutional impeachment of General Augusto Pinochet, the Chilean government said the initiative was 'inconvenient and unjustified', in the present circumstances. 'Since Chile recovered democracy all players have acted with the great responsibility and prudence in the institutional framework previously agreed, and we see no changes in that attitude,' said Jose Joaquin Brunner, spokesman for Chilean president Eduardo Frei. Members of Congress are attempting to prevent General Pinochet from becoming a Senator for life next March, when the next legislature begins, charging him with violation of human rights and having illegitimately occupied the presidency.

Pinochet who ruled Chile with an iron hand for 17 years, will leave his current post as Commander in Chief of the Army he has held for 24 years at the end of the month, and according to the present Chilean Constitution is entitled to join the Senate. The military have also warned legislators to stop the 'defamatory' campaign against the 82 year old General saying that such a situation 'creates unnecessary risks.'

Meantime Pinochet moved from his residence in Santiago to a 650,000 US dollars flat looking into the Pacific and just a few miles away from

Valparaiso, where the Chilean Congress is located.

THIRD MANDATE FOR MENEM?

The possibility of a third four years mandate for President Carlos Menem is being strongly contested in Argentine political circles. Although President Menem is barred constitutionally since he was re-elected in 1995, his followers are pressing for the interpretation of an article in the Constitution that regulates the possibility of a popular vote on the issue which would enable his participation as a candidate in the 1999 presidential elections. Menem so far has avoided talking about the initiative, but has openly said he's the only reassurance the present economic reforms will continue into the next century since the opposition alliance is divided in class issues such as open markets and privatisation of public utilities.

Mr Menem was first elected in 1989 for a six years mandate but in 1994 managed to reform the Constitution which now enables the presidential re-election for two four years' consecutive periods.

SUPPORT FOR CARDOSO DROPS

The international financial crisis and its impact in the Brazilian economy have had a negative influence in the public opinion of Brazilian president Henrique Cardoso, according to a recent poll.

The number of Brazilians who believe Mr Cardoso is doing a good job dropped from 47% last September to 37% at the end of 1997, says Datafolha, the polling Department of Folha de Sao Paulo, one of the main Brazilian dailies.

The poll also indicated that 70% of Brazilians believe unemployment will increase during 1998 and 26% said they would spend less. Nevertheless a majority still supports the current economic programme that in less than two years cut a three digits inflation to less than 10%.

As a consequence of the Asian crisis, Brazil was forced to double interest rates, increase taxes and the price of gasoline and tobacco, all of which had a negative impact on Christmas sales.

ANOTHER WORLD CUP FOR BRAZIL?

Seven out of ten Brazilians believe their national team will win in France its fifth world football cup.

According to a public opinion poll, 71.9% of Brazilians are convinced that 'Ro-Ro', the two outstanding forwards Romario and Ronaldo of the green and yellow team ensure that Brazil will bring the Cup home. Only 16.6% were sceptical and 11.5% would rather not answer.

The poll was contracted by the largest circulation Sunday magazine of Brazil 'Estoe' and included 5,723 people in ten different states.

On the Cup's final game, 18% favoured playing Argentina, 16% Germany and 12% Italy. Optimism is greater among men than women (73.4% vs 70%), while adults are more cautious than young people: 61% and 78%.

Strangely enough poor families and illiterates are less certain than rich families and professionals about a fifth world title for Brazil.

Brazil won the world cup in 1958, 1962, 1970 and 1994.

Stanley Sports Association Results

26 December

Maiden Plate 600 yds: 1st Papina, S Morrison, 2nd Dark Eyed Lady, H Bonner, 3rd Hausita Coqueta, A Smith

200 yards Foot: 1st Charmaine Butler, 2nd Evan Jones, 3rd Claire Kilmartin

The Argos Gallop 800 yds: 1st Porsche, M McMullen, 2nd Shaka, L Riddell, 3rd Quint, Michelle Evans, 4th Holiday Romance, J Butler

Potato Race Ladies: 1st Katherine Bean, 2nd Glenda Watson, 3rd Mark Summers, 4th Claire Kilmartin

Bike Anderson Prize 500 yds: 1st San Diego, M McMullen, 2nd Kahlua, S Morrison, 3rd Tarkin, A Turner, 4th Mr Sheen, Michelle Evans

440 yds Foot: 1st Evan Jones, 2nd Claire Kilmartin, 3rd Charmaine Butler

Standard Chartered Trophy 400 yds: 1st Dory, T Bonner, 2nd Watcho, S Morrison, 3rd Silencio, H Bonner, 4th Nikita, Rick Evans

One Mile Foot: 1st Evan Jones, 2nd Sarah Allan, 3rd Megan Egging, 4th Claire Kilmartin

Chief Executive's Plate 600 yds: 1st Sandown, S Morrison, 2nd Miss Money Penny, Michelle Evans, 3rd Porsche, M McMullen, 4th Shaka, Lisa Riddell

Wheelbarrow Race Mixed: 1st Robin Luxton/Nikki Luxton, 2nd Zoe Luxton/Ben Watson, 3rd Lucy Butler/Doreen Butler

Governor's Cup: 1st Croacia, T Bonner, 2nd Pollerita, S Morrison, 3rd Mysteria Maria, R Binnie, 4th Tia Ning, O Summers

Ladies Tug-o-War: 1st Wanda Ballard's team

The A.G. Barton Prize 500 yds: 1st Sandown, S Morrison, 2nd Pharlap, Serena Sinclair, 3rd Kahlua, D Summers, 4th Miss Money Penny, Michelle Evans

Pinza Gallop 300 yds: 1st Nebraska, Roanna Lloyd, 2nd Nancy, Clint Short, 3rd Chico, Charmaine Butler

Turner Diesel Trophy 700 yds: 1st Papina, S Morrison, 2nd Hausita Coqueta, A Smith, 3rd April Jewel, T Bonner

Sack Race (Men) 1st Craig Clark, 2nd Ben Watson, 3rd Colin Buckland

Speedwell Store Prize 700 yds: 1st Shaka, Lisa Riddell, 2nd Sandown, S Morrison, 3rd Quint, R Binnie, 4th Porsche, M McMullen

Backwards Race 80 yds Foot: 1st Colin Buckland, 2nd Steven Aldridge, 3rd Claudio Ross

Rincon Grande Plate 900 yds: 1st Croacia, T Bonner, 2nd Mysteria Maria, S Morrison, 3rd Silencio, Hayley Bonner

Three Legged Race 80 yds Mixed: 1st Craig Clark/Hermia Campbell, 2nd Doreen/Charmaine Butler, 3rd Chris May/Tiffany

Berkeley Sound Plate 600 yds: 1st San Diego, M McMullen, 2nd Sandown, S Morrison, 3rd Kahlua,



Above: Hayley Bonner with Maiden Plater Dark Eyed Lady. Below Craig Clark and dummy



D Summers, 4th Pharlap, Serina Sinclair

100 yards Men's Foot: 1st Steven Aldridge, 2nd Troyd Bowles, 3rd Colin Buckland

Seafish Trophy 700 yds: 1st Pollerita, S Morrison, 2nd Silencio, T Bonner, 3rd Huasita Coqueta, A Smith

Armed Forces Challenge Cup 500 yds: 1st Miss Ellie, Liz Tuman, 2nd Indiana, Jim Finch, 3rd Nebraska, Grp. Capt. A Lambert, 4th Sally II, Emma Lloyd

27 December

Des Peck Memorial Trophy 600 yds: 1st Sandown, S Morrison, 2nd Miss Money Penny, Michelle Evans, 3rd Pharlap, Serena Sinclair, 4th Porsche, M McMullen

Veterans Handicap Race 80 yds: 1st William Morrison, 2nd Charles Clifton, 3rd William Poole

The Mile Open: 1st Mysteria Maria, S Morrison, 2nd Hausita Coqueta, A Smith, 3rd Silencio, T Bonner

West Store Ladies' Gallop 500 yds: 1st Croacia, H Bonner, 2nd Tarkin, S Sinclair, 3rd Quint, Michelle Evans

Port San Carlos Prize 440 yds: 1st Kahlua, S Morrison, 2nd Mr Sheen, R Binnie, 3rd Nebraska, M McMullen, 4th Hope, Zoe Luxton

Ladies' Sack Race: 1st Hermia Campbell, 2nd Lucille McMullen, 3rd Doreen Butler

JBG Falklands Trophy 440 yds: 1st Dory, T Bonner, 2nd Papina, S Morrison, 3rd Watcho, R Binnie, 3rd Stand By, O Summers

Bobby Short Gallop 400 yds:

Nancy, C Short, 2nd Chico, Charmaine Butler, 3rd Old Yeller, Laura Humphries

FIC Prize 900 yds: 1st Mr Sheen, Michelle Evans, 2nd Pharlap, S Sinclair, 3rd Nebraska, M McMullen, 4th Auspicious, T Bowles

Childrens Handicap Race 80 yds Foot: 1st Evan Jones, 2nd Charmaine Butler, 3rd Jo-Ann Butler

Darwin Shipping Prize 800 yds: 1st Mysteria Maria, A Turner, 2nd Silencio, T Bowles, 3rd Pollerita, S Morrison, 4th Huasita Coqueta, A Smith

Falkland Chase 500 yds: 1st Shaka, Lisa Riddell, 2nd Sandown, S Morrison, 3rd Miss Money Penny, Michelle Evans, 4th San Diego, M McMullen

Southern Cross Trophy: 1st Nebraska, M McMullen, 2nd Smokie, C Eynon, 3rd Sandie, B Watson

CFL Challenge Cup 700 yds: 1st Dory, T Bonner, 2nd Watcho, R Binnie, 3rd Pollerita, S Morrison

Ladies Race 80 yds Foot: 1st Hermia Campbell, 2nd Charmaine Butler, 3rd Claire Kilmartin

Malcolm Binnie Memorial 700 yds: 1st Shaka, Lisa Riddell, 2nd Quint, Michelle Evans, 3rd Porsche, M McMullen

Relay Race Mixed Foot: 1st Claire Crowie/Peter Crowie, 2nd Glenda Watson/Tony Burnett, 3rd Charmaine Butler/Claire Kilmartin

Consolation Race 500 yds: 1st See Me Do It, A Turner, 2nd Pandera, T Bonner, 3rd Jump Jet,

T Bowles, 4th Spitfire, B Short

440 yds Ladies Foot: 1st Claire Kilmartin, 2nd Charmaine Butler, 3rd Tiffany May

Simon Summers Memorial Champion Race 500 yds: 1st Sandown, S Morrison, 2nd San Diego, M McMullen, 3rd Kahlua, D Summers, 4th Miss Money Penny, Michelle Evans

Salvador Prize (Champion Race) 800 yds: 1st Croacia, T Bonner, 2nd Mysteria Maria, S Morrison, 3rd Watcho, R Binnie

Association Race 500 yds: 1st Kahlua, M Davis, 2nd Allegro, Mike Evans, 3rd Tarkin, J Stephenson

Champion Jockey: Stuart (Tooty) Morrison 44pts, Timmy Bonner 21 pts

Best Turned Out Horse (Maiden Plate) Papina
Champion Horse: 18 points
Sandown - owner S Morrison

28 December

Bending Race: 1st C Eynon, 2nd C Clark, 3rd A Turner.

Potato Race: 1st C May, 2nd G Anderson-Smith, 3rd A Smith.

Junior Rincon Grande Home Farm Plate: 1st L Humphreys, 2nd C Short, 3rd C Butler.

Twigworth Trot: 1st Michele Evans, 2nd G Butler, 3rd H Bonner, 4th A Smith.

Dummy Race: 1st C Summers, 2nd B Watson, 3rd C Clark.

Barrel Race: 1st C Eynon, 2nd J Butler, 3rd B Watson.

Ladies Trotting Race: 1st M Evans, 2nd D Summers, 3rd D Butler, 4th E Davis.

Childrens's (7-10) bike race: 1st D Ford, 2nd L Berntsen, 3rd C Short.

Under 7 Bike Race: 1st L Berntsen, 2nd M Ford, 3rd S Dodd.

Children's Catch the Rooster: E Hancox.

Note from Joyce Allen (SSA): "Rain stopped any serious sport after lunch, with the Cow Hide Race resembling water-skiing. The judges had retired to the bar so no placings were awarded but a thoroughly wet and wonderful time was had by all.

In the men's tug of war, the Long Island Team took the prize. Unfortunately the two main children's mounted events - the Junior Gallop (sponsored by W Morrison and family) and the SSA's Junior Gallop had to be cancelled due to the wet course. These events will be included in the Mini Sports at the end of March, as will the Musical Chairs.

One of the most exciting events of the day was the small children's sheep riding, where, in spite of wet sheep and muddy ground, fourteen youngsters showed varying styles of sheepmanship!

The Association would like to thank everyone who helped to make the three days such a success, including sponsors, participants and spectators.

WEST FALKLAND RAM & FLEECE SHOW 1997

Report and photograph... Nigel Knight

AN unseasonal white and wet morning failed to deter Sheepowners and visitors from participating in the eleventh West Falkland Ram and Fleece Show. This year's event was as usual held at Coast Ridge Farm Woolshed, Fox Bay Village. The day chosen this year was Monday 29th December 1997.

Some entries had already arrived by FIGAS from the outer islands and East Falkland, whilst the rest were brought overland on the day.

During the morning Doug Cartridge, assisted by Jason Alazia and Sarah Rowland were kept very busy taking entries in the three Ram classes and the three fleece classes.

This also required all fleeces to be weighed for the benefit of the judges in the 'Fleece with the highest commercial value class'. It also proved very useful to the general public in judging the 'Fleece classes' in the afternoon.

In all twenty one Ram Hoggetts, seven Shearling Rams and seven Mature Rams filled the sheep pens. What fine specimens they were and a credit to their owners. Particularly in the Full Wool Ram Hoggett class.

The fleece tables were weighed down with thirty three Hoggett fleeces, twenty fine wool fleeces

and seventeen 'B' wether fleeces. All of them displayed the best attributes of pure 'Falkland Wool'.

After the entries closed the centre of attention moved from the Woolshed to the Social Club where the barbeque was in full swing once again in the capable hands of Lyn and Tony Blake with 'just' a little help from their friends. After indulging with food and drink the attention of all present then reverted to the Woolshed for the onerous task of judging the entries. Judging was the same as last year and by public ballot, except for the 'Highest Commercial Value Fleece' competition and the Supreme Champion Ram. Doug Cartridge, Jimmy Forster and Jason Alazia judged the fleece value on actual fleece weight, estimated yield, estimated micron and current market prices, whilst the Champion Ram was selected by close scrutiny of all exhibited Rams.

The Rams in the first three classes were not judged individu-

ally this year but were ranked down to fifth place the same way as the fleeces are judged. The fleeces were judged in the same way as before, here the participants were asked to select what they considered to be the five best fleeces in all three 'fleece classes'. Their five were also ranked in order of preference.

In the Under 21's Sheep Judging Competition, entrants were given the task of ranking five shearing ewes. Their choices were then judged alongside the choice of an experienced Stockperson, whoever came closest to the judges score card won this competition.

After the judging, votes were collected and added together. Those entries with the highest number of votes won that particular class. Prizes being awarded for the entries with the four highest number of points.

At 6.00pm owners, spectators and officials assembled for the prizegiving. Mr Andrew Gurr, the Acting Governor, was present to distribute the prizes at this year's show.



Entrants, owners and spectators ponder each other's finer points in the Coast Ridge Farm wool shed on December 29

ADDITIONAL PRIZES

Champion Ram, won by Chartres Farm. Prize of Patricia Luxton Trophy & replica from the Luxtons, Chartres.

Rosettes given for 1st - 4th places in all classes, except for best ram overall where a supreme champion rosette is given. These were all provided by Jim McAdam, Department of Agriculture Northern Ireland.

For 1st, 2nd & 3rd Prize Winners in Class 3, additional trophies are donated by Peter Short, Falkland Supplies.

Challenge Cup + £50 donated by F.I.D.C. for the fleece with the highest commercial value won by Shallow Harbour Farm, estimated value £12.24

A Challenge Cup presented by Owen Summers for the farm with most points in all classes was won by Shallow Harbour Farm.

Guess the weight of a wether hoggett, £25 prize from Southern Cross Social Club won by Marie Ross. Actual weight 66.4 kilos.

Guess the weight of wether hoggett fleece, £25.00. Donated by Lake Sullivan Farm won by Sharon Marsh. Actual weight 5.0 kgs.

Guess the average micron from mid-side sample, £25.00. Donated by the Argos Fishing Company, won by Ian Hansen. Actual micron 26.46.

Winner of the under 21's sheep judging competition sponsored by the Department of Agriculture was won by Marie Summers & Sammy Hirtle

2nd Prize £25.00 from F.I. Wool Marketing won by Sarah Berntsen, 3rd Prize £10.00 also from F.I.W.M. won by Michelle Marsh. 4th prize £5.00 also from F.I.W.M. won by Sarah Rowland.

ADDITIONAL CREDITS

Mrs Griz Cockwell and the Falkland Mill both donated sweaters, these items were then auctioned for show funds by Roger Edwards.

F.I.G.A.S. kindly agreed to fly fleeces free of charge.

Tony & Lynn Blake and friends for the barbeque. With meat supplied by Coast Ridge, Spring Point and Little Chartres Farm.

Justin, Keith, Adele & Dot for transforming the Woolshed. Doug Cartridge and the Department of Agriculture for their assistance before, during and after the event.

The committee of the Southern Cross Social Club.

And not forgetting the residents of Fox Bay for being excellent hosts

1997 PRIZE LIST			
PRIZE	DONATED BY	WON BY	POINTS
Class 1 FULL WOOL RAM HOGGETT:			
1st Prize	Engraved Challenge Shield Presented by Mr & Mrs A. Davies + £100 donated by Cable & Wireless Plc	Chartres Farm	67
2nd Prize	£75.00 Presented by Standard Chartered Bank	Westley Farm	64
3rd Prize	Southern Cross Social Club	Shallow Hbr.Farm	54
4th Prize	£25.00 presented by R.M. Pitaluga & family	Chartres Farm	51
Class 2 FULL WOOL SHEARLING RAM			
1st Prize	Silver Cup Presented by Dunno Hd Farm + £50 donated by Cable & Wireless Plc	Coast Ridge Farm	81
2nd Prize	£75.00 presented by FIDC	Coast Ridge Farm	75
3rd Prize	£50.00 presented by The Saddle Farm	Boundary Farm	70
4th Prize	£25.00 presented by The Farmers Association	Boundary Farm	68
Class 3 FULL WOOL MATURE RAM			
1st Prize	Falkland Islands Wool Marketing Challenge Cup + Replica & £40.00 presented by Falklands Landholdings Ltd.	Shallow Hbr.Farm	99
2nd Prize	A prize presented by the F.I.C. Ltd	Westly Farm	98
3rd Prize	£50.00 presented by Port Howard Farm	Coast Ridge Farm	75
4th Prize	£25.00 presented by Little Chartres	Bold Cove Farm	63
Class 4 HOGGETT FLEECE			
1st Prize	Challenge Cup & Replica presented by Meredith Fishing Company & Falkland Hydrocarbon Ltd.	The Peaks Farm	85
2nd Prize	£70.00 voucher presented by Falkland Farmers	N.S.F. Farm	60
3rd Prize	£50.00 fuel voucher presented by Stanley Services	Bold Cove Farm	38
4th Prize	£30.00 voucher also from Falkland Farmers	Shallow Hbr.Farm	24
Class 5 ANY FINE WOOL FLEECE OTHER THAN HOGGETT			
1st Prize	'Governors Cup', Challenge Cup presented by H.E. the Governor + replica presented by Newton Investment Management Ltd	Shallow Hbr.Fm	87
2nd Prize	£75.00 from Newton Investment Management s	Shallow Hbr.Farm	70
3rd Prize	£50.00 from Newton Investment	Shallow Hbr. Farm	44
4th Prize	From Newton Investment	Main Point Farm	33
Class 6 ANY 'B' TYPE WETHER FLEECE			
1st Prize	Engraved Challenge Cup Presented by Coast Ridge Farm + replica & £25 presented by Ursula Wanglin	Chartres Farm	57
2nd Prize	£60.00 presented by the F.I. Sheepowners Association	Bold Cove Farm	53
3rd Prize	£40.00 also donated by F.I.S.O.A.	Shallow Hbr.Fm	44
4th Prize	£25.00 from Stanley Electrical	Little Chartres Fm	44

CPA youth debate

A report on the CPA Youth Parliament by Wendy Teggart

THE First Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Youth Parliament was held at the mock House of Commons in the Granada Television Studios, Manchester, on Monday, November 24.

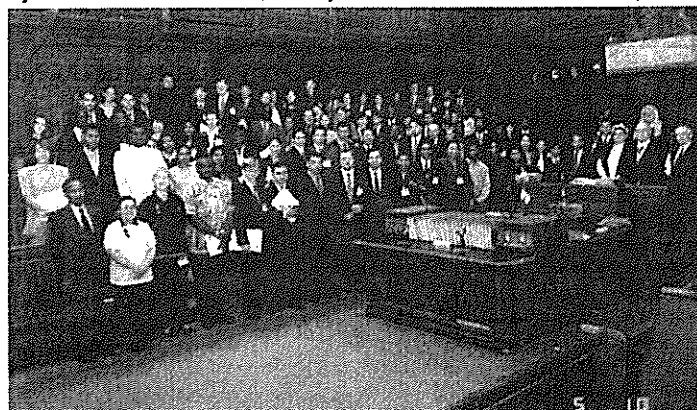
Eighty six delegates and eight observers attended from all over the Commonwealth; James Marsh, currently studying at Peter Symonds College, was the Falkland Islands' delegate, and Wendy Teggart, from FIGO, attended as an observer.

Prior to the conference all the delegates were sent outline manifestos of three imaginary political parties from the imaginary country of Commonwealthland, so they

Deputy Secretary General of the CPA, made the speech from the Throne, which was then debated by the delegates.

As the day progressed many thoughtful and varied arguments were put forward by the delegates, whose average age was twenty six, on controversial issues such as the legalising of soft drugs and abolishing all Third World debt to mark the Millennium.

The highlight had to be the overthrow of the Government by the Opposition Parties who objected to the Government's Bill of Rights which called for lowering the voting age and the age of sexual consent to fourteen years.



The Youth Parliament gathers in the mock House of Commons

could select which political party they cared to join, and enable speeches and questions to be prepared.

Mr John Sweetman acted as Speaker of the House for the day, and the agenda included Bills, Motions and Questions. The CPA Secretary-General, Mr Art Donahue, made the official welcoming speech, followed by a welcome to all the participants from the Deputy Lord Mayor of Manchester.

The formal opening of the sitting of the House was made by the Speaker, and Mr Srinivasan, the

The quality of debate on so many varied subjects was such that as an observer you were left with the feeling that this country of Commonwealthland really did exist!

The first Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference was a huge success. It gave young people from all over the Commonwealth a chance to meet, make new friendships, exchange experiences of life in their own countries, make them aware of other cultures and problems, and gave them a memorable insight into the world of politics.

Public Notice

Vacancy - Stores Assistant/Clerk

APPLICATIONS are invited to fill a vacancy of Stores Assistant/Clerk at the Plant and Vehicles Section of the Public Work Department to commence duties as soon as possible.

Salary will be in Grade H and range from £8,964 to £11,208 depending on experience.

The main duties of the position will be to provide general clerical assistance to the Plant and Vehicle Superintendent and Senior Storeman with the preparation of invoices, processing workshop job cards, typing and producing orders for spare parts, ordering supplies from overseas, and producing spreadsheets for orders.

Qualifications for the position require GCSE English and Maths together with basic computer skills.

Interested persons should contact the Senior Storeman at the Plant and Vehicles Section on 27183. Application forms are available from the Human Resources Department, Secretariat, and completed forms should be returned to that department by 4.00pm on Tuesday, January 13, 1998.

IN an article in the December 19 issue of PN we erroneously referred to "the Chief Executive's decision to resign as Chairman of Stanley Services."

Mr Gurr had, in fact, decided to resign as Chairman of the Oil Committee. We are indebted to Mr Gurr for pointing this out and are happy to correct our error.

Moto Cross

By Jimmy Moffatt

THE next round of the 1997/98 Moto Cross meeting will be held this Sunday, January 11, on the Goose Green Track situated just off the Darwin Road about fifteen minutes short of Burnside. Racing will begin at approximately 11.00am.

Jonny Summers and Jan Clarke continue to dominate the Expert Class while Simon Smail, of the RAF, still awaits his first overall victory.

In the Clubman Class it's a battle between Ian Jordan and Bill Stewart while Dustin Clarke is not

far behind. Darrell Ford will be racing in the Clubman's for the first time this weekend on a KX250, and could provide some interesting racing.

It's all change for the Juniors and this Class too should provide some exciting racing. Jay Moffatt now has a YZ125 and Greg Hall a CR80 Honda.

Eddie Grimmer may be in for his first overall as Jay still has to get used to his new bike, and Greg could give Sean Moffatt a hard time as they are both now on similar bikes.

Points Overall To Date			
Expert Class		Open Class	
Jonny Summers	150	Jonny Summers	57
Jan Clarke	150	Shane Blakeley	47
Simon Smail	143	Andrew Alazia	30
Shane Blackley	115	Rocky Johnson	24
Andrew Alazia	58	Sean Moffatt	21
Juniors		Jan Clarke	20
Jay Moffatt	174	Bill Stewart	15
Eddie Grimmer	159	Jay Moffatt	13
Sean Moffatt	135	Darrell Ford	11
Evan Jones	13	Eddie Grimmer	10
Greg Hall	160	Jim Moffatt	9
Clint Short	139		
Clubman Class			
Ian Jordan	170		
Bill Stewart	155		
Dustin Clarke	143		
Rocky Johnson	65		

Public Notice

THE Falkland Islands Government invites tenders from suitably qualified contractors for the construction of 'Rural Roads Project, Darwin to North Arm Road'.

Tender documents are available from the Secretariat, Stanley, upon payment of a £100 deposit refundable on submission of a bona fide tender. Tenders should be returned to the Chairman, Tender Board, Secretariat, Stanley, to reach him on or before February 28, 1998.

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Cool Fosters burn off opposition

IT was Hogmanay hangovers firmly to the rear as the crews of the twelve entries to the annual New Year's Day Raft Race lined up (well nearly) at the Government Jetty start scheduled for around 11.30am.

Inevitably, the starting cannon did not fire until after 12 noon, the delay attributed to one unballasted and therefore seriously unbalanced raft turning turtle and giving it's military crew an early taste of *Chateau Stanley 'Arbour'*, and the somewhat tardy arrival of the Pe-

ficult to see who was ahead of whom and if they were likely to stay there.

But this was almost an event of two races, the more experienced rafters heading away on an off-shore course. The wisdom of this ploy was clearly demonstrated as they appeared to be faring much better than the inshore fleet. Last year's winner, *Fosters*, quickly opened up a healthy lead over *Mini-moke* (the creation of the Public Works Department) which seemed to have developed some

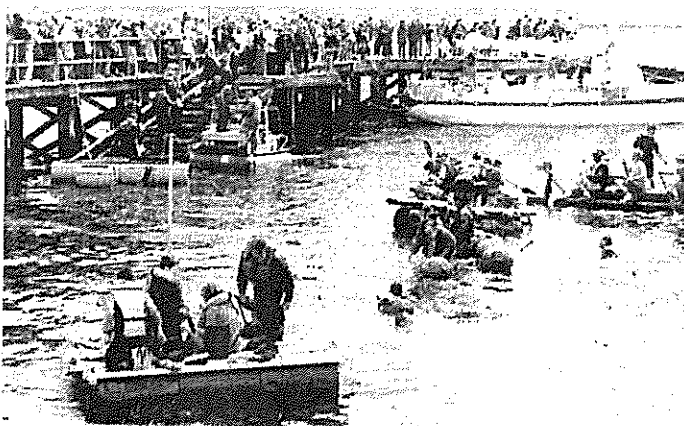
table among these was the hastily designed *Alabama* crewed by eight fifteen year olds who built it the day before the race. Without the precision steering enjoyed by the Biggs boat via its inbuilt rudder, the boys did not risk the inshore route and headed, instead, the mass charge for the longer voyage.

Ahead lay the official finishing line at the Public Jetty, which groaned under the weight of the large crowd, boosted by 1200 cruiseship tourists goggling at this, "quaint island ritual".

As expected, first to the line was *Fosters* whose crew was promptly 'buzzed' by the small flotilla of jetski riders. Next, some way behind but still riding high in the water with its crew apparently unaffected physically by the rig-

ers paddled *Alabama*, with grim determination, into what looked like being a very creditable fifth place on their first outing in the race, but which became sixth when one quick thinking navigator guided his raft craftily under the Public Jetty, instead of around it, and thus just pipped the youngsters.

One by one the other rafts finished, some maintaining their style and panache to the last, others more bedraggled and obviously not destined for a long and happy life at sea. Surprisingly the iceberg-like *Bobby Smith* (nine tenths of it under water, presumably with the handbrake still on) managed a fine twelfth place - out of twelve - awash true but still afloat, its crew all apparently alcoholically una-



Mayhem ensues at the finish. Massed crowds watch the crews do friendly battle. Foreground is third placed Peter Biggs crew; right is the remains of the winning raft, *Fosters*, one flotation chamber mostly submerged.

ter Biggs designed and sturdily built vessel, which initially overshoot the line and only managed to return when Peter entered the water and literally pushed the craft back to the start.

To the untrained eye the scene at the Jetty just before the off resembled a sort of raft Valhalla with designs ranging from a viking longboat to a mini-moke to a Pacific canoe (looking suspiciously like several lengths of culvert piping) complete with outriggers, to the more traditionally elegant, and proven, oil drum and timber rafts that have done so well in past races.

Concern was expressed about one entry over which even small waves seemed to lap without effort. Skipper, Bryn Rozee, assured onlookers that the submarine impression created by the *Bobby Smith* was caused by having to, "keep the handbrake on, Che," until the actual start, otherwise she would, "finish before the others began."

Predictably the melee before the cannon was a row on a placid pond to what happened in the early stages of the race. At least eight of the rafts appeared to select an identical course which, had they followed it, would have seen them all ashore within a hundred metres.

It was at this point, with imminent landfall a definite possibility, and inshore kelp hampering directional stability, that many of the crews abandoned the principle that yachting is a non-contact sport and began ramming other vessels. Water and flour bombs added to the general confusion so it was dif-

sort of warp drive that moved it briskly through the water with only the occasional desultory dip of an oar from its indolent crew, and the more organised and synchronistic crew aboard *The Black Pig* (HMS *Brave*).

Inshore the battle raged. And from its eastern edge, out of the clouds of flour and orange flare smoke, emerged the stubby shape of the Biggs raft. Sail aloft and all hands paddling, it headed for the narrow channel inside the hulk of the *Charles Cooper*, a daring and risk-ridden move on the part of skipper, Pete Biggs. Ahead was a



Alabama and her teenage crew at the finish. Left to right: Peter Diggle, Nick Rendell, Mark Gilbert, Charlie ? and Rob Burnett. Missing is Ross Poole who is cooling off in the water.

ours of paddling a cumbersome raft half a mile, came the PWD *Mini-moke* closely followed by *The Black Pig*.

After it's near catastrophe at the start the Biggs boat belied its stubby appearance and took full advantage of its earlier gamble by

were of how close they came to a watery fate.

But with all the frenetic and, it should be said, satisfying, action, there was one further and not altogether unexpected twist. The secret of the perpetually moving *Mini-moke* was revealed.

Concealed amidships was an outboard motor. Despite sincere assurances from the PWD crew that, "We use it to power our water cannon, sir," chief organiser of the event, Bob Fiddes, was not to be swayed and actually disqualified the boat before the race began.

Thus every raft that finished behind *Mini-moke* moved up one place - including *Bobby Smith* which now had come eleventh out of twelve.

Final placings were:

1. *Fosters*
2. *The Black Pig*
3. *The Biggs Special*

And a special prize was awarded to *Alabama* as the youngest competitors.

Bob Fiddes and the Sea Cadets deserve universal applause for continuing to stage the Raft Race which has become a major annual spectacle and, from remarks made by many of the onlookers, the main reason for getting out of bed on New Year's Day.



Peter Biggs takes to the water to bring his raft to the start line. His mostly still dry crew urge him gently on while Chris Peck ponders pensively on what is about to happen.

massive gain of several hundred metres ... or complete disaster.

Somewhat belatedly other crews remembered this was a race and began making efforts to move their rafts through the water. No-

sailing serenely into fourth place, rounding the end of the jetty to huge cheers and a bombardment of flour and water bombs from spectators and other crews.

Close behind them the teenag-

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Services Sound & Vision Corporation has for sale by open tender 1. Landrover 110 County, reg. no. F316B.

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For further information call 32179 or MIL 6200.

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NOTICES

AUSTRALIA DAY

Anyone interested in celebrating Australia's national day please contact Sue or Bruce 22438 am (from Monday) Or Nola 22531 am

There will be a Public Meeting with all Councillors who can attend, on Wednesday the 14 January, in Gilbert House from 5-6pm.

Everyone is welcome - if someone has a question that may need research, please telephone or fax Jenny Luxton in the Councillors Office before hand.

Cable & Wireless wishes to advise users of the Internet that the service will be temporarily interrupted on Sunday afternoon for approximately three hours, starting at 3pm local. This is to allow upgrading of the Cable & Wireless Corporation Internet backbone within the United Kingdom

Gents Wristwatch was picked up on the slopes of Mt. William over New Year Weekend. If it is yours please ring Mike Weir 22671

WANTED

Accommodation wanted in Stanley - either house or flat, to rent or share with. Please contact Graeme Hemming on 21355

Wanted to Buy - a gramophone for playing 78RPM records. Please contact Derek Howatt. Phone 21385 evenings

Wanted to buy a child's push bike for a 7 year old. Ring 21446 or 21437

Wanted - One four wheel drive van. The Stanley Arms Limited wish to purchase one four wheel drive delivery van in good running order. Potential sellers please contact Denis or Pam Budd on telephone 22258

NOTICES

Cable & Wireless will be starting a trial of new opening hours for the Public Counter at the Ross Road Offices. From 2nd January 1998 the Public Counter will be open at the following times:- 08.00 - 12.00 and 13.15 - 16.30 Monday to Thursday 08.00 - 12.00 and 13.15 - 16.15 Friday The Public Counter will be closed as usual at Weekends and on Public Holidays. Phonecards will still be available out of Public Counter Hours until 10pm daily, as at present. Cable & Wireless would be pleased to receive any comments from customers on the new hours in due course.

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY LTD has for rental the property known as 5 Crozier Place, Stanley. This property has recently been fully refurbished inside and comprises 7 offices giving in excess of 160 M2 of office space together with a kitchen and toilet facilities. Conveniently situated in Central Stanley these offices can be available fully serviced with office furniture and equipment. Interested parties should contact Roger Spink on 27600 for further details.

The Falkland Islands Company Ltd. has available for rental situated at Darwin Settlement (1) **DARWIN HOUSE**

A modern two-storey detached building, double glazed and insulated. To the ground floor there is a large reception hall, dining room, lounge bar, lounge, kitchen, utility room, conservatory and 3 toilets. There are 7 bedrooms with 2 bathrooms and a shower room. The house is set in around 40 acres with water frontage and stunning views of Mount Cantera and Mount Osborne. Recently upgraded as a hotel. The property is fully furnished with all catering, kitchen, laundry, freezer equipment and bed linen etc. complete with the following main features: Full central heating 2 x Lister HR2 Generators/ 2 x Esse Sovereign Cookers The property includes garage, powerhouse and storage Portacabin.

(2) **The property known as the DOUBLE HOUSE**

This property is in need of some renovation but could be quickly upgraded to provide extra accommodation within the settlement for the main house or utilised as a Weekend Cottage. DARWIN is situated 62 miles from Stanley and 25 miles from Mount Pleasant and is accessed by an all-weather road. The property is 2 miles from Goose Green. For further details or an appointment to view the properties please contact Roger Spink on Telephone No. 27600.

The Falkland Islands Company Ltd will have available for rental around the end of April/early May 1998 three new Stewart Milne 3-Bedroomed furnished bungalows centrally situated in the Paddock at the corner of Hebe Street and Fitzroy Road. For further details contact Roger Spink on 27600

Lost at Estancia Shearing Competition - Medallion in Blue velvet box. Anyone finding it please ring Phillips at Hope Cottage 31113

PERSONAL

Robin would like to thank everyone who sent cards, greetings, gifts or came to his 50th Birthday "bash" especially to Dianne and conspirators for keeping the secret. Robin Stedman

Special thanks to Alex and all the staff at Malvina and all of you who helped in any way to make our wedding day so special (too numerous to mention but not forgotten). To all our family and friends overseas - we missed you and look forward to seeing you soon. Finally a huge thank you to all our guests who helped us celebrate - you made our day. Julia and Fred Parker

Sheila Ian and Lesley are pleased to announce the arrival of Ross Ian on December 21 weighing 8lb 10oz, and would like to thank all at KEMH, especially Jackie Earnshaw, and family and friends for their good wishes

Nina Aldridge and David Barbara were pleased to announce their engagement on the 18th December

Amelia and Shane would like to thank the following people for making their wedding day so special. Dad and Arlette. Mum and Gardner and Mum and Dad, for helping with the bills, and to Arlette for doing all the hair and makeup and getting my dress. Severine and Jan for driving. Zoe, Priscilla & Kelly for being bridesmaids and calming my nerves, and Zo for getting all the dresses. Julie & Carmen for providing the bar, helping with the music and being a great help. Trudi for altering my dress. Vi for doing the flowers. Rock in Peace for providing excellent music. Chris E. Ben, Jase and Chris G for being ushers. Jarvis for being very helpful. Lynn, Gill, and Willie for working the bar. Pauline and Dave for the food. Michelle for the cake. A very big thank you to Spud (Chris Hawksworth) for doing everything possible to make our day run smoothly, calm the grooms' nerves, being a great friend and a brilliant best man. And thank you to everyone who gave cards, presents and money.

Amelia and Shane Clarke

The 1st stage 600 yards championships and the January spoons were competed for on 4 January 98. Scores from a possible of 100 were as follows: K Aldridge 93, C McCallum 91, S Whitney 90, G Cheek 89, H Ford 86. Spoons were won by K Aldridge and S Whitney. The competition for Sunday 11 January will be the Stanley Arms Trophy. Shooting over 3,5 and 600 yards 10 rounds. Range Officer S Whitney

Postscript from the Tabernacle

As we go into a new year many people are in the habit of looking back on the old year and what it held and planning for the year to come. But how often do we plan for one set of events, only to find ourselves faced with what we had not even dreamed or imagined would occur? Sometimes things are far better than we could have hoped for, but there are times when they are far worse. Times of great pain or hardship. How do we plan for these times? How do we get through?

The Christian turns to God and His word. In Jeremiah 29.11 we read "For I know the plans I have for you," declare the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." If you turn to God, truly turn to Him, then as His word says (Jer 29:12-13 NIV) "Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Even though you go through times of great pain or hardship, you will have the sure and certain knowledge that God's hand in all that happens in your life and that He has plans to prosper you and not to harm you.

VACANCY

The Falkland Islands Company have the following vacancies within their Shipping Agency.

Clerk - to commence duties as early as possible in the new year. Duties of the post include typing, filing, radio operation and other general office duties. A valid driving licence and word processing skills would be an advantage. Salary is dependant on the successful applicants educational qualifications and experience.

Temporary Agent - to commence duties as early as possible in the new year. Duties of the post are numerous and applicants should be enthusiastic individuals, who have the ability to get on well with people of different nationalities and be physically fit, literate and numerate. The basic working week is 40 hours but in practice it does involve longer hours and alternate weekend work - applicants should be adaptable to meet demands. A valid driving licence is essential. Salary is negotiable. As the post is temporary, until approximately 30th June, it may suit a student just having completed University or someone taking a year out. For further details and to arrange an interview, please contact Sheena Ross on 27631 or 27630

The Falkland Islands Company Limited has a vacancy for a mechanic in the Crozier Place Garage. Applicants should be experienced in general vehicle maintenance and should ideally have a valid driving licence. Some experience of heavy plant and/or marine engineering would be an advantage. Training in the use of modern practices will be given where necessary, and suitable candidates may be sent for further training with Land Rover in the United Kingdom. The garage has a good working environment and would suit persons who wish to acquire the latest skills in servicing and repairing vehicles especially Land Rovers - the fastest selling vehicles in the Islands. Salary will initially be at the rate of £5.20 per hour with opportunities for regular overtime work. Applicants should contact Stephen Luxton on telephone 27678 for further details of the post.

Cable & Wireless have a vacancy for the position of Part time Cleaner to provide general cleaning services in the Technical Operations Centre main building and External Plant Office. Should you require any further details concerning this position please contact the Manager, Administration, on Telephone 20804.

Applications should be made in writing, addressed to the Manager, Administration, Cable & Wireless plc. to be received on or before Monday 19th January 1998

Eurofishing Ltd. currently has a vacancy for a Processor/General Hand. For a job description, please contact the Agency Manager on 22275 during normal office hours.

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Seduce Falkland Islanders by making Patagonia more English say Frepaso party

DEPUTIES of the powerful Argentine political party, *Frepaso*, with the support of their leader, potential presidential candidate Graciela Fernandez Mejide, are reported to be looking into a, "daring project to seduce Kelpers, by converting Patagonia into a bilingual territory in which students study in British universities and the police do not carry arms." It also includes preferential economic relations with the Falkland Islands and a special employment regime and incentives for all the English, Welsh and Scots who live in other regions of the country, to live in patagonia.

In the magazine *Tres Puntos* (Three Points) a journalist reports that the *Frepaso* members have described the Argentine Foreign Minister's and President Menem's, "gestures of reconciliation," towards the Falklands as, "almost insulting, they treat them like fools, believing that they should send them

Christmas cards, when what should be done is to make integration easier." *Frepaso* are said to want to transform Southern Argentina into a zone which encourages economic and cultural relations with the Islands, in which British investments are favoured, and in which the bilingual culture predominates. The name of the project is *Zona Economica Especial del Atlantico Sur* (ZEeAS) or the *Special South Atlantic Economic Zone* and aims at giving a drastic turnaround to Argentine foreign policy concerning the Falklands. *Frepaso* are, says reporter Ernesto Seman, "convinced that business is the best policy they can imagine to seduce the Kelpers."

According to the project, the

ZEeAS would include the departments of Guer Aike (Rio Gallegos) and Corpen Aike (Santa Cruz port) and there would be different facilities to attract investments, tourists and Falkland Islanders; among them the, "incorporation of the English language combined with the publication of laws in this language, road signs, bilingual judges, local police without arms and the incorporation of institutions such as the Citizen's Charter.

In particular the project aims to target 'young Islanders', who they feel will want greater links with the outside world, saying, "according to *Penguin News*, a young Islander who ran for a recent election, and supported normal relations with our country, obtained 20% of the votes."

FIC shares to be floated Monday

THE Falkland Islands Company is to be floated on the London Stock Exchange next Monday, January 19. Although the company has not been independent since the 1970s and has been sold between parent companies on several occasions since then, shares in the FIC have never been traded freely. As from Monday, for the first time, anyone will be able to buy shares in the company and perhaps enjoy a dividend from the profits of its £10 million annual turnover.

The FIC's latest parent company Anglo United Plc, which has been plagued by financial difficulties for several years, has amalgamated the three wings of the Falklands operation, Darwin Shipping, which handles sea freight to and from the islands, The Falkland Islands Trading Company which provides a procurement service in London, and the Falkland Islands Company itself which trades exclusively in the Islands, into one unit, Falkland Islands Holdings Plc.

According to the Managing Director of Anglo, John Gainham,

some shares have already been sold to investment institutions at a price of £1.00 each. Those companies in turn are expected to be selling some of their shares on Monday, but Mr Gainham was unwilling to speculate at what price they will change hands, "it could be more or less than £1.00," he said.

In the Falklands, Islanders, who have been aware of Anglo's plan to sell the FIC for some time, have expressed concern that when shares are freely available Argentine concerns may attempt to take control of the company and use it to exert influence over the local economy. Mr Gainham dismissed this as unlikely. He suggested that had any Argentine company or institution had such a plan in mind, they would have been able to buy Anglo shares and take control of the FIC indirectly.

Because of the company's huge debt burden approximately £150 million Anglo shares have been selling on the Stock Exchange for around only a penny each.

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First oil supply ship en route to Islands

A SHIP carrying the first consignment of oil rig supplies for the Falkland Islands will leave Aberdeen in Scotland later this week. The *Kapitan Vega* was scheduled to spend Wednesday and Thursday loading cargo, and is likely to leave on the 8,000 mile journey to the Falklands on Friday, January 16. The ship is expected to arrive in Stanley early in the third week of February.

According to a statement issued in Aberdeen by Stanley CSM Ltd., the joint venture company contracted to support the oil rig which is due to commence exploratory drilling off the Islands in May, the ship will be carrying approximately 3,500 tonnes of freight including two cranes, several trucks and other vehicles, wellhead equipment and 80 shipping containers which will be used to shuttle supplies between the shore base in Stanley and the oil rig, *Borgny Dolphin*.

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Death of Clandestin

SADLY, last month saw the death in the Falklands of *Clandestin*, an influential thoroughbred stallion owned by Diana and Ron Turner of Rincon Grande Farm.

Many times a race winner in Ireland and France, *Clandestin* (a grandson of famous racehorse Nijinsky) was purchased on behalf of Ron and Diana in a horse sale at Ascot, in 1984, by Mr William Morrison. *Clandestin* travelled to the Islands on the charter vessel *AES*, cared for all the way by William.

Over the years, *Clandestin*, has sired (often for no charge) a host of excellent FIB racehorses including such well-known names as *Enconce*, *Kaluha*, *Miss Money Penny*, *Shaka*, *Tarkin*, *Trapalanta*, *Magic* and *Holiday Romance*. At least four of the stallions offspring have also been awarded the title of 'best looking racehorse' at the Stanley Sports.

Interested persons will find further details of *Clandestin* in the January *Wool Press*.

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SOME weeks ago *Penguin News* received an overseas telephone call from a reader of this publication. Surprisingly the caller had taken the decision to make the costly call to express little more than a concern that "having been an interested reader of *Penguin News* for a number of years," he had come to the conclusion that Islanders are a rather self-absorbed lot! Predictably the caller received a defensive reaction comprising an explanation that if the gentleman was basing his opinion on the lack of overseas news in the newspaper, it was probably inaccurate - that is to say, while Islanders do tend to take a close interest in the 'outside world' they prefer to observe via sources more immediate than a weekly local paper.

However, once time had calmed the initial irritation this judgement had aroused, we were forced to admit that the caller probably had a point. For example, while the subject of the Asian financial crisis, and its potential effects on the Falkland Islands via the fishing industry have been debated exhaustively by most residents, how many of us have also contemplated the serious effects not only on those countries directly involved, but on such a neighbour as Chile where it has been reported (*PN Jan 9 Merco Press news*) that not only will their fishing industry be troubled, but also those involved in copper, textiles and cellulose. While Islanders will bemoan the possibility that a smaller national income may prevent, for example, an acceleration of the Camp roads programme, Chile will face rather more substantial economic horrors as a result of a massive trade deficit.

Self absorption, however, is a natural trait and perfectly rational in terms of a population, on the whole, looking to its own needs first, in to quote a phrase in a *PN* letter last week) 'today's hard commercial climate'. And on the subject of the effects of the Asian crisis on our fishing industry the opinion of another (local) caller is very probably worthy of note. It has been suggested, wisely perhaps, that if foreign vessels which normally fish in Falklands waters are suffering the corrosive effects of the Asian financial crisis, and thus unable to afford licences, the problem of poaching, which has lessened over past years, may again return. And while the Director of Fisheries perceives this scenario as nothing more than "a slight risk" (suggesting that vessels will not want to blot their copybooks due to the possibility of a change in circumstances and a chance to return the following year) FIG may already be bearing in mind the myriad problems which would ensue (seizure of ship, repatriation of crews etc.) should one, or more, vessels be arrested and berthed at FIPASS.

Finally, I suggest an irrefutable signpost that we are indeed a self-absorbed lot with usually good results i.e. the matter of the Government House chimney. Unlike what many would consider far more important matters over the months this 'burning' issue appears to have prompted heated opinions from everybody from the Governor to the average man in the street. 'Small town' and amusingly 'colonial' as the matter may be perceived by outsiders, our possessive feeling for what we consider part of our history is a pointer to our community 'ambience'; a single element in the equation that makes us absorbed with.... well.... us.

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Your letters

Di Tella encouraged by letter

I WAS very encouraged by Mr Fairley's letter 'Why not let Di Tella visit?'

I think it's a very courageous and common-sensical letter. As you say, my daughter and her children came back with a very good impression of the people and the place. We can all learn from direct

contacts. Moreover, I can guarantee a very small entourage. I have not yet convinced Nelly - my wife - and I am still working on that, but I cannot guarantee any member of my family (for the time being).

Guido di Tella
(Argentine Foreign Minister)

VACANCY - CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

APPLICATIONS are invited to fill the position of Chief Fire Officer in the Falkland Islands Government Fire and Rescue Department.

The Chief Fire Officer heads a well equipped department with a staff of 3 full time members and up to 40 volunteers. The department is required to provide an efficient and effective fire and rescue service mainly for the Stanley area and to administer fire and safety regulations.

This position of Chief Fire Officer is a very demanding and challenging one which would suit a confident, highly motivated person who possesses sound leadership and man-management skills.

Applicants should ideally be qualified to UK Divisional Officer level with at least 3 years relevant experience including experience in the specialist fields of fire safety and marine and aviation fire fighting. The ability to make on the spot decisions and to communicate clearly and effectively at all levels is essential. Applicants must be medically and physically fit and be in possession of a full current driving licence including HGV.

An on-call roster system is operated to provide out-of-hours emergency cover. There is a requirement to work some additional and unsocial hours from time to time to cover scheduled training sessions plus emergency call outs.

The remuneration package includes salary ranging from £24,504 to £28,836 per annum in Grade B plus an occupational pension scheme contribution of 10% of salary.

Interested persons should contact Mr Marvin Clarke at the Fire Station on telephone 27471 during normal office hours to obtain further information about this post. A job description and application forms are available from the Human Resources Department at the Secretariat. Completed application forms must be returned to that Department no later than 4:00 pm on Wednesday 21 January 1998.

The Falkland Islands Company Ltd Gallery Sale

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WHILE STOCKS LAST

...A report by Graham Bound for Merco Press...

Where's Wendy?

SOLDIERS in Britain's crack Parachute Regiment who fought in the Falklands' War are planning a large-scale reunion during the coming British summer, and they are inviting many civilians who worked and fought with them in 1982 to join in.

The Regiment, based some fifty miles away from London in the military town of Aldershot, will probably be joined by a number of Islanders who guided them across the islands, carried ammunition and, in at least one case, even fought with them.

The red-beret wearing soldiers are known for their no-holds-barred machismo and take pride in their battle hardened toughness. However, the veterans are hoping that they will be reunited with one special friend from 1982 who could not be less like a Para. They have appealed to the public to put them in touch with a steward who worked on the *MV Norland*, one of the passenger ships which took them the 8,000 miles to the Islands.

At the time, the flamboyant and highly effeminate steward who made no secret of his homosexuality, was known simply by the woman's name, "Wendy," but the slightly mocking term soon became one of affection, as Wendy proved to be a superb piano player and singer. Night after night the tall and colourful character would boost morale among the troops by leading sing songs and parties. When the *Norland* arrived in San Carlos Water, under heavy attack from the Argentine Air Force, Wendy added to his reputation by helping to unload ammunition.

Wendy's real name is not known, but a national newspaper has taken on the search, and urged its readers to help locate Wendy and put him in touch with the tough soldiers who want him to share their reunion. The owners of the *Norland*, which now steams between Britain and the European mainland, are also trying to locate the unknown seaman who must, by now, be in his forties.

Westers go shopping



Top: Landrover rally? Camp sports? No.. just the Harps Farm car boot sale. Above: Tony Blake entertains shoppers. Photo: Trish Smith.

THE second Harps Farm Fire Appeal fund raising 'car boot sale' presented a fitting excuse for many Westers to gather together for a day of socialising on December 28 as well as arriving at a total of £463.14 for the fund. (The fund was originally set up when the Harps Farm house was destroyed by fire but now exists as a source of assistance for anyone who may suffer loss through fire.)

The sale which was held on Chartres land included a barbe-

cue, with equipment and 'benny kebabs' kindly provided by the Cockwells, and, according to one in attendance, landrovers arrived from "all directions."

Through *Penguin News*, Harps Farm residents have asked that their thanks be passed on to everyone who turned up and were so generous. "We hope to see you all there again next year, so don't throw away what you can take to the Harps Farm Fire Car Boot Sale."

Festive season wedding for Amelia and Shane



Pictured above: Bride and groom Shane and Amelia Clarke (nee Betts) at their wedding supper at Malvina House Hotel. Amelia and Shane were married at Christchurch Cathedral on the afternoon of December 20. Amelia wore a full length fitted ivory satin dress with a boned bodice and train, and was assisted by Bridesmaids Priscilla Morrison, Zoe Luxton and Amelia's sister, Kelly Fiddes.. Shane was accompanied by Best Man, Chris Hawksworth. Following the Supper, the couple, family and invited guests attended a reception and dance in the Town Hall. (Photo: J Summers).



MEMBERS of 78 Squadron present a cheque for £2500, for the purchase of an orthopaedic bed, to Dr Diggle at the KEMH on January 8. The soldiers raised £5000 via a number of events including a double triathlon, a bed push, a raft race, a head shave and a charity raffle. The other half of the hard earned money will be presented to Addenbrooks Ward D2 Playroom Appeal in Cambridge.

FIC shares - story continued from front page.

He also points out that under British law, should any body plan to buy more than 29.9% of the FIC shares, it would be necessary to call a general meeting to gain the approval of other share holders before a controlling influence is purchased. He suggested that other share holders would be unlikely to allow an Argentine influence to take over.

Finally, he pointed out that any Argentine owner would have to understand that degree of ill will that would be generated in the Islands. Argentines could see the company's fortunes plummet as local people refused to buy from it or work for it.

Mr Gainham said that the FIC is being made public mainly for the benefit of Anglo's share holders,

who for years have seen no profit from their investments. Now their shares in Anglo are being transferred to Falkland Islands Holding, which by Anglo standards is moderately profitable. Mr Gainham is hopeful that they will see some return on their money.

He suggested that there could be considerable value in FIC shares if oil is discovered off the Islands. "While the FIC is not directly involved in the industry, it would enjoy some economic spin offs," he said. The company holds a virtual monopoly in retail, runs the port in Stanley and hires out office space and houses. "The company will benefit from any rise in the Falklands Gross National Product," said Mr Gainham.

A report by Graham Bound

Salvador Lodge

Holiday makers are reminded that the Salvador Self-catering Lodge has reopened after the Christmas break and bookings can be taken until the end of April.

The Lodge has eight beds in three twin and two single rooms plus all the usual facilities. Rate: £10/night per person.

Enquiries and bookings please to the Pitalugas on 31199, 31193 or Fax 31194 or through local travel agencies.

Fortuna Ltd. Office/Retail units to let

Fortuna Ltd. has available to let in Waverley House in the centre of Stanley two commercial units for either office or retail use. These units are ready for use and have ample electricity and telephone sockets. Some office furniture can be supplied if required.

1. Unit 1

Formerly occupied by Byron Marine, this consists of one large and two small rooms with access to shared kitchen and toilets. Entrance is from Waverley House car park on Philomel Street.

2. Unit 3

Two rooms, with access to kitchen and toilets. Entrance is from John Street.

Further units will be available later this year when FIDC move out of the Globe Offices. For further information and to view any of the properties please contact Jan Cheek or Stuart Wallace at Fortuna Ltd., Waverley House, Philomel Street, Stanley. Tel 22616 Fax 22617.

Stanley Leisure Centre Opening Times

Customers should note that times differ from 1997

Day	Pool	Courts and Gym
Monday	10.00 - 11.30	OAP
	12.00 - 1.00	Lanes
	5.00 - 7.00	Public
	7.00 - 8.00	Adults
Tuesday	12.00 - 1.00	Lanes
	5.00 - 7.00	Public
	7.00 - 8.00	Adults
	10.0 - 11.30	Public
Wednesday	12.00 - 1.00	Lane Swimming
	5.00 - 7.00	Public
	7.00 - 8.00	Adults
	8.00 - 9.00	Ladies
Thursday	5.00 - 7.00	Public
	7.00 - 8.00	Adults
	8.00 - 9.00	Private Hire
	10.00 - 11.30	Parents/Toddlers
Friday	12.00 - 1.00	Lanes
	5.00 - 7.00	Public
	7.00 - 8.00	Adults
	10.00 - 4.00	Public
Saturday	4.00 - 5.00	Adults
	5.00 - 6.00	Private Hire
	11.00 - 6.00	Public
	6.00 - 7.00	Adults

HBC save GH chimney

MEMBERS of the Historic Buildings Committee moved fast last week to halt work on the main west chimney at Government House after they discovered it was scheduled to be demolished on Friday, January 9.

Although removal of the chimney, which predates 1881, was not included

would be seriously 'unbalanced' by its removal.

There are other considerations, too, according to Committee member, Jane Cameron. "The outline of the building is represented in the plaque situated on Government House lawn, as well as being an integral feature of Falkland

lition of the chimney from going ahead resides only with the Governor, or Acting Governor.

"It is clear," he said, that the foundations of the chimney are such that it is in a dangerous condition and cannot be left as it is. If it is to stay, something will have to be done."

The Historic Buildings Committee are adamant that it should remain. "We get a lot of complaints about things we have 'allowed' to happen," Jane Cameron said. "But it is no good complaining retrospectively to the HBC. People must study planning applications when they are published in the Penguin News, and they must write to the Planning Committee."

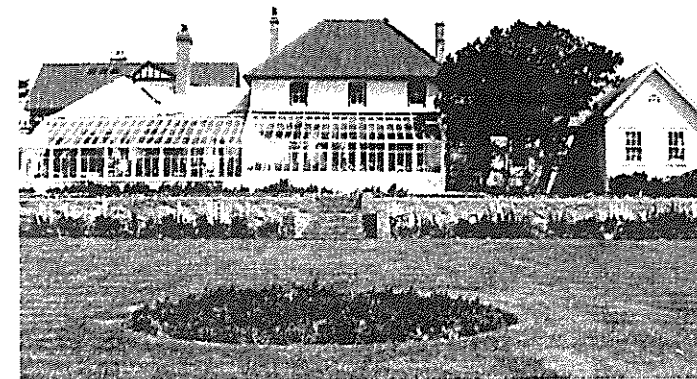
"In the case of the chimney no planning permission was required so it wasn't brought to public attention."

it was, "important in this instance work should be stopped to allow time for consideration. Had we waited 24 hours it would have been too late and the chimney would have gone."

And there is a happy post script to the story. Thanks to a happy marriage of expertise between the contractors working on GH and a building specialist from PWD it has been decided that inserting vents in the chimney will cure the problem, which is damp, caused by water penetration of the single skin structure, rather than damage to the foundations.

So the chimney will stay, and the final result is a vindication of the Historic Buildings Committee's emergency action.

Jane Cameron was quietly pleased. "We are very grateful to both the man



Above: Government House with the chimney still in place
Right: How it would have looked with the chimney removed

in the current refurbishment plans, builders, who are several months into the major renovation programme, are said to have discovered flaws deep in the foundations of the chimney that render it unsafe.

Rectifying the problems would have meant damaging much work already completed so, after enquiries were made of the Planning Officer, Mr Tom Egging, who confirmed he did not have the authority to prevent it as Government House is not a listed building, the decision was taken to demolish the chimney.

At this point the Historic Buildings Committee stepped in in an attempt to save the chimney which they feel is, "an important part of Government House because the whole building

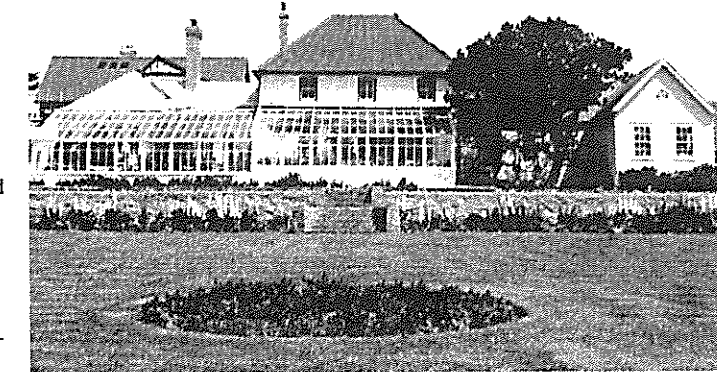
Islands banknotes - both of these would have to be changed."

"Just as vital," Jane added, "is what the building means to Falkland Islanders. Its shape is very familiar to us. It is difficult for outside contractors to appreciate our point of view."

She said the Committee were grateful to His Excellency for granting what amounts to a stay of execution for the chimney until after his return to the Islands this week.

"We hope then to have a round table discussion. We'd like to know, as a committee, exactly where the advice to demolish came from, and what the possible alternatives might be."

Chief Executive and Acting Governor, Andrew Gurr, explained to Penguin News that the power to stop demo-



Jane went on to say that the Historic Buildings Committee had taken the emergency action they had because

from PWD," she said, "and the Clerk of Works at Government House for coming up with a solution."

Stockpile shrinking says Robert Hall

MAINTAINING the example set by Colin Smith during his visit to the Islands last year, Robert Hall, and his wife, Diane, managed to meet with more than 60 farmers and looked at 26 shearing sheds between December 12 and January 7.

Robert left the Islands some years ago to become a marketing agent for Falkland wool, studying the business with Colin Smith in North Yorkshire. Now he has opened his own offices in Dumfries, South West Scotland. The name above the door is Falkland Woolgrowers Limited.

Just before he and his wife left the Islands Robert talked to Penguin News about the wool market, its current state and how it might change in the future.

He does not believe there will be any major changes in wool prices in the coming months. "Price is determined by supply and demand," he said, "and the Australian stockpile is still a factor."

But he also admits to cautious optimism for the medium term. "Legislation now exists to ensure the stockpile is completely liquidated by the end of next year. The current demand for wool exceeds the current supply with the excess being met from the stockpile."

His point is that once the stockpile has been eliminated there should be pressures for price increases, though he adds cautiously, "There are no guarantees, all markets respond to outside influences."

He has already had some success having secured contracts in August covering about 12% of the wool clip for delivery in March.

Moving onto his role as an agent Robert clarified the difference between his function and that of a wool merchant. "An agent is employed by farmers to monitor the markets and sell wool on their behalf," he said. For the service we charge a percentage fee and our interests are therefore in keeping with those of the farmer."

"A merchant, by contrast, purchases wool from the farmer and then resells. The two methods can produce significant differences that people should be aware of."

He is complimentary towards farmers in the Falklands. "There is a general focus on improving the clip and maintaining high standards."

Conversely he sees the burgeoning commercial optimism in Stanley as a potential problem for farmers. "It has the effect of creating inflation in the Camp," he said.

Football News...by Patrick Watts

THE Combined Services took a big step towards retaining the Veteran's Cup when they beat Stanley by five goals to one.

The scoreline was a little tough on the home team who created many chances, particularly in the first half, but failed to convert the opportunities into goals.

The MPA combination of Royal Air Force, Royal Navy and Army players were well organised and particularly strong in the mid-field areas where they dominated play.

A penalty opened the scoring and a thirty yard drive made it two nil before a defensive error allowed Stanley's Martyn Clarke to calmly roll the ball past the stranded goalkeeper to make the score two one at half time.

Any thoughts the local side had of getting back into the game were quickly dashed as John Reed (Army) and the Royal Navy's Lee scored quickly make it five one.

Credit must go to the local team for not allowing their heads to drop, and with Jimmy Curtis back from injury, making several forceful

runs from his defensive position, Stanley threatened on several occasions. A couple of dubious off-side decisions against Stanley's forwards brought roars of protest from spectators, but there were no arguments against the Combined Services' five well taken goals.

A change of goalkeeper at half time typified the strength in depth of the MPA squad as the replacement 'keeper brought off several fine saves.

Last season Stanley managed, for the first time ever, to defeat the Combined Services in two of the five games played, but this MPA squad looks very experienced and fit, and Flight Lieutenant Dave Pollock who manages the side has already predicted a three-nil white-wash this season!

Stanley team:

G. Jaffray 6; D. Clark 6; Lee Mitchell 7; P. Riddell (capt.) 6; J. Curtis 8; C. Buckland 6; W. Chater 6; D. McCormick 6; W. Clement 6; J. Henry 7; M. Clarke 6.

Substitutes:

T. Bowles, L. Clarke, M. Moyce.

Dual role for hi-tech Dorada

FISHING, one way or another, affects us all. First there is the money, a positive Niagara of foreign currency, since fishing licences were introduced, which has forever changed the way we live, though we are often told how 'fragile' is our economy with its dominant reliance on the sale of those licences. News of financial crises in places like Korea correspondingly send shock waves that threaten the delicate fiscal edifice that sustains us.

We were universally horrified to be told, last year, that seamen aboard foreign fishing vessels are sometimes being subjected to inhuman treatment and even torture. And we enjoy periodic bouts of righteous indignation when we hear of 'poachers' (unlicensed vessels) harvesting illegal tonnes of fish from our waters.

Apart from sensible housekeeping there is little we can do to influence the strength of foreign economies, and there is even less, we are told, we can do to prevent the mistreatment of fishermen. But we can, and do, take steps to discourage illegal fishing - a policing exercise, by both sea and air, which cost £2.6 million in 1995/96 and carries a £3.7 million budget for the current year.

In recent months patrols have been the province of two FIGAS Islander aircraft equipped for such duties, and the *MV Cordella*, a familiar sight in Stanley Harbour. But in the morning of December 29 a second fishery patrol vessel, the *MV Dorada* steamed into Stanley Harbour and dropped her anchor signalling a new chapter in the continuing story of the protection of our waters.

Though *MV Dorada* is now seven years old, she was built in 1991 in Gdynia, Poland as a combination jigger/trawler, her actual sea time is much less. She lay unpurchased until 1994 when she sailed for New Zealand to begin her working life. Eighteen months later she was again idle after being arrested for non-payment of debts by her financially stretched owners.

It was not until August, 1997, that her new role was determined. Dorada Marine Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Byron Holdings Limited, had conducted a global search

for a suitable vessel to fulfil the ten year charter they had been awarded by the Fisheries Department of FIG.

Complex conversion work, by a Lyttleton shipyard, took four months and was further complicated by the dual responsibilities the ship would fulfil in the Falklands. When she is not patrolling *Dorada* will function as a Scientific Research vessel, and has been accordingly equipped.

Stepping onto her bridge is like visiting Star Trek's *Enterprise*. A bewildering torrent of information batters at the senses from no fewer than seventeen screens. There's an electronic chart system linked to a Global Positioning System that can pinpoint via a satellite the ship's position anywhere in the world to within about fifty metres - that is considerably less than the 76 metre length of *Dorada* herself. There is a colour echo sounder; a fish finding echo sounder; HF radios; VHF radio finders (personnel working small boats at sea all carry a radio beacon); and even a screen displaying the position and depth of the trawl net when it is deployed.

Off the port side of the bridge is the communications bay. This is the domain of the FIG Fisheries Department Officer when he is aboard. From here he can talk to another ship a few metres away or the other side of the world. Linked to the radio is a tape recorder for use in the event of an incident at sea.

Below the bridge is the boat deck. Here are the cabins accommodating the senior officers and the charterer's representative - scientist or Fisheries Officer. There's a single berth hospital which comes complete with the Ship Captain's Medical Guide - a kind of flow chart capable of identifying any ailment from a broken toe to beri-beri.

Out on deck a crew member worked on one of the two 5.8 metre

fast rescue craft. Built in New Zealand to offshore specifications, they are rigid inflatables with aluminium hulls powered by twin Yamaha 60 outboards which power them through the water at speeds up to 40 knots. Their primary function will be to transport Fisheries Officers to inspect fishing vessels while at sea.

Other safety aspects include a 20 person lifeboat complete with motor, compass and radio, and four inflatable liferafts each capable of holding 20 people, each equipped for emergency survival: food, water, radio beacon and pyrotechnics.

The trawl deck, newly resheathed with timber, gives the impression of being big enough to play tennis on. It stretches from just below the bridge, where the trawl nets are wound round a huge drum taller than a tall man, aft to the ramp, guarded by two safety gates down which the net runs empty (called 'shooting') and returns (hopefully) crammed full of denizens of the deep.

Peter Hicken, a weather hardened New Zealander with 20 years sea fishing experience, is the *Dorada's* Fishing Master, though only temporarily. His function is to set up the fishing equipment before relinquishing his post to the permanent crew. He declares laconically that the vessel is, "Excellent for what they're gonna use her to do."

Below decks the once frantic activity of the factory deck is gone. In its place is a 'wet laboratory' fitted with conveyor belts, an automatic waste system that conveys unwanted research detritus painlessly to the side of the ship to be dumped overboard, and emergency stop buttons that, when touched, shut all the machinery down instantly.

Forward of the wet lab is the newly installed dry lab, a kind of hybrid room that combines the comfort of a lounge with the facilities of a

well equipped scientific laboratory. On one bench sits an echo sounder worth a cool £100,000. When linked to the nearby computer a 3D image of the seabed can be built up on screen. Elsewhere is large fume cupboard cleaned by fan driven exhausts.

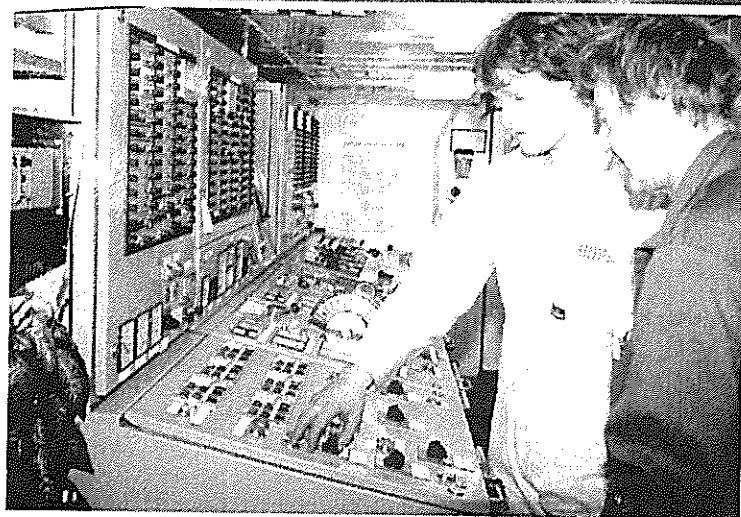
The deeper the descent into the ship the more intrusive becomes the incessant throb of the generator until, in the massive vault of the engine room speech becomes impossible.

There are two engines, one larger than the other (though it is all relative because both are enormous) called a 'father son' arrangement. Both are connected to the single 25 metre shaft, that turns the three metre diameter phosphor bronze screw, and can be used independently or both together. This, it was explained, allows the most flexible of steaming choices. The separate generator, only slightly smaller than the smaller of the two engines, is used when the ship is in port or neither of the engines is running.

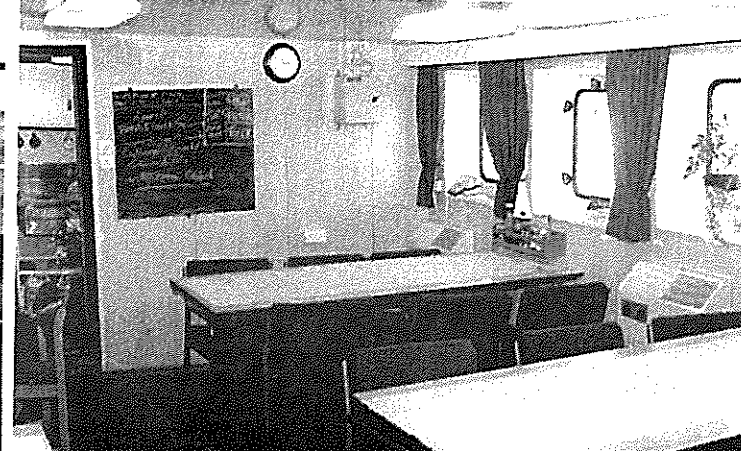
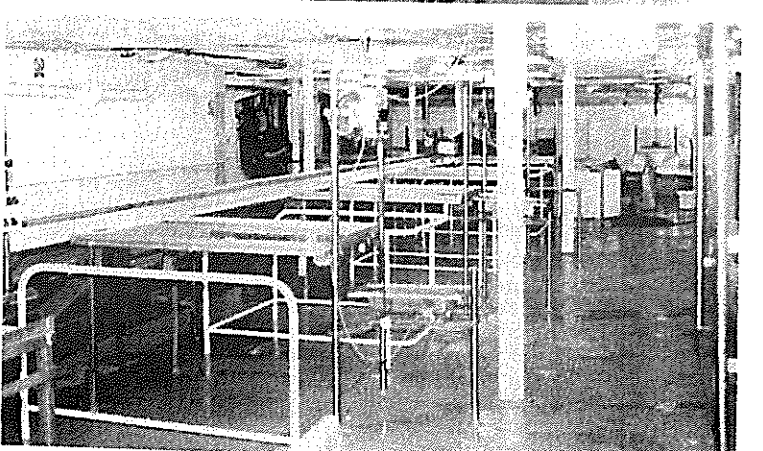
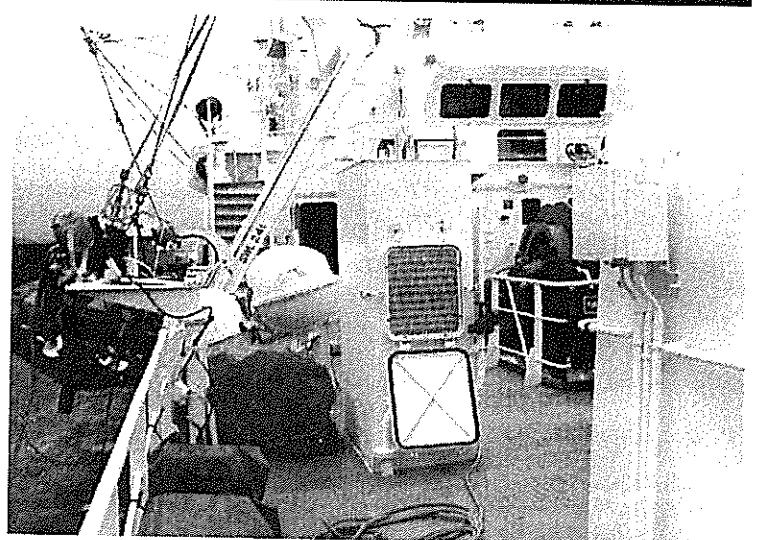
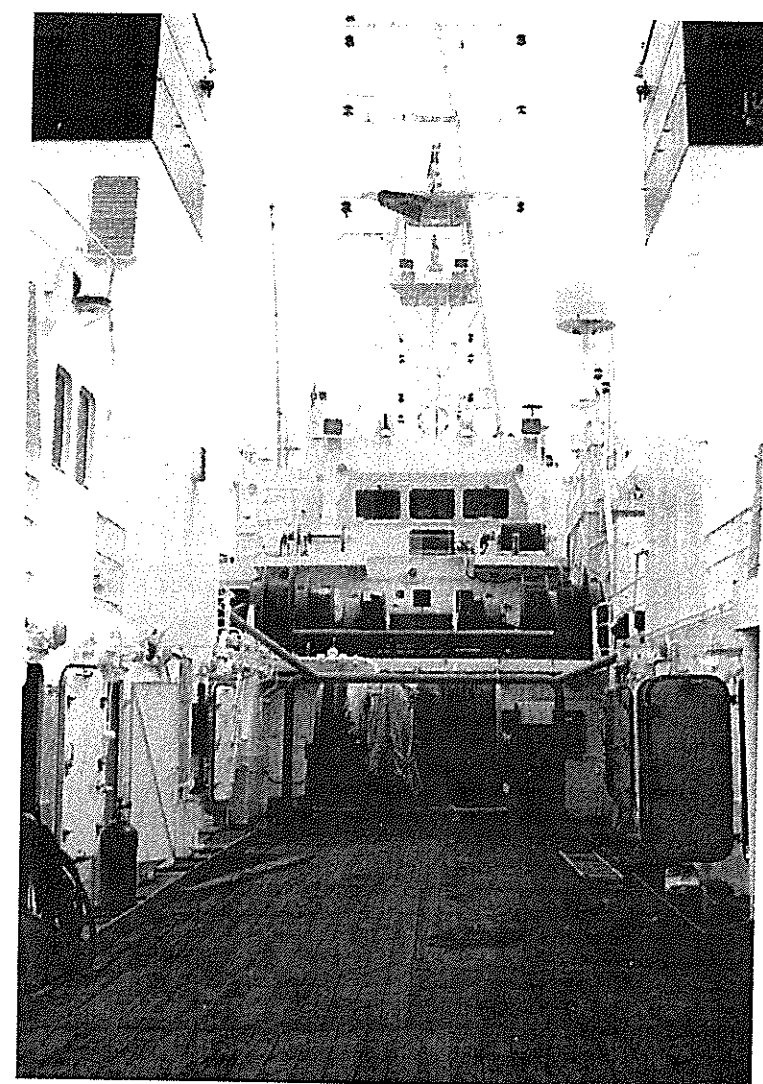
With so much of its future to be spent at sea the comfort of the crew has not been forgotten either. All but two of the once double cabins have been converted to singles; all have been carpeted and contain a heating/air conditioning unit and a wash basin, though only the Captain, Chief Engineer, Fisheries Officer and First Mate have their own bathroom, other crew having to share the other five shower rooms.

While washing facilities may depend on rank catering for the inner man does not. All personnel eat in the communal mess and though there are set meal times (the blackboard menu proclaimed lunch for that day to be tomato and lentil soup as a starter, roast leg of lamb with creamed potatoes for the main course, with apple crumble and custard to finish) fruit, rolls and biscuits are always available at any time day or night.

MV Dorada slipped her moorings and quietly steamed out through the Narrows on Wednesday, January 14, for a brief, two day voyage to allow some scientific fishing trials. The maiden voyage of her ten planned years as a fisheries patrol vessel is scheduled to begin on January 18.



Above: Looking forward along the portside boat deck. One of the rigid inflatables hangs from its davit. The round object is one of the four 20 man liferafts
Below: Craig Paice, who joined *Dorada* in New Zealand, labours in the boat store deep in the bowels of the ship



Top left: Looking forward along the trawl deck. The bridge windows from where the activities of the ship are controlled can be seen above the winches
Centre left: A member of the crew works on one of the 40 knot rigid inflatables
Bottom left: The 'wet lab' quietly waiting for the scientists who will use it
Below left: Peter Hicken, New Zealand born Fishing Master of *MV Dorada*
Below right: The mess where all ranks eat. The blackboard displays the day's menu prepared by ship's cook, Brian Clayton
Top right: Byron Marine's Dave Hall is dwarfed by the trawl net winch
Above right: Engine room staff study the banks of dials and switches that control the 'father/son' engines

velop our relations with Argentina, an important trade partner of the United Kingdom."

LA NACION 5/1/98
Sovereignty:

"The Falklands belong to us and we will go on with the diplomatic battle to achieve our aim."

The relevant part of the interview reads as follows:

Menem assured that the Falkland Islands, "belong to us," and that, "we are going to continue with our diplomatic battle to achieve our aim."

He added, "the Falklands are Argentine, not just because I have been taught so since I was a small boy, but because I am convinced of that," and he explained that his opinion is based upon, "Foreign Office documentation."

CLARIN 9/1/98

Falklands: reduces the number of troops

Great Britain will reduce for budget questions the number of combat troops in the Falkland Islands, but on the other hand will modernise the defence equipment installed in the local military garrison. Brigadier Ian Campbell, head of the English forces stationed in the Islands, announced this to the Islands Councillors.

The modernisation consists of the purchase of Tornado aeroplanes and a new radar, which cost 50 million pounds and will "improve the air defence of the Islands for the next fifteen years."

The announcement was an attempt to calm the inhabitants of the Falklands, who were concerned about the reduction in the number of troops from 2,000 to 1,500 at the local garrison.

The British government will carry out this equipment modernisation, even though Argentina is no longer a military threat.

Campbell said on the local radio station that London's commitment to defend the Islands remained unchanged and added that the Falkland Islands are a valuable training ground for British troops.

BUENOS AIRES HERALD
9/1/98

Britain to update defence equipment

Britain may be cutting the number of troops in the Falkland Islands but will be updating its defence equipment, Brigadier Ian Campbell, commander of British forces on the disputed islands, told local councillors in Stanley. Campbell said new radar costing 50 million pounds, "will provide an air defence capability for the next 15 years," for the islands. Reports that Britain was planning to cut its garrison from 2,000 to 1,500 have sparked concern in the islands. Campbell, whose assurance that London's commitment was unaltered was broadcast on Falklands Radio, said the islands were an invaluable training ground for British troops.

LA NACION 9/1/98 (Letters page)

Passport to the Falklands

Dear Editor,

"With no more rights than those of any citizen and with all due respect, I wish to express my disagreement with the orientation our foreign minister has given to several important issues of foreign policy."

"Among others: 1) the origin of that degrading phrase 'carnal relations' with the United States; 2) he tried numerous attempts at 'seducing' the Kelpers (descendants of ancestral usurpation); 3) he tolerated the crafty English version 'umbrella' (negotiate everything except for the sovereignty of the Falklands) when it should be the other way round (first the sovereignty), claimed on numerous occasions by Argentina and the United Nations (this last proposal, being extremely generous, because it is not a question of negotiation, but honourably returning.)"

"Now, believe it or not, the foreign minister has suggested visiting the Falklands using a passport from another country(?)."

Carlos C Zarate,
Capital.

LA PRENSA 9/1/98

Former Falklands soldiers will receive a pension.

Former soldiers who fought in the Falklands, who live in Buenos Aires province will receive a pension, authorised by law, as from January, the provincial government informed. It is estimated that about 5,000 people will request the pension.

Pension for those who fought in Falklands

La Plata. The soldiers who fought in the Falklands war can now begin the paperwork to obtain the *Social Pension Falkland Islands*, granted to former soldiers, who live in the province, as from January.

Interested parties must go to the veterans centres to fill in the necessary forms to collect the pension of \$206 pesos (206 dollars), stipulated in the law. "The veterans centres have finally achieved our right of a pension, because it is not right that 15 years after the Falklands war, our resources are limited to begging and selling items in the streets, because we are discriminated when it comes to work and health," said Rodolfo Carizo, president of the veterans association in La Plata (capital of BA province).

About 5,000 former Falklands soldiers qualify for the pension, which after 15 years of fighting for, the provincial government has awarded them.

"This law is not a question of the government's generosity, but the efforts of the veterans centres," said Carizo, who added that he was unhappy about the way the provincial governor calculated the figure of 206 pesos per month.

AMBITO FINANCIERO 12/1/98

In London they are negotiating Di Tella's visit to

the Falklands

A member of the House of Lords has supported Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella's idea to visit to the Falklands. It was also suggested that the ban on allowing citizens with Argentine passports into the Islands should be lifted.

Lord Montgomery, son of the well-known British soldier who led the English forces against the German forces with Rommel in the North African desert during the Second World War, insisted that the Islanders need to allow Argentine politicians to visit the Islands. Islands legislative sources informed that during a public meeting Lord Montgomery said "I would feel happy if the Falklands Legislative Councillors would talk, face to face, with their Argentine counterparts in Argentina and if they also invited Argentine politicians to visit the Falklands so that they can see the Islands as they are and establish an adequate relationship." In the Islands, they fear that behind the English politician's idea lies the idea of favouring Di Tella's anxiously awaited visit to the Islands.

Rejected statements

Lord Montgomery's statements were made in the Town Hall, where the Legislative Councillors meet, during a visit Lord Montgomery is carrying out to the Falklands along with Baroness Gloria Hooper. Both, were invited to the Falklands at the beginning of December to explain their points of view concerning the relationship between Great Britain, Argentina and the Falkland Islands.

Lord Montgomery's statements, made in the Falklands Town Hall, were rejected by the Kelpers and the Councillors decided to put together a document backing up their opposition. They said Lord Montgomery is a person who is "misinformed, arrogant and out of touch." (translation from Spanish to English). The British politician responded and said "we are looking into ways of achieving peace between the Argentines and the Islanders and this can only be achieved through a two-way dialogue. It is much more important if the inhabitants of the Islands achieve a closer and direct relationship with the Argentines."

Deputy Fernando Maurette (Justicialist party), president of the Deputies Foreign Affairs Commission, on his part said "I am happy about Lord Montgomery's idea that parliamentarians have closer contact, because in the world today it is unthinkable that there is a lack of dialogue between two communities."

This unexpected lobby of a member of the House of Lords in favour of direct contacts between Argentine and Islands politicians concerns the Islanders. The Legislative Councillors believe this is another attempt at forcing closer contacts with Argentine politicians, similar to what happened on January 10th, 11th last year. On that occasion there was a secret meeting at Chevening Castle, between representatives of the Islands, Foreign Minister Guido di Tella and officials of the Foreign Office, with the aim of revising sovereignty claims. The Councillors who participated were Sharon Halford and Mike

Summers, who left as soon as they found out that the intention was for a direct discussion with Di Tella about shared sovereignty.

Montgomery's words have caused great debate among the Islands community and the matter will undoubtedly be discussed when Foreign Office Minister for South America and the Falklands, Tony Lloyd, visits the Islands in the middle of the month. The Foreign Office official will have pressure put on him to guarantee to the Kelpers that the government in London backs-up the policy of no-contact, the Islands government maintains. Lord Montgomery's suggestion (who is a member of the inter-parliamentarian group which favours bilateral relations called the South Atlantic Council SAC), included the controversial measure the Islands government maintains concerning the ban on Argentine passport holders entering the Islands. On this point the Kelpers believe that the direct beneficiary would be Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella, who has suggested visiting the Islands using another passport. However, the English parliamentarians position, aims at achieving controlled flexibility.

Montgomery's lobby - he was head of the first British trade mission when bilateral relations were reinstated in November 1989 - includes interests in the oil business, in the waters around the Falklands, whose exploration and exploitation phases require specialised workers. He knows that in Argentina there are plenty and that they have been inactive since the privatisation of the state oil company YPF.

FALKLAND ISLANDS WOOL MARKETING

AUSTRALIA Sales held this week in Melbourne/Premantle. Merino fleece closed generally unchanged, with 20 to 22 micron fleece types firm to 1% cheaper. The crossbred market closed quoting generally unchanged with 30 & 31 micron good fleece types up to 2% dearer. Good general trade competition.

Eastern market indicator closed 1 cent lower at 683 cents. Western market indicator closed 1 cent lower at 633 cents.

NEW ZEALAND The offering in Napier and Christchurch totalled 42,559 bales with only 8% withdrawn at Growers reserves.

Crossbred wool prices rose at the first sales of 1998 with lambswool appreciably dearer. Crossbred fleece in the North Island closed 1 to 3% dearer.

Competition from Western Europe, Turkey, local mills and China. The overall market indicator closed 14 cents up at 454 cents.

GENERAL This first week of trading following the Christmas/New Year holiday period has been very quiet with clients confirming new orders are very rare indeed and the sale of stockpile during this period, a measure of world wool market activity, have been very low.

No one expected more than firmness in the opening markets with buyers everywhere anxious about the impact of the Asian situation. The impact may be temporary but, against a hand to mouth trading background and uncertainty about how the Chinese demand will develop in primary markets in the opening weeks of the new year, the anxiety remains.

Theoretically, wool prices ought to rise to offset the currency impact but it will be a few weeks into the New Year before the actual pattern is established.



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LA NACION 3/1/98

Falklands: Blair said that the Islanders are the priority

The British Prime Minister Tony Blair, promised the islanders that he will not develop any "relationship with Argentina, which harms" the Falklands. In his end of year message to the Colonies Blair said: "I am committed to the protection of your right to choose your way of life."

In other words he guaranteed the inhabitants of the Falklands the right to self-determination, which is against Argentine sovereignty claims.

If the Islanders could decide their future they would hold a plebiscite and would decide to remain under British control, either with Colonial status or with some form of independence, but within the Commonwealth.

In the message which was carried by Reuters, the Prime Minister also promised to guarantee the "security" of the Islands.

After the war in 1982, the United Kingdom built in the capital of the Falklands a military base called Mount Pleasant, where there are the same number of soldiers as inhabitants of the Islands, according to unofficial figures.

Answer to Menem

Although he made no direct references to the statements Carlos Menem made concerning shared sovereignty, Blair's words can be interpreted as an answer to Menem.

Speaking about his official visit to the United Kingdom which will take place during the second half of this year, Menem said that he would speak about the idea with Blair and insisted that the Argentine flag could be flying in the islands by the year 2000.

The following day the British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said: "There are no possibilities that we will agree to share sovereignty."

Then, Blair took advantage of his annual message to the Colonies to calm the Islanders down, when he promised that he will not take any decisions without their consent, even though he outlined that he wants to, "strengthen the good relations with Argentina, an important nation and trade partner of Great Britain."

The sovereignty dispute of the Falklands is not on the agenda of matters Blair and Menem will discuss. The British have refused to discuss the sovereignty matter with Argentina since 1982, in spite of the United Nations resolutions which urge both sides to find a

peaceful solution to the conflict.

Strategy

"These visits are not the right time for such negotiations," said Foreign Minister Guido di Tella. "Although they create trust between the countries," he added.

The strategy which the foreign ministry is developing now consists in requesting that the United Nations resolutions in the summit declarations which Menem participates in and other international forums, although they are avoiding taking the issue to the United Nations General Assembly, but maintains it at the de-colonisation committee, to avoid open confrontation with the United Kingdom.

With this in mind, Menem said that even though the matter is off the agenda, he will persist with it when he meets Blair in London. Blair's answer is foreseeable.

LA PRENSA 3/1/98

Argentina and Spain will join together their sovereignty claims

President Carlos Menem will propose to the United Kingdom shared sovereignty as from the year 2000, following the attempt by Spain a few days ago who brought up a similar proposal concerning Gibraltar.

Although neither of the two countries admit it publicly, Argentina and Spain have maintained conversations concerning their respective sovereignty disputes with Great Britain and they are also trying to carry out lobbying with other countries with the intention of obliging Great Britain to discuss the issues.

Encouraged by the fact that the year 2000 is not far off - when according to the United Nations all colonial situations must end - both governments have multiplied their attempts at trying to find factors which reflect the weakness of the British reasoning, also their refusal to negotiate.

The question of shared sovereignty is interpreted as a previous step to the total recuperation of sovereignty rights, in which the inhabitants of the place in question can maintain their language, culture and way of life under a regime of autonomy protected by the Argentine federal system and the Spanish experiences in Catalonia and in the Vasco area.

Spanish request

Last December 10th the Spanish Foreign Minister Abel Matutes, met in London, his colleague Robin Cook and proposed shared sovereignty, put together by his country. The initiative includes a packet of economic and social measures with the aim of protecting the rights of the inhabitants of Gibraltar.

However, at the end of the meeting, Cook said that the United Kingdom "will not take on any commitments concerning the question of sovereignty which is against the wishes of the people of Gibraltar. "If the name of the European colony is changed for the Falklands, Argentina would receive the same reply."

However, the Conservative daily newspaper *The Daily Telegraph*, following an interview with the foreign ministers, published that the British official had promised "to study the Spanish plan."

The cases of the Falklands and Gibraltar, although similar, have some differences. The Falklands were illegally taken by force in 1833, Spain gave up the Gibraltar Rock in 1713, in accordance with the Utrecht Treaty. It also handed over the Island of Menorca, which it later recuperated in 1783, through the Versailles Treaty.

The Utrecht treaty also lays down that when the British decided to give up, sell or alienate in any way the rock, Spain has the preferential right to recuperate it.

Support from the UN

The United Nations in 1967 said that they were in favour of Spain in the matter. "The colonial situation of Gibraltar destroys national unity and the territorial completeness of Spain," the United Nations said in a resolution.

To the European Union, which both Spain and Great Britain belong to, Gibraltar is a European territory whose foreign affairs a member state is responsible for."

What is true is that the negotiations between Spain and Great Britain - which began in 1980 - are still going on. Spain considers that London "has not only resisted dealing with sovereignty issues, but also that it is trying to use the community legislation to modify the process of decolonisation of Gibraltar decided by the United Nations and transform the colony in a kind of sixteenth state of the European Union," says the Spanish government's text.

LA PRENSA 4/1/98

The Sovereignty of the Falklands will not be analysed. Menem will not discuss sovereignty with Blair

Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella said that the Argentine sovereignty of the Falklands will not be on the agenda which President Menem and the British Prime Minister Tony Blair will discuss, during the visit Menem will carry out to London, during the second half of this year.

"These visits are not the right time for such negotiations," said Di Tella.

The foreign minister said that

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Menem's trip to Great Britain "shows the excellent bilateral relations between the two countries and should be analysed for its merits."

Di Tella said that he agreed with the position expressed by the British Foreign Office, in a communique from Robin Cook, he indicated that the European government is not willing to deal with the sovereignty issue during Menem's forthcoming visit.

To Di Tella, Cook's statements are "no novelty because the United Kingdom does not wish to negotiate the difference over the South Atlantic Islands."

Di Tella defended the president's idea, known as "two flags", which implies shared sovereignty by saying "this shows the President's willingness to negotiate the matter," and that he is trying to "find formulas which are imaginative and constructive, to overcome the difference which has been going on for more than a hundred and seventy years."

Yesterday was the 165th anniversary of the British occupation of the southern archipelago, and the foreign ministry reaffirmed Argentine rights over the Islands.

After reiterating their "irrenouncable determination" to recover the sovereignty "through negotiations" the foreign ministry promised "to respect the way of life" of the inhabitants of the Islands and insisted upon the resuming of negotiations due to "numerous calls from the international community."

This same respect for the Islands was expressed by British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who in a New Year message to the Kelpers promised to protect their rights to choose their "way of life" and also guaranteed their security.

However, Blair expressed in his message his desire to "de-



British press Headline stories: Jan 09 - Jan 15

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR MONDAY 12 JANUARY 1998 ASIAN ECONOMY

Today's *Financial Times* newspaper again leads on the latest international attempts to calm economic turmoil in Asia. It says that senior officials from the American government and International Monetary Fund aim to calm economic turmoil, encourage reform and boost political stability in Indonesia. The *Financial Times* says President Suharto's decision to scrap large infrastructure projects was aimed at countering concern about his commitment to budgetary discipline. On the inside pages, the paper devotes several pages to analysis of the reasons for the current turmoil and it says that such large projects are synonymous with the over-investment in the region, encouraged by Asian governments and fuelled by western banks.

BRITISH BENEFITS SYSTEM

The *Guardian* the *Times* and the *Daily Telegraph* says the government has signalled it is prepared to end paying the basic state pension and maternity benefit to the affluent in order to give greater help to the poor.

WORLD POPULATION

The *Independent*, does not headline any of these stories, choosing instead what it calls an exclusive good news story that the world population boom is ending. Its environment correspondent says that because of the use of contraceptives and the move towards smaller families, almost half of humanity now live in countries where population growth is set to end over the next few decades. The *Independent* quotes the director of the United Nations Population division, (Joseph Chamie), as describing this as one of mankind's greatest achievements, giving poor countries time to address huge social, political and environmental problems.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 1998 NORTHERN IRELAND TALKS

It is a day of hope and gloom in most papers. The hope springs

from the peace process in Northern Ireland. The *Guardian* and the *Daily Telegraph* describe the blueprint for progress drawn up by the British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his Irish counterpart Bertie Ahern in almost identical terms. They call it the most significant development in eighteen months of political talks. The *Independent* is equally upbeat, running the headline: 'Ireland: there is a solution.' The paper has a cartoon on its front page showing a white rose of peace pushing its way up through the crosses of those who have died in the conflict.

FAR EAST ECONOMIC CRISIS

But there is gloom aplenty about the economic crisis in the Far East. It gets a full page of coverage in *The Times*, concentrating on Indonesia's plight. It quotes one banker as saying that the confidence of investors there will not be restored until policies favouring President Suharto's family are halted. Noting that the Far Eastern markets keep going through what had been assumed to be the floor, *The Times* warns that other countries must intensify their assistance, not out of charity but simple self-interest. The *Financial Times* says that investors who had for years turned a blind eye to structural imbalances were now seeing the rocks that had been obscured by the floodwaters of growth. The *Guardian* looks at the impact on the British economy and says that in an abrupt change of mood, 'futures' traders have decided that the threat of a global downturn now outweighs the danger of domestic overheating.

CLONING OF HUMANS

The *Times* reports on the drive in the United States and Europe to ban the cloning of humans, a prospect brought closer by the American physicist Richard Seed, who says he wants to set up a clinic to clone babies for infertile couples. It quotes the majority leader in the US House of Representatives, Dick Arney, as saying: 'God has already created man as perfectly as he can in his own image, and we do not need a bunch of amateurs down here doing what they think they can do.'

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR THURSDAY 15 JANUARY 1998 NEW BRITISH FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY

The Government's decision to set up a new Food Standards Agency to monitor the safety of what we eat is given top billing in *The Independent*, *The Times* and the *Financial Times*. The announcement follows public concern about the food industry caused by a string of scandals over the past decade including BSE in beef and E. Coli infections in meats. The *Independent* illustrates its story with blown-up colour pictures of some of the bugs and asks: 'Can the Government protect us?' *The Times* and *Financial Times* focus on the funding of the agency through a licensing levy on food manufacturers, food shops, restaurants and caterers. The *Times* quotes a spokesman for the industry as denouncing this as a back-door tax on food.

BRITISH WELFARE REFORM

The *Times* also gives prominence to another aspect of government policy; welfare reform. The Prime Minister, Tony Blair, is about to begin a national tour to promote the changes, and the paper quotes his warning that continuing with the status quo is not an option. The *Guardian* has the same quote and makes Labour's appeal for trust on welfare its lead story. It says the reforms are part of a wider war on poverty planned by the government for which funds will also be found through cuts in subsidies to farmers and industry, and a big sale of government assets, including Foreign Office properties overseas.

UN IRAQ WEAPONS INSPECTIONS

The latest crisis over United Nations weapons inspections in Iraq attracts the attention of *The Independent*. Its report concentrates on allegations that Iraq used prisoners as human guinea pigs in its quest to develop biological weapons.

WEEKLY SOUTH AMERICAN WOOL MARKET REPORT

Uruguay: Different sources describe the Uruguayan market as practically paralysed, with a few transactions in the "bread-and-butter" type Corriedale fleeces.

Nevertheless, the Uruguayan Merino Breeders Association announced their plan of action for 1998, in a press conference held with assistance of Sul Uruguayan wool Secretariat and in the National Agricultural Research Institute. Their objectives centre around "fine merinos" and "heavy lambs", and it is now planned to create a genetic trials centre, also inter-locked with other progeny testing done abroad. They aim at obtaining wools below 20 microns, whereas the present average stands at 21.8 My. This genetic pool should then allow breeding in smaller production units. They claim that merino breeders are now national leaders in terms of tally-hi shearing, improved clip preparation and packing with the new pre-film bales.

As to lambs, they are now obtaining maximum weights above 40 kg live, and similar experiences are being held with merino wethers.

Argentina: The Lincoln Lustres, reflecting a weak mohair market abroad, stands these days at a low of US/KG 1.55 for November and 2nd clips (3/4 length 4-6") against a peak of US/KG 2.30+ at the beginning of the season (average yield 67 washing 17%).

Further south in Patagonia, it is not easy for woolgrowers to understand that the strong depreciation of the Australian currency is affecting their competitively, even with the improved yields of this season.

Last Dec. 26 in a judicial auction, Messrs. Cosulan, buying agents for Schneider/Biella and specialists in superfine merinos, bought a scouring mill located in Trelew (Chubut). The obvious conclusion points to future processing of these speciality wools here in Argentina, rather than shipping them in the grease as they presently do.

Still further south, heavy rains have delayed shearing in the Rio Gallegos and Tierra del Fuego corriedale fine crossbred areas, by average one month behind schedule.

ons. The paper says the Iraqi government is in furious mood following the disclosure that some UN inspectors have been searching for evidence to back up the charge. None has been found and the Iraqis deny the accusation. But *The Independent* nevertheless quotes a western diplomat as suggesting that renewed Iraqi complaints over the composition of the inspection teams may be a smokescreen.

PRINCESS OF WALES MEMORIAL FUND

The Sun and *The Mirror* both have lead stories on the Princess Diana memorial fund, but take very different lines. *The Mirror*, under the headline 'Shameful' denounces what it says are the excessive fees charged by the legal firm handling the fund. *The Sun*, on the other hand, focuses on a bid by the Princess's former butler to win the job of doling out the charity money. It quotes him as saying the Princess would have wanted the funds spent on improving the lives of people who need help, and that is what he would aim for.

INLAND REVENUE PRESS RELEASE OF WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY 1998 DOUBLE TAXATION AGREEMENTS FALKLAND ISLANDS

The new comprehensive Double Taxation Agreement between the UK and the Falkland Islands entered into force on 18 December 1997. The text of the Agreement has been published as the Schedule to the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Falkland Islands) Order 1997 (Statutory Instrument 1997 No. 2985) and is available from the Stationery Office. The text of the Order can also be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.hmso.gov.uk>.

The provisions of the Agreement will apply in the UK from 1 April 1997 for corporation tax and from 6 April 1997 for income tax and capital gains tax; in the Falkland Islands the provisions will apply from 1 January 1997.



News from South America provided by Mercopress

RECORD BEEF EXPORTS

Uruguay's beef exports reached 280,000 tons during 1997 with an income of 470 million US dollars. According to a release from the Uruguayan National Beef and Cattle Institute this means an increase of 27% over '96, while prospects for the current year also look promising.

During 1997, mutton and lamb foreign sales reached 19,200 tons, a 9% increase over '96.

The main markets for Uruguayan beef were: Brazil 24%, European Union 23%, Israel 17% and the United States 14%. Other important markets were Chile and Canada. Since declared free of foot and mouth disease in 1995, Uruguay has been exporting to the United States, Canada and lately some trial shipments to Japan.

CHILE RAISES INTEREST RATES

The Chilean Central Bank has raised the basic interest rate in an attempt to stop the peso from plummeting against the dollar which reached 470 pesos, from 390/405 pesos just a couple of months ago.

Anticipating a drop in foreign sales and in the price of commodities as a result of the Asian crisis, (Chile's main trading partner, that buys almost half of the country's exports), the local demand for the dollar rapidly increased.

In a first attempt to contain the run, the Chilean Central Bank flooded the market with an ample supply of dollars which proved insufficient. It is estimated that the bank lost over 500 million US dollars before deciding to raise interest rates.

"The decision has been taken given the potential impact of the new international situation," said a release from the Central Bank.

Japan and Korea are among Chile's main markets for copper (with international prices in a record low), pulp and cellulose, fish and other basic products.

CASTRO ATTACKS ARGENTINE PRESS

Cuban president Fidel Castro described Argentine press reporters from *Clarín*, *La Nación* and *América TV* as "mercenaries" after Cuba officially denied them visas to cover the coming Pope John Paul II historic visit to the island. The Cuban Embassy in Buenos Aires denied visas to Matilde Sanchez from *Clarín*, Mario Perez Colman from *La Nación* and Rodolfo Pousa of the *América TV* channel. Matilde Sanchez was denied entry because according to Cuban officials she, "hurt the feelings of the Cuban people," during the coverage of the funerals of Che Guevara. Last year the remains of the Argentine Cuban leader and the Cuban Revolution were found in Bolivia and after a long negotiation sent to Cuba.

La Nación's journalist was barred for, having violated, "immigration rules." Apparently Mr Perez Colman entered Cuba on a previous occasion as a simple tourist and wrote several articles on the island that did not please Cuban officials.

Finally *América TV* was denied a visa for a "bias programme" on the island's people and way of living.

"I don't see what all the fuss is about. We simply said no to some mercenaries who work for some newspapers in Argentina," stressed Fidel Castro.

AUSTRALIANS WALK TO SOUTH POLE

Three Australians and three Icelanders reach the South Pole after having walked during two months from different starting points and covering a distance of approximately 800 miles.

The Australian team, Peter Tresseder, (42) a bank employee; bodyguard Ian Brown (40) and Keith Williams, (40) a tourist operator, left from Berkner Sound, next to the Weddell Sea on November 3rd, and reached the pole at 20.45 hours on New Year's Eve.

On average each pulled a 140 kilos sledge for nine hours making it a good day if the distance covered was twenty kilometres.

Olafur Haraldsson, (50), member of Parliament; Horaldur Olafsson, (25) a lawyer and Ingthor Bjarnasson, (47) sociologist, left Patriot Hills on November 13th and reached the South Pole at 1800 hours on January 1st.

Both teams faced temperatures as low as minus 20 degrees Celsius and a wind factor of 30/40 degrees below zero.

AUSTRALIAN WOOL TO URUGUAY

The Uruguayan Wool Secretariat, (SUL), warned farmers it is essential to improve the competitiveness of wool production and revealed that local industry is importing a growing volume of finer wools from Australia.

"The beginning of the 97/98 clip was strong but now for over a month and a half the local market has been flat. Farmers haven't been able to sell half of their production," said Leandro Gomez Vazquez, president of SUL.

Mr Gomez Vazquez said that the devaluation of the Australian currency, as a consequence of the Asian crisis has made Australian wool far more competitive, while the Uruguayan peso that is tied to the US dollar turns Uruguayan wool very expensive. "It is practically impossible to make forecasts, but the fact that Australian wool is fluidly coming into the Uruguayan market, 12,000 tons, and we can't sell our production, means we are no longer competitive," stressed the president of SUL.

Mr Gomez Vazquez added that it is essential for Uruguayan farmers to adapt to the new reality of the market and try to overcome the current uncertainty.

Uruguay's annual clip is estimated between 80/90,000 tons, mostly Corriedale wool.

DICTATORSHIPS FEAR INTERNET

Internet or the information web is proving a nightmare for dictatorships. Pushed by international business and trade, the authoritarian governments can't avoid having it but work hard to prevent its massive distribution. Asia is the continent with most restrictions. In China all users of Internet (70,000), must register with the local police. Singapore is more sophisticated and has a Broadcasting Authority that establishes three categories for classifying "unacceptable" information, political, social and moral.

The first refers to national security; the second to racial discrimination and the third to sexual perversion. In Vietnam only foreigners and certain government offices have access to Internet.

In Latin America, Cuba is the most outstanding case. The Internet "privilege" is limited to some government agencies, academic institutions, foreign business, diplomatic legations and foreign journalists. But the regime has a strong ally, the unreliable telephone system plus the fact that connecting to Internet costs 260 US dollars, while the average Cuban makes 40 US dollars a month.

But in spite of all these difficulties, as access to free uncensored information keeps expanding, it will necessarily have a political impact in countries where civil rights are limited or severely restricted.

TOURIST BOOM IN PATAGONIA

While "El Nino" seems to have scared people from the coast and beaches, Argentine Patagonia is experiencing a surprising mini boom with campers and tourists flocking earlier than expected and in greater numbers.

According to the tourist office of the province of Rio Negro in the south of Argentina, Bariloche and San Martin de los Andes had an exceptional December and are working in January at practically full capacity.

Further south in the lake district that extends into Neuquen and Chubut following the Andes, campers and sightseers are walking through the area admiring spectacular woods, some of them centuries old, and enjoying the endless silence.

Food is another attraction of the mountain area: deer, wild boar, lamb, goats and natural herbs fresh from the garden. But Patagonia is not only climbing and lakes. A long coast line offers excellent opportunities for fishing, sea food and watching some of the world's most spectacular sea mammals reserves.

Among the renowned visitors this season of the growing international influx to Patagonia are Jane Fonda and Ted Turner who spent two weeks in the ranch they recently purchased.

The boom in trade is also attracting new investors to Bariloche and there are strong chances that Sylvester Stallone and Bruce Willis', Planet Hollywood as well as Hard Rock Cafe will open up restaurants in the city.

SCAB IN TIERRA DEL FUEGO

An estimated 840 sheep have died of scab in different farms in Chilean Tierra del Fuego and another 20,000 are under strict surveillance to prevent the disease from spreading.

According to Jorge Cvitanic, head of the regional Agriculture and Cattle Office, two of the farms where most of

the deaths occurred starting in late October 1997, have been identified.

"We suspect that some imports from the mainland could be responsible for the original cases, plus the fact that in two farms there was an excessive concentration of sheep," said Mr Cvitanic.

The last time scab was reported in Tierra del Fuego was 25 years ago and to prevent the disease from spreading the sheep were sacrificed and the area set out of bounds. This time all farms and neighbouring land will be isolated; all movement or transport of sheep, on foot or truck, unless they are en route to the abattoir is strictly forbidden, finally the trucks involved have to be thoroughly cleaned.

"INVASION" OF CRUISE SHIPS

This port in the extreme south of Chile is experimenting a very busy January with a long list of visits scheduled for the month, including some of the cruise ships considered the most luxurious of the world.

Among them the *Royal Princess*, *Vistamar*, *Norwegian Crown* and the *Club Med H*, a vessel which has been converted into possibly the world's biggest passenger sailing ship. *Vistafjord*, *Odyssey*, *Silver Cloud* and the *Atlantic Pearl* are also scheduled for the second half of January.

Other expected visits *HMS "Brave"* and two units from the Chilean Navy, *Micadi* and *Elicura*.

Hotels in Punta Arenas are also experimenting an excellent January and are currently working at 80% capacity, according to the local Tourist Office. Most passengers are foreigners, mainly Argentine, Japanese and Americas, who arrive by air or sea and remain a couple of days before moving to their final destinations, the Torres del Paine National Park, or the Antarctic.

During 1997, over 57,000 people visited Torres del Paine, a 13% increase over the '96 season.

POLITICAL CRISIS IN CHILE

A political crisis broke out in Chile when General Augusto Pinochet who was scheduled to retire as Commander of the Army this month, announced he will not be leaving his post.

Pinochet's decision, who has been head of the Army for 25 years and ruled Chile with a strong fist until 1990, was a reaction to a Congressional impeachment process scheduled for next Monday and directed to prevent the former dictator from becoming a Senator for life, as anticipated in the current Chilean Constitution.

The Commander in Chief of the Chilean Army had agreed with the Minister of Defence to leave the post January 24 and to take the oath of senator next March when the new Legislature is convened.

The impeachment is part of a campaign from some of the parties of the ruling coalition, human rights associations and left wing groups. Next Monday the Chamber of Deputies will be "judging" Pinochet's conduct during the last eight years, starting in 1990 when he handed power to an elected civilian government. The possibility of a national referendum to prevent Pinochet's access to Congress is also under consideration.

The strong right wing opposition that backs the General in the Chilean Senate, considers the whole offensive "childish" and reminded the ruling coalition that the 1973 military takeover was forced because the then President Salvador Allende's repeatedly violated the Chilean Constitution.



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Port Howard+3hrs19m				Sunrise	0502		Sunrise	0507	
Teal Inlet+3hrs30m				Sunset	2102		Sunset	2058	
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Port Stephens				22					
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Hill Cove+4hrs				MON	1036	1.4		0106	1.3
Berkeley Sound+1hr11m					1651	0.7		0743	0.8
Port San Carlos					2321	1.3		1401	1.2
+2hrs55m								1933	0.9
Darwin Harbour-56m				Sunrise	0504		Sunrise	0509	
<u>January</u>				Sunset	2100		Sunset	2057	
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	0913	1.6	20	0508	0.8	23	0211	1.3	
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Sunset 2103			Sunset 2059			Sunset 2056			

LIBRARY

Monday - Friday 10.00am - 12.00 and 14.45 - 17.45 Saturday: 10am - 12 noon 14.00 - 17.00pm

HOSPITAL PHARMACY

Mornings 10am - 12 noon

Monday/Thursday

2.30pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday

1.30 - 3.30pm

Tuesday/Friday

3.00pm - 5.00pm

MUSEUM

Tuesday - Friday

10.30 - 12 noon/2.00 - 4.00pm

Sunday

10.00 - 12 noon

TREASURY

Monday - Friday

8am - 12 noon/1.15 - 3.00pm

CLUBS AND CONTACTS

BADMINTON CLUB

Mondays/Thursdays 7-9pm Liz Burnett, Tel: 21770 or Rene Rowlands, Tel 21161

SQUASH CLUB

Thursdays 5-9pm

Contact Dik Sawle Tel 21414

NETBALL CLUB

Tuesdays 6-8pm, Wednesday 6-7pm All are welcome

Contact Sarah Allan 22119

THE FI GUN CLUB

New members welcome Contact Ped Tel: 21663 or Graham Didlick 21622 P.O. Box 540

F.I. RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Contact Secretary G Cheek, 21402

STANLEY GOLF CLUB

Competitions on Sunday at 8.45 am. Contact Mike Summers on tel: 21542

FI MOTORCYCLE ASSOC.

All queries & information on races etc contact Andrew Newman

21606 or Rowena Summers 21015

YMCA

Accommodation available Contact Terry Peck 21074

ASTHMA SUPPORT GROUP

Meets second Tuesday of every third month in Day Centre at 5pm

Contact Graham France on 21624

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New members welcome. Contact Secretary Irene Baker 20839 or Chairman Nick Hadden, 21014

GUILD OF SPINNERS, WEAVERS & HANDICRAFTS

Meetings on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm

Contact Marj McPhee, tel: 21106

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NESS TRUST

Contact Shiralee Collins, 21597, Sister Bridie 22086, Derek Howatt 21385

FIODA

Actors/singers/stagehands contact Alan 21019

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Meets first Thursday of every month. 7.30pm in the Day Centre

STANLEY SWIMMING CLUB

Coaching Tuesdays 4 - 5pm, Fridays 4-5

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Contact David McLeod Phone: 20836 (day), 20843 (home)

RUNNING CLUB

Meets Wednesday 5.30pm, contact Tracy Porter 21574

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Meets 1st Monday every month @ 2000 hrs, WO1 & Sgt Mess, Hillside Camp. All ex or serving Service persons welcome. Contact A Geach, R Fiddes or KD Greenland for info 21454 or 27222.

STANLEY SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Friday 7-9pm Sundays 4-5pm. Contact Angela Lee on 21762 or M. Humphreys on 22028

JELLY TOTS CLUB

meets Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at the Day Centre from 2.30 - 4pm. All welcome

WELL BABY/CHILD CLINIC

Day Centre KEMH Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am. Contact Miranda

Check Health Visitor 27418

Leisure Centre Term Times - Further information/Bookings: tel 27291

Day	Pool	Courts
Monday	10.00 - 11.30 OAP 12.00 - 1.00 Lanes 5.00 - 7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults	10.00 - 1.00 Public 5.00 - 9.00 Public
Tuesday	12.00 - 1.00 Lanes 5.00 - 7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults	10.30 - 12.00 Parent/Toddlers 12.00 - 1.00 Public 5.00 - 9.00 Public
Wednesday	10.0 - 11.30 Public 12.00 - 1.00 Lane Swimming 5.00 - 7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults 8.00 - 9.00 Ladies	12.00 - 1.00 Public 5.00 - 9.00 Public
Thursday	5.00 - 7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults 8.00 - 9.00 Private Hire	12.00 - 1.00 Public 5.00 - 9.00 Public
Friday	10.00 - 11.30 Parents/Toddlers 12.00 - 1.00 Lanes 5.00 - 7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults	10.00 - 1.00 Public 5.00 - 9.00 Public
Saturday	10.00 - 4.00 Public 4.00 - 5.00 Adults 5.00 - 6.00 Private Hire	10.00 - 6.00 Public
Sunday	11.00 - 6.00 Public 6.00 - 7.00 Adults	11.00 - 7.00 Public

Your BFBS Television programmes

SATURDAY 17TH JANUARY
9.00 TITCH
9.10 WOLVES, WITCHES AND GIANTS
9.25 NEIL'S ART ATTACK SCRAPBOOK
9.45 OUT OF SIGHT
10.15 LIVE AND KICKING
1.15 GRANDSTAND Including: News summary; Basketball National Cup Final; Racing from Ascot: World Championship Swimming from Perth, Australia; Championship Figure Skating from Milan; and a full round-up of the rest of the day's sporting events
6.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.25 TOP OF THE POPS
6.55 BEST FRIENDS
7.05 WHEEL OF FORTUNE
7.30 A PRINCE AMONG MEN
8.00 NOEL'S HOUSEPARTY
8.50 CASUALTY
9.40 SCREEN TWO: IN YOUR DREAMS
11.00 THE UNIQUE DAVE ALLEN
11.30 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.50 MATCH OF THE DAY

SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY
8.20 MATCH OF THE DAY
9.30 BREAKFAST WITH FROST
10.30 DEAR MR BARKER
10.45 MEN IN BLACK
11.10 BLUE PETER
11.40 SHORT CHANGE (New)
12.05 SONGS OF PRAISE
12.40 THE WHITBREAD: THE WORLD'S GREATEST OCEAN RACE
1.10 THE CHART SHOW
2.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
2.10 BROOKSIDE Sinbad fears for his health but is he jumping to conclusions?
3.20 THIS IS YOUR LIFE
3.50 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW
4.35 THROUGH THE KEYHOLE
5.00 FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP Everton v Chelsea
6.50 ANIMAL PEOPLE
7.20 BLIND DATE
8.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
8.25 HEARTBEAT An old flame of Mike's turns up at Aidensfield
9.20 MURDER ONE
10.45 PARKINSON Michael Parkinson chats to Elton John
11.35 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.50 RUGBY EXPRESS

MONDAY 19TH JANUARY
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 CATS' EYES 10.15 NUMBERTIME 10.30 THE MIX
10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING
1.15 TOTS TV Followed by: BFBS WEATHER REPORT
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS
2.15 NAME THAT TUNE
2.40 HOLIDAY
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.45 SPIDER
3.50 THE PARKIES
4.00 ROGER AND THE ROTTENTROLLS
4.15 THE SILVER BRUMBY
4.40 FUN HOUSE
5.05 GOOSEBUMPS
5.25 HOME AND AWAY
5.45 GAMESMASTER
6.10 WISH YOU WERE HERE On the itinerary today; Corfu, Barbados and Las Vegas
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET A visit to the bank leads to trouble for Deirdre. Les finally lands a job
7.45 THE BILL Neighbours: Garfield and Keane try to restore order during a neighbourhood feud
8.10 DOVER
8.35 SPARK
9.05 LONDON'S BURNING
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 I'M ALAN PARTRIDGE
11.00 BACK TO THE FLOOR
11.40 FILM '98
12.10 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA

TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS

FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 FOURWAYS FARM 10.10 STORYTIME 10.25 ZIGZAG
10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE SLOW NORRIS Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS
2.15 FOOD AND DRINK
2.45 VANESSA
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
3.45 KIPPER
4.00 THE ADVENTURES OF PADDINGTON BEAR
4.05 IT'LL NEVER WORK
4.30 BLUE PETER
5.00 BYKER GROVE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY
5.45 A QUESTION OF SPORT
6.15 EMMERDALE
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS
7.55 FULL CIRCLE WITH MICHAEL PALIN
8.45 THE VICAR OF DIBLEY
9.15 DARK SKIES
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER
11.00 CUTTING EDGE The End is Nigh: Documentary. Kingdom High in Abingdon in Oxfordshire is home to the Jehovah Witnesses
11.50 TARTAN EXTRA

WEDNESDAY 21ST JANUARY
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 CATS' EYES 10.15 TVM - SHIPS, SPACE AND MEASURES 10.30 QUEST
10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 TOTS TV Followed by BFBS Weather)
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS
2.15 RICK STEIN'S FRUITS OF THE SEA (New)
2.45 THE CLOTHES SHOW
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with THE ENCHANTED LANDS
3.45 CONAN THE ADVENTURER
4.10 CARTOON TIME
4.15 HOW 2
4.35 SMART
5.00 BYKER GROVE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Chloe suffers from morning sickness but still struggles through her exam
5.45 TW TIME MACHINE
6.15 EMMERDALE
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET
7.45 THE BILL Glass House: Boulton and Lines help a woman who discovers her husband is involved in a drugs deal
8.10 YOU'VE BEEN FRAMED
8.40 NOAH'S ARK (New)
9.35 FRIENDS (New)
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 FILM: A PERFECT WORLD (1993,15) Drama starring Kevin Kostner, Clint Eastwood and Laura Dern

THURSDAY 22ND JANUARY
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 STOP, LOOK, LISTEN 10.10 LANDMARKS
10.30 STAGE ONE
10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE RIDDLERS Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS
2.15 TRUST ME, I'M A DOCTOR
2.45 VANESSA
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.45 BERNARD'S WATCH
4.00 GET YOUR OWN BACK
4.30 BLUE PETER
4.55 THE PHOENIX AND THE CARPET
5.25 HOME AND AWAY
5.45 CALL MY BLUFF
6.15 EMMERDALE Paddy is put upon at work

BFBS Television programmes (cont)

6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 VETS IN PRACTICE
7.25 EASTENDERS Nigel is stunned when he discovers a secret
8.20 STRANGE BUT TRUE
8.50 WILDLIVES
9.00 MEN BEHAVING BADLY
9.30 HOTEL
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 THE LAKES
11.20 LATER WITH JOOLS HOLLAND

FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 MATHSBOOK 10.10 RAT-A-TAT-TAT 10.25 LOOK AND READ
10.45 WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 POTAMUS PARK Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS
2.15 CAT CRAZY

2.40 COMEDY CLASSIC: DAD'S ARMY
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.45 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
4.00 ARTHUR
4.25 PRINCE OF ATLANTIS
4.50 THE WEEK ON NEWSROUND
5.00 AQUILA
5.25 HOME AND AWAY
5.45 GLADIATORS
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS Sanjay continues to be puzzled by Gita's failure to return to Albert Square
7.50 DES O'CONNOR TONIGHT
8.45 DANGERFIELD
9.35 THIRD ROCK FROM THE SUN
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 CHALK
11.00 THIEFTAKERS
11.50 TFI FRIDAY
The up to date schedule can be found on the Teletext service of BFBS TV and also on BFBS Radio

YOUR PROGRAMMES FROM F.I.B.S.

SATURDAY January 17
6.00 News BFBS
6.03 Music Fill
6.30 Children's Corner
7.30 News and Sport from five live
7.40 Weather, Flights, Announcements
8.00 The Navy Lark Part 3
8.28 Rpt Weather & Flights
8.30 Tania Tickaram in concert
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.20 Music Fill
9.30 In the Psychiatrists Chair (Ken Dodd)
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News BFBS
SUNDAY January 18
5.00 News: BFBS
5.03 Music fill
5.15 Dessert Island Discs with Christopher Lee
6.00 Music Fill
6.30 Weather, flights, announcements
7.00 Church Service- Crishtchurch Cathedral
8.00 Wet Wet Wet Album Special
8.15 Folk Music Show
8.30 Repeat Weather & Flights
8.45 Folk Music Show
9.00 News Desk
9.28 Rpt. Weather & Flights
9.30 Short Story, Christina
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News BFBS
MONDAY January 19
10.03 Morning show - Corina
12.00 News and Sport BFBS
12.06 News Middy
12.09 Music fill
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30 B.F.B.S Programmes
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
6.00 Country Crossroads
6.30 Ian McKellen talks about acting in Shakespeare
7.00 The Goons CD collection
7.30 News and Sport
7.35 Weather, Flights, Announcements
8.00 Pop documentary - Radiohead
8.30 Multi strack hit list from BBC World Service
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt Weather and Flights
9.30 Short story - The late departure
10.00 News BFBS
TUESDAY January 20
10.03 Morning Show
12.00 News and Sport BFBS
12.06 Music Fill
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30 BFBS Programmes
5.03 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
5.30 News from St. Helena
5.45 Calling the Falklands
6.00 News Magazine
6.30 A little net music
7.30 News and Sports
7.35 Weather, Flights, Announcements
8.00 The Computer nut part 1
9.00 News desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt Weather & Flights
9.30 Repeat News Magazine

10.00 News BFBS
WEDNESDAY January 21
10.03 Morning show
12.00 News & Sport from BFBS
12.06 News Middy
12.09 Music Fill
12.15 Lunchtime Announcements
12.30 BFBS Programme
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
5.45 The Folk Show Rpt
6.30 After Albert - Drama
7.00 Announcers hour of music
7.30 News and Sport
7.35 Weather, Flights, Annos
8.00 Classics Hour
9.00 News Desk from BBC
9.28 Rpt, weather & flights
9.30 Village by the Sea
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News from BFBS
THURSDAY January 22
10.03 Morning Show
12.00 News & Sport from B.F.B.S.
12.06 News Middy
12.09 Music Fill
12.15 Lunchtime Announcements
12.30 BFBS Programme
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
5.30 A deal with disease
6.00 Bookclub - The Wimbledon Poisoner
7.30 News and Sport
7.35 Weather, Flights, Annos
8.00 Pot Luck with Myriam
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt weather and Flights
9.30 Cont. with Pot Luck
10.00 News BFBS
FRIDAY January 23
10.03 Morning Show
12.00 News & Sport from B.F.B.S.
12.06 Music Fill
12.15 Lunchtime Announcements,
12.30 BFBS Programmes
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The later afternoon show
5.45 Calling the Falklands
6.00 News Magazine
6.30 My top ten - Roger Taylor
7.30 News & Sport from Five live
7.35 Weather, Flights Annos
8.00 Announcers half hour
8.30 Country Crossroads
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt Weather and Flights
9.30 News Magazine rpt.
10.00 News B.F.B.S.
All programmes are subject to change.
Any changes will be broadcast on FIBS

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SATURDAY

0000 News & Steve Mason 0200 News & Rockumentary 0300 News & Sports N all 0500 News & Me Mark Page 0700 News & Weekend Gold 0800 News & Breakfast Show 1000 Sports n all 1200 News and David Rodigan 1400 News & Me Mark Page 1600 News & Forces Finest 1800 News & Rockumentary 1900 News & David Rodigan 2100 News & Steve Mason 2300 News & Richard Allinson
SUNDAY 0100 News & Something for the Weekend 0300 News & Pressure Drop 0400 News & Damian Watson 0700 News & Rockumentary 0800 News & Weekend Gold 1000 News 7 Something for the Weekend 1200 1200 News & Sunday Lunchtime Live 1400 News & Richard Allinson 1600 News & Damian Watson 1900 News & Weekend Gold 2100 News & Pressure Drop 2200 News & London Tonight
MONDAY 0000 London tonight continued 0100 News & In Concert 0200 News & Rockumentary 0300 News & Connect UK 0500 News & Early Breakfast 0600 News & Breakfast Show 0900 News & Gold 1000 News & FIBS Morning Show 1200 News & Announcements 1230 Jamie Gordon Live from BFBS UK 1300 News & Afternoon Show 1600 News & Connect 1800 News & Gold 1900 News & 2200 News & The Rockshow 2200 London Tonight
TUESDAY 0100 News & Force's Finest 0300 - 2000 As Monday 2000 News & Steve Mason 2200 News & London Tonight
WEDNESDAY 0100 News & John Peel 0300 - 2000 As Monday 2000 News & Force's Finest 2200 News & Santa Alton's Non Stop Xmas Eve Party
THURSDAY 0100 News & Cox & Bumfrey's Big Xmas Noise 0300 - 1200 As Monday 12 - 1400 News & Cox & Bumfrey's Big Xmas Noise 14 - 1600 Connect Uk 16 - 1800 Craig Charles 18 - 1900 Xmas Gold 1900 News & John Lennon Special 2200 News & JSanta Alton's Non Stop Xmas Day Party
FRIDAY 0100 News & David Rodigan 0300 - 1200 As Monday 12 - 1400 Richard Allinson's Most Wanted of 1997 14 - 1600 Connect Cyprus 16 - 1800 Craig Charles 18 - 1900 Boxing Day Gold 19 - 2200 News & Friday Dance Special 2200 News & Drum N Bass

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PROGRAMME GRID FOR CHANNEL 2

LOCAL	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	GMT				
00	On stage							03				
	Kaleidoscope	BBC	Radio	5	Live	Overnight	Progs					
01	On Stage	Archers	News and Archers					04				
	Newsday	Omnibus	BFBS Reports	Feature	SportsTalk	Counterpoint	Sitrep					
02	Week Service	Newsweek	News Week BBC World service					05				
	A Taste of N Ireland	Clydes Classics	Newsbriefing	and	Book Club	from	Radio 4	06				
04	Today	News/Papers	Today from BBC Radio 4					07				
	BBC Radio 4	Religion Music & Letter from						08				
05												
06	Sport on 4	America	World News	Pause for	Thought	and	Archers	09				
	Manx Mail	Morn Service	BFBS Reports	Feature	Sports Talk	Counterpoint	Sitrep					
07	Meridian	Archers	My Word					10				
	BFBS Reports	Omnibus	Woman's Hour News & Two's Company					11				
08	Short Story	Wired on 2						12				
	EuroFile	with gentle music						13				
09	McD & Co Ltd	The Words The Weekend	World	at	One	&	Sportlink	14				
			Short Story	Happy Days	Classic Review	Clydes Classics	McD & Co Ltd	15				
11			Music Trail	Days	Review	Classics		16				
12	on	Sunday	News/FM Show Kaleidoscope Archers					17				
	5	Sport	PM Programme from BBC Radio 4					18				
13		on						19				
		5	Main	News	of	the	Day	20				
15	David Mellor's 6-0-6	Meridian Counterpoint	Short Story	My Music	My Word	Ar/Vag/Min	Square One	21				
		Cydes Classics	Sports Talk	Happy Days	Review	Sitrep	Meridian	22				
17	Short Story	Sound Portrait	Tuesday Match	John Inverdale	Thursday Match	Short Play		23				
	On Stage	Short Play	from Radio 5	from Radio 5	from Radio 5	from Radio 5	from Radio 5	24				
19			The World Tonight and Book Club					25				
	Radio	Radio						26				
21	5							27				
	Live	Live						28				
23								29				
								30				
	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri					



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Lemon Sauce 280g
Ketchup Reduced Calorie
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2 Electrolux Upright Freezers (7.7 cubic feet) at £343.19; 2 Electrolux Refrigerators (8.5 cubic feet) at £335.68;
1 Whirlpool 12 Place Dishwasher at £353.69; 2 Hoover Washer/Dryers at £453.98;
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Hurry while stocks last!

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Pony's Pass in full production

NOW installed at Pony's Pass Quarry, having been commissioned in November of last year, a large and impressive array of new crushing equipment is in full production.

Talking to *Penguin News* Director of Public Works, Mr Mike Forrest, explained that the installation of this equipment was a major exercise, and involved many sections of the Public Works Department including the Design Section, Power and Electrical Section and all employees of the Asphalt and Quarry Sections. The private sector was involved with civil



work carried out by Gordon Forbes Construction and electricians from Chile through Mario Zuvic-Bulic.

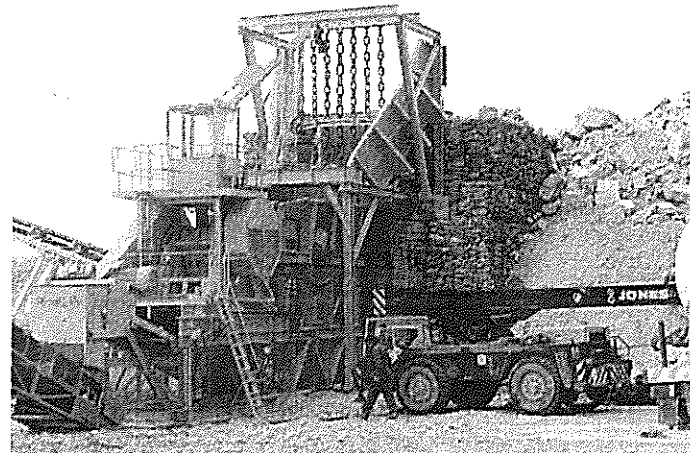
"These are impressive pieces of

machinery and the installation was a splendid team effort by all involved," said Mr Forrest.

In a press release from the DPW it is noted that, "The plant is now in full production and we are very pleased with it.

On January 8 some 1500 tonnes of aggregates were produced in one day. This should be compared to an average 2057 tonnes per week last year from the old crushing plant.

A new drill rig has been purchased and ARC Southern who assisted in the commissioning programme, are now involved with implementing quality assurance, maintenance regimes, and training for staff. With this new equipment, and the positive attitude of the team at Pony's Pass Quarry, PWD will now be able to meet the increased demands of the construction industry for some time ahead."



Searching for sunshine? ... then head West

HISTORICALLY, the west side of West Falkland has been known as having a different weather pattern to many other areas, and in particular East Falkland. With this in mind, and in the light of the particularly high rainfall recorded at MPA in December, Ian Strange of New Island provides a report from his part of the extreme West Falklands.

New Island is no exception to the theory of differing weather patterns, and may even in time be shown as having a pattern different to other parts of the West, including even neighbouring islands such as Beaver and Weddell Islands. Cloud cover is generally less on New Island, probably resulting in higher sunshine levels and lower rainfall. Weather data collection is viewed as an important facet of the New Island (South) Reserve projects and has been gathered for some years. Rainfall for the island is of particular interest, and has been known to be much lower than for most areas, evident by type and form of vegetation and even for the wildlife found on this island.

Records for the last three years give some interesting facts as follows:

low:

In 1995 the annual rainfall was 290mm (some 11.5 inches) - an exceptionally wet year with an unusual 20mm falling in one day, on 29 December 1995. (MPA 658.8).

In 1996 the annual rainfall was 201mm (some 8 inches). (MPA 545.2)

In 1997 the rainfall was 236mm (just over 9 inches). (MPA 681.5)

The average for the three years

was 242mm or some 9.5 inches.

Figures for this last December show rainfall on the island of 45mm, against 20mm for 1996 which is much higher, but not compared with the 51mm recorded for December 1995.

In an attempt to maintain accurate data, two automatic rain gauges are used in two locations; the variation between the two is between 5 and 10mm per annum.

Public Notice - Vacancy Temporary Clerk

The Falkland Islands Government has an immediate vacancy for a Temporary Clerk in the Public Works Department for a period of approximately three months.

Preference will be given to candidates who have previous clerical experience and who hold qualifications in word processing and GCSE in English Language and Mathematics of Grade C or above. A pleasant manner when dealing with the general public is essential. The main duties of the post include: processing wages for the hourly paid staff, ordering stock, town hall bookings, typing and other office duties as required.

Salary will be in Grade H which commences at £8,964 per annum. Interested persons should contact the Chief Clerk, Public Works Department, Mrs Wendy Wylie on telephone 27192 for further details. Application forms are available from the Secretariat and completed forms should be returned to the Human Resources Department, Secretariat, no later than 4.00pm on Friday 23rd January 1998.

Weather for December

DECEMBER 1997 was a record breaking month for all the wrong reasons. It was the wettest and least sunny on record. It was also the second coldest with the lowest maximum temperature on record. With weather records at RAF Mount Pleasant only going back to June 1986 one should not be unduly surprised when records are broken. However, what makes December 1997 remarkable is the extent by which each was broken.

Temperature: The mean maximum temperature of 11.9 Deg C was well below the average of 14.0 Deg C and the lowest since records began. What stopped it being the coldest December on record was the fact that the mean minimum temperature of 4.9 Deg C was only just below the average of 5.4 Deg C. The highest daily maximum temperature recorded was only 16.8 Deg C on the 24th making it the lowest December maximum temperature on record, the previous lowest maximum for December being 17.5 Deg C in 1991. The lowest minimum temperature of 1.0 Deg C was recorded on the 21st.

Rainfall: The monthly rainfall total of 146.2mm (the average is 62.4mm) made it not only the wettest December on record but also the wettest month on record. The previous wettest December was in 1995 with 79.8mm and the previous wettest month was June 1990 with 122.9mm. The highest daily total was 43.6mm on the 27th making it the second wettest day on record.

Snow: There were 5 days of snow or sleet which compares quite closely with the monthly average of 3 days. There were no days on which snow was reported as lying.

Sunshine: December's sunshine total of 161.3 hours was a record low total, the previous lowest total being 202.1 hours in 1990, and it was some 30% down on the average of 229.1 hours. The sunniest day was the 22nd with 11.5 hours. There were 3 days on which no sunshine was recorded.

Wind/Gales: It was a slightly less windy December than average there being just one day of gales compared with an average of 3, and the mean hourly wind speed for the month 14.4 knots was a little down on the average of 16.0 knots. The highest gust of 56 knots occurred on the 12th.

WEATHER STATISTICS

Long term averages for Stanley (1962-81) are shown in parenthesis. Temperatures are in degrees Celsius, winds are in knots, rainfall in millimetres and sunshine in hours. Highest daily maximum temperature 16.8 (22.6) Lowest daily minimum 1.0 (-1.1) Mean daily maximum temperature 11.9 (12.7) Mean daily minimum temperature 4.9 (4.9) Total monthly rainfall 146.2 (59.9). Total monthly sunshine 161.3 (218.0) Number of days with rain 20 (19) Number of days with snow 5 (2) Number of days with snow lying 0 (0) Number of days with fog 0 (2) Number of days with air frost 0 (1) Number of days with hail 8 (3) Number of days with thunderstorms 0 (1) Number of days with gales 1 (5) Number of days with gusts 34Kts or more 15 (21) highest gust 56 (68)

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Oil matters

Site Surveys

DUE to very poor weather conditions offshore throughout December, progress for *MV L'Espoir* has been slow with regard to site survey data collection. The vessel moved from Tranche A, licensed to Amerada Hess (Falkland Islands) Ltd., to IPC Falklands Ltd. acreage in Tranche F on 8th January.

The vessel came to Stanley on 10th January for a crew change and is continuing with survey work for members of FOSA.

Joint Operators' Meeting

Eighteen oil industry representatives plan to attend a meeting in Stanley with Falkland Islands Government officials on Tuesday 27th January. Members attending will update the meeting on their activities and progress with preparations for offshore drilling is expected to begin by mid-year.

There will also be an opportunity for subjects such as legal and tax issues, health and safety and infrastructure requirements to be discussed. There will be a press conference with the local media at

the conclusion of the meeting.

A number of geologists from the oil companies will remain in the Islands to participate on a geological field-trip in selected areas of the Islands.

Environmental Matters

A successful meeting of the Falkland Islands Exploration and Production Environmental Forum was held in early December under the able chairmanship of Professor Alasdair McIntyre and organised by the Environmental Planning Department. The oil companies made presentations on their drilling Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Oil Spill Contingency Plans and progress with environmental monitoring work was discussed. The next meeting of the Forum is planned for a date in late March.

The drilling EIA has been printed for public comment in the Falkland Islands Government Gazette. Representations from the public have been received by the Governor and have been passed to the oil companies to reply. It is expected that Executive Coun-

Legislative Council Question for Written Answer Will Falklands benefit from fall in world fuel price?

IN a recent question for written answer to the Chief Executive, Councillor John Birmingham asked, "In the light of the world fuel price falling by 27% (as reported in *Penguin News* on the 19th December) in 1997. Can the Honourable Chief Executive as Chairman of Stanley Services give an indication as to when the Falkland Islands will benefit from this fall?"

In reply the Chief Executive said, "The price of fuel oil within the Falklands is controlled by a formula that ensures value for money to the public. Thus, if the total cost of fuel in the pump declines, in general terms the price to the consumer will decline automatically.

The 27% drop in price referred to in the *Penguin News* was not indicative of a decline in the world fuel price but, as was clear in the article, it represented the spot market for a barrel of Brent crude which is only one source of the raw material and represents only a small proportion of the total retail price.

However it is to be hoped that the price in the North Sea has an impact on the South American market, which is where most of our cost is generated and if that does occur, then we will see a benefit."

Public Notice

Vacancy - Part-time Laboratory Technician

Applications are invited to fill the part time position of Laboratory Technician at the Falkland Islands Community School.

The post principally involves the preparation of equipment and solutions for practical work by the students in the laboratory, stock control and monitoring the conditions of the equipment.

This would be suited to a mature person who is able to work with the minimum of supervision and with some scientific background. Previous experience of working in a laboratory would be helpful but is not essential as training will be given.

The successful candidate will be required to work six hours per day, five days a week during term time, plus four weeks of preparation (a total of 1260 hours per annum). Salary will range from £5.22 to £6.52 per hour depending on qualifications and previous relevant experience.

For further details of this post, please contact Mrs Joyce Shorrocks at the Falkland Islands Community School.

Application forms and a job description are available from the Human Resources Department, Secretariat, and completed forms should be returned to that department by 4.00 pm on Wednesday 28th January 1998.

News of the Falkland Islands Offshore Oil Exploration from the Department of Oil



Above: *MV L'Espoir* (vessel used by FOSA, to undertake site surveys in the tranches north of the Falklands).

Photo: FIG/FIGAS.

cil will consider the drilling EIA, written representations and an external review commissioned by FIG, at a meeting in late January.

Arrival of Equipment for the Exploration Drilling Programme

4000 tonnes of supplies and equipment for the oil industry are due to arrive on the Hogg Robinson charter vessel in mid-February followed by a further shipment in March. The vessels are loading the items directly from Aberdeen dock.

Mr Phil Callimore, General Manager for Stanley/CSM will arrive in Stanley in time to attend meetings with oil companies and FIG during the week of the joint meeting in Stanley.

Visit by Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and Dolphin Drilling Representatives

Mr Robert Paterson and Mr Bill Miller of the Aberdeen Offshore Division of HSE will undertake training of Fisheries, Police and Fire Service Officers during the

first week of February. Dolphin Drilling representatives will also assist HSE with the training of local staff. Officers receiving training could be required to attend an incident on a rig when operating in Falklands waters to make an initial report prior to an HSE inspector arriving from the United Kingdom.

Mr. David Lesley, Dolphin Drilling's Technical Superintendent, will be in the Islands in late January. Mr. Lesley will be the Dolphin representative resident on the Islands during the drilling programme. Mr Per Johansson, Rig Manager and Mr Allan Grindlay, Drilling Project Engineer will be Stanley in early February and will join HSE at the public presentation.

A date for your diary

HSE, and Dolphin Drilling will hold a public presentation on their planned operations in the Falkland Islands on Thursday 5 February from 6 - 7 pm in the Geography Room of the Community School.

Mrs. P. M. Rendell
Director of Oil

Kapitan Vega *continued from front page.*

This initial contract has been placed by LASMO International on behalf of the Falklands Operators Sharing Agreement who share *Borgny Dolphin*. The oil rig will drill five wells north of the Falklands for the operators, with an option to drill more if required.

This initial supply shipment involves at least two companies which are already active in the Islands. The *Kapitan Vega* is being operated by Hogg Robinson Shipping Services and Stanley/CSM.

Apart from a drilling supply base in Stanley, the British-Falklands joint venture will provide plant and equipment, office and living accommodation, and international procurement. They will also act as agents for air and sea communications.

While Stanley Services has no experience in the oil industry, CSM is involved in the support

of international oil and gas operations world-wide. Its 300 employees are working in the Caspian Sea region, Latin America, Canada, Africa and the Far East.

CSM today appeared delighted with the first evidence that their Falklands activity is commencing. Speaking in Aberdeen, Managing Director, Toni Cardale, said: "The Falklands Joint Venture represents another important step in our development as a leader in oil industry supply chain management."

The departure of the *Kapitan Vega* is the first of many likely supply shipments, which can be expected to increase in frequency when drilling commences in May. A second ship carrying chemicals, drilling mud and other essential drilling supplies is already scheduled to leave Scotland in February.

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The Stanley Arms Trophy was competed for on 11 January 1998. Scores from a possible of 150 were as follows:

G Cheek 136

C McCallum 135

D Pettersson 134

K Aldridge 134

H Ford 130

The competition for Sunday 18 January will be the Wimbledon Cup. Shooting over 3.5, 6, 900 and 1000 yards, 7 rounds at each.

STANLEY GOLF CLUB

A nice selection of prizes attracted a high quality field for the Fortuna sponsored medal competition last Sunday. Kevin Clapp continued his recent run of good form by taking 1st place with a 66, followed home by Peter Coombe on 68 and Captain Barry Smith with a net 70. Robert Titterton and new member Joe Baines won the best front and back nine prizes with Alex Smith taking both nearest the pins. Dusty Miller powered the ball a prodigious distance with his 1 iron for the longest drive award. The Clubs' thanks and appreciation go to Fortuna for sponsoring an excellent days' golf. Next Sunday is Captains Day which will be a 36 hole competition with tee off times of 9am and 2pm so please arrive by 8.45am. To ensure everyone maintains the pace, sandwiches and cakes will be available for lunch and Barry will be providing a BBQ for members and their families after the event. A day not to be missed or forgotten.

PERSONAL



To my Little Sis Melissa Have a great 18th. Sorry I can't be there but will drink your health anyway. Love always Clint

To Melissa. Happy 18th for 16th January. Hope the hangover is not too bad. Love from Mum and Patrick

To Daniel Ford. Happy birthday for today lots of love Ally, Lenny and Wade

NOTICES

A very good gathering enjoyed the first Auction Bridge evening of 1998, on the 14th. Prize winners were: 1st Mrs E Vidal & Mrs D Clarke
2nd Mrs R Duncan & S Smith
Booby F Jackson & T Pettersson
The Whist Drives recommence next Wednesday 21st January, with bridge every alternate Wednesday. In the Day centre.
ALL WILL BE MOST WELCOME

From the Darwin Harbour Sports Association
The 1998 Sports Meeting will be held at Goose Green from Sunday 22nd - Thursday 26th February. Entries for Dog Trials and Sheep Shearing Competitions to Diana on Tel: 32244 or Lindsay on Tel: 32280 by 7th February. Please book your accommodation with your hosts in Goose Green by this date also. Could anybody holding a Challenge Trophy return them to the Secretary at the earliest opportunity. Admission to the Prize Giving Dance on Thursday 26th will be by ticket only. Tickets can be purchased at the meeting. All visitors are respectfully reminded that no pet dogs are permitted on the farm.

Postscript: The Family

In the formative process of our young generation, the family is indispensable. The family is the appropriate environment for their human formation. From the example of the parents depends to a large degree the moral character of their children: they assimilate it from the kind of relations which the parents foster within the family nucleus and towards those outside it. The family is the first school of living, and the influence received inside the family is decisive for the future development of the individual.

VACANCY

INVITATION TO TENDER

The Falkland Islands Government invites tenders from suitably experienced contractors for the provision of security services and also for general cleaning services at FIPASS. Tender documents containing the full details of these two projects, and contract conditions, can be obtained from the FIPASS manager.

COMMUNITY CLASS TUTORS REQUIRED

Before beginning a new year class schedule of the tried and tested courses, we are anxious to recruit new tutors.
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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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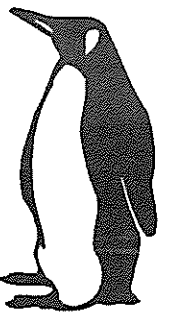
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Latest Addis search ends in disappointment

THE latest phase in a series of searches for the body of Marine Addis, who went missing in the North Arm area fifteen years ago, has ended, as did the others, in disappointment.

Bad weather fails to stop Next-of-kin visit

THE first Next-of-kin visit of 1998 took place this week with fifteen relatives of Argentine war dead making the flight from Buenos Aires on Wednesday, January 21.

Though the flight was delayed because of adverse weather conditions it arrived in time for the group to travel to the Darwin based Argentine Cemetery for an initial visit. Later the party moved on to Darwin House where they stayed the night, as have previous Next-of-kin groups.

A second visit to the cemetery took place on Thursday, January 21, where a service of remembrance was conducted by the accompanying priest, Father Miquel Hrymacz, before the party returned to Mount Pleasant Airport and boarded their specially chartered plane to return to the Argentine capital.

No new 'line' on Falklands expected at US bought out Buenos Aires Herald

THE only English language newspaper in Argentina, *The Buenos Aires Herald*, was recently bought out one hundred percent by its major shareholder, a US conglomerate, The Carlestone Publishing Company. The *Herald* which is internationally respected for its independent editorial line and its struggle in defence of human rights (particularly during the last Argentine military dictatorship) has for many years paid close attention to the relationship between the Falklands, Britain and Argentina, publishing a plethora of stories and editorials on the subject.

Ex Editor of the Buenos Aires Herald, Nicholas Tozer, (presently in the Islands as a *Herald* contributor, covering the subject of the Argentine next of kin visit) and author of the majority of past editorials regarding the Falklands, commented that despite the buyout, he did not foresee the newspapers'

Superintendent Ken Greenland of the Royal Falkland Islands Police confirmed on January 22 that the search team were, "Just about to leave North Arm and had found nothing." The investigation which included on this occasion the use of a specially trained sniffer dog and ground penetrating radar equipment, involved searches of areas declared of particular suspicion by the local Police.

FIA win FOSA contract

LOCAL director of Falkland Islands Airways (FIA) Mr Mike Summers, recently confirmed that FIA had been awarded the contract for the provision of fixed wing services in support of FOSA drilling operations in the Falkland Islands.

The contract which was awarded by oil company, Shell, who are responsible within FOSA for obtaining fixed wing and helicopter services, will involve the movement of oil rig workers between the Islands and Britain, using a 737 aircraft. The initial contract will be for one year, with provisions for an extension, however, should there be no extension Mr Summers reiterated the company held belief that there would

be sufficient other business to support the air route. From the inaugural flight on April 2, 1998 passengers not related to the FOSA contract will be able to travel on Falkland Islands Airways.

The draft schedule for the FIA flights, said Mr Summers, involves the aircraft spending two nights at Mount Pleasant Airport before leaving each Saturday afternoon for Montevideo, and on thence to Sao Paulo where passengers would link with a British Airways flight taking them to London (arriving early Sunday morning). Southbound passengers would leave Gatwick Airport near London at 10.15 on a Thursday morning and arrive at 11.55 the same night. Asked whether oil business passengers

would take precedence over others, Mr Summers said, "only to the extent that we have a contract to move 30 oil business employees a week." That is, if the companies wish to move more they will be treated on the same basis as other passengers. In a recent press release, Mr Summers said, "The terms of the invitation to tender and our bid allow for the carriage of other passengers on the flights, and we are delighted that this business will contribute greatly to our plans to set up a regular scheduled air service between the Falklands and Montevideo/Sao Paulo. Our negotiations with British Airways to conclude a franchise agreement are ongoing and remain positive."

Falkland Islands Airways also have an interest in taking over the weekly Falklands/Punta Arenas route as undertaken by Lanchile, and talks are likely to take place on this subject. However, in a report on FIBS, Mr Summers is reported to have said that should Lanchile be reluctant to give up the route then FIA will not operate in competition.

FORMER Rider Cup Captain, **Bernard Gallacher**, has kept his promise to send golf clubs for use by the children of the Islands.

Four sets, complete with bags, were presented to the children at an informal ceremony at the Community School on Tuesday, January 20.

Among those present were HE the Governor and Councillor Mike Summers.



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AT the risk of encountering the wrath of some, I feel obliged to tentatively admit some grudging respect for the degree of imagination involved in the latest Argentine 'Falklands' seduction' concept. (Referring, of course, to *Frepaso's*, "daring project," as it has been dubbed, to seduce Falkland Islanders by converting Patagonia into a bilingual territory, with British universities, attractive economic opportunities etc. etc...)

While I would confidently predict (always remembering it is highly unlikely that the project will ever come to fruition) that the ultimate goal of integrating the Falklands into Argentine Patagonia would be as unsuccessful as di Tella's approach, it is possible that *Frepaso's* sub-plot - the improving of relations between the Islands and Argentina - could score a few points off the Peronists' past attempts. While it is an easy matter to dismiss the present Argentine Foreign Minister's gifts and attempts at creating an ambience of familiarity, between himself and us, as patronising.. insulting even (in view of the Argentine claim) - resistance to highly attractive business propositions or educational opportunities in a region made more culturally compatible with our own lifestyle might prove for some to be more difficult.

IF readers will excuse the sudden leap from the subject of imaginative vision, to blinkered garbage, journalist Simon Jenkins, after, I presume, a short time in the company of a few articulate Argentines, gave the appearance in his article for *The Times* (*FIBS Jan 16 and PN see page 5*) to have fallen into the trap of believing himself something of an authority on the Argentine/Falklands situation. With tiresome predictability the journalist trumpeted Argentina's transformation into a democratic and prosperous nation as a reason for Islanders, having spent many years transforming their own land into a similar state under the auspices of one country, only to hand over the reins to another. Mr Jenkins may perceive this as a sensible argument, but I humbly admit to being defeated by his logic.



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What happens to our computers in 2000?

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Apparently, if the expensive business of reprogramming computers within the next twelve months is not completed, there could be a catastrophe for Governments and business. Banks could lose track of your money (or credit you with 100 years of interest - very doubtful). Governments and business may be unable to pay salaries and pensions; failure of telecommunications and satellite navigation could occur and literally any system which is computerised and date dependent will, or could, fail, even to the extent of closing down and losing all records.

According to some experts it does not have to be date related, even microwaves, videos, hair dryers and other mundane items could be affected if they have this silicon chip.

It would be interesting to hear the comments of our Government and administrators on the matter. Does anything need to be done to the computers in the Islands, and who can do it? Or, have all the computers already been reprogrammed, or whatever it is that is needed?

However, every cloud has a silver lining, and if we do get this total collapse hopefully our Argentine friends will be having the same problem, and will be too busy sorting it out to worry about getting their flag flying over the Islands by the year 2000. Or maybe not.. It could be that President Menem has foreseen all the possible chaos and it fits in with his "by 2000" forecast.

Good news, bad news.. which will we get first.

One thing we can be sure of, and that is if there is a collapse by government computers, the poor old Chief Executive will be as popular as a pork chop in a synagogue.

Ben Claxton
Stanley

Jim shines a light on Falklands' weather

WEARING a rather old hat, I might be able to shine a little light on Ian Strange's assertion (PN Jan 16) that New Island weather is drier and sunnier than places further east - a diversion, perhaps, from the regular topics of fishing, oil and di Tella. Roddy on West Point and Rob on Carcass will probably have their own views as to which island is really the best, though in a dryness/sunniest league table, one of the Jansons would probably come out on top.

A glance at a map will show the marked sheltering effect created in the region by the Andes and Southern Patagonia, which geographers call "rain shadow." This effect is most marked towards the mainland, and weakens eastwards across the Islands.

There are numerous types of weather systems which contribute to the total annual rainfall at any one site, but two are dominant over the Falklands. The first is rainfall associated with typically North Westerly winds produced by depressions moving quickly eastwards in latitude bands close to the Falklands. The second is due to squalls and showers which form in cold South or South West air-streams.

Further, and at the risk of becoming very tedious, depressions sometimes slow down temporarily and deepen to the east of the Falklands, and together with a gradually lengthening sea track (more moisture) both the duration and the intensity of rain can be accentuated over the East. Then in a South or South West flow, Staten Island and the "toe" of Tierra del Fuego are sufficient to shelter the outer western islands, whilst the remainder of the Falklands are affected by streams of showers.

Rainfall measurements were taken from several settlements, chiefly during the 50's and 60's. Sadly the records were often short, with broken periods, so that comparisons are almost impossible, and I recall that some data were something of a puzzle.

Finally, as there are very few sunshine records apart from Stanley (and now MPA) a longer record from a site in the west is needed before meaningful comparisons can be made. Increased cloudiness associated with mountains is also probably greater in the east, but that's another story...

Jim Elliot
Stanley

Write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley, Falkland Islands

Thanks mate for saving my life !

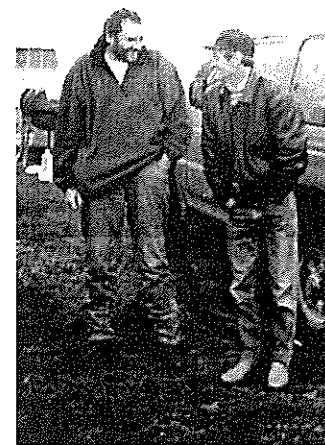
I SUPPOSE it is not every day a stranger wanders up to you at a Camp function, asks your name, then proceeds to shake hands and in a strange accent, thank you for saving their life!

I wondered what response this approach would bring when I greeted Roy Ross with it, and was pleasantly surprised when Roy said, "You're Ken Barnes.... I've often thought about you over the years."

Some 37 years ago Roy and myself attended Port Howard School, and in the way of young boys we ignored fairly explicit instructions and decided to play with a couple of boats in the reservoir behind the settlement.

The inevitable happened, which involved me beginning my diving career a few years earlier than most. My last memory of this career move was trying to drink the stream dry!

My next memory was of water pouring out of me after Roy had had the presence of mind to drag me out of the water before running for help.



Old friends Ken and Roy meet up after many years

Returning home after 34 years in New Zealand I took the opportunity to catch up with the man who played a fairly significant role in my life.

So on behalf of my family and myself, thanks a lot mate.

Ken Barnes

Official visits to the Falklands

Lloyd visit postponed for the present

MINISTER of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Mr Tony Lloyd, will not be visiting the Islands as planned for the end of February 1998. The Governor confirmed on FIBS recently that, "pressing matters," on the part of the Minister, meant the visit had had to be postponed for the present. However, he was confident that the visit would take place, "in due course."

UN visitor

Councillors have invited to the Falklands the First Secretary of the British Diplomatic Mission in New York (United Nations), Kate Smith. Ms Smith will be discussing tactics regarding the councilors approach to the Decolonisation Committee of 24. HE the Governor explained that this was not a, "UN fact finding mission," as had been rumoured but in this case will involve normal consultation between councilors and an expert on, "how to handle the Committee of 24."

"We are not intending to raise the stakes at the Committee of 24," he added, "however, at the same time, we do not want to lose any ground."

Ms Smith will arrive at the beginning of February.

FCO visitors

Around the same time as the visit of Ms Kate Smith, Martin Reynolds, a new face in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, South Atlantic Department, will also arrive in the Islands.

Mr Reynolds who has some involvement in the business of the Committee of 24 will be familiarising himself with the Islands, as members of that department are encouraged to do. Two British diplomats from Buenos Aires will visit the Falklands simultaneously, and will hopefully, said the Governor, "go away better informed."



The two latest Islands' residents to qualify as Falklands Tour Guides are Carolyn Normand and John Leonard, who received their certificates at the offices of the Falkland Islands Development Corporation on January 16. Left: Benny Reid, Hugh Normand (Manager of FIDC) Fiona Didlick, Carolyn Normand, John Leonard and, John Fowler (Director of Tourism).

Remembering the Reverend Harry Bagnall

IT is with sadness we report the death of the Reverend Harry Bagnall on January 18. The Reverend was the former incumbent at Christchurch Cathedral between 1979 and 1986.



Harry and Iris Bagnall in 1982

His funeral will take place on January 16 (family and flowers only) and in memory of him, those who wish to, may make a donation to Cancer Research via his widow Iris.

Reverend Bagnall (who retired from the church in 1995) and his wife Iris, will be remembered with warmth in the Islands, and particularly for their good works during the Falklands conflict in 1982.

After the conflict, Reverend Bagnall wrote the book, "Faith under Fire," (published by Marshalls) in which the foreword was written by Sir Rex Hunt.

Sir Rex wrote, "As a member of the Reverend Harry Bagnall's pastoral flock and a fellow-Yorkshireman, it gives me great pleasure to write this short foreword. Harry and Iris beat me to the Falkland Islands by only a short head but, by the time I arrived in February 1980, they were already well settled in and seemed to me to be a permanent feature of the Stanley scene. I could not then and cannot now imagine Stanley and Christ Church Cathedral without them."

Extract from *Faith under Fire* by the Reverend Harry Bagnall

(April 2, 1982) THE hospital, a single-storey brick building with a wooden annexe, is at the end of Ross Road, and is only 150 yards or so from Government House. It was an odd feeling to be so near to the focal point of the morning's fighting, and to know that inside, it was no longer Rex Hunt who was the person in charge of the Island's affairs.

The atmosphere in the hospital was very tense. There were not many people in at the time; most of them were long-stay patients, chiefly elderly people. Father Monaghan and I went round each of them, comforting them and talking with them. They were extremely distressed, and afraid. Some were in tears, others sat hunched up in bed staring bleakly ahead. Most of the fighting and firing had been very near to them, and considering that they had witnessed high explosive artillery, machine gun fire and flashes and explosions of all kinds, it was remarkable that they were as composed as we found them. Our ministry to them was a matter of taking hold of them and caressing them physically and verbally, giving them some strength and encouragement. There were about six or seven patients in all. We prayed with individuals who asked for prayer, and we stayed for about an hour before leaving.

Public Notice

Vacancy - Clerk in the Post Office

APPLICATIONS are invited to fill a vacancy for the established post of Clerk in the Post Office.

The main duties of the post will involve sorting and franking mail but some counter work will be required from time to time when the Counter Clerks are on leave. A smart appearance and a pleasant manner when dealing with the general public will be essential.

The successful candidate will be required to work a basic 37½ hour week from Monday to Friday. Actual hours of work may need to be flexible as the Post Office remains open through the lunch hour. Overtime may be required on some Friday evenings and Saturday mornings to sort and distribute airmail.

Salary for the post will be Grade G and range from £10,176 to £12,720. Entry point will depend upon age, qualifications and previous relevant experience.

Further details of this position may be obtained from the Postmaster, Mr Jimmy Stephenson, during normal office hours. Application forms are available from the Human Resources Department, Secretariat, Completed application forms should be forwarded to the Chairman Appointments Board, by 4-00pm on Monday 26th January 1998.

Public Notice

Vacancy - Special Needs Teacher - Infant/Junior School

AN experienced primary teacher is required in April 1998 to be the Special Education Needs Coordinator at the Stanley Infant/Junior School. This post involves co-ordinating special needs provision throughout the school and does not include a full class responsibility.

Specific details of the post can be obtained by contacting Mrs Jean Smith, Headteacher, on telephone 27294 at the Infant/Junior School.

Salary will be £21,336 per annum for a teacher with three to five years experience and £22,644 per annum for a teacher with more than 5 years experience.

Application forms and further information are available from the Human Resources Department. Applicants should state clearly those areas of Primary teaching in which they are experienced as well as any areas of special interest they have outside teaching.

Completed forms should be returned to the Human Resources Department, Secretariat by 4.00 pm on Monday 2nd February 1998.

Vacancy - Trainee Computer Technician

APPLICATIONS are invited to fill the vacancy of Trainee Computer Technician in the Computer Section of the Falkland Islands Government.

Duties involve installing and maintaining Government's computer hardware, advising departments in how to use their software, designing databases for efficient record keeping and accounting purposes and checking and evaluating new software.

This post offers an excellent opportunity for a young person who has an interest in and sound knowledge of computers. Minimum qualifications required for this position are good GCSE passes in Maths, Physics and Computer Studies.

Salary is in Grade G ranging from £10,176 to £12,720 per annum, entry point being dependent on the successful applicant's qualifications and previous relevant experience.

Interested persons should contact the Computer Co-ordinator, Mr Mike Peake, on telephone number 27107, for further details. Application forms and a job description are available from the Human Resources Department, Secretariat and completed forms should be returned to that Department no later than 4.00 pm on Wednesday 28th January 1998.

Public Notice - Masterpiece Millennium Collection

TO commemorate the new Millennium from a numismatic viewpoint the Falkland Islands, along with other countries, has been invited by the Royal Mint to participate in The Masterpiece Millennium Collection. The collection will consist of 24 silver proof coins. The coins are to be offered to collectors subscribing at the rate of one per month from the beginning of 1999 to the end of 2000.

The Commissioners of Currency have agreed to participate subject to the approval of the specifications. It is likely that the specifications will match the UK £2 bi-colour coin. With this in mind the Commissioners of Currency invite ideas and sketches from members of the public for an original design for the reverse of this most exciting collectors piece.

Please submit your ideas and sketches to the Treasury no later than the end of February 1998 for consideration by the Commissioners and the Royal Mint. Subject to further approvals it is intended that a base metal coin would also be issued as legal tender for general circulation. The prize for having your design accepted will be to see it each time you handle the new coins for as many years as you survive the next millennium!

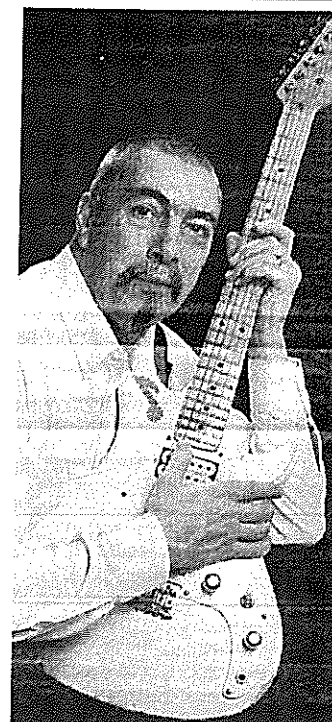
Stanley Co-operative Society

New Stock Arriving on Board M.V. Anne Boye

H.S. Custard Creams 400g
H.S. Chocles 200g
H.S. Orange Creams 250g
Cheese Thins 150g
Walkers Crisps
Pepsi & Pepsi Max 2 ltr
7 Up & 7 Up Light 1.5 ltr
H.S. Meadow Fresh Spread 250g
Wrights Coal Tar Soap 6 x 125g
Cad. Star Bar
Kellogg's Corn Flakes 500g, 750g, 1 kg
Des. Coconut 250g
Fruit Salad 375g
Japanese Rice Cracker Mix 500g & 50g
Sunflower Seeds 250g
Bean Mix 500g

H.S. Coconut Rings 300g
H.S. Digestive Creams 200g
Coconut Creams 250g
Double Choc. Chip Cookies 200g
Royal Edinburgh Shortbread
H/Pride Flour Plain & S.R. 1.5kg
Persil Washing up Liquid 500ml
H.S. Cheese Spread 85g & 150g
Cad. old Jamaica Classic 100g
Cad. Frys Peppermint Cream
Bran Flakes 500g
Sultanas 500g & 1 kilo
Block Dates 250g
Crunchy Muesli 1 kilo
Sesame Seeds 250g
L & P Worcester Sauce Mix

The Fighting Pig Band reveal their plans to bring Southampton based Bluesman, Bob Pearce, to the Falkland Islands this year



Hard hitting Blues singer, Bob Pearce, lists Sonny Boy Williamson, Bo Carter and Blind Willie McTell as his favourite artists and influences.

Pigs get the blues

"TO give our audience a change and hopefully inspire other musicians as did Jeff Rich," is the Fighting Pig Band's motivation for bringing professional Southampton Blues Singer, Bob Pearce, to the Falklands in March of this year.

Fighting Pig, Pete King, told Penguin News that the well respected and well travelled, Bob Pearce, agreed that a week of gigs in the Falklands sounded like a "great idea," when he was approached by a band member recently.

Pete first came across Bob, "some years ago in a Blues pub, The Onslow, in Southampton." Impressed with the artist he chatted with Bob after the gig when buying his album. After that, said Pete, whenever I was in Southampton I would try and get to see him perform. Eventually, during a visit to Britain last year, the Fighting Pigs proffered an invitation for Bob to visit the Islands.

Bob Pearce (52) is Southampton born, and began singing with local R&B bands in 1962, taking up the harmonica after hearing a record by Sonny Boy Williamson in a record store. Bob is described as, "really shining," during his live

performances, so much so that he has been in demand by visiting US blues artists such as Carey Bell, Louisiana Red, and Wild Child Butler, to work for them as bandleader on their tours. Bob takes his blues to many places, touring Ireland, Belgium, France, The Netherlands, Italy and most recently the USA, where he performed a string of dates in Texas, a couple of shows in New Orleans and recorded his latest album.

Performing live has its dangers, in an interview for The Daily Echo (Southampton) he recalled one particular gig many years ago at the old Nursling and Rownhams Village Hall, "My most embarrassing moment on stage happened

there. I was in the middle of *Whole Lotta Shaking Goin' On*, appropriately enough, when I took it into my head to swing on the stage curtains which hung from a brass rail. Jumping up, I swung for about two feet before the whole lot came crashing down."

Described as a man who produces, "hard hitting, tough, no frills authentic blues," Bob will bring his music to the Falklands on March 3, leaving again on March 11.

As yet, the Fighting Pigs haven't arranged a schedule, but they predict some excellent gigs, and at the end of the day, "hope to have a lot of fun and perhaps break even."

The British music press think Bob Pearce is....

"Unpretentious, genuine, dignified and totally dedicated.. arguably the closest thing to a real dyed-in-the-wool bluesman we have in the country..."

"Way, way above the standard of most British blues..."

"Definitely recommended..."

"The real blues..."

"Hard hitting, tough, no frills, authentic blues."

Late letter

Wise to the mind behind a charm offensive?

AFTER reading the letter from the Argentine Foreign Minister last week, and his remark about not having yet convinced his wife about a visit, I have to say that I could very easily respect her hesitation. After many years now, she must surely be wise to the mind behind a "charm offensive."

Nick Pitaluga
Gibraltar Station

Penpal wanted

MRS Susan Duffy, a Northumbrian farmer would love to exchange news and views with a penpal in the Falklands. Please write to Elishaw Farm, Otterburn, Newcastle Upon Tyne, England

Islanders in Britain respond to Times opinion on Argentine claim to Falklands

A CONTROVERSIAL article written by journalist, Simon Jenkins, regarding the Falklands and Argentina which appeared in the *The Times* on January 10 recently provoked responses from ex Falklands Governor, Sir Rex Hunt, and the Falkland Islands Representative in London, Ms Sukey Cameron.

The article, headlined, *Tango diplomacy*, explores the pre-1982 conflict relationship between Britain and Argentina, Jenkins commenting, "British and Argentinian diplomats were negotiating a lease-back before the invasion... That (diplomatic) dance had been continuing for a decade before 1982; an agreement here, a *démarche* there, an advance, a sway... it was a necessary prelude to an eventual deal."

Later in the article he opines, "One day a democratic Argentina will assume responsibility for the Falklands, with guarantee of autonomy under a sovereignty treaty or some other version of the pre-1982 leaseback proposal. Forget historical claims, this is surely geographical sense. The Islanders intransigent leadership must see that they cannot hold British defence spending and Anglo-Argentine re-

lations to ransom for ever."

Responding to the article in a letter to *The Times*, Sukey Cameron clarifies, "the position of the Falkland Islands' people in relation to Argentina," and underlines, "the Islanders right to exercise self-determination on issues of sovereignty." Ms Cameron pointed out, "the 1982 Conflict irrevocably altered the course of the Islands' political and economic future, so much so that it is too simplistic to hark back to diplomatic discussions more than fifteen years ago." She goes on to say that since 1982 the Islands have become, "domestically self governing, increasingly self-sufficient and eco-

nomically independent of Britain in all areas except defence which takes up less than half of one per cent per annum of Britain's overall defence budget," noting that the Islands have offered to pay for the defence of the Islands as soon as it can be afforded.

She added that the Islanders, "positively welcome co-operation with Argentina, for example over oil and fisheries."

Sir Rex Hunt noted that, "Simon Jenkin's assumption that Argentina will one day assume responsibility for the Falklands can only happen by a British government imposing a settlement on the Islanders against their wishes."

Looking back on December

Deaths:

December 11: Keith Graham Baldwin age 40 years.

Marriages:

November 8: Gary Colin Webb and Loretta Isobel Thomas.

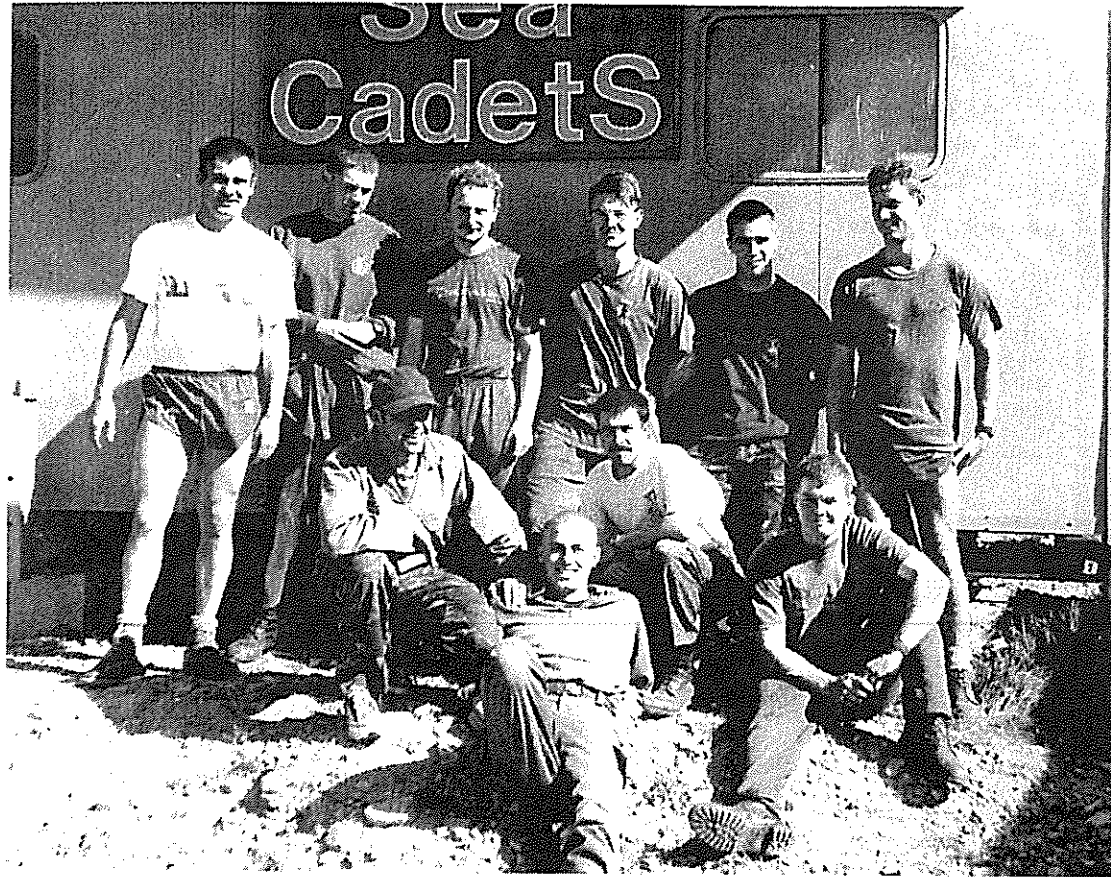
December 20: Amelia Betts and Shane Adrian Clarke.

December 27: Margaret Mary Barkman and Jon Alan Battersby.

December 30: Julia Thain and Alan Robin Parker

Births:

December 21: A boy, Ross Ian to Ian Bremner Stewart and Sheila Olga Stewart (nee Butler).



Challenge the Badge

THANKS to their own efforts, the generosity of businesses, the general public and the unstinting hard work of the men from 53 Field Squadron (Air Support) Royal Engineers, Stanley's Sea Cadets will soon occupy their own dedicated, well equipped building on land close to the Trough just off Airport Road.

The project to convert the property (five Wyseplan units donated to the Cadets by former adult member, Norman Plumb) began life as an off the cuff remark when the Cadet's Commanding Officer, Frank Leyland, met 53 Field Squadron's Sergeant Major, WOII Neil Stock in December last year.

Neil and his men were planning a drive to raise funds for the KEMH and Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge, while Frank was looking for ways to roof and refurbish the Wyseplan units to the point where the Cadets would be able to use them in dry safety - several years without maintenance had left the units in poor condition, leaking rainwater and with dangerous electrical wiring.

The deal was quickly struck. The Sea Cadets would take over the job of selling raffle tickets and collecting money for the two hospital funds, while in return the Engineers would stage "Challenge Aneka", a title speedily (and tactfully) changed to "Challenge the Badge" before the project became public knowledge.

While the Cadets began energetically separating people from their money for the two good causes, Frank and Neil and his men set about procuring timber, cabling, blockboard, plugs, sockets and light fittings; all the materials necessary to turn a constructional colander into a modern headquarters for the Sea Cadets.

Though the interior of the building was a 'dreadful mess' littered with decaying timbers and old roofing sheets, the first priority was to 'put a waterproof lid' on. Work began in early January and within a week the pitched roof was in place, soffits fixed, gutters and drainpipes

carrying away the rainwater that was no longer able to penetrate the fabric of the old flat roof. To finish off the exterior a uniform coating of Battle-ship Grey paint was applied and the Sea Cadets sign attached to the wall.

Operation clearout then began. The interior of the building had to be completely cleared of rubbish before the real work could begin.

The plan Frank had developed and drawn up had been taken by the Engineers, refined and redrawn to provide a ship's office, from where Frank and his 2i/c, Vanda Johnson, would administer the establishment, ship's stores, a large lecture room, fitted galley - kitchen to landlubbers - with hot water boiler, cooker etc., showers, toilets and a large 'deck' stretching the entire width of the building and over a third of its length.

This will be the parade square, the activities room, the busiest part of the headquarters building once it is completed.

On Friday, January 16, work began on the interior. As was traditional in the original *Challenge Aneka* television programme, *Challenge the Badge* now had an additional complicating factor - time. 53 Squadron were due to leave the Islands within a few days - indeed a special flight had been laid on to take them back to UK on Tuesday, January 20. In practical terms that meant they had less than three days in which to trans-

form the Sea Cadet's building.

By the afternoon of the first day the studs forming the main partition between the 'deck' and the rest of the building were in place. The timber skeletons of the office, store and lecture room quickly followed. Frank was seeing the hand-drawn concepts of his original plan becoming reality in the speediest possible way.

The Engineers, volunteers all, worked through Saturday and most of Sunday, managing to complete the internal walls and suspend many of the new ceilings before having to curtail their endeavours and pack their bags.

Unfortunately 53 Squadron were unable to finish the entire refurbishment but their efforts have left a lasting feeling of goodwill, and their replacements, the Gurkha Engineers have pledged to finish the job.

In a canny *quid pro quo* move Frank has offered the use of the building, once it is completed, to the Engineers who are based at MPA but enjoy visiting Stanley. "The lecture room will double as a dormitory if they want to use it at weekends," Frank said. "They'll be able to use the showers, and also cook for themselves in the galley."

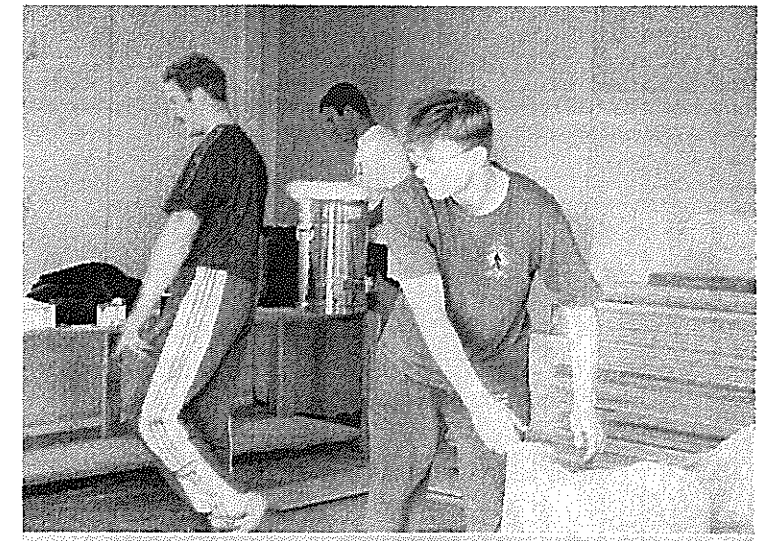
Though Frank, as Commanding Officer of the Cadets, is still hoping for more equipment to be donated to the group, he is understandably grateful to the Field Squadron for all they have done, and is enthusiastic about the Sea Cadet's ability, once housed in their new building, to shape their own future.

"We have 27 Cadets at the moment and have started a waiting list. I can't take any more on right now because when children join us I promise they'll be in uniform within six weeks. As things stand we cannot outfit any more recruits, though we really do need two more adults to assist Petty Officer Vanda Johnson and I to run things."

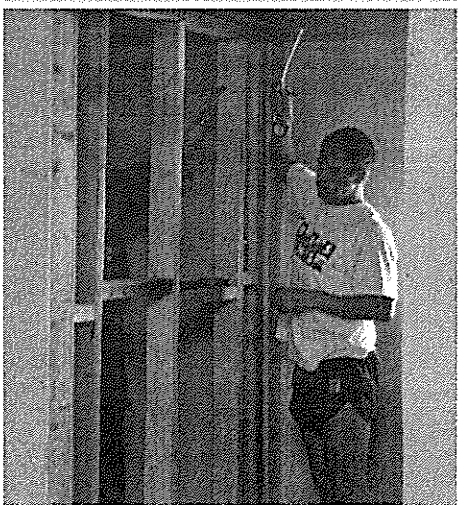
That situation should change later in the year when four personnel from the Sea Cadet movement's headquarters in Southampton will visit Stanley to inspect the revitalised building.

In true Royal Navy tradition the building will be named after one of Her Majesty's vessels, though instead of 'HMS' she will be a TS - a Training Ship, with the name yet to be chosen.

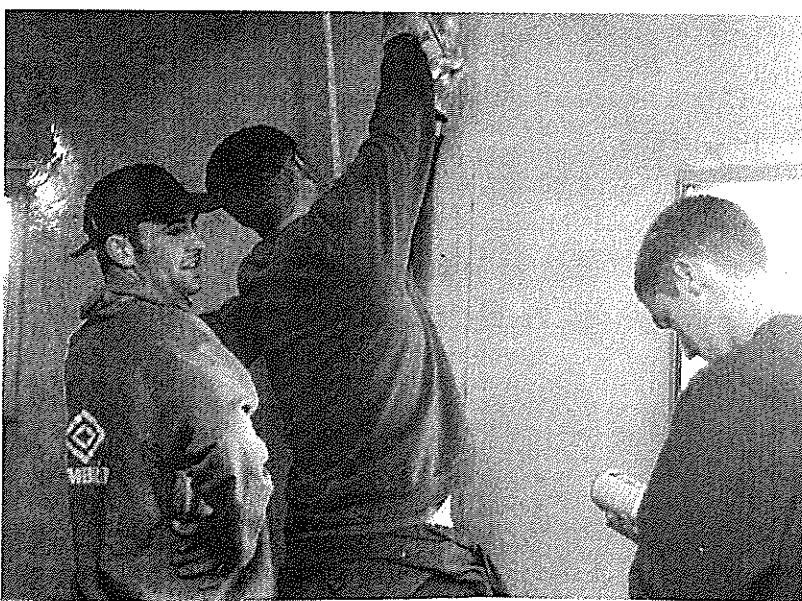
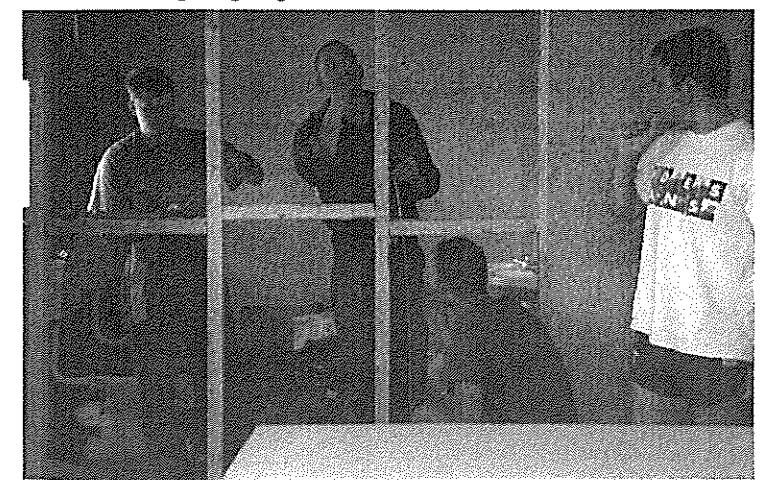
Whatever that name will be, one thing is certain; Stanley's Sea Cadets are now a thriving, forward looking organisation with much to offer the youth of the Falkland Islands.



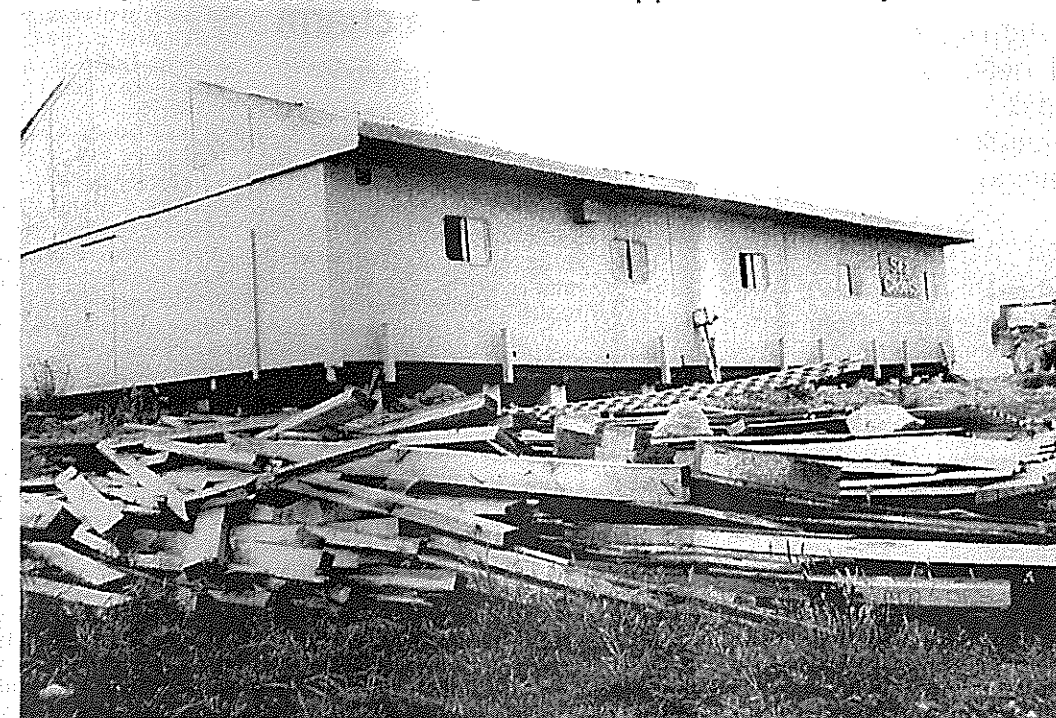
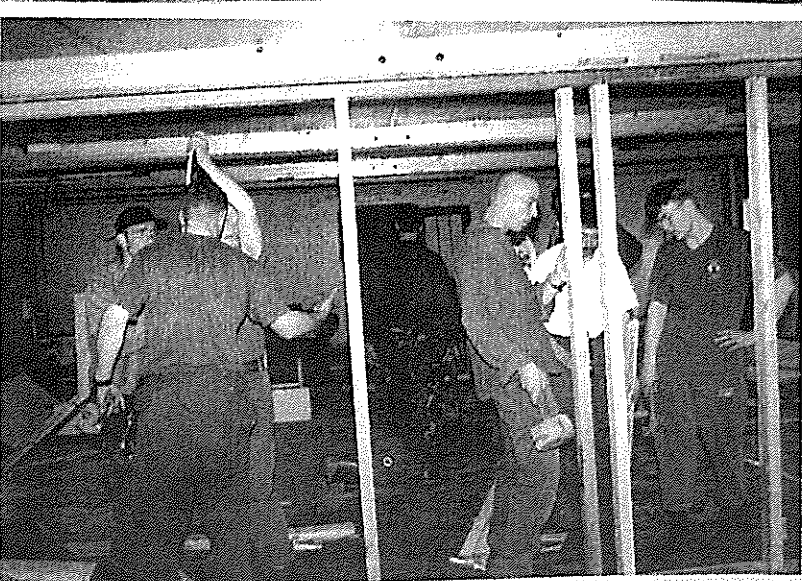
Below: Framed - but its looking good as the partition between the lecture room and the toilets goes up
Right: Measure twice, cut once - isn't that how it goes? And its hot in here too



Above: "How about that tea urn?" "Its right behind me - and don't call me 'Ern'"
Top: The Cadet's Commanding Officer, Frank Leyland tells Penguin News' Fran Biggs what has been done and how Challenge the Badge is going



Above: The Engineers take a well-earned break in the Sunday sunshine
Left: First you take the measurements....
Below left: Then you cut your studs and when they don't fit you get a big hammer and...
Below centre: In the foreground is the pile of unusable materials removed from the building before work could begin.
Behind, the building is resplendent in its new colour of battleship grey



faithful reports about the disregard they have carried out through history. Curiously, none of these reports carries a single word of self-criticism or something like a forgiveness claim regarding the injustice suffered by their victims. They seem to think that each report set them free to be able to perform more bad actions. A very good example; even the Britannia Encyclopaedia (Spanish version 1991, volume 9, page 285) summarises in a very accurate way the robbery of our Malvinas on the part of the British in 1833.

Since then and in spite of obvious Argentine claims strongly supported by the United Nations, with absurd pretences, they have been refusing to negotiate the sovereignty of our non-redeem Malvinas. So, after having been waiting, patiently for 149 years Argentina bravely tried to recuperate, them defying not only England and NATO but also the United States (which after a solemn proclamation in 1823 of Monroe Doctrine "America for Americans" did not say anything when ten years later the British - who are not Americans - invaded the Malvinas which, even a Martian knows, are as American as Manhattan Island is).

Since 1982 onwards, the possibilities to negotiate sovereignty became even more remote, especially after our Foreign Office tolerated the British proposal known as that of the "umbrella" (to negotiate everything except sovereignty).

As a consequence, because of the saying "strong offences, strong remedies", I would suggest directly to the President of Argentina a) close the "umbrella" as soon as possible; b) "buy" the sovereignty claimed by the English in the Malvinas. How? To buy what is ours? No, absolutely not. It would only be metaphorically - the payment of fees to a medical doctor to cure us from a long and humiliating illness.

I believe in the possibility of this proposal because I remember 1) for them "time is money," 2) the first thing Italians show to visitors of Rome is "La Pietà" by Michelangelo, while the most important reason for the British to be proud are the Crown jewels; 3) the world champion of pirates, Francis Drake, was honoured by Queen Elizabeth because of the huge richness he obtained for the Crown by means of great pillage. With this materialistic philosophy, it is always possible to reach an agreement (for them it will be a genuine bargain; to sell us what is ours).

Regarding the present inhabitants of the Malvinas (on one hand truly descendants of ancestral invaders, but on the other hand being Argentine, because they were born in Argentine territory) they would be economically compensated and it would be possible for them to choose between immigrating - and we hope so - or remaining in the Malvinas which would become an autonomous and bilingual Argentine province.

Carlos C. Zarate
Federal Capital
Britain

FIGO - LATIN AMERICAN WEEKLY REPORT 6/1/98

Sipetrol, the external arm of the Chilean state oil company, Enap, has announced that it is studying the possibility of taking part in oil prospecting in waters north of the Falklands.

THE GUARDIAN 19/1/98

'Dirty War' defender held

One of the most notorious villains of Argentina's "dirty war" of the 1970's, the retired naval captain Alfredo Astiz, has been sentenced to 60 days' disciplinary detention in a naval barracks after he defended the "cleansing" of the opponents of the 1976-83 military regime in a magazine interview.

A state prosecutor began formal criminal proceedings against him for threatening journalists and politicians in the interview. Astiz had tried to "intimidate the general public," the prosecutor, German Moldes, wrote in his official criminal complaint formally beginning investigations into suspected "crimes against authority and constitutional order."

Astiz is perhaps best known in Britain for his leading role in the seizure of South Georgia which preceded the Falklands war. Captured when British forces retook the island, he was handed back to Argentina, despite pressure from France and Sweden for him to be put on trial for the murder of two French nuns and a Swedish-Argentinian teenager, Dagmar Hagelin.

He was sentenced in *absentis* to life imprisonment by a French court, and international pressure contributed to his forced retirement from the navy last year. But he is reported to have continued to carry out intelligence work.

In the interview, published on Thursday by the Argentinian magazine *Tres Puntos*, Astiz denied the murder of Hagelin, saying he knew who had done it but would, "never speak out against a comrade."

The nuns, Alice Domond and Leonie Duquet, were among a dozen people "disappeared" by the military after Astiz infiltrated the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, a group formed to uncover the fate of their missing children.

The interview has caused a storm, especially because Astiz expressed no regret for his role in murders and disappearances. "In 1982 a friend asked me if there had really been disappeared persons," he said. "I told him: Sure, there are 6,500, possibly more, but no more than 10,000."

"They cleansed them all," he said referring to the disappeared. "There was no other remedy. Asked what he meant by cleansed, he said: "They killed them. What else were they going to do?"

After the return of democracy in 1988 an official report found evidence that 9,000 people had been killed. In 1995 another officer, Aldo Scilingo, revealed first-hand details of the "death flights" in which prisoners were drugged and thrown into the sea.

Astiz boasted he was "the best technically prepared man in this country for killing a politician or a journalist," and warned civilians to stop "cornering" the armed forces. "They're playing with fire," he

said, adding that fellow officers had visited him every day to tell him: "You have to lead an uprising."

"I always give them the same message: calm down, this happened in every country. We have to be patient. But I don't know how long we can wait."

Opposition members of congress recently introduced a bill to repeal laws which gave human rights violators like Astiz immunity from prosecution. The laws were brought in after a series of military rebellions in the mid-1980s.

The interior minister, Carlos Corach, described the *Tres Puntos* interview as "tetrifying," and President Carlos Menem asked the navy to inflict "the maximum punishment" on Astiz.

FINANCIAL TIMES 20/1/98

FIH shares reach 170p

Falkland Islands Holdings closed yesterday at 170p on its first day of trading after being spun-off from Anglo United, the heavily indebted fuels, chemicals and trading group. Some 2.1m shares had been placed by Collins Stewart at 100p.

Anglo shareholders were offered one share in FIH for every 300 held, with the group's banks lifting their stake from 50 - 74 per cent. FIH then purchased the Falkland Islands Group from Coalite, the smokeless fuels and chemicals business for £8m.

Falkland Islands Holdings made a cheerful return to the market after a placing at 100p. The group opened at 155p and touched a high for the day of 190p before closing at 170p, a premium of 70p.

THE GUARDIAN 20/1/98

'Blond angel' silent at Dirty War inquiry

The former Argentine navy officer Alfredo Astiz refused yesterday to co-operate with judges investigating crimes by the 1970's military dictatorship which killed at least 15,000 people.

Lawyers said Mr Astiz denied having any information on the death of the writer Rodolfo Walsh, which he told a magazine last week had been ordered by the navy.

Mr Astiz, nicknamed the Blond Angel for his choirboy looks, also refused to speak about two French nuns and a Swedish teenager who went missing during the dictatorship's "Dirty War" against suspected leftwingers.

Activists are demanding his trial and imprisonment. But he is protected by law from prosecution and gave only informal testimony.

Human rights protesters shouted insults as Mr Astiz arrived at the court, and pelted him with eggs.

"He must be imprisoned for what he did... tortures, assassinations, abductions, (for the) thousands and thousands who went missing without a trace," said Hebe de Bonafini, leader of human rights group Mothers of Plaza de Mayo.

In an interview with *Tres-puntos* magazine last Wednesday, Mr Astiz defended the atrocities committed between 1976 and 1988.

He also said reporters who hounded him would, "come to a bad end," and that he was, "the best trained man in this country to kill a politician or a journalist."

His remarks led President Carlos Menem to order his confinement to provincial naval barracks for 60 days, the toughest penalty applicable to a retired officer.

The court questioned him yesterday after a request by Walsh's wife.

Mr Astiz, now in his mid-forties, avoided prosecution for Dirty War crimes due to laws passed by the radical government of former president Raul Alfonsín. They ended trials, against officers involved in human rights crimes, and cleared any one following orders from being tried for Dirty War killings.

Nevertheless he was forced to retire from the navy in 1996 after years of diplomatic pressure from France, whose courts sentenced him *in absentis* to life imprisonment for the 1977 murder of the two French nuns, and Sweden, who demanded his trial for the murder of Dagmar Hagelin that same year.

Court officials said retired Admiral Emilio Massora, sentenced to life in prison for human rights violations and later pardoned, would also be summoned to testify in connection with Mr Astiz's statements. Human Rights groups estimate that 30,000 people were killed during the Dirty War.

Falkland Wool Growers Ltd Wool Market report 16 January 1998

Wool Markets

The Australian Eastern Market Indicator (EMI) eased again this week, contrary to analyst's predictions before the Christmas recess. The Australian EMI closed 10 cents lower at 673 Australian cents a Kg, which currently converts to 267/kg. The Australian 26 micron indicator is now at 578 cents/Kg or 230p/Kg. The lack of demand from the financially troubled Asian countries is clearly having an impact with pass in rates at around 20 percent.

The New Zealand market prices were mixed but overall eased 8 cents to 447 NZ cents a Kg, which converts to 158p/Kg.

British wool in topmaking categories sold well in Bradford this week, with several categories up 2.5 percent.

CURRENCY MARKETS

Exchange rates remain the key to sterling wool prices. Currencies directly related to wool moved erratically but with the Australian and New Zealand dollars weakening slightly on the week, currency movements had an overall marginal firming effect upon sterling wool prices.

THE AGENCY

Very many thanks for all those who had Diane and I to stay during our recent visit, gave of their time and passed us along the "track" (both terra firma and aqueous!). I met up with about 60 farmers and visited 26 shearing sheds: it was especially good to see all the work being done to export a well prepared clip and to see wools prior to shipping, discuss sheep breeding and farm management plans. I hope to meet up with those I did not see on this visit on a future occasion, the first of which I hope may be next season.

Delivery to Bower Green of bales on board the *MV Areti* was concluded on Wednesday, with core sampling completed yesterday. SGS results are anticipated early next week. Lottling of the wools on board the *MV Angeliki* was completed earlier in the week.

Farm Specifications are being gratefully received. Please continue sending them to the Falkland Wool Growers office, especially those outstanding for wool shorn before Christmas. Speciality enquiries were received during the week, with the Agency determined to cream this difficult wool market for best contracts.



Argentina

LA NACION 15/1/98

Another visit to the United Kingdom

The Justice Minister, Raul Granillo Ocampo, will arrive in London on an official visit before President Menem.

The Argentine Official will be the first one in his post to visit the United Kingdom since the end of the Falklands War in 1982. Some months ago the Defence Minister Jorge Domínguez, was there.

Granillo Ocampo the day after tomorrow (Saturday 17th) begins a tour all around Europe, the first stop in Madrid where he will sign an agreement together with his Spanish colleague, Margarita Mariscal de Gante y Miron.

On January 20th he will give a talk in London, at Canning House, on the judicial views of the economic integration of Mercosur; members of which are Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay.

On the following day he will have a meeting with his British counterpart Lord Chancellor Irvine of Lairgh, who is in charge of advising the Prime Minister and the Crown about the designation of judges. He is also in charge of the British Supreme Court.

He will also speak about the judicial reform in Argentina at an academic auditorium, the Institute of Latin American Studies at London University and he will have a meeting with Lord Bingham, Chief Justice.

LA NACION 15/1/98

During the interview with *La Nación*, the minister also said that the visit President Carlos Menem will carry out to the United Kingdom in November, "we cannot expect any advance," as far as the sovereignty dispute concerning the Falklands is concerned.

However, he defended the President's visit saying that, "the only possibility of achieving that (the English) change their mind," referring to the Falkland Islands, "is through an intense relation."

Concerning the President's trip to London, can we expect any advance in the Falklands issue?

"No."

The opposition believes that if this is the case Menem should not travel.

"If this was the criteria, we shouldn't have any relations with Great Britain. To have intense relations with Great Britain generates the possibility of making them change their mind."

Tony Blair said that he will not reach any agreements with Argentina which harm the Islanders

"Could he have said anything different? They have an interpretation of self-determination, as something through which, all changes require the approval of the Islanders. We know what they are going to say and they know what we are going to say."

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ment of air defence radar, the cost of which will amount up to \$US 72,000,000.

"With the renewal of radars system the efficiency of air defence is reaffirmed for the next 15 years," said Campbell to the islands authorities during his farewell speech as he will give up his command post in the new few weeks.

Among the immediate changes in the military garrison is the replacement of a company of Royal Engineers which makes up the Squadron of Field - about 150 men - who will finish their activity at the end of this year.

Coming back of Gurkhas

The company will be replaced by another group of Royal Engineers but from Gurkha origin which will be called Group of Royal Engineers. The quantity of soldiers which makes it up will be about 100.

The military chief of the Southern area said during his speech that, "in no other part of the world can the three arms (British Army, Navy and Air Force) be trained together as it is done in the Islands and therefore, regarding that the Falklands are invaluable for Great Britain."

Defence without alterations

In this way the officer calmed down the islanders and reaffirmed the will of Tony Blair's Labour Government of neither giving up nor reducing the efficiency of the British soldiers who are defending the islands since the Falklands war in 1982.

"There were minor adjustments," said Campbell "regarding the infantry detachment but that did not diminish our efficiency," in the defence of the archipelago.

LA NACION 21/1/98 publishes a letter from a reader about Argentina recovering the Islands

Recovering the Falklands

Dear Editor, "From time to time the English (who as a perspicuous Argentine ambassador pointed, "gained in sharpness what they lost in reigning,") publish, being remarkably sincere,

have a lot of information about it. I do everything without any commercial interest, it is not because of money but because of a passion about the men who yielded their lives defending our territory and who remain in the Atlantic cold waters or in the Falklands rabble hoping to see an Argentine flag here.

I would like you to publish my letter, if possible, for me to be in touch with people who were in the conflict or with somebody who could be interested about it and want to interchange material.

CLARIN 19/1/98

Losses in Falklands

The former Peronist Deputy Miguel Toma said that the purchase of aeroplanes from the part of Argentina do not alter the military balance in Mercosur but, "it means the recovery of some part of the ability of air attack and defence which Argentina lost in the Falklands war."

Toma who was in charge of the Defence Commission in the Low Cammeria up to December 1996 said that the purpose of the Air Force regarding the purchase of new and recycled aeroplanes is due to, "the necessity of maintaining a deterrent force and not a force of attack."

The former legislator said that the negative balance of Argentina's forces in comparison with those of Chile and Brazil will be compensated besides through the recycling of aeroplanes which was considered in 1998 Budget by means of an entry amounting 38 million pesos to recycle 21 Mirage 5 aeroplanes.

"These aeroplanes, when recycled, are more powerful than the A4's," said Toma who became one of the most important men of the PJ (Justicialist Party) regarding defence issues.

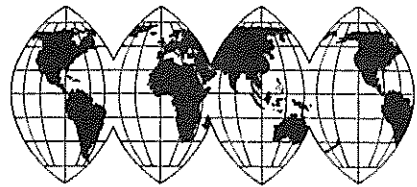
Anyway Toma said that it would be necessary for Argentine pilots to have an advanced training aeroplane, another one for re-supplying when flying and also an aeroplane for electronic surveillance.

Toma said that by means of above mentioned purchases and recyclings, "we will give the Air Force the possibility of having 80% of the equipment it had before the Falklands war," where it lost 70 aeroplanes when fighting against British forces.

London will not diminish the number of British soldiers in Falklands

Brigadier Ian Campbell, Commander in Chief of the British forces in Falkland Islands, said that, "the compromise of the British government about the defence of the islands remains untouched," facing rumours in Stanley regarding the fact that the number of British soldiers in the archipelago would be reduced from 2000 to 1500.

Campbell, said Mercopress agency, presented a report to the Legislative Council of the islands about the future projects which will be in force for the defence of the islands. Among them is the replace-



British press Headline stories: Jan 16 - Jan 22

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR FRIDAY 16 JANUARY 1998 REFORM OF WELFARE SYSTEM

The dominant story in many of the papers is the campaign by the Prime Minister Tony Blair to reform Britain's creaking and outdated welfare system. *The Independent* is one of several papers to feature his speech to Labour Party activists in Dudley in the Midlands. In it, he promised that everyone of working age, prevented through illness or disability from holding a paying job, could count on protection from a Labour Government. *The Times* sees the story slightly differently. Focusing on the Prime Minister's promise to older workers that the State pension would continue to be available to all retiring people - and would not be means tested.

SCHOOLBOYS' RAPE TRIAL

The trial at the Old Bailey court in London of two 10 year old schoolboys, charged with the rape of a 9 year old girl, also gets wide coverage. *The Times* leads its front page with a headline: 'Old Bailey becomes classroom for rape trial of ten year olds'. *The Mirror* talks of a court story to shock the nation, pointing out that one of the defendants sucked his thumb, while the judge and both leading barristers removed their traditional wigs to avoid intimidating the defendants.

PIGS ON THE RUN

The Telegraph features a story which has fascinated the British public in recent days. Two pigs were due to be slaughtered eight days ago at an abattoir in Southern England. They escaped by burrowing under a fence and swimming across a river. One has now been recaptured, the other is still on the run. Clearly impressed, the pigs' owner has given a guarantee that the two creatures - one now returned to him - will be allowed to spend the rest of their days in peace and will not be turned into streaky bacon. The British press has dubbed the elusive pigs as Snoutlaws.

TRAIN SERVICES REPORT

And if train punctuality is a sign of a good dictatorship then Britain can be described as a very healthy democracy. Several papers feature a report by a train watchdog, releasing figures on Britain's privatised train service - showing that more trains in Britain were late or cancelled than in the same 12 week test period last year.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR MONDAY 19 JANUARY 1998 IRAQ

President Saddam Hussein's call to the Iraqi people to begin a Holy War against United Nations sanctions is the main foreign story in most of the papers today. *The Financial Times* couples the report with an account of what it calls the cat-and-mouse game the Iraqis have been playing to foil the efforts of UN weapons inspectors.

NORTHERN IRELAND

But though prominent, the Iraqi crisis is overshadowed in many papers by events in Northern Ireland. The new focus of efforts to bring peace to the North is the announcement of another round of talks between the British Prime Minister, Tony Blair and the leaders of Sinn Féin, the political wing of the IRA.

CLONING

The Independent, though, devotes almost equal front page space to a report that transgenic lambs - those with an added human gene - born to cloned and normal sheep are developing abnormalities. The same research team in Scotland which produced the cloned sheep, Dolly, is trying to produce sheep which will carry a human protein in their milk that could fight human disease, but the *Independent* says a high proportion died in the early experiments.

UK ABORTION LAW

The Daily Telegraph, in its main story, says the British health secretary, Frank Dobson, wants to liberalise the abortion laws to make it easier for women to terminate pregnancies. *The Daily Mail* in contrast has a front page picture of Liz Butler, who at aged sixty, has become Britain's oldest mother. The picture shows her cradling her new son, Joe, with an interview in which she says she has no regrets and believes that as long as a woman is healthy, age need not be an obstacle to motherhood.

YOUNGEST STUDENT WINS CAMBRIDGE PLACE

The Mail also has a feature on the youngest student to enter Cambridge University this century. Fourteen-year-old Alexander Falaudy has won a place even though he is so severely dyslexic that he can barely write his name and takes months to read a book - a tribute, the paper says, to his extraordinary intelligence and his parents' struggle against red tape which allowed his education to progress.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR

TUESDAY 20 JANUARY 1998 NORTHERN IRELAND

The latest shooting in Northern Ireland has kept the peace process there on the front pages of several papers. *The Times*' main headline says the ceasefire is in peril as two more are shot and its reporter maintains that Northern Ireland is facing the possibility of a return to full-scale warfare between Roman Catholics and Protestants. *The Guardian*'s headline says similarly that tit-for-tat fear grips Northern Ireland, while the *Daily Telegraph* affirms that the new killings take the province to the brink.

MILLENNIUM HYMN COMPETITION

On a lighter note, the *Times* front page has a report that St Paul's Cathedral in London has launched a competition to write a hymn for the millennium, with a prize of three thousand dollars.

DIANA: PUB RENAMED

The Sun meanwhile reports that the first English pub has been renamed in honour of the late Diana, Princess of Wales. The Country Inn in Oxfordshire will be called the English Rose.

TITANIC FILM SUCCESS

To mark the success of the film *Titanic* in Hollywood's Golden Globe awards, the *Sun* also has an interview with the youngest real-life survivor of the disaster, Millvina Dean, now 85, who was rescued as a nine-week old baby.

CONSERVATIVE PARTY DONATION

Most of the *Independent*'s front page is given over to a report alleging that the British Conservative party received a one-and-a-half-million dollar donation from a noted south-east Asian drug smuggler named as Ma Sik-Chun. *The Independent* - as does the *Daily Telegraph* - reprints the report from the Hong Kong-based *Oriental Daily News*. This paper is owned by members of the Ma family.

ALGERIA

The Independent also has a major report on the European Union's mission to Algiers, which it describes in a headline as skimming the surface of the killing fields. The EU's real intention, the paper says, is to keep the Algerian conflict at arm's length.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 1998 PRESIDENT CLINTON

There is nothing that puts the press on the scent of prey more than a major politician in trouble, and President Clinton's latest problems over allegations of sexual harassment and alleged attempts to induce perjury by a witness, have the papers in hunting mood. *The Guardian*, in a reference to the feature film 'Sex, Lies, and Video Tapes' carries the headline 'Sex, Lies and Clinton' above a picture of an angry Bill Clinton; but quite who had the sex or perpetrated the lies the *Guardian* leaves to the reader to decide, carrying both Mr Clinton's denial of any impropriety and that of the young woman involved. The paper says there was no concealing the siege atmosphere at the White House as Washington buzzed with talk of possible impeachment, for the first time since President Nixon's resignation in 1974.

The Times says a potentially

damaging investigation has been launched into the allegations, as lawyers looking into the long-running Whitewater affair about Mr Clinton's financial dealings as Governor of Arkansas, broadened the scope of their examination to include the accusations that he encouraged perjury by the young woman staff member.

NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE TALKS

The other main topic on the front pages is the IRA statement that new peace proposals from London and Dublin favour Unionists who want continued links with Britain, and create a crisis in the Northern Ireland peace process. *The Independent*'s headline sums up the general tenor of analysis: 'IRA message hints at end of ceasefire.' *The Financial Times* says that Northern Ireland appears to be sliding back into all-out sectarian violence and conflict. It says British officials believe the Unionist and Republican paramilitaries are trying to goad each other into being the first to abandon the peace process. *The Daily Telegraph* says intelligence sources fear the ceasefire is close to collapse and would only hold if the present document is withdrawn. But the paper also stresses the determination of the British Prime Minister, Tony Blair, to keep the peace talks underway. Though the *Guardian*, with British understatement, says the IRA statement has been received with disquiet by the governments in London and Dublin.

WEEKLY SOUTH AMERICAN WOOL MARKET REPORT

Uruguay - The respected economic daily 'El Observador' in their last Friday's Agricultural section, describes the present situation as a "new frustration in the wool season", saying that very few farmers were able to take advantage of better prices at the peak of the season, very far from the present ideas.

Not many more than 20% of growers were able to sell so far. But a good deal of farmlofts have been consigned to exporter/topmakers to fix prices at a later stage. This represents another 30% of wools already in hands of processors.

Argentina - FLA Argentine wool federation have released their wool export statistics for the 5 first months of the 97/98 season (July '97/November '98)

Total shipped 16,989 tons actualweight. Worth USD 67,863M. Equal to 14,002 tons clean basis = 24,989 T. greasy basis

Break-down: 38.8% tops, 37.6% greasy, 17.9% scoureds, 4.3% noils, the balance of 1.4% spread between wastes, finished products and yarns.

By Destinations:

1) China 26.7% Mostly tops - 2) Germany 16.2% mostly greasy and scoureds - 3) France 12.3% mainly fine greasy - 4) Italy 11.9% well spread between scoureds, tops and greasy, with some noils and wastes, 5) Uruguay 7.1% practically only greasy for combing - 6) Belgium 3.5% mainly greasy and some tops and scoureds - 7) Chile 3.3% mostly tops and some greasy - 8) Mexico 3.2% mostly scoureds, noils and tops in that order - 9) India 2.3% carpet scoureds and 10) Peru 2.3% tops and some greasy.

The balance of 11.2% was spread among 18 other countries.



News from South America provided by Mercopress

ARGENTINE AIR FORCE ACCEPTS US OFFER

The Argentine air Force will accept the United States Navy offer of 18 fighter bombers "TA 4" for pilot training.

According to Argentine Defence sources the deal is the first result of the recent NATO "non ally" status the United States granted Argentina and includes the refurbishing of the aircraft in the US Navy workshops.

The whole operation could involve 18 million US dollars financed with soft long term loans.

Argentina three years ago purchased 35 "Skyhawks" fighter bombers to replace aircraft lost during the South Atlantic conflict. Decommissioned from the US services in the early seventies the "Skyhawks" are being refurbished in California and Argentina, including some updated radar and communications systems. So far five have been delivered and the full 35 are expected to be flying Argentine Air Force colours by early 2000.

The NATO "non ally" status (similar to Israel, Japan and Korea), granted last October gives Argentina access to US equipment and training programs at considerable less cost than in the open market.

PINOCHET LEAVES ARMY NEXT MARCH

General Pinochet and four of the highest ranking officers will officially retire from the Chilean Army next March 10th putting an end to the "political turbulence" of the last few weeks that forced the resignation of the Chilean Defence Minister. Earlier this month civilian authorities announced that at the end of January Pinochet was retiring after twenty five years as Commander in Chief of the Chilean Army.

But when a growing number of Deputies decided to promote a "constitutional impeachment" of Pinochet to prevent him from becoming a Senator for life as established in the Constitution, the former dictator said he would stay on together with four other high ranking generals.

This attitude forced the designation of a new Defence Minister who after long discussions with Pinochet said the "turbulence" was over, accepting the General's decision to retire in March 10th, and upholding the Congressional impeachment initiative.

Meanwhile a Chilean Court for the first time accepted a criminal petition against former dictator Pinochet accusing him of "genocide." The petition was promoted by the Chilean Communist party and could force Pinochet to court if he's considered responsible for the violation of human rights during the military regime (1973/1990).

CANADA CLOSER TO MERCOSUR

Argentine President Carlos Menem assured Canadian Prime Minister, Jean Chretien that Canada will become an associate member of Mercosur during the next six months. "This is one of the main goals during my six months as President of Mercosur," said President Menem who will be holding the post until next July.

Prime Minister Chretien heads a delegation of almost 500 government officials and businessmen, identified as "Team Canada" who are visiting the leading countries of the area: Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and Chile promoting trade and investments. Although bilateral trade with Argentina is insignificant, 300 million US dollars annually, Canada is rapidly becoming the third most important investor in Argentina (behind the US and Spain) with almost two billion US dollars.

Menem also promised Prime Minister Chretien he will overcome Brazil's current reluctance to accept Canada as an associate member. Canada and Brazil are at odds after the Canadians cancelled a contract for the purchase of 24 Supertucan training aircraft.

SCAB EXTENDS TO MAGALLANES

Chilean and Argentine sanitary officials are coordinating a joint campaign to combat the spread of scab that was first reported in several farms off Chilean Tierra del Fuego but has now extended to the mainland, 120 miles to the north of Punta Arenas.

Although no cases have been reported in Argentine Patagonia, Argentine authorities have declared a preventive "sanitary alert" in the provinces of Tierra del Fuego and Santa Cruz.

Chilean officials will make a survey of the area where the parasites and infested sheep have been reported, to establish a sanitary barrier with tight controls. Scab was last reported in Tierra del Fuego twenty five years ago.

Officials in Punta Arenas reported that the origin of the infection "was most probably" a lot of 200 double purpose Suffolk lambs that were brought to the area from Santiago, some of which apparently "were infected". Nevertheless it's still a mystery how scab managed to "jump" into Tierra del Fuego.

The Magallanes region, the most important sheep farming of Chile has approximately two million Corriedale, while there are 19 farms and 370,000 Corriedale on the Argentine side of Tierra del Fuego.

Magallanes was the only region of Chile free of scab.

BENNETTON SHOW IN COMODORO

Bennetton, the top Italian stylist will be making the official world presentation of their collection next February in Comodoro Rivadavia in coincidence with the half century celebrations of the Argentine Merino Breeders Association.

Top models from Europe, "United States and Argentina will parade among wool bails, lambs, ewes and rams during the annual Merino breeders show that will be televised to the rest of the world.

According to the organisers of the show, all Bennetton brothers will be present together with the consortium's world famous publicity photographer Oliverio Toscanini. The Bennetton family who now possess 280,000 sheep in Patagonia have become the main wool producers of Argentina.

US SANCTIONS CHILEAN SALMON

The US Department of Commerce stamped an additional 5.79% tariff to Chilean salmon exports for selling their produce at prices "excessively low" in the US market.

The preliminary resolution is far below the 40% demanded by the salmon producers of the states of Maine and Washington.

"We're quite disappointed, but we trust the US Department of Commerce will increase the sanction once a team of researchers visits the Chilean industry," said Joseph McGonigle, Chief Executive Officer of the coalition for a fair salmon trade in the Atlantic, the group that represents the interests of the US salmon industry. US authorities are expected to take a final decision next May.

In Chile the president of the Salmon and Trout Association, Francisco Ruiz, said that the preliminary sanction does not influence the "viability of the industry nor our export volumes, but we don't know what will happen following May."

In 1996 Chilean salmon exports reached 149 million US dollars. Several months ago the Chilean government contracted former Republican Senator and presidential candidate, Bob Dole, to lobby in favour of the Chilean salmon industry.

SOCIALIST ALLIANCE IN BRAZIL

Just a few months ago Brazilian President Henrique Cardoso seemed unbeatable and was heading for a landslide victory in next October's election. But the magic formula of a stable economy with one digit inflation that helped him defeat trade union leader Ignacio da Silva "Lula" in 1994 and drive him to power is facing serious challenges.

A growing trade and current account deficit, a very strong currency, a flood of imports plus the Asian crisis has exposed Brazil's vulnerability forcing a big increase in interest rates, a slowing of economic activity and a jump in industrial unemployment. Although President Cardoso still has the chance of a good result in the World Football Cup next July in France, an event that could change the mood of the country, Brazilians opinion polls are beginning to show a diminishing trust in the President and his four years spell.

This has encouraged political opposition and "Lula" is quickly building an alternative alliance with other left wing parties including some government dissidents, who question the "ultra liberal" model and prefer a more Socialist solidarity oriented electoral proposition, something unthinkable not so long ago.

President Cardoso has now nine months until the October elections and some of the clue indicators of the

economy are beginning to look sour something which has complicated his public stance. The President, in spite of foreign and local pressure, has promised he will not devalue the Brazilian currency, the heart of the present economic stability, and it is anticipated will gradually decrease interest rates. But at the same time Cardoso has promised international bankers he will cut expenses, balance the budget and fire redundant civil servants.

Too much to promise on election year. No wonder the Socialist alliance is so enthusiastic.

CUBAN HUMOUR AND THE POPE

Pope John Paul II five days' visit to Cuba is undoubtedly one of the greatest events of the end of the century for Latinamerica. One of the last Communist atheist regimes in the world and its Marxist leader, Fidel Castro, have managed to survive irritatingly for the United States for almost forty years just ninety miles away from Florida. This has proved most frustrating for Washington particularly after the collapse of the Soviet empire in 1989 that left the islands' economy almost bankrupt. But leaving aside US anger, the show is on because two of the personalities that receive more media coverage in the world, (3,000 journalists are reported to have arrived in Cuba), and have the talent and capacity to convene multitudes will be then playing their parts for a world stage.

And the Cuban people have added their spice of humour to the historic visit. "The Pope is coming because we, the Cubans, are the most fervent believers in the world. After living under Fidel Castro for so long we believe that dried, skinny beans are fragrant coffee beans, dark water is soda and soybeans beef. We're so faithful we believe things will change after the Pope leaves."

Another story emulates Fidel with God.

Fidel invites the Pope to walk along the sea front when a gust of wind blows the Holy Father's calotte to the water. Fidel jumps to the rescue and, miracle, somehow manages to walk on the water and recover the precious garment.

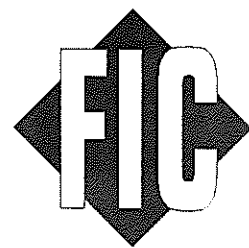
The following day the main headline of "Granma", the Cuban Communist Party newspaper reads: "Fidel is God." In Rome "L'Osservatore Romano" publishes in the front page: "The Pope makes Fidel walk on the water." While in Florida, where the anti Castro community lives, the "Miami Herald" headline is "Fidel Castro can't even swim."

HARD TIMES AHEAD

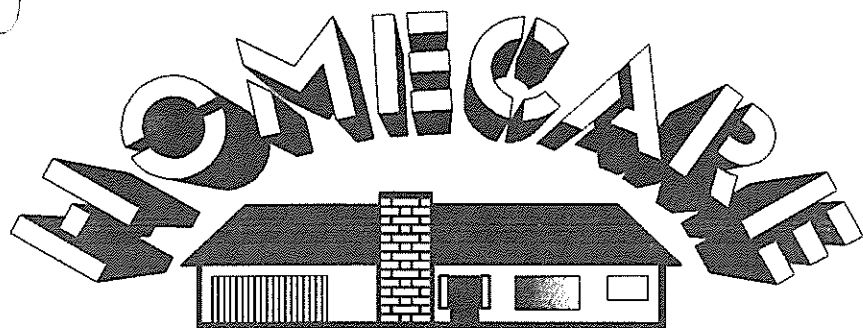
Chile has proved the country of the region most vulnerable to the Asian financial crisis and is no longer the paradise for investors according to the Wall Street Journal.

Chilean shares have lost 13% of their value so far this year. The Chilean peso has suffered a devaluation of 10%, since copper, its main export commodity, began to drop last October. Companies earnings are also expected to fall by a third because of the rise in interest rates, the drop in the prices of international commodities and a decrease in trade with Asia, Chile's main partner. Anticipating hard times the government has also decided to cut 340 million US dollars from the budget of the government run companies for 1998.

"Chile is no longer Chile", underlines James Barrineau, a Latinamerican consultant for Salomon Smith Barney Inc. of New York, who added, "With record low prices for copper and a third of its trade with Asia, Chile is no longer an attraction for foreign investors."



The Falkland Islands Company Ltd



Goods expected on the 'Anne Boye'

Lounge/Dining

Lounge Suites
Dining Suites
(plenty to choose from)



Lamp Shades
Uplighters
Large Mirrors
Curtains

Rugs

And much more!!

Bathroom

Many Shower Curtains
Salter Bathroom Scales
Bathroom Accessories
(including a new wooden range)



*Also new goods
arriving for: -*

Foodhall - Pastimes - Gallery - Fleetwing

General

Wallpaper
Contact
Flymo Mowers
Hand & Electrical Tools
Pull-Out Guest Bed Sets
Building Products Galore!



Kitchenware

Tefal Pans - Stir Fry pans
Woks - Spice Racks
Dinner Services
A New Range of Exotic
Tropical Design Table-
Mats & Chopping Boards
Plus Co-ordinating
'Farmyard' Sets including
Trays- Bins - Buckets etc



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CHURCH SERVICES

CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY: 8am Holy Communion, 10am Family Communion (first Sunday every month - Family Service) 7pm Evening Prayer

TABERNACLE - free church

Sunday meetings: 10am and 7pm.
ARK Bookshop: Saturdays 2-4pm Minister: Mike Mitchelmore 21787

St. MARY'S

SUNDAY: 10am (MPA 6.30pm).
Week days: 9am; Sat. also 5pm

St. CUTHBERT'S (MPA)

SUN: 8am Holy Communion;
10.30am Eucharist/Morning worship: 6.30pm Holy Mass;
MON: 6.30am Mass
WED: 7.30pm Holy communion;
8pm Bible Study Tel: 74350

BAHA'IFAITH

For information on meetings please ring Tel: 21957 (evenings)

TIDES AROUND THE ISLANDS

The times and heights of high and low tides (in metres) at Stanley. Time given is Stanley time.

For Camp, make the following changes:			
Fox Bay +2hr 30m	SUN	0402	1.5
Roy Cove +4hrs 30m		1043	0.5
Port Howard +3hrs 19m		1722	1.3
Teal Inlet +3hrs 30m		2239	0.8
Sea Lion Is. +1hr 15m	Sunrise	0515	
Port Stephens +3hrs 15m	Sunset	2053	
Hill Cove +4hrs	26	0447	1.5
Berkeley Sound +1hr 11m	MON	1122	0.4
Port San Carlos +2hr 55m		1803	1.4
Darwin Harbour -56m		2319	0.7
January	Sunrise	0516	
	Sunset	2051	
24	0311	1.4	
	0958	0.6	
SAT	1633	1.3	
	2151	0.8	
	Sunrise	0513	
	Sunset	2054	
27	0531	1.7	
TUE	1202	0.3	
	1840	1.4	
	2359	0.6	
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	Sunset	2046	

LIBRARY

Monday - Friday
10.00am - 12.00 and
14.45 - 17.45
Saturday: 10am - 12 noon
14.00 - 17.00pm

HOSPITAL PHARMACY

Mornings 10am - 12 noon
Monday/Thursday
2.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday
1.30 - 3.30pm
Tuesday/Friday
3.00pm - 5.00pm

MUSEUM

Tuesday - Friday
10.30 - 12 noon / 2.00 - 4.00pm
Sunday
10.00 - 12 noon

TREASURY

Monday - Friday
8am - 12 noon / 1.15 - 3.00pm

CLUBS AND CONTACTS

BADMINTON CLUB Mondays/Thursdays 7-9pm Liz Burnett, Tel: 21770 or Rene Rowlands, Tel 21161

SQUASH CLUB Thursdays 5-9pm Contact Dik Sawle Tel 21414

NETBALL CLUB Tuesdays 6-8pm, Wednesday 6-7pm All are welcome Contact Sarah Allan 22119

THE FIC GUN CLUB New members welcome Contact Ped Tel: 21663 or Graham Didlick 21622 P.O. Box 540

F.I. RIFLE ASSOCIATION Contact Secretary G Cheek, 21402

STANLEY GOLF CLUB Competitions on Sunday at 8.45 am. Contact Mike Summers on tel: 21542

FI MOTORCYCLE ASSOC. All queries & information on races etc contact Andrew Newman 21606 or Rowena Summers 21015

YMCA Accommodation available Contact Terry Peck 21074

ASTHMA SUPPORT GROUP Meets second Tuesday of every third month in Day Centre at 5pm

Contact Graham France on 21624

FALKLAND ISLANDS RED CROSS ASSOCIATION New members welcome. Contact Secretary Irene Baker 20839 or Chairman Nick Hadden, 21014

GUILD OF SPINNERS, WEAVERS & HANDICRAFTS Meetings on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm

Contact Marj McPhee, tel: 21106

CANCER SUPPORT & AWARE-

NESS TRUST Contact Shiralee Collins, 21597, Sister Bridie 22086, Derek Howatt 21385

FIODA Actors/singers/stagehands contact Alan 21019

DIABETIC ASSOCIATION Meets first Thursday of every month. 7.30pm in the Day Centre

STANLEY SWIMMING CLUB Coaching Tuesdays 4 - 5pm, Fridays 4-5

STANLEY SUB-AQUA CLUB Contact David McLeod Phone: 20836 (day), 20843 (home)

RUNNING CLUB Meets Wednesday 5.30pm, contact Tracy Porter 21574

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Meets 1st Monday every month @ 2000 hrs, WO1 & Sgt Mess, Hillside Camp. All ex or serving Service persons welcome. Contact A Geach, R Fiddes or KD Greenland for info 21454 or 27222.

STANLEY SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB Friday 7-9pm Sundays 4-5pm. Contact Angela Lee on 21762 or M. Humphreys on 22028

JELLY TOTS CLUB meets Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at the Day Centre from 2.30 - 4pm. All welcome

WELL BABY/CHILD CLINIC Day Centre KEMH Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am. Contact Miranda Cheek Health Visitor 27418

Leisure Centre Term Times - Further information/Bookings: tel 27291

Day	Pool	Courts
Monday	10.00 - 11.30 OAP 12.00 - 1.00 Lanes 5.00 - 7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults	10.00 - 1.00 Public 5.00 - 9.00 Public
Tuesday	12.00 - 1.00 Lanes 5.00 - 7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults	10.30-12.00 Parent/Toddlers 12.00 - 1.00 Public 5.00 - 9.00 Public
Wednesday	10.0 - 11.30 Public 12.00 - 1.00 Lane Swimming 5.00 - 7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults 8.00 - 9.00 Ladies	12.00 - 1.00 Public 5.00 - 9.00 Public
Thursday	5.00-7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults 8.00 - 9.00 Private Hire	10.00 - 1.00 Public 5.00 - 9.00 Public
Friday	10.00 - 11.30 Parents/Toddlers 12.00 - 1.00 Lanes 5.00 - 7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults	10.00 - 1.00 Public 5.00 - 9.00 Public
Saturday	10.00 - 4.00 Public 4.00 - 5.00 Adults 5.00 - 6.00 Private Hire	10.00 - 6.00 Public
Sunday	11.00 - 6.00 Public 6.00 - 7.00 Adults	11.00 - 7.00 Public

Your BFBS Television programmes

SATURDAY 24TH JANUARY
9.00 TITCH
9.15 WOLVES, WITCHES AND GIANTS
9.25 NEIL'S ART ATTACK SCRAPBOOK
9.45 CLARISSA EXPLAINS IT ALL
10.15 LIVE AND KICKING
1.15 GRANDSTAND Including: News summary; Racing from Haydock; World Championship Bowls from Preston; Tennis from the Australian Open; Football Focus; and a full round-up of the rest of the day's sporting events
6.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.25 TOP OF THE POPS
6.55 BEST FRIENDS
7.05 WHEEL OF FORTUNE
7.30 A PRINCE AMONG MEN
8.00 NOEL'S HOUSEPARTY
8.50 CASUALTY
9.40 THE MOONSTONE (New)
10.55 THE UNIQUE DAVE ALLEN
11.25 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.45 MATCH OF THE DAY

SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY
8.20 MATCH OF THE DAY
9.30 BREAKFAST WITH FROST
10.30 DEAR MR BARKER
10.45 MEN IN BLACK
11.05 BLUE PETER
11.35 SHORT CHANGE
12.05 SONGS OF PRAISE
12.40 THE WHITBREAD: THE WORLD'S GREATEST OCEAN RACE
1.10 THE CHART SHOW
2.00 CELEBRITY READY, STEADY COOK
2.30 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
2.35 BROOKSIDE Is Jacqui having second thoughts about the deal with the Farnhams?
4.35 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW
5.20 CARTOON TIME
5.30 FA CUP FOURTH ROUND Stevenage Borough v Newcastle
7.25 BLIND DATE
8.20 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
8.30 HEARTBEAT Guest actress Patsy Byrne helps the Aidsenfield police with their inquiries
9.25 MURDER ONE
10.50 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.05 PARKINSON chats to Billy Connolly and Sir David Attenborough
11.55 RUGBY EXPRESS

MONDAY 26TH JANUARY
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 CATS' EYES 10.15 NUMBERTIME 10.30 THE MIX 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING
1.15 TOTS TV Followed by: BFBS WEATHER REPORT
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Toadie's money-making plans prove costly
2.15 NAME THAT TUNE
2.40 HOLIDAY
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.45 SPIDER
3.50 THE PARKIES
4.00 ROGER AND THE ROTTENTROLLS
4.10 THE SILVER BRUMBY
4.35 THE REALLY WILD SHOW (New)
5.05 GOOSEBUMPS
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Alf is up in arms
5.45 GAMESMASTER
6.10 WISH YOU WERE HERE On the itinerary today; Malaysia, yachting in Turkey and Portugal's Alentego region
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET Emily is drawn into the red rec protest
7.45 THE BILL This Old Man: PC Quinnan uncovers the truth when a former jockey is found dead
8.10 DOVER
8.35 SPARK
9.05 LONDON'S BURNING
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 I'M ALAN PARTRIDGE
11.00 BACK TO THE FLOOR
11.30 FILM '98
12.00 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA

TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 FOURWAYS FARM 10.10 STORYTIME 10.25 ZIG ZAG 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW

10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE SLOW NORRIS Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS
2.15 FOOD AND DRINK
2.45 VANESSA
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
3.45 KIPPER
4.00 CARTOON TIME
4.05 IT'LL NEVER WORK
4.30 BLUE PETER
5.00 BYKER GROVE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY There is a heated debate at the parent-teacher meeting about the performance of 'Marat/Sade'
5.45 A QUESTION OF SPORT
6.15 EMMERDALE Kelly is faced with hard decisions
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS Concern for Gita grows as the police step up their efforts to find out what exactly has been going on
7.55 BUGS (New)
8.45 THE VICAR OF DIBLEY
9.15 DARK SKIES
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 THE BEST SHOW IN THE WORLD PROBABLY (New)
11.00 CUTTING EDGE The Englishman and his Horse: Documentary.
For well over a hundred years a group of amateur upper-class officials have held sway over the million pound world of racing.
11.50 TARTAN EXTRA

WEDNESDAY 28TH JANUARY
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 CATS' EYES 10.15 TVM - SHIPS, SPACE AND MEASURES 10.30 QUEST 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 POTAMUS PARK followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS
2.15 RICK STEIN'S FRUITS OF THE SEA
2.45 THE CLOTHES SHOW
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with THE BLOBS (New)
3.45 THE ENCHANTED LANDS
3.55 CONAN THE ADVENTURER
4.15 HOW 2
4.30 SMART
5.00 BYKER GROVE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Kylie applies for a job at the Surf Club
5.45 TW TIME MACHINE
6.15 EMMERDALE Paddy makes a rush decision about the Vet's annual bash
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET Des makes a happy public announcement that leaves Samantha none too pleased
7.45 THE BILL Tommy the Hero: Rawton must decide whether to locate two aggressive robbers or resolve a domestic dispute
8.10 YOU'VE BEEN FRAMED
8.40 NOAH'S ARK
9.35 FRIENDS
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 FILM: THE GOOD POLICEMAN (1994, Premiere) An unorthodox police commissioner will stop at nothing to make his job a success even if it means putting his life in danger
11.55 THE ADAM AND JOE SHOW
12.20 CARLTON SPORT

THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 STOP, LOOK, LISTEN 10.10 LANDMARKS 10.30 STAGE ONE 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE RIDDLERS Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Harold returns to Ramsay Street
2.15 TRUST ME, I'M A DOCTOR
2.45 VANESSA
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.45 BERNARD'S WATCH
4.00 GET YOUR OWN BACK
4.25 BLUE PETER
4.55 THE PHOENIX AND THE CARPET
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Lachie realises something funny is going on when Chloe breaks down

BFBS Television programmes (cont)

5.45 CALL MY BLUFF
6.15 EMMERDALE Sarah isn't ready to give Jack what he wants
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 VETS IN PRACTICE
7.25 EASTENDERS It's the day of the Walford Community play auditions and Tiffany takes centre stage
7.55 FLATWORLD
8.25 STRANGE BUT TRUE
8.50 THE D-FILES A BFBS TV production
9.00 THE FAST SHOW (New)
9.30 HOTEL
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 THE LAKES
11.20 LATER WITH JOOLS HOLLAND

FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 MATHSBOOK 10.10 RAT-A-TAT-TAT 10.25 LOOK AND READ 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 POTAMUS PARK Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Harold turns up for his band audition

YOUR PROGRAMMES FROM F.I.B.S.

SATURDAY January 24
6.00 News BFBS
6.03 Music Fill
6.30 Children's Corner
7.30 News and Sport from five live
7.40 Weather, Flights, Announcements
8.00 The Navy Lark Part 4
8.28 Rpt Weather & Flights
8.30 Aliens
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.20 Music Fill
9.30 In the Psychiatrists Chair (Geoffrey Boycott)
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News BFBS
SUNDAY January 25
5.00 News: BFBS
5.03 Music fill
5.15 Dessert Island Discs with Eve Arnold
6.00 Music Fill
6.30 Weather, flights, announcements
7.00 Church Service- Tabernacle
8.00 Wet Wet Wet Album Special
8.15 Folk Music Show
8.30 Repeat Weather & Flights
8.45 Folk Music Show
9.00 News Desk
9.28 Rpt. Weather & Flights
9.30 Short Story, Esmerelda
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News BFBS
MONDAY January 26
10.03 Morning show - Corina
12.00 News and Sport BFBS
12.06 News Midday
12.09 Music fill
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30 B.F.B.S Programmes
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
6.00 Country Crossroads
6.30 Bizarre Tale - The fruit at the bottom of the bowl
7.00 The Goons CD collection
7.30 News and Sport
7.35 Weather, Flights, Announcements
8.00 A couple of educational programmes
8.30 Multi track hit list from BBC World Service
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt Weather and Flights
9.30 Short story - A pair of hands
10.00 News BFBS
TUESDAY January 27
10.03 Morning Show
12.00 News and Sport BFBS
12.06 Music Fill
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30 BFBS Programmes
5.03 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
5.30 News from St. Helena
5.45 Calling the Falklands
6.00 News Magazine
6.30 Supergrass in Concert
7.30 News and Sports
7.35 Weather, Flights, Announcements

2.15 CAT CRAZY
2.40 COMEDY CLASSIC: DAD'S ARMY
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
3.50 THE LITTLEST PET SHOP (New)
4.00 ARTHUR
4.25 RUG RATS
4.50 THE WEEK ON NEWSROUND
5.00 AQUILA
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Aaron throws a farewell party for Casey
5.45 GLADIATORS
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS
7.55 999 INTERNATIONAL (New)
8.45 DANGERFIELD
9.35 THIRD ROCK FROM THE SUN
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 CHALK
11.00 THIEFTAKERS
11.50 TFI FRIDAY
The up to date schedule can be found on the Teletext service of BFBS TV and also on BFBS Radio

5.30 A deal with disease
6.00 Bookclub - The Wimbledon Poisoner
7.30 News and Sport
7.35 Weather, Flights, Annos
8.00 Pot Luck with Myriam
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt weather and Flights
9.30 Cont. with Pot Luck
10.00 News BFBS
FRIDAY January 30
10.03 Morning Show
12.00 News & Sport from B.F.B.S.
12.06 Music Fill
12.15 Lunchtime Announcements,
12.30 BFBS Programmes
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The later afternoon show
5.45 Calling the Falklands
6.00 News Magazine
6.30 My top ten - Mike Rutherford
7.30 News & Sport from Five live
7.35 Weather, Flights Annos
8.00 Announcers half hour
8.30 Country Crossroads
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt Weather and Flights
9.30 News Magazine rpt.
10.00 News B.F.B.S.

All programmes are subject to change.
Any changes will be broadcast on FIBS

B.F.B.S. RADIO WEEKLY PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

98.5FM

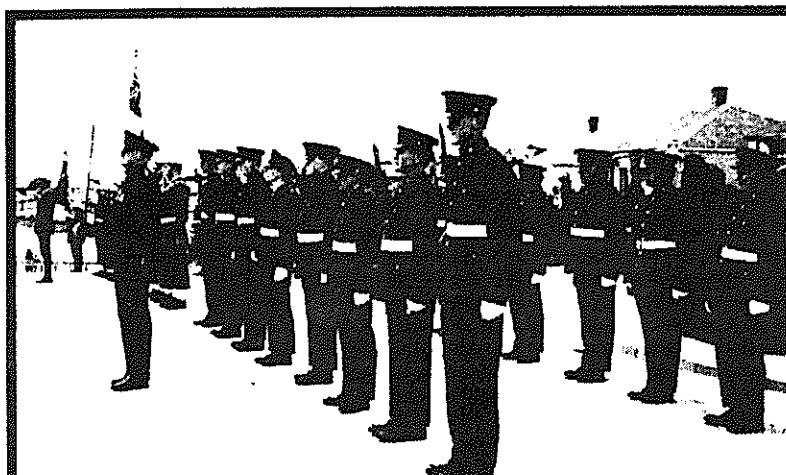
SATURDAY 0000 Steve Mason 0200 Rockumentary 0300 Sports N all 0500 News & Me Mark Page 0700 Weekend Gold 0800 Breakfast Show 1000 Sports n all 1200 David Rodigan 1400 Me Mark Page 1600 American's Finest 1800 Rockumentary 1900 David Rodigan 2100 Steve Mason 2300 Richard Allinson
SUNDAY 0100 Something for the Weekend 0300 Pressure Drop 0400 Bob Harris 0700 Rockumentary 0800 Weekend Gold 1000 Something for the Weekend 1200 Sunday Lunchtime Live 1400 Richard Allinson 1600 Bob Harris 1900 Weekend Gold 2100 Pressure Drop 2200 London Tonight
MONDAY 0000 London tonight continued 0100 In Concert 0200 Rockumentary 0300 Connect UK 0500 Early Breakfast 0600 Breakfast Show 0900 Gold 1000 FIBS Morning Show 1200 Announcements 1230 UK Drivetime 1300 Afternoon Show 1600 Connect UK 1800 Gold 1900 Essential Selection 2000 The Rockshow 2200 London Tonight
TUESDAY 0000 London Tonight Continued 0100 America's Finest 0300 - 2000 As Monday 2000 Steve Mason 2200 London Tonight
WEDNESDAY 0000 London Tonight Continued 0100 John Peel 0300 - 2000 As Monday 2000 America's Finest 2200 London Tonight
THURSDAY 0000 London Tonight continued 0100 The Rockshow 0300 - 2000 As Monday 2000 John Peel 2200 London Tonight
FRIDAY 0000 London Tonight continued 0100 David Rodigan 0300-1800 As Monday 1800-2000 Gurkha Programmes 2000 Friday Dance Special 2200 Drum N Bass

CHANNEL 2

550 MW

SATURDAY 0000 On Stage & Kaleidoscope 0100 On Stage 0200 Newsday & Features from BBC World Service 0300 A Taste of N Ireland 0400 Today from BBC Radio 4 0600 Radio 4 News and Sport 0630 Counterpoint 0700 Meridian from BBC W/S 0730

BFBS Reports 0800 Radio 4 News & One Man and His Dog Boogie up the Rive 0830 Thoughts from Abroad 0900 Comedy Double Bill 1000 News & Sport on Five Live 1500 News & David Mellor's 6-0-6 1700 News & Short Play 1800 Feature 1900-0100 Radio 5 Live Overnight package
SUNDAY 0100 Archers Omnibus 0200 Newsday and Europe Today/Heritage 0300 Clydes Classics 0400 News & Sunday Papers, morning Music & Religious news and views 0615 Letter from America with Alistair Cooke & Morning Service 0715 Archers Omnibus 0815 Weekend on Two with Colin Hamilton's music and mind boggler 1000 The World This Weekend 1100 News & Sunday Sport from Radio Five Live 1600 Feature 1630 Many are Called - Christian Music and religious news with Roger Hudson 1700 Sound Portrait 1800 Feature 1900 News Desk from BBC World Service 1930 Health Matters and Sports Round-Up 2000-0100 News & Radio Five Live Overnight
MONDAY 0100 News Desk from BBC W/S 0130 Feature 0200 News Day and Europe Today/Heritage 0300 Newsbriefing from BBC Radio 4 followed by Book Club 0330 Today from BBC Radio 40600 World News and Business Report 0615 Archers 0630 Feature 0700 News Summary from BBC Radio 4 and "My Word" 0730 Woman's Hour 0830 Two's Company 1000 World At One 1045 Sports Round-up 1100 Play/Short Story 1130 Jazz a la Lee 1200 News/PM Shift 1300 Kaleidoscope 1345 Archers 1400 PM Programme 1500 Main News of the Day 1530 Comedy 1600 News Extra & Sports Desk followed by Sport on Five and Radio Five overnight
TUESDAY 0100-0700 As Monday 0700 Story 0730-1100 As Monday 1100 Happy Days with Gilly Revill 1200-1530 As Monday 1530 Feature 1600 As Monday
WEDNESDAY 0100-0700 As Monday 0700 News & Adrian Juste's zany view of the world 0730-1100 As Monday 1100 Classic Review 1200-0000 As Tuesday
THURSDAY 0100-0700 As Monday 0700 News & Dad's Army 0730-1100 As Monday 1100 Clyde's Classics 1200-0000 As Tuesday
FRIDAY 0100-0700 As Monday 0700 My Music with Chairman Steve Raco 0730-11.00 As Monday 1100 P McD and Co Unlimited 1200-1530 As Tuesday 1530-1600 Play/Short Story 1600-000 As Tuesday



RECRUITMENT FOR 1998

The FIDF is seeking to recruit persons over the age of sixteen and a half years to join 1 Platoon in its operational role in the defence of the Falkland Islands.

The training is diverse, challenging, entertaining and gives individuals the opportunity to learn new skills and to participate in numerous activities that are not otherwise available.

The FIDF needs your support to enable its operational role to be effectively fulfilled.

The FIDF are also seeking to recruit persons for 3 Platoon. This platoon's primary role is to support 1 Platoon in its front line operational role. Recruitment is aimed at those persons who would like to contribute to the overall defence of the Islands but are unable to commit themselves to the regular training schedule required of 1 Platoon.

For further information on recruitment to either Platoon, contact the FIDF HQ, John Street, Tel: 27478, the Officer Commanding - Major Marvin Clarke or the Second in Command - Captain Peter Biggs. Additionally for 3 Platoon recruitment - Colour Sergeant Paul Riddell or Sergeant John Halford may also be contacted.

**DON'T DELAY-
ENLIST TODAY!**

New diet on offer for hi-tech types

Scheduled to open within the next few weeks in Stanley is a new and exciting 'concept' cafe with a difference which could quickly become the 'IN' place to be.

But if its gourmet food you're after go elsewhere; it won't be serving lobster thermidor, or *filet de boeuf en croute*, or even plain egg and chips, for, though there will be chocolate, crisps and soft drinks available, the speciality of this particular house will be state of the art technology blended with the friendly informality of a street corner bistro.

When the 'Hard Disc Cafe' opens its doors to the public, in the erstwhile Atlantic House Cafe premises, the dominating feature of its modern furnishings will be the three Pentium 200 computer systems complete with joysticks, keyboards and printers. Customers will be able to buy time on the systems in fifteen minute blocks with discounts for lengthier bookings, though there will be limits to these to prevent disgruntled queues forming.

The idea is a joint venture between Stanley Business Centre and Synergy Information Systems with directors drawn from both organisations. Nikki Buxton, founder of SIS, told *Penguin News* the idea of the Hard Disc Cafe is to attract a wide range of customers from corporate entities with communication requirements to youngsters who

want to spend time surfing the internet or simply sampling some of the latest computer games like *Rally Car*, *Flight Simulator* and *Duke Nukem*.

For serious users the Pentiums will be linked to the fastest currently available modems (for non-computer types 'modem' is the concatenation of 'modulator' and 'demodulator', the devices that code and decode electronic data from the computers into signals capable of being transmitted telephonically, and vice versa) to allow them unfettered and speedy access to the internet via Internet Explorer 4.0.1 software.

Those whose needs are more local will be able to utilise the complete suite of Microsoft Office '97 programmes, and games players will be able to compete against each other as all the computers will be linked via a network connection.

The initial intention, Nikki explained, is to staff the Cafe with young but experienced computer users who will have particular expertise with the internet. Opening hours will be from noon to 8pm Mondays to Saturdays and noon to 5pm on Sundays. For obvious reasons Nikki says they have decided on a lower age limit of twelve years for customer/users, and there will be a strict no smoking regime (as this can damage computers) though customers will be able to enjoy a snack and a cup of tea or coffee

while they work or play, as keyboards will have protective coverings.

There has, according to Nikki, been much positive feedback from government sources, educators, business and the general public for the idea, and the company also see the military as a large potential market. There are many computer users at MPA who do not currently have e-mail facilities.

For £10.00 customers will be able to spend a full hour on the internet (£3.00 for the basic fifteen minute time block), with correspondingly lower charges for

purely local use.

Regular users can have their own dedicated e-mail address on the system for an initial £5.00 plus an ongoing £1.00 a week for which any number of messages can be received and printed.

In true marketing tradition there will be opportunities for ancillary sales. On the serious side the Cafe will be retailing a wide range of hard and software, while more light-heartedly also offering memorabilia such as baseball caps, t-shirts and mousemats all over-printed with the Hard Disc Cafe name.

Moto Cross News

Report by Jimmy Moffatt

THE 1997/98 moto cross season continues to provide spectacular fun for both riders and spectators, the meeting on Sunday, January 11 being no exception.

The main jump on the course was, without doubt, the most popular point at which to watch the racing because it was really that feature that provided the most entertainment.

Rocky Johnson excelled himself by supplying the most impressive 'get-off' of the season, as witnessed by many of the appreciative audience who proceeded to fall about themselves - overcome by laughter. Fortunately both bike and rider got up and continued - shaken but not stirred.

Jonny Summers continues to dominate the expert class with yet another overall victory; Simon Smail of the RAF and Shane Blackley taking second and third respectively.

In the Clubman class Ian Jordan continues to lead the points race, however he did not have a good day, and breaking his kick-start lever did not help matters. Bill Stewart took the overall win of the day, followed by Dustin Clarke who took his first heat win of the

season. Eddie Grimmer took his first overall of the season with two fine wins over points leader, Jay Moffatt. The race is now wide open as to who can take the Junior Championship this year.

Greg Hall, on his first outing on a genuine race bike, showed considerable skill and had a battle royal with Sean Moffatt, who, for the first time this year had someone to race against on equal bikes.

In many a spectator's view Sean was the only rider to consistently get the big jump right on each circuit. Young Clint Short now has no-one to race against - so come on all you PW80 owners, give him a run for his money.

Many thanks to the organisers of the meeting: the Tool Box for sponsoring the day's event; Tony Mac and Falkland Landholdings for the use of the land; Karen and KEMH for providing medical cover; and the spectators who helped pick up the wounded.

The next race meeting of the season is on Neil McKay's land near Fitzroy Ridge (look out for the sign post) and will be held on Sunday, January 25, kicking off at 11.00am.

Points over-all to date with three rounds remaining:			
Expert Class	Clubman	Juniors	
Jonny Summers 205	Ian Jordan 126	Jay Moffatt	228
Simon Smail 197	Bill Stewart 209	E Grimmer	216
Shane Clarke 162	Dustin Clarke 195	S Moffatt	180
Jan Clarke 150	Rocky Johnson 95	Greg Hall	143
Andrew Alazia 58		Evan Jones	13
		Clint Short	139
Open Class			
Jonny Summers 77		Jay Moffatt	23
Shane Blackley 64		Jan Clarke	20
Rocky Johnson 37		Darrell Ford	11
Sean Moffatt 32		Eddie Grimmer	10
Bill Stewart 30		Jimmy Moffatt	9
Andrew Alazia 30			

All eleven Stanley players displayed tremendous tenacity and passion, not in evidence in the previous game, and matched their worthy opponents tackle for tackle and shot for shot.

It would be invidious to give ratings for individual performances as each and every player deserved

a ten for their efforts. However, the two youngsters, Luke and Martyn Clarke deserve a special mention for the way in which they stood up to the task and displayed a maturity far beyond their years.

The third game in the series is scheduled to take place at MPA on February 15.

Soccer Scene...By Patrick Watts

STANLEY ensured that the five match Veteran's Cup series against the Combined Services will at least go to a fourth game despite predictions from MPA that a 3-0 white-wash was probable.

In a tough and exciting game, which entertained a good crowd throughout the ninety minutes, Stanley took the lead with a fine goal from Paul Riddell who ran clear on the left and hit a vicious cross shot past a helpless military goalkeeper.

Earlier the Combined Services had missed a penalty when Dale McCormick was penalised for a handball incident. McCormick escaped a red card and was then relieved to see the resulting spot-kick ballooned over the bar.

Chances fell to both sides in the first half and stand-in goalie, Neil Clifton, was required to move quickly off his line to smother the ball on several occasions.

Martyn Clarke often troubled the visitors with his strong runs down the right, while James Peck typically wove some magic on the left, causing the opposing defence to stop him at almost any cost. One such tackle left Peck lying on the ground winded after he was kicked in the stomach during the wild tackle.

In the second half the Com-

bined Services abandoned their skilful approach and resorted to a more physical game which they, themselves, admitted later was a mistake.

Stanley took control and forced a series of saves from the MPA goalkeeper, while the tackling of both teams made spectators wince. One fan maintained it was the toughest game seen in Stanley for twenty years, while the partisan crowd roared on the local side.

Midway through the half a confrontation, which had begun in the first game and continued on into the second, between Stanley defender, Lee Mitchell, and an opposing forward, reached boiling point as Mitchell appeared to retaliate after being punched. Eight players became involved before the two perpetrators were shown the red card.

For Stanley the loss of Mitchell, who had been having a superb game, proved vital. With just three minutes to go the Combined Services, after a spell of pressure, finally found a way through the Stanley defence and scored.

A minute from time Dale McCormick beat three defenders and fired in what looked like a certain goal, only to see the goalkeeper bringing off a magnificent point blank save.

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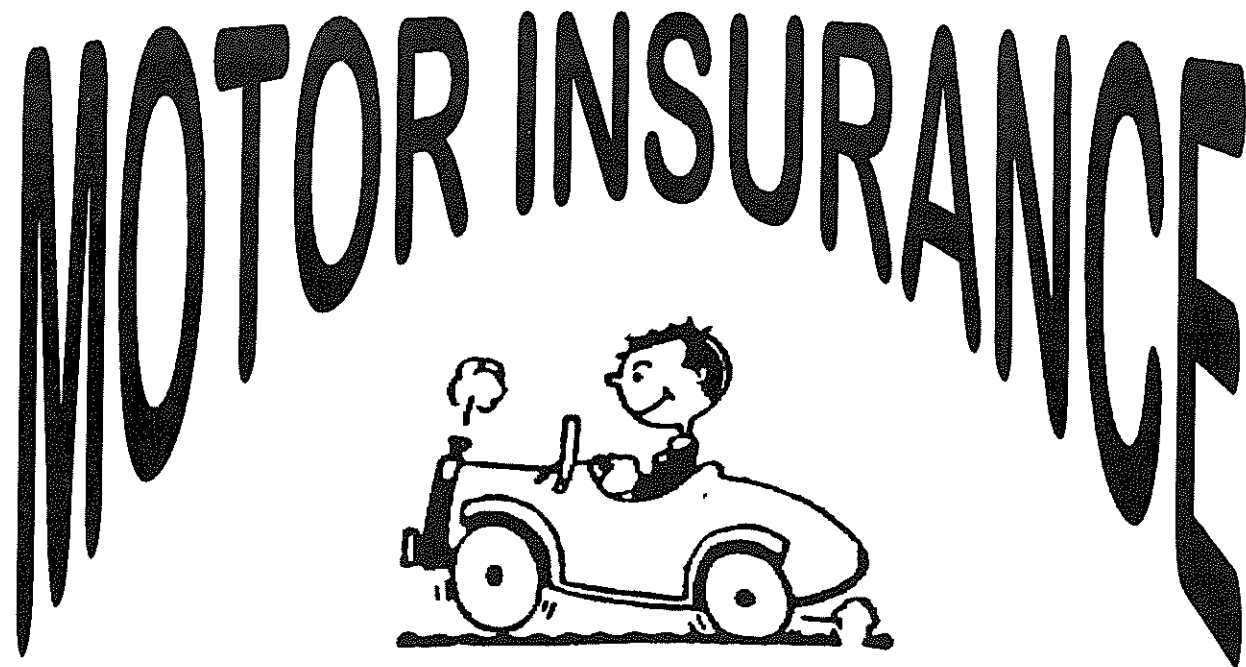
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Visitors win Ashes battle

THE MPA Oval has hosted many clashes between the Governor's Eleven and CBFFI's team in the past but this year's traditional annual match for the coveted South Atlantic Ashes developed into a genuine cliff-hanger, and the eventual result was as close as any result could be without being a draw.

CBFFI's team won the toss and invited the Governor's team to open the batting. Mike Summers and Migs Cofre were first at the crease for the visitors and despite the early loss of Migs, the partnership of Summers and Titterington kept the scoreboard moving. When it reached 54 Summers was bowled for fifteen, but Titterington continued on, wielding his bat for a healthy 23 runs.

Robert Whittall and Jeff McInnis increased the rate in a very productive partnership, both having to retire on reaching the maximum 30. Kevin Clapp contributed four and Andrew Gurr was run out off the last ball of the 30 overs for a respectable twelve. Altogether the team had scored 149 for five, setting the younger CBFFI side a target of five runs an over.

Steve Tyldesley and Kevin Clapp opened the bowling for the Governor's Eleven, the first breakthrough coming in the seventh over when Roger Diggle clean bowled the opener, Chaskin, with the score on 33. By this time Rosie Hickey was settling in to bowl a consistent length and was joined by young Nigel Thompson bowling downwind from the MPA road end. With his second ball he despatched Godfrey, who had hit a six in the previous over, to the pavilion.

Shortly afterwards McInnis

held a great catch off Hickey's bowling to dismiss the highly rated Brown and the military team were 60 for three, but only ten overs had been bowled and they were well ahead of the run-rate required.

Brigadier Campbell himself now entered the fray and at once set about the bowling with characteristic aggression and resolve. He hit two sixes and three fours in a sparkling innings of 29 before being bowled by Gurr when the score was at 122 in the twenty third over.

By then the odds were heavily in favour of his team just 28 runs were needed for the win, and they had 44 balls in which to gain them. The civilian team were trying everything they knew to keep the run-rate down, encouraged by the competitive shouting from wicket-keeper, Titterington, to, "get your body behind," each scampering ball in the field.

Summers and McInnis bowled well at this stage yet the countdown to a military victory seemed inevitable; they required sixteen from the last 24 balls, then eleven from eighteen, eight from twelve, and finally only three from the last six.

Gurr bowled that last over, taking a wicket with the second ball and conceding only one run. The last three balls were bowled in a tense atmosphere as the batsmen strove for, struggled and failed to get, at least the single run needed for the tie.

The Governor's team had restricted the CBFFI Eleven to 148 for five; just one run less than their own total, and for the cost

of the same number of wickets.

The bowling figures were: Tyldesley 0 for 3; Clapp 0 for 13; Hickey 1 for 20; Diggle 1 for 19; Thompson 1 for 12; Burt 0 for 28; Gurr 2 for 11; Summers 0 for 17; McInnis 0 for 12; and Whittall 0 for 3.

The honours were almost, but not quite, even. The Governor was

presented with the South Atlantic Ashes by Brigadier Campbell amid applauding spectators and players, all of whom were aware they had either witnessed or participated in a very exciting match, on what must be the most southerly cricket pitch in the world, on an idyllic day.

Dusty triumphs in Captain's Day 36 hole marathon

UNDETERRED by the thought of 36 holes in one day, twenty five members turned out to compete in Captain's Day last Sunday. An array of prizes were on offer which produced keen competition over the two rounds.

The form book held good with lowest handicapper, Dusty Miller, winning in fine style.

The full results were:-

Best Gross:

1st Dusty Miller 155
2nd Glen Ross 163
3rd Robert Titterington 166

Best Net:

1st John Jones 147
2nd Gary Clement 147
3rd Joe Bains 153

Best Front Nine Mike Summers 41

Best Back Nine Kevin Clapp 40

Nearest the Pins 'Bugsy' Taylor & Dusty Miller

Longest Drive Graham Hay

'Booby' Prize Bobby Gordon

After enjoying a superb barbecue, members thanked Captain, Barry Smith, for providing the prizes and for his generous hospitality throughout the day.

Next Sunday sees the return of the popular LASMO competition with the draw at 8.45am.

Didlick hits target again report by Ped

ON January 4 we held the "Mike Robson Memorial Black Powder Trophy" competition. It is the first of our organised Black powder shoots, established as a competition in 1994, and is sponsored by Gladys, the widow of Mike Robson. Mike had retired and decided to buy a Colt .36 Navy to shoot as his hobby. Unfortunately he died before being able to fire the gun.

So in remembrance Gladys asked if we could hold a competition each year on his birthday. Each year on the 31st December, or on the nearest Sunday, we shoot the "Mike Robson Memorial Black Powder Trophy". As in 1997 December 31 fell on a Wednesday it was decided to shoot on Sunday January 4.

Graham, our chairman, had to go to MPA first thing and so left me to open up and set up the competition just in case he could not get back in time (he did and we were sort of grateful as I had forgotten a calculator to reckon the scores and he had one!)

The whole competition is shot in two parts. The first is a precision shoot of two sets of six rounds on a UIT. On a 25m target all scores count if they hit the target! (We are considering changing it to international muzzle loading standards). The second part was a ten round practical shoot in two stages.

On the day Ian Bury and I arrived with our pistols; both reproduction Remington's. Mike

Graham (who was introduced to black powder in our 1997 Mad March Triathlon and thoroughly enjoyed it) brought along two military personnel from the local detachment who we persuaded to shoot and who enjoyed themselves immensely, or so it seemed. It also made for a better shoot for us although we had only two pistols and could only shoot in pairs.

The weather stayed fine although we thought it would rain. Instead it just blew, though luckily from the north (behind us).

When Graham turned up we made him use my pistol to try and give us all a chance as he always wins with Ian's, but it made no difference!

We started with Ian Bury and

Mark Fegan (mil), then myself and Robby Campbell (mil), then Mike Graham and Graham Didlick shot. The same order was kept for the practical shoot. This was scored under the com/stock system and the two final scores added together to give the final positions as shown in the box below. The main trophy is held for one year and is a bronze statuette of a light cavalry officer. The winner's name and the date are etched onto the base.

There are then trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, which each person keeps and which are engraved with the date and name. Gladys also supplied some refreshments for after the shooting and while the positions were being calculated.

Name	Practical / Time =	Hit	Max point	Highest = Match	Practical	Precision	Total	Placement
	score	Factor	Score /	Hit Factor	Score	Score	Score	
Mark Campbell	24	23.4	1.03	50	2.54	19.69	20.19	6th
Ian Bury	42	20.28	2.07	50	2.54	19.69	40.77	2nd
Rob Fegan	46	18.09	2.54	50	2.54	19.69	50.06	3rd
Ped	38	22.22	1.71	50	2.54	19.69	33.66	4th
Mike Graham	34	24.56	1.38	50	2.54	19.69	27.25	5th
Graham Didlick	48	20.55	2.34	50	2.54	19.69	45.98	1st

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NOTICES

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Should Peter Jones retain his bald upper lip or should he allow his facial hair to return. We would appreciate the communities' help in this referendum. Could you please fax your yes yes or no votes to the Returning Officer on 22464. Watch this space for the result next week

The West Falklands Sports Meeting will take place at Port Howard from Monday, February 23rd to Thursday, February 26th. Please send all entries for dog trials to Ian Hansen, Main Point, on tel: 41008, and all entries for shearing competition to Rodney Lee on Tel 42198 by February 11th please. Don't miss out - book your bed NOW! You know it makes sense

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Results of the first Whist Drive of 1998 to which a good gathering enjoyed, were
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Postscript: From the Baha'is

Baha'is are frequently asked questions about their Faith, by people who know little or nothing about it and would like to know more. Here, then, are answers to some basic questions.

Is the Baha'i Faith a cult, or a sect of some other religion? The Baha'i Faith is an independent world religion, with its own scriptures, calendar, and structure. It has been recognized as such by the United Nations Non-Governmental Organisation, of which it has been a member for many years. **Do Baha'is believe in God?** If so, which God do they believe in? Baha'is believe there is only one God for anyone to believe in. They believe God to be entirely infinite and unknowable.

(Last weeks' Postscript came from St. Mary's)

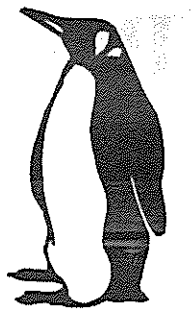
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Falklands' Anthrax scare may be British laboratory error

THE identification of anthrax as the cause of the death of an apparently healthy cow at Saladero several weeks ago may have been premature, and is certainly in doubt according to a letter received by the Senior Veterinary Officer, Andrew Coe, from a scientist at the Centre for Applied Microbiology and Research, Porton Down.

Initial tests carried out on blood samples taken from the carcass by Robin Thompson (who reported the death of the cow) and, examined by Andrew, indicated the pres-

ence of bacteria that looked, "suspiciously like anthrax." These are identifiable by the characteristic shape like square ended rods, and the clear capsule maintained around the bacteria when it is stained for analysis.

Andrew immediately contacted the Ministry of Agriculture in England who directed him to Dr Peter Turnbull at the Centre in Porton Down.

Samples of tissue and blood from the cow were despatched to Dr Turnbull who responded with a

fax confirming that anthrax was present in the carcass, using the phrase, "definitely positive".

Two days later Dr Turnbull sent another fax indicating there may have been what he called, "a major error," in his analysis procedures, and advising the Falklands authorities to, "reduce your red alert to amber."

Vet, Andrew Coe, told *Penguin News* that the uncertainty over the identity of the bacteria had been caused because a chemical used in the analysis at Porton Down was

subsequently found to be already heavily infected with anthrax bacteria, thus rendering the initial findings unsound.

Anthrax is an infectious disease, invariably fatal to animals and particularly affecting cows, sheep pigs and horses. It can kill otherwise healthy cattle in 24 hours and its spores are capable of living for more than a hundred years in barren soil.

Though it can be transmitted to humans in two forms, skin ulcers or a general form, it is not dangerous provided the victim is treated.

Further samples from the cow are to be sent to the laboratory, however, despite the possibility that there may have been an error, for the sake of caution the carcass is still to be incinerated.

Room destroyed by runaway truck at Lighthouse cafe



Rapidly repaired: The Lighthouse Cafe after a Gordon Forbes truck careered into the outer bathroom wall (East wing).

A TRUCK owned by Gordon Forbes Construction Ltd. crashed through the side of the Seamen's Centre (The Lighthouse Cafe) during the early morning hours of January 28. According to the Royal Falkland Islands Police, it appeared that the truck, which had been parked near the cafe, had simply rolled down the hill before crashing into the wall of the building. The centre, which is manned by Kirsten and Mike Hughes, suffered

serious damage to the outer bathroom wall, guttering, plasterboard and facilities inside, including the bath and toilet.

Although Kirsten, Mike and their children were not in the building at the time, a young female GAP student was asleep in the room next to the bathroom. Unharmed, the young lady was awoken by the sound of the crash, however, Kirsten told *Penguin News*, she simply dismissed the sound as, "a dream,"

and fell asleep again.

Since the incident, the outer wall of the centre has been repaired, however, the inside of the bathroom and the new cafe sign was still damaged.

The incident echoes a similar one some time ago, when a Landrover left with the handbrake off rolled down the hill, damaging the side of the old Seamen's cafe, which is situated next to the new premises.

Councillors leave for conference

COUNCILLORS Norma Edwards and Mike Summers will leave the Islands tomorrow (January 31) to travel to the United Kingdom to represent the Falklands at the *Dependent Territories in the 21st Century Conference* on February 4.

Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, is to present an interim report, as opposed to a final report, on the findings of a review of Britain's dependent territories. Chief Ministers and other senior ministers from many of the dependent territories will also address the conference. *Further Dependent Territories Conference news on Page 3*

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Editorial this week written by Deputy Editor, Tony Burnett

THOUGH the subject of this week's learned dissertation is something that has puzzled and occupied philosophers, physicists and 'men of intellect' for centuries, I hope, in these lines, to use it to make a simple but telling point to do with that outmoded, some would say vanishing, tradition described by my maternal grandmother (who was more like Whistler's Mother than Whistler's Mother) as 'Manners'.

Fine, so what is it? We all claim it as our own (though if it possessed intelligence and was not an abstract it would scoff at such egocentric posturing) and then complain that we have too little or none at all. Without exception we waste it, even if some spend it more wisely than others who consume it freely, apparently without fear of the consequences that will eventually, but surely, arrive.

We use it as an excuse, a tool, a weapon, a panacea, a comfort. We wrap homespun philosophies round it to form snappy little wisdom sayings that are really a means of rationalising our behaviour and saving our psyches. Then we force-feed our children with these clever phrases in the hope that they will grow up to reflect our own beliefs. Irrationally we give it a personality and a benevolence that belie the impersonal inevitability with which it ultimately makes fools of us all. Without it, arguably, there would be no such thing as music, no poetry, no Earth, indeed no Universe; while paradoxically it apparently only exists because we do. (Scholars are not invited to discuss that somewhat esoteric concept).

So, what is it? Collins English Dictionary defines it in various ways, the simplest being: *the continuous passage of existence in which events pass from a state of potentiality in the future, through the present, to a state of finality in the past, or if you prefer: a quantity measuring duration, usually with reference to a periodic process such as the rotation of the Earth or the vibration of electromagnetic radiation emitted from certain atoms.*

To you and I, chum, Time.

Of which we all have our allotted chunk, claimed biblically to be three score and ten years, or, to make appropriate use of the second definition above, seventy jaunty trips (are we, then, all of us space travelers?) around the sun. Which is all very cosy, even convenient - enter the literati with their 'seven ages of man': infancy, childhood, adolescence etc - or would be if it were not for the awkward fact that rarely, if ever, do we have acquaintance with another who shares precisely the same seven decades. Even less likely are we to meet someone who is compelled by nature to live to the same inward clock as ourselves.

And there, right there, is the big problem, for in some way all these interlocking, overlapping lifetimes with their separate time patterns have to find ways to co-exist, and, to foul up the already difficult issue even further, though the ancients had no use for minutes or hours, instead tracking their lives by the cycle of the moon and the passing of the seasons, modern man has devised vastly intricate machines to measure time to such ludicrous extremes as defining a nanosecond (one thousand millionth of a single second), and in so doing has become enslaved by the concept he sought to control.

Whether for good or ill depends on individual points of view but complex rules have evolved to help humanity cope. There are timetables for everything. Trains, schools, business, television, radio, tax returns, even registering the birth of a new time-slave has a time limit. These are the written rules by which the globe continues to run at a practical level, but, (and finally by this circuitous - well we have to fill space somehow - route - I am coming to the simple point mentioned in the first paragraph) of a 'periodic process' is the one by which the rest of the world should tick.

Even so, given the code of behaviour, the 'Manners' so beloved of my old Granny, hammered into us in childhood, we are able to frequently suppress that belief in order to 'rub along' with everyone else. That is, most of us can for most of the time. Punctuality is deemed a virtue, tardiness a sin. Trite? Yup, but if we all treated that statement as a kind of eleventh Commandment how many countless slights, real or imagined, would never have happened. For to keep someone waiting for minutes or hours without prior explanation bites to the core. We are stating, implicitly, that our time is more important than theirs, that our 'seventy' is of more value than theirs. It is the ultimate insult.

At last, here it comes, the real reason for this carping editorial (and if you're still with me I'm glad you found the time). I was kept waiting this last week, in rather damp circumstances, by someone for whom I have a deep regard - which somehow makes it worse. To that person I would simply say, please don't do it again. I will forgive you - in time.

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CE 'grateful for concern'

I AM grateful for Ben Claxton's concern about the government's computers and the much vaunted possibility that such machines might cease to perform at the turn of the century (PN 23-1-98).

I can confirm that our Computer Section have had this factor very much in mind in recent years and thus we are confident that our computers will continue to perform successfully during and beyond the

year 2000.

I am also particularly grateful for Ben's concern about, "the poor old Chief Executive," and his popularity.

My successor should be in post on 1st January 2000, and if he/she is already "poor" and "old" the honeymoon will have been short indeed.

Andrew Gurr
Chief Executive

A lasting friendship

IT is with sadness that we heard of the death of Frank Howatt in Stanley Hospital in November. We had last seen him back in December 1996 when he was in Haslar Hospital in Gosport. At that time he was not expected to live more than a few months. However, after being discharged from hospital Frank returned to the Falklands where for a while he appeared to improve, before his sudden deterioration in November.

Frank, a very dear friend, became part of our family through a kind act in 1933 by his uncle Eddie Kellway to our father, the late Herbert Spalding. Herbert had met Eddie in a pub in Stanley, whilst he was in the Falklands on the Scoresby Expedition, and Eddie, with typical Falklands' hospitality, invited him to his home. This was the start of a long and lasting friendship.

Subsequently both Eddie and Frank corresponded with our family and visited us on their visits to England. Frank did much to promote Terry's interest in the Islands by sending him stamps and books on the Falklands whenever they were published. Their correspondence stretched over 58 years and Terry had always hoped to visit Frank one day in the Falklands.

Sadly this was never to be. When Terry eventually visited the Islands in the course of his work, Frank had been living in Gosport for many years.

Our family will always remember Frank for his great humour and his powerful handshake. He was a great person and it was an honour to have known him.

Terry Spalding
and Mary Warren.

Mike's part in Pony's Pass quarry

IN the statement issued from this office (PN January 16) regarding the commissioning of the new equipment at Pony's Pass Quarry I omitted to make mention of Mike Butcher who made a valuable contribution in remedying a number of fabrication errors which had occurred during manufacture in the UK. Without his efforts the project would have been delayed.

I should be grateful if you can publish this letter to remedy this omission.

M J Forrest
Director of Public Works

Not murdered just lost?

REFERENCE the disappearance of Marine Addis. Many years ago a man, Ned Casey, was put across to the mainland from Saunders Island to walk to Shallow Bay and ask for medical help for someone on Saunders. He was never heard of again, but many years later a shepherd noticed the sun shining on bones on one of those little islands of grass found in stone-runs. He left his horse and picked his way over, thinking there may be some dead sheep's wool he could

pick up. He found human bones and a sheath-knife with the initials N.C. on it.

This was up on one of the Hill Cove mountains.

May not the same sort of thing have happened to Alan Addis? Perhaps he just kept on walking in the wrong direction. Perhaps he was a little fuddled too, and walked into a stone run or into a peaty pond. Not murdered, just lost.

Betty Miller
Stanley

Home Secretary defies Cook's passport plan

THERE have been reports recently of a British Cabinet split over the idea of giving full British passports, including right of abode, to the 150,000 citizens of the British Dependent Territories. Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary is said to be in favour of granting an automatic right to live in Britain to the people of the remaining 'outposts of Britain', in return for a promise to end their status as 'tax havens' but is said to have been opposed by Jack Straw, the Home Secretary.

The Home Secretary apparently believes the Foreign Secretary's plan would, "drive a coach and horses through New Labour's firm but fair immigration policy." The move may also appear deeply cynical only months after Hong Kong was handed back to the Chinese. Mr Straw is worried that Mr Cook's plan could also encourage millions of Hong Kong residents to apply retrospectively for British citizenship.

Mr Cook is said to be furious that he will be forced to leave the plan out of a keynote speech he will deliver to the Dependent Territories Association next week.

Falkland Lodge to be completed September

Seven Falklands students observe Councillor Mike Summers cut the first turf for Falkland Lodge at Peter Symonds College, Winchester.
Photo: Courtesy of Hampshire Chronicle



DURING a visit to Britain towards the end of last year, Councillor Mike Summers, with seven Falklands students (already resident) cut the first turf for the new Peter Symonds College boarding house, Falkland Lodge.

The Lodge, towards the building of which the Falklands government are contributing one half of a million pounds, will cost £900,000 in total to build. For that contribution, FIG will receive boarding places for Falklands students (at a fixed cost) until the money runs out. The cost of boarding a student for one year at Falkland Lodge is £5,400.

The boarding house will have 48 beds in 37 rooms, all with en suite facilities, and should be completed by September 1998.

This is only the second pur-

pose-build boarding house to be built in the history of the college. The first, School House, was opened in 1908 to house the then headmaster, the Reverend Telford Varley, and five boarders, together

with his own family of five children.

Attached to Falkland Lodge will be a student Centre, to be named after a former Symonds master, Paul Woodhouse.

Bill Blake

SADLY, it was learned at Hill Cove that Mr W W Blake had died last Saturday in England. Bill Blake was born in Patagonia but went to school in England. He was an Eton scholar and went on to Cambridge to read Classics before joining the Colonial Service. He came to the Falklands in 1947 from The Gold Coast, where he had been a District Officer.

Bill came to Hill Cove as cadet to Mr Harding and took over the management of the farm on Mr Harding's retirement in 1953. He managed the farm for the next twelve years before returning to the United Kingdom to make room for Tim Blake to take over. On leaving the Falklands he became Farms Director for the Falkland Islands Company and was on the Board of Directors of both Port Howard and Hill Cove.

During his time in farming, and while with the Falkland Islands Company, he searched ceaselessly for ways to improve farming and make it more profitable. He started land improvement at Hill Cove and saw the wool production rise from ninety to over a hundred tons.

While in the FIC London office he was responsible for recruitment of people to come and work and live in the Falklands and there are a number of residents today who came to the Islands in this way. Bill was a quiet and reserved person but he had a great sense of humour. One story told of him was of an incident at lamb marking. Ritchie McKay was heard to complain about the quality of the feed oats for the horses describing them as little better than rat's turds. On this lamb marking morning Ritchie's horse started to buck... and buck hard. Ritchie, who loved to sit a bucking horse eventually got his horse under control, when Bill was heard to remark "Jolly good rat's turds Ritchie."

What only a very few people know was Bill's extreme generosity. In the early eighties feeling that people here should have a greater stake in the farms, he gave three quarters of his Hill Cove shares to three of the farms long standing employees. A very valuable gift when the farm was sold some years later.

(Tim Blake)

Stanley Golf News: TWENTY-TWO competitors turned out for the LASMO sponsored Texas Scramble last Sunday. Played in teams of 3 or 4 with appropriate adjustment to combined handicaps, the Texas Scramble format virtually guarantees a low net score. This proved to be the case as the 3 man team of Joe Bains, Jonathan Ford and Glen Ross, with an impres-

sive gross 66 (net 57.5) took first place, ahead of Steward Heron, Kevin Clapp and Gordon McConnel with gross 70 (net 60).

Prizes were presented by Larry Smith of LASMO to whom the Club are indebted for their generosity.

Competitors this Sunday will tee off at 9.00 for the February monthly medal.

Frank Jackson



Above: Loading of oilfield equipment: Stanley CSM's plant, including two cranes, forklift trucks, trucks and trailers, well head equipment and 80 containers, are loaded on to the Kapitan Vega, in Aberdeen, ready for her journey to the Falklands. The cargo comprises approximately 3,500 freight tonnes of equipment.

The vessel is due to arrive in the Falklands in mid February.
Photo: Robert Rowlands

Public Notice

APPLICATIONS are invited to fill the post of Clerk in the Attorney General's Chambers to commence duties as soon as possible.

The duties of the post require knowledge of office procedures, and the ability to work to deadlines, sometimes under pressure. A high degree of confidentiality is required in relation to work involving transactions between Government and others.

GCSE passes in English and Maths, a polite manner when dealing with people and accurate keyboard skills are essential. Previous clerical and Government experience would be an advantage.

Salary is in Grade G ranging from £10,176 to £12,720 per annum, entry point being dependent on the successful candidate's qualifications and relevant experience.

Further details of the post can be obtained by contacting the Senior Crown Counsel, Mr Robert Titterton, on telephone number 27274 during normal working hours.

Application forms and a job description are available from the Human Resources Department and completed forms should be returned to that Department no later than 4.00pm Wednesday 4th February 1999.

Invitation to tender

THE Falkland Islands Development Corporation invites tenders from suitably qualified contractors for the supply and construction of a timber framed office/Light commercial use building, on plot 3, West Hillside Estate.

Copies of the tender documents can be obtained from the FIDC offices, between Friday 30th January 1998 and Friday 6th February 1998. Within these dates tenderers must confirm in writing, their intention to tender.

Completed tenders, marked Plot 3 - Hillside Camp, must reach the General Manager, FIDC, on or before 3pm on Friday 27th February 1998.

It is the Falkland Islands Government policy to publish, where appropriate, the names of tenderers, and the amounts in which they tendered. Tenderers will be considered only on this footing.

The FIDC does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.



Stanley Garden Centre

These are just some of the items that have just arrived on the Anne Boye, and will be in the shop soon:-

Pets:- Aquarium cabinet sets in 24", 30", & 36" in Mahogany
Fish Food Flakes
Hamster Cages - Drinks Bottles - Hamster Exercise Balls

Home:- A new selection of scented and floating Candles
Cane Pot Stands

New Flower Pots and Saucers
The very popular Farmhouse Biscuits
A wide range of Oasis Floral Arranging Products
Silk and Dried Flowers

Garden:- Troughs in white and green
Covers for poly cloches
Watering Cans and Roses and 1 Litre Sprayers
Spade Handles - 3 Prong Cultivators - Border and Lawn Shears

Fence Paint In:- Blue, Sage, Lavender, Sunflower
Compost in 80L - 30L - 15L Bags

During February - Our opening hours are:-

Monday - Wednesday -

Friday - Saturday:

2.00-5.00pm

Sunday: 2.30-4.30pm



AFTER some gentle persuasion from Penguin News staff, FICS English Teacher, Veronica Fowler, kindly agreed to gather her thoughts and tell the story of her visit to her daughter Rachael who is teaching on a voluntary basis in the village of Gunjur in The Gambia. The story will be published in two parts, and begins this week with a description of her arrival in Africa.

AFRICA! Apart from being allowed to stand on the airfield in Dakar in 1982 in transit to Britain after the '82 conflict, this is my first visit. I am bursting with excitement at the whole adventure. My sister, whom I have not seen for two years, has joined me for a week, but most importantly, I am going to see my daughter, Rachael, who has already been in The Gambia for five months. The excitement is curbed by a little trepidation: we know she has been ill and may have had malaria although this is not certain, and, also in her last missive, she said she hoped I would not find her too much changed!

The Gambia is one of the most underdeveloped countries in the third world. The people of this region are among the poorest people of the world. It is a long narrow tract of land, based around the River Gambia, sandwiched between Northern and Southern Senegal, on the 'bulge' of Africa's West Coast, and only acquired its small status because of the river, which was important for trading.

On arrival at our hotel I am disappointed that Rachael is not there, especially when I am informed by hotel staff that she has been and gone, and is now at the airport to meet me! It is only later when I discover how distant her village is and the mode of transport she uses that I realise what a huge effort she has made to greet me. We already have our wires crossed! However, at the hotel, they tell me that she will be back: "Yes, I saw her. She speaks Mandinka. She is a Gambian, ha, ha! She is the pretty one. She will be back. Relax."

My sister is exhausted by the heat and sleeps. I too need to sleep but am restless until I see Rachael, so go in search of a sun-bed, from which I have a view of the hotel entrance. She finally arrives and we are both overcome. She is thinner, grubby and unkempt - the original colour of her feet a mystery!

Rachael must return to her village as there are still two days of

school left before the holidays so we arrange to travel to her village on the last day of school. Before she goes she explains the taxi system to us: 1) tourist taxi - expensive and exclusive to the traveller, 2) town taxi - which one hails when walking and which is not exclusive - the driver can pick up as many passengers as he can carry, and the rate is more or less fixed, 3) bush taxi - which is Rachael's main form of transport and very cheap, although the experience is not recommended for the fainthearted. Bush taxis are, or once were, minibuses and the plan seems to be to cram as many people as possible into a small space before one of the passengers suffocates. It is as well that ventilation from nonexistent windows and floors exist. Of this experience more later.

In the interim my sister and I acquaint ourselves with our hotel, the swimming pool, the beach, and attempt to get to grips with the dalasi, the local currency.

I have chosen our hotel with care - we are not in the luxury hotel ghetto, but nevertheless we are persistently hassled by 'bumsters' - the pejorative, locally applied to young men who harass female tourists, selling anything from souvenirs to sex. A sense of humour is essential to avoid unpleasantness and I manage to extricate myself with 'witty' quips: "Does your mother know you're out?" "Have some respect for the elderly!"

The day comes to travel to Gunjur - Rachael's village. We decide to compromise on taxis - going half-way in a tourist taxi which will take us to Serrekunda, from where it is possible to take a bush taxi to anywhere, but when we reach Serrekunda, the heat, and the prospect of re-negotiating our travelling arrangements is too much so we deal with our driver to take us all the way to Gunjur - about £16. We leave the main road and hit a dusty, ochre-coloured track in much the same conditions, although in



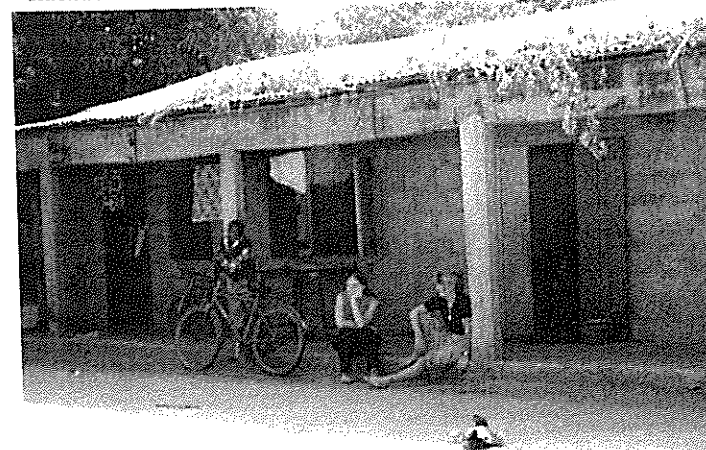
Mother seeks daughter in The Gambia

places better, than the MPA road. The red dust reminds me of Bolivia and a black corduroy jacket of John's which, despite endless dry-cleaning, never lost a rusty hue. At one point the driver stops, goes into a field and returns with some stalks of grass - he opens a small pod and inside is a perfect grain of rice - magical! We drive through several towns and the racial mix is fascinating - people begin to form patterns - tall, thin with flowing robes and traditional headaddresses leading equally thin goats round faces with tribal marks - opulent Lebanese business men - local women with platform bottoms which defy the elegance of their upper bodies as they balance anything from huge boxes to a tin of beans on their heads. Their clothes are exciting and tropically brilliant - many baring one shoulder against which the fabric cuts like glass. When the taxi stops for any reason it is surrounded by small children staring, while the boldest of them shriek. Tubaaab! Tubaaab! Those of us old enough to still mentally convert money into pre-decimal figures might recognise the origins of

this sound: it comes from 'two bob', a hang-over from Colonial days, but today has come to be the word for white person. We now seem to be driving through trackless bush but this is apparently the recognised route into Gunjur. After some deviations, we find the school - a quadrangle of concrete blocks enclosing the ubiquitous red dust.

Rachael appears, looking lovely in one of the new long dresses we brought for her; necessarily long because thighs are the 'forbidden' area in The Gambia, although tourists are exempt. She sees me pay the taxi driver and enters a long, protracted dialogue with him: "This is too much!" He says it is a good price. "I came here for half the price two nights ago. You are cheating my mother." "Half price is not enough," he shouts. "It is enough. You shame me and your people," she retorts. And so it continues, back and forwards with insults flying. I hardly recognise my own daughter, so in command is she, but at the same time I realise she is establishing 'street cred', and disassociating herself from her tourist mother and aunt.

Rachael and Veronica rest in the shade in the compound in Gunjur



That established, we proceed to a small room which Rachael and the two other volunteers have commandeered. End-of-term reports, which should be finished, lie scattered over the table, but they are impossible for Rachael, (a form tutor), to complete because there is too much data missing. She is in despair. Some reports are missing completely, some with missing exam results and it is the latter Rachael is refusing to complete and sign because she knows that most of her pupils sat the exams and she is not willing to compromise their 'place' in the strict order of achievement because some teacher has lost an exam result or simply can't be bothered to provide the necessary information. It all looks random and chaotic to me - it would be interesting to see what an OFSTED Inspector would make of this little lot! Although Rachael has been here for five months she has still not met all the staff, nor been to a staff meeting though these are purported to be held regularly. Salaries are poor - about £35 per month - teachers have not been paid for five months, which might go some way to explain the *laissez-faire* attitude which seems to prevail.

We are introduced to several of the staff - earnest young men with glasses for whom teaching in a school is a good first step to something better, not a commitment. The older teachers appear disinterested, and who can blame them when the rewards are so poor and the system without direction?

Rachael has a bike, donated by the Marlborough Trust, under whose auspices she is in the Gambia. At 12.30 she calls a boy, who lives in her 'compound', to take our overnight bags on her bike to the compound. We will walk - there is no alternative. It is midday and the temperature is 34 degrees centigrade. Gunjur is a village of

10,000 inhabitants and stretches along a dusty red road, and it is at the end of this long road that Rachael lives. We pass all forms of life strung out along the roadside like so many exhibits.

Many people greet 'Sibbi', (known to the rest of us as Rachael), with the ritualised form of Mandinka greeting. The first few times this happens is interesting, even charming, but the charm begins to wear off as we progress slowly through the village. The greetings are set patterns of question and answer from which there is no deviation: "How are you?" "How is the day?" "How are the people back there?" I am wondering when they are going to enquire after the health of the family chickens and pigs! Rachael has written the basic greetings down in Mandinka so that I can make some kind of rejoinder, but I decide to pass on this pleasure and smile inanely, if not manically. What is that song about mad dogs and Englishmen out in the midday sun?

Half-way through the village we make a pit-stop to replenish lost body fluids. The shop is next to the Mosque (90% of The Gambia is Muslim) where the faithful are gathering for prayer: men inside, women outside!

We continue through the village, leaving the crowds behind now. Ahead of us are some of Rachael's older pupils, loud and shrieking in their bright blue gym-slips. Rachael says they are the Tracy and Sharon's of the school, turning up to meet their friends and disrupt lessons - the world is, in some ways, the same all over.

After this surrealistic walk through the village, a cross between the truly squalid and 'National Geographic', we finally reach the Jatta compound, Rachael's home for a year.

To be continued.

Public Notice

The Planning Ordinance 1991

Notice of Planning Applications Received

Notice is hereby given that the following applications for planning permission have been received:

Ref No	Applicant	Development
1/98P	Mr&Mrs W G Richards	Outline application for erection of dwelling at 8 James Street, Stanley.
2/98/PB	FIG	Construction of ten houses with garages on Plots 3,5,7,17,19,21,23,25,27,29 Goss Road, East Stanley Development.
3/9/98	Stanley Arms Ltd.	Extension of K2 Minimart at Plots 5&6 Lookout Industrial Estate, Stanley.
4/9/98	Mr P McKay	Extension of dwelling at 21 Ross Road West, Stanley.
5/98/PB	FIG	Temporary siting of a Portakabin at the ARC Implement Shed, Eliza Cove Road, Stanley.
117/98/DP	FIG	Construction of a temporary 60 persons accommodation camp at the site of the former FIDC Offices, Airport Road, Stanley (for the approval of detailed plans following the grant of outline permission).
7/98/P	Bristow Helicopters Ltd.	Outline application for the erection of a transit camp for 60 persons, at Mount Pleasant, East Falklands.
8/98/PB	Bristow Helicopters Ltd	Erection of a storage building, construction of roads and helipad, relocation of Portakabin and installation of a chemical toilet near to Cape House, East Falklands.
9/98/P	Mr N Bonner	Outline application for the erection of a one-bedroom studio dwelling at 4a Ross road West, Stanley.
10/98/PB	FIDC	Erection of building for office and light commercial use at Plot 3 Hillside Estate, Stanley.
86/97/DP	Mr A T Blake	Erection of a one and a half storey dwelling at 4 Watson Way, Stanley (for the approval of detailed plans following the grant of outline permission).
88/97/DP	Mr&Mrs S Roberts	Erection of a one and a half storey dwelling at 10 Watson Way, Stanley (for the approval of detailed plans following the grant of outline permission).

These applications may be inspected during normal office hours at the office of the Secretary of the Planning and Building Committee, Environmental Planning Office, Malvina Paddock, Stanley. Comments on the applications should be made in writing and should be sent to the Environmental Planning Officer, Environmental Planning Office, PO Box 611, Stanley, within 10 days of the date of this notice.

The next Planning and Building Committee is due to be held on 5 February 1998 in the Liberation Room, Secretariat commencing at 1.30pm. Members of the Public may attend to observe the workings of the Committee.

The Secretariat
Stanley

Public Notice No; 1/98
January 22, 1998
Ref: PLB.49/1

General Purposes Committee 21.1.98

AT the latest General Purposes Committee meeting held on Wednesday, January 21, a number of subjects came up for discussion, among them the housing situation.

Councillors expressed their concern about how far behind schedule the current phase of the East Stanley Development is. They agreed to ask Executive Council to look into the feasibility of the early release of two plots from Phase Two of the Development for the construction of single accommodation.

There was a lengthy discussion with Messrs. Queen and Thompson from the Forestry Commission who had been invited to the Islands to observe our road construction meth-

ods and then, from their base of many years of experience of building tracks in similar conditions and on similar terrain, advise FIG.

This they have done with the result that they will be having further meetings with the Director of Public Works and the Roads Engineer to review different costings and contract philosophies to ensure we are doing or will be doing the right thing.

The review will also look at the current road construction philosophy which is that of high speed, high maintenance and low cost, to help form an educated opinion on whether it is the best.

A number of Executive Council papers were examined and then fol-

Summary of Executive Council Meeting

January 22, 1998.. by H.E. The Governor

THE first ExCo meeting of 1998 took place in Government House, under my chairmanship, on Thursday 22 January. All members were present, including the three elected ones, Richard Cockwell, Sharon Halford and Lewis Clifton. This was the present Commander British Forces' last meeting before his departure next week, so I thanked him formally on behalf of all ExCo members for the contribution he has made during his year in the Falklands, and wished him well for the future.

Partly because of the convention that only urgent business is taken at the ExCo meeting in December, the agenda this time was rather long, with the result that we did not complete our business until 4pm in the afternoon. I would, however, like to say how encouraged I am by the positive, well focused and business-like mood which characterises ExCo business these days.

Housing shortage

Almost the first matter we addressed was the chronic housing shortage in Stanley. If anything, this is getting worse. All Councillors - elected and nonelected - are acutely aware of the problem. I can only assure listeners that we are taking this very seriously indeed, and taking whatever measures we can to alleviate it. The problem is, we just can't build new houses fast enough to meet demand.

Finance and Fiscal Business

Under the general heading of Finance and Fiscal business, ExCo approved a general budget strategy, worked up by the Islands Planning Committee under Mike Summers' chairmanship, which will form a framework for the annual budget session in March. Briefly, Councillors have very responsibly decided that a disciplined approach is needed to limit recurrent costs and prioritise capital works. Otherwise, we'll deplete our reserves in just a few years. But this will mean that some tough decisions will have to be taken from now on over prioritising various

capital projects. We simply can't afford to do everything at once. ExCo approved the continued operation of the existing mortgage interest relief grant scheme for people who were ineligible to participate in the joint FIG/Standard Chartered Bank housing assistance programme. And we approved the replacement of the existing 5p coins with the smaller sized 5p coins now in use in the UK, as well as down sizing the 10p and 50p coins at the same time. Since we have run out of 5p coins, we have to replace them anyway. Lastly under this heading, ExCo also approved retrospectively a reduction in swimming pool fees for children to 10p per session. I understand that this has already resulted in increased usage, which is exactly what we hoped for.

Legal matters and legislation

Turning to legal matters and legislation ExCo approved a Retirement Pensions Amendment Bill 1998, bringing into effect some measures approved earlier to do with ex-gratia pensions, pension entitlements, married couples' supplements, voluntary contributions, and the like. Following that, we gave the Attorney General a steer on some points which will help him prepare legislation regulating the terms under which people can acquire Falkland Islands "belonger" status. This flows from the changes in the Constitution last year. These points included: qualifying periods of residence; whether decisions about granting Falkland Islands status should be discretionary or not., the inclusion of provision in the Constitution that decisions whether to grant an application for naturalisation cannot be affected by race, colour or religion; stipulating that the tribunal which considers applications should give reasons for refusing an application for Falkland Islands status; provisions for revoking the grant of status; and so on. These will now be worked up into a law, and there will be further opportunity to consider these matters. ExCo also noted a possible need to amend the Taxes

Ordinance to allow for tax relief for charitable donations.

Oil

As regards oil, ExCo approved the release to the Environmental Committee, Falklands Conservation and other bonafide groups of an environmental impact study of the so-called Special Cooperation Area, so that they have an opportunity to comment. We also looked closely at the exploration drilling environmental assessment and the public representations and industry responses to it. This relates to the drilling due to start this year in the area to the north of the Islands. An external review of the environmental impact assessment was also available for our consideration. The upshot is that ExCo decided to advise me to accept the oil companies' applications for exploratory drilling work. But I should stress that this applies only to the planned exploration drilling phase. Operators will need to submit a detailed monitoring programme and additional evidence if the exploration programme is to be extended. ExCo also took note of the regular monthly report from the Department of Oil, which, incidentally, is to be renamed the Department of Mineral Resources, since it is responsible for minerals on land as well as oil off shore. As most of the news in this has already been published in the Oil Department's bulletin, I won't repeat

it here, though it is worth reminding listeners that another of the regular Joint Operators Meetings is being held in Stanley on 27 January.

Planning and environmental

Turning now to planning and environmental ExCo approved recommendations that a number of buildings in Stanley and Camp should be listed as being of special architectural or historic interest. In all cases this is with the consent of the owners concerned. We also listed some of the historic mission buildings on Keppel Island. The composition and terms of reference, of a new Environmental Committee were also approved. And finally, we approved a plan for disposing safely - and, I hope, quickly - of the last of the oil at Albemarle, subject to satisfying ourselves that there is not a hitherto unsuspected, problem with asbestos.

Fisheries

On Fisheries, the Director of Fisheries gave an up to date presentation on the situation over the financial crisis in Korea, and its impact on the take-up of illex licences. This is complicated. Naturally we are sympathetic to the Koreans, but we need to protect our own interest too. Rest assured that we will do what we can to minimise our losses, though some loss of revenue is unavoidable. But, as I have said on several previ-

ous occasions, there is no cause for alarm: we have a good safety net in the form of substantial reserves against just such eventualities.

Immigration

Another big bit of work we considered was an interim immigration policy paper. This contains a number of recommendations regarding a possible points system, and the types of permits which might be used by our Immigration authorities. It draws heavily on practice in a number of other Commonwealth countries, notably Canada and New Zealand. The paper will now be further refined. I doubt if anybody would find many surprises in it.

Agriculture

ExCo then approved a further agricultural assistance measure which will provide farmers with a break-even price in the production and marketing of wool. I should emphasise that this will be available only to farmers who actually submit returns on their wool sales. It will also be the last such piecemeal measure. Councillors are keen to look at the whole question of agricultural assistance in the round, with a view to producing a coherent overall package which would be good for several years.

Any Other Business

Items which came up towards the end of our meeting included.

- approval for an organisational structure for the Lighthouse Seamens' Centre down at FIPASS which is doing so well.

- a decision to give Mario Zuvic Bulic a chance to refurbish the NDB masts cast of the Trough, if he can do so safely, so that he can use it for TV transmissions.

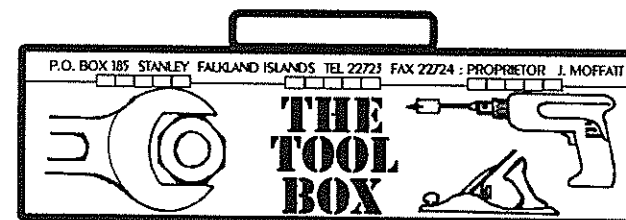
- approval for a plaque in the Cathedral in memory of Captain Nick Barker.

- rejection of proposals for a lorry park in Stanley, mainly because the cost would be extortionate.

- approval of some proposals to provide employment opportunities in the Falklands for a few people from Tristan da Cunha, probably in the agricultural sector. Let me say that Councillors were clear that this mustn't aggravate the housing problem for Falkland Islanders.

- a reaffirmation of the urgent need to repair the road and parking spaces around Stanley, which are breaking up.

Finally, a few points came up under Any Other Business. These included taking note of an invitation to the leader of the Select Committee on Defence at Westminster to visit the Falklands, agreement to making a contribution of £5,000 to the Commonwealth appeal fund for Monserrat, and reaffirming the top priority which Councillors attach to building a new school hostel.



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Standards in Public Life

THE first meeting of the select committee formed to develop Standards in Public Life was held on the afternoon of Friday, January 23.

The objectives of this initial meeting were to determine how the Committee would proceed, and to decide what final outcomes they wanted to see.

A package of information on how the Code of Conduct for civil servants in the United Kingdom was established was provided by the Attorney General, Mr David Lang, and the Committee hope also to be able to

examine how other countries have developed their own guidelines and regulations.

As a first stage the Committee decided to hold an open meeting in the Court and Council Chamber on Tuesday, February 17, between 5pm and 8pm. Members of the public who have views on what standards should be included and how the document should be developed will be invited to present their evidence to the Select Committee.

Observers will also be welcome to attend.

lowed a discussion on councillor's allowances. It was felt it was necessary to clarify which meetings councillors should be entitled to claim for. It was also proposed the lump

sum payment of £2,500 should be reviewed in line with other wage increases.

Both matters were referred to Executive Council.

11.30am. Contact Miranda
Cheek Health Visitor 27418

Your BFBS Television programmes

SATURDAY 31ST JANUARY
8.45 TITCH
8.55 WOLVES, WITCHES AND GIANTS
9.10 KABLAM! (New)
9.35 SPIRIT RIDER (New)
10.15 LIVE AND KICKING
1.15 GRANDSTAND Including: News summary; World Indoor Bowls Championships, penultimate day from Preston's Guidhall; Racing from Ayr; news from the Australian Tennis Open; the latest instalment of the BOA Olympic magazine series; Football Focus; and a full round-up of the rest of the day's sporting events
6.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.25 TOP OF THE POPS
6.55 BEST FRIENDS
7.05 WHEEL OF FORTUNE
7.30 A PRINCE AMONG MEN
8.00 NOEL'S HOUSEPARTY
8.50 CASUALTY
9.40 THE MOONSTONE
10.45 THE UNIQUE DAVE ALLEN
11.15 THE D-FILES
11.20 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.45 MATCH OF THE DAY

SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY
8.20 MATCH OF THE DAY
9.30 BREAKFAST WITH FROST
10.30 BODGER AND BADGER (New)
10.45 MEN IN BLACK
11.05 BLUE PETER
11.40 SHORT CHANGE
12.05 SONGS OF PRAISE
12.40 THE WHITBREAD: THE WORLD'S GREATEST OCEAN RACE
1.10 THE CHART SHOW
2.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
2.10 BROOKSIDE
3.20 THIS IS YOUR LIFE
3.50 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW
4.35 THROUGH THE KEYHOLE
5.00 FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP Aston Villa v Newcastle
6.55 ANIMAL PEOPLE
7.25 BLIND DATE
8.20 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
8.30 HEARTBEAT
9.25 FILM: SINGLES (1992,15 Premiere)
11.00 PARKINSON
11.50 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
12.05 RUGBY EXPRESS

MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 CATS' EYES 10.15 NUMBERTIME 10.30 THE MIX 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING
1.15 TOTS TV Followed by: BFBS WEATHER REPORT
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Toadie and Hannah arrange to see their bank manager. Lisa prepares to leave
2.15 NAME THAT TUNE
2.40 HOLIDAY
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.45 SPIDER
3.50 FIREMAN SAM
4.05 ROGER AND THE ROTTENTROLLS
4.15 THE SILVER BRUMBY
4.40 THE REALLY WILD ROADSHOW
5.05 GOOSEBUMPS
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Lachie discovers Chloe is pregnant
5.45 GAMESMASTER
6.10 WISH YOU WERE HERE On the itinerary today; Biarritz, Milan, Lake Como and Jasper in Canada
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET Nick and Leanne make their long-awaited journey to Scotland
7.45 THE BILL Driven to It: When a local cabbie offers his services to help snare a drugs pusher, Daly jumps at the idea
8.10 DOVER
8.35 SPARK
9.05 LONDON'S BURNING
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 I'M ALAN PARTRIDGE
11.00 BACK TO THE FLOOR
11.30 FILM '98
12.00 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA

TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 FOURWAYS FARM 10.10 STORYTIME 10.25 ZIG ZAG 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE SLOW NORRIS Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS
2.15 FOOD AND DRINK
2.45 VANESSA
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
3.50 ZZZAP! (New)
4.05 IT'LL NEVER WORK
4.30 BLUE PETER
5.00 THE DEMON HEADMASTER (New)
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Lachie discovers that he has fathered Chloe's baby
5.45 A QUESTION OF SPORT
6.15 EMMERDALE Biff and Marlon's illegal house warming party has some uninvited guests
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS This week's Walford Gazette causes a few ructions in Albert Square
7.55 BUGS
8.45 COLTRANE'S PLANES AND AUTOMOBILES (New)
9.10 DARK SKIES
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 THE BEST SHOW IN THE WORLD PROBABLY
11.00 INSIDE STORY (New) Molls: Documentary. A fascinating film about gangsters and their women
11.50 TARTAN EXTRA

WEDNESDAY 4th FEBRUARY
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 CATS' EYES 10.15 TVM - SHIPS, SPACE AND MEASURES 10.30 QUEST 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 POTAMUS PARK followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Ben softens towards Bob
2.15 RICK STEIN'S FRUITS OF THE SEA
2.45 THE CLOTHES SHOW
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with THE BLOBS
3.45 THE ENCHANTED LANDS
3.55 CONAN THE ADVENTURER
4.15 HOW 2
4.35 SMART
5.00 THE DEMON HEADMASTER
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Terri and Lachie break up
5.45 TOMORROW'S WORLD (New)
6.15 EMMERDALE Lisa and Zak get married, but not without a glitch
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET Trouble brews between Des and Samantha
7.45 THE BILL A Man Out Walking his Dog: A man's body is found in his car. It looks like suicide but Boyden isn't so sure
8.10 YOU'VE BEEN FRAMED
8.40 FA CUP FOURTH ROUND REPLAY Newcastle v Stevenage
10.35 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.05 FILM: MIDNIGHT'S CHILD (1992,15 Premiere) Thriller. Despite the talents of her Swedish au pair Anna, Kate Cowan is finding it hard to like her
12.30 THE ADAM AND JOE SHOW

THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 STOP, LOOK, LISTEN 10.10 LANDMARKS 10.30 STAGE ONE 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE RIDDLERS Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Lance is uppermost in Amy's thoughts
2.15 TRUST ME, I'M A DOCTOR
2.45 VANESSA
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.45 BERNARD'S WATCH
4.05 HIGHLANDER (New)
4.30 BLUE PETER
4.55 THE PHOENIX AND THE CARPET
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Vinnie stashes his stereo at the Ross house
5.45 CALL MY BLUFF
6.15 EMMERDALE Kelly sets her sights on Chris again
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT

BFBS Television programmes (cont)

6.55 VETS IN PRACTICE
7.25 EASTENDERS Having been privy to Kathy and Alex's secret conversation in the church last week, Dot backs Ian in his public campaign against Alex
7.55 STRANGE BUT TRUE
8.20 DISASTER (New) The fire that ripped through a Channel Tunnel train in November 1996
8.50 ANIMAL HOSPITAL HEROES
9.00 THE FAST SHOW
9.30 HOTEL
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 TOM JONES (New)
12.05 LATER WITH JOOLS HOLLAND

FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 MATHSBOOK 10.10 RAT-A-TAT-TAT 10.25 LOOK AND READ 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 POTAMUS PARK Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Lou and Marlene are unlucky in love
2.15 CAT CRAZY

YOUR PROGRAMMES FROM F.I.B.S.

SATURDAY January 31
6.00 News BFBS
6.03 Music Fill
6.30 Children's Corner
7.30 News and Sport from five live
7.40 Weather, Flights, Announcements
8.00 The Navy Lark Part 5
8.28 Rpt Weather & Flights
8.30 The Beebs lost Beatles tapes
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.20 Music Fill
9.30 In the Psychiatrists Chair (Arthur Ashe)
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News BFBS
SUNDAY February 1
5.00 News: BFBS
5.03 Music fill
5.15 Dessert Island Discs with George Martin
6.00 Music Fill
6.30 Weather, flights, announcements
7.00 Church Service- Cathedral
8.00 Wet Wet Wet Album Special
8.15 Folk Music Show
8.30 Repeat Weather & Flights
8.45 Folk Music Show
9.00 News Desk
9.28 Rpt. Weather & Flights
9.30 Dracula
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News BFBS
MONDAY February 2
10.03 Morning show
12.00 News and Sport BFBS
12.06 News Midday
12.09 Music fill
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30 B.F.B.S Programmes
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
5.30 News from St. Helena
5.45 Calling the Falklands
6.00 News Magazine
6.30 Nenah Cherry in concert
7.30 News and Sports
7.35 Weather, Flights, Announcements
8.00 Future hits
9.00 News desk from the BBC

2.40 COMEDY CLASSIC: DAD'S ARMY
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
3.50 THE LITTLEST PET SHOP
4.00 ARTHUR
4.30 RUG RATS
4.50 THE WEEK ON NEWSROUND
5.00 AQUILA
5.25 HOME AND AWAY The repercussions of the children gluing Brett to his chair are felt in Fisher's office
5.45 GLADIATORS
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS Kathy is in a state of emotional confusion
7.55 999 INTERNATIONAL
8.45 DANGERFIELD
9.35 THIRD ROCK FROM THE SUN
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 CHALK
11.00 THIEFTAKERS
11.50 TFI FRIDAY
The up to date schedule can be found on the Teletext service of BFBS TV and also on BFBS Radio

6.00 Bookclub - The Wimbledon Poisoner
7.30 News and Sport
7.35 Weather, Flights, Annos
8.00 Pot Luck with Myriam
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt weather and Flights
9.30 Cont. with Pot Luck
10.00 News BFBS
FRIDAY February 6
10.03 Morning Show
12.00 News & Sport from B.F.B.S.
12.06 Music Fill
12.15 Lunchtime Announcements.
12.30 BFBS Programmes
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
5.45 Calling the Falklands
6.00 News Magazine
6.30 Drama - Spoonface Steinberg
7.30 News & Sport from Five live
7.35 Weather, Flights Annos
8.00 Announcers half hour
8.30 Country Crossroads
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt Weather and Flights
9.30 News Magazine rpt.
10.00 News B.F.B.S.

All programmes are subject to change. Any changes will be broadcast on FIBS

B.F.B.S. RADIO WEEKLY PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

98.5FM

SATURDAY 0000 Steve Mason 0200 Rockumentary 0300 Sports N all 0500 News & Me Mark Page 0700 Weekend Gold 0800 Breakfast Show 1000 Sports n all 1200 David Rodigan 1400 Me Mark Page 1600 American's Finest 1800 Rockumentary 1900 David Rodigan 2100 Steve Mason 2300 Richard Allinson
SUNDAY 0100 Something for the Weekend 0300 Pressure Drop 0400 Bob Harris 0700 Rockumentary 0800 Weekend Gold 1000 Something for the Weekend 1200 Sunday Lunchtime Live 1400 Richard Allinson 1600 Bob Harris 1900 Weekend Gold 2100 Pressure Drop 2200 London Tonight
MONDAY 0000 London tonight continued 0100 In Concert 0200 Rockumentary 0300 Connect UK 0500 Early Breakfast 0600 Breakfast Show 0900 Gold 1000 FIBS Morning Show 1200 Announcements 1230 UK Drivetime 1300 Afternoon Show 1600 Connect UK 1800 Gold 1900 Essential Selection 2000 The Rockshow 2200 London Tonight
TUESDAY 0000 London Tonight Continued 0100 America's Finest 0300 - 2000 As Monday 2000 Steve Mason 2200 London Tonight
WEDNESDAY 0000 London Tonight Continued 0100 John Peel 0300 - 2000 As Monday 2000 America's Finest 2200 London Tonight
THURSDAY 0000 London Tonight continued 0100 The Rockshow 0300 - 2000 As Monday 2000 John Peel 2200 London Tonight
FRIDAY 0000 London Tonight continued 0100 David Rodigan 0300-1800 As Monday 1800-2000 Gurkha Programmes 2000 Friday Dance Special 2200 Drum N Bass

CHANNEL 2

550 MW

SATURDAY 0000 On Stage & Kaleidoscope 0100 On Stage 0200 Newsday & Features from BBC World Service 0300 A Taste of N Ireland 0400 Today from BBC Radio 4 0600 Radio 4 News and Sport 0630 Counterpoint 0700 Meridian from BBC W/S 0730

BFBS Reports 0800 Radio 4 News & One Man and His Dog Boogie up the Rive 0830 Thoughts from Abroad 0900 Comedy Double Bill 1000 News & Sport on Five Live 1500 News & David Mellor's 6-0-61700 News & Sport Play 1800 Feature 1900-0100 Radio 5 Live Overnight package
SUNDAY 0100 Archers Omnibus 0200 Newsday and Europe Today/Heritage 0300 Clydes Classics 0400 News & Sunday Papers, morning Music & Religious news and views 0615 Letter from America with Alistair Cooke & Morning Service 0715 Archers Omnibus 0815 Weekend on Two with Colin Hamilton's music and mind boggler 1000 The World This Weekend 1100 News & Sunday Sport from Radio Five Live 1600 Feature 1630 Many are Called - Christian Music and religious news with Roger Hudson 1700 Sound Portrait 1800 Feature 1900 News Desk from BBC World Service 1930 Health Matters and Sports Round-Up 2000-0100 News & Radio Five Live Overnight
MONDAY 0100 News Desk from BBC W/S 0130 Feature 0200 News Day and Europe Today/Heritage 0300 Newsbriefing from BBC Radio 4 followed by Book Club 0330 Today from BBC Radio 4 0600 World News and Business Report 0615 Archers 0630 Gurkha News 0700 News Summary from BBC Radio 4 and "My Word" 0730 Woman's Hour 0830 Two's Company 1000 World At One 1045 Sports Round-up 1100 Play/Short Story 1130 Jazz a la Lee 1200 News/PM Shift 1300 Kaleidoscope 1345 Archers 1400 PM Programme 1500 Main News of the Day 1530 Comedy 1600 News Extra & Sports Desk followed by Sport on Five and Radio Five overnight
TUESDAY 0100-0700 As Monday 0700 Story 0730-1100 As Monday 1100 Happy Days with Gilly Revill 1200-1530 As Monday 1530 Feature 1600 As Monday
WEDNESDAY 0100-0700 As Monday 0700 News & Adrian Juste's zany view of the world 0730-1100 As Monday 1100 Classic Review 1200-0000 As Tuesday
THURSDAY 0100-0700 As Monday 0700 News & Dad's Army 0730-1100 As Monday 1100 Clyde's Classics 1200-0000 As Tuesday
FRIDAY 0100-0700 As Monday 0700 My Music with Chairman Steve Rac 0730-11.00 As Monday 1100 P McD and Co Unlimited 1200-1530 As Tuesday 1530-1600 Play/Short Story 1600-000 As Tuesday

ately continuing "although we still have to solve a few points. Having everything ready for the tender to begin the explorations is a priority in London and Buenos Aires" he explained, with the expectation that oil companies from the two countries in question, although some of them such as the British-Dutch Shell and US Exxon, have foreign capital will participate.

Reuters, Buenos Aires

Alfredo Astiz, an officer in Argentina's Dirty War who provoked outrage by recently defending the horrors of the 1970s dictatorship during which an estimated 30,000 people "disappeared," was stripped of his rank of retired captain, his uniform and his navy pension yesterday.

He had boasted to *Trespuntos* magazine that he was, "the best trained man in Argentina to kill journalists and politicians," and tried to justify the death squads.

Britain

The Scotsman 21/1/98
Aberdeen cargo in Falklands rig out

In two developments of some significance for Scottish ports, the first shipment of oilfield equipment to be used in exploration drilling off the Falkland Islands left Aberdeen harbour this month, while a direct transatlantic service has resumed between the Clyde and Northern America.

The Aberdeen shipment was part of a management contract in a joint venture between Falklands company, Stanley Services, and Consolidated Supply Management of Aberdeen.

The ship involved, the multi-purpose vessel, *Kapitan Vaga*, left port with some 3,500 freight tonnes of equipment, including two cranes, forklift trucks, trucks and trailers, wellhead equipment and 80 containers to be used in shuttling items between Stanley, the Islands capital and the Bogny Dolphin rig. The move is seen as making a significant contribution to opening up Falkland waters for exploration.

A second shipment is due to leave Aberdeen next month with consumables, including chemicals and drilling mud.

Barclay Braithwaite, general manager at Aberdeen Harbour Board, said, "The shipments are another example of our growing role in servicing the oil industry beyond the North Sea. We believe the port has all the necessary facilities and experience to act as a marshalling point for deliveries and we look forward to an increase in such activities."

Aberdeen is developing as a shipment point, not only for UK exports but also for cargoes marshalled from elsewhere, and this trend is expected to become more marked. The number of oil-related shipments between Aberdeen and the former Soviet republic of Azerbaijan, for example, is expected to double this

year following the success of a service introduced by Euroline Shipping.

In 1996, the last full year for which figures are available, Aberdeen handled a record 4.25 million tonnes. Gross tonnage was also a record at 13.85 million, although with a reduced number of vessels berthing - 8,805 against a previous 9,288 which however, is a reflection of the larger size of ship, calling at Aberdeen.

Greater tonnages of minerals, chemicals and steel products were generated, with higher imports of petroleum products, and steady trade in forest products and other materials for paper mills.

Turnover increased to £14.3m and pre-tax profit rose to £7.2m.

Further north, at Cromarty, the main cargo remains crude oil, with substantial tonnages coming and also going out, to other ports in the UK, and to Europe and the USA. Fertiliser is a major item coming in, with grain required for local distilleries, and grain going out to Eastern Bloc countries. Coal and timber remain in demand for local use and ethanol for distillery use.

On the Clyde, the first direct transatlantic shipping service for almost a decade has begun, with the German-registered *RAL Rostock* leaving Greenock for Richmond, Philadelphia and Halifax.

Operated by Rostock-Atlantik-Linnie, the 16,500-tonne container ship provides a ten-day direct link for Scottish companies who export to the US and Canadian markets. On the return leg, the vessel offers links to Scandinavia and the Baltic.

The Times 22/1/98
Diamond hunters see sparkling prospects among the Falklands hills

The glitter of diamonds is sending geologists hot-foot to the bare hills of the Falkland Islands.

The world's most precious stone could be lurking under the feet of countless sheep. Panning surveys in East Island rivers have produced promising amounts of indicator minerals, such as pyrope garnets and chrome spinels, which hint at the presence of diamonds.

A British prospecting company, Cambridge Mineral Resources, has been granted a six-year licence by the Falkland Islands Government to continue the search, and its chairman, Dr Robert Young, is bullish. "We've collected about 100 samples now, and it's very encouraging," he said yesterday at a meeting at the Geological Society in London. "What we are looking for are gem-quality diamonds, we wouldn't be interested in anything else. But if we didn't think there was a good chance, we wouldn't be here."

There are good geological reasons for that belief. Once South America and the Falklands lay cheek-by-jowl with South Africa, the home of diamonds, before continental drift broke up the ancient Gondwanaland, redistributing the

land masses. Put them back together and the Falklands would fit alongside the southeast coast of South Africa, near Port Elizabeth.

When the British armed forces fought for the Falklands in 1982, many dismissed them as a worthless prize. Since then, fish resources have made the islands rich, and there is a good chance of oil offshore. Dr Young said exploratory panning had also produced small amounts of gold. But his company was not interested: in today's market, diamonds are the prospector's best friend.

The Independent 22/1/98
Falklands diamond find

A British prospecting company has been granted a six-year licence by the Falkland Islands government to search for diamonds. Surveys in East Island have yielded, "indicator minerals - such as pyrope garnets and chrome spinels - that suggest the presence of diamond deposits."

Dr Robert Young, chairman of Cambridge Mineral Resources, said: "We've collected about 100 samples now, and it's very encouraging. The prospectors are excited because the geology of the Falklands is very similar to that of South Africa, the world's biggest producer of diamonds."

The Financial Times 26/1/98
'Dirty war' officer dismissed

The former Argentine navy captain, Alfredo Astiz, has been stripped of his rank and pension after defending the 1976-83 military government's "dirty war" against its opponents, in which thousands of Argentines died.

Mr Astiz, who infiltrated human rights groups and handed their members over to government death squads, provoked outrage this month with a magazine interview in which he appeared to glory in his actions. He said he was, "technically the best prepared man in the country to kill a politician or a journalist," and said service colleagues approached him "every day" to lead a new uprising.

President Carlos Menem issued a decree reducing Mr Astiz to civilian status for, "damaging the navy's prestige."

The Daily Telegraph 28/1/98
Mines to be destroyed

Britain is to destroy its stock of about one million anti-personnel mines by 2000, four years ahead of the deadline announced last year by the Government, George Robertson, the Defence Secretary said yesterday.

The announcement, made in a letter to MPs, represented a significant victory for anti-mines campaigners who have been calling for a global ban on the devices, which kill thousands of civilians each year.

After last May's election, the new Labour Government announced a phased destruction of the Army's anti-personnel mines by 2004 and, so far, about 5,000 have been destroyed. This will now be speeded up to allow almost all of the Army's anti-personnel mines to be destroyed within two years, although 4,000 will be kept to help to train people in demining.

"Getting rid of these evil weapons is one of our main priorities," Mr Robertson said.

The Army has never before ad-

mitted how many mines it had in its stock. The total of about one million revealed yesterday surprised many observers, who thought it was considerably smaller.

The Guardian 28/1/98

Good day: Farmers who threatened to ban soldiers from exercises on their land unless the Ministry of Defence stops buying foreign meat. Only 13 per cent of beef fed to the forces comes from Blighty. "It seems strange that, with two million sheep in my constituency alone, it is cheaper to import meat from halfway around the world," said Labour MP Derek Foster.

The Financial Times 28/1/98
Plan for early destruction

Britain is to set an example to the world by destroying its entire stock of anti-personnel mines by 2000, five years earlier than expected. George Robertson, the defence secretary said yesterday. One million mines will be disarmed and burned in furnaces under the Ministry of Defence plan to meet the requirements of last year's Ottawa Convention. The scheme, which will be given to a civilian contractor, will leave Britain's armed forces with just 4,000 mines to be used for training soldiers in disarmament.

FALKLAND ISLANDS WOOL MARKETING

Market report week ending 23.1.98
Australia - Melbourne/Freemantle
Merino fleece closed with 21 & 22 microns 1% cheaper and the remainder unchanged.

Crossbred fleece closed 1% cheaper.

Japan and western Europe main buyers.

Eastern market indicator closed 6 cents lower at 655 cents.

Western market indicator closed 2 cents lower at 612 cents.

New Zealand - wool prices were generally easier at Napier & Christchurch with crossbred 32 to 34 micron fleece in buyers favour and 35 to 40 micron up to 2.5% cheaper.

Main buyers were China and Western Europe supported by Nepal and India.

15% passed in in the North Island sale.

24% passed in in the South Island sale.

The NZ market indicator closed down 8 cents at 439 cents.

General - In the wool market falling prices tend to discourage anyone with new business to place. The usual approach is to buy only when needs become pressing.

There were times this week when it looked as though currency factors might turn round sufficiently to push up wool prices, however, and this is one reason for the occasional exceptions to a generally difficult market picture locally. More recently, though the dollar softened again, and with wool steadily drifting down, attempts to keep quoted prices steady have not been so successful. Most quoted prices are a little lower than a week ago.

The Asian crisis looks over the wool markets. Analysts see little chance of any worthwhile and prolonged price recovery resulting from stronger world demand.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND WOOL SPECIFICATIONS AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.



Penguin News Current Affairs Supplement



Argentina

LA PRENSA 22/1/98

The 231 graves of the Argentine soldiers were specially polished up Preparations at the Cemetery

The 231 graves in the Argentine Military Cemetery in Darwin - 80 kilometres away from Stanley - where the remains of the Argentines who died during the Falklands war are, were thoroughly polished and put in perfect conditions by the local authorities to receive the visit of a group of fifteen relatives of the soldiers who died in action.

A DyN newsagency special envoy, who was specially sent to the Islands to cover the relatives trip, visited the Cemetery yesterday (Wednesday) and verified that the place - which is cared for jointly by the Islands and British Governments - is ready to receive the Argentine relatives.

The 231 white Crosses have been painted as well as the wooden gate. The grass has been cut and the path, which was repaired after the visit in February last year, is in perfect condition.

During the visit the Argentine journalists carried out, they could see that the Islanders also visit this place so dear to the feelings of the Argentine people. In the Cemetery there were some cars parked, the occupants of which walked among the white Crosses in silence and respectfully.

The Governor of the Islands, Richard Ralph, who has just come back from London, gave details of the schedule to be carried out by the relatives during an interview with the local Falkland Islands Broadcasting Service (FIBS) and also said that the schedule regarding the following visit, which will take place in February, will be the same as the current one.

The Governor also said that the trips of Argentine relatives are "welcome" by most Islanders and that, in spite of the fact that a few voices expressed their protest because of the inscriptions on some of the plaques the relatives left during the previous trips, he personally considered that there were none to object to.

In the Argentine Military Cemetery in Darwin there are 231 graves of Argentine military men who died during the conflict in 1982, but there are 235 bodies in the place because one of the graves contains the remains of four Argentine soldiers and another contains the remains of two Air Force soldiers.

During the war in 1982, 655 Argentine military men died: 330 from the Navy; 35 Marines; 199 from the Army; 55 from the Air

Force; 18 from the Merchant Navy (two of them being civilians); seven border guards and two Argentine Navy coast guards: 66 of the total dead were Army officers, 301 were non-commissioned officers and 288 were conscripts.

Ambito Financiero 22/1/98

Now the English are searching for diamonds in the Falklands

The subsoil in the Falklands could be home to an incalculable fortune of diamonds it was revealed yesterday (Wednesday) in London, by the president of a mining company.

The company received from the government of the archipelago - over which Great Britain and Argentina have maintained a conflict for nearly two centuries - a licence for six years to search for precious stones, following the first investigations which took place in the southern rivers of Soledad Islands, which showed encouraging results. In the preliminary exploration minerals were detected which suggest that there are a large number of diamonds there.

Robert Young, president of Cambridge Mineral Resources Ltd., said that the firm had taken some 100 samples and that "the results are very encouraging." The businessman added, "what we are looking for are very good quality diamonds; we are not interested in anything else. Maybe we won't find anything, but if we didn't believe that we have good possibilities we wouldn't be working as we are."

A spokesman at the Argentine foreign ministry said he had no information on the matter. "We are going to wait for an official British communique informing us about the matter. However, whatever the islands government does will not necessarily be endorsed by London, above all because there is the existence of a treaty concerning oil exploration and environmental protection, signed by both countries."

Enthusiasm

The mining company is enthusiastic because the geographical structure of the Islands is similar to that of South Africa, the world's greatest producer of diamonds. The similarity is so, because millions of years ago - according to well-known geological theories - the land which today is the Falklands, was part of South Africa, as part of the huge continent which included India, Africa, South America, Australia and the Antarctic and which began to split up 200 million years ago.

Using one's imagination, if the archipelago was transferred mentally to Africa it would fit perfectly - as a piece of jigsaw - along the south-east coast of the country,

around Port Elizabeth.

According to the experts, the fundamental indication that diamond mines exist is because of the presence of a mineral called kimberlite (after the South African city Kimberley); a rock which contains diamonds. The kimberlite is what the British miners hope to find in the Falklands.

The scarce population of the Islands is also a benefit to the explorers, because all mining exploration alters the life of the inhabitants and in the islands there are only 2,500 residents. Most of them live in the capital Stanley.

The Falklands, over which Argentina and Great Britain went to war in 1982, during the last few years had caused interest among businessmen (and conflicts between the two countries foreign ministries) concerning the possibility that there is oil off the coast of the Islands. If it is confirmed that there are diamonds in the subsoil, there would be a serious claim on the part of Argentina.

Herald 23/1/98

Visit to Falklands

After long delays, the 15 relatives of Argentine service-men killed during the 1982 South Atlantic war arrived late on Wednesday to begin a 24-hour visit to the Argentine Military cemetery at Darwin.

The chartered Fairchild turbojet touched down at Mount Pleasant Airport at 8.15pm after a seven hour delay. After passing through passport control, the visitors, including five parents, one wife, six brothers or sisters and three children of Argentine service-men killed during the war, were taken overland to the military cemetery where they arrive at 9.30pm.

Once at the cemetery the families walked around the 231 white crosses looking for the graves of their loved ones, seven of whom are known to be buried at the cemetery.

The group, which is accompanied by Father Miguel Hymacz, is made up of relatives of servicemen belonging to the Army, Air Force and Border Guards, and includes the widow of Air Force Lieutenant Jorge Casco and the father of Air Force Lieutenant Daniel Jukie, a Skyhawk and Tucara pilot respectively, both of whom were killed in action.

The brother of Army Commando Sergeant Mario Cisneros is also part of the group, along with the son of Border Guard corporal Victor Guerrero and the sister of Army conscript Fabricio Carrascu, who died alongside his commanding officer Lieutenant Roberto Estevez during the bloody battle for Darwin Hill.

The British commander of the Parachute regiment, Colonel H

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Jones VC, was also killed during that battle.

The visitors, on the seventh visit by Argentine next-of-kin to the islands since the end of the war, returned to the cemetery yesterday morning to hold mass. During the mass, Father Hymacz described the war dead as "martyrs and heroes."

The group was then taking back to Mount Pleasant for the return flight to Argentina.

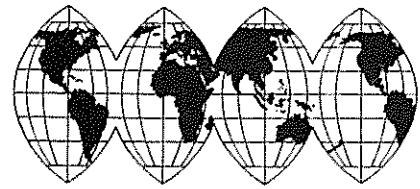
Several members of the group spoke briefly to the press covering this visit and expressed their gratitude to those responsible for organizing the visit. They also called on the Argentine and British - including islander - authorities to organise future visits, so that all the next-of-kin can visit their loved ones buried on the islands.

La Razon 22/1/98

Falklands

Argentina and Great Britain will finish during this year a project concerning joint co-operation for the exploration of hydrocarbons in the Falklands, Argentine Energy Secretary Alfredo Mirkin, said Thursday in Caracas, Venezuela. Mirkin said that there is a possibility that the area in question can be tendered before the end of 1998.

"There is an area of joint co-operation in which the government of the United Kingdom and Argentina, through commissions, are carrying out joint exploration of the resources in the region," said Mirkin, who was participating in the third hemisphere meeting of energy ministers. Mirkin added that, "now we are drawing up the documents (with the exchange of the experience of both nations in the region) which will allow us to call upon the private sector to explore the areas of joint co-operation, of both countries. We believe that 1998 will be a year things will happen," added Mirkin, immedi-



British press Headline stories: Jan 23 - Jan 29

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR
MONDAY 26 JANUARY 1998
PRESIDENT CLINTON

President Clinton remains under siege over the nature of his relations with White House trainee Monica Lewinsky. The *Times* focuses on Hillary Clinton's scheduled television interview in which, the paper says she will rebut charges that her husband had an affair with Ms Lewinsky. The tabloid *Sun* and the *Independent* are downbeat. Both concentrate on reports that a Secret service agent caught the President and the trainee in the act of having oral sex. The coverage in general divides into optimistic and pessimistic: the *Guardian* says Mr Clinton is staring into the abyss, the *Daily Telegraph* believes he may be forced to quit in days, and the *Financial Times* has the President's allies closing ranks.

HANDGUN BAN

Among the more off beat stories is one in the *Times* that British shooting enthusiasts have set up a club in Switzerland to beat the ban in Britain on handguns imposed after the mass killing of schoolchildren at the Scottish town of Dunblane.

CHRIS BONINGTON

But *The Independent* says one of Britain's best known mountaineers, Chris Bonington, is going even further afield for what he expects will be his last big climb: his second attempt on the mountain Sepu Kangri, nearly seven-thousand metres high. If the preparations go well and the weather holds, he hopes to complete it well before drawing his old-age pension at 65 years old.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR
TUESDAY 27 JANUARY 1998
**CLINTON DENIES SEX
ALLEGATIONS**

Two stories continue to dominate the front pages - the sexual allegations against President Clinton and the Queen Mother's fractured hip - but the balance has now shifted. After Monday's more downbeat coverage of the Washington sex saga, the emphasis is now on Mr Clinton's fight back. The *Times* says that Mr Clinton - in denying that he had sexual relations with young White House aide Monica Lewinsky - uttered the most

crucial words of his presidency. The *Independent* has the words themselves as its banner headline: 'Listen to me: I did not have sex with her'. The paper describes the forceful denial as a high-risk strategy that puts his presidency on the line. The *Financial Times* reports the denial in more straightforward terms, but says the story has turned the United States into a talk show.

QUEEN MOTHER

Coverage of the 97 year old Queen Mother's health has also switched in emphasis from initial concern after her fall on the Royal estate at Sandringham to cautious optimism that an emergency operation to replace the damaged hip has been successful. The *Times* notes, however, that the Queen Mother was very tired after the operation and the *Daily Mail* speaks of the initial recovery period as critical hours.

COMPUTER DEAL

Our business story prominent in most papers is the ten billion dollar purchase by the world's biggest maker of personal computers, Compaq, of the Digital Equipment company - a deal which creates, in the *Independent's* phrase, a computer behemoth.

UN INSPECTORS IN IRAQ

Apart from the White House saga, the main foreign story in both the *Times* and the *Independent* is a report that the United States is preparing for a major air offensive against Iraq if President Saddam Hussein continues to hinder the work of United Nations weapons inspectors - but the fine print is less definitive than the headlines, suggesting that a last-minute compromise hasn't been ruled out.

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ROBIN COOK

For the first time in several days, President Clinton's sex saga is no longer the lead story in most papers, but *The Times*, *The Mirror* and the *Daily Mail* still have sex as their main preoccupation - this time in relation to the British Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook. They say The Queen and the Prime Minister, Tony Blair, have rallied to support Mr Cook, who is defending himself against charges that he deserted a Royal tour of India last

year to come back to his mistress in Britain. Buckingham Palace, *The Times* says, described the claim as mischievous and wrong. But *The Mirror* and the *Mail* also maintain that Mr Cook still hasn't explained away all the suggestions that he allowed his private life to interfere with Foreign Office business.

OTHER STORIES

The *Times* has a spectacular front-page photograph of the Breitling Orbiter balloon taking off in the Swiss Alps at the start of its attempt to encircle the globe. The *Independent* has a more warlike photograph of the Royal Navy's aircraft carrier, *HMS Illustrious*, which is due in the Gulf next week to join the Western forces confronting Iraq. The photo shows *Illustrious* taking part in a mock battle off the British coast in preparation for her Middle East deployment. The *Guardian* alone takes a different approach on its front page. On one side is a report that the British Government is to announce a judicial inquiry into the killings of 14 Northern Ireland civilians by the British Army 26 years ago. On the other is a profile of what the paper says is the highest paid man in Britain, a financial expert with a Japanese bank who reputedly earned 60 million dollars in salary and bonuses last year.

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"We still don't have sufficient information, but we are beginning to believe that the blue whale after decades of hunting never managed to recover its portion of the food chain that has gone to the other smaller whales, that have vastly increased in numbers," underlined the Chilean scientist.

The Japanese government supplied the two vessels for the research cruise, *Shonan Maru I* and *II*.

EXPANSION OF CARRASCO AIRPORT

The Uruguayan government announced that it will call bids for an estimated 150 million US dollars contract for a 15/20 years concession for Carrasco Airport, the main air terminal of the country.

The concession includes building a new terminal, new parking and other facilities, extension of the two existing runways as well as 16 aircraft loading ramps. Pre qualification is due by next March 30. The development of a hotel on the airport, restaurants and ground handling are also part of the package. Carrasco Airport was built in 1942 and later refurbished in 1980.

CABINET RESHUFFLE IN BRAZIL

President Henrique Cardoso of Brazil faces a forced reshuffle of the cabinet in the coming weeks since seven Ministers will be leaving to run for office in the coming general elections of next October.

The Ministers of Industry and

Trade, Justice, Environment, Social Security, Planning, Transport and Political Contacts (similar to Home Secretary) will be resigning before April 3rd, that is six months before the election as stipulated in the Constitution. Another possible resignation is that of Sergio Motta, Minister of Communications but also Mr Cardoso's closest advisor and political consultant. The president wants Mr Motta to manage his re election campaign and chair "Social Democracia," one of the main parties of the government coalition.

Some political observers believe the departure of so many Ministers and political figures from the cabinet could have a negative influence on Mr Cardoso's prospects for a second mandate.

In spite of this apprehension Mr Cardoso still has a clear lead in the public opinion polls with a backing of 40%.

"Unless he's incapable of managing the impact of the Asian financial crisis or is rocked by a corruption scandal, Mr Cardoso is still the front runner," says Bolivar Lamounier the main Brazilian political analyst.

The Asian crisis has forced Mr Cardoso to take severe austerity measures that have led to a slowing of the economy and growing demands from industry and exporters to devalue the Brazilian currency. Something that at the moment is unthinkable since Mr Cardoso built his political and electoral reputation on a strong currency and a stable economy with one digit inflation.

The Brazilian president also cancelled a state visit to Israel planned for this month allegedly to, "concentrate on domestic affairs."

WOMAN LEADS OPINION POLLS IN ARGENTINA

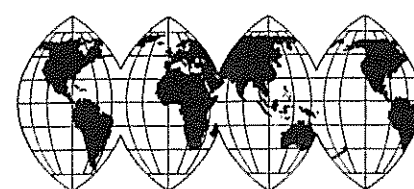
Mrs Graciela Fernandez Meijide, a member of the Argentine Alliance opposition is the best positioned candidate for the Argentine presidential elections of 1999.

According to a recent poll contracted by the newspaper *La Nacion*, among 300 people in Buenos Aires city, Mrs Fernandez Meijide figures with 35.5% of the vote, followed by Buenos Aires mayor Fernando de la Rúa with 20%.

President Carlos Menem although he's barred from a new re election, came third with 5.8% and doubled any of the closest Peronist pre candidates.

Mrs Fernandez Meijide, an outsider in politics was the most voted Deputy in Argentina's 1997 by election.

The poll anyhow is a bit misleading since the city of Buenos Aires has historically voted against Peronists. The most important electoral circumscription of Argentina is the province of Buenos Aires that tends to be solid Peronist, although in the last October election Mrs Fernandez Meijide managed to break the monopoly.



News from South America

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DAP SUES LAN CHILE 14 MILLION US DOLLARS

Aerovias DAP presented in a Santiago court a civil demand of 14 million US dollars against Lan Chile, Ladeco and National Airlines. "in compensation for the damages caused by procedures contrary to free competition with the purpose of eliminating DAP from the Punta Arenas/Santiago route."

Andres Pivcevic, General Manager of DAP, said that the three airlines were involved in predatory dumping, a transgression of law that was accepted and recognised by the Chilean Antimonopoly Commission in December 1996 and later ratified by the Supreme Court on July 30th 1997.

"The compensation demanded responds to the serious financial damages suffered by our company, while operating between Punta Arenas and Santiago, that finally forced us out of the market in March 1997, in spite of the sustained growth of passenger and freight traffic in the route," stressed Pivcevic.

In 1996 DAP had an annual turnover of 8.5 million US dollars, which plummeted to 6.5 million in 1997.

"In the 15 months we flew between Punta Arenas and Santiago we carried 40,000 passengers in a Boeing 727-100, with the highest passenger rate of the route and the highest proportional participation of the market," said Pivcevic.

In a release Lan Chile considered the demand, "disproportionate and without any factual ground," as far as procedures contrary to competition are concerned. According to Lan Chile it's a distortion of facts and truth to blame a promotional 30 days fare for the heavy losses suffered by Aerovias DAP.

Both Mr Pivcevic and Lan Chile said they were confident of the final ruling.

DAP is a regional Magallanes airline that flies from Punta Arenas and for several years covered the Punta Arenas/Falklands route.

SCAB IN MAGALLANES EXPANDS

Almost 120,000 sheep and 31 farms are reported as having scab in the Chilean provinces of Tierra del Fuego and Magallanes.

The area that is suffering most

is Tierra del Fuego where the disease reached 14 farms and has another 36 under observation. The rest are located in mainland Chile. In all cases farms have been isolated, no animals can be transported and there's an intensive dip campaign under the monitoring of Chilean sanitary authorities.

"The situation is still not complete since we are still surveying the different farms," said Jorge Cvitanic, Chilean Director of Regional Animal Health, who added that seven teams are working in Tierra del Fuego and three in Magallanes.

Cvitanic added that besides the 31 reported outbreaks there are another immediate 89 risk areas of contagion with almost 600,000 head of sheep. Nevertheless the sanitary official indicated that so far only 6.1% of the total two million flock of Magallanes have been reported with scab.

A three dips treatment has been implemented for all sheep: one immediately; a second, seven days later, and the third before the start of the autumn. Sanitary authorities have warned farmers about the use of some organic chlorine compounds that are very efficient for dips but leave important toxic residues both on the wool and mutton.

GERMANS WATCHING PENGUINS

Two German scientists are studying the behaviour of Magallanes penguins in two rookeries in the area of Punta Arenas by attaching a small data collecting box on the back of the sea birds.

Marine biologists Boris Culik and Arne Radl from the Institute of Marine Sciences of the Kiel University are in the midst of a four years project, sponsored by the German and Chilean governments, to determine and compare the habits of penguins, living in the islands of Magdalena and Pecket.

"The logger we fix on the penguins is a small computerised memory which stores information for up to nine days and gives us precise information on temperature, depth and luminosity," explained Dr Arne Radl.

Each of the loggers costs 3,000 US dollars and has been fixed in fifteen penguins of each colony.

According to the preliminary information, penguins from Magdalena island must swim further (up to thirty miles), deeper and spend longer hours (twenty), searching for food. Those from Pecket dive up to fifty metres and spend no more than a couple of hours before returning. In both cases Magallanes penguins were found to feed on small fish but preferably, and in greater volumes, on squid.

"We believe the difference in behaviour is a direct consequence of a poor management of fish resources in the area of Magdalena, that has begun to show," said Dr Culik. The logger has also helped to determine that the average temperature in the penguins' nests is above 20 degrees Celsius.

GROWING CONCERN OVER POACHING IN ANT- ARCTICA

There's a growing concern among country members of the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) with the plundering of fisheries in Antarctic waters, where an estimated 100 pirate vessels operate in open violation of international agreements to protect wildlife and resources. According to sources in the Uruguayan Ministry of Foreign Affairs the poachers are after the Patagonian toothfish, a deepwater fish which fetches high prices in Japan and has a growing demand in America.

But although toothfish is found throughout all the southern oceans off the continental shelf of Sub Antarctic islands, stocks are rapidly being exhausted. Chilean waters were fished out in 1992; Argentina in 1995 and in South Africa's Sub Antarctic islands during 1997.

CCAMLR estimates that poachers have managed to extract 325 million US dollars of toothfish during these past few years, plus almost depleting the resources in many areas. "It's a classic boom and bust business. When one area is fished out the fleet moves on, which is very alarming since no one knows enough about toothfish, how long they live, how quickly they can replace stocks," explains a member of the Uruguayan delegation that attended CCAMLR recent convention in Australia.

Apparently many of the pirate vessels operating in the area are Norwegian and Spanish owned but registered under Panamanian and other flags of convenience, leaving them technically outside the control of their domestic governments.

Another tragic side of this poaching is the number of albatross that are being killed, caught on the long lines of hooks used to catch toothfish, that use mainly squid as bait.

"Albatross are attracted by the squid and end up hooked," said the Uruguayan delegate.

YPF CUTS CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

The Argentine privatised oil company YPF is planning to cut by 20% its capital investments during 1998 as a consequence of the fall

in international oil prices.

Nevertheless Roberto Monti, YPF's CEO said that in spite of the reduction in outlays, earnings in 1998 should be very close to those originally planned.

"We will reduce our investments for 1998 by 20%, but without influencing our 1999 plans. At the same time we will make the necessary savings to ensure that the 1998 earnings goal can be achieved," explained Mr Monti.

Monti also pointed out that reductions would not interfere with the level of oil extraction and elaboration of refined products. YPF has a ten year plan to increase the Argentine hydrocarbon output by 3.5% annually.

"We believe the Asian crisis should not affect the area and we will keep expanding our operations in the Brazilian market," stressed Mr Monti. YPF's CEO anticipated that in the coming months there will be several announcements regarding deals in Brazil concerning oil exploration and exploitation, as well as in the fuel distribution.

WHALE RESEARCH CRUISE

The abundance of Mink whales in Antarctic waters, estimated at 760,000, that openly contrasts with the scarce 1,000 blue whales that live in the Southern Hemisphere in spite of a thirty years commercial hunting ban, is the main purpose of a scientific research cruise sponsored by the International Whaling Committee off the Chilean coast.

The project known as the Southern Ocean Whale and Ecosystem Research Programme was started in 1996 in Australia and last year concentrated in Madagascar. Since last December research began in Chile, explained Luis Pastene, a Chilean biologist in the team of world scientists who are involved in the several years project.

"We've started by defining two species of blue whale or 'Balaenoptera Musculus', the real big one that can weigh up to 200 tons and measure 30 metres, and a smaller or pygmy, that is only 24/25 metres long."

It's the first species that just dominated the thousand whales and since it's difficult to differentiate them from the second, the research project includes not only following the herd but acoustic monitoring and extracting tiny samples of skin to determine its genetic conformation.

The second stage of the project will take place in Atlantic Antarctic waters to estimate the number of Minke whales (Balaenoptera Bonacrensis) that together with the Franca (Eubalena Australis) have been constantly increasing in population.

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Soccer scene

...with Patrick Watts

STANLEY'S 'A' and 'B' teams both enjoyed victories over their counterparts from the MPA Supplies Section last Sunday.

Tom Chater banged home two unstoppable goals and Claudio Ross another to give the team - a combination of youth and experience a 3-1 half-time lead. However the biggest cheer was reserved for L/Cpl Emma Bibey representing the Army team, when she slid the ball past unfortunate goalkeeper Chris Gilbert for the visitors first goal. Chris later atoned with several great saves from close range. Emma, who plays for the British Army's Ladies soccer team surprised the spectators with her strong running and intelligent distribution of the ball.

SAC Ritchie Ewers scored another for the Supplies but William Goss ensured a Stanley victory when he swept in a pass from Ross, to give the local team a 4-2 win.

The game offered an opportunity for Stanley's young players to gain experience against military opposition and they all displayed considerable skill and ability.

Stanley's 'A' team won by 8 goals to 4 in a high scoring and entertaining match. Following the epic encounter with the Combined Services the previous week, this was a rather more

relaxing game for the local side, but the Supplies' John Rowe, a Combined Services player, kept the Stanley defence on their toes and he scored three excellent goals - one a fierce free kick, another from fully thirty yards, while his third was delicately chipped over the goalkeeper from an acute angle.

Stanley, however kept scoring at the other end with strikers Martyn Clarke and Jeremy 'Spurs' Henry both hitting hat-tricks. James Peck frequently mesmerised the defence with his mazy runs, while Wayne Clement adopted a more direct route to the goal than in recent games, and crossed a succession of dangerous balls.

In the only unsavoury incident of the afternoon the Supplies had a player dismissed after he blatantly elbowed James Peck. Captain, Jimmy Curtis, confidently struck home the penalty kick while Peck himself crowned a great afternoon's work after leaving a trail of defenders in his wake and scoring from what seemed an impossible angle.

The visiting MPA side still put together some fine moves and Chris Huyton scored a well deserved goal late in the game.

Stanley Team: N Clifton 7, I Betts 7, M Moyce 7, J Curtis (capt.) 8, P White 7, T Bowles 7, C Buckland 7 (sub L Clarke 7) J Peck 9, W Clement 8, M Clarke 8, J Henry 8.

Moto Cross news from Jimmy Moffat



MOTO cross in the Falklands seems to thrive on chaos, misinformation and this year in particular, bad weather. If it wasn't for the thrills, spills and the adrenaline, then indoor tiddly winks might be a better sport to pursue. This last Sunday was no exception, but having had a slight technical delay, racing got off to a flying start at approximately mid-day, and flying start it was. The course was in superb condition having a mixture of soft peat, hard packed clay and loose gravel - a course to test anyone's ability.

Jan Clarke stamped his authority on every race he entered. Jonny Summers was the only rider of the day to

see his back wheel only once. It is these two riders who are setting the standard for others to follow. Watching them ride is a course in correct riding technique and should be adopted by other riders as good technique is the only way to get up to speed and be competitive with other countries. That said, this does not detract from the standard of riding we are seeing from the other riders; Dustin Clarke and Ian Jordan are well up there, and get faster with every meeting. In all three Expert/Clubmans' races, once Jan and Jonny had disappeared, battles between Dustin, Shane Blackley and Ian and Bill Stewart kept the crowd entertained - all four riders had their 13 seconds of fame.

In the Juniors, Jay Moffatt, having

Late letter

Fact sometimes mirrors fiction

ANYONE listening to reports of Anthrax at Saladero, and who has read Hammond Innes's novel "ISVIK", will be amused at the way in which fact sometimes mirrors fiction. The central plot of "ISVIK"

concerns an (imaginary) attempt to obtain Argentine revenge in 1982 by putting ashore a shipload of Anthrax - infected sheep.

Jim Elliott
Stanley

Stanley Swimming Club Mini Gala

Report by Lorna Howells

ON Saturday January 24, a mini gala took place at the Leisure Centre between the Stanley Swimming Club Elite squad, comprising Barbara Howells, William Normand, Jenna Humphrey, Claire Kilmartin and Rachael Freeman, and the Hillside Allstars represented by Tony Davison, Nick Doughty, Sarah Allan and Sara Halford. The gala was poorly attended but this did not prevent the competitors from having fun. However, due to the lack of swimmers some of the races which had been scheduled to take place were cancelled.

Jenna Humphrey, a new addition to the squad, managed to achieve four new personal bests at the gala. Claire Kilmartin improved on two of her previous personal best times, and Barbara Howells and William Normand both gained new personal bests; Barbara in the 25m Butterfly race and William in the 25m Freestyle event.

Nick Doughty of Hillside found himself in second place in the 25m breaststroke when he swam against

25m Freestyle
1st Barbara Howells
2nd William Normand (pb)
3rd Tony Davison/ Claire Kilmartin
5th Jenna Humphrey
6th Sara Halford
7th Nick Doughty
8th Sarah Allan
25m Backstroke
1st Jenna Humphrey (pb)
2nd Rachael Freeman
3rd Sara Halford
4th Tony Davison
25m Breaststroke
1st Claire Kilmartin
2nd Nick Doughty
3rd Barbara Howells
4th William Normand
5th Sara Halford
25m Butterfly
1st Claire Kilmartin (pb)
2nd Barbara Howells (pb)
3rd Rachael Freeman
4th Jenna Humphrey (pb)

Claire Kilmartin, who came first and Barbara Howells who came third. Tony Davison on the other hand came third equal with Claire Kilmartin in the 25m free style and second in the 50m free-style. Claire Kilmartin swam superbly for the elite squad and succeeded in winning four of the six races she entered.

The gala concluded with a novelty relay race which the elite squad won once again. All in all it was a very successful, albeit mini, gala which proved without a doubt to the spectators attending, that the talents of the young swimmers today are something to be nurtured and developed over the coming months and years.

The elite squad as it stands now has many talented swimmers in its midst, all with the potential for competing in the Island Games in the not so distant future. It certainly seems that the help and encouragement that was given to each individual during Steve Cooill's visit from the Isle of Man earlier this year, has paid off.

5th Tony Davison
50m Freestyle
1st Claire Kilmartin
2nd Tony Davison
3rd Barbara Howells
4th Jenna Humphrey (pb)
5th Sarah Allan
50m Breaststroke
1st Claire Kilmartin
2nd William Normand
3rd Sara Halford
4th Nick Doughty
50m Backstroke
1st Rachael Freeman
2nd Claire Kilmartin (pb)
3rd Jenna Humphrey (pb)
4x25m Medley Relay
1st The Elite Squad
2nd The Hillside Allstars
4x25m Novelty Relay
1st The Elite Squad
2nd The Hillside Allstars

(pb=personal bests)

Where is David Carr?

If any readers have in their possession the address of ex Falklands' dentist, David Carr (Reading) could they please contact the Penguin News

now become used to his Yamaha, reached speeds on the straight in excess of 'mach 1'. With a maximum of 60 points for the day he looks set for another year as Junior champion.

What made the Juniors interesting this week, was that both Sean Moffatt and Gregg Hall were out of the points race with severe mechanical problems. This did not stop them from having a days racing as they both hopped on a couple of 250's. After a few gingerly paced laps, Gregg and Sean looking like peas on drums - both started to wind open the throttle. Sean might have given his big brother a hard time - had he not fallen off due to foot and terra firma not being able to come into contact. His parting words of the day... he wants the 250 engine in his CR80 bike!

Many thanks go to Kathleen and Jeannie for the use of the land (very much appreciated by everyone) and Neil and Kathleen for sponsoring the days racing. Thanks to everyone who prepared the track, or helped organise the day's event and the medical team who were not quite as busy as they were at the last race. Is it tempting fate

to say that to date we have only suffered bruises to the body and bruises to the ego, which is in some part due to safe track design, and part down to the standard of the riders racing.

The next race is towards the end of February which could be at Goose Green Sports - listen out for details. This is the last round of the season so the championships will be decided then.

Race Results

All three heats Experts 1st Jan Clarke, 2nd Jonny Summers, 3rd Shane Blackley

All three heats Juniors 1st Jay Moffatt, 2nd Eddie Grimmer, 3rd Clint Short

First heat Clubmans 1st Ian Jordan 2nd Bill Stewart 3rd Rocky Johnson

Second heat Clubmans 1st Ian Jordan, 2nd Bill Stewart, 3rd Dustin Clarke

Third heat Clubmans 1st Ian Jordan, 2nd Dustin Clarke, 3rd Bill Stewart
Stanley Service Open 1st Jonny Summers, 2nd Shane Clarke, 3rd Dustin Clarke

King Kamehameha and the Speedwell Store

A DISCOVERY, made by Hit Squad member, Rob Yssel, in Stanley this week, may prove that what has always been regarded as nothing more than a legend linking Stanley's Speedwell Store to Hawaii may be based on fact.

The story began in the late 1870's with the commissioning, by the Hawaiian Legislature, of a bronze statue of King Kamehameha I. King Kamehameha was born in the year 1750 and became ruler of the Hawaiian Islands in 1810. He was in contact with Captain James Cook in 1778 and 1779 and died in 1819. According to the custom of the time his remains were secretly hidden; their location remains unknown.

Half a century later Thomas Gould, a Boston sculptor who was to receive \$10,000, began his preliminary studies for the statue while still in Boston and then moved to Florence, Italy, where he completed the figure in clay.

Once approved it was sent to Paris to be cast in bronze and then to Bremen where it was loaded aboard the German barque *G.F. Haendel* for shipment to Hawaii.

The ship left the German port on August 21, 1880, but never arrived at her intended destination, eventually being wrecked in the Falklands in what Government Archivist, Jane Cameron, describes as dramatic circumstances.

For almost three months the voyage proceeded smoothly, but on November 12 the Captain, Gerhard Schrock smelt gas and discovered the cargo of 700 tons of coal was on fire. Spontaneous combustion was a known hazard with coal car-

goes and many ships attempting the Cape Horn passage met disaster because of it.

Captain Schrock set his crew to work removing the burning coals, but the fire had too great a hold and the Captain made course for the Falkland Islands as quickly as possible. The *G.F. Haendel* arrived in Port William on November 15 with all her hatches blown off. She would never leave the Islands.

Though a local fire pump was brought on board it was too late to save the ship. She was beached and abandoned that night, and burned down to the waterline.

The statue, however, was brought out of the wreck almost intact, only the right hand and forearm missing.

There the story might have ended with King Kamehameha I forever destined to reside in the Falklands, but for a remarkable coincidence a few years later.

A Scottish captain, David Jarvis, master of the *Earl Dalhousie*, which was transporting Portuguese people from the Canary Islands to Hawaii, called in at Stanley and recognised the statue. He purchased it for \$500 and took it with him on to Hawaii.

Though a second statue had been commissioned and built with the \$12,000 insurance money during the time King Kamehameha had languished in Stanley, the Hawaiians welcomed the original statue, ordered a new forearm to replace the missing one, and sited the statue in Kohala (Kamehameha's birthplace) in

1883. In 1912 it was resited on the lawn of the County Building at Kapaau where it stands to this day.

What has always linked the statue and Hawaii to the Speedwell Store has been the four Corinthian column tops that decorate the exterior of the store. Legend had it that these had come ashore from the

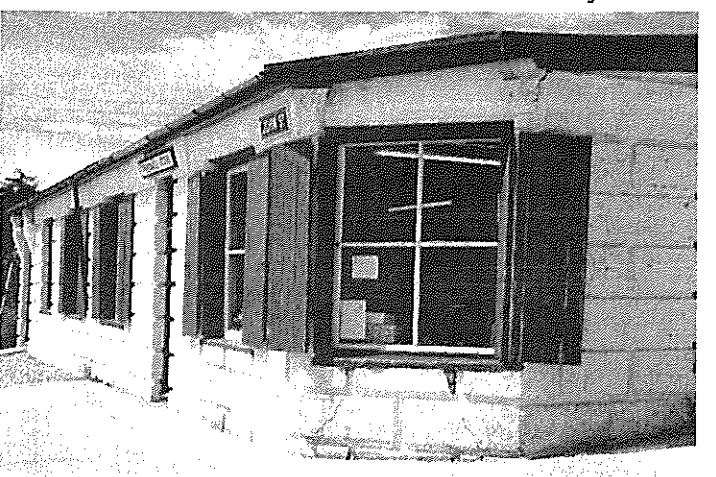


same wreck, the *G.F. Haendel*, having been destined to form part of a palace for the King of Hawaii.

The discovery made by Rob Yssel when he began renovations on the Corinthian column tops is that they are of marble, a fact, according to Jane Cameron, that makes the legend much more likely to be true.

Store owner, Jimmy Alazia, is understandably pleased by the revelation that his shop front may have been wearing historical artefacts from another continent for so long. "I'm over the moon," he told *Penguin News*.

Above: The much travelled statue of King Kamehameha I that once graced Stanley and now stands in Hawaii
Below: The Speedwell Store. Two of the Corinthian marble column tops sit over the window in the foreground. Two slightly larger tops surmount the stockroom door at the East end of the store.



The last episode in the series Doctor on Horseback by Dr. B (Tom) Hopwood... A true story of the Falkland Islands in the 1940's

Heading home again

Having left the Falkland Islands, Tom Hopwood and family narrowly miss arrest in Argentina.

WE had taken only a limited amount of money with us to BA and, when it ran out, we determined to leave for Montevideo. The river ferry travelled overnight going eastward, so it was quite late by the time the taxi left us on the dock to struggle with our suitcases and Penny's paraphernalia to the ship. We had arrived about one hour ahead of embarkation time and queued up to present our papers. When we got to the head of the queue, our troubles started. The immigration officers/police were dressed in Gilbert & Sullivan uniforms, all bright blue and gold braid but, in spite of the comic opera appearance, they treated us with unconcealed dislike. None of them spoke English, but eventually it was borne in upon us that we had no visas to visit Montevideo and so we would have to go ashore. This was a terrifying prospect, since it was pitch-dark, the dock was more-or-less empty and we had absolutely no local money at all. I protested as vigorously as I dared and was simply waved away. We sat on a couch watching the other passengers having their papers stamped, wondering what on earth to do. As we sat there one of the whitecoated stewards passing casually by whispered, "Go to the cabin, stay there until the ship sails, lock the door and don't come out for anyone and don't speak."

So off we went to the cabin, which was quite large. We locked the door firmly and waited in total silence with bated breath. We listened apprehensively to all the comings and goings, but no one banged on the door. The ship sailed and we knelt on the bunk to make sure that we were well out in the river before we could relax a little. We still believed we might be refused entry to Uruguay when we got to Montevideo. Then a knock on the door, and the friendly voice of the English speaking steward. "You can come out now."

He took us back to the office where we had been suffered our sinister interrogation. The same

gentlemen were now wreathed in smiles and welcoming.

"So sorry, Doctor, welcome, welcome," they even managed a little English.

It appeared that the Argentine police had been on board until the ship had sailed. They had spotted the Falkland Islands entry in our passports and this was the cause of the problem. The Uruguayan officials explained that they had to put up a show in front of their Argentine counterparts to prevent us from being carted off to the local lock-up in BA. The relief was considerable.

I had known that Falkland Islanders with passports from Stanley could never visit the Argentine. If you were male, between the ages of 18 and 45 and held such a passport, you would be conscripted for military service in the Argentine army. We always regarded the Argentine claim on the Falklands as a ploy by Peron to take the heat out of local disaffection, particularly in the sphere of labour relations. The most uncomfortable time in Buenos Aires was in mid-summer, where the appalling humidity made working conditions almost intolerable and this was the time there tended to be strikes and demonstrations. To cool the political atmosphere, Peron would rail against Britain for what he claimed was the wicked and illegal occupation of the Islands. The Falkland Islanders never took this seriously, finding it hard to believe that anyone would really want to take over the Islands. Although so many were ambitious to leave, nevertheless they were often fiercely defensive of any criticism of the Islands or the Islanders. Nobody I ever met really thought that the Argentine had a valid claim and it amused the philatelists to collect the stamps from BA, which coloured the Falklands the same hue as the Argentine mainland. To send a letter from Buenos Aires to Stanley (though during the war this could seldom have happened) cost the same as a letter to any rural area of Argentina. I never met anyone who had received such a letter, nevertheless this belief was widely held. Certainly no one living in the Falk-

lands during the war would have believed it remotely possible that 40 years later there would be an Argentine invasion. It looks as if exactly the same opinion was held in 1982.

So perhaps we were lucky to avoid worse treatment, but we were very glad finally to get safely ashore in Montevideo and to feel among friends again. We stayed in Montevideo for a week or two until we finally got passage on a Royal Mail liner bound for Liverpool. This ship was crammed with steerage passengers returning to Europe. All these passengers were subjected to a medical examination, particularly for Trachoma, a viral disease of the eyes with which, at that time, I was unfamiliar. The voyage was in great contrast to our outward journey three years before.

It took about two weeks only and we called at the Cape Verde and the Canary Islands. There was no black-out on the ship and everyone was in festive mood. I cannot now remember, for the life of me, why we bought a carpet in Montevideo, but I do remember that everyone said it would cost a fortune in customs duty because it was brand new. So, a week or so before the end of the voyage, we managed to get the carpet out of the hold and put it down on the floor in one of the saloons. By the time we parcelled it up again the carpet could truthfully be called "used".

In the event, this was quite unnecessary. We were met, by prior arrangement, by a forwarding agent. He was a dapper little man dressed in a brown dust-coat and very matter of fact.

"How long have you been away, Doctor, if I might ask?"

"Three years or thereabouts," I said.

"Have you anything to declare?"

"Well, I don't really know. What has to be declared?"

"How many pieces of luggage to you have?"

"About 25 or 30, I think, and we did buy a few things in Montevideo."

"Right, you'll have to declare something with all that lot," says he.

He went through the list and marked off a few items and then suggested that I should give him ten pounds. Then, as an afterthought, he asked if I had any butter. As it so happened, we had been warned by the agents in Montevideo that there was a shortage of butter at home and we had stocked up. So we offered him a couple of tins of butter. That was the last we saw of him or our luggage, but the latter turned up faithfully a few

days later at home in Yorkshire and we never did find out what happened to the butter or the money.

After the excitement of reunion with family and friends, although I had a long period of leave due, I had to think about the future. This process had barely begun before I received a summons to the Colonial Office for what would now be called debriefing, I suppose.

I had visions of a re-run of my first interview but, as it turned out, this one was totally different. No large semi-circular table, no intimidating atmosphere, and no unidentifiable mass of faces. This time I met the Medical Advisers to the Colonial Office informally, separately and together. There were three in those days. They were all very friendly and quite shocked to hear that I did not want to continue in the Colonial Service. They suggested that before I finally made up my mind I should go on a course, any course, they even offered to extend my leave and pay allowances. They succeeded in making me feel wanted but I was still doubtful so I responded by saying I had always wanted to teach Physiology and could I do a BSc in this subject and then teach in Mona at the University of the West Indies. I think they might even have tried if this were possible but, a week or so later, I was told that there were no funds left for such training. I had a final visit to Great Smith Street and was offered a place on the DPH course, starting in September, for nine months on full pay and allowances. Even then I agreed to take the course without any obligation to continue in the Colonial Service and, to my surprise, they accepted this proviso.

I joined the course at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine in September, 1947. I thought that at least I would gain a qualification which would ensure employment in the Public Health services, mostly in those days run by Local Health Authorities, and at a time when the National Health Service was still only a Bill and not an Act. In the following January, I received a formal letter signed once again by the Secretary of State offering me a post in Uganda as a medical officer. There were four medical colleagues from Uganda on the same course. I had become very friendly with one of them, Ian MacKichan, so over coffee I asked, "Ian, tell me, what is Uganda really like?"

"Well, all I can tell you is that it's the only place that I know of where you can lead the life of a gentleman on a moderate income." I was there for fifteen years.

BORN an Islander, and well known to many local people, Captain Paddy Vincent, Chairman of the UK branch of the Falkland Islands Trust returned recently to the Falklands on Trust business. Captain Vincent's time in the islands will involve liaison with local Trustees, farmers and the Development Corporation.

The Falkland Islands Trust, said Captain Vincent, was set up in 1981 with a view to, "helping the Islands and Islanders to get ideas under way," with particular emphasis on support to farmers. Funding came initially from the Standard Chartered Bank and later from the Dalverton Trust, the Falkland Islands Appeal (post 1982) and the Falkland Islands Development Corporation. Over the seventeen years since the Trust was set up, "a great deal of activity has occurred," but not only in agriculture. Captain Vincent explained that other Trust projects have included help in the refurbishment of the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, annual help for schools in encouraging an interest in agriculture and gardening (the Trust provided a gardening hut and bags of tools) and the local cub scouts are assisted in looking after the Memorial Wood, where they are able to earn their conservation badges at the same time. Plantations have been set up at Keppel and Port Howard, and some assistance has been given to Ron Binnie in his

Chairman of the UK Branch of the Falkland Islands Trust, Captain Paddy Vincent, talks to Penguin News about the role of (UK) FIT

FIT in the Falklands



Captain Paddy Vincent in Stanley this week

vegetable growing at Fitzroy, and Tim Miller at the Market Garden.

Captain Vincent wished to emphasise that the philosophy of the Falkland Islands Trust very much involves a wish to, "respond to what the Islanders want of us, in anything, not just agriculture." He went on to say, "We are not sitting here imposing thought on what is hap-

pening out here."

He describes the Trustees as, "really only initiators and researchers." That is, having identified an appropriate project (as a result of discussion with trustees, or farmers or other bodies) for example organic farming, the trust might call upon a consultant to research the subject, and if it is found to be one with potential the research could then be passed on to the Falkland Islands Develop-

ment Corporation so that the project could be taken further.

As a sideline to his Falkland Islands Trust business, while in the Islands, Captain Vincent will be making contact with local members of the Shackleton Scholarship fund. The FIT and the Shackleton Fund are very closely linked. "We are trustees of the fund," said Captain Vincent. Chairman of the Shackleton Fund (UK), Sir Rex Hunt is also a FIT trustee, and the crossover is considered useful to both organisations. "Occasionally some projects fall into a grey area," said Captain Vincent, "so we can then make a decision together on whether it should be undertaken by the Shackleton Fund or the Falkland Islands Trust."

On a personal note, Captain Vincent will undoubtedly be enjoying a certain amount of reminiscing during his visit. He was born in what was known as Teja Cottage, which once stood between what is now the West Store and Stanley House. His father worked in FIC finances, and he lived with his mother and two half brothers, Dick and John Lapsley. Young Paddy left the Islands at the age of nine, when his father became ill and died while returning to Britain for treatment.

Captain Vincent earned his naval rank as a result of 36 years in the Royal Navy (including during World War II). He is now Chairman of a London Branch of the Royal Naval Association and a Naval Representative on the Burma Star Association.

Leif's Temporary Relocation

Leif's is temporarily relocating to the Waverley Cafe to allow renovations at the shop on John Street.

We will open at the Waverley Cafe at 7.30am on Monday 2 February offering our full filled roll service including:- Bacon, burgers and hot dogs. Also available during this time will be sliced meats, cheese, salad and fruit from Stanley Growers, crisps and sweets. We will do our best to supply customer's other requirements if orders are telephoned or left at the cafe to be collected later.

Shop hours for this period will be 7.30am - 2pm Monday to Friday, 8.45am - 12.30pm Saturday Telephone No. remains 22721.

Leif's will close at 12.30pm this Saturday, 31st January, to enable movement of essential items to the cafe.

We apologise for any inconvenience during this time, and wish to thank Stanley Bakery Ltd. and Fortuna Ltd. for allowing us to operate from the cafe.

Volunteers install new playground equipment in OK Corral



THANKS to a group of dedicated volunteers, the children of the Jersey Estate now have a safe and enjoyable play area in what is called locally the OK Corral. After FIG had sought contractors to install play equipment, a saw and rocking horse, without success, Stella Middleton initiated public support for the project by requesting help through the pages of the *Penguin News*. Thanks go to Stella Middleton, Martin Lawrence, Jeannie McKay, Daphne Arthur-

Almond, Les Barber, Willie Bowles, the lads from prison, and special thanks to Brian Lawrence who gave so freely of his time while on holiday in the Islands. Also to Mike McKay for lending tools and equipment critical to the construction. If those people had not dedicated their resources, time and effort then the playground equipment, which is now in constant use by children, would still be awaiting installation.

Information and photograph provided by Martin Lawrence

Invitation to Tender

The Falkland Islands Government invites tenders from suitably experienced contractors for the erection of a perimeter fence around the hardstand storage area adjacent to FIPASS. Tender documents containing the full details of this work can be obtained from the FIPASS manager.

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Free flights paid to and from Port Howard sports. Come to The Saddle Farm and cook for 6 people whilst shearing from about the 17th February until start of Sports (4 or 5 days) and then go onto the Sports. Wages which are negotiable are also paid. Contact Dave Dunford on 42205 or Fax 42204 or Email ddunford@horizon.co.uk

Chef required at Ro-no-ke's. For further details contact Bob Fiddes on 22744 or 32114

NOTICES

The West Falklands Sports Meeting will take place at Port Howard from Monday, February 23rd to Thursday, February 26th.

Please send all entries for dog trials to Ian Hansen, Main Point, on tel: 41008, and all entries for shearing competition to Rodney Lee on Tel 42198 by February 11th please.

Don't miss out - book your bed NOW! You know it makes sense

The Cable and Wireless Trophy was competed over 900 and 1000 yards on the 25th January 1998. Scores from a possible of 150 were as follows:

D Pettersson, 125
C McCallum, 125
K Aldridge, 119
H Ford, 118
P Peck 114

The trophy was won by D Pettersson after a tie shoot with C McCallum.

The competition for Sunday 1st February will be Leif's Team Shield, shooting at 3, 5 and 600 yards, 7 rounds at each.

Range officer D Pettersson

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE OPEN DAY

Saturday 31 January 1998. The FIDF will be holding an open day on Rookery Bay Range on Saturday 31 January from 1000 to 1500 hrs.

On display will be a range of weapons and equipment used by the FIDF, some tactical displays and the opportunity to handle and fire some of the weapons. Should anyone require a lift, transport will leave the Drill Hall on the hour starting at 1000am.

Prize winners of the Auction Bridge on the 28th January were: 1st Mrs J Bound & Mrs C Blackley 2nd C Clifton & M Murphy Booby Mrs E Vidal & Mrs D Clarke.

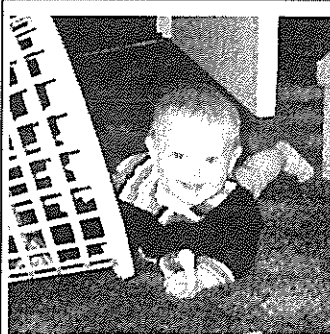
Bridge drives are held every other Wednesday and whist on alternate weeks. Kick-off 7.30, in the Day Centre.
All will be most welcome.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC LECTURE: DR DAVID WALTON
Head of Terrestrial and Freshwater Life Division British Antarctic Survey will deliver an illustrated lecture **APPLYING ANTARCTIC RESEARCH FOR THE BENEFIT OF MANKIND** from 6.00 - 7.30pm on Monday 29th February 1998 in the Geography room of the Falkland Islands Community School

In this wide ranging lecture David Walton intends to consider the uses of Antarctic research in such varied domains as, among others, fisheries management in the Southern Ocean, global climate models, solar storms, frozen storage of food and tissues, geological evolution and restoring sleep patterns in shift workers. Something for everyone!

PERSONAL



To Kalon in Manchester. Happy 1st Birthday, love and cuddles from Nana, Grandad Nobby, Uncle Joe, Johnny and Anika

Anyone needing a childminder please contact Leanne Ford on 21376

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Reminder of the Shareholders' Meeting and Reception, to be held in the Malvina House Hotel on Friday 30th January, commencing at 5.00 p.m.

NOTICES

The next F.I.S.T. Meeting will be at 6pm in the Geography Room at the Community School on Thursday 5th February. Speaker: Jim MacAdam, who will be talking about the F.I. Trust tree work in the Falklands

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Islanders cowed by Falklands' councillors claims SAC speaker

"THE attitude of the South Atlantic Council hasn't changed much at all," said Councillor Edwards having recently attended the SAC's *Falklands Update* in London. There were, she said, the usual cries for more contacts between Britain and Argentina, and even a claim by one apparently pro-Argentine speaker (Martin O'Neal MP) that Falkland Islanders were "scared," to express their views to their representatives.

Although Councillors Edwards and Summers were only attending the meeting as observers they had the option to respond to comments, and in the case of the latter claim Councillor Edwards told *Penguin News* that she strongly disputed it. "I pointed out that I had been a councillor a very long time," she said, "and had never found that my constituents would not express their views to me." She went on to de-

scribe how she commented to Lord Montgomery that "in his experience he must be aware that Falkland Islanders are never afraid to express their views."

Both Councillor Edwards and Councillor Summers did agree, however, that the conclusion of the meeting did appear to be that the political 'umbrella' regarding talks between Argentina and the Falklands was necessary for the continuation of some sort of workable relationship between the two countries.

Councillor Summers, viewed the meeting in a more positive light than his colleague, saying that the Argentine delegates did seem to accept now that they, "could not

force us to change our position."

Asked if councillors would be attending future SAC meetings, Councillor Summers said he doubted it. "Although it was a useful exercise," he commented, "we only attended because we were already going to be in London." He went on, "The SAC want to discuss issues that we do not, and we do not wish to legitimise these issues by entering into a dialogue with them."

The meeting, he said, was well attended by Islanders from other organisations, who could represent, "our views," in future.

The next Falklands Update is thought to be scheduled for the end of the year in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

New relationship cemented at Dependent Territories Conference

COUNCILLOR Mike Summers, who, together with Councillor Norma Edwards represented the Falklands at the Dependent Territories Conference (Feb 4) described the meeting on February 5, as, "very valuable." Representatives of the territories, he said showed determined solidarity in, "how they would like to see their relationship with UK mature. To put it bluntly, said Councillor Summers, territories will move away from being treated as *children*, to being treated at the very least as *adolescents*, whose views will be taken into account.

Amongst other important announcements at the, "well attended," conference, The Foreign Secretary, Mr Robin Cook, stated that Dependent Territories would from now on be overseen by a new ministerial body. The department will, he said, combine "expertise," from the FCO and the department over which presides the International Development Secretary, Clare Short. In the FCO, Baroness Symons will become the Minister for the Dependent Territories. Baroness Symons, said Mr Cook, will convene an annual Dependent Territories Council, which will provide a forum for the Chief Ministers and councillors to raise their concerns directly with the Minister.

British Citizenship: "a complex issue.."

Also in his speech, Mr Cook, approached the controversial subject of the possibility of granting British citizenship to all the citizens of those dependent territories who do not already have it. He said, however, "There are complex issues involved in deciding the best approach. We are looking at the matter sympathetically and urgently but we have not yet reached a decision. We will announce our final view to Parliament, but in the meantime I would welcome your reaction. *Continued on page 3*

Sniffer dog Lee moves to MPA

AFTER completing the mandatory six weeks quarantine upon entry to the Islands and the abortive search for Marine Alan Addis's remains at North Arm, Lee, the body-sniffing border collie, will be moving from the home he has shared with customs officer, Bernie Eccles, and his wife Moira in Stanley, to more permanent quarters in kennels at Mount Pleasant Airport next week.

It was decided at a recent ExCo meeting that Lee would be used at, "points of entry" into the Islands, to search for controlled substances - the other policing function for which he was trained in the United Kingdom.

Prior to last year's October General Election the then Council had let it be known that they were not in favour of using the dog to search for drugs. No reason has yet been given for the U-turn but the decision has been welcomed by citizens concerned about the use of drugs in the Islands.

CALLING all Land Rover enthusiasts in the Falklands... This year's 50th anniversary of Britain's Land Rover company is to be marked with a worldwide search for the Land Rovers with the most interesting history. Announcing plans in London, the manufacturer said a packed calendar of events to celebrate the half-century of production would feature what it described as the, "search for a legend." A spokesman explained: "Reflecting the passion that many owners have felt for their Land Rovers over the years, the promotion provides an opportunity to find each country's most legendary Land Rover - the vehicle with the most interesting history." *continued on page 11*

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Satire is a sort of glass, wherein beholders do generally discover everybody's face but their own. Jonathan Swift (Dean Swift) 1667-1745.

WHILE that controversial little publication, the *Goose News*, may not entirely epitomise Swift's view of satire - in that readers at whom the literature is aimed have absolutely no doubt that it is they that are lampooned - it is becoming clear that much of the background information in the pamphlet (if not necessarily all of the rather more subjective accusations against individuals) is generating some feelings of discomfort in our Government as a result of its often (allegedly) disturbing accuracy.

Local opinion of the paper is apparently divided, some viewing it as the work of a bitter individual, "jealous," of the people maligned, while others feel the editor is truly concerned for the Islands as a whole. I, perhaps optimistically, lean towards the latter view - although if I am to be entirely honest this positive opinion may be more motivated by my all consuming envy of the quality of the editor's mystery informant(s), and therefore their information, than for other more morally pure reasons.

However local opinion differs, if we assume that the *Goose News* information (as opposed to the - as far as we know - unsubstantiated accusations against individuals which appear to be based more on assumptions) in the *Goose News*, is, as the editor appears to indicate, suppressed information, and many Islanders are accepting this opinion, then there is clearly still a notable level of concern locally that the promise of 'open government' offered by candidates at the last election has not yet been fulfilled satisfactorily. And, while elected councillors seem to have adopted the policy of treating the publication, 'with the contempt it deserves,' they should bear in mind that (i) generally, local opinion of the *Goose News* is not entirely contemptuous, thus (ii) a public response from elected representatives to at least some of the 'stories' might be appreciated.

Finally, may I as an appreciative reader of *Private Eye*, offer the following advice to the Falklands' answer to Ian Hislop - *Satire* relies heavily on humour for impact, so keep it funny - and we'll keep reading.

Public Notice

Vacancy - Assistant Taxation Officer

A VACANCY exists for an Assistant Taxation Officer to commence work in late February 1998.

The position involves a variety of duties in tax administration in an expanding busy office including the examination of personal tax returns, calculation and issue of tax assessments and collection of income tax. The sensitivity of information handled by the Taxation Officer requires a special attitude towards confidentiality.

The position requires a self motivated person with good communication skills and an assertive, polite manner when dealing with the general public. Previous Taxation or Accountancy Officer experience would be an advantage. Candidates should ideally have five GCSE passes including English and Maths.

Salary is in grade F ranging from £12,384 to £14,556 per annum, entry point being dependent on the successful applicants' qualifications and previous relevant experience.

Further details about the duties of the post may be obtained from the Taxation Officer, Mrs Moira Eccles, on telephone number 27288 during normal working hours.

Application forms and a job description are available from the Human Resources Department, Secretariat, and completed forms should be returned to that Department no later than 4pm on Friday 20th February 1998.

The Secretariat, Stanley, Ref: STF/9, Public Notice No: 12/98.

Vacancy - Shotfirer/Driller, Pony's Pass Quarry

APPLICATIONS are invited to fill a vacancy for a Shotfirer/Driller in the Quarry Section of the Public Works Department, to commence duties as soon as possible.

The ideal candidate will have experience of operating heavy plant and hold a certificate in Shotfiring. Salary is in Grade F ranging from £12,384 to £14,556 per annum.

Where the candidate does not meet the above requirements, full training will be given. It should be noted that some training may require time overseas.

This post also involves performing other tasks within the Quarry and so a flexible working attitude is essential.

Interested persons should contact Mr Jim Grewcock or Mr Edgar Sutton on telephone number 27176 during normal working hours for further information of the duties involved.

Application forms and a job description are available from the Human Resources Department and completed forms should be returned to that Department no later than 4pm on Wednesday 11th February 1998. The Secretariat, Stanley. Ref: STF/3/IQ. Pub Not. No: 11/98.

Your letters
write to Penguin News, Ross Road,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Enlarge the school properly this time

IF it is necessary to enlarge the Infant & Junior School yet again, let us do it properly this time.

Why close a street and compulsory purchase a property when the logical step would be to expand onto the FIDF site. If the priority is an extension to the school, and if it is necessary to relocate the FIDF to achieve this goal then they just have to put aside their prejudices, bite the bullet and do it. The FIDF complex was due for relocation in 1991 but was deferred due to budgetary constraints, and as a result we have spent tens of thousands of pounds tagging bits onto the existing school. I urge our Elected Representatives to do something right for a change and prove to those who put you where you are, that you can be relied upon to handle the things that really matter like oil.

Brian Summers
Stanley

The eleventh commandment

I ALWAYS enjoy reading your editorial leaders, and particularly last week's where it was mentioned - or was it suggested? - that punctuality be made the eleventh commandment.

However, I must point out that when I first joined the Royal Navy

55 years ago I was taught by my old commander that the true eleventh commandment was as follows:

"Thou shall not be caught," and should be slavishly followed if one was married.

Ben Claxton
Stanley

Public Notice

Sale of U/S and Obsolete Equipment - Central Store

THE Falkland Islands Government has for sale by tender 50 lots of obsolete and damaged equipment ranging from furniture, electrical items and cookers. The items can be viewed by prior arrangement with the Supplies Officer, Central Store, during normal office hours.

Tender documents are available from the Secretariat and tenders endorsed 'Purchase of U/S and Obsolete Equipment - Central store' should be returned to the Chairman, Tender Board Secretariat, Stanley to reach him on or before Friday 13 February, 1998. The Falkland Islands Government reserves the right to reject any tender received. Secretariat, Stanley, 2 February 1998. Public Notice No: 16/98. Ref: PWD 26/1

Public Notice

Vacancies - Public Works Department

Plant Operator, Quarry Section Applicants must hold an HGV licence and have experience of operating heavy plant. Salary is in grade G ranging from £8,964 per annum to £12,720 per annum. Interested persons should contact the Foreman, Mr Trevor Morrison on telephone number 27182 during normal working hours.

Assistant Foreman, Asphalt Section Applicants must hold an HGV licence and have extensive heavy plant experience. This is a responsible position requiring the ability to work on own initiative and co-ordinate the actions of others. Salary in grade F ranging from £12,384 per annum to £14,556 per annum. Interested persons should contact Mr Jim Grewcock on telephone number 27176 during normal working hours.

Foreman, Highways Section - Applicants must hold an HGV licence and have extensive heavy plant experience. This is a very responsible position requiring self motivation and the ability to work unsupervised for extended periods. The ability to organise personnel and machinery to ensure optimum utilisation of labour and machines is essential. Salary is in grade E ranging from £13,560 per annum to £16,956 per annum. Interested persons should contact the Roads Engineer, Mr Bob Hancox, on telephone number 27387 during normal working hours.

Application forms and job descriptions for the above positions are available from the Human Resources Department and completed forms should be returned to that Department no later than 4pm on Tuesday 10th February 1998.

Ref: STF/3/1As. STF/3/1h. STF/3/1Q
Public Notice No: 14/98. 30th January 1998.

Your letters

Confused? Fortuna is

REFLAGGING of MFV John Cheek to Falklands flag: Although it is nice to see the local shipping register expand, on this occasion the Red Ensign was nowhere to be seen - instead just a tatty Union

Jack flying upside down... And no, Stuart, it doesn't matter which hemisphere you sail in! Sorry, I just couldn't resist it.

J Thain
Stanley

Dependent Territories Conference. Continued from front page

"...getting the name right"

According to Mr Cook, "The last aspect of getting the partnership right is getting the name right." He stated that 'Dependent Territories' is the wrong name for today's territories, which are, "energetic, self-governing and anything but dependent." It is a phrase, he suggested, that implies reliance, and ignores the territories' high degree of autonomy. As a result it has been decided that the territories shall be named *British Overseas Territories*.

"The right of self-determination is paramount."

In the build up to the above announcements, Mr Cook, talked about the principles on which, "our partnership is based," citing the paramount importance of, "the right of self-determination," later adding that, "The Falklands War showed how seriously we take our commitment to the people of the dependent territories." He went on,

"Britain would like to see the Dependent Territories running their own affairs as much as possible. We are proud of your record in holding free and fair elections, most recently for a new Legislative Council in the Falklands." He praised Islanders saying, "The Falkland Islanders have been so effective in their management that they are now economically self-sufficient."

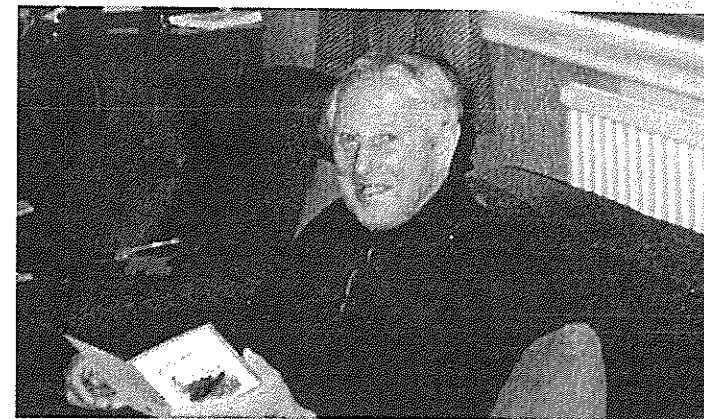
"Helping ..St. Helena"

Talking of the problems of Montserrat and St. Helena, Mr Cook, said "In both cases, the people of these Islands show great fortitude and determination in the face of adversity. In both cases, we are determined to help. We are helping to resolve the employment problems of St Helena by creating the St Helena Business Forum, by opening up recruitment to the armed forces and by expanding training opportunities in Britain. We now intend to open Ascension Island to civilian flights, to the benefit of both Ascension itself and St Helena.



Cyndi Watts and Jonathan May were married by special licence in the Malvina House Hotel on January 10 at 6pm. The marriage was witnessed by Roger May and Barbara Steen. Cyndi wore an ivory silk dress with an embroidered bodice and a short train, and was attended by bridesmaid, Donna May, wearing a three quarter length burgundy Thai silk gown. Jonathan wore a three piece grey silk suit, and Cyndi and Donna carried bouquets of burgundy and white lilies. After the marriage, the wedding group and guests enjoyed a party in the Hotel's Beagle Bar. Photo: copyright Norman Clark.

Remembering Ray Campbell



Ray Campbell in 1986

AT the age of 93, Islander Ray Campbell, who had for 20 years resided in the United Kingdom, died in the early hours of February 3rd, 1998 at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital near Huntingdon.

Born at Teal Inlet on February 19, 1904, the family moved to Stanley around 1909 and lived in Villiers Street until Ray's father died in 1910. The family then moved to Stanley Cottage until approximately 1937 when he and the remainder of his family moved to John street where they lived until 1978.

During his early years, Ray was well known for his gymnastic endeavours, starting one of the first classes in Stanley. Shooting, football, badminton and golf (Ray

played on a 12 handicap) were other activities at which he excelled, and he won quite a number of trophies. Walking across the Camp was another of his passions.

Ray's working years included time at the Falkland Islands Company, erection of the Camber tanks, and various positions in Government Service.

During the war he served on the York Bay and Mount Lowe outposts as well as the Head of the Bay Wireless Station. His personal experience and knowledge of Falklands' historical events and people was quite exceptional and extremely valuable.

Ray is included in the 1932 Football Team photograph on page 11.

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Another area of contention is the pricing policy of tourism operators. "We are getting increasing bafflement from the rest of the world," Mr Fowler said. "They cannot understand why, after they have gone to considerable effort to promote Falklands tourism, we are not willing to pay them for bringing people to the Islands."

He quotes the case of Jens Haussermann of *Protours* who has succeeded in getting the Falklands in-

cluded in 130,000 brochures for distribution to potential clients in Germany, but then, following an incident where two clients, originally booked with one local operator through *Protours*, cancelled to book with another local operator who quoted a lower price, states in a letter to Mr Fowler, "I definitely cannot work under the conditions of the pricing system on the Falklands and I personally think all your efforts to promote the Islands are in danger."

HR services launches ESA

HR Services has established a new identity for the Company's regular liner service to and from the Falkland Islands, Ascension and Brazil. With immediate effect, and in keeping with its wider role in the field of liner shipping to the South Atlantic, the line will be known as ESAL - the European South Atlantic Line.

HR Services is the international liner shipping, freight forwarding and management services division of HR Transport Group, which also this month announced a name change following a management buy-out of the Group from Hogg Robinson plc. The Company believes that the new name for its liner service more accurately reflects the service offered and the wider range

of ports now served.

All ESAL vessels presently load at Southampton. However, early in 1998 the company will be making additional calls at Aberdeen to load equipment required for the Falklands oil exploration projects.

The upturn in cargo volumes in both directions has enabled ESAL to increase capacity and the line is operating a 28 day frequency of service with three vessels of more than 10,000 tonnes deadweight, all with increased capacity for reefer containers to accommodate additional demand for this type of cargo. Heavy lifts up to 80 tonnes also feature regularly in the cargoes carried to and from the Falkland Islands.

**Public Notice
Temporary Vacancy
Clerk, Falkland Islands
Government Air Service**

Applications are invited to fill a vacancy for a Temporary Check-in Clerk with the Falkland Islands Government Air Service from 9th March 1998 to 1st May 1998.

Applicants must have a driving licence and a good manner when dealing with the general public. They should also be physically fit as heavy lifting is involved.

Salary range from £747 per month to £848 per month.

Interested persons should contact the Senior Clerk, Mrs Sue Howatt, on telephone number 27219 for further details.

Application forms and a job description are available from the Human Resources Department, Secretariat.

Completed forms should be returned to the Human Resources Department by 4.00pm Wednesday 11th February 1998

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Fortuna trawler renamed and placed on Falkland Island registered

THE freezer trawler *John Cheek* formerly *Jakob Marengo* was registered in the Falkland Islands and renamed on Saturday, January 31. Fortuna owns 50% of the trawler through the Petrel joint venture.

In a short ceremony to mark the occasion H E the Governor Richard Ralph presented the flag to Captain Josi Angel Estevez who has commanded the vessel since its purchase just over a year ago. After welcoming the guests, Jan Cheek, a director and co-owner with Stuart Wallace of Fortuna Ltd., said that seeing her late husband's name on the ship was an emotional experience for members of his family. She continued saying that it was also a proud moment for Fortuna Ltd. Speaking at the ceremony the Governor Mr Ralph said that it was an important occasion, not only because Fortuna were pioneers of the Falkland Islands fishing industry, but because the ship was named after John Cheek and would be a living, working memorial to him. He also recognised that the reflagging and Fortuna's investment demonstrate ongoing commitment to the Falkland Islands fishing industry.

The smallest of the four trawlers owned and operated by Fortuna's joint venture companies the *John Cheek* (length 53 metres



HE The Governor, Captain Estevez, Stuart Wallace and Jan Cheek and 748 GRT) represents a substantial investment in the future of the Falkland Island fishery by Fortuna and their joint venture partners Pescapuerta SA of Vigo. The vessel has a long term loligo licence won against stiff competition from companies competing for this valuable resource. It has recently operated with the first experimental loligo licence allocated by the 'lottery' on December 22.

Late letter

SO Bulmer Thomas says that our Governor should force the councillors to let the Argentines in? *Calling the Falklands 3/2/98*. (Have you noticed that all the scumbags on the Argentine side speak with really posh British accents?). Well OK, let the Argentines in, and I'll bet you a pound to a penny that the UK press will immediately denounce the Falklands government as a bunch of traitors!

Neil Rogers, Stanley

From Skagerrak to Stanley

PERHAPS the most appropriately named yacht ever to visit the Falklands is currently berthed in the calm waters of the Canache, her neat, thirty foot length dwarfed by the bigger boats around her, the still sleek, beautifully seaworthy lines of her hull a tribute to the craftsmen who designed and constructed her so strongly almost half a century ago in the sailing stronghold of Burnham-on-Crouch in England.

As owner, forty one year old Thies (pronounced 'Tees') Matzen, told me, *Wanderer III*, made famous by her first owner, Eric Hiscock's many books and articles, left her builder's yard in 1952 and has never stopped moving since.

Wanderer III carried Hiscock twice round the world before he sold her on to a German yachtsman to make way for his new boat named, with innovative originality, *Wanderer IV*.

That boat, the *Wanderer IV*, a 52 foot steel hulled yacht, also has a link with the Falkland Islands, albeit somewhat tenuously. Her sister boat, built simultaneously in the same Dutch yard, is the *Compass Rose*, which came to grief in a blow off the Falklands, was once owned by Richard and Grizelda Cockwell of Fox bay, and is now successfully plying for charter out of Chile.

The new German owner of *Wanderer III*, evidently seized by the non-stop ethos of the boat, followed in Hiscock's wake and him-



Kicki Ericson and Thies Matzen aboard *Wanderer III* self completed a circumnavigation, finally coming to anchor in Kiel, a port in Schleswig-Holstein, close to the Danish border in Northern Germany.

Here it was that Thies found and bought *Wanderer III* seventeen years ago; her German owner only parting with her after he had assured himself that Thies would continue to use the boat for blue water sailing. "If you own a boat like this," Thies told me, "you have a responsibility to sail her." *Wanderer III* has been his home ever since.

Thies Matzen was born in Northern Germany of a Danish mother and German father. He was

educated in Denmark and then lived in Norway for some time before returning to begin learning the craft of boat building. He says now he was attracted to the profession, "because it had charm, working with timber, it was a way of life."

After acquiring *Wanderer* he spent two and a half years in Southern Denmark alternately repairing and refurbishing her in winter and sailing her round the Danish Islands in the Baltic, through the Skagerrak into the North Sea and as far as the North Atlantic, during the summer months.

In 1987 Thies packed the boat with provisions and fresh water and left Denmark to begin his first circumnavigation - *Wanderer III's* fourth.

1989 found Thies in the Caribbean, dropping anchor in the American Virgin Islands which had once been Danish but which became American territory when the USA paid Denmark \$26 million for them in 1917 after half a century of negotiations. And it was to prove a place where change was in store for Thies too, and *Wanderer III* was to double her crew complement.

Kicki Ericson was a young Swedish architect working in the Virgin Islands on a restoration project. When Thies sailed *Wanderer* north to Maine on the eastern Seaboard of the United States to avoid the hurricane season in the Caribbean, Kicki followed by 'plane.

In 1990 she moved on board and *Wanderer* went on wandering. Venezuela, Panama, the Galapagos, Marquesas, French Polynesia, New Zealand, Samoa, places with the most exotic of

names - and some with no name at all.

But, as if to prove sailing in paradise is not always calm seas and balmy skies there was the time *Wanderer III* was anchored for several weeks off a tiny atoll 300 miles from Tahiti. So low was the atoll that when the winds, usually gentle, exceeded 35 knots it became submerged, just one or two palm trees apparently growing from the sea itself.

Thies was stricken with Hepatitis B. For the first week he was helpless, his skin turned the characteristic yellow and Kicki became temporary skipper and nurse.

Curiously, neither remembers the three weeks Thies was ill with any sense of fear or worry. "At the time," Kicki says in faultless English, "we were convinced it was the less dangerous Hepatitis A. I suppose we were more worried about contagion." In the end Kicki also contracted the disease, but not badly, and the experience has left her permanently immune.

Both Kicki and Thies are multilingual; Kicki fluent in Swedish, German and English as well as being almost as strong in French and Spanish. Thies speaks Danish, German and English.

They read avidly, especially when at sea, and Thies writes for several sailing magazines. *Wanderer III* is not equipped with a generator, so two way radio is a luxury they don't enjoy, but a solar panel provides sufficient electricity for reading lamps.

A wood-burning stove warms the cosy book-lined main cabin - but only when the boat is in safe harbour. At sea Thies believes in a cool regime. "If the cabin is too warm," he says, "I would not want to go out in the cold and there is too much work to do on a small boat not to be outside, so we do not light the fire at sea."

The couple arrived in the Falklands several weeks ago having spent two months in Buenos Aires. Now they plan to spend some time exploring the west of the Falklands before returning to Stanley for the winter. After that they will head north, perhaps returning to Denmark or Norway.

"Though we could go on sailing forever," Kicki says, "we do intend to go back to Europe to reconnect, see our families, old friends. We do not want to be rootless vagabonds for evermore."

lands by the year 2000 does not lead to any confidence amongst Islanders that Argentina can be trusted."

She also questioned the logic of the UN's Decolonisation Committee wanting to see the Islands transferred from one country, "which recognises our right to self-determination to another which does not, and to resume a colonial status which we have long outgrown."

Sukey socks it to them

FIGO Representative, Sukey Cameron, pulled no punches and spared no misconceptions in her speech to the recent Falkland Islands Update meeting organised by the self-styled South Atlantic Council.

Sukey began by drawing attention to the long history of democracy enjoyed by the Islanders. "It is worth noting," she said, "that the eight elected councillors represent a total electorate of 1500 (out of a population of 2200) therefore the democratic process enjoys a precision and clarity that is often lacking in larger democracies."

She went on to explain the status of the part-time councillors, the difference between Legislative Council and Executive Council, and that all officials are appointed by the Falkland Islands Government and not by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London.

The principle of self-determination was raised several times during the speech, initially as it is incorporated into our Constitution, *Whereas all peoples have the right to self-determination and by virtue of that right they freely determine their political status....*, and finally to illustrate the fundamental feel-

ings of Islanders, "We wish for nothing more than the right to live in freedom in the country of our birth. To remain British and to shape our future in peace. We seek support from those who share our ideals of self-determination and self-sufficiency, to help ensure that our future is secure."

Miss Cameron strongly rejected the idea that there is a 'problem' requiring a solution, saying that such a premise implies that the views of Falkland Islanders are, "at best inconvenient and at worst unimportant."

"As far as we are concerned," she continued, "there is simply no point in discussing any permanent solution or settlement which ignores the concept of self-determination since we are completely happy with the current constitutional arrangement over sovereignty and regard it as entirely permanent."

In pointing out that Islanders are, "neither insular nor isolationist," Sukey referred to our, "excellent relations with other countries in Latin America and throughout the World," and then defined the reasons for the lack of enthusiasm in the Islands normal social and

Stanley Co-operative Society

The following are a few more of the items we have just received

F.C.V. Kitchen Towel 4 pk,
H.S. Disposable Nappies
B.C.L. Spaghetti Short 3kg
B.C.L. Spaghetti Long 3 kilo
B.C.L. Pasta Twists 3 kg
B.C.L. Pasta Shells 3kg
B.C.L. Pasta Twists Tricolour 3kg
B.C.L. Macaroni 3kg
C.L. Apple/Blackcurrant Drink 5 ltr
C.L. Whole Orange Drink 5 ltr
C.L.H. Ice Orange Squash 3 ltr
Ultra Laundry Detergent 5kg
Laundry Detergent Non Bio 10kg
Laundry Detergent Bio 10kg
C.L. Toilet Tissues 12 x roll
C.L. Kitchen Towel Plain 6 x roll
C.L. Grapefruit Segments 1.2 kg
C.L. Fruit Cocktail 1.3kg
C.L. Peach Slices 1.3kg
C.L. Pineapple Slices 836g

C.L. Mandarin Orange Seg. 840g
C.L. Chopped Tomatoes 780g
C.L. Prem. Coffee Granules 750g
Hair Brushes
Boot Laces
Football Laces
Sewing Needles
Hair Ornaments
Marker Pens
Cup Hooks
Picture Hooks, Radiator Keys
1.3 ltr Aspen Water Jug
Clear Stacking Ashtrays
Walkers Crisps Assorted
Jacobs Twiglets Caddy 200g
K.P. Peanuts 50g
Pringles Crisps
Citadelle Pure Maple Syrup 250g
F.C.V. Kitchen Towel Twin
Snaktime Crisps 6 pk

Mother seeks daughter in The Gambia

Veronica Fowler concludes her two part description of Gunjur, the village in which her daughter, Rachael, is spending a year as a volunteer teacher. This week - The Jatta Compound

EACH extended family lives in its own compound, an enclosed area, and these vary greatly in quality of housing; some, like Rachael's, constructed of concrete blocks and corrugated iron, and others, merely huts made of palm fronds.

As we approach Rachael's house, her nose begins to twitch: "I can smell meat! I haven't eaten meat for five months!" The day-in, day-out diet is one of fish and rice but today the family have killed a precious rooster in honour of our visit.

The Jattas Rachael lives with are Christian but the majority of families in the compound are Muslim with two or three wives and sundry children per household.

Moses Jatta, Rachael's host, is a man of impressive, quiet dignity and he and his wife treat us with great kindness and generosity in the face of their poverty: we find to our huge embarrassment, they have given up their bed for my sister and myself and I never discover where they sleep during our stay.

After the ritual introductions and greetings, Rachael takes us to her room, the sight of which reduces my sister to tears: it contains a mattress which Rachael shares with the family mice, and a box for her clothes. When I close the door I see the carcass of a large spider hanging there, and when I ask Rachael why she has not disposed of it, she nonchalantly points to a corner where there is a living example of the species!

It is time to eat. There is no electricity in the village and food is cooked on an open fire in a mud hut behind the house. Normally the family eat outside on the ground, for practical reasons as much as anything: there are fewer crumbs indoors to encourage mice and the chickens quickly mop up outdoor crumbs. (Moses holds Rachael responsible for the increase of mice in the house, by accusing her of eating in her room - Rachael denies this).

The food is brought: a huge mound of rice with the chicken in the centre of the dish. This is placed on

the floor and we take our places around it. The family, and Rachael, eat with their hands, which is in itself a skilled art, and it is with great relief that my sister and I accept a spoon each.

Further embarrassment ensues when we realise that the Jatta family are selecting choice pieces of chicken and throwing them over to our side of the dish, clearly a well-established ritual for guests, and not one to be insulted by Western sensibilities or a British sense of fair play. Nevertheless we feign repleteness, not difficult, as we have poor appetites in the heat.

Water is a precious commodity, restricted to a bucketful a day; each member of the family being responsible for his or her own bucket. The water is first used for personal ablutions, then for clothes/dish washing, thence to the pigs, and I am no longer wondering why Rachael's personal hygiene is not all it should be - my body is, by now, also rust-coloured. (During our stay Rachael's bucket goes missing, later to be found, but nevertheless she gets a short, sharp lecture from Moses for this carelessness. Who is this girl who looks suitably humble and contrite and does not remonstrate?)

Rachael and I go to the well at night to fill her bucket for the morning ablutions. She does not like to go to the well in the dark because of the frogs. She lowers her bucket into a seemingly bottomless pit and pulls it up by hand, while I direct a torch to the ground in an attempt to deflect the frogs from jumping all over our feet and legs!

I decide I cannot take my filthy feet into the Jatta's bed so go to wash in a corrugated enclosure near the cooking house. The wash place is open to the skies: there is a big moon and a clear starry sky. I throw caution to the wind, strip off, and am exhilarated by this experience and my personal bravery!

Sadly it is short-lived! A mosquito net has been provided for us and my sister and I spend some time

Top right: Rachael finds time to cool down in the shade of the 'Fast Food' cafe

Right centre: No docks here. When the day's work is done the boats are simply hauled up on the beach

Right below: ...And talking of beaches...sun, sand, palm trees and a pace of life to suit

Far right bottom: Even a languid paradise has its entrepreneurs. Dembo utilises abundant local materials to make his baskets and

a buck

Right: Launching or beaching, there's no shortage of willing hands

securing the edges under the mattress. Satisfied with the results, we extinguish our candle and prepare for sleep, and that's when we realise we are not alone: a variety of wild-life is sharing the room with us, scratching and scrabbling on the linoleum.

It is impossible to sleep and each time my sister and I inadvertently touch one another, we let out yelps of horror, interspersed with hysterical giggling. Rachael appears to tell us to be quiet as we are keeping the household awake with our nonsense! I cannot sleep and wait for dawn so that I can go outside and write my journal.

The children in and around the compound are not accustomed to white people and the toddlers howl when they see us. My sister, who is normally a tolerant, sensible type, gets so fed up with this reaction that, at one point, she rounds on a group of these small ones and yells, "Boo!" followed by the command to shut up, which, miraculously, they do; probably fulfilling all their worst fears about 'Tubaabs'. It must be the heat! After five months in the compound Rachael has failed to gain the confidence of a small family member, called Mera, who peeps at her round trees and pillars.

Rachael fulminates about tourists and their behaviour, particularly those who whistle through villages in chauffeur-driven 4x4s, and, from the comfort of these vehicles, throw sweets and pens on the ground, for the children to scabble over, before letting the cameras roll. What kind of mentality can such people have? It is little wonder that the children react to us as we would to aliens.

In the compound people come and go for no apparent reason. Rachael has, of necessity, adapted to a way of life where time is relative and, at times, seems suspended. (Rachael refers to these 'suspensions' as GMT - Gambian Maybe Time). When we walk anywhere she persistently tells me to slow down and I note that she has adopted a relaxed, languid way of walking which

is quite unfamiliar to me.

When I ask her what she does in the evenings she tells me that she and her friends sit around, talking and drinking Atia. "Ah, ha!" I think, but Atia turns out to be tea, the making of which, by Western standards, is a ridiculously protracted business, involving much pouring from one pot to another, producing in the end, a drink that could have been achieved by leaving a couple of tea bags to stew!

The tea ceremony, however, is not about tea - it is about time, as are the greeting rituals and the bargaining system. On a couple of occasions traders refused to sell me their wares because I would not bargain - I wanted to know the value of an item and pay that price, but if everyone insisted on this, how would the hours go by?

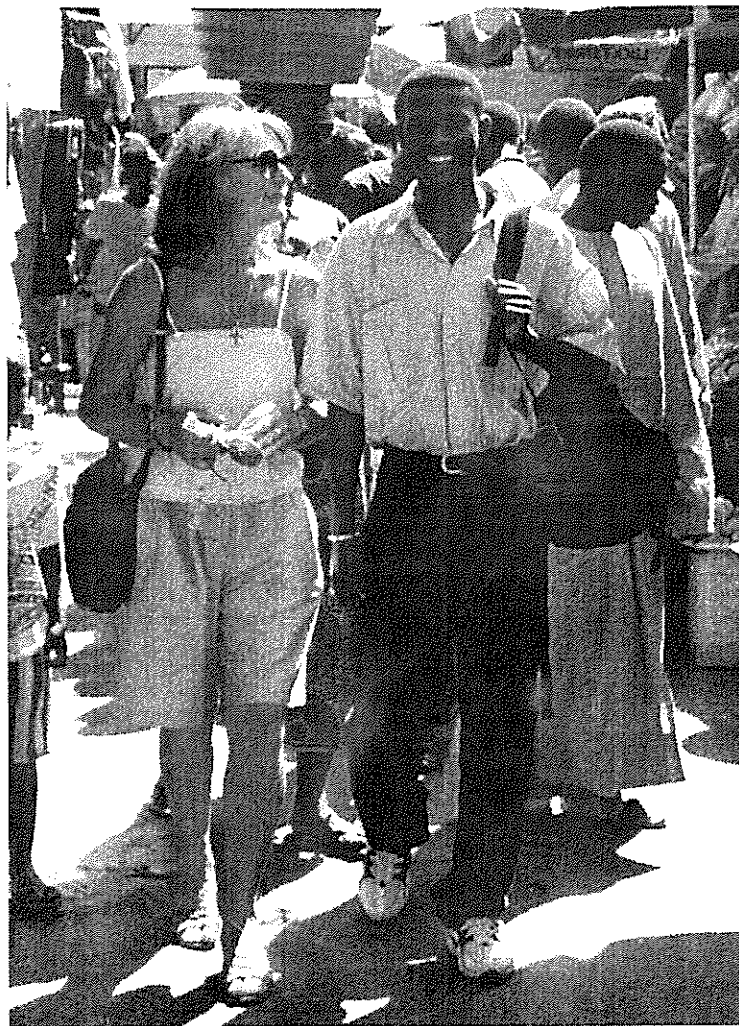
A bush taxi tale. When my sister leaves, Rachael moves into my hotel for a week.

Most evenings we go in search of good restaurants and these are surprisingly plentiful, run mainly by European settlers. One night, returning to the hotel by bush taxi, a band of musicians, plus instruments, squeeze into the bus.

The guitarist, an old man, sits beside us. I jokingly ask him for a tune. Rachael is whispering fiercely that he will ask for money - another new facet of her personality is that she has become prodigiously mean!

The old man obliges, playing his guitar in an upright position because there is no room for anything else. He plays a few, wonderful blues notes before he breaks into 'Blue Suede Shoes', and I go into a harmony with him. Rachael is greatly relieved by this turn of events, telling me that because I sang too, he will not ask for money.

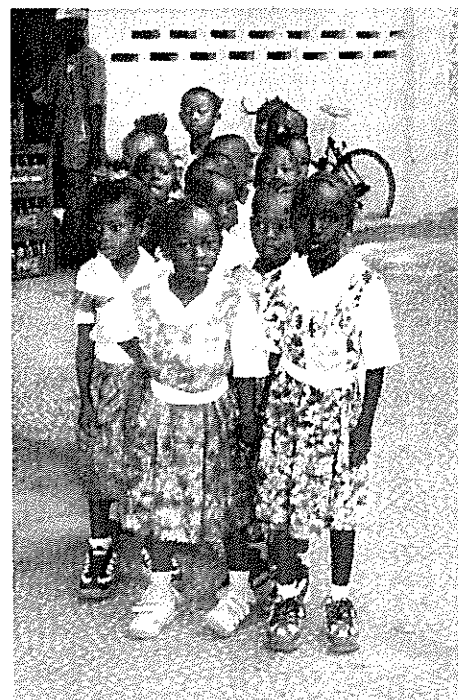
I am struck by the incongruity of this happening. Under a sharp, starry, African sky, crammed into a tattered mini-bus full of Africans, for a moment, I bond with another human being, singing 'Blue Suede Shoes'.



Above: A smiling young man, one of Rachael's friends, shepherds a suitably dressed Veronica round the village market

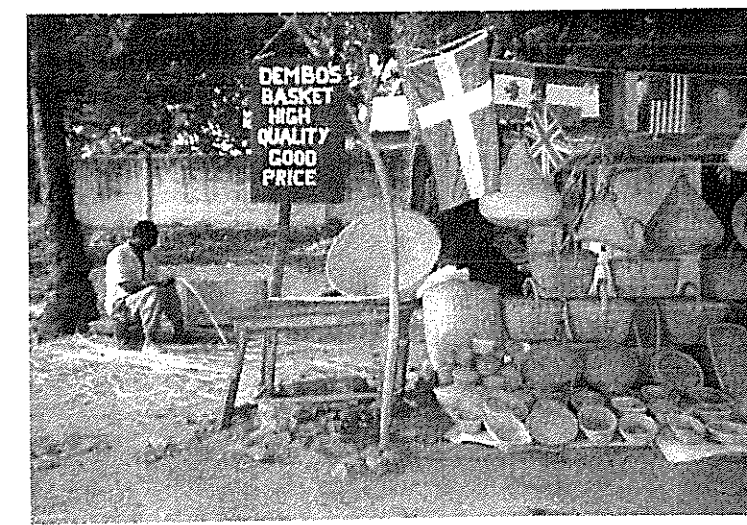
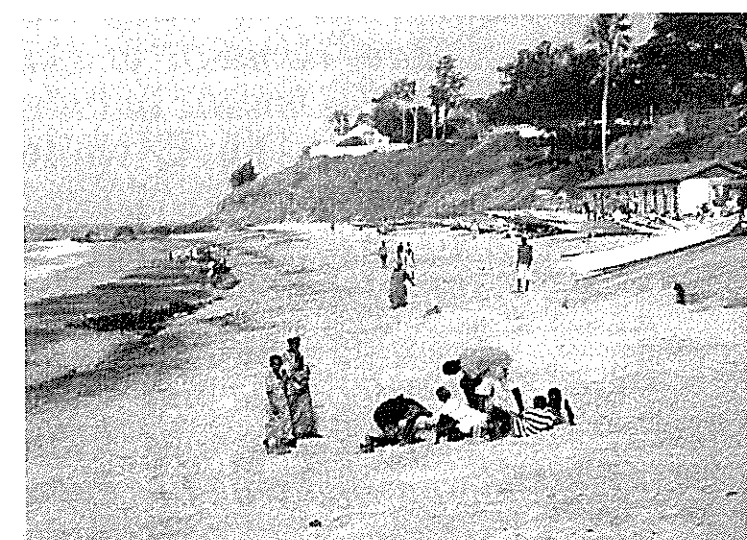


Left: A shop is a shop whether it's Harrods or a tent in Africa. Veronica hunts for bargains



Left below: A group of young schoolgirls pose reluctantly for the camera

Below: Fish and rice are the main foods. One of the fishing boats giving up its catch at the end of the long day's fishing



Right: Launching or beaching, there's no shortage of willing hands

historical political weight of this irrenouncable objective, of all the Argentine people. "Not more nor less."

The Constitutional 'limit'

It seems evident that the Constitution - since 1994 - also imposes in this some limits, because it defines our sovereignty of the Islands as "legitimate and non-prescriptible."

But, more so, when it refers to the "permanent and irrenouncable objective" of recovering "full" sovereignty. Lets look at this expression "full sovereignty." That means, not shared. Not restricted. Not limited by sovereignty claims by third parties. To speak about sovereignty, is to refer to that which consists in the exclusive right of exercising, respecting the territory, the State functions. Nothing more and nothing less.

In some way this Constitutional clause works somewhat like a kind of 'insurance.' Having said that, it should be asked: 'insurance' against risks? There are diversities: Swiftiness, anxiety, precipitation and some others, which the enthusiasts or the foresight, which are always present, could generate.

So, then could it - within the frame of the constitution - be agreed between the territories which maintain the conflict 'compromising formulas' such as condominiums: 'two flags' and some others, which Manuel Moreno, in 1841, proposed attributing to each of the sides one of the large Islands, in which 'full sovereignty' is 'recovered' concerning the Falklands? Could it also be so that, give up, in perpetuity or not, to continue with our sovereignty claims to recuperate the sovereignty which is ours?

The Constitution, in its present formulation, imposes a negative answer. Clearly, the 'negotiators' in the matter think that - when the time comes - they will be able to promote and obtain the necessary reform of the Constitution and consequently, come up with the aforementioned.

There could be, however - one possible exception. That of negotiating some kind of formula, which, in time (in a period which would be reasonable) and would end in recuperating for Argentina the full sovereignty concerning the territories which are still in dispute. That could be different.

This has recently, been the Spanish governments proposal concerning Gibraltar. Apparently, the Spanish government was willing to 'share' with Great Britain - for 25 years - the running of the territory in question to end (at the end of the period in question) with the Spanish 'full sovereignty' of the 'rock'. It doesn't have to be said that Great Britain calmly rejected (at least for the time being) the Spanish offer.

For that reason, any negotiation, concerning the matter, which is particularly sensitive to many Argentines, should take into account the clauses of the National

Constitution and be based upon political consensus, which are consulted with all parties.

Assuming, that the vast population does not need to be taken into account, because they know more than everyone, and that following the negotiation of an 'ideal' permanent solution, that this will be accepted quickly and docilely by the population, is a mistake.

Evidence can be seen. The 'arrangement' negotiated a proposal by the foreign minister concerning the Continental Ice, was not at the time explained enough. Today - although because of its terms it could be considered reasonable, which I will not give my opinion upon - it has come upon so much opposition, that it seems it will have very little chance of being ratified by the respective Parliaments. On both sides of the mountain. It is an example of the 'handling' and a lesson which should be taken into account.

The indispensable generosity

There is another constitutional aspect of great importance: The need our *Carta Magna* lays down, quite rightly, of "respecting the way of life" of the inhabitants of the Islands. That is: Their cultural identity.

All the Argentines must be absolutely pledged to assure this. Within the territories which, Paul Groussac said were "snatched from us, just by grabbing at a time - which was very well chosen - our greatest weakness." And, of course, also any other corner of our fatherland. This is the key and should be reiterated. Over and over again. For there to be no doubt, in spite of the long period of usurpation, the cultural identity of the imported inhabitants of the Falkland Islands. That is what is required. And the proverbial generosity of the Argentine people.

Another Constitution

There is also the need to at some time, take into consideration, the specific clauses contained, concerning this, in the Constitution of the province of Tierra del Fuego, Antarctic and South Atlantic Islands.

Especially in its second article, referring to the territorial limits of the province, which lays down that "any kind of modification of the limits must be authorised by a special law approved by three-quarters of the members of the Legislature and consulted with the public."

It is possible, that someone, mistakenly, assumes that they are "beyond" this article. If that were the case, the attitude would not only be pompous, but against the republican idea. The inhabitants of the far south of our extensive territory, should, when the time is right, be able to give their opinion in the matter. Before, being able to pronounce their agreement with the provincial constitution. Are we dealing with part of the territory which is legally under its jurisdic-

tion. Or is it all fiction?

To think about

Fifteen years ago, Bonifacio del Carril, in his book *La cuestion del las Malvinas* (The Falklands question), said:

"The friendship which unites the Argentine Republic to Great Britain and the respect we feel for the English people, will never stop the Argentine Republic in its energetic defence of its rights."

That's how it should be. Being polite does not stop one from being brave. It is clearly good to endeavour to find a solution to this old controversy. But, bearing in mind the Constitutional reform in 1994, there is not fortunately, room for arrangements 'at any cost.' Nor for strategies along the lines of 'Manuel J Garcia' or secret documents. Or ambiguous phrases. We are not in 1827. This is another world.

BRITAIN 2/2/98 Citizenship hope for dependent territories

Britain will this week hold out the possibility of eventual full citizenship for more than 100,000 people in its remaining overseas dependencies.

But it will warn that the territories must bring themselves more into line with modern UK norms in financial regulation and social legislation.

These are among the conclusions Robin Cook, the foreign secretary, reached in his six-month review of Britain's ties with its 18 dependent territories. He will announce the results on Wednesday at a conference in London.

The review's most concrete result is a decision to drop the name 'dependent territories' - The phrase is hardly apt for territories such as Bermuda and the Cayman Islands, which are self-financing. The label "British overseas territories" will replace it. Ten of the territories are inhabited, ranging in population from 61,000 in Bermuda to 58 in Pitcairn Island in the Pacific and vary widely in wealth.

The populations of Gibraltar and the Falkland Islands already have full UK citizenship. The two have largely been excluded from the review to avoid arousing hopes of a change in their status in Spain and Argentina, which claim sovereignty over the territories.

The citizenship issue is the most controversial aspect of the review. The move would restore rights to settle in the UK, which were removed under the 1981 Immigration Act.

The Home Office has called for further reflection and negotiation but allowed Mr Cook to hold out the prospect of UK citizenship.

The population of the territories under review is 160,000. But the number of potential UK citizens is considerably smaller, since many people in the territories hold other passports.

Tom Russell, chairman of the Dependent Territories Association and London representative of the Caymans, said last week that

slightly more than half the population of the Caymans were not eligible for a UK passport. According to Mr Russell, the reasons behind the push for British citizenship was not to settle in the UK "but to be able to travel freely to the European Union and the US without needing a visa."

The government also fears charges of hypocrisy and double standards since it refused to make a general offer of citizenship to 6m Hong Kong residents.

Mr Cook instituted the review in August after a row in which Britain was accused of being stingy towards the people of Montserrat following the volcanic eruption there.

Mr Cook will urge tougher regulation of offshore financial centres. He is also expected to touch on the more sensitive issue of social legislation, such as laws on homosexuality, to promote regulations being brought more into line with those in Britain, which is bound by various European conventions.

Falkland Islands Wool Marketing

Market report week ending 30/1/98

Australia: Market closed with Merino fleece 23 to 25 micron up to 3% cheaper and 25/26 micron types 4% cheaper.

Crossbred good style fleece types closed with 27 micron 1% cheaper and 28 and 29 mic firm. 30 & 31 closed firm to 1% dearer. Japan and local mills main buyers supported by western Europe.

Eastern market indicator closed down 8 cents to 629 cents, a new low point for the 1997/8 selling season.

New Zealand. At sales covering Invercargill and Christchurch offerings totalled 15300 bales with 21% withdrawn at growers reserves.

Crossbred fleece 24 to 29.5 micron was unchanged to 2% dearer, 30 micron and broader 2% cheaper.

Competition from Western Europe supported by China and India. NZ Market indicator 10 cents lower at 429 cents.

A new low for the season.

General: Ideas vary widely on the amount of new business available in the Bradford market. Some clients find no interest or even a hint of an enquiry while the odd client mentions the possibility of new orders around. The possibility of export orders are generally quoted as impossible due to sterling being so high.

Those able to take a slightly more cheerful view of the market are quick to stress that very low prices have applied for any current new business.

The market is operating from hand to mouth, at extremely competitive pricing, but there is no collapse in a week of wool price declines. Sentiment is better than might have been expected.



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Argentina

Falklands stays in touch
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The British and Argentine armed forces, once at war over the Falklands, have set up a telephone "hotline".

"We have in effect a hotline to Argentina for communications and we speak to them regularly," said Brigadier Ian Campbell, British commander on the disputed islands in the South Atlantic.

"I have consciously during my year as commander used that hotline to inform Argentina of what we are doing and at the same time asked them what they are doing," he told Falklands Radio.

He also revealed that air traffic control communications have recently been established between the Argentine city of Comodoro Rivadavia and British Forces to help direct flights between the Chilean capital, Santiago, and the disputed islands.

"We simply discovered that LAN Chile flights which fly through Argentine air space to the Falklands were not being 'handed on,' so at the local level we have taken forward links with Argentina."

"I think there are opportunities for the future there but those will need to be judged and taken forward in conjunction with the governor of the Falklands of course and the political situation as viewed from Port Stanley," Campbell said at the end of his tour of duty.

The islands were invaded by Argentina in 1982 and then recaptured by Britain after a 10-week war.

Campbell said: "Argentina is a member of the international order and Britain has now normal economic relations with Argentina, but Britain is still maintaining its commitment to the defence and security of the Falklands."

Talking about reports of recent incursions by Argentine aircraft, he said there had been three or four incidents.

"Talk of incursions is a result of the Argentine forces entering the Falkland Islands Conservation Zone on three or four occasions during the course of my year as commander."

BUENOS AIRES HERALD
1/2/98

Constitutional reform has brought into debate matters other than re-election. Perhaps the secret is too deep, hence the speculation is shallow. But the cardinal rule of journalism is, never stop a good rumour, always pass it on.

This week the debate about a

reform had to do more with the future of the *Falk-vinas* than with presidential succession or the constitutional reform in August 1994 that established Argentina's sovereignty claim to the islands in the South Atlantic was comprehensive and indivisible. However, a clause also established that the rights and lifestyle of the islanders had to be respected. That apparently conflicting arrangement managed to satisfy Senator Eduardo Menem, the President's brother, who is most vigorous in his demand for sovereignty, and the long-serving Foreign Minister, Guido Di Tella, who is more interested in brokering a solution acceptable to Argentina, Britain and the islanders which will take into account history and present times.

England, under Tony Blair, is easy-going on the issue. According to the present mood in Britain nobody really gives too much thought to the crumb-sized remnants of Empire. Hong Kong went to the Chinese - and nostalgia played very little part. Gibraltar could just as easily go to Spain, if the European Union got its bureaucracy straightened out, and a settlement for the Falklands could be reached without too much difficulty.

Certain sections of Government in Buenos Aires are keen to squeeze the best and the most out of President Menem's still undated visit to Britain. This UK-tour-fetish which had so exercised Our Leader could be facilitated and even improved with a sound deal covering those islands.

But in order to negotiate shared sovereignty or all the other varieties of management, a constitutional reform of that clause that so pleased Eduardo Menem and Guido Di Tella would be required.

And while the Constitution is reformed for a bunch of rocks in the South Atlantic, why not also throw in unlimited tenancy of the garden in Olivos as well. If an island deal could be secured, Mr Menem would then become Our Great Leader, and in token thanks for such a heart felt and sovereign recovery, what would another four years matter among friends.

President Menem would lose an election next year. The voters awarded him in May 1995, but will surely punish him in 1999.

LA NACION: Letters page
Dear Editor

As an Argentine and direct descendant of Luis Vernet (first governor of our Falkland Islands), I believe I have the right to deeply support what Mr Carlos Zarate expressed in his letter published in the *La Nacion* on the letters page on 21/1/98.

"My opinion is the same as the vast majority of the Argentines, that our Falkland Islands were violently usurped from us by the English conquistadors at the beginning of the last century, taking advantage of the temporary absence of the governor."

"Our diplomatic efforts were useless, to recuperate what legitimately belongs to us."

"I don't support violent solutions nor do I accept the 'umbrella' theory, which means that sovereignty will not be discussed. How can it be discussed, if the right thing is that the English pirates return what belongs to us, which they so craftily snatched away from us?"

"I suggest that the matter be deepened in international forums, with the aim of obliging the usurpers to return what belongs to us."

Dr Carlos French Vernet,
San Isidro

LA PRENSA 1/2/98

What is the constitutional frame concerning the rights in the Falklands

Beyond, a few dissident voices (absolutely in a minority), the recuperation of the Falkland Islands for the vast majority of Argentines is a constant and irrenouncable aim.

That is what our National Constitution has said since 1994. And it is good to be reminded of this. As many times as necessary. Especially under the current circumstances, because of some of the figures who are linked to the matter.

The Argentine *Carta Magna*, among its numerous "transitory dispositions" today contains a "first" clause which textually says:

"The Argentine nation ratifies its legitimate and non-prescriptible right over the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and the corresponding maritime and insular spaces, which are part of the national territory."

"The recuperation of the territory in question and the full rights to maintain sovereignty respecting the way of life of its inhabitants and in agreement with the principles of international rights, are a permanent and irrenouncable objective of the Argentine people. It is crystal clear."

A little history

Looking at the background which exist concerning this clause, that is those coming from the commission of integration and international treaties, who in 1994 participated in the Constitution Convention, we see that this advised the incorporation of this text into the constitutional plexus, taking into account the individual opinions concerning the matter of Eduardo Menem, Hector Masnatta, Carlos

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Manfredotti and Enrique Paixao.

Also the 'report' which was at the time presented to the Honourable Convention was presented by distinguished conventionalist Ambassador Zelmira M Ragazzoli. She with the tidy preciseness with which she usually does things, explained:

(i) That the including of this specific clause in the plexus of our Constitution endeavoured "to make explicit" as a clear message to the international community: The intention of recovering what belongs to us in the South Atlantic - the full sovereignty over the territories in dispute - through the corresponding judicial and political instrumentation," available. That was then politically advisable following the unfortunate attempt to recuperate - in 1982 - the Islands "through force."

(ii) That, from the point of view, of the technically Constitutional, a "message clause" was being included in the Constitution, with a clear and specific aim.

Moreso, an "idea of strength, privileged judicially, aside from all political juncture."

It is evident that the message contained in the constitutional clause is a universal question. It was and it is aimed at the interior of our country and outside the country. To the countries own and those faraway, in consequence, and

(iii) Referring to its symbolism, it added that the "Constitutional rank is used by the conventionalist to show the importance and the

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British press Headline stories: Feb 2 - Feb 6

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR
MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY 1998
IRAQ

The latest developments in the confrontation with Iraq have made front page stories for several papers. Under the headline 'Diplomatic Options Running out for Iraq', the *Independent* says the United States is trying to force Iraq to allow UN weapons inspectors access to all sites by escalating verbal and military threats. Several papers quote the American Secretary of State as saying that the US will take a decision on military action 'within weeks'. The *Times* reports that the British government is to draft a new Security Council Resolution in an attempt to break the impasse, but the paper says Britain will not shrink from military action.

PRESIDENT CLINTON

The scandal which has surrounded President Clinton for the past few weeks continues to attract coverage. The *Times* quotes the lawyers of Monica Lewinsky, the former White House trainee at the centre of the scandal, as saying that she could offer help to President Clinton's legal team in its fight against Kenneth Starr, the independent prosecutor.

DIANA CRASH ENQUIRY

The front page of the *Mirror* is devoted to what it headlines as 'The Mystery Diana Car' referring to the car thought by some to have led to the tragic death of Diana, the Princess of Wales. The paper, which claims to have a video shot outside the Paris Ritz minutes before the fatal accident, says that the French investigators hunting a white Fiat Uno may have spent the last five months searching for the wrong car. According to the video, the car involved is a Citroen.

GIBRALTAR APES

And finally the *Independent*, on its front pages, carries a picture captioned 'Too much monkey business' referring to the famous rock apes of Gibraltar. The rare population of tailless Barbary monkeys, says the paper, have been breeding out of control and have become a threat to the British military installations on the Rock. To avoid a cull of one of the greatest tourist attractions in the area, it has been

decided to give the monkeys contraception to cut down their numbers.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 1998

BRANSON WINS LOTTERY LIBEL CASE

The main story on the front pages of today's British newspapers concerns the future of the multi-million pound National Lottery after a court case involving the British entrepreneur, Richard Branson. The *Independent* newspaper says there is expected to be a fundamental overhaul of the way the multi-million pound lottery is run after Mr Branson won a libel case against a director of the company which runs it, Camelot. Mr Branson had accused the director, Guy Snowden, of trying to bribe him to abandon his bid to run the multi-million pound lottery in 1993. The *Guardian*, the *Express*, the *Daily Mail* among others, carry the news of the subsequent resignation of Mr Snowden from Camelot, the call by Mr Branson for the removal of Camelot as the lottery organisers and for a full inquiry.

IRAQ

The confusion over whether Russia had brokered a deal with Iraq on the movement of United Nations weapons inspectors provides the main foreign news story on the front pages. The *Times* says that Saddam Hussein has plunged the world into fresh uncertainty by denying the Russian claims of a deal. On an inside page is a report on the efforts of the American Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, to persuade Arab leaders to support military action against Iraq. But the *Times* reports that while Arab leaders would like to see the back of Saddam Hussein and some would welcome his removal by the Americans, they are against military strikes which would punish Iraqi citizens and not their leader. The *Independent* says the Russians share a similar view that airstrikes would be fraught with unpredictable consequences.

STOCK MARKETS SURGE

The *Financial Times* carries prominently Monday's surge in world stock markets. It highlights the performance of the Asian markets

and says that falling interest rates and firmer currencies gave hope that the regional crisis was easing. However, it also quotes some analysts as saying that even if the worst of the financial market shocks has passed, a new phase of bankruptcies, rising unemployment and social strains lie ahead. **BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 1998**

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY

The main story on the front pages of today's newspapers concerns the resignation of the regulator of Britain's national lottery, Peter Davis. The papers believe he was forced to go. The *Times* says he was sacked on the direct orders of the Prime Minister, Tony Blair. It follows the end on Monday of a libel case in which the chairman of a company, G-Tech, involved in running the lottery was accused of trying to bribe a rival. The *Sun*, in its opinion column, strongly supports the decision to dismiss Mr Davis and says that action should now be taken against G-Tech.

ITALIAN CABLE CAR TRAGEDY

The accident in northern Italy, in which twenty people were killed after an American military plane cut the line supporting the cable car, is the main foreign news story on the front pages. The *Telegraph* carries a picture of rescue workers gathered around the twisted wreckage of the cable car with bloodstains clearly visible on the snow. The paper reports that following the accident left-wing politicians are calling for a renegotiation of the agreement which allows the presence of American bases in Italy.

MURDOCH GROUP TAX PROBE

The main story in the *Independent* is a report claiming that the tax authorities in Britain, America, Canada and Australia have set up a joint investigation to examine why the international media group, News Corporation, pays so little tax. According to the report, News Corporation, which is run by Rupert Murdoch, pays a fraction of the taxes paid by its competitors. The papers stress that there is no suggestion that the company is acting illegally, but it says there is a political and moral groundswell of opinion that News Corporation should pay more. The *Independent* cautions that there appears to be little the authorities can do, unless international steps are taken to unify taxation systems.

Weekly South American Wool Market Report

Uruguay: Very few sales reported, and some of this correspondent's sources report none at all.

Notwithstanding the market situation, S.U.L. Uruguayan wool Secretariat is taking an active role in a project to promote pasture improvement during the next 10 years.

With state subsidies of up to 50% of the total investment estimated at USD 300M, which include the use of "Lotus", white and red clover, direct sowing and improved fencing and watering. A typical cost break-down averages USD 150 per hectare, and it is estimated that Uruguayan farmers are already now improving their pastures at a rate of 100,000 to 150,000 hectares per year.

Argentina: The market keeps slowing down throughout the country, and despite negotiations in some areas no sales are concluded due to farmer's resistance to present price levels.

Comodoro Rivadavia, Argentine Patagonia's biggest city on the SE Atlantic coast of Chubut province, grew with oil drilling thus becoming "The Argentine oil capital". In two weeks' time it will host its 60th annual farm show, which has become Argentina's most important merino ram show. Simultaneously the Argentine merino breeder association, these days the most progressive among Argentina's Sheep Breeder Associations, will celebrate its 50th anniversary, which includes a very complete programme.

In support of the above venue, Benetton, now Argentina's biggest, and the world's No. 2 wool-grower, will present its new world garment collection for the southern autumn/winter season.

Wool clips usually sold in Comodoro Rivadavia amount to about 6,000T. Greasy all-in. A carry-over of 300T. remained from the past season, and it is estimated that so far 58% has changed hands from farmers to their clients, both greasy exporters and topmakers. The micron range in this area, which includes the Southern half of Chubut province and the Northern strip of Santa Cruz province as well varies from 17.5 for merino hoggets through to 26 for corriedales. The bulk stands around 20-21 microns though.

Public Meeting

There will be a Public Meeting with all Councillors who can attend on Wednesday the 11 February, in the Court and Council Chamber from 5-6pm.

Everyone is welcome - if someone has a question that may need research, please telephone or fax Jenny Luxton in the Councillor's Office before hand.



News from South America

provided by Mercopress

CHILE BEGINS EXPLORATORY FISHING IN ANTARCTIC WATERS

With the authorisation of CCAMLR (Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources), Chile will begin on February 15th until next October, exploratory fishing in Antarctic waters at depths ranging between 600 and 2,500 metres.

The Chilean research project that is under the coaching of the Marine Sciences School of the Valparaíso University is mainly directed to locate deep sea cod and toothfish and will cover an area of 180,000 square kilometres next to the Antarctic cap. It is expected that on the basis of the scientific data collected during the eight months research, CCAMLR will be able to decide on the extraction potential and whether to open new fishing areas.

According to the Santiago press, the Chileans were chosen for the first stage of this job during 1998, because they are considered among the best long liner fishing experts.

CHILEAN TEENAGER SWIMS ACROSS MAGELLAN STRAIT

A fourteen year old Chilean swimmer joined the continent and Tierra del Fuego across the Magellan Strait in two hours and eleven minutes. Victor Contreras, the son of another famous swimmer, Victor "Shark" Contreras crawled the four miles distance in the narrowest point of the Strait, in Primera Angostura, 100 miles to the north of Punta Arenas, with a water temperature of 5/6 degrees Celsius and an eight miles wind. Young Contreras was coached by his father and accompanied in the attempt by three other swimmers who abandoned halfway through because of cramps.

The crossing had to wait two days due to adverse weather conditions. When the four person teams, including a 16 year old girl finally set off in early morning (7.50AM), for Tierra del Fuego, the sea had calmed and temperature was 10 degrees Celsius. But in spite of the feat, young Contreras still has to beat the old Contreras "Shark" record of one hour and 28 minutes.

NATURAL GAS BOOM IN CHILE

By 2005 natural gas will become the main energy source of Chile supplied by six pipelines from Argentina. At the moment two of these links are in full production, Magallanes and Gas Andes, but in the next fifteen months four additional ones demanding an investment of over a billion US dollars will be fully

operational.

Chilean authorities are planning that by the turn of the century over 50% of the industrial demand in the metropolitan area of Santiago will be converted to consumer natural gas helping to combat smog and contamination. Five years later, 70% of industry and half a million homes in Santiago should be supplied with natural gas. To help protect the environment, Chilean authorities are also rapidly abandoning oil and coal as the main fuel in the big electricity generating plants. Natural gas currently represents 8% of energy consumption but should jump to 25% by 2005.

ARGENTINA ATTRACTS CHILEAN INVESTMENT

Chile's investment abroad reached a new record during 1997 with a 123% increase over the previous year. As in 1996 the main attraction for Chilean investors was Argentina with 630 million US dollars, according to figures released by the Central Bank. Of the total 2.245 billion US dollars, 1.4 billion was invested in banking, insurance and financial assets; 230 million US dollars in manufacturing; 220 million in the mining industry and 156 million in retailing.

In the country investment ranking, United States was second to Argentina with 350 million US dollars; Cayman Islands 305 million and Uruguay with 208 million US dollars. As far as foreign investment in Chile, the official report indicates that the inflow of capital has slowed down increasingly as the impact of the Asian financial crisis became more evident. Last December, compared to one year before, foreign investment reported a 23% decrease.

CHILEAN FISH CATCH DROPS 11%

Chilean fish catches during 1997 reached 6,431,806 tons, 800,000 less than in 1996, and just below the official mid year estimate, (6.5 million tons), when the consequences of the *El Nino* in the Pacific water temperature became evident.

According to the Chilean Fisheries Under Secretary the '97 volume indicates that after three exceptional years, '94, '95 and '96 the tendency is to return to the average catches of the last ten years.

Anyhow the drop has several surprises. The catch of jurel experienced the main decrease after a temporary ban of several months was established in the northern waters of Chile to protect the younger samples, since the adults are believed to have disappeared to deeper

waters because of the increase in temperature. The final volume for jurel was 2,862,124 tons, 26.6% less than in 1996.

The catch of anchovy on the other hand jumped almost 30% and reached a record 1,809,435 tons. The abundance of the species, attracted by changes in the Pacific Ocean temperature is also blamed on *El Nino*. Chile extracted 80,197 tons of common hake, just below the 84,897 tons volume of 1996. As far as toothfish is concerned the Chilean official release indicates that the catch tripled compared to 1996 with a total tonnage of 4,716. The operation of Chilean long liners off South Georgia and South Africa had a significant influence on this final figure, underlines the Fisheries Under Secretary report.

STRICT CONTROL OF VEGETABLES

A strict control of all fresh produce coming from the central area of Chile has been imposed by the sanitary authorities of the Health Services Department of the Magallanes region. The decision was taken because of the several cases of cholera reported in mid and northern Chile during the last twelve months.

Random samples of different vegetables from the twelve main food distributors and supermarkets of the Punta Arenas area now regularly checked for possible contamination with faecal residues.

PROMOTION OF PATAGONIA

A program to attract tourism to Chilean Patagonia was officially announced in Punta Arenas by the Regional Council of Magallanes. The three years program with an investment of two million dollars will promote the tourist areas of Palena, Aisen and Magallanes, the three most southern regions of Chile.

"It's a very important agreement since this is the first time we will be working together with other regions to promote Patagonia," said Julio Arenas, Director of the Regional Tourism Office. The program that is directed to attract tourism from neighbouring countries, Europe and the United States will be co-ordinated internationally by the Chilean Corporation for the promotion of tourism and the national Chilean Tourism Department.

TEXEL SHEEP FOR MAGALLANES

An experimental four years project to improve the quality and weight of lambs by cross breeding local sheep with Texel will be started next May in the Magallanes region.

This month one hundred frozen embryos will be flown in from New Zealand and next May implanted in 100 selected Corriedale ewes. The future rams to be born next spring, will then be crossed again with Corriedale and the lambs born should grow to weigh between 14 and 16 kilos when they reach market, instead of the average current eleven kilos.

The project is sponsored by two local Universities, Magallanes Austral, and is funded by the Foundation for Agricultural Innovation, a farmer and a local abattoir.

"We believe we'll have a 60% chance with the embryos and 70% in the second stage, that is considered acceptable for a project of this kind," said Sergio Kusanovic, a genetics expert from the Magallanes University. The agricultural authorities pointed out that the Texel-Corriedale is targeted to produce a heavier, better shaped and sturdier lamb, since sheep farming can no longer depend exclusively on wool.

"Twenty years ago lamb and mutton were by products of sheep farming, but now it's the opposite. That is why we've invested half of the 350,000 US dollars demanded by the project," explained Fernando Baeriswyl, local representative of the Chilean Ministry of Agriculture.

The first Texel-Corriedale lambs should be ready for the abattoir by the year 2,000. The Magallanes region has an annual production of half a million lambs.

ARGENTINA, NATO "NON ALLY"

The United States officially confirmed the "non ally" NATO status for Argentina during a meeting in Switzerland with Argentine president Carlos Menem. Thomas McLarty, special advisor to President Bill Clinton on Latin American Affairs told Mr Menem that the White House initiative received no objections from the US Congress and therefore was not firm.

The "non ally" status means Argentina has a privileged relation with the United States, (such as Israel, Egypt, Korea, Japan), that facilitates access to defence purchases at special prices. The diplomatic significance of the new situation is that Argentina has become a "trusted ally" for the United States.

The announcement was done at the World Economic Forum, held in the Swiss city of Davos, that attracts heads of state from all over the world and outstanding economists and financial experts.

Three Latin American presidents were present at the meeting: Mr Menem from Argentina, Mr Cardoso from Brazil and Mr Frei from Chile. Although in very diplomatic wording, the three heads of state in their speeches warned that unless international financial speculation is checked, the consequences of the Asian collapse could easily spread to the emerging markets and the richest nations of the world.

THE IRISH GROUP U2 IN ARGENTINA

After a complete success in Brazil, the world famous Irish rock group U2 and their leader Bono arrived in Argentina where they also expect full houses in the three concerts scheduled for this weekend.

Bono, The Edge, Larry Mullen Jr., and Adam Clayton are in the midst of the Pop Mart world Tour that began in Las Vegas last April, has so far reached over twenty countries and is expected to end in South Africa next March 21st.

The US show involves an impeccable technological display with a gigantic screen, (56 by 176 metres) that combines live images with those from different artists such as Andy Warhol, Howard Finster and Roy Lichtenstein. Over 200 people are needed to set up the 180 metre stage and handle the 500 tons of equipment for the Pop Mart Tour. In the Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro presentations US attracted over 300,000 people and Bono turned the crowd wild when in good Portuguese he yelled "Brazilians make me happy, win the World Cup for Ireland."

The cheapest ticket for the Buenos Aires concerts cost 25 US dollars.

Your BFBS Television programmes

SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

8.45 TITCH
8.55 WOLVES, WITCHES AND GIANTS
9.10 KABLAM!
9.35 SPIRIT RIDER
10.00 LIVE AND KICKING
1.15 GRANDSTAND Including: News summary; Rugby Union Five Nations - Ireland v Scotland (Landsdowne Road) and France v England (Stade de France); Snooker - Benson and Hedges Masters from the Wembley Conference Centre, penultimate day; Winter Olympics from Nagano, Japan; Football Focus; and a full round-up of the rest of the day's sporting events
6.30 CLASSIFIED FOOTBALL RESULTS
6.35 CARTOON TIME Featuring Bugs Bunny
6.50 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
7.00 TOP OF THE POPS
7.30 A PRINCE AMONG MEN
8.00 NOEL'S HOUSEPARTY
8.50 CASUALTY
9.40 THE BEGGAR BRIDE (New)
10.55 THE UNIQUE DAVE ALLEN
11.25 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.50 MATCH OF THE DAY
1.05 MIRACLE AT SEA The Rescue of Tony Bullimore
2.00 OLYMPIC GRANDSTAND Live coverage of the opening events at the XVIII Olympic Games from Nagano, Japan

SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

8.15 MATCH OF THE DAY
9.30 BREAKFAST WITH FROST
10.30 BODGER AND BADGER
10.45 MEN IN BLACK
11.10 BLUE PETER
11.35 SHORT CHANGE
12.05 SONGS OF PRAISE
12.40 THE WHITBREAD: THE WORLD'S GREATEST OCEAN RACE
1.10 THE CHART SHOW
2.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
2.10 BROOKSIDE Lindsey receives a mysterious parcel but from whom?
3.20 THIS IS YOUR LIFE
3.50 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW
4.35 THROUGH THE KEYHOLE
5.00 FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP Arsenal v Chelsea
6.55 ANIMAL PEOPLE
7.25 BLIND DATE
8.20 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
8.30 HEARTBEAT
9.25 THE BEGGAR BRIDE
10.40 PARKINSON
11.35 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.50 RUGBY EXPRESS
12.55 OLYMPIC GRANDSTAND

MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 CATS' EYES 10.15 NUMBERTIME 10.30 THE MIX 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING
1.15 TOTS TV Followed by: BFBS WEATHER REPORT
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Karl signs up for football duty
2.15 CATCHPHRASE (New)
2.40 HOLIDAY
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.45 SPIDER
3.50 FIREMAN SAM
4.05 ROGER AND THE ROTTENTROLLS
4.15 DENNIS THE MENACE (New)
4.40 THE REALLY WILD ROADSHOW
5.05 GOOSEBUMPS
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Vinnie purposely messes up his job interview at the Bait Shop
5.45 GAMESMASTER
6.10 WISH YOU WERE HERE On the itinerary today; the Caribbean island of Tobago, the west coast of the USA, and a 700-year-old country house in Littlecote
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET Les wants revenge on Martin Platt
7.45 THE BILL Hunt: Boyden and Beech try to pinpoint a violent man and his wife before a vicious drug dealer can get to them
8.10 SHORT STORIES
8.35 SPARK
9.05 LONDON'S BURNING
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 I'M ALAN PARTRIDGE
11.00 BACK TO THE FLOOR
11.30 FILM '98
12.00 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA
12.55 ESSENTIAL WINTER OLYMPIC HIGHLIGHTS

TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 FOURWAYS FARM 10.10 STORYTIME 10.25 ZIG ZAG 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE SLOW NORRIS Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS
2.15 FOOD AND DRINK
2.45 VANESSA
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
3.50 ZZZAP!
4.05 IT'LL NEVER WORK
4.30 BLUE PETER
5.00 THE DEMON HEADMASTER
5.25 HOME AND AWAY
5.45 A QUESTION OF SPORT
6.15 EMMERDALE Andy and Robert continue to search for Outhwaite's dead wife
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS It's a bad day for Ian Beale when Alex takes his revenge with a letter in the Walford Gazette
7.55 BUGS Ed and Alex have been testing a new engine killer weapon, when they are attacked and the weapon is stolen
8.45 COLTRANE'S PLANES AND AUTOMOBILES
9.10 DARK SKIES
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 THE BRIT AWARDS
12.20 TARTAN EXTRA
12.45 ESSENTIAL WINTER OLYMPIC HIGHLIGHTS

WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 CATS' EYES 10.15 TVM - SHIPS, SPACE AND MEASURES 10.30 QUEST 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 POTAMUS PARK followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Billy tells Karl a few home truths
2.15 RICK STEIN'S FRUITS OF THE SEA
2.45 THE CLOTHES SHOW
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with THE BLOBS
3.45 CARTOON TIME
3.55 CONAN THE ADVENTURER
4.20 HOW 2
4.35 SMART
5.00 THE DEMON HEADMASTER
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Marilyn asks Lachie about the risks involved in having the operation
5.45 TOMORROW'S WORLD
6.15 EMMERDALE Jan's first home visit is very tense
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET Nick and Leanne's news finds no favour with Gail
7.45 THE BILL Has Anyone Seen Big Mouth? An informer disappears after the failure of an operation. Can Daly and Deakin find him?
8.10 YOU'VE BEEN FRAMED
8.40 NOAH'S ARK
9.35 FRIENDS
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 FILM: WITHOUT WARNING - THE JAMES BRADY STORY (1991)
11.55 THE ADAM AND JOE SHOW
12.20 THE BIG MATCH: ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL
1.15 OLYMPIC GRANDSTAND

THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 STOP, LOOK, LISTEN 10.10 LANDMARKS 10.30 STAGE ONE 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE RIDDLERS Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Ben and Sarah welcome a new lodger
2.15 TRUST ME, I'M A DOCTOR
2.45 VANESSA
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.45 HUBBUB (New)
4.00 HIGHLANDER
4.30 BLUE PETER
4.55 THE PHOENIX AND THE CARPET
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Lachie's mother shows up in Summer Bay
5.45 CALL MY BLUFF
6.15 EMMERDALE Heather agrees to see her father for the first time in years
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 VETS IN PRACTICE

BFBS Television programmes (cont)

7.25 EASTENDERS Ian is worried that his association with Annie could prove damaging to his case against Cindy
7.55 STRANGE BUT TRUE
8.20 DISASTER Tonight, the explosion that destroyed the Challenger space shuttle in January 1986. Narrated by John Nettles
8.50 THE D-FILES
9.00 THE FAST SHOW
9.30 HOTEL
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 TOM JONES
11.25 PANORAMA
12.05 THE STAND UP SHOW (New)
12.35 ESSENTIAL WINTER OLYMPIC HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 MATHSBOOK 10.10 RAT-A-TAT-TAT 10.25 LOOK AND READ 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 POTAMUS PARK Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Sarah meets Richard's alter ego
2.15 CAT CRAZY
2.40 COMEDY CLASSIC: DAD'S ARMY

YOUR PROGRAMMES FROM F.I.B.S.

SATURDAY February 7

6.00 News BFBS
6.03 Music Fill
6.15 Children's story
6.30 Children's Corner - request programme
7.30 News and Sport from five live
7.40 Weather, Flights, Announcements
8.00 The Navy Lark
8.28 Rpt Weather & Flights
8.30 The Beebs lost Beatles tapes
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.20 Music Fill
9.30 Bookclub - skin tight
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News BFBS
SUNDAY February 8
5.00 News: BFBS
5.03 Music fill
5.15 Dessert Island Discs
6.00 Music Fill
6.30 Weather, flights, announcements
7.00 Church Service- Tabernacle
8.00 Wet Wet Wet Album Special
8.15 Folk Music Show
8.30 Repeat Weather & Flights
8.45 Folk Music Show
9.00 News Desk
9.28 Rpt. Weather & Flights
9.30 Dracula
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News BFBS
MONDAY February 9
10.03 Morning show

12.00 News and Sport BFBS
12.06 News Middy
12.09 Music fill
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30 B.F.B.S Programmes
5.02 The Archers
5.17 Afternoon wind down - with music
6.00 Country Crossroads
6.30 Half hour comedy - The oldest member
7.00 The Goons CD collection
7.30 News and Sport
7.35 Weather, Flights, Announcements
8.00 Chemical brothers in concert
8.30 Multi track hit list from BBC World Service
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt Weather and Flights
9.30 Jazz a la lee
10.00 News BFBS

TUESDAY February 10

10.03 Morning Show
12.00 News and Sport BFBS
12.06 Music Fill
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30 BFBS Programmes
5.03 The Archers
5.17 Wind down
5.30 News from St. Helena
5.45 Calling the Falklands
6.00 News Magazine
6.30 Supergrass in concert
7.30 News and Sports
7.35 Weather, Flights, Announcements

3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
3.50 THE LITTLEST PET SHOP
4.00 ARTHUR
4.30 MIKE & ANGELO (New)
4.50 THE WEEK ON NEWSROUND
5.00 AQUILA
5.25 HOME AND AWAY It's a nice day for a white wedding
5.45 GLADIATORS
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS Jeff tries to persuade Alex to confide in him
7.55 999 INTERNATIONAL
8.45 DANGERFIELD Dangerfield gets drawn into a complicated family affair after examining a body which has been dragged from a river
9.35 THIRD ROCK FROM THE SUN
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 CHALK
11.00 THIEFTAKERS
11.50 TFI FRIDAY
12.45 ESSENTIAL WINTER OLYMPIC HIGHLIGHTS

The up to date schedule can be found on the Teletext service of BFBS TV and also on BFBS Radio

B.F.B.S. RADIO WEEKLY PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

98.5FM

SATURDAY 0000 Drum & Bass 0200 Steve Mason 0400 In Concert 0500 Forces Finest with Damian Watson 0700 Weekend Gold 0800 Breakfast Show 1000 The Score with Francis Collings 1400 Mark Page 1600 Weekend Gold 1800 David Rodigan 2000 Drum & Bass 2200 Richard Allinson
SUNDAY 0000 Late Night Love in 0200 Mark Page 0400 Bob Harris 0700 Weekend Gold 0800 UK Sunday Breakfast 1000 Forces Finest 1200 James Watt 1400 Richard Allinson 1600 Bob Harris 1900 In Concert 2000 Rock Show 2200 John Peel
MONDAY 0000 Weekend Gold 0200 In Concert 0200 Rockumentary 0300 Connect '98 0500 Early Breakfast 0600 Breakfast Show 0900 BFBS Gold 1000 FIBS Morning Show 1230 The Afternoon Shift 1800 BFBS Gold 1900 Jamie Gordon with Full Top 40 (Mondays only), New Dance, Indie and Pop, interviews and live music session 2200 Aidan Donovan
TUESDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued 0100 David Rodigan 0300 - 0000 As Monday
WEDNESDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued 0100 John Peel 0300 - 0000 As Monday
THURSDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued 0100 The Rockshow 0300 - 2000 As Monday
FRIDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued 0100 Richard Allinson 0300-1800 As Monday 1800-2000 Gurkha Programmes 2000 Andy Wright 2200 Friday Dance

CHANNEL 2

550 MW

SATURDAY 0000 On Stage & Kaleidoscope 0100 On Stage 0200 Newsday & Features from BBC World Service 0300 A Taste of N Ireland 0400 Today from BBC Radio 4 0600 Radio 4 News and Sport 0630 Counterpoint 0700 Meridian from BBC W/S 0730

BFBS Reports 0800 Radio 4 News & Feature 0830 Thoughts from Abroad 0900 Comedy Double Bill 1000 News & Sport on Five Live 1500 News & David Mellor's 6-0-61700 News & Short Play 1800 Feature 1900-0100 Radio 5 Live Overnight package
SUNDAY 0100 Archers Omnibus 0200 Newsday and Europe Today/Heritage 0300 Clydes Classics 0400 News & Sunday Papers, morning Music & Religious news and views 0615 Letter from America with Alistair Cooke & Morning Service 0715 Archers Omnibus 0815 Weekend on Two with Colin Hamilton's music and mind boggler 1000 The World This Weekend 1100 News & Sunday Sport from BBC Radio Five Live 600 Feature 1630 Many are Called - Christian Music and religious news with Roger Hudson 1700 Sound Portrait 1800 Feature 1900 News Desk from BBC World Service 1930 Health Matters and Sports Round-Up 2000-0100 News & Radio Five Live Overnight
MONDAY 0100 News Desk from BBC W/S 0130 Feature 0200 News Day and Europe Today/Heritage 0300 Newsbriefing from BBC Radio 4 followed by Book Club 0330 Today from BBC Radio 4 0600 World News and Business Report 0615 Archers 0630 Gurkha News 0700 News Summary from BBC Radio 4 and "My Word" 0730 Woman's Hour 0830 Two's Company 1000 World At One 1045 Sports Round-up 1100 Play/Short Story 1130 Jazz a la Lee 1200 News/PM Shift 1300 Kaleidoscope 1345 Archers 1400 PM Programme 1500 Main News of the Day 1530 Comedy 1600 News Extra & Sports Desk followed by Sport on Five and Radio Five overnight
TUESDAY 0100-0700 As Monday 0700 Story 0730-1100 As Monday 1100 Happy Days with Gilly Revill 1200-1530 As Monday 1530 Feature 1600 As Monday
WEDNESDAY 0100-0700 As Monday 0700 News & Adrian Juste's zany view of the world 0730-1100 As Monday 1100 Classic Review 1200-1000 As Tuesday
THURSDAY 0100-0700 As Monday 0700 News & Dad's Army 0730-1100 As Monday 1100 Clyde's Classics 1200-1000 As Tuesday
FRIDAY 0100-0700 As Monday 0700 Music with Chairman Steve Rac 0730-11.00 As Monday 1100 P McD and Co Unlimited 1200-1530 As Tuesday 1530-1600 Play/Short Story 1600-0000 As Tuesday

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South Georgia Logistic Support Detachment follow in Shackleton's footsteps

IN mid-December a fourteen man patrol trekked across the glaciers of South Georgia from King Haakon Bay to Stromness Whaling Station. In the face of fiercely challenging terrain and the ever-present threat of unforgiving weather conditions, the patrol was completed within 29 hours.

There may appear to be nothing unusual in this. However, when set in a historical context the significance becomes clear. The patrol followed the route taken by the British forefather of Antarctic exploration, Sir Ernest Shackleton, at the end of his epic 1914-1916 expedition.

Shackleton and two colleagues completed the trek in thirty-six hours after an awe inspiring Antarctic journey in which unimaginable hardships were endured. They had already spent ten months living in a makeshift camp after their ship, *The Endurance*, became trapped in pack-ice, and during this time they drifted over 2500 kilometres to the Antarctic Peninsula. The ship was eventually crushed by the ice and sank leaving the explorers shelterless on the ice. Having first rescued *Endurance*'s boats and several sledges, they made their way to Elephant Island, the most easterly of the uninhabited South Shetland Isles.

Without the advantage of modern communications, there was no means of letting anyone know where they were. Therefore Shackleton took the decision to sail on board the *James Cairn*, a 6.9 metre ship's boat, to South Georgia over 1600 kilometres away. Leaving behind twenty-two men (who eked out a sparse existence under an upturned boat for four and a half months) Shackleton and five others set out in search of civilization. After sailing for sixteen days in treacherous seas, short of food and water, they sighted land and beached at King Haakon Bay on the uninhabited South West side of the island. They built a camp on the shore underneath the upturned boat before Shackleton, Worsely and Crean set off across uncharted territory for the North East coast where the only inhabitants were.

Surrounded by memorabilia from South Georgia's past it is perhaps not surprising that members of the South Georgia Logistic Support Detachment came up with the idea of patrolling the Shackleton Route. The Royal Engineers Officer Commanding the South Georgia detachment, Captain Tom Clarke, was eager to carry out a



Report and photographs by Captain G V Hardy

Above: Sgt Nobby Hall attends to Sgt Ian McGill (on couch) during training by Garrison Medical Officer Capt Phil Parker Royal Army Medical Corps (right) under the watchful eye of Garrison OC Capt Tom Clarke Royal Engineer (standing left). Top right: Shackleton's grave which overlooks Grytviken Whaling Station.

patrol which permitted his troops to maintain an overt military presence right across the island. The historical perspective served to generate interest and enthusiasm amongst the troops which consisted of Royal Engineers and Royal Marines, together with the curator of Grytviken Museum who provided local knowledge. Royal Marine Sergeant Ian McGill explains: "It is a real challenge to follow in the footsteps of one of the great Polar explorers whose achievements are legendary. It also gives us an opportunity to see, some of the most breathtaking scenery on the island."

No report on their achievement would be complete without a comparison with the original conquest which was documented in Shackleton's account, *South*. The most obvious difference is that the 1997 patrol was carried out on military issue cross-country skis, unlike the 1916 crossing which was carried out on foot. The military team trained hard to prepare for the patrol, hill-running with sandbags on their backs, and working out in the Garrison gymnasium. They also received medical training from the Garrison doctor, Captain Phil Parker Royal Army Medical Corps,

and were provided with comprehensive First Aid equipment. All members of the team had also completed basic mountain movement courses and the novice survival course. Conversely, Shackleton and his men were undernourished and weak after spending so many months at sea and living on the ice, eating what penguins and seals they were able to catch and boil in sea water. They were dressed in soaking, threadbare clothing unlike their modern day counterparts who wore gortex and arctic issue cold weather clothing. Shackleton even resorted to attaching screws from the *James Cairn* to the soles of his boots in order to simulate crampons.

There were enormous differences in the amount and type of equipment that each party carried. Shackleton's kit list resembles some kind of dreaded command task: one small primus stove, a pot, sufficient biscuit and sledging ration for six hot meals (this was packed in three socks so that each man could carry his own), 50 ft of knotted rope, one pair of binoculars, a homemade ice-axe, a fragment of a chart of South Georgia, and a compass. Meanwhile the military team each carried bergens weighing 60-70 lbs, containing four days' worth of arctic ration packs, medical equipment, additional warm clothing, up to date maps, compasses and radios. They also had the added advantage of taking with them Tim Carr who has



lived in South Georgia for five years and has extensive experience of skiing and mountaineering on the island.

Most importantly for the 1997 patrol was the safety aspect. *HMS Endurance*, which was patrolling the area, played an integral role in the event, remaining in radio contact with the team throughout. Her Lynx remained on standby should anyone require lifting from the route. When Shackleton crossed South Georgia, nobody knew of his whereabouts, and had anything gone wrong, his men, with no hope of rescue, would have perished quickly. For Shackleton, momentum was everything and for this reason when his men stopped to rest, he allowed them to sleep for five minutes before waking them and telling them that they had slept for half an hour. The recent effort had time on their side, and were able to enjoy the 'luxury' of five hours' rest during the darkness hours.

"When Shackleton eventually made his way into Stromness Whaling Station in May 1916, after making a final dramatic descent down a waterfall, he was faced with the first human beings outside the expedition since December 5, 1914. After collecting his colleagues from King Haakon Bay, he spent the next three and a half months rescuing the remainder of the expedition from Elephant Island. Amazingly, no lives were lost throughout the entire 20 month ordeal.

It was therefore partly as a tribute to the great men of the Shackleton Expedition that the following people completed their own patrol across South Georgia:

Royal Marines

Csgt Tom Paterson,
Sgt 'Nobby' Hall,
Sgt Ian McGill,
Cpl 'Mac' MacKenzie,
Cpl 'Smudge' Smith
Mne Rob Napier,
Mne Chris Patalano,
Mne Andy Patterson
Mne 'Robbo' Robertson
Mne 'Troll' Trollope
Royal Engineers
Capt Tom Clarke
Lcpl 'Smudge' Smith
Grytviken Museum
Mr Tim Carr

JAY Furry (PO Box 877, Tracy CA 95378, USA) is a collector of paper money and coins from around the world and would like to make exchanges with a Falkland Islander. He can also supply stamps if preferred.

FIDF open day

BRIGHT sunshine no doubt helped swell the steady stream of people that attended the FIDF open day on January 31. People from all walks of life enjoyed the chance to fire, under scrupulously monitored conditions, some of the excellent array of weapons with which the FIDF is equipped. Particular favourites were the Steyr AUG assault rifles and the smaller carbine version, while those who fancied themselves on larger calibre weapons tried the .762 Steyr sniper rifle, GPMG (machine gun) or the awesome Manroy M2 QCB .5" heavy machine gun.

A huge tent provided shelter for the static displays of a wide range of equipment including weapons, climbing equipment, observation devices, communications gear and photographs of the FIDF in its various roles. Those who were curious as to how a military unit is able to communicate with and command its elements in the field were able to look around a mobile command post, complete with a communications vehicle, briefing bay and overhead camouflage net.

Some adventurous people tried their hand at driving a Quad (four wheeled motorcycle) around a set

course, although unfortunately a technical problem in the form of a flat tyre meant that there were some disappointed customers in the latter part of the afternoon.

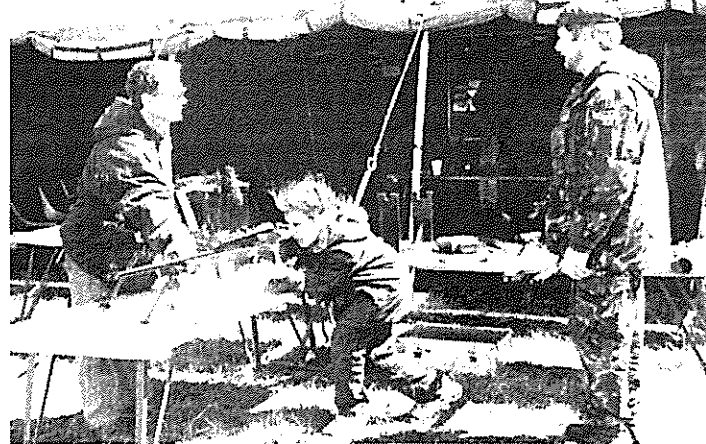
At various times throughout the day, a section of FIDF demonstrated minor tactics in the form of a section advancing into contact, laying down covering fire (blank ammunition of course) and attacking and neutralising an enemy position. Onlookers were amused to watch the 'fight through' phase enhanced by some good natured histrionics, and on one occasion an attacker found himself being helped into a nearby pool of liquid peat with the help of some zealous defenders.

A perfect and well attended day was enhanced by the presence of Vera and Fred (3 platoon) Simpson and the burger van (which survived an early bogging without affecting the high standard of quick cuisine).

The FIDF would like to remind anyone interested in joining the force that now is the time! For further information call the FIDF Office on 27478 or the OC, Major Marvin Clarke, or contact any member of the FIDF.



Above: Kyle Biggs tries out the heavy machine gun. Below: Weapons display. Report by Captain P. Biggs



Public Notice

APPLICATIONS are invited to fill an immediate vacancy for a Steward Chauffeur at Government House.

Applicants must have a clean driving licence and basic vehicle maintenance skills. They must be well organised and able to work well in a team. As the post involves stewarding duties and contact with visitors and VIPs the post holder must be smart, have good communication skills and a pleasant manner. The successful candidate must be willing to work long and unsocial hours frequently. Discretion and respect for confidentiality are essential.

Full details of this post can be obtained from the Management Officer, Mrs Joanne Lawrence, at Government House on telephone number 27433.

Application forms and a job description are available from the Human Resources Department, Secretariat and completed forms should be returned to that department by 4.00pm on Wednesday 11 February 1998.



H E The Governor recently hosted a reception at Government House to celebrate the 10th year of operations in the Falklands by Island Holidays. This tour operator was set up by Libby Weir Breen (centre of photo) and her late partner Mr Bobby Tullock, who will be remembered by many in the Islands for his enthusiasm for, and knowledge about, Falklands wildlife. Two of the current group, Sue McKaskill and Hans Thyssen, (also in photo) recently completed their third visit and in recognition of their loyalty were presented with FIGAS travel bags by the Director of Tourism.

Falkland Islands Seabird Report 1997/98 by Mike Bingham, Environmental Research Unit

GENTOO PENGUIN (*Pygoscelis papua*)

Studies by the Environmental Research Unit indicate that Gentoo numbers increased by 18% this summer, giving a current Falklands population of around 80,700 pairs. This represents a welcome recovery following a decline from around 100,000 pairs during the 1980s to 65,000 pairs in 1995/96. During 1997/98 an average of 0.92 chicks per nest were reared, which is slightly above normal.

SOUTHERN ROCKHOPPER PENGUIN (*Eudyptes c. chrysocome*)

Rockhopper numbers increased by 11%, giving a current Falklands population of around 330,000 pairs. Nevertheless this still represents a serious decline from a previous population of over 3,000,000 pairs. Most of this decline occurred during the 1980s, with mass mortality of adults from starvation, and very low breeding success and juvenile survival. Even at the cur-

rent rate of increase, it will take decades to recover from the damage done during the 1980s. During 1997/98 a mean of 0.70 chicks per nest were reared, which is slightly below average.

Research by the Environmental Research Unit shows that this population crash was unique to the Falklands, with the large Chilean population showing no signs of decline.

MAGELLANIC PENGUIN (*Spheniscus magellanicus*)

Magellanic Penguin numbers increased by 7% in the Falklands, and by 17% in southern Chile. The Falkland population has declined throughout the 1990s, and currently stands at around half its 1980s level. This is evident from the Falkland breeding colonies, where over 700% of burrows are unoccupied. By contrast the Chilean populations have not declined, and have less than half the proportion of unoccupied burrows. During 1997/98 an average of 1.01

chicks per nest were reared in the Falklands, and 1.49 chicks per nest in southern Chile.

BLACK-BROWED ALBATROSS (*Diomedea melanophris*)

Albatross numbers increased by 2%, giving a current Falklands population of around 550,000 pairs. Early indications are that breeding success has been high this season (> 0.6 chicks per nest).

KING CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax atriceps albiventris*)

King Cormorant numbers increased by 1%. During 1997/98 a mean of 1.74 chicks per nest were reared, which is above average.

ROCK CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax Magellanicus*)

Rock Cormorant numbers decreased by 2%. During 1997/98 a mean of 1.60 chicks per nest were reared, which is slightly below average.

SUMMARY

The 1980s and early 1990s saw dra-

matic population declines amongst Falkland penguin populations, with very low breeding success and juvenile survival rates. These declines did not occur across the water in Chile. The cause was believed to be low food availability around the Falklands, possibly related to unregulated commercial fishing.

This trend has shown signs of reversal since 1993/94, with higher numbers of chicks being raised, and higher juvenile survival. This has allowed Gentoo populations to recover rapidly, but Rockhoppers will need decades to recover from their population crash. Unlike other species, the Magellanic Penguin continued to decline up until 1997/98, and breeding success for the Falklands population is consistently lower than for similar sites in Chile.

For further information see Internet page <<http://darwin.bio.uci.edu/~sustain/ENSO.html>>

Golf news

MAKING one of his rare competitive appearances, Lachie Ross spread-eagled the field to win the February Monthly Medal. His net 61 was five shots clear of Aidie Lowe and Barry Smith, Aidie taking second place on countback. Due account was taken of Lachie's round, his handicap being reduced by three shots.

Next weekend is the prestigious Stanley Open, a 36 hole competition over two days. Competitors must arrive by 1.45pm on Saturday for a 2.00pm start. The second round on Sunday morning will be played in order of first round scores, highest scorers teeing off from 9.00am.

This year, the Stanley Open will be sponsored by Dave Hawksworth of Woodbine Cafe. There will be 18 prizes to be won over both days including best net scores; best front and back nines; nearest the pins; longest drive and a ladies prize. The overall winner will be the player with the lowest gross score.

The cost for both rounds will be £5 including food on both days and there will be a £5 raffle towards Island Games funds.

Any golfer with a current handicap certificate is welcome to play and a good turnout is anticipated for this major tournament.

Frank Jackson, Hon Secretary.
2 Feb, 1998.

1932: A good year for Stanley soccer



Provided by William Morrison for the interest of the Islands' older football fans, the above photograph depicts the Stanley football team in 1932 having won the challenge shield frequently battled over by the Royal Navy and Stanley.

Back row:
Alex Etheridge,
Jim Peck,
George Paulini
Mid row:
Martin Creece,
Ray Campbell,
Fairport
O'Sullivan,
Bert Fleuret,
Howell Evans.
Front Row:
Sgt. J J Harries
(in uniform),
Campbell,
Lawrence
Sedgwick,
Lawrence
Aldridge,
Charlie Allan,
Dolan Williams,
Dentist
Harding. (in
suit)

Exercise Cape Petrel

EXERCISE Cape Petrel is the main training exercise carried out by British Forces Falkland Islands and it involves all inhabitants of MPA and the outlying sub-units. The first exercise of 1998 is to take place 23-27 Feb 1998. During this time vehicle check points will be established in and around all military installations and all vehicles

will be asked to stop for an identity check of occupants.

It is anticipated that a larger than usual amount of civilian traffic will pass through MPA due to the Camp Sports taking place at Goose Green at this time. BFFI apologise for any inconvenience

experienced during the vehicle checks, and are grateful for the co-operation of all concerned.

For further information please contact the Public Information Officer, Captain Gemma Hardy, on extension 4204.

Land Rover enthusiasts.

Continued from front page:

During the anniversary year, owners and enthusiasts of the rugged go-anywhere vehicles will be able to follow the various celebration activities around the world through the company's www.landrover.com website. They will also be invited to take part in an international rally taking place in the United Kingdom in April.

Land Rover is producing special 50th anniversary limited edition vehicles for all major markets, including V8-powered and other versions of the Discovery, plus the Range Rover. All will have unique anniversary exterior colours while a new range of leisure wear and merchandise will have international distribution for the first time.

Chief Executive of the Rover Group said, "We are exceptionally proud of the Land Rover name, which has become synonymous with four-wheel-drive excellence. From the original Series 1 to the family-oriented Discovery and the prestigious Range Rover there is a common heritage, and in this very special year it is fitting that we are introducing the Freelander, which features a number of technological innovations new to the 4x4 market. We are dedicated to developing new technologies to keep Land Rover at the forefront

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Land Rover claims to have pioneered four-wheel-drive technical innovations such as long travel coil spring suspension, four-wheel four-channel anti-lock braking (ABS), height adjustable air suspension, electronic traction control, hill descent control, and was the first 4x4 to fit dual airbags.

The marque has started its anniversary year in style with the Discovery being voted the best 4x4 for the fifth year running by readers of UK Fleet Management and Business Car magazines.

FIDF Rifle Association

LEIF'S Shield was shot for on 1 February 1998 over 300, 500 and 600 yards. Scores from a possible of 105 were as follows.
M Pole-Evans 99
G Cheek 95
S Smith 94
K Aldridge 94
D Pettersson 94

The winning team comprised of M Pole-Evans, C McCallum and H Ford, with M Pole-Evans scoring a possible 35 at 600 yards.

The local Bisley competitions are scheduled to start on Sunday 8th February and continue on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th.

Bristow Helicopters (South Atlantic) Ltd.

invite tenders from interested competent parties for the construction of a link road, helicopter landing pad and garage base in connection with their refuelling facility adjacent to Cape House, Cape Dolphin, East Falkland.

Copies of the tender documents can be obtained, on payment of a £20 deposit, from the managing Pilot, Bristow Helicopters Ltd. at Mount Pleasant. The deposit will be refunded on receipt of a bona fide tender.

Completed tenders must reach the Managing Pilot, Bristow Helicopters Ltd., Mount Pleasant no later than 3pm on Friday 20th February 1998.

Prospective tenderers are advised that the project will commence in the first week of March 1998 and must be completed during the first week of April 1998.

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There will be a **Well baby/child clinic** in the KEMH day centre on Tuesday 10th February from 5 till 6pm. All are welcome. Contact Miranda Cheek for further details (27418)

From the Chamber of Commerce:
The Falkland Islands Chamber of Commerce with assistance from FIDC is in the process of updating and reprinting the Falkland Islands Business Directory. You can call at the office on Dean Street to view the previous business directory, or at the Standard Chartered Bank. Please note any changes you wish made and notify the Chamber of Commerce in writing, no later than Monday 16th February 1998. Please also inform the Chamber Office if you wish your business or club included in the Directory if omitted previously. Entries are free of charge.

Prize winners at the **Whist drive** held on the 4th February
Ladies 1st: Mrs J Middleton
2nd: Mrs C Blackley
Booby Mrs R Duncan
Gents 1st: W Duncan
2nd D Pettersson
Booby C Clifton
Travelling prizes were won by Mrs D Clarke and Mrs F Alazia

There will be an **Overseas Games Association Meeting** on Wednesday 18th February at 8pm at Patrick Watts' house.
All affiliated club representatives and council members are invited to attend.

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PERSONAL



To Paul
Happy Birthday for the 9th
Love Mum Dad Ina
Andrew and Amanda

Mr Ross Chaloner and Family would like to thank all the people who offered help and support following the sudden death of my father. With special thanks to Mrs Eileen Davis, Mrs Jenny Forrest, the FIC Flights and the Director and staff of the PWD, especially Mr Tony Lee and the Design Section

Muriel Berset Kohen and Marcelo Kohen are pleased to announce the arrival of Dora Malvina in Fribourg (Switzerland) on January 19th

NOTICE

I would like to give advice to whoever it may concern of the change of my surname from BUTLER to McLEOD
Joan McLeod

Postscript from the Tabernacle

As we approach 14th of February some peoples' thoughts will turn to 'love' and how to express their 'love' to a chosen person... What is love?
How do you express it?
The Bible gives a description that very clearly answers these questions.
1 Cor 13:4 states that:-
Love is patient, love is kind.
It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.
It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, Love keeps no record of wrongs.
Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.
It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
In John 3:16-17 we also read "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." This is surely the greatest show of love known to man. God did not do this for what he could get from man, for we can give Him nothing of value, but it was done because of love.
It seems a shame to settle for a sentimental second best when one can have the real thing in Christ!!!

VACANCY

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Stanley Bakery has a vacancy for a baker. For details contact M Reeves on Tel: 22692 or 22310

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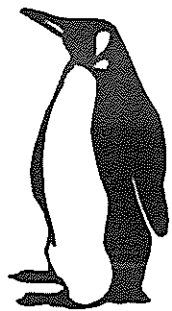
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Toothfish licence 'up for grabs'

FOR the first time since licences for the commercially valuable Toothfish were offered by the Falklands Government to fishing companies operating in the zones around the Islands, the local company, Consolidated Fisheries Limited (CFL) will not automatically take up the two licences on offer. Following a decision made in Executive Council some time ago, said to be the result of lobbying by companies other than those involved in CFL, the government has this week invited applications for one of the licences available.

Director of Fisheries, Mr John

Barton, told *Penguin News* that the fishery has always been considered only able to support two vessels, adding, that whatever company applied for the licence would have to spell out how they will use the licence to the maximum benefit of the Falkland Islands.

Mr Ray Robson, Chairman of CFL, said Consolidated Fisheries will definitely be applying for the licence, and confirmed that the many Falklands companies which make up CFL have a policy of not bidding against the company. "We pool our resources towards a common goal," said Mr Robson, "and this policy has always worked well."

Mr Robson admitted that CFL had recently had a number of, "normal teething problems," with their Longliner, *CFL Pioneer*, adding, "the vessel is now fishing well."

ExCo Agenda

THE next Executive Council Meeting scheduled for February 19, 1998, is to be held at Port Howard. Following the meeting a public meeting will be held in the Social Club in the evening at 7pm.

Items on the Agenda include:
The Animal health Bill 1998.
Administration of Justice (Amendment) Bill 1998.
National Parks Bill 1998.
Interpretation and General Clauses (Amendment) Bill 1998.
Contingent Liabilities of Government in Relation to Health risks from Tobacco Smoking, Quarry Dust and Power Station Noise.
Change of Use Application for Racecourse Bar, Stanley Common - Proposed Extension.
Fishery Products (Hygiene) 1998.
Fishery Products Regulations (Hygiene) 1998.
Offshore Minerals: Offshore Installations: Civil Criminal Jurisdictions and Automatic Safety Zones.
RIG Workers Transit Accommodation: Mount Pleasant.
Department of Mineral Resources: Monthly Report.
Immigration Policy: Revocation of Permanent Residence Permits.
Training: FIDF half yearly report December 1997.
Stamp Issuing Policy.
Councillors Allowances.

Other items of a personal or commercial in confidence nature are also on the Agenda.

*'Join for a day..'
Christian Berntsen hangs around at the Falkland Islands Defence Force's day of activities on Saturday February 7. Report and photographs on centre pages*



Junior School debated at Public Meeting

KEY subjects to arise during a public meeting with councillors on February 11 included the Infant/Junior school, blind corners on Stanley streets, East roads, open government and the recent meetings attended by councillors in London.

Mrs June Clark opened a debate on the Junior School by asking councillors if it was true that FIG had agreed to the compulsory purchase of two houses east of the school. Councillor Summers explained that FIG was in the process of trying to acquire Lois Cottage and surrounding land, but not

through compulsory purchase. Suggestions were made by Mrs Clark and Mr Brian Summers that the site on which the FIDF Hall stands was ideal for the school, however Councillor Clifton said that the FIDF site was no longer available, as the FIDF could not move to Hill Side Camp as was once planned. Mr Brian Summers felt that the school was becoming very fragmented and would continue to do so if the present plan was followed. Councillors responded saying the various extensions had had to be built because the rise in the school population had not been correctly calculated in the past.

Present predictions regarding the future rise in pupils meant that the size of the school had to increase in the next two years, said Councillors, and to bring the 'FIDF move' up the list of priorities would push other projects down. (Mrs Clark felt a simple structured building could solve the problem of a new headquarters for the FIDF). Councillors also explained that if Lois Cottage were purchased it would not necessarily mean the building would have to be demolished, as it was the land around the cottage which would be of value to the school project. *Cont. page 4*

No non-oil personnel on FIA

DIRECTOR OF Falkland Islands Airways, Mr Mike Summers, recently confirmed that after talks in London with Shell (the company with responsibility for fixed wing and helicopter contracts under the FOSA Agreement) non-oil personnel will not be able to travel on the Montevideo-Sao Paulo air route, which is to begin on or around April 1. He said, "FOSA have decided that in the first instance they would like to operate exclusively and not have any complications caused by additional passengers."

He went on to say, however, "there will be a review after a period of time.. and the possibility exists of then developing that other part of the business."

Local man charged

STANLEY man, Neil Rowlands was in court on Friday, February 6, to answer three charges of indecent assault under the section 14 of the Sexual Offences Act 1956.

He was remanded on conditional bail until March 5, though the case will not come to trial until May 5.

FICS GCSE results

Grade	Total achieved
Grade A*	12
Grade A	17
Grade B	24
Grade C	48
Grade D	30
Grade E	28
Grade F	30
Grade G	10
Ungraded	2
No result	1

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IF the regular arrival of British and Argentine newspaper comment on the Islands, copied to this establishment, has left us somewhat immune to the often surprising (and sometimes amusing) analysis of our life-style, occasionally there are still those phrases which generate more reaction than others. Most recently it was the comment in a British paper, "the Falklands are fashionable again," which caused me to stop and ponder some of the issues which have contributed to our alleged "trendiness." If the questions of visiting/telephoning TV and newspaper journalists and feature writers are a fair indicator then it is, as it has been for many months, the Falklands 'potential for great riches' (i.e. oil and diamonds) which leaves at least a proportion of the British public gagging to know how Islanders are responding to such kinetic wealth? (Incidentally, informing those asking the questions that the average resident is doing little more than getting on with their lives, and not actually spending many an hour contemplating the 'great riches' theory, is, it seems, simply not an acceptable answer.)

A question, however, which arises with almost as great a frequency as, "is it true you all drive around in shiny new Discoverys?" asks, "do you think there will come a time when Islanders will simply be too rich to work?" While the instinctive response to the latter question may be to snort derisively and cry, "I wish..." we should perhaps bear in mind that a comparable problem, if a far less extreme one, may already exist as a result of not a rich lifestyle, but an economically healthy one.

To illustrate - a small group of people from Mount Pleasant recently visited Stanley in the hope of enjoying the local atmosphere, away, for a brief while, from more familiar military territory. They entered a catering establishment (at around 7pm) and asked for a table, and although many tables were free they were informed that all were reserved. They asked if they could eat quickly, but were refused, they then asked for some sandwiches at a bar table, but were also refused. They received the same response at the next establishment they visited. The staff, were undoubtedly following the rules of the house, however, the story appears odd alongside an assumption that businesses are run on the basis of maximising revenue.

Are, then, some local businesses lacking entrepreneurial drive? And if they are, is it because we are a wealthy enough community to drift along without the extra effort demanded in other less affluent societies? The story I have used above is not intended to be an attack on a particular business, just one example which may beg the question - are we, in our sheltered lifestyle (bolstered by fishing revenue and made all the easier by the many employment alternatives) in danger of sinking into a comfort zone where, although we may still require employment, may not truly have to work at what we do?

Councillors' Allowances For the Period 1 January 1997 - 31 December 1997

Note: Overseas accommodation, travel and telephone expenses are not included as they are reimbursement for actual costs incurred.

Name	Annual Allowance	Attendance Allowance	Overseas Daily Allowance	Total
Birmingham J	2,224.42	5,550.00		7,774.42
Cheek JL	557.78	1,200.00		1,757.78
(wef 9.10.97)				
Clifton DL	557.78	1,275.00		1,832.78
(wef 9.10.97)				
Cockwell JR	557.78	2,775.00		3,332.78
(wef 9.10.97)				
Edwards N	2,499.96	3,600.00	3,450.00	9,549.96
Goss EM	1,874.97	2,437.50	900.00	5,212.47
Halford S	2,499.96	6,675.00	3,150.00	12,324.96
Luxton WR	2,224.42	2,850.00	1,725.00	6,799.42
Stevens RJ	1,874.97	3,525.00		5,399.97
Summers MV	2,499.96	6,300.00	825.00	9,624.96
Teggart CW	1,458.31	3,600.00	1,125.00	6,183.31
TOTAL	18,830.31	39,787.50	11,175.00	69,792.81

Manfred Stroyny of 03130 Spremberg, Adolf Damaschke, Platz 13, BRD, Germany, would like to exchange stamps (mint/used) with stamp collectors in the Falklands.

Mr Mieczyslaw Rozanski, P.O. Box 47, 22-300 Krasnystan, Poland, would like to exchange stamps, coins, notes, postcards and phone cards with Falkland Islanders with similar interests.

Your letters

Councillor "does not have a problem" with Goose News

I WOULD like to comment on your editorial of the 6 February.

Firstly, I personally do not have a problem with the *Goose News*, if a person cannot take criticism they should not stand for public office. I have had a few good laughs at the way the writer gets rid of his or her frustration. I agree with you that it should remain humorous though.

As your paper is rarely represented, I assume you are not aware of the open meetings Stanley Councillors have been holding

since the October Elections. I am sure these will continue for the life of this Council and is a chance for anyone to ask what ever questions they wish. For those who do not want to speak up in public the phone is available to most if not all, to call the Councillor they feel most comfortable with.

To finish, I must say how much I enjoy your leaders, even if on occasion they make the teeth grit.

Cllr. John Birmingham
Stanley

Confusion over links between Falklands Conservation and Environmental Research Unit

IT has become apparent that there exists some confusion over possible links between *Falklands Conservation* and Mike Bingham's *Environmental Research Unit*.

May I take this opportunity to state that the work of Mike Bingham and the *Environmental Research Unit* is not part of the work of *Falklands Conservation*. Mr Bingham's operations are entirely independent of *Falklands Conservation*, and neither is Mr Bingham currently employed by this organisation.

Falklands Conservation has been continuously involved in research on Falklands seabird populations since the summer of 1986/97. We now have an extensive monitoring programme in place which has been made possible by the generous support of the Falkland Islands Government and the support and co-operation of many landowners on whose land we work. We regularly produce reports on the results of our monitoring programme and a review of this years' results from this year will be made available shortly. This review will also include our own analysis of the population status of those species which are monitored.

Jeremy Smith
Conservation Officer

Who is this Steward Heron?

Dear Sir
Re. the golf competition results printed last week. Who is this "Steward Heron?" I believe he and I may be related!

Stewart Herron
Command Secretary
(Our apologies to Stewart for the error. Incidentally, who is this "Dear Sir?" He and I cannot possibly be the same - Ed)

Public Notice Vacancy - Customs and Immigration Officer

Applications are invited to fill a vacancy for a Customs and Immigration Officer in the Customs and Immigration Department.

Applicants must be physically fit as the job requires climbing ships' ladders often in adverse weather conditions. A current driving licence is essential as is the willingness to work unsocial hours. Keyboard skills and knowledge of another language would be an advantage.

Salary is in Grade F ranging from £12,384 per annum to £14,556 per annum.

Full details of the duties involved, please contact the Collector of Customs, Mr Robert King, on telephone number 27341 during normal working hours. Application forms and a job description are available from the Human Resources Department, Secretariat and completed forms should be returned to that Department no later than 4pm on Monday 16th February 1998.

The Secretariat
Stanley
Ref: STF/23
Public Notice No: 18/98
9th February 1998

Write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley, Falkland Islands

'Eleventh' Commandment surplus to requirements

REFERENCE the developing saga on your editorial on 'time'.

May I develop it further?
When I originally read it, it occurred to me that we already have ten Commandments. If we obeyed them, we would not need the 'eleventh'.

We are told that the essence of the existing ten are:

1. Love the Lord your God with all your strength.

2. Love your neighbour as yourself.

As for the comment by Ben Claxton, with respect I would point out that God sees and judges everything. So the concept of not being caught, implicit in which is that we can get away with anything, is somewhat naive.

Mike Mitchelmore
Stanley

Famous Five raise £600

FIVE soldiers from Mount Pleasant spent January 31 raising £600 for Cancer Research in the most rigorous way possible - by force marching the 37 miles to the 1982 Memorial in Stanley each carrying 40 lb bergens.

Guardroom cheered on by 55 members of their own unit, but, as the applause died away, the reality of the task ahead gradually sank in as the intrepid marchers slowly became a dot on the horizon.

The whole team arrived at the



Left to right: WO2 Mark Wilson, Cfn Tony Williams, L/Cpl 'Fletch' Fletcher, Cpl 'Dusty' Miller, L/Cpl Reg Adamson. Pic/Info PIO HQBFFI

The men were all members of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers currently serving with the Falkland Islands Engineering Unit.

Able led by Corporal 'Dusty' Miller the 'Famous Five' had set themselves a target of seven hours to complete the march. The team set off at 0800 hours from the MPA

War Memorial in Stanley after six hours 56 minutes, tired and aching, with salt stained faces and blood sodden feet. They had managed to raise £249 between MPA and Stanley thanks to the generosity of all those who passed them, with a further £350 in sponsorship.

All monies raised were in aid of Cancer Research.

Looking back on January

Births

January 15: a boy, Dylan Melvyn Summers to Melvyn Mark Summers and Delia Ruth Mills
January 17: a girl, Tonisha Louise Goodwin to Derek Samuel Goodwin and Bonita Collen Carey

Marriages

January 10: Jonathan Roy May to Lucinda Vikki Watts

Cow's death not anthrax

SENIOR Veterinary Officer, Andrew Coe, has confirmed that the cause of the death of an apparently healthy cow at Saladero (reported in *Penguin News*, January 30) was not anthrax as was first suspected.

Initial examination of blood samples indicated the presence of bacteria resembling those of the anthrax disease. Further samples were then sent to the Centre for Applied Microbiology and Research at Porton Down. They confirmed anthrax, and then dramatically retracted following the discovery that already infected chemi-

cals had been used in the analysis process.

A second set of samples taken from the dead animal, as well as from soil around the carcasses of four sheep found dead in the area, were immediately sent to the Centre. All were pronounced negative. Anthrax was definitely not the cause of the cow's death.

Although the Centre's original conclusion that anthrax was present was the result of a simple error they have nonetheless issued an official apology to Andrew and his department.

Anne's family quest

ACURRENT visitor to the Islands is Anne Sheppard who, together with husband Tim, is here trying to find information about her Great grandfather, Charles Williams.

Charles was the young entrepreneur who could be said to have founded the Estate Louis Williams, for so long a major commercial force in the Falklands.

He began life as a Portuguese national named Jose Soares de Figueredo in the Azores and came to the Islands some time prior to 1863 when he opened the Globe Store as a young 22 year old entrepreneur.

He married a Catherine Ellen



Above: Tim and Anne Sheppard. Above right: Charles Williams. Right: Frances, who married J.G. Cameron Carey whose history, too, contains something of a puzzle as her marriage certificate to Charles describes her as, "presumed widowed". They lived in the Esperanza Hotel, of which there is now no trace.

The couple's eldest daughter, Frances, married John Gibson

Cameron, a nephew of William Keith Cameron, and had eight children, the fourth of whom was

Anne's father, Ian, born in 1903. Apart from a visit made by Ian to the Islands in 1934 her trip here now is the first time a member of the family has been

back to the Falklands since Frances left in late 1907.

Though some new information has emerged about Charles and his life Anne says there are still some facts that seem lost in the mists of time. She would like to know when the young Charles first arrived in the Islands, and where the Esperanza Hotel was situated. If any of our readers have memories stretching back far enough to shed light we would be glad to hear from them.



Vacancy - Receptionist, Falkland Islands Government Office, London

APPLICATIONS are invited to fill a vacancy for a Receptionist/Secretary at the Falkland Islands Government Office in London.

Applicants are required to have a good secretarial, typing and keyboard skills, and at least two years' experience of dealing directly with members of the public. GCSE's in Maths and English are essential. The successful candidate will be a polite, self-motivated person who has the ability to work unsupervised, use his/

her initiative and is able to prioritise tasks. Confidentiality is also of a high priority.

The position is offered for an initial period of two years, commencing at the end of March 1998.

A full job description and application forms are available from the Human Resources Department, Secretariat and completed forms should be returned to that Department no later than 4pm on Wednesday February 18 1998

Bike man Ian tidies up a 'loose end'

THERE must be few corners of the earth not to have been observed first hand by 64 year old Ian Hibell, however, unlike most of the world's tourists Ian has rejected more comfortable forms of transport in favour of an ordinary bicycle. Cycling around the Falkland Islands (as is his intention) though, is not part of any particular expedition, simply a matter of tidying up a few "loose ends," that is, the smaller Islands, not formerly visited by him.

British citizen, Ian, began his travels in June 1963, when he left Newfoundland, Canada, for Alaska, with the aim of a two year world tour; the journey actually took ten years to complete. Two years were spent travelling Asia, before he cycled the Indonesian Islands from one end to another (using fishing vessels to travel between Islands). Australia and New Zealand were next, before he caught a ship to Punta Arenas

Chile, cycling on to Ushuaia and Cape Horn. North to Alaska was the next aim, during which time Ian and his two companions, comprised the first ever expedition through 'the Swamp', that being a short cut through the Atrato river in north western Colombia. This particular leg of the journey took 26 days and concluded with a bad case of trench foot for all involved. At the time of the crossing, Ian passed a British Army expedition coming the other way. The army expedition didn't really qualify as the first overland expedition however, said Ian, as they were using boats further down to float equipment across. In a book later written by the army team, Ian and his group were awarded one and a half pages of text.

Another of Ian's journeys involved pedalling from the Northern Cape of Norway to Cape Town through the Sahara (unsupported). It was in the Sahara where Ian's



travels nearly came to an end when he found himself off the main track, lost, with only two pints of water remaining, and his life in the hands of members of the Tuareg tribe. Having helped him find his bike, which he had also lost (he had walked away from it to find the main track and been unable to later locate it), they abandoned him to a tribe member who appeared to

Ian Hibell in Stanley this week rather enjoy his plight. Eventually however, the tribesman's conscience seemed to "get the better of him," said Ian, and he led Ian to a well where Tuareg children took delight in throwing goatskins of water over him.

With such a history behind him, a brief journey around the Falklands' better tracks, appears to hold few fears for Ian. "It is such an enormous pleasure," he said, "to set out on a new track, particularly a difficult one, and be alone with nature." Ian will not be able to carry his tent or food this time, so he is hoping that farmers may offer him some form of shelter for the night.

After this trip, Ian will return to Britain, not on a bicycle, however, but a small cruise ship. Still, he said, I hope to blow the cobwebs away with a ride around St. Helena and the Cape Verde Islands on the way home.

Live firing exercise

A LIVE firing exercise will take place at the MPA quarry today, February 13. The firepower demonstration will involve the firing of 105mm guns carried out by Tidworth based, L Battery from 1 Royal Horse Artillery. L Battery come to the Islands once a year for a live firing exercise, remaining for one month. The display will take place between 2 and 4pm and everybody is welcome to attend. Ear defenders must be worn.

Toothfish; licence applications

The Falkland Islands Government invites applications in respect of one fishing licence which will be valid for the catching of Toothfish (*Dissostichus eleginoides*) by longlining in Falklands' Conservation Zones.

Applications should be submitted by 1600 on Tuesday, 31 March 1998.

Further information may be obtained from the Director of Fisheries at the Fisheries Department, Stanley (Telephone 27260; Fax 27265)

Adrift on molten magma

FORGET fishy tales of men spending months afloat on tiny rafts, and of others rowing thousands of miles across the Pacific. Such undertakings may well be for heroes but could never come under the heading of 'necessary', for we are, it seems, all adrift and in perpetual motion on a scale undreamt of by those first hardy souls who went down to the sea in ships.

But instead of salt-saturated water our 'sea' is magma, the liquid rock, the molten heart of the planet; and our craft the immense continental, or tectonic, plates afloat on it.

'Plate tectonics' was a revolution in geological thought, occurring in the 1960's/70's, though the roots of the theory were established much earlier, notably by non-mariner Alfred Lothar Wegener, a German geologist who, between 1908 and 1912, recognised that continental plates rupture, drift apart, and eventually collide with each other, effectively 'crumpling' the Earth's surface and forming the mountain belts of the future.

The plate tectonic theory is based on the observation that the Earth's solid crust is broken up into around twelve 'semirigid' plates, and it is on the boundaries of these plates, the so-called 'zones of tectonic activity', where Nature tends to be least hospitable to man and earthquakes and volcanic eruptions are most likely to occur.

It is the theory that led scientists to the conclusion that millions of years ago all land on Earth was joined in one huge mass - the almost mythical Gondwana; a conclusion borne out by the precise fit, in a computer analysis, of the two landmass sides of the Atlantic Ocean, and one which has particular significance to the Falkland Islands given the current interest in



Civil Engineering student, Christian Frenzen in Stanley this week

potential mineral deposits and the fact that we were once part of the African mainland.

With the curiosity that characterises homo sapiens and which has driven mankind's progress all through the ages, scientists are continuing to probe the secrets of the Earth, and though sometimes their objectives seem obscured by academia - the pursuit of knowledge purely for its own sake - the study of plate tectonics could produce very real benefits for those sections of humanity that dwell in zones of tectonic activity.

Christian Frenzen is a 21 year old civil engineering student from the University of Braunschweig in Germany, and is in the Islands for a short time as a volunteer part of an ongoing international survey measuring continental drift as it applies to Antarctica.

Each three years, over a three

week period, continuous 'measurements' are taken from thirty separate points on and surrounding the Antarctic continent, among them Capetown, Punta Arenas, South Georgia and Stanley.

Christian explained to *Penguin News* how the measurements from each point, taken through a DGPS (Differential Global Positioning System), are so accurate that, when compared to the coordinates of other points, they can demonstrate differences, or movements in po-

Wild and beautiful, the Falklands photographic exhibition in Portsmouth

AN exhibition of photographs of the Falkland Islands, called 'Beautiful and Wild', at the Flagship, Portsmouth in Historic dockyard, opened on Thursday February 12. Following this show, exhibitions will also be held in Plymouth and Whitby.

The photographic exhibitions, featuring stunning images from the Falkland Islands, will each be officially opened by Sukey Cameron,

sition, as small as a single centimetre.

For instance the Falklands are moving westward at the rate of one and a half to two centimetres per year. But there's no need to panic over the prospect of our physically becoming part of South America, we are part of the same continental plate, so they too are moving in the same direction and at the same rate.

Once they have completed their three weeks of 'taking measurements' the scientists from Germany will pack their bags and leave the Islands. They'll be back in three years. And by then we will be between four and half and six centimetres further west than we are now.

And the object of all this scientific activity? Well, apart from logging the movements of continents, scientists are able to build global models of tectonic plates and tidal movements. Comparing new models with old is a step further along the road to being able to predict the more human-threatening natural phenomena like earthquakes and volcanic activity.

Then tragedies like the 'quakes of Mexico City a few years ago, and the much more recent one in Afganistan may not be completely avoidable but at least international rescue and aid services would be able to mobilise soon to minimise suffering and hardship.

PWD get it right

PITALUGA Place and Nutt Cartmell Drive are the first two roads in the East Stanley development to be completed in the East Stanley development, the Highways Section of PWD having, over the past fortnight, been laying tarmac on the prepared roads. In a press release from the Public Works Department it is stated, "Full thanks should go to the gang who have been on a very steep learning curve and have worked very hard on 'getting the job right'.

They have been ably assisted by Mr Robert Bullen who had been brought from the UK to work with the team for a short while. Robert is not a complete stranger to the Islands as he was here in the seventies working on Stanley Airport runway. He remembers a number of people from his previous visit

and has a cracking photograph of the present DPW in contemporary dress. Technical expertise has been provided by Mrs Debbie Taplin, who is on a two year contract with PWD. As far as we are aware, Debbie is the first female construction engineer to work in the Islands."

The statement continued, "The tarmac programme will be ongoing in East Stanley with Ross Road East being the next in line. It is anticipated that other areas around town will be worked on in the near future in order to improve the general status of our roads. It would be greatly appreciated if road users and house builders on the East Stanley Development site have due consideration for all the hard work that has gone into making this area a pleasure to use."

Public Meeting

AT THE first meeting of the Select Committee on Standards in Public Life, Councillors decided that they wished to give members of the public a further opportunity to express their views on this important subject.

The Select Committee will therefore meet on February 17 from 5 - 8pm in the Court and Council Chambers, at which members of the public may address the

Committee and put their views. Members of the Committee will also have the opportunity to put questions to those attending.

Any person wishing to address the Committee should apply to Jenny Luxton at the Councillor's Office, Gilbert House. Members of the public not wishing to address the Committee but wishing to attend the session may do so.

Public Notice: Apprentice Aircraft Engineer
THE Falkland Islands Government Air Service has a vacancy for an Apprentice Aircraft Engineer in its Engineering Section. This is an excellent career opportunity for a school-leaver or young person with a general interest in engineering and a flair for electronics.
The successful candidate should preferably have GCSE's in Grade C or above in CDT, maths and a science subject. Familiarity with Technical Drawing would be an advantage.
The successful candidate will be paid £8964 per annum which is the current rate for a first year apprentice.
Interested persons must contact the Chief Engineer, Mr John Coutts, during normal working hours, on telephone number 27219.
Application forms are available from the Secretariat and completed forms together with school records of achievement should be forwarded to the Human Resources Department, Secretariat by Friday 27th February. School records will be returned to applicants after an Appointments Board has been held.
Ref: STF/21. 11th February 1998. PN NO. 20/98

Join for a day

Falkland Islands Defence Force Report: FIDF, Photographs: Fran Biggs, Penguin News

JOIN the Falkland Islands Defence Force for a day was the invitation taken up by 23 adventurous people on Saturday February 7. Fourteen year 11 students and nine others met at the FIDF hall at 9 in the morning to throw themselves at the mercy of FIDF staff who had organised what they hoped would be a variety of interesting and challenging activities. The activities selected were intended to give the participants an insight into the Island-wide role of the FIDF.

The students were the first to face the rather cold and windy south face of Sappers Hill and rock-climbing and abseil stand. After a brief on safety followed by a demonstration of climbing and abseil techniques the students worked their way through a series of tasks which culminated in abseiling from a massive overhang for approximately forty feet. This abseil was particularly exciting because it involved lowering over the overhang, jumping clear, and then descending without further contact with the rock face. If courage can be defined as confronting fear and overcoming it, then several people proved they had what it takes!

No pressure was put on anyone to attempt anything with which they were not comfortable, and several were content to try the easier routes and then watch the 'adrenaline addicts' from the comfort of a fern bog at the foot of the rocks.

While the students were learning rock skills the other group were at the Rookery Bay range live firing a variety of hardware. Browning 9mm pistol, Sterling Machine Gun (SMG), General Purpose Machine Gun (GPMG), Steyr Light Support weapon and Steyr AUG (assault rifle) were all tried, and it was apparent that, despite unfamiliarity with the weapons, there was an abundance of natural talent which will be put to good use if the owners decide to join the FIDF. Next came a camouflage and concealment exercise and the opportunity to take part in blank firing section attacks. Regular members of the FIDF offered guidance and motivation throughout.

Following a lunch of stew in the FIDF hall the groups swapped around, and it was soon obvious to staff both on Sappers Hill and the range that there was an air of determination in both groups of potential recruits that they would not be outdone by the others.

In mid afternoon everybody was taken to Moody Brook by truck and there they were confronted with a time pressured river crossing. After pondering the options for a few minutes, and evidently concluding that the small supply of equipment for making a dry crossing was hopelessly inadequate, the consensus of opinion was that the wet route was inevitable. Led by Christian (Rambo) Berntsen, the entire group took the quick option and plunged through the water, loaded onto the transport and retired to the Leisure Centre to exchange war stories and dry off.

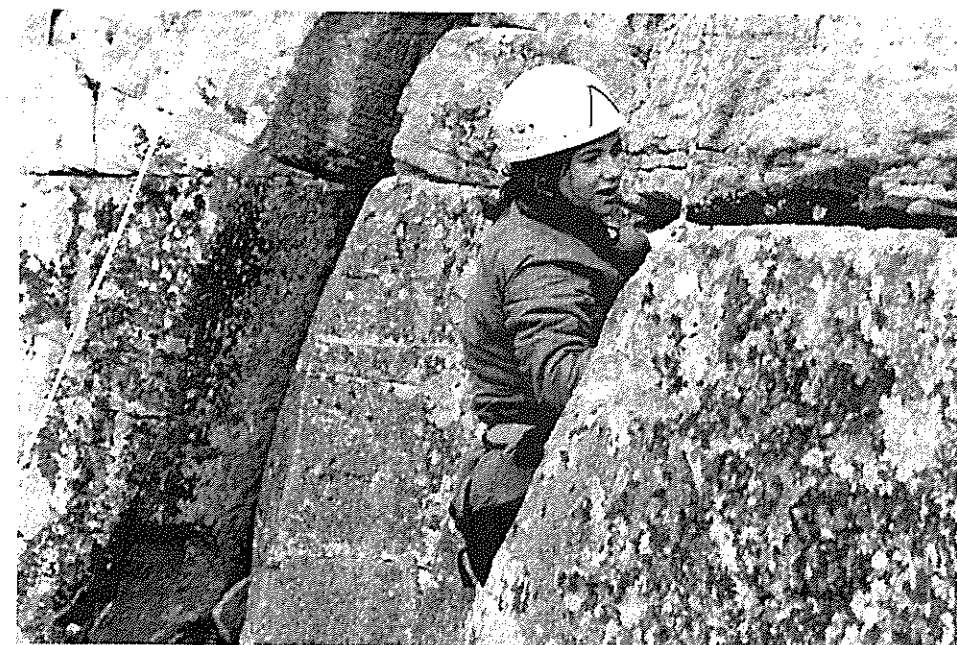
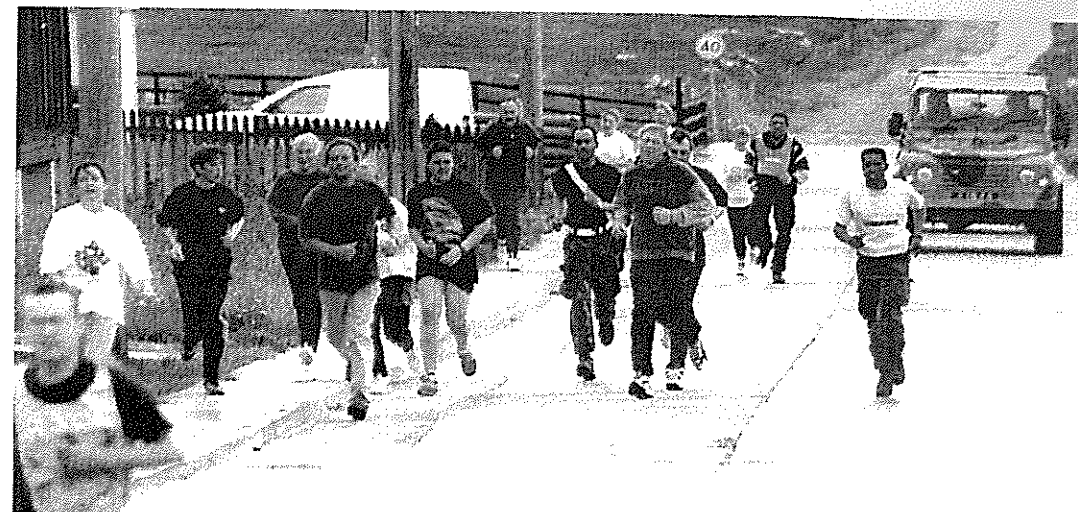
What do you do when you have changed into dry clothes? In some walks of life you sit and read or watch TV, however this was the real world of the FIDF, and of course the answer is that you go for a run! The basic fitness test consists of a group march of 1.5 miles, followed immediately by an individual best effort 1.5 mile dash. Karl McKay showed the way, coming in in a great time of 7 minutes and thirty seconds, followed by Elvis McRae and Nick Rendell. The more mature participants were not disgraced, however, with Christian Berntsen and Terrance Jaffray leading the pack in respectable times.

The debrief for the Exercise took the form of a social evening in the FIDF club, during which the OC of the FIDF, Major Marvin Clarke, presented Mr and Mrs Norman Clark (on behalf of the 1982 Trust charity) with a cheque for £1800.00. This donation was based on funds raised during the recent *Commando Challenge* military competition and exercise.

The FIDF would like to thank everyone who took part in *Join the FIDF for a day* for showing great spirit and enthusiasm throughout.

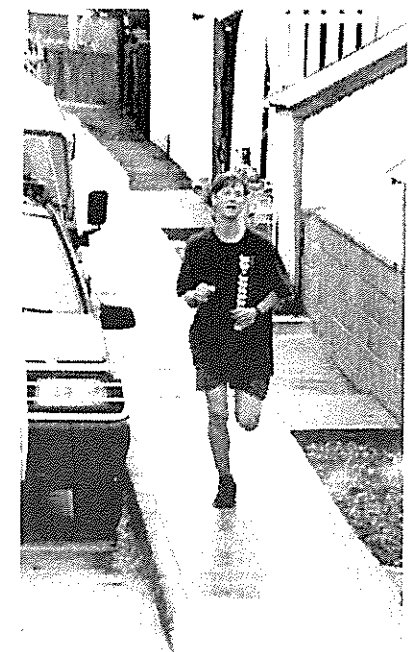


Mark's going (above) and Pippa's gone (below).



Below: Nick Rendell dashes back to the Hall.
Above: Pippa Lang contemplates the rock face. Top: Basic fitness group pass the Hangar but still face a long haul.

Far left (third from top) Basic fitness test. Bottom left: Participants have a well earned rest. Below left: Andrew Murphy has a weapons lesson. Below: John MacDonald gives instructions before the student descends.





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CHURCHSERVICES

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SUNDAY: 8am Holy Communion, 10am Family Communion (first Sunday every month - Family Service) 7pm Evening Prayer

TABERNACLE - free church

Sunday meetings: 10am and 7pm.
ARK Bookshop: Saturdays 2-4pm Minister: Mike Mitchelmore 21787

St. MARY'S

SUNDAY: 10am (MPA 6.30pm), Week days: 9am; Sat. also 5pm

St. CUTHBERT'S (MPA)

SUN: 8am Holy Communion; 10.30am Eucharist/Morning worship; 6.30pm Holy Mass; MON: 6.30am Mass
WED: 7.30pm Holy communion; 8pm Bible Study Tel: 74350

BAHA'IFAITH

For information on meetings please ring Tel: 21957 (evenings)

TIDES AROUND THE ISLANDS

The times and heights of high and low tides (in metres) at Stanley. Time given is Stanley time.

For Camp, make the February following changes: 15 0231 0.6
Fox Bay + 2hr 30m SUN 10848 1.6
Roy Cove + 4hrs 30m 1502 0.5
Port Howard + 3hrs 19m 2119 1.5
Teal Inlet + 3hrs 30m Sunrise 0554
Sea Lion Is. + 1hr 15m Sunset 2017

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1708 0.8
2346 1.3
Sunrise 0601
Sunset 2009

16 0304 0.6
Berkeley Sound + 1hr 11m MON 0920 1.5
Port San Carlos 1531 0.6
+ 2hr 55m 2145 1.4
Darwin Harbour - 56m
February Sunrise 0556
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2050 1.5
Sunrise 0552
Sunset 2019
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TUE 0956 1.4
1559 0.7
2216 1.4
Sunrise 0558
Sunset 2013
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FRI 1302 1.2
1804 0.9
0056 1.3
Sunrise 0603
Sunset 2007

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Saturday: 10am - 12 noon
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Mornings 10am - 12 noon

Monday/Thursday

2.30pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday

1.30 - 3.30pm

Tuesday/Friday

3.00pm - 5.00pm

MUSEUM

Tuesday - Friday

10.30 - 12 noon/2.00 - 4.00pm

Sunday

10.00 - 12 noon

TREASURY

Monday - Friday

8am - 12 noon/ 1.15 - 3.00pm

CLUBS AND CONTACTS

BADMINTON CLUB Mondays/Thursdays 7-9pm Liz Burnett, Tel: 21770 or Rene Rowlands, Tel 21161

SQUASH CLUB Thursdays 5-9pm

Contact Dik Sawle Tel 21414

NETBALL CLUB Tuesdays 6-8pm,

Wednesday 6-7pm All are welcome

Contact Sarah Allan 22119

THE FI GUN CLUB New members

welcome Contact Ped Tel: 21663

or Graham Didlick 21622 P.O.

Box 540

F.I. RIFLE ASSOCIATION Contact Secretary G Cheek, 21402

STANLEY GOLF CLUB Competitions on Sunday at 8.45 am.

Contact Mike Summers on tel: 21542

FI MOTORCYCLE ASSOC.

All queries & information on races

etc contact Andrew Newman

21606 or Rowena Summers

21015

YMCA Accommodation available

Contact Terry Peck 21074

ASTHMA SUPPORT GROUP

Meets second Tuesday of every third month in Day Centre at 5pm

Contact Graham France on 21624

FALKLAND ISLANDS RED

CROSS ASSOCIATION New

members welcome. Contact Secretary Irene Baker 20839 or

Chairman Nick Hadden, 21014

GUILD OF SPINNERS, WEAV-

ERS & HANDICRAFTS Meetings

on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm

Contact Marj McPhee, tel: 21106

CANCER SUPPORT & AWARE-

NESS TRUST Contact Shiralee Collins, 21597, Sister Bridie

22086, Derek Howatt 21385

FIODA Actors/singers/stagehands

contact Alan 21019

DIABETIC ASSOCIATION

Meets first Thursday of every month. 7.30pm in the Day Centre

STANLEY SWIMMING CLUB

Coaching Tuesdays 4 - 5pm,

Fridays 4-5

STANLEY SUB-AQUA CLUB

Contact David McLeod Phone:

20836 (day), 20843 (home)

RUNNING CLUB Meets Wednesday 5.30pm, contact Tracy Porter

21574

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Meets 1st Monday every month @

2000 hrs, WO1 & Sgt Mess, Hillside

Camp. All ex or serving Service

persons welcome. Contact A Geach,

R Fiddes or KD Greenland for

infor 21454 or 27222.

STANLEY SHORT MAT BOWLS

CLUB Friday 7-9pm Sundays 4-

5pm. Contact Angela Lee on 21762

or M. Humphreys on 22028

JELLY TOTS CLUB meets Mon-

days, Wednesday and Fridays at the

Day Centre from 2.30 - 4pm. All

welcome

WELL BABY/CHILD CLINIC

Day Centre KEMH Tuesdays 9.30-

11.30am. Contact Miranda

Leisure Centre Term Times - Further information/Bookings: tel 27291

Day	Pool	Courts
Monday	10.00 - 11.30 OAP 12.00 - 1.00 Lanes 5.00 - 7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults	10.00 - 1.00 Public 5.00 - 9.00 Public
Tuesday	12.00 - 1.00 Lanes 5.00 - 7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults	10.30 - 12.00 Parent/Toddlers 12.00 - 1.00 Public
Wednesday	10.0 - 11.30 Public 12.00 - 1.00 Lane Swimming 5.00 - 7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults 8.00 - 9.00 Ladies	12.00 - 1.00 Public 5.00 - 9.00 Public
Thursday	5.00 - 7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults 8.00 - 9.00 Private Hire	12.00 - 1.00 Public 5.00 - 9.00 Public
Friday	10.00 - 11.30 Parents/Toddlers 12.00 - 1.00 Lanes 5.00 - 7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults	10.00 - 1.00 Public 5.00 - 9.00 Public
Saturday	10.00 - 4.00 Public 4.00 - 5.00 Adults 5.00 - 6.00 Private Hire	10.00 - 6.00 Public
Sunday	11.00 - 6.00 Public 6.00 - 7.00 Adults	11.00 - 7.00 Public

Your BFBS Television programmes

SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY
6.50 THE WINTER OLYMPICS Live action from the XVIII Olympic Winter Games in Nagano
11.40 LIVE AND KICKING
1.15 GRANDSTAND Including: News summary; Horse Racing from Chepstow; Rugby League; Winter Olympics from Nagano, Japan
6.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.25 CARTOON TIME
6.35 TOP OF THE POPS
7.05 BIG BREAK (New)
7.35 TRACEY TAKES ON (New)
8.00 NOEL'S HOUSEPARTY
8.50 CASUALTY Young staff nurse Tina Seabrook is finally persuaded by Eve to report the attack upon her to the police, only to find that hard evidence is lacking
9.40 BRIGHT HAIR (New) Two-part contemporary thriller
10.45 THE D-FILES
10.55 PICK 'N' MIX
11.25 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.50 MATCH OF THE DAY
1.00 THE BUSBY BABES: END OF A DREAM
1.50 THE WINTER OLYMPICS Curling; Ski-jumping and the Women's Combined Downhill

SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY
6.50 THE WINTER OLYMPICS
8.20 MATCH OF THE DAY
9.30 BREAKFAST WITH FROST
10.30 BODGER AND BADGER
10.45 MEN IN BLACK
11.10 BLUE PETER
11.35 SHORT CHANGE
12.05 SONGS OF PRAISE
12.40 THE WHITBREAD: THE WORLD'S GREATEST OCEAN RACE
1.10 THE CHART SHOW
2.00 CELEBRITY READY STEADY COOK
2.30 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
2.40 BROOKSIDE Will Lindsey tell Peter the truth about the mugging and how will Max and Susannah react when Jacqui tells them Katie knows about the pregnancy?
3.50 THIS IS YOUR LIFE
4.20 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW
5.05 THROUGH THE KEYHOLE
5.30 FA CUP FIFTH ROUND
7.25 BLIND DATE
8.20 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
8.30 HEARTBEAT
9.25 BRIGHT HAIR
10.30 PARKINSON
11.20 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.40 RUGBY EXPRESS
12.30 THE ESSENTIAL WINTER OLYMPICS

MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
10.00 TELETUBBIES (New)
10.25 GIVE US A CLUE (New)
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING
1.15 TOTS TV Followed by: BFBS WEATHER REPORT
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Harold becomes punch drunk, and Lance and Toadie resort to breaking and entering
2.15 CATCHPHRASE
2.40 HOLIDAY
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.45 SPIDER
3.50 THE FORGOTTEN TOYS (New)
4.05 TOM AND VICKY (New)
4.15 DENNIS THE MENACE
4.40 THE REALLY WILD SHOW
5.05 GOOSEBUMPS
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Pippa and Ian realise that their wonderful few weeks together will soon come to an end
5.45 GAMESMASTER
6.10 WISH YOU WERE HERE
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET Des discovers Richie's deception. Jim and Steve are at loggerheads
7.45 THE BILL Not in the Script: When his first undercover operation goes awry, Nick Slater has to think fast to save face
8.10 SAVAGE EARTH (New)
9.05 LONDON'S BURNING
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 COMEDY STORE SPECIAL
10.55 BREAKING POINT (New)
11.35 FILM '98
12.05 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA
1.00 THE ESSENTIAL WINTER OLYMPICS

TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS

10.00 TELETUBBIES
10.25 GIVE US A CLUE
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE SLOW NORRIS Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS
2.15 FOOD AND DRINK
2.45 VANESSA
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
3.50 ZZZAP!
4.05 ANIMAL ARK (New)
4.30 BLUE PETER
5.00 THE DEMON HEADMASTER
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Lachie is having trouble making a decision about the city job
5.45 EMMERDALE Marlon tries to cheer Lyn up. Biff and Ned find themselves in a dangerous situation
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS Love is in the air as everyone in the Square is sending Valentine's cards
7.55 BUGS
8.45 COLTRANE'S PLANES AND AUTOMOBILES
9.10 DARK SKIES
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 THE BEST SHOW IN THE WORLD...PROBABLY
11.00 INSIDE STORY Bloody Sunday
11.50 TARTAN EXTRA
12.15 THE ESSENTIAL WINTER OLYMPICS

WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
10.00 TELETUBBIES
10.25 GIVE US A CLUE
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 POTAMUS PARK followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Phil is jealous of Ruth's friendship with Alistair and Bob runs into trouble
2.15 RICK STEIN'S FRUITS OF THE SEA
2.45 THE CLOTHES SHOW
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with THE BLOBS
3.45 BLAZING DRAGONS
3.55 CONAN THE ADVENTURER
4.20 HOW 2
4.35 SHARP PRACTICE (New)
5.00 THE DEMON HEADMASTER
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Lachie does not know how to tell his mother that he has rejected the city job
5.45 TOMMOROW'S WORLD
6.15 EMMERDALE Tony Cairns' Activity Centre is launched
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET Des and Samantha reach the end of the road
7.45 THE BILL Fool: Boyden and Quinnan want to use an aspiring stand-up comic as an informer
8.10 YOU'VE BEEN FRAMED
8.45 COCA COLA CUP SEMI FINAL - SECOND LEG Chelsea v Arsenal
10.35 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.05 BREAKING THE CODE
12.35 THE ESSENTIAL WINTER OLYMPICS

THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
10.00 TELETUBBIES
10.25 GIVE US A CLUE
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE RIDDLERS Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Sarah makes an expensive decision, while Debbie hears some alarming news
2.15 TRUST ME, I'M A DOCTOR
2.45 VANESSA
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.45 HUBBUB
4.00 HIGHLANDER
4.30 BLUE PETER
4.55 THE O-ZONE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY It's the day of Marilyn's big operation. Will it be a success or a failure?
5.45 A QUESTION OF SPORT
6.15 EMMERDALE Sam and Butch set up a freak show and try to make some money
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 VETS IN PRACTICE
7.25 EASTENDERS As the di Marco family move into Walford not all the locals give them a warm welcome

BFBS Television programmes (cont)

7.55 STRANGE BUT TRUE
8.20 DISASTER
8.50 POND LIFE
9.00 THE FAST SHOW
9.30 HOTEL
10.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST By the Conservative Party
10.05 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.35 TOM JONES
11.30 THE SOUTH BANK SHOW
12.20 THE STAND UP SHOW
12.50 THE ESSENTIAL WINTER OLYMPICS

FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
10.00 TELETUBBIES
10.25 GIVE US A CLUE
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 POTAMUS PARK Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Madge ponders a new business venture
2.15 ALL OVER THE SHOP (New)
2.40 COMEDY CLASSIC: YES PRIME MINISTER
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM

3.50 THE LITTLEST PET SHOP
4.00 ARTHUR
4.30 MIKE & ANGELO
4.50 THE WEEK ON NEWSROUND
5.00 AQUILA
5.25 HOME AND AWAY The Bay awaits the results of Marilyn's operation. Travis and Rebecca go out in the boat for a belated honey-moon
5.45 GLADIATORS
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS Kathy invites Phil round for dinner but what will be his reaction to her honesty about her relationship with Alex
7.55 999 INTERNATIONAL
8.45 DANGERFIELD When Hannah Gresham goes missing her parents and her fiance, Adam, are distraught
9.35 THIRD ROCK FROM THE SUN
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 SHOOTING STARS
11.00 THIEFTAKERS
11.50 TFI FRIDAY
12.45 THE ESSENTIAL WINTER OLYMPICS

The up to date schedule can be found on the Teletext service of BFBS TV and also on BFBS Radio

YOUR PROGRAMMES FROM F.I.B.S.

SATURDAY February 14 6.00 News BFBS 6.03 Music Fill 6.15 Children's story 6.30 Children's Corner - request programme 7.30 News and Sport from five live 7.40Weather,Flights,Announcements 8.00 Special Valentine request programme with Tony 8.28 Rpt Weather & Flights 8.30 Continued Valentine request programme 9.00 News Desk from the BBC 9.20 Music Fill 9.30Bookclub - Skin tight 9.45 Music Fill 10.00 News BFBS SUNDAY February 15 5.00 News: BFBS 5.03 Music fill 5.15 Dessert Island Discs with Dr Richard Dawkins 6.00 Music Fill 6.30 Weather, flights, announcements 7.00 Church Service- Cathedral 8.00Wet Wet Wet Album Special 8.15 Folk Music Show 8.30 Repeat Weather & Flights 8.45 Folk Music Show 9.00 News Desk 9.28 Rpt. Weather & Flights 9.30 Dracula 9.45 Music Fill 10.00 News BFBS MONDAY February 16 10.03 Morning show 12.00 News and Sport BFBS 12.06News Midday 12.09 Music fill 12.15 Lunchtime announcements 12.30 B.F.B.S Programmes 5.02 The Archers 5.17 The late afternoon show 6.00 Country Crossroads 6.30Comedy - P.G. Woodhouse 7.00 The Goons CD collection 7.30 News and Sport 7.35Weather,Flights,Announcements 8.00 Chemical brothers in concert 8.30 Multi strack hit list from BBC World Service 9.00 News Desk from the BBC 9.28 Rpt Weather and Flights 9.30 Jazz a la lee 10.00 News BFBS TUESDAY February 17 10.03 Morning Show 12.00 News and Sport BFBS 12.06 Music Fill 12.15 Lunchtime announcements 12.30 BFBS Programmes 5.03 The Archers 5.17The late afternoon show 5.30 News from St. Helena 5.45 Calling the Falklands 6.00News Magazine 6.30 The Charletans in concert 7.30 News and Sports	7.35Weather,Flights,Announcements 8.00 Future hits 9.00 News desk from the BBC 9.28 Rpt Weather & Flights 9.30 Repeat News Magazine 10.00 News BFBS WEDNESDAY February 18 10.03 Morning show 12.00 News & Sport from BFBS 12.06 News Midday 12.09 Music Fill 12.15 Lunchtime Announcements 12.30 BFBS Programme 5.02 The Archers 5.17The late afternoon show 5.45 The Folk Show Rpt 6.30The Genesis Story Part 1 7.00Announcers hour of music 7.30News and Sport 7.35 Weather,Flights,Annos 8.00 Classics Hour - with Sarah Davis 9.00 News Desk from BBC 9.28 Rpt, weather & flights 9.30Village by the Sea 9.45 Music Fill 10.00 News from BFBS THURSDAY February 19 10.03 Morning Show 12.00 News & Sport fromB.F.B.S. 12.06 News Midday 12.09 Music Fill 12.15 Lunchtime Announcements 12.30 BFBS Programme 5.02The Archers	5.17 The late afternoon show 5.30 A deal with disease 6.00 Bookclub - The Wimbledon Poisoner 6.25 Music Fill 6.30 Memories are made of this 7.30 News and Sport 7.35 Weather, Flights, Annos 8.00 Pot Luck with Myriam 9.00 News Desk from the BBC 9.28 Rpt weather and Flights 9.30 Cont. with Pot Luck 10.00 News BFBS FRIDAY February 20 10.03 Morning Show 12.00 News & Sport from B.F.B.S. 12.06 Music Fill 12.15 Lunchtime Announcements, 12.30 BFBS Programmes 5.02 The Archers 5.17The late afternoon show 5.45 Calling the Falklands 6.00 News Magazine 6.30Wet wet wet in concert 7.30 News & Sport from Five live 7.35 Weather, Flights Annos 8.00 Announcers half hour 8.30 Country Crossroads 9.00 News Desk from the BBC 9.28 Rpt Weather and Flights 9.30 News Magazine rpt. 10.00 News B.F.B.S. All programmes are subject to change. Any changes will be broadcast on FIBS
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B.F.B.S. RADIO WEEKLY PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

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SATURDAY 0000Drum & Bass0200Steve Mason0400In Concert 0500 Forces Finest with Damian Watson 0700 Weekend Gold0800 Breakfast Show 1000The Score with Francis Collings 1400 Mark Page 1600 Weekend Gold1800 David Rodigan 2000 Drum & Bass 2200 Richard Allinson
SUNDAY 0000 Late Night Love in 0200 Mark Page 0400 Bob Harris 0700 Weekend Gold 0800 UK Sunday Breakfast 1000 Forces Finest 1200 James Watt 1400 Richard Allinson 1600 Bob Harris 1900 In Concert 2000 Rock Show 2200 John Peel
MONDAY 0000 Weekend Gold 0200 In Concert0200 Rockumentary 0300 Connect '98 0500 Early Breakfast0600 Breakfast Show 0900 BFBS Gold1000 FIBSMorning Show 1230 The Afternoon Shift1800 BFBS Gold 1900 Jamie Gordon with Full Top 40 (Mondays only), New Dance, Indie and Pop, interviews and live music session2200 Aidan Donovan
TUESDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued0100 David Rodigan 0300 - 0000 As Monday
WEDNESDAY 0000Aidan Donovan continued100John Peel0300 - 0000As Monday
THURSDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued0100 The Rockshow 0300 - 2000 As Monday
FRIDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued 0100 Richard Allinson 0300-1800 As Monday 1800-2000Gurkha Programmes 2000 Andy Wright 2200 Friday Dance

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SATURDAY 0000On Stage & Kaleidoscope0100On Stage0200 Newsday & Features from BBC World Service 0300 A Taste of N Ireland 0400 Today from BBC Radio 4 0600 Radio 4 News and Sport0630 Counterpoint0700 Meridian from BBC W/S0730

BFBS Reports0800Radio 4 News & Feature0830 Thoughts from Abroad0900Comedy Double Bill1000 News & Sport on Five Live1500 News & David Mellor's 6-0-61700 News & Short Play 1800 Feature 1900-0100 Radio 5 Live Overnight package
SUNDAY 0100 Archers Omnibus 0200 Newsday and Europe Today/Heritage0300 Clydes Classics0400 News & Sunday Papers, morning Music & Religious news and views0615 Letter from America with Alistair Cooke & Morning Servic0715 Archers Omnibus0815 Weekend on Two with Colin Hamilton's music and mind boggler1000 The World This Weekend1100 News & Sunday Sport fromBBC Radio Five Live1600 Feature 1630 Many are Called - Christian Music and religious news with Roger Hudson 1700 Sound Portrait 1800 Feature 1900 News Desk from BBC World Service1930 Health Matters and Sports Round-Up 2000-0100News & Radio Five Live Overnight
MONDAY 0100 News Desk from BBC W/S0130 Feature 0200 News Day and Europe Today/Heritage 0300 Newsbriefing from BBC Radio 4 followed by Book Club0330 Today from BBC Radio 40600 World News and Business Report0615 Archers 0630 Gurkha News 0700 News Summary from BBC Radio 4 and "My Word"0730 Woman's Hour0830 Two's Company1000 World At One1045 Sports Round-up1100 Play/Short Story 1130 Jazz a la Lee 1200 News/PM Shift1300 Kaleidoscope 1345 Archers 1400 PM Programme 1500 Main News of the Day 1530 Comedy 1600 News Extra & Sports Desk followed by Sport on Five and Radio Five overnight
TUESDAY 0100-0700 As Monday 0700 Story 0730-1100 As Monday 1100 Happy Days with Gilly Revill1200-1530 As Monday 1530 Feature 1600 As Monday
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A wink at the kelpers

The Alliance deputy Carlos Raimundi has presented a bill to seduce the inhabitants of the Falklands, through the installation of a free zone, study programmes and bilingual judges in Patagonia. The proposal's aim is recuperating sovereignty of the Islands through the integration of the Kelpers to Argentine mainland. "This is a serious project. Unlike Guido Di Tella's frivolous ones," said Raimundi. But, Rafael Flores, Alliance national deputy for Santa Cruz (province) said, "we have not been consulted," about the initiative, which he said has, "no political viability."

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A debate concerning the oil reserves

In the debate concerning the future of the Islands organised this week in London by the South Atlantic Council, an organisation founded in 1983 with the aim of finding a solution to the problem, the advisor in oil matters of the Falklands government, Phil Richards (sic), geologist of the prestigious British Geological Survey, indicated that to her judgement there is only "13 percent possibility" that there could be oil around the Islands. "There are the possibilities of success of any oil exploration before the drilling is carried out," Richards told *Pagina 12* after the conference. The previous geological study, shows whether there is a possibility of finding oil or not, but, in practise, it could have disappeared millions of years ago. The second aspect, which is crucial, is the quantity of oil there could be taking into account the huge investment which exploration requires, a minimum production is required for it to be commercially viable. The issue caused controversy between Richards and a well-known oil consultant, during the meeting organised by the South Atlantic Council. According to the consultant John D'Ancona, it is necessary to guarantee a production of 100,000 barrels per day, for the investment to be commercially viable. Phil Richards, on the other hand, says it is impossible to fix an amount. "100,000 barrels a day is far too high. I believe with much less it would be commercially viable," he told *Pagina 12*. Oil exploration could end up changing the Islanders, who before the war were a community of sheep farmers and since then they have become rich because of the sale of fishing licences. The budget surplus of the Islands is still very generous - some 50,000 dollars for each of the 2,500 inhabitants - and social welfare is one of the most advanced in the world, according to estimates from the weekly publication. *The Economist*. If oil is found, it would allow the Islands to pay the 115 million dollars which the Treasury must pay to cover defence costs and it would give the British government a substantial tax income.

LA PRENSA 6/2/98

The crisis in Asia is also affecting the economy in the Falkland Islands

The financial crisis in the Asian countries is also affecting the economy of the Falklands, according to the British newspaper *The Financial Times*.

The newspaper gave space on the front page to the Islands economy and said that "the waves of the financial crisis in Asia have reached the Falkland, with a fall in the government's income."

The relationship between the British Islands and the Asian crisis "is fishing," explained the prestigious morning paper.

It said that the government of the

Falklands depends upon fishing licences to obtain more than half of its income, above 40 million pounds per year, for a population of less than 3,000 inhabitants.

The Korean companies were traditional purchasers of the fishing licences in the Falklands, with 40% of the annual fishing in the waters around the Islands.

But, these firms can no longer pay the cost of the licences, because the national currency, the won, has been devalued by 50% since 1997.

One out of four

John Barton, fishing director of the Falklands government, calculates that the income from the sale of fishing licences, which was 21 million pounds in 1997, could fall by up to 25% because of the Korean financial crisis.

Barton added that the fishing firms are not able to get together the money themselves and because of the financial crisis cannot obtain credit lines from banks to finance the purchase of the licences.

"Over the years we have been concerned about over fishing on the part of Argentina and then because of the reduction in the number of fish. Never did we expect we would be facing problems as a consequence of the Korean won," he pointed out.

On Wednesday, British Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, quoted the Falklands case as an example of the efficiency of obtaining own resources of the dependent British territories.

B.A. HERALD 8/2/98

The essence of Argentina's dispute with Britain over the Falkland Islands may not have altered, but the tactics thought up to gain sovereignty over the South Atlantic territory have undergone revolutionary changes.

Carlos Raimundi, Prepaio deputy for Buenos Aires province, is the latest pioneer. His idea is simple; in place of bringing Argentina to the islands, bring the islands to Argentina.

"Why not offer commercial and financial bases in Patagonia to generate interest among the islanders?" asks Raimundi. "Why not set up an educational system allowing the islanders to study much more economically than in the UK?"

It is no surprise that Raimundi articulates his idea in questions. Press reports have treated the proposal with some scepticism, concentrating their fire on Raimundi's alleged bid to make Patagonia fully bilingual.

One report in the weekly magazine *tres puntos* - now famous for its explosive interview with former death squad captain Alfredo Astiz - coined the philosophy behind Raimundi's ideas as "if you can't beat them, join them," while other deputies from the Alliance, initially linked in as supporters of the idea, have striven to distance themselves from the project.

"In its present state," says Rafael Flores, an Alliance deputy from Santa Cruz Province. "It would have no viability."

But Raimundi is quick to insist that his proposal is both, "modern and realistic." Through still very much on the drawing board, the basic tenets are these: bilingual university courses, a duty-free zone to attract British investment, and the incorporation of certain British-style landmarks into the fabric of Patagonian life. Even John Major's brainchild, the Citizen's Charter, would be set for a deep south renewal in Raimundi's vision.

As for a wider spread of English into laws and signposts, Raimundi is adamant: "this is going to be impossible."

"Unfortunately those articles in the press have tried to attract interest by

concentrating on the bilingual issue. But, speaking sincerely, the fact that I'm Argentine stops me suggesting that Patagonia become British. What I'm suggesting is that Patagonia become a bigger reference point for the islanders, a special economic zone for them."

Some 20 or 30 years down the line, Raimundi hopes, the islanders' deep suspicions of Argentina may have mellowed into something more akin to amity, or even a longing to swap the flag over Port Stanley. Raimundi argues that among younger islanders, a desire for better ties is already marked.

"But we can't think about stage number four from stage zero... I don't think that in 20 years the mentalities of the islanders will be exactly the same if we carry out a strategy of reconciliation."

Yet this reconciliation, Raimundi claims, is a world away from the sedulous attempts of Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella to make Argentina a more homely place for the islanders, largely via more gifts. "I think sending videos of the lives of penguins and Christmas cards is very superficial," he argues.

"The most abominable thing was when Di Tella suggested buying the islands for between 200 and 250 million dollars for each inhabitant."

Raimundi is aware he is treading a very thin line, on one side, enticing the recalcitrant islanders, on the other, keeping at bay the critical voices of the ever-present nationalist lobby.

To smooth over local difficulties, he speaks of the bonanza on both sides, of developing Patagonia for locals while regulating the inclusion of British capital, of drawing the eyes of the islanders while stopping Di Tella's allegedly hapless, "concessions in the UK."

But his ideas have still stirred up eddies of anxiety. Raimundi says he will shortly go to Tierra de Fuego to explain exactly what his proposal would mean, after a critical report emerged this week in a Rio Negro newspaper.

His Alliance colleagues are also waiting to be convinced. The rough proposal, says Raimundi, has circulated among advisers and diplomatic experts, but he denies a reported blessing from Propaio leader Graciela Fernandez Mojide and other deputies. After this week's turmoil in Congress, explosive back-bench bills may well be stored away for safe keeping.

In the meantime, Raimundi is insistent: "This suggestion is strictly personal, and doesn't compromise the Alliance or the Prepaio."

Britain

The Daily Mail 5/2/98

Cook faces Cabinet battle over concession to colonies

A Cabinet row has broken out over Robin Cook's promise to grant passports to 125,000 people in Britain's last colonies.

Jack Straw and Clare Short joined forces yesterday in an unlikely Left Right alliance in an attempt to make him back down.

Miss Short, who is International Development Secretary, is said to have 'gone ballistic' after Mr Cook declared in a speech that responsibility for some 13 island territories would be taken away from her department.

Instead, they would be lumped together under a new department, the United Kingdom Overseas Territories ministry, to be headed by fast rising Foreign Office minister Baroness Symons. Home Secretary Jack Straw is equally furious about the Foreign Secretary's virtual promise of pass-

ports to people in the dependent territories.

ories.

He feels that such a move risks reopening the question of the 3.5 million Hong Kong residents.

It would look cynical for Britain to give the dependencies what was refused to residents of the colony when it was still in British hands, he believes.

Both Mr Straw and Miss Short had been sent draft copies last Friday of Mr Cook's speech to a London conference organised by the Dependent Territories Association yesterday.

Both immediately lodged objections and were annoyed to find yesterday that Mr Cook had made only minor changes to his text.

It is likely that Tony Blair will have to intervene when he gets back from his own trip to Washington.

Mr Straw's stock has been rising recently while Mr Cook's has dropped dramatically since the revelation of his affair with Gaynor Regan and criticism of his handling of the scandal.

The Home Secretary will be with Mr Blair in the US and so will have an ideal chance to complain about Mr Cook's behaviour.

FALKLAND WOOL

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WOOL MARKET REPORT

FOR FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY 1998

The Australian Eastern Market Indicator (EMI) has fallen each auction day since the end of November and reached the season's low of 616 on Wednesday. Yesterday (Thursday) however the EMI picked up 3 cents to close the week at 619 Australian cents per Kg; which is 10 cents lower than last Friday. The Australian 23 micron Indicator closed at 569 cents/Kg, which at today's exchange rate of 2.44 A\$/£ converts to 233 pence/Kg. The Western Market Indicator ended at 576 cents after a low of 571 cents/Kg.

New Zealand wool prices were also lower, with their indicator 12 cents/Kg down at 417 cents. 27 percent (4,349 tonnes clean) of the 36,851 bales offered did not meet reserves and were passed in.

Wool International again helped reduce prices, by lowering stockpile prices during the early part of the week. Stockpile offers for 23.2 micron Australian were reported to be available at 570 Australian cents/Kg.

CURRENCIES

The Australian and New Zealand dollars strengthened early this week, moderately helping the prices of their wools in sterling. More recently both currencies weakened slightly.

FALKLANDS & AUSTRALIA

The front page of the Financial Times on Thursday 5 February 1998 carried the headline "Falklands fishing revenues hit by Asia crisis", whilst concerns have also been expressed from Australia about their "industries hit by lower Asian demand (which) include iron ore, coal, wool, oil and meat". Clearly the situation in the Far East is having ramifications across the globe and Primary Industries are feeling the impact. The reduced demand appears to be due to reduced consumer spending, inability to raise Letters of credit and general lack of market confidence.

AGENCY

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LA NACION 5/2/98

Cook: The British foreign secretary defended the right to self-determination of the inhabitants of the colonies, whose status is being revised

The British Foreign secretary Robin Cook yesterday made a speech which he celebrated in the Falkland Islands. The United Kingdom, is revising its relationship with its colonies and considers that the opinions of the inhabitants of its dependent territories is "decisive," said Cook.

"The revision is encouraging, because it respects the commitment to the right of self-determination," said Norma Edwards, member of the Legislative Council of the Falkland Islands to the newsagency EFE.

In the sovereignty dispute over the Falklands which Argentina maintains with the United Kingdom, the United Kingdom defends the Islanders' right, who are British passport holders, to decide their future through a plebiscite.

Argentina on the other hand, defends the principal of territorial integrity and demands that the resolutions of the United Nations de-colonisation committee, which each year urges both sides to negotiate a peaceful solution, be met.

The relationship between the United Kingdom and the Falklands falls under the status of the so called "dependent territories", which are now being revised by the British Government.

Currently, the Queen, designates, following the foreign secretaries suggestions, the governors of these territories, who are members of the diplomatic corps of the Foreign Office. The Legislative Council is the only elected organisation of the colonies government.

The United Kingdom retains, in all cases the handling of foreign policy and defence. In the Falklands there is a military garrison at Mount Pleasant, which was built following the end of the 1982 war, where there are approximately 2,000 soldiers, nearly as many as inhabitants of the Islands.

The status - said Cook yesterday - will be reformed with "benevolence." This means that the government is willing to grant them "full citizenship" - a passport which will allow them to reside and work in the United Kingdom - to the inhabitants of the 13 colonies.

The case of the Falklands and Gibraltar will receive special treatment, because of the sovereignty disputes, which the United Kingdom maintains with Argentina and Spain respectively. Following the 1982 war, the British government granted British passports to the inhabitants of the Falklands, as a consequence of the war.

The colonies which are self-sufficient from an economic point of view and have the right to self-determination and can declare their independence through a plebiscite and become a member of the Commonwealth if they wish to continue maintaining links with the United Kingdom.

With the search for oil, the inhabitants of the Falklands, who already

have a good standard of living thanks to the sale of fishing licenses, hope to carry out the first requirement. But, they will not be able to do so, whilst the sovereignty dispute exists.

AMBITO FINANCIERO 5/2/98

A defeat for the Kelpers

The English government decisions to grant citizenship to the Kelpers who live in the Falkland Islands is in fact the principal contribution Tony Blair's Labour government has carried out in a stage of the relations between London and Buenos Aires. From one side it can be seen as a victory for the islanders - who since 1962 were not allowed full British citizenship - in reality it is a capitulation from London.

It concerns the right to self-determination of the Islanders who have always maintained a confrontation with Buenos Aires over this, who insisted that the Falklands are a colony and must enter the de-colonisation process.

The United Nations has taken up the Argentine-British confrontation as a case of de-colonisation, but London has always insisted that any solution should take into account the Islanders wishes. Buenos Aires has said that the Islanders interests must be taken into account, who, now with this new measure are definitely English, and live in an overseas colony.

This decision, undoubtedly will receive resistance from Stanley and will encourage Argentina's eagerness to recover the Falklands. It is as if someone was working in favour of the Argentine cause, and the prophecy seems to be becoming stronger, which Carlos Menem himself recognises as an utopia - that in the year 2000 the Argentine flag will fly in the Falklands.

The visit President Carlos Menem will carry out to London later this year, could mean advances in his latest proposals of shared sovereignty, a formula which was not accepted by London, nor was it rejected.

LA PRENSA 5/2/98

Defence of power over the Falklands, although it will grant more independence

London's commitment to its dependent territories, among them the Falkland Islands, is as "strong as ever" the British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said yesterday in a speech to the authorities of all the English colonies. Thus, Cook, ratified London's commitment to the future of the 160,000 inhabitants in these territories.

The minister ratified that the present British government will do everything necessary to offer citizenship to all those inhabitants of the overseas territories, as the dependent territories will be known as from now on.

Cook mentioned several times the experiences concerning the Falklands and Gibraltar, the two territories under dispute: to illustrate what he called "a clear example of how a modern and effective association can be based upon historic and family ties."

The minister defended the right to self-determination of the colonies, saying that Great Britain voluntarily grants independence when it is requested, but, at the same time, London, remains committed to those territories which wish to remain under the British connection. "London will not

give up its responsibilities," said Cook, adding, "the Falklands war with Argentina showed how seriously we take our commitments with the people in dependent territories."

Cook said that London wishes to see that the territories govern their internal affairs and added, "we are proud of our history of free and correct elections, the most recent being the election of the new legislative Council in the Falklands. The Islanders have been so careful in their administration that now they are economically self-sufficient," added the minister.

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Falklands, land of diamonds

The 2,500 Falkland inhabitants - one of the richest populations in the world - could soon become multimillionaires. Besides the possibility of income from oil, now is added the eternal shine of diamonds, which a British company, Cambridge Mineral Resources Ltd., hopes to find in the Islands. The company director which has just obtained from the Falklands government the six year license for mining exploration, said that he is extremely optimistic, because of the samples obtained in the Islands. "We are looking for diamonds of the highest quality, gems. We won't be happy with anything less," said Roberto Young, director of Cambridge Mineral Resources.

Geologists estimate that beneath the pastures which the traditional sheep graze on, there could be great reserves of the most precious stone in the world. Initial work was carried out in the rivers on the East Island by South Atlantic Resources, which was purchased last month by Cambridge Mineral Resources. The samples are rich in what are known as indicator minerals, which are those which show the possibility that there are diamonds. "We have a hundred samples, the results are very encouraging," said Young. More reserved, maybe more aware of the fact that he was speaking to an Argentine newspaper, the company general manager David Branhill, told *Pagina 12* that it is still too early to talk about great deposits. "There is no doubt that there are diamonds, but it is still to be seen if they are commercially viable. Of course we would not be in the Falklands if we didn't think that there are possibilities of finding something," he said.

At the end of January the prestigious British newspaper the *Financial Times*, the rumours that there are diamonds in the Islands have increased because of the development of geological investigations. According to the scientists, Africa and South America were originally one continent known as Gondwana, which was split up because of pressure from the Atlantic ocean some 140 million years ago. An investigation carried out by two British geologists - Mike Curtis, from the British Antarctic Survey and Danny Hyam, from the University of Southampton - show that the rocks in the Falklands correspond, like a jigsaw puzzle, to those found in Cape Fold Belt in South Africa. This information is very important when it comes to evaluating the possibility of diamonds in the Islands, because South Africa is the top world producer of the precious stone.

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A team of geologists from Cambridge Mineral Resources, will fly to the Islands in the next few weeks to continue with the investigations. If they detect some rocks of high magnetic power known as "kimberlites" which are abundant in South Africa and usually contain diamonds, the company is almost sure that there will be large amounts of the precious stone. The geologists do not all agree about the possibility of finding a large amount of "kimberlites" in the Islands. Some claim that the South African formation of these rocks comes from the cretaceous period, after the separation of the continents and therefore, there is no reasons to think that they will be found in the Falklands. "The cretaceous rocks which were found in the region are being intensely investigated by the oil companies. We have not yet found any deep structure of kimberlites," said Brian Storey, from the prestigious British Antarctic Survey.

Cambridge Mineral Resources Ltd. will also look for other minerals. "Above all minerals such as sparkling ones which are used in the paint and ceramic industries," Branhill told *Pagina 12*. The predecessor the South Atlantic Resources, found small quantities of gold, but the company does not seem interested in this valuable metal, which in the last few years has lost its prestige which at one time meant it was the axis to the international monetary system (gold standard). The central banks in numerous countries, including Argentina, believe that it is not economical to maintain gold reserves and are selling them, which is lowering the price in the market (in December Argentina sold all its reserves). Unlike gold, and in tune with the famous slogan "diamonds are forever" the price of them has increased 50 percent since 1986, in spite of the fact that there are more and more diamonds on the market.

Beyond the existence of diamonds or not, is your company not concerned by the sovereignty dispute over the Islands? *Pagina 12* asked Branhill.

"We are a commercial company. We are not the slightest bit interested in politics. You have spoken to me and I have treated you very well. I have nothing to say about the sovereignty issue. I am not interested. No



British press Headline stories: Feb 6 - Feb 12

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY 1998 IRAQ

With the Prime Minister, Tony Blair, visiting the United States, there is no surprise that the lead for many papers is the British support for the American stance against Iraq. The headline in the *Independent* sums it up: 'Britain and US speak with one voice'. The paper says Mr Blair used a number of appearances on American breakfast television to underline Britain's full backing for any military strike against Iraq. *The Times*, under its headline 'United in the face of tyranny', said Tony Blair gave President Clinton his wholehearted personal endorsement as a leader and a friend. *The Sun's* front page story is more gung-ho: 'Our boys on alert', as it reports that troops from Britain's 'elite' Rapid Reaction Force are on stand-by to go to the Gulf.

BLAIR-CLINTON MEETING

The Daily Telegraph highlights the Saudi warning to Iraq of dire consequences if it fails to end the crisis over United Nations weapons inspectors. But on the Blair-Clinton meeting, it joins a number of other papers in emphasising Mr Blair's support for Mr Clinton over the sex scandal surrounding his Presidency. The paper quotes Mr Blair as saying affairs and marital breakdowns do not make Ministers unfit for government. *The Daily Mail* reports that, in a high risk gamble, Mr Blair threw a protective arm around President Clinton. *The Daily Express* takes a more light-hearted approach with its front page photograph of Mr Clinton hugging Mr Blair's wife, Cherie, under the caption 'Careful Mr President, her husband is watching'.

PRESS FREEDOM

The headline in the *Mirror* says 'Get your tanks off our lawn Mr Blair'. But it is nothing to do with Iraq. Rather it is to do with freedom of the press. *The Mirror* runs a front page editorial lambasting what it describes as the campaign of the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine, to gag newspapers following his proposals for privacy laws. *The Sun* says there is no public clamour for a privacy law, because people know who it would protect: 'the rich, the powerful, and the crooked. And, of course, the politicians.'

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY 1998 DEATH OF ENOCH POWELL

The death of Enoch Powell, considered one of the most charismatic - if controversial - politicians of his generation, is reported extensively in today's British newspapers. *The Daily Telegraph* describes him as a political giant who had a more lasting influence than any politician of his generation. *The Times* recalls a lifetime punctuated by words of controversy and wit, while the *Independent* recalls him as a man with a clipped moustache, hypnotic eyes and three piece suits. It quotes a comment he made in a television interview a decade ago, 'I may have failed,' said Mr Powell, 'but that does not mean that I was wrong' - a view shared by the leader writer in the *Express* who describes Mr Powell as deeply unfashionable, almost eccentric, but always principled.

EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION

The Financial Times reports a letter from more than 150 German economics professors, calling for a postponement of plans to introduce a common European currency. According to the academics, economic conditions are most unsuitable for the project to begin as planned, and they recommend a delay of a couple of years.

SMOG THREATENS INDONESIA

The Independent has an exclusive front page 3 feature article entitled 'Deadly Smog returns to threaten Asia'. According to the paper, bush and forest fires are burning out of control on the Indonesian islands of Borneo and Sumatra, threatening health, transport safety and wildlife, in an area already traumatised by economic crisis.

NEW GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSED

The Daily Telegraph reports proposals by the British Prime Minister to adopt what it describes as a more presidential style. This would involve the creation of a new centralised government department dedicated to driving through Mr Blair's ideas, and providing a power base strong enough to rival the Treasury. According to the paper, successive British Prime Ministers have become concerned about the influence of the Treasury on government policy.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 1998 IRAQ

The growing tension in the Gulf fascinates most British newspaper editors this morning. *The Times* re-

ports that Saddam Hussein has big stocks of Agent 15 nerve gas. It says the gas, which can be fired from missiles or put in water supplies, causes weakness, dizziness and hallucinations. The mass-circulation *Sun* newspaper has an article datelined Kuwait City, saying that eight British Tornado strike aircraft thundered into the Gulf last night to spearhead a blitz against Saddam Hussein. The left-leaning *Independent* takes a very different view, suggesting that international opposition to an attack on Iraq is growing, with sections in both the Labour Party in Britain and the Republican party in the United States strongly opposed to air-strikes. The paper quotes a group of American politicians who believe an attack against Iraq would be ineffectual unless it resulted in the overthrow of Saddam Hussein.

But as the *Mirror* reports, the impending threat of war has not stopped a British tourist company from offering bargain price package holidays to Iraq. The holidays begin at Easert and a dozen people have already booked their places.

DODI AL-FAYED

Both the *Mirror* and *The Sun* report on a controversy over whether Dodi al-Fayed, the millionaire playboy who died in the Paris car crash with Diana, Princess of Wales, fathered a child with another woman in the last year of his life.

The Mirror front page is given over to a photograph of the girl who, the paper suggests, bears a striking resemblance to Mr al-Fayed. *The Telegraph* quotes the girl's mother, Diane, as saying that a DNA test has made it clear he is indeed the father.

BRIT MUSIC AWARDS

Most of the British dailies find space for the annual Brit pop music awards where two bands *The Verve* and *All Saints* scooped the major awards. Last year's big winners, *The Spice Girls*, who arrived in a silver stretch limousine, were restricted to a single Special Achievement Award.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 1998 IRAQ CRISIS

The tension in the Gulf once again dominates the front pages of many British papers. *The Guardian* says Iraq has shown signs of responding to Western pressure by offering to let United Nations inspectors into suspected weapons sites. But the *Independent* predicts that there will be a massive air strike on Iraq within days following the rejection of the Iraqi offer by Britain and the United States. *The Times*, however, writes that an unusual alliance has been forged between Iran and Iraq, whose senior intelligence and security officials have met secretly in the face of the growing American military presence in the Gulf region.

NORTHERN IRELAND TALKS

On Northern Ireland, *The Times* continues to report on the possibility that the IRA's political wing, Sinn Fein, might be expelled from multi-party talks on the future of the province. The paper says that both the British and Irish governments have confirmed that Sinn Fein will be ejected from the talks if police formally link the IRA to this week's murders of two Belfast men. According to the *Guardian*, the North-

ern Ireland Secretary, Mo Mowlam, is fighting to keep the peace talks on track.

DIANA CONSPIRACY

The Daily Mirror devotes five pages to an exclusive interview relating to the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. The interview is with Mohamed al-Fayed - the father of Dodi al-Fayed who died with the Princess in the car crash in Paris last August. According to Mr al-Fayed, the crash was the result of a conspiracy by people he said did not want Diana and his son to be together. He also said more could have been done to save their lives.

NEW LORD'S PRAYER

Both the *Daily Telegraph* and *The Times* report that a new Lord's prayer is dividing the Church of England, with traditionalists reacting with horror to a decision by the General Synod to include a modern language version of the prayer in its new Service book. *The Times* quotes a critic of the new prayer who describes it as entirely unmemorable.

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eral years to recover," stressed Mr. Cruz.

CHILEAN PESO WILL STAND AT 460 TO THE DOLLAR

SANTIAGO. The Chilean peso will stand firmly at 460 to the US dollar for the rest of the year as long as the Central Bank keeps interest rates high in spite of the inflationary risks and the slowing down of economic activity.

The forecast belongs to one of the main stock exchange brokers of Santiago, Larrain Vidal & Co. who believes Central Bank officials are determined to prevent consumer prices from rising. Nevertheless the brokers are not convinced Chile will manage the 4.5% inflation planned for 1998 but will be closer to 6%.

The Chilean Central Bank was forced to intervene in the currency exchange market as a consequence of the pessimistic forecasts and loss of credibility following the Asian crisis, where the main trade partners of the country are.

Copper prices, one of Chile's main exports, have fallen to its lowest real prices since 1947 and the Santiago Stock Exchange accumulated losses of 12% during last January. In spite of the very high interest rates, 15% in real terms, Larrain Vidal & Co. estimate the Chilean economy will grow a healthy 5% during 1998, slowing to 3.5% in the second half with practically no growth in the building industry and retail sectors. "Obviously, if the government really has the courage to cut drastically expenses, control the budget and bring down the foreign current account deficit, then we may not be heading for a collision area," indicates the report.

PETROBRAS SPONSORS WILLIAMS

RIO DE JANEIRO. Petrobras the giant Brazilian government oil company will supply fuel to the Williams Grand Prix Formula 1 team.

The two years contract, 1998/1999, includes a down payment of 800,000 US dollars for each season. In exchange the name, colours and logo of Petrobras will be visible in trucks, vehicles and repair shops of Williams, and in the driving uniforms of the Formula 1 pilot Brazilian born Max Wilson.



News from South America

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KRILL RESEARCH

PUNTA ARENAS. For the second year running a group of scientists from different countries left for a month long research cruise of marine life in Antarctic waters particularly the cycle of krill.

The group that includes sixteen scientists from the United States, Germany, Canada and Chile under the coaching of Dr. Roger Hewitt are travelling on board the Russian vessel 'Yuzhmor Geologiya' under the command of Captain Igor Zheyavovskiy.

The research will be done mainly in the area of Elephant King George, Livingstone and South Shetland Islands and was contracted by the Antarctic Marine Living Research, a non profit organisation that has been funding the research since 1989.

"This season we are going to concentrate on the krill cycle because it's an essential link of the food chain of the Antarctic marine life", said Chilean scientist Miximo Frangopulos, who works for the Institute of Fisheries Promotion.

FARMERS TO BECOME INNKEEPERS

PUNTA ARENAS. A group of fourteen farmers from the Magallanes Region have contracted a French consultant to help them turn their farms into hostels and diversify sources of income.

"We believe that agro-tourism, a successful option for many farmers who experienced rough times in Patagonia and Uruguay, can be introduced in Magallanes, attracting city people who enjoy living for a few days in a settlement", said Liliana Ruiloba regional official of Euro-Chile, an office that promotes Chile in Europe.

Jack Patrick the French consultant is currently collecting information on the different possibilities of each of the fourteen farms and should have a paper ready in a few weeks time.

"The potential is good, all the farms have something different to offer which makes the package much easier to formulate", explained Jack Patrick.

Camp activities, horse riding, sight seeing, camping out, climbing and visiting nests of mountain birds, enjoying a good piece of roasted beef or mutton, can all be included in a tourist programme according to the French consultant.

In spite of the potential, Patrick pointed out that good marketing and promotion policies, as well as the creation of a corporate image and logo are essential for the launching of any campaign in Europe.

Farm tourism was started in France in 1955, in Uruguay in the late seventies and in Argentina only recently. Euro-Chile expects to invite the first groups of European agrotourists operators to Magallanes next spring.

MONTEVIDEO BAY TO BE CLEARED

MONTEVIDEO. An Argentine company won the contract from the Uruguayan Port Authority of Montevideo to clear up the bay where dozens of vessels are sunk or have been abandoned for years.

The 1.5 million US dollars contract includes dredging the bay and disposing the estimated 14,000 tons of derelict and scrap believed to be scattered in the relative shallow waters. Many of the vessels to be removed are fishing vessels from former Communist countries that were abandoned following the collapse of the Moscow regime, and which were declared navigational hazards by the Uruguayan authorities.

Nevertheless the contract does not include clearing several Spanish and Portuguese galleons from the time of the colony that are considered national heritage. The Argentine company has six months to complete its job including selling the scrap.

SHRIMP FARM IN PATAGONIA

MAR DEL PLATA. Two Argentine foundations will participate in a project to set up an experimental shrimp farm in Patagonian waters that will be entirely targeted for the export market.

The project which demands an initial investment of one million dollars and is expected to generate 17 million dollars in exports a decade later, will be based in the commercial exploitation of the 'pleoticus muelleri', a common specie in the South Atlantic.

The shrimp will be bred in huge tanks next to the coast, with tides naturally renewing water twice a day and feeding on plankton and any additional necessary components. The basic of the project has been copied from the Chinese province of Liaoning where for years farms have been growing a similar shrimp in similar climatic and salinity conditions.

Patagonia has an additional advantage and that is the lack of contamination both industrial and from agriculture because of the absence of chemical waste such as nitrogen and phosphorus, both present in fertiliser. The provinces of Chubut, Santa Cruz and South of Buenos Aires have been pre selected for the project.

According to the project shrimp has a stable year round high-income demand from Europe, Japan and the United States. The main world producers are Japan, China and Taiwan.

SUPER CARNIVAL

RIO DE JANEIRO. Almost 12.5 million US dollars will be paid by the 195,000 Brazilian and foreign tourists who will watch the world's most famous Carnival celebrations from the "Sambodromo" of Rio de Janeiro.

The two days parade of the top league fourteen "Scolas do Samba" will take place on the evenings of February 21 and 22 and extend into the following morning with dancing in exclusive clubs for the rich and famous, and in the streets for the poor and needy. "These are two nights when Brazil and particularly Rio goes crazy and receives world attention for the extraordinary display of music, colours, costumes and women," says Darcy Moreira, spokesman for the Scola do Samba League.

Mr Moreira remarked this was also a special occasion because all the seats of the "Sambodromo," the stadium where the parades take place, have been sold out, and television has agreed to pay six million dollars for the transmission.

Television channels will be employing a crew of 450 people plus thirty sophisticated cameras to cover the parade. Each of the "Scolas do Samba", some of them with up to 3,000 dancers will need between 60 and 80 minutes to make their spectacular presentations and qualify for the top prizes. But in spite of the almost 18 million US dollars receipts, Mr Moreira insists it is not enough.

We have to return a 3 million dollars loan to the city, costs and management of the fourteen groups absorbs another 65%; 10% must be paid to the composers; 9% to the Rio Tourist Office and 1% to the charity foundation of the Mayor's wife.

KOREANS WERE UNTRUTHFUL

LONDON. The Director General of the International Monetary Fund, IMF, rejected criticisms to the institution during the Asian crisis and insisted that the IMF, had anticipated some of the possible difficulties.

Talking to the press in London Michel Camdessus said the IMF had identified the possibility of a crisis but was unable to convince the countries of the region since they insisted in denying the existence of any financial difficulties.

"Besides the denials, the information supplied by most countries was unreliable and not credit worth," underlined Camdessus who added that the "Koreans were particularly untruthful when dealing with Western banks."

Camdessus insisted that transparency and the improvement of the quality and quantity of information is essential if the IMF is expected to anticipate or even forecast difficulties in the different countries.

The IMF Director General is under strong pressure from the United States who have accused Mr. Camdessus of reacting late and mistakenly in the recent Asian crisis.

Both Korea and Indonesia ended admitting that their foreign debts were double the figures originally supplied, that is when the crisis broke out.

TORTURE IS VALID AGAINST COMMUNISTS

MADRID. A Lutheran bishop who lived in Chile during the seventies claimed before a Spanish Court that former dictator Augusto Pinochet was responsible for the persecution and torturing of members of religious organisations during the military regime (1973-1990).

Bishop Helmut Frenz told Judge Manuel Garcia Castellon that in 1974 together with a Catholic bishop, Fernando Ariztia, they met with General Pinochet to protest about torture and the disappearance of opponents of the regime.

"I mentioned specifically the disappearance of Spanish born Father Antonio Llado who had been arrested by security forces", said Bishop Frenz.

"He's no priest, he's a Marxist," replied Pinochet, who added that "torture

is valid with Communists and Marxists otherwise they will not confess."

Bishop has lived in Germany since 1975 when the Pinochet dictatorship denied him a visa to return to Chile. He's currently Director of the Refugees Department of the German Lutheran Church and previously chairman of the German Amnesty International chapter. Judge Garcia Castellon is investigating the disappearance of Spanish citizens during the Pinochet regime. The present Chilean government has refused to collaborate with the judicial enquiry.

ENAP CUTS BUDGET

PUNTA ARENAS. ENAP, the Chilean government oil company is restructuring its budget and has decided strong cuts in the appropriations for the Magallanes Region operations.

The leader of the oil workers union, Hernan Von Haussen said that ENAP Magallanes original outlay of 90 million US dollars has been reduced to 43 million US dollars, mainly in the surveying and exploration areas.

"If this proves to be right, ENAP will cease to be an oil exploration company and limit itself to marketing and distribution," claims Von Haussen, who added that company officials off the record, blame the impact of the Asian crisis on the government finances. According to Von Haussen another area that has been eliminated is the recovery of wells by injecting gases or liquids.

"This will have negative consequences for economic activity and employment in the area since exploration and drilling have a ripple effect on the rest of the local economy," warned Von Haussen.

MAGALLANES WOOL TO JAPAN

PUNTA ARENAS. Sheep farmers from the Magallanes Region made their first shipment of wool to Japan. The whole operation involving 15,000 kilos of conditioned wool was equivalent to 75,000 US dollars.

This first deal in the Far East is the result of a long effort started by the Farmers Association of Magallanes six years ago, that has been quite successful with sales to Germany.

The farmers union and the Pro Chile trade promotion government office regularly organise visits of business delegations to the Asian market.

CHILE WILL REDIMENSION FISHING FLEET

SANTIAGO. Chile's fishing industry faces two main challenges during 1998: first re dimensioning the fishing fleet and secondly extending licences in direct relation with fishing areas and resources.

"We must find the mechanisms to solve fairly the excess capacity of the fishing fleet, limit some of the catches and ensure that licences are adequately distributed," remarked Juan Manuel Cruz, Chile's Under Secretary of Fisheries.

Mr. Cruz indicated that the first steps towards these reforms were taken last year thanks to a more positive attitude from the private sector towards government policies. "We are optimistic we can progress further although we have two complicated issues ahead, the transferable fishing licences in the South of the country and how to manage the jurel fishery that last year collapsed and will take sev-

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Weather for January

The most significant features of the weather for January 1998 were the wind and sunshine. The number of gale days recorded during the month was a record with the highest gust ever recorded for January being recorded on the 13th. It was also a sunnier month than normal with the monthly total being some 10% higher than average. Temperatures were very close to the monthly average.

Temperature

The mean maximum temperature of 15.1 Deg C compares very closely with the January monthly average of 15.2 Deg C. The highest maximum temperature during the month was 23.1 Deg C on the 15th. The mean minimum temperature of 6.4 Deg C was also very close to the monthly average of 6.5 Deg C. The lowest minimum temperature of 3.1 Deg C occurred on the 26th and 31st.

Rainfall

The monthly rainfall total of 74.1mm was significantly above the average of 65.0mm but no records were broken this month. The rainfall was spread quite evenly throughout the month with the wettest day being the 16th with 17.4mm.

Snow

There were no days of snow or sleet during the month.

Sunshine

It was a sunnier month than normal with the monthly total of 244.7 hours being well above the average of 221.9 hours. The sunniest day was the 17th with 14.3 hours and there was only one day, the 13th, when no sunshine was recorded.

Wind/Gales

There were 10 'gale days' (a gale day being one in which the mean wind speed reaches 34 knots or more for a period of 10 minutes) in January and the mean hourly wind speed for the month of 16.9 knots made it the second windiest January on record. The strongest winds occurred on the 13th with a gust of 64 knots. This exceeded the previous highest January gust of 61 knots in Jan 1987.

Weather Statistics for January 1998

Long term averages for Stanley (1962-81) are shown in parenthesis. Temperatures are in degrees Celsius, winds are in knots, rainfall in millimetres and sunshine in hours. Highest daily maximum temperature 23.1 (24.5)

Lowest daily minimum 3.1 (0.5)

Mean daily maximum temperature 15.1 (13.4)

Mean daily minimum temperature 6.4 (5.7)

Total monthly rainfall 74.1 (75.3)

Total monthly sunshine 244.7 (204.9)

Number of days with rain 25

Number of days with snow 0 (1)

Number of days with snow lying at 1200Z 0

Number of days with fog* 0 (2)

Number of days with air frost 0 (0)

Number of days with hail 1 (3)

Number of days with thunderstorms 1 (2)

Number of days with gales 10 (4)

Number of days with gusts 34Kts or more 25 (18)

Highest gust 64

* includes reductions due to blowing snow or heavy snow showers.

Geologists lay foundation for long term Falklands rock research

GEOLOGISTS Dr David Macdonald and Dr Malcolm Hole accompanied by two PhD students are currently in the Islands laying the foundations for a long term study of the rocks of the Falkland Islands.

David (who has been visiting the Islands for well over a period of 20 years) was last interviewed by *Penguin News* in November 1995, when the aim of his team's research (based in Lafonia) was to answer "a few key questions," for oil companies intending to bid for oil exploration licences around the Falklands. The oil licencing round was scheduled to close in June of 1996, so David, Malcolm and Dr Nigel Trewin had only a short time to attempt to through his research to 'shorten the odds' in favour of an 'oil strike' from a 1 in 10 to a 1 in 7 gamble - an attempt which was felt to have been successful.

During this visit, the geologists are starting off the work of students Chris Thomas and Doug Paten, who will regularly visit the Falklands over the next three years. While Malcolm will be examining volcanic rocks around Port Stephens and South Harbour, the



Dr Malcolm Hole and Dr David Macdonald

investigation of which should give a generalised match between the geology of the Islands and Eastern South Africa, the students will be attempting to improve the precision of that match, so that "we can know that this layer of rock in the Falklands is the equivalent of one in Africa etc."

The whole project said the geologists is not only interesting in

terms of academic research, but if they can prove the African link, it has big implications for the way the whole area around the Falklands evolved, including the offshore sedimentary basins where companies are searching for oil.

Dr David Macdonald is Chief Geologist for the Cambridge Arctic Shelf Programme and Dr Malcolm Hole represents the Department of Geology and Petroleum Geology at the University of Aberdeen.

Lloyd responds to Falklands mine clearance question

THE Foreign Secretary, Mr Tony Lloyd, was recently asked by Mr Robert Key, "what offers of assistance have been (a) received (b) discussed and (c) accepted from the Government of Argentina to assist British troops with mine clearance in the Falkland Islands?"

Mr Lloyd replied, "In 1993, the Argentine Government offered to assist with demining and to meet the cost.

The matter was last discussed by Ministers at a meeting between the Foreign Secretary and Dr di Tella in November 1997, and by officials at a routine meeting earlier this week.

We are committed to meeting our obligations under the Ottawa Convention. It is currently considering how best to achieve this in the mined areas on the Falkland Islands. Comprehensive clearance

work on the minefields was stopped soon after the conflict following a number of serious incidents involving clearance personnel."

Mr Key then asked the Foreign Secretary what discussions Ministers or officials have had with the Government of Argentina about clearance of mines in the Falkland Islands, and if he would make a statement.

Mr Lloyd replied, "The matter was last discussed by Ministers at a meeting between my rHF the Foreign Secretary and Dr di Tella in November 1997, and by officials at a routine meeting earlier this week. The question of mine clearance in the Falkland Islands is complicated because of technical, practical and environmental reasons (largely due to the soil conditions in which these mines were laid)."

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Your letters

I WOULD like to give my personal thanks to the Falkland Islands Government and their Councillors for their kind assistance and funding in the past, to help to try and get to the bottom of my son Alan's disappearance at North Arm in 1980. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ken Greenland and the Royal Falkland Islands Police, as their officers have made extra special efforts to try and recover Alan's remains. Also to all those people of the Falkland Islands who were kind and have helped me over the past years. I am so grateful, I do not have to mention them by name as there are so many, those people know who they are! I am very grateful to Home Office Search Advisory Group of Professor Hunter, Mick Swindells and Steve Taylor for all they have done as well and am very aware that had they been given the right way to go, they would have recovered my son's remains and allowed me to give him a decent Christian burial. I would like to thank June and Norman Clark and Bernie Eccles for their work in the Alan Addis Appeal Fund which is headed by myself to try and help parents whose children have disappeared, knowing personally the costs involved in trying to get assistance from any direction, I must thank anyone from the bottom of my heart who has donated in any way to this worthy cause.

Having met the people of the Falkland Islands, I know that the majority of them are decent, kind, hard working people and their hospitality is well renowned. However, I still remain convinced of Alan meeting his end in the company of probably one or two people who I do not believe set out to kill him intentionally, but did. There will always remain factors which corroborate this which I shall retain for the people working along with me on this.

There were some things which went wrong at that time which did not help and although it is true that the Marine Sergeant in charge did fail to carry out a head-count of the Marines before the Forest sailed from North Arm, this is negated by the fact Alan was found to have been missing whilst the jetty was still in sight. It still remains a mystery to me why none of the Marines who were living aboard the Forest that fateful night were given a lift back to the vessel as it was supposed to be the unwritten rule of the settlement that visitors were uplifted back to the Forest because of the dangerous condition of the jetty, so why did that not happen, because other members of the crew were taken back that night, and it is known to me that two people at North Arm knew my son was on his way back alone when he should have been uplifted? And, if as alleged my son did fall off the jetty to be in deep enough water to have had to swim after having negotiated two-thirds of a mile to get to that specific spot, I have been on that jetty, and I know he did not return that way, anyway my son was a proficient swimmer as Royal Marines in 45 Commando have to be! The tide was incoming at the time estimated that he would have returned to the ship, so had he fallen in, that would have carried him up the Creek, not out to sea as some have implied. It was a "Nip Tide" which meant the water was not really doing anything and would have been more helpful in containing him (because of the shape of the channel and the reef that goes right around the front of the creek, ships are required to negotiate this bend around to Thetis Bay nearly to enter or leave the jetty in an "S" course to get in or out). As it was, the search should have been

sufficient to have found him in that area, but he was not there!

There were suggestions made to me that there were other people who had fallen off jetties in the Falklands in the past after drinking and were lost in the same way although I believe the remains were recovered in those cases and did not disappear, forgive me if I say that I do not believe it could happen to a 6 foot 2 inch Arctic Warfare Trained Royal Marine, and the others were recovered more or less near where they fell in, I would like to thank Betty Miller for her suggestion of my son being lost but again Betty, Ned Casey was found eventually. Anyway, all the tracks in North Arm lead to somewhere so again, he would have been found wherever.

It was also told to me that my son left the Club carrying a crate of beer, the divers on the original search told me that the water was so clear you could see right through the kelp, and there was no sign of flotsam anywhere, a coat, a shoe, or even a beer can. Two local men who arrived to cast off the Forest at 6.15am on 8 August said the jetty was covered in a thick hoar frost with no sign of anyone's passage along it. It was suggested to me also that Alan was probably dragged out by the Forest when she departed, the divers have told me that they checked the bottom of the Forest at North Arm and there were no snag areas, also the propeller was boxed in, and I am told that if a piece of kelp, rope or anything is caught in the propeller, there would have been a visible shudder throughout the vessel which would have caused the officer on watch to take immediate remedial action. There was no such incident. I have been told that the Forest skipper meticulously made three calls a day to shore when he was at sea, 8 am, 11 am, and 3 pm, the Forest set off from North Arm at 7.15 am and I know that it was known at breakfast time on 8 August that people at North Arm told me they knew he was missing because they heard the ship calling it in, why then was the search not instigated until after three in the afternoon which by that time it was getting dark again! One North Arm person told me, a plank of wood was thrown off the jetty when the search started, it went nowhere because of the tidal conditions at the time, I was also told about the actions of the tyre floating in the creek at the same time which had been floating in and around the jetty for the previous 8 days before my Alan's arrival and had only managed to beach itself on the reef 150 yards away! So where then could my son have gone that the searchers could not find him?

I hope the majority of good minded people in the Falkland Islands will forgive me if I say I know in my heart that my son died because something went drastically wrong that night, we were so close as mother and son, I was driving in my car on 8 August, and I had such a terrible feeling that Alan was in trouble, I felt so ill, I had to pull over because I thought I was going to be sick, but I know something was wrong before I was told, I think many mothers in the Falkland Islands will stand by me on that. I continue to hope that people may still be able to help me find my son some day as I remain convinced he is there. I have been told that the case file will remain open pending further information.

I miss Alan so much and I am going to continue to look for my son's remains so that some day I can bring him home and finally lay him to rest.

Ann Addis

New CBFFI is no stranger



Info/pic - PIO HQ BFFI

AIR Commodore Ray Dixon BSc. took up the command of the British Forces in the Falkland Islands on January 28. The Air Commodore is no stranger to the Islands having completed a tour in 1994 as Air Commander and Deputy Commander of the Forces in the Falkland Islands. The Air Commodore is accompanied by his wife Kay.

Air Commodore Dixon graduated from Liverpool University with a degree in Chemistry and went on to join the RAF in 1970. He completed pilot training and joined his first air defence squadron. The Commodore also qualified as a weapons instructor and was posted to the staff of the Phantom Operational Conversion Unit at RAF Coningsby, and later be-

came Phantom solo aerobatics pilot for the RAF. The Commodore's first staff tour was in 1983 with the RAF presentation team, after which he attended staff college with the Royal Australian Air Force in Canberra. He returned to the UK to join Central Tactics and Organisation and on promotion to Wing Commander went on to command on 19 Squadron RAF Germany. He became Group Captain in 1993 and re-entered flying training before coming to the Falklands for his first tour. Previous to this present tour in the Falklands, he undertook a NATO appointment in Europe and completed a detachment in Bosnia. The Air Commodore's non military interests include salmon and trout fishing, woodwork and listening to jazz.

Dumbarton Castle takes her turn



Above: Handover of the Falkland Islands Patrol vessel, HMS Leeds Castle, to HMS Dumbarton Castle on January 28, 1998. HMS Leeds Castle had spent the past three years in the Falkland Islands, patrolling local waters as well as sailing further afield to South Georgia and Chile. She will sail home via Brazil and the Canary Islands. No sooner had HMS Dumbarton Castle arrived than she was sailing in support of a major exercise, and then departed for South Georgia. Info/pic: PIO HQ BFFI.



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Soccer SceneBy Paul Riddell and Tony Burrett

Stanley 'A' 2 FI Field Squadron 'A' 2

ON A Sunday afternoon when rain and sunshine jostled for supremacy both Stanley's A and B teams were in action against the Falkland Islands Field Squadron (the Gurkhas) and, though neither lost, they emerged from their respective encounters with mixed fortunes.

Whilst Stanley A were missing some key players they battled well in difficult conditions against the very quick and fit Gurkhas.

The visitors were first to strike, taking an early lead when they broke quickly playing some attractive, inter-linking football, and once through the Gurkha striker chipped the ball over the advancing goalkeeper, Clifton.

The work rate of the visitors increased causing Stanley to defend very deeply and without some crucial interceptions from the local midfield and defence the military team would have added to their lead.

Late in the first half Stanley were finally rewarded for their patience when they forced a corner taken by Clement. The ball was cleared off the visitor's goal line only to be crossed in again where

Riddell, at the back post, controlled and scored.

After half time, with the game finely balanced, Stanley made two substitutions, bringing on Peck and Chater. Both teams played for a result, tackling hard and trying to move the ball around to force openings.

Stanley then took the lead, again from a corner when, after a scramble, McCormick hit an unstoppable shot through a crowd of players.

Stanley were unlucky not to extend their lead when a goal was ruled offside and disallowed. The military visitors never gave up, though, and were eventually rewarded for their work-rate. After a throw in, deep in Stanley's half, an unmarked player picked up the ball and hit a curling shot from the edge of Stanley's goal area into the top corner, giving Clifton no chance.

Both teams tried unsuccessfully to go on to win the game however a draw on the day was a fair result in a well-balanced match.

Stanley 'A': N Clifton, L Clarke, I Betts, P Riddell (Capt.), M Moyce, B Reid, D McCormick, C Buckland, W Clement, M Clarke, J Henry. Subs: J Peck, B Chater.

...by Frank Jackson

Golf

Miller shades Stanley Open

FOUR times Champion Robert Titterton's excellent first round 76 gave him a one shot lead over Dusty Miller in the Dave Hawksworth sponsored Stanley Open last Saturday afternoon.

By the half way stage of Sunday's second round, during which Dusty incurred a two shot penalty for playing the wrong ball, Robert had established a five shot advantage and looked set to retain his title. A three shot swing on the tenth hole, where Dusty had a remarkable eagle two, was the prelude to a tremendous fightback which was only concluded on the final hole,

where Dusty's par clinched the title.

Club Captain, Barry Smith, came from a long way back for third place with a creditable final round of 78.

To complete a family double, Jane Miller won the Ladies Competition.

The Club's thanks go to Dave and Pauline Hawksworth for their generous sponsorship of this event.

Next week's competition is the Gordon Forbes stableford with the usual tee off time of 9.00am on Sunday.

Full scores were:-

Gross Competition -	1st Dusty Miller 159
	2nd Robert Titterton 160
	3rd Barry Smith 164
Ladies Competition -	1st Jane Miller 212
Net Competition -	1st Steve Vincent 136
	2nd Troyd Bowles 137
	3rd Nick Bonner 138
Best Front Nines -	Ian Doherty and John Jones
Best Back Nines -	Glen Ross and Gary Clement
Longest Drives -	Glen Ross and Robert Titterton
Nearest the Pins -	Dusty Miller, Tim Bonner, Robert Titterton, Rod Tuckwood.

Stanley 'B' 4 FI Field Squadron 'B' 0

BOOSTED by the presence of 'A' team players, Lee Mitchell and Troyd Bowles, Stanley's 'B' team attacked the Gurkha goal almost from the kick off and, apart from a few isolated breakaway attacks by the visitors which the strong Stanley back four always coped comfortably with.

Indeed, Chris Gilbert, in goal for the Stanley team, rarely had to handle the ball in that first forty five minutes and never looked in danger of conceding a goal.

Even so the visitors stood up well to the onslaught, their sometimes desperate defence giving away a whole series of corner kicks. Tom Chater, Bowles, Craig Clark and Tony Burnett all went close before the Gurkha 'keeper handled just outside his area twenty minutes into the first half. Chater had to wait several minutes, while the referee booked the unfortunate player, before firing the ball into the Gurkha net courtesy of a defender's deflection.

Seven minutes later Stanley were two nil up. Bowles' non-stop running constantly worried the Gurkhas and eventually saw him break free on the right. His pass to Chater was inch perfect and gave the big man the time to slip the ball sideways. Burnett's shot from the edge of the area nicked the inside of the post on its way in.

Three minutes on and Bowles had the goal he deserved. Again taking the ball past several defenders he spotted the keeper off his line and lifted a perfectly flighted shot neatly into the corner of the net.

The scoreline, which by no means flattered the home team, at half-time was three goals to nil in Stanley's favour.

Enjoying the luxury of a large squad, and a three goal cushion, manager for the day, Troyd Bowles, decided to give his substitutes a chance to stretch their legs and, during the interval, brought on Stephen Aldridge for Tom Chater and Doug Clark for Dustin Clarke.

Doug almost immediately stamped his mark on the match, using his strength and pace to make a number of strong overlapping forays up the right flank, Aldridge, Willie Goss and the inevitable Bowles working hard to provide support in the penalty area.

Such pressure was bound to yield results so there was little surprise when Stanley notched a fourth, and even less that the scorer was Doug Clark. Whether or not his speculative ball from the right edge of the Gurkha penalty area was intended as a shot or a cross is open to debate, but the end result was that though the 'keeper got his fingertips to the ball it still ended up in the net.

At four nil the match was over as a contest but the men from Nepal continued to fight for every ball and at times held possession for long periods with quick footwork and slick passing. It was often pretty to watch but as most of it was played in the centre of the park in the first half of the second period there was little to concern the Stanley defence.

The pattern of the game changed when Benny Reid replaced Burnett and Willie Harvey came on for Craig Clark. Suddenly the match was being played around the perimeter of the Stanley penalty area and, for almost the first time, Gilbert was called into action, making one particularly brave smothering save at the feet of an onrushing Gurkha forward.

Despite this late pressure from the Gurkhas they failed to display the self-belief necessary to undo the resolute Stanley defenders, and in fact it was Stanley who looked the most likely to score again on their breakaway attacks.

Stanley B played well overall, their passing and movement off the ball for the most part creating constant problems for the Gurkha team. But though many of the visitors had never played together before they provided stiff opposition, and the win was not the walkover the scoreline might suggest.

Chris collects Bishop's Trophy

THE local Bisley competition commenced on Sunday, February 8, with the Bishop's Trophy shot over 900 and 1000 yards, seven rounds, highest possible score 70. The first stage of the competi-

onship was commenced at 300 yards but due to inclement weather had to be abandoned. The competition for local Bisley will, weather permitting, continue on Saturday, 14 and 15 February.

The 1998 winner of the Bishop's Trophy		C McCallum
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Joint Fourth	H Ford	60

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The Falkland Islands Government invites tenders from suitably experienced contractors for the painting of the deck surface areas on FIPASS. Tender documents are available from the Secretariat, Stanley, and tenders for the works should be forwarded to the Chairman, Tender Board, Secretariat, Stanley, to reach him on or before 16.30 on Monday 23 February 1998

Auction Bridge results for the 11th February.
1st Mr & Mrs D Roberts
2nd Mrs J Middleton & D Petterson
Booby Mrs V Malcolm & T Petterson
The next Bridge evening is scheduled for Wednesday 11th March. Whist is played on alternate Wednesdays in the Day Centre, kick-off 7.30
All will be most welcome.

Anyone wanting plumbing and heating work done, please contact Dave Jones 22386, 6 Allardice St. P.O. Box 644

Flea Market to be held on March 7 at Community School 2 - 4pm. Ring Anya on 21857 for a table

Community Lecture
"Values in Education"
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St. Joseph's School, Temuco, Chile
at 7pm, Tuesday, 17 February 1998 at the Community School Staff Room to be followed by light refreshments Sponsored by the Baha'is of Stanley
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To Dani Doodle. Have a lovely day. We'll be thinking of you, see you soon. Lots love and hugs.
Carm's and Jules XX



Congratulations on your baby sister and Happy 3rd Birthday for the 15th. Missing you lots, Love always Aunt Elaine and Uncle Arthur

Andrea and Leslie Warbrick, Lancashire have great pleasure in announcing the birth of their beautiful baby girl Tia Joyce, weighing 8lbs 1oz - born at 7 minutes past 4pm on 2.2.98

To Andrea and Les
Congratulations on the safe arrival of Tia, With lots of love from Elaine and Arthur

Jane Cameron will be showing slides of Tristan da Cunha in the Geography Room at the Community School on Monday 16th February at 6.30pm. Anyone interested is welcome to attend

Postscript from St. Mary's Church
Ten (Different) Commandments

It is amazing how many people (in affluent countries!) are anxious to adopt a simpler life-style. To help them in the endeavour, V. Papanak suggests they ask themselves a few simple questions when they are about to buy something.

1) Do I need it? Am I buying it because I choose to do so or because an advert suggests it? Will it be a real help or just give me social prestige? Will it improve the quality of my life or am I buying it to allay my frustrations? Will my life be simpler or more complicated when all is said and done? 2) Can I make use of something I already have? 3) Is it made to last? Can it be repaired? 4) Is it made of material that can be recycled? 5) Can I buy it second-hand? 6) Will I be using it frequently or occasionally? 7) Can I hire it? 8) Can I share it with other people? 9) Can I buy it together with others? 10) Can I make it myself?

VACANCY

Falklands Landholdings Ltd have a vacancy for an office manager in their Stanley Office. The ideal applicant would be a mature, reliable and self motivated person capable of working without supervision. The main duties of the post would be the preparation of accounts for Sage accounting, operation of payroll for all farm employees, maintenance of cash books and bank accounts, payment of accounts, keeping a complete and accurate record of woolclip sales, production and transport along with general clerical and secretarial duties involved in the everyday running of the office. A driving licence would be an advantage. The successful applicant would preferably be expected to commence duties before the end of March 98. Applications in writing to be sent to the Managing Director, John Street, Stanley, no later than the 20th February 98.

Stanley Bakery has a vacancy for a baker. For details contact M Reeves on Tel: 22692 or 22310

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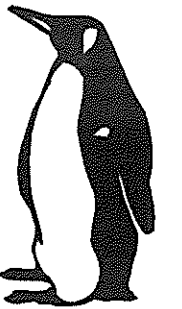
RHIANNON
Still can't stand up without holding on? Have a wonderful 21st birthday and enjoy your party. Love and hugs from Mum, Dad, Chris, Imogen and John

I would like to thank the following people for their help after my accident on 3rd February. Tony, June, Brian, Buzz, Robin, Sean, and anyone who I have missed. Thanks also to Karen, FIGAS and Peter Finn for getting me to the Hospital as quick as they could, also Dr Farrand and the rest of the Hospital Staff for their expert care. Thank you to all those people who have offered and helped Lyndsay during my hopefully not too long stay in hospital. Thank you all. Bobby Short

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Stormy start for Standards meeting

AT the first meeting of the Select Committee for Standards in Public Life on February 17, at which members of the public were invited to petition their views on the subject, the Chairman, Councillor Summers, at the beginning of the meeting, explained that the gathering was, "not a court for any individual to pursue a personal grievance or gripe about any other individual."

Ms Juanita Brock was the first to speak and included in her petition was the statement that as the result of an, "anomaly due to the 'uneven playing field in which our press operates,' the Falklands media were listed in Freedom House in New York and Commonwealth Press Union as a, "partly free i.e. controlled press."

Following the voicing of a number of, "personal grievances," as they were described by Councillor Summers, Ms Brock was invited by the Chairman to reach a general conclusion which led to her objection to the use of, "government equipment i.e. computers, faxes and phonelines for the carrying on of a private business."

The second petitioner, Dr Barry Elsby felt, "the choice of a select committee for the means of enquiring into this matter is quite flawed." He suggested that councillors should broaden the base of the committee to include people such as the Senior Magistrate, the Attorney

General, interested lay people, representatives of the civil service and representatives of voluntary bodies etc. "Only then," he went on, "I feel will the resulting recommendations be seen by the public as truly independent and representative." Dr Elsby also asked if voluntary bodies would be exempt from enquiries into their standards and asked, "what of moral behaviour within public life? Is that going to be part of this committee or not?"

Dr Elsby felt strongly that in Executive Council and Legislative Council, if a representative had declared a business interest in a subject for discussion, he or she should not be allowed to vote, but simply offer the benefit of their experience to the debate. Consideration, he went on, should also be given to restricting privileged information to councillors who will, or already have, declared a conflict of interest on a matter for discussion.

On, "open government," he hoped that the committee would, "move this vague wish onto a more concrete footing." As examples he suggested, "making committees more democratic when appointing lay members. Making most committees open to public scrutiny and the routine publishing of all tenders for government work."

On the subject of, "payment for consultancies by councillors," he suggested that representatives be prohibited from undertaking consultancies based on the work they do in LegCo, or to be a lobbyist for any particular group or interest.

Following comments by councillors on Dr Elsby's petition, Mrs June Besley-Clark supported Dr Elsby's point that the Committee should have a broader base, and also felt there should be greater

concentration on the penalties should standards not be followed.

Mrs Besley-Clark enquired about the rule in 'Standing Orders' involving the suspension of Standing Orders, asking whether this would be deleted. Councillor Summers explained that the rule would only be implemented if absolutely necessary, for example in the national interest, and, "not to get around a particular issue."

Mr Mario Zuvic-Bulic asked the committee whether favouritism existed in government towards certain parts of the private sector. And if there was any evidence of this, he went on, do the elected members have the power to correct or prevent it.

He also asked the committee to consider whether it was felt there was any favouritism towards particular nationalities in, "certain aspects of life in the Falkland Islands."

Responding, Councillor Summers commented that, "favouritism either in favour of, or discrimination against, any national is contrary to the constitution of the Falkland Islands and is therefore wholly illegal." He suggested to Mr Zuvic-Bulic that if there were instances where he felt it happens then, "you ought, if you feel strongly about it, to pursue it through the due legal process."

Mr Zuvic-Bulic suggested that proof was not always easy to produce.

Councillor Birmingham said he had never, "sat around any table," where decisions made regarding an individual had been influenced by the race of that individual. However, he suggested that if Mr Zuvic-Bulic felt it was occurring he should go to the Attorney General's Chambers for advice.

In Brief

Fisheries still strong

THE Korean economy continues to send shock waves through the financial world and, by association, the Falklands' fishing industry, though the true impact will not be known until next week, according to Director of Fisheries, John Barton.

Mr Barton told *Penguin News* that although an agreement has not been reached with the Koreans (he is hopeful it will be finalised in the coming days) it is likely that fewer Ilex licences will be sold this year than has been the case for a number of seasons.

This would not be too serious for the Islands, Mr Barton says, provided it is a one year problem and that, as he expects, the Koreans do turn their economic problems round in the second half of this year.

Responding to Lord Montgomery's claim (see page 9) that Fishing is not a viable, long term industry, Mr Barton said, "While it is true that around the world Fisheries have collapsed, we are now in the eleventh year of the Falklands' Fisheries and I, and many companies in the private sector, expect it to form a major part of the Falkland Islands' economy for many years to come."

Some not most

A STANLEY man has received several anonymous, abusive telephone calls following a report by FIBS that a letter he wrote to a passenger aboard the *Norwegian Crown* was included in the ship's daily newsletter.

Kevin McKay has stated he did not intend the letter, in which he said he thought it was government and not the people that prevented Argentine tourists ashore in the Falklands, for general publication, and that his intentions have been misrepresented. "I can't see any reason why a few Argentine tourists should not come ashore," he said.

He asserts that contrary to saying 'most' people in the Falklands supported his view, the word he actually used was 'some'.

Five go to college

FOLLOWING this year's successful GCSE results, Community School Head Teacher, Mr David Higgins, confirmed that at least eight students out of the 26, who received their results a few weeks ago, will be travelling overseas to begin studying for 'A' levels, with five of them attending Peter Symond's Sixth Form College. The other three have elected to go elsewhere.

Another five students still have hopes of continuing their education overseas but will have to wait to receive the results of resitting some GCSE's later this year.



Race to the centre pages for photographs of sports days held by Stanley's Schools

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WHENEVER, during the frustratingly time-consuming process of attempting to seek a spark of inspiration for an editorial, I am tempted to dismiss an issue as too trivial for the attention of readers. I find it helpful to remind myself of Councillor Birmingham's oft repeated phrase "we're a small country, we sometimes have to talk about small things." As it happens, the big issue, or certainly the one that initially caught my attention this week, had already been leapt upon by the Deputy Editor with the intention of thrashing it out in an editorial next week during my absence, (that being the two press releases from journalist Graham Bound, one comprising comments made by Lord Montgomery and the other by Alistair Forsyth for the South Atlantic Council.) As such I feel obliged, for the present to avoid purging myself of the wealth of emotions generated by those articles, in favour of noting some positive occurrences - subjects of a stature more in keeping with the phrase favoured by the aforementioned councillor.

The first of these came as a result of the theft at the Leisure Centre of a wallet belonging to a Gurkha soldier. The soldier, who was involved in a football match against a local team, was one of a number who, on a cold Sunday, handed out hot drinks not only to the players but also to the school pupils watching. When news of the theft reached the School, the pupils donated more money to a collection organised for the soldier than had actually been stolen. Thus, while the original crime was itself deplorable, the evidence of a sense of 'fair play' amongst the youths of the Islands must be heartening for this community, many members of which are only too ready to condemn our younger generation for their, occasionally, more negative actions.

To continue on this 'upbeat' theme, any reference to positive occurrences in the Islands would be incomplete without mention of the efforts made by the Forces to create something of a relationship between two communities separated by thirty miles. Over past months, *Penguin News* have reported on a number of Forces events - the maintenance to the house of a senior citizen, 'Challenge the Badge' (help with the building of the Stanley Sea Cadets' premises) and countless forces fund raising walks, runs and rows, from which local charities almost always benefit. In fact, correct me if I am wrong (and I mean that sincerely) the only negative point which could be identified in the above is - not counting occasional sporting fixtures organised locally - that only a minority of events organised to enhance the military/civilian relationship appear to comprise efforts on the part of the civilian community.

Finally, although we have in past articles awarded accolades to the Paint Squad for their voluntary work in making parts of Stanley more aesthetically pleasing, a phone call from a member of the public on the weekend reminded me that the group are far from fair weather workers. Despite the unrelenting wind on Saturday the Paint Squad hauled themselves from the comfort of their homes to undertake the exhausting task of scraping paint from the stone walls of Speedwell store in preparation for its future face lift.

Public Notice

APPLICATIONS are invited to fill two immediate vacancies for Plant Operators/Handymen in the Highways Section of the Public Works Department. Appointment will be on a temporary basis in the first instance with the possibility of becoming permanent at a later stage.

Applicants should hold an HGV licence, current Plant Operator Certificates and have at least three years experience in the use of plant and practical skills in the use of hand and power tools.

Salary is in Grade G commencing at £10,176 per annum.

Further details are available from the Roads Engineer, Mr Bob Hancox, on telephone number 27387 during normal working hours.

Application forms are available from the Human Resources Department and completed forms should be returned to that department by 4.00pm on Monday 23rd February 1998.

The Secretariat, Stanley, Ref: STF/3/iH, 13th February 1998

Public Notice

Falkland Islands Government Reception: Lincoln's Inn
THE annual Falkland Islands Government Reception at Lincoln's Inn in London will be held this year on Wednesday 10 June 1998.

Any Falkland Islands residents who will be in UK at the time and would wish to attend the reception, to which there will be in charge, are invited to pass their names and UK contact addresses to the secretariat on 27242. The latest date for submission of names is 29 May 1998.

The Secretariat, Stanley.

12 February 1998.

Ref: FIGO/21/1

Public Notice No. 22/98.

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Stanley, Falkland Islands.

A debt owed to A G Barton

I WAS gratified to read in your pages the letter from Executive Council to the Falkland Islands Association because of its accuracy and balance, in marked contrast to much of the published material relating to the years of political crisis. I am not sure whether Islanders recognise the debt they owe to A G Barton. CBE who was an inspiration to us all.

I am now the only surviving member of the original Falkland Islands Emergency Committee which was formed in March 1968 and as its first Hon. Secretary I hold papers and documents which

contain information of which Islanders should be made aware, particularly as there is evidence of duplicity. I have promised Jane Cameron that the papers will eventually be deposited with the Government archives but the imminent disclosure (in 1999) of official records for 1968 will meanwhile throw further light on what was happening.

For the record, I was Secretary of the Committee from 1968 to 1972 and then Joint Secretary with the late Bill Christie until 1976. F G Mitchell, 2 Eglinton Mews, Putney, London, SW15 1AP

Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces Falkland Islands Reunion 1998

ON June 13, commencing at 12.00 noon at the Regimental Headquarters in Aldershot, there will be a Reunion for all members of the Parachute Regiment, past and present, who served in the Falklands War.

The day includes a Drum Head Church service, Free Fall Display, BBQ lunch, Beating Retreat and an evening of entertainment including an appearance by Jim Davidson. The event is due to end at around midnight. There will be static displays around the event during the day from 1200 until 1700.

If anyone wishes to attend tickets, at £10 per head, can be obtained from:

Colour Sergeant Andy Williams, Regimental Headquarters, The Parachute Regiment, Browning Barracks, Aldershot, Hants GU11 2BU. Fax 01252 349203.

Cheques should be made payable to "Parachute Regiment Central Fund" and applicants will require a UK address for their tickets to be sent to.

If any further information is required please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Women's World Day of Prayer

WOMEN'S World Day of Prayer to be celebrated on March 6, 1998, will involve more than 170 countries. This year Christian women on the Island of Madagascar in the Indian Ocean have prepared the order of service which will be used throughout the world. They challenge women with the question, "Who is my neighbour?" The theme is based on the parable of the Good Samaritan.

The service for the Falkland Islands will be held at Christ Church Cathedral at 6pm on Friday March 6. This is an ecumenical service and the guest speaker this year will be Jane Hopkinson from the Oasis Centre at MPA. Anyone is welcome to attend the service.

Argentine next-of-kin visit

A GROUP of fifteen Argentine next-of-kin flew to the Falkland Islands on Wednesday, February 18, accompanied by Catholic Priest, Dairo Ervens Menguella. As on previous visits a mass was held at the Argentine cemetery at Darwin, and the relatives spent the night in Darwin Lodge. The group were scheduled to leave the Islands on the afternoon of February 19.

Public Notice

APPLICATIONS are invited to fill a vacancy for a Handyman/Storeman at the Power Station.

Applicants should be diligent and reliable and have an interest in machinery. Previous experience in store keeping would be an advantage.

Duties involve assisting the mechanical staff on a daily basis with the maintenance and servicing of diesel generators and auxiliary equipment; maintaining a record of spare parts and identifying those which need reordering; and keeping the mechanical work area tidy.

Salary ranges from £8964 per annum to £10,176 per annum in Grades H/G, entry point being dependent on previous relevant experience.

Further information can be obtained from the Power Station Superintendent, Mr Les Harris on tel no. 27149.

Application forms and a job description are available from the Human Resources Department, Secretariat and completed forms should be returned to that department by 4.00pm on Friday February 27, 1998.

Soccer news from Patrick Watts. Photographs by Penguin News

Stanley 1 Combined Services 1

THE third match in the 'Veterans Cup' series between Stanley F.C. and the Combined Services ended in a 1-1 draw after another absorbing and exciting 90 minutes. After two games on the well grassed Community School pitch, Stanley travelled to MPA for the third encounter, and thankfully discovered that although the Military field does contain many areas of exposed gravel it was not as bad as predicted.

Having been decisively beaten 5-1 in the first encounter but recovering to obtain a draw in the second bruising match, which the Services had predicted they would win easily, Stanley played well in this third game and deservedly took the lead through Jeremy 'Spurs' Henry who received a long ball from Jimmy Curtis and held off several challenges before slotting the ball just inside the post. Earlier, Henry and Paul Riddell had missed chances after both had worked hard to make space in and around the penalty area. The Combined Services defence looked surprisingly nervous and edgy and were caught out on several occasions by the quick interchanging between Riddell and Henry, while Jamie Peck, the most skilful player on the pitch, made many exhilarating runs often leaving several defenders in his wake.

At the other end the Combined Services looked dangerous whenever Reed received the ball, and he once again proved a handful for the Stanley defence. However, Lee Mitchell stuck to the task well and gave the MPA striker few clear cut opportunities. With both players having been red-carded last time there were still obvious signs of the battle continuing on this occasion, and Reed was eventually booked for faking a tackle.

With both goalies, Simon Goodwin and Neil Clifton, injured, young Chris Gilbert in only his first season with the gloves on, stood up to the test remarkably well making several vital saves and interceptions. On one occasion he foiled Reed with a remarkable quick reaction one-handed save low to his left.

As expected the home side, stung by their 1-0 half-time reversal, attacked persistently during the second half but the Stanley defence held out well and continually frustrated the Combined Services with well-timed tackles. Captain, Jimmy Curtis, Mitchell, and Pete White all stuck manfully to their task and it was unfortunate that an error initiated by Curtis led to the equaliser. Curtis played a goal-kick too short and the ball was intercepted by an opposing forward and with the Stanley defence pulled out of position the ball was even-



Above: Two of the battles fought during the match between Stanley and a Combined Services team at MPA last weekend

tually crossed and headed powerfully into the net for the equaliser.

The Services piled on the pressure in an effort to obtain the winner and Gilbert made another excellent point-blank save and dealt comfortably with several corners.

Stanley having absorbed the pressure, gradually began to create some opportunities and Peck several times weaved his magic which provided opportunities for Riddell and Henry on the right flank. Martyn Clarke made several telling runs while Dale McCormick tackled like a trooper in midfield.

Stanley nearly snatched victory in the final minutes when Peck beat three defenders in the penalty area and crossed the ball allowing Riddell a scoring opportunity. His effort was beaten out and then substitute Wayne Clements' shot hit the post before Henry finally

blasted the ball over the bar.

1-1 was a fair result for the honest endeavour of both teams, although independent reporter Nick Tozer writing for the DYN agency of Buenos Aires, who watched the game, maintained that Stanley were the better team.

The Stanley team were grateful to the supporters who made the journey to MPA, and also to Andrew Williams, the coach driver, who not only sat out the game but waited until the after match celebrations were completed before returning the team to Stanley.

Stanley Ratings:

C Gilbert 9, L Clarke 6, L Mitchell 8, J Curtis 8, P White 8, M Clarke 7, C Buckland 7, D McCormick 8, J Peck 9, J Henry 8, P Riddell 8. Substitutes: D Clarke 7 W Clement.

The perfect Gambian daughter

Due to popular request, and having purloined another letter from Rachael Fowler to her parents, we continue the saga of Islander Rachael's adventures in the Gambia.

HELLO hello.. is there anybody out there?

This is not right, I am allowed not to write to you because I am young, wild and adventurous. You, on the other hand are the constant and stable 'family unit' and as such have an obligation to write regularly, if only to question why aforementioned young, wild and adventurous characteristics are preventing me from writing.. I ya faharm le? (Mandinka for, "do you understand").

Since Mum visited I have realised just how bad my Mandinka is, and am endeavouring to improve it. The trouble is, as you may have noticed, Mandinka speakers are a bit thin on the ground outside of West Africa and there is not much scope for continuation once I leave. They do, however, speak some Mandinka in Senegal, Mali and Guinea, which brings me nicely to my next topic - travel.

I have majorly itchy feet (I've also got majorly dirty feet but have learned to live with them). The novelty of Gunjur has worn off and I really want to get out and see other places. One of the ex-volunteers is visiting next week and I know he went to Mali while he was here so I will ask him how he did it.

Rebecca and her mother are planning to go to Guinea soon, which I am very jealous about. They have mountains there which will be a bit of a shock after the incredible flatness of the Gambia. This school lark is rather getting in the way of my being young, wild and adventurous, it has to be said, as I am expected to be mature, responsible and lookable-uptoable during the week.

I would like to use some weekends for travel up river while the weather is still relatively cool, but I don't want my teaching to suffer as a result. Also I am very busy getting to grips with this special needs programme 'thang' which everyone keeps expecting me to whip out from under my hat. I have tried to explain that if we just launch in without enough planning we're likely to do more harm than good and the whole thing will fall flat. However, in proper Gambian style it is 'leap first, look later.'

I have spent the weekend being the perfect Gambian daughter, woke up early, did all my washing (took me about two hours but at least it is all done) and then.. cooked lunch! Taadaa! Very hot and sweaty affair over

a fire in the small mud hut behind the house. the result was fairly Gambian-like and everyone made lots of appreciative noises. Everyone in the compound was called to come and have a taste, much to my embarrassment, as they all cook from the age of about six. For all the hype, it wasn't actually that much of a gastronomical challenge, as far as I could see - more a case of pound anything poundable and put the rest in a big pot - still it took a long time though. The whole meal cost 8 dalasis (about 50p) and that fed eight people, as well as all those who come for a taste, with some left over as the base for supper. It was basically minced fishballs, onions, tomatoes, cassava, bitter tomatoes, peppers and aubergine with lots of salt and tomato puree. When I learn how to cook damoda (the peanut butter one) then I'll be impressed (and probably impressive too).

I have gone in for home decorating in a big way and I think even Auntie Moonbeam would be proud (well, at least it wouldn't reduce her to tears this time). I bought black and white lino (just like in the Jif advert) which instantly transformed the room as the uneven cement floor is hidden (uneven lino is a lot more attractive). Next I bought a big woven basket (well, I sent Lamin to buy it and he got it for 25 dalasis, rather than the 60 the maker would have charged me) to hide my laundry in. I got Moses to hammer some big-mama nails into the wall and bought some coat hangers to hang clothes from. Moses also gave me a desk from his school which is very handy. Finally I bought some more tasteful batiks and a bright red and white bed sheet. It has really made a big difference - just wish I could get rid of the pastel green walls. Was slightly concerned at the excitement and deep feeling of satisfaction I got from decorating. Told Joe I was worried I was becoming an adult but he said the time to worry was when I decide I want to change things again.

Must dash because Rebecca and I are trekking through the bush to the beach and intend to spend all day working on our tans, um no, I meant plans, plans..

Flossy

British Forces look to colonies for recruits

THE British Army, Navy and air Force, which have been struggling against under-manning for some years, have gone to two of its South Atlantic colonies in search for recruits.

A team of one Air Force officer, two Army NCOs and a civilian official recently spent eight days on St. Helena interviewing and testing 40 young people who were interested in joining the forces. Twenty five of the applicants were considered suitable and offered jobs; thirteen in the Navy and twelve in the Army. It was an outcome that the Ministry of Defence described as, "an exceptionally high success rate."

Another recruiting team also visited Ascension Island, where many St Helenians have gone to seek work. There, the Army managed to recruit four new soldiers and two more young people to serve in the Air Force.

There are a large number of St Helenians also employed on the Falklands, but there has been no suggestion that the military recruiters will move on to that group of Islands.

The move is highly unusual. Although thousands of citizens from the colonies volunteered for military service during both world wars, in peace time the British military has usually been able to find sufficient recruits within Britain.

The unconventional move came at the suggestion of the British Foreign Office, which is concerned about the very high level of unemployment on St Helena. Ironically, though, the Foreign Office has recently come into conflict with the St Helenians who are protesting loudly at the British Government's refusal to grant them full British citizenship.

The recruitment team went to great expense and effort to find their new recruits. Although Ascension Islands, the stopping off

place for the Falklands, is accessed by RAF Aircraft twice a week, St Helena has no airport. The team had to fly to South Africa by commercial air line before travelling for five days by ship to reach the Island. (Mercopress.)

Anti-tank mine found in Mare Harbour

IN a press release from HQ BFFI it was confirmed that during a routine diving operation by British Forces Falkland Islands on February 17, 1998 a suspicious object was found on the sea bed in Mare Harbour.

Upon investigation, this object was identified as a probably anti-tank mine. The mine posed no immediate threat to ships or personnel in the area, however, plans were made for the disposal of the device in situ.

On February 18, at 0955hrs, the device was destroyed successfully by means of a controlled explosion carried out by Joint Service Explosive Ordnance Disposal based in Stanley. Although there was no evidence to suggest that there may be further devices in Mare Harbour, a thorough search was carried out by a diving team and nothing was found. An investigation into the incident is to be launched.

Public Notice

Apprentice Aircraft Engineer

THE Falkland Islands Government Air Service has a vacancy for an Apprentice Aircraft Engineer in its Engineering Section. This is an excellent career opportunity for a school-leaver or young person with a general interest in engineering and a flair for electronics.

The successful candidate should preferably have GCSE's in Grade C or above in CDT, Maths and a science subject. Familiarity with Technical Drawing would be an advantage.

On successful completion of the apprenticeship, formal training leading to an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's licence will be provided.

The successful candidate will be paid £8964 per annum which is the current rate for a first year apprentice.

Interested persons must contact the Chief Engineer, Mr John Coutts, during normal working hours, on telephone number 27219.

Application forms are available from the Secretariat and completed forms together with school records of achievement should be forwarded to the Human Resources Department, Secretariat by 4.00pm by Friday 27th February. School records will be returned to applicants after an Appointments Board has been held.

New man at Christchurch

FINDING a suitable candidate to fill the position at Christchurch Cathedral last held by Canon Stephen Palmer, who left the Islands in June 1996, has proved more problematic than the Parish Council might have wished.

Fortunately a succession of reverend gentlemen, many of them emerging temporarily from retirement like Padre Davis Gatt and the Reverend Stuart Broughton, have been persuaded to maintain an ordained presence at Christchurch Cathedral; there was.

Now, at last, a more permanent resident has been found and has been in the Islands for a month. Alistair McHaffie is a young forty years old. Slightly built, he spent his early years in Troon, Ayrshire, and speaks, still, with an unobtrusive Scottish accent.

Sitting in the comfortably spacious lounge of the brand new Deanery, erected on the site of the old one on Ross Road (he and his attractive English wife, Pippa, are the first occupants of the new, purpose built bungalow) he talked of the circumstances that led to him bringing his family, besides Pippa there is Hannah, six, Sam, four and Joshua, two, to the Falklands on a five year contract.

Alistair left full time education after completing his GCSEs. "I had had enough of school," he says, "and had other things to do." He had several jobs before, at the age of nineteen, signing on with the Royal Army Medical Corps for a twelve years stint.

In 1985, as a Sergeant, he was posted to the Falkland Islands and served at the Military Hospital, at that time situated on one of the Coastals East of FIPASS. "It was," he explained, "the time after the hospital fire but before KEMH was built."

A second posting to the Islands in 1986/87 gave him the opportunity to explore the Islands to a greater degree and he even found time and the opportunity to visit South Georgia before returning to the UK and leaving the Army in 1988.

He and Pippa (at that a time still



Alistair and Pippa McHaffie at home in the new Deanery with children, Hannah, Joshua and Sam

a student studying to be a speech therapist) met through the church they both attended in London, All Souls, and married in 1987.

The young couple settled in Farnborough, Hampshire. Alistair, "went into sales - mostly pharmaceuticals," while Pippa worked as a speech therapist. They enjoyed the good things in life; two salaries, a company car and a pleasant house in one of the more attractive areas of Southern England.

But though Alistair was moderately content as a salesman he was also aware that it was not what he wanted to be doing for the rest of his working life. He was an active member of his local church and spent some time working with youngsters. The idea that he might lead a more fulfilled life doing the same thing on a full time basis led him to discuss the matter with the vicar of the church.

And it was then that the suggestion that Alistair should consider ordination was first raised. He talked it over with Pippa and they looked into what such a move would mean to them both. Eventually they decided to apply and had to endure a year long selection process before being accepted.

They moved, then, to a house on the campus of a Theological College in Southgate, North London, where Alistair would spend two years successfully studying his Diploma in Theology.

"It was hard going back to studying," Alistair says. Pippa adds, "It was a radical change going from two salaries and a com-

pany car to living on a grant."

After graduation the couple moved again, this time to Braintree in Essex, where Alistair became Curate. He describes it now as, "working as a trainee, an assistant vicar's job."

Three and a half years later the advertisement that was to bring them to the Falklands caught their attention. More out of curiosity than intent Alistair wrote off for details. Indecision followed. While Alistair likes a change of scenery, Pippa's inclinations are to settle in one place long term.

He says, "I made sure I did not try to influence Pippa. I think I gave her enough space to make up her own mind."

Pippa says, "The job description had Alistair's name written all over it. I wasn't sure I wanted to leave England but I would always

No 'passion' at meeting

IN AN article written for the *Merco Press* news agency under the headline, *Just the Facts: amateur diplomats ban passion in their search for a solution in the South Atlantic*, journalist and Islander, Graham Bound, has examined the aftermath of the recent so-called Falkland Up-date organised by the South Atlantic Council.

Deemed 'by all accounts' a success, the meeting was attended by representatives from the Falklands as well as 'experts from both sides', and was addressed by geologists and oil companies as well as professional fishermen, fishery conservationists and political observers.

The article says that Alisdair Forsyth, a member of the SAC, was impressed by the 'knowledge share at the event', and that he and his colleagues were 'staggered' by the oil experts' and economists' forecasts of the 'fabulous wealth' set to come Islanders' way if oil is found. Mr Forsyth, says the article, was able to perceive how this wealth, 'an estimated £250 a day for every man, woman and child, will become the greatest influence on the lives, values and aspirations of the Islanders'.

Mr Forsyth pointed to the fact that the Argentine senate has not yet ratified the Anglo-Argentine

have felt a failure if we hadn't come."

Their answer to the standard 'first impressions?' question is unequivocal. "People are so helpful here," Alistair says warmly. He cites two immediate examples. When the container with their furniture arrived there were going to be obvious problems getting the heavier items out of it and into the Deanery. The builders, who were just completing some minor works, turned to and assisted with a forklift and personal muscle. And when the family moved into temporary quarters on Allardice Street (until the Deanery was ready for occupation) they found the kitchen cupboards filled with necessities including food.

Alistair is disarmingly open about what happens next. "I have no 'grand plan'," he says, "I simply want to get to grips with what is happening within the church. In general terms I want to help Christians grow into their faith, and perhaps reach people who do not have a Christian faith."

Finally he cleared away any confusion over the title of his position. "I am happy," he says, "to be called Rector, or Chaplain, or, for those with a more formal bent, the Priest in Charge of the Cathedral." But mostly he seems just happy to be here, and most comfortable being addressed simply as 'Alistair'.

oil agreement signed in 1995. Under this, oil found in Falkland's controlled waters will be subject to a 9% royalty payable to FIG with a further 3% payable to Argentina. A future Argentine government, according to Mr Forsyth, could demand a higher royalty. "This is the kind of problem which has to be considered," Mr Forsyth is quoted as saying.

Professor Bulmer-Thomas (also an SAC member) pointed out that though the Islanders' 'intransigence' has not so far proved a barrier to good relations between Argentina and Britain, 'mainly because of the former's determination to pursue a seduction policy....a future Argentine government may not be so sanguine' and then it would be 'British business and the British Government that would pay the price'. The Professor expressed his opinion that the British Government should insist the Islanders behave 'more reasonably' by allowing Argentine tourists to visit the Islands.

Mr Forsyth insists his loyalties are 'entirely with Britain' and says he is pleased that the Falklands Up-date highlighted these 'influential points'. He hopes, the article says, that 'awareness of them will influence thinking in the two countries as well as the Islands.'

Oil build-up continues

STANLEY CSM Limited is continuing its build-up of equipment and materials for the first exploration drilling off the Falkland Islands, with another shipment scheduled to leave Aberdeen Harbour last weekend.

The cargo on board the *Aledsandro* includes a helicopter which, in the first operation of its kind at the port, will be flown directly to a quayside for loading on board the vessel.

Fergus Robertson, CSM's Marketing Director, said on behalf of Stanley CSM: "Our build-up is on schedule, with the first ship-

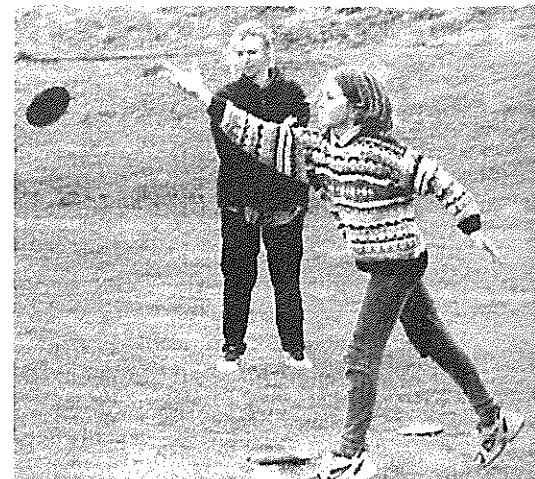
ment well on its way and the second now following. The *Aledsandro* will effectively complete the initial requirements and thereafter it will be a matter of resupplying as required."

The *Aledsandro*, which berthed at the port's deep-water Atlantic Wharf on February 10, loaded 3,500 tonnes of cargo, including pipes, risers, silos, chemicals, tools and offshore containers.

Rotor blades were removed from the Bristow Helicopters S61N helicopter on the quayside before the aircraft was stored on the vessel."



(Juniors) Below right: Christine Hewitt and Joe Coe - Year 5 skipping race. Far right top: Year 6 Sack race Far right: Year 3 tunnel ball



Champs in the making

Schools' Sports days in pictures

A NEW format was introduced this year to the Falkland Islands Community School Sports in an endeavour to get as many pupils competing as possible. In the past, participation was optional which often resulted in slim fields, said PE teacher Rosie Hickey, with the same small group of students competing in all events.

This year participation was compulsory, with pupils competing in six events, all of which were held outside on the sports field on Friday February 13. The pupils, said Miss Hickey, competed with determination and enthusiasm and every competitor who achieved a set standard in each event was awarded a house point. These points go towards a tally for the House Shield, so even though a competitor may not have been in the top placings they still contributed to their House; thus each individual effort truly counted.

At the time of the writing of this article, Ross House was slightly ahead, the winning house being determined on February 19.

The Junior and Infant School sports took place on Monday, February 16, the Juniors using the FICS sports field whilst the Infants competed at the Playing Field on St Mary's Walk.

A report from Reception Teacher, Mrs Alison Liddle, described how the Infant Sports was attended by some very enthusiastic and proud parents and relations.

"It was a grey afternoon, said Mrs Liddle, "with a cool easterly breeze, but it did not dampen spirits and certainly did not effect the performance of the young athletes! Weeks of practice culminated in an afternoon of races and events ranging from a three legged race for the Year 2 children to skilful races involving bean bags on heads for the children from Pre-school. All of the children took part in running races and by the looks of some of the performances there could be a few athletes following in the foot steps of Linford Christie!"

At the end of the day though, in true Olympic fashion, it wasn't the winning or the losing which was important, 'but the taking part.' It was pleasing to see that all the children took part in the right spirit and it didn't matter who took a tumble in the backward race (and there were a few) or who got tangled up and tripped in the three

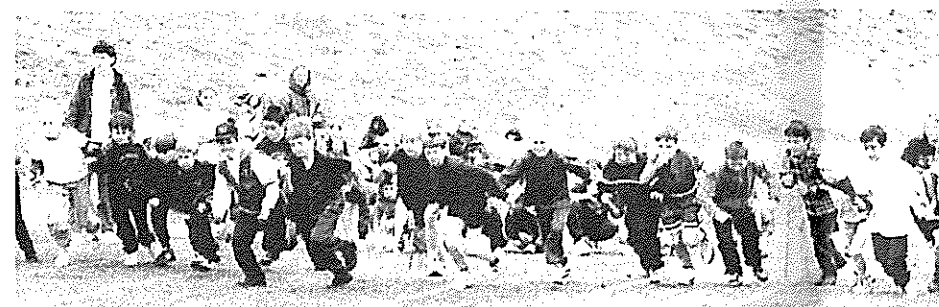
legged race.

All the staff would like to thank the parents who came along to watch and lent their support to both the children and the event as a whole, with particular thanks to the parents who helped at the finishing line - we'd still have been there if it wasn't for them.. (Photographs of the Infant Sports over the page).



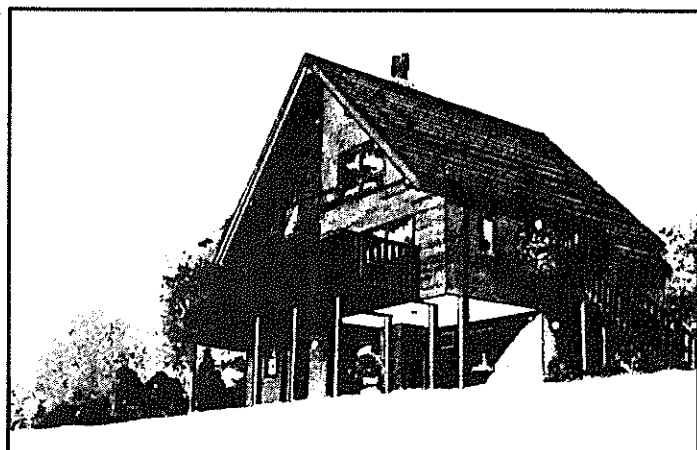
(FICS) Above left: Mark McPhee impresses an audience with his shot put. Top: Samantha Davies and discus. Above: Tamara Morrison leads the senior girls. Left: Long jump - Felicity Clarke. Bottom left: Senior boys high jump. Bottom: Margaret Normand (discus).

(Juniors) Below: Junior boys race. Right: Year 3 skipping race.





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TABERNACLE - free church

Sunday meetings: 10am and 7pm, ARK Bookshop: Saturdays 2-4pm Minister: Mike Mitchelmore 21787

St. MARY'S

SUNDAY: 10am (MPA 6.30pm), Week days: 9am; Sat. also 5pm

St. CUTHBERT'S (MPA)

SUN: 8am Holy Communion; 10.30am Eucharist/Morning worship; 6.30pm Holy Mass; MON: 6.30am Mass WED: 7.30pm Holy communion; 8pm Bible Study Tel: 74350

BAHA'IFAITH

For information on meetings please ring Tel: 21957 (evenings)

TIDES AROUND THE ISLANDS

The times and heights of high and low tides (in metres) at Stanley. Time given is Stanley time.

For Camp, make the following changes: February 22 0215 1.4 WED 0511 1.7 0920 0.6 1139 0.3 1605 1.2 1814 1.5 2114 0.9 2341 0.6 Sunrise 0607 Sunrise 0613 Sunset 2003 Sunset 1956

February 23 0876 1.4 THURS 0557 1.8 1015 0.5 1220 0.2 1700 1.3 1849 1.5 2215 0.8 0021 0.4 Sunrise 0609 Sunrise 0614 Sunset 2000 Sunset 1954

February 24 0422 1.6 FRI 0644 1.9 1058 0.4 1301 0.2 1739 1.4 1926 1.6 2258 0.7 Sunrise 0616 Sunrise 0605 Sunrise 0611 Sunset 2005 Sunset 1958 Sunset 1952

CLUBS AND CONTACTS

BADMINTON CLUB Mondays/Thursdays 7-9pm Liz Burnett, Tel: 21770 or Rene Rowlands, Tel 21161

SQUASH CLUB Thursdays 5-9pm Contact Dik Sawle Tel 21414

NETBALL CLUB Tuesdays 6-8pm, Wednesday 6-7pm All are welcome Contact Sarah Allan 22119

THE FI GUN CLUB New members welcome Contact Ped Tel: 21663 or Graham Didlick 21622 P.O. Box 540

F.I. RIFLE ASSOCIATION Contact Secretary G Cheek, 21402

STANLEY GOLF CLUB Competitions on Sunday at 8.45 am. Contact Mike Summers on tel: 21542

FI MOTORCYCLE ASSOC. All queries & Information on races etc contact Andrew Newman 21606 or Rowena Summers 21015

YMCA Accommodation available Contact Terry Peck 21074

ASTHMA SUPPORT GROUP

Meets second Tuesday of every third month in Day Centre at 5pm Contact Graham France on 21624

FALKLAND ISLANDS RED CROSS ASSOCIATION New members welcome. Contact Secretary Irene Baker 20839 or Chairman Nick Hadden, 21014

GUILD OF SPINNERS, WEAVERS & HANDICRAFTS Meetings on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm Contact Marj McPhee, tel: 21106

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Monday/Thursday

2.30pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday

1.30 - 3.30pm

Tuesday/Friday

3.00pm - 5.00pm

MUSEUM

Tuesday - Friday

10.30 - 12 noon / 2.00 - 4.00pm

Sunday

10.00 - 12 noon

TREASURY

Monday - Friday

8am - 12 noon / 1.15 - 3.00pm

Leisure Centre 'Camp Sports Week' Times - Further information/Bookings: tel 27291

Day	Pool	Courts
Monday	10.00 - 12.00 Public 12.00 - 1.00 Lane Swimming 2.00 - 4.00 Public 5.00 - 7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults	10.00 - 9.00 Public (10 - 12 and 2.00 - 4.00 half price children)
Tuesday	12.00 - 1.00 Lanes 2.00 - 4.00 Public 5.00 - 7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults	10.00 - 12.00 Parents/Toddlers 12.00 - 9.00 Public (2.00 - 4.00 half price children)
Wednesday	10.00 - 12.00 Public 12.00 - 1.00 Lanes 2.00 - 4.00 Public 5.00 - 7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults 8.00 - 9.00 Ladies	10.00 - 11.00 Junior Active 11.00 - 2.00 Public 2.00 - 3.00 Senior Active 3.00 - 9.00 Public
Thursday	4.00 - 8.00 Public 8.00 - 9.00 Adults	10.00 - 9.00 Public (10.00 - 12.00 & 2.00 - 4.00 half price children)
Friday	10.00 - 11.30 Parents/Toddlers 12.00 - 1.00 Lanes 2.00 - 4.00 Public 5.00 - 7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults	10.00 - 11.00 Jun. Active 11.00 - 2.00 Public 2.00 - 3.00 Sen. Active 3.00 - 9.00 Public
Saturday	10.00 - 4.00 Public 4.00 - 5.00 Adults 5.00 - 6.00 Private Hire	10.00 - 6.00 Public
Sunday	11.00 - 6.00 Public 6.00 - 7.00 Adults	10.00 - 6.00 Public

Contact David McLeod Phone:

20836 (day), 20843 (home)

RUNNING CLUB Meets Wednesday 5.30pm, contact Tracy Porter 21574

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Meets 1st Monday every month @

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persons welcome. Contact A Geach,

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infor 21454 or 27222.

STANLEY SHORT MAT BOWLS

CLUB Friday 7-9pm Sundays 4-

5pm. Contact Angela Lee on 21762

or M. Humphreys on 22028

JELLY TOTS CLUB meets Mon-

days, Wednesday and Fridays at the

Day Centre from 2.30 - 4pm. All

welcome

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Day Centre KEMH Tuesdays 9.30-

11.30am. Contact Miranda

Cheek Health Visitor 27418

Your BFBS Television programmes

SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

6.50 THE WINTER OLYMPICS Continued coverage of the XVIII Winter Olympic Games from Ngano, Japan. Further Olympic coverage continues later in the day in Grandstand
10.00 LIVE AND KICKING
1.15 GRANDSTAND Including: News summary; Live Five Nations Rugby Union between Scotland and France from Murrayfield; Racing from Chepstow; Football Focus; and a full round-up of the rest of the day's sporting events
5.30 INTERNATIONAL RUGBY England v Wales
6.20 CLASSIFIED FOOTBALL RESULTS
6.30 TOP OF THE POPS
6.55 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
7.05 BIG BREAK
7.35 TRACEY TAKES ON
8.00 NOEL'S HOUSEPARTY
8.50 CASUALTY Baz Hayes, visiting her solicitor for advice on moving away from Holby for a new job, is taken hostage by Tony McLaughlin, who is obsessed with finding his wife and child
9.40 FILM: FALLING DOWN (1992, 18) Action thriller starring Michael Douglas. When William Foster finds himself in a rush-hour freeway gridlock, the heat of the day and the frustration of his empty life finally make him snap
11.25 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.50 MATCH OF THE DAY

SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

5.30 THE WINTER OLYMPICS
8.20 MATCH OF THE DAY
9.30 BREAKFAST WITH FROST
10.30 BODGER AND BADGER
10.45 MEN IN BLACK
11.10 BLUE PETER
11.35 SHORT CHANGE
12.05 SONGS OF PRAISE
12.40 THE WHITBREAD: THE WORLD'S GREATEST OCEAN RACE
1.10 THE CHART SHOW
2.00 NEWS
2.10 BROOKSIDE What will happen when Ron clashes with the social security?
3.20 THIS IS YOUR LIFE
3.50 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW
4.35 THROUGH THE KEYHOLE
5.00 FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP Newcastle United v Leeds United
6.55 ANIMALS IN UNIFORM (New)
7.25 BLIND DATE
8.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
8.30 HEARTBEAT
9.25 A VERY BRITISH COUP
11.05 PARKINSON
12.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
12.15 RUGBY EXPRESS

MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 CATS' EYES 10.15 NUMBERTIME 10.30 THE MIX 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING
1.15 TOTS TV Followed by: BFBS WEATHER REPORT
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Billy acquires a poolside fan club
2.15 CATCHPHRASE
2.40 HOLIDAY
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.45 SPIDER
3.50 THE FORGOTTEN TOYS
4.05 TOM AND VICKY
4.15 DENNIS THE MENACE
4.40 THE REALLY WILD SHOW
5.05 GOOSEBUMPS
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Alf accuses Vinnie of being the graffiti artist
5.45 GAMESMASTER
6.10 WISH YOU WERE HERE
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET Des nears breaking point. Is Ashley setting up a harem at number four? Fred thinks so
7.45 THE BILL Animals: Ackland and Blake investigate a dog-fighting ring
8.10 SAVAGE EARTH
9.05 LONDON'S BURNING Tragedy strikes when Blue Watch rush to rescue two boys trapped in a blazing garage
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY?
10.55 BREAKING POINT
11.35 FILM '98
12.05 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA

TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 FOURWAYS FARM 10.10 STORYTIME 10.25 ZIG ZAG 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW

10.50 KILROY

11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE SLOW NORRIS Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS
2.15 FOOD AND DRINK
2.45 VANESSA
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
3.50 ZZZAP!
4.05 CHUCKLEWOOD CRITTERS (New)
4.30 BLUE PETER
4.55 THE WARD
5.20 HOME AND AWAY The kids are flattered by Pippa's announcement about travelling around the country with Ian
5.45 A QUESTION OF SPORT
6.15 EMMERDALE Mandy feels it's time for a new direction in life
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS Unable to cope with Lorna's strange behaviour. Sarah calls on Kathy's help
7.55 BUGS
8.45 COLTRANE'S PLANES AND AUTOMOBILES
9.10 DARK SKIES
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 THE BEST SHOW IN THE WORLD...PROBABLY
11.00 INSIDE STORY From London to a Triad-controlled black market in the Far East, Inside Story probes one of the world's most organised smuggling rings to expose a lucrative and violent illegal tobacco trade
11.50 TARTAN EXTRA

WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 CATS' EYES 10.15 TVM 10.30 QUEST 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 POTAMUS PARK followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Ruth's overnight quest causes a stir. Anne's art reveals more than Billy intended
2.15 RICK STEIN'S FRUITS OF THE SEA
2.45 THE CLOTHES SHOW
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with THE BLOBS
3.45 BLAZING DRAGONS
3.55 CONAN THE ADVENTURER
4.20 SHARP PRACTICE
4.40 HOW 2
5.00 OUT OF TUNE (New)
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Kylie is surprised to find she is jealous of Paula
5.45 TOMORROW'S WORLD
6.15 EMMERDALE Emma takes pity on a dying horse. A drunken Roy wants to know who the father of Kelly's baby is
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET Des is driven to desperate lengths in a last ditch attempt to make Samantha stay
7.45 THE BILL Performance Anxiety: Detectives and uniformed police officers compete against each other in a race to solve the most crimes
8.10 YOU'VE BEEN FRAMED
8.40 FA CUP FIFTH ROUND REPLAY Barnsley v Manchester United
9.35 FRIENDS
10.35 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.05 FILM: ONE OF HER OWN Drama based on a true story, starring Lori Loughlin and Martin Sheen
12.30 THE ADAM AND JOE SHOW

THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 STOP, LOOK, LISTEN 10.10 LANDMARKS
10.30 STAGE ONE 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE RIDDLERS Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Darren and Libby pull together in a crisis
2.15 THE WARTIME KITCHEN AND GARDEN (New)
2.45 VANESSA
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.45 HUBBUB
4.00 CARTOON TIME Featuring Bugs Bunny
4.10 HIGHLANDER
4.30 BLUE PETER
4.55 THE O-ZONE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Diana tells Lachie she is disappointed that he is compromising his ambitions for Chloe
5.45 TOP GEAR (New)
6.15 EMMERDALE Zak worries Sam is getting ideas above his station
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 VETS IN PRACTICE
7.25 EASTENDERS Huw is convinced it's his lucky day and persists in

BFBS Television programmes (cont)

trying to win his fortune

7.55 STRANGE BUT TRUE
8.20 DISASTER Tonight, the Christinaki which was caught in Force 12 winds in the Atlantic in 1994
8.50 POND LIFE
9.00 THE FAST SHOW
9.30 HOTEL
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 TOM JONES
11.25 THE SOUTH BANK SHOW
12.15 THE STAND UP SHOW

FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 MATHSBOOK 10.10 RAT-A-TAT-TAT 10.25 LOOK AND READ 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 POTAMUS PARK Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Toadie makes a mess of his work experience
2.15 ALL OVER THE SHOP
2.40 COMEDY CLASSIC: PORRIDGE
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM

YOUR PROGRAMMES FROM F.I.B.S.

SATURDAY 21

6.00 News BFBS
6.03 Music Fill
6.16 Children's story - Danny Fox
6.30 Children's Corner - request programme
7.30 News and Sport from five live
7.40 Weather.Flights.Announcements
8.00The Navy Lark
8.28 Rpt Weather & Flights
8.30 Part 3 The Bees lost Beatles tapes
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.20 Music Fill
9.30Bookclub - Skin tight
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News BFBS
SUNDAY February 22
5.00 News: BFBS
5.03 Music fill
5.15 Dessert Island Discs with Mitsuko Uchida
6.00 Music Fill
6.30 Weather, flights, announcements
7.00 Church Service- St Mary's
8.00Wet Wet Wet Album Special
8.15 Folk Music Show
8.30 Repeat Weather & Flights
8.45 Folk Music Show
9.00 News Desk
9.28 Rpt. Weather & Flights
9.30 Dracula
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News BFBS
MONDAY February 236
10.03 Morning show
12.00 News and Sport BFBS

12.06News Midday
12.09 Music fill
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30B.F.B.S Programmes
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
6.00 Country Crossroads
6.30Comedy - P.G. Woodhouse
7.00 The Goons CD collection
7.30 News and Sport
7.35Weather.Flights.Announcements
8.00 Chemical brothers in concert
8.30 Multi strack hit list from BBC World Service
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt Weather and Flights
9.30 Jazz a la lee
10.00 News BFBS

TUESDAY February 24

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12.30 BFBS Programmes
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5.30 News from St. Helena
5.45 Calling the Falklands
6.00News Magazine
6.30 Paul Weller in concert
7.30 News and Sports
7.35Weather,Flights,Announcements
8.00 Past hits

3.50 THE LITTLEST PET SHOP
4.00 ARTHUR
4.25 MIKE & ANGELO
4.50 THE WEEK ON NEWSROUND
5.00 AQUILA
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Vinnie tries everything but cannot get together enough money to repay Rod
5.45 GLADIATORS
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS
7.55 DES O'CONNOR TONIGHT
8.45 DANGERFIELD Starring Nigel Le Vaillant. Marty enjoys a night of passion with Jojo, while Dangerfield is called to examine three teenage boys found in possession of ecstasy tablets
9.35 THIRD ROCK FROM THE SUN
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 SHOOTING STARS
11.00 THIEFTAKERS
11.50 TFI FRIDAY
12.45 CRICKET Highlights coverage of the Fourth Test - West Indies v England
Billings correct at time of going to press, but subject to change until actual transmission. Tune into BFBS Radio/Television for updates

B.F.B.S. RADIO WEEKLY PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

98.5FM

SATURDAY 0000Drum & Bass0200Steve Mason0400In Concert 0500 Forces Finest with Damian Watson 0700 Weekend Gold0800 Breakfast Show 1000The Score with Francis Collings 1400 Mark Page 1600 Weekend Gold1800 David Rodigan 2000 Drum & Bass 2200 Richard Allinson
SUNDAY 0000 Late Night Love in 0200 Mark Page 0400 Bob Harris 0700 Weekend Gold 0800 UK Sunday Breakfast 1000 Forces Finest 1200 James Watt 1400 Richard Allinson1600 Bob Harris 1900 In Concert 2000 Rock Show2200 John Peel
MONDAY 0000 Weekend Gold 0200 In Concert0200 Rockumentary 0300 Connect '98 0500 Early Breakfast0600 Breakfast Show 0900 BFBS Gold1000 FIBSMorning Show 1230 The Afternoon Shift1800 BFBS Gold 1900 Jamie Gordon with Full Top 40 (Mondays only), New Dance, Indie and Pop, interviews and live music session2200 Aidan Donovan
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WEDNESDAY 0000Aidan Donovan continued0100 John Peel0300 - 0000As Monday
THURSDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued0100 The Rockshow0300 - 2000 As Monday
FRIDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued 0100 Richard Allinson 0300-1800 As Monday 1800-2000Gurkha Programmes 2000 Andy Wright 2200 Friday Dance

CHANNEL2

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SATURDAY 0000On Stage & Kaleidoscope0100On Stage0200Newsday & Features from BBC World Service0300 A Taste of N Ireland 0400 Today from BBC Radio 4 0600 Radio 4 News and Sport0630 Counterpoint0700 Meridian from BBC W/S0730

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1982, will be for more than two days.

He will have a meeting with businessmen: another with bankers and he will also have a working meeting with Blair, who will also hold a dinner in his honour.

The audience with Queen Elizabeth II is only a formal aspect of the visit, but the Argentine Foreign Ministry considers it important from the symbolic point of view, to reinforce the idea that the bilateral relations are consolidating in spite of the pending conflict concerning the sovereignty of the Falklands which, as it was ratified here yesterday by Cook, will not be on the agenda of the meetings to be held by Menem.

The reception which is given by the Queen to foreign leaders, displays splendour when it is a State visit, but Menem's will only be an official one.

When the invitation from the United Kingdom was confirmed, opposition leaders said that the President should not travel until the British accept to negotiate the sovereignty of the Islands, which is an issue they refuse to discuss since they won the war.

One of the consequences of the conflict is the ban to purchase arms, which was imposed upon Argentina by the British.

That is one of the issues Di Tella hopes to be solved during Menem's visit.

The lifting of the ban would be another symbolic measure, because the extra-NATO alliance of Argentina with United States grants Argentina the possibility of purchasing spare parts and also disposable material from the Pentagon.

In fact, the United Kingdom has already relaxed the restrictions about military issues but it maintains the Mount Pleasant base in the islands, which was built at the end of the war, where there are approximately 2000 soldiers, an amount similar to the population of the Islands.

During last January, the British Defence Ministry refuted the possibility of substantially reducing the number of military forces who are stationed in the South Atlantic Islands. He only confirmed the replacing of 200 soldiers by a similar number of Nepal Gurkha soldiers.

To open up communications

At the end of the war, islanders cut off all communication with the Continent: They suspended all flights and prohibited any citizen carrying an Argentine passport into the Falklands.

Re-establishing communications is another of the issues Argentina intends to discuss.

The Foreign Office, on its part, wants to negotiate a long term fishing agreement in the South Atlantic, which is being claimed by islanders. The main source of income in the Falklands is from the sale of fishing licences.

**FALKLAND ISLANDS
GOVERNMENT OFFICE -
PRESS CUTTINGS**

SUMMARY OF WORLD BROADCASTS - 18 FEBRU- ARY 1998

President Menem does not rule out seeking re-election in 1999

Anillaco, 14th February: President Carlos Menem today again expressed his confidence that the Justicialist Party (PJ) will win the 1999 elections and he warned that, if the Frepaso-UCR (Front for a Country in Solidarity-Radical Civic Union) alliance wins the elections, "it would be truly disastrous for the country."

"We are sure we will win the 1999. Yet, if the opposition alliance wins, it would be truly disastrous for the country," said Menem during a news conference in his hometown.

The president said: "Look at what is happening right now, some opposition politicians have no notion of what must be done to continue the successful development the country has been experiencing," which no-one could deny or argue against. "The Argentine people are not stupid and to throw away all we have built during the last 10 years would be really suicidal," said Menem.

Asked about the criticism that members of the opposition alliance were themselves making regarding UCR Deputy Rodolfo Terragno, Menem said that the criticism, "is part of their primaries, which we also have." He added that, "it was Terragno who most promoted the alliance from the beginning, even when (Raul) Alfonsin and others were totally against it."

Asked about a possible second re-election, Menem answered: "If the Supreme Court authorized me, I would consider it; but I wish the constitution would authorise me to do so." He added: "If the constitution allows me and if the people asked me, I would. What would I gain if I were authorized and the people did not want me to run?"

Menem did not rule out the possibility of meeting Buenos Aires Governor Eduardo Duhalde "this week". Commenting on his relations with Duhalde, Menem said: "Our disagreements deal with the form rather than with the substance of our relations. Duhalde is one of the best candidates but his nomination must be approved not only by part members but by non-members as well because the PJ is the only party that has a great respect for democracy," he said.

Menem rejects "rumours" of seeking re-election

Buenos Aires, 16th February, President Carlos Menem today denied any intention of seeking re-election. He specified that he was not encouraging any, "judicial or political initiative," and deplored the "ill faith" of some opposition leaders.

Menem states this in an open letter addressed to the Argentine people, the text of which was issued tonight by Government House and is entitled: "Speculation is the means, fabrication is the end."

Menem explains that the con-

stitution "does not allow" re-election. He attributed rumours of his "re-election" to, "the irresponsible tendency of capriciously interpreting my statements, of attributing to me intentions which I have not expressed, attitudes which are not mine," and the "ill faith" of the opposition which "reacts to impressive headlines without bothering to read the text." Menem states: "I am besieged almost daily by the legitimate probing of the media and I limit myself to answering and re-asserting questions on the same subject." He explains: "One may think, and justifiably so, that inadvertently in that dialogue one may cite an erroneous concept that calls for a necessary explanation. This is not the case, however; I have repeatedly reiterated my intention of retiring in 1999 and trying my luck again in 2003."

Menem also rejects speculation about "his alleged desire to seek re-election in 1999 for another term." Moreover, he compares the attitude of Frepaso-UCR (Front for a Country in Solidarity-Radical Civic Union alliance) leaders to "the little boy who cries 'wolf' to divert attention and in this case to recover artificially a political role."

The president also asserts that "the expansion wave is so virulent that, unfortunately, it also confounds some Justicialist Party militants." Menem adds that the statement he made on 14th February - during a news conference in Anillaco which spurred rumours about his re-election - was in answer to, "recurrent questions on the issue."

He explains: "During a news conference last weekend the same scene was repeated. However, this time I was answering a question about an eventual authorization allowing me to seek re-election, either through a Supreme Court resolution or through the constitution." He states: "I categorically replied that I would accept such eventuality if the constitution is amended. What is more - and always in response to a theory raised by the reporter - I explained that even in the case of such an eventuality I would seek re-election only with the people's consent and if they request it."

He believes this is a frank and unequivocal answer. However, he said that when he was asked if he felt politically banned and he answered "I did, but by the constitution," he read in the next day's newspapers endless diatribe and complicated assessments attributing to him illegitimate and authoritarian vested intentions...

He believes, "the leaders of the alliance should concentrate on cooling the atmosphere that followed their internal elections, resolve their disputes and as soon as possible offer society a coherent government programme with immediate results in the light of the 1999 elections..."

Source: Telam news agency, Buenos Aires

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RECORD CROP- IN ARGENTINA

In spite of *El Nino* and some regional flooding Argentina expects a record crop of 61 million tons of cereals for the 97/98 season, seven more million tons than the previous 96/97 record. According to the estimates Argentina will harvest 14 million tons of wheat 16.5 million tons of corn, 5.8 million tons of sunflower and record harvests of rice and cotton. The record is very impressive since the area planted actually decreased 3%. Farming has become again one of the most dynamic industries of Argentina with investments of nine billion US dollars during 1997.

"We still have a long way to go since we're short in technology. For example in Argentina there's a tractor for every 240 acres, in the United States every 100 and in Europe for every 30 acres," stressed Felipe Sola, Secretary of Agriculture. Agricultural exports during 1997 were equivalent to 14.4 billion US dollars that is 57% of Argentina's total sales overseas.

Falkland Wool Growers Ltd. WOOL MARKET REPORT FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY 1998

The Australian Eastern Market Indicator (EMI) was helped by wools finer than 21 microns at auction and rose 18 cents from last week's low, to close this week at 637 A cents. None of the Australian auctions offered more than 10,000 bales; Japanese interests led the buying, resulting in clearances of 84 percent or more. The Australian 24 micron EMI closed at 564 cents/Kg, which at today's exchange rate of 2.43 A\$/£ converts to 232 pence/Kg. New Zealand wool prices were again lower, with their indicator a cent/kg down to 416 cents. Wools of New Zealand reported that fine wool prices eased significantly at yesterday's sale at Christchurch; the medium halfbred segment retreated by 15 cents to 557 (199 p/kg); whilst crossbreds which made up 42 percent of the offering, were generally unchanged. Wool International has met its targets for this quarter, with the stockpile now at about 1.3 billion bales.

CURRENCIES
Early this week the pound weakened against the Australian and New Zealand dollars however the trend reversed mid-week, when the Bank of England announced that interest rates may well have to rise further.

MARKETS
Analysts suggest for the current week that, "While this background is certainly more encouraging, uncertainty and caution continue to dominate; with underlying demand influences still on balance negative." Mills report limited new demand, which is inevitably reflected by their current buying activities. Wool prices are particularly being affected by the lower sterling prices of competing high quality wools from New Zealand, but also by cheap Falklands wool still on sale from last season competing against new season wools: with the prices and quantities on sale remaining little changed.

AGENCY
The *Pantelis K* docks next week. The *Anne Boye's* ETA is in a fortnight; its lotting is in full progress.

The Agency found some firm enquiries this week and continues to seek out higher priced sectors of the current market.

Thanks for the Farm Bale Specifications received this week.



Penguin News Current Affairs Supplement



Argentina CLARIN 10/2/98 Falklands and Gibraltar: Both faces of the same coin

Argentina and Spain would be willing to share sovereignty of their territories occupied by Great Britain. The success of the formula cannot be expected, but the close ending of all colonial situation can be.

Maintaining colonial positions in Europe with community partners would seem up until today old-fashioned. A few weeks ago, the British tried to block, unsuccessfully, the new NATO structure in case Spain did not lift restrictions concerning the airport and naval base in Gibraltar. The English conservatives, led by Michael Howard, accused the Labour government of not adequately defending British interests.

What is true is that it is difficult to maintain colonial reasoning in Europe and express it in parliamentary debates in Brussels. Maintaining positions such as that of the Gibraltar rock in these conditions would mean to Great Britain isolate itself from the European continent.

The Spanish offer is ample and generous. In as much as it would give autonomy and other benefits to the inhabitants of Gibraltar, as well as eradicating from there a centre swarmed with smuggling and money laundering. Meanwhile, in London, the House of Commons is studying what kind of political representation the inhabitants of Gibraltar would be given by Westminster. Nonetheless, every year, Spaniards and Brits meet to deal with matters related to the sovereignty within the frame dominated Brussels Pact" agreed upon in 1984.

The sovereignty dispute between Great Britain and Spain over the Gibraltar rock has become important in the Argentine Republic. Today, both countries are considering proposing to Great Britain a kind of "shared sovereignty" in spite of the fact that in 1982 the president of the Spanish government Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, defined the Gibraltar conflict as different and distant.

Similarities and differences
"The Rock," the name by which Gibraltar is known in Spain, was militarily occupied by English troops in 1704, during the War of the Succession against the Spanish Crown. Today, the occupation is limited and limited by the Treaty of Utrecht, dating back to 1713.

The Falklands Islands were also occupied in 1833 by English military Forces, commanded by John Onslow. From 1747 to 1811, there were Spanish governors and following the independence they

were succeeded by Argentine governors.

Gibraltar, has today become a fiscal paradise, six kilometres wide, where there are 53,000 (sic) commercial societies many of them dedicated to money laundering. The smuggling of drugs and tobacco reached in 1993, 20% of the Gross Domestic Product according to the London newspaper *The Times*.

The inhabitants of Gibraltar want a seat on the European parliament and that they be granted the right to self-determination. Something similar is what the Kelpers went and it has been reaffirmed by the British Prime Minister, Tony Blair, in his end of year message in which he outlined the security of the Islands and the fishing argument.

The evolution of the British colony in Europe is disturbing. As an, *exclusion zone* exists in the Falklands, in Gibraltar there is a *neutral zone*, which was exceeded/surpassed by the British. They maintain, as well as in the Falkland Islands, that it is impossible to grant sovereignty of the Rock as long as its inhabitants don't want it. The difference of the Falklands is that there the dispute of interests is different, and it is likely that the British, in exchange for a long term fishing agreement will allow formal concessions and consolidate their interests in the zone, having obtained in addition to having obtained an oil agreement, of legal doubtfulness, which affects Argentine interests. It must be outlined that the fishing and oil exploration in the areas around the Falklands, have not been debates or approved in the last nine years in the Argentine parliament, but they have been in the British parliament.

The negotiations concerning the visit of King Juan Carlos of Spain to London have also been "different". Following two years of conversations, a state visit was agreed upon and the specific mention of the sovereignty issue concerning Gibraltar at the British parliament which was televised all around the world. Could Argentina not achieve something like this or have this as background information?

In spite of everything, the results were not very important. The trips serve to show advances which really last a short while. When new negotiations are initiated concerning the matter, it is said that the success is in the bilateral contribution of the visit and in the future prospects.

It is an irrefutable logic: The British foreign policy make its opponents feel the progress which they carry out and then they blow

them apart, also for their interests. With China, it is a "different and distant" thing, but above all it is stronger. The power of Beijing, seems to be illuminating Hong Kong, for which the British because of number and power - maintain due respect.

The Argentine Republic and Spain are willing to share with Great Britain, what naturally belongs to them. The British say that they will do nothing which will affect the Islanders wishes or the inhabitants of Gibraltar. Would the formula of "shared sovereignty" affect or benefit them? Here, the Argentine National Constitution constitutes a limitation for the implementation of the suggested proposal. We hope that someday, we surprise everyone with making this become reality.

Colonisation has definitely reached its end, its arguments have ended and it is lacking meaning - both for the colonised as for the colonisers, in a globalized world, in which economic openings are part of the new international insertion, the territorial claims in the Falklands Islands end the Gibraltar rock, become more and more valid, beyond the uncertainties or errors in the policies which are implemented.

There is still room for optimism.

LA NACION 13/2/98 Queen Elizabeth II will receive Menem.

Object five: Di Tella lie and his British colleague agreed upon a meeting to be held in November, when the President travels to London; the meeting is protocol but the diplomats give it great importance.

PANAMA

On the agenda during President Menem's visit to the United Kingdom a meeting with Queen Elizabeth II already scheduled, it will be held at one of the palaces belonging to the British royalty, it was informed here by Argentine diplomats.

Menem will travel to London in November, but Argentine Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella and British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook were not able to give the precise date because the Queen does not arrange any appointments more than five months in advance.

The preparations for the visit were the main topic in the conversation which Di Tella and Cook held yesterday (Thursday) that lasted nearly an hour. Yesterday, at noon the two Foreign Ministers left separately the room where the European Union and Rio Group meeting was taking place they walked one block and then they met in a suite at the Caesar Hotel, where they are both staying.

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They reviewed together the issues on the bilateral agenda and they also talked about the crisis caused because of Saddam Hussein's refusal to allow United Nations inspectors to carry out their work at the locations where chemical and nuclear arms are kept.

When *La Nacion* asked British Foreign Secretary - during the press conference which he gave here about this event, he said that President Menem's visit is being waited for "with great expectation," but he made it clear that the dispute over the sovereignty of the Falklands would not be discussed and he insisted on the fact that the future of the archipelago, "would depend on the Islanders wishes."

Cook also said that Argentine and British troops are going to carry out exercises together under the United Nations peace keeping forces' guidelines." He also said that, "this is a signal of the good bilateral relations between our countries."

Gratitude

When talking about the crisis in Iraq, Cook "thanked" Di Tella because of Argentine support to the countries that are sending military forces to the Persian Gulf, to put pressure on Saddam Hussein.

The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Tony Blair, was the first world leader to support the military solution to the conflict, which was instigated by Bill Clinton.

Last Friday Menem said that Argentina was willing to accompany the United States, but he did not make clear if the political support would include sending troops to the conflict area.

When *La Nacion* asked Di Tella about an immediate Argentine decision recording the matter, he refused to comment.

In the Royal Palace.

Menem's visit to Great Britain, the first one of an Argentine President since the Falklands war, in



British press Headline stories: Feb 16 - Feb 19

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY 1998 IRAQ CRISIS

All of today's papers continue to concentrate on various aspects of the crisis over Iraq. *The Times* lead story, headlined 'British Alert over Saddam Terror Strike,' says the authorities are drawing up contingency plans in case President Hussein attempts to use biological or chemical agents for attacks in Britain. *The Independent*, in its lead story, says grave doubts remain in the minds of military officers about the purpose of an airstrike against Iraq, especially in the light of likely civilian casualties. *The Guardian* raises the same point, saying civilian casualties could be worse than in the 1991 Gulf War. It adds that the other crucial, though unspoken, objective would be to kill Saddam Hussein. The problem, it adds, would be in tracking down the man who never sleeps in the same place two nights in a row. *The Financial Times* says senior members of the Iraqi opposition are pressing the US Government to adopt a strategy to overthrow President Hussein, which they hope will avoid the threatened military strike against the country.

INDIAN ELECTIONS

Several papers cover the beginning today of voting in India. *The Daily Telegraph* calls then the elections nobody wants, in which few feel they have a stake and which will almost certainly fail to bring the peace and political stability craved by the country's hundreds of millions of voters. *The Independent* says the result will most likely be another hung parliament and another fragile coalition. And *The Financial Times* says the next government will be kept inward looking by the sheer task of governing the world's most disparate democracy.

PRINCESS DIANA

One of the main British stories is the criticism by the Prime Minister, Tony Blair, for what he calls tacky and inappropriate souvenirs sold in memory of Princess Diana. The tabloid *Mirror* quotes angry fans of the Princess defending their right to buy the dolls, books, stamps and dishes adorned with Diana's face. One says they should be able to remember her in any way they like. And the *Guardian*, in an editorial, says Mr Blair's approach is badly flawed. It says all humanity's most cherished icons have been transformed into trinkets and junk; you just have to witness the trade in crucifix bric-a-brac in Bethlehem or the papal keyrings on sale in Rome.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 1998 MOVES TO EXPEL SINN FEIN

The British Government's moves to expel Sinn Fein from the Northern Ireland peace talks, because of the

IRA's assumed involvement in two recent killings, has also attracted substantial comment. *The Daily Telegraph* calls Sinn Fein a bunch of brutal playground bullies who simply cannot fit in with the ethos of democratic politics. And the *Daily Mail*, in its editorial, says the Northern Ireland secretary, Mo Mowlam, has patented a macabre procedure to keep the peace talks stuttering on as the funeral corteges pass by.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 1998 PARLIAMENT DEBATES IRAQ CRISIS

The Government, as expected, won a parliamentary vote supporting its position on Iraq. The Government provided an opportunity for debate by moving a motion condemning Iraq's refusal to comply with United Nations Resolutions. It made clear Britain was determined to use 'all necessary means' to resolve the crisis over access for United Nations weapons inspections in Iraq to proceed. Even with some members from the governing Labour party voting against military action, the result of the vote was never in doubt.

The Government is acutely aware that the issues surrounding military action in Iraq are far less clear-cut than at the time of the Gulf war back in 1991. It initiated this debate to provide a further opportunity to air the arguments in favour of possible air strikes. And although the Government is empowered to go to war without consulting parliament, Ministers accept that MPs should have the chance to hold the Government's approach up to public scrutiny. Opening the debate, the Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, pointed to the valuable work of United Nations weapons inspectors in combating Iraq's long range missiles and its nuclear weapons programme. But he said they had been impeded in dealing with chemical and biological weapons. He said any solution which left Saddam Hussein with his present capability would not be a peaceful solution.

Although there is broad cross-party support for this stance, fourteen MPs from the governing Labour party have backed a proposal which argues against military strikes, which they say would be a breach of the United Nations Charter. They want a solution which involves the acceptance of inspection teams by Saddam Hussein and the simultaneous lifting of sanctions on Iraq. One of the leading rebels, Tony Benn, said air strikes would only make matters worse.

EU COMMON FOREIGN & SECURITY POLICY

The major political groups in the European Parliament have sharply criticised Britain for its handling of the Iraq crisis. They say that, as EU Presi-

dent, it has failed to achieve a European consensus on the issue, and accuse Britain of operating as a single country rather than the representative of fifteen. They are calling on Britain to formulate a joint policy which increases diplomatic pressure on Iraq. But they say any new steps, including the use of force, should only be taken after being discussed by the UN Security Council. MEPs are deeply disappointed that once again the EU is facing a major international crisis without a strongly defined common policy.

SINN FEIN TAKES LEGAL ACTION OVER TALKS SUSPENSION

The political wing of the IRA, Sinn Fein, is beginning a legal battle to avoid being suspended from taking part in the Northern Ireland peace talks. The party says it is applying to a judge for an injunction to stop the move. The British Government called for Sinn Fein to be suspended after police in Northern Ireland linked the IRA to two recent killings there. No final decision has been taken, but most people believe the suspension is inevitable. Sinn Fein may believe it has grounds for legal action because no detailed evidence has been made public linking the IRA to the killings.

This is Sinn Fein's last throw of the dice. The party is now trying to find a judge who will grant an injunction blocking an announcement of the expulsion later today. The grounds for the injunction are unclear. But it seems as if Sinn Fein is objecting to the fact that it has not been presented with detailed evidence linking the IRA to the two fatal shootings, and linking Sinn Fein to the IRA. Sinn Fein's Chairman, Mitchell McLaughlin, said the British Government's 'indictment of the party did not stand up to scrutiny.'

The situation is far from clear-cut. Even if Sinn Fein were to get an injunction, the ruling would not necessarily carry any weight when the talks re-convene on Monday, the other side of the border in Belfast. This peace process was originally trumpeted as the one which, in contrast to all the others, brought Irish Republicans to the negotiating table. The British and Irish governments are preparing now to move on without them.

CAR TAX CRITICISED

Drivers of small cars in Britain are paying a heavy price to keep bigger, less fuel efficient cars on the road, according to a survey by the environmental group, 'Friends of the Earth'. The road tax on small, fuel efficient vehicles is far higher in Britain than in other European countries said the survey. The group says Britain should adopt policies common in European countries to tax more polluting, less fuel efficient cars more heavily than those which are less damaging. All cars in Britain under 25 years old are subject to the same 150 pounds a year car tax. 'Friends of the Earth' called for the Government to correct the problem in the next budget.

HELMUT KOHL TO RE- CEIVE FREEDOM OF CITY OF LONDON

Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany, will today become the first European leader to receive the honorary freedom of the City of London. City officials say the award is in recognition of his work in unifying Germany and his achievements as Europe's longest serving leader. Other notable recipients of the honour include such figures as Winston Churchill, Margaret Thatcher and Nelson Mandela. The award ceremony will be attended by the Prime Minister, Tony Blair. The honour is a great prize for Chancellor Kohl, who is urging Britain to join the

new Euro currency after it is launched next year.

WOMEN MPs

A political group credited with significantly boosting the number of women in Parliament has celebrated its fifth anniversary at the Prime Minister's residence at Downing Street. Emily's List, set up by the Labour party but supported by members' subscriptions, helped the election of the largest number of women MPs to date in the general election last May. Twenty per cent of candidates who were on Emily's List became MPs. The Social Security Secretary, Harriet Harman, said the political landscape was now finally representing British society.

FREEMASONS

A senior judge has attacked a government plan to pressure the judiciary to reveal membership of the Freemasons as 'very silly'. The Freemasons are a brotherhood which uses elaborate, secret rituals. The Home Secretary, Jack Straw, has announced that newly appointed judges will in future be required to disclose membership of masonic secret societies. A parliamentary committee has called for greater openness about freemasonry in the justice system to counter suspicions that masons are doing each other favours.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1998 IRAQ CRISIS

Many of the papers give further detailed coverage to the crisis over Iraq, but with the focus more on the human cost of the confrontation and the problems raised by any attack. Both *The Times* and the *Guardian* have pictures of sick Iraqi children, suffering as a result of sanctions against their country. Under the headline 'Babies Sacrificed to One Man's Ego', a *Times* reporter in Baghdad says the death of thousands of Iraqi children has had no effect on President Saddam Hussein. And he surmises that further military action will punish only the innocent. *The Times* also quotes veterans from the Gulf War of 1991, who cast doubt on what good, if any, could be achieved by military action. In a commentary, the *Independent* questions the wisdom of Britain's support for American policy on Iraq, which it says threatens to alienate it from its partners in Europe.

CHANCELLOR KOHL IN LONDON

Britain's relationship with Europe crops up in another story given prominence in several papers - the protests over Chancellor Kohl's visit to London to receive the honorary freedom of the City of London. *The Times* and the *Daily Telegraph* focus on how the Conservative politician, John Redwood, was rebuffed for his attack on the decision to honour the German leader. But the *Independent*'s editorial said only a boorish minority upheld anti-German sentiment; it praised the Chancellor for what it described as his positive and peaceful vision for Europe.

HILLSBOROUGH FOOTBALL STADIUM DISASTER

The Government's decision not to open a new public inquiry into the Hillsborough football stadium disaster in 1989 provokes anger in the *Mirror*. It called for justice to be done for the families of the ninety-six people who were crushed to death in a crowd stampede. *The Sun* showed grieving relatives under the headline 'Nine Years of Tears'. A front page of the *Independent* quoted relatives as saying they were 'disgusted by Labour's cynical betrayal'.



News from South America

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SHETLANDS DRIFTING FROM ANTARCTIC

The South Shetland Islands are gradually drifting away from the Antarctic continent at a rate of one/two centimetres annually according to research undertaken by a joint Chilean-Italian scientific team.

The discovery is the result of an ongoing scientific project that is analysing the separation between South America and the Antarctic peninsula along the Scott's Arch and has now verified the widening of the Bransfield Strait. The team of scientists are headed by Chilean volcanologist Oscar Gonzalez from the University of Chile together with Roberto Mazure Maximo Dorazio and Fancesco Mazzarini from the University of Pisa and the Italian Antarctic Institute. The actual verification took place this season when the Chilean icebreaker *Almirante Oscar Viel* transported the team along the Erebus and Terror Gulf into the Prince Gustav Channel next to the Weddell Sea.

Once on land the scientists were able to verify that the area is dominated by a new fracture and discovered two new volcanic concentrations, one in Cony Island and the second in Devil Island. The point of reference for the project on the South American continent is located in Pali Aike, 100 miles north of Punta Arenas.

PUNTA ARENAS MISSES KOREANS

The Asian crisis has had its impact in the fishing industry and the number of jiggers, mostly Koreans using the Magellan Strait to cross to the South Atlantic has dropped alarmingly.

According to the port authorities of Punta Arenas during the first week of February only three Korean vessels appeared, and navigating along Cape Horn to avoid the 6,000 US dollars in fees to cross through the strait.

"At this time of the year almost one hundred Asian jiggers, sail down from the Peruvian coasts to the South Atlantic to catch squid. And 30% stop over for refuelling and supplies in Punta Arenas, but this season has been a disaster particularly with the Koreans", said Leonardo Castex, president of the local Chamber of Commerce. Each Korean jigger manned by a crew of 30 spends 45/60 days in the area before returning with 300/500 tons of squid. In spite of the Korean absence, the Japanese industry seems to be working normally since ten of the forty vessels expected have already crossed the strait.

According to local businessmen Punta Arenas is also bound to suffer with cargo movement since 50% of all fish shipments have the Far East as their final destination. The local Asmar Magallanes shipyard expects to run into trouble next October when the present backlog is over.

"During 1997 we repaired 46 vessels, of which 23 were foreign, and so far this year we have no orders from the Koreans," explained Esteban Saez, manager of the shipyard. In 1997 1,381 vessels did the biocceanic crossing and in 1996, 1,644 according to the Naval Office in Punta Arenas.

CHILEAN FISH EXPORTS INCREASED 5.7%

SANTIAGO (MP). - Chilean fish exports during 1997 reached almost 1.9 billion US dollars, a 5.7% increase over 1996. Nevertheless the almost historic record is the result of better prices since the actual volume exported decreased 11.1% from 1,520 775 tons to 1,351,851 tons. Prices on the other hand jumped an average 18.9% Fishmeal, (29.5%), and salmon, (35.7%), are the main export items representing 553 and 700 million US dollars in 1997.

Japan is still Chile's principal foreign market with 680 million US dollars, (36.3%), followed by the United States with 329 million US dollars, (17.5%). Both Japan and the US increased their purchases during '97, 10% and 15%, while Mercosur still a minor partner, experimented the largest increase 24%, reaching 56 million US dollars.

LAN TO RENEW FLEET

Lan Chile is discussing the purchase of up to forty Airbuses to renew its short range fleet starting in 2000. The operation involving over 800 million US dollars is to be completed in two stages, 20 beginning next March, and the other 20 in 2003. The models under consideration are the Airbus 319 and 320 and would be delivered five per year.

With the renewed fleet Lan Chile is planning new regular flights to Cordoba Argentina; Caracas, Venezuela; Bahia, Belo Horizonte, Brazil; Bogota, Colombia and Lima, Peru. Lan Chile also announced that 1997 earnings reached 64 million US dollars, a 68% increase over 1996.

ANTARCTIC GEOLOGIC EXPLORATION

The American flag research vessel *Joides Resolution* spent several days in Punta Arenas before sailing for the Antarctic on a several months geologic survey operation.

The vessel belongs to Schulumberger company and has been contracted by the World Geological Institute, an American organization that works closely with American universities and research centres.

The 139 metres *Joides Resolution* has a special drilling tower and sophisticated equipment that allows the vessel to extract samples from the sea bed and even lift rocks. The current three years project, "Ocean Drilling Program," should also help to determine future weather conditions according to Prof. Rainer Gersonde from Germany, head of the scientific expedition.

Basically an oil prospecting vessel, the *Joides Resolution* has a crew of 63 and carries 48 scientists. This is its third visit to Punta Arenas (1986,1990).

MAGALLANES FLOCK BACK TO NORMAL

The Magallanes flock is back to normal according to the number of sheep slaughtered during 1997.

"The 514 thousand sheep butchered last year, mainly lambs and ewes, means we're back to the historic average," said Fernando Baeriswyl the Chilean Ministry of Agriculture representative in the Magallanes region.

In the fall and winter of 1995 severe blizzards killed ten of thousands of sheep and cattle bringing down the production of wool, mutton and lamb.

The 1997 figures mean a 1.7% increase over 1996 when 441,000 sheep were slaughtered. In related affairs the Chilean Minister of Agriculture in a quick visit 10 Punta Arenas, announced that the government would reimburse the cost of dipping and sanitary treatment of flocks given the epidemic of scab in Magallanes and Tierra del Fuego. Mr. Carlos Miadnic nevertheless said the compensation would only apply to farmers with less than 7,000 sheep.

BOOMING TRADE WITH FALKLANDS

SANTIAGO (MP). - Trade with the Falkland Islands is booming according to the Chilean press. In an article published in Santiago's main newspaper *El Mercurio*, from their correspondent in Punta Arenas, the vessel *Tamar* regularly transports supplies to the islands in increasing volumes.

According to the report in the first week of February *Tamar* left for Stanley with a cargo of 300 cases of wine; 1,000 cases of soda and beer; 4,000 kilos of chocolates, marmalades and sweets, 3,500 kilos of potato; 377 kilos of salmon; 30 kilos of shrimp from Ecuador; 600 kilos of sugar; 600 kilos of butter; fifteen cases of frozen food and 2,600 kilos of fresh vegetables and fruit.

CHILEAN TRAWLER FOR NORWAY

VALDIVIA. - The first trawler ever built in Chile contracted by a Norwegian company left for Dramen in the first week of February. The *Christian I. Grotinum* belonging to D.O.F. Shipping from Norway is 74.5 metres long and was built in the Astilleros and Servicios Navales de Valdivia, ASNV. Equipped with some of the most up to date and sophisticated communications and fishing systems the trawler should be fishing in Arctic waters in a couple of months time. The price of the contract was not revealed.

ARTICHOES IN MAGALLANES

Artichokes and aromatic species are some of the alternative crops under research in the experimental station of the Chilean institute of Agricultural Technology in the Magallanes region.

Experts and biologists for the second season running are working at the *Kampenaik* station in the, "vegetable production" project that involves an area of fifteen acres planted with artichokes, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, onions, several kinds of garlic, marjoram, parsley, tarragon, sweet basil.

"We're stressing on those varieties that were successful in the previous season", explained Anhal Cardenas, head of the field experiment.

The essence of the project have been plastic tunnels where the tiny plants are protected from wind and low temperatures at least until they are strong enough to be left on their own.

"At first we were concerned the tunnels would not cope with the wind, but they survived something which even surprised us" indicated Ms. Cardenas.

In spite of the additional labour cost

and investment, "we believe it compensates with productivity, time saving and quality; the artichokes taste superbly," underlined the head of the field project.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS IN PATAGONIA

With renewed hopes and prospects of recovery two important agricultural shows were held in Patagonia, one in Comodoro Rivadavia and the other in Puerto Deseado, province of Santa Cruz.

In Comodoro Rivadavia the governor of the province of Chubut announced that an agreement had been reached with the federal authorities to reschedule debts and grant new soft loans to farmers who had suffered losses because of adverse weather conditions. At provincial level the government promised to condone land levies and other taxes in the emergency areas.

Nevertheless Governor Carlos Maestro also warned that the assistance will eventually come to an end, and farmers must learn to diversify and find other sources of income. In Puerto Deseado the first show to be held in nine years, farmers said they were expecting the Buenos Aires authorities to approve a reduction in interest rates, to condone the unpaid 1995, '96 and '97 taxes, and a labour contract compensation to attract people to work in the camp.

According to Mr. Marcelo Muniagurria, president of the Argentine Rural Confederations, in the province of Santa Cruz there are 1,100 settlements, of which 400 have closed down and another 250 are approaching a similar situation.

The Hudson volcano eruption followed by several years of extreme temperatures that decimated sheep flocks prevented the celebration of the Puerto Deseado show.

INCREASED ACTIVITY IN COMODORO

The port of Comodoro Rivadavia has multiplied its activity by five during the last fifteen months and is currently handling cargo at an annual rate of 45,000 tons.

The extension in 1996 of the port area and the building of a pier with a ten metres draught and over 220 metres of berthing capacity, plus an arched breakwater to contain the impact of strong winds and storms, have turned Comodoro into one of the safest sea terminals in Patagonia.

"The unloading of materials for a cement factory, the sale of titel and the doubling of the fishing activity are some of the factors that have helped to change Comodoro," explained Roberto Caviglia, Manager of the Comodoro Rivadavia Port Administration. Caviglia added that the port now has ample cold storage capacity and several cranes that can operate 60 tons.

The port also has adjacent an industrial site of several acres where YPF has been storing pipes, pumps and other equipment to be used in the construction of an oil loading pier in Caleta Paula, province of Santa Cruz.

"Looking into the future," says Mr. Caviglia, there's a project to build a dry dock that can repair several fishing vessels simultaneously and extract them from the water with a special synchro-lift.

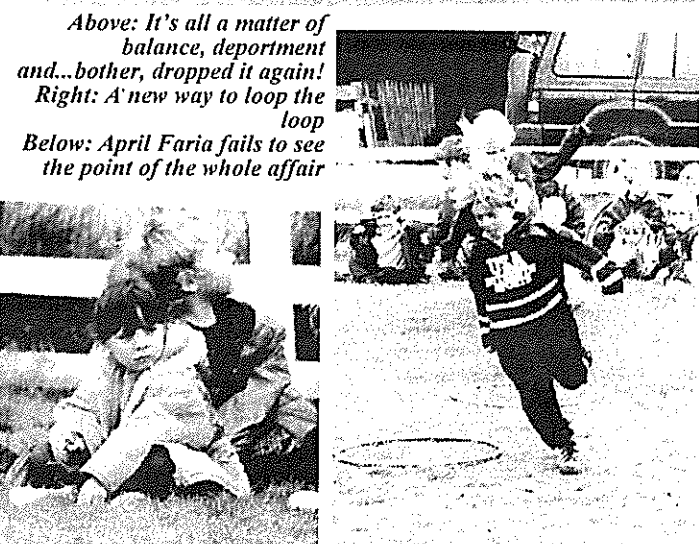
Another possibility is the shipment of 30,000 tons annually of Chilean fish once the biocceanic corridor between Comodoro Rivadavia and Puerto Chacabuco on the Pacific is finished.

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Above: They're off, determination mixed with glee
Below: They went this way, no that way, no...oh run whichever way you want! Jan McGuinness sorts out the runners and riders



Above: It's all a matter of balance, deportment and...bother, dropped it again!
Right: A new way to loop the loop
Below: April Faria fails to see the point of the whole affair

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Lord Montgomery, the Falklands' Nemesis speaks

by Graham Bound for Merco Press

LORD David Montgomery, the controversial British peer who many Falkland Islanders believe could one day be their nemesis, has been speaking out about his feelings for the Islanders, the Argentines and the value of a recent conference about the disputed territory.

In an exclusive interview with the Merco Press correspondent in Britain, Lord Montgomery (who inherited a position in the influential House of Lords following the death of his father, the famous war time Army leader), made very clear his belief that the Islanders are behaving irrationally and unreasonably in refusing to trade with their neighbours or discuss the sovereignty dispute.

The Lord, who has long been a champion of Britain's trading links with South America, and particularly Argentina, completely dismissed the Islanders' claim that they do not need to cooperate with Argentina - or indeed have a relationship of any sort. He said that in fact they do need to work closely with Argentina to ensure the future health of their economy.

Lord Montgomery points out that although the Islanders are wealthy at the moment, thanks to their control of a major fishing industry, the economy is delicate and in danger of collapsing. "Fishing is not a viable industry long term," claims the peer. "Furthermore, an oil industry - if there ever is one - is a very long time downstream."

He suggested that even if good quality oil is discovered off the islands it will generate little or no money for ten years or more. The theoretical period between a collapse of fishing and the pumping of oil could be the time when the islands will desperately need friendship with Argentina.

The situation could be further complicated if gas is discovered instead of oil. The only possible market for gas, he says, would be Argentina. In that case the Islanders would have to mend their bridges with Buenos Aires.

Lord Montgomery has little time for the Islanders' economic strategy, and he is equally dismissive about their political standpoint. He speaks with a degree of sarcasm about the democracy which Islands' leaders proclaim loudly in venues such as the United Nations. He homed in on this theme while in the Islands. "I was very frank when I was there. I went there with the message that if they are really so keen on democracy, that they should agree to meet with other like-minded democrats in Argentina."

Lord Montgomery admitted that his visit to the Islands in December last year did not make him any friends. "For example, the local newspaper, *Penguin News*," he said, "was seriously insulting, but that summed up the attitude of most people from the day I arrived."

But he appears to have enjoyed the combative nature of discussions in the Islands. "I had four splendidly argumentative days there. I was very frank, unlike some people who go there I do not pussy-foot."

The peer was highly critical of most of the Islands' leaders, whom he describes as hard-line. But he evidently has time for one

or two, such as the relatively young councillors, Mike Summers and Lewis Clifton. He describes Mike Summers, for example, as, "extremely sensible and experienced." He is, said Lord Montgomery, "as forward looking as he is allowed to be."

Lord Montgomery accepts that even the more liberal councillors do not favour a completely normal relationship with Argentina as long as Buenos Aires continues to cast covetous glances across the South Atlantic. But, significantly, he also claims to have noticed a difference between the thinking of younger and older people. He says he met a lot of youths, and they seemed less outspoken in their dislike and distrust of the Argentines.

"It's a funny place, the Falklands," he said pensively. "They could hardly be more British. They are an amazing lot of people. There is nowhere in the whole world that is more British than the Falklands."

He disputes the Islanders who say that he learned nothing from his visit, and remains biased against them: "I did learn a lot, and now I understand the Islanders better, but I don't agree with them. The problem is that they think that anyone who does not agree with them does not understand them. That is wrong."

Some Islanders believe that Lord Montgomery's dislike of hard-line Islanders is equalled only by his admiration for the Argentines. But this does not appear to be so. He is critical of the Argentines for continuing to pursue their territorial claim which does not fit in with the profile of the modern country which Argentina aspires to be. "I have always thought that Argentina was wrong to pursue the Islands, they have much more important things to worry about."

Following his return from the Falklands, the peer was involved in a one day conference about the South Atlantic dispute which was attended by British, Argentine and Falklands delegates. He chaired a session examining the area's fishing industries and, reflecting on it, said, "I thought it was most interesting that the discussions were very frank, forthright and friendly."

The "Falklands Up-date" as the conference, or seminar, was called, considered many aspects of industry, economics and politics affecting the Islands, and there were speakers from all sides. It was, he said, an important event, developing and refining the themes of the Argentine British Conferences (ABCs) which have taken place roughly every eighteen months for the last fifteen years. Such is the perceived value of the event that the speeches, questions and answers are being collated and published.

There are no firm plans for more of the "Falkland Up-dates", but Lord Montgomery clearly expects there to be more of these focused events. It would take wild horses to keep the peer away from any meetings on the subject which has preoccupied him for at least fifteen years.

But he has no plans for the Falklands themselves. No doubt with the Islanders' frigid reception in mind, the peer smiled ironically and said, "I've made my first and last visit there."

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Stanley Leisure Centre Opening Schedule Camp Sports Week

Day/Date	Pool	Courts
Mon23 Feb	10-12am Public	10am - 9pm Public
	12am - 1pm Lanes	(10 - 12am and 2 - 4pm half price children)
	2 - 4pm Public	
	5 - 7pm Public	
Tues 24 Feb	7 - 8pm Adults	
	12am - 1pm Lanes	10 - 12am Par and Tod
	2 - 4pm Public	12am - 9pm Public
	5 - 7pm Public	(2 - 4pm half price children)
Wed 25 Feb	7 - 8pm Adults	
	10 - 12am Public	10 - 11am Junior Activ
	12am - 1pm Lanes	11am - 2pm Public
	2 - 4pm Public	2 - 3pm Senior Activ
Thurs 26 Feb	5 - 7pm Public	3 - 9pm Senior Activ
	7 - 8pm Adults	
	8 - 9pm Ladies	
	4 - 8pm Public	10am - 9pm Public
Fri 27 Feb	8 - 9pm Adults	(10 - 12am and 2 - 4pm half price children)
	10 - 11.30am Par/Tod	10 - 11am Junior Activ
	12am - 1pm Lanes	11am - 2pm Public
	2 - 4pm Public	2 - 3pm Senior Activ
	5 - 7pm Adults	3 - 9pm Public
	7 - 8pm Adults	

*Junior activities = 7 - 11 year olds (50p)
*Senior Activities = 11 - 15 year olds (50p)

NOTICE

FIPASS- HEALTH AND SAFETY LEGISLATION

1. The Government is considering the introduction of legislation which will require users of FIPASS to conduct their operations with due regard to safety standards largely equivalent to those which apply at United Kingdom docks.
2. In this regard the Government proposes to adopt the following policy:

"The Falkland Islands Government, with respect to operations on the FIPASS facility, expects all contractors and users of the facility to conduct their activities in a safe and healthy manner with due consideration for other users of the facility and the general public who may visit the facility.

When users of the facility carry out their activities they must consider the following:

- * That the health, safety and welfare of persons at work is secured
- * That the persons other than persons at work are protected against risks to their health and safety arising out of, or in connection with, the activities of persons at work
- * That the handling, keeping use of explosive, highly flammable substances, radioactive sources and other dangerous substances is controlled
- * That emissions of harmful, noxious or dangerous substances into the atmosphere are controlled"

3. The Falkland Islands Company Limited which currently provides management services to the Government in relation to FIPASS has prepared a draft Safety Management System for operations at FIPASS which the Government is likely to endorse. A copy of the draft Safety Management System is available upon request from the Marine Officer (Jon Clark - tel: 27260) or the FIPASS Manager (Mike Weir - tel: 22671).

4. Users of FIPASS or any interested parties are invited to comment upon the above proposals including the draft Safety Management System prepared by the Falkland Islands Company. Comments should be sent to the Principal Crown Counsel, (Robert Titterton - tel: 27273) Attorney General's Chambers, Cable Cottage, Stanley before the end of February 1998.

Public Notice The Planning Ordinance 1991 Notice of Planning Applications Received

Notice is hereby given that the following applications for planning permission have been received:

Ref No:	Applicant	Development
11/98/PB	Mr M Jackson	Extension to form bar area on ground floor with flat over at Sparrowhawk House, 7 Drury Street, Stanley
12/98/P	Stanley Services Ltd	Construction of hardstanding area for storage of containers west of Stanley Services Industrial Unit, Airport Road, Stanley
13/98/P	Mr J Whitney	Outline application for double garage at 15 Ross Road East, Stanley
14/98/PB	Stanley Services Ltd	Temporary siting of steel container for use as laboratory/store at Stanley Services' Retail Outlet, Airport Road, Stanley
15/98/PB	Mr M Bingham	Retrospective application for permission to temporarily site a caravan for storage of tools and materials at 30 Ross Road East, Stanley
16/98/PB	Cable & Wireless plc	Siting of two red telephone kiosks adjacent to the workshop on East Barge at FIPASS
17/98/P	FIG	Outline application for the construction of two pairs of semi-detached houses at 1 Nutt Cartmell Close and 1 Pitaluga Place Stanley
18/98/P	FIDC	Erection of eleven directional tourist signs at various sites in Stanley
19/98/P	Falkland Thrift Ltd	Establishment of surfaced storage area on land south of Stanley Services' Retail Outlet on Airport Road, Stanley
20/98/PB	Mr T J Clarke	Alterations and extension to front porch at 17 Jeremy Moore Avenue, Stanley
21/98/PB	Dr B Elsbey	Siting of container for storage of horse gear adjacent to wool/shearing shed at Moody Brook House, Stanley
22/98/PB	Mr & Mrs M Floyd	Erection of single storey dwelling at 7 Pitaluga Place, Stanley
23/98/PB	Miss S Rozee & Mr R Johns	Erection of single storey dwelling at 5 Pitaluga Place, Stanley

These applications may be inspected during normal office hours at the office of the Secretary of the Planning and Building Committee, Environmental Planning Office, Malvina House Gardens, Stanley. Comments on the applications should be made in writing and should be sent to the Environmental Planning Officer, Environmental Planning Department, PO Box 611, Stanley, within ten days of the date of this notice.

The next Planning and Building Committee is due to be held on March 5, 1998, in the Liberation room, Secretariat, commencing at 1.30pm. Members of the public may attend to observe the workings of the Committee.

The Secretariat Dated this 18th day of February 1998

Falkland Landholdings Limited

DUE to an internal transfer Falkland Landholdings Limited is seeking to employ an Assistant Manager for its Goose Green Farm to commence in April or May 1998.

Applications will be considered from experienced stockmen capable of handling large numbers of livestock. The person we seek should be able to supervise staff in their day to day management and, when required, take over the complete control of the operation of the farm. We would expect that the applicant possesses modern day husbandry and management skills as the farm is embarking on a development programme. Some computer experience would be an advantage.

The Company offers good accommodation and the job has a salary package of about £15,000 per annum.

For further details interested persons are invited to apply in writing to the Managing Director, Stanley, or the Farm manager at Goose Green, on or before Monday, March 16, 1998.

Seabird Monitoring - The Final Chapter

A report from Falkland Conservation's Becky Ingham

AS the summer draws to a rather wet end, the time has come for us to hang up our tally counters, binoculars and waterproofs. Another season's seabird monitoring has been completed, bringing the total to nine years of data from selected sites around the Islands.

Initial findings indicate a good year for Gentoo and Magellanic penguins, despite anecdotal reports of burrows flooded and Magellanic hatching to re-lay several times in early summer, and a very variable one for Rockhoppers with many differences between the study sites. There are many potential reasons for this which we will be looking into in detail over the coming weeks.

Golf

GLEN Ross returned to winning ways in Sunday's Gordon Forbes Stableford. In a close finish his total of 36 points was one ahead of Steve Vincent and two clear of Kevin Clapp. Graeme Hay and Dusty Miller were nearest the pins; Graham Taylor had the longest drive and Jane Miller won the Ladies Prize.

Once again, Gordon's hospitality, both on and off the course, made for an enjoyable event

A renewed focus on the diet of Gentoo, Magellanic and Rockhopper penguins has been an important aspect of this season's fieldwork. Analysis of this data will enable us to focus the SMP (Seabird Monitoring Project) for the future and identify potential threats, sensitive areas and species dependence within the seabird ecosystem. The cooperation and support of the British Antarctic Survey has been gratefully received in this task, no small one given the quantity of data that has been gathered over nine seasons of fieldwork!

Thanks, as always, have to go to all the landowners and farmers who have given their permission to visit sites and use shanties, and generally helped in the task of ensuring we get from A to B safely.

...by Frank Jackson

throughout the day.

In blustery conditions on Saturday afternoon the long awaited winter foursomes final was completed with the combination of Troyd Bowles and Gary Clement defeating Graham France and Barry Smith.

The Turner's flag will be flying over the Clubhouse next Sunday morning from 8.45, at which time the draw for the Turner's Trophy stableford will commence.

Moto Cross

Report update by Jimmy Moffatt

JONNY Summers, Ian Jordan and Jay Moffatt go into the final round of the Moto Cross season leading their respective groups, and with a maximum of sixty points still up for grabs, no-one is yet assured of the title.

You can be sure racing will be tight and intense. The track at

Goose Green will be lengthened and will also retain the exciting ski jump to entertain both riders and spectators - mainly the spectators!

Practice gets under way at 10.00am with the gate dropping at about 11.00am. Don't miss this exciting, and final, round of the 1998 Moto Cross season.

Points overall with three rounds remaining

Expert Class		Clubman Class	
Jonny Summers	256	Ian Jordan	276
Jan Clarke	210	Bill Stewart	258
Shane Blackley	207	Dustin Clarke	241
Simon Smail	197	Rocky Johnson	95
Andrew Alazia	58		
Juniors		Open Class	
Jay Moffatt	288	Jonny Summers	97
Eddie Grimmer	267	Shane Blackley	81
Sean Moffatt	180	Rocky Johnson	50
Greg Hall	143	Sean Moffatt	42
Evan Jones	13	Jay Moffatt	34
Clint Short	259	Bill Stewart	30
		Andrew Alazia	30
		Jan Clarke	20
		Dustin Clarke	15
		Darrell Ford	11
		Eddie Grimmer	10
		Jim Moffatt	9

On this front we should extend a particular thank you to George and Jenny at Johnson's Harbour, whose valiant efforts and perseverance probably prevented us from spending most of this year in a large bog-hole! Also many thanks to Ann and Peter Robertson who put us up at short notice and saved us from a howling Southerly, despite the recent onslaught of shearers! (We promise to come in for a cup of tea next time, Ann!)

Finally, I'd like to say a sad goodbye to Debbie who, apart from enthusiasm for hard work and a sense of humour, has provided me with no end of entertainment being the first person I've ever seen pluck her eyebrows, in a tent, in a gale! Thanks, Debs, it's been a good summer and thank you for all your hard work!

There will be a scientific report produced shortly which will be available to the public.

Qualifications required to be a Conservation field assistant

.....An appreciation by Debbie Summers.....

1. To be a master at driving a gold (?) rover with no brakes up Stephens Peak in dense fog.
2. The ability to cook a delicious meal in the back of a rover with a stove which inexplicably has a mind of its own - I have grown to detest Trangias with a subnormal vengeance - with fingers that are completely numb with cold.
3. To smile at all times, even if you have been bogged for ten hours, you have no shovel, the two metre has no aerial, and your stomach is twisted with hunger.
4. To accept that there is no option but to walk in a screaming westerly for four hours to get help with only four pieces of chocolate left for sustenance (or so Becky told me).
5. Patience - one must be able to accept that there are just no penguins coming up on the beach before three in the afternoon.
6. The ability to change the tyres on a rover, with platform boots, a skirt and lipstick - and do it so they actually stay on the vehicle....
7. It helps to be knowledgeable enough to identify various types of birds commonly seen in the Islands, unfortunately the only one I

seem to remember is the Patagonian Crested Duck, and that is due to intense training from Miss Ingham.

8. To be able to accept that you have just left your hairspray in Stanley, there are no shops at Bull Point, and believe Jeremy when he says you don't really need it.

9. To be able to understand that penguins do not simply choose the windiest, wettest, most cold areas to make their homes with the sole purpose of annoying you.

10. To accept that Jeremy really didn't know that you could have as many as 200 flea bites at one time on your body.

On a more serious note, my time spent in the field has been brilliant. Not the most practical person, Jeremy and Becky have had their work cut out. I have been privileged enough to visit some of the most beautiful places in our Islands and to experience the really incredible wildlife we have.

I would like to end by saying that the friendly, welcoming nature of Falkland Islanders truly exists! We have been rescued from boggings, the wind and rain, given abundant cups of tea, marvellous breakfasts, beds to sleep in, shanties to stay in; so thank you, everyone, from the bottom of my heart.

Shooting

....by Gerald Cheek

THE local Bisley competition recommenced on Sunday, February 15, with the completion of the first stage of the championship. Following an exciting tie shoot between Chris McCallum and Mike Pole-Evans, Chris won the trophy.

Scores from a possible of 105 were:

C McCallum	97
M Pole-Evans	97
D Petterson	94
G Cheek	93
K Aldridge	92
The B E Johnson Memorial Trophy, shot over 500 and 600 yards, highest possible score 70, was also won by Chris McCallum.	
C McCallum	67
D Petterson	66

P Peck	64
H Ford	63
T Petterson	60

The FIC Handicap, seven rounds at 300, 500 and 600 yards highest possible score 105, was won by T Petterson with a score of 101, the highest ever score put in at the Rookery Bay Range. Second was Derek Goodwin with his handicap score of 100, followed by C McCallum on 98, M Pole-Evans 97 and D Petterson 96.

Chris McCallum triumphed yet again by winning the Grand Aggregate and Derek Goodwin won the Junior Grand Aggregate.

Local Bisley will continue on Saturday, February 21, 1998.

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NOTICES

The Department of Agriculture is interested in hearing from any individuals or organisations for the supply of fencing materials in support of the current Agricultural Fencing Programme. Interested parties should contact Owen Summers at the Department on tel. 27355 for further information.

Prize winners at the Whist Drive held on the 18th February:
Ladies 1st Mrs C Blackley
2nd Mrs J Middleton
Booby Mrs E Vidal
Gents 1st S Smith
2nd D Pettersson
Booby T Pettersson
As there will not be a bridge drive next week, the next card evening will be whist, on Wednesday 4th March, in the Day Centre.
ALL ARE MOST WELCOME

The Seamen's Centre wish to express their grateful thanks to Byron Marine Ltd for the generous gift of a three in one stereo system

The Trustees of the Stephen Jaffray Memorial Fund wish to publicly express their grateful thanks to:-
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Postscript - From the Baha'is

With the barriers of distance between peoples crumbling, there remains a huge obstacle to mutual understanding - language. No need to mention the thousands of challenging tongues spoken throughout the world: anyone who has ever found himself in a place where he could not talk with the inhabitants knows the problem perfectly - and even more acutely if he has already learned five languages but needs a sixth. Hence Baha'u'llah's commandment that the nations should adopt a common language and script, to be taught in all countries in addition to their mother tongue. No one would have to learn more than two languages. "When this is achieved," He has written, "to whatsoever city a man may journey, it shall be as if he were entering his own home."

VACANCY

Applications are invited for the position of Operations Manager for Lifestyles International Ltd. Full details of this position can be obtained by phoning Lifestyles on 22722 or 22723 during normal office hours. Applications including full C.V. to be submitted to Lifestyles by 28/2/98.

Falklands Landholdings Ltd have a vacancy for an office manager in their Stanley Office. The ideal applicant would be a mature, reliable and self motivated person capable of working without supervision. The main duties of the post would be the preparation of accounts for Sage accounting, operation of payroll for all farm employees, maintenance of cash books and bank accounts, payment of accounts, keeping a complete and accurate record of woolclip sales, production and transport along with general clerical and secretarial duties involved in the everyday running of the office. A driving licence would be an advantage. The successful applicant would preferably be expected to commence duties before the end of March 98. Applications in writing to be sent to the Managing Director, John Street, Stanley no later than the 27th February 1998

Flea Market to be held on March 7 at the Community School 2 - 4 pm.
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Arms find closes Stanley road

PART of John Street was sealed off to traffic for almost two days this week after a chance find by builders excavating foundations for a new house in the heart of Stanley led to the discovery of one of the largest Argentine arms caches found since the ordnance clearances immediately after the 1982 conflict.

Malcolm Anthony was operating a JCB digger while Steve Watt was on the ground watching for power cables and water pipes when movement of earth revealed what Steve described as a 'green tube'.

"7.62 calibre bullets started to pour out of the tube," he said. "Not just a few but hundreds." Then spotting several grenades inside the trench the pair stopped operations and reported what they had found to the Joint Services Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit (EOD) on Ross Road.

On inspecting the site, on ground behind Waverley House, the EOD member sealed off the immediate area and recalled the rest of the Unit from MPA where they had been taking part in 'Exercise Petrel'.

On his arrival the Officer Commanding the EOD Unit, Captain Pete Birchenall, recognised the extent of the find and ordered John



Captain Pete Birchenall and his Unit at the John Street site. Behind him is the trench containing the ammunition and grenades Street, between Dean Street and Philomel Hill, to be sealed off to traffic.

His initial conclusion was that

the find was merely an Argentine arms cache but as careful excavation and clearance continued it became

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'Secret talks' pretty fanciful - Governor

Argentine press reports alleging 'secret talks' have been taking place in Paris between officials from the Argentine Foreign Ministry and the British Foreign Office have been dubbed 'delirious' by Alberto Kohan, Argentinian Presidential Chief of Staff, and dismissed as being 'pretty fanciful' by His Excellency, the Governor, Mr Richard Ralph.

Sources inside the Argentine Foreign Ministry confirmed that talks have taken place but, according to a leading Buenos Aires daily, *Clarín*, they are aimed at creating a common agenda for Menem's forthcoming visit to Britain.

An official communique from the Ministry adds credence to the *Clarín* story and goes on to say, "...there is (also) an advance in the agenda regarding the growing and productive economic relations," and that, "the question of the Malvinas - which will obviously be

put forward by President Menem during his meeting with Prime Minister, Tony Blair - is a question of discussion between the Argentine Foreign Ministry and the Foreign Office."

The communique suggests the talks in Paris have included oil, fishing and the possibility of "advancing in the field of communications between the Islands and the continent."

Mr Kohan, scornful of the 'secret talks' label, said, "secret talks do not become front page stories. They are," he said, "part of the permanent negotiations between the two countries."

Governor Richard Ralph agreed. "Britain continues to hold ongoing discussions with Argentina on many different levels and issues as there is a great deal on the bi-lateral agenda," he said, "but it would be wrong to describe these talks as 'secret'."

Stuart 'Tootie' Morrison is the 1998 Darwin Harbour Sports Association Champion Jockey
Patrick Watt's report is on Page 5

In Brief

Death of Derek Ferneyhough

FORMER Government Secretary, Derek Ferneyhough, died on Monday, February 23, after suffering a heart attack the same day.

Derek was resident in the Islands between October 1985 and July 1987, and was very active as Secretary for the Christ Church Cathedral Appeal Fund. He retired to Kent in August 1987, where his wife, Grace, still lives. He was 69.

Peter Prince dies at 49

IT is with great sadness that we have learned from the British Antarctic Survey of the death, at the age of 49, of Peter Prince. He died suddenly at his home on Wednesday, February 25.

Peter was the group leader of the BAS Marine Life Science Division and had been visiting the Falklands and South Georgia frequently since 1971. He also visited Beauchene Island in the 1980/81 season. (Info BAS)

Nine years for Shocking affair

A Falklands veteran has been jailed for nine years at Liverpool Crown Court for attempting to murder his wife after the couple declared 'total war' over access to their two daughters.

Robert Miller, 40, wrapped electrical cable round a garage door handle, but the plot failed when his wife, Susan, opened the wooden door without touching the metal handle.

The couple were granted a divorce on the day of the murder attempt.

New blood in Butchery

This week sees the retirement from BJ's Butchery of Ben Bernsten, who is moving into the farming community. Chris and Lindsey May, of New House Farm will be operating the Butchery from March 1.

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Editorial written this week by Deputy Editor, Tony Burnett

Odd, isn't it, how often those old saws that trip tritely off the tongue contain, at the root, elements of irrefutable truth. *Look before you leap* - that's sensible; while just as wise, if a little more thought provoking is the gently stated, anti-prevaricationary, *a stitch in time saves nine*. But the saying that comes to mind this week, is a lot less positive than most involving as it does the continual reappearance of a proverbial *bad penny*.

The unfortunate coin I refer to is none other than that longtime 'friend' of the Falklands, Lord David Montgomery, who has popped up once again, this time broadcasting his pessimistic and one-sided view of our economic strategy and political standpoint through the medium of an article written by Islander, Graham Bound, after an interview for South American news agency, *Merco Press*.

Points he makes include his belief that the Islanders (that's us) are behaving 'irrationally and unreasonably' in refusing to discuss sovereignty with Argentina; that we are apparently teetering on the brink of an economic calamity, from which we can only be saved by cooperation with Argentina; that our pride in our democracy is some kind of sham - he is quoted as saying, "...if they are really so keen on democracy they should agree to meet with other like-minded democrats in Argentina," and that our political leaders should be criticised because they are 'hard-line'. By which he means they refuse to abandon their principles in order to agree with him.

Admitting a mistake is never easy but I have to 'fess up now that I was wrong about Lord Montgomery. Meeting him, talking to him, listening to his opinions during his visit to the Islands late last year, I had thought him (charitably) a well meaning buffoon who spouted a stew of Argentinian doctrine flavoured with what he misguidedly thought of as 'British fair play' and 'aristocratic common sense'. Now I see how generous my initial impression was, because if buffoonery was all the noble Lord had in his armoury there would be no problem. No, he is worse than that. He is that most dangerous of human animals - a man with a cause. And a clever one at that. The 'stew' is a carefully calculated blend of the plausible and the unacceptable which, to an outsider, must seem beguilingly sensible. And let us not forget this is a man who frequents the corridors of power, he converses daily with policy makers and decision takers, it is their perception of him that counts, not mine or yours.

Reading the article it is not difficult to see how persuasive Lord Montgomery's arguments might be to those who have never visited the Falklands, or are ignorant of Island affairs. Only with the benefit of local knowledge is it possible to recognise the nuances that disguise fact, the inaccuracies and omissions that can gently distort truth while not necessarily misrepresenting it. An example is his petulant admission that he gained no friends when he visited the Islands. "The Penguin News," he sulked, "was seriously insulting, but that summed up the attitude of most people from the day I arrived."

One of the main points of the *Penguin News* editorial was that, "...while he (Lord Montgomery) advocated a new openness with the Argentine it was sad that his own attitude to the Falklands seemed so closed and divorced from reality." Seriously insulting? Hardly. But it was, and still is, sad. For he arrived in these Islands so already utterly convinced of the rightness of his own ideas and conceptions that nothing of what he saw or heard came close to even denting the iron-clad ignorance that so frustrated and, yes, infuriated the people whose futures he was, and is, attempting to so radically alter. Such intransigence (incidentally a label often pinned on troublesome Falkland Islanders who, with selfish thoughtlessness, wish to retain their British heritage) brings to mind yet another adage - *there's none so blind as them that won't see*.

He also makes much of his frank honesty, "...Unlike some people who go there, I do not pussy foot." Then why whinge if others with opposing views demonstrate similar qualities? And would it be uncharitable to suggest such admirable characteristics are really quite unburdensome to espouse when neither you, nor your homeland, is at risk? As if to finally underpin Montgomery's real feelings for the Islands and their inhabitants, the article ends with his own words. "I've made my first and last visit there."

Good. THIS column generally endeavours to focus public attention on matters contentious so it is with some pleasure that I include this snippet of trivia and thank A. Joiner (?), writer of a letter humorously, I hope, pointing out that plasterboard comes in 2400 x 1200mm sheets and not 240 x 120mm as was advertised in *Penguin News* last week. It is indeed encouraging to learn that every last comma, dot and digit in the paper is examined with such diligence, and no, Mr Joiner, it is not a doll's house I am building - but 'woodentops' are always welcome. Call anytime. By the way, some mistakes are worth making - I sold the lot.

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Toilets and track repairs mean more

IN response to the planning application, 18/98/P, as published in the February 20, 1998, issue of the *Penguin News*, by the F.I.D.C., to erect "directional tourist signs at various SITES in Stanley."

I feel that the general public's eye should be drawn to yet another **hair raising dream**. The Tourist season has but, SIX WEEKS left, so obviously, the proposal is about six months TOO late. That is, of course, if such EXTRA signs are warranted.

What F.I.G./F.I.D.C./F.I.T. should have done, WELL OVER 18 MONTHS ago, is to turn their attentions to assisting and supporting the private vehicle owners, who actually keep the visiting day tourists happy by using their vehicles to ferry the visitors to Gypsy Cove to see the penguins, by doing some URGENTLY NEEDED REPAIRS to a part of the track.

Here I'm referring to about 200 YARDS only, where rocks need to be shoved aside and some metal spread to make this section easily passable and the journey made without difficulty. I'm reliably informed that to accomplish this bit of work would take... ONE DAY.

TOILETS... On a fine day, visiting cruise ship passengers like to walk around our town - always remarking on its beauty. I must add, considering they are on Davis Street and in need of a toilet - PUBLIC JETTY or TOWN HALL??? Elderly people are expected to RUN down to Ross Road to a public convenience.... WHY? There should be Public conveniences at either end of Davis Street... or

F.I.T. should repossess their minibus and the Manager could operate a shuttle service between Davis Street and the toilets on Ross Road, charging, for instance one American Dollar. Thereby our visitors would be, in fact, contributing to HIS salary. Another area for a public convenience, would be around the Monument.

With such an increase in the larger cruise ships this season, thereby, a greater number of visitors wanting to see and photograph our penguins, the F.I.D.C./F.I.T. should give their attention to placing a shelter/toilets in the Gypsy Cove area.... (do SOMETHING for Tourism in Port Stanley).

We've heard reports from some crank, that the penguins at Gypsy Cove are in jeopardy, owing to the large amount of visitors. Whoever dreamt that one up, should be aware, that it is PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO PULL THE WOOL OVER THE EYES OF "KELPERS". In fact, it is very obvious that the colony of birds have increased, slightly.

If local participation is to be expected and appreciated by the Administration, in ferrying Tourists to such places as Gypsy Cove, then F.I.G./F.I.D.C./F.I.T. have GOT TO GET THEIR THINKING PARTS AND REAR ENDS INTO COMBINED GEAR NOW, otherwise THE PRIVATE VEHICLE OWNERS MIGHT FEEL OBLIGED TO INCREASE THEIR PRICES FOR NEXT SEASON.

B. Peck
Stanley

We can work in harmony

I AM grateful to Jeremy Smith for pointing out some of the differences between Falklands Conservation and the Environmental Research Unit. Falklands Conservation is a UK registered organisation, and does indeed receive most of its funding from FIG. The Environmental Research Unit is Falklands registered, and its research has been totally funded by sponsorship from its own Directors.

Whilst the Environmental Research Unit may be small, it produces work to the very highest

standard. A degree or MSc in Ecology or Marine Biology provides an essential background, but is not sufficient for conducting Environmental Baseline Surveys or detailed Seabird Monitoring. To ensure that such work is conducted at the correct time and manner appropriate for each species requires specialist training. All Environmental Research Unit fieldworkers hold professional qualifications in Bird Censusing and Environmen-

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tal Baseline Surveying, and have at least five years experience in seabird research. Organisations that try to operate without such training or experience will inevitably find it reflected in the quality of their results.

There are many areas of Falklands Conservation's work which the Environmental Research Unit would not wish to undertake, and I see no reason why the two organisations cannot work in har-

mony. If the most highly trained and experienced workforce is prepared to conduct seabird monitoring without asking for government subsidy, then why should FIG continue to pay tens of thousands of pounds to have it done elsewhere? There must be other projects where this public money can be more usefully spent.

Mike Bingham
Stanley

Cowardly critics

I WOULD like to comment on the letter published in last weeks *Penguin News* concerning Mr Kevin McKay.

I believe that everyone is entitled to their own views as to whether Argentines are allowed back to these Islands and I think Mr McKay should be given credit for putting his name to his letter

and for being prepared to take the criticism that followed.

It proves that he has more guts than those who could not face him personally but were also too cowardly to give their names over the telephone.

Anya Cofre
Stanley

Tourist boom as day trippers treble

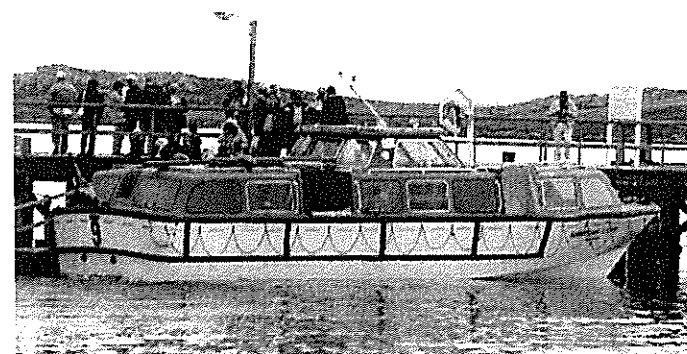
IF Stanley's streets have seemed more crowded with tourists this summer than last, that may well be because they have been.

Large cruise ships, like the *Royal Princess*, the *Norwegian Crown* and the *Niue Amsterdam* have so far landed more than 17,000 day visitors at the Public

season is expected to be around 20,700.

In comparison, last year saw 34 ship visits with a total, for the entire season, of just 7,008 passengers landed.

Tour guides, taxi and bus service operators, and retail outlets have all benefitted from the boom



Above: Passengers coming ashore from the cruise ship *Norwegian Crown* - total capacity 1,221

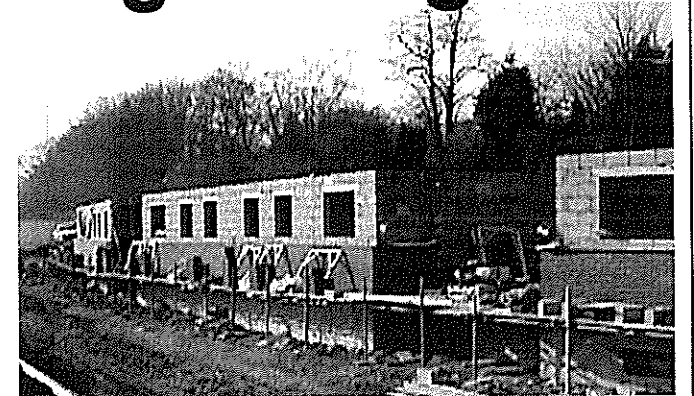
Jetty opposite Philomel Hill, with the likelihood of a further 4,000 before the cruise ship season comes to an end with the visit of the *Akademie Shuleykin* on March 21.

Actual figures from official sources show that though ship visits are expected to be up by only 14, landed tourist figures will have trebled. Up to February 24 there were 41 ship visits landing a total of 17,270 people. With seven ship visits still to come the total for the

though there are rumblings among them over what one termed, "a breakdown in communications between us and the Falkland Islands Tourist Board."

Despite this internal unrest the industry can only be described as enjoying a buoyant period with figures which, though not expected to grow at the same rate, should continue to increase next season with a projected 50 ship visits carrying an additional 2,000 or so tourists.

Falkland Lodge is growing fast



Pictured above is the most recent photograph of Falkland Lodge, the new accommodation wing at Peter Symond's Sixth Form College in Winchester which has been partially funded by the Falkland Islands Government.

The latest report from Principal, Neil Hopkins, indicates that work is continuing apace, and that in spite of ten days of heavy and near continuous rain in early January and hard frost in early February, the builders are up to the schedule that should see the Lodge completed in September of this year.

Block and brickwork is up to top of window level and next week should see the arrival of the staircase and first floor decking planking.

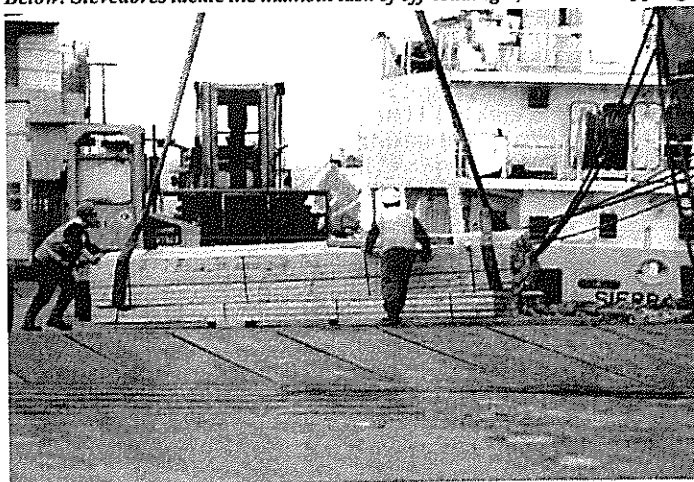
Oil freight arrives

THE quest to find oil in Falkland waters took yet another step forward this week with the arrival at FIPASS of the *Kapitan Vega*, the multi-purpose vessel that has carried the first shipment of oil exploration equipment from Aberdeen to the Islands.

The freight, including two cranes, forklift trucks, trucks and trailers, wellhead equipment and eighty containers (for use in transporting gear from Stanley to the oil rig) weighs in at some 3,500 tonnes.

A second cargo ship, the *Aledsandro*, has recently departed from the Scottish port; on board is a further 3,500 tonnes of oil industry freight, including a helicopter, pipes, risers, silos, chemicals, tools and offshore containers.

Below: Stevedores tackle the mammoth task of off-loading 3,500 tonnes of freight



Meanwhile, the *Borgny Dolphin*, the Falklands bound drilling rig, is continuing her stately progress southward. The early stages of her 8,000 mile voyage were hampered by shipping congestion in the North Sea and the English Channel and there were some concerns that the rig might not arrive on station until May.

However, Ken Leach, Procurement and Logistics Manager for FOSA, has confirmed that the rig has arrived in Las Palmas, Canary Islands, and that the journey is proceeding much faster.

The first and only Falkland Islander likely to be employed on the rig has also now joined her in Las Palmas. He is Brian Porter, who is the *Borgny Dolphin*'s new Maintenance Engineer.

Training Needs

THE Director of Education, Dr David Langridge, has this week released a memo announcing the forthcoming Training Needs Analysis, who will carry out the analysis, when it will take place, the objectives behind it and the thinking that led to the concept becoming reality.

The analysis will actually form part of a wider structural plan for, "vocational education, training and development in the Islands encompassing both the public and private sectors," Dr Langridge states. It is a task he has undertaken in response to a request from the Chief Executive who in turn is reacting to, "the expression of widespread concerns about the lack of opportunities for vocational training in the Falkland Islands."

Following the normal tender process the contract was awarded to Middlesex University and a two man team, Dr Steven Johnson and Dr Robert Baldock, are scheduled to arrive in the Islands on March 6.

Both men are from the Centre of Enterprise and Economic Development Research (CEEDR), at the University. "The CEEDR," says the memo, "has a wide range of experience in research relating to business and local economic development, and Dr Steven Johnson, the team leader, has been involved in a number of studies involving skills surveys and training practices."

During the three weeks the two men will be in the Islands, they are expected to depart on March 28, they will carry out the necessary research and prepare a draft report which will, says the memo, "be available for consultation before they leave and they will not be returning."

The memo then lists four component objectives of the study, including:

cluding:

"A comprehensive picture of the educational background and qualifications, vocational skills and qualifications and training experiences of the current working age population of the Islands.

A study of the current skill needs, skill shortages and anticipated future skill needs of employers on the Islands, together with an analysis of current training provision by employers.

An overview of the current vocational training provision (on and off the Islands) and funding mechanisms for vocational training.

Analysis of the way in which future economic, social, demographic and technological trends are likely to affect the requirements for vocational skills, training and qualifications over the coming years."

Before they arrive in the Islands the team will have prepared themselves with background research and are expected to conduct three "distinct" surveys in the Islands.

The first of these involves interviewing 'key informants'. These are, "individuals on the Islands who have specific knowledge of the vocational training and skills situation and/or have a view about likely future needs for vocational skills and how these might be met."

Secondly, "a survey of a sample of employing organisations on the Islands."

And finally, "a survey of a sample of individuals of working age."

In his closing paragraph, Dr Langridge firmly emphasises the critical need for co-operation. "If the Training Needs Analysis is to be a worthwhile exercise," he says, "and have a successful outcome, it will need the enthusiastic participation of a wide variety of people."

Study could mean bright new future for St Helena

A SOURCE inside the Foreign Office has revealed that rumours that the remote South Atlantic island of St Helena is at long last to be connected to the rest of the world with the construction of a commercial airport have a strong chance of becoming fact.

Foreign Office officials have approved a study into transport links to the island - a study that will include an examination of the benefits of having an airport.

The Island was claimed for Britain by the East India Company in 1659, but when the International Development Minister, George Foulkes arrives he will become the first ever Minister of the Crown to go there.

Two main points are emerging from the decision to initiate the transport feasibility study, the first of which is the visible evidence of the British Government's commitment to assist St Helena to become more self-sufficient, and secondly, it is a clear signal that the Foreign Office expects to overcome Home Secretary Jack Straw's objections to the granting of British citizenship rights to the 125,000 people who populate Britain's last remaining overseas territories - and this includes the 6,600 people on St Helena.

Though Mr Foulkes hopes to travel to St Helena before the end of the year, there are problems. A two day visit would involve the Minister in a round trip of about ten days because the island is so inaccessible at the moment.

First he would have to fly to Capetown before catching the mail ship, *St Helena*, for the four day voyage necessary to reach the island which lies some 1,700 miles away. There is no deep water port facility so the ship has to anchor offshore, passengers being ferried ashore by long boat.

There is, once and if an airport is built on St Helena, the possibility of domestic flights linking to the international airport on Ascension Island, 700 miles away. That is if negotiations currently in session between the Foreign Office and the USA are successful in opening up the shared mainly military occupied island to civilian flights.

A further option, according to the Foreign Office, is to increase the frequency of shipping to St Helena.

Proposals arising from the study will be discussed by British Ministers and St Helenian officials when the two groups meet again in London in June.

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Darwin Harbour Race Meeting 1998 ...by Patrick Watts

THE 1998 Race Meeting at Goose Green will be remembered for the number of close finishes which excited the rather sparse crowd, while giving the judges a harrowing time.

The veteran Stuart Morrison, vastly experienced Tim Bonner, and youngster Matthew McMullen fought a 3-way battle for the jockey's championship with the former adding the DHS title to the one he took in Stanley at the Christmas Sports meeting.

The Premier event, the Governor's Cup, brought one of the closest finishes since four horses swept past the post in a line at Hill Cove in 1986. This time three horses, imported from Chile, provided the excitement.

Papina, owned by Maurice Davis and ridden by Ron Binnie,

Arms find closes Stanley road: continued from front page

clear to Captain Birchenall they were dealing with an old Argentine slit trench.

"When they surrendered," he said, "they put all their ammunition, grenades and so on into the trench and then just covered it up."

He termed the find as being of, "the utmost seriousness," and said it included, "49 to 50 different types of grenades, approximately 4,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, the odd GPMG (general purpose machine gun) barrel, bayonet and pistol."

Extracting the grenades, in particular, from the trench, some four feet deep, was a long and difficult operation, taking around six hours on both Monday and Tuesday. "There's no rust on them," Captain Birchenall said. "They are good to go."

Two men, QMSI Mines, Kenny Matheson and Cadet Sergeant 'Aldo' Alderson, led the search in the trench, feeling gently through

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shortly be producing a paper for councillors on privatisation policy); with senior management from Standard Chartered Bank and what he called, "particularly interesting," a meeting with the South Atlantic Medal Association who are proposing to charter a jumbo jet and bring 500 Conflict veterans down to the Islands.

Although he was unable to meet with Paul Jarrett, National Secretary to the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, Mr Gurr was able to confirm that Mike and Kirsten Hughes, founders of the Falkland Islands Seamen's Centre in Stanley, are to tour other centres in the UK and undergo further training.

He joined Senior Medical Officer, Dr Roger Diggle, and Mrs Lidda Luxton to interview a number of, "high quality" applicants for the post of General Manager, Healthcare.

As a result of those interviews Mr Derek Muhl, 47 year old head

Croacia ridden by Tim Bonner and *Pollerita*, also owned by Maurice Davis, and ridden by Stuart Morrison, were separated by a short head and a head, with *Papina*, which won the Maiden Plate in Stanley, taking the trophy, much to the delight of Ron Binnie who previously tasted success on several occasions in this event with *Sheba*.

The Maiden Plate brought a hint of things to come when *De-lightful Dawn* ridden by Tim Bonner, just beat *Milfuego*, half-sister of the good *Porsche* and ridden by Tony McMullen, and the North Arm bred *Clandestino II* ridden by Oscar Velasquez. All three horses finished within a length of each other.

Troyd Bowles rode an excellent

double on *Auspicious* to win the Troop Horses and Turner Diesel Stakes, while Matthew McMullen continued where he left off at Fitzroy a year ago and rattled up a succession of victories on *Polar Star* (returning after a lay-off of several years), in the FIB 500, *San Diego* in a Challenge race, and *Nebraska* in the Teenagers Chase.

San Diego, went on to complete an outstanding hat-trick, winning the Lafonia Plate and Douglas Hurd Champion Cup for Falkland Islands bred horses, beating the more fancied *Shaka* in the

The small arms ammunition was later removed by the Royal Logistics Corps, who, Captain Birchenall explained, "as Royal Engineers are qualified to destroy it, while we are not."

Falkland Islanders were then praised by the Captain as he reassured the public they had little to fear from further finds. "Items like this are rare," he said, "and Islanders have an excellent record for reporting finds. As long as they continue to do that I feel they will be totally safe."

of a National Health Service area in Lincolnshire with 30 years experience, will be taking up the post in June of this year on a two year contract. Mr Muhl is married with two children.

A consultation with the Commonwealth Broadcasting Association has led to arrangements being made for Tim Neale, a "vastly experienced radio journalist and station manager," to visit the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station in the near future.

Other highlights of the fortnight were a visit to Keyworth, headquarters of the British Geological Society, where Mr Gurr was able to watch the Falklands map being constructed on computer; a meeting with the Industrial Society; an interview on the long running Radio Four programme, *Farming Today*; and several miscellaneous encounters, one of which involved a gentleman who had devised a way to exploit Falkland Islands tax conditions.

Champion event. Stuart Morrison based his success on a combination of imported horses and Lisa Riddell's *Pollerita*, which ran disappointingly in Stanley, romped away with the FIC Challenge Cup, but it was *Papina* that took the eye, first beating *Croacia* in the Silver Cup, and then *Dory* in the Standard Chartered Chase, before taking the Champion Cup.

It was another good all-round performance by the 60 year old veteran who regularly threatens to retire.

Natalie notches second place

ISLANDER Natalie Finn (pictured right) is currently making a name for herself as a top competitor in the tough world of New Zealand shearing and woolhandling championships.

Competing in only her third show, the Otago Championships, she produced her best performance to date, battling through a field of thirty woolhandlers to reach the final and ultimately clinch second place only 3.235 points behind the winner and a convincing 46.003 points ahead of the third placed competitor.



Golf

...by Frank Jackson

LAST Sunday, the Turner's Trophy was played on a day when persistent high winds made golfers think of taking up a more comfortable, indoor sport!

Many competitor's hopes were blown away early in the round and the final result went to a countback with the unusually low stableford score of 31 points reflecting the conditions.

Club Captain, Barry Smith, took the honours with Joe Bains unluckily having to be content with second place.

Turners provided some excellent prizes and their generous hospitality was enjoyed by members after the game.

The next competition, on March 1, will be the traditional monthly medal.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Vacancy - Receptionist, Falkland Islands Government Office, London

APPLICATIONS are invited to fill a vacancy for a Receptionist/Secretary at the Falkland Islands Government Office in London.

Applicants are required to have good secretarial, typing and keyboard skills and at least two years' experience of dealing direct with members of the public. GCSE's in Maths and English are essential. The successful candidate will be a polite, self motivated person who has the ability to work unsupervised, use his/her initiative and is able to prioritise tasks. Confidentiality is also of a high priority.

Salary will range from £8,964 to £13,452 in Grade H. A London Allowance will be payable to assist with travel and accommodation costs.

The position is offered for an initial period of two years, commencing at the end of March 1998.

A full job description and application forms are available from the Human Resources Department, Secretariat and completed forms should be returned to that Department no later than 4pm on Friday 6th March 1998.

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Summary of Executive Council meeting

February 19, 1998 by H.E. The Governor

AFTER the general election in October Councillors took the view that, just as one Exco meeting a year is held at MPA, so one a year ought also to be held somewhere in Camp. This month's Exco meeting, which took place on Thursday 19 February, was held in Port Howard accordingly.

It was attended by all members except the Government Secretary, Pete King, who was detained in Stanley by other business. The three elected members present were, of course, Councillors Sharon Halford, Lewis Clifton and Richard Cockwell. The new Commander, British Forces, Air Commodore Ray Dixon, also attended for the first time since taking up his appointment.

Matters arising

A number of points came up at the beginning of the meeting when we went over the minutes of last month's meeting. For instance, one member pointed out that the existing fendering at FIPASS is not adequate, so something will be done about that.

We all felt that, while a toilet sign is needed on the Town Hall in Stanley, the one that was put up recently won't do.

We were glad to learn that further efforts are being made to im-

prove radio broadcast reception in Camp, and noted with interest a promising new local initiative for solving the problem of the disposal of the oil at the old whaling station at Albemarle.

We also focused on the need to do something, and quickly, about the increasingly dreadful state of many of the roads in Stanley. And we were glad to learn that the East Stanley development project is back on track.

Financial matters

Turning now to the main agenda, we considered some proposals for a

scheduled service by FIGAS to certain points around the Falkland Islands, and asked the experts to do some further work on this in the hope that we can introduce at least a limited scheduled service next summer.

We confirmed the existing charges for medical services to non-entitled patients, that is to say people who are not Falkland Island residents. Medical services for residents will remain free.

We considered a review of the Stanley retail price index conducted for government by Nikki Buxton. By providing us with a detailed and up to date picture of household expenditure and standards of living, this will help us when we come to negotiate future cost of living increases.

We remitted to Standing Finance Committee applications for funding from Falklands Conservation, the Museum and National Trust, and the Media Trust, as well as a set of proposals for Government donations to a variety of charitable and other kinds of organisations, including for example the South Atlantic Medal Association and the Falklands Islands Association, to name only two.

We also agreed that loans to the owners of houses purchased under the Government house sales programme started in 1991 could be increased to enable borrowers to carry out improvements to their houses.

Councillor's allowances

Also under this heading, Exco approved some relatively small increases in the package of allowances for elected Councillors. This is in recognition of their increasing responsibilities and work load, and reflects, if it does not actually quite match up to, pay rises which public officers have received since January 1995. It's worth noting that Councillors have had no increases in their allowances since December 1994.

Legal and legislation

Exco approved for remission to Legco a new Animal Health Bill to

deal with disease amongst farm animals. This replaces the very rudimentary and inadequate legislation we have on our statute books now, and is also needed before our new abattoir comes into operation.

There has been full consultation with the farming community, so the bill should contain no surprises.

We went on to approve, again for introduction in Legco, two amendments to the Administration of Justice Ordinance, one giving the Senior Magistrate the power to act as bailiff when necessary, the other enabling sexual offences against people under 16 to be prosecuted whenever they are discovered, where there was a statute of limitations previously. Incidentally, this has no bearing on a current prosecution.

Exco agreed that consultations should be held with heavy vehicle operators with a view to agreeing axle weight limits to prevent excessive damage to roads in the Islands from wear and tear. It must surely be in everyone's interests that sensible restraints are introduced, and preferably by voluntary agreement.

We also approved a new National Parks Bill, which will of course have to be passed by Legco first. Our aim here has been to strike the right balance between the public's right to responsible enjoyment of areas of outstanding natural beauty, and the rights of the owners of the land in question, and I believe we have done so.

Lastly in this section, in the context of the government's contingent liabilities over things like passive smoking and silicone dust from quarries, we instructed officials to consider ways of further discouraging smoking in government offices and other workplaces, and welcomed the news that piped water is about to get to the Pony's Pass quarry, which should do much to cure the dust problem.

Lands

On lands, we had another look at some proposals to protect common land around Stanley from uncontrolled development - a subject which is bound to become more pressing as time goes by. I hope we will be in a position to publish details before too much longer.

Here again, our aim is to strike the right balance between conservation and the need for development.

Fisheries

On the fisheries front, Exco again reviewed the situation caused by the shortfall in our fishing license revenue from illex squid as a result of the Korean economic problems, and gave the Director of Fisheries a further steer for his discussions with the Koreans.

Our concern remains to balance

our loyalty to our Korean partners in their hour of need, and our responsibility as a government to protect our own financial position.

We also approved a Fishery Products (Hygiene) bill and regulations. By bringing us into conformity with European Community requirements, these will enable us to continue to export fishery products from the Falklands to Europe.

And thirdly, we approved a recommendation that the third longligning license should be offered for a period of up to three years. Bids have of course been invited recently.

Oil

The main developments over the past month have been the continuation of the well-site survey work, unfortunately slowed down a bit by bad weather, and the departure of the exploration drilling rig, the Borgny Dolphin, from the North Sea. It is now expected in our waters in late

April.

And, as many readers will be aware, the fixed wing contract for flying oil rig personnel down to the Falklands has been awarded, and the helicopter contract is also as good as signed.

Exco also approved some Orders extending Falkland Islands civil and criminal jurisdiction, and automatic safety zones, to offshore oil installations.

We cleared the way for the erection of accommodation at MPA for oil rig workers and agreed to an extension of the lay-down area near FIPASS for oil pipes.

Immigration

Revisiting the new immigration guidelines which we are drawing up, and which I spoke about in an earlier Exco broadcast, Councillors reconsidered one point relating to accommodation for temporary workers, and agreed that employers of

such workers should not be made responsible themselves for providing accommodation for their staff but that the Immigration Section must be satisfied that accommodation arrangements are satisfactory.

Training

Exco also approved some organisational changes relating to training, applicable to both the public service and the private sector, the aim being to ensure a more coherent approach to training requirements for our society as a whole.

The main body for driving this forward here will be a new strategic Training Committee under the leadership of a Councillor. I might add that training is high on the agenda for most western governments, including notably the new British one.

Other miscellaneous

points

Three last points. We decided to wind up the Special Employment Programme (popularly known as the chain gang), since there is effectively no longer any unemployment.

We reaffirmed the increasingly urgent need for managed access to Gypsy Cove and Cape Pembroke, to prevent even further erosion and undue disturbance to the penguins and sealions.

And, finally, I floated the idea - which I know has been mooted by others - that we could perhaps do with some sort of civic committee for Stanley to deal with urban issues in the round and to promote greater accountability and transparency. I know townspeople have plenty of different ways of making their concerns known, but I cannot help feeling that something is lacking in the way we address Stanley issues, and perhaps a new body would help.

General Purposes Committee - February

AS IS usual at GPC we had a look at the papers that are going to Executive Council. On this occasion they were dealt with in the morning along with other issues. Whereas the afternoon had been set aside for visitors. During the afternoon the Governor attended for a quick general discussion, and where necessary up-dated Councillors on external matters.

Chief Executive

The Chief Executive also attended the meeting and reported back on his recent visit to the UK, where he had dealt with some in-house issues at FIGO, met with the Hay Management Consultants and the Public Relations consultant to name a few.

One idea he informed us about was SAMA - that is the South Atlantic Medal Association, who are planning to bring a plane load of injured war veterans to the Islands. As yet, this is merely an idea, and no dates have been suggested, but it would be worthy to note that if this idea should come to fruition, and we hope it will, it will need help from the general public in accommodating the visitors.

Falkland Landholdings

A short discussion also took place with Colin Horton, the Managing Director of Falkland Landholdings. Basically, this was confined to the relationship between Councillors and the FLH Board, as obviously the two need to be of one accord.

Councillor's visits

In GPC itself many issues were raised and topics discussed. Councillor Summers will not now be going to the Westminster Seminar in

March, but he still hopes to attend the 10th annual Parliamentary Seminar in May on Prince Edward Island. That is if a place is going to be offered to us.

Councillor Cockwell will be attending the Annual CPA conference in New Zealand in October, along with myself. I will now be attending the 29th British Islands and Mediterranean Conference in Guernsey in June with Councillor Luxton.

Radio reception

Radio reception was discussed as it is a problem for many. It was suggested that short wave radio may be an alternative for reception generally, and this idea is being further evaluated.

FIPASS fendering

It was noted that despite it being recorded previously, that fendering on FIPASS had been considered inadequate no moves were visible as to this problem being remedied.

Roads

As usual, roads received a certain amount of discussion. The Forestry Commission visit had been considered most useful, but it should be accepted that the report would not necessarily change the method of road construction in the Falklands, their view being that the current methods of building being practised are probably the most suitable for the Falklands requirement. That is for the current policy of low-cost roads built at high speed.

Black topping was discussed in relation to requirements for drive-ways and car-parks, and it was generally felt that this service should be

provided by PWD at a cost if and when they had spare capacity to undertake the work.

Immigration

Councillor Summers reported back on his discussions with New Zealand authorities on immigration. Where appropriate, some minor amendments might be proposed.

Dependent Territories Conference

Both Councillors Edwards and Summers reported back on the Dependent Territories Conference, saying that they thought it had went off very well.

Three main points seems to have emerged, which were that the Territories wish to be treated with more respect; they wish to have more autonomy; and they felt the need to be more supportive of each other.

When Robin Cook the Foreign Secretary, spoke at the conference he reiterated that self-determination was paramount.

Gypsy Cove

Gypsy Cove was mentioned and concerns were expressed about the management of the whole area. With ever increasing visitors considerable erosion had occurred and it was generally accepted that this natural asset should be preserved and managed for the benefit of all.

Housing Assistance

There is a housing Assistance Scheme in place for people who wish to own their own properties. We wondered if this had been properly advertised and would be looking into it.

Agricultural Assistance

And, finally, Agricultural Assistance was discussed briefly. It was noted that at this stage it is not known what form the assistance would take in the future. But the Agricultural Advisory Committee are actively addressing this at present. It is thought that future schemes may address performance management

PUBLIC NOTICE Vacancy - Firefighter

Applications are invited to fill the post of Firefighter with the Fire and Rescue Department.

In addition to firefighting duties the successful candidate will be required to maintain and service all Fire Service vehicles and equipment.

Preference will be given to applicants with previous firefighting knowledge and experience but local and overseas training will be provided.

As the successful candidate will be required to be on call as Duty Officer on a rotational basis a willingness to work unsocial hours is essential. A valid driving licence is essential and some mechanical knowledge would be an advantage.

Salary will commence at £12,384 per annum in Grade F. Interested persons should contact the Sub Fire Officer, Mr David Ford, for details. Application forms and a job description are available from the Human Resources Department. Secretariat and completed forms should be returned to that Department by 4.00pm on Tuesday 3rd March 1998.

Raymar House

There is currently one office available for immediate use at Raymar House.

The rent on this office includes free heating and use of reception area, kitchen and toilets, which are shared with existing tenants.

The office has approximate floor space of twenty square metres, with a large built in cupboard.

Attractive rental terms can be arranged for long term or short term periods. Ideal for local businesses or overseas clients.

For further details please 'phone Patrick Berntsen on 21311, or fax number 22077

Day	Pool		Courts	
Monday	10:00 - 11:30	OAP	10:00 - 1:00	Public
	12:00 - 1:00	Lanes	5:00 - 9:00	Public
	5:00 - 7:00	Public		
	7:00 - 8:00	Adults		
Tuesday	12:00 - 1:00	Lanes	10:30-12:00	Parent/Toddlers
	5:00 - 7:00	Public	12:00 - 1:00	Public
	7:00 - 8:00	Adults	5:00 - 9:00	Public
	10:0 - 11:30	Public	12:00 - 1:00	Public
Wednesday	12:00 - 1:00	Lane Swimming	5:00 - 9:00	Public
	5:00 - 7:00	Public		
	7:00 - 8:00	Adults		
	8:00 - 9:00	Ladies		
Thursday	5:00-7:00	Public	12:00 - 1:00	Public
	7:00 - 8:00	Adults	5:00 - 9:00	Public
	8:00 - 9:00	Private Hire		
	10:00 - 11:30	Parents/Toddlers	10:00 - 1:00	Public
Friday	12:00 - 1:00	Lanes	5:00 - 9:00	Public
	5:00 - 7:00	Public		
	7:00 - 8:00	Adults		
	10:00 - 4:00	Public	10:00 - 6:00	Public
Saturday	4:00 - 5:00	Adults		
	5:00 - 6:00	Private Hire		
	11:00 - 6:00	Public	11:00 - 7:00	Public
	6:00 -7:00	Adults		

Your BFBS Television programmes

SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY
8.20 TITCH
8.30 WOLVES, WITCHES AND GIANTS
8.45 KABLAM!
9.10 TINY TOON ADVENTURES
9.35 SPIRIT RIDER
10.00 LIVE AND KICKING
1.15 GRANDSTAND Including: News summary; Live Challenge Cup rugby league action; European Indoor athletics; Racing from Haydock; Football Focus; and a full round-up of the rest of the day's sporting events
6.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.25 CARTOON TIME
6.35 TOP OF THE POPS
7.05 BIG BREAK
7.35 TRACEY TAKES ON
8.00 NOEL'S HOUSEPARTY
8.50 CASUALTY Charlie Fairhead and Baz Hayes are finally ready to tie the knot in an epic two-part story concluding the current series of Casualty. The story concludes next Saturday
9.40 FILM: THE LAWNMOWER MAN (1992, 15) Science fiction based story starring Jeff Fahey and Pierce Brosnan about a scientist who discovers that he can enhance the intelligence of chimpanzees using drugs and computer technology
11.25 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.45 MATCH OF THE DAY

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH
8.20 MATCH OF THE DAY
9.30 BREAKFAST WITH FROST
10.30 BODGER AND BADGER
10.45 EEK! THE CAT
11.10 BLUE PETER
11.40 THE LOWDOWN
12.05 SONGS OF PRAISE
12.40 THE WHITBREAD: THE WORLD'S GREATEST OCEAN RACE
1.10 THE CHART SHOW
2.00 NEWS
2.10 BROOKSIDE Will Ron deliver his son up to the DSS?
3.20 THIS IS YOUR LIFE
3.50 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW
4.35 THROUGH THE KEYHOLE
5.00 FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP Tottenham Hotspur v Bolton
6.55 ANIMALS IN UNIFORM
7.25 BLIND DATE
8.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
8.30 HEARTBEAT When a young girl claims she is being stalked, suspicions are aroused in the village
9.25 A VERY BRITISH COUP
10.15 PARKINSON
11.10 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.25 RUGBY EXPRESS

MONDAY 2ND MARCH
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 CATS' EYES 10.15 NUMBERTIME 10.30 THE MIX 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING
1.15 TOTS TV Followed by: BFBS WEATHER REPORT
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Helen's medical condition worsens
2.15 CATCHPHRASE
2.40 HOLIDAY
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.45 SPIDER
3.50 THE FORGOTTEN TOYS
4.05 TOM AND VICKY
4.15 DENNIS THE MENACE
4.40 THE REALLY WILD SHOW
5.05 GOOSEBUMPS Be Careful What You Wish For:
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Lachie almost comes clean to Claudia
5.45 FAMILY FORTUNES (New)
6.10 WISH YOU WERE HERE
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET Pam's actions shock Fiona to the core
7.45 THE BILL Sparks: DS Beech is about to lose his cool
8.10 SAVAGE EARTH
9.05 LONDON'S BURNING A fire at an indoor market is a hazardous challenge for Blue Watch. Carole takes her romance one step further
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY?
10.55 BREAKING POINT
11.35 FILM '98
12.05 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA

TUESDAY 3RD MARCH
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 WATCH 10.15 STORYTIME 10.30 BOOK BOX
10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE SINGING KETTLE NEWS Followed by BFBS WEATHER

1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Sarah finds that three is a crowd
2.15 FOOD AND DRINK
2.45 VANESSA
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
3.50 ZZZAP!
4.05 CHUCKLEWOOD CRITTERS
4.30 BLUE PETER
4.55 THE WARD
5.20 HOME AND AWAY Hai comes up with a business idea for Travis
5.45 A QUESTION OF SPORT
6.15 EMMERDALE Jan has another home visit
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS Things are looking up for Ian
7.55 BUGS Ros is arrested - by another branch of the security services when she is accused of aiding a criminal who has been raiding Government arms dumps
8.45 COLTRANE'S PLANES AND AUTOMOBILES
9.10 DARK SKIES
10.00 THE BEST SHOW IN THE WORLD....PROBABLY
10.30 DISPATCHES SPECIAL
11.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.45 TARTAN EXTRA

WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 CATS' EYES 10.15 EUREKA! 10.30 QUEST
10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 POTAMUS PARK followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Hannah fishes for compliments at the pool. Lance's tough stance backfires
2.15 RICK STEIN'S FRUITS OF THE SEA
2.45 THE CLOTHES SHOW
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with THE BLOBS
3.45 TIMBUCTOO (New)
3.50 BLAZING DRAGONS
4.05 ANIMANIACS
4.25 SHARP PRACTICE
4.45 NEWSROUND EXTRA
5.00 OUT OF TUNE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Chloe finally tells Diana what she thinks of her
5.45 TOMORROW'S WORLD
6.15 EMMERDALE Jack makes more of an effort with Sarah. Will is paid to have a date with Kirsty. Chris tells Vic and Viv the good news
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET Roy discovers there is more to Hayley than meets the eye
7.45 THE BILL The Needs of the Many: The subject of one of Slater's undercover investigations spots him in uniform
8.10 YOU'VE BEEN FRAMED
8.40 NOAH'S ARK
9.35 FRIENDS
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 FILM: HARD TARGET (1993, 18) Action thriller starring Jean-Claude Van Damme and Lance Henriksen
12.00 FAME AND FORTUNE An uncensored version of the documentary about the former Black Sabbath singer and reformed hellraiser, Ozzy Osbourne
12.40 THE BIG MATCH: CHAMPIONS LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 STOP, LOOK, LISTEN 10.10 LANDMARKS
10.30 STAGE ONE 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE RIDDLERS Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Angela leaves a surprise behind for Ben
2.15 THE WARTIME KITCHEN AND GARDEN
2.45 VANESSA
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.45 HUBBUB
4.00 BUGS BUNNY
4.10 HIGHLANDER
4.30 BLUE PETER
4.55 THE O-ZONE
5.20 HOME AND AWAY Arc Kylie and Jesse beginning to have feelings for one another?
5.45 TOP GEAR
6.15 EMMERDALE Xak tells Kathy to stop interfering in Dingle business
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 VETS IN PRACTICE
7.25 EASTENDERS Huw is convinced that it's his lucky day
7.55 DAVID JASON IN HIS ELEMENT

BFBS Television programmes (cont)

8.20 DISASTER Tonight, the 1998 fire aboard the Piper Alpha oil rig
8.50 THE D-FILES
9.00 TWO FAT LADIES COMEDY COOK-IN
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 TOM JONES
11.30 THE NAZIS (New) A Warning From History, a new six-part series, reveals that the rise of Hitler and the Nazis was far from inevitable
12.20 THE STAND UP SHOW

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 MATHSBOOK 10.10 RAT-A-TAT-TAT 10.25 LOOK AND READ 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 POTAMUS PARK Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS The jukebox lives to play another day and, Anne and Billy take their driving exams
2.15 ALL OVER THE SHOP
2.40 WAR WALKS (New)
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
3.45 THE LITTLEST PET SHOP
4.00 ARTHUR

4.25 MIKE & ANGELO
4.50 THE WEEK ON NEWSROUND
5.00 WANNABE (New)
5.25 HOME AND AWAY The entire population of Summer Bay is stirred up by Hanna Paulsen's rally
5.45 GLADIATORS
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS Phil Conor and Annie finally come face to face with the rivals on their patch
7.55 999 INTERNATIONAL
8.45 DANGERFIELD An apparent case of euthanasia finds Dangerfield in the awkward position of suspecting Dr Jonathan Paige, an old friend and colleague
9.35 THIRD ROCK FROM THE SUN
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 NEVER MIND THE BUZZCOCKS (New)
11.00 PD JAMES' AN UNSUITABLE JOB FOR A WOMAN (New) A new three-part murder mystery series based on the novel by PD James
11.50 TFI FRIDAY

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YOUR PROGRAMMES FROM F.I.B.S.

SATURDAY 28	12.00News Midday	9.00 News desk from the BBC	5.02The Archers
6.00News BFBS	12.09 Music fill	9.28 Rpt Weather & Flights	5.17 The late afternoon show
6.03 Music Fill	12.15 Lunchtime announcements	9.30 Repeat News Magazine	5.30 A deal with disease
6.16 Children's story - Danny Fox	12.30 B.F.B.S.Programmes	10.00 News BFBS	6.00 Bookclub - The Wimbledon Poisoner
6.30 Children's Corner - request programme	5.02 The Archers	WEDNESDAY March 4	6.25 Music Fill
7.30 News and Sport from five live	5.17 The late afternoon show	10.03 Morning show	6.30 Memories are made of this
7.40Weather,Flights,Announcements	6.00 Country Crossroads	11.45 Rpt calling the Falklands	7.30 News and Sport
8.00The Navy Lark	6.30Comedy - P.G. Woodhouse	12.00 News & Sport from BFBS	7.35 Weather, Flights, Annos
8.28 Rpt Weather & Flights	7.00 The Goons CD collection	12.06 News Midday	8.00 Pot Luck with Myriam
8.30 Part 3 The Bees lost Beatles tapes	7.30 News and Sport	12.09 Music Fill	9.00 News Desk from the BBC
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9.20 Music Fill	8.00 Chemical brothers in concert	12.30BFBS Programme	9.30 Cont. with Pot Luck
9.30Bookclub - Skin tight	8.30 Multi track hit list from BBC World Service	5.02 The Archers	10.00 News BFBS
9.45 Music Fill	9.00 News Desk from the BBC	5.17The late afternoon show	FRIDAY March 6
10.00 News BFBS	9.28 Rpt Weather and Flights	5.45 The Folk Show Rpt	10.03 Morning Show
SUNDAY March 1	9.30 Feature - Surfs Up	6.30Pop Documentary - The best of David Bowie	12.00 News & Sport from B.F.B.S.
5.00 News: BFBS	10.00 News BFBS	7.00Announcers hour of music	12.06 Music Fill
5.03 Music fill	TUESDAY March 3	7.30News and Sport	12.15 Lunchtime Announcements,
5.15 Dessert Island Discs with Umberto Eco	10.03 Morning Show	7.35 Weather,Flights,Annos	12.30 BFBS Programmes
6.00 Music Fill	12.00 News and Sport BFBS	8.00Classics Hour withMegan Egging	5.02 The Archers
6.30 Weather, flights, announcements	12.06 Music Fill	9.00 News Desk from BBC	5.17The late afternoon show
7.00 Church Service- Christ Church Cathedral	12.15 Lunchtime announcements	9.28 Rpt. weather & flights	5.45 Calling the Falklands
8.00Wei Wet Wet Album Special	12.30 BFBS Programmes	9.30Village by the Sea	6.00 News Magazine
8.15 Folk Music Show	5.03 The Archers	9.45 Music Fill	6.30 Life & Times of Jame Stewart
8.30 Repeat Weather & Flights	5.17The late afternoon show	10.00 News from BFBS	7.30 News & Sport from Five live
8.45 Folk Music Show	5.30 News from St. Helena	THURSDAY March 5	7.35 Weather, Flights Annos
9.00 News Desk	5.45 Calling the Falklands	10.03 Morning Show	8.00 Announcers half hour
9.28 Rpt. Weather & Flights	6.00News Magazine	12.00 News & Sport fromB.F.B.S.	8.30 Country Crossroads
9.30 Dracula	6.30 Van Morrison in concert	12.06 News Midday	9.00 News Desk from the BBC
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MONDAY March 2	8.00 Past hits of 97	12.30 BFBS Programme	10.00 News B.F.B.S.
10.03 Morning show			All programmes are subject to change.
12.00 News and Sport BFBS			Any changes will be broadcast on FIBS

B.F.B.S. RADIO WEEKLY PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

98.5FM

SATURDAY 0000Drum & Bass0200Steve Mason0400In Concert 0500 Forces Finest with Damian Watson 0700 Weekend Gold0800 Breakfast Show 1000The Score with Francis Collings 1400 Mark Page 1600 Weekend Gold1800 David Rodigan 2000 Drum & Bass 2200 Richard Allinson
SUNDAY 0000 Late Night Love in 0200 Mark Page 0400 Bob Harris 0700 Weekend Gold 0800 UK Sunday Breakfast 1000 Forces Finest 1200 James Watt 1400 Richard Allinson 1600 Bob Harris 1900 In Concert 2000 Rock Show 2200 John Peel
MONDAY 0000Weekend Gold 0200 In Concert0200 Rockumentary 0300 Connect '98 0500 Early Breakfast0600 Breakfast Show 0900 BFBS Gold1000 FIBSMorning Show 1230 The Afternoon Shift1800 BFBS Gold 1900 Jamie Gordon with Full Top 40 (Mondays only), New Dance, Indie and Pop, interviews and live music session2200 Aidan Donovan
TUESDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued0100 David Rodigan 0300 - 0000 As Monday
WEDNESDAY 0000Aidan Donovan continued0100John Peel0300 - 0000As Monday
THURSDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued0100 The Rockshow0300 - 2000 As Monday
FRIDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued 0100 Richard Allinson 0300-1800 As Monday 1800-2000Gurkha Programmes 2000 Andy Wright 2200 Friday Dance

CHANNEL 2

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SATURDAY 0000On Stage & Kaleidoscope0100On Stage0200 Newsday & Features from BBC World Service 0300 A Taste of N Ireland 0400 Today from BBC Radio 4 0600 Radio 4 News and Sport0630 Counterpoint0700 Meridian from BBC W/S0730

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SUNDAY 0100 Archers Omnibus 0200 Newsday and Europe Today/Heritage0300 Clydes Classics0400 News & Sunday Papers, morning Music & Religious news and views 0615 Letter from America with Alistair Cooke & Morning Service0715 Archers Omnibus0815 Weekend on Two with Colin Hamilton's music and mind boggler1000 The World This Weekend1100 News & Sunday Sport fromBBC Radio Five Live1600 Feature 1630 Many are Called - Christian Music and religious news with Roger Hudson 1700 Sound Portrait 1800 Feature 1900 News Desk from BBC World Service 1930 Health Matters and Sports Round-Up 2000-0100News & Radio Five Live Overnight
MONDAY 0100News Desk from BBC W/S0130 Feature0200 News Day and Europe Today/Heritage 0300Newsbriefing from BBC Radio 4 followed by Book Club0330 Today from BBC Radio 40600 World News and Business Report0615 Archers 0630 Gurkha News0700 News Summary from BBC Radio 4 and "My World"0730 Woman's Hour0830 Two's Company 1000 World At One 1045 Sports Round-up1100 Play/Short Story 1200 News/PM Shift1300 Kaleidoscope1345 Archers 1400 PM Programme 1500 Main News of the Day 1530 Comedy 1600 News Extra & Sports Desk followed by Sport on Five and Radio Five overnight
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Menem achieves a significant advance in the relations with Great Britain and, above all, to obtain some signal encouraging the discussion about sovereignty, which has been absolutely rejected by the Blair administration.

The possible agreement in the fields of economics and diplomacy could become a significant political and diplomatic fact. It is so, on the other hand, regarding the visit of President Menem to Great Britain in November. Anyway they are most modest achievements when comparing them, in the field of local politics, with the claim regarding sovereignty.

During the visit of Menem, in accordance with the promoters of the negotiations in London, it is clear that this last subject will not be analysed.

But in spite of everything which could have happened, it seems that it is not possible to make any change in order to make way for another re-election.

The President faces, including within PJ "internal" (Justicialist Party), a difficult situation in order to put his third period as president as the main political idea. The conflict with Eduardo Duhalde, the fact that Reutemann has moved away from the President, and the claims of other leaders - because of old confrontations or up-to-date reckoning must be thought of.

Besides there is the rejection of the opposition who feel that their harvest could be more important if Menem insists on his bet regarding re-election. And the polls which do not show the President or the Government in the best of the images.

Secret contacts in London because of the Falklands

They are taking place in Paris. Menem personally controls the conversations. Agreements on oil, fishing and communications are being dealt with. But there would be a more ambitious objective. To show a significant advance in the relations with London which could ease a discussion about sovereignty. And in this way to obtain an important support for the re-electionist aspirations of Menemism.

Relations with Great Britain Exclusive investigation

Falklands: Government holds secret negotiations with London. They are trying to obtain a global agreement about fishing, oil and communications. And to show an advance in the way to sovereignty. They bet on a strong political achievement to encourage re-election.

Argentine Government initiated secret conversations with Great Britain in order to be able to announce a lot of measures about the Falklands before and after the trip of President Carlos Menem to London in November to encourage his wishes - which are opposite to what Argentine Constitution states - of being re-elected.

"The objective is that the President can obtain achievements during his trip to London in November"

Diplomatic sources confirmed yesterday to *Clarín* the operation. There are two projects being dealt with, they are joined to get the same objective: the necessity of showing that President Menem was able to set up the question of sovereignty in the Islands to Prime Minister Tony Blair, despite the fact that he only limits himself to put it forward and Blair refuses to discuss it, ratifying in this way the traditional British position.

But this would be enough for the domestic political necessities of President Menem which are to make it clear that "the impossible subject" was the agenda and so to be able to obtain a noisy arguing for his re-electionist ambitions with headlines on the front page of every newspaper.

"It is not imagination. Everything which is happening is what every one supposes and what is true. The trip of the President to London is very important for us and we can not allow ourselves any surprise in the agenda. Our slogan is 'Without any surprise'", said to *Clarín* a very important officer of the Foreign Ministry, who admitted that the negotiations were under way.

"That is why we are arguing a lot about it," he added, but he rejected the idea that all of it is taking place "looking forward to the re-election" and he said that it would be "a disaster" if such a tie-in is thought of.

The British Foreign Office admitted that "there are discussions on the agenda of the President" and ratified that "the question of sovereignty is not negotiable without the consent of the inhabitants of the Islands", although kelpers have not been informed about the secret meetings between the Argentine Ambassador Guillermo Gonzalez and the British in Paris.

The negotiations are being personally monitored by President Carlos Menem and not only by the Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella, said the sources to *Clarín*.

Argentine Ambassador Guillermo Gonzalez, current representative in Bern and chief of the confidential meeting with the British, travels to Argentina each 45 days; he will land in Buenos Aires on Monday (23rd February); he is coming from Switzerland and he will have a non-official meeting with the President.

"The idea is that Menem limits himself to put forward the question of sovereignty and Blair rejects the offer to discuss it."

The meetings take place mostly in Paris. And the participants are Ambassador Gonzalez, Ambassador Alberto Davedere, and three political and diplomatic officers in the Foreign Office; Vice Foreign Secretary Tony Lloyd not being one of them.

Foreign Minister Di Tella has directly participated in some meetings, although Gonzalez was personally trained for the mission by President Menem during his trip to Rome last year.

Argentine Ambassador in London, Rogelio Pflirer, and the Diplomatic Representative of Great Britain in Buenos Aires, William Marsden, are told, they make their contributions but they do not participate directly because they wish to preserve "the bilateral relation".

For his communications with the President and the Foreign Minister, Ambassador Gonzalez uses "Carola" which is a phone that provokes the distortion of voices, which was provided to him exclusively to be able to have confidential phone-talks avoiding being de-codified by British secret services.

Gonzalez is a good friend of British Ambassador Marsden, who is an expert on oil but he is also absolutely reliable for Menem and Di Tella.

As a part of this staging the Argentine Foreign Minister is negotiating with Great Britain the fact of being able to travel to the Falklands before the visit of the President to Lon-

don, using a Mercosur passport.

This is the reason why from Argentina they are exercising pressure for the extension of this document, which will be a common one for all the countries members of the regional agreement. But the British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook is inclined to think that the landing of his Argentine colleague in the Islands would be after the arrival of Menem to London.

According to what important forces of the two countries said to *Clarín*, the project is to obtain a "perfect agenda" - without any surprise - for the meeting between Menem and Prime Minister Tony Blair during the official visit to London.

Consequently they pretend to be included in the agenda a public conference of Menem about the question of the sovereignty in the Islands, being astride the collaboration on oil, where the British rejection to discuss the subject will be ratified by Blair, but Menem may say that "the question was dealt with" for the first time.

The visit to Queen Elizabeth and its schedule is in the charge of Ambassador Pflirer who has frequently been a guest in the royalty lounges and at hunting.

Anyway what is to be emphasised is the "closed parcel" which Ambassador Gonzalez is discussing in accordance with "special instructions" of President Menem, which includes an agreement on oil, fishing, transport and communications. Eventually, he will need the consent of the opposition in some instances because it will be "open" - that is to say to put into practice - at least in five years time.

The objective of the "closed parcel" is to be brightly shown by President Menem as a result of his visit to London; it is to be shown with splendour.

"The chief of the operation gets through to Menem via 'Carola' which is a phone that distorts voices."

But the parcel would be opened in five years time, during the period of a next president. In accordance with the evaluation of an opposition leader: "We could be the ones who would find a dead cat instead of chocolate there".

This project changed its structure a month and a half ago, when one of the negotiators realised that they had chosen dates which coincided with re-electionist political necessities of the menemism. One of the negotiators presented a letter of resignation to President Menem and then his instructions were changed; they are now, officially, "sine die".

The Ambassador Alberto Davedere is also involved in the negotiations although his friends think that "he would be more comfortable in some European Embassy by now."

"If I think that this is only to encourage the re-election, I would resign tomorrow and besides very loudly, for everybody to know it," defied one of the participants in the negotiation.

But seeking for this presidential objective they have forgotten the diplomatic orthodoxy which rules the Foreign Ministry.

Who is in charge of the main Argentine negotiations, is the Ambassador in Berna, and not Pflirer, who is the official representative in London, that would have raised objections to the using of an alternative way and also to the proposed terms.

BRITAIN

SUBJECT: IRAQ: EU

STATEMENT

Following is the text of the EU statement on Iraq which was issued on 20 February by the UK as Presidency.

"The European Union expresses its strong support for and complete confidence in the Secretary-General of the United Nations in his mission to Baghdad to seek a solution to the present crisis in Iraq."

A diplomatic solution to the present crisis is still possible, providing that Iraq respects the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council and accepts an arrangement for access to Presidential sites on terms consistent with the requirements of the international community.

The European Union urges the Iraqi authorities to seize the opportunity presented by the UN Secretary-General's mission to announce its intention to comply fully with the relevant Security Council resolutions."

FALKLAND WOOL

GROWERS LTD

Wool Market Report for Friday 20 February 1998

WOOL MARKETS

Bulk merino wools sold generally unchanged this week, maintaining the low market level, with the Australian Eastern Market Indicator (EMI) closing 3 cents higher at 640 A cents/Kg. The week was characterised by small volumes of wool on sale, yet still with pass-in rates of over ten percent. The super-fine indicator plunged 238 cents compared with the Newcastle sale of 4 December 1997 to close at 1,192 cents per Kg. The Australian 27 micron EMI closed at 503 cents/Kg, which at today's exchange rate of 2.42 A\$/£ converts to 208 pence/Kg.

New Zealand wool prices were again lower, with the NZ indicator 3 cents/Kg lower at 413 cents (148 p/Kg) creating a very undesirable new low for the season. The strong segment indicator fell 5 cents to 326 cents/kg, its lowest since December 1991.

CURRENCIES

Currencies of countries with close ties to Asia, including Australia and New Zealand, remain at weaker levels; whilst suggestions of a further rise in UK interest rates, is maintaining the strength of the pound.

MARKETS

The poor wool markets of Australia and New Zealand, combined with their weak currencies, continues to supply the world with "cheaper" wool. In spite of this, analysts report that business in early processing stages in Europe remain quiet. Demand is limited and there are reports of thwarted Asian contracts for processed wools circulating on the supply side. Chinese demand has been reduced by Asian currency devaluations, which have made the major Chinese mills less competitive on the world stage. Falklands wool still on sale from last season competing against new season wools, unnecessarily compounds the problems of a difficult market.

AGENCY

The *Pantelis K* has not docked in UK as planned, but is strike bound in Casablanca.

The *Anne Boye's* ETA is next weekend. Lotting was completed earlier this week.

The Agency continues to seek out higher priced sectors of the market.

With Regards
Robert Hall



Penguin News Current Affairs Supplement



Argentina

CLARIN 22/2/98

Conversations in bars and discreet hotels in Paris.

The first official negotiations about the Falkland Islands during democracy began in Berna, in 1984, at the beginning of Alfonsín's period and ended in a public failure. Perhaps to avoid that connection the Menemism has chosen Paris as the centre for the conversations with the British government, and not an institutional site but bars, restaurants and discreet hotels near the Champs Elise.

The last meeting was held in Paris last February 27th and Guido Di Tella and Vice Foreign Minister Andres Cisneros, who almost never travel at the same time, were there.

They deny the meeting. But they arrived 24 hours after the due arrival time, in the plane of Air France 417 which carried them from Buenos Aires, at 11.35 a.m. The excuse for Di Tella was to attend the seminar of financier's and bankers of the world, at Davos, Switzerland. But they landed there on February 29th, after the meetings in Paris.

The next Anglo-Argentine meeting was scheduled for three weeks time ahead if there was no leak. The Argentine representatives in Paris alternate accommodation: when Ambassador Gonzalez is the only one who travels, he stays at the spectacular house on Foch Avenue where Argentine Ambassador in Paris, Archibaldo Lanus, lives.

Sometimes, when Di Tella or Cisneros travel, the Argentine representatives stays at the Baltimore Hotel, a four star and discreet hotel on Kleber Avenue very near the Arc de Triomphe. They do not go to the Embassy at that time: they only use their own cars and the meetings are discreet as well as private.

The same hotel was used frequently by the representatives of Israel and Palestine to have meetings in order to negotiate peace. "The arguments and the pressure were memorable. There were more guards than representatives. Argentine representatives are more noisy and they love to go shopping," remembers a hall-porter who attended them.

CLARIN 22/2/98

Relations with Great Britain

A New Airway

Flights to Falklands from London

They will be weekly ones and will tie-in Stanley with the British capital. There would be stopovers at Montevideo and Sao Paulo, without touching the Argentine ground. The next debuts of the British South Atlantic does not make the Government happy.

At least the two flags sharing the flagpole. That was the precise order which Carlos Menem gave to his Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella once the only thing to do was to consider the "seduction policies" to the inhabitants of the Falklands a failure.

But the surprises which the Kelpers give us daily are anticipated ones for the Argentine government that by now is holding secret negotiations with London (refer to above

translations). Just to be 16 years since the time when the recovery of the Islands became a failure, on next 2nd April a Boeing 737 will inaugurate the flights which will tie-in Stanley, Montevideo (Uruguay), Sao Paulo (Brazil) and at last London. Of course, without touching the Argentine ground.

In accordance with the Uruguayan agency press Mercopress, the plane, which was rented by the aircompany Falkland Islands Airways, "because of political and legislation reasons" will have printed on its fuselage the words "British South Atlantic".

In the Stanley capital, Michael Summers, one of the directors of the new airline who is also a member of the Legislation Council, said that his company "had been awarded with the contract to transport the workers of the oil platform between the Falklands and Great Britain."

The contract was awarded by FOSA, the group which join the oil companies which has got permits to exploit oil in the islands which share the cost of the construction of the future platform, which would have to be ready for full time operation, "at least in the middle of this year."

Itinerary

The plane will take off weekly from Stanley; there will be a stopover in Montevideo and once there it will go on its trip up to Sao Paulo where the passengers should be transferred to another plane to go to London. As it is defined in the contract the new airline will be authorised to transport other civilians, besides the group of workers of the submarine platform.

In accordance with the provisions, the "*Borgny Dolphin*" (Sea of North) in a few days and the first wells are expected to be drilled in the waters of the Falklands at the beginning of May.

Some 30 workers are going to be relieved weekly and transferred again to Great Britain by the plane of the "British South Atlantic". Up to now the Royal Air Force (RAF) is doing two flights weekly and the Chilean Lan Chile is operating an air bridge from Santiago once a week.

In the Islands, the re-opening of a direct tie-in with Uruguay was welcome as the old people remember the time when the children of the Falklands inhabitants were educated in the "British School" in Montevideo, and all the urgent medical assistance was provided by the "British Hospital" in the Uruguayan Capital.

In the meantime, Menem goes on saying that in November, during his "official visit" to London, he will talk about the question of the sovereignty. Although it does not appear in the agenda of conversations. By now the only specific fact is that the Argentine Foreign Ministry and the Foreign Office are negotiating to try to provide the visit with a not only symbolic content.

BUENOS AIRES HERALD 23/2/98

Gov't denies 'secret' Falklands talks

The Foreign Ministry yesterday confirmed contracts with the British

Foreign Office over the disputed Falkland Islands ahead of President Carlos Menem's scheduled visit to Great Britain in November, but denied that the conversations were 'secret', as reported by a city daily.

The Ministry also said it was 'irresponsible' to link possible progress on the issue of sovereignty over the Falklands with a bid for President Carlos Menem's re-election.

The talks are allegedly aimed at creating a common agenda for Menem's visit to London - the first by an Argentine president since the two nations fought over the Falklands in 1982, the Foreign Ministry said.

Presidential Chief-of-Staff Alberto Kohan said the government is trying to reach agreements on the Falklands, but ruled out the secrecy of the talks.

"Secret talks" do not become front page stories," he said, adding that it is 'delirious' to link the issue of Falklands to another re-election.

Kohan said the talks "are part of the permanent efforts to advance on the agreements related to the Falklands."

The main issues being discussed are oil and fishing in the waters close to the islands, Kohan said.

The report had quoted an unnamed Argentine Foreign Ministry official as saying that "the president's trip to London is very important for us and we cannot allow for surprises in the agenda."

"Without surprises is our slogan." The daily also linked an alleged debate over the islands' sovereignty to a political move aiming at creating the ground for a possible referendum which could allow Menem to run for a third consecutive term in office, which is banned by the Constitution.

LA NACION 23/2/98

New homage in Falkland Islands

The sixth contingent of relatives of the fallen in the Falklands visited the day before yesterday (Thursday 19th) the Cemetery where the remains of 236 Argentine soldiers who died in action during the war in 1982 are buried.

As during previous trips, the relatives of the fallen - a group of 15 people together with a Catholic priest - were received by local authorities and spent the night at Stanley before coming back to Buenos Aires with a stopover at Comodoro Rivadavia.

The Ties with the Islands in the South Atlantic Ocean
British Airways' Flights to the Islands

British air company British Airways would begin to operate the airway Falkland Islands - London, with stopovers at Montevideo and Sao Paulo. Once the remaining bureaucratic hindrances are overcome, the first Boeing 737 which would cover this new airway, would arrive at the Falklands airport on April 2nd, it will be 16 years since the day when the Argentine military men landed at the Falklands.

In spite of any susceptibility which could arise from the election of the date, a source which participated in a segment of the negotiations

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affirmed that the day is only an accidental one.

It is due to a contract that a Falklands company, the Falkland Islands Airway Michael Summers being in charge of it, would have concluded with the society which is formed by four companies which have contracts of oil exploitation in the Islands: the Falkland Offshore Sharing Agreement (FOSA), the members of which being IPC, Amerada Hess, Shell and Lasmo.

Other options

The agreement would state that the air company would carry 30 employees of mentioned companies to and from Great Britain and the Islands during its weekly trip. The remaining 100 seats could be commercially offered. British Airways would support the flight as "British South Atlantic" and then it would tie-in the South American segment with the transatlantic airway from Sao Paulo to London.

At first these flights would figure as charter ones but the idea of the parties is to regularise them.

The Manager of the tourism office in the Falklands, John Fowler, said to *LA NACION* that, regarding tourists, "it is more convenient the connection with Punta Arenas and Puerto Mont which Lan Chile performs on Saturdays."

Lan Chile covers that segment, by means of charter flights, since last August. Besides the airway with Chile, seven British Royal Air Force flights are landing monthly at the Falklands; these flights put the islands in touch via Ascension Island.

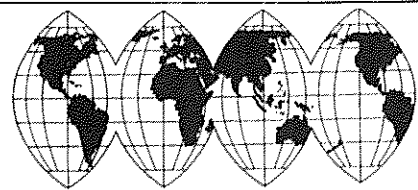
The requirement of Uruguay about obtaining another frequency to London, as compensation, depends on above deal.

CLARIN 25/2/98

Re-electionist Hopes

The possibility of achieving the triumph of a strategy which would be able to transfer the sovereignty of the Falklands to Argentina was always the thought of menemism regarding re-election hopes. And it is possible to image then, the enthusiasm which could have arisen because of the negotiations previous to the first trip of President Menem to London.

The objective is that Carlos



British press Headline stories: Feb 20 - Feb 26

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR
FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 1998
IRAQ CRISIS

Once again, it is the crisis over weapons inspections in Iraq that dominates. *The Independent* focuses on the heckling meted out at a public debate in Ohio to members of the United States administration. The paper says that while the United Nations Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, is heading for Baghdad in an attempt to preserve the peace, President Clinton and his team are embarking on a last-ditch mission of their own to sell air strikes to a hesitant and sceptical American public.

The British Prime Minister, Tony Blair, seems to be on a similar mission. Writing in the mass-circulation *Sun*, he says that nobody is more moved than he is at reports of starving Iraqi children. But he insists that President Saddam Hussein is solely to blame for that. And speaking on behalf of the nation, he says that we cannot allow Saddam Hussein to flout the UN by rebuilding his weapons to threaten his own citizens and neighbours.

US ANTHRAX PLOT EXPOSED

The Guardian gives front page treatment to two supposed white supremacists who were arrested in Las Vegas on suspicion of plotting to release anthrax spores into a public place. The paper says one of the suspects was already on probation for receiving cultures of bubonic plague through the post, although he claimed he was working on an antidote in case of an Iraqi attack. *The Daily Telegraph* says that the group linked to the suspects, the Aryan Nations Movement, has made explicit threats to exterminate all American Jews.

FORD ANGLIA REVISITED

There is an off-beat tale of rediscovered youth in *The Times*. It is the story of a Mr and Mrs King, erstwhile hippies who did their courting in a 1951 Ford Anglia. Mr King sold the car to a scrap merchant back in the seventies. Imagine his surprise and joy, twenty-six years later, when he discovered that old familiar jalopy on top of a pile of scrap at the same wrecker's yard. Mr King, now a successful designer, promptly bought it back for the same price he paid for it - the equivalent of nine dollars.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR
MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 1998
IRAQ CRISIS

Predictably, the big story in nearly all the papers is the reported agreement between President Saddam Hussein of Iraq and the United Nations Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, on the weapons inspections crisis. *The Times*, in its front page headline, speaks of a deal but adds that the United States and Britain remain cautious until the full details are known. *The Times* story says that the main sticking point in the

negotiations was the Iraqi insistence that inspections of the presidential sites be restricted to one hour. The story says that Mr Annan had pointed out that the five permanent members of the Security Council were united in their view that any such time limit would be unacceptable. According to *The Times*, Mr Annan called President Yeltsin in Moscow to use his influence with the Iraqi leader. The story says he also called the British Prime Minister, Tony Blair, President Chirac of France and the American Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright. The mass circulation *Sun*, in its front page story, says that the Iraqi leader backed down. Both papers carry large pictures of the UN chief and the Iraqi leader shaking hands - with the *Sun* headline declaring boldly: 'Deal with the Devil'.

The Financial Times, in its front page story, says that the Secretary General is confident that the Security Council will back the agreement he has reached. The paper goes on to quote the President of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zaid bin Sultan al-Nahayan, as saying that American threats of military action against Baghdad are bad and loathsome. *The Financial Times* says the Sheikh became the first Arab leader to claim that Iraq does not pose a threat to its neighbours. *The Times*, in an inside story, speaks of a growing wave of anti-American feeling across the Arab world as a result of the crisis. The story details two days of pro-Iraqi demonstrations in the southern Jordanian city of Maan. It also carries a large picture of the American and British flags being burned in the street by Palestinians in the West Bank town of Nablus. *The Guardian* headlines its front page lead story, 'Back from the Brink'. While reporting the deal with as much detail as is available so far, the *Guardian* sounds a note of caution, saying that there is bound to be concern in western capitals that President Saddam's record of breaking agreements means that even written guarantees may be worthless - and they will be unable to prevent a re-run of the crisis in a few weeks or months.

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IRAQ CRISIS

And for most of the papers, it is the aftermath of the agreement in Baghdad between the United Nations Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, and President Saddam Hussein which gets the big headlines. Pictures of Mr Annan and the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, Tariq Aziz, shaking hands after signing their agreement appear in several papers, along with detailed analysis of the implications of what has been - or what has not been - achieved. *The Independent*, in a front page headline, perhaps sums up what many of the papers are concluding about the Baghdad accord. *The Independent* says: 'once again, it is peace in our time...for now'. The paper continues

its coverage of the crisis with two pages of special reports on the background to the agreement, but with a reminder that the UN, and the United States, still have to set their seal on the deal. *The Times*, too, gives two inside pages to the agreement, with a detailed look at how it has been received around the world. The paper reports that Russia, which was called upon to intervene by telephone during the Baghdad negotiations, is claiming some of the credit for the breakthrough. *The Times* also features detailed reaction from Kuwait, whose invasion by Iraq set off the crisis in the first place. A leading environmentalist and human rights campaigner in Kuwait, Fatima al-Abdali, is quoted as saying that while the agreement might help the world relax, it would not help Kuwait relax. A settlement now, she says, will merely condemn future generations to confusion and insecurity.

NORTHERN IRELAND CAR BOMB

While most of the papers concentrate on the agreement in Iraq, they give a lot of space to an incident which threatens to bring to the forefront once again the continuing conflict nearer home - the massive car bomb which wrecked several buildings in the mainly Protestant town of Portadown, in Northern Ireland. *The Times*, in its story, says that the bomb - blamed on a republican splinter group - may shatter the fragile ceasefire being observed by most of the militant Protestant groups in the province. A spokesman for one of them, Billy Hutchinson, is quoted as saying that Protestants will not sit back and watch Protestant communities bombed by republicans. *The Times* says the latest bombing reduced many people in the town to tears - it destroyed buildings which had only just been rebuilt after an IRA bomb destroyed much of the town centre in 1993.

FLORIDA TORNADOES

There are several pictures of devastation, too, from the other side of the Atlantic - all the papers carry detailed reports of the tornadoes which have struck parts of Florida and have reduced hundreds of homes to rubble. Mobile homes and vehicles are shown strewn about like matchwood. The papers predict that the number of people killed - officially put at about thirty - is certain to rise much higher as rescue teams search the debris.

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25 FEBRUARY 1998
PRINCESS MARGARET
SUFFERS STROKE

The big story in nearly all the papers is the sudden illness of Princess Margaret, the sister of The Queen. The news that she has suffered a mild stroke while on holiday on the Caribbean island of Mustique is the lead story in nearly all of them, along with recent pictures of the Princess. *The Times*, in its front page story, quotes the Princess's lady in waiting, Jane Stevens, as saying that it was a minor stroke, and that the Princess was fine. The doctor who first treated the Princess when she became ill, Dr Michael Bunbury, is quoted by *The Times* as saying that the stroke has not affected the Princess in any major way - there was no paralysis or slurring of speech. Several of the papers point to the fact that the Princess was a heavy smoker for forty years, before giving up the habit two years ago. The mass circulation *Sun* says, in a front page headline, that the Queen fears for her sister, and that the Princess's smoking has taken a devastating toll on her health. *The Times*, in an in-depth examination of the Princess's life, says bluntly that if she had been allowed to marry her

first love - the divorced Group Captain Peter Townsend - she would have been happier and perhaps healthier.

MILLENNIUM DOME

The other big story in today's papers is the revelation of what will be inside the Millennium Dome, to mark the year two-thousand, now under construction at Greenwich, on the Thames. The details were given by the Prime Minister, Tony Blair, and many of the papers devote several pages to what the dome will contain, with maps, charts and special features. Nearly all are enthusiastic at what the Prime Minister revealed. *The Sun*, in an editorial, described the plans as dazzling. *The Sun* says that if it all comes off, the Dome will be a great advert for Britain. It is a shame, the paper says, that it has taken so long for the Dome's contents to be revealed. The public could have fallen in love with it sooner. *The Daily Telegraph*, in an editorial, sounds a more cautious note. The paper says that so far only sixty million pounds of the 150 million needed from private business has been raised. The roof has yet to be placed on the structure, and only half the contents have been decided. And the designers, *The Telegraph* says, are still squabbling over the Dome's long term future.

WRONG NAME FOR KNIGHTHOOD

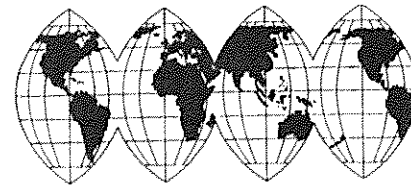
And a footnote is carried by many of the papers on a routine event at Buckingham Palace, where the latest of those honoured by *The Queen* were receiving their awards. Those gathered were somewhat puzzled when the newly appointed Lord Chamberlain announced a formal knighthood for a man who was being rewarded for his contribution to the music industry - Sir John Elton. The event was recorded on video, and the tail-coated superstar was asked whether he wanted the formal announcement rectified to put his name the right way round. But he insisted, 'let's leave it the way it is'.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR
THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY 1998
TIGER BITES OFF THE
ARM OF CIRCUS WORKER

A wide variety of stories attract the attention of today's editors. Prominent among them is a reminder of the dangers faced daily by those who train wild animals for the amusement and entertainment of the public. The news that a circus tiger, owned by one of the country's best known circus families, the Chipperfields, attacked and bit off the arm of a circus worker is on the front pages of several papers. The accident happened at the circus' winter headquarters in Oxfordshire, in southern England, when the worker was feeding a Bengal tiger. The Chipperfields' view it as all the more serious in the light of an incident last month in Florida, when a member of the family, Richard Chipperfield, was mauled by a tiger he had raised from a cub. In its front page story, accompanied by a picture of a tiger in ferocious mood, *The Times* quotes one expert as saying that it was not possible to breed out or subliminate a tiger's basic instincts. It is a solitary, predatory animal, with its natural behaviour always lurking beneath the surface.

PRINCESS MARGARET

The sudden illness of The Queen's sister, Princess Margaret, while on holiday in the Caribbean is again a big story, with the attention today on what The Queen herself had to say about it when she visited a primary school in London. Perhaps anticipating an inquiry or two from the young pupils, The Queen was able to tell them that the Princess was feeling very much better.



News from South America provided by Mercopress

TWO MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS KILLED IN TORRES DEL PAINE

Two Spanish climbers were killed in an avalanche in one of the main mountains of the Torres del Paine National Park in the south of Chile. The accident occurred at the 2,700 metres mark, when the team of five experienced climbers were descending from the summit and heading towards the "Japanese Garden".

The first body was rescued by a helicopter belonging to the Carabineros in a risky operation, but the second was only found two days later by a special team of forest wardens and other mountain climbers who helped to clear the rubble and snow.

The causes of the avalanche are still unknown since the area is considered reasonably safe and is normally used by mountain climbers.

BRAZIL CELEBRATES 500 YEARS

Punta Arenas in Chile hosted for a week a Brazilian family that is on a two years sailing tour of the world as part of the 500 years anniversary of the discovery of Brazil.

The Schurmann family of six sailing in a yacht fully equipped with the most sophisticated communications technology should be returning to Rio de Janeiro on time for the April 22nd 2000 celebrations.

The "Ayasso" (that in tupi dialect means "beautifully perfect") will follow the route of the famous Portuguese navigator Magellan in an educational trip that will keep it in permanent contact with "Adventure House" a project to video transmit to half a million Brazilian schoolchildren the experiences of the sea adventure. In the different legs of the tour, scientists from various fields and other personalities will be invited on board to lecture on their expertise.

The Schurmann family is composed of Wilfred, and Eloisa, both 49 years old, and their three grown up children, Pierre, 29, David, 26 and Wilhelm 21, plus little five years old Katherine who was adopted a couple of years ago.

The project is partly sponsored by O'Globo the main Brazilian television station that will be receiving weekly reports as the "Ayasso" follows the original Magellan route. Those interested in contacting the Schurmann family can do so by Internet.

CHILE LEADS IN AGAR- AGAR EXPORTS

Chile has become the world main exporter of agar-agar, a substance extracted from a type of kelp that is abundant in most of the southern Pacific coast. Agar-agar is an essential component for the food industry, pharmacology, biotechnology and is also used in several other industries.

With an annual production of 2,300 tons, equivalent to 40% of world production, Chilean agar-agar foreign sales in 1997 reached forty million US dollars. Total exports of the different seaweed and by products represent 80 million US dollars.

Agar-agar is extracted from

"*gracilaria chilensis*" a seaweed that was almost extinguished in the eighties because of indiscriminate exploitation. But strong conservation measures and commercial farming led to a quick recovery and its current development.

Chile exports by products from over ten different species of seaweed, but the most important is the *gracilaria chilensis*, locally known as "pelillo".

U.N. CLEARS LANDMINES IN GUATEMALA

The United Nations has launched a programme to clear deadly anti personnel land mines left over from Guatemala's 36 year civil war. The programme is part of the peace accord signed in 1996 that ended the war.

It is estimated that over a million anti personnel land mines are lying underneath the American continent soil, all the way from central America to the Falklands.

"We consider the anti personnel mines the greatest health disaster caused by man," remarked Dominique Masson, member of the Regional Delegation Red Cross International Committee.

The border areas between Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia and Chile are considered the most dangerous of the South American continent and where most people have been mutilated. Tens of thousands of land mines were strewn in the early nineties when Ecuador and Peru fought a mini war over a disputed unmarked border area. Even more are buried on the Chilean side of the border with Bolivia. In the seventies Chile feared a combined attack from Peru and Bolivia in an attempt of these two countries to recover land lost a century before during the 1879 war. Chile also mined at that time some strategic fields in the south, next to the Argentine border.

"While it only costs 3 dollars to lay a mine, it costs over 1,000 dollars to neutralise these deadly weapons, when you have the correct charts," stressed Mr Masson.

According to world statistics almost 80% of the anti personnel mines victims are children and women.

Meanwhile in Britain, Defence Secretary, George Robertson, announced a two years programme to destroy a million anti personnel land mines held by the British Armed Forces. In a letter to members of Parliament Mr Robertson outlined a destruction plan which will rid Britain of virtually all its stocks of a weapon banned from use by last years' Ottawa Convention. Britain will only retain 4,000 mines for training purposes only.

ARGENTINE MILITARY REFORM

A military reform that defines the role of the Argentine Armed Forces for the coming century was unanimously approved by the Chamber of Deputies and will now be considered by the Senate.

Basically the Argentine Armed Forces will be reduced in number, made more professional, officers will be required to have university de-

grees, and the budget will be increased 3% during five successive years taking 1996 with 3,500 million US dollars as the starting point. Manpower both military and civilian will be the initiative of the Executive branch but must have the approval of Congress, and the three forces will have to pool resources.

The bill contemplates three scenarios for conventional operations: with the peace keeping forces of the United Nations; in support of Police, Border Guard and Coast Guard when they have been overrun by circumstances, (under the Argentine internal security law the Armed Forces are banned from taking action in social conflicts); finally in support of the international community or friendly countries.

Retirement pensions will be similar to those in the civil service and military academies will have to adapt to public education.

Any further increases in salaries or purchase of equipment will have to come from savings in the budget or the sale of assets. Nevertheless to help with the acquisition and renewal of equipment, a billion US dollars will be spent between 1999 and 2003.

A joint congressional committee will monitor the reforms.

THE WORST OF THE CRISIS IS OVER

For US economist and advisor of several Latin American countries, Rudiger Dornbusch, the worst of the Asian crisis is over, but full recovery will take two or three years.

Dornbusch, who has often criticised Argentine economic policies, said that Argentina "has done quite well," but warned that the world context is still complicated, and credit for emerging countries has become dearer.

The MIT professor added that neither Brazil nor China would devalue their currencies in the near future in spite of the present difficulties because: "Mr Cardoso is after a second term in office and China has ample foreign reserves, 160 billion US dollars."

"The real risk is Japan that seems to be lost: so far everything they've done has gone wrong, the banking system is only getting worse and they lack strong political leadership to stimulate the economy," stressed Mr Dornbusch.

GREENSPAN CAUTIONS

For the president of the US Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan, the present stability of the US economy is threatened by the Asian crisis.

Addressing the Banking Committee of the House of Representatives Mr Greenspan said the US economy is "finely balanced", but the storm clouds in the Far East could influence prices and growth in the Union, "far more than desirable."

Mr Greenspan said that the current situation of seven years of running growth with a strong currency, cheap imports and practically no inflation is not indefinite. Two scenarios are possible: US internal expenditure is not compensated with a strong Asian supply, that could start inflation; and a second where a flood of Asian goods could drop prices and activity, (deflation).

Although optimistic about the macro economic situation, Mr Greenspan warned that in the next 12/18 months Wall Street could suffer a new shock because, "overall bank liabilities could increase." Mr Greenspan finally said that US monetary policy will depend in the coming months on the impact of Asian currencies on the US economy and therefore it's a situation of "wait and see."

MERINO RAM SOLD 11,000 US DOLLARS

The best Merino ram of the Comodoro Rivadavia cattle show has sold at 11,000 US dollars while a third prize reached 13,500 US dollars, the highest price of the day.

The four tooth ram was presented by Estancia "Las Mercedes", from Rio Mayo, Chubut, and purchased by "La Nicolasa" from Comodoro. The price of the best '98 ram is considerably less than the 22,500 US dollars of last year. The third best Merino ram belongs to Estancia "La Angelita" and was sold to a pool of estancias, "Rio Pico", Cristina" and "Puerto Nieve".

Although total sales in the 60th Comodoro show reached 102,450 US dollars, an increase over the 80,000 US dollars of '97, 42 of 60 animals in the show received no bids.

YPF RECORD EARNINGS

YPF the main Argentine oil company had record earnings in 1997, and expects to increase them even more during 1998 in spite of an adverse world market.

CEO Roberto Monti said that the 877 million US dollars represent an increase of 7% over the previous year and were achieved basically with an increased oil production, reduction in unitary extraction costs and a formidable sale of refined by products to the American market.

"Nevertheless we're quite aware that '98 will be a tough year", said Monti who added that the provisions are made on a barrel average price of 16/17 US dollars.

"We won't cut medium and long term investments even if prices drop below the benchmark but any risky and capital investments will be immediately cancelled," stressed Monti.

YPF has already decided to cut 1998 investments from the 1,950 million US dollars of last year to 1,600 million.

Brazil and Chile are the main foreign markets of YPF and investments in these countries will not suffer since "we are working with long term agreements with these two countries," indicated Monti.

ARGENTINA'S WORST WOOL CLIP

Argentine Secretary of Agriculture Felipe Sola promised that the Banco Nacion will reschedule all debts of Patagonia sheep farmers to help recover historic production levels.

The announcement was made during the inauguration of the Comodoro Rivadavia cattle show following a speech from Enrique Crotto, president of the powerful Argentine Rural Association, who indicated that the Argentine 96/97 clip with only 68,000 tons was the poorest in over half a century.

Mr Sola said the rescheduling would be done with a four points rebate in the interest rate and added that he expected Congress to eliminate all national taxing for Patagonian farmers, since "they definitely can't pay them."

The Governor of the province of Chubut, Carlos Maestro, also promised that he will put into consideration of the Legislative branch an initiative to condone land taxes for all farmers who had suffered losses as a consequence of the extreme weather conditions of the last few years.

CARNIVAL IN THE ANTARCTIC

The Uruguayan Antarctic station "Gral. Artigas" registered a record 9 degrees Celsius during the last weekend (February 21/22).

"We're celebrating Carnival in the Antarctic," said Cnel. Ernesto Enrique Mangini head of the Meteorological Office in the Uruguayan station located in King George Island.

"Normal temperatures and even the wind factor at this time of the year are just about zero, but this has been an exceptional year that will have serious consequences for the ice cap," indicated the Uruguayan officer.

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In his newly published book, *Forty Years On Ice*, Polar expert, Charles Swinbank tells of his dramatic career, including, below,

The call from Downing Street

In April 1982 Argentine forces invaded South Georgia. Two months later with war raging in the Falklands, the Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, summoned Charles Swinbank to Downing Street for urgent talks on the defence of Antarctica.

THE crisis in the Falklands had plunged the British Antarctic Survey team into contingency planning. However, there was one contingency that none of us had planned for. While I was working late in the office one evening at BAS Headquarters in Cambridge, my telephone rang.

A voice identified itself as coming from No 10 Downing Street. My first reaction was that someone could be pulling my leg. But no, it was genuine. The voice asked whether I, together with Dick Laws (the BAS director) and Ray Adie (Dick's deputy), would be prepared to speak to the Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, about the Antarctic. South Georgia and the Falkland Islands. The call evidently came to me because Dick was in Tasmania and Ray had gone home.

With no time to ask Ray, I agreed that he and I would be happy to oblige. The voice was courteous and asked, when it would be convenient. As far as I was concerned, we would come day or night, whenever the Prime Minister decreed. There was a war on - although the government insisted on the lesser term, conflict. BAS had no secure telephone lines, so I was reluctant to ask for details. Ray and I had to guess what questions to prepare for. In the circumstances it was not difficult because each of us had considerable experience in Britain dependent territories in and around the war zone. Ray busied himself with gathering published and unpublished reports about geology and terrain, while I assembled maps and other material.

Meanwhile, the United States - officially neutral in the conflict - was feeling a need to be informed about the disputed area. Nasa

'We have an appointment with the Prime Minister'

Landsat satellites had been orbiting the earth for 10 years, but the South Atlantic had been given the lowest priority. No good pictures of the Falkland Islands were available. Nasa now waited for one of the rare cloudless days over the Falkland Islands and secured an excellent set of images between April 21 and 23.

Unconnected with the conflict, I had been using satellite images of the Antarctic for the past eight years. My contact was Dr Richard S. Williams of the US Geological Survey. Unbeknown to me, Richie

learned of the existence of the new images and set about securing two copies of each for me. By pure chance, they arrived at BAS on May 31, the day before Ray and I were to go to Downing Street.

We set off for London with bulging briefcases, arriving in Downing Street at exactly 6pm.

To the policeman at the door of No 10 I said: "We have an appointment with the Prime Minister."

"Names?" he said. "Adie and Swinbank." The door opened. Some staff eyed us as we were led through the hall towards the main staircase, but nobody asked to examine my briefcase, even though a cardboard map tube resembling a bazooka was sticking out of it.

A vast oil painting of Winston Churchill dominated the bottom of the staircase. At the top we were ushered into a writing room looking rather too tidy to serve as an office. The Prime Minister, impeccably dressed, neatly coiffured, with light make-up and every last

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hair in place, smilingly greeted us. She led the way into a comfortable drawing-room overlooking Horse Guards Parade. We were invited to seat ourselves on sofas on opposite sides of a coffee table. Ray faced the PM, while she and I shared the other sofa. We were quickly put at ease and offered a drink. Both of us opted for gin and tonic. She had a glass of whisky.

The PM began: "The reason for inviting you here is that we have been caught out in the Falklands, we have been caught out in South Georgia and I am determined that we will not be caught out in the Antarctic. In my job, I am expected to know something of a vast range of subjects. Some I do know, but for others I have to ask the advice of experts."

We were then launched into an intense question-and-answer session that continued without a break. What were the ramifications if the confrontation spread to the Antarctic? For how long could the British bases defend themselves if attacked? Our answer was that the bases, manned by unarmed scientists and support staff, would be bound to surrender without putting up a fight.

What was the purpose of the BAS bases in the Antarctic? How

many were there? What kind of people manned them? What kind of studies were under way? Ray responded with lucid explanations.

Sensing an opportunity, I explained that in contrast to the Argentine and Chilean presence in the Antarctic ours was entirely civilian. No military personnel were involved at our bases. *HMS Endurance* divided her time between the Antarctic, the Falkland Islands and the Falkland Islands Dependencies.

Although scientists do need expensive instruments, they still offered the most cost-effective means of maintaining a presence in Antarctica. This paradox was explained by the military's use of far greater numbers to man a base and the soldier's wish for short-period deployment. In contrast, many BAS personnel served for two years in the Antarctic without interruption. All of them were volunteers on normal salaries; they received no incentive pay to compensate for the isolation.

In a momentary misunderstanding, I suffered a look that could kill. We were discussing Argentine claims to British territories. At some point I said: "Well, they do have a claim."

Before I had time to continue with "...but it has no validity in international law," she thought that I meant a *valid* claim. I chose my words more carefully after that.

In contrast to what we expected, Mrs Thatcher was a good listener, even when our answers fell short of being succinct. She was alert and extremely quick on the uptake. One question answered and then it was on to the next, without hesitation. What was the terrain like? If confrontation became a permanent feature of the South Atlantic, would it be possible to build an airfield on South Georgia and, if so, where?

Ray and I grew more confident as we seemed to be providing satisfactory answers - or perhaps it was the gin. The private secretary sat in the background with notebook in hand. From time to time, when the PM was particularly interested in something we said, she glanced at him with a scarcely perceptible nod, as though bidding at an auction. She meant: write that down.

By now our glasses were empty

and she offered a refill. As the gentleman in the background stood up and walked towards the door, she said: "Bring the bottle." That, I felt, was a good sign.

I unfurled the satellite images, basking in their topicality as we pointed to the area where British troops were advancing towards Stanley. Ray produced BAS published reports on the geology of the

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Falkland Islands that related to her ideal of one day building an inter-continental airport.

Eventually, she eased forward on the sofa saying: "On your way out, I would like to show you that I have arranged for portraits of scientists to be hung here." The implication was that, all three of us, being scientists, we might be more appreciative of the pictures than mere politicians.

Walking through the Cabinet Room to the landing, the Prime Minister said: "We have a small flat upstairs. As you go down, do look at the portraits of prime ministers on the staircase." We shook hands and parted, she up, we down. We had been talking for 90 minutes. Ray and I had a good laugh when it was reported that in the same week Ronald Reagan, President of the United States, had secured a 30-minute meeting with the Prime Minister.

The Argentine forces in the Falkland Islands surrendered two weeks after our meeting - on June 14, 1982. In due course, the Cabinet carried out a review of the British presence in the South Atlantic. Luckily for BAS, it voted to strengthen it.

The strict financial and staffing restraints under which we had operated for many years were eased by an increase in our net budget from £6.5 million in 1982-83 to £10.2 million in 1983-84 and £11.5 million in 1984-85. Ray and I would like to think that we played some small part in the start of this transformation.

*** Edited extract (published by The Daily Telegraph) from *Forty Years On Ice* by Charles Swinbank. The book is published by The Book Guild.**

'Asian contagion' adds to world wool market worries

A REPORT, published in the February edition of the *Wool Record*, takes a global look at the current state of wool markets and the pressure factors influencing them, and in the process highlights the continuing plight of wool producers all over the world.

The opening paragraph of the article sets a gloomy scene. "Sustained pressures," it begins, "beyond the control of processors... have conspired to drag down sentiment, and the resumption of sales after the Christmas and New Year holiday signalled that the pernicious state of disarray, evident in the last quarter of 1997, will inflict trade for some time ahead."

The writer also points to the "worsening financial ferment in the Far East," and the "currency and stock market mayhem," being suffered by a number of what have become known as 'the Tiger Economies', (which include such formerly dynamic countries as South Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Hong Kong and Singapore) as yet another market depressant.

Evidently targetted primarily at the Australian wool industry the article analyses the effect of currency fluctuations, "The continuing weakness of the Australian dollar served to extend the force of currency factors," though Japa-

nese woolbuyers have not profited from that weakness. "With imports of men's suits up an estimated 50% last year, and of worsted yarns up 65% in the first nine months of last year, and with consumer demand stagnant, worsted spinners in Japan have been pushed into a 'voluntary' scheme to reduce their output by 15-20%."

Again pointing to the probable ripples from the Asian crisis, the article says that users, "are adding to grower's frustrations," by preferring to wait despite the relative attractiveness of wool prices in the currencies of most consuming countries. This, the article suggests, "fears of wavering demand ahead." A demand weakened by the forecasts from some quarters of world economic growth slowing (as a result of the Asian crisis) from 3% to 2%, "with domestic demand in South Korea and South East Asia plunging on average by 9%."

Looking at the largest Far Eastern economy the article then asks if China might be, "sucked into the whirlpool of faltering economies around the Pacific Rim." Their growth forecast has already been trimmed by almost 3% from 8.8% to 6%, and there is even talk among some observers of devaluing the yuan. "On the wool front, Chinese activity im-

proved towards the end of the last quarter of 1997 but purchases overall are sporadic."

Contrasting with Australia's problems with a weak dollar, the continuing strength of the British pound is, oddly enough, causing the United Kingdom trade's 'most profound headache.' Only, "flattened domestic demand," is likely to weaken the pound, "in which case what may be gained in away terms, to some extent, would be lost at home."

The South American and African markets also come under the *Wool Report's* microscope.

"The market in Uruguay has been pitifully in retreat: buyers in South Africa have hesitated to take up any definite positions, and growers in both markets have shown resistance to the downward price trend."

With all this pessimism the article does manage to strike a cautious note of optimism in its closing remarks.

"...while it is difficult to be bullish at the outset of the second half of the season, largely because of the troubles in Asia, the fitful level of activity should not be allowed to obliterate the fact that the period averages so far are better than may have been expected before the season got under way: latest prices have not been good but

they have fallen at a time when the Asian contagion has been at its most virulent."

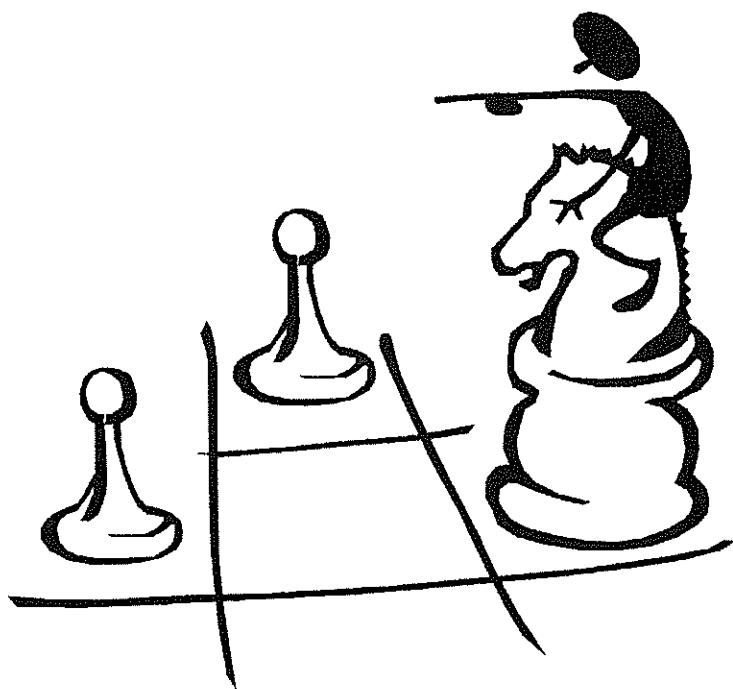
As one prominent European wool manager buyer remarked: "We are not yet in the position of the man who fell from the 20th floor of an office block and, at the 10th floor, thought to himself, 'Well, everything has been all right up to now'."

Commenting on the article and its implications for Falklands' farmers Doug Cartridge, of the Agriculture Department, said, "What goes on in the wool markets on the other side of the world affects all markets, so it affects us here in the Islands. There has been a continuing decline over the past couple of months and there appears to be very little direction in the markets."

He suggested that although the Australian Stockpile has been put forward as the reason for so many of the world's wool market ills there are other factors involved.

Confidence in a resurgence in prices once the stockpile has been liquidated (as by legislation it must be within two years) may be misplaced. "Demand may increase," Doug said, "but not necessarily prices. I think," he concluded, "that farmers in the Falklands are realistic enough to know that."

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Notice from Government House CORRECTION

AN error unfortunately crept into the text of the Governor's summary describing the Executive Council meeting on Thursday, February 19, 1998 (see this issue, pages 6 and 7).

Under the heading, "Fisheries", the sentence referring to the offer of further longlining licences should have read, "And thirdly, we approved a recommendation that a second (note: not a third as stated erroneously) longlining licence should be offered for a period of up to three years."

Shooting

.....by.....
Gerald Cheek

THE weekend of February 21/22 saw the completion of the local Bisley competitions. The second stage, shot over 300, 500 and 600 yards with 10 rounds at each and a highest possible score of 150, was won by:-

Derek Pettersson	on 141
Tony Pettersson	138
Mike Pole-Evans	138
Ken Aldridge	132
Gerald Cheek	132

The Consolation Handicap, shot in conjunction with the second stage saw Derek Goodwin winning with a 135 handicap score. Other results were:-

Anthony Harris	131
Pat Peck	130
Stan Smith	125
Harry Ford	123

The Championship Final, shot over 900 and 1,000 yards, 15 rounds at each, possible of 150 which, added to the second stage, culminated in Derek Pettersson winning this coveted trophy on 275. Other results:-

Ken Aldridge	269
Mike Pole-Evans	263

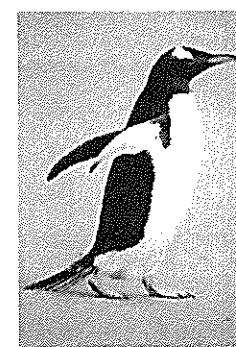
Susan Whitney 261
Chris McCallum 261

The Consortium Cup saw Derek Goodwin, our newest competitor, triumphing with 136 on handicap, closely followed by Elizabeth Sabey, 134 and Harry Ford, 127.

The Individual Knockout was also won by Derek Goodwin who knocked out the veteran, Chris McCallum.

The final event, the Bonner Team Shoot, competed for over 300, 500 and 600 yards, seven rounds at each range, highest possible score of 105, was won by Derek Pettersson's team together with Susan Whitney and Tim McCallum. The highest individual score of 93, which earned him the Donegal Badge, went to Gerald Cheek.

Finally, apologies to Chris McCallum who put in the highest range score yet recorded of 102 from a possible of 105 during the 1996 local Bisley. Last week's report stating the record was 101 was incorrect.



Penguin Profile: 8

**From Mike
Bingham,
Environmental
Research Unit**

Shades of Prey

PENGUIN Profile:7 closed by posing the question: Do penguins hunt primarily by sight, sound or touch?

The answer is that penguins hunt primarily by sight. The main problem with hunting below the sea surface, however, is that light gets progressively poorer the deeper one goes. Penguins therefore have a number of adaptations which help to improve their vision under such conditions.

Light does not fade uniformly with depth: blue and green light penetrates to much greater depths than reds and yellows, which is why the water looks that colour. Penguin eyes are therefore adapted to be more sensitive to blue-green light. Presumably this gives them a different view of the world, when on land, compared to what we see.

Even so, at the depths to which penguins forage light can still be very poor, so most penguins dive straight down and search for prey as they are coming back up. In this way their prey are highlighted against the light coming from

above and are easier to spot. This only works during daylight hours, and therefore most penguins do not forage at night. An exception to this is the King Penguin, which can feed at night because its main prey are Lantern Fish, which are bioluminescent and emit light.

Despite adaptations to underwater vision, penguins have not sacrificed good vision on land. The refractive index of air and water are very different, and this means that the shape of the lens needs to be very different also. This is apparent to anyone who puts their head underwater and sees everything go out of focus. The same would be true for penguins on land if it were not for their ability to change the shape of the lens to compensate. This enables penguins to have clear vision both on land and underwater, albeit in different shades of colour to what we humans see.

And now a question: How many eggs can a female Gentoo contain?

Answer in Penguin Profile: 9.

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Applications are sought from school leavers or other young people interested in becoming an Apprentice Electrician. This is an excellent opportunity for the successful candidate to train for a position with long term prospects. Training will be given in all aspects of the electrical trade including the maintenance and installation of a variety of electrical equipment and services including domestic appliances, cable jointing techniques, and the erection of high and low voltage overhead distribution systems. Some overseas training will also be required. Salary for a first year apprentice will be £8,964 per annum in Grade H.

Full details of the position can be obtained by contacting the Superintendent, Power and Electrical Section of the Public Works Department on telephone number 27149 during normal working hours. Application forms are available from the Human Resources Department and should be returned to that Department no later than 4.00 pm on Friday 14th March 1998

VACANCY - PLANT
OPERATOR

A vacancy exists for a Plant Operator in the Quarry Section of the Public Works Department. Applicants must hold an HGV licence and have experience of operating heavy plant. Salary is in Grade G ranging from £10,176 to £12,720 per annum. Interested persons should contact the Foreman Mr Trevor Morrison on telephone number 27182 during normal working hours.

Application forms and job description for the above position are available from the Human Resources Department and completed forms should be returned to that Department no later than 4.00 pm on Wednesday 4th March 1998

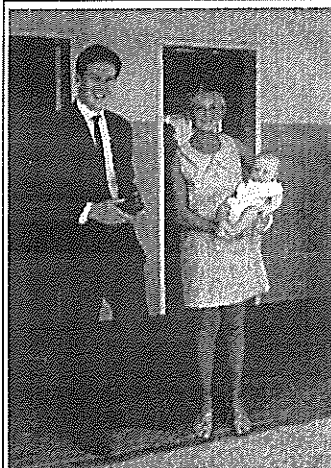
VACANCY - PLANT OPERATOR/HANDYMAN

Applications are invited to fill two immediate vacancies for Plant Operator/Handymen in the Highways Section of the Public Works Department. Appointment will be on a temporary basis in the first instance with the possibility of becoming permanent at a later stage.

Applicants should hold an HGV licence, current Plant Operator Certificates and have at least three years' experience in the use of plant and practical skills in the use of hand and power tools. Salary is in Grade G commencing at £10,176 per annum. Further details are available from the Roads Engineer, Mr Bob Hancox, on telephone number 27387 during normal working hours.

Application forms are available from the Human Resources Department and completed forms should be returned to that department by 4.00pm Friday 6th March 1998

PERSONAL



Best Wishes on your Pearl Wedding Anniversary - 24/2/98

To Debbi & Amin
Have a great four months and have a wonderful time in Singapore. See you both again soon.
Love Migs, Anya, Atty, Dan & Reuben

Paul and Ruth Watson would like to thank all those who sent kind words and flowers on the loss of our daughter Shannon Marie. It means a lot to us, thank you

To Ray Johnson,
Gainsborough, Lincs.
Happy 70th birthday Dad. Have a great day and celebrate in style. Love and miss you loads from Elaine and Frank

Happy 70th birthday Grandad. Love and miss you, from Tanya

Muriel Herbert (nee McKay) born Stanley 31 March 1924, died 26 February 1998 at Pontllytyn, South Wales

The Community School Fete
This year's FICS Fete will be held at 1.30pm on Saturday 14th March. If you have any old clothes, bric-a-brac, books etc that you would like to donate please contact the school on 27147 to arrange a pick up

Postscript from The Cathedral

We have just entered the period in the Christian Year called 'Lent'. This is a period of preparation for the great historical events of Good Friday and Easter.

Lent is a time when people often give up things like chocolate or biscuits for a few weeks. If you're planning to give up something for Lent - well done - I'm sure it will do you good!

But Lent ought to be a time when we think of someone else who gave things up.

Jesus, who was God Himself, gave up Himself.

He became human so that God could become known to us. And He gave himself up to the agony of crucifixion so that we could know God's forgiveness and freedom from the guilt of all the wrong we do and think.

If we can focus on these truths this Lent it will be the best preparation we can make for Easter and we will understand why Easter is a time of joy.

VACANCY

Byron Marine Limited have forthcoming vacancies in the near future for one Ordinary Seaman and one Trainee Motorman to serve aboard our vessels. These posts are ideally suited for younger applicants. Interested persons should contact our office on Tel. 22245 no later than Friday 6th March for further details

Consultancy Services Falklands Limited have a vacancy for a person to carry out book-keeping, payroll and general clerical activities. No formal qualifications are necessary but the person will be expected to have a high degree of self-motivation, and must be able to perform their duties with complete confidentiality.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Drew Irvine on 22666. Applications should be made in writing, detailing qualifications and previous experience, to Drew Irvine, Consultancy Services Falklands Limited, 44 John Street, Stanley

WANTED

If any person is travelling to U.K. on the Tristar between Wednesday 18th March and Wednesday 8th April would they please phone Pat on 21311 evenings

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Desperate crew risk icy sea to find Falklands sanctuary

THE unpleasant spectre of alleged human mistreatment, and even torture, aboard foreign vessels trawling the South Atlantic returned to haunt the Falklands this week when seven desperate crewmen leapt from their jigger into the sea to seek sanctuary in Stanley.

At about 3.30pm on Wednesday, March 4, Dr Richard Davies, together with his wife, Sarah, their son and two visiting medics, surgeon, Neil Cripps, and anaesthetist, Graham Evans, was sailing his yacht, *Cowrie*, through the Narrows when a shout brought his attention to someone in the water about two or three hundred yards away.

Minutes later they had hauled three exhausted men aboard and were calling the Harbour Master to report the incident. Dr Davies later told *Penguin News* that two of the men were so tired and cold they lay on the *Cowrie's* deck unable to move.

Bullrich/Forsyth document "unattractive" "woolly" and "nothing new" say Councillors

A 'DOCUMENT' compiled by Argentine, Conrado Etchebarne Bullrich, and Briton, Alastair Forsyth, entitled *Falklands/Malvinas: a way forward*, and sent to *Penguin News* for publication, has been described by Falklands' councillors as "nothing new," "woolly," and "unattractive."

The document, to which its creators hope Islanders will respond either publicly or privately, appears to suggest joint British/Argentine sovereignty of the Islands, with semi-autonomy for Islanders. (See page 10)

Councillor Richard Cockwell responded cautiously to the text of the document saying he had not had sufficient time to consider all the implications of, "this rather interesting document," but asked the question, "Do I detect the hand of Sir Di Tella?" He went on to say, "This looks to be a similar type of deal as offered at the Chevening Talks which were finally not ac-

"It was fortunate," Dr Davies said, "that there was little wind and we were not running the engine or we would not have heard the cries for help and it was unlikely we would have seen the men from such a distance."

The launch, *John Byron*, was despatched to bring the three men ashore to hospital. Altogether seven men - all from the Korean jigger, *Ihn Sung 101* - were rescued from the water, the other four close to Gypsy Cove. One of the men appeared to be dead after floating beneath the surface but launchmen Zak Stephenson and Graham Minto aboard the Sulivan launch, *Frank Wilde*, used a boathook to lift him from the water and successfully resuscitated him. He was later reported to be doing well but in intensive care.

While rescue operations were proceeding *Ihn Sung 101* had hauled anchor with the intention of

departing and had begun to steam seaward. The Harbour Master immediately issued a request to the Captain of the vessel to return to Port which he did.

The Royal Falkland Islands Police then boarded the *Ihn Sung 101* and began enquiries into complaints lodged by the seven crew that they had been mistreated and beaten up on a regular basis, and that they were terrified of being returned to the ship. As a result of these enquiries a further eleven crewmen left the vessel and were billeted overnight at the Seamen's Centre on Fipass Road.

After questioning, the captain of the vessel was released on conditional bail.

A spokesman for the police was unable to give the press much information but did confirm that an investigation into, "allegations of maltreatment," is being undertaken.

Sujat Mo, one of the men who took to the sea rather than remain on

the ship, spoke the next morning to *Penguin News* from his hospital bed. Sujat Mo is 22 years old and speaks broken, but understandable, English with a heavy accent.

"They beat us every day," he said, "I don't know why."

He said 'they' were the Captain, the Chief Officer and some of the deck-hands; all Koreans. The victims, he said, were all either Indonesian or Chinese.

Sujat Mo claimed he would be held down over a table or bench and beaten with an iron bar on his arms, shoulders, back and legs.

He wants eventually, he said, to go back to sea - but not on the *Ihn Sung 101*, and not immediately. For now all he wants is to go back to Indonesia.

Commenting on the incident, Councillor John Birmingham said, "The captain of the ship must be held accountable for anything that happens on board." He went on to praise the Medical Department, the emergency services and private fishing agencies whose prompt and professional response undoubtedly prevented a real tragedy.

Ships ashore!

PANAMANIAN registered fishing vessel *Reefer Fresh* ran aground in Sparrow Cove, at high water, on the evening of March 4, while on its way from Port William to Berkeley Sound. "The situation is very serious," said a Fisheries Department spokesman, and it is felt that the local tug, *Typhoon*, will not have the power to help the stricken vessel. It is likely that the vessels' company will send heavier tugs to assist with the problem.

YACHT *Wanderer III*, which is presently being sailed around the Islands by owner Thies Matzen and his partner Kicki Ericson, was blown ashore at Fox Bay last week. Luckily, because of the shape of the coastline, the yacht was able to be pulled off the ground with the help of a Landrover.

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BEING an unsophisticated traveller (my only adult experience comprising the obligatory student 'inter-rail around Europe,' hours spent on RAF Tristars, and a week in a Greek Island) I probably qualify as a tour operator's dream. Never having flown first class, and far more used to the adequate but simple RAF amenities than those offered on a commercial airline, I am unfazed by delays, and positively delighted if anything more than the most basic facilities are on offer. As a result, and despite recent dissatisfaction locally regarding overbooking on Lanchile flights, I anticipated with some pleasure a journey to Santiago, and was rewarded for my confidence with a comfortable journey.

Unfortunately, there lurked a cloud on the horizon, and before *International Tours and Travel* staff throw up their hands in anguish, I hasten to assure them that that cloud took the form not of problems with Lanchile itself, but a number of passengers on the flight. Some crew members of the Seismic Survey vessel *L'Espoir*, having drunk themselves into a state of extreme disarray on the journey to Mount Pleasant and thereon in the departure lounge (where, incidentally, they received a number of reprimands from local officials) staggered onto the plane - one of them sprawling in the aisle in the process - and proceeded to consume duty free alcohol against flight regulations. So far all of this could have been (if passengers were feeling generous) excused as high spirits as a result of their excitement at returning home to the UK. However, on landing in Punta Arenas, a number of the people in question began loudly referring to the Chilean airport facilities, the officials present, the Chilean people and the country itself in a manner which could only be described as seriously insulting (to the extent that in another state, at another time it might have resulted in them being carried off to face serious charges). "So what?" you might ask, "Are the airport officials not equipped to deal with such incidents?" As it happens, yes. To the gratification of all other passengers the four troublemakers were not allowed to re-board aircraft and continue as they intended to Santiago. Unfortunately, however, while the miscreants were dealt with quickly and efficiently in Chile, if not in the Falklands, incidents such as these, as one passenger commented wryly, would hardly endear the image of the Falklands to the minds of residents of a country courteous enough to allow their city airports to be used as an alternative gateway to the rest of the world.

However, whether readers accept that passenger's comment as a valid one or not, I cannot adequately express the excruciating embarrassment I suffered on behalf of Falkland Islanders, bearing in mind there was little to set us apart in the minds of our hosts, from those fools who verbally assaulted the country in which they stood.

On a lighter note, if any should argue that Islanders are not on the whole, viewed with some affection in Chile (whatever their government's official stance on the Falklands' sovereignty issue) then they should bear in mind the favourable reaction myself and my husband encountered when our guide on a tour bus in Valparaiso announced the presence of some tourists from "Islas Falklands." To our open-mouthed amazement the Chileans gave a standing ovation - and even the Argentines waved nervously from the front.

Computer Virus Warning

Provided by Senior Engineer (Dave Thompson) - SMTP:se.ascension@merlin.atlantis.co.ac

IF you receive an email titled "JOIN THE CREW" do not open it. It will erase everything on your hard drive. This is a new, very malicious virus and not many people know about it. This information was announced on February 24 from IBM.

Also, do not open or even look at any mail saying "RETURNED OR UNABLE TO DELIVERY." This virus will attach itself to your computer components and render them useless. Immediately delete any mail items which say this.

AOL has said that this is a very dangerous virus and that there is NO remedy for it at this time. Practice cautionary measures and inform all of your on-line friends as soon as possible.

Your letters

Amazed and stunned at price of rolls

ON a recent tour of Stanley's retail outlets, I was amazed to find that six sausage rolls were priced at £1.98 whilst in another I was absolutely stunned to see six sausage rolls cost £2.09, perhaps were a little smaller in size?

When the new abattoir gets into production, where I understand the price offered to suppliers of meat is to soar to £15 per head for mutton on the hoof, can one imagine what the cost of a dozen sausage rolls will be when the cost of labour for slaughtering, delivery to and from the abattoir to sales outlets, where the latter is 6-7 miles

distance, plus profit margins for retailers are taken into consideration? Phew, I can!

To date, one dozen cost £3.96 and £4.18 per dozen respectively. After the abattoir production...?

In simple terms instead of searching for gold in the Islands we are already eating it!

Price control is often a topic of conversation; it is time it was introduced before it is too late - perhaps it is too late - the damage may already have been done.

S Smith
Stanley

To all who helped us

I WOULD like to thank all the people who made it possible for my wife, daughter and myself to get to the UK in time for my mother's funeral. I would thank Jenny in Immigration for the speed and efficiency she dealt with the visa application for my wife, and Bernie for the phone number that made all the difference.

Thanks especially to Flt. Lt. Ian Florey who managed to find seats and the military who let us have them.

Thanks also to Grace at the FIC for rushing the paper work through and the young lady at the insurance desk for her patience when my mind went blank and could not fill the form out (probably as a result of the realisation that we would make it, where an hour before we had been told we could not go via Chile due to my wife's lack of a visa, and despite the hard work of the gentleman in the Chilean Consulate in London.)

So again to all those who helped, thank you very much for all you did.

Ped, Mila and Remelia

The masculine includes the feminine!

RE. your comment on gender when I addressed you as "Sir" a couple of weeks ago. At the June 1992 Legislative Council meeting the Attorney General advised that under the FI Interpretation Ordinance, "the masculine includes the feminine!"

Stewart Herron
Command Secretary
("If the law supposes that... the law is a ass..." Charles Dickens - Ed)

More houses needed for single people

WHY, I wonder is there so little accommodation for single people? There are many houses being built, but no bedsits or one bedroom flats, and these are what Government should be building. I have been told that I cannot get a flat for another two to three years, by which time I will be 22-23 and still living with my parents.

ents.

Some of the government flats have been allocated to contractors and a few bedsits at the west end of town are standing empty. Government should be building more of both of these for single local people.

Name and address withheld

Write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley, Falkland Islands

CASP says thanks

I AM writing to express my thanks to everyone in the Islands who made the recent field trip by geologists from CASP, University of Aberdeen, University of Edinburgh, Lasmo, Amerada Hess and Desire, such a success.

The more we look at the geology of the Islands the more convinced we are that they were once a fragment of south-east Africa. There are many fascinating research opportunities, which will mean a steady stream of geologists visiting the Islands for some years to come (whether or not any oil is found).

The success of our work and any future work depends crucially on the goodwill of landowners and

farm managers, and I would particularly like to thank Toni and Richard Stevens at Port Sussex, Tony McMullen at Goose Green, Ron Binnie at Fitzroy, Tony and Jenny Anderson at Port San Carlos, Peter and Melanie Gilding at Port Louis, Ronnie, Yvonne and Josie Larsen at Speedwell Island, and David and Pat Gray at Sea Lion Island.

We are also deeply grateful to Andre Short for his driving skills, and Dave Hall and Trish Smith at Byron Marine for their excellent logistic support.

David Macdonald
Chief Geologist
Cambridge Arctic
Shelf Programme

New kid on the Butcher's block

SCARCELY a ripple disturbed the service customers of Stanley Butchery have come to expect from them despite the inevitable upheaval of coming under new management this week as former proprietor, Ben Bentsen, left to join the farming community, and Christopher May, a farmer of considerable experience, took over.

Thirty one year old Christopher and his wife, Lindsay, have run New House Farm for some ten years and will continue to do so,

negotiating with farmers ("You wouldn't believe how much time I have to spend on the 'phone.") and finding new markets - at which he has already achieved a measure of success.

"A farmer called me the other day. He had some lambs for sale. I made some calls and placed them all." He has also made progress in interesting fishing companies in taking frozen product and is looking into the prospect of opening markets for Falkland meat in non-



sharing their time between the farm and the butchery, though the latter will naturally take up much of Christopher's attention.

"The farm, with the settlement just about in the middle of it, after ten years is a very easy farm to handle," he says. The only real concession he will be making to the new commitment is that in future he will not be shearing his own sheep, instead employing contract shearers. "The Butchery is still agricultural," he says, "and we'll go on living on the farm for the time being."

The strategy initially is that he will be on site at the Butchery two or three days a week spending the rest of his time inspecting sheep,

EEC areas like the Far East.

There are some new ideas in store, too, for the domestic market. Shoppers may soon be finding some new cuts on supermarket shelves; diced meat, mutton steaks and beef steaks when available.

Christopher is pleased that a few farmers have begun breeding lambs specifically for the Butchery though he points out that many small farms dare not take the risk. "They can't afford to transfer to meat production," he says. "They haven't been given any incentive to change."

Supplying beef raises a different but similar set of problems. "Many people have been killing

And thanks again

WE would like to thank the following people for all their help at my accident and afterwards;

Tony, June, Tony Anderson for the use of his Rover, Snider, Jenny and Lindsay, Dr Elsby, Karen, all at FIGAS and everyone in the hospital.

Thanks to Owen and Timmy for taking care of the horses, and to everyone who picked up all my bits and pieces that were left scattered everywhere!!

Also a big thankyou to Veronica and to Marilyn for getting us to town.

And thank you to everyone else who may have helped in any way, or offered to help, and a special thanks to Mum, Dad, Owen, Nan and Mum.

Thank you all.

Mandy, Nick and family
Stanley

(Copy of letter to Mrs Grace Fernyhough from the Chief Executive.)

ALTHOUGH I personally never had the good fortune to work with Derek, I know that I am reflecting the feeling of those here who did when I convey to you our heartfelt sympathy in this time of bereavement.

You were here together in the islands during a very difficult re-

structuring period and working at the very heart of government it must have been a most interesting and memorable experience. Many who worked with Derek remember with great pleasure sharing thoughts and achievements.

Please accept the condolences of all civil servants in the Falkland Islands.

Andrew Gurr
Chief Executive.

their beef right out," he says. Now he will be encouraging them to start breeding again as he believes there is a year round market for beef.

More exposure to the wider world and full employment have led to changing lifestyles and needs. Convenience is more and more the name of the consumer game.

"People are becoming Europeanised," he avers, "and with so many wives and husbands being in jobs, they don't want to come home at the end of a long day and have to set to cutting up a hind quarter of beef."

Pork could be yet another arrow in the Butchery's future quiver. Pigs are being reared on a larger scale in several locations in the Islands, Swan Inlet and Pebble Island

With the hoped for increases in the throughput of the Butchery Christopher is confident of the current staff (under foreman, Tim Bonner) being able to manage.

"We might have to take on one more employee if the need arises." But the Butchery is mechanised to a surprising degree. Sheep are sheared in the fully equipped shearing shed adjoining the killing house. Once shorn they are herded into a small holding pen where the humane killer, a stun gun which fires a bolt deep into the animal's brain killing it instantly, is applied. The carcasses are then skinned, gutted and hung on rails which lead into the cooled meat house.

The heart and lungs are removed and stored for a minimum 28 days in one of two pits on the



Left: Christopher May contemplates paperwork in his office at the Butchery

Above: Foreman, Tim Bonner, building racks to accommodate the growing fishing industry market

among them.

He also recognises the need for continuing perceived value for his product among shoppers, and speaks reassuringly of his intended price policy. "In spite of considerably increased overheads," he says, "I would like to see prices remain as they are for the time being."

beach in front of the Butchery while the remaining offal is washed out into the harbour down a piped chute. 'Stinker' birds quickly dispose of it there.

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Quiet life for Merle

CURRENTLY in the Falkland Islands at the invitation of Legislative Councillors, for a two week visit, is Merle Hunter-Christie, widow of the late Bill Hunter-Christie who died last year after playing a significant part, for over thirty years, in the continuing freedom of Islanders to determine their own future.

Merle's own contribution to the Falklands' cause has been no small one having held open house at her home in Chelsea (indeed, it was

student, down to Catriona, 30, Merle now leads a quiet life in Sussex, her permanent home the holiday cottage she and Bill have long owned, though she has retained membership of the Association and continues to maintain a keen interest in Island affairs.

She expresses quiet pleasure that after Bill's death Councillor Summer's eulogy, a copy of the memorial service and a photograph of her husband was presented to the Archives here in the Islands. And



Mrs Merle Hunter-Christie in Stanley this week

here the Falkland Islands Committee was first formed) virtually since 1968 when Bill was first asked to involve himself in Island affairs, and subsequently served as Secretary to the Falklands' Association, following such notables as Frank Mitchell and the late Bill Blake's wife, Susan.

Mother of four children, the eldest is Robert, 45, then Fiona, Niall (who visited the Islands as a GAP

she was especially pleased to receive the booklet containing all the names of the many Islanders who wished to pay their respects to Bill by signing. "It will be enormously valued," she said, "by my family, and especially by me."

During her stay (her third visit to the Falklands) in the Islands Merle has been staying with long-time friend, Velma Malcolm, and has also been out to Camp.

PUBLIC NOTICE

FALKLAND FAMILIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE AGM of the Falkland Families Association will take place this year on Saturday, April 25, at Wellington Barracks in London. Baroness Thatcher will be guest of honour.

Any Falkland Islands residents who will be in UK at that time and would like to attend can purchase tickets via Sukey Cameron in the Falkland Islands Government Office in London. Tickets will cost £7 each and cheques should be made payable to "Falkland Families Association". Applications for tickets should be made by the end of March.

Paddling their own canoe

Seventeen new badges for Stanley's Sea Cadets

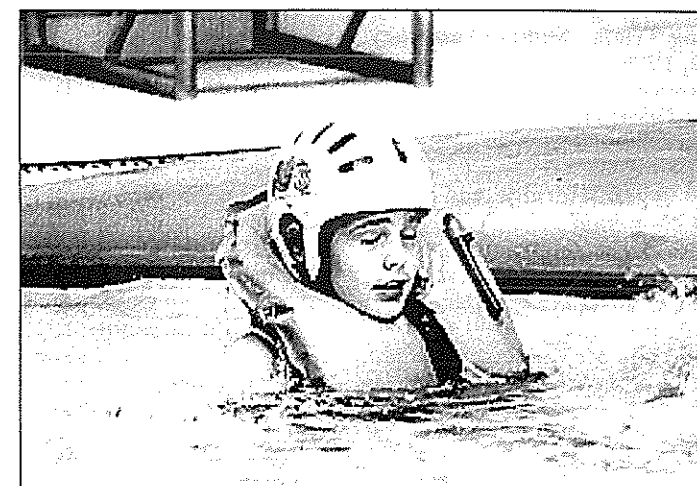
UNDER what is proving to be the progressive stewardship of their Commanding Officer, Frank Leyland, Stanley's Sea Cadets have, during the past year, emerged from a difficult period of low recruitment and dwindling numbers and support to become a thriving, well organised unit with a waiting list and strong military connections.

As well as the more visible improvements Frank has been instrumental in effecting, like Operation Challenge The Badge (which saw military volunteers transform the previously unusable Sea Cadets' headquarters on Airport Road into Training Ship Pursuivant, complete with offices, training deck, stores, kitchens, and a uniform battleship grey exterior) he has also

introduced practices like ensuring all recruits are fully uniformed within six weeks of joining; increased the number of outdoor activities; and encouraged Royal Navy units based at MPA to help with training and providing equipment.

Last week saw the Cadets involved in several day's training in seamanship and first aid and canoeing culminating in fourteen of them being presented with seventeen badges.

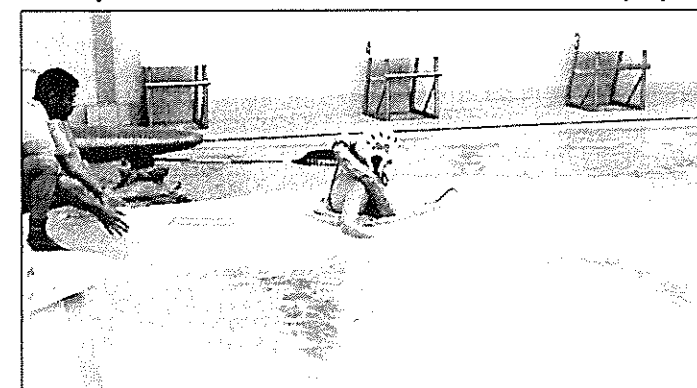
Conducting the training were three officers, who had flown to the islands from the Sea Cadets Southern Area headquarters, near Nelson's flagship, HMS Victory, in Southampton, specifically for the purpose; Captain Weobley, RM; Lt Cdr Davies, RN, and the Officer



Commanding the team, Lt Cdr Blaker RNR.

Frank and his cadets were particularly anxious to express their appreciation to John Henry and the rest of the Leisure Centre staff for opening the pool and assisting with instruction when the pool is normally closed.

There is yet another treat already in store for the nautical youngsters as Frank has received a letter from the Officer Commanding HMS Dunbarton Castle, explaining they are the Cadets' 'affiliated ship' and that they hope to host the Cadets on board the Dunbarton Castle in early April.



Top left: Katy Hancox gets to grips with the mannequin during First Aid training

Left: John Henry explains how it should be done to Darren Clingham who seems to have run aground

Bottom left: Getting knotted are Bruce Humphreys, John McKay, Tanzi Gough, Shaun Jaffray, Gareth Jones and Matthew Eccles. Top right: Samantha Brownlee the right way up - even if her canoe isn't!

Above: Hang on, I've forgotten my paddle! John Henry steadies Samantha Brownlee as she prepares to roll the canoe



First Aid Proficiency Badge

Roselene Gough
Katy Hancox
Daniel Ford

Samantha Brownlee
Andrew McDonald

Seamanship Badge - Third Class

John McKay
Matthew Eccles
Gareth Jones

Sean Jaffray
Tanzi Gough
Bruce Humphreys

Seamanship Badge Second Class

Elaina Lennie
Aaron Irwin

Andrew Jarvis
David Triggs

Bosun's Call

Samantha Brownlee

Roselene Gough

Britain's crack soldiers plan memorial by Graham Bound

THE men of Britain's elite Parachute Regiment are to build a memorial to their comrades who were killed during the Falklands war of 1982.

Forty one men of the Second and Third Battalions of the Regiment, known in Britain as the 'Paras', died in the Islands, mainly during the pivotal battles for Goose Green and Mount Longdon.

Although the dead soldiers are commemorated in Britain and in the Falklands on memorials for all

the British dead, the Regiment has no dedicated memorial at its headquarters in the garrison town of Aldershot.

The Paras plan to complete the stone memorial in time for a reunion of their Regiment's Falklands' veterans and a presentation of new battle colours, which is due to take place on the sixteenth anniversary of the war in June this year.

The Regiment received the only two Victoria Crosses, Britain's highest award for bravery, awarded

in the Falklands. One of the medals went to the Commanding Officer of 2 Para, Lt Colonel H Jones, who led an attack at Goose Green, and the other to Sergeant Ian McKay, who destroyed an Argentine machine gun emplacement on Mt Longdon. Both medals were awarded posthumously.

The announcement that the Regiment will build a special monument to its Falklands' dead comes at a time when the British veterans of the Falklands are be-

coming more organised and achieving a higher profile in British society.

Last year the vets, most of whom have now left the Army, came together to form the South Atlantic Medal Association and held their first reunion.

One of the aims of the organisation is to help those veterans who have fallen on hard times or continue to suffer, mentally or physically, as a result of their experiences in 1982.

Darwin Harbour Sports Association Results for 1998: Photographs by June McMullen.

Goose Green Sports 1998

Dog Trials - Sunday February 22, 1998

Novice

1st Brian Hewitt and Tip (102 points)

Open

1st Brian Aldridge and Ace (112½ points)

2nd Oscar Velasquez and Fly (106 points)

3rd Christopher May and Star (102 points)

4th Tony McMullen and Knight (97½ points)

Shearing - Wednesday February 25, 1998

Intermediate

1st Jose Ruiz

2nd James Butler

3rd Arturo Tellez

4th Bobby Smith

Junior

1st Arturo Tellez

Open

1st John Jones

2nd Mike Allan

3rd Hew Grierson

4th Andrew Smith

Joint Cleanest Pen

John Jones and Mike Allan

Cleanest on the Board

John Jones

Steer Wrestling

1st M McMullen

Steer Riding - Thursday February 26, 1998

Novice

1st R Tellez

Open

1st James Butler

2nd Chris Lloyd

3rd Rudolfo Tellez

4th Keith Alazia

Horse Racing - Monday February 23, 1998

Maiden Plate

1st Delightful Dawn - T Bonner

2nd Milfuego - T McMullen

3rd Clandestine - O Velasquez

4th Idle Dice - N Davis

Troop Horses 600 yds

1st Auspicious - T Bowles

2nd Nebraska - M McMullen

3rd Sir Rex - A Smith

4th Toy Boy - T Bonner

100 yds foot

1st N Thompson

2nd E McRae

3rd C Butler

Fitzroy Cup

1st Shaka - S Morrison

2nd Porsche - M McMullen

3rd Holiday Romance - James Butler

FIB 500 yds

1st Polar Star - M McMullen

2nd Desert Dawn - O Velasquez

3rd Allegro - S Morrison

4th Sharks Reef - R Binnie

Java Battery

1st San Diego - M McMullen

2nd Dark Eyed Lady - T Bonner

3rd Miss Ellie - R Binnie

4th Bonerova - A Tellez

FIC Challenge Cup

1st Pollerita - S Morrison

2nd Dory - T Bonner

3rd Margeurita - R Binnie

4th Standby - O Summers

220 yds foot

1st John Smith

2nd Rudolfo Tellez

3rd Nigel Thompson

Turner Diesel Stakes

1st Auspicious - T Bowles

2nd Dark Eyed Lady - H Bonner

3rd Allegro - S Morrison

4th Beauty - O Velasquez

Teenagers' Chase

1st Nebraska - M McMullen

2nd Quaker - Claire Crowie

3rd Locket - Charmaine Butler

4th Regal - Rowana Lloyd

The Silver Cup

1st Papina - S Morrison

2nd Coacia - T Bonner

3rd Limbo - J Butler

Marr Challenge Trophy

1st Sir Rex - J Butler

2nd B Nice To Me - O Velasquez

3rd Golden Fleece - Bobby Smith

4th Manchanco - J Ruiz

Owners Up

1st Dory - T Bonner

2nd San Diego - M McMullen

3rd Miss Ellie - R Binnie

4th Archer - O Summers

Bowles Trophy

1st Clandestine - O Velasquez

2nd Delightful Dawn - T Bonner

3rd Milfeugo - T McMullen

4th Rickyando - J Butler

One mile foot

1st D Paton

2nd C Lloyd

3rd J Smith

Governor's Cup

1st Papina - R Binnie

2nd Coacia - T Bonner

3rd Pollerita - S Morrison

4th Silencio - H Bonner

Standard Chartered Chase

1st Papina - S Morrison

2nd Dory - T Bonner

3rd Standby - O Summers

4th Indiana - T Bowles

Nick Taylor Memorial Challenge Trophy

1st Topstar - T Bonner

2nd Pollerita - S Morrison

3rd Marguerita - R Binnie

440 yds foot

1st D Paton

2nd E McRae

3rd E Jones

North Arm Plate

1st Desert Dawn - O Velasquez

2nd Porsche - M McMullen

3rd Auspicious - T Bowles

4th Archer - O Summers

Lafonia Plate

1st San Diego - M McMullen

2nd Shaka - S Morrison

3rd Dark Eyed Lady - T Bonner

4th Miss Ellie - R Binnie

Smylies Farm Prize

1st Sharks Reef - R Binnie

2nd Nebraska - M McMullen

3rd Quaker - C Crowie

4th Toy Boy - T Bowles

100 yds foot

1st Jenna Humphreys

2nd Charmaine Butler

3rd Claire Kilmartin

One mile open

1st Silencio - T Bowles

2nd Pollerita - S Morrison

3rd Top Star - T Bonner

4th Limbo - J Butler

FIB 400yds

1st Allegro - S Morrison

2nd Polar Star - M McMullen

3rd Dark Eyed Lady - T Bonner

4th Natasha - O Summers

Ladies Gallop

1st Dory - H Bonner

2nd Coacia - M McLeod

3rd Indiana - Toni-Donna

Stevens

4th Miss Ellie - Val Lloyd

Consolation Race

1st Freedom - Robin Fryatt

2nd Pandora - T Bonner

3rd Quell - N Davis

4th Scenario - A

Tellez

Douglas Hurd

Champion Cup

1st San Diego - M

McMullen

2nd Shaka - S Morrison

3rd Desert Dawn - O Velasquez

4th Auspicious - T Bonner

880 yds foot

1st D Paton

2nd E McRae

3rd A Wyeth

Champion Cup

1st Papina - S Morrison

2nd Silencio - T Bonner

3rd Coacia - T Bowles

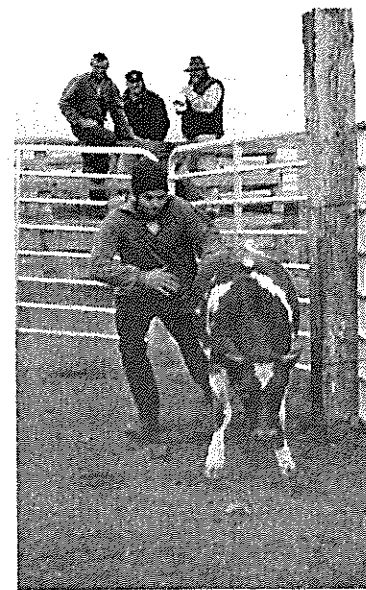
4th Marguerita - R Binnie

Champion Jockey S Morrison

Top right: Back-to-front race. Above far right: Jockey Matthew McMullen, foreground Toni and Caris Stevens. Above right: Jockeys, James Butler and Tim Bonner. Below left: Tony and Matthew McMullen. Below centre: A small crowd in the grandstand. Below far right: Goose Green corrals. Bottom left: Ron Binnie receives his rosette from H E the Governor. Bottom centre: Calf wrestling. Bottom right: A social scene at the Goose Green Races.



The prize for Lucky programme No. 179 is still to be collected from Diana Bernsten McGill





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Tuesday	12:00 - 1:00	Lanes
	5:00 - 7:00	Public
	7:00 - 8:00	Adults
	10:00 - 11:30	Public
Wednesday	12:00 - 1:00	Lane Swimming
	5:00 - 7:00	Public
	7:00 - 8:00	Adults
	8:00 - 9:00	Ladies
Thursday	5:00-7:00	Public
	7:00 - 8:00	Adults
	8:00 - 9:00	Private Hire
	10:00 - 11:30	Parents/Toddlers
Friday	12:00 - 1:00	Lanes
	5:00 - 7:00	Public
	7:00 - 8:00	Adults
	10:00 - 4:00	Public
Saturday	4:00 - 5:00	Adults
	5:00 - 6:00	Private Hire
	11:00 - 6:00	Public
	6:00 - 7:00	Adults
Sunday		

Your BFBS Television programmes

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH
8.20 THE NEW ADVENTURES OF PADDINGTON BEAR
8.30 WOLVES, WITCHES AND GIANTS
8.45 KABLAM!
9.10 TINY TOON ADVENTURES
9.30 SPIRIT RIDER
10.00 LIVE AND KICKING
1.15 GRANDSTAND A specially-extended edition of the programme features live coverage of Rugby Union's Five Nations Championship as France v Ireland in Paris and Wales v Scotland at Wembley
7.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
7.10 TURNING POINTS
7.15 TOP OF THE POPS
7.45 THE D-FILES
7.50 TRACEY TAKES ON...
8.15 NOEL'S HOUSEPARTY
9.05 CASUALTY In the closing moments of last week's episode, Charlie was knocked down after attempting to rescue a hit-and-run victim. Will he survive to tie the knot with Baz in the final episode of the current series?
9.55 SCREEN ONE: GOBBLE Just before Christmas, Britain is hit by a potentially lethal food crisis - "mad turkey disease". A government official seeks the truth
11.10 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.30 MATCH OF THE DAY

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH
8.15 MATCH OF THE DAY
9.30 BREAKFAST WITH FROST
10.30 BODGER AND BADGER
10.45 EEK! THE CAT
11.10 BLUE PETER
11.40 AS SEEN ON TV (New)
12.05 SONGS OF PRAISE
12.40 THE WHITBREAD: THE WORLD'S GREATEST OCEAN RACE
1.10 THE CHART SHOW
2.00 CELEBRITY READY STEADY COOK
2.30 NEWS
2.40 BROOKSIDE Will Peter have the opportunity to leave Liverpool?
3.50 THIS IS YOUR LIFE
4.20 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW - THE NEXT GENERATION
5.05 THROUGH THE KEYHOLE
5.30 FA CUP SIXTH ROUND Newcastle United v Barnsley
7.25 BLIND DATE
8.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
8.30 NEIGHBOURS FROM HELL
8.55 THE STUDENT PRINCE Romantic comedy about a policeman detailed to guard a royal prince at university and starring Robson Green and Tara Fitzgerald
10.30 PARKINSON
11.25 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.40 RUGBY EXPRESS

MONDAY 9TH MARCH
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 CATS' EYES 10.15 NUMBERTIME 10.30 THE MIX 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING
1.15 TOTS TV Followed by: BFBS WEATHER REPORT
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Anne faces up to her failure. Debbie declares war on the Coffee Shop
2.15 CATCHPHRASE
2.40 HOLIDAY
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.45 SPIDER
3.50 THE FORGOTTEN TOYS
4.05 TOM AND VICKY
4.15 DENNIS THE MENACE
4.40 THE REALLY WILD SHOW
5.05 GOOSEBUMPS
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Sam finds he has to tell lie after lie to cover his tracks
5.45 FAMILY FORTUNES
6.10 WISH YOU WERE HERE
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET Spider is double-crossed by Curly
7.45 THE BILL Free to Speak: Will Slater seduce Keene - or vice versa - when they go out for a farewell dinner?
8.10 SAVAGE EARTH
9.05 LONDON'S BURNING Blue Watch rescue a man trapped up a chimney. George's marriage is going through a difficult patch
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY?
10.55 BREAKING POINT
11.35 FILM '98
12.05 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA

TUESDAY 10TH MARCH
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 WATCH 10.15 STORYTIME 10.30 BOOK BOX 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW

10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 GIGGLISH ALLSORTS Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS The food feud escalates
2.15 FOOD AND DRINK
2.45 VANESSA
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
3.50 ZZZAP!
4.05 CHUCKLEWOOD CRITTERS
4.30 BLUE PETER
4.55 THE WARD
5.20 HOME AND AWAY Is Chloe about to dump Lachie?
5.45 THE D-FILES
5.50 A QUESTION OF SPORT
6.15 EMMERDALE Kelly faces stiff opposition to her affair
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS Gianni is shocked when she notices a familiar female in the Square
7.55 BUGS Terror strikes at a smart country wedding. Ed goes underwater to save the bride, and Beckett confronts his rival for Ros's affections
8.45 COLTRANE'S PLANES AND AUTOMOBILES
9.10 DARK SKIES
10.00 NEW AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 THE BEST SHOW IN THE WORLD... PROBABLY
11.00 INSIDE STORY House Traders:
11.50 TARTAN EXTRA

WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 CATS' EYES 10.15 EUREKA! 10.30 QUEST 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 POTAMUS PARK followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Darren and Libby rush to Louise's rescue
2.15 GARY RHODES (New)
2.45 THE CLOTHES SHOW
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with THE BLOBS
3.45 TIMBUCTOO
3.50 BLAZING DRAGONS
4.05 ANIMANIACS
4.25 SHARP PRACTICE
4.45 NEWSROUND EXTRA
5.00 OUT OF TUNE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Is Jesse falling in love with Kylie again?
5.45 TOMORROW'S WORLD
6.15 EMMERDALE Paddy discovers a shocking secret about Biff and Katy
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET Is it the end of the road for Jon Lindsay?
7.45 THE BILL Coup de Grace: Boulton finds himself playing marriage counsellor when a husband who's served time before is sentenced to another three years in prison
8.10 GREAT ESCAPES (New)
8.40 NOAH'S ARK
9.35 FRIENDS
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 FILM PREMIERE: IN BROAD DAYLIGHT (1991,15) A small town takes the law into its own hands to deal with a psychopathic bully
12.05 OPERATION GOOD GUYS (New) First in a seven-part spoof documentary series that follows the collapse of an elite undercover police unit.

THURSDAY 12TH MARCH
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 STOP, LOOK, LISTEN 10.10 LANDMARKS 10.30 STAGE ONE 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE RIDDLERS Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS The Coffee Shop price war escalates
2.15 THE WARTIME KITCHEN AND GARDEN
2.45 VANESSA
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.45 SOOTY'S AMAZING ADVENTURES (New)
4.00 HUBBUB
4.15 CARTOON TIME
4.20 HIGHLANDER
4.45 BLUE PETER
5.10 THE O-ZONE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Kylie decides she should move out
5.45 TOP GEAR
6.15 EMMERDALE Marlon catches Dee in a compromising situation
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 VETS IN PRACTICE
7.25 EASTENDERS It's Mary's 18th birthday, but the celebrations at the Vic don't go exactly according to plan

BFBS Television programmes (cont)

7.55 POLICE, CAMERA, ACTION (New)
8.20 THE CRUISE (New)
8.50 THE CLIVE JAMES SHOW (New)
9.30 THE FAST SHOW
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 LOOKING AFTER JO JO (New)
11.20 THE NAZIS
12.10 THE STAND UP SHOW

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 MATHSBOOK 10.10 RAT-A-TAT-TAT 10.25 LOOK AND READ 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 POTAMUS PARK Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Billy makes a sacrifice, and Ben is caught off guard by his new housemate
2.15 ALL OVER THE SHOP
2.40 WAR WALKS
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
3.45 THE LITTLEST PET SHOP
4.00 ARTHUR

4.25 MIKE & ANGELO
4.50 THE WEEK ON NEWSROUND
5.00 WANNABE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Pippa agrees to have Rebecca and Travis mind her house while she is away. Kylie and Jesse finally give in to their feelings for each other
5.45 GLADIATORS
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS Gianni is finally forced to face a girlfriend from Soho and is pleasantly surprised by her news
7.55 DES O'CONNOR TONIGHT
8.45 DANGERFIELD There's a spectacular end to the fourth series of Dangerfield as Al's wedding day approaches
9.35 THIRD ROCK FROM THE SUN
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 NEVER MIND THE BUZZCOCKS
11.00 PD JAMES' AN UNSUITABLE JOB FOR A WOMAN Cordelia has moved into the summerhouse where student Mark Callender was found hanged, then becomes aware that someone is threatening her
11.50 TFI FRIDAY
Billings correct at time of going to press, but subject to change until actual transmission. Tune into BFBS Radio/Television for updates

YOUR PROGRAMMES FROM F.I.B.S.

SATURDAY 7
6.00 News BFBS
6.03 Music Fill
6.16 Children's story - Danny Fox
6.30 Children's Corner - request programme
7.30 News and Sport from five live
7.40 Weather,Flights,Announcements
8.00 The Navy Lark
8.28 Rpt Weather & Flights
8.30 Part 3 The Beebs lost Beatles tapes
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.20 Music Fill
9.30 Bookclub - Skin tight
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News BFBS
SUNDAY March 8
5.00 News: BFBS
5.03 Music fill
5.15 Dessert Island Discs with Sue Lawley
Interviews Pete Waterman
6.00 Music Fill
6.30 Weather, flights, announcements
7.00 Church Service-Tabernacle
8.00 Wet Wet Wet Album Special
8.15 Folk Music Show
8.30 Repeat Weather & Flights
8.45 Folk Music Show
9.00 News Desk
9.28 Rpt. Weather & Flights
9.30 Dracula
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News BFBS
MONDAY March 9
10.03 Morning show
12.00 News and Sport BFBS
12.06 News Midday
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30 B.F.B.S Programmes
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
6.00 Country Crossroads
6.30 Comedy - P.G. Woodhouse
7.00 The Goons CD collection
7.30 News and Sport
7.35 Weather,Flights,Announcements
8.00 Announcers Choice of music
8.30 Multi track hit list from BBC World Service
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt Weather and Flights
9.30 Feature - Surf's Up
10.00 News BFBS
TUESDAY March 10
10.03 Morning Show
12.00 News and Sport BFBS
12.06 Music Fill
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30 BFBS Programmes
5.03 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
5.30 News from St. Helena
5.45 Calling the Falklands
6.00 News Magazine
6.30 Eels in concert
7.30 News and Sports
7.35 Weather,Flights,Announcements

8.00 Past hits of 97
9.00 News desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt Weather & Flights
9.30 Repeat News Magazine
10.00 News BFBS
WEDNESDAY March 11
10.03 Morning show
11.45 Rpt calling the Falklands
12.00 News & Sport from BFBS
12.06 News Midday
12.09 Music Fill
12.15 Lunchtime Announcements
12.30 BFBS Programme
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
5.45 The Folk Show Rpt
6.30 Pop Documentary - The best of Lennon
7.00 Announcers hour of music
7.30 News and Sport
7.35 Weather,Flights,Annos
8.00 Classics Hour with Sarah Davies
9.00 News Desk from BBC
9.28 Rpt. weather & flights
9.30 Village by the Sea
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News from BFBS
THURSDAY March 12
10.03 Morning Show
12.00 News & Sport from B.F.B.S.
12.06 News Midday
12.09 Music Fill
12.15 Lunchtime Announcements
12.30 BFBS Programme
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
5.45 Calling the Falklands
6.00 News Magazine
6.30 Portishead in concert
7.30 News & Sport from Five live
7.35 Weather, Flights Annos
8.00 Announcers half hour
8.30 Country Crossroads
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt Weather and Flights
9.30 News Magazine rpt.
10.00 News B.F.B.S.
All programmes are subject to change.
Any changes will be broadcast on FIBS

B.F.B.S. RADIO WEEKLY PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

98.5FM

SATURDAY 0000 Drum & Bass 0200 Steve Mason 0400 In Concert 0500 Forces Finest with Damian Watson 0700 Weekend Gold 0800 Breakfast Show 1000 The Score with Francis Collings 1400 Mark Page 1600 Weekend Gold 1800 David Rodigan 2000 Drum & Bass 2200 Richard Allinson
SUNDAY 0000 Late Night Love in 0200 Mark Page 0400 Bob Harris 0700 Weekend Gold 0800 UK Sunday Breakfast 1000 Forces Finest 1200 James Watt 1400 Richard Allinson 1600 Bob Harris 1900 In Concert 2000 Rock Show 2200 John Peel
MONDAY 0000 Weekend Gold 0200 In Concert 0200 Rockumentary 0300 Connect '98 0500 Early Breakfast 0600 Breakfast Show 0900 BFBS Gold 1000 FIBS Morning Show 1230 The Afternoon Shift 1800 BFBS Gold 1900 Jamie Gordon with Full Top 40 (Mondays only), New Dance, Indie and Pop, interviews and live music session 2200 Aidan Donovan
TUESDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued 0100 David Rodigan 0300 - 0000 As Monday
WEDNESDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued 0100 John Peel 0300 - 0000 As Monday
THURSDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued 0100 The Rockshow 0300 - 2000 As Monday
FRIDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued 0100 Richard Allinson 0300-1800 As Monday 1800-2000 Gurkha Programmes 2000 Andy Wright 2200 Friday Dance

CHANNEL 2

550 MW

SATURDAY 0000 On Stage & Kaleidoscope 0100 On Stage 0200 Newsday & Features from BBC World Service 0300 A Taste of N Ireland 0400 Today from BBC Radio 4 0600 Radio 4 News and Sport 0630 Counterpoint 0700 Meridian from BBC W/S 0730

BFBS Reports 0800 Radio 4 News & Feature 0830 Thoughts from Abroad 0900 Comedy Double Bill 1000 News & Sport on Five Live 1500 News & David Mellor's 6-0-61700 News & Short Play 1800 Feature 1900-0100 Radio 5 Live Overnight package
SUNDAY 0100 Archers Omnibus 0200 Newsday and Europe Today/Heritage 0300 Clydes Classics 0400 News & Sunday Papers, morning Music & Religious news and views 0615 Letter from America with Alistair Cooke & Morning Service 0715 Archers Omnibus 0815 Weekend on Two with Colin Hamilton's music and mind boggler 3000 The World This Weekend 1100 News & Sunday Sport from BBC Radio Five Live 1600 Feature 1630 Many are Called - Christian Music and religious news with Roger Hudson 1700 Sound Portrait 1800 Feature 1900 News Desk from BBC World Service 1930 Health Matters and Sports Round-Up 2000-0100 News & Radio Five Live Overnight
MONDAY 0100 News Desk from BBC W/S 0130 Feature 0200 News Day and Europe Today/Heritage 0300 Newsbriefing from BBC Radio 4 followed by Book Club 0330 Today from BBC Radio 4 0600 World News and Business Report 0615 Archers 0630 Gurkha News 0700 News Summary from BBC Radio 4 and "My World" 0730 Woman's Hour 0830 Two's Company 1000 World At One 1045 Sports Round-up 1100 Play/Short Story 1200 News/PM Shift 1300 Kaleidoscope 1345 Archers 1400 PM Programme 1500 Main News of the Day 1530 Comedy 1600 News Extra & Sports Desk followed by Sport on Five and Radio Five overnight
TUESDAY 0100-0700 As Monday 0700 Story 0730-1100 As Monday 1100 Story and Feature 1200-1530 As Monday 1530 Feature 1600 As Monday
WEDNESDAY 0100-0700 As Monday 0700 News & Feature/Quiz 0730-1100 As Monday 1100 Classic Review 1200-1000 As Tuesday
THURSDAY 0100-0700 As Monday 0700 News & Dad's Army 0730-1100 As Monday 1100 Clyde's Classics 1200-1000 As Tuesday
FRIDAY 0100-0700 As Monday 0700 My Music with Chairman Steve Rac 0730-11.00 As Monday 1100 P McD and Co Unlimited 1200-1530 As Tuesday 1530-1600 Play/Short Story/Quiz 1600-0000 As Tuesday

with Argentine passports into the Falklands, restrictions which Di Tella would like to eliminate.

The foreign minister announced that he has the intention of visiting the islands, with a passport which is not Argentine, which could be a Mercosur one, although the project of producing a passport of the block consisting of Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay is a long way off.

As the Islanders control their migratory policy, the Foreign Office would need to obtain their consent for any measure, even if only to make the announcement, that a limited number of Argentine citizens will be allowed to enter the Falklands per year.

Representatives of the Islands government will be invited to some of the receptions which will be held in Menem's honour during his visit, which could last as long as five days, two and a half official days and the rest private.

Gestures of reconciliation

Whilst the meetings to define the political issues on the agenda go ahead, there are aspects of the agenda which are already sorted out, although a few details have to be resolved. It is confirmed, that not only will he have a meeting with the Queen, but that he will also play golf with Prince Andrew, in Scotland, weather permitting.

Menem's meetings with members of the British crown are part of gestures thought up by the diplomats to show that Argentina and the United Kingdom have overcome the consequences of the Falklands war.

Prince Andrew, who participated in the 1982 war, has been in Argentina and visited the Naval base in Puerto Belgrano, where he laid a wreath at the foot of a monument in memory of the soldiers who died in the conflict.

The president will carry out a similar gesture in London, in honour of the British soldiers who died in the conflict.

But a trip such as Menem's - the first which an Argentine president will carry out to the United Kingdom since the Falklands conflict and the second during the history of bilateral relations - requires a much more complex negotiation, which is not just based upon the symbolic aspects of the agenda.

SUMMARY OF WORLD BROADCASTS

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN 28/2/98

Di Tella says Menem could meet Queen Elizabeth II during UK visit

Buenos Aires 26/2/98: Foreign Minister Guido di Tella said today that progress has been made in terms of arranging a meeting between the British queen and President Carlos Menem during his forthcoming visit to the United Kingdom. Di Tella reiterated his wish to visit the Falklands to contribute, "to further promote bilateral relations," with the British and the Islanders.

Asked about the continuing negotiations in this respect, Di Tella said that, "it was not clear at first, but it is clear now," that President Menem could meet Queen Elizabeth II during his visit, which is due to take place in November.

In remarks to a radio station, Di Tella added that the meeting, "is one of the many things that are in the process of being decided," within the framework of meetings that are being held by Argentine and UK officials for Menem's visit.

Asked about press reports on "secret meetings" concerning Menem's visit, Di Tella described these reports as "funny", adding that there are "al-

ways meetings that are not publicly announced," and that, "more frequent meetings are being held because we are preparing a complicated, difficult, important visit."

In reply to a question, the foreign minister reiterated his desire to visit the Falkland Islands, although making it clear that there is nothing concrete about this idea. He said: "I would like to go to the islands, not in order to prove anything in particular, but as a way of promoting the Argentine objectives. This visit depends on a number of things."

The foreign minister said that, "his argument in this discussion with the British is that the trip will be useful, not inconvenient."

"I hope I will be able to go. When, I do not know. We are discussing the possibility," Di Tella said.

The foreign minister stressed the importance of the Argentine sovereignty claim over the Falkland Islands at the Decolonization Committee, where the country has participated, "for the past six years because it provides an advantageous forum where we have fared very well."

He stressed, however, that despite, "what the General Assembly, the United Nations or the Decolonization Committee might say, the British will not change their opinions."

Consequently, he said, "It is necessary to maintain this framework of reference as background," and at the same time, "emphasize our bilateral relations with the British and the Islanders, which is what we have been doing during this administration."

Asked about the issuing of a single passport for Mercosur (Common Market of the South) member countries, Di Tella said that a meeting was held, "yesterday at the Foreign Ministry," and noted that, "related problems and the various ways of approaching this are being analysed."

Di Tella also mentioned the creation of, "a special commission for the forthcoming meeting to be held in Ushuaia (by mid-1998) to coordinate the extent to which joint measures can be adopted in terms of international policy."

Asked about the new flights that are being planned between the Falkland Islands and London, with stopovers in Mercosur member countries, Di Tella said that, "so far all Mercosur member countries have asked our opinion whether they should make these commercial flights viable."

"Our answer has been affirmative because we believe those flights will create more links, not direct links with Argentina, but with friendly countries. If we had a choice between flights being established between the Falkland Islands and Punta Arenas or nothing, we would say let them be established. We would of course prefer flights to be established between the Falklands and Rio Gallegos. This is what we want and we will achieve it at some point."

ARGENTINA

Menem says he will press claim to Falklands during visit to Britain

Addressing the Argentine Congress on 1st March, President Carlos Menem said that his forthcoming visit to Britain would be a "milestone" in the country's foreign policy. In remarks that were greeted by lengthy applause, he said that issues over which there was, "a clear difference of opinion," would be discussed during the visit and Argentina would, "press on with our claim to sovereignty over the Falklands, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands." The following is an excerpt from Menem's state of the nation address to a joint session

of Congress in Buenos Aires, broadcast live by Argentine ATC TV; sub-headings inserted editorially:

"Our domestic security is directly related to our foreign defence. I would like to emphasize the importance of Argentina having been officially designated a non-NATO ally at the beginning of this year, which is a sign of confidence (in Argentina) and enables us to have access to state-of-the-art technology."

It is also important to note that the National Radar Plan is in its last phase of implementation. This plan will regulate and monitor the national airspace.

The privatization of airports, which was recently achieved, also seeks to strengthen the efficiency of our air services.

All of this will result in the increase of national tourism. In the past few years, the number of tourists arriving in our country has increased by 65 per cent while income in the area has increased by 153 per cent.

I urge this honourable Congress expeditiously to discuss and approve two important bills in the defence area.

The first deals with the reform of the military justice code with a view to making the military penal code one of the most modern in the world. The second bill, which deals with the reorganization of the armed forces, has already been passed by the Chamber of Deputies. All congressional blocs have already approved the latter bill, which will be instrumental in implementing a five-year budget for the armed forces."

Relations with other countries in the Americas
Messrs Legislators, beloved people of Argentina:
I have discussed and laid out the path of our work on those important issues that are of concern for us all: education, health, safety and justice.

I hereby would like to stress the following issues regarding Argentina's foreign relations:
Our ties with the Federal Republic of Brazil are a distinct reality that will be strengthened in all aspects dealing with physical integration and an even greater integration in the areas of culture, education and border development.

This concept is also extensive with regard to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay and the Republic of Paraguay.
With the sister nation of Chile, we will continue creating the political conditions for the definitive settlement of the last pending border dispute.

Notwithstanding, we will further advance in the integration process through the completion of the bi-oceanic interconnection system and the expansion of the joint integration mining programmes on the basis of the proper agreements signed with our Chilean brothers.
We will reassert our political commitment to Central America and to promoting an active policy of strengthening ties with English-speaking Caribbean countries by visiting countries in the area.

We will have an excellent opportunity to promote this type of hemispheric integration process, which ultimately seeks the establishment of a free trade area extending from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego, at the Second Summit of the Americas scheduled to be held in April in Santiago, Chile.

During the first half of 1998, Argentina will serve as the temporary president of Mercosur and this responsibility will be crowned with the summit scheduled for 24th July in Ushuaia, in our beloved Tierra del Fuego region.
Menem's forthcoming visit to

Britain: the Falklands issue

Within the framework of our international ties, I would like to stress the importance of my forthcoming visit to the United Kingdom, which will undoubtedly become a milestone in our foreign policy. The occasion will enable us to make progress towards the crystallization of agreements on issues pertaining to bilateral relations while not neglecting those over which we have a clear difference of opinion.

Moreover, we will insist, on all fronts, and press on with our claim to sovereignty over the Falklands, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands in order to make the United Kingdom heed the international community's reiterated requests that Britain should negotiate the future of the islands with Argentina.

Regarding the summit, we have assumed the responsibility of hosting the Fourth Conference of the Signatories of the Agreement on Climate Changes to be held in Argentina in November. The future of the planet depends on this issue.

We also plan to promote even more vigorously our efforts to strengthen ties with the OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) with the objective of achieving the status of a full member in that organisation...

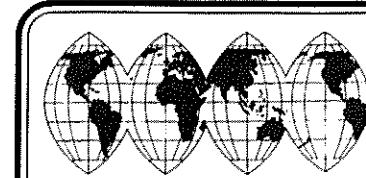
BRITAIN

THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH 1/3/98

Westmount Energy, an oil exploration tiddler, must be biting its fingernails over the current dismal oil price. Westmount has a one fifth share of Desire, a small company - soon to be listed on Aim - with a swathe of acreage around the Falklands. The first well in the region is to be drilled this year and all the geological signs are promising. Nothing is certain in the volatile oil world, but if Desire strikes lucky, analysts believe Westmount's share price could almost double from its present level of 171.5p. Even given worries about the oil price, investors should note that any production would not be until 2003 or 2004. Take a chance and buy.

FALKLAND ISLANDS WOOL MARKETING
Market report week ending 27/2/98
Australia: Sales held in Newcastle/Melbourne.
Markets closed with 20 to 24 micron fleeces unchanged & 25 micron slightly dearer.
Crossbreds closed with 27 to 29 micron unchanged and 30 to 31 micron fleece types up to 2% cheaper.
Western Europe main buyers supported by Japan and China.
Eastern market indicator closed unchanged at 638 cents.
Western Market indicator closed 3 cents higher at 589 cents.
New Zealand: Prices at the South Island sale were 2% cheaper for 34 to 36 micron crossbred fleece with 37 micron and coarser 1/2% dearer. First lambs 30 micron and finer closed fully firm with coarser types 1 to 2% cheaper.

Competition came from India, China, Nepal, supported by local scourers, and western Europe.
The new Zealand indicator closed 4 cents higher at 417 cents.
British wool sale: Prices were cheaper at the British wool sale held in Bradford 25th February and only 55% of the offering of 2,340,000 kilos were sold.
Compared to the last sale held in January speciality topmaking types were 2 1/2% dearer with other types 2 1/4% cheaper.



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Argentina
Please note: The following extracts are translations
CLARIN 27/2/98

Menem would have his appointment with the Queen

It is almost sure that President Carlos Menem will have the pleasure of kissing the hand of the Queen of England, Elizabeth II, during his visit to London in early November.

At least this is the scene which anticipates Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella who yesterday (Wednesday 26th) confirmed that "advances have been obtained in that possibility," a possibility which is not denied either by sources of the Foreign Office.

The Minister said that the appointment between Menem and the Queen, "is one of a lot of things which are being defined," during the negotiations between officers of both countries to delineate the agenda of what will be the meeting between Menem and Tony Blair, the first one between the two leaders after the war that put Great Britain and Argentina face to face because of the Falklands in 1982.

The Foreign Minister took advantage of the opportunity in order to reaffirm his intention of walking on the soil of the Falklands in the near future.

In that sense, in accordance with the laws which rule the islands, it would be possible for him to do that only with non-Argentine documents; this is the reason why he is trying to conclude urgently an agreement which would be able to transform, "the passport of Mercosur," into a reality.

However, while talking with CLARIN the members of the legislative body of the islands were very clear regarding Di Tella: "Di Tella is not going to enter into the islands which ever passport he is carrying," said the Kelper representative, John Birmingham, from Stanley.

The minister and architect of the so-called strategy of seduction on the Kelpers, does not pay any attention to it. "I want to go to the islands not in an act which is a vindication of anything but in an act which were able to contribute to reach the national objectives," said Di Tella, defending himself, and he added: "I hope to be able to do it. We shall see. It is included in the conversations."

Norma Edwards, who is a councillor of the Falklands, said to CLARIN that, despite the wishes of Di Tella, it is not the Foreign Office he has to talk to, "because we are the ones who decide and he would not be able to enter the islands."

The spokesperson of the British Embassy in Buenos Aires only remembered that, "the entrance of any person to the islands is something which is decided by the Legislative Body," of the southern archipelago, and he denied negotiations with the Government.

Buenos Aires Herald 28/2/98
Lasmo to drill first well

Lasmo Plc is planning to drill the first-ever oil exploration well in the Falkland Islands.

The UK oil exploration and production company plans to drill a well there beginning sometime in the middle of 1998, and spend about 10 million dollars a year exploring for each of the next three years.

The islands are about 250 miles off

the southern tip of Argentina, which attempted to recover them by force in 1982 before being driven out by a force of British marines. Now, Lasmo believes it has the potential to find more than 1 billion barrels of oil there, though it's not promising anything.

"Geologically, we're entering unknown territory," said John Hogan, Lasmo's chief operating officer at a news conference. "We're looking at the potential for multi-billion barrel prospects. I have no idea what we'll actually find. This is as frontier as you get."

Lasmo, which has about 1.1 billion barrels of oil reserves, like the Falklands prospect because its initial studies suggest that there could be a lot of oil in the area in which it is prospecting with the potential for more than one billion barrels of oil.

Gulf Canada Resources

Still, the company admits its first well is most likely to turn out to be dry. The company characterizes it as a long-shot exploration well, which generally have one chance in ten of succeeding.

LA NACION 27/2/98

Menem will join together with the Queen of England

Di Tella said that the meeting is included in the negotiations about the visit of the Chief of the State to the United Kingdom.

Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella anticipated yesterday (Thursday 26th) that some advances have been achieved regarding the possibility that the Queen of England gives an audience to President Carlos Menem during his coming visit to the United Kingdom; besides he reaffirmed his wish of visiting the Falkland Islands to contribute to, "deepen the bilateral relations," with the British and the Islanders.

"At the beginning it was not clear but now it is clear, that President Menem could meet with the Queen of England, Elizabeth II, during the visit of the Argentine leader which is anticipated for November," said Di Tella when he was asked about the negotiations which are taking place in that sense.

During some declarations by radio, the Foreign Minister said that the meeting, "is one of a lot of things which are being defined," in the conversations that the officers of both countries maintain because of the visit of Menem.

In that regard and speaking about a journalistic version which said that there were "secret meetings," because of the trip of Menem, Di Tella qualified it as "funny" when he explained that "meetings which are not made public always exist," and he added that "now there are more because we are preparing a visit which is a complicated, difficult and important one."

Visit to Falklands

The Foreign Minister - when asked - reaffirmed his wish to visit the Falklands although he said that there are not yet any definitions in that respect. "I want to go to the Islands," he said. "Not in an act which is a vindication of anything but in an act which were able to contribute to reach the national objectives, and this depends on a lot of circumstances."

The Foreign Minister said regarding this that his "argument in the dis-

cussion with the British is that this trip is a convenient trip and not an inconvenient one."

"I hope to be able to do it. When? We shall see. It is included in the negotiations," he said.

The Chief of "Palacio -San Martin" emphasised the importance of the Argentine claim regarding sovereignty in the Falklands at the Committee of De-Colonisation where he has been going, "for the last six years because this is a convenient surrounding for us where we are doing well."

So he said that "It is necessary to maintain this reference as background" and at the same time, "to emphasise the bilateral relation with the British and the Islanders too, which is what has been done," during his management.

LA NACION 3/3/98

Falklands: hitches in the negotiations

The negotiations are going on around the clock; they have the instruction to reach an oil agreement before President Carlos Menem visits London, scheduled for November. But, there are so many difficulties, technical and political, that they are afraid that they won't make it in time, Argentine diplomatic sources told *La Nacion*.

The basic problem, which has been persisting since November 1995, when Menem signed the agreement of oil co-operation in the South Atlantic, with then British Prime Minister John Major, are the implication that the drilling could have concerning the sovereignty claim of the Falkland Islands. How could both countries collect royalties without recognising the sovereignty of the other, concerning the waters in which oil will be sought? asked the sources.

The agreement delimits an area which includes Argentine waters which are not in dispute as well as a part of those around the Falklands, in which Argentina and the United Kingdom, called for a joint tender, which was originally going to take place at the end of next year.

The complexity of the matter meant a necessary postponement and now the tender has no fixed date, although an agreement will try to be reached at the next meeting of the Hydrocarbons Commission, in July.

The task which lies ahead, requires, as well as a reading of how the future of the respective sovereignty claims can be affected, the agreement of practically all members of the legislative bodies in both countries. An extreme case, which some diplomats use to describe their difficult task: If there is a murder on one of the oil rigs, within an area of so-called co-operation which courts should intervene? The Argentine or the British? Which penal code will be used?

A complex negotiation

With this in mind the Executive Branch had to come up with a new hydrocarbons law, which contemplates a case of co-operation such as that which will take place in the South Atlantic, where both countries would collect royalties from the firms which are awarded the tender. The bill has been sent to Congress, but has not been dealt with yet.

At the Foreign Office they found

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an unusual situation, because the United Kingdom "harmonises" its laws, but it does not do so in accordance with the European Union.

It could seem a subtle difference in the terms, but, to the negotiators on the bilateral commission, which has been meeting periodically since the agreement was signed, it is a difficult situation to get round.

The fishing agreement

The other matters on the agenda which the Argentine foreign ministry and the Foreign Office are negotiating so that Menem and Prime Minister Tony Blair can make announcements following their meeting in London, are also causing some difficulties.

During Menem's visit, the British wish to satisfy an old wish of the Islanders: The signing of a South Atlantic fishing agreement.

Between Argentina and the United Kingdom there is an agreement through which there is an exchange of information and the amount of tons of squid which can be caught per year is established, with the aim of conserving the species, so that it can reproduce.

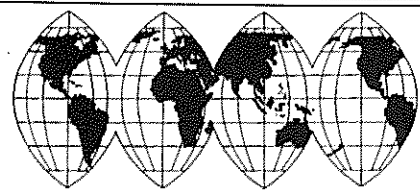
But the Islanders, whose main source of income is from the sale of fishing licences, want an agreement which covers a greater area, a possibility which was stopped being negotiated two years ago when the British began to demand permits also for the waters around the Georgias.

As a sign of their rejection of the measure the foreign ministry, took the fishing agreement of the agenda, which some people speculate, could be signed, if during Menem's visit there are any advances concerning communications between the Islands and the Continent.

The communications

Since the war ended, in 1982, the Islanders have not allowed citizens

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British press Headline stories: Feb 27 - March 4

**BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR
FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY 1998
OPRAH WINFREY WINS
BEEF CASE**

Domestic stories almost totally dominate the front pages of today's British newspapers, apart from a large picture on the front page of *The Guardian* of the American television talk show hostess, Oprah Winfrey. The picture shows her celebrating after a jury in Texas rejected a libel suit brought by cattle owners accusing her of damaging the nation's beef industry. They alleged that anti-beef comments made on one of her programmes about mad cow disease had triggered a collapse in beef prices. *The Guardian*, reporting on how her six week trial had gripped America, quotes her comments outside the court. 'Free speech not only lives, it rocks'.

REVIEW OF BLOOD PRODUCTS

The Times leads on further worries about the human equivalent of mad cow disease, CJD, and how it can spread. *The Times* quotes the British Health Secretary, Frank Dobson, as saying that he had accepted the recommendations of an advisory committee that British blood should be viewed as not safe enough to have products made from it, and that plasma to make blood products should be imported. The recommendation follows three recalls of blood products after donors were found to have developed CJD, which causes the deterioration of the brain and death.

ISRAELI SURVEIL- LANCE OPERATION IN SWITZERLAND

On its front page, the *Financial Times* features prominently the demand by Switzerland for an apology from Israel for a surveillance operation in the Swiss capital by Israeli Mossad agents. The paper describes it as another bungled operation by Mossad, adding to the low morale at the organisation.

TIGER ATTACK ON CIRCUS WORKER

But the main story for several mass circulation papers is the story of the British circus worker who had his arm bitten off by a Bengal Tiger. Both the *Mirror* and the *Express* have interviews with the man, Nigel Wesson, and pictures of him recovering in his hospital bed. They remark on his courage as he appealed for the Tiger not to be put down because of the attack, saying the incident was, 'Just one

of those things.'

**BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR
MONDAY 2 MARCH 1998
LONDON MARCH BY
COUNTRYSIDE
CAMPAIGNERS**

On the morning after the huge protest march by countryside campaigners through central London, most front pages have a rural feel to them. All the broadsheets show pictures of some of the quarter of a million country folk who demonstrated against perceived threats to their way of life. They are waving banners with slogan, like, 'I Love Hunting,' or 'Say No To The Urban jackboot.' The papers note the sheer size of the protest. According to *The Times*, it was twice the size of the anti-Poll Tax marches which it said helped bring about the downfall of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in 1990.

GERMAN ELECTIONS

In its foreign pages, the *Independent* notes the strong performance of the German Social Democratic politician, Gerhard Schroeder, in Sunday's elections in Lower Saxony. Mr Schroeder, who is Lower Saxony's Prime Minister, is now due to run against Chancellor Kohl in national elections in September. *The Independent* says Mr Schroeder, a former lawyer with close links to German business, passed the penultimate test with flying colours, but it would be premature to discount Mr Kohl.

DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES

Britain's popular press focuses on the reported recollections of the bodyguard who survived the car crash in which Diana, Princess of Wales, was killed. In a long-heralded - but apparently short - interview with the *Mirror*, Trevor Rees-Jones says that at first he remembered nothing. But in recent days he has started to have flashbacks of the accident, following a session with psychiatrists. Mr Rees-Jones says he will pass on details to the French judge investigating the crash. However he does not share his memories with *Mirror* readers. But a rival tabloid, *The Sun*, tells us a bit more. It quotes a friend of Mr Rees-Jones as saying the former bodyguard is wracked by guilt because he was responsible for Diana's safety and did not notice that the driver was drunk.

**BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR
WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 1998
'THE TIMES'
CRITICISED BY RIVALS**

Both *The Independent* and the *Daily Telegraph* have front page articles critical of their rival daily, *The Times*. The papers quote *The Times'* former East Asia editor, Jonathan Mirsky, suggesting that *The Times*, owned by media mogul Rupert Murdoch, has drastically scaled back its critical coverage of China - so as not to compromise the owner's growing investments there. In recent days, the Murdoch-owned publishing house Harper Collins has halted production of two books critical of the Chinese authorities. *The Times* itself carries an interview with Rupert Murdoch, in which he criticises his own executives at Harper Collins for having - as he put it - screwed up negotiations over one of the books, by the former Hong Kong Governor Chris Patten, leaving him in what he called an inexcusable position.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The London home of the British monarch, Buckingham Palace, is in the news for two very different reasons today. The mass circulation *Sun* has a front page photograph of a man being arrested by police after smashing his truck through the main gates in an attempt to see the Queen. *The Mirror* has a photograph of another man - his face a mass of cuts and bruises, his shirt covered in blood - after part of a ceiling in the Palace collapsed while his father was receiving a medal from the Queen. *The Mirror's* headline is 'Plastered at the Palace'.

KOSOVO

On its foreign pages, *The Times* reports on the funerals in Kosovo of the ethnic Albanians killed by the Serb authorities over the weekend. According to eye-witnesses and Western diplomats, there are suggestions that the killings may have been the work of a sinister Serb paramilitary organisation - SAJ - which was active in the ethnic cleansing earlier in the Yugoslav wars in Croatia and Bosnia. *The Times* says the killings may have precipitated a war of ethnic hatred that could engulf the whole Balkan region.

The Times also has a cartoon depicting the Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic and the Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein as two butchers. Armed with a meat carver and a long sharp knife, they are preparing to cut legs of meat called Kosovo and Kurdistan. In front of the two leaders is a very small British Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, pointing a finger. The caption reads 'The Government Inspector'.

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is passed on by the tsetse fly, that does not exist in South America. The disease was first introduced to the continent at the beginning of the century in French Guyana but for decades remained enclosed in that territory.

Only lately has it expanded to the swampy areas of central Brazil and Bolivia where over five million head of cattle graze and 25% are believed to be already suffering or exposed to

"trpanosomiasis."

FAO believes that other insects could be responsible for the outbreak and recommends strict sanitary measures when transporting cattle in the area.

LIVE SHEEP TO SAUDI ARABIA

Uruguay shipped a first lot of 110,000 live sheep that should be arriving in Saudi Arabia in a month's time. A second shipment of 90,000 is scheduled for mid March together with 600 eighteen month old steers.

The sheep were loaded into a special "caged" vessel that will also transport 3,200 tons of pellets to feed the animals during the long trip.

The Arab countries have become a strong market for Uruguayan live sheep that are consumed mainly during Muslim religious festivities.

Brokers did not disclose the money involved in the operation but it's believed farmers will be receiving 19 US dollars per head.

Uruguay recently qualified to export live sheep to the European Union, but so far no operations have been reported. Germany and Britain are important buyers of Uruguayan lamb.

PATAGONIAN FARMER OPTIMIST

"If we hadn't had the Asian crisis and the collapse of their currencies this year Corriedale wool would have sold at 3 US dollars a kilo in the farm," Roberto Fernandez Speroni told a group of farmers during a regular meeting of the Argentine Corriedale Breeders Association. Mr Fernandez Speroni who presides over the association indicated that prospects for Corriedale wool, 28 microns with a 65/70% dry yield, are still good in the mid term, when prices should recover and reach, 2.30US dollars a kilo.

In spite of his optimism Mr Fernandez Speroni complained that contrary to Australia and New Zealand where the currencies have been devalued to keep up with markets, "in Argentina we remain pegged to the US dollars, increasing our costs."

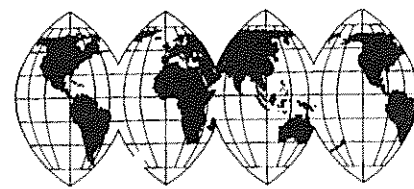
Mr Fernandez Speroni reminded fellow farmers of the wool production potential of Patagonia. "Although now-a-days we barely manage 12,000 tons, just forty years ago we had an annual Corriedale clip of 80,000 tons."

OIL PRICES COLLAPSE

With international oil prices plummeting and prospects of a greater supply from Iraq now that the Middle East crisis seems under control, Indonesia and Iran are demanding an emergency meeting of OPEC, the cartel that encompasses eleven of the world's main hydrocarbon exporters.

The barrel of oil has dropped 30% since October '97 and is currently at its lowest in over four years, and apparently with no chances of reverting the tendency in the short run. The average OPEC price during 1997 was 18.68 US dollars a barrel, 1.61 US dollars less than in 1996. But currently the barrel reached an average of 12.85 US dollars. Brent crude for delivery in April was selling this week at 14.13 US dollars a 14.5% drop since the beginning of 1998, while Texas Western, for April, 15.16 US dollars, a similar 14% reduction. Observers believe that the routine meeting of the Monitoring Sub Committee of OPEC scheduled for next March 16th could turn into a full assembly. But in spite of the difficult times no extraordinary consequences are expected since Venezuela and Saudi Arabia have anticipated they will reject a reduction in production quotas.

Meanwhile in the United States gasoline in the pump was selling at 1.05 US dollars for one American gallon.



News from South America provided by Mercopress

CHILE IMPROVES BORDER CROSSINGS

To improve road communications with Argentina and the rest of Mercosur, Chile will be investing 160 million US dollars during 1998 in thirteen border crossings in the Andes.

"Our main objective is to further advance integration with Mercosur and we have assurances from Argentina that they will be doing similar improvements on their side of the border," said Ricardo Lagos, Chilean Minister of Public Works.

Six of the border passes should be ready by early 2000 while the "Redentor" crossing, that joins Santiago with Mendoza and has the heaviest traffic is expected to be fully operational by January 1999.

Another important pass is Pino Hachado, (that once finished together with the railway tunnel of Las Raices) will become a bioceanic corridor connecting the Pacific port of Concepcion with Neuquen, possibly the richest Argentine province in natural gas. The thirteen passes extend all along the Chilean territory from the north in Atacama next to Peru and Bolivia, to the south in the Magallanes Region.

MASSIVE ANTI SCAB CAMPAIGN

The Chilean government has begun a massive anti scab campaign in the Magallanes Region that includes dipping several times the 2,255.00 million sheep of the area.

The cost of the operation for farmers with less than 7,000 head of sheep will be entirely financed by the central government with a special one million US dollars emergency fund.

The first cases of scab since 1973 were reported in three farms of Tierra del Fuego, but the parasites rapidly extended and now include 28 farms and 160,000 sheep in mainland Magallanes, with another 94 neighbouring settlements and 642,000 sheep under close observation.

The Chilean Ministry of Agriculture said that if farmers collaborate and avoid moving sheep around, the operation should be over in six months time.

THE 36TH CASE OF HANTAVIRUS

The Department of Epidemiology dependant of the Chilean Ministry of Public Health confirmed the 36th case of the deadly disease known as hantavirus that is transmitted by camp mice.

The 35 year old farm labourer who finally died, lived in the northern area of the Aisen Region in southern Chile where most cases have been reported. The mortality rate of the disease that made its lethal appearance in Chile only in 1995, is almost 60%, since 21 of the 36 patients who contracted hantavirus died.

Chilean authorities once again reminded people living in the camp and campers that they must take special precautions when in the woods and when occupying inhabited cabins. The warning was communicated extensively in rural schools now that the schooling year is about to begin after

two months of holidays.

The virus that is transmitted by wild rodents causes severe haemorrhages in the respiratory system of humans.

CRUCIAL DEBATE

Chilean Congress will face a crucial debate at the end of March when the government presents its proposal to reduce the catching capacity of the fishing fleet mainly in the central regions of the country, where most of the fish meal industries are located.

According to official statistics in 1995 Chile caught 4.9 million tons of jurel and the following year 3.9 million, both well above the 3.5 million that a fair conservationist policy indicates. Working on these figures the government believes that the hold capacity of the fishing fleet must be cut from the present 130,000 tons to 100,000 tons. Another area of contention will be the five mile limit that according to the 1991 Fisheries law is an area reserved for coastal fishermen and restricted to industry. Although the Chilean government has kept details of its proposal on such a controversial issue in the utmost secrecy, it's no mystery that many jobs will be lost both at sea and in the industrial plants.

It's estimated 80,000 people work in the industry that represents 12% of Chilean exports.

WAITING FOR THE "YELLOW WAVE"

Chilean exporters are demanding a devaluation of the peso to help Chile with its sales overseas and to be prepared for when the "yellow wave" of Asian goods hits the country.

"Chile has done an excellent job promoting exports but with the present exchange rate we won't be able to keep developing markets or making our industry more competitive," warned Juan Cristobal Valdes head of the Chilean Corporation of Exporters.

Mr Valdes said that during the first fifty days of 1998, Chilean fruit shipments have dropped 18%, prices of commodities, such as copper and pulp, have plummeted and demand for fish, wood and other goods has slowed down mainly in Asia.

"Sooner or later, Indonesia, Korea and the other countries of the area that have devalued their currencies will be flooding the world with their goods, the "yellow wave," and that will have an impact on our foreign markets and finally it will also reach Chile," underlined Mr Valdes.

Finally Mr Valdes pointed out that the most effective instrument to promote exports is a favourable exchange rate, something "that we don't have at the moment."

CHILEANS EXPELLED FROM CANADA

Eighteen Chilean citizens who were denied political asylum in Canada and began a hunger strike in a local church will be expelled sometime in the coming fortnight, according to reports received by the Chilean Embassy in Ottawa.

The group is part of massive im-

migration of Chilean citizens that took place during 1995 and 1996 and who requested political asylum status from the Canadian government on landing in Quebec.

Of a total 4,300 requests, 2,000 were rejected and 1,300 applicants were returned to Chile. Only fifty managed the political asylum status.

The massive landing of Chileans coincided with a softening of Quebec's migration regulations during the mid nineties.

GREENPEACE AGAINST GAS PIPELINE

Greenpeace could delay the beginning of a pipeline in the north of Argentina that will transport natural gas to Chile across the Andes.

The conservationist group claims that the current outline of the Argentine-Belgian project, on the Argentine side cuts through one of the only two native woods left in the province of Salta, plus disrupting several Colla Indian communities.

According to Greenpeace the trees in the native wood are centuries old and the natural habitat for 60% of the bird species in the north of Argentina.

Officials from the project admitted the situation and have held several "informal" meetings with greenpeace delegates but have yet to arrive at a solution.

A spokesman for the consortium said that the Greenpeace initiative was not financially viable, since it would mean extending the project another 160 kilometres, with an additional cost of 130 million US dollars over the original outlay of 400 million US dollars.

NEW TANKS IN PUNTA ARENAS

Forty AMX-30B refurbished tanks purchased by Chile from the French Army to replace older AMX and American M 50 Sherman have arrived in Punta Arenas. The tanks final destination will be the "Dragones" and "Lanceros" Army bases in Punta Arenas and Puerto Natales.

The thirty six ton AMX-30B with a 105 millimetres gun and two 30 millimetres machine guns can reach a speed of 65 kilometres and have a 600 mile autonomy. Developed in the seventies, the French Army is now replacing them with a new generation of sophisticated "Leclerc" tanks.

The AMX renovation is part of the "Alcazar" plan of the Chilean Army to replace 180 of its present 240 heavy tanks with 60 French AMX-30B and 120 German Leopard-1C that should begin arriving next June.

MERCOSUR WARNS PARAGUAY

The complex political situation in Paraguay has forced Brazil and Argentina to warn local authorities that the country will be excluded from Mercosur if there's any deviation from the democratic process.

Paraguayan president Carlos Wasmosey rejected the possibility of a military take over and blamed populist General Lino Oviedo, currently jailed, and his followers, for spreading the rumours.

"There won't be any coup, military or civilian. Those are versions published in the foreign press contracted by the "Ovidistas," insisted Wasmosey.

Rumours further strengthened when two Asuncion dailies published reports about growing concern in Argentina and Brazil over a possible coup d'etat in Paraguay as a consequence of the present turmoil.

General Oviedo who is accused of having tried to remove his protege, President Wasmosey eighteen months ago, (and was apparently stopped by strong warnings from Mercosur members and Washington), is presently the main candidate of the ruling Colorado

Party for the presidential elections of next May.

Since General Oviedo has the backing of 42% of the electorate according to recent polls, Mr Wasmosey and another candidate and former Home Secretary, Mr Luis Argana, favour postponing the elections for at least sixty days.

NATURAL GAS IN MAGALLANES

ENAP Magallanes, the regional Chilean government oil monopoly will have to adapt to explore for natural gas and concentrate activities in other oil related businesses.

Mr Enrique Davila president of the development Committee of the Enap Holding told a gathering of officials, union and professional representatives that the Magallanes branch future was in natural gas, since the production capacity of the oil wells in southern Chile is not being replaced and the alternative energy source is proving to be abundant.

Nevertheless Mr Davila indicated that the oil monopoly will have to open to private participation and that Enap must work towards becoming an integrated company. "We have a five years strategic development plan but this requires 1.6 billion US dollars investments and this can only be achieved if we associate with private companies," said Mr Davila.

PUNTA ARENAS THE MOST EXPENSIVE

Taking as reference a basket of nine basic food products, Punta Arenas proved to be the most expensive city in Chile while Iquique in the extreme north, next to Peru the cheapest.

According to a survey contracted by the respected Santiago publication, "Economia & Negocios," freight and distance have a negative impact on Punta Arenas, while Iquique is located next to a free trade zone where it's possible to acquire Argentine sugar, Uruguayan beef and German flour at very competitive prices.

The basket that includes identical volumes of bread, rice, spaghetti, beef, cooking oil, potatoes, beans, sugar and tea, costs in Iquique 4,915 Chilean pesos, approximately 11 US dollars. The same basket in punta Arenas demands 6,303 Chilean pesos, that is almost 16 US dollars, and in Santiago, that can be considered a reasonable average, 5,632 pesos, equivalent to 13 US dollars.

Besides Iquique, Arica (\$5,311) in the north, Talca (\$5,387), and Chillan (\$5,131) close to Santiago, reported the most accessible prices. On the other extreme are to be found Temuco, Puerto Montt, La Serena, Osorno, Concepcion, Antofagasta, Copiapo, Coyahueque and Punta Arenas.

It's understandable: it costs as much to send a container from Miami to Valparaiso, as it does from Valparaiso to Punta Arenas," remarked Pedro Martinic of the Punta Arenas Chamber of Commerce after reading the survey.

CATTLE EPIDEMIC WARNING

A dangerous cattle epidemic that has become quite common in certain areas of Brazil and Bolivia, is threatening to extend to Paraguay and Argentina according to a report from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation, FAO. The disease that is known as "trpanosomiasis" causes high fever anaemia and finally kills the weakened animal.

Originally from Africa the disease

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CABLE & WIRELESS
FALKLAND ISLANDS

Public Announcement

Tariff Revision

International call charges reduced by up to 22%!

Cable & Wireless wishes to announce the following tariff revisions effective 1st April 1998:-

Calls to UK	£1.25 per minute
Off-peak calls to UK	£1.10 per minute
Calls to the Rest of the World	£1.40 per minute
National calls	Unchanged
Business Line Rental	£10.00 per month
Residential Line Rental	£5.00 per month
Telephone Instrument Rental	£1.00 per month*
Stanley Line Installation	£50.00 each
Camp Line Installation	£150.00 - £175.00 each
Connection Charge	£25.00
Reconnection Charge	£20.00
Callout Charge	£25.00

* Telephone instrument rental was previously included as an element of the line rental. As part of a new policy, Cable & Wireless will transfer the ownership of basic telephone instruments, installed prior to 1st April 1998, to customers without charge. However, Cable & Wireless will no longer be responsible for the maintenance of these instruments. Customers wishing to have a Cable & Wireless supplied telephone instrument maintained by the Company will need to pay the £1.00 per month rental for a minimum period of one year and monthly thereafter.

The above revisions were submitted to Government, prior to publication, in accordance with the Telecommunications Regulations applicable in the Falkland Islands.

Penguin News talk to Falklands Conservation

Not just a matter of counting penguins!

FALKLANDS Conservation has moved on considerably over the past year, both in terms of staff and the work in which the organisation is involved. A strong establishment with respect to expertise (full-time staff Jeremy Smith and Becky Ingham both have degrees and post-graduate degrees, and the board of trustees have a wide range of scientific and agricultural experience) the full time staff are assisted by part time secretary Carol Miller, two fieldworkers in the summer and by J and S Robertson. "We have," says Jeremy, "almost completed our busiest summer ever."



This week, *Penguin News*, spoke to Falklands Conservation, in their new premises on Ross Road, with the aim of discovering just what they do apart from count penguins, as is often, and as I discovered wrongly, presumed.

Focus on Sea Birds

"Our main focus, but certainly not our only one," explained Jeremy, "still remains the Sea Bird Monitoring Programme." This is not, however just a case of counting penguins. The whole rationale behind the project, as funded by FIG, is to look at the link between fisheries and sea bird populations. Apart from counting the birds, they investigate the diet and analyse the results bearing in mind the potential link between sea bird populations and fisheries. Becky is presently wading through ten years of data with the aim of finding out, "what have we learned i.e. "what questions can we answer and what questions remain to be answered?"

Wetlands, Johnny Rooks and Felton's Flower

Apart from the enormously complicated sea bird study, Falklands Conservation are involved in the RAMSAR (Wetlands) project. They recently engaged specialists to visit on a consultancy basis to look at Wetlands in particular, but also the whole concept of nature reserves in the Falklands. Falklands Conservation have now carried out the bulk of the Johnny Rook Survey which is looking at the current population of Johnny Rooks (an FIG funded and requested project) and have undertaken the reintroduction of Felton's Flower into the wild. This latter project had much public support, "because," said Jeremy, a number of gardeners who had the flower in their garden became very interested. (Another spin off being the creation of awareness

of the importance of other native plants.)

Tourism at Gypsy Cove

On the subject of visitors to Gypsy Cove, Falklands Conservation, recently submitted a preliminary paper to councillors which was discussed in Executive Council. A more detailed report is currently being prepared for submission at the end of the summer.

Working with the Tourist Board, who provided the help of a GAP student, Falklands Conservation examined the impact of visitor pressure on the area. This comprised counting the numbers of visitors to Gypsy Cove, and asking themselves and others, "What can be done to protect the wildlife and the area itself?" Notably, Jeremy agreed with Burned Peck's recent published comment that numbers of penguins appear to be increasing at Gypsy Cove, but added, "when you have upwards of 200 people a day walking and scrambling over the burrows in that area, it has to be viewed as a problem." FC hope to come up with some practical recommendations based on, not only a survey of the amount of people who visit Gypsy Cove in the summer, but will also reflect discussions with as many people as possible who have an interest in the area.

Recommendations may include the suggestion that a temporary warden be present on days that tourists visit the area. Not only would the warden be able to suggest that tourists not get overly close to the birds, said Jeremy, but make the experience more interesting by pointing out wildlife less obvious to the eye. "We are selling eco-tourism, to the tourists," he went on, but, "even the tourists are noting with some surprise that their movements around the penguins

are unchecked."

Sea Birds at Sea Surveys and Penguin Tagging Project

The staff of Falklands Conservation are delighted to have secured considerable funding from oil companies for these projects - their budget having been almost tripled on the strength of that funding. As a result, JNCC (Joint Nature Conservation Committee) in UK have been sub-contracted to supply three observers with expertise in surveying at sea the distribution and abundance of sea birds and sea mammals. "Essentially," said Jeremy, "the observers go out on a vessel, use a standardised methodology, and at the end of twelve months we should be able to produce a map for the areas they have surveyed."

"The maps," he explained, "will show, "that in each month of the year you could expect to find this species of bird and in this quantity." This is primary information for many reasons, but in particular for the use of the oil industry in the Islands, "because if a company is drilling in a certain block of sea the immediate question is what is the impact on seabirds?" At present Falklands Conservation cannot answer this question because it is not known, "what is out there."

There is also scope for looking at areas outside the drilling blocks thus putting the information in context, and to achieve this data observers will be present on FIG Fisheries patrol vessels as when they can.

At the end of this summer the organisation also hope to put ten to fifteen satellite tracking devices on Jackass and Rockhopper penguins, thus, they can then observe where the birds go over the winter until they return to breed in the summer. The potential exists, said

Jeremy, for a great deal of impact on the penguins if they move and feed in the northern tranches where drilling is taking place. This is a highly expensive project, hence the need for financial support from the oil companies.

Keen to reduce dependence on FIG funding.

Falklands Conservation would like very much to reduce their dependence on FIG funding, however, they feel they will always need it for the core of their operation (paying wages, office equipment etc.) because it is simpler, they explained, to secure funding from elsewhere for specific projects - projects which would be of use to a sponsor as well as Falklands Conservation. Not, Jeremy went on, that we feel relying on government funding causes any conflict, "as long as the government are happy with our work and we are happy with our work, and any criticisms of Falklands Conservation is of the constructive kind."

On the whole, the staff of Falklands Conservation feel that their organisation is viewed locally with far more acceptance amongst Islanders than it once was. Jeremy hopes this has been, at least in part, as a result of attempts to show that agriculture and conservation need not be in conflict. We have tried, he went on, not to say, "this is what should be done," but, "we've got an idea, what do you think about it?" Where once much of the work of Falklands Conservation was based in Britain now decisions are being made in the Falklands, and not just by Falklands Conservation, stresses Jeremy and Becky, but by Islanders themselves.

Falklands Conservation web site: <http://www.one.world.org/fc>

Top left: FC out in the field. Below: FC Islands: Outer and Double (in background).



Late letter

The way forward? What do Islanders think?

WE would greatly appreciate it if you would publish in the *Penguin News* the following document "Falklands/Malvinas: a way forward."

It is at this stage a draft because the two of us who have prepared the document would like to know the reaction of the Islanders before taking it any further. Your journal has wide circulation in the Islands and we would hope to learn the reaction of individual Islanders through your columns. Alternatively any Islander who wishes to do so could write to us direct. See our fax numbers below.

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Falklands/Malvinas: a way forward

The present situation is unacceptable, both for Britain and Argentina.

For Britain the reasons are the following.

- Between 1000 and 2000 British servicemen are defending approximately 2000 Islanders.

- The troops are there to defend the Islands from Argentina, an increasingly important trade and investment partner for Britain.

- Argentina maintains its claim but in its amended constitution has renounced the use of force.

- Argentina, perhaps with its Mercosur partners, could however

resort to economic pressure.

- Britain spends £81 million per year on direct defence costs and more on indirect costs.

- The Islanders have an income per head more than twice that of the UK. Defence is now the only UK subsidy. The Islanders pay no tax to the UK but have said they will pay for defence when they are able.

- A number of oil companies are exploring around the Islands. If exploitable finds are made the Islands would receive in tax and royalty over half the total oil sales income. Under the present arrangements Britain would receive nothing.

- Under the 1995 agreement

between Britain and Argentina a 3% royalty to Argentina is provided for, which it is assumed would be paid by oil companies with Argentine interests to preserve.

- This agreement has not been ratified by the Argentine Congress. As the Islands according to the Constitution are Argentine and as the law prescribes a 12% royalty on Argentine oil there could be problems ahead.

- Effective conservation of fish stocks, currently the Islands main source of income, is impeded by the territorial dispute, both by the Argentines and the Islanders.

For Argentina it is unacceptable that the temporary 1989 expedient of the sovereignty umbrella should be extended indefinitely without any sign of the negotiated settlement continually urged on the two parties. The political realities are that no Argentine Government can afford to neglect the issue. This is a position which British MPs and Falkland Islands Councillors should as politicians understand.

The Islanders wish to maintain the status quo. Their spokesmen usually maintain that there are no issues to discuss and nothing to negotiate. Underlying this attitude is the fear that any concession could be the start of a slippery slope leading who knows where, possibly to transfer of sovereignty and abandonment by Britain. This fear is justified while there is no clear proposal as to what shape a final settlement might take.

It is for this reason that the two of us, one Argentine and one British, have sought to devise a solution that having listened to many Britons, Argentines and Islanders we believe might prove to be acceptable to them all.

We suggest the elements should be the following.

1. Full autonomy in internal affairs as now, that is to say in everything except defence and foreign affairs. Autonomy would be defined to include the right to choose language, law, currency and system of education, as well as to determine tourist and immigration policy, provided only that the latter was non-discriminatory. The present constitution would be maintained except that the Governor could in future be elected by the Islanders themselves. The Islanders would have the right to British and Argentine passports and could hold both if they chose to do so.

2. A treaty between Britain and Argentina in which both countries jointly undertook to guarantee permanently the Islands' autonomy, democratic system of Government, territorial integrity and marine boundaries. It would be for

the two Governments and their armed services to work out the mechanics of their guarantee of protection. Air-sea rescue and oil-rig and fishery protection would all be part of the remit. We do not see that there would be any need for any Argentine military on the Islands except perhaps for a two or three man liaison team to ensure efficient cooperation. Prime responsibility for defence would remain with a scaled down British force at Mount Pleasant.

3. This agreement would be understood as settlement of the dispute and Britain Argentina and the Islands would act henceforth as though the claim had been waived. This would remove at once impediments to a long term fishery agreement and simplify discussions on oil. Britain would end the embargo on sales of defence equipment and suspend its objection to the siting of the Antarctic Secretariat in Argentina.

4. Some common sense financial arrangement would be necessary to recompense Britain and Argentina for their defence and foreign relations undertakings, to the extent that the Islands had the funds to do so.

5. A three man tripartite commission would be established (one man one vote) to oversee implementation of the agreement, with the requirement to report on progress to all three Governments. The Falkland Islands representative could be the future elected Governor of the Islands. The commission could meet in Stanley or in turn in each of the three territories. Flags could be left out of it but it would seem reasonable to allow each commissioner to fly his own flag.

6. The terms of the agreement would be reported to the United Nations as constituting settlement of the dispute.

An agreement along these lines could be concluded rapidly and incorporated in a treaty between the two countries. There is no reason to believe that the passage of time would make agreement any simpler. On the contrary a new Government in Argentina frustrated by lack of progress might approach the issue differently; and disputes related to fish or oil could at any time upset the present calm relationship.

President Menem's Government holds office until December 1999. As treaties outlast governments the new Government in Britain would be prudent to conclude an agreement, with the blessing of the Islanders, sooner rather than later.

Conrado Etchebarne
Bullrich and Alastair Forsyth
4 March 1998

Combined Services retain Veteran's Cup

Report by Patrick Watts

THE Combined Services retained the *Veterans' Cup* (named after former players who donated the trophy) when they deservedly beat Stanley by 2-0 in the fourth game of the five match series. The Services had won the first game, while the second and third games had ended in 1-1 draws, with Stanley being ahead on both occasions but unable to force a victory.

However, last Sunday at Mount Pleasant, the Combined Services, strengthened by two new mid-field players, dominated throughout and took the lead early on when a free kick was headed into the net, giving goal-keeper Chris Gilbert no chance. Stanley did make occasional progress when James Peck broke free, and Paul Riddell caused trouble for the MPA side with a few surging runs, but 'Spurs' Henry recovering from three hard days marching on West Falklands with the FIDF looked tired.

The unusually hot weather took its toll, and the game was less frenetic and physical than the previous encounters, and referee Dave Fisher was quick to penal-

ize any foul play.

The game lacked the excitement of the earlier matches and the Combined Services wrapped up the series with a goal typical of the afternoon's play. Stanley lost the ball in the opposition penalty area and the defence was left totally exposed. Captain, Jimmy Curtis with two men to mark was drawn out of position and when the ball was crossed from the right, an easy tap-in followed. Stanley never looked like getting back into the game and gave the ball away all too frequently. Too many players played below par on the same day, but the team deserve credit for having recovered from the first game 5-1 defeat to prove more than a match for their opponents in the two following fixtures.

This Sunday at 4.30 Stanley play Turners. Kick-off at 4.30.

Stanley Rating:
C Gilbert 7, A Steen 6, L Mitchell 8, J Curtis 7, P White 6, M Clarke 5, C Buckland 5, D McCormick 7, J Peck 6, J Henry 6, P Riddell 6.

Substitutes: W Clement and I Betts.

Bristow Helicopters (South Atlantic) Limited

Bristow Helicopters (South Atlantic) Limited invite fully costed and innovative proposals from interested competent parties for the facility management of an oil workers (FOSA) transit camp at Mount Pleasant.

Copies of the full specification document may be obtained, on payment of a £20.00 deposit, from the Managing Pilot, Bristow Helicopters Limited, Mount Pleasant. The deposit will be refunded on receipt of a bona fide proposal.

Proposals must reach the Managing Pilot, Bristow Helicopters Limited, Mount Pleasant no later than 1pm on Friday 27 March 1998.

Bristow Helicopters (South Atlantic) Limited does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any proposal.

West Falklands Sports Horse Racing Report By Patrick Watts

Penguin News hope to provide results, photographs and further reports on the West Sports in next week's edition.

Jockey Championship table	
Maurice Davis	33 pts
Arthur Turner	23 pts
Michelle Evans	18 pts
Ron Rozee	9 pts

VISITING East Falklands' horses and jockeys ensured an excellent one and a half days horse racing at Port Howard, the host settlement for this years' West Falklands Sports Association annual meeting.

Perhaps the most outstanding result however, came in the Governor's Cup which saw *See me do it* ridden by Arthur Turner complete an unusual double. Having been taken all the way from Rincon Grande to Hill Cove last year and winning the Maiden Plate and one other race, the well bred mare had a somewhat disappointing Stanley Race Meeting at Christmas. But returning to the firmer Port Howard turf thoroughly suited *See me do it* who scorched away with the premier event, and later took the FI Tamed over 500 yds, and the Champion Race, all under the guidance of Arthur Turner while wife Elaine triumphed with the mare in a 600 yds race for prizes presented by Mr and Mrs F Smith.

Maurice Davis based his title win through his imported Chilean mare *Mysteria Maria* and two FIB horses, both owned by Stewart Morrison - *Sandown* and *Kahlua*. The former took two 600 yards open races for prizes presented by Sou Westers and Bernard and Marion Betts, but in an exciting Champion Race had to settle for second place behind another recent Chilean import, Raymond Evan's *Calameera* which was ridden by Ron Rozee. Raymond had the misfortune to suffer an injury in the

run-up to the event but his mare did not let him down and with another Chilean import, Paul and Davina Peck's, *Norai*, also running well, the open events this year brought considerable excitement.

Michelle and Ricky Evans, who also took advantage of *MY Tamar's* frequent voyages across Falkland Sound which enabled them to transport their horses from Fitzroy to Port Howard, had a successful time with *Miss Money Penny* - winning the John Betts FI Bred and WR Luxtons' FI Bred races - while the veteran grey *Quint* took the long 700 yards FI Bred race - prizes presented by Mr and Mrs R Edwards. *Mr Sheen*, the find of last season, made the Evans' trip all worthwhile with a victory in the short 400 yards Rincon Grande Dash.

The maiden *Sasha*, ridden by Maurice Davis looks a potential favourite after winning both the Maiden Plate and Pickthorn Plate while Jimmy Forster showed many of his old jockey skills by taking the Old Duffers race on *Sudana*.

The experiment of including foot and fun events between horse races and extending the programme to a day and a half proved popular with most jockeys, and many expressed a view that a two day race meeting next year would be acceptable.

Eleven year old Roxanne Morrison astounded everyone with her amazing skill and stamina in the foot events and to much applause the young lady beat boys and adults in the One Mile race while also adding the 220 yards run to her record. Roxanne loves to run and hopefully her enthusiasm will continue and she may one day take her place at an Island Games meeting.

Karl Tapper ran well to win the 100 and 440 yards flat races.

FIDF Rifle Association Shooting

THE 300 yards and 500 yards championships, a spoon shoot and the markers cup were all completed for on Sunday 1 March with the results as follows.

300 yards highest possible score 75.
(Champ) T McCallum 70
C McCallum 69
K Aldridge 69
T Pettersson 65

500 yards
(Champ) C McCallum 72
D Pettersson 69

K Aldridge 68
G Check 66

In the spoon competition shot over 300, 500 and 600 yards, highest possible score of 105. C McCallum with a score of 99 won a spoon.

K Aldridge 98
D Pettersson 95
2nd spoon
M Pole-Evans 94
T McCallum 94

The markers cup was won by Alan Steen with a handicap score of 87.

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Washing Machine - Hoover Electron, 1100 deluxe. Still working well, but needs some attention. Cost £45 or best offer.
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FALKLAND LANDHOLDINGS LIMITED

Public Notice
Falklands Landholdings Limited has for sale by way of tender three lots of land located to the north of Mount Pleasant. Tender documents may be obtained by contacting the Landholdings Office at 44 John Street, Stanley (telephone: 22698/22697). Completed tenders should be returned to the Managing Director of Falklands Landholdings Limited on or before 4.30pm on 10 April 1998

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NOTICES

Results of the Whist Drive held on the 4th March
Ladies: 1st Mrs E Vidal
2nd Mrs J. Middleton
Booby Mrs C Blackley
Gents: 1st D Pettersson
2nd S Smith
Booby T Pettersson
The next whist evening will be on the 18th March. Auction Bridge is played on alternate Wednesdays, in the Day Centre at 7.30.
All will be most welcome

There will be an evening baby clinic on Tuesday 10th March 5 - 6pm in the Day Centre of the Hospital.
Any enquiries contact Miranda Cheek 27418

The Environmental Research Unit has issued Falkland Islands Government with a 58 page report, summarising the current knowledge and data on Falkland Islands penguins.
Any persons wishing to view this report may do so at the Public Library.

The last round of the 1998 Moto Cross season will be held this Sunday the 8th of March at Riverside Farm, just off the MPA Road. Look for the sign post near Fitzroy Ridge.
Practice starts at 10.00am with the first race getting underway at 11.00am

COMMUNITY SCHOOL FETE

This year's fete is being held on Saturday 14th March from 1.30 - 4.00pm.
In order to make this year's fete as successful as last years we are looking for your help.
We need any of those old clothes that you no longer wear, books that you have already read, or any other bric-a-brac that you may have lying around the house or shed.
We are more than happy to collect any donations, just telephone the school on 27147 to arrange a time, or bring your donation along to the school office.
So remember, the Community School Fete, Saturday 14th March.
Our Fete is in your hands!

The Lighthouse Seamans Centre will be operating in a limited capacity for the next 3 weeks. We will not be serving full meals on Fridays and will be closing earlier than usual on occasional evenings.
We apologise for any inconvenience and will resume normal operations in April

NOTICES

INVITATION TO TENDER
The Falkland Islands Development Corporation invites tenders from suitably qualified contractors for the supply and construction of a timber framed Diner/light commercial use building, on West Hillside Estate. Copies of the tender documents can be obtained from the FIDC offices, between Friday 6th March 1998 and Friday 13th March 1998. Within these dates tenderers must confirm, in writing, their intention to tender. Completed tenders, marked Shorty's Diner - Hillside Camp, must reach the General Manager, FIDC, on or before 3pm on Friday 10th April 1998. It is the Falkland Islands Government policy to publish, where appropriate, the names of tenderers, and the amounts in which they tendered. Tenderers will be considered only on this footing.

PERSONAL

Sandra and Andrew wish to thank all of the staff at the KEMH, especially Doctors Diggle, Elsbey and Davies, and midwives Jane Cotter and Mandy Heathman for the safe arrival of our daughter Shannon Christine on the 27th February. Thanks also to all our friends and family for cards and presents.

For all those people who remember Norman and Janice Black. (Norman was the Bank Manager SCB from 1988 - 1995) Janice's father Walter passed away on Tuesday 24th February having suffered from ill health for several years. Walter was buried on Friday 27th. The service was attended by his family and friends.

Postscript from the Tabernacle

We live in a world where many people will tell you that they believe in God, but who or what is this god that they claim to believe in? Is this the God of the Bible or some other god? Many people believe in a 'pick and mix' god, that is one where the bits they like they pick out and the bits they don't they leave behind. That is not the God of the Bible, the one who created all things, the one who is sovereign over all things, the one who, one day, will return and judge this world. James 2:19 says 'You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that--and shudder'. Jesus said, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)
In 1 John 4:14 it says 'And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world.'
Don't let anyone deceive you in any way. In 2 Tim 3:6 we are told that there are people who wish to lead us away from God 'They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires.'
Be sure that the god you believe in is the One True God, the one who sent Jesus, for then you will have no need for other gods.

VACANCY

Stanley Bakery has a vacancy for a baker. For details please contact M. Reeves Tel: 22692 or 22310

PUBLIC NOTICE Cook - King Edward Memorial Hospital

Applications are invited to fill an immediate vacancy for a Cook at the King Edward Memorial Hospital.
Applicants should have previous experience in catering for large quantities and should be able to work unsupervised. The position involves preparing and providing meals for hospital patients, staff, meals on wheels and prisoners as required. The applicant will be required to assist with the preparation of the daily menu and food requisitions; cleaning of equipment; and maintaining a high standard of hygiene.
The position involves working on a roster system, working unsocial hours on weekends and public holidays.
Salary range will be from £10,176 to £12,720 in Grade G.
Full details of this post can be obtained from Mrs Candy Blackley at the hospital on telephone 27415.
Application forms and a job description are available from the Human Resources Department, Secretariat and completed forms should be returned to that department by 4.00pm on Friday 13th March 1998

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Saturday 21st March 1998
Drill Hall, John Street, Stanley
Entries in between 6 & 9 pm on Friday, 20th March
Open to Public 2pm Saturday
Auction of Produce 6.30pm
Queries to Penny 21135 or Veronica 21198

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In brief

Captain re-bailed

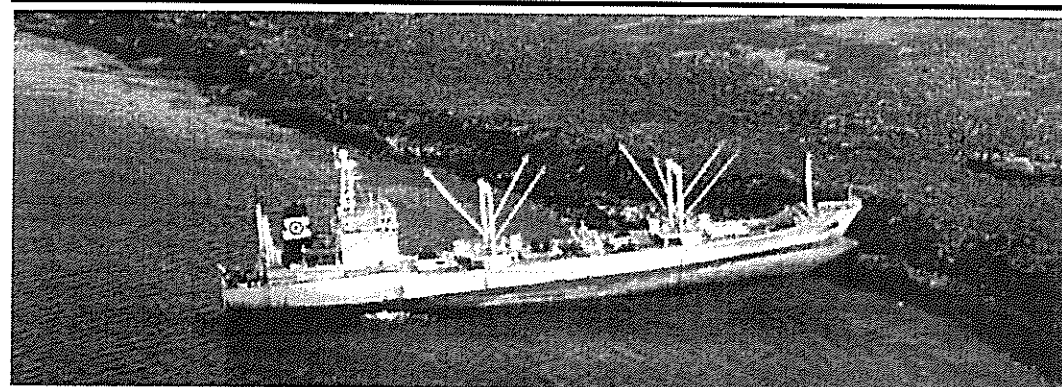
THE Captain of the *Ihn Sung 101*, who was detained on bail in the Falklands following allegations, by Indonesian and Chinese members of his crew, of beatings on board the vessel, has been re-bailed and is to appear at the Police Station on Tuesday, March 17. A spokesman for the Royal Falklands Police said it is hoped on March 17 they will be in a position to inform the Captain whether he is, or is not to be, prosecuted. The spokesman went on to say that proceedings are being held up for the present as the translations of relevant statements have not yet been received. Without the translated statements a decision cannot be made with regard to whether a prosecution will occur.

Newspaper Day team helped by Synergy

NICKY Buxton of Synergy Information Systems, who is keen to recognise the work of FICS school pupils on the Times Educational Supplement Newspaper Day competitions, assisted the team this year with the loan of some state of the art equipment.

To help them with their aim of producing a high quality newspaper, the company donated for a day a Pentium 166MHz computer running Windows 98, several desktop publishing programmes, a colour scanner, a modem, and a photo quality colour printer; all to be co-ordinated by Robbie Burnett, a part time employee of SIS, and a participant in the Newspaper Day.

Nicky told *Penguin News* that because Synergy feel it is important for students to have the opportunity to experience all the information technology which is currently available for them to do work of this kind, SIS have also donated an Apple Stylus printer and extra memory and cabling to accompany the Apple Performa computer that the school won in last year's Newspaper Day competition.



Pictured above is the Panamanian registered vessel Reefer Fresh hard aground in Port William close to Sparrow Cove. The circumstances leading to the ship's present plight are unclear as the Captain and the owner's representative declined to talk to the press, even to the extent, at one point, of attempting to ban the taking of photographs, however, what is known is that she ploughed into the beach and rocks at 2140 hours (7.40pm) on the evening of March 4 on a high tide and has been stuck fast since. Currently on charter to Nippon Suisan Reefer Company (Nissui) from owners Taiko Shipping Company Limited, Tokyo) Reefer Fresh was built in 1987, measures 127.5 metres in length and has a Gross Registered Tonnage of 4,961. With her holds presently empty of cargo the Reefer Fresh is said to be undamaged by the mishap and despite the imminent arrival of a specialist towing vessel may have to wait until the end of March, when the high tides return, before being pulled back into deeper water.

Parents made aware of college funding arrangements are now pleading ignorance says Education Board

IN a press statement from Chairman of the Board of Education, Jan Cheek, it has been denied that parents of students who started A level and GNVQ courses last September were not made fully aware of FIG policy on educational funding.

A number of parents have, over past months, claimed they were unaware that if they did not send their children to Peter Symonds' College in Winchester the Falkland Islands Government would only pay the equivalent tuition and boarding fees paid for pupils attending Peter Symonds. Councillor Cheek, however, says that parents were made aware of the situation and are now pleading ignorance.

In her statement, Jan Cheek says, "Most people will be aware that Peter Symonds' College is the preferred establishment because it offers a wide range of subjects and a very high standard of education. The pastoral care is good and many extra curricular activities are offered. FIG has secured guaranteed places for our students for some years to come at a fixed price."

She goes on, "If parents choose to send their children to other establishments current FIG policy is very clear that they will be funded up to the equivalent of the sum paid for places at Peter Symonds'. Students on vocational courses, for example BTEC National Diploma, not available at Peter Symonds' may be fully funded if the course is approved."

"A few parents of pupils who started their A Level and GNVQ courses last September," says Councillor Cheek, "claim that they were unaware of the funding arrangements." However, she states that all parents received information saying "...students receive the equivalent tuition and boarding funds paid for pupils attending Peter Symonds College (from September 1995 £5,400 per academic year)."

"In addition all parents were invited to meet the Director of Education to discuss their choice and most did so. However a few declined the invitation and are now pleading ignorance. They should have known that it would be their responsibility to make up the shortfall, if any, resulting from their choice," she goes on.

Addressing the public in general she says they, "should be aware that with the £5,400, FIG also pays an annual grant of £1,980 for A level/GNVQ students and that parents receive children's allowance for all in full time education up to the age of nineteen."

Councillor Cheek said that the relevant policy was agreed by the last Legislative Council last year and although she inherited it as a newcomer both to Legislative Council and the Education Board, she fully supported it.

During his busy stay Mr Ralph was able to take a 23 kilometre skidoo trip to Adelaide Island, accompany a group of microbiologists in an inflatable dinghy to Leonie Island, and observe the wildlife (penguins, seals, Antarctic skuas, and even a whale) off Rothera Point.

no idea, previously, of the extent of BAS movement, ships, freight, aircraft and personnel, through the Islands. No other country involved in Antarctic research enjoys this kind of facility."

His Excellency, the Governor, Mr Richard Ralph has returned to the Islands after a flying four day visit to the British Antarctic Survey base at Rothera.

Mr Ralph said he was deeply impressed by everything he saw. "The management of the base is superb," he said. "There is no compromise on safety and everyone has huge respect for the environment."

"I'm now aware," he went on, "of the importance of the Falkland Islands to BAS and vice versa. I had

Flying visit to Rothera

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TO those of you who have ever been misrepresented, misquoted or misunderstood in the pages of this publication console yourselves with the thought that we too, at *Penguin News* are occasionally forced to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous reporting. Generally, however, mistakes in articles made by overseas reporters seeking quotes from this office, are trivial, but just occasionally there appear statements which qualify as so enormously, so gigantically WRONG that the affect is almost comical.

The most recent example appeared in March 9 edition of the Argentine paper *Clarín*, where the reporter, in a dramatic article, declared *Penguin News* had been forbidden to publish the Bullrich/Forsyth document, *The Way Forward*, an edict which according to *Clarín* was obeyed. (See Current Affairs Pullout). Ironically, not only had the document already been published in the pages of last week's paper (after the report in *Clarín*), but the reporter went on to use quotes from the same edition of *Penguin News* in which the document was printed. While I have little doubt that I will be thought, as Islanders often are, of having a penchant for the 'conspiracy theory' it is difficult not to conclude that the reporter in question subscribes to that newest Argentine philosophy on 'we troublesome lot.' By this I refer to the growing tendency amongst our neighbours' politicians and media to insinuate that the opinions of Islanders on Argentina are formed under pressure from a few leading hard-liners in the Falklands' government. A theory (one presumably taken up by Lord Montgomery when he described Councillor Summers as, "as forward looking as he was allowed to be...") which appears to entirely ignore the fact that many of the Islands' councillors were democratically elected on their 'hard-line' views, by the Islanders themselves.

WHILE on the subject of getting things wrong, I must rather shamefacedly confess that *Penguin News* have been informed by a number of sources that the Computer Virus Warning published last week was a hoax. It seems a computer virus cannot cause hardware damage, and that particular warning is one of a number of virus hoaxes spread around the Internet and Email system. Incidentally, while we hope the warning did not cause undue concern to Falklands' computer users, it did in fact generate a telephone call from a member of the public, who interpreted our use of the word 'mail', as the type arriving at the post office, rather than that communicated between computers. Understandably he was astounded by the concept that an envelope collected from Stanley Post Office could somehow cause untold injury to another inanimate object!

Bristow Helicopters (South Atlantic) Limited

Bristow Helicopters (South Atlantic) Limited invite fully costed and innovative proposals from interested competent parties for the facility management of an oil workers (FOSA) transit camp at Mount Pleasant.

Copies of the full specification document may be obtained, on payment of a £20.00 deposit, from the Managing Pilot, Bristow Helicopters Limited, Mount Pleasant. The deposit will be refunded on receipt of a bona fide proposal.

Proposals must reach the Managing Pilot, Bristow Helicopters Limited, Mount Pleasant no later than 1pm on Friday 27 March 1998.

Bristow Helicopters (South Atlantic) Limited does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any proposal.

Your letters

What they have failed to show is what the gain is to the Falklands.

I WRITE in reply to Messrs Bullrich and Forsyth's letter. How right they are in one statement and one statement only, "The Islanders wish to maintain the status quo... to... slippery slope leading to who knows where." There follows a series of directions to find that slippery slope in the rest of the letter.

Para 1) Reduced to its bones it says we must let the Argentines into the Islands when they want and we could elect our own Governor.

Para 2) An agreement between Britain and Argentina would guarantee our autonomy. As we have this at present why should we include the Argentines? The second part suggests that Britain would provide most of the defence but Argentina would have the right to station troops here.

Para 3) "This agreement would be UNDERSTOOD as settlement of the dispute and the Islands would then act as if the claim had been waived." This is the old gold brick swindle, it is only after you have bought it that it becomes ap-

parent that it is a chunk of lead covered in gold leaf.

Para 4) Some common sense financial arrangements for Argentina's contribution to our defence. I thought that 1982 was anything but defence but maybe the two authors have got their spectacles on back to front.

The last two numbered paragraphs do not even pretend that there is anything in this for us.

At the beginning the authors state that to negotiate you have to be willing to give a little. What they have failed to show is what the gain is to the Falklands. As with all previous documents and suggestions it is the Falklands which must give and the Argentine take. This started before 1982 and the Argentines thought they had got away with it that year. How apt that the date of that apparent success was April 1st. If Mr Bullrich does not understand the meaning of the last sentence I am sure that Mr Forsyth will be able to explain it to him.

Tim Blake
Hill Cove

Two to three year wait for housing.. utter rubbish!

WITH reference to the letter from the anonymous person in last week's edition of *Penguin News* on the subject of housing.

Firstly, whoever told you that you would have to wait another two to three years for Government accommodation is talking utter rubbish. Try at least 5 years.

It is exactly five years and three months since I put my name on the so called "waiting list," and, after countless letters to the Housing Committee and discussions with Councillors, I have been told there is still "nothing available on offer."

I am coming up to 25 years of age and I still live at home, not only

with my mother and stepfather but also my sister and her four year old son and shortly my Grandmother (a returning Falkland Islander who welfare will not accommodate.)

To top it all off I am getting married in June and when I return guess how I am expected to start my married life? At home with my mother, stepfather, sister, four year old nephew and Grandmother.

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR ASSISTANCE FIG!
Cherilyn King, Falkland Islander and Government employee

Computer virus hoax

IN response to 'Computer virus warning' on the second page of your previous issue, I would like to point out that although the author might mean well, he is talking a load of rubbish. Both so-called viruses are hoaxes and reporting them as genuine only succeeds in adding fuel to the public's fear of viruses. Although viruses do exist, the chances of getting one are very small. The only way that once could be caught via email would be to open an attachment

which included a macro such as a Word or Excel document. The safe path would be to only open such documents that you knew were from a safe source, or to use the Rich Text Format or RTF. Before putting out virus scares it is simple to check the Virus Hoax list posted at the Norton Symantec web site. This list includes the two mentioned in the 'scare' as well as many others.

Dave Dunford
Saddle Sheep Farm

Write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The message must be loud and clear.. "we will not tolerate this type of behaviour"

Medical Department speak out on the torture and mistreatment of foreign fishermen

THE Medical Department would like to make a few comments concerning the recent incident where numerous fishermen risked death by jumping overboard from a Korean fishing vessel.

Most people will already be aware that these men are extremely lucky to be alive, particularly the man who was resuscitated by Zac Stephenson and Graham Minto. What the general public did not see was just how terrified these men were when they arrived in hospital.

Their one over riding concern was that they should not be sent back to the boat.

The Medical Department is unique in the Falklands in that we actually see lots of the foreign fishermen who fish in our waters.

We have known for years, as has the Government, the Administration and the Legal Department, that ill treatment and torture is common on some ships, especially if the crew are ethnically different to the Officers.

All of the fishermen who left the ship claimed they had been assaulted, sometimes with wooden or metal bars. The injuries we saw were consistent with their stories. Some of the injuries sustained were so severe that those concerned were lucky not to have died.

The community thrives because of the money brought in by fishing licences and we have a moral imperative to ensure that this money isn't tainted with the blood and suffering of those less fortunate than ourselves.

The history of Mankind is littered with people who have known of torture or genocide and have done nothing, excusing themselves by saying, "I was only following orders," or "It wasn't my responsibility."

We cannot just shrug and say it took place in International Waters and so it's nothing to do with us. What would our response be if an Islander were to have their skull fractured by an iron bar whilst working as a Fishery Observer in "International Waters?"

In the Governor's speech on News Magazine earlier this week we understood that prosecution based on those assaults that were alleged to have taken place whilst at anchor in Stanley was unlikely as the Indonesian and Chinese fishermen would wish to go home.

I am certain they do want to go home but there is nothing to stop us agreeing to flying them back here for the Court Case.

Who decides if a prosecution will take place? Is it the local Police, or is it some Mandarin in Whitehall?

Will a decision to prosecute or not be based purely on the evidence or will the final decision be a political one?

If the only reason not to prosecute is that it is too difficult or expensive to fly the witnesses back, what image of the Falkland Islands does this present to the rest of the World? In particular the message

it gives to other Ships' Captains and Officers is that they can get away with similar crimes and that FIG will do nothing to stop it.

If the reasons for not prosecuting are that the crimes occurred in International Waters and therefore they are not the responsibility of FIG - this makes a total mockery of International Law. The strongest possible representation should be made to the Korean Government to ensure that they take appropriate action against the perpetrators of these crimes.

We believe that the Falkland Islands Government must do its utmost to ensure the safety and well being of the fishing fleet

The message must go out loud and clear, "we will not tolerate this type of behaviour on ships fishing in our waters," anything less is unacceptable and morally repugnant.

Dr R J Diggle (Chief Medical Officer), Dr Barry Elsby (Deputy Chief Medical Officer), Dr John Farrand, Dr Bernadette Paver, Dr Richard Davies, Dr David Jobson, Mrs Mandy Heathman, Chief Nursing Officer (on behalf of all the Nursing Staff KEMH), Mrs Candy Blackley (Medical Department Administrator.)

Gaz and Gary conquer Goose Green to Stanley challenge

CORPORAL Gaz Burton and Senior Aircraftman Gary Copeland, in an admirable effort, managed to complete the 104km Goose Green to Stanley Challenge in six hours and forty five minutes this week.

Burton and Copeland started together from Goose Green at 9am on March 10, and headed off for Darwin. On arrival at Darwin they began a relay along tracks and roads towards MPA. On this stage the conditions were excellent as the weather was cool with no wind. When passing through MPA they ran as a pair and resumed the relays on the MPA Road. Conditions from MPA to

Stanley were not good due to the intense heat being reflected off the very dusty gravel road. Throughout the run the men were constantly eating fruit and drinking water to avoid dehydration. At approximately 2km from Stanley they paired up again to arrive in Stanley together. The pair finished by the Stanley sign at 3.48pm, forty five minutes ahead of schedule.

The whole event, including a charity party at MPA later that evening, is expected to have raised well in excess of £1,000 for the *Star Light Foundation*, a charity dedicated to brightening the lives of seriously ill children throughout the UK.

Bristows Gurkhas and Cub Scouts!

BRISTOW'S Helicopters and The Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment all contributed to a successful Annual Summer Camp for the 1st Falkland Islands Cub Scouts this year.

Transported to Onion Range by the helicopters the Cubs faced a week-end of perfect weather, a change from the soggy camp they endured last year.

During their stay, said leader Jan Miller, the boys learned how to pitch tents, light a camp fire and cook on it, build bivouacs and go tracking. All of these skills enabled them to gain their Campers and Explorers badges. They also gained their Naturalist badges by studying a section of the river, plus the plant and insect life in the area.

A lot of 'fun' time was spent playing in the river, on the rope bridge, and playing volley ball with the Gurkhas.

The Cubs enjoyed the night *Wide* games, which Jan explained involved much torch flashing, giggling and mud as the boys tried to creep up on the leaders without being seen. They

also took advantage of the clear skies and attempted to identify The Southern Cross, Orion, and other constellations. The Cubs good turn for the Camp, included weeding the gardens around the camp, and planting around 300 daffodil bulbs to make the site more homely for future troops.

At the end of the camp, the Cubs received their activity badges and a certificate signed by all the camp staff, including the Gurkhas. The trophy for the *Best Patrol in Camp* was awarded to Matthew Strange, Edward Freer and Jason Stephenson. Jason also won the award for the *Best Cub in Camp*. *Best Camp Mascot* was awarded to Michael Brownlee.

The Cubs would like to say a special thank you to Rich at Onion Range for cooking their food and looking after them so well and to Terry and Paul for 'putting up with them.' Also, said Jan, a big thank you to Bristows who make camping for our Cubs such a wonderful, memorable experience, and to everyone at MPA who made sure the camp could take place.

of PSC.

I have no axe to grind over the merits of one establishment or another, sufficient for us was that PSC has a good academic record, Nicola had already decided to go there and we were comfortable with the idea. It is worth remembering that a significant number of Falklands' students have attended PSC without coming to any apparent harm.

I won't go on and bore everyone to death about this, however, if any parents of potential PSC students would like any more information about Winchester, PSC, read the boarders handbook, borrow the visitors guide, see the WEB page and learn many of those little things that put parents' minds at rest, then feel free to call us on 20849 and have a chat or even better, a visit.

Mike and Heather Harris
Stanley

No problem with Symonds

I SEE that the subject of boarders' Exeats at Peter Symonds' College is apparently again the subject of heated debate. When Nicola decided that given the opportunity she would attend Peter Symonds we took the effort to find out as much as possible about the student life there. I had the good fortune to have the chance to visit Winchester prior to Nicola's move there and found a rather pleasant city.

Exeats and half term breaks are not a problem; the official Winchester visitor's guide lists numerous reasonably priced city B&B establishments. The education department does pay an allowance to cover these expenses. The allowance does fall short of the actual cost but not disastrously. Perhaps more importantly, friendships are forged and Nicola has been invited to spend most of these breaks with friend's families including an ex Falklands teacher now on the staff

Governor's statement on allegations of beatings on Korean jigger *Ihn Sung 101*

In a statment from His Excellency the Governor (below) concerned Falkland Islanders are brought up to date on the situation regarding a number of allegations by seamen, of beatings on board the Korean jigger *Ihn Sung 101*.

"As most people are aware, on Wednesday March 4, seven crew members of the *Ihn Sung 101*, a Korean jigger licensed to fish in Falkland Islands waters, jumped into the sea in Port William as the ship was leaving the harbour. The *Ihn Sung 101* returned to Stanley Harbour. The police boarded the vessel to carry out investigations and while they were aboard on March 5, eleven further crew members asked for permission to leave the vessel and come ashore and were permitted to do so.

Four of the eighteen men who are ashore are Chinese and fourteen are Indonesian. Seventeen of the eighteen men complain of assaults by the Captain and other Korean members of the crew of the vessel. They have been medically examined at the hospital and injuries have been found, some of them several weeks old, including frac-

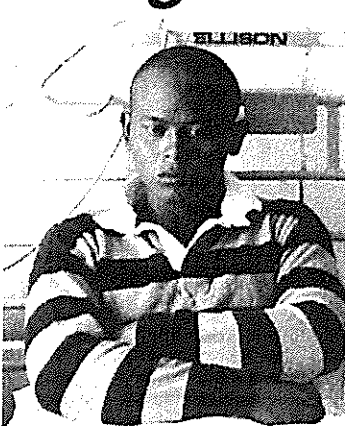
tures, apparently consistent with the complaints of the men. Their complaints are being investigated by the police, so that they can be taken up with the Korean authorities, a report can be made to the Chinese and Indonesian authorities, and consideration can be given to the possibility of prosecuting any offences which may have occurred within the Falkland Islands jurisdiction.

(Most of the alleged assaults undoubtedly took place outside Falkland Islands waters so that they cannot be dealt with by our courts.) The Falkland Islands Government takes the allegations of the kind of beatings which are being made in this case very seriously and will ask the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to bring them to the attention of the Korean authorities with a view to appropriate steps being taken.

However, there appears reason to believe that one or more of the alleged assaults may have been committed within the jurisdiction of the Falkland Islands courts. The statements made to police by crew members in Chinese and Indonesian are being translated and when the translations of those statements are available, the Attorney General's office and the police will consider whether there is sufficient evi-

dence to bring a prosecution. It will of course be necessary for the complainants and other witnesses to be willing to stay here to give evidence in our court. The seamen are understandably anxious to return to their own countries and their families, and may both wish to remain here for the several weeks which may be necessary.

Right: 22 year old Sujat Mo, one of the Indonesian fishermen who alleges he was frequently beaten by the Captain of Korean jigger *Ihn Sung 101*



Public Notice

Vacancy - Receptionist/Clerk, Government House

Applications are invited to fill a vacancy for the position of Receptionist/Clerk at Government House to start work as soon as possible.

The position could be full-time or part-time with hours negotiable with Government House.

Preference will be given to candidates who are proficient in word processing. A pleasant manner when dealing with the public is essential and a clean driving licence desirable. Discretion and respect for confidentiality are essential.

Salary will range from £8,964 to £11,208 per annum in Grade H, entry point dependent on the successful applicant's relevant qualifications and experience.

Interested persons should contact the Management Officer at Government House on telephone number 27433 during normal working hours. An application form and job description are available from the Human Resources Department and completed forms should be returned to that Department no later than 4.00pm on Tuesday 17th March 1998.

Happy sound of Bob's Blues

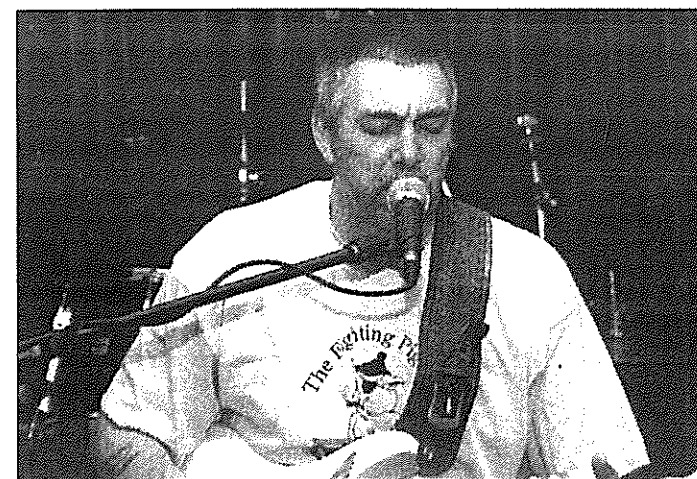
BOB PEARCE is a Blues musician. Bob Pearce is a Blues singer. Bob Pearce is a Blues songwriter. What else is there to say? Well - 'much', as Wink Martindale once said.

He is one of that much publicised, and sometimes envied, breed that achieves overnight success - in Bob's case, overnight success that took only 29 years of hard graft to arrive.

For a start he is 52 this year and his singing career goes back a long way, to the early 'Swingin' Sixties in fact, to 1962, the same year the Beatles had their first number one hit. It was the year before John Kennedy died in murky circumstances and a Dallas Street. Dolly birds, Carnaby Street, Twiggy and North Sea oil were still yet to come. Nearly three quarters of the current world population had yet to be born. And sixteen year old Bob Pearce stood up in a working men's club in Southampton and began to sing.

There was no question, then, of becoming a full-time, professional entertainer. During the days he had a succession of jobs that provided the money to eat so he could go on singing in the evenings.

He was a barber's assistant, he worked in a scrapyard, as a printer, a window cleaner, and even spent one memorable spell as the man-



Photographed performing at the Vic, Bob Pearce sings the blues

ager of an artificial flower shop. He was there only three weeks - which was as long as the shop itself lasted.

His last job, writing advertising posters for supermarkets, came to an inglorious end twenty years ago when he was made redundant. By then he had learned to play guitar and developed much of the style that later brought greater success, and decided to turn full-time professional.

By now married to Brenda, the wife he still misses when on tour, and with two small children it was a big step, but the family got by on the earnings Bob brought in from

the pubs and clubs he performed in. So popular did Bob's brand of music prove that one booking went on to last for more than eighteen years.

In 1991 Bob was 'discovered' and everything seemed to happen at once. He had released an album in 1990 called *Blue Horizon*, and quite suddenly Bob Pearce was big news on the Blues scene.

Two weeks ago Bob brought his music and his talent to the Falklands at the initiative of rock band, The Fighting Pigs, and has been 'wowing' audiences in the Trough, the Town Hall and the Vic, many of whom told me they had attended every performance.

His style is uncomplicated. No flashing lights or fringed one-piece leather suits. He sits, guitar across his knee, occasionally rocking back and forth, and, with eyes mostly closed, simply sings the blues.

There was a quiet force to the first songs he sang to his own, sole accompaniment, little hint of the electrifying 'swamp sound' he later conjured from what looked like an ordinary electric guitar.

His voice is husky, his phrasing pure deep south. Close your eyes when listening and with tiny imagination he transports you to your own Louisiana bayou where the sweat drips, the beer keeps cool in a net beneath the flatboat, and the catfish won't bite but the 'squeeters' do.

He has recently been to America, the homeplace of the Blues, to record a new album on the Havic label and says he has seen more of the world in the last eight years than he did in the previous forty.

With all the success and public recognition Bob remains solidly one of the lads. Approachably laid back he says one of the really good things about touring is that he gets to meet and speak with lots of different people.

His pleasure in playing to an audience with the Pigs was evident both in the huge smile he wore on stage and the compliment he paid them afterward. "They're bloody good," he said. "They'd do more than all right on any stage."

The Falklands have taken him further from his Southampton home than any previous gig, also the farthest south. And he has been able to continue a tradition begun when he and his band were working their musical way down through Italy.

It was October 1994. The once united country of Yugoslavia was being shattered by civil war. Walking along the beach Bob realised



Taking a break from the blues, Beachcomber Bob dips his feet in the South Atlantic

the waters beside him also washed the shores of the new state of Bosnia and under the bemused eyes of the Italians waded into the Adriatic Sea in a symbolic gesture of linking with the far off country.

He has even, during his trip to the USA dipped his feet in 'Old Muddy', the mighty Mississippi itself, "despite its toxicity."

Like many before him Bob is very taken with the Falklands. He would love to come back some time but the immediate future is filled with bookings. In the week of his return to UK he will be playing four gigs and then three at least every week through April.

Blood Donors Screening Sessions

WOULD all registered blood donors attend the Casualty Department, KEMH, between 0800 - 1600 hrs, from Monday, March 16 to Friday, March 20, for the usual blood donor screening. Please bring your blood donor card along with you.

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THE Tumbledown Run has, since it was first organised by teacher turned businessman, Dik Sawle, become an annual Community School institution characterised by good humour, (though for one well-known and popular English teacher this was stretched to breaking point as her pick-up came quietly to rest deep in the good earth - well, mud really - in front of the bulk of an interested and entertained student body), good weather, and some fine individual performances.

This year, the entire School population (minus the halt, the lame and a few teachers) massed at the start of the race just above Postmaster, Jimmy Stephenson's home on the lower slopes of Mount Tumbledown.

At 11.12 am the starter's pistol sent 140 students and eight teachers speeding (and stumbling) on their westward way, into a stiff breeze and up towards the distant peak. Ahead of them two miles of tortuous rock-strewn terrain, soft, boggy tracks that would suck the energy from them... and Councillor John Birmingham who started the run earlier than the rest because of an impending appointment.

As the leaders reached the checkpoint hard in by the rocks atop Tumbledown they were able to look back down the mountain and see the rest of the field strung out for more than half a mile, a long, human caravan, some running strongly, some gasping for air after attacking the beginning of the race with ambition greater than their ability, and some simply walking and enjoying the break from classroom studies.

The return run from Tumbledown is a headlong, helter-skelter dash. Caution abandoned in the frantic pursuit of a speed in part forced upon the runner by the steepness of the slope, in part by the treacherous slipperiness of the clay track, in part by the following wind, but mostly by the wild, exhilarating need to win.

It was almost impossible to distinguish, through binoculars, who was in the leading bunch of four, so fast were they travelling as they tore down the mountain, but it was possible to see gaps appearing between them.

And Kevin Marsh, it was, who

best mastered the conditions. Stripped to the waist and still full of running he crossed the line in 15m 29secs, 28 seconds outside Timothy Morrison's record 15.01 set in 1994 but a very fast time in the windy conditions.

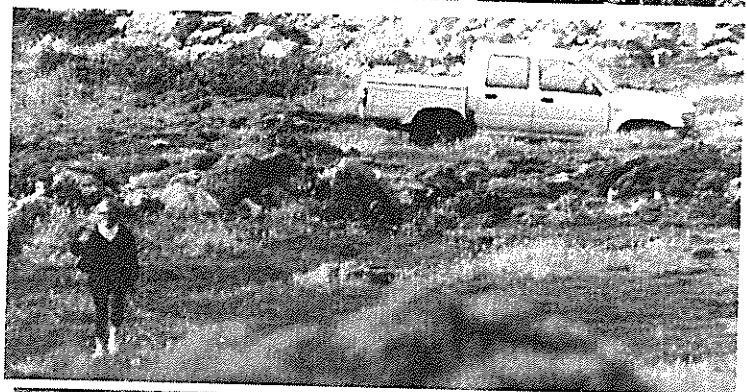
Marvyn Ford eased into second place 21 seconds off Kevin's time in 15.50. In third place, for the second year running, though in a much faster time of 15.59, came the reliably durable Daniel Biggs followed 28 seconds later by fast improving Elvis McRae.

The result of the girl's race was no surprise with Roxanne Morrison almost four minutes ahead of her nearest rival. She finished sixth overall in the remarkable time of 18m 50s and at the age of just eleven must be considered one of the best athletes in the Islands and a fine prospect for future honours.

Second, with yet another fine run was the consistent Margaret Normand (another eleven year old) in 22m 32s (19th overall), and third Claire Kilmartin (26th overall) in 23m 45s.

Other talented, emerging runners who must be encouraged by their placings in this extremely tough and demanding event must include the diminutive but hugely determined Carl Nightingale (5th in 18m 17s), Gregg Hall (7th in 19m 30s), and Kyle Biggs (11th in 19m 53s).

There are few running events in the FICS calendar, which makes some of the performances from the more athletically talented of our youngsters in the Tumbledown Run even more remarkable, and demonstrates clearly the need to nurture that talent and hone the undoubted competitive edge that already exists.



Far left top: Aaron Irwin, Michael Betts, Sean Newman and Kyle Biggs before the start

Far left centre: What's afoot? Veronica Fowler is after her pick-up became bogged down

Far left centre below: Boy's winner, Kevin Marsh crosses the line after a fine run

Far left bottom: The field well strung out with half a mile to go

Below: The gun's gone and the scramble for placings in the rush at the first hill is under way

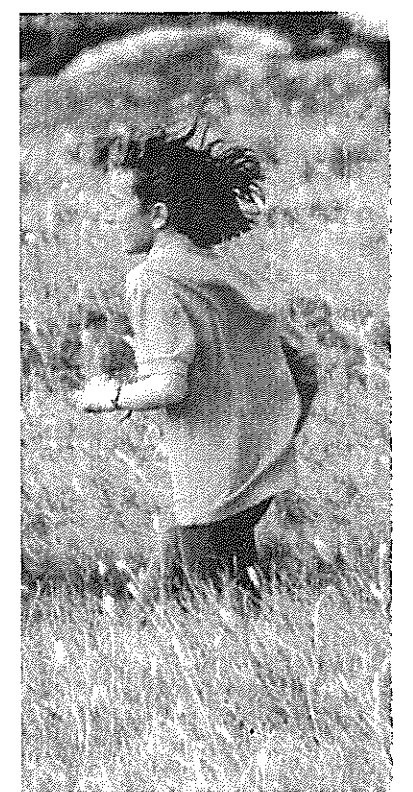
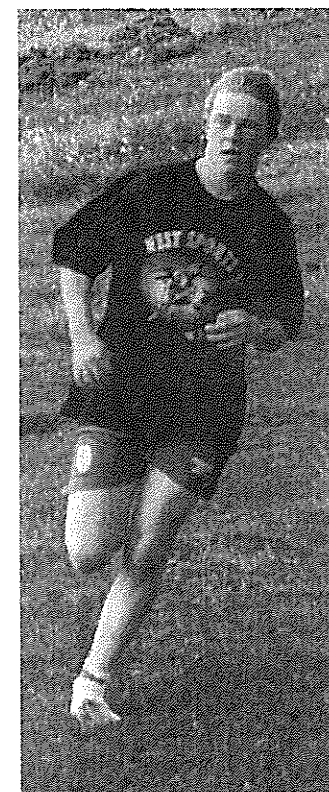
Right: Melvyn Ford shows excellent form, finishing in 15m 50s

Far right: Margaret Normand (second in the girl's race) heads for home

Bottom right: Third placed Daniel Biggs looks almost too comfortable

Below: With 200 metres to go Claire Kilmartin heads William Normand and Kumar McInnes

Left: Running phenomenon, Roxanne Morrison, adds the Tumbledown title to the West Sports Mile she won two weeks ago





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Fox Bay +2hrs 30m					
Roy Cove +4hrs 30m	15	0133	0.4	18	0309
Port Howard +3hrs 19m	SUN	0753	1.6	WED	0933
Teal Inlet +3hrs 30m		1358	0.5		1519
Sealion Is. +1hr 15m		2010	1.5		2130
Port Stephens	Sunrise	0645		Sunrise	0650
+3hrs 15m	Sunset	1916		Sunset	1909
Hill Cove +4hrs					
Berkeley Sound +1hr 11m	16	0204	0.4	19	
Port San Carlos	MON	0824	1.6	THURS	0345
+2hrs 55m		1425	0.5		0915
Darwin Harbour - 56m		2035	1.5		1549
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	Sunset	1914			2251
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					1904

CHURCH SERVICES

CATHEDRAL
SUNDAY: 8am Holy Communion, (1662 Prayer Book) 10am Morning Prayer with Sunday School. 1st Sunday - Family Worship (no Sunday School) 2nd Sunday - Holy Communion with Sunday School. 7pm Evening Prayer 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays - Live Broadcast Service. 4th Sunday - Holy Communion.
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Tel: 21100/Fax 21842, The Deanery, 17 Ross Road, Stanley

TABERNACLE - free church
Sunday meetings: 10am and 7pm,
ARK Bookshop: Saturdays 2-4pm Minister: Mike Mitchelmore 21787

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SUNDAY: 10am (MPA 6.30pm),
Week days: 9am; Sat. also 5pm

St. CUTHBERT'S (MPA)
SUN: 8am Holy Communion;
10.30am Eucharist/Morning worship; 6.30pm Holy Mass;
MON: 6.30am Mass

WED: 7.30pm Holy communion;
8pm Bible Study Tel: 74350

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For information on meetings please ring Tel: 21957 (evenings)

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Mornings 10am - 12 noon
Monday/Thursday 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday 1.30 - 3.30pm
Tuesday/Friday 3.00pm - 5.00pm

MUSEUM
Tuesday - Friday 10.30 - 12 noon/ 2.00 - 4.00pm
Sunday 10.00 - 12 noon

TREASURY
Monday - Friday 8am - 12 noon/ 1.15 - 3.00pm

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Monday - Friday 08.45am - 12.00 and 13.30 - 17.45
Saturday: 10am - 12 noon 14.00 - 17.00pm

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Box 540
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YMCA Accommodation available

Contact Terry Peck 21074
ASTHMA SUPPORT GROUP Meets second Tuesday of every third month in Day Centre at 5pm
Contact Graham France on 21624
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on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm
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STANLEY SWIMMING CLUB Coaching Tuesdays 4 - 5pm, Fridays 4-5
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Monday	10.00 - 11.30 OAP 12.00 - 1.00 Lanes 5.00 - 7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults	10.00 - 1.00 Public 5.00 - 9.00 Public
Tuesday	12.00 - 1.00 Lanes 5.00 - 7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults	10.30 - 12.00 Parent/Toddlers 12.00 - 1.00 Public 5.00 - 9.00 Public
Wednesday	10.0 - 11.30 Public 12.00 - 1.00 Lane Swimming 5.00 - 7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults 8.00 - 9.00 Ladies	5.00 - 9.00 Public
Thursday	5.00 - 7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults 8.00 - 9.00 Private Hire	12.00 - 1.00 Public 5.00 - 9.00 Public
Friday	10.00 - 11.30 Parents/Toddlers 12.00 - 1.00 Lanes 5.00 - 7.00 Public 7.00 - 8.00 Adults	10.00 - 1.00 Public 5.00 - 9.00 Public
Saturday	10.00 - 4.00 Public 4.00 - 5.00 Adults 5.00 - 6.00 Private Hire	10.00 - 6.00 Public
Sunday	11.00 - 6.00 Public 6.00 - 7.00 Adults	11.00 - 7.00 Public

Your BFBS Television programmes

SATURDAY 14TH MARCH
8.20 LA RAT
8.30 CHUCKLEVISION (New)
8.50 KABLAM!
9.15 TINY TOON ADVENTURES
9.35 THE WILD HOUSE (New)
10.00 RECORD BREAKERS GOLD
10.25 THE O-ZONE
10.45 THE NATURAL WORLD The Wild Dog's Last Stand
11.35 25 YEARS OF THE TWO RONNIES
12.15 FA CUP PREMIERSHIP Manchester United v Arsenal
2.10 GRANDSTAND Including:L News Summary; quarter-final action from Rugby League's Silk Cut Challenge Cup; World Swimming from Sheffield; Racing from Newbury; Football Focus; and a full round-up of the rest of the day's sporting action
6.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.25 CARTOON TIME
6.35 TOP OF THE POPS
7.05 BIG BREAK
7.35 TRACEY TAKES ON...
8.00 NOEL'S HOUSEPARTY
8.50 MOVIE PREMIERE: JFK (1991,15) Conspiracy thriller, based on events surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy, starring Kevin Costner, Sissy Spacek and Tommy Lee Jones
11.50 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
12.10 MATCH OF THE DAY

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH
8.20 MATCH OF THE DAY
9.30 BREAKFAST WITH FROST
10.30 BODGER AND BADGER
10.45 THE MASK (New)
11.10 BLUE PETER
11.40 AS SEEN ON TV
12.05 SONGS OF PRAISE
12.40 THE WHITBREAD: THE WORLD'S GREATEST OCEAN RACE
1.10 THE CHART SHOW
2.00 NEWS
2.10 BROOKSIDE Ron decides it's time for action to save David from Molly's clutches once and for all
3.20 THIS IS YOUR LIFE
3.50 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW
4.35 THROUGH THE KEYHOLE
5.00 FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP Derby v Leeds
6.55 ANIMALS IN UNIFORM
7.25 BLIND DATE
8.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
8.30 NEIGHBOURS FROM HELL
8.55 HOSTILE WATERS Action thriller based on a true story starring Rutger Hauer, Martin Sheen and Max von Sydow
10.25 PARKINSON
11.20 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.35 RUGBY EXPRESS

MONDAY 16TH MARCH
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 CATS' EYES 10.15 NUMBERTIME 10.30 THE MIX 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING
1.15 TOTS TV Followed by: BFBS WEATHER REPORT
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Ben and Matt indulge in some not-so-friendly competition
2.15 CATCHPHRASE
2.40 HOLIDAY
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.45 WIGGLY PARK (New)
3.50 THE FORGOTTEN TOYS
4.05 TOM AND VICKY
4.15 DENNIS THE MENACE
4.40 THE REALLY WILD SHOW
5.05 GOOSEBUMPS
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Travis finds an abandoned car with blood stains on the seats
5.45 FAMILY FORTUNES
6.10 WISH YOU WERE HERE
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET Spider gets a visit from an old flame
7.45 THE BILL Straying: Page and Stamp investigate the case of a missing dog and its owner, who has mysteriously disappeared without trace
8.10 FAITH IN THE FUTURE (New)
8.35 THE CRUISE
9.05 LONDON'S BURNING A short-circuit causes havoc at a children's party and Blue Watch rescue a man who's hanging for his life above an electrical transformer
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY?
10.55 BREAKING POINT
11.35 FILM: '98
12.05 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA

TUESDAY 17TH MARCH
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 WATCH 10.15 STORYTIME 10.30 BOOK BOX
10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 TEDDYBEARS (New) Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS
2.15 FOOD AND DRINK
2.45 VANESSA
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: BLUE PETER
4.00 VIKTOR
4.20 THE BUDGET: WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU
6.10 A QUESTION OF SPORT
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS The di Marcos celebrate Luisa's birthday. However, their birthday dinner is interrupted when Gianni's ex-girlfriend decides to take her revenge
7.55 BUGS Ed, Ros and Beckett, use miniature wizardry and the very latest in technological gizmos in their fight against evil. The team try to track down a computer hacker who has organised the release of prisoners before their sentences are up
8.45 WORLD IN ACTION
9.10 DARK SKIES
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 JACK DEE LIVE AT THE LONDON PALLADIUM
11.30 THE BUDGET STATEMENT
11.35 TARTAN EXTRA

WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 CATS' EYES 10.15 EUREKA! 10.30 QUEST
10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 POTAMUS PARK followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Lou makes a deal to end the Coffee Shop feud
2.15 GARY RHODES
2.45 THE CLOTHES SHOW
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with THE BLOBS
3.45 TIMBUCTOO
3.50 BLAZING DRAGONS
4.00 SHARP PRACTICE
4.20 REBOOT
4.45 NEWSROUND EXTRA
5.00 OUT OF TUNE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Sam is taken to jail
5.45 TOMORROW'S WORLD
6.15 EMMERDALE Jack and Sarah attempt to look to the future
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET Deirdre is on the brink of making a big mistake. Des is keeping Samantha in his sights
7.45 THE BILL Crime of a Lesser Passion. Ackland and Jarvis search for the truth when an attractive lawyer's former boyfriend admits to stabbing her fiancé
8.10 GREAT ESCAPES
8.40 NOAH'S ARK
9.35 FRIENDS
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 TRIAL AND RETRIBUTION (New) This harrowing two-part drama from Lynda La Plante tells the story of a murdered child and probes the human implications of this horrific crime
12.10 THE BUDGET RESPONSE By the Shadow Chancellor
12.20 OPERATION GOOD GUY
12.50 THE BIG MATCH Highlights: Manchester United v Monaco

THURSDAY 19TH MARCH
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 STOP, LOOK, LISTEN 10.10 LANDMARKS
10.30 STAGE ONE 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE RIDDLERS Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Clare gives Hannah a lesson in love
2.15 THE WARTIME KITCHEN AND GARDEN
2.45 VANESSA
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.45 SOOTY'S AMAZING ADVENTURES
4.00 HUBBUB
4.15 HIGHLANDER
4.35 BLUE PETER
5.05 THE O-ZONE
5.20 HOME AND AWAY The school puts Tiegan on two weeks of rubbish duty
5.45 TOP GEAR
6.15 EMMERDALE Paddy's feathered friend lands him in trouble
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT

BFBS Television programmes (cont)

6.55 ON THE PISTE A basic winter training in the Austrian Alps with the Royal Marines
7.25 EASTENDERS Mark and Ruth's emotions are put to the ultimate test when Jessie leaves Albert Square
7.55 POLICE, CAMERA, ACTION
8.20 THE CRUISE
8.50 THE CLIVE JAMES SHOW
9.35 THE FAST SHOW
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 LOOKING AFTER JO JO
11.20 THE BUDGET RESPONSE By the Liberal Democrats
11.25 THE NAZIS
12.15 THE STAND UP SHOW

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 MATHSBOOK 10.10 RAT-A-TAT-TAT 10.25 LOOK AND READ 10.45 THE WEATHER SHOW
10.50 KILROY
11.30 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 POTAMUS PARK Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Marlene's hobbies take over the house
2.15 ALL OVER THE SHOP
2.40 WAR WALKS

3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
3.45 THE LITTLEST PET SHOP
4.00 ARTHUR
4.25 MIKE & ANGELO
4.45 THE WEEK ON NEWSROUND
5.00 WANNABE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Lachie finds out that his mother has been blackmailing Chloe
5.45 GLADIATORS
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS Terry's run of bad luck appears to be over
7.55 999 INTERNATIONAL Escape from Paradise
8.45 TAGGART (New) A leading Scottish businessman is brutally murdered with no apparent motive and no clues
9.35 THIRD ROCK FROM THE SUN
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 NEVER MIND THE BUZZCOCKS
11.00 PD JAMES' AN UNSUITABLE JOB FOR A WOMAN Cordelia's investigation reaches a nighmarish conclusion
11.50 TFI FRIDAY
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SATURDAY 14
6.00 News BFBS
6.03 Music Fill
6.16 Children's story - Danny Fox
6.30 Children's Corner - request programme
7.30 News and Sport from five live
7.40 Weather,Flights,Announcements
8.00The Navy Lark
8.28 Rpt Weather & Flights
8.30 Part 3 The Bees lost Beatles tapes
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.20 Music Fill
9.30Captain Corelli's Mandolin
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News BFBS
SUNDAY March 15
5.00 News: BFBS
5.03 Music fill
5.15 The Proms 1997
6.00 Music Fill
6.30 Weather, flights, announcements
7.00 Church Service-Cathedral
8.00Wet Wet Wet Album Special
8.15 Folk Music Show
8.30 Repeat Weather & Flights
8.45 Folk Music Show
9.00 News Desk
9.28 Rpt. Weather & Flights
9.30 Dracula
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News BFBS
MONDAY March 16
10.03 Morning show
12.00 News and Sport BFBS
12.06News Midday
12.09 Music fill
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30B.F.B.S Programmes
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
6.00 Country Crossroads
6.30Comedy - P.G. Woodhouse
7.00 The Goons CD collection
7.30 News and Sport
7.35Weather,Flights,Announcements
8.00Announcers Choice of music
8.30 Multi strack hit list from BBC World Service
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt Weather and Flights
9.30Crampton Hodnet
10.00 News BFBS
TUESDAY March 17
10.03 Morning Show
12.00 News and Sport BFBS
12.06 Music Fill
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30 BFBS Programmes
5.03 The Archers
5.17The late afternoon show
5.30 News from St. Helena
5.45 Calling the Falklands
6.00News Magazine
6.30 In concert
7.30 News and Sports
7.35Weather,Flights,Announcements
8.00 Past hits of 97

8.30 Pride and Prejudice
9.00 News desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt Weather & Flights
9.30 Repeat News Magazine
10.00 News BFBS
WEDNESDAY March 18
10.03 Morning show
11.45 Rpt calling the Falklands
12.00 News & Sport from BFBS
12.06 News Midday
12.09 Music Fill
12.15 Lunchtime Announcements
12.30 BFBS Programme
5.02 The Archers
5.17The late afternoon show
5.45 The Folk Show Rpt
6.30My top ten - Lionel Ritchie
7.00Announcers hour of music
7.30News and Sport
7.35 Weather,Flights,Annos
8.00Classics Hour
9.00 News Desk from BBC
9.28 Rpt. weather & flights
9.30Village by the Sea
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News from BFBS
THURSDAY March 19
10.03 Morning Show
12.00 News & Sport fromB.F.B.S.
12.06 News Midday
12.09 Music Fill
12.15 Lunchtime Announcements
12.30 BFBS Programme
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5.45 Calling the Falklands
6.00 News Magazine
6.30 In my life: Lennon remembered
7.30 News & Sport from Five live
7.35 Weather, Flights Annos
8.00 Announcers half hour
8.30 Country Crossroads
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt Weather and Flights
9.30 News Magazine rpt.
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98.5FM

SATURDAY 0000Drum & Bass 0200Steve Mason 0400In Concert 0500 Forces Finest with Damian Watson 0700 Weekend Gold 0800 Breakfast Show 1000The Score with Francis Collings 1400 Mark Page 1600 Weekend Gold 1800 David Rodigan 2000 Drum & Bass 2200 Steve Mason
SUNDAY 0000 Late Night Love in 0200 Mark Page 0400 Bob Harris 0700 Weekend Gold 0800 UK Sunday Breakfast 1000 Forces Finest 1200 James Watt 1400 Richard Allinson 1600 Bob Harris 1900 In Concert 2000 Rock Show 2200 John Peel
MONDAY 0000 Weekend Gold 0200 In Concert 0200 Rockumentary 0300 Connect '98 0500 Early Breakfast 0600 Weekday Breakfast Show 0900 BFBS Gold 1000 FIBS Morning Show 1230 The Afternoon Shift 1800 BFBS Gold 1900 Jamie Gordon with Full Top 40 (Mondays only), New Dance, Indie and Pop, interviews and live music sessions 2200 Aidan Donovan
TUESDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued 0100 David Rodigan 0300 - 0000 As Monday
WEDNESDAY 0000Aidan Donovan continued 0100 John Peel 0300 - 0000As Monday
THURSDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued 0100 The Rockshow 0300 - 0000 As Monday
FRIDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued 0100 Richard Allinson 0300-1800 As Monday 1800-2000 Gurkha Programmes 2000 Andy Wright 2200 Friday Dance

CHANNEL 2

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SATURDAY 0000 On Stage & Kaleidoscope 0100 On Stage 0200 Newsday & Features from BBC World Service 0300 A Taste of Ireland 0400 Today from BBC Radio 40600 Radio 4 News and Sport 0630 Counterpoint 0700 Meridian from BBC W/S0730 BFBS

Reports 0800 Radio 4 News & Feature 0830 Thoughts from Abroad 0900 Comedy Double Bill 1000 News & Sport on Five Live 1500 News & David Mellor's 6-0-61700 News & Short Play 1800 Feature 1900 Radio 5 Live 2100-2200 World Service News/FIBS Announcements 2200-0100 Radio Five Live Overnight
SUNDAY 0100 Archers Omnibus 0200 Newsday and Europe Today/Heritage 0300 Clydes Classics 0400 News & Sunday Papers, morning Music & Religious news and views 0615 Letter from America with Alistair Cooke & Morning Service 0715 Archers Omnibus 0815 Weekend on Two with Colin Hamilton's music and mind boggler 1000 The World This Weekend 1100 News & Sunday Sport from BBC Radio Five Live 1600 Feature 1630 Many are Called - Christian Music and religious news with Roger Hudson 1700 Sound Portrait 1800 Feature 1900 News Desk from BBC World Service 1930 Health Matters and Sports Round-Up 2000 News & Radio Five Live 2100-2200 World Service News/FIBS Announcements 2200-0100 Radio Five Live Overnight
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WEDNESDAY 0100-0700 As Monday 0700 News & Feature/Quiz 0730-1100 As Monday 1100 Classic Review 1200-0100 As Tuesday
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FRIDAY 0100-0700 As Monday 0700 My Music with Chairman Steve Raco 0730-11.00 As Monday 1100 P McD and Co Unlimited 1200-1530 As Tuesday 1530-1600 Play/Short Story/Quiz 1600-0000 As Tuesday

tions, which is good for training," officials at the Foreign Office told *Clarín*.

In the Islands, they do not hide their fervour of living with more than 2,000 British troops, which change every year. The number of troops is the same as that of the resident population.

"They don't bother us, quite the opposite and they can carry out manoeuvres on land, sea and air," Tony Burnett, Deputy Editor of *Penguin News*, the main newspaper in the archipelago, told *Clarín*. The journalist said that he had played football with the Gurkhas, who, "in spite of their reputation, speak English and are very sociable."

The Kelpers are willing to do anything to maintain the military base. They have even promised the British government that if oil is found in the waters around the Islands, they will pay the expenses of maintaining the military base.

CLARIN 10/3/98

Negotiations concerning the Falklands

Conrado Etchebarne Bullrich confirmed yesterday (Monday) that he worked with the Brit, Alastair Forsyth, on a proposal of shared sovereignty between Argentina and Great Britain of the Falkland Islands, and pointed out that the document was published in the newspaper *Penguin News* in Stanley.

Etchebarne Bullrich, linked to the Argentine foreign ministry and Forsyth, connected to the British Foreign Office, last week presented a joint proposal in which they suggested that this proposal was a solution to the sovereignty dispute between the two countries.

The publication of the proposal in the main newspaper in the Falklands, "is in itself helpful," so that the, "Islanders can form their own opinions concerning the proposal."

Etchebarne Bullrich is an academic, linked to the foreign ministry and he is a friend of Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella. Last year, the contributor to the charm offensive policy towards the kelpers, led by the minister himself, accompanied the minister's daughter to the Falklands. They were able to visit the Islands because they hold Irish and Swiss passports respectively.

LA NACION 11/3/98

Argentine and British military forces will train UN peace keeping troops

Military officers from Argentina and the United Kingdom will begin a joint task: As from next Monday they will co-ordinate in Buenos Aires a seminar to train United Nations peace keeping troops.

The exercises will take place between March 16th and 18th at the Argentine Centre of Joint Training for Peace Keeping Operations (CAECOPAZ) at Campo de Mayo. Members of the school of the joint chiefs of staff from the United Kingdom, will be in charge of the seminar.

The idea of such activities was suggested by both governments at

the United Nations, which sponsors these kind of activities in different parts of the world.

"It is very significant and is very important," said the British Ambassador William Marsden to *La Nación*, who yesterday (Tuesday) spoke about the matter with Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella.

The seminar itself, is nothing special, because there have already been similar experiences in other parts of the world (the last one was in Japan).

The novelty is that the two countries who went to war over the Falklands in 1982, offered to organise military exercises, even though it means working on a fictitious situation, in a country which does not exist.

Game of roles

The participants, who are coming from different Latin American countries, will be divided in work groups to solve the type of problems which could arise during the planning and carrying out of a UN peace keeping mission.

Also present at Campo de Mayo will be experts from the United Nations and military officials from the United States, Canada, France, Spain and Portugal. From London, there will be four members of the British school of the joint chiefs of staff.

The military officials will also have a busy social agenda. The seminar will be inaugurated on Monday, with a speech by Argentine Vice Foreign Minister Andres Cisneros. On Monday night, the British Embassy will hold a cocktail party. The following day there will be a reception in Palacio San Martin (the foreign ministry building used for official receptions etc) organised jointly by the foreign ministry and the defence ministry.

"We are already co-operating in UN peace keeping operations, above all in Cyprus, where the British troops are under the command of an Argentine," said Marsden.

The Ambassador had met Di Tella during a cocktail party and had arranged to visit him yesterday (Tuesday) at the ministry. As was foreseen, the meeting was just between the two.

We don't talk about that

The Ambassador and the foreign minister went over the list of British officials who will visit Buenos Aires during the next few days: The Mayor of London, Richard Everard Nichols, and Sports Minister, Tony Banks.

President Carlos Menem's visit to the United Kingdom, scheduled for November, took up little space, during the 40 minute meeting.

However, the Ambassador, told *La Nación* that Menem's trip, "Will help strengthen the co-operation ties between Argentina and the United Kingdom in areas such as financial services, investment and education."

In the comments Marsden made, at no point did the dispute which both countries maintain concerning the sovereignty of the Falklands come up.

"In the Falklands question, Prime Minister Tony Blair has been very clear in saying that what counts are the Islanders wishes," said the Ambassador.

He then recalled that, in the message Blair sent to the Falklands at the end of last year, he confirmed that he wants to consolidate bilateral relations, but he will not take any decision, 'at the Islanders expense.'

In the Falklands they have banned the entrance of Argentine passport holders and they cut off communications with the Continent in 1982, when the war ended. The Islanders do not even want to show any willingness to discuss these measures.

The foreign ministry and the Foreign Office are working hard so that Menem and Blair can announce in London the launching of a joint tender for oil exploration in the South Atlantic, in an area called "co-operation" which includes Argentine waters, which are not in dispute and others which are.

"We want to launch it as soon as possible, but it is a very complicated task," Marsden said. Maybe, as *La Nación* reported recently, the diplomats fear that they will not be able to work things out before Menem's visit.

CLARIN 11/3/98

Tender to extract oil in the Falklands

The call for a tender for oil exploration in the joint co-operation zone to the south-west of the Falklands is seen by British and Argentine diplomats as the icing on the cake of the meeting between President Carlos Menem and British Prime Minister Tony Blair, in November.

The task of finalising the details is in the hands of the Bilateral Hydrocarbons Commission, which is working around the clock, putting together a document which will permit the authorisation of judicial security to the companies who are interested in participating in the tender in this special zone. "We still have to sort out some differences to be in tune with both countries legislation's," both the Argentine foreign ministry and the Foreign Office assure.

Meanwhile, the preparations concerning the head of state's agenda in the United Kingdom go ahead. Yesterday (Tuesday) the British Ambassador William Marsden visited Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella to go over the draft of the visit's activities, although the exact date will be confirmed in April. They have to wait until the Queen's secretary confirms the date Menem will be received by Buckingham Palace.

During the Di Tella-Marsden meeting they also discussed the forthcoming visits to Argentina of the Lord Mayor of London, Richard Everard Nichols, on March 22nd and Sports Minister, Tony Banks, three days later.

They also evaluated during the meeting the carrying out of seminars concerning joint military exercises for peace keeping forces,

which British and Argentine troops will carry out in Campo de Mayo, as from next Monday.

Argentine Ambassador in London Rogelio Pfrter, told Di Tella about the negotiations in different British sectors concerning the first visit of an Argentine president to London since the Falklands war in 1982.

Up to now, the draft agenda includes meetings with the head of the Bank of England, with the president of the Confederation of British Industry and a meeting at the Anglo-Argentine Association, which is going to celebrate its 50th anniversary when Menem visits, "with great festivities." The President will also meet with opposition leaders: William Hague (Conservative) and Paddy Ashdown (Liberal Democrat). He will also confirm the establishing of a branch of Saint Anthony College, Oxford in Argentina.

FALKLAND WOOL GROWERS LTD.

Wool market report Friday 6 March 1998

Wool Markets:

Prices showed little change at auctions in Adelaide and Sydney this week. The Australian Eastern Market Indicator (EMI) closed just 2 cents up at 640 A cents/kg, thus regaining the two cents lost last week. The week again saw smaller volumes of wool on sale, with pass-in rates ranging from six to 15 percent. The Australian 27 micron EMI closed at 509 cents/kg, which at today's exchange rate of 2.45 A\$/£ converts to 208 pence/Kg.

New Zealand wool prices were firmer, with the NZ indicator lifting 11 cents/Kg to 426 NZ cents/Kg, after hitting a seasonal low of 413 cents a fortnight ago. South Africa sold 93 percent of the offering at Wednesday's auction, with their indicator moving up 2 SA cents/Kg to 2032.

AUSTRALIA: Australian analysts report that underlying the price decline in recent months there, "are several factors which were not generally apparent earlier in the wool-selling season." These include: the Asian 'meltdown'; the significant decline in the value of the Australian dollar; the contractual difficulties experienced by wool exporters, especially with China, which has undermined buyer confidence; and the impact of the Asian disturbance generally on international trade in semi-processed and processed textiles.

WOOL SUPPLIES:

Wool International are legislated to dispose of a minimum of 90,000 bales a quarter from the stockpile. "At current disposal rates and with current market conditions this target is not being achieved so limits need to be adjusted to ensure that sales are executed." This is a potential threat to auction prices.

World farm wool supplies are close to early season expectations, however much of these wools remain to be marketed. Reports from Australia suggest 500,000 bales from the 1997/98 season have yet to be rostered for auction. In Uruguay, "it is estimated that approximately 45-50% of the 1997/98 wool clip remains unsold."

AGENCY:

Bales from the delayed Pantelis K and the Anne Boye are only now arriving in Bradford.

The Agency continues to seek out higher priced sectors of the market. Enquiries generated this week have resulted in some business.



Penguin News Current Affairs Supplement



Argentina

Please note: The following extracts are translations

LA NACION 8/3/98

They will extract oil in the Falklands

The company, Sands Petroleum, confirmed in Stockholm the existence of oil in the sea around the Falkland Islands, in quantities equivalent to 2000 million barrels of oil.

Magnus Nordin, executive manager of the company, made the announcement during a meeting with stock brokers and representatives of the local press corps.

"We have indications concerning the existence of oil reserves of 2000 million barrels in 'Tranche F'," said the businessman.

He also explained the possibilities to the company's shareholders in an attempt to raise 300 million crowns, an amount equivalent to 38 million dollars.

"In 1968, the oil reserves in the North Sea were zero barrels and today there are more than 50,000 million barrels," outlined the Swedish executive, who said that he was very satisfied by his companies discovery.

Profile

Sands Petroleum recently obtained the concession of the first well on which work will begin, to the north of the Falkland Islands and Nordin said that an oil rig to begin the drilling is on its way to the area.

It was also reported that the exploration in the first well will cost Sands Petroleum approximately 200 million Swedish crowns, amount equivalent to 12.5 million dollars.

The drilling will be carried out by the subsidiary firm Sodra, which was formed recently to operate in the Falklands waters.

Sands Petroleum is a company dedicated to oil exploration and exploitation and is owned by the Swedish magnate Adolf Lundin, who lives in Switzerland and carries out multi-million investments in mining around the world.

This discovery is being closely followed by Argentine authorities, because President Carlos Menem's administration hopes to find a way with the United Kingdom to achieve commercial exploitation in the Falklands, in fishing and oil.

CLARIN 9/3/98

Falklands: The Kelpers reject another proposal

A new attempt by Argentina to try and re-open the diplomatic negotiations to share sovereignty and the flags in the Falkland Islands, has been cut off in mid-air when it was rejected by the Kelpers. The document was drawn up by an English man and an Argentine.

Conrado Etchebarne Bullrich and Alastair Forsyth, two men linked to the Argentine foreign ministry and the British Foreign Office, drew up a joint proposal in which they proposed shared sovereignty of the Falklands between the two countries, with semi-autonomy of the Kelpers.

Bullrich is a businessman friend of Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella, who carried out the private negotiations, following conversations with the head of the foreign ministry.

These private negotiations are added to the previous ones and reject attempts to obtain the islanders approval to re-commence negotiations concerning the Falklands, within the frame of the so-called charm offensive towards the Kelpers.

Since 1991, Di Tella has unsuccessfully been trying to get the Kelpers to accept the re-establishing of communications with the Continent as the first step of the negotiations. Before the 1982 war there was an air link between the Islands and Rio Gallegos. But since 1982 the Islanders have refused the re-establishing of any contact with our country until it, "gives up its sovereignty claim."

The document called "The pathway ahead? What do the Islanders think? (translation from Spanish to English) was quickly rejected by the Islanders and the intention of both government's contracts, that it would be published in the local newspaper in Stanley's *Penguin News*, didn't happen.

The document, drawn up during several "private" meetings, begins by saying that the, "current situation is unacceptable to Great Britain and Argentina," because since 1982 there have been no diplomatic negotiations concerning the sovereignty of the Islands.

Bearing this in mind the document suggests several points, to try and solve this situation:

Total autonomy of the Kelpers in internal affairs, except for matters concerning defence and foreign affairs.

Argentine military presence would not be necessary, except for "two or three liaison officials to assure efficient co-operation."

This arrangement would be taken as a "final agreement" to the dispute and both Great Britain, Argentina and the Islands would act, "in the future as if the claims had been laudable."

Some kind of "common sense" arrangement would be necessary to compensate Great Britain and Argentina for their undertakings in defence and foreign affairs.

A tripartite commission would

be in charge of following each step of the agreement.

The flags would be left to one side, although it would seem reasonable for each commission to hoist the colours of their country.

The terms of the (definite) agreement would be reported to the United Nations.

In the last few paragraphs and in a tone which the Kelpers took as an, "implicit threat, which shows no trust at all," the document says that if such an agreement is not achieved before the end of President Carlos Menem's term, a new government, "frustrated because of the lack of progress, could focus on the matter in a different way."

Menem's government would sign an agreement which would survive their government, if the Kelpers would have accepted these ideas.

In spite of Bullrich's and Forsyth's intentions, the Kelpers did not waste any time in rejecting it, and it was not even allowed to be published in the local newspaper.

According to information diffused by the Uruguayan newsagency Mercopress, the Kelper councillor, Richard Cockwell, asked: "Could it be possible that I detect Mr Di Tella in the middle of this?" And he added that this seems to be the same tenor as the conversations of the two commissions, Argentine and British, maintained in January 1997 at Chevening, which were not "acceptable."

On his part, another Councillor, Mike Summers added, "this is quite disturbing." These kind of proposals, "were not liked by the previous British government and I don't believe the present one will like them either."

This proposal, "says nothing new," said Jan Cheek, another member of the Kelper Council. "It is typical of the things that have been drawn up in the last few years, by people who only have a superficial comprehension of the problem. These solutions ignore our rights and wishes."

Cockwell, then summarised, what seems to be the opinion of the majority of the Kelpers. "To be always willing to consider any proposal which allows Argentina to drop its claim of sovereignty concerning the Islands; even though in previous experiences we have been shown that some Argentine leaders understand any willingness to negotiate as a tacit acceptance of their claims."

A friend of Di Tella

Conrado Etchebarne Bullrich, the author of the latest proposal, rejected by the Kelpers, is a businessman, linked to diplomatic cir-

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cles, because he is a friend of Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella.

On some occasions he carries out private negotiations, which are then attentively heard at the foreign ministry.

"Sometimes he goes to places to suss out the political atmosphere, to pass information on to Di Tella," a diplomat consulted by *Clarín*, said.

Last year he accompanied the minister's daughter, who went to the Falklands on holiday, using a Swiss passport. Di Tella's daughter is married to a Swiss man. With her Argentine passport, she obviously, cannot enter the Islands.

Etchebarne Bullrich was also able to enter the Falklands because he has an Irish passport because he is married to an Irish woman.

CLARIN 9/3/98

The Gurkhas have returned to the Falklands

A company of a hundred Gurkhas, Nepalese mercenaries, who work for the British army have arrived at the military base in the Falkland Islands, for intense military training during the next four months.

These mercenaries became famous because of their role during the war between Argentina and Great Britain in 1982. Their battalion was one of those which suffered the greatest losses, because they were ahead of the British troops.

Following the conflict, Labour and Conservative members of parliament, in London, questioned leaving the military base because of the expense of maintaining the "fortress" in the Falklands. But, during the last few years the British defence ministry has explained to the legislators and officials the benefits of maintaining the base, which is near to Stanley.

The Falklands, "have become the only place in the world where the royal forces can carry out joint exercises with absolute freedom and under severe weather condi-



British press Headline stories: Mar 6 - March 12

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR FRIDAY 6 MARCH 1998

NASA ANNOUNCEMENT
Almost all the British papers find space on their front pages for the NASA announcement that there are sizeable quantities of water on the moon. 'Our passport to the planets,' trumpets the *Guardian*. 'A boost to space travel hopes,' says the *Daily Telegraph*. And the *Daily Mail* goes even further, suggesting that man may live on the moon within thirty years. 'The moon', predicts the paper, 'could become a vast launching pad for missions to Mars and the rest of the solar system.' *The Times* prefers a lighter touch with a cartoon of two moon-inhabiting creatures wearing rubber boots and clutching an umbrella. 'Turned out nasty again,' says one as the rain pours down.

APPEAL TO HELP THE CHILDREN OF IRAQ

The Independent ignores the moon story on its front page and opts instead for a special sponsored appeal to help the children of Iraq. 'The children are dying,' says the paper - 'You can save them.' It quotes its reporter in the region, Robert Fisk saying 'The Iraqi regime deserves no defenders - but it is the innocent who have suffered most.' And the *Independent* provides a contact address where readers can donate funds to buy medicines to send to Iraq.

DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES

The Express looks at the ongoing debate over the circumstances surrounding the Paris car crash which cost the lives of the late Diana, Princess of Wales, and Dodi Al-Fayed, the son of the Harrods boss, Mohammed Al-Fayed. The paper has a bold headline telling Mr Al-Fayed to 'Shut up'. It adds that the judge in charge of the crash investigations is angry about claims of a cover up and has summoned the tycoons to Paris to explain his claims of a Diana death plot.

And finally, the *Sun* tells the story of an air-stewardess who received a signed playing card from The Princess of Wales as a unique personal memento. The card, based on Diana's favourite nickname, 'The Queen of Hearts', is now being put up for auction and could fetch fifty thousand pounds.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 1998

TAX ON CAR PARKING

Now for a look at Wednesday's

British newspapers. The front pages are crowded with a mixture of domestic stories, but there is an absence of consensus on what should be in the lead. *The Times* picks up the Government's latest attempt to reduce the use of private cars, by targeting free parking provided by shops and offices for employees and customers. The paper says a tax is to be levied on millions of free parking spaces to encourage people to use public transport. While supporting schemes to reduce road traffic, the *Mirror* says in its editorial that the Government must realise that for many people with no access to public transport, the car is a necessity. *The Sun* expresses outrage at what it calls yet another privilege for Members of Parliament, who the paper says will be exempted from the tax.

KOSOVO

On the international front, Kosovo continues to attract much attention. *The Independent* says that for ethnic Albanians who have been told for years that war with the Serbs was just around the corner, the moment they dread is now here. *The Guardian* says while Serb repression in Kosovo is unacceptable, it does not justify support for armed rebellion. The paper calls for UN forces to be deployed to prevent any spilling of conflict.

INDONESIAN ELECTIONS

Pictures of a tearful General Pinochet bidding farewell to the Chilean armed forces, and a sober President Suharto embarking on his seventh term of office, adorn many pages. *The Independent* headline simply says: 'Suharto safe as Indonesia edges towards collapse.' *The Guardian* quotes an Indonesian, commenting on the break up of small protest gatherings by armed police in Jakarta yesterday, as saying that 'the authorities' heavy-handedness indicates that they are living in fear.' *The Financial Times* asks whether another Suharto term is the best recipe for Indonesia's stability.

INDIA

The question of political stability in another country, India, has been raised by *The Times*. The paper says few doubt the BJP will be due course come to power or that it will be short-lived. 'A BJP administration', *The Times* observes, 'will survive only so long as its opponents permit'.

'BUTCH' THE PIG

IMMORTALISED

And finally, according to the *Independent*, one of the two pigs whose recent attempt for freedom on their way to the slaughter house captured newspaper and television headlines, has been immortalised in a statue at a historic cathedral. 'Butch' the Pig has been carved on to a pinnacle to grace the thirteenth-century chapel at Hereford Cathedral, which is also home of *Mappa Mundi*, one of the earliest maps of the world. A cathedral official was quoted as saying that they now have a twentieth-century legend, alongside the more ancient ones.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR THURSDAY 12 MARCH 1998

NEW EVIDENCE ON PASSIVE SMOKING

Now for a look at Thursday's British newspapers; and several of them lead with reports on the harmful effect of passive smoking. 'Smoker Mums Do Kill Babies', the *Mirror* headline declares. The paper quotes a report by a scientific committee which suggests that one in six cot deaths are linked to smoking mothers. The report also suggests that passive smoking raises the risk of developing lung cancer or heart disease by a quarter. *The Independent* describes the report as the most important of its kind in Britain for ten years. 'And', the paper says, 'it will increase pressure on the Government to curb smoking in public places.'

KOSOVO

Commenting on the Serbian Government's offer to hold talks with ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, the *Guardian* says the belated Serb initiative is designed to put the Albanians on the diplomatic defensive, but cuts little ice with them. The paper notes that, with the Kosovo Albanians due to hold elections later this month, no leader can afford to look soft in a highly-charged situation where the radicals are making all the running.

KOFI ANNAN'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

The Independent calls Kofi Annan's visit to Washington a testing time, both for him personally and for the United Nations that he heads. 'Getting the United States to pay up the one and a half billion dollars it owes the UN has been hard enough,' says the paper. But it adds that, 'Mr Annan's deal with Iraq over weapons inspections is likely to make extracting the US dollars more difficult still, as many Republicans in Congress believe Mr Annan has given Saddam Hussein an easy ride.'

PRESIDENT CLINTON

A couple of papers report from Washington that President Clinton is considering testifying before the grand jury looking at the Monica Lewinsky case. According to *The Times*, Mr Clinton's lawyers indicated his willingness after a request from the independent prosecutor investigating the allegations. *The Daily Telegraph* suggests that Mr Clinton's sudden keenness to co-operate with the inquiry reflects a feeling at the White House that the

prosecutor's evidence against the President is thin.

TRUANTS TO GET DAY OFF SCHOOL

And the *Independent* says on its front pages that truants in Britain are to get a day off from school - with the Prime Minister's permission. A hundred youngsters who regularly skip school have been invited to advise a government panel on how to tackle the problem. The paper says 800,000 children - one in ten in Britain - play truant. It quotes an official behind the scheme as saying that 800,000 kids can't be wrong: 'We need to take a fresh look at what's wrong with our education system,' says the official.

WEEKLY SOUTH AMERICAN WOOL MARKET REPORT

Uruguay: Uruguay wool Secretariat describes the market this week as slightly firmer, with a bit more turn-over.

This country is usually importing from abroad to cover the gap between its big combing capacity and local production. These imports during the first 4 months of the 97/98 season (Oct.97 - Jan '98) diminished by 55% compared with the same period of last season. A total of 3.8M KG greasy wool, worth US 8.8M, came into the country, mainly from Brazil, Argentina and Chile, and also from Australia and New Zealand in that order. Chile increased its share at the expense of Argentina.

Latu, Uruguay's technological laboratory, has kept enlarging its activity which during 1997 included export testing of 238 deliveries to China (mainly of fine XBD tops) worth US 243,250M.

Latu is also helping Uruguayan textile mills to optimize dyeing processes, to improve quality of wool fabrics, and generally speaking, supporting the quality aspects of Uruguayan exports and imports.

During last week a shipment of 110,000 live sheep including ewes, wethers and lambs left Montevideo bound for Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The trip is due to last 25 days, and another shipment of 90,000 live sheep is due within the next 3 weeks.

Argentina: Here farmers tend to hold back on their wools at the present price levels. A rough guess of remaining wools off the clip point to 20% in the Buenos Aires Province, 30% in Corrientes, roughly the same in the merino areas of Northern and Central Patagonia (Rio Negros, Neuquen, Chubut and N. of Santa Cruz) and more than 50% in Rio Gallegos (S. of Santa Cruz), in the island of Tierra del Fuego the percentage probably stands around 85%.

At the closing of the Rio Gallegos (Santa Cruz) annual farm show, the provincial Government announced support measures for farmers badly hit in the recent years by winter snowstorms, Hudson Volcano's ashes, and prolonged drought. These measures aim at financing the purchase of rams and of mother ewes, plus lamb 'retention' a maximum of USD 0.30 per greasy will be granted (in up to 30,000 kg greasy wool per farmer, financed by the Santa Cruz Provincial bank. This is in addition to already announced cheap credit rates with extended payment facilities.



News from South America provided by Mercopress

JACK MACKEREL BAN IMPOSED SANTIAGO

CHILE imposed a month long ban (until April 12th) on jack mackerel fishing all along the central area of the country extending from Regions III to X. The ban is part of a six points plan announced by Chilean Fisheries Under Secretary, Juan Manuel Cruz, to try to determine why catches include such a high percentage of undersized specimens, as well as to establish a long term strategy. In 1997 jack mackerel catches amounted to 2.8 million tonnes, a 27% drop compared with 1996. The downward trend this season is expected to continue since data provided by the Chilean National Fisheries Service and the private sector indicate that during February and the first week of March, almost 70% of the catches' specimens were well below the accepted size. The plan also includes regular surveying and monitoring of the fishery during the next twelve months. The idea is to determine whether the absence of adult-sized jack mackerel is a consequence of the 'El Niño' phenomenon or over exploitation.

KRILL RESEARCH PUNTA ARENAS

A scientific research vessel that spent several weeks collecting data on the Antarctic food chain, mainly krill, is back in Punta Arenas with the thirty marine biologists who work for Antarctic Marine Living Research, AMLR, the American organisation that financed the cruise. The group, headed by Professor Christopher Hewes from La Jolla University of California, divided the research work, done mostly in the South Shetlands and Elephant islands area, into five groups. The first two were related to the distribution and abundance of fisheries, and how they connect with the phyto-plankton and zoo-plankton density. A third group did an acoustic survey; a fourth concentrated on oceanographic variables and finally an on field team checked the diets of mammals living in the islands. This last job was co-ordinated with the US National Oceanographic Atmosphere Administration. AMLR is an American institution that has been doing research in the southern seas for the last sixteen years and has visited Punta Arenas on several occasions. AMLR also has a scientific co-operation agreement with the University of Magallanes and the Chilean Fisheries Promotion Institute.

300 ISOLATED IN TORRES DEL PAINE PUNTA ARENAS.

Over 300 people were isolated during several days in the Chilean National Park of Torres del Paine as a result of the heavy rainfall that overflowed rivers, flooded sites and cut roads. Many of the tourists managed to take refuge in the local hostels, although a few campers had to be rescued and a couple of them flown by helicopter to hospital. Forty workers had to be evacuated during the night after their camp was completely flooded. Crews from the Department of Public Works and local councils as

well as farm hands and Carabineros tried during two days to repair an exit road but had to wait since some sections were still covered with water and conditions of several bridges were considered very precarious. Finally using heavy equipment from the Public Works Department and four wheel vehicles from the Chilean forces, tourists were able to abandon safely the National Park. Local and regional authorities after flying over the area and assessing damages have created a Special Emergency Committee that will be requesting assistance funds from the Santiago government. The Torres del Paine Park has become a world attraction and every year receives thousands of visitors, mainly foreigners.

FEDERATION OF CORRIEDALE BREEDERS PUNTA ARENAS

A delegation of Uruguayan sheep breeders praised the quality of wool and size of the Chilean Corriedale during the Expogama '98, the annual agricultural show held in Punta Arenas. 'I'm impressed by the rams I've seen, and I'm convinced local Corriedale breeders are on the right course: aiming at wool below 20 microns on strong carcasses,' said Gabriel Capurro, the General Manager of the Uruguayan branch of the International Wool Secretariat, and one of the judges of the show. Mr. Capurro indicated Expogama is rapidly becoming a show with an international reputation and stressed the excellent colour and presentation conditions of the Magallanes wool, 'which has a strong demand from the Uruguayan textile industry for mixing into top quality garments.' The delegation also included the president of the Uruguayan Corriedale Breeders Association, Mr. Germán Echeverría who said one of the aims of the trip was to reactivate the Latin American Federation of Corriedale breeders, with members in Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Uruguay. 'Actually it all started last year when a delegation of breeders from Magallanes visited Uruguay and were present at our big agricultural show in El Prado,' remarked Mr. Echeverría. The Uruguayan representative added he was surprised at the good conditions for sheep farming in the South of Chile and the size of rams. 'A two teeth, 125 kilos Corriedale ram, is quite impressive,' stressed Mr. Echeverría. The prize to the top sheep of the show went to a ram from 'El Trébol' farm of Isla Riesco belonging to Kenneth MacLean, a well known farmer from the Magallanes Region. 'The secret rests in a good selection, full dedication and great care when incorporating new blood lines,' said a proud MacLean.

RECORD PERUVIAN FISH EXPORTS LIMA

Although prospects for the current season are still uncertain, Peruvian fish exports reached a record 1.36 billion US dollars during 1997, a 21% increase over 1996. According to the Peruvian National Association the excellent

showing is mainly the result of very satisfactory prices for fish oil and meal, plus greater sales of canned products. Fish meal sales represented 991 million US dollars; fish oil, 94.5 million US dollars; fresh and frozen products, 199 million US dollars while canned fish and other seafood, 65 million US dollars, double the 1996 sum. As far as 1998, Peruvian authorities are rather cautious and are anxiously waiting for April when the anchovy and sardine season begins. The two months (February-March) summer ban follows an important 25% drop in anchovy catches during the last quarter of 1997.

DI TELLA'S RECORD BUENOS AIRES

The witty Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Guido Di Tella, famous for his 'seduction policy' towards the Falklands and for describing Argentine relations with the United States as 'carnal', has his own record. As of last February he became the Foreign Secretary who has held longer the post in Argentine history: seven years. Former lecturer at Oxford, 'anglophile' and Peronist, Mr. Di Tella was Argentine Ambassador in the United States when he was called by President Carlos Menem to replace Domingo Cavallo, who became Minister of Economy in the cabinet reshuffle of early 1991. Another personality who established a 'stability' record is Dr. Eduardo Menem, President Menem's brother: for the tenth year running he was elected to preside over the Argentine Senate. Mr. Eduardo Menem is also a pre candidate for the 1999 Argentine presidential election.

BLAIR AND MENEM WILL ANNOUNCE THE OIL ROUND BUENOS AIRES.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Argentine President Carlos Menem will jointly announce the oil licensing round in the co-operation area to the south west of the Falklands during Mr. Menem's visit to Great Britain, tentatively set for next November. According to the Buenos Aires daily *Clarín*, this will be the culminating event of a visit that will include a meeting with Her Majesty in Buckingham Palace. Although there are a still a few legislative aspects to be made compatible, the South Atlantic Hydrocarbons Bilateral Committee is working at full speed to have the document ready and offer the bidding companies all the necessary legal guarantees. *Clarín* also reports that British Ambassador in Buenos Aires, David Marsden, met this week with Foreign Minister Di Tella to review details of Mr. Menem's agenda, as well as to talk about the coming visits to Argentina of the Lord Mayor of London, Richard Everard Nichols, on March 22nd, and Sports Minister Tony Banks, three days later. Another issue was the joint seminar on military peace keeping exercises to be held next week in Campo de Mayo with the participation of British and Argentine officers. The draft agenda for Mr. Menem includes meetings with the Governor of the Bank of England; with the president of the Confederation of British Industry; with members of the opposition, Conservative William Hague and Liberal-Democrat Paddy Ashdown, as well as the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Anglo-Argentine Association. Mr. Menem will also announce the establishment of a branch of the Oxford Saint Anthony College in Argentina. According to the Argentine daily the exact date of Mr. Menem's visit will be publicly confirmed next April.

FREE FALL FOR OIL PRICES - NEW YORK

Oil continued its free fall in international markets and reached its lowest price in a decade, below 12 US dollars a barrel. The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, (OPEC), Secretariat in Vienna reported at the beginning of the week that oil was selling at 11.75 US dollars a barrel, compared to an average of 18.68 US dollars during 1997. Consultants in New York said that the falling prices are a consequence of the Asian crisis, a mild winter in the Northern Hemisphere and over production from OPEC members. Next Monday, OPEC's monitoring committee is expected to hold a crucial meeting regarding quotas and overall production. Nevertheless brokers don't expect surprises since several of OPEC members are going through difficult times and need to keep pumping, mainly Indonesia, Nigeria and Venezuela.

VIOLENT PROTEST AGAINST PINOCHET - SANTIAGO.

Rioting that left tens of injured and hundreds of arrests marked the end of General Augusto Pinochet's twenty-five years as Commander in Chief of the Chilean Army and his swearing in as a Senator for life. The worst protests occurred in Valparaíso where the Chilean Congress sits during the ceremony when the former dictator now a retired officer and dressed as a civilian, became a member for life of the Senate that plays a crucial role according to the 1980 Constitution tailored by Pinochet himself. Thousands of protesters gathered outside Congress and fought with police forces who attacked the crowd with batons and hydrants, causing tens of injured and hundreds of arrests. In the Legislative building Congressmen stood up with signs rejecting Pinochet's presence and announcing he will be prosecuted for human rights violations. The day before in an impressive ceremony at the Military School headed by President Eduardo Frei, General Pinochet handed the post to his successor General Ricardo Izurieta. In a short but forceful speech, interrupted by some tears, Pinochet, who brutally deposed in 1973 Marxist constitutional president Salvador Allende, stressed that the Armed Forces had saved motherland Chile from, 'chaos and the destructive forces. This helped to rebuild Chile and democracy, and for the Armed Forces it was mission accomplished,' remarked Pinochet. The speech was followed by an impressive parade of 3,000 men in their best colours and German World War II helmets. Outside hundreds protested and screamed that Pinochet 'was a murderer' and had to be jailed.

FISH MARKET IN PUNTA ARENAS

The fishing season is quickly picking up in the South of Chile and several important transshipments of fish have been taking place in Punta Arenas. The *Nitaka Maru* and *Betanzos* unloaded over two thousand tons, mostly hake that are waiting to be shipped to the Far East. Two reefers, *Siruga* and *Shidaka Maru* that were delayed by strong winds are presently waiting to complete their cargo with final destination in Japan. Local harbour authorities have anticipated that the new facilities in the Arturo Prat pier are sufficient for the operations of local and foreign vessels. We are confident that there will be ample docking space and cold storage for when the fishing season is at its highest, said Mr. Videla, one of the local agents.

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Lisa Riddell examines just one of the Chilean holiday destinations on offer

Before a recent trip to Santiago in Chile, my only abiding memory of anywhere in South America was a hotel in Buenos Aires, Argentina. And at five years of age my idea of entertainment in a new and exciting culture was to hang out of a fifth floor window and enjoy the time it took mouthfuls of water to hit the pavement below. (Revolting of course, but readers should bear in mind that I was being enthusiastically encouraged by my eight year old brother and five year old Neil Clifton!) That last visit was some twenty three years ago and presumably there are others here as innocent of that continent as myself, hence the following, and very basic, guide to just one of those destinations available to the growing number of Islanders who appear to have South America in mind for their holidays.

CLOSE to the foot of the Andes, Santiago nestles in a flat bottomed valley, the city sloping gently from east to west, and crossed in the same direction by the Mapocho River. Approximately twelve and a half miles from downtown Santiago is the Comodoro Arturo Merino Benitez Airport (popularly known as Pudahuel) and it is here where Islanders in search of the 'Santiago experience' are most likely to begin their holiday. Having arrived in late evening, tourists from these parts who have heard descriptions of the heavy heat and smog of the city may be surprised to discover that summer evenings are comfortably cool (relatively that is!) and while jackets and woolly jumpers are out of the question, neither will those travellers unaccustomed to heat, have to suffer the sticky warmth found in other benign climates.

Arrival

Hailing a taxi on exiting the airport is, as Paul and I, discovered, a rapid experience, in fact our luggage was whipped from our grasp before either of us had a chance to raise a beckoning hand (price of a taxi to your hotel will be approximately 7-10,000 pesos if you're staying in Providencia.) However, although pleasantly surprised by the cool of the climate, a tourists' temperature may well rise a little during the taxi drive to the hotel. Chilean, or Latin American drivers in general, are an admirable lot, not least for their ability to drive at extreme speeds along a three laned highway for which rules of the road appear not to exist. After fifteen minutes spent naively attempting to discern which lane was slow, which fast etc. I resigned myself to the fact that they comprised fast, fast and fast, and that I should probably have faith in a man who was perfectly at ease in what appeared to be organised chaos. By the way, taxis are cheap, and the best way to travel around the city.

Despite the late hour of arrival, the hotel staff (in our case, the staff of the reasonably priced Aloha Hotel in a quiet street in the Providencia area) give a warm welcome. Service in this particular hotel, which is undoubtedly the same as in all others recommended by our local tour operators) was exemplary. In fact so good was it, that for someone like myself, unused to hotel life, it was almost embarrassing. By the end of the week, however, I had convinced myself I was born to such a pampered existence and was yelling, poolside, for my iced beer with as much confidence (if not such a good accent) as the rest of the guests.

What is on offer?

While a large proportion of Islanders with Santiago in mind as a holiday destination will undoubtedly be doing so with a serious amount of shopping intended (and believe me, if this is your intention you're going to the right place) the city has much more to offer. Clubs and pubs, history and culture, amusements for children, sunbathing and swimming and a frighteningly large choice of restaurants of every na-

tionality are all awaiting you, and with every amenity complete with reasonable prices (and yes.. menus are normally available in English). If your idea of a pleasant evening out involves something not too frenetic, but in the centre of local life, I can personally recommend Branigan's and the Red Pub on Av Suecia 029 in Providencia. Only a few minutes walk from our hotel the two pubs were on a street of similar establishments, many offering live music, and all boasting outside seating (of course), food, attentive waiters, and the added attraction of street performers, caricaturists and street sellers. Lager lovers should try the local tipple, *Schop*, while those with more 'refined' tastes can quaff Chilean wine at ridiculously low prices, or for rather more pesos sip any choice of cocktail. (Determined to be in the holiday mood, if not terribly chic, I demanded a Tequila Sunrise, to be informed by my spouse that for a fiver a shot, "that'll be your last dear.")

Shopping

For those not able to speak the language, this isn't a problem. Being only able to count a little in Spanish, recite a few colours and fluently utter such helpful phrases as, "That cat is very big," I still managed to avoid any difficult situations. However, having a basic idea of how many pesos constitute £10 etc. is of course very handy (incidentally that's very approximately 7000 pesos) when trying to discover whether the designer jeans in mall *Parque Arauco* really are three times cheaper than in Freemans' catalogue (and in the end of summer sales, they are!)

Many of Santiago's department stores and boutiques are conveniently placed in one of a number of large, clean and air conditioned malls, complete with fast food outlets, and even amusement arcades - the latter a perfect place to abandon a bored partner for an hour or so. The best of these, in terms of choice of outlets is probably the three tiered *Alto Los Condes*, where women can find Chilean versions of Britain's *River Island/Warehouse*, not to mention the ever present *Benneton*, or good quality but cheaper clothing in department store *J C Penney*. The boys can of course check out what *Tommy Hilfinger*, *Diesel*, *Soviet* or *Calvin Klein* etc. have to offer. Malls, *Parque Arauco*, *Panoramico* and *Apumanque* are all worth a visit, but for good quality local crafts, visitors should call in to *Pueblito de Los Dominicos* where traditional Chilean skills such as woodwork, gear and jewellery making can all be observed first hand. The latter is also an excellent place to purchase gifts for friends back home.

Tours

If you're only visiting Santiago for a short time, it is probably advisable to take up the offer of a half day city tour. A number of tours will be on offer when you book, but this and the day trip to Valparaiso and Viña del Mar

are apparently the most popular, and deservedly so. The city tour, basically a thumbnail sketch of the area, gives the tourist a chance to discover just what sights are worth re-visiting. Also without too much effort involved you can fill up a few camera films and impress everyone when you return with the not altogether truthful assurance that you, "really did see all Santiago had to offer!"

The day trip to Valparaiso and Viña del Mar is a must if you genuinely want to learn something about this particular part of Chile. On the trip along Highway 68 to the coast, the guide will explain a little about the history and geography of the region (including the vineyards) and if all this is not to your taste you can always indulge in a skinful of the local speciality, a powerful grape cider called *Chicha*, half

Seeking Santiago?

way through the journey. Valparaiso is historically fascinating - houses hang precariously off cliffs where past earthquakes have broken away the ground below - and the Viña del Mar is a sunny, neat and relatively new seaside town which miraculously (if you were wrongly expecting a Chilean version of Southsea) doesn't smell of fish and chips, but does offer some good quality seafood restaurants - try some conger eel (but if you can't face a combined texture of squid and oily fish.. don't bother!)

Take it from me, Santiago is an attractive, sophisticated and fun city, and this feature barely touches the surface. For more details have a look at travel guides such as *Chile A Remote Corner On Earth* or the Chilean Handbook published by *Footprints* - both available for perusal at IT Travel.

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Above: Changing the guard at the Presidential Palace, Santiago.
Below: Valparaiso with the Viña del Mar in the distance





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Horse Racing Results:

Maiden Plate F.I. Bred - 600 yards
1st Shasha - M Davis, 2nd Sherry - R
Rozee, 3rd Tarkoma - A Turner
Open - 600 yards 1st Mysteria
Maria - M Davis, 2nd Calameera - A
Turner, 3rd Norai - D Peck

100 Yards Foot Race 1st Karl
McKay, 2nd Doug Clark, 3rd Keith
Knight

F.I. Tamed - 600 yards
1st Sandown - M Davis, 2nd Mister
Sheen - M Evans, 3rd Sarbana - D
Peck

One Mile Trot 1st Billy - S Pole-
Evans, 2nd Cherokee - A Turner, 3rd
High Noon - M Davis

Ladies Race 1st Watcho - E Turner,
2nd Strangler - H Bonner, 3rd Asti -
F Rozee

John Betts F.I. Bred - 600 yards 1st
Miss Moneypenny - M Evans, 2nd
Kahlua - M Davis, 3rd Tarkin - A
Turner

Rincon Dash F.I.B. - 400 yds 1st
Mister Sheen - M Evans, 2nd
Cherokee - A Turner, 3rd High Noon
- M Davis

Governor's Cup 700 yards 1st See
Me Do It - A Turner, 2nd Sandown -
M Davis, 3rd Quint - M Evans

F.I. Tamed - 300 yards 1st
Cherokee - A Turner, 2nd Strangler -
T Bonner, 3rd Asti - R Rozee

One Mile Foot Race 1st Roxanne
Morrison, 2nd Carl Nightingale, 3rd
Richard Davies

Pickthorne Plate - 500 yards 1st
Sasha - M Davis, 2nd Tarkoma - A
Turner, 3rd Sammy - R Rozee

Rozee/Marsh Chase - 500 yards 1st
Annabelle - L Pole-Evans, 2nd
Starlight - T Lang, 3rd Tarkin - E
Turner

600 Yards Open 1st Mysteria Maria
- M Davis, 2nd Norai - D Peck, 3rd
Miss Moneypenny - R Evans

220 Yards Foot Race 1st Roxanne
Morrison, 2nd Ian Betts

Ladies 600 Yards Open 1st
Mysteria Maria - H Bonner, 2nd
Norai - D Peck, 3rd Calameera - S
Hansen

Veteran's Handicap Foot Race 1st
B Betts, 2nd A Robertson, 3rd L
Luxton

F.I. Bred - 500 yards 1st Miss
Moneypenny - M Evans, 2nd Kahlua
- M Davis, 3rd Jumpjet - T Bonner

F.I. Tamed - 600 yards 1st
Sandown - M Davis, 2nd Quint - M
Evans, 3rd Mister Sheen - R Evans
F.I. Bred - 600 yards Ladies 1st
See Me Do It - E Turner, 2nd
Sudana - D Peck, 3rd Nashville - F
Rozee

F.I. Tamed - 500 yards Young
Jockeys 1st Annabelle - L Pole-
Evans, 2nd Starlight - T Lang

F.I. Tamed - 500 yards See Me Do
It - A Turner, 2nd Jumpjet - T
Bonner, 3rd Kahlua - M Davis

F.I. Bred - 700 yards 1st Quint - M
Evans, 2nd Sherry - R Rozee, 3rd
Tarkoma - A Turner

Half Mile Trot - Ladies 1st Billy -
L Pole-Evans, 2nd Annabelle - S
Pole-Evans

80 yards Backward Foot Race 1st
Roxanne Morrison, 2nd Nadia
Smith, 3rd Sammy Dodd

F.I. Bred Port Howard Stakes -
600 yards 1st Kahlua - M Davis,
2nd Tarkoma - A Turner, 3rd Quint -
M Evans

Consolation Race - 500 yards 1st
Startrek - R Evans, 2nd Natasha - R
Rozee, 3rd Krishna - D Peck

Old Duffer's Race - 500 yards 1st
Sundana - J Forster, 2nd Nashville -
N Knight, 3rd Strangler - R Lee

Champion Race F.I.B. 500 yards
1st See Me Do It - A Turner, 2nd
Sandown - M Davis, 3rd Miss
Moneypenny - M Evans

Champion Race Open - 700 yards,
1st Calameera - R Rozee, 2nd
Mysteria Maria - M Davis, 3rd Norai
- D Peck

Steer Riding 1st Doug Clark, 2nd
Mark Jones, 3rd Alan Bonner

Champion Jockey
Winner M Davis 33 points
Runner-up A Turner 23 points

Overall winner under 25 L Pole-
Evans

Best turned out Maiden Plater
Sherry

Dog Trials - Open
1st L Morrison - Ace

2nd D Betts - Mist
3rd J Forster - Boy

4th S Hansen - Flounce
Dog Trials Novice
1st S Hansen - Flounce

2nd T Hirtle - Turk
3rd R Smith - Dixie

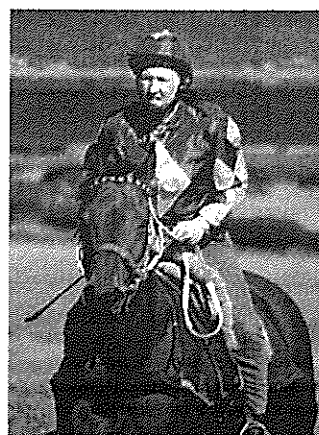
Sheep Shearing
The Murray Jack Trophy
1st P McKay

2nd Roy Smith
3rd L Marsh
4th R Evans

Best Pen of Sheep
Leon Marsh
Novice Shearing Michelle Evans

West Sports Steer Riding report by Patrick Watts

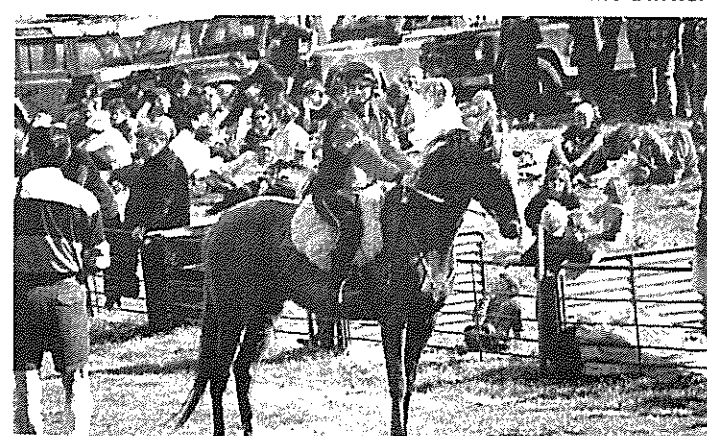
THIS popular event returned to the Port Howard programme and the so-called 'roughest steers on the west' challenged the most expert riders, but after Melvin Clifton, Karl McKay and Ben Cockwell bit the dust quickly, young Mark Jones put up a good show and his ride gave him the runners-up spot just behind the excellent Douglas Clark who sat out the ten seconds and jumped from the steer and landed on both feet to gain extra points. Despite the popularity of the event there were few entries on the day and Alan Bonner of Stanley was awarded third place after a spirited ride. Unlike last time there were thankfully no injuries of note but a few experienced riders, obviously recalling their past exploits, decided to give the event a miss.



Above: West Sports scene on an idyllic day. Below: A tight finish. Photographs by Susie Hansen.



Below: Dae Peck and Norai. Bottom: Elaine Turner.



Golf ...by Frank Jackson

Tony Mac drives to Stanley success

IN GOLF, as in many sports, major competitions bring the best out of certain players. In previous years, when the Secretary Shield has been held on his own Goose Green course, Tony McMullen has proved a formidable competitor, winning the shield in 1994.

This year, with the event being held in Stanley, Tony's early morning journey paid off handsomely. He carded a winning score of 37 points to regain the shield and ensure a further entry on the Club's honour's board.

Tim Bonner, returning to golf after his recent Sports Week horse racing successes, was upstaged by Tony for most of the round. Stumbling, when unluckily twice out of bounds on the sixteenth, he had to settle for second place on 34 points, a short head in front of fast

finishing Barry Smith on 33. Ian Doherty and Kevin Clapp weighed in with best front and back nine scores; Joe Bains snaffled the nearest the pin prize; Dusty Miller won the longest drive by a distance; and Jane Miller romped away with the Ladies prize. Well handicapped Graham France was first past the post for the highest points score on par three's.

This year's Secretary Shield was sponsored by Pat and Frank Jackson.

Next Sunday the eagerly awaited Cable and Wireless Bogie Competition returns. This is also the final event for Club Captain, Barry Smith, and a good turnout is expected to wish him well.

Please book in by 8.45 for a 9.00 am start.

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NOTICES

Results of the Auction Bridge held on the 11th March
1st Mr & Mrs D Roberts
2nd C Clifton & M Murphy
Booby Mrs E Vidal & Mrs D Clarke
The next bridge evening is scheduled for the 25th March. Whist is next Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Day Centre.
ALL ARE MOST WELCOME

The General Employees Union would like it made known that Jaunita Brock, Editor of "Teaberry Express" vacated the office in the Union Building August 1997 to operate from her flat, number 5 in the Brewster conversion block on Jeremy Moore Avenue. It would be appreciated if clients use this address and not c/o the Union Building, Ross Road, as printed in "Teaberry Express".

There will be a Public Meeting with all Councillors who can attend on Wednesday the 18 March, in the Court & Council Chamber from 5-6pm.
Everyone is welcome - if someone has a question that may need research, please telephone or fax Jenny Luxton in the Councillors Office before hand.

ATTENTION!! CHANGE OF DATE BRENTON LOCH OPEN DAY
DATE: Wednesday April 15th 1998
Time: 10.30 till late
Place: Brenton Loch cattle yards - Follow the signs from Goose Green.
Activities: Official opening of the cattle yards and project by H E The Governor at 1.00 pm.
Inspection of the cattle yards and a chance to work animals in them. Visit to the herbicide trial site. Departmental displays on all the major programs in which the Department is involved.
Barbecue lunch.
We are hoping for a good roll up at this event as it is a good chance to catch up on the activities of the Department and discuss them with the officers responsible for them. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

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English as a second language classes run on a Wednesday evening from 6.00 to 7.30 pm in the Community School.
If you would like to learn more or know of someone who could benefit - come along to the class.
For all information on Community Classes contact Phil Middleton at the School on telephone 27290 or fax 27148

Falklands Landholdings Limited has for sale by way of tender three lots of land located to the north of Mount Pleasant. Tender documents may be obtained by contacting the Landholdings Office at 44 John Street, Stanley (telephone: 22698/22697). Completed tenders should be returned to the Managing Director of Falklands Landholdings Limited on or before 4.30pm on 10 April 1998

The competition on Sunday 8 March was the March spoons shot over 500 and 600 yards highest possible score 100.
C McCallum won a spoon scoring 93
D Pettersson 89
M Pole-Evans 89
K Aldridge 89
D Goodwin with a handicap score of 86 won the second spoon

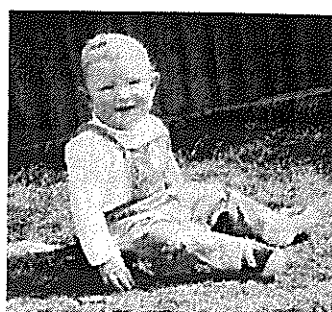
Falkland Islands Horticultural Society
FLOWER, VEGETABLE, HOME PRODUCE AND GARDEN SHOW
Saturday, 21 March 1998
FIDF Drill Hall
Doors Open at 2 pm
Entries accepted at the Drill Hall 6-9 pm on Friday 20 March
Entry fee: Adults - 50p
Children 5-15 years - 25p
Under 5 - free

From Michele Evans
Cake Creations
I will be unable to take any further orders for cakes of any kind until further notice. Any inconvenience regretted

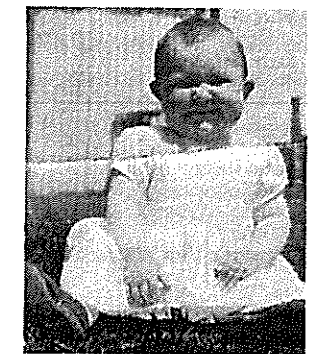
Help Us, Mom and Dad...

Show us always that you love us - no matter what.
Be our role models. Let us learn from you. "Don't do as I do, do as I say" never works.
Let us talk. Listen to us. We may be trying to tell you something that's hard to say.
Get to know our friends. Pay attention to how we spend our time and with whom.
Emphasize the good we do. Celebrate with us.
Give us space to make our own mistakes and learn from them as long as they don't hurt us too much.
Give us time. Even if we seem to avoid it, give us time and attention. We may not admit it, but we need you.
Pray with us.

PERSONAL



To Keith - Happy Birthday for Saturday



To Jane - Happy 40th Birthday. Hope you have a good one

To Ingrid - Well done, keep up the good work. See you soon.
Love Keith and Glynis

To Nicky and John
Congratulations on your wedding day tomorrow, hope you both have a wonderful day and a great future together. All our love always
Mum, Dad, Jonathan and Julie and Marie

To Aunty Nicky and Uncle John
Congratulations on your wedding day for tomorrow. I promise I will be a good girl for you. Hope you have a lovely day and a great future. With lots and lots of love always Bronwen XXX

To Mum & Daddy. Congratulations on your wedding day for tomorrow. Have a lovely day. With lots and lots of love and cuddles always - Dominic XXX

Especially for John and Nikki. Hope you both have a great wedding day tomorrow. Congratulations and all the best for the future. Lots of love always from Mum, Dad and Jax

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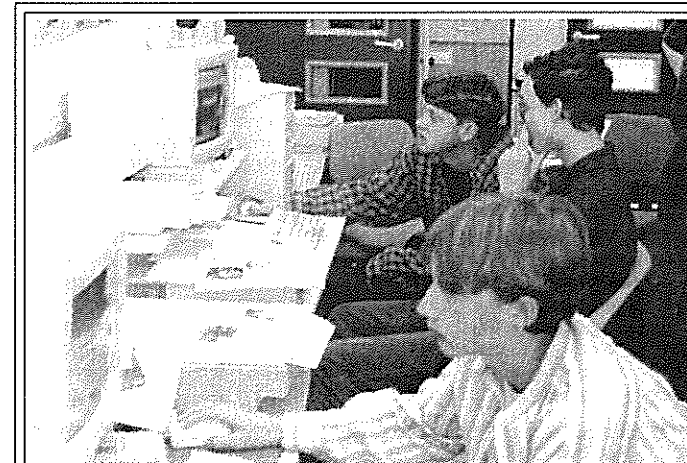
April hearing for Ihn Sung case

A REQUEST for a two week adjournment was made in the Court and Council Chamber this week by the prosecuting counsel, Mr Brett Phillips, in the case of Mr Ha Tae Hwan, Captain of the Ihn Sung 101, who faces two charges of Actual Bodily Harm against members of his crew (alternative charges being Common Assault).

Mr Phillips' contention was that the adjournment was needed due to the fact that the interpreters necessary for interviews with crew members and detailed translation of statements, could not travel to the Islands until the end of March. Mr Phillips explained that so far he had only seen some faxed, semi-translated statements, and some information provided by an independent Indonesian interpreter who had spoken with crew members of the Ihn Sung 101.

An adjournment was agreed by Senior Magistrate, Mr Keith Watson, and Mr Ha was ordered to appear in Court on April 6, 1998.

Defending Mr Ha, Mr Kevin Kilmartin, explained he had not been aware that the request for adjournment by the prosecution was going to be made, and said he would prepare a request for a variation in the Captain's bail terms. Mr Kilmartin also said he would do so because Mr Ha was in a foreign country and could not work, although a person facing similar charges who worked on shore would have been able to continue to earn a living. Mr Ha, he went on, was also still uncertain of the exact details of the allegations against him. He said although Mr Ha was facing serious charges, they were not of the 'most' serious kind and suggested that he be allowed to return to his vessel to continue work until he was due to appear in court on April 6.



The Times Education Supplement Newspaper Day Competition saw sixteen students from the Community School involved in producing this year's entry last week. The sixteen were: Editorial: Mark Gilbert, Rob Burnett, Nick Rendell and Ben Dempster. Assistant Editors and Writers: Ben Farrand, William Normand, Anneka Clarke, Pippa Lang, Sophie Greenland, Simon Jones, Simon Benjamin, Kevin Marsh, Sian Davies, Bonnie Curtis, Roxanne Crowie and Christopher Herron. Overseeing from the sidelines were English teacher, Veronica Fowler and Geography teacher, Nigel Wright. For full story and more pictures turn to page four

Jiggers arrested for monies owed

TWO Korean jiggers, the 503 Chance and the Sam Yung 201, were arrested recently when local legal representatives, Ledingham Chalmers, requested a warrant as a result of the jiggers owing money outside the Islands.

The 503 Chance was arrested on February 27, 1998 by recently appointed Admiralty Marshall, Mr John Rowland, however, having settled its debts the vessel was released on March 17 at 1600 hours. The Sam Yung 201, which was arrested on March 16 at 13.30 hours was still anchored in Stanley Harbour at the time this article was written on Thursday, March 19.

An arrest of a vessel involves the Admiralty Marshall boarding the ship and attaching a warrant for

arrest to the mast or superstructure. The ships documents are then confiscated until the relevant release is issued by the courts.

Dictatorial or generous?.. Government college education policy debated at public meeting

PARENTS of local students studying overseas complained at a Public Meeting this week at FIG's, "dictatorial policy," on further education; and at the 'injustice' of a public accusation by the Education Board that parents had 'pleaded ignorance' regarding college funding arrangements. On the latter subject, parents claimed that although they were aware that allowances for students attending colleges other than Peter Symonds College (PSC) were to be the equivalent of Symonds fees, they were not aware until recently that PSC fees had been frozen at £5,400. (The freeze was set at the 1995 level because this was when the interest free loan was granted to PSC to build the new Falklands Lodge accommodation wing.) Parents

ent, Mrs Jennifer Jones said, "How can we be accused of pleading ignorance when we weren't told the facts until recently?" She also felt that this particular policy was, "dictatorial." A number of others at the meeting however said that they felt the FIG funding was, "extremely generous," and that if FIG had wished to do so, they could simply have only funded places at the reestablishment of choice - that being Peter Symonds College.

Also at the same meeting Dr Barry Elsbey inquired why FIG had chosen not to "ring-fence," the Government pensions fund with all the legislation existing in the United Kingdom for this purpose.

A complaint was also made about noise and dust pollution as a result of building projects in and around

Stanley.

A discussion regarding the safeguarding of foreign seamen against mistreatment by their superiors also took place, with members of the public making suggestions with regard to how, on a political and commercial level, the Islands' Government might act. Asked if it would not be prudent to ask a relevant international body for help with this issue, Councillor Clifton pointed out that this had already occurred, adding however, "We do need more than anecdotal evidence to raise even a flicker of interest in bodies such as these."

Councillors present at the meeting were, Mr Lewis Clifton, Mrs Sharon Halford, Mr John Birmingham and Mrs Jan Cheek.

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CAUGHT up as many of us are in the excitement of the 'whole new world' of the Internet, (particularly, I would guess, many younger Islanders) it is probably worth bearing in mind that while the Internet is quite priceless with regard to the wealth of valuable information it contains, it is still a man made data base of unimaginable, and still growing, proportions, and as such, naturally encompasses those more unsavoury aspects of our civilisation.

This week, *Penguin News* were reminded of just one of those perils when it was pointed out to us that when using the key search word Falkland Islands, one of the administrators listed fifty separate web sites containing allegedly relevant information, however, the very last one of these offering material of a pornographic nature.

While the problem exists that perusers (potential Falklands' tourists?) of this list might mistakenly assume that the site is one set up in the Islands - its source is actually the US - this is a petty irritation compared to the possibility that local school children attempting to discover what has been written about their country will find this particular source of pornography. Luckily, in this case, a subscription must be paid before access is allowed - a potential but not insurmountable stumbling block for minors - however, this type of web site is just one of countless others, the majority far more easily accessible than the aforementioned, and none of which are legally censorable either by the service provider in the Falklands (C&W) or any international body.

With regard to pornographic web sites, and their use by adults in general, I must emphasize that I have no particular axe to grind (providing those depicted are willing participants - not always the case - and I don't have to look at the stuff). However, while it is for adults to make their own decisions about the use of these sites; parents and teachers will already be aware of the danger of impressionable teenagers - and even younger children - believing that what they may observe (or read) on pornographic web sites necessarily passes for normal behaviour amongst consenting adults.

The Internet, as I have already noted, has a huge potential for good, hence drawbacks such as the above should not leave parents reluctant to allow its use by their children. However, being vigilant with regard to what sites are being investigated by their curious offspring is probably advisable.

Private computers are not, of course, the only pathway to these sites and hopefully the Community School, who have a free Internet facility for pupils, are considering the development of a policy on the same subject.

Your letters

Team work was a credit to the Falklands

ON BEHALF of the staff of KEMH involved in the rescue and treatment of the Indonesian fishermen from the vessel *Ihn Sung 101* on Wednesday, March 4, 1998, I would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of people who provided assistance to our staff on the day and who were instrumental in ensuring a favourable outcome for these men.

Firstly, may I thank the initial rescue parties aboard the *Sulivans* and *FIC* launch vessels whose prompt actions enhanced the outcome of the four men brought aboard their launches and saved the life of at least one. Members of the launch crews also helped Dr

Richard Davies on board his private yacht, who together with his crew had rescued a further three fishermen from the water.

At the FIPASS dock the assistance provided by staff of *Sulivans* and *FIC* fishing agencies, the Customs department, Fisheries Department, the Falkland Islands Police and bystanders, allowed the staff of KEMH to stabilise and move the fishermen to KEMH as quickly as possible.

The teamwork demonstrated by everyone involved in this incident is a credit to the Falkland Islands.

Roger Diggle
Chief Medical Officer

Computer virus dangers cannot be overstated

IN REPLY to Mr Dunford's letter in last week's *Penguin News*, I spent a solid week removing a virus from around twenty computers and several hundred floppy disks in the Community School this January.

This is not the only wide spread incident my colleagues and I have had to deal with. There have been another three incidents over the last year on almost the same scale.

Fortunately they were all fairly harmless, but they do serve as a warning to what can happen if not carefully monitored. I believe that the chances of someone receiving a virus are quite small. I do not believe that the danger they create and the damage they can cause can be overstated.

Ben Watson
Computer Technician

Public Notice Vacancy - Scientific Fishery Observer

THE Fisheries Department has an immediate vacancy for a Scientific Fishery Observer for approximately 3 months though the period of engagement is negotiable. Candidates should preferably be qualified to degree level in a biological discipline.

On the job training can be given to non-graduates.

Salary for a qualified Scientific Observer is in Grade E ranging from £13,560 per annum to £16,956, entry point being dependent on the successful applicants' qualifications and relevant experience.

Further information about the post can be obtained from the Observer Co-ordinator, Mr Joost Pompert, on telephone number 27260 during normal working hours. A visit to the department to discuss details of the post would be advisable.

Application forms and a job description are available from the Human Resources Department and completed forms should be returned to that Department no later than 4pm on Wednesday 25th March 1998.

Public Notice

ON Friday 20 March 1998 there will be a public meeting at 5pm in the Geography Room of the Falkland Islands Community School at which a party of visiting defence lecturers have kindly agreed to address members of the public.

Each of the party will give a brief presentation, after which questions will be invited.

This is a unique opportunity to gain an insight into a vital element of modern society and all members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

Write to *Penguin News*, Ross Road, Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Education press release notable for hostility towards parents

THE press release by the Board of Education last week was notable for its hostility towards parents.

Over the past two years the Board of Education have declined to acknowledge parents' concerns about further education provision for over 16's. This has resulted in a number of major decisions being made without consultation, one of which is the 'right decision' about further education.

Making a decision about further education means arriving at a conclusion based on fair consideration of a wide range of information and advice. This is informed choice. If you are a parent or student who has made an informed choice, which also happens to be the 'right decision', you are probably wondering what all the fuss is about.

However, if you have made an informed choice which does not concur with the 'right decision', you may well be wondering what

happened to democracy in the Falkland Islands. No matter how well justified the reasons for your choice, it is likely that you have been subject to strongly worded correspondence, stringent financial penalties and public criticism, all intended to discriminate against you and, presumably, to discourage others who might follow.

To summarise, the Board of Education have allowed themselves the liberty of making decisions without consultation and now expect parents and students to pay the price. An example is the number of students who are presently expected to live on £21.50 per week, which includes their allowance for books.

This is a serious issue which must be resolved. The answer lies not in aggressive tactics but in seeking a way forward through open and fair discussion.

Fiona Didlick
Stanley

"Take great exception" to Education Board press statement

WE take great exception to Councillor Cheek's press statement on further education in last week's *Penguin News*.

As parents of a student at Loughborough College we are not 'pleading ignorance' about the grant system. (Likewise other parents). We have known all along that student grants at Loughborough, and other colleges, are based on Peter Symonds College.

What we were not aware of, until very recently, was that fees at PSC have been frozen, for this year

and subsequent years, at £5,400. And that the real cost for a place at PSC for 1997/98 is £5,700. (This latter detail we discovered by chance).

Armed with this information we acted by raising the matter at a public meeting. Other parents wrote letters.

How on earth can we be accused of 'pleading ignorance' when all the information has only recently become available?

Alan and Jennifer Jones
Stanley

Heartfelt thanks from Merle Christie

I WRITE to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the most moving tribute to Bill, which was presented to me at a meeting of the Falkland Islands Committee in Stanley and signed by over 500 people. It will be much treasured.

The freedom of the people of the Falkland Islands to decide their own future was of paramount importance to Bill for twenty-nine

years, and will continue to be so to me and my family.

I also wish to say how much I have enjoyed visiting the Falkland Islands again; I would like to thank councillors for inviting me, and every one who has been involved in giving me such a wonderful welcome and organising my visit.

Merle Christie
East Grinstead, Sussex

Chief Executive - However understandable is the sense of outrage.. medical staff's letter was ill advised

MOST people will by now be aware that the Captain of the *Ihn Sung 101* is being prosecuted in respect of two alleged offences. The matter is therefore before the Magistrate's Court, and thus *sub judice*. It would therefore not be appropriate for me to comment on the events in question. I do however wish to respond to the letter from the Medical Department which was published in your paper last week.

However understandable - and widely shared, as I have no doubt - is the sense of outrage which prompted the medical staff to write their letter, it was ill-advised and potentially counter-productive of them to do so. It also took no account of the Government's policy on these matters which was outlined very clearly last year. Furthermore, although it acknowledged the Governor's broadcast, which was extremely carefully worded for legal reasons, it ignored or misrepresented what he said.

The Governor said: "The Falkland Islands takes allegations of

the kind made very seriously." That seriousness was being demonstrated at the time the Medical Department's letter was being written by the fact that the Attorney General's office and the Police were reviewing whether there was sufficient evidence to prosecute. The outcome of that review are the charges which have just been brought against the Captain. The crewmen who are prepared to give evidence have been assured in their own language that the FIG will meet both the cost of their stay in the islands and their repatriation following the hearing.

I have no doubt that the other incidents which have been alleged, which cannot be prosecuted in our Court because they took place outside our territorial waters, will be taken up with the Korean authorities by the British Government on our behalf. But I want to assure readers that there was never any question of the decision to prosecute being one for a "Mandarin in Whitehall."

Andrew Gurr
Chief Executive

Looking back on February

Births:

February 27 - A daughter, Shannon Christine Alazia to Andrew Alazia and Sandra Marie Summers

Marriages:

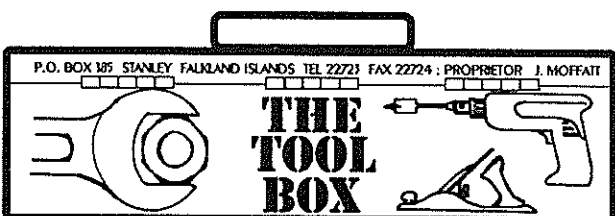
February 4 - Robert Charles Short and Dylis Margaret Ann Jordan in the Court and Council Chamber, Town Hall, Stanley

Shooting News

A NEW competition was held at the Rookery Bay range on Sunday 15th March which involved each competitor firing 60 rounds at 300 yards with a highest possible score of 600.

The winner was: M Pole-Evans 554, C McCallum 547, T McCallum 545, K Aldridge 541, T Pettersson 535

At a recent meeting of the committee the two marksmen, who will represent the Falkland Islands at the full bore target rifle competition at the Commonwealth Games to be held in Malaysia in September, were chosen. They are Chris McCallum and Derek Pettersson.



New stock arriving this week

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Focus on the *Falklands Focus*

THIS year's long-awaited edition of the *Falklands Focus*, the newspaper published once annually by students at the Falkland Islands Community School as their entry to the Times Education Supplement Newspaper Day competition, was published on Thursday, March 12, and by the following Saturday had become as rare as the mythical hen's teeth.

More than a hundred copies of the larger format paper were sold at the FICS fete on Saturday making this the fastest selling issue yet produced.

Having secured victory in the International Section of the competition last year with an A4 format, the editorial team felt the organisers of the competition would be looking for development and improvement in the paper, and took the controversial decision to move up in size to A3, though this did create problems with definition in the printing process.



Above: Yet another crisis in the newsroom
Below: Veronica Fowler wonders what editors Rob Burnett and Mark Gilbert have done this time

Other problems the team faced, according to Community School teacher, Veronica Fowler, included a lack of international news breaking on the day, and the fact that only three members out of the team of sixteen had sufficient expertise with the computer programme to be able to set the pages.

With twelve full pages plus a four page supplement to set, this naturally put the three under considerable time pressure and created an unavoidable bottleneck, though sheer dogged persistence in the end overcame it.

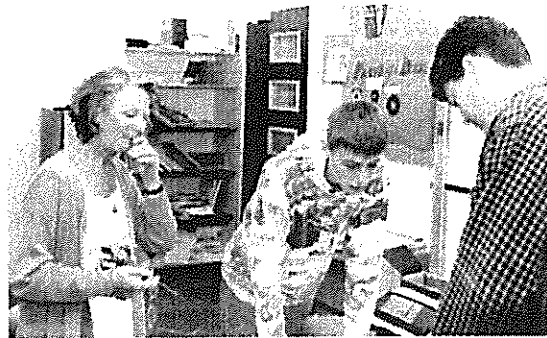
Proving that out of adversity can come an equivalent benefit, Mrs Fowler is already planning more and earlier training on the appropriate software package for next year's competition. Perhaps even finding the time to produce a

dummy paper in the months leading up to the competition proper.

In expressing pride in the determination of the team (many of whom worked late nights in the run up to competition day) Mrs Fowler also wished to thank the community at large for the tremendous response they once again produced in helping the team.

Of particular assistance were Cable & Wireless for providing access to the internet at no charge; Synergy Systems Limited for providing additional equipment, again for no charge; and the Attorney General, Mr David Lang, who gave a great deal of time to ensure the paper remained within the bounds of legal acceptability.

Now the paper has been despatched to the organisers for judging. After all the effort, the planning and the endeavour all the team can do now is wait to see if they can emulate last year's success.



Late letters Not a personal slight

WITH regard to Miss Brock's complaint in her 'Editor's Notebook,' that we at FICS did not officially inform her about our 'Newspaper Day,' I wish to say, as teacher with over-all responsibility for the day, that we were too busy/too tired to inform any of the media and that this was not a personal slight.

'Newspaper Day' is something of a misnomer as the team work ex-

tremely long, out-of-school hours in the week prior to production day.

It is worth noting that the other arms of the F.I. media were sufficiently aware of current events to cover the story without official notification from the team.

Veronica Fowler
Falkland Islands Community School

Housing problem?... solutions are out there

I WOULD like to write a letter in response to letters published in the last two issues of PN. Every week there is someone moaning about how FIG isn't helping them with their housing problems.

I have had my own experiences with the everlasting waiting list, writing letter after letter etc. On finding no headway with the Housing Committee I investigated other means of accommodation i.e. renting from the private sector and buying.

On buying a house I found the Government very helpful. They have set up an excellent assistance scheme which is designed to help young people.

With this scheme in place I find it difficult to understand why anyone would want to pay more on rent than they would on a mortgage.

Rent being dead money, mortgage being an investment.

Last March I bought a one-bedroom house, which costs less a month than my rent previously had. The total costs of my mortgage, heating and electricity are under £200 per month.

I would strongly advise those people who are fed up with the very slow moving housing list to investigate other solutions to their problems - they are there.

The main obstacle you may come across if you wanted a new house could be obtaining land. I understand the current waiting list for land is one to two years - what is this compared to five years on the Housing List.

Trish Smith, 22 year old
Falkland Islander
Stanley

All the fun of the fete



THE Falkland Islands Community School raised a massive £1,070.00 at their fete held on Saturday March 14.

Stalls inside the school include, books, bric-a-brac, refreshments and clothes, while outside children (and adults) enjoyed horse-riding, putting and throwing sponges at victims in the stocks. Winners of the Fancy Dress comprised: Pre-School: Rebecca Arthur-Almond and Jessica Chapman.

Infants: Thomas Elsby. Juniors: Rosalind Elsby, Hannah Arthur-Almond and Michael Brownlee.

Money raised will be divided between purchasing outdoor pursuit equipment for the school, and local charities.



Top: Horseriding for the children.
Above: Headmaster in the stocks

Reefer Fresh afloat

REEFER Fresh, the fishing vessel which ran aground at Arrow Point in Port William, was successfully freed on March 15 as a result of a towing operation by the Chilean tug Ultramar 12.

It was initially thought that the operation could not be successful until more than one tug was available, and the high tides of March 27 could assist. However, a representative of the Nippon Salvage Company who arrived in the Islands last weekend, was confident that a tow would succeed on Mon-

day nights' tide, and by using only one tug.

A sideways freeing tow was undertaken, and with the propeller in free water the Captain was able to reverse the engines while the tug pulled astern. At 8.03 the vessel was afloat.

A detailed survey will be made by a Salvage Association representative on behalf of the vessel's insurers, before the Reefer Fresh will be permitted to return to the high seas

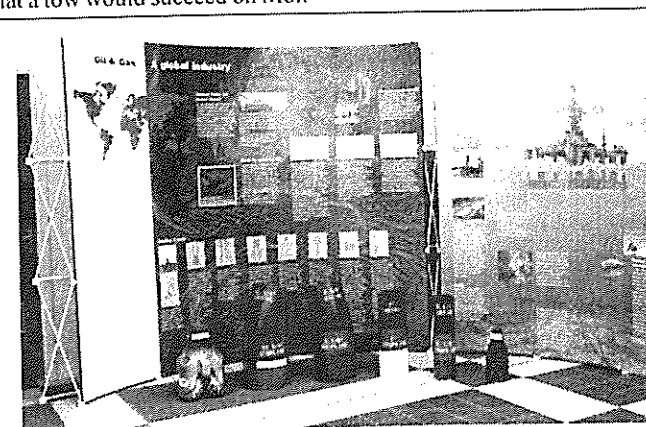


Kelvin Remote Site Services to construct 60 man accommodation block



Burnt out FIDC building is dismantled to provide a new building site
KELVIN Remote Site Services have been awarded the FIG contract to construct a 60 person accommodation block on the site of the old Falkland Islands Development Corporation building on the Stanley Airport Road.

The block will be a single storey construction, and when built will provide accommodation for personnel working on FIG projects. At present the block has five year planning permission, but this could be extended.



Amerada educate Falklands' pupils

AN attractive display board entitled, 'Oil and Gas - A Global Industry,' has been set up in the Falklands' Community School by Islands' oil operator Amerada Hess, with the aim of educating local pupils about the company's role in the waters around the Islands. Pupils can discover from the board, where oil comes from, how it is found, and the company's 'green' policies with regard to oil exploration and conservation. In front of the board are examples of the drill bits, casings and couplings used in oil exploration.

TWO weeks ago seven Indonesian and Chinese fishermen leapt from their Korean fishing vessel into the dark waters of the South Atlantic, risking death rather than remain aboard. They claimed daily beatings with iron and wooden bars administered by the Captain and others forced the desperate action upon them. When police investigated, the Captain was arrested, subsequently bailed, and another eleven crew left the ship by more conventional means. A letter, published in last week's edition of this paper and carrying the signatures of many of the senior members of the Medical Department prompted an immediate response from the Attorney General (broadcast by FIBS) and a written reply from the Administration which can be found on page three.

Moral dilemma

So, are we once again in confrontation with the spectre of Burn's 'man's inhumanity to man'? Are we faced with the choice of commercial expediency against noble principle? Does it really mean we must measure the health of our booming economy against the basic rights of a few foreigners? Is it as simple as the difference between right and wrong?

Certainly it is a moral dilemma as old as man, and currently it is a financial and legal thorn in the Falkland Islands Government's side which has the potential to turn septic and develop into an unpleasant political and public relations sore.

Hasn't it? *Penguin News* has been out talking to the people. We asked a cross-section of the community if they agreed with the outspoken collective letter (*Penguin News* March 13) from the Medical Department that Falkland Islands authorities had known for some years that, "ill-treatment and torture is common on some ships..."

Does our very public indignance at the thought that incidents like the one alleged above may be taking place in our waters also mean we must accept private responsibility? We asked what action they felt could be taken; and we asked if they felt international opinion might adversely affect the Falkland Islands if, and probably when, the story broke in the rest of the world, especially if, ultimately, there is little the authorities can do.

There is little doubt that the majority of you have been aware for some time that physical abuse is suspected to be routinely inflicted on 'ethnically different' crew aboard fishing vessels.

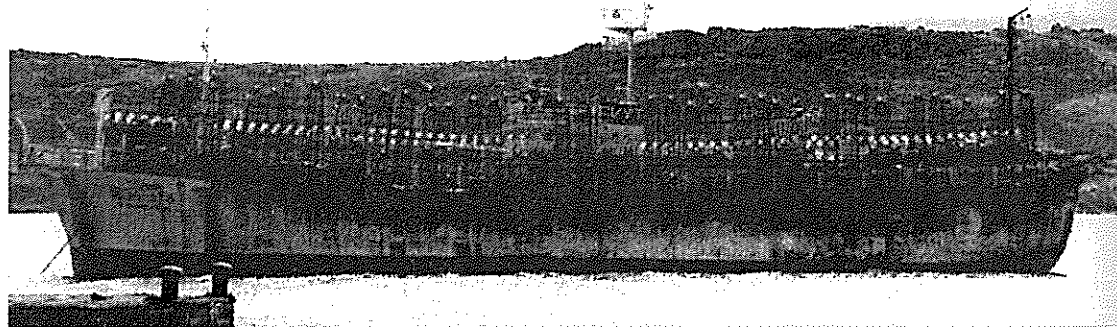
Public Announcement

Temporary Outage of all International Circuits

As a result of increasing demand, particularly from the oil industry, it will be necessary to transfer all existing international circuits to an alternative Intelsat satellite in the Atlantic Ocean Region. Unfortunately this will result in total unavailability of all international circuits for a period of approximately 4-8 hours on 1st April 1998. In order to minimise disruption and inconvenience the transfer will commence at 09:30 GMT (06:30 local time).

Although this is unavoidable, Cable & Wireless nevertheless wishes to extend its apologies in advance for the inevitable inconvenience this will cause. Every effort will be made to carry out the relocation of circuits as speedily as possible. We will, however, also be dependent on the successful transfer of circuits at the UK end.

Further announcements will be made in due course.



Above: A typical fishing vessel known as a 'Jigger'. The dark patches staining the hull are caused by ink from the squid that are their main catch

Everyone knows

Barbara Steen, 28 year old government employee, was blunt in her reply to the first question. "Of course I know. Everyone does." And she went further. "The government should definitely do something - it is irresponsible not to have done so already."



Jeremy Smith: "If a company or ship is found to be doing this sort of thing a licence should never be issued to them again"

Someone who is more knowledgeable than most about commercial fishing is businessman, Laurie Butler. "I find the whole situation appalling and abhorrent and I sincerely hope something will be done about it," he said unequivocally. He

felt that FIG must have known of the mistreatment to crews for some time but that, "they probably couldn't have done much because of lack of evidence."

Speaking from her home at Estancia, Ailsa Heathman was more cautious. "I don't know if FIG knew about it," she said, "but most people did." She agreed with Barbara that action is necessary but is concerned by 'the burden of proof. "If any of it happened in our waters something should definitely be done," she said, "but proving where it happened could be difficult."

Carol Lee, at Port Howard, said the letter from the Medical Department echoed the thoughts of many. "We've all known for some time. Something should have been done before now." She was concerned about more than just the alleged beatings though. "We know people who have been aboard some of these ships. The crews are living in terrible conditions and our livelihoods are coming off the backs of these men."

Trudi McPhee, of Brookfield Farm, was the first person we talked to who articulated the premise that government may be perceived to be between a rock and a hard place. "I think it is probably true that the Falkland Islands authorities knew, but it's a very tricky situation," she said. "Government definitely want to do something but have other things they have to take into account"

Falklands Conservation's Jeremy Smith agreed with most of our survey sample. "It's been common knowledge in the Falklands for a couple of seasons at least," he said, but he was less inclined to criticise the authorities. "I think they've been slow rather than remiss, and I'm not clear what the options are."

Conscience

He has no doubts about the need for a collective conscience though. "As a community we have made a lot of money from fishing. We have to accept that we have a responsibility to ensure the well-being of the men who work on these ships."

That theme was common to most of the people we talked to. Barbara Steen again: "We cannot just sit here in our perfect environment while all this unpleasantness may be going on around us. We become insulated from these things, and then something like this happens and it's pretty depressing."

Ailsa Heathman went along with Jeremy and Barbara but also added a qualifying factor. "Yes," she said, "people here have a responsibility, but I don't know how far we, or government, can go to put a stop to it."

In agreeing with that point of view Trudi McPhee expressed reservations as to the effectiveness of any attempts to control and/or punish proven brutality. "These people come from a different culture," she said. "It's almost their way of life and I can't see anything we do changing that. If we prosecute one of these captains for cruelty they'll simply be more careful next time."



David Higgins: "...As long as Islanders are seen to completely condemn these practices there should not be a problem"

Trudi was concerned that if nothing was done it, "would be a licence to others," but in urging FIG to do something she also commented on more local matters. "If FIG are going to toughen up on violence," she said, "it should apply islands wide and to people who live on land too."

She doesn't have a great deal of confidence in the effectiveness of a prosecution either. "I think they'll get away with it," she said. "They'll

Collective conscience or commercial concern?

What do you think? Penguin News asks you, the Public, for your views on the alleged cruelty controversy

wriggle around with words that will get mixed up in translation and the end result will be nothing."

Head Teacher at the Community School, David Higgins feels he is able to be a fairly objective observer and says he has always been impressed by the, "moral stance taken by locals on subjects such as this...Ultimately," he said, "it the responsibility of all of us, but we do tend to speak through FIG."

What next?

Though everyone we questioned was solidly in favour of 'something' being done, opinions differed as to what that something should be.

"It should be a condition of the fishing licence," suggested Barbara Steen, "that fishing companies treat their crews well. If they fail to the licence should be instantly withdrawn and they should lose the money they have already paid."

It was a suggestion echoed by Trudi McPhee. "If we grant a licence to a fishing company it should be on condition they are of good behaviour. If they are not they should immediately lose the licence."

Jeremy Smith's idea was more far-reaching. "If a company or ship is found to be doing this sort of thing then a licence should never be issued to them again."

Both Laurie Butler and David Higgins had similar views. David Higgins: "If no prosecution can occur locally the situation should be taken to the Korean government or other forums who have legislation with regard to international waters."

Laurie Butler: "In the light of recent happenings I hope it can be taken further if a prosecution cannot be brought locally."

Tarnished image?

The last question in the survey concerned world opinion and how it might affect the Falkland Islands if

and when the story reached outside media. Again, both Laurie Butler and David Higgins tended to agree in a cautiously upbeat way.

David Higgins said, "If I were an Islander, yes, I would be concerned about the opinion of the rest of the world - however, as long as Islanders are seen to completely condemn these practices there shouldn't be a problem."

David also felt strongly that funds should not be a stumbling block.

Late letter

I WOULD like to express some concerns over a letter published in the *Penguin News* last week, and signed by members of the Medical Department.

Most of us know that serious abuses take place on some of the fishing boats operating in our waters and that such behaviour is unacceptable. No one would dispute the assertion that medical staff are most likely to have first contact with the victims of such abuse. Most of us would find it difficult to imagine the distress and outrage such situations can arouse. Such feelings are part of what it is to be human.

I have no problems with the political agenda of the writers and certainly do not doubt the sincerity of their views, but there must be some concern when they, and the *Penguin News* by association, come dangerously close to conducting a trial through the columns of a newspaper.

It is because we are capable of feeling so passionately about things that a system of justice is necessary.

"The Islands have made a lot of money from fishing. That money should be used to bring about justice."

Laurie Butler: "I think the outside world will soon get hear about the situation but I believe FIG and the councillors are genuinely concerned and that they and the relevant authorities are doing, and will continue to do, all in their power with regard to this situation."

Others we asked took a more bull-

ish approach. "Countries that are already negative about us will simply find it easier to knock us. We should not be afraid of world opinion. Above all we should make sure this matter is not shoved under the carpet and stand up for what is right."

Barbara Steen concurred in a less global way. "I'm not particularly bothered by world opinion," she said, "I'm more bothered by what I think. And I think we should take steps to stop this cruelty."

The following letter arrived after our opinion survey closed. We have included it on this page because it lucidly addresses the same issue and raises a number of points worth noting.

The rights of victims to justice are not upheld by denying the rights of others. As I understand it, when the letter was published no charges had been laid because statements had to be translated before a case could be made. Our system of justice still presumes innocence until guilt is proven in a court of law.

The Governor was careful not to be seen to presume guilt, or otherwise, and to introduce a note of caution into a highly emotive situation. I would not set myself up as an authority but it would appear that the legal judicial system will decide if there is a case to answer, and whether we have jurisdiction under maritime law.

His Excellency and the Falkland Islands Government do not have the authority to change international law to meet our feelings of outrage. If there were to be a prosecution we might be able to compel the witnesses to stay in the Islands until the trial. If they return to their own countries there must be some doubt as to

whether they will be able, or willing, to return regardless of whether a prosecution paid for flights.

In the meantime, this letter almost identifies those concerned, outlines the nature of the alleged offences, discusses the nature and extent of the injuries, and describes the psychological state of the patients.

Apart from the nagging concerns about doctor patient confidentiality there must be the fear that it would now be very difficult for there to be a fair trial in the Falklands. Even if a case could be brought, it would appear that some of the writers might have been expected to be called as witnesses.

The language of the letter, with its allusions to genocide and other atrocities, sets out to be highly emotive. Trial through the media has little to do with justice and we should all, including the press, be very aware of the dangers.

Richard Fogerty
Stanley

Mother's Day

Sunday 22nd March

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The Gallery - The Foodhall
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FIG

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The West Store will be carrying out it's annual stock-take between the 20th and 24th of March.

This will result in some departments being closed during normal working hours.

It is our intention to keep the inconvenience to our customers to a minimum but the closures listed opposite may be subject to change at short notice.

Closure Dates:

The Gallery	Closed 20/3 - 24/3 inclusive
Rightlines	Closed 20/3 Only
Homecare	Closed 21/3 Only
Foodhall	Closed 23/3 Only
Fleetwing	Closed 23/3 Only
Pastimes	Closed 24/3 Only



Penguin News

Information Pullout

March 21 - March 27



TIDES AROUND THE ISLANDS

The times and heights of high and low tides (in metres) at Stanley. Time given is Stanley time.
For Camp, make the following changes:

Fox Bay +2hrs 30m									
Roy Cove +4hrs 30m	22	0701	0.6	25	0356	1.5			
Port Howard +3hrs 19m	SUN	1357	1.2		1026	0.4			
Teal Inlet +3hrs 30m		1841	0.9		1705	1.4			
Sealion Is. +1hr 15m					2236	0.6			
Port Stephens	Sunrise	0657			Sunrise	0702			
+3hrs 15m	Sunset	1900			Sunset	1853			
Hill Cove +4hrs									
Berkeley Sound +1hr 11m	23	0126	1.3	26					
Port San Carlos	MON	0832	0.7	THURS	0451	1.6			
+2hrs 55m		1526	1.2		1110	0.3			
Darwin Harbour -56m		2030	0.9		1942	1.5			
	Sunrise	0658			2319	0.5			
	Sunset	1858			Sunrise	0703			
March					Sunset	1851			
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	1226	1.2		TUE	0937	0.5			
SAT	1714	0.9			1623	1.3			
	2359	1.3			2148	0.8			
	Sunrise	0655			Sunrise	0700			
	Sunset	1902			Sunset	1855			
				27	0542	1.8			
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					1819	1.6			
					0003	0.3			
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					Sunset	1848			

CHURCH SERVICES

CATHEDRAL
SUNDAY: 8am Holy Communion, (1662 Prayer Book) 10am Morning Prayer with Sunday School. 1st Sunday - Family Worship (no Sunday School) 2nd Sunday - Holy Communion with Sunday School. 7pm Evening Prayer 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays - Live Broadcast Service. 4th Sunday - Holy Communion.
Rector: Revd Alistair McHaffie
Tel: 21100/Fax 21842, The Deanery, 17 Ross Road, Stanley

TABERNACLE - free church
Sunday meetings: 10am and 7pm,
ARK Bookshop: Saturdays 2-4pm Minister: Mike Mitchelmore 21787

St. MARY'S
SUNDAY: 10am (MPA 6.30pm),
Week days: 9am; Sat. also 5pm

St. CUTHBERT'S (MPA)
SUN: 8am Holy Communion;
10.30am Eucharist/Morning worship; 6.30pm Holy Mass;
MON: 6.30am Mass

WED: 7.30pm Holy communion;
8pm Bible Study Tel: 74350

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For information on meetings please ring Tel: 21957 (evenings)

HOSPITAL PHARMACY
Mornings 10am 12 noon
Monday/Thursday
2.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday
1.30 - 3.30pm
Tuesday/Friday
3.00pm - 5.00pm

MUSEUM
Tuesday - Friday
10.30 - 12 noon/ 2.00 - 4.00pm
Sunday
10.00 - 12 noon

TREASURY
Monday - Friday
8am - 12 noon/ 1.15 - 3.00pm

LIBRARY
Monday - Friday
08.45am - 12.00 and 13.30 - 17.45
Saturday: 10am - 12 noon 14.00 - 17.00pm

CLUBS AND CONTACTS

BADMINTON CLUB Mondays/Thursdays 7-9pm Liz Burnett, Tel: 21770 or Rene Rowlands, Tel 21161

SQUASH CLUB Thursdays 5-9pm Contact Dik Sawle Tel 21414
NETBALL CLUB Tuesdays 6-8pm, Wednesday 6-7pm All are welcome Contact Sarah Allan 22119

THE FIG GUN CLUB New members welcome Contact Ped Tel: 21663 or Graham Didlick 21622 P.O.

Box 540

F.I. RIFLE ASSOCIATION Contact Secretary G Cheek, 21402
STANLEY GOLF CLUB Competitions on Sunday at 8.45 am. Contact Mike Summers on tel: 21542
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All queries & Information on races etc contact Andrew Newman 21606 or Rowena Summers 21015
YMCA Accommodation available

Contact Terry Peck 21074

ASTHMA SUPPORT GROUP Meets second Tuesday of every third month in Day Centre at 5pm
Contact Graham France on 21624
FALKLAND ISLANDS RED CROSS ASSOCIATION New members welcome. Contact Secretary Irene Baker 20839 or Chairman Nick Hadden, 21014
GUILD OF SPINNERS, WEAVERS & HANDICRAFTS Meetings

on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm
Contact Marj McPhee, tel: 21106
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FIODA Actors/singers/stagehands contact Alan 21019
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STANLEY SWIMMING CLUB Coaching Tuesdays 4 - 5pm, Fridays 4-5

STANLEY SUB-AQUA CLUB Contact David McLeod Phone: 20836 (day), 20843 (home)
RUNNING CLUB Meets Wednesday 5.30pm, contact Tracy Porter 21574

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Meets 1st Monday every month @ 2000 hrs, WO1 & Sgt Mess, Hillside Camp. All ex or serving Service persons welcome. Contact A Geach, R Fiddes or KD Greenland for info 21454 or 27222.

STANLEY SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB Friday 7-9pm Sundays 4-5pm. Contact Angela Lee on 21762 or M. Humphreys on 22028

JELLY TOTS CLUB meets Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at the Day Centre from 2.30 - 4pm. All welcome

WELL BABY/CHILD CLINIC Day Centre KEMH Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am. Contact Miranda Cheek Health Visitor 27418

Leisure Centre Term Times - Further information/Bookings: tel 27291

Day	Pool	Courts
Monday	10.00 - 11.30 12.00 - 1.00 5.00 - 7.00 7.00 - 8.00 Adults	10.00 - 1.00 Public 5.00 - 9.00 Public
Tuesday	12.00 - 1.00 5.00 - 7.00 7.00 - 8.00 Adults	10.30 - 12.00 Parent/Toddlers 12.00 - 1.00 Public 5.00 - 9.00 Public
Wednesday	10.00 - 11.30 12.00 - 1.00 5.00 - 7.00 7.00 - 8.00 Adults 8.00 - 9.00 Ladies	12.00 - 1.00 Public 5.00 - 9.00 Public
Thursday	5.00 - 7.00 7.00 - 8.00 8.00 - 9.00 Private Hire	12.00 - 1.00 Public 5.00 - 9.00 Public
Friday	10.00 - 11.30 12.00 - 1.00 5.00 - 7.00 7.00 - 8.00 Adults	10.00 - 1.00 Public 5.00 - 9.00 Public
Saturday	10.00 - 4.00 4.00 - 5.00 5.00 - 6.00 Private Hire	10.00 - 6.00 Public
Sunday	11.00 - 6.00 6.00 - 7.00 Adults	11.00 - 7.00 Public

Your BFBS Television programmes

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH

8.20 CHUCKLEVISION
8.40 GET YOUR OWN BACK (New)
9.10 TINY TOON ADVENTURES
9.30 THE WILD HOUSE
10.00 LIVE AND KICKING
1.15 GRANDSTAND Including: News Summary; Rugby - Five Nations Championship action as Ireland take on Wales in Dublin; Racing from Uttoxeter; Football Focus; and a full round-up of the rest of the day's sporting action
6.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.25 CARTOON TIME
6.35 TOP OF THE POPS
7.05 BIG BREAK
7.35 TRACEY TAKES ON...
8.00 NOEL'S HOUSEPARTY
8.50 MOVIE PREMIERE: DANCES WITH WOLVES (1990,15) After becoming a civil war hero, Union officer Lt John Dunbar's (Kevin Costner) wish to see the Western frontier is granted with a posting to an abandoned South Dakotan fort
11.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
12.00 JO BRAND BURNS RUBBER

SUNDAY 22ND MARCH

9.30 BREAKFAST WITH FROST
10.30 BODGER AND BADGER
10.45 THE MASK
11.10 BLUE PETER
11.40 AS SEEN ON TV
12.05 SONGS OF PRAISE
12.40 THE WHITBREAD: THE WORLD'S GREATEST OCEAN RACE
1.10 THE CHART SHOW
2.00 NEWS
2.10 BROOKSIDE Tinhead is up to his old tricks again but Max refuses to fence round the problem
3.20 TURNING POINTS
3.25 INTERNATIONAL RUGBY Scotland v England in the Five Nations Championship from Murrayfield
6.05 TITANIC - THE SURVIVOR'S STORY
6.55 ANIMALS IN UNIFORM
7.25 BLIND DATE
8.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
8.30 PLAYING MUM
9.00 NEIGHBOURS FROM HELL
9.25 MOVIE PREMIERE: YEAR OF THE GUN (1991,15) A US journalist working in Italy becomes a target for terrorists when his draft for a novel predicts a real-life Red Brigade plot to kidnap the Italian prime minister
11.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.30 RUGBY EXPRESS

MONDAY 23RD MARCH

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 EUREKA! 10.15 NUMBERTIME 10.30 THE MIX 10.45 PUT IT TO THE TEST
11.10 THIS MORNING
1.15 TOTS TV Followed by: BFBS WEATHER REPORT
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Sarah and Matt put their relationships on hold
2.15 CATCHPHRASE
2.40 HOLIDAY
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.45 WIGGLY PARK
3.50 THE FORGOTTEN TOYS
4.05 TOM AND VICKY
4.15 DENNIS THE MENACE
4.40 THE REALLY WILD SHOW
5.05 GOOSEBUMPS
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Is Sally going to leave Summer Bay?
5.45 FAMILY FORTUNES
6.10 WISH YOU WERE HERE
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET Will Samantha walk into Des's trap?
7.45 THE BILL Walkabout: Against her wishes Page has to impersonate a young woman who has gone missing
8.10 FAITH IN THE FUTURE
8.35 THE CRUISE
9.05 LONDON'S BURNING George and Pearce make a gruesome discovery in an empty flat
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY?
10.55 THE ENTERTAINMENT BIZ (New)
11.45 FILM '98
12.15 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA
1.05 RED DWARF
1.35 FILM: A KISS BEFORE DYING (1991,18) Starring Matt Dillon. The terrible death of Dorothy Carlsson shocks her twin sister Ellen. Convinced it was murder, Ellen investigates in Philadelphia where the young woman was a student
3.00 THE OSCARS

TUESDAY 24TH MARCH

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS

FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 WATCH 10.15 STORYTIME 10.30 BOOK BOX
10.45 PUT IT TO THE TEST
11.10 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 TEDDYBEARS Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Karl learns to let go, and Harold and Madge get their priorities right
2.15 FOOD AND DRINK
2.45 VANESSA
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
3.50 ZZZAP!
4.05 CHUCKLEWOOD CRITTERS
4.30 BLUE PETER
5.00 THE WARD
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Will is trying to cause friction at the beach house
5.45 EMMERDALE Butch is determined to gatecrash Mandy's latest lingerie party, and Will plans a surprise for Dee
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS Josh celebrates his Bar Mitzvah
7.55 BUGS The team aren't sure what to make of their new boss
8.45 RED DWARF NIGHT Starting with: A MENU WITH PATRICK STEWART Followed by: CAN'T SMEG, WON'T SMEG
9.15 THE SMEG UPS A look back at the blunders made during the filming of the series, which never made it to the screen
9.40 UNIVERSE CHALLENGE
10.10 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.40 RED DWARF A - Z
11.10 RED DWARF Gunmen of the Apocalypse
11.40 TARTAN EXTRA

WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 EUREKA! 10.15 EUREKA! 10.30 QUEST 10.45 PUT IT TO THE TEST
11.10 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 POTAMUS PARK followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Harold interferes in Hannah's private life. Sarah dresses to thrill Matt
2.15 GARY RHODES
2.45 GOING FOR A SONG
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with THE BLOBS
3.45 TIMBUCTOO
3.50 BLAZING DRAGONS
4.00 HOW GOES....2
4.20 REBOOT
4.45 NEWSROUND EXTRA
5.00 OUT OF TUNE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Joey gloats over the fact that he has two women after him
5.45 TOMORROW'S WORLD
6.15 EMMERDALE Jan visits Home Farm to apologise to Kim for kidnapping James
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET Emily and Toyah set a trap for Spider's vegetarian girlfriend
7.45 THE BILL Shades of Grey: First of a two-part story. Sun Hill hunts for two children who have been kidnapped from nursery school
8.10 GREAT ESCAPES
8.35 2 POINT 4 CHILDREN (New)
9.05 PLEASURE BEACH (New) Blackpool's Pleasure Beach
9.35 FRIENDS
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 TRIAL AND RETRIBUTION
12.15 THE BIG MATCH Highlights: Switzerland v England

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 STOP, LOOK, LISTEN 10.10 LANDMARKS
10.30 STAGE ONE 10.45 PUT IT TO THE TEST
11.10 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 UNIQUE SPECIES (New) followed by: BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Lou calls in a few favours in the name of romance and Billy plays hard to get
2.15 THE WARTIME KITCHEN AND GARDEN
2.45 VANESSA
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.45 SOOTY'S AMAZING ADVENTURES
4.00 HUBBUB
4.15 HIGHLANDER
4.35 BLUE PETER
5.05 THE O-ZONE
5.20 HOME AND AWAY A new family moves into the Bay
5.45 TOP GEAR
6.15 EMMERDALE Peddy has his hands full when Outhwaite runs away from the old people's home
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 ANIMAL HOSPITAL (New)

BFBS Television programmes (cont)

7.25 EASTENDERS Phil is shocked when he comes face-to-face with Kathy's new lodger
7.55 POLICE, CAMERA, ACTION
8.20 THE CRUISE
8.50 THE CLIVE JAMES SHOW
9.35 THE FAST SHOW
10.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST By the Conservative Party
10.05 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.35 LOOKING AFTER JO JO Jo Jo's heroin business is booming, and he is making huge profits. But the drug is also starting to claim casualties
11.25 THE NAZIS
12.15 THE STAND UP SHOW

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 MATHSBOOK 10.10 RAT-A-TAT-TAT 10.25 LOOK AND READ 10.45 PUT IT TO THE TEST
11.10 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 POTAMUS PARK Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS
1.50 NEIGHBOURS Ben lays a trap for Matt and Sarah
2.15 ALL OVER THE SHOP
2.40 WAR WALKS
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM

YOUR PROGRAMMES FROM F.I.B.S.

SATURDAY 21
6.00 News BFBS
6.03 Music Fill
6.16 Children's story - Danny Fox
6.30 Children's Corner - request programme
7.30 News and Sport from five live
7.40 Weather,Flights,Announcements
8.00The Navy Lark
8.28 Rpt Weather & Flights
8.30 The Bees lost Beatles tapes
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.20 Music Fill
9.30Captain Corelli's Mandolin
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News BFBS
SUNDAY March 22
5.00 News: BFBS
5.03 Music fill
5.15 Tle Proms 1997
6.00 Music Fill
6.30 Weather, flights, announcements
7.00 Church Service-St. Mary's
8.00Wet Wet Wet Album Special
8.15 Folk Music Show
8.30 Repeat Weather & Flights
8.45 Folk Music Show
9.00 News Desk
9.28 Rpt. Weather & Flights
9.30 Dracula
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News BFBS
MONDAY March 23
10.03 Morning show
12.00 News and Sport BFBS
12.06News Midday
12.09 Music fill
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30 B.F.B.S Programmes
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
6.00 Country Crossroads
6.30 I heard the owl call my name
7.00 The Goons CD collection
7.30 News and Sport
7.35Weather,Flights,Announcements
8.00Announcers Choice of music
8.30 Multi track hit list from BBC World Service
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt Weather and Flights
9.30Crampton Hodnet
10.00 News BFBS
TUESDAY March 24
10.03 Morning Show
12.00 News and Sport BFBS
12.06 Profile: Phylis Rendell
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30 BFBS Programmes
5.03 The Archers
5.17The late afternoon show
5.30 News from St. Helena
5.45 Calling the Falklands
6.00News Magazine
6.30 In concert
7.30 News and Sports
7.35Weather,Flights,Announcements
8.00Not so long ago - Korea

3.50 THE LITLLEST PET SHOP
4.05 RUPERT (New)
4.30 MIKE & ANGELO
4.50 THE WEEK ON NEWSROUND
5.00 WANNABE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Vinnie tries to pick up Gypsy, the new girl in town. Marilyn decides Fisher has to get fit
5.45 GLADIATORS
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS Ian has a meeting with his solicitor, as he prepares himself for the next stage of his bitter divorce from Cindy
7.55 THE MISSION (New)
8.35 THE X-FILES
8.45 TAGGART Baboushka: The web of intrigue has trapped Martin Fairbairn. Can Jardine, Reid and Fraser save him from destruction?
9.35 THIRD ROCK FROM THE SUN
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 NEVER MIND THE BUZZCOCKS
11.00 STAYING ALIVE (New) Set in the high-pressure world of a London hospital and nurses homes
11.50 TFI FRIDAY
Billings correct at time of going to press, but subject to change until actual transmission. Tune into BFBS Radio/Television for updates

B.F.B.S. RADIO WEEKLY PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

98.5FM

SATURDAY 0000Drum & Bass0200Steve Mason0400In Concert 0500 Forces Finest with Damian Watson 0700 Weekend Gold0800 Breakfast Show 1000The Score with Francis Collings 1400 Mark Page 1600 Weekend Gold1800 David Rodigan 2000 Drum & Bass 2200 Steve Mason
SUNDAY 0000 Late Night Love in 0200 Mark Page 0400 Bob Harris 0700 Weekend Gold 0800 UK Sunday Breakfast 1000 Forces Finest1200 James Watt 1400 Richard Allinson1600 Bob Harris 1900 In Concert 2000 Rock Show2200 John Peel
MONDAY 0000Weekend Gold 0200 In Concert0200 Rockumentary 0300 Connect '98 0500 Early Breakfast 0600 Weekday Breakfast Show 0900 BFBS Gold 1000 FIBS Morning Show 1230 The Afternoon Shift1800 BFBS Gold 1900 Jamie Gordon with Full Top 40 (Mondays only), New Dance, Indie and Pop, interviews and live music sessions 2200 Aidan Donovan
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WEDNESDAY 0000Aidan Donovan continued0100John Peel0300 - 0000As Monday
THURSDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued0100 The Rockshow0300 - 0000 As Monday
FRIDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued 0100 Richard Allinson 0300-1800 As Monday 1800-2000Gurkha Programmes 2000 Andy Wright 2200 Friday Dance

CHANNEL 2

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siastic prospectors have been disappointed by fruitless drills for oil in the waters off Namibia.

Still, the flotation of Desire offers the courageous a chance to directly invest in Falklands oil exploration. If oil is discovered, production will not begin until 2003 at the earliest. Given the huge costs of the drilling, investors are not going to see handsome earnings flowing for a while. With each of the operators drilling for between 45 and 60 days from May, Desire's first few months on the stock market are likely to be a white knuckle ride on the back of the first well results.

SOLDIER MAGAZINE FEBRUARY 1998

British sappers 155 years ago faced the challenge of building a new town in the South Atlantic. Today its streets reflect that military heritage

Several thousand servicemen and women are posted to the Falklands each year, and at one time or another most will visit the islands' tiny capital, writes **Graham Bound**

But if they make the mistake of calling it a village or even just a town, they are likely to be pulled up by one of the 2,000 or so residents. By virtue of its cathedral, its role as the seat of government, and the islands' commercial centre, Stanley is a city.

It is, certainly, one of the smallest cities, but its buildings, memorials, cemeteries and even the wrecks that litter its harbour speak of a military and pioneering history that would do justice to any metropolis. Incidentally to settle all arguments, the city/town is officially known as Stanley, not Port Stanley.

Prior to the opening of the Panama Canal in 1914, Stanley's strategic location near Cape Horn made its harbour a vital haven for ships damaged by the world's most feared ocean crossroads. Many limped back into Stanley, condemned to remain there forever, victims of what one poet called the blind Horn's hate.

It was that strategic position that made the Falklands the location for one of Britain's greatest sea victories of the First World War. In December 1914, a strong German naval squadron approached Stanley intent on capturing the naval base and hoisting the Imperial flag over the town. But the Germans were caught unawares by a more powerful British fleet, which pursued and sank all but one of the raiders. To this day, the islanders' main public holiday is December 8, the day they were delivered from the Germans.

HMS EXETER

The naval connection continued during the Second World War, when, following the Battle of the River Plate, the cruiser *HMS Exeter* limped back to Stanley after a bruising encounter with the German pocket battleship *Graf Spee*. British wounded were treated in Stanley's hospital, and some of her crew are buried in the cemetery, cared for by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

For many visitors, it is the peaceful aspect of Stanley that fascinates. Islanders still have a pioneering, make-do spirit and enjoy their feeling of distance from the rest of the world.

Brightly-coloured wooden cottages, many constructed by the Royal Engineers and Army pensioners who were dispatched south to build Stanley in the 1840s provide colourful and tangible links with the colonial past.

And there are, of course, poignant reminders of 1982, when the British Army besieged Stanley and eventually captured it from Argentine troops. An impressive memorial, funded and built by islanders, takes pride of place on Stanley's sea front.

Even today Servicemen and women are adding to Stanley's history. The nostalgic signpost to which visiting soldiers ritually attach the names of their home towns will also one day mark an important era in the life of Stanley - the little city with a lot of history.

THE SCOTSMAN 11/3/98

The Falklands war was a defining moment for Margaret Thatcher's Tory government and it came to epitomise the spirit of the Eighties. But when the conflict was over the name of Port Stanley, Goose Green and Tumbledown Mountain soon receded from the public imagination. But one of the original reasons for the invasion has faded as fast: the lucrative oil field which surrounded the vehemently British Islands off the coast of Argentina.

Now, after picking up the bulk of the contracts for the start of oil exploration off the Falkland Islands, Scottish offshore companies are waiting to know if they can make a significant entry into a promising new export market to the South Atlantic.

There is little prospect Port Stanley, the islands' capital, being transformed overnight into an oil boom town. Even if some worthwhile discoveries are made, the bulk of the activity will be far offshore with little visible impact other than occasional loading of supply boats and helicopter flights for rig crew changes.

This is what the islanders want. As well as looking to firms in the Aberdeen area to supply the initial expertise for the exploration programme starting later this year, they are drawing on Scottish expertise to minimise the impact of offshore operations on the island's delicately balance ecology.

Drilling is due to start on the first well in early May when the semi-submersible rig *Borgny Dolphin* is due to reach an area about 100 miles north of the Falklands after a 10-week tow from a location off Aberdeen where it was upgraded for operations in the South Atlantic.

Two vessels carrying supplies and equipment, including the helicopter which will be based on the islands during the drilling programme, have also left Aberdeen in the last few weeks for Port Stanley where a small marine service base will be established.

Because of the local desire to minimise the impact of offshore operations, oil companies with licences to drill have formed a joint venture, formalised in the Falklands Offshore Sharing Agreement, to pool resources in the initial stages of exploration.

The rig, upgraded to operate in water depths to 1,650 feet, will be used in turn by Amerada Hess, Shell, LASMO and International Petroleum Corporation as the operating compa-

nies for the partnerships investing in at least five exploration wells planned over the next 18 months.

The start of drilling follows several years of preparation and negotiations with the Falkland Islands government which in 1996 issued licences valid for periods of up to 57 years in recognition of the long-haul nature of exploration in an area where prospects will remain uncertain until wells have been drilled.

But from initial seismic surveys in the concession areas - covering a total area equivalent to 30 north Sea drilling blocks - oil companies have identified rock formations which would have capacity to contain oil reserves of 200 million to 400 million barrels if geological conditions have been right to farm and trap hydrocarbons over hundreds of millions of years.

Initial indications of weather patterns suggest conditions no worse than those encountered west of Shetland. In fact, there may be fewer days of downtime in the winter months than in summer.

Amerada Hess, which will sink the first well, has allowed 40 to 45 days to drill to the depth beneath the seabed where it has identified some promising rock formations. Andy Morrison, the company's operations manager, said he did not think it would be a difficult well to drill despite the lack of any previous experience of exploration in the area.

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Oil companies participating in the Falklands Offshore Sharing Agreement have to date spent about £15 million, mainly with suppliers in the Aberdeen area, to purchase equipment and services needed to set up the joint venture. Charter costs for the rig, which could be kept in the area for up to three years, are set at about £80,000 a day under a deal negotiated by Amerada Hess before the most recent escalation in day rates for the few available rigs equipped for heavy-duty operations in deep water.

Plans for the operations have been devised in accordance with regulations laid down by the UK Health & Safety Executive which has provided inspectors from its offshore safety division to monitor the preparations. Measures to protect the marine environment have also been given top priority in planning the exploration to avoid damage to the fishing industry which provides the Falklands main source of income.

As well as conducting a full environmental impact study, the oil companies have followed the pattern established for operations in UK Atlantic waters by setting up an environmental forum with representatives of the islands government and other local bodies. It will be headed by Alisdair MacIntyre, a former Aberdeen University zoology professor, who also acts as independent chairman for the UK Atlantic Frontier environment forum.

With the nearest drilling expected

to be at least 60 miles from the Islands, the oil companies contend that there is little risk of any accidental spillage reaching the islands which contain colonies of rockhopper and other rare species of penguins. Marine advisers say prevailing winds and currents would likely drive any slick to the east, with the mechanical action of waves breaking up the oil as it dispersed.

Because there is little data about seabird and mammal life in the South Atlantic, the oil companies will provide £500,000 for the first year of a study by a local environmental group and the UK's Joint Nature Conservation Committee which will aim to provide a database which could be used in planning any permanent oil developments off the Falklands. The initial economic spinoff for the Islands, however, will be minimal. Apart from the involvement of local companies in running the Port Stanley supply base, only about 10 oil and contracting company personnel are due to be posted to the islands to run onshore support bases while the workforce of about 80 on the drilling rig will only briefly set foot on the islands when transferring between the helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft during crew changes.

FALKLAND ISLANDS WOOL MARKETING

Market report week ending 13/3/98

Australia Sydney/Melbourne Merino fleece closed with 22mic firm & 23/4mic 1% dearer. 25 & 26 micron firm & unchanged.

Crossbred types on a limited offering closed unchanged. Japanese interests including China main buyers with good support from Western Europe.

Eastern market indicator closed 3 cents higher at 648 cents. Western market indicator closed 2 cents higher at 602 cents.

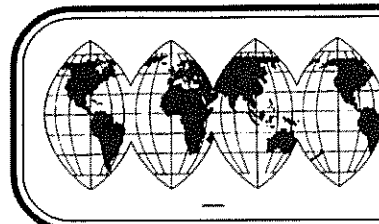
New Zealand

At sales covering Christchurch, Dunedin & Invercargill offerings totalled 18,959 bales & 8% were withdrawn at Growers reserves. Crossbred fleece after a hesitant start closed up to 2% higher for 33-34 micron fleece with 35-37 microns up to 4% dearer. No finer types on offer. China the main buyer with support from the USA and Western Europe.

GENERAL: Wool trade comments on the state of the market have been fractionally more cheerful this week.

Three large Bradford clients I visited were talking of a rather better call for deliveries, and even mentioned the occasional new orders booked from the export as well as the home trade market.

More widely, there is some satisfaction with a steadier and then slightly firmer Australian market - these crumbs of wool market comfort have to be set against continuing difficulties in the British sector. The market was well down again at this week's Bradford sale, with only about 34% of the offering sold at the auction itself, increased to nearly 60% at post sale negotiation. Prices are generally lower and confidence limited in this low crossbred sector.



Penguin News Current Affairs Supplement



Argentina

Please note: The following extracts are translations

Text of report by Argentine newspaper 'La Nacion' web site on 10th March

London. The Falklands Islands newspaper *Penguin News*, has published a proposal for resolving the sovereignty dispute over the islands between Argentina and the United Kingdom. It was drafted by a friend of Foreign Minister Guido di Tella, Conrado Etchebarne Bullrich, and by a British citizen, Alastair Forsyth.

"The *Penguin News* published the full text in our edition on 6th March," said its deputy editor, Tony Burnett, at the newspaper's office in Stanley. "In the next edition we devoted the front page to reactions from several of the islands' council members. In general, their reaction was respectful scepticism," he added.

Forsyth is a retired financial adviser. He was with the firm Schroders and worked in Latin America for some years. He has a strong continuing interest in the region and takes part in conferences organised by the South Atlantic Council. "I have nothing to do with the Foreign Office," he said from his home in Suffolk in East Anglia.

"Conrado and I are friends. We are trying to find a solution to the conflict and we believe we have found one. We presented it to the islanders and asked for their comments. Our initiative is strictly personal," said Forsyth about the plan he and the foreign minister's friend prepared, as *Clarín* reported yesterday.

The proposal contains the following points. To ensure, as is the case at present, the islanders' complete autonomy in all areas with the exception of defence and foreign relations. The islanders would have the right to either British or Argentine passports, and could hold both of them if they so desire.

In a treaty between Great Britain and Argentina both countries would pledge to seek mechanisms to ensure the islanders' protection. The primary responsibility for defence, however, would remain in the hands of a small British force based in Mount Pleasant.

This agreement would be interpreted as a settlement of the dispute between Great Britain and Argentina, and the islanders could therefore consider the sovereignty claim to have been withdrawn. London would eliminate its arms embargo against Argentina.

A trilateral commission of only three men would be established (with one vote per person) to supervise instrumentation of the agreement. Flags could be left aside but it would seem reasonable for each representative to fly its own flag.

The term of the accord would be reported to the United Nations.

Great Britain

The Darlington: Northern Echo

16/2/98

North-East veterans of the Falklands have backed plans to create a permanent memorial to the 257 men who died regaining the islands.

More than £1m has already been raised to help build a memorial chapel for Britain's Falklands heroes.

But The Falklands Islands Memorial Chapel Trust says it needs another £500,000 before the plan can become a reality and has launched a public appeal in a bid to complete the task.

The trust, which is headed by Admiral Sir John "Sandy" Woodward, who commanded the Falklands task force in 1982, hopes to build a chapel for the general public and families who lost loved ones during the war.

Officials at Pangbourne College, in Reading, have agreed to provide the trust with land for a memorial. Several soldiers, sailors and airmen from the North-East lost their lives battling in the South Atlantic.

A sailor whose warship was destroyed by an Argentinian bomb urged people to help finish the project.

Michael Hemsley was coming towards the end of his nine-year naval career when his frigate, *HMS Antelope*, was ordered to join the Falklands task force.

The ship's job was to guard one of the two British carriers, *HMS Invincible*. She acted as a decoy for Argentinian planes as friendly forces poured ashore in Falklands Sound.

Although *Antelope* performed her task magnificently, the Argentinians made her pay. Three huge bombs lodged deep in the ship. A team defused two but the third exploded, starting a fire which caused the ship's armoury to explode.

Michael, 40, who lives in Darlington, said: "I lost a good shipmate in that explosion so I'm all for a permanent memorial. Although it was 16 years ago, and it was a relatively short campaign, I don't think people have forgotten about us."

The new chapel, designed by Crispin Wride, will seat up to 550 people. Trustees hope to hold memorial services on significant dates throughout the year.

A book of remembrance will record the names of every man who fell in battle and there will be a circular memorial garden for quiet reflection.

Within the chapel all those who died will have a kneeler dedicated to their memory and bearing their name. Angela Perry, secretary to the trustees, said: "We still have about £500,000 to raise and anything the North-East can do to help will be much appreciated."

There are several ways to help. Seats can be sponsored for a gift of £1,000; kneelers can be sponsored for £30. Gifts over £250 mean that the trust can claim back the basic rate of tax; deeds of covenant over four years have the same tax benefits.

Donations should be made payable to the Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel Trust and sent to Mrs J Perry, Secretary to the Trustees, c/o Pangbourne College, Pangbourne, Reading, Berks RG8 8LA.

Investors Chronicle 20/2/98

Desire hunts for oil in the South Seas

In a few weeks, Desire Petroleum will try to tempt investors with a listing on the Alternative Investment Market. It wants to raise just £10m but in return is offering a slice of oil reserves in the Falkland Islands that might run into billions of barrels.

Desire is chaired by Colin Phipps, the former Labour MP and founder of Clyde Petroleum. Mr Phipps sold his stake in Clyde to Gulf Canada last year in order to fund his ambitions in the Falklands. "We need more people like him - taking risks and putting their money where their mouth is," says one analyst.

Desire has all the right connections in the Falklands - its deputy chairman is Sir Rex Hunt, the islands' governor between 1980 and 1985. Dr Phipps's old pal from Clyde, John Martin, was responsible for awarding the exploration blocks before he joined Desire's board.

Next week, Dr Phipps will be working on the details of the flotation, but some oil punters have already got into Desire, through fully listed Greenwicks Resources and Aim-quoted Westmount Energy. Both of these companies own 20 per cent of Desire and their share prices have ticked up as interest builds in Desire's flotation. When Westmount's only interest was a royalty stake in the North Sea's Buchan field its shares stood at 30p - now they have quadrupled.

As broker Societe Generale prepares the documents for Desire's estimated £50m Aim placing, an oil rig destined for the Falkland Islands is creeping slowly down the English channel at a frustrating 3 knots. "It's like walking to the Falklands," laments Tim Bushell, general manager of South Atlantic operations at Lasmo, one of the five companies with an exploration licence. "I heard it made 6 knots the other day - that may not sound very fast, but over that distance it could significantly cut the journey time."

Heading south

The rig, which was previously in use in the North sea, will probably arrive in the Falklands in the middle of May. The five companies involved in the exploration - Amerada Hess, International Petroleum Corporation, Lasmo, Shell and Desire - face this long wait because the Falklands government insists on rig safety standards similar to Britain's. This meant a rig from the Gulf of Mexico, until now the region's most exciting exploration zone, could not be used.

Within days of the rig's arrival, Amerada Hess will drill the first exploration well. The companies will then use the rig in rotation. "It's very

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rare to have more than one operator on a project - this is a pioneering case," says Mr Bushell, who hopes to strike lucky. "There could be a billion barrels of oil down there, but that's a very optimistic forecast. We don't know there's anything yet."

The first well should take 45 days to drill and then the rig will be passed to Lasmo, Shell, IPC, and then back to Amerada Hess. For the rig, the blocks are within "walking distance" of each other. Desire is the only member of the group not obliged to drill - it's conducting seismic surveys - but will have an option to do so after the other members have used the rig twice. That puts Desire in a happy position. It will be able to see the results of the others' efforts before deciding whether to go ahead itself. The cost of drilling each well has been estimated at £9m.

Nevertheless, Desire is placing shares in order to raise money for drilling. Desire also has less responsibility for funding infrastructure costs. "Desire's smaller role is a reflection of the varying prospectivity of the blocks," says Mr Bushell. "We think there's a smaller chance of success on its blocks."

Whereas Amerada Hess and Shell won the sought after tranches A and B to the north of the islands, Desire secured I and L - comprising 18 blocks - and a 25 per cent stake in Lasmo's C and D tranches. "It's got the best of both worlds," says one analyst. "Its own blocks are very high risk, but the Lasmo interest looks less of a punt. On tranches C and D, there's roughly a 1 in 10 chance of finding economically recoverable oil - on I and L it could be 1 in 12."

One for the gamblers

That compares with the North Sea's exploration success rate of 50 per cent. Economically recoverable means finding a structure with 150m barrels. Initial seismic surveys of the area have indicated structures capable of holding reservoirs of at least that size.

Some analysts expect no oil to be found. South America and Africa were once one continent, and enthu-



British press Headline stories: Mar 13 - March 19

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR
FRIDAY 13 MARCH 1998

NORTHERN IRELAND TALKS
The main story in several papers is the future of the Northern Ireland peace process amid arguments over whether the IRA's political wing, Sinn Féin, should be allowed back into talks after its recent suspension. *The Times* and the *Financial Times* headline on the remark by the British Prime Minister, Tony Blair, that 'a pact on Northern Ireland is agonisingly close'. *The Times* and others report the criticisms by the Protestant Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble, of Mr Blair's meeting with Mr Adams. *The Times* says Mr Trimble called on Mr Blair to take a more sober approach to the peace process, and indicated strongly that the Unionists will press for Sinn Féin's further exclusion even if it does resume its seat at the talks.

PREDICTIONS OF ASTEROID COLLISION WITH EARTH

The possibility of an asteroid colliding with the Earth in thirty years time has ignited the graphic imaginations of the serious broadsheets more than of the tabloids. *The Times*, the *Daily Telegraph* and the *Independent* carry artists' impressions of a huge lump of rock heading towards the Earth from the outer reaches of space. All agree that if the asteroid, discovered last December, does come close to Earth, the potential time of impact will be 1830 GMT on Thursday 26 October in the year 2028, 'exploding with the force of two million atomic bombs of the kind that devastated Hiroshima', says the *Telegraph*. But the *Telegraph* is also the only paper to quote the latest news from the American space agency, NASA, which says in fact the chances of the asteroid hitting us are zero.

ISRAELI SCIENTIST RELEASED FROM SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

Israel's nuclear weapons programme is discussed in several articles about the man who first revealed it, the technician, Mordechai Vanunu. He is being released from solitary confinement for the first time in twelve years, after being abducted in Europe by Israeli secret agents and returned home to face trial. *The Guardian* carries a picture of Mr Vanunu and is in agreement with several other papers that this latest move could presage his release from prison after many years of international pressure on Israel.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR
FRIDAY 20 MARCH 1998
INDIAN ELECTIONS
But on the foreign pages, India grabs

much of the limelight. *The Guardian* says the Hindu nationalist BJP, which has just been invited to form a government, is in a vulnerable position. It says recent days have shown how easily the party can be brought to heel by a rebellious ally. *The Times* says the new government will be a weak coalition, forcing restraint on extremists pressing for a more Hindu society. But the *Daily Telegraph* highlights the party's pledge to develop long-range nuclear weapons, and to favour domestic enterprise over foreign investment.

IMMIGRATION POLICY CRITICISED

The Times reports on a shambles in British immigration policy, or more precisely a 'complete and utter shambles': the words used by the Chief Inspector of Prisons, Sir David Ramsbotham, after he paid a surprise visit to a privately-run detention centre for immigrants last October. Reporting on leaked details of Sir David's report to the Home Office, *The Times* says he wants better educational facilities for detainees and incentives rewarding them for good behaviour.

KOHL SHOULD RETIRE

Contrary to claims by the German Chancellor, Helmut Kohl, that he has the full backing of the business community, the *Daily Telegraph* reports a call by a leading German industrialist that he should prepare to step down. It quotes the Vice-President of the Confederation of German Industry as saying that his organisation expects Mr Kohl to set a clear timetable for relinquishing power by the year 2000, even if he wins the general election in September.

SECRETARIES' SURVEY

British bosses are shown in a negative light in a survey in the *Guardian*, which indicates that attitudes towards secretaries have changed very little since the nineteen-fifties. Fifteen percent of the secretariat questioned said they had been propositioned by their bosses, and more than half said they were expected to perform menial tasks like making the tea. One secretary even reported that the boss expected her to inform him of her menstrual cycle, so that he could avoid her at the wrong time of the month. The survey rests on what is perhaps an even more worrying assumption: that bosses are male and secretaries female.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR
TUESDAY 17 MARCH 1998

ROBIN COOK MIDDLE EAST
The planned visit by the British Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, to the controversial Jewish settlement at Har Homa, *The Times* says 'It is difficult to see how the

Har Homa in East Jerusalem is big news on the foreign pages. *The Independent* says Mr Cook 'blinked first', as it puts it, by agreeing that an Israeli official and not a Palestinian should accompany him on his visit. It says that he was warned by a senior Israeli diplomat that it would provoke a major crisis. *The Daily Mail* and *The Times* report that vandals daubed the walls of the British Consulate in Jerusalem with Hebrew slogans accusing Mr Cook of anti-semitism.

VATICAN APOLOGY TO JEWS

That theme is again evident in the widespread criticism dished out to the Vatican for its apology to Jews over its failure to speak out against the Holocaust. *The Independent* calls it 'a whitewash', throwing the blame on church members and exonerating its leaders. *The Times* quotes a leading British Jew, Abraham Foxman of the Anti-Defamation League, as saying that the statement rang hollow and amounted to an apology for Pope Pius the Twelfth, who failed to speak out against the Nazis. And the *Daily Telegraph* quotes a Holocaust survivor, who said there was no doubt that a clear condemnation by the Vatican at the time could have prevented the terrible things that happened.

DR BENJAMIN SPOCK DIES

There are glowing tributes to the childcare expert Dr Benjamin Spock, who has died at the age of ninety-four. *The Guardian* says he revolutionised childcare by advising adults to trust their instincts and to hug their children. *The Express* calls him the man who taught us that children are human too. It says his philosophy was that parenthood should be fun and relaxed. *The Sun* says he admitted he was too stern with his own two boys, and that he never kissed them. According to the *Daily Mail*, he died feuding with them. It says he was dismayed at the self-indulgent society his liberal credo had created.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR
WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 1998
THE BUDGET

Inevitably, the papers are full of the British budget. Both the *Times*, and its populist stablemate the *Sun*, have cartoons depicting the Finance Minister, Gordon Brown, as either Snow White or one of the seven dwarves. *The Sun's* banner headline proclaims: 'Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho, it's off to work we go,' underlining Mr Brown's intention to get people off welfare benefits and back to work. *The Times* says that in his reluctance to penalise the better-off, Mr Brown heeded the advice of President Clinton: 'Never forget the coalition of those who voted you to power'. *The Mirror* calls it 'the Robin Hood budget without any robbing', in that he managed to help the poor and yet took nothing from the rich.

ROBIN COOK HAR HOMA VISIT

But if there is praise for Mr Brown, there is criticism for the British Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook. Commenting on the row in Israel over his visit to the controversial Jewish settlement at Har Homa, *The Times* says 'It is difficult to see how the

peace process could have been advanced by raising the profile of the most contentious and explosive issue in the region - the status of Jerusalem'. *The Independent* says that by making Har Homa the centrepiece of his visit, he got the worst of both worlds, upsetting Israelis by going and Palestinians by ditching his original plan to be escorted by a Palestinian official.

PRESIDENT CLINTON

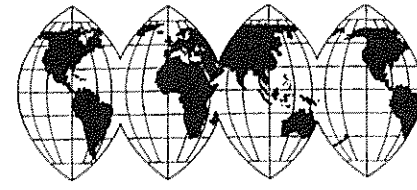
The fall out from the American television interview given by the former White House aide, Kathleen Willey, over an alleged sexual assault by President Clinton is beginning to register - but in different ways, according to which paper you read. *The Daily Telegraph* says the opinion polls are flashing danger signals to the White House. It says they show that three in five Americans believe that the President has engaged in a pattern of sexual misconduct. But the *Guardian* reports that President Clinton's approval ratings have surged. It concludes that Americans seem to want President Clinton to remain in office despite the scandals.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR
THURSDAY 19 MARCH 1998
THE BUDGET

Two days after the Budget was announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Gordon Brown, the papers are still exploring its nuances. *The Times* says the British currency's nine-year high in the wake of the Budget has brought warnings from exporters and unions that tens of thousands of jobs are being put at risk by the strength of the pound, and high interest rates. The paper says Mr Brown has faced a barrage of criticism from economic analysts who say he should have done more to dampen the economy by raising taxes. *The Guardian* says engineering industry leaders are deeply disappointed in what they see as the Budget's failure to stem the pound's rise, and warn that the trickle of job losses so far in the manufacturing industry could turn into a flood. But there is good news for tens of thousands of British women on the front page of the *Independent*. The paper praises the Chancellor for taking the first step towards breaking down what it describes as one of the most patronising foundation-stones of the welfare state, the idea of the dominance of the male 'breadwinner' - or wage-earner. New measures will give equal opportunities to the unemployed partners of men who are also looking for work.

ROBIN COOK ISRAEL VISIT

The controversy surrounding the visit to the Middle East by the British Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, continued with what *The Times* called 'a final sub by Israel' - the government's refusal to send officials to bid farewell to Mr Cook as he left for Syria. Mr Cook's decision to defy the government and visit a Jewish settlement in east Jerusalem had angered the Israelis. *The Daily Mail* says the Prime Minister, Tony Blair, has been left to pick up the pieces after Mr Cook's visit, and faces a massive task of bridge-building when he makes his first official visit to Israel next month.



News from South America provided by Mercopress

EXPANSION OF AIRPORT

The renewal and expansion of the Carlos Ibanez del Campo airport of Punta Arenas, that will demand an investment of seven million US dollars, will begin during the second half of 1998.

"The new layout of the airport includes the building of a 4,500 square metre terminal, and should help to cope with the 480,000 travellers that are expected for the year 2006," said Juan Pablo Palomino, co-ordinator of the Chilean Public Works Department of projects and concessions.

According to the Chilean Civil Aviation Authority, during 1997 the Punta Arenas airport received 289,022 passengers, and 390,000 are expected in 2001.

AMMONIA PLANT DELAYED

The multimillion project to build an ammonia plant in the area of Punta Arenas has been delayed because of the drop in international prices caused by the Asian financial crisis.

The 100 million US dollars plant that will convert natural gas into ammonia is a joint venture between ENAP, (30%), the Chilean oil government monopoly and Enaex, (70%), an important chemical company specialising in explosives. Annual production was originally planned for 210,000 tons.

"These variables are temporary and have naturally made banks cautious about the investment demanded, but once ammonia recovers the project will continue at full speed," said Nestor Munoz, head of Enap's natural gas projects. German banks will finance the project that includes two favourable reports: one on technical aspects of the operation and a second on environmental impact. Over half of the production will be for domestic consumption and the rest exported mainly to Brazil and Costa Rica.

"TOUGH YEAR FOR KOREA"

"Korea has a very tough year ahead and the economy is only expected to grow a paltry 1% compared to the 5.9% of 1997," Korean Ambassador Myong Haing Cho told a gathering of Chilean journalists. Inflation is also expected to jump from 4.5% to 9.5% as a result of the restructuring of the Korean economy. The International Monetary Fund is helping with a jumbo loan of 57 billion US dollars.

"Even before the present crisis Korea was having its own problems with growing internal costs that were influencing our competitiveness plus a foreign debt of over 157 billion US dollars," said Mr Myong Haing Cho.

Regional turbulence only weakened the Korean financial system, the credibility of the currency and forced several big corporations into bankruptcy, blocking the access of "fresh" money, explained the Ambassador who nevertheless is optimistic about a "recovery in the medium term."

"We are making our labour market more flexible, reforming the banking system and opening our money markets, which together with international co-operation should help us restructure

the economy. But 1998 is going to be tough," stressed Mr Myong Haing Cho.

AVOID SANTIAGO IN APRIL

The coming summit of the Americas 34 presidents to be held in Santiago between April 17/19 will have a cost of eight million US dollars and will be financed equally by the Chilean government and the private sector.

Chilean authorities expect ten thousand people to register for the event. The thousand strong American delegation that will accompany President Bill Clinton is by far the largest and will be occupying the whole of the Hyatt Hotel. The summit will be taking place at the Sheraton where all heads of state and government, with the exception of President Clinton, will be staying.

During the two days summit the areas next to the Hyatt and Sheraton will be strictly out of bounds.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT HARBOUR RATES

Shipping companies are complaining to the Chilean government about the doubling of harbour rates in Chacabuco, Puerto Montt and Puerto Natales, unexpectedly imposed by Emporchi, the Chilean ports authority.

Although the government has said it is willing to discuss the issue and as a first reaction decided that the raise should be spread along the whole of '98, the new rates are particularly burdensome for the Magallanes and Aisen Regions since most supplies are shipped from Puerto Montt.

"There's absolutely no reason to justify the 100% increase and it's most unfair that the announcement should be made in March when we've all calculated our budgets on the old rates," said Eduardo Salazar, president of the Maritime Transport Association of Southern Chile.

LONGLINERS LEAVE PUNTA ARENAS

The Chilean Association of High Seas Fishing companies, sent a document to President Eduardo Frei claiming that the present fisheries policy is forcing long liners to leave Punta Arenas. "The present policy of not renewing licences or limiting fishing quotas below the operational capacity of long liners has caused great uncertainty among local companies," said Carlos Hernandez, General Manager of ANAPESCA. According to Mr Hernandez some of the quotas for fishing toothfish, deep sea hake, conger and cod do not correspond to the Punta Arenas situation, and it's necessary, "to review the whole fishing policy for the south of Chile."

"Some of the long liners are operating from other points and will only return if they are granted the right licences," indicated Mr Leonardo Castex, president of the Maritime Chamber of Punta Arenas. Mr Castex added that the six companies who are members of ANAPESCA "have investments equivalent to 40 million US dollars in Punta Arenas and an annual turnover of over 60 million US dollars, involving over a thousand jobs."

Meantime in central Chile, the Association of Fish Packing Plants of Bio Bio reported that catches during the

first two months of '98 have dropped an alarming 31.8%. While in January-February '97, the catch reached 790,000 tons, this year it's down to 540,000 tons. The main reductions correspond to rough scad (jurel) and hake. But in spite of the significant drop in volume the industry is managing since the international price of fishmeal has rocketed, from an average 480/550 US dollars the ton during 1997 to 750 US dollars at the end of February.

CHILE FEELS THE PINCH

For the first time in ten years, Chile will experience a trade deficit during the first quarter of 1998. According to the Chilean Central Bank by mid February the deficit had reached 363 million US dollars, when historically the three first months of the year have shown a surplus.

"We are beginning to feel the impact of the Asian crisis with declining exports and an increase in our foreign purchases," indicated George Lever, head economist of the Santiago Chamber of Commerce. The Central Bank information indicates that exports have dropped an alarming 13% while imports are growing at an annual rate of 18%. The items hardest hit have been forestry, fruit and fisheries with a drop of 26%, followed by copper, 13%, and industrial goods, 7.5%. As far as imports, the main growth has been in consumer goods, 27%, while capital goods increased 10%. Asian countries exports on their own reached a record 341 US million dollars during January, compared with the 197 million US dollars twelve months ago.

"This is a clear example of the new aggressiveness of the Asian countries forced by their own internal problems and lack of local demand," said economist Lever. Half of Chile's copper shipments and 70% of forestry products are exported to Asia.

BRAZIL LEADS ARMS RACE

Brazil will be investing during the next ten years four billion US dollars in the purchase of 180 new Mach 3 fighter planes equipped with some of the most sophisticated technology.

The news broke out during the combined French-Brazilian air exercises that are taking place in the south of Brazil with the participation of several hundred French pilots and experts in the Mirage 2000. This modern aircraft is one of the six serious candidates the Brazilian Air Force is considering to replace some of the vintage Mirage F103. According to the Brazilian press the decision follows Argentine, Chilean and Peruvian plans to upgrade their own air power. Argentina has an agreement with Lockheed to refurbish eighty aircraft; Chile is planning to purchase sixty brand new fighters; Peru has purchased twenty Mach 3 Mig 29 from a former Soviet republic and the US sold Venezuela twelve F16.

The list of aircraft offered to Brazil includes the Mig 29; Lockheed F16, MacDonald-Douglas F18; the French Dassault Rafale and Mirage 2000 and the Swedish Saab Gripen that will be in exposition the coming week in Santiago de Chile.

FOREST FIRE OUT OF CONTROL

A forest fire that started two months ago in the Brazilian Amazon next to Venezuela is completely out of control and has devastated an area equivalent to Belgium and Luxembourg.

The fire was started by peasants who burn the forest to clear the land for agriculture but on this occasion the intense drought created a wall of flames, twenty kilometres long that keeps advancing towards the Venezuelan border at a rate of ten kilometres per day. Brazilian authorities have said that they lack the resources or expertise to fight a disaster of such magnitude and are

expecting the coming rains of April to do the job. It is estimated that an area of almost 50,000 square kilometres has been left barren by the fire that's created a smoke cloud of approximately 300 kilometres extending over half of the territory of Roraima state.

Besides the irreparable damage to the environment, twenty five thousand head of cattle have died and several thousand more are in danger of dying because of the lack of water and food. Anthropologists have also warned that some unique tribes to the area, such as the yanomamis run the risk of disappearing since their natural habitat has been completely destroyed.

The Brazilian government said that according to official records the state of Roraima went through a similar devastating situation in the twenties.

BEEF WITH "PASSPORT"

The European Union accepted and approved Uruguay's tractability and labelling system for beef, a requisite that will become effective on all beef sales in Europe as of January 2000.

The system that is already being applied in some European countries helps the final consumer, simply by reading the label, to identify the farm where the bovine was born, bred, how he was fed and any medication he might have received. The sanitary authorities of the countries involved certify the information provided in the labels that are considered a "passport for beef."

The system that was started by French farmers when beef sales collapsed as a consequence of the spread of the "mad cow" disease, was later accepted by the rest of the European countries and will be extensive to all beef, mutton and lamb imports. The European Council approved the Uruguayan system in a record twelve days.

YPF FINED 1,000 SHEEP

An Argentine federal Court ruled that the country's main oil company must pay the equivalent of a thousand Merino sheep to a farmer in the province of Chubut. The claim was started in 1989 after a crew of oil workers from YPF left several paddock gates open that set rams loose among ewes with the result of an unexpectedly early winter lambing with 70% mortality.

The ruling although long overdue, was applauded by Patagonia farmers who have had continuous problems with oil companies operating in the area and can't match the lawyers contracted by the corporations.

SCAB IN PATAGONIA

In spite of all the precautionary measures along the Chilean border, Argentine sanitary authorities have reported the first cases of scab in Santa Cruz province. Although only three sheep have so far been detected with the symptoms of the highly contagious disease, it is believed that the situation could be far more serious since the flock belongs to a farm next to Chilean territory where scab has extended to almost all of the Magallanes Region. The first cases of scab appeared in Chilean Tierra del Fuego at the end of 1997, following the arrival of 400 sheep from central Chile where the disease is endemic. A month later scab was reported in several farms close to Punta Arenas. The Argentine farm where the cases have been reported has a flock of 75,000 sheep. The appearance of scab in Argentina presents a double threat for Patagonia.

"If scab extends to areas with forests, it will be very difficult to control the spread of the disease; similarly we must act before winter when the acarus is most active," said Daniel Torres head of the Argentine Sanitary Service.

According to Chilean sanitary officials 200,000 of the two million sheep in the Magallanes Region have or have been exposed to scab.

Public Notice Vacancies

Public Works Department The Public Works Department has the following vacancies Assistant Foreman - Quarry

This position involves assisting the Foreman in the safe and cost efficient operation of Pony's Pass Quarry. The successful applicant must have basic maintenance skills including cutting and welding; experience of operating heavy mobile and static plant. A driver's licence is essential.

Salary will range from £12,384 to £14,556 in Grade F depending upon qualifications and previous experience.

For more details on this position please contact Mr Trevor Morrison on telephone number 27182 during normal working hours.

Labourer - Projects Team

The applicant will be required to carry out tasks as directed by the immediate supervisor including using hand power tools in an efficient and safe manner; carrying out unskilled and occasionally semi-skilled tasks; and carrying out routine maintenance to tools and equipment.

Salary will range from £7,986 to £9,372 in Grade 1 depending upon previous experience.

For more details on this position please contact Mr Willie Bowles on telephone number 27193 during normal working hours.

Application forms and job descriptions for the above positions are available from the Human Resources department and completed forms should be returned to that Department no later than 4.00pm on Friday 27 March 1998.

The Secretariat,
Stanley
Public Notice No. 36/98
Ref: STF/1
11 March 1998

Attention racing enthusiasts!

DON'T forget the last meeting of the current season is the Stanley Sports Association Mini-Sports to be held as usual on the last Saturday in March.

Hopefully the weather will be kind and the horses keen because we have a full programme and can promise an excellent day's competition.

There will be serious flat races, and non-serious fun races, and a few races that had to be postponed from the Christmas Meeting because of the rain soaked course.

These include two races for our junior jockeys - the six hundred yard gallop with a Challenge Cup and prizes presented by William Morrison and family for riders under 21; and the SSA Junior Gallop over five hundred yards.

And, of course, if you fancy a flutter the Tote will be in operation on the course.

Having enjoyed the racing you can round the day off with a good old-fashioned stomp at the specially arranged Country & Western Dance in the FIDF hall in the evening.



There'll be a buffet and top notch music with many old favourites but you'll have to bring your own liquid refreshment.

Tickets, priced at £7.50, will be available from the Speedwell Store or from any committee member.

Proceeds from the Dance will be shared by the Sports Association, the Overseas Games Association, and the Guide Appeal.

If you have any queries call me, I'm Joyce Allan, on telephone/fax 21947.

See you all there.

Joyce Allan

Programme of Events

Entries for races are free of charge and will be taken at the course from 9.00am, with racing commencing at 9.30am.

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| 1. | 600 yards Seniors | FIB |
| 2. | Potato Race | Gymkhana |
| 3. | Bending race | Gymkhana |
| 4. | 600 yards | FIB (W Morrison Trophy) Rule 34 |
| 5. | 500 yards Seniors | FIB |
| 6. | 600 yards Seniors | Open |
| 7. | Relay Race | Gymkhana |
| 8. | 400 Yards Juniors | FIB |
| 9. | 400 Yards Seniors | FIB |

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| 10. | 700 yards Seniors | Open |
| 11. | Back to Front Race | Gymkhana |
| 12. | SSA Junior Gallop | FIB |
| 13. | 440 yards Seniors | FIB |
| 14. | 500 yards Juniors | FIB |
| 15. | 1 Mile Trot | FIB |
| 16. | 600 yards Seniors | FIB |
| 17. | Dummy Race | Gymkhana |
| 18. | 500 yards Consolation | Seniors FIB |

Note: Programme will include other Gymkhana/Fun/Childrens' events as the day progresses

Public Notice Vacancy - Apprentice Plumber

The Public Works Department has a vacancy for an Apprentice Plumber. This is an excellent opportunity for a young person to train for a position with long term prospects. Training will be given in all aspects of the plumbing trade which may include some overseas training.

English and Mathematics GCSE to at least grade C, together with a further C grade preferably in a related subject are required as a starting qualification. Training is provided over a four or five year period at the end of which the applicant must pass a final trade test to gain full certification as a tradesman.

Salary will range from £8,964 per annum for a first year apprentice in Grade H.

For more details on this position contact Mr Rod Tuckwood, Water Supervisor on 27466 during normal working hours.

Application forms and job descriptions for the above position are available from the Human Resources Department and completed forms should be returned to that Department no later than 4.00pm on Friday 3 April 1998.

Gardener or gourmet this show is for you

Once a year the green fingered gardeners and culinarily talented of the Falklands get their chance to display their produce and creations at the Horticultural Society annual show. Committee member, Bernadette Paver explains what is, literally, in store.

I WOULD like to remind you about the Horticultural Show which is fast approaching and is on Saturday, March 21, this year.

Programmes, with lists of classes and details for the show are available from Veronica Summers at the Post Office and the Horticultural Society Secretary, Penny Hill.

Those of you who intend to enter the show should read this year's programme carefully as there have been a number of changes to various classes and some new additions.

We are looking for a lot of entries this year - despite the fact that we had a pretty appalling summer there should still be plenty of good vegetables, and even a few flowers tucked away in all those gardens out there - so please bring them in.

There are classes for greenhouse or polytunnel grown produce, and a large class for pot and house plants. So if you have a particularly beautiful geranium or a houseplant of which you are especially proud, bring it along.

In the Home Produce section this year there are several new classes - not only will hen eggs be judged but duck eggs too, and we have created a new class for home made wines and cordials - so home brewers, bring in a bottle of your finest and make our judges very happy.

The Home Cookery section is huge with 33 different classes ranging from fruit cakes, through biscuits to pies, flans and sweets. So, even if you decide your cake decorating isn't too artistic or your meringues marvellous, have a go and bring your entry in. Who knows? It may knock spots off everyone else's and win a prize!

We also have a large section for children's entries - indeed, this seems to be getting bigger each year. Ages for entrants are grouped as they are at school - with classes for cooking and plants for children aged 0 - 6, 7 - 11, and 12 - 15 years.

All entrants should bring their entries to the FIDF hall on Friday, March 20, between 6.00 and 9.00pm.

For Campers remember that FIGAS will fly your entries in free - please make sure all your entries are addressed to the Horticultural Show, Stanley, and make sure that your name and address is *with* your entries rather than attached or written onto them.

If you have a vast number of entries you could bring them in earlier than 6.00pm on Friday as long as you have made a prior arrangement with the Society Secretary, Penny Hill.

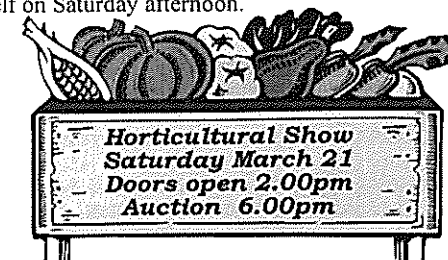
Judging takes place on Saturday morning and the doors to the show open at 2.00pm on Saturday afternoon. Door charges are 50p for adults (a modest sum we hope you'll agree) 25p for children over five, and children under five will be admitted free.

Even if you don't intend to enter the show, come along and see for yourself what people here get up to in their gardens and kitchens.

Prize giving will be at 6.00pm followed at 6.30pm by the auction of garden and home produce. Anyone who has attended these rather spirited auctions before will, no doubt, be keen to attend again - if only to see Dr Barry Elsbey and his trusty side-kick, Magnus George, in action.

If you have never attended the auction before, come along - you could easily end up with a large box of fresh cabbages, cauliflowers, tomatoes and potatoes, with a bunch of flowers thrown in, for only about £5.00.

So we look forward to seeing you there - hopefully with an entry or two on Friday evening at the FIDF hall - or, if not then, at the show itself on Saturday afternoon.



Third visit for Bishop

IN 1954 a nineteen year old university Geography student who, until then had led the normal frenetic life of an undergraduate, was invited to a week long house party with a difference.

Somewhat reluctant to attend the young man nevertheless went and encountered an experience that literally altered the course of his life.

Forty four years on that young man is considering retirement, due in the year of the millennium, 2000, from the post he has held for twenty one years.

He is, of course, Colin Bazley, the Bishop of Chile, whose eccu-

Temuco region, and area populated chiefly by the Mapuches - the native Indians of Chile.

As Bishop he has travelled many times to the most remote parts of Chile as well as the more suburban conurbations. Journeys, mostly in the comfortable 'sleeper' buses in Chile, of six hundred miles overnight have been commonplace in his life.

He is currently coming to the end of his third trip to the Islands, which he first visited seven years ago. He is here now as the representative of the Archbishop of Canterbury to carry out the Induction of the Reverend Alistair McHaffie



The Reverend Alistair McHaffie, left, and the Right Reverend Colin Bazley, Bishop of Chile pictured in Stanley this week

as the new incumbent at Christchurch Cathedral.

'Induction' is a normal rite of the church, usually conducted by the Bishop of a diocese or his representative, and is the act of presenting the new cleric to his congregation.

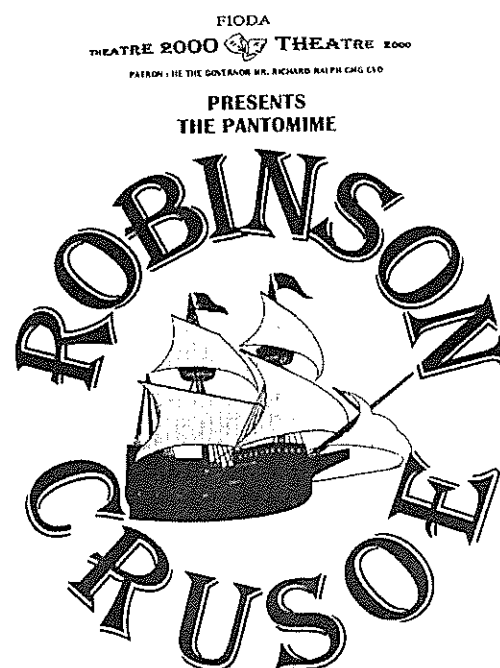
When comparing this visit to his first, seven years ago, Bishop Bazley says he sees many changes: "The roads are noticeably better, there is more commerce, more shops, more houses."

But some of the changes are more spiritual than physical. "Talking to people in church," he said, "there is a concern I haven't seen before, that the church should move out into the community and win other people into the faith."

He hopes to see the two Protestant churches, the Tabernacle and Christchurch Cathedral, working more closely together to turn what he termed, "practical atheism" into "practical belief".

After seven years he became the Assistant Bishop of Chile, a position he held for eight years, and found himself and his young, predominantly female family, in the

Cable & Wireless have received a message from Ray and Paul Miles in the UK. They are radio hams, and would be interested in hearing from anyone in the Falkland Islands with a similar interest. They can be contacted by e-mail on paulmiles@doody.demon.co.uk, their call sign is G4XXH.



STANLEY TOWN HALL

FRIDAY MARCH 27TH.

DOORS OPEN 7.00pm CURTAINS 7.30pm

SATURDAY MARCH 28TH. MATINEE

DOORS OPEN 1.00pm CURTAINS 1.30pm

SATURDAY EVENING

DOORS OPEN 7.00pm CURTAINS 7.30pm

TICKETS: ADULTS £3.00 - CHILDREN & OAP's £1.50

TICKETS ON SALE FROM THE SPEEDWELL STORE

The Falkland Islands Domain on the Internet

by Ian Cox, FIDC, London

WITH the Falklands having ready access to the Internet the benefits of speedy information access and communication provided by the world wide web and e-mail are available to everybody. In mid 1997 FIDC initiated and progressed the establishment of the Falklands top level domain, or country code, .fk; by November three major Falkland Islands web sites were operative. A major feature of the sites is that they are interlinked and visitors can access quickly one to another. Since November 97 an average of 1500 individuals per month from all over the world have visited our sites looking at over 8000 pages, thus underlining the significance of the world wide web as a powerful tool for dissemination of information. There are thousands of references with varying degrees of factual accuracy and opinion about the Falklands on the Internet. However, the

official Falkland Islands web sites and the .fk domain are recognised as the reference points for facts and political viewpoints from the Islands and site visit numbers are growing.

The Government site www.falklands.gov.fk provides social, economic, administrative and political information about the Islands together with up-to-date news items and direct links to third party web sites having strong affiliations to the Falklands. The Falkland Islands Tourist Board has its own site www.tourism.org.fk displaying full information on tourism infrastructure and product, travel, UK, USA and Continental tour operators and FITB services. There are also on-line information forms which are linked directly to the e-mail addresses of FITB, Stanley and London enabling potential tourists to order brochures and other literature. Direct links to operators' per-

sonal web sites are included. The FIDC site, www.fidc.org.fk, promotes the Corporations' and Islands' economy. It also contains the .fk domain administrative and management policies together with on-line application forms for sub-domains under .fk.

Sub-domains relate to the activity of an individual or organisation and are summarised as .gov.fk for most FIG departments, .org.fk for organisations like FIDC, FITB and Falkland Islands Association, .ac.fk for the Education department and schools, .co.fk for commercial concerns, .net.fk for Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and .nom.fk for private individuals. This means that Falklands' residents can create their own identity through having a unique domain name. For example FIDC has fidc.org.fk, the e-mail address being info@fidc.org.fk and the web site location www.fidc.org.fk. Companies might

have an e-mail address structured, for example, manager@companyname.co.fk; if the company had a web site the location would be www.companyname.co.fk. Individuals might have an e-mail address structured as name@house.nom.fk. The initial cost of your own domain is currently £80 payable to the domain Technical Contact which covers the first two years technical registration; this is in addition to any ISP charges. There is no charge from FIDC as managing organisation of the domain.

The domain administrator, or Communications Facilities Officer, based in Stanley is Gordon Ewing, assisted by Ian Cox in London. Application forms for .fk sub-domains can be obtained from FIDC, Stanley, on-line at www.fidc.org.fk or from your ISP.

Public Notice

The Planning Ordinance 1991

Notice of Planning Applications Received
Notice is hereby given that the following applications for planning permission have been received.

Ref No	Applicant	Development
24/98/P	Ms P Sackett	Erection of six foot boundary fence at 25 Ross Road East, Stanley.
25/98/PB	Miss J Jaffray	Erection of single-storey dwelling at 17 Watson Way, East Stanley.
26/98/PB	Mr Mrs J W Jaffray	Erection of single-storey dwelling with attached domestic garage at 21 Watson Way, East Stanley.
27/98/PB	C & W PLC	Replacement of 27 metre mast with 30 metre self supporting tower at Sapper Hill, Stanley.
28/98/P	Mr J Moffat	Erection 1.6 metre fence, with 500mm trellis on top, at 20 Ross Road East, Stanley.
29/98/P	Mr D Humphreys	Outline application to erect an extension to existing dwelling at 7 Dean Street, Stanley.
13/98/DP	M J Whitney	Erection of double garage at 15 Ross Road East, Stanley (for approval of details following grant of outline permission).
30/98/P	FIG/PWD	Erection of signs to the Public Toilets in the Town Hall, signs located at Town Hall and on Ross Road opposite Victory Green.
31/98/PB	Mr Mrs Eccles	Extension to existing dwelling at 18 Jeremy Moore Avenue, Stanley.
32/98/P	Mr Mrs Eccles	Outline application to relocate existing garage at 18 Jeremy Moore Avenue, Stanley.

These applications may be inspected during normal office hours at the office of the Secretary of the Planning & Building Committee, Environmental planning Office, Malvina House Gardens, Stanley. Comments on the applications should be made in writing and should be sent to the Environmental Planning Officer, Environmental Planning Dept., PO Box 611, Stanley, within 10 days of the date of this notice.

The next Planning and Building Committee is due to be held on 2 April 1998 in the Liberation Room, Secretariat, commencing at 1.30pm. Members of the public may attend to observe the workings of the Committee.

Vacancies

Joint Nature Conservation Committee

THE Joint Nature Conservation Committee, (JNCC) was established by the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to deal with nature conservation issues relating to Great Britain, the United Kingdom and international aspects.

The Seabirds and Cetaceans unit of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee are recruiting posts to cover new areas of work. The unit is based in Aberdeen, but two of the posts will be working in the Falkland Islands.

Team Leader (Falklands)

B and C fixed term appointment for one year with the possibility of extension

This post is based at Stanley in the Falkland Islands with some work carried out at Aberdeen. It is to provide a systematic census of the birds present in Falklands' waters and their relative distribution. The post holder will manage the day to day running of the project with two team members, including financial management of the budget plus arrangement of, and participation in, at-sea surveys. You should have a first or second class honours degree in a relevant subject plus two years relevant experience, with good communication and management skills. Experience in seabird cetacean and offshore ecology would be advantageous. You should have good eyesight and not suffer from sea sickness. Ref no 98008.

Marine Surveyor (Falklands)

B and B fixed term appointment for one year with the possibility of extension

This post is based at Stanley in the Falkland Islands with some work in Aberdeen. You will be carrying out seabird and cetacean surveys from vessels in Falklands' waters, computer code all collected data and write a report on each survey. You will need a first or second class degree in a relevant subject plus relevant post graduate experience. You should have, experience in seabird, cetacean or offshore ecology, the ability to concentrate for long periods and not suffer from seasickness. Ref no 98009

Salary: The posts will be assigned from English Nature. The starting salary for a Band C post is normally £16,000 and for a Band B post £11,000. More may be available for an exceptional candidate.

For further details and an application form please contact Mrs G Lyles, Joint Nature Conservation Committee, Monkstone House, City Road, Peterborough PE1 1JY. Tel: 01733 866892 (24 hour answerphone). The closing date is 1 April 1998. Interviews are expected to be held w/c 20 April 1998.

March/April 1998 Newsletter

Falkland Islands Offshore Oil Exploration

Borgny Dolphin begins tow to South Atlantic

DOLPHIN Drilling's semi-submersible rig, *Borgny Dolphin* left the Scottish coast for Falklands' waters on February 3rd. The 7,530 nautical mile tow is expected to take in the region of 73 days. The *Borgny Dolphin* called at Las Palmas in the Canary Islands to take on fuel and change crew, departing on 27th February for the second leg of the journey. It is understood that Falkland Islander, Brian Porter, is a crew member. The rig, towing at an average speed of 4.5 knots by anchor handler *Maersk Puncher*, is expected to arrive in Tranche A, licensed to Amerada Hess (Falklands) Ltd., in mid April. The exact date depends on weather conditions encountered along the Brazilian coast.

A second anchor handler *Maersk Mariner*, required to assist the *Puncher* in ferrying supplies to the rig from FIPASS in Stanley and to lay the rig's anchors at each well location, expects to sail from Europe shortly to be on site when the *Borgny Dolphin* arrives. In addition the stand-by vessel *Veesea Pearl*, will also attend to the rig, visiting Stanley periodically for crew changes. When the *Veesea Pearl* is away from the safety zone one of the anchor handlers, equipped to carry out stand-by vessel duties, will attend the rig.

It is expected that the drilling of the first well in the North Falkland Basin will begin in late April. Depending on the conditions encountered, wells could take 40-50 days to complete. After drilling the first well for Amerada, the rig will move to LASMO's tranche to drill the second well, followed by Shell's well, IPC's well and the fifth well will be drilled back in Tranche A for Amerada Hess. The programme is expected to continue into the first half of next year with the possibility of additional wells being drilled if requested by the oil companies.

Stanley-CSM and the Logistics Base

Stanley-CSM staff were ready to receive the first shipment of supplies that arrived on the Hogg Robinson charter vessel in mid February. Tubular steel casing has been stacked on racking in the lay-down area near FIPASS, while items requiring dry storage are being placed in warehouses. Two more shipments are due in March and April with the second vessel *Aleksandrov* carrying a Bristow S61N helicopter.

Transport of oil workers

Falkland Islands Airways are preparing to fly the oil workers on an exclusive charter from Sao Paulo in Brazil and Montevideo in Uruguay to the Islands. The flights will operate weekly from Mount Pleasant Airport and per-

sonnel will transfer to the rig by Bristow helicopter. Overnight accommodation will be provided near the helicopter base at Mount Pleasant Airport.

Site Survey Work

High winds and rough seas this summer have delayed this important survey but a break in the weather in late February saw the completion of a number of surveys, allowing Britsurveys' *ML'Espoir* to crew change in Stanley and take on board Gardline Specialists to carry out sea-bed sampling from well site locations for detailed analysis prior to drilling. This benthic sampling programme will provide an environmental base-line for comparison with future samples if the oil industry continues operating in the area in future years.

Metocean Data Acquisition

GEOS staff recently travelled on the Fisheries Protection Vessel *Dorada* to the northern tranche area to retrieve monitoring equipment and collect data related to current directions and speeds in the water column. Metocean data will continue to be collected from a system to be installed on the *Borgny Dolphin* on her arrival here in April.

Environmental Matters

A third meeting of the Falkland Islands Exploration and Production Environmental Forum (FIEPEF) is to be held in Stanley on March 26th when Professor Alasdair McIntyre will be joined by environmental specialists Dr. Ali Onder of Shell, Mr Mike Osborne for IPC, John Spink for

Amerada Hess and Andrew Ollevent of LASMO as well as local representatives. Among items on the agenda members will receive progress reports on environmental work funded by the oil companies including the benthic sampling programme and the year long seabird/cetacean monitoring project being co-ordinated by Falklands Conservation using JNCC observers both in Stanley and on vessels. The Stanley based staff will be creating a data-base of the sightings.

Regulatory Matters

Executive Council considered the oil company's Environmental Drilling Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) at their meeting in January. The Governor agreed to the members' recommendation that he may proceed to consider the granting of exploratory drilling works. However, Councillors advised that the EIA should be considered relevant only to the planned exploration drilling phase and operators will need to submit a detailed monitoring programme and additional evidence if the exploration programme is to be extended.

Regulations regarding safety zones around offshore structures as well as the application of civil and criminal jurisdiction to offshore activities comes into effect by the end of March 1998. Further details (copies of the regulations) can be obtained from the Department of Mineral Resources.

Mrs P M Rendell
Director of Mineral Resources.

Stanley Golf Club News

From Frank Jackson

PLAYERS were rewarded with the best weather of the season for the Cable & Wireless sponsored bogie competition on Sunday. The bogie format, +1 for a birdie, zero for a par and -1 for a bogie means that you have to go for your shots to keep the -1's off your card: In what was a very close contest, Frank Jackson's positive approach saw him emerge as winner with a score of zero, ahead of Joe Bains on -1, Glen Ross -2, Barry Smith -3 and Kevin Clapp -4. Ian Doherty and Dusty Miller had best front and back nine scores, and Graham Taylor smashed the longest drive. New member Elaine Lewistook the ladies prize and consolation prizes went to

Graham France and Nick Bonner. Steve Baker was on hand to present the prizes on behalf of Cable and Wireless to round off a very enjoyable day.

Members later made presentations to outgoing Captain, Barry Smith who returns to the UK this week. Rod Tuckwood now takes over the Captaincy.

Next week there are no official competitions at Stanley as a number of club members will be playing in the West Open? Event at Port Howard.

The next game will be on Saturday 28th March when a drawn pairs competition will be played. Please arrive by 1.15 for a 1.30 start.

Weather for February

THE poor summer weather continued. Cool and cloudy but otherwise unremarkable.

Temperature: Daytime maximum temperatures averaged only 13.3 degrees C, two degrees below the 1987-97 average. The warmest weather assured towards the end of the month, but the highest temperature of only 10.0 (on the 24th) has been beaten by every other February since 1987. Six days failed to reach 10 degrees night time minima were only just below normal averaging 5.9 degrees C, the lowest was 1.5 degrees on the 1st.

Rainfall: After a long sequence of very wet months, it dried up at last. Total rainfall of 40.6mm was six mm below normal. 40% of the month's total rain fell on the 6th. Seventeen days recorded some rain, eight of which had over one millimetre.

Snow: No snow, but sleet and soft hail fell in showers on the 1st.

Sunshine: The total of 149.7 hours (average 5.3 hours per day) was well below the normal of 186.7 hours. Sunniest day was the 4th with 14.1 hours. There were three completely sunless days.

Wind/Gales: The mean of all hours was 14.2 knots, one knot below normal. Gales occurred on only the 14th and 22nd; the former had the highest gust of 54 knots, well below the February record of 67 knots in 1990.

Weather Statistics for February 1998:

Long term averages for Stanley (1962-81) are shown in parenthesis. Temperatures are in degrees Celsius, winds are in knots, rainfall in millimetres and sunshine in hours.

Highest daily maximum temp 19.0 (22.0)

Lowest daily minimum 1.5 (0.0)

Mean daily max temp 13.2 (13.4)

Mean daily min temp 5.9 (5.9)

Total monthly rainfall 40.6 (51.6)

Total monthly sunshine 149.7 (165.6)

Number of days with rain 17

Number of days with snow 2 (1)

Number of days with snow lying at 1300Z 0 (0)

Number of days with fog 1 (3)

Number of days with air frost 0 (0)

Number of days with hail 2 (2)

Number of days with thunderstorms 0 (1)

Number of days with gales 2 (3)

Highest gust 54 (67)

FORSALE

For Sale by Tender: Three bedroom partly furnished house at 2 Fieldhouse Close. Offers in writing to PO Box 367. Closing date 30th March 1998 for viewing phone 21902 or 21256 after 5 p.m.

For Sale, surplus to requirement:

4 x 750 x 16 super all grip tyres, less than 400 miles £250
1 x 2.5 ltr reconditioned diesel injector pump £350
1 x sunroof 2nd hand (offers)
Phone 22739 day, phone/fax 21811 evenings, weekends

The property known as **New House Farm** with a balanced flock of approximately 5,000 sheep. For further information contact Chris or Lindsey May on phone/fax 31110 on or before Tuesday the 31st March

Stanley Dairy Ltd. have for sale a quantity of new seasons hay in small bales. Enquiries to Malcolm Ashworth on phone/fax 31011

Suzuki Vitara JLX 3 door Colour Pacific blue
Full service history by Stanley Body Repairs.
Electronic windows, power steering, air conditioning and central locking. Fitted with radio/cassette player and seat covers. Spare windshield, light bulbs and gear lever included. In excellent condition. Contact: Jill Roberts, 8 Endurance Avenue, Tel: 22529

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1 x Nintendo 64
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Fuel: Kerosene. For viewing and further details contact D King on phone 21236

By tender Series III petrol landrover 1984 model canvas top excellent condition. Upset price £1,600. Tenders to Stan Smith by 4th April. Tenderer does not bind himself to accept the highest or any tender. Must sell as leaving islands. Tel: 21101

FORSALE

For Sale by tender
1 Lada Niva 4 x 4 with quantity of new and second hand spares. Tenders to reach Bobby Short Goose Green by 10th April 1998. Viewing can be arranged by phoning 32280

Laptop computer, Samsung 486, Modem Card, Windows 3.1
Pine single bed
Selection of exercise equipment
Ring 21971 for viewing or offers

A Series III S.W.B. 2 1/4 L Diesel Landrover.
Enquiries to Mike Pole-Evans tel 21306

2 1/2 litre 90 in very good condition also includes radio tape recorder CD player, bullbar and spotlights and high air intake. Contact S. Gilding on 21366

Fiat Uno. Good little runner, needs some work on gearbox. For details ring Paul Howe 21230

Large quantity of dry peat for sale.
Phone Goss - 21719 - evenings

NOTICES

ATTENTION!!
CHANGE OF DATE
BRENTON LOCH OPEN DAY
DATE: Wednesday April 15th 1998
Time: 10.30 till late
Place: Brenton Loch cattle yards - Follow the signs from Goose Green.
Activities: Official opening of the cattle yards and project by H E The Governor at 1.00 pm.
Inspection of the cattle yards and a chance to work animals in them. Visit to the herbicide trial site. Departmental displays on all the major programs in which the Department is involved.
Barbecue lunch.
We are hoping for a good roll up at this event as it is a good chance to catch up on the activities of the Department and discuss them with the officers responsible for them. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Anybody wanting accounts, typing or general clerical work done from home. Please contact Tanya Lee on 22116

Whist Drive results for the 18th March
Ladies: 1st Mrs C Blackley
2nd Mrs D Clarke
Booby Mrs E Chapman
Gents: 1st C Clifton
2nd D Pettersson
Booby M Murphy
Auction Bridge is on alternate Wednesdays, whist is every other week, in the day centre at 7.30pm
ALL ARE MOST WELCOME

Copies of the Governor's Report for the Financial Year July 1996 to June 1997 are now available from the Secretariat, free of charge. Anyone wishing to obtain a copy, please phone the Secretariat General Office on 27242 during normal working hours

PERSONAL



Happy Birthday you two!!

WANTED

Any unwanted magazines suitable for general reading. Please drop off at KEMH outpatients department

Urgently wanted, accommodation in Stanley. Please apply to Michelle Marsh, Shallow Harbour Tel: 42019

Child stair gate. Please ring 22075, Mrs Davies

1 x 24v to 12v DC Converter
Good price offered
Contact Glen on 21982 anytime

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Call Neil on 21041 Fax: 22099.
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VACANCY

Cable and Wireless Plc have an immediate vacancy in their Rural Radio Department and would like to hear from persons interested in joining the team. The position would ideally suit an active person who enjoys working outdoors and travelling, has a basic knowledge of 12 and 24vdc power system workings, an ability to perform mast-climbing duties, is a competent off roader and has a general common sense approach to working through problems. On the job training will be given and the possibility of further overseas training in due course for the right candidate. A full job description and further information can be obtained by initially contacting Allan Steen on Tel: 20872

Byron Marine have immediate vacancies for the following positions:

Firstly, for a General Assistant. This post will be primarily office based, and applicants should preferably have office and computer experience. The work will entail assisting the Office Manager with data entry, filing and general office duties. However the post will also involve a certain amount of liaison with our warehouse and ships, and candidates should also have a full driving licence. Secondly, we require an Office Cleaner for our new building Byron House. It is expected that this will entail up to 2 hours cleaning per day in up to four office units. Please contact the Office Manager, Miss Trish Smith, at Byron Marine Ltd on telephone 22245 or at Byron House, 3 'H' Jones Road, Stanley, for further details

Need an Electrician?
Call Graeme on 22555.
All types of industrial and domestic installation and repairs. Qualified personnel.
No. 1 Electrical (Falklands) Ltd. P.O. Box 643, Stanley, Fax 22555

POSTSCRIPT - From the Baha'is

Fifty years ago the General Assembly of the United Nations signed a document to establish the rights of every human being on earth. Among these were specified: the right to life, liberty, and security of person; the right to be held in slavery, nor to be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment; the right to be not arbitrarily deprived of one's nationality... the right to an adequate standard of living... to education... to an income from one's work which is worthy of human dignity... and many others...

Half a century later, how many of the world's peoples are aware of what their rights are under that Declaration, whether they experience them or not? Probably very few. Human rights - or rather, the lack of them - remains one of the burning issues of our time.

Yet Baha'is are certain that the establishment of human rights in all corners of the world is on the way. In the last century, Baha'u'llah taught that an equal standard of human rights must be recognized and adopted, and this has already been achieved by the General Assembly. Countless difficulties may lie ahead, but with so many of Baha'u'llah's prophecies having been either fulfilled or in the process of becoming so, Baha'is are confident that the day is coming, however far in the future it may be, when the Human Rights Declaration will have been implemented in full.

Last week's Postscript was from St. Mary's Church

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WITH the British Government's comprehensive defence review now approaching completion, there are strong rumours in London that the naval defence of the Falklands may be reduced, reports Graham Bound.

Defence analysts in Britain are suggesting that the Ministry of Defence is arguing in favour of withdrawing the naval force, presently HMS *Dumbarton Castle*, which patrols the waters around the Islands. However, commenting on the rumours yesterday (March 26) His Excellency the Governor told *Penguin News*, "As far as I know, no proposal to remove the guard ship has been put forward." He went on to say that what we are seeing is little more than, "a reflection," in the form of, "leaks and briefs," of interdepartmental debate in the lead up to announcements regarding the Defence Review.

Reports which have appeared in British and Argentine newspapers over the past few days claim that some officials are asserting there is no longer an Argentine military threat against the Falklands, and that the guard ship can be safely withdrawn. However, officials in the Foreign Office are alleged to disagree, reported as arguing that although there may be little or no immediate threat against the Islands, it is precisely 'because of the naval presence' that Argentina no longer poses a threat. The

Falklands' guard ship running out of time?

"Not as far as we know" says Governor



Above: Guard ship HMS Leeds Castle handing over patrol tour of Falklands' waters to HMS Dumbarton Castle. Photo: HQBFFI.

diplomats believe, said Graham Bound, that the naval presence is a powerful symbol of British commitment, and if withdrawn the Buenos Aires Government would interpret this as a loss of interest by London.

If the forces in the Falklands are under consideration by the review this will come as a surprise locally,

as originally the British Government had stated that the Islands would be exempt from the review. Ministry of Defence officials described the commitment in the South Atlantic as "ring-fenced."

Sounding sceptical on the subject of the recent newspaper reports, however, H E the Governor also commented, "If there were any changes in the offing with regard to the size or shape of the garrison, Falklands' councillors would have been informed." Adding, "The British Government have made it clear that their commitment to the security of their overseas territories remains unchanged."

Fire at Pony's Pass

EMERGENCY services attended a fire which broke out in crushing equipment at Pony's Pass Quarry on Thursday, March 26.

During a routine maintenance operation involving cutting metal with burning equipment, hot metal fell on a hydraulic hose which caught fire. An investigation and a damage survey are under way.

The equipment involved in the fire is reputed to be worth around £120,000.



Above: Argos' Derek Clarke prepares to challenge Globe Tavern's Claudio Ross in local Cup Match. See page 11 for more photographs and a match report by Patrick Watts.

Where the money goes

RECENT coin shortages that have irritated some retailers in Stanley are purely temporary and will be alleviated by the arrival of new coinage fresh from the Royal Mint based at Llantrisant in South Wales, according to a Treasury spokesman.

An order for new coins, specifically 5p, 10p, 20p and 50p, was apparently held up pending a decision on whether the new smaller size coins, already in use in the UK, would replace the older, larger coins.

Now the order has been placed and a shipment of 20p coins is expected in April, though the need to re-tool for the smaller coins means the other denominations will arrive later than that.

Blair and Menem won't discuss sovereignty states Marsden

BRITISH Ambassador in Argentina, William Marsden, once again repeated Britain's intention that the sovereignty of the Falklands would not be discussed during the Argentine Presidents' visit to London next November.

The diplomat spoke during a ceremony where the Lord Mayor of London, Richard Nichols, was received by the Mayor of Buenos Aires, Dr Fernando de la Rúa on Monday, March 23. According to *La Prensa*, Mr Marsden said, "The British government has made it perfectly clear that there will be no changes in the negotiations as far as discussing the sovereignty in the South Atlantic."

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LegCo and ExCo coverage inside..

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Desperately seeking Boris?

SO Boris Yeltsin has sacked his government! While the collective jaws of western countries have dropped at the thought of this disturbing and surreal situation, such a mind-blowing concept has deliciously anarchistic possibilities in terms of imagining a comparable situation with one's own country.

Picture the scene - 7.30am Government House: Barely out of his bed, H E the Governor takes a call from Councillor Summers. After an hour of commentary by the councillor on the latest problems - local fury about the metal plates across Ross Road West - farmers angry at meagre grants - more news of mistreated fishermen - still no decision regarding on-shore oil facilities - HE (suffering from a touch of colic) cries passionately, "that is it... I'm sick of the lot of you upsetting the masses with your whingeing and procrastinating... you're all b****y sacked."

OK so it can't happen, but imagine it existed as a lurking possibility. Would our councillors conduct themselves any differently? Would their attitude to the electorate alter miraculously if a drop in their ratings meant instant dismissal? Would Councillor Halford stop glaring at us during public meetings? Would Birmingham stop moaning about taxis... or Summers cease to patronise? And what other possibilities? Suddenly Councillor Edwards might surprise us with a controversial concept; Cockwell and Cheek shock us with inflammatory or impulsive statements... Clifton might simplify his vocabulary, or Luxton make it to every meeting...

Seriously though... attractive as the theory might sound, drawbacks exist. We already grumble during pre-election months at the councillors' sudden interest not in *doing*, but *saying*. It's possible then, that if our representatives lived in day-to-day fear of dismissal, their intention of 'doing' the right thing could eventually be overwhelmed by the need to 'appear' to be doing the right thing - throughout the elected term, that is, and not simply in those last telling months. So while it appears logical that Councillors, Ministers or any other 'people's representative' would take greater care in his/her work if the perpetuation of the post depended on the public's day-to-day idea of a job well-done, the reality might be slapdash decisions based on nothing more than a desire to rapidly placate the majority of the electorate.

Our present system may therefore prevent a great deal of the undesirable political manoeuvring to be found in other governments; and while the power to influence the instant sacking of our government might be fun, I'm not entirely convinced it would be any more efficient... and anyway (a) if the above charges are among the worst we can level at our councillors, we're probably not doing so badly, and (b) would we really trust that lot if they kept grinning at us.

Desperately seeking Boris? Maybe not...

HAVING written somewhat impudently about Councillor Clifton's use of English, I should add that few could dispute the relevance of detail he provided in his recent Motion to Legislative Council (see centre pages). The Motion regarding mistreatment of fishermen and fish workers, comprised detail which truly brought home to me how these people have been, and continue to be, failed at the highest possible level.

Unbelievable as it is to people in a society like ours, resigned acceptance in many states, of torture, mistreatment or simple neglect, is common. To illustrate I quote from a personal letter to myself from a lady in Argentina... "Concerning the use of torture on fishing vessels (I read that news in the last Penguin that arrived on Friday) it's not strange for us. Although it may sound gruesome, we, Argies (sic) are quite accustomed to hear about torture. I dare say that we, as a society, accept torture up to a certain extent (I think it is abhorrent). We all know that the Police torture people, quite often young delinquents die as a result of this, but we simply turn a blind eye. From time to time in the media someone protests, but we soon forget about everything..."

Written by a thoughtful young woman, the words are disturbingly resigned - her reluctant acceptance grown from familiarity with stories of mistreatment. However, while she may have every reason to feel helpless in the face of what she presumably considers the inevitable, our 'civilised' lifestyle gives us no excuse to allow our morals to be eroded in the same way. Perhaps then, one of our responsibilities in all of this (that is the alleged mistreatment and torture of fishermen) is to stubbornly resist the creeping desensitisation a growing familiarity with such abuses is likely to induce.

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Your letters

Given the importance of education.....

WITH reference to the letters appearing in last week's *Penguin News* concerning education and overseas students.

Given the importance of education plus the high level of dissatisfaction, I, in a similar situation would not hesitate for one sec-

ond... I would pack my bags and return to the country from whence I came, and take advantage of their fully funded state education system.

I McLeod
Stanley

Bullrich responds

I WOULD like to thank you for having published in full - and in such short notice - the document we prepared with Mr Alastair Forsyth. As a former editor I fully appreciate the space we were given.

I must wholly endorse your editorial of March 13 regarding the incorrect way *Clarín* reported the publishing of our document in the *Penguin News*. The same day *Clarín* published that article I phoned the editor asking for an immediate rectification, which *Clarín* did next day in a very short article where it corrected some of the many inaccuracies of their article of the previous day.

I would also like to thank through your newspaper all the people that have - private or public - written us with suggestions or ideas regarding the document we prepared with Mr Alastair Forsyth (including of course those that disagree with us). If someone wants to contact us through E Mail it can be done to the following add

ress: CEBU@internautic.com.ar.

Regarding Mr Tim Blake's letter, we respect his viewpoints, but we have to correct some of the quotations he made of our document: In no part of the document we say that the Islanders must let the Argentines into the islands, actually we clearly say that immigration policy should be managed exclusively by the islanders themselves. In no part of the document we say that Argentina would have the right to station troops on the islands, what we say is exactly the opposite: the only troops in the islands would be British and Argentina could send two or three liaison officers precisely to avoid misunderstandings.

As you can see and going back to your editorial, we all have to suffer from time to time misrepresentations, misquotations or misunderstandings.

Conrado Etchebarne
Bullrich
Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Ode to government light pollution

I OPEN the door, walk in the room,
Then I stop short, for instead of the gloom
A short distance away a single glow
Lightens the night and some shadows throw,
Into the room this light shines through,
Alas it's the one eyed god of Katmandu.

In great alarm I look to the right,
Another is glowing in the night.
Into the bathroom I dash in fear,
OH NO another is looking at me there.

I glance aside and there are two
One eyed gods of Katmandu.

To the single toilet at the rear
Again I dash with great fear
I look outside, what do I see?
Another eye looks down at me.

C Ellis
Stanley

Write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley, Falkland Islands.

More than two years since statement on Education.. "I don't call this very recently" says Keith

FURTHER to last week's letters regarding fees for Peter Symonds College being frozen, I have a copy of a report from *Teaberry Express* of a Public Meeting held on 10th January 1996. At this meeting, which was attended by Mr and Mrs Didlick and Mr and Mrs Jones, it was stated twice by Councillor John Cheek that Peter Symonds fees would be frozen. To quote, "the students fees for the next six to seven years were fixed and that those fees covered 20 students per year." This was in part answer to a letter read out by Mrs Didlick, and in the second instance, a point brought up by Tim Miller. To quote again, "Cllr. John Cheek answered that the guarantee they got of 20 students a year for the next seven years and a fixed price was what they had asked for."

I do not call this, "very recently," nor do I believe that this has, "only recently become available." Before you suggest that it is none of my business then think again, it is my tax money paying for this education, and I think the Government have been very generous in this matter. Many others in these Islands would love to send their children to a more expensive college but can't afford to do so and they are quite happy to use Peter Symonds which has a very good record and is among the top colleges in the UK. There are also

other parents who have sent their children to more expensive colleges and are only too willing to pay any extra fees. So, what is the real problem? Copies of the report have been left with *Penguin News* for those who require them.

K J Reddick
Stanley

Gratitude for warmth and friendship

AS I am returning to the UK unexpectedly early I would like to use this opportunity to express my gratitude to those people, of all ages, who have made my time in the islands so memorable. The warmth of your friendship and the generosity of your hospitality will be long lasting memories that I shall treasure. In particular I am indebted to those with whom I have been privileged to share time in Camp. I am fortunate in living in a particularly beautiful and wild part of northern England. I hope that one day I may have the pleasure of sharing its secrets with you.

Nigel Wright
23 Murray Heights
Stanley

British scientists head Antarctic project

BRITISH scientists working in the Antarctic will join international colleagues in the Russian city of St Petersburg next week to discuss the tantalising prospect of finding hitherto unknown forms of microbiotic life beneath the Antarctic ice cap, reports Graham Bound.

The research is centred on 'Lake' Vostok, a liquid fresh water reservoir believed to exist beneath hundreds of metres of ice near the Russian Vostok base. Russian scientists discovered the apparent lake using seismic soundings several years ago, and commenced the considerable task of drilling into it. Both pressure and temperature can determine whether water forms a gas, solid or liquid substance, and the fresh water lake is thought to have remained in liquid form because of the extreme pressure exerted on it by hundreds of metres of ice.

The Russians ceased drilling at the request of scientists from other countries active in the area when it was realised that microbes from the surface could contaminate the pure

water and any unique forms of life which may exist in it.

During the four-day conference, the British scientists led by Dr. Cunnann Ellis Evans of the British Antarctic Survey based in Cambridge will join Japanese, American and Russian colleagues to discuss methods of exploring the lake without exposing it to the outside world.

Flying visit for RAF quintet

A BRASS quintet from the band of the RAF Regiment will be visiting the Falklands for the period March 27 - April 4, 1998 in support of the MPA Open Day and to mark the 80th Anniversary of the RAF.

As well as the Open Day, the quintet will be playing at the Day Care Centre in the KEMH on March 30.

Two members, Chf. Tech. Penny and Cpl. Chappell have been to the Islands before.

GOVERNOR'S BROADCAST ON EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY MARCH 24, 1998

Penguin News are grateful to HE the Governor for the following summary:

SINCE this is the week of the annual budget session, Executive Council met today (Tuesday 24 March) rather than on a Thursday, as we usually do. All members were present, except for Air Commodore Ray Dixon, Commander British Forces, who is on a duty visit to the UK.

Budget Policy Paper

Naturally enough, one of the main items on the agenda was a Budget Policy paper prepared by the Treasury containing a number of recommendations fleshing out the broad budget strategy already agreed by Councillors. As most listeners will be aware, elected Councillors are putting considerable emphasis, particularly given the likely shortfall in revenue from fishing licences this year, on greater discipline in government spending, in both capital programmes and operating expenditure, and I am sure that all responsible people will see the sense in that. Although we are still in a relatively comfortable financial position, it is only prudent to husband our resources. This budget policy paper will now go forward to Select Committee, in which Councillors will have the task of deciding on the Government's spending priorities for the future.

Also on financial matters, Executive Council agreed, subject to the approval of Legislative Council, some extra unforeseen government spending for which no financial appropriation had been made, and gave broad approval to a budget submission by the FIDC covering all their various programmes.

Department of Mineral Resources

Executive Council then took note of a report from the Department of Mineral Resources on activities in the oil field during the month of March. Salient points in this are that the exploratory drilling rig, the *Borgny Dolphin*, continues its voyage down the Atlantic, and is now, weather permitting, expected to arrive in the Falklands just after the middle of April. Well site surveys are continuing in the tranches to the north of the Islands, and the first application for consent to drill a well has been received and is being processed.

As some listeners will be aware, another meeting of the Environmental Forum is due to be held in Stanley on 26 March under the chairmanship of Professor Alastair McIntyre of Aberdeen University.

Oil Licensing Round - Special Area

Executive Council took note of press reports from Argentina suggesting that an oil licensing round for the Special Co-opera-

tion Area might be announced when President Menem visits the UK later this year. They hoped these reports took due account of all the work which remains to be done before a round could be launched.

Fisheries

As for fisheries, Executive Council approved licence fees and types for the second season of 1998. License types will remain as in previous years, but there will be some very minor changes to the fees, essentially to reflect inflation. Full details will of course be announced by the Fisheries Department as usual.

Education Department

Councillors also took note with approval of the Education Department's annual summary report for 1997, which I commend to anyone who is interested. Personally I think it makes pretty good reading. Copies will be available in the Public Library.

Housing for Contract Officers

Executive Council also considered the prioritisation of housing requirements for contract officers, to fill both existing posts and new ones - an area where the greatest rigour will have to be exercised. In effect, only the most essential posts will be filled, or can be filled, given the dearth of accommodation in Stanley and elsewhere.

Matters Arising

Let me finish by mentioning some points of interest arising either under Matters Arising, or under Any Other Business. In no particular order, the continued need for better fendering at FIPASS came up again, and I hope action is in hand; we were informed of the honourable demobilisation of the drugs search dog, which has now been put out to grass, as a private pet, in Stanley. It will not be used in drugs search work; a request was made for an environmental impact assessment of Pony's Pass Quarry; and it was suggested that the public ought to be consulted in some way for suggestions as to how the Millennium might be marked here in the Falkland Islands.

Finally, in response to concerns by the farming community about what the proposed new Animal Health Bill would mean for them, let me say that the Act would only be an enabling law. It would not impose the full provisions of the analogous British law, which we will, however, be publishing in the Gazette so that people can see for themselves what it says.

May I also add that animal health legislation will be needed if we are ever going to export meat to the EU, indeed we need it to help us to prevent the introduction of disease to the Falkland Islands, and to stamp it out if it ever were introduced.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Entries up despite poor summer/egg famine

IN SPITE of all predictions to the contrary, this year's Horticultural Society Show, held in the FIDF Hall on Saturday, March 21, was declared by the organising committee an unqualified success.

Fears that persistent poor weather through the summer would hit flower and vegetable entries, and the 'egg famine' and an apparent lack of cooking margarine would cut entries in the cooking sections, in the end proved unfounded with a final entry tally actually up by seven on last year.

Society secretary, Penny Hill, told *Penguin News* that the committee had been worried about a low turn-out right up until the eve of the show.

She also had a positive suggestion for future years. "We can't do anything about the weather but perhaps some of our local traders could think about importing more



Above: The display on the Government House stand has lost none of its quality over the years

Below right: Some of the superb vegetable entries on display
Below left: Flowering pot plants were a popular and colourful class

eggs and basic cooking ingredients during the shortages that seem to



have become traditional here."

Generally, though, the committee were in an upbeat mood. Penny claimed entries for the flower section had been, "among the best ever." She also congratulated everyone who did manage to find the necessary ingredients to cook and bake the wide variety of entries in that section.

Other pleasing aspects of the show were the increase in the number of entries from Camp and the extremely high overall standard of entries in all sections.

The section generating most hilarity among some very happy judges was the '98 debut class, Homemade Wines. The judges claim they suffered, during the tasting, from the sad lack of a spittoon and therefore were forced to swallow.

FALKLAND ISLANDS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY 1998 SHOW PRIZEWINNERS

For the most points received by an exhibitor from Camp - The Hunt Trophy
- Heather Smith of Harps Farm
For the exhibitor obtaining the most points in the Vegetable Classes - The Ferguson Challenge Trophy presented by Mr & Mrs John Ferguson -
- Bill Poole
For the best collection of vegetables - a Silver Challenge Cup
- Nancy Poole
For the most outstanding exhibit in the potato classes - a bag of fertiliser from the Department of Agriculture
- Bill Poole
For the exhibitor obtaining the most points in the Home Produce Section G - a Challenge Cup presented by Mrs J H Ashmore
- Helen Blades
For the winner of the new class for Home Made Wine - a book presented by Nikki Buxton
- Jane Cotter
For the Best Flower Arrangement - a Silver Challenge Bowl presented by Mrs E J White
- Rene Rowlands
For the best Any Other Flower - a Silver Salver presented by Mrs C A Rowlands
- Barbara Keenleyside
For the most points in the Flower Section - a Challenge Cup presented by Mrs E G Lewis
- Rene Rowlands
For the most points in the Cookery Section H - a Challenge Cup presented by the Standard Chartered Bank
- Dr Bernadette Paver
For the Best Working Vegetable Garden - a Challenge Cup presented by Mr & Mrs J Parker
- Sue and Derek Howatt - 46 points
For the Best Flower Garden - the Lady Hunt Challenge Cup
- Mrs Rene Rowlands - 53 points
Novice Flower Garden
- Lillian Kidd
Novice Vegetable Garden
- Shona Strange
For the most points in the Pot Plant Section - a Challenge Cup presented by the Horticultural Society

Jim Simpson
For the exhibitor with most points over all Classes in the Flower, Vegetable and Home Produce Section, the Haskard Challenge Cup
- Dr Bernadette Paver

PRIZES IN THE CHILDREN'S SECTIONS

Child with most points in Cookery Sections 1A & 1B (aged six years and under) - Cookery Book presented by Mr & Mrs Poole
- Nathaniel Coe
Child with most points in Cookery Sections 2A & 2B (aged 7-11 years) - Cookery Book presented by Mrs H Pettersson
- Sarah Carey
Child with most points in Cookery Section 3A & 3B (aged 12 - 15 years) - Challenge Cup presented by the Horticultural Society
- Shaun Newman
Children's Flower Arrangements:
Six years and under - Challenge Cup presented by Dr Bernadette Paver
- Bernice and David Hewitt
7 - 11 years - Mr & Mrs T H Davies Challenge Cup
- Christine Hewitt
12 - 15 years - the Joyce Jewkes Challenge Cup
- Tanya McCallum
Any vegetable grown by a child aged up to 15 years - prize of seeds presented by the Stanley Garden Centre
1. Helen Davies 2. Roxanne King
3. Drew Robertson (Port Stephens)
In the following six classes prizes of seeds are presented by the Stanley Garden Centre:
Pot Plant grown and looked after by child six years and under:
1. Samantha Dodd 2. Tom Elsbey 3. Tom Elsbey
Pot Plant grown and looked after by a child 7 - 11 years
1. Ros Elsbey 2. A A & T Howe 3. A A & T Howe
Pot Plant grown and looked after by child 12 - 15 years
- Tanya McCallum
Cut Flowers grown by child six years and under
1, 2 & 3. Sam Dodd
Cut Flowers grown by child 7 - 11 years
1 & 2. Roxanne King 3. A A & T Howe
For the exhibitor with most points over all Classes in Children's Section:
- Samantha Dodd

Falklands' athletes prepare

KUALA LUMPUR is a sprawling West Malaysian city of about 1,200,000 people set in the hills of the southern Malay Peninsula where the Kelang and Gombak rivers meet. Hot, humid, steamy, and younger than the Falkland Islands (it was founded in 1857 as a tin mining camp by Chinese settlers) it is nonetheless the Malay nation's capital, and this year will host the world's second biggest sporting event after the World Cup - the Commonwealth Games.

two silver medal haul brought back from the Jersey Island Games last year by our six man shooting team, so it isn't surprising that the club is likely to have the biggest representation of the three sports.

Chris McCallum (a multiple medal winner in Jersey) together with Derek Pettersson, will shoot in the Full Bore Rifle section - that is any calibre larger than .223, though serious competitors usually use 7.62 calibre.

Two other medal winners from

competition; Saul Pitaluga, a clay pigeon expert who has a wealth of international competition experience having shot competed in several Island Games as well as the Commonwealths; and a second clay pigeon shooter who team captain, Graham Didlick, says has a great deal of natural talent but declined to name.

Douglas Clark and Bill Chater, both familiar figures on the Stanley sporting scene, will carry Falkland Islands' hopes in Badminton. Doug, despite his relative youth, has already competed in two Island Games, and for the past nine months has been passing on as much of his experience and expertise as possible to his playing partner, Bill.

Probably better known for his outstanding footballing talents, Bill only took up Badminton last year but has quickly become, along with Doug, the best exponent of the game in the Islands.

The two plan to take time out en route to Kuala Lumpur to hone their skills in UK and then to be in Malaysia at least a month before the Games begin for acclimatisation. They will compete in both the singles and doubles competitions.

Another athlete, who will be travelling to Kuala Lumpur, has competed in past Island and Commonwealth Games is distance runner, Hugh Marsden. Though no longer resident here Hugh is eligible to represent the Falklands by virtue of having spent at least three of the last five years living in the Islands.

Since the Island Games last year, where he competed in the half marathon, Hugh has logged a huge mileage in training round his Devon home (he is transforming a derelict barn into a des res) to prepare himself for the 26 miles, 385 yards of that most gruelling and incidentally oldest event, the marathon.



Bill Chater and Doug Clark training to compete in Kuala Lumpur.
Photo by Norman Clark

As they have done at the past two Games, (Auckland, New Zealand in 1990, and Victoria, Canada in 1994) the Islands' will be represented by some of our top sportsmen, this year in three sports, badminton, shooting and athletics.

Shooting is historically the Falklands' strongest discipline, as exemplified by the five bronze and

the Jersey team may also go. Graham Didlick and David Peck, both marksmen with pistol, will make their decision in the next few weeks depending on how well their training progresses.

Other shooting team members could include Peter Diggle, at fifteen the youngest, who would take part in the Small Bore (.22) Rifle

AFTER a decade of helping safeguard the Islands' from undesirable 26 year old Customs and Immigration officer, Boyd Watson, is leaving the Falklands to find wider horizons in Europe.

Boyd, then only twelve, arrived in the Islands in June 1984 aboard the *Uganda* with his mother, Gwen Watson, to be re-united with his father, Harold Watson, who had been Senior Electrical Engineer at the Power Station since the previous January.

On leaving the Senior School in 1986 Boyd joined what was then called the Customs and Harbour Department under the leadership of Les Halliday. It remains the only job he has ever had.

A Leeds United supporter for as long as he can remember, Boyd has never lost the Yorkshire accent he gained as a boy growing up in his native Heckmondwike, (some-

where between the giant conurbations of Leeds and Bradford) which is where his parents still live and where he will be basing himself on his departure this weekend.

A keen and competent sportsman, Boyd has involved himself in football, badminton and swimming, but it is in athletics that he has enjoyed perhaps his greater successes having represented the Falklands in the 1500 metres in the Island Games in the 1997 Jersey meeting.

His intention is to continue his training and he has hopes of being selected by the Stanley Running Club to represent the Islands once again at the 1999 Island Games in Gotland. Careerwise, he is uncertain. He is in touch with the West Yorkshire Constabulary as well as Britain's Customs and Excise, but most of all simply wants to spend some time with his family.

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The visit by the Mayor, Richard Nichols, who heads the Corporation of the City of London includes a delegation of thirty major representatives of London centred business, and will be the culmination of a tour which has already taken them to Peru, Chile and Paraguay. Highlights of the visit, reports Graham Bound for *MercoPress*, include a meeting with President Menem, and the ministers of Foreign Affairs and the Economy.

Commenting on the programme prior to his departure from Britain, the Mayor said, "This visit provides an excellent opportunity to build on relations with South

America with a particular focus on property and financial services. Our link to Latin America places firm emphasis on the region as an area for British trade, investment and interest."

Among the senior business executives in the party are: Lord Walker of Worcester, who is the Chairman of Dresdner Kleinwort Benson; Peter Birch, the chief Executive of Abbey National Plc; Richard Kilsby, of the London Stock Exchange; Julian Tegoning, of Robert Fleming; Hugo Dryland, Managing Director for Rothschilds (NY) and Charles Bowman, senior partner with Price Waterhouse.

Public Announcement

Temporary Outage of all International Circuits

As a result of increasing demand, particularly from the oil industry, it will be necessary to transfer all existing international circuits to an alternative Intelsat satellite in the Atlantic Ocean Region.

Unfortunately this will result in total unavailability of all international circuits for a period of approximately 4 - 8 hours on 1st April 1998.

In order to minimise disruption and inconvenience the transfer will commence at 09:30 GMT (06:30 local time).

Although this is unavoidable, Cable & Wireless nevertheless wishes to extend its apologies in advance for the inevitable inconvenience this will cause.

Every effort will be made to carry out the relocation of circuits as speedily as possible. We will, however, also be dependent on the successful transfer of circuits at the UK end.

Further announcements will be made in due course.

MPA/STANLEY/MARE HARBOUR

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B	1100	1200	1200	1300	
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		<u>2. MPA - MARE HARBOUR - MPA</u>			
COACH	DEPART	ARRIVE MARE	DEPART MARE	ARRIVE	
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Reports from the Meeting of Legislative Council:

Wednesday, March 25.

Further Questions and Motions next week

Question No. 1 of 98 by the Honourable Mr J Birmingham

Mr President, Honourable Members. Can the Chief Executive tell me when the public will see the long awaited FIG Services booklet?

Chief Executive: As the Honourable Member is aware when this request was first made, it was thoroughly discussed among the departmental heads. It was decided that some departments already had such booklets, others should create them, and some departments were not relevant to the request, as they had no direct service to the public. By my reckoning there are ten departments who do provide direct public service and of those, nine are booklet relevant. To date the health department already have a booklet and that is currently going through a second edition revision. FIGO already had a modular information booklet which existed and is being revised. The Agriculture Department have produced a brand new information booklet for the public, as indeed has the post office and philatelic. The Fisheries I do not regard as having a particularly public face in so far as a service is concerned, but nevertheless they have produced a ports and harbour information for those they deal with, and a very useful booklet on their statistics. The Oil Department also does not have a specifically public face but there is the publication entitled *Introduction to the Falkland Islands Oil Industry*. In addition to all that in preparation there is an education department booklet, which is in first draft, and I have read a copy. There is a FIGAS information booklet which is merely awaiting photographs, there is a public works department booklet which I am informed will be ready by the end of this month. There is a Treasury booklet in preparation and there is an FIDC booklet which is currently in draft and I'm sure honourable members will have a copy within a week or two, so of the nine we ought to have, 4 already exist, and 5 are in various stages of production.

J Birmingham
I thank the Chief Executive for his very comprehensive answer. Obviously the introduction of computerisation has speeded up things as its two and a half years since the question was first asked. I thank the Chief Executive

Question No. 2 of 98 by the Honourable Mr J Birmingham
Can the Honourable Sharon Halford tell me what plans there are to install an incinerator for the town of Stanley?

Honourable S Halford
There are currently no plans to install an incinerator in the town. This view was upheld in the recently

received waste management and disposal report produced by Halcrow which does not recommend the installation of an incinerator for the town, on the basis that this is not economic at the scale of operation in Stanley. The approach to waste disposal in the report is one of dealing with different classes of waste in different ways, with the majority of waste being disposed of in a properly designed and managed land-filled site. However the report does include specific proposals with regard to the upgrading or replacement of the incinerator used for the health care waste. The implementation of the report is yet to be agreed by Executive Council and prior to this happening it is currently being commented on by the various affected parties in both the private and public sectors. Only once a strategy has been agreed by Council, by a clear yes or no answer, can the plans to install an incinerator for the town be given.

HE The Governor
Thank you very much Councilor.

J Birmingham
I thank the Honourable Sharon Halford for her also very comprehensive reply. I would just like to emphasize, those living around the hospital here in Stanley do have a problem whenever the hospital staff are burning, and certain housewives around that vicinity will tell you that their washing tends to have black spots.

HE The Governor
May I just for the benefit of listeners in camp point out an innovation which they probably will have picked up in any case - and that is that I think for the first time in the history of this body, councillors themselves who have particular portfolio responsibilities are now answering questions on their portfolios, as advised admittedly by the administration. I think it is an extremely welcome development and it's one that I think was perhaps foreshadowed in the constitutional review a couple of years ago, so Councillor, honourable Sharon Halford, may I congratulate you on setting a historic precedent.

Honourable S Halford
Further to what Councillor Birmingham said there, that's obviously why Halcrow's have noted the need to upgrade the incinerator.

The Honourable John Birmingham

I thank the Councillor for that. I would like to just perhaps - she would like to change what she said earlier there that my question was for an incinerator for the town and the Hon Lady started answering by saying in the town.

Question No. 3 of 98 by the

Honourable Mrs J L Cheek and No. 4 of 98 by the Hon Mr M V Summers will be answered jointly by the Hon R Cockwell.

Hon J Cheek: Will the Hon. Richard Cockwell please state how many Falkland Islands Government computers and other pieces of date sensitive equipment are year 2000 compatible and how many will require replacing or reprogramming to be year 2000 compliant?

Hon M Summers: Will the Hon Richard Cockwell please advise what action is being taken to deal with the effect of the millennium on Govt. equipment, most particularly in the computer section, the Medical Department and FIGAS? Are there any plans for a public awareness campaign on the millennium problem and the provision of advice particularly where health and safety might be at risk.

Hon R Cockwell: The effect of the change of date from 1999 to the year 2000 appears to the layman as one which has caught the electronics industry by surprise. FIG Departments have already been looking into their equipment to ensure that nothing needs replacing, and I am pleased to say that to date I understand no equipment has proved non-millennium compliant. This does not mean to say that nothing will turn up in the next few months. I am informed by the computer co-ordinator that all government computers are millennium compliant, as is all govt software except for one programme for which the upgrade is already on order. The Chief Medical Officer is able to confirm that much of the hospital equipment that displays date information has already been proved to be able to work after the year 2000, and that they are in communication with the British National Health Technical branch investigating all medical equipment they use, and I understand that the medical equipment used in our hospital is included in the NHS investigation. FIGAS confirm that they are checking with manufacturers that their electronic equipment is compliant. To date I understand they have not found any equipment that needs replacing. This does not mean to say that they will not find some in later dates. The matter of ordinary equipment with internal components which have date information, which may or may not be displayed is more difficult. This range includes much technical equipment, some modern vehicles, ordinary domestic equipment such as central heating controllers, videos, fax machines and so on. This is not a matter which can be taken lightly, and at this time if it is not confirmed that a piece of apparatus is millennium compliant it is best

Question No. 5 of 98 by the Honourable Mrs J L Cheek
Can the Chief Executive please confirm that the results of tenders for all Falkland Islands Government contracts will be published as agreed some months ago.

Chief Executive:
I can confirm that the results of virtually all the tenders of FIG government contracts will be published. Indeed most of them that have been awarded since the instruction now have been published. And as agreed at Executive Council yesterday the procedure will be that the prices quoted will be published, but the name of any tenderer will only appear when that tenderer has been successful. I must stress that tenders are not necessarily awarded to the tenderer offering the lowest price. The tender board considers what in its judgment is the best value and in the best interests of the Falkland Islands. Any individual or company who fails to win a contract may seek

Motion No. 2 of 98 by the Honourable D.L. Clifton

That this house 1) regards with extreme concern the reports of violations of human rights aboard fishing vessels licenced to fish in Falkland Islands waters 2) unreservedly condemns all such violations wherever they occur 3) calls upon Falkland Islands authorities to prosecute all such violations occurring within the jurisdiction of Falkland Islands ports 4) calls upon the Government

to assume that the performance after the 31st December 1999 is at least suspect. I wish to propose that formation of a small working group from the public and private sectors to look into this matter and publish a report within three months advising both government and the public of the possible effects and solution to the millennium compliance of equipment containing electronic components. This report should be written in a manner which is easily understood and clearly points out what action needs to be taken.

Hon Jan Cheek: I would just like to thank the Hon Richard Cockwell for his very comprehensive reply.

Hon Mike Summers: I would also thank the Hon Richard Cockwell for his reply and ask him whether he would think it appropriate to thank Cable and Wireless for bringing a party of people to the Falklands and bringing this item to our attention. I think to an extent to which we not previously aware of.

Hon R Cockwell: I'm afraid I am very remiss in not having mentioned that. I quite agree with the Honourable Mike Summers that we really should thank Cable and Wireless. I think it was very unfortunate that it wasn't better publicised within government circles. More government people did actually visit the talk which was extremely enlightening, extremely interesting. I thank you for bringing that to my attention.

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to take all appropriate action to lead to the denial of the grant of fishing licences to vessels, companies and masters shown to be involved in violations of human rights. 5) requests the government to take all appropriate actions speedily to draw all such violations to which it is, or becomes aware, to the attention of International Human Rights Organisations, and international organisations striving to promote the rights of fishermen and fish workers and to take all other action appropriate to secure the widest possible international condemnation of such violations.

Councillor Lewis Clifton:
I am conscious that there has been

advice from the Chairman of the Tender Board as to the reasons for their lack of success on that occasion.

Hon Jan Cheek
I would like to thank the Hon Chief Executive for his reply and ask, can you give us an assurance - you said that most of the results have been published - can you give us an assurance that all the results will be published.

Chief Executive: I am actually not able to give that assurance as there are certain tenders where the process - I think the Accommodation Camp is one, does not actually allow for the publication of the data. In other words the person tendering has not given their permission as would be the case in a normal government tender for the publication of that information, and therefore I actually on this occasion cannot give that assurance.

Hon Jan Cheek: Can I ask then, that future contracts are so worded that the tenderers have to give their permission, for the results to be published.

Chief Executive: I really can't answer that question, because I understand it was a legal point - it was the actual way that we asked for the tender, because we approached one particular individual and we asked them for a quote. It was the way it was done, it wasn't a normal tender, it was indeed what councillors asked for, I have to stress that. So on that one occasion out of 29 examples in the last year, we actually don't have the permission to publish the price, although I think the price was quite generally known. I said what I said in my answer, simply so I wouldn't be guilty of a mislead, but I think I can assure the councillor that wherever possible these results will now be published.

Bill Luxton: Could the Chief Executive also give an assurance that in the case of a tender where all the tenders are rejected that those figures will be published as well.

Chief Executive: I see no reason at all why I shouldn't give that assurance. Yes, where all the tenders are rejected they will be published.

Hon. J Birmingham: Would this be the case with the tenders that have just gone through concerning the Lafonia road?

Chief Executive: I am sure the Hon members will agree its very much in the public interest that those are published.

a question asked already and a full answer given this morning. I will try not trespass on any legal issues that may be pending. Since the coming in to force of the Falkland Islands Interim Conservation Management Zone, which was just over a decade ago, from time to time various incidents come to the attention of the authorities or the public which reveal the injustices inflicted upon foreign fishermen and fish workers who earn a living from companies which subscribe to annual licences issued by the Falkland Islands Government. The plight of migrant fishermen and fish workers on board distant water fishing vessels is a large scale international problem which unfortunately is not taken seriously by the world community. The plight of migrant workers on vessels that have been brought to the attention of international bodies are referred to as 'floating workshops'; incidents highlighted in the last several first fishing seasons here, compare with the deprived who labour endlessly in third world sweatshops, suffering great physical hardship, pain and little remuneration and no social justice. As such incidents come to the public attention of the Falkland Islands it is necessary for both the political system and legal system to react. Whatever their nationality, migrant workers experiences are similar - long monotonous hours, oppressive or unsafe work, culture shocks, abuses of human rights, income inequalities and a general sense of helplessness. All these conditions have been cited in testimonies of migrant fish workers. Despite numerous and repetitive representations to the IRA Committee on working conditions the governments and fishing industry continually fail to act. Failure to act does not mean that the Falklands should default by not making such international bodies aware of incidents as they occur here. The stories which emerge in the Falklands focus on physical abuse and oppressive working conditions. These issues may be just the tip of an enormous iceberg; for example, evidence collected by the International Collective in support of fish workers in late 1995 found that more than 14,000 foreign workers employed on Taiwanese vessels were Philippine nationals. The majority of these nationals claimed that second work contracts had to be signed prior to embarkation. These second contracts stipulated different terms and conditions from those signed back home by the Philippine Overseas Authority Administration. In the second contract wage rates were lower, working hours had increased, while provision of food and other basic essentials were of very poor standard, and insurance cover being limited to strictly defined illnesses or injuries caused by fishing operations. I wonder if these examples smack of similarities with here.

Migrant workers join Far East distant water fishing vessels. Terms of conditions vary from one flag state to another. Incidents have been noted in the Falklands involving South African, Chinese, Philippine and Indonesian fish workers. Two other migrant workers, nationalities Mauritian and Thai, may also be involved. Given their isolation and vulnerability to the whims of ship's captains these workers have little chance of becoming unionised or of carrying out collective bargaining. There is therefore an urgent need for the Falkland Islands Government to adopt a strong, rigorous and responsible approach when such incidents are reported. International laws are not easily enforced. Fish workers organisations continue to strive for improved conditions and more easily enforceable international law. Developing countries recruiting agencies need to tighten recruitment policies. But the craving to earn employment and sustain families back home necessarily takes precedence over the employment hardships suffered by the migrant fisherman or fish worker.

I have attempted to show that a migrant fish worker's lot is no 'bundle of fun'. During 1992-1995 I had the good fortune to be involved in the full and unfolding process of United Nations agreement on straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks. The Food and Agricultural Organisation Compliance Agreement and the Food and Agricultural Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries: Despite numerous representations from fisherman's and fish workers organisations no satisfactory recognition was given to the plight of these peoples. The three year UN agreement failed to agree to more than 'taking into account the interests of artisanal and subsistence fishers'. The agreement needed to detail explicit linkage to the conditions on board distant water fishing vessels. Representatives from several South American fish workers unions who are regularly employed on Far Eastern vessels referred to their members as being 'slaves at the end of the twentieth century without agreements or guarantees of international minimum standards for working hours, rest, repatriation and social security.' The United Nations conventions on the law of the sea, has now entered into force and is unlikely ever to be changed, in my view.

Article II in the Food and Agricultural Organisations Code of Conduct For Responsible Fisheries has in it an objective - to provide standards of conduct for all persons involved in the fisheries sector. The general principles of the code require states to ensure that fishing facilities and equipment, as well as all fishing activities, allow for safe, healthy and fair working/living conditions, and that they meet internationally agreed standards adopted by relevant international organisations. Sounds great! But the code is voluntary even though it was unanimously adopted on the 31st October, 1995, by the member states of the FAO. It is therefore wholly ineffective in preventing abuse and mistreatment of the fishermen and fish workers on a day-to-day basis.

In the wake of International Maritime Organisation Convention Solus 74, the IMO organised an international conference at Torremelinos to adopt an International Convention

for the Safety of Fishing Vessels. After five years the Torremelinos Convention was adopted. It deals with specifically with, amongst others, the protection of crew, safety procedures and other relevant issues. It has not entered into force. Why? Because enforcement is conditioned by at least fifteen states ratifying the Convention which have an aggregate fleet of 50% of the world's fishing fleet. The IMO attempted to fast track this process in 1993 with a protocol to the convention, but only two ratifications have been forthcoming. Yet another International Convention dealing with standards and training in fishing vessels, although adopted in 1995, has received only one ratification. This particular Convention, which might provide for some of the concerns of the fishermen, can only enter into force twelve months after the fifteenth instrument of ratification is received.

I apologise for going on at some length to explain some of the detail, historical background and the relevant International Conventions which still fail to promote the welfare of the fishermen and the fish worker. This I hope shows that there is little the Falklands can achieve at the international regulatory level. We must therefore look at mechanisms which can be quickly and effectively put in place at the local level. The Motion very clearly sets out that mechanisms can be speedily and easily effective to ensure certain justice, in the future, will prevail. The strongest possible condemnation is required for all human rights violations which occur in our jurisdiction, especially those occurring in our fishery.

Secondor: Councillor Richard Cockwell:

The Honourable Lewis Clifton has put very clearly where our problem lies.

Looking at the human rights issue, if I could paraphrase what the Pope said when he went to Nigeria this week, he said something which struck me as very appropriate for any human rights violations. He said, 'There is no place for the abuse of power or the intimidation of the weak in any place or form,' and he is absolutely right and I would like to put, 'the power of intimidation or abuse of the weak.'

We are receiving money, which we are using to develop these Islands, from companies who are abusing the weak. They are abusing their power and we have to be very careful that we make sure that in every form we can possibly manage we promote the human rights of these people who are being abused. I personally cannot accept that this will carry on, and I can assure this house that whenever I travel on behalf of the Falkland Islands Government, and at whatever forum I visit, it is appropriate I will address that forum on that very matter. I believe that we should all support this Motion robustly.

Councillor John Birmingham:
As far as I am concerned what the Falkland Islands Government and the Legal people should be doing is what ever can be done, should be done,

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Royal International

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Penguin News

Information Pullout



March 28 - April 3

TIDES AROUND THE ISLANDS

The times and heights of high and low tides (in metres) at Stanley. Time given is Stanley time.

For Camp, make the following changes:

				April			
				01			
Fox Bay +2hrs 30m				WED	0313	0.2	
Roy Cove +4hrs 30m	29	0718	1.8		0956	1.6	
Port Howard +3hrs 19m	SUN	1316	0.2		1524	0.5	
Teal Inlet +3hrs 30m		1934	1.7		2147	1.7	
Sea Lion Is. +1hr 15m					Sunrise 0714		
Port Stephens		Sunrise 0708			Sunset 1837		
+3hrs 15m		Sunset 1844			02		
Hill Cove +4hrs				THURS			
Berkeley Sound +1hr 11m	30	0133	0.1		0409	0.3	
Port San Carlos	MON	0707	1.8		1101	1.5	
+2hrs 55m		1358	0.3		1612	0.7	
Darwin Harbour - 56m		2017	1.8		2241	1.6	
		Sunrise 0710			Sunrise 0715		
		Sunset 1842			Sunset 1835		
March							
28	0630	1.8			03	0518	0.4
	1234	0.2			FRI	1211	1.3
SAT	1856	1.7				1708	0.8
	0048	0.2				2349	1.5
						Sunrise 0717	
Sunrise 0707		Sunrise 0712				Sunset 1833	
Sunset 1846		Sunset 1839					

CHURCH SERVICES

CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY: 8am Holy Communion, (1662 Prayer Book) 10am Morning Prayer with Sunday School. 1st Sunday - Family Worship (no Sunday School) 2nd Sunday - Holy Communion with Sunday School. 7pm Evening Prayer 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays - Live Broadcast Service. 4th Sunday - Holy Communion.
Rector: Revd Alistair McHaffie
Tel: 21100/Fax 21842, The Deanery, 17 Ross Road, Stanley

TABERNACLE - free church

Sunday meetings: 10am and 7pm,
ARK Bookshop: Saturdays 2-4pm Minister: Mike Mitchelmore 21787

St. MARY'S

SUNDAY: 10am (MPA 6.30pm), Week days: 9am; Sat. also 5pm

St. CUTHBERT'S (MPA)

SUN: 8am Holy Communion; 10.30am Eucharist/Morning worship; 6.30pm Holy Mass; MON: 6.30am Mass

WED: 7.30pm Holy communion; 8pm Bible Study Tel: 74350

BAHA'IFAITH

For information on meetings please ring Tel: 21957 (evenings)

HOSPITAL PHARMACY

Mornings 10am - 12 noon
Monday/Thursday 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday 1.30 - 3.30pm
Tuesday/Friday 3.00pm - 5.00pm

MUSEUM

Tuesday - Friday
1030 - 12 noon/ 2.00 - 4.00pm
Sunday 10.00 - 12 noon

TREASURY

Monday - Friday
8am - 12 noon/ 1.15 - 3.00pm

LIBRARY

Monday - Friday
08.45am - 12.00 and 13.30 - 17.45
Saturday: 10am - 12 noon 14.00 - 17.00pm

CLUBS AND CONTACTS

BADMINTON CLUB

Mondays/Thursdays 7-9pm Liz Burnett, Tel: 21770 or Rene Rowlands, Tel 21161

SQUASH CLUB

Thursdays 5-9pm Contact Dik Sawle Tel 21414

NETBALL CLUB

Tuesdays 6-8pm, Wednesday 6-7pm All are welcome Contact Sarah Allan 22119

THE FIC GUN CLUB

New members welcome Contact Ped Tel: 21663 or Graham Didlick 21622 P.O.

Box 540

F.I. RIFLE ASSOCIATION Contact Secretary G Cheek, 21402

STANLEY GOLF CLUB

Competitions on Sunday at 8.45 am. Contact Mike Summers on tel: 21542

FI MOTORCYCLE ASSOC.

All queries & Information on races etc contact Andrew Newman 21606 or Rowena Summers 21015

YMCA

Accommodation available

Contact Terry Peck 21074

ASTHMA SUPPORT GROUP

Meets second Tuesday of every third month in Day Centre at 5pm

Contact Graham France on 21624

FALKLAND ISLANDS RED CROSS ASSOCIATION

New members welcome. Contact Secretary Irene Baker 20839 or Chairman Nick Hadden, 21014

GUILD OF SPINNERS, WEAVERS & HANDICRAFTS

Meetings on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm

Contact Marj McPhee, tel: 21106

CANCER SUPPORT & AWARENESS TRUST

Contact Shiralee Collins, 21597, Sister Bridie 22086, Derek Howatt 21385

FIODA

Actors/singers/stagehands contact Alan 21019

DIABETIC ASSOCIATION

Meets first Sunday of every month. 2.30am in the Day Centre

STANLEY SWIMMING CLUB

Coaching Tuesdays 4 - 5pm, Fridays 4-5

STANLEY SUB-AQUA CLUB

Contact David McLeod Phone: 20836 (day), 20843 (home)

RUNNING CLUB

Meets Wednesday 5.30pm, contact Tracy Porter 21574

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Meets 1st Monday every month @ 2000 hrs, WOI & Sgt Mess, Hillside Camp. All ex or serving Service persons welcome. Contact A Geach, R Fiddes or KD Greenland for info 21454 or 27222.

STANLEY SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Friday 7-9pm Sundays 4-5pm. Contact Angela Lee on 21762 or M. Humphreys on 22028

JELLY TOTS CLUB

meets Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at the Day Centre from 2.30 - 4pm. All welcome

WELL BABY/CHILD CLINIC

Day Centre KEMH Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am. Contact Miranda Cheek Health Visitor 27418

Leisure Centre Term Times - Further information/Bookings: tel 27291

Day	Pool	Courts
Monday	10.00 - 11.30	OAP
	12.00 - 1.00	Lanes
	5.00 - 7.00	Public
	7.00 - 8.00	Adults
Tuesday	12.00 - 1.00	Lanes
	5.00 - 7.00	Public
	7.00 - 8.00	Adults
	10.0 - 11.30	Public
Wednesday	12.00 - 1.00	Lane Swimming
	5.00 - 7.00	Public
	7.00 - 8.00	Adults
	8.00 - 9.00	Ladies
Thursday	5.00 - 7.00	Public
	7.00 - 8.00	Adults
	8.00 - 9.00	Private Hire
	10.00 - 11.30	Parents/Toddlers
Friday	12.00 - 1.00	Lanes
	5.00 - 7.00	Public
	7.00 - 8.00	Adults
	10.00 - 4.00	Public
Saturday	4.00 - 5.00	Adults
	5.00 - 6.00	Private Hire
	11.00 - 6.00	Public
	6.00 - 7.00	Adults

Your BFBS Television programmes

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH

8.20 CHUCKLEVISION
8.40 GET YOUR OWN BACK
9.10 TINY TOON ADVENTURES
9.30 THE WILD HOUSE
10.00 LIVE AND KICKING
1.15 GRANDSTAND Including: News Summary; University Boat Race as Oxford v Cambridge; Rugby League's Silk Cut Challenge Cup; Racing from Newbury; Football Focus; Final Score; and a full round-up of the rest of the day's sporting action
6.30 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.40 TOP OF THE POPS
7.10 BIG BREAK
7.40 MOVIE PREMIERE: THE RIVER WILD (1994.12) Former white-water guide Gail Hartman and her family go on a rafting trip and meet two travellers, who are suspiciously interested in Gail's in-depth knowledge of the river. The couple's fears about the men are all too quickly realised
9.25 JULIE WALTERS IS AN ALIEN.... IN MIAMI
10.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.35 FILM: ROSWELL (1994.12) In 1947, an unidentified craft crash-lands in the New Mexico desert. Years later an investigation is launched into the cover-up of what may have been an alien vessel
12.10 MATCH OF THE DAY

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH

8.20 MATCH OF THE DAY Another chance to see the football highlights programme screened last night
9.30 BREAKFAST WITH FROST
10.30 BODGER AND BADGER
10.45 THE MASK
11.10 BLUE PETER
11.40 AS SEEN ON TV
12.05 SONGS OF PRAISE
12.40 THE WHITBREAD: THE WORLD'S GREATEST OCEAN RACE
1.10 THE CHART SHOW
2.00 NEWS
2.10 BROOKSIDE Why has Louise kept some of Marcus's letters secret?
3.25 THIS IS YOUR LIFE
4.00 COCA-COLA CUP FINAL Chelsea v Middlesbrough
6.05 MICHAEL BARRYMORE'S MY KIND OF MUSIC (New)
6.55 GET WELL SOON (New)
7.25 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
7.45 NEIGHBOURS FROM HELL
8.10 HEAT OF THE SUN (New) Trevor Eve leads an all-star cast in a prestigious new drama set in colonial Kenya
9.55 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.10 FILM: THE LAST SEDUCTION (1983.18) After pulling off a drugs deal with her husband, ruthless Bridget Gregory runs off with the money and hides out in a small town where she becomes involved with a local man
11.55 RUGBY EXPRESS

MONDAY 30TH MARCH

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 EUREKA! 10.15 NUMBERTIME 10.30 THE MIX 10.45 PUT IT TO THE TEST
11.10 THIS MORNING
1.15 THE WEATHER SHOW
1.20 TOTS TV
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Darren reveals a new responsible side
2.15 CATCHPHRASE
2.40 HOLIDAY
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.40 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.50 THE FORGOTTEN TOYS
4.05 TOM AND VICKY
4.15 DENNIS THE MENACE
4.40 THE REALLY WILD SHOW
5.05 GOOSEBUMPS
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Justine hears about Vinnie's two-timing escapades and decides to confront him
5.45 FAMILY FORTUNES
6.10 WISH YOU WERE HERE
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET At the Crown Court Jon is called to give evidence against Deirdre
7.45 THE BILL Shades of Grey; (Part Two): In the concluding part of this story, CID identify the kidnapper, but the children's father has resolved to pay the ransom
8.10 FAITH IN THE FUTURE
8.35 THE CRUISE
9.05 LONDON'S BURNING Billy is still being held by the police
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY?
10.55 THE ENTERTAINMENT BIZ
11.45 TARRANT'S 10 YEARS ON TV
12.10 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA

TUESDAY 31ST MARCH

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 BOOK BOX 10.15 STORYTIME 10.30 BOOK BOX 10.45 PUT IT TO THE TEST

11.10 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE WEATHER SHOW
1.20 TEDDYBEARS
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS The spirit of co-operation reigns in Lou's kitchen
2.15 FOOD AND DRINK
2.45 WILD BRITAIN (New)
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.40 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
3.50 THE WOMBLES (New)
4.05 CHUCKLEWOOD CRITTERS
4.30 BLUE PETER
4.55 THE WARD
5.20 HOME AND AWAY Vinnie tries to juggle two women at once
5.45 A QUESTION OF SPORT
6.15 EMMERDALE Will is shocked to discover his mother Becky and Zoe sharing an intimate moment
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS The battle of the Beales continues
7.55 BUGS The team must destroy the cyberax virus which has turned their friend Roland Blatty into a walking zombie
8.45 BIRDS OF A FEATHER (New)
9.15 THE X-FILES (New)
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 FILM: PULP FICTION (1994.18) Quentin Tarantino's multi-award-winning crime drama. Two love birds plan to hold up a diner, a pair of hit men are asked to recover some stolen property and a washed-up boxer is paid to throw his last fight
12.55 TARTAN EXTRA

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 EUREKA! 10.15 EUREKA! 10.30 QUEST 10.45 PUT IT TO THE TEST
11.10 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE WEATHER SHOW
1.20 POTAMUS PARK
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Phil turns the financial tables on Hannah
2.15 GARY RHODES
2.45 THE CLOTHES SHOW
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with THE BLOBS
3.50 BLAZING DRAGONS
4.00 HOW GOES....2
4.20 REBOOT
4.45 NEWSROUND EXTRA
5.00 OUT OF TUNE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Joel tells Travis to stay away from his kids
5.45 TOMORROW'S WORLD
6.15 EMMERDALE Pollard comes across Dee in a compromising situation
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET Deirdre's day of judgement has arrived - will she walk free?
7.45 THE BILL Gay Bashing:
8.10 GREAT ESCAPES
8.35 2 POINT 4 CHILDREN
9.05 PLEASURE BEACH Blackpool's Pleasure Beach
9.35 FRIENDS
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 HALE AND PACE: APRIL FOOL
11.20 OPERATION GOOD GUYS
11.50 TV OFFAL

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 STOP, LOOK, LISTEN 10.10 LANDMARKS 10.30 STAGE ONE 10.45 PUT IT TO THE TEST
11.10 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE WEATHER SHOW
1.20 UNIQUE SPECIES
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Ruth and Philip's reconciliation is on hold
2.15 THE WARTIME KITCHEN AND GARDEN
2.45 WILD BRITAIN
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.40 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.50 TIMBUCTOO
3.55 HUBBUB
4.15 HIGHLANDER
4.35 BLUE PETER
5.05 THE O-ZONE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Tim starts to show signs of jealousy
5.45 TOP GEAR
6.15 EMMERDALE Becky is forced to confront Will and admit to a terrible secret
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 ANIMAL HOSPITAL
7.25 EASTENDERS As the preparations for the custody battle reach a climax, Ian's private investigator, Ros, becomes a crucial element in his fight for the children
7.55 BLIND MEN (New)

BFBS Television programmes (cont)

7.55 BLIND MEN (New)
8.20 THE CRUISE
8.50 THE CLIVE JAMES SHOW
9.35 FATHER TED (New)
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 LOOKING AFTER JO JO The close knit world of the estate is being torn apart. Meanwhile, Jo Jo discovers the devastating truth behind the death of his beloved father
11.25 THE NAZIS
12.15 THE STAND UP SHOW

FRIDAY 3RD APRIL

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
FOR SCHOOLS 10.00 MATHSBOOK 10.10 RAT-A-TAT-TAT 10.25 LOOK AND READ 10.45 PUT IT TO THE TEST
11.10 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE WEATHER SHOW
1.20 POTAMUS PARK
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Sarah has a confession to make
2.15 ALL OVER THE SHOP
2.40 WAR WALKS
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
3.50 THE LITTLEST PET SHOP

YOUR PROGRAMMES FROM F.I.B.S.

SATURDAY 28

6.00 News BFBS
6.03 Music Fill
6.16 Children's story
6.30 Children's Corner - request programme
7.30 News and Sport from five live
7.40Weather.Flights.Announcements
8.00The Navy Lark
8.28 Rpt Weather & Flights
8.30 The Beebs lost Beatles tapes
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.20 Music Fill
9.30Captain Corelli's Mandolin
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News BFBS
SUNDAY March 29
5.00 News: BFBS
5.03 Music fill
5.15 The Proms 1997
6.00 Music Fill
6.30 Weather, flights, announcements
7.00 Church Service-Cathedral
8.00Wet Wet Wet Album Special
8.15 Folk Music Show
8.30 Repeat Weather & Flights
8.45 Folk Music Show
9.00 News Desk
9.28 Rpt. Weather & Flights
9.30 Dracula
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News BFBS

TUESDAY March 31

10.03 Morning Show
12.00 News and Sport BFBS
12.06 Profile:
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30 BFBS Programmes
5.03 The Archers
5.17The late afternoon show
5.30 News from St. Helena
5.45 Calling the Falklands
6.00News Magazine
6.30 In concert
7.30 News and Sports
7.35Weather,Flights,Announcements
8.00Not so long ago - Korea

4.05 RUPERT
4.30 MIKE & ANGELO
4.50 THE WEEK ON NEWSROUND
5.00 WANNABE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Jesse and Kylie talk about having more children. Chloe and Lachie's neighbour is turning out to be a problem
5.45 GLADIATORS
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS The work of Ian's private investigator, Ros, finally pays off for him
7.55 THE MISSION (New)
8.45 TAGGART Baboushka: The net tightens on the blackmailers, but not before two more people are found murdered. Like traditional Russian dolls, which conceal others inside, Jardine, Reid and Fraser discover people are not always what they seem
9.35 THIRD ROCK FROM THE SUN
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 NEVER MIND THE BUZZCOCKS
11.00 STAYING ALIVE Sunil gets cold feet as his wedding day nears
11.50 TFI FRIDAY
Billings correct at time of going to press, but subject to change until actual transmission. Tune into BFBS Radio/Television for updates

B.F.B.S. RADIO WEEKLY PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

98.5FM

SATURDAY 0000Drum & Bass**0200**Steve Mason**0400**In Concert **0500** Forces Finest with Damian Watson **0700** Weekend Gold**0800** Breakfast Show **1000**The Score with Francis Collings **1400** Mark Page **1600** Weekend Gold**1800** David Rodigan **2000** Drum & Bass **2200** Steve Mason
SUNDAY 0000 Late Night Love in **0200** Mark Page **0400** Bob Harris **0700** Weekend Gold **0800** UK Sunday Breakfast **1000** Forces Finest **1200** James Watt **1400** Richard Allinson**1600** Bob Harris **1900** In Concert **2000** Rock Show **2200** John Peel
MONDAY 0000Weekend Gold **0200**In Concert**0200** Rockumentary **0300** Connect '98 **0500** Early Breakfast **0600** Weekday Breakfast Show **0900** BFBS Gold **1000** FIBS Morning Show **1230** The Afternoon Shift **1800** BFBS Gold **1900** Jamie Gordon with Full Top 40 (Mondays only), New Dance, Indie and Pop, interviews and live music sessions **2200** Aidan Donovan
TUESDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued**0100** David Rodigan **0300** - **0000** As Monday
WEDNESDAY 0000Aidan Donovan continued**0100**John Peel**0300** - **0000**As Monday
THURSDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued**0100** The Rockshow**0300** - **0000** As Monday
FRIDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued **0100** Richard Allinson **0300-1800** As Monday **1800-2000** Gurkha Programmes **2000** Andy Wright **2200** Friday Dance

CHANNEL 2

550 MW

SATURDAY 0000On Stage & Kaleidoscope**0100**On Stage**0200**Newsday & Features from BBC World Service**0300**A Taste of Ireland**0400**Today from BBC Radio **40600** Radio 4 News and Sport**0630** Counterpoint**0700**Meridian from BBC W/S**0730**BFBS

Reports **0800** Radio 4 News & Feature **0830** Thoughts from Abroad **0900** Comedy Double Bill **1000** News & Sport on Five Live**1500**News & David Mellow's 6-0-6**1700** News & Short Play **1800** Feature **1900** Radio 5 Live**2100-2200**World Service News/ FIBS Announcements **2200-0100**Radio Five Live Overnight
SUNDAY 0100 Archers Omnibus **0200**Newsday and Europe Today/Heritage**0300** Clydes Classics**0400** News & Sunday Papers, morning Music & Religious news and views **0615**Letter from America with Alistair Cooke & Morning Service**0715** Archers Omnibus**0815**Weekend on Two with Colin Hamilton's music and mind boggler**0900** The World This Weekend**1100** News & Sunday Sport fromBBC Radio Five Live**1600** Feature **1630**Many are Called - Christian Music and religious news with Roger Hudson **1700** Sound Portrait **1800** Feature **1900** News Desk from BBC World Service **1930** Health Matters and Sports Round-Up**2000**News & Radio Five Live**2100-2200**World Service News/FIBS Announcements**2200-0100**Radio Five Live Overnight
MONDAY 0100News Desk from BBC W/S**0130** Feature **0200**News Day and Europe Today/Heritage **0300**Newsbriefing from BBC Radio 4 followed by Book Club**0330** Today from BBC Radio **40600** World News and Business Report**0615** Archers **0630** Gurkha News**0700**News Summary from BBC Radio 4 and "My Word"**0730**Woman's Hour**0830**Two's Company **1000**World At One **1045**Sports Round-up**1100**Play/Short Story **1200**News/PM Shift**1300**Kaleidoscope**1345**Archers **1400**PM Programme**1500** Main News of the Day **1530**Comedy **1600**News Extra & Sports Desk followed by Sport on Five and Radio Five overnight
TUESDAY 0100-0700As Monday **0700** Story **0730-1100**As Monday **1100**Story and Feature **1200-1530**As Monday **1530** Feature **1600-0100**As Monday
WEDNESDAY 0100-0700As Monday **0700** News & Feature/Quiz **0730-1100**As Monday **1100** Classic Review **1200-0100**As Tuesday
THURSDAY 0100-0700As Monday **0700**News & Dad's Army**0730-1100**As Monday **1100** Clyde's Classics **1200-0100**As Tuesday
FRIDAY 0100-0700As Monday**0700**My Music with Chairman Steve Rac**0730-11.00**As Monday **1100** P McD and Co Unlimited **1200-1530**As Tuesday **1530-1600** Play/ Short Story/Quiz **1600-0000**As Tuesday

in 1982, when the Foreign Office insisted, against the Ministry of Defence's advice, that the frigate *HMS Endurance*, be withdrawn from the South Atlantic.

The Argentine government saw this as a sign of decreasing interest in the islands and immediately invaded them.

The Falklands are causing friction in London

This decision meant the end of then Foreign Secretary Lord Peter Carrington's job, and led to numerous questions concerning the Foreign Office's efficiency. Even though Lord Carrington was two years later able to be named General Secretary of NATO, the British Foreign Office has had problems in reconstructing its reputation in the eyes of public opinion.

"They burnt their fingers with boiling milk and now they cry every time they see a cow," a reliable Defence Ministry source graphically explained to *La Nacion*. "If there is something the Foreign Office doesn't want it is of being accused of being weak again," he added.

Menem's visit

In spite of Robertson's efforts, the Defence Ministry official believes that the Foreign Office will end up winning.

"The truth is that President Menem's visit helps us very little in the circumstances," he said. "If we had been in this situation in another year, maybe our reasoning, which is rational, could be listened to, but now there are quite a few in the government who fear that someone in the local press will interpret a defence reduction in a concession linked to the visit."

Great Britain invests nearly 81 million pounds a year in protecting the Falklands. The Defence Ministry has committed itself to maintain 1700 soldiers in the Islands, but wishes to eliminate the permanent sea patrolling, so that they can reduce the total number of frigates to no more than 30, from the current 35 which are operating.

The Defence Minister, a Scot, with roots in the trade unions, is one of the few members of parliament who knows the Falklands issue well, because between 1981 and 1983 he was the opposition spokesman concerning foreign relations in the House of Commons.

Last December he had a meeting with his Argentine colleague, Jorge Domínguez, in London, and it is hoped that a similar meeting will take place in Cyprus during the next few months, where British and Argentine blue berets from both countries work together as United Nations peace keeping forces.

The Chief of Defence Staff, Sir Charles Guthrie, was in Buenos Aires a few days ago and in a few days time the First Lord Admiral, Admiral Jok Slater, will visit Buenos Aires.

The Argentine Secretary for Military Affairs, Jorge Pereyra de Olazabal, was in London two weeks ago to participate in the first seminar concerning joint strategy between the two countries and numerous British representatives visited Buenos Aires last week to participate in peace keeping troop training.

CLARIN 25/3/98

Search for oil in the Falklands
The Falkland Islands are count-

ing down the twenty days to go until the oil platform, on its way from the North Sea, arrives in the Falklands, to begin, for the first time in history, the first oil drilling in waters around the Islands.

According to the Kelper government's programme, at the end of April the platform will begin drilling the first exploration well and consequently reveal the great unknown, which Brits and Argentines have been wondering about for decades: Is there oil or not in the Islands?

Phyllis Rendell, Mining and Natural Resources Secretary (sic) of the Islands government, told *Clarín* on the telephone, that the platform is currently reaching the Brazilian coast. "On February 28th it left the Canary Islands," she said enthusiastically.

The preliminary results of the first round of drilling will be known in the middle of June.

The platform was contracted by the companies which won the oil tender in the area in which there is not co-operation with Argentina. In October 1996, the Falklands' government unilaterally awarded oil exploration licences in seven maritime areas to the north-west of the Islands, in an area of nearly thirteen thousand square kilometres.

The only offer which was rejected was from a consortium made up of YPF and British Gas. The only one with Argentine capital involved, which harmed Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella's strategy, that Argentine companies participate in the oil business.

Di Tella's position arose in 1993, and Ambassador Mario Campora in London favoured trying to stop the Kelpers unilateral call for a tender.

The discussion led to Campora losing his post - he was supported by Senator Eduardo Menem - and ending up in Belgium.

Campora had claimed that if the call for a tender was not challenged, the Argentines were going to seem powerless as the oil platforms reached the Islands from the North Sea.

As a consequence of Campora's thesis the Senate passed a bill which sanctioned companies which extract oil in the Falklands without Argentine consent. London had requested that this bill be modified.

But, following Di Tella's thesis, in 1995, the government did not oppose the Kelper call for a tender and on the contrary signed an agreement of co-operation with Great Britain to explore and eventually exploit a special area to the south-west of the archipelago.

At that time the Foreign Ministry had explained that Argentina "will benefit through the collection of a special fiscal tax, which all those companies working in the zone must pay, which is laid down in a Bill."

The Bill, which would allow Argentina to collect three percent of the royalties, in the case that oil is found in the non co-operation zone, two years later, is filed somewhere in Congress.

The remaining nine percent of the payments of the oil companies will go to the Falkland Islanders, in accordance with an agreement signed between the Foreign Ministry and British Foreign Office.

With this difficult situation facing him, Di Tella is doing all he can,

so that when President Menem visits London in November, he can at least announce a call for a joint tender in the co-operation zone.

LA NACION 24/3/98

The Lord Mayor, from London to La Boca

A trip along the ARIACHUERO, from Puerto Madero to La Boca, where he spent about an hour, was part of the activities carried out yesterday (Monday) by the Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman, Richard Nichols, on his second day in the capital, guest of his local colleague Fernando de la Rúa.

Following a ceremony in the Yacht club in Puerto Madero, Nichols - head of the principal mayor's office one of the 33 "boroughs" in the English capital - boarded the deck of the yacht Magenta, along with British Ambassador William Marsden.

They were accompanied by the president of the entity and owner of the yacht, German Neuss, and the director of the Puerto Madero Corporation Enrique Fazio, and some fifty special guests.

And off she goes

The press corps were unable to participate in the journey "for reasons of protocol" according to the explanation given by the British Embassy, which meant that they had to wait until later to meet the Lord Mayor.

Nichols, wearing a dark suit and wearing on his chest the medal which the Mayors of his country use (rosettes surrounded by lions and the inscription 'God leads us') thanked Captain Lito Larrosa for the arm he put out to help him down the last step onto the boat.

Half an hour later, the yacht arrived at the port in the Vuelta de Rocha, greeted by the band of the officers' school, Alberto Villar.

The scenery, semi-sunk ships, dirty waters, as well as the unpleasant smell, made one of the numerous neighbours which had gathered there to follow the events, say, "We think it is very good that he comes to see La Boca, but he could have been brought some other way which is not so ugly."

However, the course chosen seems to be part of a strategy linked to the resin for Nichols visit to Buenos Aires, which concludes tomorrow (Wednesday), Fazio, speaking to *La Nación* reflected this: "We hope that his visit will conclude in a fruitful exchange." He spoke highly about Puerto Madero and we told him about our projects for the zone, which include ecological ones.

During his tour of La Boca, Nichols stopped for a few moments, in silence, in front of the monument of Guillermo Brown, and he seemed particularly impressed - in the usual composed Saxon manner - with Caminito Street, where he applauded a couple dancing the tango, although he politely refused to dance a few steps. Then he visited two "classic" establishments, the cafe and bar La Perla and the Caminito exhibition centre.

There he was given some paintings "Arrabal de Buenos Aires" by Osvaldo Santilli and "Junto al Muelle" by Alberto Gini, an artist whose paintings have been given to President Bill Clinton and Jacques Chirac.

FALKLAND WOOL GROWERS LTD

Wool Market Report Friday 20 March 1998

The Geelong auction in Australia was cancelled this week, leaving auctions in Sydney alone. Only twenty seven thousand bales were thus offered this week. Prices for middle merinos were a little dearer but other categories only spasmodically tended that way. Clearance averaged 90 percent. The Eastern Market Indicator was up 2 cents each sale day, to close the week up 6, at 654 cents a Kg. Some reports suggest that Japanese interests were doing much to support the market. The Australian 27 micron EMI closed down a cent at 508 cents/Kg, which given the weaker Australian dollar/pound exchange rate of 2.52 A\$/£, converts to the lower sterling equivalent of 202 pence/Kg.

In spite of the weaker New Zealand dollar wool prices went cheaper this week. The NZ indicator fell 12 cents/Kg to 430 NZ cents/Kg, as a result of the North Island sale of Thursday. There was an 98 percent clearance of the 14,800 bales on offer.

South Africa sold 93 percent of the offering at Wednesday's auction. Their Index rose 1 percent to 2014 SA cents/kg.

CURRENCIES

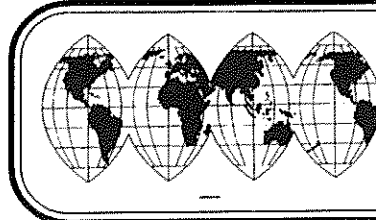
Currency movements had the greatest impact upon sterling wool prices this week. On the one hand the UK budget caused London's financial markets to believe that interest rates would have to rise again; analysts predicted an April rise on Wednesday, however more recently predictions are for a May rise. This caused a strengthening of the pound against almost all currencies. On the other hand New Zealand announced that its economic problems are worse than previously calculated (due to the Asian crisis), resulting in a very significant weakening of the kiwi dollar from 2.86 \$/£ last week to the current 2.96 \$/£. As a consequence most wools tended cheaper in sterling terms, whilst New Zealand coarser wools are much cheaper.

MANUFACTURERS

Manufacturers all report extremely difficult trading conditions. Demand is evident for wool finer than 30u, however a pattern has developed of weak demand for 31u-40u wools, especially for 34u-40u; consequently mills are being offered very low prices for such coarser cross-bred wools. There is much anxiety about demand in Asia, whilst world wide demand is at a relatively low level. Buying is being done largely on a hand to mouth basis in an attempt to minimise stock-holding risks.

AGENCY

The *Anne Boye* test results will be completed by the end of next week. The *Kapitan Vaga* (our voyage 5) should dock at the end of this month. The Agency continues to seek out higher priced demand.



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Argentina

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LA NACION 22/3/98

British concession to Argentina in the Falklands

The method of tendering with the use of envelopes is unknown by the British. They will use it the first time to call, along with Argentina, companies interested in the search and exploitation of oil in the area in dispute around the Falkland Islands.

In the United Kingdom, instead of envelopes, a consulting system known as *data room* is used. But, the British decided to adapt themselves to the Argentine system for the call for the tender, which still does not have a fixed date.

The aim of the Foreign Ministry and the Foreign Office is finalising the negotiations before the end of the year, so that the oil tender can be part of the announcements which will take place in November when President Carlos Menem and the British Prime Minister Tony Blair meet in London.

The Joint Hydrocarbons Commission was formed in September 1995, when foreign Minister Guido Di Tella and his then British colleague Malcolm Rifkind signed an agreement, one which is giving the technicians a lot of work because the, "co-ordinated tender," has no precedents.

Half and half

In Argentina and in the United Kingdom, at the same time, the scale of specifications which offer 50 percent of each of the six blocks in the so called Co-operation Zone will take place.

The companies which win, here and there, will have to get together to carry out the search for oil, but will pay the taxes separately in each country.

It is a mechanism which must work with the greatest of precision. The criteria to determine the winning consortium have to be identical, because the companies will be obliged to form a joint venture (each one will have half a block).

The difficulties arise from the sovereignty dispute over the Falkland Islands. Each country will collect royalties over half the oil which is extracted from the blocks. But, the zone also includes waters which are currently in litigation, a portion of Argentina's, which are not claimed by the British.

To Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella, the tender signifies an advance, because it allows Argentina to, "set foot" in waters whose sovereignty is exercised by Great Britain. At the same time, the agreement cannot be used by the British to extend the limits of their claims.

Those who criticise the joint tender on the other hand, claim that Di Tella accepted that the British collect royalties in the zone in dispute, and this could, in the future, become an issue which could weaken Argentina's sovereignty claim.

Speculation

The Argentine Foreign Minister also speculates that the work of the oil companies will serve to re-establish communications with the Falklands, which were cut off by the Islanders, following the 1982 war.

As the exploration work takes place off shore on platforms placed in the maritime zone in question, it is assumed that the Argentines who work there will not necessarily have to set foot on the Falkland Islands, where the Islanders refuse to accept visitors from this side of the continent.

The operations which are eventually carried out by companies from Argentina, in the middle of the ocean, could be connected to a Continental base, which could be in Comodoro Rivadavia.

The other tender

Di Tella assumes, that, with or without any agreement, the Falklands government will go ahead with the tendering of the blocks to the north-east of the Islands.

He believes that it would be ineffective to go ahead with the threat which Argentina had made to carry out legal action against the companies which participate in the Islanders tender, so, he signed an agreement which allowed the Islands government to go ahead. Here the search for oil is more advanced: The blocks have already been awarded and the exploration has begun.

If the companies which are drilling in this zone (Amerada Hess, Shell, Lasso, Desire Petroleum and IPC Falkland Islands) find oil, an aspect which was not included in the papers Di Tella and Rifkind signed will come up.

The same day, Argentine issued a unilateral statement announcing to the oil companies that they expected to collect royalties of three percent in the blocks to the north-east of the Islands, the government then sent the bills to congress. One modifies the hydrocarbons law, because nine percent of royalties is the minimum contemplated by the current legislation. The other stipulates the sanction which will be applied to companies who refuse to pay the three percent royalties to Argentina.

None of the two bills have been passed.

However, many assume that the only companies interested in avoiding reprisals will be those with interests in Argentina. Of those which are exploring to the north-east of the Islands, only Lasso and Shell have subsidiaries in the country.

The British also expect their share, above all, if the speculations that the zone could be as attractive for oil extraction as the North Sea are true.

If there is a prosperous future ahead, the Islanders are willing to use the royalties to pay the maintenance of the Mount Pleasant military base, where there are more than two thousand British soldiers.

On the other hand, they ignore, Argentine pretensions.

LA NACION 24/3/98

English investments in Buenos Aires

"We are here to strengthen even more so the commercial links which have traditionally linked us to Argentina, a country in which we have already invested nearly two thousand million dollars during the last three years."

With these words the Lord Mayor of the City of London Alderman, Richard Everard Nichols, defined the reason for his visit to the city of Buenos Aires, a return of the courtesy received by his local colleague Fernando de la Rúa, who visited London last year.

"My presence in Buenos Aires is no more than a show of the continuity of this excellent relationship: England is currently the second European investor in the country, after Spain," said Nichols during a press conference, minutes after being declared a guest of honour in Buenos Aires.

The scope of the visit

According to Adalberto Rodriguez Giavarini, Economy and Finance Secretary of the Buenos Aires city government, who spoke to *La Nación*, the Lord Mayor of London expressed interest in work concerning protection and recuperation which are taking place in different areas of Buenos Aires, such as, for example, La Boca neighbourhood, which he visited yesterday morning.

"In Greater London there is a similar plan underway and the Lord Mayor expressed enthusiasm with the idea of having some kind of participation in these projects," expressed the official.

The same happened when the Lord Mayor and 35 members of the delegation accompanying him visited Puerto Madero (Docks of BA). The specialists accompanying Nichols were interested in the project and the work which is going on to complete the docks area.

The team from London wanted to know all about the plans the local city government is working on and requested information about the city investment programme and centred their attention on the real estate market.

"They also asked us about long term possibilities concerning the enormous potential in Argentina concerning insurance - said the Economy Secretary - because it is us who are home to foreign companies and banking entities in this country."

Growing investment

Referring to the growing interest in London, concerning this part of the world Rodriguez Giavarini said, "Following the fall of the colonies of the Commonwealth the English carried out a true re-discovery in Latin America, as a real opportunity to invest and expand."

With the moderation and politeness expected from a Lord, the Mayor

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avoided as much as possible the questions the press had to ask him: The sovereignty of the Falkland Islands, fishing in the South Atlantic and other issues of foreign policy linked to bilateral relations.

"This visit is to promote trade. I believe that the Ambassador is the right person to discuss these issues," said Nichols, who however, referred to President Menem's visit to London and the meeting he will have with the President tomorrow (Wednesday).

"The president's visit to London is generating enormous expectations - he said - I am anxious to meet Menem and speak to him."

Nichols agenda in Buenos Aires, is as one of his colleagues said, "extremely packed."

Following the press conference the Lord Mayor left for the Foreign Ministry where he met Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella, with whom he chatted for more than an hour.

LA NACION 24/3/98

Falklands: Fighting in Blair's government

A fight between the Defence Ministry and the Foreign Office concerning military presence in the South Atlantic is holding up the conclusion of a vast re-structuring programme of the British armed forces, announced last year by the Labour government.

The defence ministry, led by the Scotsman, George Robertson, believes that Argentina is no longer a military threat in the region and therefore proposes withdrawing the frigate which permanently patrols the zone.

The Foreign Office on the other hand believes that it is the presence of the British Navy in the South Atlantic which has reduced the threat of war-like conflict in the zone and strongly opposes the withdrawal.

This difference of understanding, which Tony Blair's government will try and resolve during a Cabinet meeting this week, has been carried in the British press.

The daily newspaper *The Times*, said that this problem in Whitehall is the exact opposite of what happened



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BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR FRIDAY 20 MARCH 1998 NEW CHINESE PRIME MINISTER

The new Chinese Prime Minister, Zhu Rongji, attracts quite a lot of comment because of his apparent new style of government. *The Financial Times* notes his remarks, at his first news conference, that he feels he faces an arduous task and fears he may let the people down. It says his frankness is likely to raise popular expectations of a new atmosphere of openness in China. *The Independent* says his performance was characterised by humour and only minimal propaganda rhetoric, and represented a seismic shift from his hard-line predecessor Li Peng.

BOSNIAN WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL

The Times and the *Guardian* both report the testimony to the Bosnian War Crimes Tribunal by the leader of Britain's Liberal Democrats, Paddy Ashdown. The papers report Mr Ashdown's account of a conversation he had with the Croatian President, Franjo Tudjman, at a banquet in 1995. He recalled Mr Tudjman as saying that within a few years there would be no place for Bosnia to exist as a state, and only a minor place for the Muslims in Croatia. He said Mr Tudjman had sketched a map on the back of a menu, carving up Bosnia into a greater Croatia and a greater Serbia.

LEONARDO diCAPRIO

The popular papers are all talking about the Hollywood superstar Leonardo diCaprio, star of the block buster films 'Titanic' and 'The Man in the Iron Mask', who was swooned over by five thousand young girls when he visited a London cinema on Thursday. *The Daily Mail* carries two columns. In one, a woman journalist admits she is crazy about him; she particularly likes what she calls the tired, haunted look in his eyes, and the fact that he has not got a girlfriend. But a male writer complains that you just cannot get away from images of Leo, who - he says - 'is just a male bimbo peering out from his mother's apron'. He does admit, however, that men like him, in their forties, might just be a tiny bit jealous.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR MONDAY 23 MARCH 1998 POPE VISITS NIGERIA

Several papers turn their attention to the visit of the Pope to Nigeria. *The Independent* carries a front-page picture of Nigerian troops watching crowds as they gathered yesterday for a papal mass. *The*

Guardian reports that the Pontiff delivered what it calls 'one of the hardest-hitting homilies of his papacy', warning against corruption and the violation of human rights in what is a direct reference to the military regime of General Sani Abacha.

WIDE-RANGING REFORMS FOR BRITAIN'S ARMED FORCES

The promise of wide-ranging reforms to Britain's armed forces provides *The Times* with its lead story. The paper says the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force will have to share more facilities under a plan by the Government to streamline operations. 'The main aim of the proposals', *The Times* says, 'is to cut out duplication of facilities and to restructure the forces for rapid deployment operations overseas.'

CLINTON'S AFRICAN TOUR

Meanwhile a photograph on the front of the *Financial Times* of a Ghanaian artist putting the finishing touches to a mural depicting Bill Clinton heralds the start of the President's six-nation African tour. The *FT* says Mr Clinton intends to use the tour to signal United States' approval of a new breed of African leader, marked out by their financial prudence and fight against corruption.

DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES

And finally, more proof, if any was needed, that the death of Diana, Princess of Wales has done nothing to stanch the flood of stories about her. *The Daily Mail* reports that there has been condemnation of plans by a motorists' organisation, the *Royal Automobile Club*, to use Diana's death in a seat-belt campaign. The paper says MPs, police and safety bodies have all voiced disapproval of a proposed television and poster campaign claiming that the Princess could have survived the road crash which killed her if she had been wearing a seat-belt.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR TUESDAY 24 MARCH 1998 ANTHRAX WARNING

The mass-circulation *Sun* devotes its whole front page to what it says is a world exclusive story - the British Government's warning to all ports that Iraq may be plotting to smuggle in the deadly poison, anthrax, disguised as duty-free goods. *The Sun* says Baghdad may hope to unleash the bacteria as revenge for any international military action against Iraq. *The Sun* says the threat proves the Iraqi leader, Saddam Hussein, is an evil menace to the world, who must be removed from power.

YELTSIN SACKS RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT

The Times, *Financial Times*, *Daily Telegraph* and *Guardian* lead with President Boris Yeltsin's surprise sacking of the entire Russian government. Describing the move as a calculated 'coup de theatre', *The Times* asks whether Mr Yeltsin may have intensified Russian political infighting and enfeebled the cause of reform. *The Guardian* describes the sackings as 'unwise'. *The Daily Telegraph* highlights the inexperience of the thirty-five year-old new Acting Premier, Sergei Kiriyenko, whom it describes as 'the opposite of a Russian power-broker'.

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S VISIT TO AFRICA

The Daily Telegraph, *The Times* and *Independent* splash large, vivid photographs on their front pages, showing President Bill Clinton and his wife, Hillary, in Ghanaian tribal robes at the start of their six-country African tour. *The Times* comments on the size of Mr Clinton's entourage and the costs of the trip, likening him to a visiting pharaoh from Africa's past. *The Independent* stresses the enthusiasm of the Ghanaian crowds. *The Daily Telegraph* records Mr Clinton's appeal for a new, democratic Africa.

FOOTBALL

Football is a major theme for several papers. *The Independent* reports on the controversy over ticket sales for this summer's World Cup in France, echoing fans' complaints that very few tickets have been sold outside France. *The Daily Mirror* leads on the crisis at Newcastle United, denouncing the two Directors - who have since resigned - for slandering fans, players and local women.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 1998 JUDGE RULES ON DEATH OF FEMALE GYNAECOLOGIST

Domestic stories take most of the headlines in today's British papers. Many report on a ruling that has made legal history in Britain over the killing of a young black female gynaecologist. *The Times* says a man who was never charged or appeared in a criminal court was branded a murderer by a judge after the victim's family brought a case for damages against him. However, the *Guardian* reports that unless new evidence is uncovered the murderer could still escape a criminal trial.

ACADEMY AWARDS

The British co-star of the film 'Titanic', Kate Winslett, is pictured in many of the papers, attending the Academy Awards ceremony in Los Angeles. This, despite the fact that she lost out to the American, Helen Hunt, for the Oscar for 'Best Actress'. *The Sun* and the *Telegraph* both show the Director of 'Titanic' raising his Oscar in a gesture of triumph. *The Express* says the night was one of disappointment for British stars. But the *Telegraph* pictures all four British actresses who were beaten by Helen Hunt, with the caption 'British win the award for style'.

BLAIR ADDRESSES FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The British Prime Minister, Tony Blair's speech to the French parliament receives strikingly varied coverage. *The Sun* headlines Mr Blair's message as one of 'no surrender to Europe.' It highlights his warning

that people might rebel if a United States of Europe was imposed on them. *The Mirror* headline reads 'Magnifique! Monsieur Blair!' The paper describes how the British Prime Minister bowled French MPs over with his fluent and witty speech. *The Guardian* suggests that Mr Blair should speak French all the time as British voters never listen to the words anyway and it sounds so much better.

PRINCE WILLIAM VISITS CANADA

And another story which features prominently in the press, is the reception accorded to Prince William, the second-in-line to the British throne, when he visited Vancouver. *The Sun* said hundreds of screaming teenage girls clutching red roses and waving banners queued for hours to see the Prince arrive. *The Telegraph* comments that the Prince received the double-edged honour only bestowed on those to reach the highest echelons of celebrity - mass hysteria. *The Mirror* dubs him the 'Prince of heart throbs'.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR THURSDAY 26 MARCH 1998 SCHOOL CHILDREN KILLED

The shooting dead of four school-children and their teacher, allegedly by two teenage classmates, in Arkansas on Tuesday, receives a lot of coverage in the British papers, with photographs of the victims on most of the front pages. *The Times* writes that 'the town of Jonesboro where the shooting happened has been scarred by the incident'. But in an editorial, the paper writes that it 'believes there will be little response to the incident in terms of gun control, because the right to carry guns is so entrenched in the state of Arkansas'. *The Guardian* writes that 'the killing has provoked a bout of national soul-searching'. And under the headline 'What kind of society breeds such killers?' the *Express* says that blame is being laid at the door of what it calls lax gun laws and a violent Hollywood-fuelled culture. *The Daily Telegraph* writes that 'the accused boys, if found guilty, may only be imprisoned until their eighteenth birthday, because they are juveniles. And the *Sun* describes the dead school teacher, Shannon Wright, as a heroine, saying that 'she gave up her life for her pupils, by shielding one of them from gunfire and so being shot herself'.

SINGLE EUROPEAN CURRENCY

The decision by the European Commission to approve eleven countries as economically fit to join the single European currency, or Euro, also makes the front pages. *The Daily Telegraph* writes that the Euro is 'starting on foundations built in sand'. It says that the Prime Minister, Tony Blair, has been accused by senior opposition politicians of paving the way for a 'fudged' Euro by refusing to block any of the approved countries.

ROYAL VISIT TO CANADA

And finally, Prince Charles and his two sons Princess William and Harry on a visit to Vancouver in Canada, are shown on several of the front pages. *The Sun* says Prince William sent teenage girls into delirium when he donned a bomber jacket and cap given by the Canadian Olympic team. The paper describes him as 'looking like a trendy, cool dude'.



News from South America provided by Mercopress

SARAH FERGUSON PREFERS PATAGONIA

SARAH Ferguson, the Duchess of York said she would like her children to grow up in Argentina, but if they don't accept the possibility she would anyhow establish herself in Patagonia once they are adults.

'I'd love to see them grow up in Argentina but if they don't, once they leave home I'm determined to come to this paradise,' said the Duchess to a local Buenos Aires magazine.

The Duchess and former wife of Prince Andrew was interviewed in a farm thirty miles from Bariloche where she spent a few days with several friends. Sarah Ferguson's mother, Mrs Barrantes lives and owns land in Argentina.

BARGAIN SHOPPING IN KOREA

A major German chemical corporation, a Saudi prince and a French supermarket conglomerate are taking advantage of the present weakness of the Asian currencies to go bargain shopping in Korea.

BASF AG from Germany announced it was paying 600 million US dollars for the chemical department of the Daesang Group, the major acquisition of a Korean company by a foreign corporation.

Volvo AB is discussing the purchase of Samsung Heavy Industries Co. and Carrefour S.A. the main French retail chain of supermarkets, with holdings in three continents, is planning to invest 400 million US dollars in Korea in the coming months.

Forced by a currency devaluation of over 40% in less than twelve months, and unable to obtain credit in the banking system, Korean companies have been selling assets to European and American companies who expect a recovery of the Korean economy. Saudi Prince and tycoon Al-Waleed bin Tabal in a quick visit to Seoul announced plans to invest a first stage 200 million US dollars in Daewoo Corp. and Hyundai Motor Co. the two main Korean automotive conglomerates.

Korean authorities are said to be drafting legislation to further promote foreign participation in the Korean companies and the local Stock Exchange to help the country overcome the present setback.

The Korean Central Bank also announced a record 3.85 billion US dollars trade surplus for the month of February.

RECORD CROPS IN ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL

Argentina and Brazil will be harvesting record 97/98 crops in spite of the adverse weather conditions caused by 'El Nino'.

The Argentine crop is estimated to reach 63.15 million tons, a 17%

increase over 96/97 with a record production of maize of 18.2 million tons, 8.9% above earlier February estimates.

While maize, sorghum, wheat and barley have done extremely well, sunflower yields are proving much lower than expected because of excessive rainfall.

In Brazil, winter and summer crops will add to 83 million tons, a two million tons increase over the previous record of 94/95. Soybeans that reached a production of 30 million tons, a 18.2% jump over the 96/97 crop, are the top star of Brazilian agriculture. According to the US Department of Agriculture Argentina has become the main competitor of the United States in the maize world market with a growing 20% share of the international trade.

The USDA report indicates that China and the former European Eastern countries dispute the US in regional markets, but internationally Argentina is the only competitor.

ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WILL SELL YPF SHARES

The Argentine government is planning to sell the remaining 20.3% shares of YPF to help finance new loans and begin the building of 10,000 kilometres of highways.

According to Argentine authorities the international financial market is in an excellent situation to cancel old credits and take new loans, possibly doubling the sum, and at lower interest rates.

The Argentine government is also planning to launch a massive public works programme (Plan Laura), to build a new web of highways extending to all the country that is expected to be financed with a ten US cent tax on a litre of petrol. The sale of the YPF shares is programmed for the second half of 1998 and the government expects to collect in the region of two billion US dollars. When the sale is completed it will mean the end of the Argentine's government holding in the former oil monopoly that began to be privatised in 1991.

ARMED FORCES REFORM IN ARGENTINA

Peronist and opposition Senators unanimously approved a complete reform of the structure, funding and functioning of the Argentine Armed Forces that includes a five years annual 3% real budget increase starting 1999. The increase is to be calculated on the basis of 3.5 billion US dollars.

According to the new bill the total numbers of troops, officers and civilian staff will be proposed by the Executive and must be approved by Congress. The re-equipment and purchasing of new weapons for the three Argentine services will be decided by the Minister of Defence,

acting on advice from the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Any future salary increase or recovery will depend on the administrative reforms and savings managed on each financial year. The system of military pensions will also be reformed.

A Congressional committee will monitor the implementation of the reform for which the Ministry of Defence has three years.

'This means the end of uncertainty: the Armed Forces will now be able to make long term planning without being concerned about funding since they will know with sufficient anticipation budget appropriations,' remarked Jorge Dominguez, Argentine Minister of Defence, present in Congress during the Senate debate.

ARGENTINES ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT BRAZILIAN ECONOMY

Most Argentine businessmen feel 'optimistic' about Brazil and consider Mercosur, 'a turning point in the history of both countries' according to a poll contracted by the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Some of the results of the poll were published in 'Gazeta Mercantil' considered the most respected financial publication of Brazil. The poll included interviewing twelve Argentine businessmen linked to big corporations; ten businessmen from medium companies trading with Brazil; ten businessmen from medium companies not related to Brazil; and ten from small companies.

According to the conclusion 69% of the Argentine businessmen said they believed the Brazilian economy will 'better' or 'much better' in the coming years and that Brazil has become the most important trading country for Argentina.

But 48% also expressed concern about 'Brazil dependency', going from a 'medium' 45% concern to a 'strong' 35% and a 10% who consider it minimum.

As far as the official Brazilian economic policy, 59% of Argentine businessmen consider it 'very good' or 'good', while 38%, 'fairly good'.

The present Cardoso administration is considered 'good' by 57% of those polled, 17% 'very good' and 'average' for another 17%.

Finally almost unanimously Argentine businessmen consider Mercosur a turning point in the history of both countries, and 95% believe the block should open to other members.

AMAZON FIRE WILL INFLUENCE RAINFALL

The forest fire that has been raging for weeks in the north of Brazil and is approaching the Venezuela and British Guyana border will affect rainfall in the Mercosur area and therefore agricultural production and yields, warned Reynaldo Barbosa, one of Brazil's main weather and Amazon experts.

'The fire that has already devastated 20% of the Roraima territory and is destroying 800 square kilometres every day, could dramatically reduce rainfall in the Southern Cone,' said Mr Barbosa, who said it could take a whole century to recover the forest and grasslands now being consumed.

Meanwhile Argentina and Venezuela have sent helicopters and experts to help combat the fire and

supply sanitary aid to the local peasants who in most cases have lost all their possessions and are suffering respiratory complications, mainly children.

Simultaneously an urgent vaccination campaign against yellow fever and malaria has been launched.

The area affected by fire and smoke now covers an area equivalent to Belgium and Luxembourg, without any serious chance of ending the environmental tragedy until early April when the rain season begins.

HALIBUT EXPERIMENT IN PUNTA ARENAS

The University of Magallanes is involved in a project to introduce halibut from the Arctic into southern Chile waters with hopes of beginning a new fishery.

At the moment the fifteen specimens of the flat fish are in quarantine but the research on their adaptability has already begun since they are soon expected to spawn and the special cages where they will grow up are ready waiting for them.

'So far they have adapted wonderfully,' said Dr Valeria Scabini, head of the project that is funded by 'Fundacion Chile' (a semi-official organisation which promotes new enterprises), four local salmon farms and Enap, the Chilean oil monopoly, that loaned the facilities where the experiment is taking place.

'This is an excellent opportunity since at 14/17 US dollars a kilo, halibut is very tempting for investors and a promising alternative for salmon farmers who are going through several bad seasons running,' indicated Dr Scabini.

The head of the project also indicated that it would give the University of Magallanes and its Marine Biology Department a chance to develop a technology that was first tried successfully in Canada and Norway.

GAS PIPELINE UNDER MAGELLAN STRAIT

Enap, the Chilean oil monopoly signed an agreement in Buenos Aires to purchase liquid gas from Argentine Tierra del Fuego to be converted in a chemical plant next to Punta Arenas.

The ten years agreement that will demand an investment of over twenty million US dollars includes the laying of a 140 kilometres gas pipeline extending from Bahia Catalina in Tierra del Fuego to the Cabo Negro plant, of which thirty kilometres will be under the Magellan Strait.

According to the deal, the Ambasur consortium (Total Austral, Deminex and Bidas) will purchase annually 105,000 tons of butane gas and 136,000 of propane that will be processed and stored in Cabo Negro.

'Propane will be acquired by Enap for its clients in central Chile, while butane is to be shipped to Brazil,' said Leon Sougarret, General Manager of Enap Magallanes. Sougarret emphasised that the project, that is expected to begin pumping in 1999, will contribute to a more efficient exploitation of Chilean/Argentine resources in the extreme South of Chile and create new jobs.

'We're reinforcing energy integration between both countries, and at the same time turning the Punta Arenas area into a supply market of special gases for the rest of the continent,' explained an optimistic Sougarret.

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and should also be seen to be done. Sir, I support the Motion.

Councillor Mike Summers:

The application of double standards is something that I don't much like in our society, and have spoken about it on many occasions, and here is one. I rather suspect that we wouldn't put up with our public servants being treated in the manner that some fish workers are treated, and I also suspect that we wouldn't put up with our agricultural workers being treated in that manner. I do recall not so many years ago there being a great public outcry about the conditions of living some folks had in some Portakabins in FIPASS, and it was immediately remedied. Compared with the way that some fish workers had to live that would have been luxury indeed.

So what are we going to do about this? Well I think there are three ways in which we must approach this issue. We must look with a will, with a serious will at ways in which we can introduce to our fisheries legislation the power to debar from receiving licences companies which do not have adequate health and safety provisions, or suitable employment practices, and let us remember that in failing to provide suitable health and safety provisions on many of these vessels we are endangering people

who work from onshore here as well. We must pursue whatever means we can in international fora and on behalf of councillors whilst I was in UK last time I contacted Amnesty International to see whether they could help us with any assistance or advice on this matter. They thought they probably could not but recommended contact with the International Federation of Free Trade Unions or International Aid Organisation or International Federation of Transport Workers and I think it behoves us to do that, and any other international organisation that we feel might be of assistance in this matter. And finally if it comes to the question of protests I think the protest should be lodged not only with the flag states that are involved with abuses of Human Rights but also those other states who allow their nationals to be exploited in this way, and turn a blind eye to the labour practices that go on.

Councillor Jan Cheek:

I give my wholehearted support to the content and the spirit of the Motion. My own interest in fishing is well known and I think that we should all remember that the greater part of FIG's income is derived from the labour of some of the people we have been talking about today. If we don't act then

we will be seen to condone, or worse even connive at this kind of treatment. My company places its own representatives on board Far Eastern vessels and I would suggest that other companies might follow that example. However we approach this and however dependent we are on fisheries income, we cannot be seen to ignore the kind of treatment which is alleged to have taken place on vessels inside and outside our waters.

Sir I support the Motion

Councillor Norma Edwards:

Sir in rising to wholeheartedly support this Motion, I think most things have been said now as to how we feel. The Honourable Lewis Clifton said very rightly I think that what we see here is the tip of the iceberg and we should be well aware of that. We will have to be very careful in our approach to these countries and to the companies involved that we don't make matters worse for these poor unfortunate fisherman.

It is very difficult for them in a foreign country to go through the legal procedures of that country and then have to go home and face the consequences, and we must be very aware that what we see at the moment is just the tip of the iceberg and I agree that we must put all weight behind any kind of organisation we can find who will help

these people. Sir, I wholeheartedly support the Motion.

Councillor Halford: Like fellow councillors I too fully support the Motion, but I would like to just make a few comments upon it. On point 3, I would have thought that this would happen automatically already, and as Councillor Clifton has already said on Point 5, whilst I think we should pursue every international avenue we can, I believe the international mechanism is not a fast track to anywhere, but nevertheless it is very important for us to pursue every avenue.

I think great emphasis should be put on point 4, as I see it as the one place where we can take action, maybe discretionary, but one would hope that common sense would prevail in doing this. But I feel if we do not take some form of action - as Councillor Cheek has said most of our revenue comes from the fishing industry - I would hate this revenue to be considered dirty money.

So therefore Sir I support the Motion.

Councillor Bill Luxton:

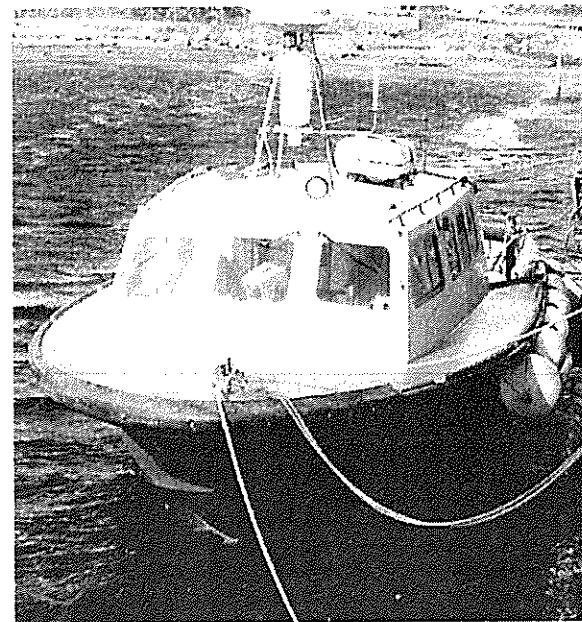
Sir, I support this Motion wholeheartedly, we make great play ourselves on demanding our own human rights, our right to self-determination. I think we should support the right of these people to a decent life as well.

Cool heads in watery crisis

Shortly after leaving a transshipping vessel in Berkeley Sound on Monday, March 23, the launch, *Wavedancer*, ran into trouble when a storm caused one of the boat's

engines, sited in the stern, to become flooded with sea water and stop.

The launch, with Russell Evans as Coxswain, Stephen Aldridge as Bowman, and Dick Sawle also a board, was following the southern coast of Berkeley Sound, in fair weather, as she returned to Stanley, and had passed Mengear Point without incident and in reasonable seas, when the storm suddenly struck. Sea



Above: *Wavedancer* after her ordeal

Press statement from information provided by Dick Sawle

conditions immediately deteriorated with wave heights increasing to 3-4 metres accompanied by a big swell. To add to the problems the crew were also faced with stronger winds as it began to rain.

Half a mile off Mengear Point, as the launch turned to enter Port William, a rogue wave hit the stern of the launch and swamped the engine compartment. At the same time one of the liferafts from the roof of the cabin was lost overboard. The liferaft inflated and was blown out to sea.

With the engine compartment swamped, Stephen was fully occupied on the pumps, and Russell was handling the launch when one engine lost power. Due to the skill of the Coxswain and Stephen's hard work, the boat succeeded in entering Port William and made its way to the south side in order to take advantage of the calmer water there.

As the crew were concerned that sea conditions were still very rough, and *Wavedancer* had power available from only one engine, assistance was requested from shore. Within a short time the *Speedwell*

and the *Frank Wild* were sent to assist and the three boats met outside Stanley Harbour.

With the assistance of the *Frank Wild*, *Wavedancer* tied up at FIPASS and was then further assisted by the Fire Department in pumping out the engine compartment.

Seaview Limited would like to thank all those involved, especially the Cable & Wireless operator, Stanley Police, Fishops, Sullivan Shipping, the FIC, and the members of the Fire Department.

It is very comforting to know that in a small community, such as the Falklands, we can all rely on each other for help when needed.

I would also like to express my personal thanks to Russell Evans and Stephen Aldridge for their professional attitude in a crisis and the way in which they dealt coolly with problems as they arose.

The liferaft, a beaufort six man raft with an EPIRB, has not yet been found. If anyone should find it washed up on a beach, we would be very grateful if we could be informed in order to collect it and have it checked.

Golf News

From Sharon Marsh

THE first West Falkland Open golf competition took place on March 20 and 21, at Port Howard and Bold Cove courses. Beautiful weather over both days cancelled the usual excuses for poor shots and a run of exceptional good luck (by Roy's admission) put Roy Smith in the lead on the first day.

The 10am tee off on Saturday saw an eager bunch at Clippy Hill Golf course, the lowest scorers being last to tee off. Battle commenced and some excellent golf was enjoyed by all. It was noted that while some players don't throw their clubs so often, some can't throw them so far nowadays... Rodney Lee and Nick Bonner entered into their usual extremely competitive 'personal' bout, and Rodney will be very happy to see in print the fact that he was sixth and Nick, tenth, overall. They need both be careful, however, as Carole Lee was a very creditable seventh overall.

Final results:

1st J Forster	1 4 8
(gross score)	
2nd R Smith	152 (gross score)
3rd L Marsh	1 5 4
(gross score)	
Best lady: Carole Lee	
The Nett competition results were:	
1st Rodney Lee	

2nd Ron Rozee
3rd Adie Lowe
Nearest Pin: Graham (Bugsie) Taylor
Longest Drive: Nick Bonner
Consolation Prize: Gordon McConnell
Prizes were sponsored by:- West Falkland Golf Club, Rodney and Carole Lee, Jimmy and Ginny Forster, Mr and Mrs I McPhee.

Our thanks to Rodney and Jimmy for the use of their golf courses, to Stanley golfers for taking part, to the ladies for an excellent buffet, Roger and Norma for very entertaining horse racing and everyone who bought raffle tickets etc. and helped make the whole event so much fun. It will all happen again next year.

From Frank Jackson:- Due to raceday on Saturday and MPA Open Day on Sunday, there will be no golf competitions at Stanley next weekend.

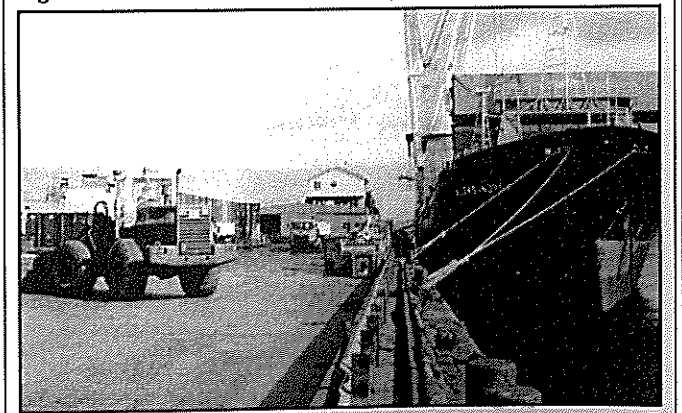
The next competition will be a drawn pairs better ball on Saturday afternoon - April 4 - Arrive by 1.15 for a 1.30 tee off time. This is an excellent chance for newer members to take part in competitive golf and all are welcome.

On Sunday, April 5, the monthly medal will take place. Book in at 8.45am to tee off at 9.00am. Refreshments will be provided after both competitions.

THE cargo vessel *Aledsandrov* is pictured below at FIPASS offloading 3,500 tonnes of oil industry related freight including pipes, silos, risers, chemicals and offshore containers. The *Aledsandrov* sailed from Aberdeen in February and after an uneventful voyage berthed at Mare Harbour

to offload a Sea King helicopter and other freight before moving on to Stanley.

Aledsandrov is the second, and for the moment last, cargo vessel expected by Stanley CSM. The first, *Kapitan Vega*, arrived in Falkland waters in late February with a similar cargo tonnage.



Shooting By Gerald Cheek

THE final of the 900 and 1000 yards range championships were held on Sunday, March 22, together with a long range shoot, highest possible score of 150, results as follows:

K Aldridge	140
T Pettersson	136
G Cheek	135

S Whitney	135
M Pole-Evans	134
S Smith	134

The winner of the 900 yards championships was Ken Aldridge with 72 from a possible of 75.

The 1000 yards winner was Gerald Cheek with 67.

Stanley Co-operative Society Ltd.

The Stanley Co-operative Society Limited will be open/closed on the following days due to stock taking.

Saturday March 28 Closed
Monday March 30 Open
Tuesday March 31 Open
Wednesday April 1 Closed
Thursday April 2 Closed
Friday April 3 Closed
Saturday April 4 Open

We will be open on normal days after this

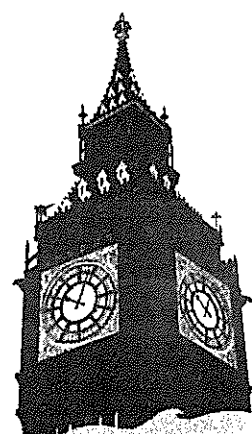
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Soccer news from Patrick Watts

THE 'young' Globe Tavern team picked up their second trophy of the season after beating Argos 2-1 in the final of the Stanley Services Knockout Cup, having earlier won the League Championship without losing a game.

Argos at full strength proved to be tough opposition and although surviving several early scares, managed to keep the Globe at bay until the 31st minute when a defensive error resulted in a goal. Goalkeeper Frankie Haywood, under pressure, fumbled the ball after a corner and it fell kindly for Colin Buckland to lash the ball into the net.

Haywood redeemed himself however when he bravely dived at the feet of the on-rushing Martyn Clarke when the youngster looked certain to score, after having been put clean through by the dangerous Jamie Peck.

In the second half Argos, playing

just one man up front, seemed unsure whether to go for goals or keep the score down. A five man midfield worked hard to restrain the threat of Clement, Clarke, Ross and Bowles, while Peck made many surging runs from his sweeper's position. A penalty, awarded after Peck was felled in the area by Derek Clarke, was wasted by Ramon Miranda who blasted the ball over the bar. However, a second goal came when Goss, carrying a 'dead leg' from early in the game, dallied too long and Martyn Clarke fed the ball through to James Peck who beat one defender before hitting an unstoppable shot



Globe Tavern win the 'double'

into the net.

Argos captain Paul Riddell abandoned his defensive duties and immediately created panic in the Globe defence, and he soon brought his side back into the game, heading powerfully into the net following a corner. Argos pressed hard for the equaliser, while the Globe were always dangerous when breaking clear at the other end. Martyn Clarke had a good opportunity but a saving tackle by Lee Mitchell prevented a possible third goal and when referee Sgt. Dave Fisher blew his whistle for full-time the jubilant Globe team hugged each other in delight. Argos, although disappointed with the result, gave a good account of themselves and perhaps a little more positive approach earlier could have resulted in a shock.

Man of the Match: Paul Riddell of Argos.

Globe Tavern: C Gilbert, Dustin Clarke, I Betts, L Clarke, C Ross, W Clement, A Bonner (sub R Miranda) C Buckland, T Bowles, M Clarke, J Peck.

Argos: F Haywood, Derek Clarke, L Mitchell, P Riddell, B Watson, T Burnett, S Jennings, W Goss, M Moyce, T Chater, Craig Clark.

Referee: Sgt Dave Fisher
HQBFFI. Assistants: Gary Tyrell & Simon Goodwin

Left: Claudio Ross (Globe) evades Steve Jennings

Below: Tony Burnett (Argos) shields the ball from oncoming Jamie Peck

Above right: Lee Mitchell clears from the dangerous Martyn Clarke

Top right: Globe skipper, Troyd Bowles, receives the trophy from Patrick Watts



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Public Notice

The Planning Ordinance 1991. Appeal by Mr and Mrs W Richards Against Refusal for Planning Permission

MR and Mrs W Richards have appealed to Executive Council against the refusal of planning permission by the Planning and Building Committee for the construction of a two bedroom bungalow at 8 James Street, Stanley.

A copy of the planning applications and the Notice of Refusal may be inspected at the office of the Environmental Planning Officer, Malvina Gardens, Stanley, during normal working hours.

Comments on the Appeal should be made in writing and sent to the Clerk of Councils, Secretariat, Stanley within 14 days of the date of this notice.

The Secretariat, Stanley, 23 March, 1998, Pub Not No: 44/98. REF: 1/98/P.

Public Notice

The Planning Ordinance 1991. Appeal by No 1 Electrical Ltd Against Refusal of Planning Permission

NO. 1 Electrical Ltd. have appealed to Executive Council against the refusal of planning permission by the Planning and Building Committee for the siting of three containers for storage of electrical items at 20 Eliza Crescent, Stanley.

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The Secretariat, Stanley, 23 March 1998, Pub Not No: 45/98. Ref: 156/97/P

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Barbecue lunch. We are hoping for a good roll up at this event as it is a good chance to catch up on the activities of the Department and discuss them with the officers responsible for them. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

FIDF PUBLIC NOTICE
The General Public are notified that the FIDF will be field firing in the area of Clamshell Point, Blanco Bay, Mount Low and Twelve o'clock Mountain on Friday 27 and Saturday 28 March 1998. Under no circumstances should any member of the public attempt to approach or enter any of the above areas throughout the period of the exercise. The exercise will involve the use of live ammunition as well as pyrotechnics.

NOTICE FROM STANLEY NETBALL CLUB!
Sat 11th April - Easter Bazaar, 2 - 4 pm FICS in aid of Stanley Netball Club. Jumble, bric a brac, items for tombola, refreshments etc. most welcome. Entries to Easter Card and Easter Egg competitions and 20p entry fees to Sarah Allan or enter on the day between 1 - 2 pm

To welcome back the Smiths there will be a Campers bash in the Drill Hall on the 4th April from 10pm to 2am. Bring your own refreshments. No under 18's. Tickets from Heather or Ellen at £2.50 each

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Auction Bridge results for the 25th March were 1st Mrs E Vidal and Mrs L Roberts
2nd Mrs R Duncan and S Smith
Booby C Clifton and M Murphy
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To Paula and Herman
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To Ridds
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To Tasmin
Happy 2nd Birthday for the 28th March. Have a lovely day and enjoy your party
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A vacancy has occurred on the Education Board due to the completion of the term of office of Dr Barry Elsbay. Parents of Islands school children under the age of twelve years are invited to put their names forward for election. Details concerning the work of a Board member can be obtained by contacting Dr David Langridge, Director of Education, or any other Board member. Nomination forms and copies of that section of the Education Ordinance outlining the duties of Board members are obtainable from the Education Office and should be returned by Thursday 9 April 1998

Postscript from the Cathedral

The crisis involving the Chinese and Indonesian fisherman who jumped ship has provoked a great deal of discussion and comment in recent weeks. It's been good to see how much concern there has been in the community for these foreign seamen who find themselves in a foreign country so many miles from home. As I write we have a group of them in our home playing board games and listening to our music. In spite of everything they appear to remain cheerful though homesick. It has been good, too, to see that our authorities are taking action against the perpetrator of these alleged offences. I am sure it's important that we send out the right message to the rest of the world about our commitment to justice and our concern for human rights. But let's not let our concern for their plight remain at an official level only. They have been on these islands for a few weeks now and boredom is a big factor in their lives. I'm sure they would appreciate any sign of welcome or friendship from the community, and we have found that they appreciate just an hour or two in different surroundings to break the monotony of their life here. Can I encourage you to make them feel welcome and as at home here as much as you are able until the end of their stay, so that our care for them is seen in very practical ways.

VACANCY

PART TIME ACCOUNTS ASSISTANT

The Falkland Islands Development Corporation has a vacancy for a Part Time Accounts Assistant in its Finance Section. Applicants must be computer literate with a knowledge of spreadsheets, basic bookkeeping skills, be a competent typist and have word processing experience. Training will be given in FIDC accounting practices and procedures.

Hours of work will be from 1.00pm to 4.30pm Monday to Friday, with additional hours being required to cover holiday and/or sick leave. The rate of pay will depend on the successful applicants age and experience. For further details of this post, please contact Margaret Humphreys on tel. no 27211 during normal working hours.

Wanted Computer software and data clerk. The applicant should have experience in creating database's and in keeping all computer programmes running. Since this is unlikely to take up all work time the successful applicant will also have to carry out general office duties including vessel agency. The applicant should also be a reasonably fluent Spanish speaker. Any interested person please apply to SFS Ltd, PO Box 83 tel: 22644

Falklands Landholdings Ltd invite tenders for the 1998/99 shearing season. Tender documents are available from the Stanley Office, 44 John Street. Full details of numbers of sheep to be shorn and number of staff required for each farm are given in the documents. Completed tender forms should be returned to The Managing Director, Falklands Landholdings Ltd, Stanley Office, 44 John Street on or before the 1st June 1998

Hanswell Maritime and Company are working with Montevideo Company to introduce an air freight service from Montevideo to MPA.

The freighter being a Boeing 707 carrying freight only to a capacity of 40 tons. The service would be hopefully every 30 days, however this is dependant on required quantity, min 35 tons. Flying time would be 2 hours and 30 minutes. Please send by fax or phone your requirements to receive price list. Listed prices include freight charge C.I.F. to MPA. Transport to Stanley or final destination to be charged by local carrier. For further details please contact 22744 or 22781 or fax 22745

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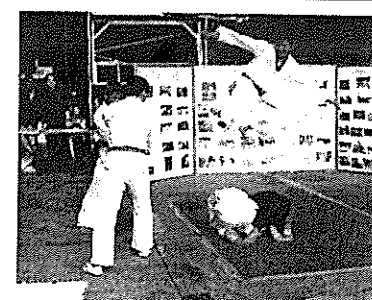
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Have passport will travel

di Tella set to ignore Islander and Argentine objections

ARGENTINE Minister of Foreign Affairs, Guido di Tella, has not given up his intention to travel to the Islands despite a lack of enthusiasm for the project in Argentina. Many Argentines are objecting to the fact that Dr di Tella would be travelling to the Islands on a non-Argentine passport.

In a recent letter replying to an editorial from *Radio del Plata* where Dr. di Tella's controversial intention of visiting the islands was questioned, he said, "in the event

of travelling to the Falklands I will effectively do it with a non Argentine passport but that does not mean I'm abdicating my nationality."

According to Dr di Tella, "a passport is a travelling document and not a birth certificate," and he denied the possession of an Italian passport. "So I want to ratify that if I travel, or when I travel, to the Falklands there's no doubt I will be doing it as an Argentine citizen."

Di Tella remarked he did not share the view of those who favour conditioning relations with the United Kingdom as a solution to

the Islands dispute. "Recognising with realism the current situation is an indispensable condition to help change, it," said Di Tella who added that for any claim to be effective it must involve a dialogue with the

other side, before a solution can be arrived at.

Falklands' councillors have in the past stated that it would be unwise of di Tella to visit the Islands. (Info from *Mercopress*)

Jagger remembers '82 war dead

ROCK star Mick Jagger who is currently touring in Argentina with *The Rolling Stones*, recently announced his intention to remember the deaths of both British and Argentine servicemen in the Falklands conflict during his

concert in Buenos Aires on April 2, the anniversary of the invasion.

Jagger told the media, "It's a sad day for the soldiers of both countries. It was a senseless war and we're going to remember it." (Mercopress)

Heather Briley visits Falklands

CURRENTLY visiting the Islands at the invitation of FIG is Buenos Aires based journalist, Heather Briley.

Heather, daughter of internationally respected broadcaster and journalist, Harold Briley, runs her own press company, Global Communications, which is the official media translation service for the Falkland Islands Government.

Although born in England Heather has lived in Argentina for

many years and first became involved in the media as an interpreter for the BBC during the ten week conflict in 1982.

Since then she has travelled the length and breadth of Argentina, both as a freelance journalist and as researcher for a number of television productions, on one occasion

suffering abduction by armed men.

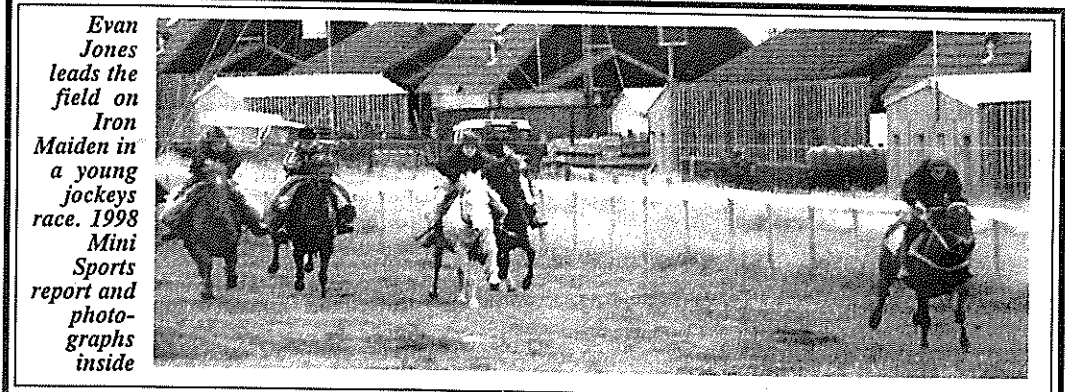
Whilst in the Falklands Heather has met with councillors, many heads of government departments and leaders of local commerce. Her programme also included visits to Goose Green battle sites and Port Howard.

For the full story see next week's *Penguin News*.

Wish the world could be like you says Bob

BLUES singer, Bob Pearce, who recently visited the Falklands at the invitation of the Fighting Pig Band had such a marvellous time in the Islands that he has asked members of the band to pass on a message to the band's families, their friends, "and the people of the Falkland Islands."

Bob, who delighted many residents of the Islands with his performances said, "I had to write to tell you that in all my recent travels, I've never met a nicer, friendlier bunch of people in my life. Having the chance to visit and work for you all was a pleasure and an experience I'll remember always. Your kind words and the gifts you gave me are things to treasure - I only wish the whole world could be like your community - it would then be a much better place. Take good care of yourselves and those wonderful Islands. Thank you and God Bless you 'til we meet again."



Evan Jones leads the field on Iron Maiden in a young jockeys race. 1998 Mini Sports report and photographs inside

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IT SEEMS deeply unfair to the staff of this paper, overflowing with ideas for spoof stories and overly imaginative tales, that not only did April Fools' day not fall on a Friday (publication day), this year, but will not do so even next year. The last time the opportunity for mischief presented itself in fact was in 1995, when many readers will remember that the then Editor, John Fowler, was persuaded by a colleague to include an 'article' about a dead whale at Christina Bay. The non-existent 'whale,' which had a number of keen naturalists heading off in landrovers for a look, was, according to *Penguin News*, spotted by yachtsman, Ivor "Harry" Physter and his Maori wife Maud - originally from Watawapa (get it?) in New Zealand! Happily, while we can only contemplate ways to improve in the future on John's fun and games, he, in his new role of Director of Tourism has, I suspect, cheekily risen to the occasion once again!

My suspicion of subtle devilry at work was first aroused when an elderly, and normally composed lady referred anxiously to the new information boards for tourist dotted around Stanley. "Perhaps it's just me," she said, "but some of the directions don't seem very precise."

Precise they are not, but therein lies the genius...

Tourists, mostly elderly, will conveniently exhaust themselves tramping endlessly around the streets of Stanley, searching, ever searching for that increasingly seductive sounding but apparently mythical, "knitwear, food, drink..." etc. When they finally (hopefully) meet with success they will presumably be so enormously grateful that normal caution will be temporarily suspended and the accompanying prices therefore totally acceptable. Tired, demoralised and so desperate for a toilet that almost any non-flushing dunny will do, the miserable tourist will inevitably be distracted and vulnerable.

Looked at from this enlightened viewpoint the new signs are a stroke of financial and organisational genius and direct (sic) the way to a new and innovative problem solving process.

No longer will a well-meaning bureaucracy struggle to unify tour operators, taxi companies and traders under a single financial and operational policy. Instead confusion and desperate gratitude will prevent tourists from recognising what has really happened until 'buyer's remorse' has them spitting and swearing in their staterooms as the ship steams seaward.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Falkland Islands Government has for sale by tender 16 lots of 3 phase woodworking machinery held by the Official Receiver. Tender documents are available from the Secretariat, Stanley and completed tender documents should be returned to the Chairman, Tender Board, Secretariat, Stanley, to reach him on or before Thursday 30 April 1998.

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*The Following vacancy replaces the Power Station Engineman vacancy as published at the back of the Penguin News LegCo Pull-out Public Notice

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Your letters
Write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley, Falkland Islands or Email pnews@horizon.co.fk

World sovereign organisation needed to protect fishermen

ONE feels a great sense of pride to be living in a community whose elected Councillors showed the concern and determination displayed in the recent Legislative Council action to protect members of the fishing fleets operating in Falklands' waters. It is also gratifying that one of those Councillors was, "involved in the full and unfolding process of United Nations agreement on straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks," for three years, and is, therefore, well placed to contribute essential information for their consideration.

On the other hand, it is deeply disturbing to read, as he has reported, that, "Despite numerous repetitive representations to the I.R.A. Committee on working conditions, the governments and the fishing industry continually fail to act."

Is it not time that the people of the world stopped depending on committees and demanded moves toward a world sovereign organization, founded on international law, enforced by an international force, and based on the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights? If we cannot depend on sovereign nations to enforce moral principles, is it not time that they were federated, for the protection of all, in a planetary organization, as the greatly respected World Federalists have been advocating for many decades? There can be

no safety for mankind until moral principles are given the force of law, and enforced.

Our Councillors have taken a deeply moral stand on an issue which has been crying out for action. More power to them, and may their voice be heard in the councils of the nations. This action, I believe, must help to hasten the day of world security under the rule of law.

John Leonard Stanley

Well done PWD!

IT is not often that The Public Works Department get praise for their efforts to improve Stanley but I would - hopefully on behalf of all residents on Ross Road East - like to congratulate the Asphalt Gang on the speedy and efficient way they completed this work. Also, their efforts to minimise inconvenience to residents and other road users and especially their excellent Public Relations by informing all in advance of what they intended to do.

Many thanks for a job well done.

Ben Claxton Stanley

Rifle shooters took Falklands to Games in 1982

WITH reference to your article *Falklands' athletes prepare* (PN, V10 No.02) may I point out that the Falklands first appearance at a Commonwealth Games was in 1982 in Brisbane when Gerald Cheek and Tony Petterson represented the Islands in full-bore rifle shooting.

We were again involved in Edinburgh in 1986 when Stan Smith and Brian Summers were our representatives.

Falklands' participation at this year's Commonwealth Games in

Malaysia is being coordinated by the Falkland Islands Overseas Games Association and we have liaised with officials in Kuala Lumpur to ensure that Douglas Clark and Bill Chater receive six weeks badminton practice, free of charge, with the Selangor State badminton team, while accommodation is being provided at a minimal cost to the two lads.

Patrick Watts
Chairman FI Overseas Games Association

Your letters.....

Reddick's letter left out information

IN last week's *Penguin News* Mr Reddick's letter about further education grants omitted relevant information about the public meeting in January 1996.

Government used to either fully fund a place at Peter Symonds or grant students the equivalent current rate to attend another college. This allowed the average Falkland Islands family a choice of numerous UK local authority colleges within the same price range. Alternatively more affluent families could use the grant to assist with the higher costs of private colleges.

When the £0.5 million donation to Peter Symonds was introduced in late 1995, a number of concerns arose. One concern was that it would be used as a reason for restricting choice. This point was raised at a public meeting in January 1996 and the Councillors present, including the Chairman of the Board of Education, assured parents that the freedom to choose other colleges would not be affected.

This has not proved to be the case, as we now find that a decision has been made to freeze all grants at 1995 prices for the foreseeable future. This has resulted in inequalities in current education provision. It also means that all families, well off or otherwise, will find that choices in further education are now either non-existent or increasingly limited. It is clear that this decision has been made as a result of the £0.5 million donation.

What is not clear is who made the decision to freeze grants, or when it was made. One of the councillors who was at that public meeting in January 1996 has only re-

cently become aware of it. It is also not clear who this decision is supposed to benefit, or whose interests are represented by the councillors who support it. The whole process, including the donation of the £0.5 million, has occurred without any consultation with parents or students.

Whether or not this is an acceptable method of making decisions involving tax payers' money is open to interpretation. It is apparent, however, that parents are being excluded from discussion of further education and funding issues. There is nothing to be gained from perpetuating this situation and no progress will be made until parents can participate in open and fair discussion with the Education Department.

Fiona Didlick Stanley

Falklands remember the Paras

Right: Wendy Teggart from the Falkland Islands Government Office representing the Islands at the Parachute Regiment's remembrance ceremony held on November 16, 1997. The ceremony included a helicopter fly-past with the Falklands Islands flag.



THE Falkland Islands Government recently donated £400 to a Parachute Regiment Memorial at the Palace Barracks in Hollywood County Down in Northern Ireland. Denzil Connick the Secretary of the South Atlantic Medals Association (82) had written to FIGO to ask whether the Islands would be interested in supplying funds for two park benches which would be placed in the memorial garden. In his letter he said, "I would not like to encroach on the wonderful response already enjoyed by SAMA from FIG. Therefore please let me know if this extra request could be over the top, as it is on behalf of an independent group and not directly from SAMA. I am simply writing to assist a friend doing, in my opinion, a marvellous job."

Happy to help out, FIG sponsored the purchase of the benches, and a brass plaque with the following wording was attached to each bench: "Donated by the people of the Falkland Islands as a token of continuing gratitude." The Par-

chute Regiment and Airborne Forces Memorial Committee (NI) responded saying, "It truly is a wonderful gesture from the Government and people of the Falkland Islands. Once again thank you."

Opening success for Hard Disk Cafe

STANLEY'S first cyber hangout, The Hard Disk Cafe opened for business on March 30, and has had an excellent first week said proprietor, Nicky Buxton.

The 'coolest' cafe in Stanley, which provides access to the internet, networked multi-player gaming, an Email serv-

ice and scanning, fax and photocopying service is situated in Atlantic House and has attracted many customers of varied ages over the past days.

Children under the age of 12 are welcome to come along also, said Nicky, but they must be in the company of a responsible adult.

Financial constraints interfere with Education freedom of choice

I WOULD like to respond to letters on further education in last week's *Penguin News* and the LegCo questions for oral answer on the same subject.

At recent public meetings (that Mr Reddick did not attend) it was established that 'frozen' is 'new,' a fact not denied by any councillor present. Also during these meetings one councillor said he thought college grants would keep pace with inflation. Other councillors made no comment.

As for the public meeting two years ago, I remember a councillor saying that the half-million given to PS would not interfere with freedom of choice. By imposing financial constraints it has done just that.

One thing has emerged crystal clear, and that is everyone is unclear about all or part of what has transpired. Councillors (and Mr Reddick) included.

If Mr Reddick is a genuinely concerned taxpayer he should have created a public stink at the time half-million was given to PS.

On to I McLeod's letter about packing bags and leaving. I've heard it all before, so will treat the remark with the contempt it deserves.

Now LegCo and the idea of legislation to keep parents and their rogue students in line. 'Clutching at straws' and 'from the sublime to the ridiculous' spring to mind.

Is there any possibility that all interested parties might sit around a table and talk sensibly about Further Education.

Jennifer Jones Stanley

Game set and match

Ref your last week's letters from Messrs McLeod and Reddick. Game set and match.

Bill Luxton Chartres

Run the London Marathon without leaving your chair

ON SUNDAY, April 26, a tiny starter's pistol will be fired and one of the biggest, and certainly the most famous, annual athletic event in the world calendar will be under way as thousands of runners take up to half an hour to pass the starting line in the London Marathon.

Among them will be a twenty one year old Radiography student from the Royal Military College of Science in Shrivenham, who also happens to be Falkland Islander, Nina Aldridge.

Once a stalwart of the Stanley Running Club, until higher education took her to the United Kingdom, Nina is running to raise money for Spinal Research, a charity she has become especially interested in since visiting Ron Turner who has been based at Stoke Mandeville since the accident that led to his medical evacuation.

To help maximise the money she can raise Nina has come up with a novel scheme which means anyone can complete the London



Nina Aldridge in Stanley this week

Marathon with her - without even breaking into a trot.

All you have to do, to be able to say you have 'done' the London Marathon, is to donate some money to Spinal Research through Nina. She will then print your name on the t-shirt she will wear in the race.

Weight is not a factor, says Nina, she doesn't mind how many names she carries on her shirt, so get in touch with her at her Stanley home, make your donation, and become one of that elite group that can claim, with some degree of legitimacy, to have completed the London Marathon.

Nina, who recently became engaged to an Army officer studying at the same college, has just over a year left to go of her three year Radiographer course. When qualified she intends to gain several years professional experience overseas before returning to the Islands.

Musical interlude at Community School

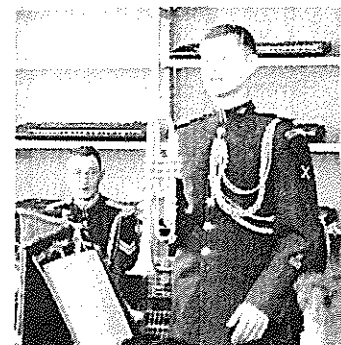
STUDENTS at the Falkland Islands Community School had a rare break from lessons this week when a brass quintet from the band of the Royal Air Force Regiment entertained them with a selection of 'pop' classics in the School street.

After the mini-concert the five musicians had a more private session with a group of music students at the school where they gave an entertaining talk on the history of brass, and then dismantled their instruments to demonstrate how they work.

The quintet have travelled from the UK to spend a week in the Islands helping to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Royal Air Force (previously known as the Royal Flying Corps) and as a special attraction at the MPA Open Day.

A second Stanley 'gig' saw the quintet performing for patients and staff at the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital on March 30.

They will leave the Islands on April 4.



Above: Two members of the quintet giving a brief lecture to students after the school concert

Below: Some of the students find the History of Brass amusing while others are more concerned with 'coming in' on cue



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Applicants must be physically fit with a current driver's licence. An attractive salary package will be offered to the right person reflecting the importance of this position.

Position will become available in July 1998.

Applications in writing please, giving appropriate details to Terry Spruce, Crozier Place, Stanley.

Crowds gather at 'best' Open Day ever

STANLEY was transformed into a virtual ghost town on Sunday, March 29, as what seemed to be the entire population migrated to Mount Pleasant International Airport. For this was day the British Forces Falkland Islands discarded secrecy and threw open the doors to their hangars and their war 'planes and their weapons and welcomed as many civilians as they could pack into the cavernous building that more usually houses the Tristar in its quieter moments.

Indeed, traditional military security seemed to have taken a day off as children and adults alike clambered into cockpits, queued for helicopter flights, played dodgems with the go-carts, operated the ultimate remote control vehicle - Redfire, and stuffed themselves with steaming hot burgers or the even hotter, sweat-inducing, genuine Gurkha curry.

Though the weather was not at its best, overcast with a chill wind, it seemed to deter neither visitors nor the military hosts who, with great imagination, provided, this year, many more inter-active stalls in addition to the usual attractions, than in past years.

Popular with the younger element was the 'Blat the Rat' stall where hopefuls attempted to drop a bomb from a speeding model plane into a pipe to force the 'rat' to appear.

There was a stall that invited budding air traffic controllers to 'talk' an aircraft down, and for the

more energetic there was basketball stall and a rowing machine challenge which, strangely, seemed to attract a continual stream of optimistic, if masochistic, entries.

Not to be outdone the local business scene was also represented. Griz and Richard Cockwell had a stall packed with representative products from both Warrah Design and the Falkland Mill, while LMW(BM) Ltd., were demonstrating, with photograph, plans and videos, some of the latest advances in building techniques and materials.

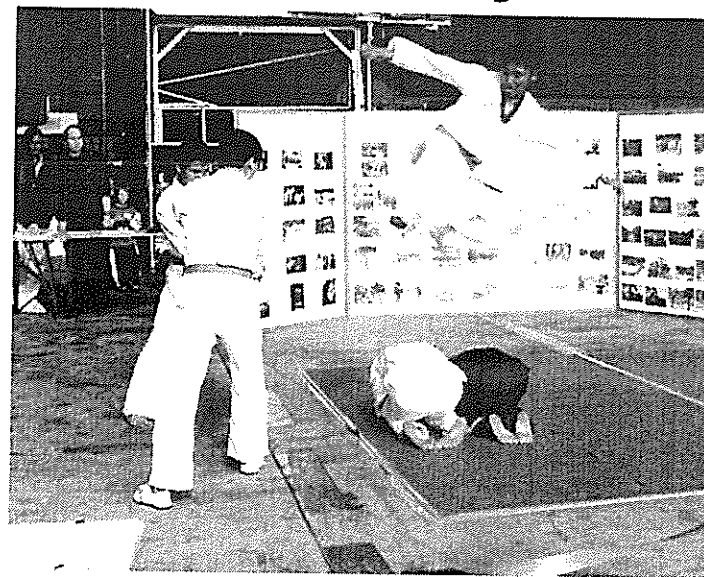
As ever at these Open Days the displays were a huge attraction. 69 Field Squadron Queen's Gurkha Engineers were almost constantly in the public eye with their pipers, a Nepalese dancing display, and, most impressively, their tae kwon do demonstration during which they destroyed enough timber (with bare hands and feet) to build a Tibetan monastery.

The flying display at 2.00pm was predictably exciting, and the degree of expertise shown by the helicopter pilots as they transported individuals and vehicles (one a small tank) with pinpoint accuracy was nothing short of excellent.

To add to the general holiday atmosphere BFBS were operating on site, Dusty Miller and Sid Olivera spinning the records and requests, and keeping the crowds informed.

More intrepid souls with a nautical bent made the journey to Mare Harbour where the Captain and crew of HMS Montrose welcomed them aboard for a brief taste of life at sea.

To many residents of Stanley



MPA often seems as remote as the Jason Islands, and its inhabitants, the military, merely necessary strangers. The annual MPA Open Day does more than just provide

the civilian population with a glimpse of what the military do and how they do it, it also does much to bring the two communities closer together.

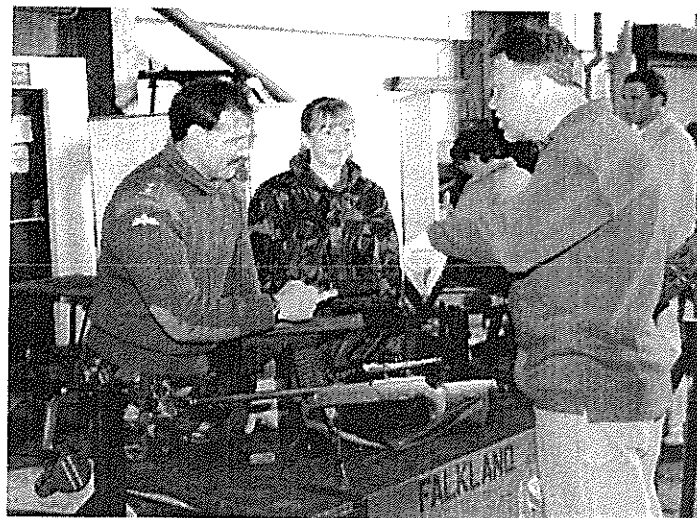
Above: A Gurkha warrior leaps to conquer as he shatters a timber board held by his colleagues

Below: The younger children got to enjoy themselves too, in a special play area created for the occasion

Bottom: Michaela Ford demonstrates a lightness of touch as she gets to grips with the controls of a mechanical digger

Bottom left: Dusty Miller is pictured 'shopping' for a weapon powerful enough to take care of Sid (The Voice) Olivera. Lt Derek Clarke, FIDF, indicates the finer points of the GPMG.

Left: Trying on an antislak suit, as used by bomb disposal experts, is Christine Peck of Leicester Falls, West Falkland



Almost all at sea

APART from the name, *Robinson Crusoe*, this year's pantomime offering from the prolific FIODA Theatre 2000 group, owed little to Defoe's classic tale of solitude and cannibalism, and rarely allowed Anna Luxton, delectably elegant in the title role, to be alone on stage let alone a desert island.

The plot, as if it mattered, was almost as threadbare as the breeches sported by Crusoe, and was little more than a framework on which to hang as many one-liners and locally oriented gags as possible.

A ship, skippered by Captain Perkins played with engaging vagueness by Tom Eggeing, was about to leave England bound for 'Jamaica', passing by, oddly enough, the exotic island of Speedwell on the way. Shortly before the ship sails an ancient mariner (Helen Coombe thinly disguised as Old Jim) accosts Crusoe and presents him with a chart showing where a vast treasure trove is hidden on Speedwell Island.

Not doubting its authenticity for a moment, which, given the ragged state of its donor is somewhat surprising but thoroughly in keeping with the concept of 'the willing suspension of disbelief' so necessary to cartoons and panto, Crusoe tucks the chart away convinced he is soon to be rich.

Unfortunately for him the local diddle-dee telegraph is just as efficient in his neck of the woods as it is in other parts of the world, so that by the time the ship does sail it appears to contain more stowaways than crew, among them the dastardly Cap'n Blackpatch.

Though reputed to be a thorough-going cutthroat Black Jack, as portrayed by Garry Tyrrell, gives the impression he is far too laid back and humorous to be as dangerously black-hearted as his name suggests. But if even laid back as he is, he is certainly persistent and his determined efforts to steal the treasure map from Crusoe eventually pay off

thanks largely to his book of spells and hypnotism.

Cut to Speedwell Island, ruled by Queen Wotawoppa, (Sharon Middleton resplendent in a hat half as tall again as herself and a gown that could by itself solve the Stanley housing shortage) who presides, with insatiable appetite, over her tribe of diminutive cannibals.

Blackpatch, who, through some stroke of good fortune, happens to speak the same language as the noble Queen, finesses a crafty deal with her which, if it successful, will have Crusoe and his band of goodies gently simmering in the cannibal's cooking cauldron while Blackpatch sails away with the treasure.

After all sorts of unpleasantness in which highly topical characters like the vampishly evil Demon Oyslick (Alison Inglis) who attempts to ensnare Crusoe and pretty Polly Perkins (Wendy Kultschar is faultless as the obligatory romantic foil to Crusoe) in her treacly tendrils but is foiled by the imperious Fairy Detergenta (Fiona Didlick), the treasure is unearthed, but in the true spirit of pantoland good triumphs over an evil that is ultimately shown to be not really so bad, and everyone lives happily ever after.

All the established roles are here: the Dame, Robinson's mother, Mrs Chrissie Crusoe, a blowsily energetic performance from Alan Jones; an incredibly intelligent Girl Friday (Clare Crowie provides an attractive alternative to a six foot native) who learns to speak English in about 90 seconds, and the usual 'Buttons' character - in this panto it is Crusoe's brother, Kenny, an amazingly puckish performance from Megan Eggeing.

Indeed the show is peopled with characters whose main function appears to be simply to complicate the whole affair. But as they do it with good humour and zest it all adds to the colour and action.

Notable among these were Ben Dover the Mate (Stephen Betts) and Barnacle Bill the Bosun (Alisdair

McKenzie, just loved the rolled up tennis shorts Alisdair) whose participation in the cannibal 'snake dance' had my eyes watering, and yet another strangely good-humoured pirate, Jack Boot, whose voice evoked memories of long radio afternoons with Sid Olivera.

Notes I made during the first public performance on Friday, March 27, tell me now that I found the first scene dull and the actors' timing, so crucial to comedy, woefully lacking. Later I wrote, "it's getting better," and later still (perhaps to my own surprise), "I'm enjoying this."

On reflection I think those reactions a fairly accurate reflection of the progress of this production. Early on the cast failed to establish that curious 'pantomime' rapport with an audience (on the Friday evening) that remained rather unresponsive for long periods. Most of the traditional, "Oh yes he did - Oh no he didn't," plays tended to fall flat, prompting Blackpatch at one stage to rather forcefully ask, "Didn't you lot go to the pub before coming here?"

A fair point, for without whole-hearted audience participation pantomime must fail. And here is the chicken and egg conundrum that might have sunk this particular panto. Actors in a panto feed off the enthusiasm of an audience determined to enjoy itself. The panto audience, though fully aware of their reciprocal role, need leading into the

right mood. And that guidance has to come from the stage.

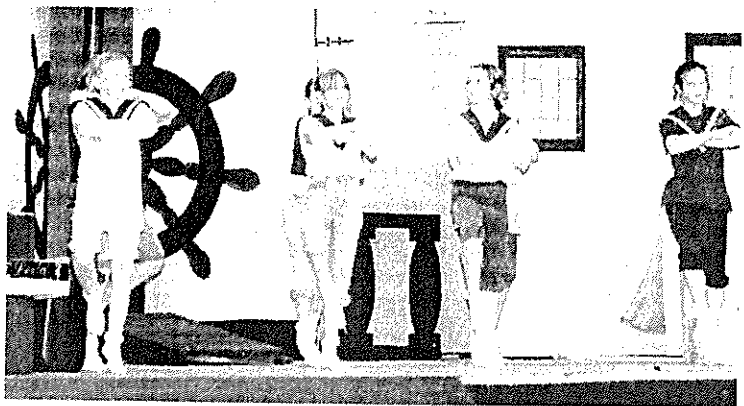
Initially it didn't, the actors obviously lacking the confidence to force their audience into responding. But somewhere in scene two the excellent Garry Tyrrell threw in an *ad lib* which also threw the audience, and more importantly drew them into the play. It was the moment that, literally, saved the evening, because, from then on, as the laughs began to flow so the actors' collective belief in themselves also grew.

Ultimately *Robinson Crusoe* was a successful production for FIODA, at least on that Friday night. The set, as always, was creative and colourful, the costumes bright and imaginative, and the cast laboured mightily to make it all work. The young chorus line were admirable as they became, by turns, ship's crew, pirates, minions and cannibals, and the behind the scenes gang ensured the production lacked nothing on the technical front.

If I were churlish enough to offer one tiny criticism, it would be that perhaps another week's rehearsals might have added that extra polish, that extra sparkle, that might have dragged the audience, kicking and screaming, into the fun that much sooner.

Or perhaps FIODA should consider running courses to teach audiences just how they are expected to (mis)behave during pantomimes.

Top left: Blackpatch and Jack Boot scheme to steal the treasure chart
Centre left: The ship's crew, Christine Hewitt, Alex Birmingham, Margaret Normand and Jade Clayton dance the Hornpipe
Below far left: Polly Perkins and Mrs Chrissie Crusoe plead with Captain Perkins to be allowed to sail with the ship
Below left: Kenny Crusoe and Polly Perkins throw sweets to the audience
Below: Jubilant Blackpatch and gleeful Jack Boot have kidnapped Polly as part of their master plan to get their hands on the treasure
Top right: The pirate crew in aggressive mood
Above right: The chorus in their guise as armed cannibals
Right: Marooned on Speedwell, the good guys discuss how to escape
Below right: All's well.... Crusoe gets the girl, the Dame gets tearful and Blackpatch gets put to the sword



Vacancies Vacancies Vacancies Vacancies Vacancies

Part Time Accounts Assistant

The Falkland Islands Development Corporation has a vacancy for a Part Time Accounts assistant in its Finance Section. Applicants must be computer literate with a knowledge of spreadsheets, basic bookkeeping skills, be a competent typist and have word processing experience. Training will be given in FIDC accounting practices and procedures.

Hours of work will be from 1.00pm to 4.30pm Monday to Friday, with additional hours being required to cover holiday and/or sick leave.

The rate of pay will depend on the successful applicants' age and experience.

For further details of this post please contact Margaret Humphreys on tel no 27211 during normal working hours. Applications in writing should be sent to Mr Gordon Ewing, Financial Controller, FIDC to be received no later than Wednesday, 8 April 1998.

Consolidated Fisheries Limited

Consolidated Fisheries Limited invite applications from suitably qualified persons for the position of Observer/Representative.

The successful candidate will be expected to spend long periods at sea and duties will include monitoring the catch, supervision of transshipments, ensuring that FIG reporting requirements are adhered to and working as a deck/factory hand where necessary. Our Observer is also responsible for ensuring good language communications between the vessel and the office and will also be required to carry out different projects as dictated by the Manager of Consolidated Fisheries. At the end of each trip the Observer is required to produce a report covering all fishing operations observed on board.

This is a responsible, demanding position which requires a person who is self motivated, assertive and able to work for long periods unsupervised, a good working knowledge of word processor, spreadsheet and data base computer packages. Seagoing experience and the ability to speak Spanish are a definite advantage.

Interested persons should contact Consolidated Fisheries on telephone 22277 to find out more.

Public Notice Vacancy - Printing Office

The printing office currently has a vacancy for a Trainee Assistant Printer. This position would be ideal for a school leaver who is interested in a career in printing. On the job training will be provided.

Salary for this position is in Grade H ranging from £8,964 to £11,208 pa. Entry point will be dependent on age and qualifications of the successful candidate.

Further details of this position can be obtained from the Head Printer, Mr Tony Petterson during normal working hours on telephone 27228.

Application forms are available from the Secretariat and completed forms should be returned to the Human Resources Department no later than Friday 10th April 1998.

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Public Notice

Vacancy - Education Department

The Education Department has a vacancy for a Learning Support Assistant at the Falkland Islands Community School to commence duties on 27 April, 1998.

The successful candidate will be responsible to the Headteacher but will report on a day to day basis to the Special Education Needs Teacher. The appointee will be enthusiastic, sympathetic, and committed to helping young people to achieve both educationally and socially.

Salary is £10,176 per annum in Grade G and the position is full time, term time only.

Further details contact the Headteacher at the Falkland Islands Community School.

Application forms are available from the Human Resources Department at the Secretariat and should be returned by 4.00pm on Friday 17 April, 1998.

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Press Release

Darwin/Goose Green to North Arm Road

The Falkland Islands Government have for release to the general public the following information on the tenders received for the Darwin/Goose Green to North Arm Road, all of which were rejected:-

Contractor	concrete causeway, or	rockfill water crossings
Gordon Forbes	£12,561,816	£12,636,112
Tilbury Douglas	£10,352,003	£11,652,515
Constructora Davimar	£23,961,216	£23,639,126

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Question No. 6 of 98 by the Honourable Mrs J L Cheek

WILL the Honourable John Birmingham please give a brief outline of what Oil Spill Contingency plan is now in place, and whether sufficient equipment and materials are held to deal with any emergency involving damage to a vessels' fuel tank in Falkland Islands' waters?

The Hon. J Birmingham:

I shall be as brief as I possibly can, although the answer I've arranged here is nine pages long. I shall make sure that the full reply is distributed to the media. Oil Companies operating in the Falkland Islands have submitted an oil spill contingency plan to the government as instructed in the conditions of their production licences. Executive Council at their meeting in January accepted the oil spill plans policy. The plan is specific to the areas where the industry will be operating and will have vessel movements. Supplies including dispersants, booms and solvent materials will arrive in the islands before drilling begins in late April/May and be placed on the drilling rig the *Borgny Dolphin*, the two anchor handlers and the safety vessel with back up supplies been stored in Stanley. The oil spill plan provides for additional supplies and technical expertise to be flown to the islands within three days. Sufficient materials will be maintained on and off shore to deal with the spill until new supplies arrive. Advice will be sought as to the best methods to deal with the incident through the procedures in the contingency plans. In addition the Falkland Islands Government commissioned a national oil spill contingency plan, the final draft is with the Fisheries Department now, who are taking responsibilities for its implementation. Oil Company Environmental Representatives will meet in Stanley with FIG officials on 25th March to ensure that both spill plans are compatible. The final amendments to the national plan will be submitted to the OSRL next week and the final version available in early April. I could carry on but

I'm sure the honourable members wouldn't like to be bored.

The Hon. J Cheek

I would like to thank The Hon. John Birmingham for his reply and I did ask for a brief outline, thank you.

Question No. 7 of 98 by the Honourable Mrs S Halford.

Would the Honourable Jan Cheek please explain that if there is a difference in cost to government in sending students to Loughborough instead of Peter Symonds, why does the government not require parents to pay the difference to the Education Department, thereby allowing all students to receive the same level of grant on which they are expected to live.

The Hon. J Cheek

It is the expectation of the Education Department that parents will make up the short-fall in grant and tuition boarding fees, to academic students going to institutions other than Peter Symonds college. Whether they do so or not is currently left to the conscience of the parents concerned. I understand from the Attorney General's office that if the government so decided legal mechanisms could be introduced to require parents and guardians to pay the short-fall to the education department in order that the department might fund all students equally.

The Hon. S Halford

I would like to thank the Hon. Jan Cheek for her reply and so ask that she pursues this avenue so that all students will in future receive the same funding on which to live.

The Hon. J Cheek

I undertake to take your comment back to the Education Board.

The Hon. M Summers

Can I please ask the Hon. Jan Cheek to consider in following these avenues that in the Falklands we generally do not take a highly prescriptive view of what people should and should not do with their money, as it's by and large a matter of individual choice, and that parents should normally accept that there is a cost of choice, and responsible parents should make up the

difference to their children and students in the circumstance where they are likely to be disadvantaged, and that every parent should be aware of the financial implications of the choices that they are making for their students.

The Hon. J Cheek

I shall certainly take into account what the Hon. Mike Summers has said.

Question No. 8 of 98 by the Honourable Mrs S Halford

Would the Hon. John Birmingham please explain the housing policy for youngsters who have finished school, but have not gone overseas for further education, and have not reached the age of 18 I understand for entrance to the YMCA. Where are they supposed to live, bearing in mind that many of these youngsters are from the farming community and often have to live with relatives in Stanley. Would the honourable member consider approaching the trustees of the YMCA with a request to have the rule of the YMCA changed.

The Hon. J Birmingham

I thank the Hon. Sharon Halford for her question. The policy of the Falkland Islands Government over the last few years has been that anybody under the age of 18, although there have been exceptions in the past where guardians and the welfare department have signed the agreements, would not normally be housed by government. There is no legal reason why this couldn't be changed, but generally speaking it's accepted that that is the policy. It would take this council to change that policy. The second part of the question, which was approaching the YMCA. I did approach the YMCA and received a letter from the chairman of the management committee. We do have a member in this house who is also connected with the YMCA - the Hon. Mike Summers, who I dare say will say a few words in a minute. But may I just read part of the letter out, it says, 'it would appear that Councilor Halford is wrong in assuming that 18 is necessarily the minimum

age for admission to the YMCA. The rule book still gives 16 as a threshold, but admissions are made by the managing committee on a case by case basis, with a whole raft of other factors being taken in to account, not least the desire to maintain a harmonious atmosphere in the two houses. Experience has shown that this is best achieved when there is a balance between the very young who are leaving home for the first time, and more mature persons. Apparently not too long ago there was a particular problem with a youngster from camp, and perhaps the honourable councillor has been lobbied by that person's parents. They can only do it on a case by case basis.

The Hon. S Halford

I thank the Hon. Councillor Birmingham for his reply, and I'm sure parents in camp will be pleased to learn that the age is 16, and they will now stop advertising for places for children to stay on the back pages of *Penguin News*.

The Hon. M Summers

As a Trustee of the YMCA, just to enlarge a little on the information that has been presented by Councillor John Birmingham. When the YMCA was set up some 7 years ago now, it was one of the clear intentions of the Trustees to provide a place for young people to live, particularly from camp, and that does remain the case. In putting just a little pressure on the YMCA I would ask members to be aware of two issues, one is that the management committee, and the house manager of the YMCA to a large extent, becomes responsible for the people living in that environment, and therefore to take a large number of 16 year olds presents certain difficulties, certain practical and possible legal difficulties and that there is a need to have a balanced residency in the YMCA to maintain a harmonious relationship between folks in what is after all their home. The YMCA does provide housing for 18 mainly young people on a continuous basis and we believe provides a good service and we are always prepared to consider taking younger people, provided they fit in with the environment that currently exists.

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Penguin News Extra



Hon. John Birmingham

This surely illustrates yet again the chronic situation in housing within the town and I hope that over the next few days fellow councillors will join me in doing everything, and putting aside any monies that we can, to help alleviate the problem in the next few years.

Question No. 9 of 98 by the Hon. Mrs S Halford

Would the Hon. Richard Cockwell please explain what powers the Falkland Islands have to ensure that persons employed upon fishing vessels, fishing within our waters are not mistreated.

Hon. R Cockwell

I am very pleased that the Hon. Member has raised this question, a matter that I know concerns many Falkland Islanders. I am sure that everybody is aware that there are two prosecutions pending at this moment, and therefore I have to be very careful how I phrase my answer. We do have powers to bring criminal prosecutions in respect of any offence committed aboard any ship within our harbours. We can also, with the consent of the governor, prosecute in respect of any offence committed on board any ship within our 12 mile territorial sea. I understand that the governor's consent would not be given in this case, if the ship was a foreign war-ship or was merely passing through our territorial sea on a

voyage without calling into a port here. We do not have powers to prosecute in any respect any offence committed outside our territorial sea, even if it is committed in our fishing waters or on a ship licenced to fish here, unless that ship is registered here. Our law in this respect accords with the international law of the sea, and we cannot alter our law unless the international law is altered. We can press for international law to be altered, but this is not likely to happen very rapidly. The Falkland Islands can ask the Foreign and Commonwealth office to take up any case of mistreatment with the relevant authorities in a flag state. I understand the foreign and commonwealth office are willing to do this, when we can produce evidence and they are prepared to inform the foreign authorities of our displeasure. Under the law of the Sea Convention our powers under fishing licences are limited to conservation and management of fish stocks. I believe we should seek the amendment of the international law of the sea to enable port states with human rights abuses aboard foreign vessels calling at their ports.

Honourable S Halford

I would like to thank the Hon. Richard Cockwell for his reply and for clarifying the legal situation.

HE The Governor

May I add one point, as the representative of the British Government here, and that is that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office not only are willing to raise such

cases with the parent governments of the ships where we suspect or know that offences of this sort have taken place, they have actually done so even in my time as governor and in very forthright terms, indeed. - The Hon. John Birmingham

Hon. J Birmingham

May I ask, is it not interesting that the situation we had last year was to do with ships from the same country that we apparently have problems with this year. I wonder if the FCO will be talking yet firmer still this year, and we might actually achieve some kind of action.

HE The Governor

I thank the Hon. Member for his further question. I think I would like to exhaust the legal processes currently in train here in the Falklands Islands first, but in the light of that I think it seems that is something which will be pursued.

Hon. J Birmingham

Unfortunately there is a feeling on the street that all that happens is a few little chats over cocktails of an evening at the various foreign office dos. I'm sure you'll be able to assure me and the public that that is not the case.

HE The Governor

Well yes, there is a motion that comes later that can be discussed. I can assure both the hon member and the man and woman on the street that these sorts of representations are not made at cocktail parties over a gin and tonic, but in a very businesslike atmosphere in an office.

Question No. 10 of**98 by the Honourable J Birmingham**

Can the Honourable Lewis Clifton please advise if the agriculture department are planning to implement a tree planting scheme in and around the town of Stanley.

Hon L Clifton

The Department of Agriculture is currently looking at the feasibility of establishing a small tree and shrub nursery to satisfy the plant introduction needs of a shelter belt and browse plant programme. It will be at least three years before it will be able to satisfy its own requirements, but after that point in time it is envisaged that any trees and shrubs produced in excess of the need of a normal nursery insurance practice will be made available for public planting as directed by government. In the meantime using existing facilities a collection of willow species adapted to cold, windy climates and acid soils is being evaluated. Some of these will have urban potential and propagation material will be available from the department of Agriculture within a few years.

Hon. John Birmingham

Well I don't know whether I can thank the Hon Lewis Clifton for his answer. I don't quite understand why the Agriculture Department are evaluating willow species when willow species have been growing in the islands as I'm aware, for over 100 years. My real question is that areas such as the East Stanley Develop-

ment - a brand new area, whether that would be a fine place to start trying to upgrade the standard of the Stanley skyline.

Hon. Lewis Clifton

In so far as I am aware, the Department of Agriculture has not been tasked by this council to exercise itself in terms of a tree planting programme around the east Stanley development. If this council wishes this department to do that, then I'm sure it will undertake that task. But the principal focus of the department's tree planting programme is to introduce shelter belts for the purposes of supporting the sheep farming community at this point in time.

Hon J Birmingham

Hon Members are aware that it wouldn't be the Agriculture Department that would do the work perhaps, but I was thinking that they could supply the trees, the word evaluating always seems to crop up when any scientific study is being done, and over the last 25, 30 years various aspects of agriculture scientific studies have been well evaluated.

Hon Lewis Clifton

Of course there is no reason at all why individual plot holders cannot subscribe to trees that are available from the Stanley Garden centre or perhaps indeed there could be some merit in fostering a link with the United Kingdom Falkland Island Trust Tree planting programme that might supplement some of those areas that are to be laid aside for public purpose.

HE The Governor

I hope the word evaluate isn't a synonym for procrastinate.

Hon Norma Edwards

Yes, may I ask the Hon Lewis Clifton if he will assure us in the Camp, that if a tree planting programme is undertaken by the agriculture department for Stanley that we will be assured that the need for shelter belts etc. comes first.

Hon Lewis Clifton

I can give that assurance to the Hon. Member. Mr President that is the entire thrust of the Agriculture Department's programme.

Hon John Birmingham

I wonder if the evaluating is leading to - perhaps they can see a problem that they wouldn't be able to see the woods for the trees.

Motion No. 1 of 98 by the Honourable D.L. Clifton

That this house extends grateful thanks to Her Majesty's Government for its unswerving support for the future of the Falkland Islands and for reinforcing its endorsement to the principal of self determination, as recently stated by the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Tony Blair MP. We also welcome the remarks of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs the Rt. Hon. Robin Cook MP at the Dependent Territories Conference, looking forward to a new modern relationship between the United Kingdom and its overseas territories, based on mutual respect and partnership.

Hon. Lewis Clifton:

I had proposed this motion because like many others, I was indeed very sceptical of what a change of government in the United Kingdom may have meant for the Falkland Islands and its people. Influential labour party figures have on occasion, and pre the 1997 general election, expressed sentiments which did not entirely give us a feeling of security about a change of government. However I am delighted that the Prime Minister's message to the Falkland Islanders during Christmas was a robust statement leaving us in no doubt about the intentions of her Majesty's government in respect of the future of the Falkland Islands, and the right of its peoples to enjoy self determination. I'm sure my honourable colleagues feel likewise. All too often in the recent past our opponents and critics, perceived or real, have sought to undermine the security which we presently enjoy. The passage of yet another sovereignty solution document through the columns of the *Penguin News* suggesting that the sovereignty problem is a serious obstacle to full relations between Her Majesty's Government and the Republic of Argentina is nonsense, but it nonetheless underscores the potential of such people to inflict damage to our position. There is of course a need to remove the sovereignty claim which is so unreasonable and so frequently protested by Argentina. Attempts to seek its removal failed last year. Other honourable members are more *au fait* with the circumstances of that time than I. But I do find it particularly galling that there is a persistence from some who wish to de-stabilise the Falklands, its people and its future, without having regard for the absolute criteria laid down in the principle of the right of self determination. I therefore applaud the statement made by the Rt. Hon Tony Blair. It is only by exercising free choice that the people of the Falklands will be able to continue to choose their own destiny. In international fora we are accused of being held under the colonial yoke. 20 years ago this may have been true but not today. Critics of the Falkland Islands know very little of the aspirations of the Falkland Islanders, nor appreciate or are prepared to accept the rights we are entitled to. The recent remarks of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs the Rt. Hon. Robin Cook, paid special attention to the development of a new modern relationship between Her Majesty's Government and its overseas territories, based on mutual respect and partnership. This too is very welcome news and provides for our critics arguments to be further eroded, even though they will persist in their ideals. Any future reference to the colonial era, or circumstances which may be seen to promote undue pressure from outside is unlikely to be welcome in the light of the Foreign Secretary's statement. The new modern relationship he referred to is appropriately qualified. Mutual respect and partnership, and this is constructed on four principles. Self-determination, internal self-govern-

ment, Her Majesty's Government's responsibilities to the overseas territory, and the territories' responsibilities to Britain. I am sure we would wish to be taken seriously in the provisions of this new relationship. Both of these statements are particularly welcome at a time when there is much dissemination of information, and misinformation in Argentina regarding the late year

visit to the United Kingdom by the President of the Republic of Argentina. It is pertinent for this house to warmly thank both the Prime Minister and his Foreign Secretary for their timely statements of support and encouragement - I commend the motion to the house.

(The Motion was unanimously supported by the House.)

SOUTH AMERICAN WOOL MARKET REPORT

PRICES (GREASY US/KG, FARM-GATE)

AREAS & DESCRIPTIONS	MIC- RONS	AVE DRY YDS	US/KG
ARGENTINA			
Corrientes Romney Fleeces	30-32	71-72	N.Q.
Corrientes Corriedale Fleeces	27-29	70	1.70
Corrientes Ideal (Polwarth) Fleeces	23-25	68	N.Q.
Buenos Aires Corriedale Fleeces	28-30	56-62	1.35-1.60
Chubut Merinos All-In	19	61	N.Q.
Chubut Merinos All-In	20.5	60	2.36
Chubut All-In	22	54	1.95
Rio Gallegos Corriedale All-In	26-27.5	52-55	1.55-1.60
Tierra Del Fuego Corriedale	27-28.5	63-66	1.60-1.80
URUGUAY			
Romney Fleeces	31-33	73	1.88
Corriedale Fleeces	27-30	71	2.00-2.03
Ideal(Polwarth) Fleeces	23-25	73	2.00-2.03
Merino Fleeces	21-23	69	2.90-3.00

PUNTA ARENAS

Corriedale All-In FOB 27-29.5 CLEAN 2.50

DRY**URUGUAY**

A good volume of sales was concluded during the past week, although a strong bearish tendency was noticed at the end of the week. An 8-person strong chinatex delegation visited the country, and some sale of fine XBD tops might be expected.

At the beginning of the week centex/central Lanera Uruguay published their average selling prices for a volume of over 6m. kg greasy, including some weights from Argentine coops. These prices correspond to the period between Sep '97 and March '98. See chart for Ave. microns and yields.

Romney US/KG 2.05 / Corriedale 2.17 / Ideal (Polworth) 2.57 and Merino 3.14.

60% of above farmlots were sul-prepared, and this percentage climbed to 90% in the case of merinos, generally packed in non-contaminant pe-film bales.

ARGENTINA

Market subdued, especially with past week's Australian quotations.

In Southern Patagonian Santa Cruz Province, provincial deputy Ricardo Patterson, an Agricultural engineer, whose ancestors came from Scotland and the Falklands, has presented an ambitious plan to assign 8% of the province's oil royalties, estimated at US 12M yearly. To recover presently abandoned sheepfarms, introducing alternative productions to replace drought-stricken "estancias" which now stand empty.

Irrigation lifting water from the Santa Cruz river, Argentina's 3rd biggest in volume per second. The Rio Gallegos area, South of the Santa Cruz River is a traditional corriedale and corino (polwarth) breeding area. Production some years ago was of ABT. 8.5m. kg greasy, and stands now at around 5m.kg. So far 65% of farm lots have changed hands either by sale or consignment.

In BA province, FLA Argentine wool federation is requesting support from the National and Provincial Agriculture Ministries, for its forthcoming campaign to eliminate altogether contamination from PP and other materials, aiming to replace traditional jute burlap bags with the new pe-bags which are having such good success in Uruguay. In Corrientes and the entire Rios provinces the usual return to farmers of empty new bags will be done this coming season with the new bags eventually with "micro-perforations" to allow for breathing and avoiding eventual colour damage by condensed humidity.

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ment with Great Britain within the cooperation zone situated south west of the Islands.

While said accord remains subject to conditions of feasibility, the only tangible certainty is that the first ocean platforms began to arrive at the Falklands, whereas our country, of course, remains without any influence or participation in the process of exploration and the eventual drilling for oil, when found.

The two roads our diplomacy took as regards the Falklands, continue in their parallel course and nothing indicates that either one of them will lead our country to its important objective.

ENERGY DAY MARCH 1998

The full monty

All those who maintained that the Falkland Islands conflict between Britain and Argentina was really over the region's hidden oil wealth are about to see if they were right. The rig *Borgny Dolphin* is due to arrive in the South Atlantic for a minimum 12-month drilling campaign.

Back in the early 1970s, three boreholes established the presence of potential source rocks. The experts say that the geology of the region is similar to the North Sea and seismic survey activity has identified some very large structures.

Seven tranches of exploration acreage - each equivalent to 30 UK North Sea blocks - have been awarded in the North Falklands Basin to five consortia. Four of these have forged an agreement to share the rig and jointly hire service contractors.

Fortune is said to favour the brave, and the band of companies embarking on this costly and high-risk enterprise includes a curious mix of large, medium and small venturers.

At the top of the scale is oil major Shell, with one tranche. At the other end resides a real minnow - Desire Petroleum, which is shortly due to make its debut on London's Alternative Investment Market.

Desire, with former Falklands' Governor Rex Hunt and North sea exploration veteran Colin Phipps on the board, has actually managed to secure two tranches as operator. What this says for their prospectivity remains to be seen, but it is also a partner in the two blocks awarded to Lasmo.

For investors wishing to gain exposure to this new exploration province, the involvement of such a diverse range of players provides ample opportunity to scale the risk.

Nothing less than a major find would make any material difference to the Shell share price, for instance, but a company like Lasmo offers significant upside without excessive risk. Indeed, Lasmo intends to farm down its working interest from 62.5% to 40% before drilling on its first tranche.

For those with a greater taste for adventure, another of the operators, Sands Petroleum, wants to sell off half the shares in a subsidiary

company that holds 100% in one of the blocks. Failure would not be completely ruinous for punters, as the shares will be convertible into parent company stock.

Desire Petroleum represents the full monty, however - individual investors will be completely exposed to drilling success or failure. As the old saying goes: you pays your money, you takes your choice.

Crippled Yacht schedules Chile landfall for Wednesday or Thursday

Graham Bound, London

The all-woman crew of the dismasted racing catamaran *Royal Sun Alliance* have estimated that they should arrive in Puerto Montt, Chile on Wednesday or Thursday this week. The large catamaran is thought to be several hundred miles from the coast. Its exact position at 11.00 a.m. on Monday 31st was (latitude) 45.31 south and (longitude) 81.32 west.

The yacht with its multi-national crew of eleven women, ranging in age between 23 and 39, and captained by Whitbread Race veteran Tracy Edwards, was dismasted in the southern Pacific while attempting to break the round-the-world record for a wind powered vessel. Since then the boat has been struggling towards South America with a jury-rigged mast and small improvised sails.

On Sunday the yacht received supplies dropped from a British Air Force Nimrod maritime patrol aircraft which took time away from the international air show in Santiago to search for the boat.

According to Tracy Edwards whose has remained in contact with her London base throughout the crisis, the boat may need to be towed into Puerto Montt. Arrangements have already been made with tug operators in Chile.

In spite of Royal Sun Alliances much reduced sail area (she is only able to use a few small jibs on the truncated mast) the boat has made surprisingly good progress towards the safety of Chile. Over the past few days, the women sailors have averaged 150 miles in every 24 hour period.

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5, top gun of the French Air Force; the US built McDonnell F/A 18 and Lockheed F-16, and the Swedish JAS 39 Gripen.

LACK OF JOBS IN PUNTA ARENAS

There's concern among business and trade unions with the growing lack of jobs for the coming winter in several of the main industries of Punta Arenas. Both in fishing and in the handling of cargo in the port, activity has dropped considerably and prospects are not encouraging. "Although the Asian crisis has not had a great direct impact in Magallanes, we have suffered

because many vessels are now fishing off South Africa, several big development projects face serious bureaucratic and legal problems," remarked Leonardo Castex, president of the region's Maritime Chamber. Alejandro Quevedo a member of the local union said that "'97 was quiet difficult, and '98 looks even worse regarding employment. Almost five hundred people worked in the Punta Arenas port, but that number is down to 150," underlined Quevedo. Another industry with uncertainty is house building, closely linked to forestry. "We be-

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Centre. This centre will bring together the users and suppliers of environmental research and technology. It will work on the key environmental issues we face - issues such as megacities and biological techniques for cleaning up pollution.

Next week's Summit will signal our focus on environmental issues. The Leaders' Meeting in London will talk about climate change and how the international community can implement last December's Kyoto agreement.

There are other ideas we are exploring - on water management and marine biodiversity for example. We are making sure that co-operation between Asia and Europe includes working together

to protect the environment - for all our benefits. Our initiative on disaster management is just the start.

This initiative is a practical response to a problem we all face. It is an example of practical diplomacy and partnership at work. It shows what cooperation can achieve. It is one of a number of initiatives we are launching at the Asia Europe Meeting, all of which are designed to make a positive difference to lives of our peoples.

Too often, foreign policy seems to be conducted in a vacuum, disconnected from the concerns of real people. But if it is to have any value, it must address their needs. We are determined to use the Asia Europe Meeting to show that this can be done.

FALKLAND ISLANDS WOOL MARKETING Market Report Week Ending 27.3.98 Australia - Sydney/Fremantle

The Australian Wool Market fell this week at sales in Sydney and Fremantle. The Eastern Market indicator closed the week 16 cents lower at 838 cents/kg clean. The indicator fell 5 cents on Wednesday and 11 cents on Thursday. The Western Market indicator closed 24 cents lower at 578 cents/kg clean after falling 11 cents on Wednesday and 13 cents on Thursday.

Prices generally fell for fine and medium wool while prices for broad wool remain unchanged. Of the Easter category indicators the 20-23 micron indicators closed between 15 and 25 cents lower while the 24 and 25 micron indicators fell 39 and 30 cents respectively. The 26 micron indicator eased 2 cents while 19 and 27-31 micron indicators were unchanged. Of the Western category indications the 20 and 23-25 micron indicators closed between 19 and 26 cents lower while the 21 and 22 micron indicators fell 3 and 31 cents respectively.

New Zealand - Christchurch
Crossbred fleece 37 micron and coarser - 1-2% cheaper, second shear 2-3% cheaper bulky skirtings

and clothing oddments 1% cheaper first lambs up to 1% cheaper, 30 micron and finer combing lambs 1-2% dearer.

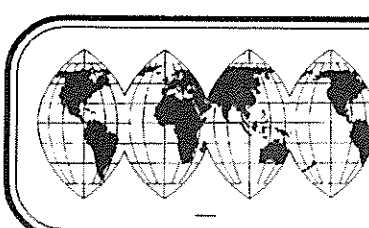
General

Trading conditions have still not eased for those involved in wool textiles. Currency is still the main factor depressing prices. This is chiefly through making life difficult on the export side, but there is also at every stage the effect of import competition.

It is not simply a matter of losing out to cheaper manufacture products from abroad. Those with sourcing overseas are able to offer semi-manufacturers at prices undercutting the domestic producer, and when there is this sort of two tier pricing it is the lower level which wins. The overseas suppliers price is used as a lever by potential buyers to push down prices for the home supplier, and a lower market level emerges.

The gloomy spell thus continues for the wool trade and attempts to detect light at the end of the tunnel nowadays, seems to rely on some shortages on the merino wool supply side for a few months ahead.

Yet the Lord Mayor is confident that London is such a centre for trade between European cur-



Penguin News Current Affairs Supplement



Buenos Aires Herald 25/3/98 Lord Mayor touts London

If London is unique among the three great financial centres of the world, the main reason is its internationality, Lord Mayor Richard Nichols told the Argentine-British Chamber of Commerce's monthly working luncheon yesterday.

While Tokyo and New York are sustained by their huge domestic markets, London trades across the world. It is by far the largest centre for foreign exchange trading and dominates the market for international bond and equity issues and over-the-counter derivatives, as well as having the largest shipping market in the world. Runner-up to Tokyo in fund management and second only to the United States for futures and commodities markets, it has a thriving insurance market.

A total of 565 foreign banks - more US banks than New York and more Japanese banks than Tokyo - show that London enjoys a competitive edge in infrastructure, technology and expertise. Nichols cited as further strategic assets a benign regulatory, tax and legal environment, a skilled workforce, good accounting, legal and actuarial services and efficient municipal government.

Yet far from resting on laurels, London is bracing itself for an explosive growth of global capital markets which also contains a major regional shift - a stock of financial assets which has grown from five to 35 trillion dollars in 10 years is expected to reach 83 trillion by the year 2000 while in the year 2020 two-thirds of world trade will come from non-OECD countries as compared to a third now.

Liberalization and privatization in emerging markets will lead to a demand for capital which the Lord Mayor thinks could in large part come from pension funds (looking at the bright side of Europe's ageing population).

While Nichols stated London's main worry as costs (maintaining the open cry stem gives greater liquidity and certainty but the electronic methods of other centres are cheaper), his comments on Europe's new single currency were probably more newsworthy.

The problem here is that Britain will not be joining 11 European Union partner countries in the first phase because this would create unacceptable strains on the economy for reasons which are not always to Britain's disadvantage... thus British unemployment is much lower although interest rates and Sterling are higher than much of Europe.

Yet the Lord Mayor is confident that London is such a centre for trade between European cur-

rencies and the dollar and Yen that he does not expect much to change - apart from re-engineering markets to trade and settle the full range of euro financial instruments from the outset. The euro cannot affect the critical mass of financial business in London, which thrives on liquid markets regardless of currency and looks upon the euro as an opportunity, not a threat (even if Britain remains outside).

While the Lord Mayor stuck to the City in his talk, his agenda on this visit has extended to sharing know-how in real estate development and security. He has been accompanied on this visit by executives from the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry representing a wide variety of businesses.

Summary of World Broadcasts 28/3/98

Buenos Aires governor says Menem will not seek re-election
Text of report by Argentine America LS86 television on 27th March

Buenos Aires Governor Eduardo Duhalde made the following exclusive statement to America (radio) regarding the re-election issue.

(Duhalde - recording, in progress) - under way an apparatus which threatens to topple the established laws, which is an extremely serious issue. Therefore, it is the president's responsibility to come forth and end this situation not only by making statements but by taking effective action.

(Unidentified reporter) is the president encouraging this situation?

"At least he is not discouraging them as should be done by a serious democracy. He should resort to the courts and create order because these are serious issues. Regrettably, these issues are coming up at a time in which Argentina has not only achieved democratic stability, but is also making efforts to achieve economic stability so that on this basis we may achieve a better country with equal opportunities for all and a better distribution of income. Therefore, these issues should be cleared up.

Q. In other words, the president should clearly state: No. I do not want to be re-elected.

A. He has clearly stated this on many occasions. It is not a question of words any more. It is a question of taking action and to come forth through the proper channels to end this situation because all of us are needlessly wasting out time on this.

Q. If President Menem decides to seek re-election, will he lose the election?

A. He will not seek re-election. (chuckles) (Words indistinct.)

The Independent 30/3/98 Falklands plagued by 40,000 landmines

Landmines left over from the Falklands war may prevent Britain from fulfilling its obligations under an international treaty banning the weapons.

Official figures say 14,000 anti-personnel mines have remained unclear on the Islands since the 1982 war, though some estimates have put the figure at nearer 40,000.

They are creating a major headache for Whitehall officials because Britain does not have the technology to clear them. Under the Ottawa Treaty, due to be ratified by MPs in the autumn, the UK will have 10 years to complete the work.

Attempts during the 1980's to develop equipment capable of detecting and clearing the mines were abandoned when it became clear that 100 per cent effectiveness could not be guaranteed. Islanders said they did not want to risk mine-clearers' lives in clearance operations when even a 1 per cent failure rate would mean they still could not use their land. Twenty square kilometres of beach and former farmland are out of bounds to Islanders.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said Britain might have to ask for an extension to the 10 year clearance period. "Clearly we are committed to the Ottawa Treaty but the Falklands do present particular difficulties because of the nature of the terrain. We are currently considering how to deal with this in the light of our treaty obligations," he said.

Yesterday John Hambley, the Defence Battalions and Research Agency's technical manager with responsibility for the Royal Engineers' equipment said that although the latest technology might be adaptable to the job, he had not been asked to look into it yet. The Royal Engineers have cleared about 1,400 mines since the war.

But they do so by lying on their stomachs and using probes, a painstaking and labour-intensive process.

Wendy Teggart, general manager of the Falkland Islands Government's London office, said the islanders had felt that even if the mines were cleared they might not be confident enough to use the land. "As a Falkland Island mother myself, I would not be happy with my children playing on an area that was cleared," she said.

"With the best will in the world, someone could say they believed it was clear when it was not."

CLARIN 31/3/98
Editorial: The Value of Oil in the Falklands

While Argentine diplomacy struggles to shape up for the an-

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nounced joint oil exploration in the cooperation zone, south west of the Falklands, the Kelper Government is getting set to start the first ocean drilling programme. The arrival of an oil drilling platform from the North Sea to the South Atlantic appears thus as a new problematic sign for our country's foreign policy makers.

What must be understood at this time are the two roads towards a progressive rapprochement, that our Foreign Affairs office have undertaken in their relations with Great Britain on one hand, and the changeless stagnation of the Falklands dispute on the other.

Our advances along the first road have managed to patch up wounds left by the war, and generate conditions for a beneficial commercial exchange and a flow of investments. The stagnation on the second road on the one and only paramount recovery our country holds over a territory under foreign dominion, obliges us to rethink, or if preferred, clarify, the diplomatic strategy followed up to now.

That strategy explained that a rapprochement with Great Britain would sooner or later lead us to a renewal of dialogue on the sovereignty of the Falklands. In parallel manner our Foreign Affairs addressed several initiatives and gestures towards the kelpers and this was called a strategy of persuasion.

None of these demonstrations managed to disturb the imperturbably Foreign Office, in the sense of not opening negotiations about the litigation, and even less, to dissuade the kelpers spokesmen in-as-far as their own sovereign vindication.

This is the way the Kelper government acted. They unilaterally issued oil exploration licences within the exclusion area in the north east in October 1996, months later the Argentine government signed a joint exploration agree-



British press Headline stories: Mar 27 - April 1

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR FRIDAY 27 MARCH 1998 ARKANSAS SHOOTING

Pictures of one of the boys accused of Tuesday's shooting in a school playground in the American state of Arkansas stand out from the pages of most of the British papers. *The Independent* carries an image taken from a home video of the boy, aged six, holding a gun and pointing it at the camera. Under the headline - 'Natural Born Killer gets some Home Training' - the paper explains that he is being taught how to use the gun by his parents. *The Guardian* carries a similar picture and reports that both the accused boys were obsessed with guns, hunting and violence. *The Times* reports that the husband of the schoolteacher who was shot demands that the accused boys be tried as adults and spend the rest of their lives in jail, if found guilty.

BRITISH WELFARE RE- FORM

On the domestic front, the main story in most papers is the Labour Government's proposed changes to the welfare system. *The Daily Telegraph* describes the proposals as 'the most radical rethink of the welfare state in its fifty year history'. *The Times* announces that 'he plans herald an assault on the workshy,' and the *Independent* says they are 'intended to promote self-help'. But the *Guardian* accuses Labour of 'avoiding tough decisions by announcing very few specific policies.'

BRITISH JEWS DINNER POSTPONED

According to the *Independent* and the *Times*, leading British Jews have snubbed the British Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, by postponing a dinner at which he was meant to be guest of honour. Both papers report that the decision reflects Jewish anger over Mr Cook's recent visit to Israel which *The Times* describes as 'disastrous,' after he went to the Jewish settlement of Har Homa and spoke to Palestinians there.

DOLPHIN SPEECH THERAPY

The picture of a smiling eight year old English boy swimming with dolphins in Florida brightens many of the news pages. The story describes how the boy, Nikki Brice, brain damaged from birth, uttered his first words after frolicking in the water with the marine mammals. *The Independent* reports that the boy's parents raised money to send him to the Dolphin Therapy Centre and are delighted that he has now spoken for the first time.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR

TUESDAY 31 MARCH 1998 NORTHERN IRELAND

With tension rising in Northern Ireland ahead of the 9 April deadline for a peace settlement, *The Independent* says it has exclusively seen an advance copy of human rights criticisms in a United Nations report. The report is said to accuse the Northern Ireland police and British security forces of intimidating lawyers representing suspected terrorists.

STRENGTH OF POUND

The rising value of the pound sterling, which is currently at its highest for nine years against the Deutschmark, is the lead in *The Times* and the *Financial Times*. They say British exports are becoming less competitive in Europe, and there is concern that another economic recession may result.

SERBIAN REFUGEES

The Times also reports prominently on Britain's accusation against Italy of dumping almost sixty refugees from the Serbian province of Kosovo on London. Italy is reported to have flown the refugees to London against Britain's wishes.

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

There has been strong coverage in several papers of President Yeltsin's announcement that he will not stand for a third term. Apparently he will not be backing his former Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, as his preferred successor.

ICECAP EXPLORATION

The Guardian newspaper turns to science for a banner headline. Illustrated with colour graphics, it reports on international plans to explore two miles below an icecap in Antarctica where deep-sea wildlife dating back thirty-million years, unknown on the surface, is believed to exist.

GARY GLITTER FACES PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

The one story featured prominently in nearly all the papers concerns the pop star, Gary Glitter. He was charged with a series of child pornography offences, all of which he has strongly denied, after police were alerted to material in a computer which he sent for repair.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 1998 LEEDS UNITED PLANE CRASH ESCAPE

Wednesday's newspapers all point to a lucky escape yesterday for the players of Leeds United football club, who were in an aircraft which caught fire and made a crash landing near London. There is special praise for the pilot, Captain John Hackett, who broke rules

to bring the aircraft down quickly, avoiding serious injuries. *Our hero*, says the Express, drawing parallels, like other papers, with the Munich air crash forty years ago which nearly wiped out another English soccer team, Manchester United.

ALASTAIR CAMPBELL ACCUSED OF MISLEADING JOURNALISTS

Several papers find a villain for the day: Alastair Campbell, spokesman for the Prime Minister, Tony Blair. He is widely accused of misleading journalists by seeming to deny that Mr Blair intervened with the Italian Prime Minister on behalf of the media tycoon, Rupert Murdoch. Mr Blair is being accused of offering Mr Murdoch special favours.

STRONG STERLING

There are prominent reports, too, of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Gordon Brown, rejecting calls to act to reduce the strength of the Pound Sterling to help British exporters.

ROLLS ROYCE TAKE OVER

The Financial Times meanwhile reports that Volkswagen is planning to outbid its rival, BMW, to take over Rolls Royce cars.

FREE 'DEIRDRE RACHID' CAMPAIGN

The Sun and the *Daily Star* both start major campaigns to free from jail a Manchester woman, Deirdre Rachid, who was wrongly imprisoned for fraud. She is a fictional character, a star in the long-running television serial, *Coronation Street*. But that did not stop the papers getting the Prime Minister, Tony Blair, and the Conservative Party leader, William Hague, to issue statements demanding her release. Maybe it is something to do with the date 1 April, traditionally known as All Fools' Day, and a time for playing pranks. Perhaps *The Independent* had this in mind with its front page colour photograph - a mock statue of another of Mr Blair's advisers much maligned by journalists, Peter Mandelson.

ARTICLE ON ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTERS INITIATIVE from the FCO

At next week's Asia-Europe Meeting Britain and Malaysia will be launching a major initiative on disaster management. Disasters happen all over the world. No country is immune, and the damage often has an impact right across the planet. The choking pollution from the South East Asia forest fires was hellish for those who had to live through it, but the environmental impact was global. The destructive effects of *El Nino* are still being felt keenly in both hemispheres. We need to work together to prevent disasters from happening wherever we can, to minimise their impact when they do happen, and to recover from them afterwards.

As individual countries, we have accumulated a great deal of skill and experience in disaster prevention and management. In Britain, for example, both Oxford and Cranfield are internationally renowned centres of such expertise.

We need to pool that expertise, and to ensure that we learn from each other's experience. The benefits will be felt by communities across Europe and Asia.

Disasters can be sudden, like the explosion of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines which blacked out the skies the other side of the Pacific. They can be slow, like the rising sea levels that are being caused by global warming, threatening the very existence of many small islands in Indonesia and the Philippines. Many are caused by nature. Several countries in Asia have been dealt an especially bad hand, suffering a triple dose of volcanoes, earthquakes and typhoons. But others are caused by human activity - the floods of August 1997 in Burma drove over 18,000 people from their homes and were triggered by deforestation caused by over-logging by timber companies. Numerous communities have lived in the shadow of threats to their environment for generations. Some have strategies for dealing with them. Others can be completely unprepared for the calamities which overtake them. An important immediate role for international co-operation is to help make sure that communities are as prepared as they can be to deal with environmental emergencies. We need to bring every community up to the standards and preparedness of the best.

This is an area where Asia and Europe will now be working together. The European Union is stepping in to help. At their Summit in London next week, ASEM leaders will endorse a new initiative in which European countries will help countries in South East Asia to cope with environmental disasters.

The programme will be run by the European Community Humanitarian Office and known as DIPECHO. It will include Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand. The aim will be to help these countries develop their own disaster management skills. We will work them to train and strengthen their institutions. The programme will promote exchanges of experience and skills. We have a lot to offer one another.

The initiative will focus on practical assistance that can be put into immediate use. DIPECHO will train local governments to develop their own disaster management plans; teach techniques for protecting soil from erosion by planting trees and bushes; and help to create local disaster management centres, ready to react with skills and equipment.

We have already begun discussions with Asian countries on the programme. More than 1 million has been allocated for the first Action Plan. There will be substantially more money in future years. Environmental disasters will also be one focus of another initiative we hope ASEM 2 will agree: the establishment of an Asia-Europe Environmental Technology

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News from South America provided by Mercopress

END TO MALE IMPOTENCE? NEW YORK.

Millions of men will soon have access to the first pill against impotence, a long awaited therapy that promises to be more direct and effective than the embarrassing traditional treatments. The Food and Drugs Administration, (FDA), approved and authorised this week the sale in the United States of the pill VIAGRA, produced by Pfizer Pharmaceuticals Inc. and that helped two thirds of men tested, to improve their sexual performance. The pill to be sold in the US under medical prescription will be the first non-surgical, injected, or inserted treatment against impotence and will only cause an erection under sexual stimulation. Pfizer said the pill will cost seven US dollars each and FDA recommends only one per day, an hour before sexual relations. Doctors also point out that Viagra will only work on men with a dysfunction. 'Yes, it improves erection, but only in men with problems; this drug does not change the libido nor desire, and will have no impact on normal men,' pointed out Dr. Harin Padma-Nathan from the University of Southern California. 'The pill definitively is not an aphrodisiac,' remarked Dr. Janet Wodcock, Director of the Department of Drugs of the FDA.

CHILE INVESTS IN OIL INDUSTRY SANTIAGO

The Chilean government will retain a majority control over the oil industry of the country and is planning to invest 1.65 billion US dollars in the next five years to improve its refining capacity and to speed exploration for natural gas. ENAP, the Chilean National Oil Company, will more than triple the capacity of its refineries in the Santiago area (to 50,000 cubic metres per day), and make the necessary reforms to abide by the new and very strict environment protection regulations that apply to the Chilean capital. 'We'll produce more and cleaner fuel,' said Alvaro Garcia Alamos, ENAP's CEO, who assured the company's staff of over three thousand that the reforms will not mean redundancies. In the south ENAP-Magallanes will concentrate efforts in looking for natural gas to replace depleted oil fields. ENAP has been working in the extreme south of Chile since 1945 when oil was first discovered. Mr. Garcia Alamos remarked that in spite of the current home monopoly, Sipetrol the

international branch of Enap, will be authorised to incorporate risk partners from the private sector.

KIDS COST 1.45 MILLION US DOLLARS NEW YORK

"Kids don't come free," and to raise children until the age of 22 can cost an average of 1.45 million US dollars according to official statistics from the United States government. The cost in the higher income bracket can jump to 2.8 million dollars while for those families making below 35,000 dollars a year, 760,000 dollars. The bill includes food, clothing, schooling, health, transport, plus losses generated in the fact that parents with children tend to work less. Baby sitting for a child between 3 and 5 years old costs 75 dollars a week; feeding him until the age of two means spending 990 dollars per year, and 1,920 dollars until he reaches fifteen. When the baby becomes 18, he will have consumed 54,795 dollars in food, and lodging will have cost an additional 46,345 dollars. Girls spend an average of 18% more on clothing and the cost of a second child drops 24%. Schooling is expensive: a 2,200 dollars fee for primary school; an additional 5,500 dollars in high school and an annual average of 11,000 for university. According to the reports a US family will have to save 319 dollars every month since the child is born until he's 18 to ensure higher education. A family planning to have a child in ten years time and wishing to bring him up in the higher income bracket will have to save 1,181 dollars per month. Summing up the 1,455,581 dollars bill consists of 301,000 dollars from baby to graduate; 157,831 university costs and 996,567 dollars of parents lost income.

NO ANTARCTIC COD FISHERIES PUNTA ARENAS

The exploration for Antarctic cod fisheries undertaken by the Chilean research vessel *Tierra del Fuego* was a complete commercial failure. The program included experimental catching in the 48.1°, 48.2° and 88.3° areas of the Camelar convention. The 43 days research was conducted by marine biologist Patricio Arenas from the University of Valparaiso and funded together with the private company PescaChile and the official School of Marine Sciences. 'We used special traps at depths ranging from 500 to 2,500 metres and managed to obtain very interesting samples, although not

what we were looking for," remarked Patricio Arenas, the main marine biologist of the project. "Now we know quite a bit more about Antarctic fishing and evidently the areas where there's no future," added Mr. Arenas.

WITCHCRAFT RAIN - BRASILIA

After seven months of drought and two months of fire that have turned millions of acres in north Brazil into wasteland, it began pouring with rain, helping to redress what is described by United Nations officials as the worst ecological disaster of the end of the century. But the extraordinary turnaround in the event is that storm clouds began covering the area just hours after the government of the state of Roraima had flown in rain making witches who accepted the challenge of helping the friendly tribe of the *Jamomamis*, engulfed by fire. 'We just want to know how much rain is needed,' said the two Amazon Caiapo witches, who feared being cut off and isolated when water, 'begins pouring.' Brazilian meteorologists forecasted it would start to rain April 20th. 'This is an ecological tragedy, worse than the fires in the Indonesian forests that covered Malaysia for weeks,' remarked Walter Franco a UN representative for the Environment Protection Program. Experts estimate the fire can be controlled if it keeps raining for several days, but it's not known what will happen in neighbouring Venezuela and British Guyana forestland. Brazilian Congress has named an enquiry committee to investigate why the federal government was so slow in reacting, in spite of the pleas from the local government, and UN offers to help combat the fire last November. Satellite pictures indicate devastation extends over an area of 33,000 square kilometres. A total of 1,750 men from Brazil, Venezuela and Argentina are fighting the fire.

MENEM IN AUSTRALIA SYDNEY

With promises of increased trade, investments, communications and a joint position in international bodies concerning subsidies in agriculture, Argentine president Carlos Menem wrapped a five days visit to Australia and New Zealand. Although trade between Argentina and the two former British colonies is insignificant, Australia in recent years has invested heavily, over two billion US dollars in several Argentine industries including mining, the port of Buenos Aires, and in the purchase of one of the main television stations (Channel 9). President Menem assured businessmen in several meetings that the current, 'Argentine economic model is here to stay,' and promised no tax surprises for the future development of the mining industry. At government level, although Australia and Argentina are competitors, (beef, cereals, wool), both countries agreed to up-

hold a common position demanding a quicker reduction of subsidies and tariffs in agricultural trade. This joint policy will be applied to the coming meetings of the World Trade Organisation in preparation for the Millennium Round, where non subsidy producing countries want to include agriculture as one of the main discussion items.

ROLLING STONES SUCCESS BUENOS AIRES.

With packed stadiums and all tickets sold the Rolling Stones are back in Buenos Aires with four concerts, and a possible fifth in the offing, as part of their world 'Bridges to Babylon Tour' started seven months ago. As in 1995 when they managed to collect almost twenty million dollars in five presentations, tickets range from 30 to 170 US dollars and the show with 21 songs and spectacular fireworks lasts two hours and a half. But this time there's an additional touch for the last two shows, US folk player Bob Dylan who will be singing 'Like a Rolling Stone'. Both the Uruguayan and Argentine press have said the current presentation is far superior to the previous *Voodoo Lounge Tour* of 1995 that attracted 345,000 people. The show explodes with 'Satisfaction', 'Let's spend the night together', followed by 'Flip the switch', 'Gimme Shelter', 'Sister Morphine', 'It's only Rock and Roll', 'Saint of me', 'Out of control', 'Under my thumb', and 'Miss you'.

TOP AIR SHOWSANTIAGO

Considered the top air show of South America and among the best three in the world, Fidae '98 (Feria Internacional del Aire y del Espacio), that took place in Santiago de Chile during this last week, attracted the main civilian and military aircraft manufacturers of the world. Coinciding with the 68th anniversary of the Chilean Air Force, this year's edition included among the 130 aircraft on show, the best combat planes in the world and a joint American-Russian presentation. Some of the outstanding attractions of the exhibition: a long range Airbus A330/220 that was shown for the first time; the Boeing 777 and a special Boeing 777/500 belonging to the Chilean Air Force. Another attraction was the small remote control Firebird 2001 built by Israel and ideal for disaster assessment such as forest fires and weather observation. But most eyes were set on the fighter planes where manufacturers made an extraordinary display effort, having in mind the coming renewal of the Chilean Air Force squadrons; Among them, the multipurpose French Mirage 2000-

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Your BFBS Television programmes

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL
8.20 CHUCKLEVISION
8.40 GET YOUR OWN BACK
9.10 HURRICANES (New)
9.30 THE WILD HOUSE
10.00 LIVE AND KICKING
1.15 GRANDSTAND Including: News Summary; Desmond Lynam introduces live coverage from Aintree of one of the highlights of the sporting calendar - The Grand National; plus Football Focus; Final Score; and a full round-up of the rest of the day's sporting action
5.30 INTERNATIONAL RUGBY England v Ireland in the Five Nations Championship from Twickenham
6.20 CLASSIFIED FOOTBALL RESULTS
6.30 TOP OF THE POPS
7.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
7.10 BIG BREAK
7.40 MOVIE PREMIERE: JUNIOR (1994, PG) Starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. When two scientists lose the funding for their work on a new fertility drug, they resort to desperate measures in order to continue their research
9.20 BRIT GIRLS (New)
10.15 21 YEARS OF IT'LL BE ALRIGHT ON THE NIGHT
11.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.20 MATCH OF THE DAY

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL
8.15 MATCH OF THE DAY Another chance to see the football highlights programme screened last night
9.30 BREAKFAST WITH FROST
10.30 BODGER AND BADGER
10.45 THE MASK
11.05 BLUE PETER
11.35 AS SEEN ON TV
12.00 SONGS OF PRAISE
12.35 THE WHITBREAD: THE WORLD'S GREATEST OCEAN RACE
1.05 THE CHART SHOW
1.55 BROOKSIDE Will Eleanor be able to retrieve her relationship with Louise?
3.05 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW
3.50 NEWS
4.00 FA CUP SEMI-FINAL Sheffield United v Newcastle from Old Trafford
PLEASE NOTE, SOME OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMMES MAY CHANGE IF FOOTBALL GOES INTO EXTRA TIME/PENAL-TIES
6.05 MICHAEL BARRYMORE'S MY KIND OF MUSIC
6.55 GET WELL SOON
7.25 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
7.45 NEIGHBOURS FROM HELL
8.10 HEAT OF THE SUN Tyburn is faced with yet another nasty incident when he is called in to investigate the death of one girl and the abduction of another from a Christian mission in Nairobi
9.55 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.10 FILM: MOVIE PREMIERE: NEXT DOOR (1994,15) When a neighbourly dispute over a lawn sprinkler reaches fever pitch, college lecturer Matt Coler and butcher Lenny Benedetti nearly come to blows
11.40 RUGBY EXPRESS

MONDAY 6TH APRIL
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
10.00 KILROY
10.40 CALL MY BLUFF (New)
11.10 THIS MORNING
1.15 THE WEATHER SHOW
1.20 TOTS TV
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Lance and Amy eat humble pie
2.15 CATCHPHRASE
2.40 HOLIDAY
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.40 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.50 THE FORGOTTEN TOYS
4.00 TOM AND VICKY
4.15 CARTOON TIME
4.20 DENNIS THE MENACE
4.40 THE REALLY WILD SHOW
5.05 THE O-ZONE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Irene and Marilyn plan to go to the UK
5.45 FAMILY FORTUNES
6.10 WISH YOU WERE HERE
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET A mysterious visitor arrives on Les's doorstep
7.45 THE BILL Stolen Thunder: Deakin and Proctor are furious when an inexperienced young barrister is assigned to prosecute their court case
8.10 FAITH IN THE FUTURE
8.35 THE CRUISE
9.05 LONDON'S BURNING Billy has been charged with murder and Jo is the only person who can clear his name
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY?
10.55 THE ENTERTAINMENT BIZ
11.45 FILM '98
12.15 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA

TUESDAY 7TH APRIL
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
10.00 KILROY
10.40 CALL MY BLUFF
11.10 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE WEATHER SHOW
1.20 TEDDYBEARS
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Caitlin's arrival causes ripples in Ramsay Street
2.15 FOOD AND DRINK
2.45 WILD BRITAIN
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.40 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
3.50 THE WOMBLES
4.05 CHUCKLEWOOD CRITTERS
4.30 BLUE PETER
4.55 THE WARD
5.20 HOME AND AWAY Tim accuses Travis of having a hidden agenda by moving to the Ross house
5.45 A QUESTION OF SPORT
6.15 EMMERDALE Pollard's plan to romance Dee goes astray
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS Kathy makes Pat a generous offer
7.55 BALLYKISSANGEL (New)
8.45 BIRDS OF A FEATHER (New)
9.15 THE X-FILES
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 FILM: NATURAL BORN KILLERS (1994,18) Oliver Stone's crime drama starring Woody Harrelson and Juliette Lewis. Mickey and Mallory are young and in love. But they have both been abused as children and, after killing their families, set out on a murdering spree
12.25 TARTAN EXTRA

WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
10.00 KILROY
10.40 CALL MY BLUFF
11.10 THIS MORNING (Including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE WEATHER SHOW
1.20 POTAMUS PARK
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Lou checks the books
2.15 GARY RHODES
2.45 GOING FOR A SONG
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with SOOTY'S AMAZING ADVENTURES
3.50 ROMUALD THE REINDEER
4.00 HOW GOES....2
4.20 REBOOT
4.45 NEWSROUND EXTRA
5.00 OUT OF TUNE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Lillian turns into the wicked witch of the west
5.45 TOMORROW'S WORLD
6.15 EMMERDALE The Cairns family's problems erupt into violence
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET An exciting offer for Angie spells trouble for Mike
7.45 THE BILL No Trace: A disenchanted Steve Loxton is finally leaving Sun Hill
8.10 GREAT ESCAPES
8.35 2 POINT 4 CHILDREN
9.05 PLEASURE BEACH Blackpool's Pleasure Beach
9.35 FRIENDS
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 PAINTED LADY (New) A two part murder mystery starring Helen Mirren. Maggie Sheridan, a talented blues singer with a strongly self-destructive streak, is taken in by Sir Charles Stafford and his son Sebastian after a failed suicide attempt
12.10 OPERATION GOOD GUYS
12.40 CRICKET - ONE DAY TEST HIGHLIGHTS West Indies v England

THURSDAY 9TH APRIL
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
10.00 KILROY
10.40 CALL MY BLUFF
11.10 THIS MORNING
1.15 THE WEATHER SHOW
1.20 THE BLOBS
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Hannah goes on an illicit spending spree
2.15 THE WARTIME KITCHEN AND GARDEN
2.45 WILD BRITAIN
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.40 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.50 TIMBUCTOO
3.55 HUBBUB
4.15 CONAN THE ADVENTURER (New)
4.35 BLUE PETER
5.05 THE O-ZONE
5.20 HOME AND AWAY Travis and Joel decide it's time to bury the dead
5.45 TOP GEAR

BFBS Television programmes (cont)

6.15 EMMERDALE Pollard's deceptions backfire on him in the worst possible way
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 ANIMAL HOSPITAL
7.25 EASTENDERS The battle of the Beales reaches its climax
7.55 BLIND MEN
8.20 THE CRUISE
8.50 THE CLIVE JAMES SHOW
9.35 FATHER TED
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 PAINTED LADY Concluding this two-part murder mystery
12.05 THE NAZIS

FRIDAY 10TH APRIL
8.30 TELETUBBIES
8.35 THE ENCHANTED LANDS
9.10 THE ADVENTURES OF PADDINGTON BEAR
9.20 RECORD BREAKERS GOLD
9.45 THE MAKING OF TITANIC
10.15 OUT OF THE RUINS
11.15 BIG BREAK TRICK SHOT SPECIAL
11.45 THE SIMPSONS Followed by BFBS WEATHER
12.05 RIVER DANCE: A JOURNEY
1.00 JOURNEY TO THE CROSS Followed by BFBS WEATHER
1.30 NEWS

YOUR PROGRAMMES FROM F.I.B.S.

SATURDAY April 4
6.00 News BFBS
6.03 Music Fill
6.16 Children's story
6.30 Children's Corner - request programme
7.30 News and Sport from five live
7.40 Weather.Flights.Announcements
8.00 The Navy Lark
8.28 Rpt Weather & Flights
8.30 The Beatles lost Beatles tapes
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.20 Music Fill
9.30 Captain Corelli's Mandolin
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News BFBS
SUNDAY April 5
5.00 News: BFBS
5.03 Music fill
5.15 The Proms 1997
6.00 Music Fill
6.30 Weather, flights, announcements
7.00 Church Service-
8.00 Wet Wet Wet Album Special
8.15 Folk Music Show
8.30 Repeat Weather & Flights
8.45 Folk Music Show
9.00 News Desk
9.28 Rpt. Weather & Flights
9.30 Dracula
9.45 Music Fill
10.00 News BFBS
MONDAY April 6
10.03 Morning show
12.00 News and Sport BFBS

12.06 News Midday
12.09 Music fill
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30 B.F.B.S Programmes
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
6.00 Country Crossroads
6.30 I heard the owl call my name
7.00 The Goons CD collection
7.30 News and Sport
7.35 Weather.Flights.Announcements
8.00 Announcers Choice of music
8.30 Multi strack hit list from BBC World Service
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt Weather and Flights
9.30 Crampton Hodnet
10.00 News BFBS

TUESDAY April 7
10.03 Morning Show
12.00 News and Sport BFBS
12.06 Profile:
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30 BFBS Programmes
5.03 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
5.30 News from St. Helena
5.45 Calling the Falklands
6.00 News Magazine
6.30 In concert
7.30 News and Sports
7.35 Weather.Flights.Announcements
8.00 Not so long ago

1.40 CARTOON TIME
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Hannah and Claire's trickery catches up with them
2.20 ALL OVER THE SHOP
2.45 WAR WALKS
3.15 COUNTDOWN
3.40 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
3.55 RUPERT
4.15 MIKE & ANGELO
4.40 WANNABE
5.05 DES O'CONNOR TONIGHT
6.00 FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP Manchester United v Liverpool
7.55 EASTENDERS The Custody case continues, becoming ever more acrimonious. The judge finally delivers his verdict
8.50 THIRD ROCK FROM THE SUN
9.15 MOVIE PREMIERE: RAPID FIRE (1992,18) Martial arts thriller starring Brandon Lee. When student Jake Lo witnesses a killing, he finds himself caught between two feuding drug lords. Betrayed and set up by the federal agents protecting him, the only one he can trust is Ryan, a single-minded Chicago cop
10.45 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.05 PORTISHEAD Highlights from the bands concert in New York
11.45 TFI FRIDAY
Billings correct at time of going to press, but subject to change until actual transmission. Tune into BFBS Radio/Television for updates

5.17 The late afternoon show
5.30 A deal with disease
5.45 Rpt Profile:
6.00 Bookclub - The Wimbledon Poisoner
6.25 Music Fill
6.30 Memories are made of this
7.30 News and Sport
7.35 Weather, Flights, Annos
8.00 Pot Luck with Myriam
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt weather and Flights
9.30 Cont. with Pot Luck
10.00 News BFBS
FRIDAY April 10
10.03 Morning Show
12.00 News & Sport from B.F.B.S.
12.06 Music Fill
12.15 Lunchtime Announcements,
12.30 BFBS Programmes
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
5.45 Calling the Falklands
6.00 News Magazine
6.30 In my life
7.30 News & Sport from Five live
7.35 Weather, Flights Annos
8.00 Announcers half hour
8.30 Country Crossroads
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt Weather and Flights
9.30 News Magazine rpt.
10.00 News B.F.B.S.
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B.F.B.S. RADIO WEEKLY PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

98.5FM

SATURDAY 0000 Drum & Bass
0200 Steve Mason
0400 In Concert
0500 Forces Finest with Damian Watson
0700 Weekend Gold
0800 Breakfast Show
1000 The Score with Francis Collings
1400 Mark Page
1600 Weekend Gold
1800 David Rodigan
2000 Drum & Bass
2200 Steve Mason
SUNDAY 0000 Late Night Love in
0200 Mark Page
0400 Bob Harris
0700 Weekend Gold
0800 UK Sunday Breakfast
1000 Forces Finest
1200 James Watt
1400 Richard Allinson
1600 Bob Harris
1900 In Concert
2000 Rock Show
2200 John Peel
MONDAY 0000 Weekend Gold
0200 In Concert
0200 Rockumentary
0300 Connect '98
0500 Early Breakfast
0600 Weekday Breakfast Show
0900 BFBS Gold
1000 FIBS Morning Show
1230 The Afternoon Shift
1800 BFBS Gold
1900 Jamie Gordon with Full Top 40 (Mondays only), New Dance, Indie and Pop, interviews and live music sessions
2200 Aidan Donovan
TUESDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued
0100 David Rodigan
0300 - 0000 As Monday
WEDNESDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued
0100 John Peel
0300 - 0000 As Monday
THURSDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued
0100 The Rockshow
0300 - 0000 As Monday
FRIDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued
0100 Richard Allinson
0300-1800 As Monday
1800-2000 Gurkha Programmes
2000 Andy Wright
2200 Friday Dance

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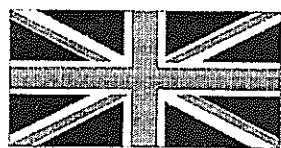
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SATURDAY 0000 On Stage & Kaleidoscope
0100 On Stage
0200 Newsday & Features from BBC World Service
0300 A Taste of Ireland
0400 Today from BBC Radio
40600 Radio 4 News and Sport
0630 Counterpoint
0700 Meridian from BBC W/S
0730 BFBS

Reports 0800 Radio 4 News & Feature
0830 Thoughts from Abroad
0900 Comedy Double Bill
1000 News & Sport on Five Live
1500 News & David Mellor's 6-0-61700 News & Short Play
1800 Feature
1900 Radio 5 Live
2100-2200 World Service News/FIBS Announcements
2200-0100 Radio Five Live Overnight
SUNDAY 0100 Archers Omnibus
0200 Newsday and Europe Today/Heritage
0300 Clydes Classics
0400 News & Sunday Papers, morning Music & Religious news and views
0615 Letter from America with Alistair Cooke & Morning Service
0715 Archers Omnibus
0815 Weekend on Two with Colin Hamilton's music and mind boggler
1000 The World This Weekend
1100 News & Sunday Sport from BBC Radio Five Live
1600 Feature
1630 Many are Called - Christian Music and religious news with Roger Hudson
1700 Sound Portrait
1800 Feature
1900 News Desk from BBC World Service
1930 Health Matters and Sports Round-Up
2000 News & Radio Five Live
2100-2200 World Service News/FIBS Announcements
2200-0100 Radio Five Live Overnight
MONDAY 0100 News Desk from BBC W/S
0130 Feature
0200 News Day and Europe Today/Heritage
0300 Newsbriefing from BBC Radio 4 followed by Book Club
0330 Today from BBC Radio
40600 World News and Business Report
0615 Archers
0630 Gurkha News
0700 News Summary from BBC Radio 4 and "My Word"
0730 Woman's Hour
0830 Two's Company
1000 World At One
1045 Sports Round-up
1100 Play/Short Story
1200 News/PM Shift
1300 Kaleidoscope
1345 Archers
1400 PM Programme
1500 Main News of the Day
1530 Comedy
1600 News Extra & Sports Desk followed by Sport on Five and Radio Five overnight
TUESDAY 0100-0700 As Monday
0700 Story
0730-1100 As Monday
1100 Story and Feature
1200-1530 As Monday
1530 Feature
1600-0100 As Monday
WEDNESDAY 0100-0700 As Monday
0700 News & Feature/Quiz
0730-1100 As Monday
1100 Classic Review
1200-0100 As Tuesday
THURSDAY 0100-0700 As Monday
0700 News & Dad's Army
0730-1100 As Monday
1100 Clyde's Classics
1200-0100 As Tuesday
FRIDAY 0100-0700 As Monday
0700 My Music with Chairman Steve Rac
0730-11.00 As Monday
1100 P McD and Co Unlimited
1200-1530 As Tuesday
1530-1600 Play/Short Story/Quiz
1600-0000 As Tuesday

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Time out after twenty three years for Ted and Jean

Recently arrived in the Islands, are good friends of the Falklands, and ex residents, Ted and Jean Clapp. Penguin News spoke to Ted this week about his long involvement in the UK based lobby group, the Falkland Islands Association.

TWENTY three years ago Ted Clapp left the Falklands with his Islander wife Jean and two children. This however, was by no means the end of Ted and Jean's contact with the Falklands, and in fact both have been working on the Islands' behalf almost since the time they left, under the auspices of The Falkland Islands Association.

Ted has been Treasurer for the FIA for many years, but his activities are not limited to counting the organisation's pennies. With a wealth of Falklands' local and political knowledge under his belt Ted is part of the FIA's strong base, that is, the loyal committee members who 'recruit to the cause,' inform, network and lobby in the name of Falklands politics.

Armed with knowledge

Ted's knowledge of the Islands began to form when he moved from working in Antarctica with the British Antarctic Survey in the 1960's to become the officer in charge of setting up the BAS radio communications in the Falklands - a post he held until 1975. Co-founder of the Youth Club, he was also involved in amateur dramatics, the cricket club, broadcasting and the recording of Legislative Council, and was also for some time Superintendent of the Fire Brigade. Around 1967 he travelled around the Camp as Secretary to the Constitutional Committee when the Colonial Secretary and Councillors of the time sought opinions on the updating of the Constitution. The most dramatic moment during his time in the Island may have been the day he was forced to surrender to the armed Argentine political group who hijacked an aircraft and landed on the Stanley race course in 1966. Compelled to board the aircraft at gunpoint, along with colleague Ray Clements, the ordeal lasted almost 18 hours before the Argentines eventually gave up.

In 1975, Ted was transferred to Cambridge to set up the BAS Headquarters there, and was soon promoted to Administrative Second in Command in the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology. At this point he found the time to become more

deeply involved in Falklands politics and took up his post of treasurer of the FIA which he holds to this day. "My political role in the set-up," said Ted, "is fairly small and more a reactive one." When attending meetings, for example the early South Atlantic Council gatherings, Ted would attempt to counteract, "wrong impressions about the Islands, the Islands and the whole way of life."

"At those meetings," he explained, "people were often given the impression that Islanders were totally subjugated to colonial rule and that there was no democracy."

He went on to say, "I would get very steamed up about this, and even at Montgomery's debriefing after his recent visit to the Falklands Montgomery tried to give the impression that there had been no democracy in the Islands until 1982."

Hired Assassin?

Although Ted doesn't immediately give the impression of one easily "steamed up," he must certainly have ruffled a few feathers in his time, bearing in mind that a particularly pro-Argentine journalist once accused him, face-to-face, of being, "a hired assassin of that illiterate cow, Thatcher."

Talking about the Association, Ted said, "Our strength is the base we have to enable us to lobby on behalf of the Falklands, and it is important to keep that base alive." He went on, "The Association has a good core of knowledgeable political figures, with excellent contacts in Parliament and the House of Lords." The FIA constantly look for new contacts, one of their aims being to continue to recruit, "to the cause."

"Knowing one key person, leads us to another, and that is what we try to do all the time.. People whose names we can pass on to councillors, and people we can call upon in times of crisis," he explained.

He emphasised however that although, "we will give an opinion on a situation when approached by the British or Argentine press, we have to be careful not to give the impression that we are telling Islanders what to do." More often than not, he said, the FIA will chan-



Ted and Jean in Stanley this week

nel the press on to the Falkland Islands Government Office in London or the councillors in the Islands.

The functioning FIA

Ted explained that the FIA has a committee which meets every three months or so. Sukey Cameron will often attend *ex officio* so that the contact with FIGO is kept up, and the office is manned daily, although not every hour of the day. Coming into the office all the time are news of relevant events in Argentina, translations of British and Argentine media comment on the Islands, and many letters from members of the public asking for information about the Islands and their political stance.

Ted himself will often deal with queries which require local knowledge of the Islands, and he gains valuable help at such time from Jean, and until recently from his "oracle on the Falklands old days" father-in-law, Ray Campbell. (Sadly Ray passed away on February 3 - Jean and Ted have brought his ashes to the Falklands.)

The FIA Falkland Islands Newsletter

"I'm not sure that people realise the importance of the Newsletter," said Ted.

Every quarter, all the newsletters are sent to Jean and Ted, where Jean packs up some 4,000 for mailing. "The newsletter is then sent to the 880 or so members of the FIA, every Lord and MP, every embassy in UK, every British embassy abroad, tourist agencies, political agencies and a selection of government departments."

Membership of the FIA is constantly growing, and has, said Ted, grown very quickly over the past year as a result of the activity with the South Atlantic Medal Association. Also, Falkland Island reunions will often bring in a new member.

Despite the time that has past since he last saw the Islands Ted hasn't been dismayed by the changes, in fact he feels that, "the atmosphere of the Islands really hasn't changed." The sight of Mount Pleasant was something of a surprise to the returning couple, "but," he said, "once we were out on the road and I could see the Camp, I knew we were home."

Ted and Jean's son Kevin resides and works in the Falkland Islands, and their daughter, Karen, works as a personal assistant in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and is presently based in Canberra, Australia.

ATTENTION!!

CHANGE OF DATE BRENTON LOCH OPEN DAY
DATE: Wednesday April 15th 1998 Time: 10.30 till late
Place: Brenton Loch cattle yards - Follow the signs from Goose Green. Activities: Official opening of the cattle yards and project by H. E. The Governor at 1.00 pm. Inspection of the cattle yards and a chance to work animals in them. Visit to the herbicide trial site. Departmental displays on all the major programs in which the Department is involved. Barbecue lunch. We are hoping for a good roll up at this event as it is a good chance to catch up on the activities of the Department and discuss them with the officers responsible for them. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

SHEEP SHOW

A SHEEP Show will take place at Fitzroy on Saturday 11 April. Entries will be taken between 9 and 10am. Judging starts at 10.00 with prize-giving at 2.00pm. 'Guess the weight of the ram' and sheep counting competitions. Hot food available courtesy of Donna and Mike Evans. Members of the public are most welcome to attend. For more information contact Ron Binnie at Fitzroy or Judy Summes at the Farmers Association Office.

Report by Patrick Watts. Photographs Penguin News

Stanley mini sports 1998

A SUCCESSION of exciting finishes thrilled a fairly small crowd at the one day Stanley Sports Association Mini-sports. A combination of flat races for senior and junior jockeys, gymkhana and children's foot events ensured non-stop entertainment throughout the day.

For the punters there were some excellent pay-outs which easily surpassed the Christmas betting, and an £8.75 return for a £1 ticket on Owen Summers' *Tia Nina*, which swept past the favourites *Pollerita* and *Papina*, thrilled those lucky enough to have taken a chance on the imported Chilean mare, which showed little form three months ago.

The battles between Tyrone Whitney's *Enscence* and Arthur Turner's *See me do it* were eagerly anticipated, particularly after the latter's victories on West Falklands at the Port Howard meeting. The two horses left everything else trailing in their first encounter, and it was *See me do it* who triumphed by a neck, going on to win another two races to remain unbeaten. "After the disappointment at the Christmas meeting when she just faded after 400 yards, this was just fantastic," said an elated Arthur Turner.

The open events attracted a fair sprinkling of Chilean imports with Maurice Davis' *Papina* ridden by Ron Binnie, recovering from the unexpected loss to *Tia Nina*, to win two other races over 700 and 900

yards respectively. Veteran jockey Neil Watson, taking the ride on *Pollerita*, was edged into second place on each occasion as two of the Falklands most experienced and respected jockeys renewed their long standing but friendly rivalry.

In the absence of Stewart Morrison, Maurice Davis saddled *Sandown* to a fine victory in the 400yds flat beating the famous *Enscence* quite convincingly.

Entries in the junior races were most encouraging and novice Evan Jones caught the eye with three victories and a second place. The thirteen year old rode *Secret Freedom* to two wins and a second, and *Iron Maiden* on the other occasion. Eight year old Clint Short had his moments too, as he steered *Nancy* home in the 600 yards William Morrison trophy. The Humphrey sisters Laura and Jenna achieved second and third places, while another young lady, Adie Chapman, was ecstatic after riding *Abbey's Moon* into the runners-up position in a 500 yards event. Thirteen year old Charmaine Butler, now a 'veteran' on the Stanley racecourse rode *Holiday Romance* into third place on two occasions.

Michelle Evans trotted *Miss Ellie* to victory with James Butler second on the reliable *Tracy* and another former flat racer *Slim Dusty*, third. Michele also tasted success in the Consolation race with *Mr Sheen*. In a blanket finish she held

off Hayley Bonner on *Dark Eyed Lady* and Davina Peck on *Tarkin*, to give the lady jockeys a clean sweep.

Finally a special mention to eleven year old Roxanne Morrison who, fresh from her victories in the West Falklands one mile foot race, and Tumble-down Run, proved equally fast over the short distances winning a succession of junior races.



Above: Unbeaten at this race meeting, the stunning *See-me-do-it* with proud owner, Arthur Turner



Above: Young jockeys head for the start

1998 Mini Sports Results

600 Yards Seniors FIB:
1st *See me do it* - A Turner
2nd *Enscence* - T Whitney
3rd *Shaka* - N Watson

400 yards Seniors FIB:
1st *Sandown* - M Davis
2nd *Enscence* - T Whitney
3rd *Magic S Halford*

Potatoe Race:
1st A Smith
2nd M Davis
3rd C Clark

700 yards Seniors Open:
1st *Papina* - R Binnie
2nd *Pollerita* - N Watson
3rd *Tia Nina* - O Summers

Bending Race:
1st B Watson
2nd C Clark
3rd A Smith

SSA Junior Gallop FIB
1st *Iron Maiden* - E Jones
2nd *Smokey* - J Humphreys
3rd *Quilida* - L Humphreys

600 yards Rule 34 FIB:
1st *Nancy* - C Short
2nd *Secret Freedom* - E Jones
3rd *Holiday Romance* - C Butler

440 Yards Seniors FIB:
1st *Enscence* - T Whitney
2nd *Sandown* - N Watson
3rd *Magic* - S Halford
4th *Dark Eyed Lady* - T Bonner

500 yards Seniors FIB:
1st *See me do it* - A Turner
2nd *Shaka* - N Watson
3rd *Magic* - S Halford

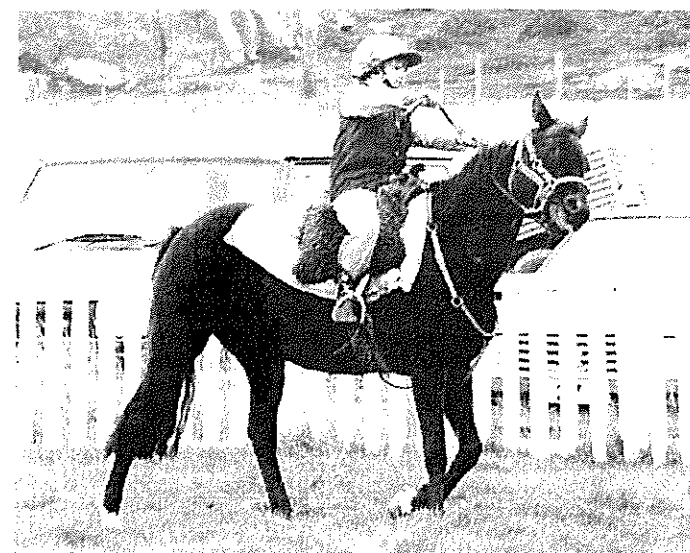
500 yards FIB
1st *Secret Freedom* - E Jones
2nd *Abbey's Mood* - A Chapman
3rd *Quilida* - L Humphreys

600 yards Seniors Open:
1st *Tia Nina* - O Summers
2nd *Papina* - R Binnie
3rd *Pollerita* - M Davis

Mile Trot
1st *Miss Ellie* - M Evans
2nd *Tracy* - J Butler
3rd *Slim Dusty* - T Bonner

400 yards Junior:
1st *Secret Freedom* - E Jones
2nd *Quilida* - L Humphreys
3rd *Holiday Romance* C Butler

600 yds Senior FIB
1st *See me do it* - A Turner
2nd *Enscence* - T Whitney
3rd *Sandown* - M Davis



Above: Youngest jockey Clint Short riding *Nancy* prepares for the SSA Junior Gallop.

Right: One of the many young jockeys present this year, Adie Chapman.

Below: Maurice Davis and Tooty Morrison's *Sandown* leave the rest of the field standing in the 400 yards Senior FIB race.

Far right: Jockeys Michele Evans and Owen Summers. Bottom Neil Watson takes a break from FIB's and tries a Chilean (*Pollerita* owned by M Davis). A Turner standing.



Late letter

Special praise to the kids who delivered on the day

THE producer and director of the pantomime, *Robinson Crusoe*, would like to thank all the cast and crew for their dedication and months of hard work to make the show a fantastic success.

Special praise has to go to the

kids who had difficult routines, and quick changes of costume and character. We expected a lot from them and they delivered.

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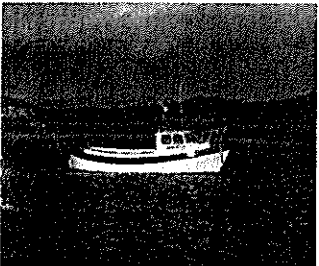
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PERSONAL



To Ro
Have a nice 15th
All our love Mum Dad and Chris

To Loretta
Happy 32nd
Yours always, Guido XXX

I would like to thank everyone at the KEMH who helped with the quick and safe arrival of Tiegian Jane. A big thank you to Jane Cotter, also to Carmen and Julie for all the care and support you both gave me, just think, another 20 minutes, there might have been a big scattering match in your sitting room, ha ha. Thanks everyone from Coral and Tiegian.

To Julie and Carmen, Dustin and Claudia. Thank you all, for looking after me. I'm not sure what happened but I've got a new baby now. Lots love from Dani

Nikki and John would like to thank the following people for making their wedding day such a wonderful one. To our parents for helping, Jackie, Julie, Marie and Bronwen for being my bridesmaids and flower girl. Dominic for being our page boy, Dereck for being best man and for keeping the groom calm 'ish'. Mum Summers, Mum Jaffray, Phyllis, Mally and Violet for helping with the food, Upland Goose for putting on a wonderful supper. Also to Glynis and Norma for doing the make-up and hair, Vi for doing my flowers, Edgar Turpin and Peter for being drivers, Lisa J, Jack and Wayne J for bringing down our dresses, Andrew and David for the video, photos, also to June and Andrew for being our ushers, Keith, Kevin and Peter for being bouncers and to everyone else who gave us cards and gifts. Thank You

Postscript - from the Tabernacle WHO MADE GOD?
Our minds cannot begin to take in or understand that there are billions of stars in the sky or that there are millions of cells in our bodies. But we know that there is order in them and not chaos. We know that the stars move in their set paths in the heavens. The trap we so easily fall into is to create 'God' in our own image. We need to be careful in our thinking and realise that God is the creator, we the created. We are finite, God is infinite. We are limited, God is without limits. We began one day and will die on another. But God has no beginning or end. He was not made but made everything, that which is seen and that which is not. If we could fully understand God and explain Him, He would not be God. The Bible says 'from everlasting to everlasting you are God' (Psa90:2NIV) but though we can not fully know Him, He fully knows us and our needs. He is not an impersonal being. He cares about us as individuals, even to the number of hairs on our heads. He knows everything about us, even our darkest secrets and yet still He loves Us. It is because He loves us that He sent Jesus who said; "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. It is only through belief in Jesus and putting our trust in Him, obeying His instruction for our lives that we have forgiveness for all our dark side and so peace with God.

NOTICES

IN THE SUMMARY COURT
(Licensing Justices)
Section 9 Licensing Ordinance 1994
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a session of the Summary Court will be held on Friday the 8th day of May 1998 at 9.30 a.m. at the Town Hall, Stanley for the purpose of granting removing transferring and renewing justices licences under the above Ordinance and for the transaction of any other appropriate business.
Dated Monday 30th March 1998
Signed L Titterton
Clerk to the Licensing Justices

FICS Swimming Gala which was scheduled for April 9 has been postponed until May 7 due to Stanley House children flying home on the original date. We apologise for any inconvenience this change of date might cause

Application packs for fishing licences for Falkland Islands Conservation Zones in respect of the Second Season 1998 are available from the Licensing Officer, Fisheries Department, Telephone 27260, FIPASS

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Available five days a week from 8.00am until 5.00pm. Will also mind through the lunch break if required. Please ring 21514 for further details

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A good gathering enjoyed another whist evening on the 1st April. Prize winners were: Ladies 1st Mrs C Blackley 2nd Mrs E Vidal Booby Mrs G Carey Gents 1st B Peck 2nd D Pettersson Booby C Clifton. Travelling prizes were won by Mrs J Middleton and W Duncan. Good news being that we will be welcoming Jean back to the fold for the next Whist Drive in a fortnight

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FCO Minister Lloyd to visit Falklands

MINISTER of State for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Mr Tony Lloyd, is scheduled to visit the Falklands between Tuesday, April 21 and April 25.

Mr Lloyd who also came to the Islands in December 1996, as a Labour Shadow Minister, was outspoken at the time with regard to the Falkland Islands policy which bans visitors from travelling to the Falklands on Argentine passports. He informed local media that the policy was an, "absurd anomaly," and that tourism to the Falklands would improve if the ban was lifted. He also urged Islanders to, "look at the circumstances under which Argentines visit the Islands... because in the end it is bizarre that the geographically closest neighbour to the Islands has such a disastrous relationship."

The Minister's schedule includes visits to East and West Falklands, plus a meeting and lunch with West Falklands residents at

Fox Bay on April 22. Mr Lloyd will also visit a number of government departments, particularly the Fisheries Department, the Department of Mineral Resources and the Agricultural Department.

During talks with councillors and residents of the Islands, subjects such as oil revenue, South Georgia, and the Islands' relationship with Argentina are expected to arise.

Amerada Hess bow out of FOSAR/FIA air route agreement

OIL operator, Amerada Hess, who make up one fourth of FOSAR, the *Falklands Offshore Sharing Agreement*, have made a decision to charter their own aircraft, a Boeing 747SP to carry out crew changes while the first well is being drilled in Falklands' waters.

Amerada Hess, like the other members of FOSAR, had formerly agreed to use the route offered by Falkland Islands Airways (a subsidiary company of British South Atlantic Airways) which included a stop off at Sao Paulo in Brazil. However, the company now intends to use a more direct route operating out of Stansted Airport, with a refuelling stop in the Cape Verde Islands en route to the Falklands.

As a result of this decision, the first flight by Falkland Islands Airways, has been put back until late May when the second well, for LASMO, is due to be drilled. Director of the Department of Mineral Resources, Phyllis Rendell told *Penguin News* that Amerada



Chartered by local fishing company Argos, the Vigo built reefer, Sierra Leyre has dwarfed other vessels at FIPASS since April 5 (Gross tonnage: 5,100. Length OA 117.73m). The Panamanian flagged vessel is only 8 months old, and boasts luxurious cabins and sparkling decks. While in Falklands' waters, Sierra Leyre will be loading fish catches from Argos vessels, before transporting them to Vigo in Spain. His Excellency the Governor, local media and other guests were invited on board the vessel for a reception and guided tour on April 8.

Hess had always favoured a more direct link from the very beginning when two bids to transport drill crew members were presented to Shell (the company with responsibility for fixed wing and helicopter contracts within FOSAR.)

Asked if she thought LASMO would follow Amerada Hess in using a more direct route, she said that as far as she knew LASMO were still standing by the agreement at present, but seeking a "third opinion," on the matter.

The 747 aircraft to be used by Amerada Hess is capable of carrying ninety passengers and forty tons of freight and the company are said to be considering offering seats and freight space South and Northbound.

The aircraft would operate a fortnightly schedule after undertaking the first crew change within days of the *Borgny Dolphin* arriving in Falklands' waters.

Death from wounds on Men Wei 111

THE Royal Falkland Islands Police are assisting the captain of the Taiwanese jigger *Men Wei 111*, which arrived in Stanley on April 5, following an incident on board. On April 3, while the vessel was on the high seas to the north of the FICZ, a member of the crew died of wounds inflicted on him by one of his colleagues. Police completed a detailed scenes of crime examination two days later and removed the body of Mr Wang Yan to the KEMH mortuary to await a post mortem examination. Although the case falls outside the criminal jurisdiction of the Falkland Islands, another

member of the crew is voluntarily assisting with enquiries.

Through the INTERPOL network, local police have been in touch with the Taiwanese authorities, and although confirmation is still awaited, it is anticipated that Taiwanese officers will visit the Falkland Islands in the very near future to take charge of the case.

It is with sadness we report the death of Mrs Sigrid Geraldine Wells Barnes at the King Edward Memorial Hospital, Stanley, at the age of 72, on April 8, 1998.

Penguin News apologise for the poor print of photographs inside. This is as a result of a technical problem, which we hope to rectify as soon as possible

IT WAS recently noted on morning television that the more affluent of British businesses are in the process of bringing poetry to the people. In an innovative attempt to increase the morale of employees, employers are hiring company poets who oversee weekly poetry workshops, and encourage workers to pen their own verses. Inspired by this unusual concept and always happy to try something new, the *Penguin News* editorial team this week threw themselves headlong into the rhyming couplet, examined the thinking behind the initiative, and even undertook a little poetic purging on local issues. Incidentally, having 'enjoyed' the following ode, and if the above theory is to be believed readers will now be able to work more efficiently and hence be of greater value to their employer. Grateful acknowledgements from employers should be sent to the *Penguin News* letters page...

Poetry in the workplace

*The new conceptual fad
Conceived by some wag of a lad
Is that corporate wealth
Needs the corporate health
Of the minds of its workers
So they won't become shirkers
And adversely alter
Or cause to falter
The progressive trend
Of the Company stipend.*

*It's a pleasant divergence
From Far Eastern insurgents
Who more often insist
Through a sweat-induced mist
That physical jerks
Are what really works
And each day force their people
No matter how feeble (well it almost rhymes!)*
*To make muscles grow
And corpuscles flow.*

*So what is this wheeze
that makes work such a breeze?
If it isn't hard labour
Or a chat with your neighbour
It isn't massage
Or a tot (rather large)
Nor even grand praise
An ego to raise
No, the best employee
Needs just ...poetry*

*So, where is this leading,
Is that the readership pleading?
Well, the incessant urge
To editorially purge
Has made me so weary
I'll try any new theory,
It's drained my resources
So that any new course is
to be blessed, not accursed,
Hence this over-trite verse.*

And the editorial this week..

THE latest sensation 'overseas education' has spawned an affliction of fury and friction. Letters have flown between Reddick and Jones page after page indignation, outrage. And the final conclusion greater confusion!

FROM media and nations we face accusations of stubborn naivety paranoid imbecility "To Argentina you must offer custody and trust. You know that di Tella's a very nice fella. Why hysterical effrontery? All they want is your country?"

RUMOURS never abate in matters of state.. Will pay rises cease with economic decrease? Did a director confess to a CFL mess? Is an 'airline' to fail if operators turn tail? "Fabrications," they cry "A falsehood.. you lie," But must we not seek The corporate leak?

And finally.. Educated, enlightened? Is your workplace now brightened? Has this scholarly feat been a cultural treat? Does life seem more sweet now the d***d thing's complete?

Public Notice

A HANDYMAN is required to work at Albermarle Station to assist with the clean-up operation.

Interested persons should contact the Environmental Planning Officer, Mr Tom Eggeeling, on telephone number 27390, by 4.30pm on Monday 13th April 1998, to discuss actual duties, working hours and rates of pay.

The Secretariat
Stanley
7th April 1998
REF: FIS/17/1
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Your letters

Who's the fool?

I MUST thank you for the reminder you provided last week in your editorial of the great *Penguin News* April Fool's Day Whale; I'm not sure to this day whether it was more pleasurable to witness so many people driving down to Christina Bay to see this nonexistent creature or to listen to their feeble protestations that they were only there to catch out the other 'fools'.

Given that many people still regard this jape as being among *Penguin News*'s finest achievements, I am sorry to be unable to claim more than a minor role in it. The real credit must lie elsewhere with Tony Chater who had the inspiration and came up with the story that worked so magically, despite its improbable details and the 'give away' names of its protagonists.

The same can be said of the signs at which you were poking fun last week. I was not the inspiration behind them either, but was

happy that the Tourist Board should respond to requests by local traders for something of the sort to go up. It's a great pity that the need to apply for planning permission and other factors delayed their erection till after the main cruising season was over. It's a pity, too, that you regard them as so confusing, when in a way they have already proved such good value. In fact, given the price of advertising space in *Penguin News*, by the time you have added the free column inches of this letter to those of the editorial which inspired it, they will already have just about paid for themselves.

If indeed we did set a trap for the unwary as you suggest, maybe it wasn't the tourists it was intended for Should we be wishing you retrospectively a very happy April 1st.

John Fowler
Manager
Falkland Islands Tourist Board

Inaccurate text

MAY we, regretfully, draw your attention to at least three inaccuracies in the text surrounding the picture of a vessel discharging at FIPASS which appeared in *Penguin News* edition V10 No 02.

- The vessel concerned was the *Aleksandrov*, not *Aledsandrov*
- This is not the last large shipment for Stanley - CSM, there is another in *Pantelis K* due to arrive in the Islands shortly.
- The article concerned gave the general impression that both *Aleksandrov* and the vessel before her, *Kapitan Vaga* was here as some special service to Stanley-CSM. This is not so - all the vessels involved were part of the normal 28 day regular liner service which HR Services' European South Atlantic Line operates between the UK and the Falklands and which recently celebrated its 250th voyage. The misunderstanding may have arisen as, in pursuance of our policy of always trying to give our customers what they want, the three vessels concerned did start their UK loading cycle at Aberdeen for the convenience of the initial large oil related cargoes before calling at Marchwood to pick up our other customer's regular cargoes.

Although this first large shipment of exploration related goods is now over, we are confident that our well tried and reliable service from Marchwood will continue to be used for ongoing top-up shipments.

Chris Woodall
Resident Superintendent

Thanks for help

I WOULD like to thank all the people who helped me get to hospital in the very early hours of Tuesday March, 31.

A very special thank you to the crew of the helicopter and Doctor from MPA who risked their lives to come and pick me up at 3.30am on a very wet and windy night.

Special thanks too, for Dr Barry Elsby, who was rudely awoken and dragged from a warm, cosy bed, to attend to me at the

hospital, and to John, who also left a warm bed to drive the ambulance. I must also say "sorry" to Carol and Terrence, who were also awoken by the searchlights of the helicopter shining in their bedroom window at that ungodly hour and giving them the fright of their lives!

I'm now feeling fit and well and glad to be home again

Rita Johnson
Bombilla

Write to Penguin News, Ross Road, Stanley, Falkland Islands or Email pnews@horizon.co.fk

We knew the rules

AT the risk of adding fuel to the fire of discussion on overseas education I would like to relate a little history.

In 1984 we went to see the Thomas Peacock School in Rye - didn't care for it at all, and our eldest son went elsewhere in 1986. We funded that ourselves, with no help at all, which we knew perfectly well would be the case before we went 'outside the system'.

Come 1989 our youngest son followed his brother, though by this time the change had been made by FIG and students were going to Peter Symonds. Again we knew the

rules, and were prepared to fund it ourselves. However, the Education Committee came up with a scheme to refund (against receipted bills) what it would have cost FIG had Alex gone to Peter Symonds.

I think that we are extremely fortunate with the whole education system in the Falklands, and instead of griping and complaining be very grateful for all the funding made available by FIG.

There must be rules, and these rules have been in place since 1989 to my knowledge.

Sally Blake
Hill Cove

Pucara for Stanley Museum courtesy of 1435



SQUADRON Leader John Carter presents Stanley Museum Curator, John Smith, with a 1435 Sqn plaque. The Squadron are in the process of renovating an Argentine Pucara ground attack aircraft for the Museum. Technicians and engineers will be giving up free time to work on the aircraft for the museum, but will benefit from the knowledge gained as a result of the exercise. The aircraft was originally designed by the Argentine Airforce for attacking rebels in the hills.

Ha Tae Hwan trial adjourned

THE trial began on April 6 of the Korean captain of the fishing vessel *Ihn Sung 101*, Mr Ha Tae Hwan, who had formerly been charged with two counts of assault against members of his crew. Indonesian interpreters travelled to the Islands last week to translate statements given by the crewmen bringing charges.

However, during the interviews with the men it was discovered that the Captain was implicated in six assaults and not two as previously thought.

As a result of this new information, the case was adjourned so that more interpreters can come to the

A SEAKING helicopter from 78 squadron was involved in the rescue of a seriously ill and injured fisherman from the vessel *Saint Denis* on April 6. The man had been crushed against the deck of the vessel by a heavy fishing cable, was bleeding badly and had great difficulty breathing. He was taken by the helicopter to the KEMH, where he is being treated for his injuries.

Argentines would arrive under Forsyth/Bullrich plan

TIM Blake was right to say that Argentines would come to live in the Falklands under the Forsyth/Bullrich plan. I cannot understand Mr Bullrich's denial of this (letter March 27th).

The Bullrich/Forsyth plan (letter March 6th) gives control over immigration to the Islanders, "provided only that the latter was nondiscriminatory." I asked Mr Forsyth what this ominous *caveat* meant. He told me that Falkland Islanders would be bound to accept a percentage of Argentines amongst new immigrants coming to live as permanent residents. Mr Forsyth thought this percentage should be just 5%, but I suspect that Argentina would want a much higher quota.

I know Argentina, and believe it would only reach a settlement over the Falklands or even "abandon" its claim officially, if it thought it could eventually take the Falklands over by other means. Having Argentines as permanent residents would be the means. Just to live, they would have to have the right to own property and businesses. Like other businessmen they would have the right to buy up other businesses; anything less would be discrimination. They would probably have easy access to funds for that very purpose too. Thus the stage would be set for continuous Argentine penetration and for pressure on the genuine Islanders either for further concessions to Argentina or, more probably, to get them to leave. This could continue until "self-determination" could be used in reverse to overturn Argentina's earlier "settlement" of its claim - and complete the takeover of the Falklands.

The above is just one of the legion of nightmares that could result from the Forsyth/Bullrich plan. To debate these would take all day and give legitimacy to an intervention in Falklands' affairs that does not merit serious consideration. The alternative is self-determination, as offered by the British Government and supported by the Opposition. I know which I would choose.

P J Pepper
Sutton

Hands on for Cadets at sea



Small arms practice - report and photograph provided by Sea Cadets

FOLLOWING a successful training day for the whole Sea Cadet Corps on HMS *Dumbarton Castle* alongside FIPASS on April 4, two Marine Cadets, nine Sea Cadets and an instructor went on to spend a full and varied day on board the vessel on April 6.

The cadets were collected at 9.30am from the Public Jetty on the day, and once on board were given a welcome brief by RPO Waplington - the ship's Coxswain. This was followed by a mandatory safety brief covering 'actions to take' in the event of fire or a man overboard. On completion, the cadets were taken to the Junior Ratings dining hall for a reviving cup of hot chocolate (the weather at this point being wet and windy resulting in a degree of movement of the ship).

There followed a fire-fighting instruction period, this took place in-board the ship as the inclement weather meant the proposed use of the flight deck was impractical. The cadets returned to the upper deck for instruction in small arms - SA80 and pistols (no ammunition involved) and then came a brief on marine engineering and a trip around the engine room under the watchful eye of the

POMEM. After lunch, a man-over-board exercise was again a casualty of the weather, the sea being too rough to launch the seaboard safety, but the programme pressed on to communications training. The cadets had 'hands on' practice with an Aldis lamp, using it to spell out their names in morse code. They also spent time talking to each other on two way hand held radios. It was up to the Bridge next and a chance to sit in the Captain's chair and steer the ship, as well as watch the officer of the watch taking navigational plots.

Then came further hands on experience with a chance to don breathing apparatus sets, used in fire-fighting and BASCA sets used by persons to get themselves out of smoke filled compartments.

While the cadets were waiting for the *Dumbarton Castle* to sail back into Stanley they were entertained with RN videos showing different aspects of naval work and the vessels used.

Many thanks to the whole crew for their help and instruction during a very valuable training day.

Tubabs, a tiko and the Tobaski ram

Rachael Fowler continues her Gambian sojourn with her Letters to her mother. This week she describes how she took part in a football match, an African prayer meeting, a disco - Gambian style, how pride and the need to find a husband affect a school sports meeting, and the near resurrection of a prematurely slaughtered ram.

I HAVE finally found the ideal place to sit and write this letter. A huge amount of things have been happening but I find that my life is following a wave pattern of peaks and troughs. I enormously enjoy the peaks but feel quite depressed in the troughs. Unfortunately the troughs are when I have the most time to write but I don't think I would be doing anything justice to write when I am miserable.

Admittedly, due to the reading matter at hand, I could now go on Mastermind with my specialist subject as the complete works of Jeffrey Archer and Frederick Forsyth, but I have also managed to get hold of some 'real' books and we have recently discovered that we can use the Peace Corps library which is very well-stocked.

Anyway, onwards to amaze you with my impressive collection of impressive and wittily-told tales.

Firstly there was Ramadan which after the initial novelty wore off, was far from the soul and body cleansing time it was advertised to be and instead was a really depressing time.

Then Koriteh arrived (by which time I couldn't have cared less if the end of the world had arrived!), and everything, (and everyone), suddenly cheered up. Having been too miserable to make any elaborate clothing plans I had to borrow Steph's Koriteh dress from last year. This was quite fortunate as it turned out because it was quite a tasty number, (in Gambian terms at least) and I was chuffed to fit into Steph's clothes!

At 10.00am we went to the prayer ground. It was pretty impressive - hundreds of people filling a shaded clearing. The Imam and some other elders stood at the front, followed by the men and then the women at the back (this is so that the men don't get put off their prayers by women's bottoms!).

That many people all praying in unison is quite an amazing sight. There is a point in the prayer when they all murmur something and the effect is quite spine-tingling; a low wave of sound (not unlike thunder), emanates from the crowd.

During the prayer, us 'Tubabs' hang around at the back, frantically trying to capture this amazing scene with our inadequate cameras. Meanwhile, very randomly, a huge Dutch guy, (7 foot tall and built like a brick out-house), had managed to manoeuvre himself into the middle of the prayer ground.

Obviously, as he was not a Muslim, he didn't pray - he just sat there emanating 'largeness'. So when everyone prostrated themselves there was a sea of well-clothed backs and in the middle of everything this great island of Dutchman! After the prayers we paraded around in our smart clothes and took pictures of one another in various ethnic poses.

We went visiting compounds from one end of the village to the other, starting at Malafi's compound to make up for the absence of Rebecca who had failed to return from Guinea country in time. We bought a big bag of black mints to give out as 'salibo' (gifts given on Koriteh - bit like 'trick-or-treat') and generally a good time was had by all.

By 2pm I was beginning to feel distinctly sweaty and uncomfortable in

my African dress and my 'tiko' (headress) had collapsed.

This however, was not the case with the Gambian girls who were taking full advantage of this excuse to dress up. Many a girl's school fees had been sacrificed to provide new clothes for Koriteh, but priorities are priorities and at least they wore them well. Hair was added and plaited into the most amazing creations. Everyone was competing to outdo each other with the best frills, puffs and shiny bits that money could buy.

By 3pm I'd shed the tiko in a defiant show of 'if you can't join them, beat them' with my own hair down - my own, real, natural hair! However, I still felt distinctly frumpy when I arrived at the football field to witness the league finals - only to be told by Lamin's brother:

"Sibi, the man we invited to take the kick-off hasn't arrived and if he's not here by half-time, you're it, okay?"

So, sure enough, having spent the first half protesting and praying that the bloke would turn up, the second half saw me being introduced to both teams, (including Teena from 'African Village' who had somehow wangled his way onto one of the teams and was in fits of laughter to see me in full African dress, performing the honours) before striding into the middle of the pitch, in front of the whole town, to tap a ball as far as my restrictive skirt would allow, before scuttling off to die quietly in a dark corner.

Further humiliation followed at the disco that night where I once again showed my inability to get the hang of the knee-twisting and skirt-flapping that goes with 'Ngada' music. I did, however, manage to get my own back by being the only person of the two hundred present to know all the actions to 'Saturday Night' by 'Whigfield' - knew it would come in handy some day!

The whole of the three-day Koriteh festival was great fun with lots of visiting, eating, (many people killed chickens, so meat was plentiful), drumming and dancing, with an overall relief that the fasting was over for another year.

So, it was with some reluctance that people returned to school on Monday and as it turned out, half of them needn't have bothered as the headmaster announced that everyone not having paid 1st and 2nd term school fees should go out to look for the money and not come back until they could pay.

At 125 dalasi a term they were looking for D250, which is only about £15, but with every family having just broken the bank for Koriteh we ended up with classes of three or four students for most of the week. After a week they began to drift back slowly but some have still not returned one month on.

Added to the problem of actually finding the money, we have our not-entirely uncorrupt bursar. His favourite play is to pick people at random and accuse them of not having paid their fees. When challenged, he asks the children to produce receipts which nine times out of ten they can't, as their mostly-illiterate parents will have thrown them away, not realising their importance.

He chose the wrong kid when he picked Sulayman Bah, whose fees I had paid two days earlier, but who came to the staff room in tears to find me, saying that the Headmaster had sent him out because he had not paid. I was furious and went immediately to find a very embarrassed-looking Headmaster, who immediately apologised for the 'mistake' and promised it wouldn't happen again.

This was especially annoying as I did not want school to know I was paying his school fees because when a student is bright and 'paid for', they become very reluctant to let him go to another school and will sometimes refuse to give a testimonial, and, as you know, I want Sulayman to go to a better school.

Amazingly, a blind eye was turned to all the students who mysteriously appeared in school three days later, before the 'Inter-Kunda' (inter-house) sports meeting, and just as mysteriously disappeared the day after! Rigorous training preceded the sports, with each of the four 'kundas' meeting daily to either jog to the beach or practise on the field. Rigorous training was obviously not rigorous enough for my kunda, (Foday Sillah Kunda), as within the first hour of the day our four best athletes had been carted off to the first-aid room!

Rebecca and I dodged kitchen duty by showing an over-whelming interest in the supervision of our respective athletes and in turn, this was overtaken by an over-whelming interest in finding the last patches of shade on the sport's field.

Although they are incredibly good athletes, they were inevitably very ill-prepared with many girls trying to run in their sarongs due to modesty, and everyone running barefoot. No one ensured they drank enough and some had even come to compete without eating any breakfast and having to travel nine kilometres. A very large number of students were afflicted by cramp and all eight competitors in the girls' 400 metres had collapsed either at or before the finish line and had to be stretched off!

Spirits were high though with much whistle-blowing, flag-waving and aggressive dancing taking place. I did wonder whether this was due to the fact that many of them had overheated due to the plastic bags they were wearing to protect their hair rollers, or, indeed, due to the sheer weight of some of their new hair creations for the disco that night! Again - priorities - why bother being the best at your sport and having the chance to represent your school, and possibly The Gambia in subsequent events, when you could be attracting a potential husband with your luscious locks.

The disco that night was a thoroughly enjoyable but incredibly sordid event with most of the male teachers unashamedly flirting with the female students - where I've written 'female students', please read 'over' - (or should I say 'under' -) dressed, over-made-up, very big-haired, thrusting, pelvis-driven *femme fatales*. One of my male colleagues gave me a wink and a nudge and said: "No one sees anyone tonight" and I thought: "Well, I see you and you're grossing me out!"

Speaking of all things gross, I cycled home from school with Lamin a while ago only to turn into their compound to find his father, Ba Nuha, slaughtering their sheep. I was just in time to see the blood gushing out and hear its last pathetic death-whooshes. Having been dead for two minutes, it then decided to try and stand up again which was most distasteful and quite a hard task as its head had been half-severed from its body. Finally it remembered it was dead, and the code for that particular event, and lay back down.

Afterwards, Lamin explained that it had been knocked down by one of the enormous sand-trucks that thunder through the village at regular intervals and would not have lived for more than a few days. Not wanting to waste a whole sheep, Ba Nuha had wisely decided to kill it 'halal', (the only acceptable Muslim way of slaughter), before it popped its clogs naturally, so at least the compound got to eat the sheep meat. Unfortunately, that was their Tobaski ram, (Tobaski is Eid-al-Adha, the biggest festival of Islam which coincides with the last days of the pilgrimage to Mecca).

Every household is supposed to slaughter a ram as a symbol of the ram which the prophet, Abraham slaughtered in place of his son. Ba Nuha was especially upset because he would not be able to provide his compound with another ram and as Lamin put it: "He really liked that ram."

So anyway, the long and short of it is, I've bought my first sheep! I know I'm a sucker but you had to be there, and anyway, Arnold was a real bargain!

Actually, when I found myself, a week later, waist-high in sheep, trying to look knowledgeable as various legs were splayed, testicles displayed and teeth bared, (yes, I'm still talking about sheep!) I couldn't help but have a chuckle to myself.

It was a chuckle that turned into near-hysterical laughter when Lamin and I had negotiated this large be-horned animal into the back of a passing pick-up, through Brikama Market on a lead, and onto the roof of a bush taxi, from where only mournful bleats and the occasional 'thunk' could be heard on the bumpy night-time journey to Gunjur.

Having survived this ordeal, we then terrorised him the next day by walking him a kilometre to the beach; (well, I walked him to the astonished cries of: "tubab anij sajio" - tubab and her sheep) while Joe and Lamin cycled on ahead, presumably to avoid the embarrassment. At the beach he was unceremoniously wheel-barrow-manoeuvred, (back legs up), into the sea where he received a good wash before being allowed to eat his share of the picnic and being generally spoilt.

I realized too late that I had let him develop a character, (calling him Arnold wasn't a very good start) and that I wouldn't be able to witness him being bumped off.

I'm having trouble finding out when to come home as nobody seems to know exactly when the end of the third term is - typical. Ideally I would like to come as early as possible to have some time to re-adjust and unwind before entering the big bad Uni-land.

Write soon and make me laugh.



Education of Argentines should counter press misinformation says Heather Briley

HEATHER Briley lives in Argentina and owns the company, Global Communications, that provides the media translation service to the Falkland Islands Government, but she herself is as English as roast beef and John Bull.

Indeed, she was already eighteen years old when her father, well known journalist, broadcaster and friend of the Falklands, Harold Briley, was appointed Latin American correspondent for the BBC, and moved his family from the United Kingdom to Buenos Aires.

Despite her father's profession it was the '82 Conflict which brought Heather, then 21, her first contact with the media at a commercial level when the BBC employed her as a translator. "It gave me a real insight into journalism as a career," she now says.

When the conflict was over and the BBC departed to find other 'big' stories, Heather wrote to the *Buenos Aires Herald* seeking a full time job. There was no immediate response but six months later the paper contacted her to offer her a job as a junior reporter.

She stayed with the *BA Herald* for five years, learning her craft and progressing through the ranks to eventually become the features and special events editor.

Then she left to become a freelance, and also, having identified a gap in the media market, to pursue the concept of Global Communications which had become an ambition during her time with the paper.

Though Heather and her company have enjoyed considerable success, providing research and translating expertise to numerous UK and US radio and television networks (she numbers the BBC, Discovery Channel and WTN



among her clients, and has often worked with people like Brian Barron) it hasn't all been plain sailing and to maintain a cash flow in harder times - now, she admits, mostly in the past - she has built up a considerable reputation in the Argentine capital as a teacher of English as a foreign language.

Her company received a boost in July 1997 when it was appointed to handle the FIG translation service from the South American continent. The original six month contract was renegotiated and extended for a further twelve months at the beginning of 1998.

The disciplines imposed by the contract, however, mean that Heather has to scour eight daily newspapers, Mondays to Fridays, and five on Saturdays and Sundays, plus books and magazines for Falklands related material, before translating it and transmitting to FIG.

That there are certain dangers inherent in being a foreigner living in Buenos Aires is amply demonstrated by an incident which led

to Heather being hospitalised some months ago, though she is quick to point out what happened was not because of her English nationality and is a fairly regular if not frequent crime in Argentina.

Boarding a taxi one day she was quickly joined by two armed men who directed the taxi out of the city. "They took my shoes; they took my coat; it was absolutely freezing and I was left in the middle of nowhere."

Several days later she was struck by post traumatic disorder and taken to hospital.

Remarkably, though she suspects the cab driver was part of the gang, she appears not in the least bitter about the episode and still regularly uses taxis to move around the city.

Invited here by FIG, she says she is impressed. "The big surprise is how large the Islands are, and the Britishness of the place and the people."

One of the highlights of her trip was an informal meeting with councillors at which a 'variety' of

subjects were discussed; politics, the economy and the general situation.

Having observed the Falklands' situation from Buenos Aires, and finding herself, "frequently frustrated by incorrect reports in the South American media, Heather put a number of suggestions to the councillors, mostly concerned with 'educating Argentines and countering what she called, "the misinformation in the Argentine press."

These suggestions included nominating a single spokesperson to speak to foreign media, thus presenting a unified view; allowing a limited number of Argentines, probably journalists but not specifically so, to visit to gain an insight into the reality of life in the Islands; and making a professionally produced film of the Islands specifically aimed at an Argentine audience.

"Councillors," she later commented, "were very relaxed and receptive."

She is convinced that, just as her visit was an essential learning experience for her, so it would be for others who have never been to the Islands.

"Menem's visit to Britain will result in a lot of Falklands' related articles in the Argentine press. Now is the time for Islanders to start educating Argentines."

Heather says she is taking back a very up-beat impression of the Islands. "I'm amazed by the standard of living and the amount and variety of the work done here. I now have a very positive view of the Falklands, and if anyone in Argentina wants to talk, that is what I shall tell them."

Navy wins Chinook challenge

A CHARITY challenge with a difference, staged at Mount Pleasant Airport on Monday, April 6, will result in two local charities being considerably better off once all the proceeds are in and counted.

The brainchild Corporal Kev Wilson, Royal Signals from the Joint Command Unit Falkland Islands (JCUFI), the 'Chinook Challenge' aims to put cash in the coffers of the Seamen's Mission in Stanley, and the Starlight foundation.

The objective of the challenge was to achieve the fastest pull of a Chinook helicopter (15.5 metres long and weighing in at 12 tonnes) over one hundred metres - three pulls allowed to each team.

Each of the Armed Services were represented by a ten man team with two reserves. The pulls

were timed by a representative from a different service to the pulling team, and there were four time keepers from all three services.

The running order, after a draw, was led off by the Royal Navy, then the Army and finally the Royal Air Force in each of the three rounds.

A thorough safety briefing was given by Flt Lt John Ross, an RAF engineer so concerned about the welfare of the helicopter he repeatedly told the teams how much Chinook components cost.

Taking no chances the Navy team undertook a thorough warm-up, while the Army revealed their secret weapon, Sergeant Pete Howlett, Royal Signals, who is also coach to the British Army Tug Of War squad.

Once the challenge began it

was found to be tougher than originally planned due to an unexpected 17 knot cross-wind, and in the end the weather turned out to be the overall winner. The wind rendered the Chinook almost uncontrollable as the pulls began and after only two was substituted by an aviation fuel bowser; full of fuel and turning the scales at 20 tonnes it weighed three tonnes more than the Chinook.

As expected the competition was extremely close with less than a second separating first and last.

1 Navy	43.88 secs
2 RAF	44.60secs
3 Army	44.61 secs

To round off the event a party, hosted by Dusty Miller from BFBS, was held and a raffle helped increase the money raised.

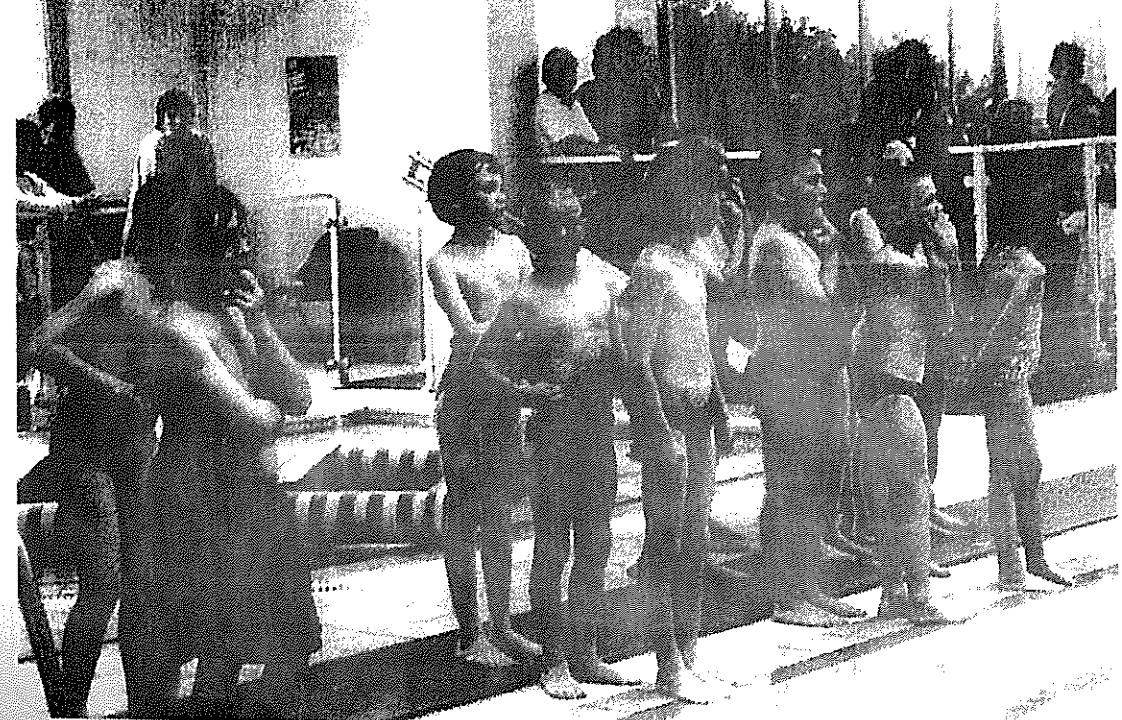
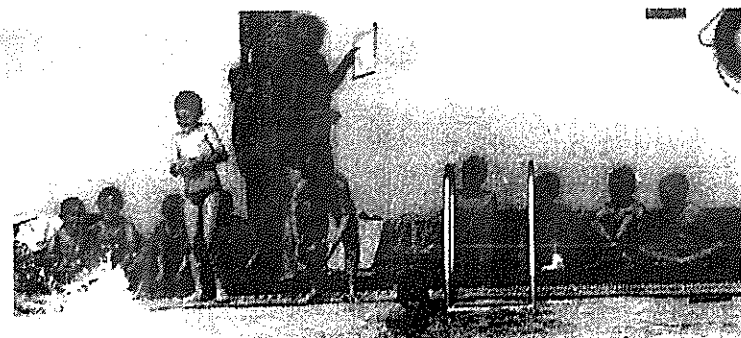
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'Fierce' competition in School swimming gala

THE format of this year's Infant and Junior School Swimming Gala was changed to run over two days so as to allow the children more time in the water and enjoy competition against their own age groups.

On Tuesday afternoon, April 7, Year's three and four took to the water with twenty four events offering a combination of skill, speed and fun.

Emerging with the awards from this group were:

Best Boy: shared by James Coe (Year 4) and David Barton (Year 3).

Best Girl: shared by Megan Middleton (Year 4) and Christine Ross (Year 4).

Best Improved Girl Swimmer: Gabriella Ross (Year 3).

Best Improved Boy Swimmer: Tristram Stewart (Year 4).

On Wednesday afternoon, Year's five and six competed fiercely for the honours in twenty three events with the final results as follows:

Best Boy: Sean Moffatt (Year 6).

Best Girls: Kiasha McInnes (Year 6).

The awards were based on the event of one length each of Freestyle, Breaststroke and Back Stroke. The distance swim of three lengths was won by Sean Moffatt.

The school wish to thank the Pool Staff, to parent helpers for their assistance during this term, and to parents and friends who came along on both afternoons to cheer the children on.

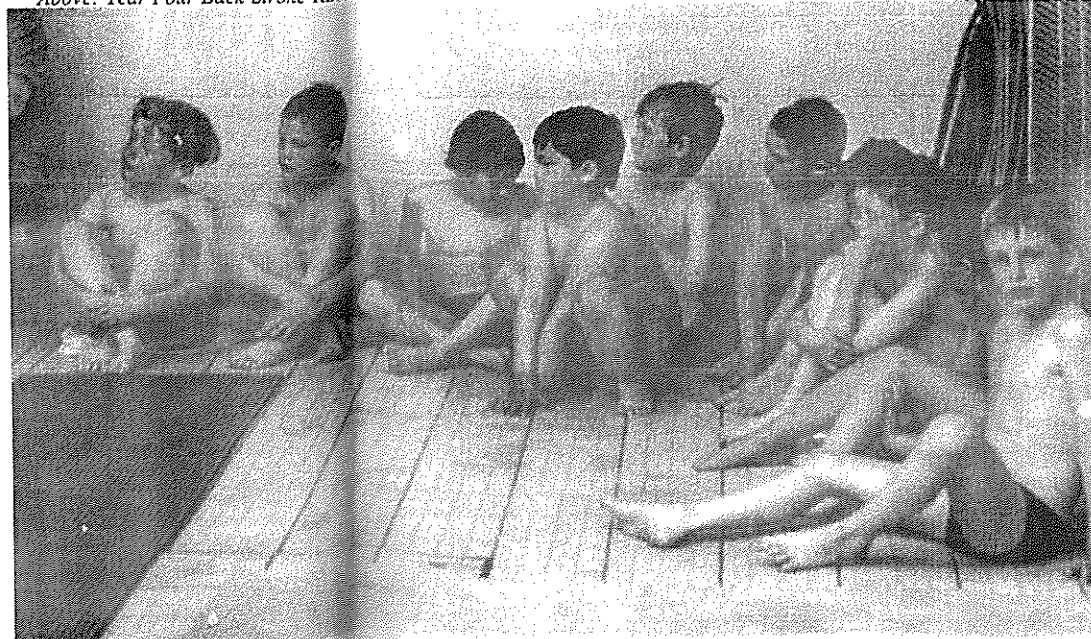


Below: Year Three boys wait their turn

Left: Relay race, Year's Three and Four

Right: Josh Clayton leads the way for Year Three

Above: Year Four Back Stroke Race



Top left: Dennis Humphrey supervises a Year Three race

Far left: Fun on a float with Year Three

Far left centre: Crowded changeover point in the Year Three Relay Race

This page top: Neck and neck for Year Four in a Breaststroke Race

Above: Year Five competitors take a break between races

Governor opens Hard Disk Cafe

FULL access to the latest technological advances in the world of computers and communications is now available to everyone in Stanley with the opening of the Hard Disk Cafe in Atlantic House at the junction of Philomel Hill and Fitzroy Road.

His Excellency the Governor, Mr Richard Ralph, told assembled dig-

Cafe, it has actually been operating for a week. Director, Ian Doherty told Penguin News they were pleased with the initial response. "We've had more than a hundred customers of all ages, from youngsters with their parents to senior citizens, over the week."

Fellow director Nikki Buxton



HE The Governor with directors Ian Doherty and Nikki Buxton

nitaries at the official reception on Wednesday, April 8, that the new computer based cafe transcended the beginning of 'just another new commercial venture,' and was yet another mark of the progress the Falkland Islands continue to make as we approach the Millenium.

Though Wednesday evening marked the 'official' opening of the

added that they had already experienced queuing for computers and have plans to increase the number available within the next few weeks.

After the speeches, guests at the reception were invited to experiment with the computers, either to surf the internet or enjoy some of the many interactive games available.

On their part a group of Falklands war veterans gathered at the Obelisk, to commemorate the anniversary of the start of the war, although they received very little attention from passers-by, who showed indifference. Nearly alone, a small group laid a wreath at the foot of the monument, where 16 years ago a large crowd celebrated the recuperation of the Islands.

Referring to what Defence Minister Jorge Dominguez said *La Nacion* adds:

"There are many international forums which support the Argentine position in their claim to the United Kingdom," said Dominguez, who defined as "absolutely normal," bilateral relations with the archipelago.

Added were remarks by the head of the navy:

The Head of the Navy, Admiral Carlos Marron, sent a radio message to units and organisations of the force, in which he assured that the soldiers who went to the Falklands, "did not do so just to be killed: They were encouraged by that intimate and unbreakable conviction which should encourage all fighters," he said.

Marron recalled those who were lost in the conflict and converted the homage in "a moment of solemn spiritual closeness to our comrades."

The paper also added:

At the close of this paper, about a hundred members of ultra-nationalist political parties were demonstrating outside the British embassy. They were carrying nationalist banners, many of them had shaved heads, like the so-called 'skinheads'.

CRONISTA COMMERCIAL 3/4/98

Negotiations

The national government yesterday expressed their wish to recuperate the Falkland Islands, "by diplomatic means and as soon as possible," on marking the 16th anniversary of the military occupation of the archipelago, which led to the 74 day war with Great Britain, in which 664 Argentine soldiers died.

Vice President Carlos Ruckauf took advantage of his contact with the press to warn that Carlos Menem's government will try and recuperate, "as soon as possible," the sovereignty of the southern islands and ratified that to do so they will try, "all the possible diplomatic means."

The vice president assured that the head of state, "is going to go on with the diplomatic battle," and that the, "British should be aware that all Argentine government's will have the same desire to recuperate the Falkland Islands."

As an example Ruckauf referred to the recent recuperation of Hong Kong by China, and said that, "it was achieved because of the growth of a nation, because of its own weight and we must follow them."

Governor of Buenos Aires province Eduardo Duhalde and Defence Minister Jorge Dominguez both spoke along the same lines. The article quotes the two the same as in *Clarín* and adds:

Dominguez outlined the, "absolutely normal bilateral relations," with the British Islands and the British co-operation in the search for three military officials lost in the area of the Orkney Islands, sixteen years after the conflict.

Asked about the Argentina sovereignty claim over the Falkland Islands, during President Carlos Menem's visit to London, scheduled for November, the official said, "the foreign ministry is working on that."

The paper has another separate story referring to the remarks made by the Governor of Buenos Aires Province Eduardo Duhalde, which includes the same comments as in *Clarín*.

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"We are never going to accept that these illegally-taken Islands are British".

The article begins quoting Vice President Carlos Ruckauf:

"We have to seek all the possible diplomatic means, so that the British realise that this piece of Argentine territory we are never going to give up, no government, no matter who it might be, will accept that the illegally-taken Islands are British territory. They are Argentine territory."

The paragraph adds that at the same time the vice president was saying this a group of veterans were laying a wreath, amidst total indifference from the general public.

The rest of the article includes the same quotes as those in other papers but adds a small box written by the Mothers of Plaza de Mayo:

Falklands and memory

From our hearts, the hearts of mothers which know the great emptiness left by a child, we want to reach out and hug all those mothers of those who lost their life in the cruel days of the Falklands war. To them and us, to their families, every day. As we supported the soldiers who on their return were hidden by the military who sent them to war, today, 16 years after those events: they are still not recognised by the people and even less so by authorities who have not yet completely covered the medical, psychological and work requirements of them and their families.

The article is signed by several members of the founders of the group.

LA PRENSA 3/4/98

From Campo de Mayo

Former Colonel Mohamed Ali Seineldin said that the Argentine efforts in the South Atlantic on April 2nd 1982, were, "a gift from God," and at the same time denounced the campaign of "de-malvinisation of Argentina," and assured that the current Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella, "is an English agent." From the military prison in Campo de Mayo, Seineldin said that he was sorry that, "on April 2nd those who came to celebrate for the Falklands were the Rolling Stones, who were the centre of attention in our city and gathered our youths," whilst, "our Falklands fellows are far away."

In an interview the former military officer - who fought in the Falklands and is now in prison serving a life sentence for leading the cruel rebellion of December 3rd 1990, said that the, "de-malvinisation" was imposed, "by the Anglo-Saxon power," to establish what is today called the new international order and globalization which, "really means a national fall and degrading."

"It was necessary to de-malvinise because the Falklands is the only thing which today moves the Argentines, besides football," said Seineldin. During the conflict he was head of a regiment and was head of airport security in the Islands and said that the conflict was lost by Argentina before it even started, because of grave political, strategic, operational and tactical errors, but added that, "we had to do it all the same because it was like a signal from the sky, a gift from God, which could have helped us make a step forward to national independence." As far as the present diplomatic negotiations are concerned, he disqualified them because he said, "Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella, is an English agent. England suggested that Di Tella hold the position, the economy minister is decided by the IMF and the defence minister by the Pentagon," he added.

LA NACION 8/4/98

Senator Menem brings up

Falklands

Senator Eduardo Menem yesterday (Tuesday) said that the British presence in the Falkland Islands, "implies an act of force and permanent aggression, which is emphasised by the apparent calm of the colonial possessor."

The legislator spoke about the sovereignty claim between Argentina and the United Kingdom during the 99th world inter-parliamentary conference, which is taking place in Windhoek, Namibia.

"This year will be the 165th anniversary of that illegal occupation, but over time nothing has lessened my country's sovereignty rights," said the Senator.

The British parliamentarians present at the meeting asked to speak. Speaking on behalf of the United Kingdom delegation, Labour representative Marshall spoke and said that Senator Menem's remarks were a, "provocation."

Menem had said, among other things, "colonialism is one of the bad things which affect humanity and it is not compatible with the new world order."

He also questioned the English for defending the right to self-determination of the inhabitants of the Islands. This, he said, "is a guarantee in favour of the oppressors and an instrument to strengthen the presence of the occupying power."

During the Constitution reform Senator Menem promoted the transitory clause which establishes the recuperation of the Falklands and full sovereignty of Argentina as an, "irrenounceable aim."

Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella on his part, promoted a solution to the conflict which contemplates, "shared sovereignty," between the United Kingdom and Argentina as part of the transition.

Di Tella at the Senate

Foreign Minister Di Tella yesterday (Tuesday) visited the foreign affairs commission at the Senate, where he requested the passing of the hydrocarbons law and another drawn up by Eduardo Menem, which demands that the companies which participate in the oil licensing of the Islanders pay royalties to Argentina.

Senator Menem's bill stipulates that the companies which refuse to pay Argentina will be sanctioned. In spite of the fact that at the end of this month the first oil rig will begin exploration work to the north of the islands, the bill is held up in Congress, along with the reform of the hydrocarbons law, which Di Tella needs to put into effect in accordance with the South Atlantic oil co-operation agreement, which he signed with the United Kingdom in 1995.

LA PRENSA 1/4/98

The day my blood froze (by a Falklands veteran).

On April 2nd 1982, I was 19 years old, I weighed twenty kilos less, and oddly, was able to handle a rifle better than a typewriter. It was logical. During fourteen months I had painted everything that did not move and had saluted everyone that moved. I had done numerous guard duties - in the cold, rain, wind, heat - and I knew days of arrest better than days off.

On April 2nd 1982 I was planning my first year at university as a literature student, I imagined what my first job would be like and I had my whole life ahead of me. And I was a multi-millionaire in dreams.

Following ten days locked up at the infantry regiment *Patricios*, where I had done my military service, that day I was supposed to be off - my last day off, because on Monday April 5th I

would be leaving and I would return to civilian life, a warm bed and home-made food.

But no. When I was ten metres away from the gate, behind me I heard the harsh voice of Lieutenant Colonel Santos Munoz, second in command at the regiment, "There is no day off for anyone. The Falklands are Argentine."

My blood froze. I walked back and in ten minutes I had my boots and helmet on. And from that moment on and for three months I was never apart from my FAP (heavy automatic rifle).

The Falklands were Argentine, as I had been taught during so many years at primary school. The Falklands were Argentine and the people celebrated like crazy. The Falklands were Argentine and Private Paredes, a strange mixture of friend and enemy said, "Forget about going home on Monday, soldier."

And I forgot for a long time. The visits to my girlfriend's house, Sundays at the football stadium, and my university studies were postponed until July. It wasn't until then that I returned to life and got used to have a word to say. After, fear, hunger and cold. After a story lived in a place, whose name I prefer not to recall.

FALKLAND WOOL GROWERS LTD

Wool Market Report Friday 3 April 1998

WOOL MARKET: Global lack of demand caused the Australian Eastern Market Indicator (EMI) to fall further this week by 24 cents, to finish yesterday at 614 Australian cents/Kg, thus hitting the lowest level of the season to date. The bulk of the fall occurred on Tuesday when the EMI lost 20 cents and the Melbourne pass-on race was 23¢, 4 cents were lost on Wednesday and the market "held firm," on Thursday. The nominal 28 micron EMI closed at 500 cents which current exchange rates convert to 198 p/kg. The Fremantle auctions fared little better with the Western Market Indicator (WMI) falling 19 cents on Wednesday, but recovering 7 cents yesterday to close at 566 cents. These lower prices and high pass-in rates leave the market with a poor tone over the next two weeks of Easter recess: the next Australian auctions are during the week of 20th April.

The NZ indicator fell 7 cents/Kg this week to close at 419 NZ cents/Kg. CURRENCIES

The New Zealand dollar continues to weaken and is now at 3.02\$/£. The Australian dollar weakened 3 cents on the week and is now at 2.53 \$/£. Sterling reached a nine year high this week against the Deutschmark, and its trade-weighted index is currently 30% above its mid-1996 level.

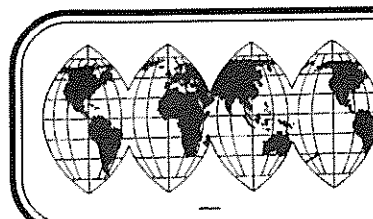
ANALYSIS: Manufacturers report poorer trading conditions with fragile global demand being exposed by the primary auctions. The poor wool market in 1998 resulting from reduced usage, particularly from Asia, has apparently precipitated above average on-farm stocks in some parts of the world, especially in parts of South America, and in stocks remaining in brokers stores due to high pass-in rates.

AGENCY: The *Anne Boye* test results have been airmailed to farms. Contracting or invoicing these wools is well under way.

The delayed *Kapetan Vaga* (our voyage 5) docked on Tuesday, with test results now no longer feasible before Easter. The *Aleksandrov* is sailing northbound.

The Agency successfully found some speciality demand this week.

Many thanks for recent bale specifications. Please send all outstanding bale details for this season.



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LA PRENSA 2/4/98

16 years after the efforts

The Falklands archipelago in the South Atlantic has very special climatic and economic conditions: The first aspect is wind, rain and snow which is the panorama the visitors receive. It must not be forgotten that in the Islands an ocean climate prevails, which impedes tree growth, with tuscan grass and reeds being the vegetation found in the place.

Along economic lines, the raising of sheep for wool is the most profitable activity. The exporting of the species has an important significance in the general economy of the islands. In the same way, the fishing activity on its part, was relevant, which however lost all strength as time went by, because of the indifference in it which the Islanders showed.

But in the area of hunting sea lions is the main economic occupation of the Islands. From that leather and oil are obtained, which are exported.

On April 2nd 1982, as is known, Argentina, carried out the successful Rosario Operation, through which the islands returned to our possession, following 149 years of illegal British occupation. At 6.30 that day, the marines landed at York Bay, on Soledad Island, fighting the British resistance. But, it is true that the most serious events occurred at the islands governor's house, where there was also unfortunately an Argentine loss. Following the military triumph, General Menendez was named the new governor of the archipelago.

But, on April 25th, the English forces reached the archipelago, unleashing bloody fighting, in which the technical and military superiority of the enemy ended the fighting faith of the Argentines. It was June 14th, the beginning of the end. The Argentine forces had been able to stop a British advance on Mount Harriet. As a consequence Menendez and Jeremy Moore agreed upon a cease-fire. Our country suffered huge losses. Communique 166 from the joint chiefs of staffs said that the surrender was imminent.

There were two stages in the history of the battle for the Falklands. The magnificent April 2nd, with the glorious confirmation of our country's sovereignty rights over the territory; and that which is shown by the serious faults of the high ranking leaders when they refused to take advantage of the chance for peaceful negotiating, when faced by the clear superiority of the enemy. This delay and a stubborn desire to triumph without looking at reality, were the reasons for all the losses suffered. Without hiding patriotism, the leaders lead us to a war which could not be won with arms.

CLARIN 2/4/98

A new government initiative

The government is interested in achieving the hoisting of the Argentine flag in the military cemetery in Darwin, where nearly half of the 648 Argentines who died in the 1982 war are buried.

Sources at the foreign ministry admitted to *Clarín* that the idea, "is one of many," which are being considered as part of a strategy of getting closer to the

Islands, although they denied that this is being negotiated with the British government at the current time, when the 16th anniversary of the Falklands is being marked.

However, the initiative could be a good way of accomplishing President Menem's reiterated promise that the Argentine flag will be flying in the Falklands before the year 2000.

The idea is apparently supported by a sector of the Crown's parliament. The Member of parliament Winston Churchill (descendant of the former Prime Minister) sent a letter to the newspaper *The Times* last year in which he recalled something which had happened previously: "40,000 British war heroes were buried in Turkey," and the British flag flies in the cemetery. The Conservative legislator harshly criticised Kelpers for not allowing Argentine passport holders into the Islands, until Argentina gives up its sovereignty claim.

In the Argentine Government House, it is no secret that the task force made up of Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella, Vice Foreign Minister Andres Cisneros, Ambassador in London, Rogelio Pfitter and the Ambassador in Switzerland Guillermo Gonzalez, are spending their days evaluating proposals which could become advances, in spite of the fact that since 1982 the negotiations concerning the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands have been broken off.

The Argentine government's aim is to reach some kind of important agreement, even though it would be a long-term one, with the Foreign Office - and then with the Islanders - to politically exalt President Menem's official visit to London, the first such visit by an Argentine president following the war.

However, to play down the hopes which have come to the light of day in the last few days, high ranking sources at the foreign ministry confirmed that all agreement along these lines would be done before or after, and not during Menem's visit. This is because "Thatcherism is very strong and would not allow Tony Blair's Labour government to do such a thing."

Rumours concerning the negotiations have increased so much, that the Foreign Minister and current Frepaso Deputy Dante Caputo (former Radical party foreign minister) yesterday (Wednesday) took a report to the Executive Branch so that the foreign ministry give more precise ideas concerning their idea that the Argentine flag fly in Darwin cemetery and answers: If, "a possibility of a mutual freezing of the sovereignty is being looked into." If negotiations concerning the, "criteria of the Utrecht Treaty concerning Gibraltar," between Spain and Great Britain, are being carried out. If there is any attempt to, "name an (Argentine) representative, to be heard, but without the possibility of voting, on the Islands Legislative Council."

Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella has not yet answered Caputo's questions, but in an open letter sent to the former soldiers he said: "This April 2nd, once again, I want to reiterate an irrenounceable commitment that the Argentine flag will fly once again in

the Falkland Islands."

Far from the diplomatic negotiations, the head of the Army General Martin Balza, yesterday (Wednesday) classed as, "foolishness" the decision by former dictator Leopoldo Fortunato Galtieri, who ordered the invasion of the Islands on April 2nd 1982.

"The army went to the Falklands without being prepared for an Island war and beyond the foolishness of those who led the war, we fought with honour, and reflexive heroism was present, even under the threat of death," said Balza, who fought in the Islands as head of an artillery group.

But, the main ceremony marking April 2nd was called for by the joint chiefs of staff, and Vice President Carlos Ruckauf, will head the ceremony, because Menem is on tour in Australia.

CLARIN 3/4/98

Falklands: Balza criticised Galtieri's civilian advisors

The head of the Army, Lieutenant General Martin Balza shared out responsibilities between the military and "some civilians," for the war with Great Britain over the Falklands, on commemorating the anniversary of the landing of Argentine troops on April 2nd 1982.

"General (Leopoldo) Galtieri, even though he was ultimately responsible, he was not alone: he had a great number of military advisors and many of them were civilians," Balza said yesterday (Thursday), although he preferred not to give names so as not to be, "ungrateful with General Galtieri or anyone else."

Balza, who fought in the Falklands, and was an English prisoner of war, said that "those who advised to go to war used two assumptions; that of the United Kingdom not reacting and the support or neutrality of the United States, who were unaware of military history and the history of humanity," in an implicit reference to the late former Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez and other civilians who worked with Galtieri.

It is the first time since the 1982 war that a head of the army blames the civilians as far as the decision of landing in the Islands, which led to the war with a country which is a member of NATO.

Balza, spoke after having participated in the official ceremony marking the 16th anniversary of the war, presided over by Vice President Carlos Ruckauf, who up until yesterday morning was in charge of the Executive Branch, due to President Carlos Menem's trip away.

Following the speech made by Bishop Norberto Martina, paying homage to the 648 Argentines who died in the 1982 conflict, which took place in a Chapel, Ruckauf said that, "the British must realise that the Argentine government will have the same willingness to recuperate (by diplomatic means). There is no other option than the return of the Falkland Islands to the country."

The Vice President assured that the head of state, "will go on with the diplomatic battle," to recuperate the southern archipelago, which the British have occupied since 1833.

On his part Defence Minister Jorge Dominguez, also outlined the government's willingness to recuperate the

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Islands, "by peaceful means," although he said that, "there have not yet been results," in spite of the charm offensive towards the Kelpers, led by Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella.

Following the mass, Ruckauf, Dominguez, Balza and Interior Minister Carlos Corach, among other authorities, went to the war memorial to those who died in the Falklands in Plaza San Martin, where they laid a wreath.

On his part, head of the joint chiefs of staff General Carlos Zabala, said that nothing will make the men of arms give up, "their responsibilities to the country, its institutions and with our society." Zabala added that this attitude will be maintained, "in spite of the wrong doings by minority groups which have still not put to one side violence and hate as instruments of their political action and who remain anchored to the past, which the vast majority do not want to repeat," referring to the ultra-left groups which last week took over part of barracks in Neuquen, in repudiation of the coup of March 24th 1976.

Dualde's commitment

On his part the Governor of Buenos Aires province Eduardo Duhalde, in a ceremony in the Itazingo neighbourhood, assured that the Falklands will be recuperated through, "negotiations carried out by our government by diplomatic means."

The provincial leader said that, "history teaches us that to processes to end with colonial enclaves will be when the people acquire international presence, strength and development."

Yesterday, before his brief speech, the provincial head, inaugurated the monument to the Falklands conflict, at the foot of which he laid a wreath, brought especially from the archipelago. Following the hoisting of the flag and singing of the national anthem, Duhalde inspected the army, border guard, coast guard troops and war veterans present.

On his part, from prison, former Colonel "painted face" Mohammed Ali Seineldin said that the landing, "was a gift from God," and denounced Raul Alfonsín and Carlos Menem for, "treason against the country," for, "de-malvinising Argentina."

La Nacion carries similar headlines and a similar story and quotes to those in *Clarín* and adds the following:



British press Headline stories: April 3 - April 8

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR FRIDAY
3 APRIL 1998

IRISH POLICE SEIZE CAR BOMB

The day's main story for many of the papers is the seizure by Irish police of a big car bomb bound for the British mainland. *The Sun* and *The Times* both believe the bombers' target was going to be one of the most popular events in the British spring calendar - Saturday's Grand National horse race in Liverpool. According to *The Times*, security at the race will be the tightest ever seen at a sporting event in Britain, with five hundred police on duty. *The Independent*, which also leads with the story, believes that the bomb was meant for the European and Asian leaders currently meeting in London. It says no gathering of world leaders has ever faced such an attack.

MAURICE PAPON SENTENCED

Many papers comment on the ten year sentence passed yesterday on the former French Cabinet Minister, Maurice Papon, for his part in the deportation of Jews to concentration camps during the second world war. According to *The Guardian*, the verdict exposes the much cherished French myth that all Frenchmen were resistance heroes. *The Daily Telegraph* agrees, saying that 'the whole of France stood accused at the trial'.

'ROAD RAGE' VERDICT

Wide coverage is given to the conclusion of another trial, this time in Britain. It concerns one of the most heavily publicised cases of 'road rage' in recent months. The accused driver was jailed for twelve years for ramming another car, causing the death of two people. *The Daily Express* headline declares: 'Killer Driven by Pure Hatred,' and goes on to say that 'the convicted man had a chilling history of madness behind the wheel'.

END OF 'LADIES' NIGHTS'

On a lighter night, the *Sun* and the *Daily Express* are worried about the impending end of 'ladies' nights, the custom at some clubs of offering cheaper drinks to women in an attempt to attract more of them. The threat is posed by the Equal Opportunities Commission which believes that the practice may amount to discrimination against men. 'It's long faces all around,' grumbles the *Sun*, 'with fewer birds to pull.'

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR MONDAY
4 APRIL 1998

CONVICTED PAEDOPHILE RELEASED

Many papers in Britain report the scheduled release of a convicted paedophile murderer, Sidney Cooke, from prison in London, and discuss whether he still poses a danger to the public. *The Guardian* writes that 'with public opinion so strong over child-abuse, the authorities are concerned about Cooke's own safety'. Perhaps with good reason: *The Sun* asks its readers to phone in if they find out where Cooke is hiding. *The Sun* prints what it says are letters by the paedophile, who killed at least one teenage boy after sexually abusing him, that suggest he will strike again.

Its editorial stresses that children have a right to have their innocence protected. A senior police officer tells the *Independent* that Cooke 'will always be a threat to children'.

JAPAN BANK GOVERNOR CALLS FOR TAX CUTS

On a completely different topic, the *Financial Times* offers an interview with the Governor of the Central Bank of Japan, Masaru Hayami, in which he calls for tax cuts and more efficient public spending. The *FT* suggests that the Governor's comments are likely to put pressure on Japan's Prime Minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, to take urgent steps to prevent the country from slipping into a recession.

PRIME MINISTER BACKS COAL INDUSTRY

After years of hostility between the British Government and coal miners, the *Guardian* reports that the Prime Minister, Tony Blair, is looking at ways to lift the threat of job losses by guaranteeing that coal remains a major part of Britain's energy market. A senior Minister tells the paper it would be irrational to let the coal industry fail, and so coal is to be guaranteed a share of up to a third of Britain's power generation. *The Guardian* sees this as a reversal of what the Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott described as 'the previous Conservative Government's vendetta against the miners'.

AMERICAN HEALTH CARE BILL FOR PETS

And *The Times* prints the results of a new survey in the United States, which shows that Americans spend more than eleven billion dollars on health care for their pets. The American Veterinary Medical Association has found that health care for cats costs forty dollars less than it does for dogs, 'suggesting', says *The Times*, 'that cats are better able to take care of themselves than dogs'.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL 1998

NORTHERN IRELAND TALKS

The front pages of Wednesday's British newspapers are dominated by the efforts of the Prime Minister, Tony Blair, to salvage the Northern Ireland peace process. Most papers lead with the Prime Minister's flight to Belfast. *The Independent* headlines 'Blair in 11th hour dash.' All of them quote Mr Blair's remark that the hand of history was on his shoulder. Many print the picture of a solemn Prime Minister with his hands held open as if appealing for peace.

'Defining Moment' is the title of the editorial in *The Times*, which says that 'Tony Blair now faces the most difficult moment of his premiership.' But the paper warns that the prospect of agreement looks 'vanishingly small'. In its editorial, the *Daily Telegraph* calls upon Mr Blair to begin to use what it calls 'the muscle of the British state' to secure a decent deal for those in the province who support the union with Britain. But the *Financial Times*, in its editorial, suggests that the strength with which the Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble has rejected the draft proposal could be a tactical move - to show to the more extreme unionist groups that he

has not allowed himself to be pushed around at the talks.

BREAST CANCER DRUG CONTROVERSY

Several of the papers give prominence to statements by British cancer experts accusing their American counterparts of jeopardising research on the breast cancer drug Tamoxifen by releasing data prematurely. *The Telegraph* quotes British specialists as saying that 'now it will not be possible to get reliable data on the long-term effects of giving Tamoxifen to healthy women'. And the *Telegraph* adds that 'similar trials in Britain testing the suitability of the drug are now in danger, as thousands of healthy women trying a different pill in tests will now withdraw and demand Tamoxifen'.

OUTER SPACE

The Guardian has a spectacular colour picture from outer space on its front page, provided by the European Space Agency. It shows the enormous cloud of gas known as the 'Horsehead Nebula', in which the paper says 'scientists using an orbital telescope were able to witness the birth of a star'. The picture accompanies an article saying that 'European scientists have discovered huge volumes of water in space between the stars', a find which the paper says 'raises new questions about life elsewhere in the universe.'

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Recently Argentine and British officers held a week of joint "cybernetic" exercises in Buenos Aires.

AIR LINK IS "CRUCIAL" BUT THERE ARE "CONTRACTUAL ISSUES" TO BE RESOLVED

A spokesman for the oil companies operating in the Falklands said the air link with the South American continent is "crucial" for the exploratory drilling that is expected to begin next May, in spite of the fact that "there are some contractual issues to be resolved."

Mr. Tim Bushell from LASMO told Merco Press correspondent in London Graham Bound that the "Borgny Dolphin" oil rig is now south of Rio de Janeiro, having stopped in that port briefly during last week, and is expected to arrive in the Falklands around next April 18th.

Although it had originally been planned that the oil rig would proceed immediately to the drilling zone of Amerada Hess to the north of the islands, it now seems possible that the islanders will see the rig before it begins its work.

"Although no firm decision has been made, the rig may be brought into Berkely Sound, where it will be loaded with equipment that has been stored in

warehouses and laydown yards next to FIPASS," said Mr. Bushell.

Crews for the rig and the support ships are expected to fly into MPA around the time of the rig's arrival, using a chartered aircraft flying from Sao Paulo as British South Atlantic Airways. Mr Bushell said the air connection between MPA and Brazil is "crucial" since up to forty oil rig and support crew will need to be flown in and out of the islands every two weeks, possibly even more frequently. In addition the air connection will carry routine freight and vital spare parts and supplies for the rig.

Nevertheless Mr. Bushell indicated that the exact nature of the air service is yet to be established, "there are some contractual issues still to be resolved." He acknowledged that it is rather late in the day to be discussing such details, but he insisted he was hopeful that "the service will commence on time."

The air service will have a technical stop in Montevideo, Uruguay.

Mr. Bushell added that although getting the air service in place has been complicated, other tasks have been no great challenge. "The oil industry as a whole is quite used to operating in remote areas; it's just a question of good planning, making sure that you get all the equipment ready at one end, and that it gets there on time. You have to plan on having three of everything," underlined the Lasmo executive.

According to Mr. Bushell the work in the islands in preparation for the rig's arrival has been going on schedule. Two supply ships carrying machinery, drilling pipes and a helicopter have unloaded and the cargo is now waiting in the islands. A third vessel is expected for this weekend.

"In total, around 10,000 tonnes of equipment have been shipped to the islands." Assuming all goes smoothly, drilling in the Amerada Hess tranche will commence in May, and a few months later the rig will move to the Lasmo area, Shell and IPC, the four members of Falklands Offshore Sharing Agreement.

Finally when asked the "million dollars question," "will oil be found?" Mr. Bushell laughed and said, "we always put a risk on it, and it is like the Grand National. We have odds of nine to one, the same as the winner in this season's race. If you won on that horse, then maybe drilling off the Falklands is also a good bet."

FISHING IN FALKLANDS WATERS

The Council of Argentine Fishing Companies, CEPA, in a strong release publicly defended Argentine factory trawlers and fishing industry while bitterly complaining about foreigners "setting up companies in the Falklands and requesting authorisation from the United Kingdom," to fish in our waters.

The CEPA release also attacks foreign businessmen "who create companies overnight in some important lawyer or chartered accountant office in Buenos Aires," taking full advantage of conditions that hinder Argentine fishing industry.

"Foreign managers often set up companies to fish in our Malvinas, (Falklands for them) requesting authorisation from the UK and a pseudo colonial government."

Further on the release attacks politicians and civil servants for obstructing the chances of Argentine businessmen: "A factory trawler in Argentine hands, truly Argentine, means work, progress, competitiveness and sovereignty. In foreign hands, it means disloyal competition in third markets and access to Argentine fishing grounds that are forbidden for the Argentines (Malvinas), thus harming our sovereignty demands."



News from South America provided by Mercopress

ONE MILLION DOLLARS FOR EVITA PERON'S BROACH

A broach designed by Van Cleef & Arpels and originally belonging to Evita Perón, was auctioned in Christie's New York at almost one million US dollars, after starting at 80,000 US dollars. Former Argentine president Juan Domingo Perón's wife wore the shawl pin that represents an Argentine flag covered in sapphires and diamonds for the first time in 1949 during her trip to Italy and Spain. A famous Argentine starlet, Susana Giménez offered 880,000 US dollars at the "Marvellous Jewels" auction held in Park Avenue, New York, but an anonymous bidder on the phone finally paid 992,500 US dollars. Although the name was not revealed speculation is that the broach now belongs to the Sultan of Brunei, considered one of the richest men in the world and linked to Argentina, since he's a polo fan and regularly purchases horses in the province of Buenos Aires.

MONTEVIDEO PORT, A REGIONAL HUB

The international consortium headed by Maersk from Denmark and Christophersen, Uruguay, that has been granted the administration of the container terminal in Montevideo for the next thirty years is planning to turn the port of Montevideo into the main regional hub.

"Montevideo has a privileged geographic situation with fluvial access to the heart of Argentina and Paraguay, and by land to Brazil. It can easily absorb traffic from four different countries and will turn it into a very important hub," explained Kenneth Johnson, General Manager of Maersk. Johnson said that with the new cargo vessels that can carry between 3,000 and 4,000 TEU, Montevideo is in a better position than Buenos Aires.

"Even dredging Buenos Aires channels to 36 feet, won't be enough: Montevideo's 42 feet will prevail as well as the concentration in an only terminal of all containers, that facilitates the operation of feeders in combination with bigger vessels," stressed Maersk General Manager. Johnson said that costs in Montevideo for handling containers would be significantly less than in Buenos Aires and several times cheaper than Santos-Sao Paulo, with a basic rate of 67.5 US dollars per container. Maersk plans to build in Montevideo port an 82 metres long by 200 pier in a first stage for depositing empty containers, that will be extended to 250 and finally 530 metres in successive stages.

UNsinkable "TITANIC" An exact replica of the majestic "Titanic" will be leaving from Southampton on April 10th 2002, exactly ninety years after the inaugural trip of the transatlantic that ended in one of the century's worst naval tragedies. According to *The New York Post*, a Swiss-American consortium, G & E Consulting Trust and Titanic Develop-

ment Corporation from Las Vegas will be investing 500 million US dollars in the new vessel to be built by Harland & Wolf, in Belfast. This is the same shipyard that built the "Titanic" at the beginning of the century. The cost is fifty times the original outlay and five times the sum invested for the successful John Cameron film. According to the president of the Swiss White Star Line Ltd, Walter Navratil, "the new Titanic will not sink since it will have the most modern safety systems plus a detector of icebergs, and ...sufficient life boats." The "new" Titanic is expected to reach New York on April 15th 2002, after a short stop a thousand miles off Newfoundland for a minute of silence to remember the victims of the 1912 tragedy. The fares for the inaugural trip will range between 10,000 and 100,000 US dollars. The "Titanic" will later be integrated to the cruise industry.

THE BIGGEST OF ALL

The second biggest bank in the US, Citicorp and Travelers Group the first in financial services have joined in an operation involving 70 billion US dollars, to become the leading financial group in the world with assets of almost 700 billion US dollars. The new company's name is Citigroup Inc., with 100 million clients all over the world, particularly in Latin America and will be identified with a red open umbrella.

The new group, the main corporate union in history, doubles the follow up company in financial services, (Japanese Tokyo-Mitsubishi bank), and is now among the top eleven conglomerates in the world with a market value of 150 billion US dollars. The announcement of the fusion increased the value of shares of both companies 25% and helped rocket Wall Street past the 9,000 Dow Jones index, setting a new record stock exchange record. Among some of the Travelers Group affiliates are Salomon Smith Barney, Travelers Life and Annuity, Travelers Property Casualty Corp., Primerica Financial Services, Commercial Credit, and Merchant Bank Associates.

"We're facing a colossal giant with an incredible array of services from traditional banking, financial services to consumers, credit cards, investment banking, stock exchange, assets management, debt management, to life and property insurance. This is a clear example of the new financial supermarket era," exclaimed Ken Rossiter, a stock broker for Nikko Securities.

RECORD TOURISM IN MAGALLANES

Almost 107,000 people, 12% increase over 1996, visited the main parks of the Magallanes Region during 1997 according to the Chilean National Forestry Corporation.

Of that number 55,344 were Chileans and 51,582 foreigners. This compares favourably with the 48,550 and 46,454 of 1996.

Torres del Paine in Ultima Esperanza, 200 miles north of Punta Arenas concentrated 57% of the '97

tourist influx, with Cueva del Almidón Park, a close second.

But there's a sad side to this constant increase in the number of tourists: during 1997, 300 tonnes or the equivalent to fifty truck loads of garbage had to be collected and removed from the Torres del Paine Park, most of which left behind by campers.

GROWING DISCONTENT IN CHILE

In spite of the economic success and export boom, overall Chileans are not convinced with the results of the current situation and there's a growing unrest among the population, according to the 1998 report from the United Nations Development Program, PNUD.

"There's a clear 'lack of tuning,' between the results of economic progress and citizens' perception. People feel increasingly exposed to physical aggression and excluded from access to education, health and jobs", reads the report.

The report that includes the result of polls on 18 "focus groups," indicates that 78% of Chileans feel they are potential victims of an attack or assault in the street, and 61% fear a similar situation in their own homes. Nevertheless when asked specifically about how many actually suffered a violent attack in the last twelve months, the index drops to a range between 6 and 17%.

Why the disparity? social fragility according to the PNUD. This means 57% of Chileans believe that you can't trust people helping you and 76% feel people are only interested in achieving their own personal objectives.

Similarly although 59% of Chileans feel secure in their jobs, 66.6% believe that it is almost impossible to get a more acceptable or better job.

In spite of some of the not too favourable conclusions the Chilean government considered the report "innovative, interesting and timely," since it gives an idea of the "modernisation process," Chile is going through.

AIR POLLUTION IN SANTIAGO

With over a month of anticipation compared with 1997, the Santiago authorities declared this last week the first environmental pre-emergency, forcing 280,000 vehicles out of circulation and closing down 20% of 3,000 major industrial emissions in the metropolitan area.

The lack of winds helped an unusual concentration of toxic particles above the 300 points level, that is considered a pre-emergency situation (500 is equivalent to complete emergency). On reaching this level the circulation of vehicles with plates ending in 3,4,5,8 plus the usual 2 and 0, (corresponding to Thursdays), is banned between 06:00 and 21:00 hours.

Last year the first similar situation was only reported on May 8th. Nevertheless Chilean officials insist this year circumstances will not be so critical.

"We now have eight stations instead of the original four, plus a monitoring system with filters that gives us results on a 24 hours basis. This means, hopefully, we are going to have more pre-emergency instead of emergency situations," said Rodrigo Egaña, Director of the Chilean National Environment Department.

But other authorities are not so optimistic. Germán Quintana who heads the Decontamination Program for metropolitan Santiago admitted it will take at least another 15 to 20 years of strict measures to control the

situation.

"With 700,000 vehicles circulating and an annual increase of 10%, we will have to review the whole transport and fuel system," stressed Mr. Quintana.

Every winter the "boxing" of polluted air against the Andes covers Santiago with smog causing thousands of residents, mainly children, to be hospitalised with respiratory problems, and on occasions even forcing to close down schools for weeks.

CHILE WILL REDUCE FISHING FLEET 30%

Chile will be reducing the overall catching capacity of its fishing fleet by 30/34% to increase efficiency, enhance conservation and prepare for 1999 when there will be a satellite monitoring of all vessels operating with Chilean licences.

Juan Manuel Cruz, who heads the Chilean Fisheries Department, said that over the last few years there's been an over dimensioning of the fleet since some companies took advantage of loopholes in legislation that promoted the establishment of fish meal plants with the granting of fish licences.

"This month we will present Congress with a new fisheries bill that promotes the voluntary reduction of the catching capacity of a vessel in exchange for a licence that will increase the fishing area," indicated Mr. Cruz.

Currently licences are limited to an only fishing region. The bill will also encourage small companies to join into bigger conglomerates.

Fish catches have dropped dramatically off central and northern Chile where most of the fish meal industry is concentrated, and although most of the blame goes to "El Niño", there's not enough scientific research to explain such a phenomenon.

"We're in the process of doing surveys, but they are not ready yet because some of the species migrate great distances in the Pacific. Besides the preliminary reports proved wrong, since they anticipated a return to a normal situation in early '98, and this has not happened," explained Mr. Cruz.

The Chilean official said the bill will have the consensus of all sides involved and "should help to have a more efficient, market oriented fishing industry, with higher profits and a clear mind on conservation."

Felipe Zaldívar, on the other hand believes that the problem is far more serious: "in 1986 the hold capacity of the fishing fleet was 27,000 cubic metres, ten years later, 150,000 cubic metres."

HAKE BAN IN THE RIVER PLATE

The Argentine Under Secretary of Fisheries declared a ban on hake catching in the Common Fishing Area, that Argentina shares with Uruguay, and requested Montevideo authorities to adopt a similar measure.

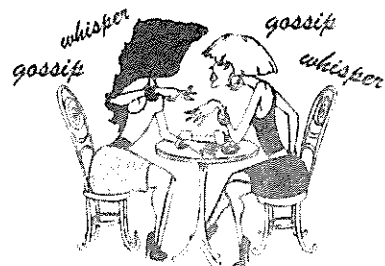
The decision was taken following a recommendation from the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation in an attempt to overcome the "critical situation of the hake species and the high percentage (over 20%) of immature catches."

According to Argentine officials, the 165,000 tons of small and immature hake caught in the joint River Plate and Atlantic Area during 1996, are equivalent to the 400,000 tons of commercial fishing that are missing this season.

DOMINGUEZ IN LONDON The Argentine Minister of Defence, Dr. Jorge Domínguez visited London briefly this last Wednesday, where he met with British officials to

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April 11 - April 17

TIDES AROUND THE ISLANDS

The times and heights of high and low tides (in metres) at Stanley. Time given is Stanley time. For Camp, make the following changes:

April 15				April 16			
Fox Bay +2hr 30m				WED	0211	0.4	
Roy Cove +4hrs 30m	12	0701	1.6		0839	1.4	
Port Howard +3hrs 19m	SUN	1256	0.6		1419	0.6	
Teal Inlet +3hrs 30m		1909	1.6		2026	1.6	
Sea Lions. +1hr 15m					Sunrise 0737		
Port Stephens		Sunrise 0732			Sunset 1806		
+3hrs 15m		Sunset 1813			THURS		
Hill Cove +4hrs					0245	0.4	
Berkeley Sound +1hr 11m	13	0109	0.4		0917	1.4	
Port San Carlos	MON	0733	1.5		1449	0.7	
+2hr 55m		1325	0.5		2057	1.5	
Darwin Harbour -56m		1733	1.6		Sunrise 0738		
		Sunrise 0733			Sunset 1804		
		Sunset 1811			17	0323	0.4
April 11	0628	0.6			FRI	1002	1.3
	1228	0.5				1521	0.7
SAT	1844	1.5				2135	1.5
	0040	0.4				Sunrise 0740	
Sunrise 0730		Sunrise 0735				Sunset 1802	
Sunset 1815		Sunset 1808					

CHURCH SERVICES

CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY: 8am Holy Communion, (1662 Prayer Book) 10am Morning Prayer with Sunday School. 1st Sunday - Family Worship (no Sunday School) 2nd Sunday - Holy Communion with Sunday School. 7pm Evening Prayer 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays - Live Broadcast Service. 4th Sunday - Holy Communion.
Rector: Revd Alistair McHaffie
Tel: 21100/Fax 21842, The Deanery, 17 Ross Road, Stanley

TABERNACLE - free church

Sunday meetings: 10am and 7pm, ARK Bookshop: Saturdays 2-4pm Minister: Mike Mitchelmore 21787

St. MARY'S

SUNDAY: 10am (MPA 6.30pm), Week days: 9am; Sat. also 5pm

St. CUTHBERT'S (MPA)

SUN: 8am Holy Communion; 10.30am Eucharist/Morning worship; 6.30pm Holy Mass; MON: 6.30am Mass

WED: 7.30pm Holy communion; 8pm Bible Study Tel: 74350

BAHA' I FAITH

For information on meetings please ring Tel: 21957 (evenings)

HOSPITAL PHARMACY

Mornings 10am 12 noon
Monday/Thursday 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday 1.30 - 3.30pm
Tuesday/Friday 3.00pm - 5.00pm

MUSEUM

Tuesday - Friday 1030 - 12 noon/ 2.00 - 4.00pm
Sunday 10.00 - 12 noon

TREASURY

Monday - Friday 8am - 12 noon/ 1.15 - 3.00pm

LIBRARY

Monday - Friday 08.45am - 12.00 and 13.30 - 17.45
Saturday: 10am - 12 noon 14.00 - 17.00pm

CLUBS AND CONTACTS

BADMINTON CLUB

Mondays/Thursdays 7-9pm Liz Burnett, Tel: 21770 or Rene Rowlands, Tel 21161

SQUASH CLUB

Thursdays 5-9pm Contact Dik Sawle Tel 21414

NETBALL CLUB

Tuesdays 6-8pm, Wednesday 6-7pm All are welcome

THE FLGUN CLUB

New members welcome Contact Ped Tel: 21663 or Graham Didlick 21622 P.O.

Box 540

F.I. RIFLE ASSOCIATION Contact Secretary G Cheek, 21402

STANLEY GOLF CLUB

Competitions on Sunday at 8.45 am. Contact Mike Summers on tel: 21542

FI MOTORCYCLE ASSOC.

All queries & Information on races etc contact Andrew Newman 21606 or Rowena Summers 21015

YMCA

Accommodation available

Contact Terry Peck 21074

ASTHMA SUPPORT GROUP

Meets second Tuesday of every third month in Day Centre at 5pm

CONTACT GRAHAM FRANCE ON 21624

FALKLAND ISLANDS RED CROSS ASSOCIATION

New members welcome. Contact Secretary Irene Baker 20839 or Chairman Nick Hadden, 21014

GUILD OF SPINNERS, WEAVERS & HANDICRAFTS

Meetings on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm

STANLEY SUB-AQUA CLUB

Contact David McLeod Phone: 20836 (day), 20843 (home)

RUNNING CLUB

Meets Wednesday 5.30pm, contact Tracy Porter 21574

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Meets 1st Monday every month @ 2000 hrs, WOISgt Mess, Hillside Camp. All ex or serving Service persons welcome. Contact A Geach, R Fiddes or KD Greenland for info 21454 or 27222.

STANLEY SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Friday 7-9pm Sundays 4-5pm. Contact Angela Lee on 21762 or M. Humphreys on 22028

JELLY TOTS CLUB

meets Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at the Day Centre from 2.30 - 4pm. All welcome

WELL BABY/CHILD CLINIC

Day Centre KEMH Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am. Contact Miranda Cheek Health Visitor 27418

Leisure Centre Holiday Times - Monday 13th April - Sunday 19th April

Day	Pools		Courts
Monday	POOL CLOSED		10.00 - 9.00 Public (10am - 12am & 2 - 4pm half price courts available for children)
Tuesday	10.00 - 12.00	Public	10.00-9.00 Public
	12.00 - 1.30	Lanes	12.00 - 9.00
	2.00-3.00	Aqua Run (8-15 year olds)	
	4.00-7.00	Public	
	7.00-8.00	Adults	
Wednesday	12.00 - 11.30	Public	10am - 11am Jnr Activities (7-11)
	2.00-4.00	Public	11.00-2.00 Public
	5.00-7.00	Public	2.00 - 3.00 Senior Activ.
	7.00-8.00	Adults	3.00 - 9.00 Public
	8.00 - 9.00	Ladies	
Thursday	3.00-7.00	Public	10.00-11.30 Toddler Play Session
	7.00-8.00	Adults	12.00-9pm Public
	8.00-9.00	Private Hire	
Friday	10.00 - 11.30	Parents/Toddlers	10.00 - 9.00 Public
	12.00 - 1.30	Lanes	11.00-2.00 Public
	2.00 - 7.00	Public	2.00 - 3.00 Sen. Activ.
	7.00 - 8.00	Adults	
Saturday	10.00 - 4.00	Public	10.00 - 6.00 Public
	4.00-5.00	Adults	
	5.00 - 6.00	Private Hire	
Sunday	11.00 - 6.00	Public	10.00 - 9.00 Public
	6.00 - 7.00	Adults	

Your BFBS Television programmes

SATURDAY 11TH APRIL

8.20 CHUCKLEVISION
8.40 GET YOUR OWN BACK
9.10 HURRICANES
9.30 THE WILD HOUSE
10.00 LIVE AND KICKING
1.15 GRANDSTAND Including: News Summary; The grounds of the Royal Family's Balmoral Castle play host to the programmes as the cameras are allowed into the Royal Deeside estate to film the Balmoral Challenge, a series of road races featuring top Scottish runners Liz McColgan and Yvonne Murray. There is also racing from Haydock, all the latest action from the US Masters in Augusta, Superbike motorcycling, Football Focus, and a full round-up of the rest of the day's sporting action
6.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.25 THE D-FILES
6.30 TOP OF THE POPS
7.00 MOVIE PREMIERE: JURASSIC PARK (1993, PG)
9.00 ROGER ROGER (New)
9.50 UNFINISHED BUSINESS (New) Adult comedy series following the trials and tribulations of a middle-aged divorcee
10.20 THE LILY SAVAGE SHOW (New)
10.50 BRIT GIRLS
11.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.35 MATCH OF THE DAY

SUNDAY 12TH APRIL

9.20 MATCH OF THE DAY Another chance to see the football highlights programme screened last night
10.30 BODGER AND BADGER 10.45 THE MASK
11.10 THE LOWDOWN
11.55 JUNIOR MASTERCHEF (New)
12.05 SONGS OF PRAISE
12.40 THE WHITBREAD: THE WORLD'S GREATEST OCEAN RACE
1.10 THE CHART SHOW
2.00 NEWS
2.10 BROOKSIDE How will Susannah react to the news that she won't be present at the birth of her own baby?
3.20 THIS IS YOUR LIFE
3.50 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW
4.35 THE SIMPSONS
5.20 BORN TO BE WILD WITH MARTIN CLUNES
6.20 GET WELL SOON
6.50 EASTENDERS Albert Square bids farewell to Kathy in an hour-long special edition
7.50 THE D-FILES
7.55 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
8.15 NEIGHBOURS FROM HELL
8.40 HEAT OF THE SUN
10.25 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.40 US MASTERS GOLF Live Coverage of the conclusion of this year's Masters from Augusta, Georgia, introduced by Steve Rider

MONDAY 13TH APRIL

8.30 TELETUBBIES
8.55 THE ENCHANTED LANDS 9.05 EEK! THE CAT
9.25 RECORD BREAKERS GOLD 9.50 FAMOUS FRED (Repeat)
10.15 SURVIVAL SPECIAL
11.10 BIG BREAK TRICK SHOTS
11.40 THE SIMPSONS Followed by BFBS WEATHER
12.25 SURPRISE, SURPRISE
1.15 FUNNY WOMEN June Whitfield is put under the spotlight
1.45 CARTOON TIME
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Libby's life is all work and no play
2.20 HOLIDAY
2.45 NEWS
3.00 COUNTDOWN
3.25 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.35 THE FORGOTTEN TOYS
3.50 CARTOON TIME
4.00 TOM AND VICKY
4.10 THUNDERLIZARDS
4.25 DENNIS THE MENACE
4.55 THE REALLY WILD SHOW
5.10 BLIND DATE CLASSICS
6.00 THE D-FILES
6.10 CORONATION STREET Mike's pleas fail to please Alma. Judy puts a proposal to Zoe
7.00 FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP Blackburn Rovers v Arsenal
8.55 MOVIE PREMIERE: PRINCE OF TIDES (1991,15) When he learns that his twin sister Savannah has made a suicide attempt, Tom Wingo agrees to travel to New York to meet her psychiatrist, Dr Susan Lowenstein
11.00 FAST SHOW SPECIAL
11.20 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.40 THE FURRY BITS

TUESDAY 14TH APRIL

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS 10.00 KILROY
10.40 CALL MY BLUFF
11.10 CAN'T COOK WON'T COOK (New)
11.35 GOING FOR A SONG (New)
12.00 FRAGILE KINGDOMS (New)
12.50 WIPEOUT (New)

1.20 TEDDYBEARS
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Marlene has a secret admirer, while Libby finds that three is indeed a crowd
2.15 AINSELY'S MEALS IN MINUTES (New)
2.45 WILD BRITAIN
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.40 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
3.50 THE WOMBLES
4.05 CHUCKLEWOOD CRITTERS
4.30 THUNDERLIZARDS
4.40 THE GIANT BEAR
4.55 GRANGE HILL (New)
5.20 HOME AND AWAY Kylie tells Jesse that she can't marry him
5.45 A QUESTION OF SPORT
6.15 WISH YOU WERE HERE...?
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 THE MAKING OF MAUREEN Maureen Rees, who catapulted to stardom by her appearances as a struggling learner in Driving School, talks about her hectic life and future plans
7.30 DAVIS JASON IN HIS ELEMENT
7.55 BALLYKISSANGEL
8.45 BIRDS OF A FEATHER
9.15 THE X-FILES Mulder and Scully uncover a small community's shocking secret while investigating the murder of a new-born baby
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 FILM: TRAINSPOTTING (1995,18) Mark Renton, a young heroin addict, lives with a group of friends in a squalid Edinburgh flat. Determined to change his life, but equally dependent on the drug culture around him, he visits his dealer for the last time
12.00 TARTAN EXTRA

WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS 10.00 KILROY
10.40 CALL MY BLUFF 11.10 CAN'T COOK WON'T COOK
11.35 GOING FOR A SONG
12.00 FRAGILE KINGDOM
12.50 WIPEOUT
1.20 POTAMUS PARK
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Anne receives a glamorous job offer
2.15 GARY RHODES
2.45 THE CLOTHES SHOW
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with SOOTY'S AMAZING ADVENTURES
3.50 ROMUALD THE REINDEER
4.00 HOW GOES....2
4.20 REBOOT
4.45 NEWSROUND EXTRA
4.55 OUT OF TUNE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Justine and Tom become closer
5.45 TOMORROW'S WORLD
6.15 ODDBALLS
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET Deirdre needs a miracle - could Ken's mystery visitor provide it?
7.45 THE BILL After All These Years; Ackland and Quinnan seek the truth behind a suspicious car crash
8.10 THE D-FILES
8.15 GREAT ESCAPES
8.40 2 POINT 4 CHILDREN
9.10 PLEASURE BEACH Blackpool's Pleasure Beach
9.35 FRIENDS
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 PREMIER PASSIONS (New) Documentary series about Sunderland Football Club
11.20 SECRET LIVES (New) Tonight's programme examines the life of legendary British ballet dancer Margot Fonteyn
12.10 OPERATION GOOD GUYS

THURSDAY 16TH APRIL

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS 10.00 KILROY
10.40 CALL MY BLUFF 11.10 CAN'T COOK WON'T COOK
11.35 GOING FOR A SONG
12.00 FRAGILE KINGDOMS
12.50 WIPEOUT
1.20 THE BLOBS
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Claire takes advantage of Hannah
2.15 THE WARTIME KITCHEN AND GARDEN
2.45 WILD BRITAIN
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.40 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.45 TIMBUCTOO
3.55 HUBBUB
4.10 CONAN THE ADVENTURER
4.30 BLUE PETER
4.55 THE O-ZONE
5.15 HOME AND AWAY Jesse has a feeling there is something Kylie is not telling him. Joel and Tom cannot seem to agree on anything
5.40 THE D-FILES
5.45 TOP GEAR
6.15 EMMERDALE Kathy and Betty band together to help Dee
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT

BFBS Television programmes (cont)

6.55 ANIMAL HOSPITAL
7.25 EASTENDERS It's the week after Kathy's departure from Albert Square and there are still a few people coming to terms with her move
7.55 BLIND MEN
8.20 THE CRUISE
8.50 THE CLIVE JAMES SHOW
9.35 FATHER TED
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 BACK UP (New) Return of the drama series about the policemen and women of an Operational Support Unit
11.20 THE D-FILES
11.25 THE REAL MONTY A look at the lives and work of a group of male strippers from Yorkshire
12.15 FORTEAN TV (New)

FRIDAY 17TH APRIL

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS 10.00 KILROY
10.40 CALL MY BLUFF 11.10 CAN'T COOK WON'T COOK
11.35 GOING FOR A SONG
12.00 FRAGILE KINGDOMS
12.50 WIPEOUT
1.20 POTAMUS PARK
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Claire has a confession to make
2.15 ALL OVER THE SHOP

YOUR PROGRAMMES FROM F.I.B.S.

SATURDAY April 11

6.00 News BFBS
6.03 Report from Patrick on "Sheep Show" at Fitzroy
6.16 Children's story
6.30 Children's Corner - request programme
7.30 News and Sport from five live
7.40 Weather, Flights, Announcements
8.00 New comedy series "Make em laugh" golden age American comedy
8.28 Rpt Weather & Flights
8.30 The Beebs lost Beatles tapes
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.20 Music Fill
9.30 Captain Corelli's Mandolin
9.45 Music Fill 10.00 News BFBS
SUNDAY April 12
5.00 News: BFBS
5.03 Music fill
5.15 The Proms 1997
6.00 Music Fill
6.15 New drama series - John Le Carre the tailor of Panama
6.30 Weather, flights, announcements
7.00 Church Service- Cathedral
8.00 Wet Wet Wet Album Special
8.15 Folk Music Show
8.30 Repeat Weather & Flights
8.45 Folk Music Show
9.00 News Desk
9.28 Rpt. Weather & Flights
9.30 Dracula
9.45 Music Fill 10.00 News BFBS
MONDAY April 13
10.00 Morning show
11.00 News & Sport
11.06 Continue morning show
12.00 News and Sport BFBS
12.09 Music fill
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30 B.F.B.S Programmes
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
7.00 The Goons CD collection
7.30 News and Sport
7.35 Weather, Flights, Announcements
8.00 Announcers Choice of music
8.30 Multi track hit list from BBC World Service
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt Weather and Flights
9.30 Crampton Hodnet
10.00 News BFBS
TUESDAY April 14
10.00 Morning Show
11.00 News & Sport
11.06 Continue morning show
12.00 News and Sport BFBS
12.06 Profile: Norma Edwards
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30 BFBS Programmes
5.03 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
5.30 News from St. Helena
5.45 Calling the Falklands
6.00 News Magazine
6.30 In concert - Space and Monaco
7.30 News and Sports

2.40 COAST TO COAST (New)
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
3.50 THE LITTLEST PET SHOP
4.05 RUPERT
4.30 MIKE & ANGELO
4.50 THE WEEK ON NEWSROUND
5.00 WANNABE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Band rivalry is rife between the girls and the boys
5.45 GLADIATORS
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS With only two days to go before the Walford community play, there's last-minute chaos
7.55 THE MISSION
8.45 THIRD ROCK FROM THE SUN
9.10 HETTY WAINTHROPP INVESTIGATES (New)
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 NEVER MIND THE BUZZCOCKS
11.00 STAYING ALIVE
11.50 TFI FRIDAY
Billings correct at time of going to press, but subject to change until actual transmission. Tune into BFBS Radio/Television for updates

12.30 BFBS Programme 5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
5.30 A deal with disease
5.45 Rpt Profile: Norma Edwards
6.00 Drama - Bitter medicine
6.25 Music Fill
6.30 Memories are made of this
7.30 News and Sport
7.35 Weather, Flights, Annos
8.00 Pot Luck with Myriam
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt weather and Flights
9.30 Cont. with Pot Luck
10.00 News BFBS
FRIDAY April 17
10.00 Morning Show
11.00 News & Sports
11.06 Continue morning show
12.00 News & Sport from B.F.B.S.
12.06 Music Fill
12.15 Lunchtime Announcements,
12.30 BFBS Programmes
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
5.45 Calling the Falklands
6.00 News Magazine
6.30 In my life
7.30 News & Sport from Five live
7.35 Weather, Flights Annos
8.00 Announcers half hour
8.30 Country Crossroads
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt Weather and Flights
9.30 News Magazine rpt.
10.00 News B.F.B.S.
All programmes are subject to change. Any changes will be broadcast on FIBS

B.F.B.S. RADIO WEEKLY PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

98.5FM

SATURDAY 0000 Drum & Bass 0200 Steve Mason 0400 In Concert 0500 Forces Finest with Damian Watson 0700 Weekend Gold 0800 Breakfast Show 1000 The Score with Francis Collings 1300 Gold 1400 Mark Page 1600 Nell Moore 1800 David Rodigan 2000 Drum & Bass 2200 Steve Mason
SUNDAY 0000 Late Night Love in 0200 Mark Page 0400 Bob Harris 0700 Weekend Gold 0800 UK Sunday Breakfast 1000 Forces Finest 1200 FI Sunday Show 1400 Richard Allinson 1600 Bob Harris 1900 In Concert 2000 Rock Show 2200 John Peel
MONDAY 0000 Weekend Gold 0200 In Concert 0300 Connect '98 (Rpt) 0500 Early Breakfast 0600 Weekday Breakfast Show 0900 BFBS Gold 1000 FIBS Morning Show 1230 The Afternoon Shift 1800 BFBS Gold 1900 Jamie Gordon with Full Top 40 (Mondays only), New Dance, Indie and Pop, interviews and live music session 2200 Aidan Donovan
TUESDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued 0100 John Peel 0300 - 0000 As Monday
WEDNESDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued 0100 John Peel 0300 - 0000 As Monday
THURSDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued 0100 The Rockshow 0300 - 0000 As Monday
FRIDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued 0100 Richard Allinson 0300-1800 As Monday 1800-2000 Gurkha Programmes 2000 Andy Wright 2200 Friday Dance

CHANNEL 2

550 MW

SATURDAY 0000 On Stage & Kaleidoscope 0100 Newsday & Features from BBC World Service 0200 A Taste of Ireland 0300 Today from BBC Radio 4 0500 Radio 4 News and Sport 0530 Radio 4 News and Sport 0530 Counterpoint 0600 Mainly Military

0630 BFBS Reports 0730 From Our Own Correspondent 0800 Rockola 0900 News & Sport on Five Live 1406 David Mellor's 6-0-61600 Weekend Programme News 1604 Play 1700 Feature 1800 Radio 5 Live 2100-2200 World Service News/FIBS Announcements 2200 Radio Five Live Overnight
SUNDAY 0000 Archers Omnibus 0100 Newsdesk and Accompanying Feature 0200 Clyde's Classics 0300 News & Sunday Papers, Morning Music & Religious news and views 0515 Letter from American with Alistair Cooke & Morning Service 0615 Archers Omnibus 0715 Weekend on Two with Colin Hamilton's Music and mind boggler 0800 Sunday Sport from Radio Five Live 1500 Feture 1530 The Christian Centuries 1600 Classic Review 1700? Feature 1800 Sport on Five 2100-2200 World Service News/FIBS Announcements 2200 Radio Five Live Overnight
MONDAY 0000 News, Business Report, Sports Roundup from BBC W/ 0030 Feature 0100 Newsdesks and Accompanying Feature 0200 Today from Radio 4 followed by The Week on Two 0500 World News & Business Report 0515 The Archers 0530 Feature 0600 News Summary & Woman's Hour 0630 Gurkha News 0700 News Summary from BBC Radio 4 & Dave Raven 0900 The World at One 0930 My Word 1000 McD's Diner 1100 News & Afternoon on Two 1245 The Archers 1300 PM Programme 1400 Main News of the Day 1430 Feature 1500 News Extra & Sports Desk followed by Sport on Five and Radio Five 2100-2200 World Service News/FIBS Announcements 2200 Radio Five Live Overnight
TUESDAY 0000-0930 As Monday 0930 Just a Minute 1000 The Bailey Collection 1100-0000 As Monday
WEDNESDAY 0000-0930 As Monday 0930 One Foot in the Grave 1000 Mainly Military 1030 The Wednesday Serial 1100-0000 As Tuesday
THURSDAY 0000-0930 As Monday 0930 Jazz Score 1000 BFBS Gold 2 1100-0000 As Tuesday
FRIDAY 0000-0930 As Monday 0930 The Masterson Inheritance 1000 Rockola 1100-0000 As Tuesday

Stanley Leisure Centre

Easter opening schedule - April 1998

The Leisure Centre will revert to the following opening times during the Schools' end of term holidays. Information and court bookings are available on Telephone No. 27291

Swimming Pool

April 10	10am - 11.30am - Parent/Toddlers 12am - 1.30pm - Lanes 2pm - 4pm - Public 5pm - 7pm - Public 7pm - 8pm - Adults
April 11	10am - 4pm - Public 4pm - 5pm - Adults 5pm - 6pm - Private Hire 11am - 6pm - Public 6pm - 7pm - Adults
April 12	Pool Closed
April 13	10am - 12am - Public
April 14	12am - 1.30pm - Lanes 2pm - 3pm - Aqua Run (8-15 year olds) 4pm - 7pm - Public 7pm - 8pm - Adults
April 15	12am - 1.30pm - Lanes 2pm - 4pm - Public 5pm - 7pm - Public 7pm - 8pm - Adults 8pm - 9pm - Ladies
April 16	3pm - 7pm - Public 7pm - 8pm - Adults 8pm - 9pm - Private Hire 10am - 11.30am - Parent/Toddlers 12am - 1.30pm - Lanes 2pm - 7pm - Public 7pm - 8pm - Adults
April 17	10am - 11.30am - Parent/Toddlers 12am - 1.30pm - Lanes 2pm - 7pm - Public 7pm - 8pm - Adults
April 18	10am - 4pm - Public 4pm - 5pm - Adults 5pm - 6pm - Private Hire 11am - 6pm - Public 6pm - 7pm - Adults
April 19	10am - 11.30am - Public 12am - 1.30pm - Lanes 2pm - 3pm - Aqua Run (8-15 year olds) 3pm - 7pm - Public 7pm - 8pm - Adults
April 20	11am - 6pm - Public (Public Holiday) 12am - 1.30pm - Lanes 2pm - 7pm - Public 7pm - 8pm - Adults 8pm - 9pm - Ladies 3pm - 7pm - Public 7pm - 8pm - Adults
April 21	8pm - 9pm - Private Hire
April 22	10am - 11.30am - Parent/Toddlers 12am - 1.30pm - Lanes 2pm - 7pm - Public 7pm - 8pm - Adults
April 23	10am - 4pm - Public 4pm - 5pm - Adults 5pm - 6pm - Private Hire 11am - 6pm - Public 6pm - 7pm - Adults
April 24	10am - 11.30am - Parent/Toddlers 12am - 1.30pm - Lanes 2pm - 7pm - Public 7pm - 8pm - Adults
April 25	10am - 4pm - Public 4pm - 5pm - Adults 5pm - 6pm - Private Hire 11am - 6pm - Public 6pm - 7pm - Adults
April 26	12am - 1.30pm - Lanes 2pm - 7pm - Public 7pm - 8pm - Adults
April 27	

Gym and Squash Courts

April 10	10am - 9pm - Public (10am - 12am and 2pm - 4pm - half price courts available for children)
April 11	10am - 6pm - Public
April 12	11am - 6pm - Public
April 13	10am - 9pm - Public (10am - 12am and 2pm - 4pm - half price courts available for children)
April 14	10am - 9pm - Public (10am - 12am and 2pm - 4pm - half price courts available for children)
April 15	10am - 11am - Junior Activities (ages 7-11) 11am - 2pm - Public 2pm - 3pm - Senior Activities (ages 11-16) 3pm - 9pm - Public
April 16	10am - 11.30am - Toddler Play Session (under 5) 12am - 9pm - Public (2pm - 4pm - half price courts available for children)
April 17	10am - 11am - Junior Activities (ages 7-11) 11am - 2pm - Public 2pm - 3pm - Senior Activities (ages 11-16) 2pm - 9pm - Public 10am - 6pm - Public 11am - 7pm - Public 10am - 9pm - Public (10am - 12am and 2pm - 4pm - half price courts available for children)
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April 19	10am - 11am - Junior Activities (ages 7-11) 11am - 2pm - Public 2pm - 3pm - Senior Activities 3pm - 9pm - Public
April 20	10am - 11.30am - Toddlers Play Session (under 5) 12am - 9pm - Public (2pm - 4pm - half price courts available for children)
April 21	10am - 9pm - Public (10am - 12am and 2pm - 4pm - half price courts available for children)
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April 23	
April 24	10am - 9pm - Public (10am - 12am and 2pm - 4pm - half price courts available for children)
April 25	10am - 6pm - Public
April 26	11am - 7pm - Public
April 27	10am - 9pm - Public (10am - 12am and 2pm - 4pm - half price courts available for children)

Activity Costs

Junior and Senior Gym Activities - £0.50p per child
Toddlers Gym play session - £0.50p per child
Pool Aqua Run session - £1.00 per child
Children's half price court bookings - subject to membership status

Salute to Diana

Hope for future at Land Mines Exhibition
a report for Mercopress by Graham Bound

PRINCESS Diana's favourite cause, and the one which her death propelled onto the international agenda, is being celebrated in London.

Yesterday, (Wednesday) the United Nations and the Imperial War Museum opened their special mines exhibition, and an impressive swathe of British society and government were there to give their support.

It was ample evidence that the anti-mines campaign has become the fashionable movement of the year. The exhibition about the "scourge" of land mines, as the problem is invariably described, comes at a time when the United Nations sponsored international agreement to ban anti-personnel mines is awaiting ratification by national governments.

The high profile exhibition is designed to ensure that the issue maintains a high profile and momentum is maintained. When a minimum of forty countries have ratified the ban, which most observers believe will happen over the coming months, the agreement will come into force.

This will not, however, mean the end of the problem. With an estimated 800,000 to 1,000,000 mines scattered indiscriminately in 61 countries, it is certain that innocent lives and rural economies will continue to suffer for years to come. It is estimated that in any one month around 2,000 people will stand on a mine and be permanently maimed.

This was a message which British Minister for Foreign Affairs, Robin Cook, expressed strongly during the speech he made before declaring the exhibition open. The British Government will, promised Mr Cook, be among the first countries to ratify the agreement. He added, "I am proud that the government of which I am a member committed Britain to being in the

lead in getting an agreement at the Ottawa Convention."

He went on to say that the British Government will also do its best to convince those countries which have not agreed to the convention to do so. But the minister accepted that this is only the first step. "What we must do now is tackle the great heritage of land mines that are already in the soil. The great tragedy is that land mines are cheap to put down but very expensive to take back up again."

He delighted the crowd by telling them that the British Government will be giving the United Nations a further £450,000 for use by the organisation's Mines Action Service. His words were greeted with applause.

The exhibition depicts the deadly hardware of the mines industry, dominated by manufacturers in China, the ex USSR and even Italy. (The latter country was a major supplier to the Argentine Army which distributed anti-personnel mines liberally in the Falkland Islands during the 1982 war. They continue to be a serious danger).

A central theme is that the weapons kill or maim far more civilians, frequently children, than they do combatants. Their fundamental inhumanity, suggests the exhibition, far outweighs their value as weapons.

There are exhibits from Cambodia, Angola, Bosnia and dozens of other territories. Included are Argentine mine-laying equipment, found in the Falklands, and a detailed map which shows a thick band of minefield surrounding the capital, Stanley.

Among the charities and research bodies present at the launch was the Defence Evaluation and Research Agency (DERA), a Government owned body which has been tasked to develop equipment capable of detecting plastic mines

of the type laid in the Falklands. DERA Scientists announced that they are making good progress with technology which they believe could be put to use in the Falklands and other territories within two years.

The sophisticated equipment under development by DERA brings three methods of detection together into one instrument. Relatively conventional metal detecting technology is used to locate conventional mines, while ground-penetrating radar simultaneously seeks dense objects which could include plastic mines.

The third element of the instrument, and that which is proving most troublesome to perfect, uses advanced chemistry and physics to "excite" the molecules of chemicals used in explosives. Particular patterns of movement in the microscopic particles will, in theory, indicate the presence of explosives.

The experts hope that their equipment will, once developed, be put to use in all countries where mines are a threat to life, but they have given particular consideration to the need to detect the plastic mines buried on the Falklands. The experts say that a comprehensive study will be needed there before any clearance programme can be



gin, but it may be possible to do this within a few years.

If the scientific experts and the politicians are successful (and there can be little doubt about their optimism), then there is more than a glimmer of hope for people in the 61 countries and territories blighted by the cheap weapon which, within the space of a few months, has attained the stigma of the most cruel and despised weapon of all.

However the fear must be that Governments, the British among them, may only be responding to a popular demand enhanced by the remarkable enthusiasm for anything championed by Princess Diana.

The Ottawa Agreement will almost certainly come into effect, but the if the anti-mines movement becomes unfashionable again, then the richer Governments may balk at the expense of technical development and clearance work in third world countries. It does not seem likely at the moment, but that glimmer of hope, so welcome to victims from the Falklands to Cambodia, could yet be extinguished.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OPEN DAY BRENTON LOCH WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL

(Take North Arm track from Goose Green, then follow the signs)

10.30 am Displays open and officers available for discussion
11.30 am Cattle handling demonstration
12.00 Midday First tour to herbicide evaluation area
1.00 pm Lunch. Barbecue food and drinks will be on sale
2.00 pm Official opening of the cattle yards and project by HE the Governor
3.00 pm Cattle handling demonstration and second tour to herbicide evaluation area leaves
4.00 pm Open Day concludes - refreshments available

What will there be to see and do?

This open day is not only about cattle but will provide an opportunity for you to see and ask questions about all the areas of work in which the department is involved. These include:

- * Cattle yards, their construction and how they work
- * Beef breeding programme
- * Management plans for Brenton Loch and Saladero
- * Feed block making
- * Legume and grass evaluation
- * Native pasture work
- * Tree establishment programme
- * Animal health
- * Training programmes
- * Fox control programme
- * Sheep nutrition project
- * Herbicide evaluation for white grass control
- * Wool and sheep breeding
- * Parasitology

This will be a hands on day and a great opportunity to see what the department is doing. Give us a call on 27355 for more information.

Public Notice

Vacancy - Assistant Foreman, Fox Bay

The Public Works Department has a vacancy for an Assistant Foreman, Fox Bay.

The position involves the organising of a small road construction and maintenance team on West Falkland. The successful candidate will be required to plan and organise the short term works for the team, maintain records for works carried out and order all necessary materials to ensure that the work is carried out and that machinery is properly maintained.

The successful candidate must have heavy plant experience, mam management skills and appropriate licences.

Salary will range from £12,384 to £14,556 in Grade F. Application forms and job descriptions for the above position are available from the Human Resources Department and completed forms should be returned to that Department no later than 4.00pm on Tuesday, April 14, 1998.

Honourable defeat for Stanley swimmers

Report by Lorna Howells

AT a Mount Pleasant Airport swimming gala, staged on April 4, members of the Stanley Swimming Club took on the might of a military team with some outstanding performances being recorded by the local youngsters.

Twelve events were staged with the Stanley elite squad securing one first place, three seconds, six thirds and six fourths.

Most notable among the Stanley team were Claire Kilmartin, Alistair Ceballos and Jenna Humphries, although the entire squad, all aged fifteen or under, swam like true professionals.

However, based on the scoring system MPA won the day with a score of 69 points compared to Stanley's admirable 37.

In contrast to the last two mini

galas held in Stanley, this one was very well attended and supported, and there is no doubt the Stanley squad obtain a strong sense of achievement when good spectator support encourages their participation.

A great afternoon's sport was enjoyed by all who attended, and after the gala had concluded the MPA team took the Stanley squad to the Oasis where they were treated to cakes and drinks.

It is hoped that these galas will continue to be organised with the help of military teams and, as the elite squad go on training and improving on their personal best times and swimming techniques, the Stanley swimmers will soon be competing on a level with their adult counterparts.

Public Notice

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PARADE

The general public are notified that for practical reasons the timings for the Queen's Birthday Parade have been brought forward by 30 minutes as follows:

- 0900 - Parade assembles at the Drill Hall
- 1015 - Parade in position at Victory Green
- 1030 - His Excellency the Governor arrives at Victory Green
- 1030 (approximately) - March Past
- 1115 - Parade disperses

Public Notice

THE Highways section of PWD will be working on John Street from its junction with Philomel Street to Dean Street with effect from Monday, April 13.

The surfacing of the carriageway with asphalt is expected to take up to one month, weather dependent.

Whilst the work is in progress, access for the public will be from one end of John Street or the other, this will be signed.

Parking will be available in the following locations:

- Beauchene's Complex
- FIC carpark next to Pastimes
- The site of the old Globe Store

PWD would like to thank all the relevant businesses for the use of their car park facilities for the duration of the works.

Drivers and members of the public are requested to approach with caution whilst the work is being undertaken.

PWD would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused.

Horticultural Society AGM

The AGM of the Horticultural Society will be held on Friday, April 17, at 8.00 pm in the Refreshment Room of the Town Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Auction Bridge Results April 8

- 1 Mr & Mrs D Roberts
 - 2 Mrs J Middleton & Mr D Pettersson
 - Booby Mrs R Duncan & Mr S Smith
- Bridge is played on alternate Wednesdays with whist every other week in the Day Centre of the KEMH at 7.30pm. All are most welcome

Stanley Golf Club News

By Frank Jackson

WITH a number of competitions still to be decided, there was much activity over the weekend as the golf season entered its final month.

Following Saturday afternoon's better ball foursomes, which saw the combination of Ian Doherty and Adrian Lewis with 40 points edge out Elaine Lewis and Colin Horton on 39, the last monthly medal took place on Sunday.

An impressive round of 64 by Troyd Bowles took the honours, with the improving Frank Jackson on 66 finishing second on countback from Mike Summers. The eclectic competition went to the wire, both Robert Titterton and Glen Ross recording 58 strokes. Due to the complex scoring and handicap-

ping arrangements for this event, the winner will be declared following adjudication.

Robert has also reached the semi-final of the matchplay championship when he will play Kevin Clapp this week, the winner meeting John Jones in the final in a fortnight's time.

Next Sunday, the league points title will be decided after the results of the Eurest sponsored stableford. Glen Ross is in pole position, but only just ahead of the chasing pack, so it is a case of everything to play for.

As usual members must book in by 8.45 am for the draw. There will be some good prizes to be won with refreshments afterwards for members and their families.

Shooting by Gerald Cheek

THE competition held at the Rookery Bay Range on Sunday, March 29, was Cully's Cup.

Results are as follows form a highest possible score of 150:

C McCallum	143	C McCallum	140
D Goodwin	139	M Pole-Evans	139
S Whitney	136	K Aldridge	138
H Ford	135	T Pettersson	135
C Harris	134	S Smith	131

The competition for Sunday, April 5, 1998, was the April

Spoons. Highest possible score 150. Results as follows:

C McCallum	140
M Pole-Evans	139
K Aldridge	138
T Pettersson	135
S Smith	131

Chris McCallum and Mike Pole-Evans won the spoons with Chris putting in a possible 50 at 500 yards.



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We have in stock the following:

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Visit our Service Station and see what else we have to offer from our large range of goods arriving monthly

In an article for Penguin News, this week the Editor of the Falkland Islands Newsletter, Mr Peter Pepper, comments on the Argentine President's aim to be re-elected and how this affects the Falkland Islands

BEFORE 1994, the Argentine Constitution allowed a President only one, six-year, term of office. This was to allow him to concentrate on what was right for the country - whether it would make him re-electable or not.

This was changed in 1994 for no other reason than to allow President Menem to stand again for office. The new Constitution provided for two four-year terms. With Menem in difficulties during the Constitutional Convention, a red herring was needed. So a clause was slipped in to claim the Falklands. This had never been in the Argentine Constitution before, even though the first was drawn up in 1853 - only 20 years after Britain re-established the Falkland Islands Colony.

All Argentines thought this new constitution gave Menem only one more term of office. Yet over the last year there have been repeated rumours that he might stand again for the Presidency in 1999 - which would require a new Constitutional Convention or a plebiscite to override the Constitution.

With only a 15% approval rating in the opinion polls, Menem had little chance of winning either.

Over the last month his campaign has taken shape openly. Amazingly, he has gone another route and launched a legal case to establish that the two terms of office allowed by the new Constitution means two terms under the

intimidate the judiciary. The case is now steadily proceeding to the Supreme Court. Here several judges are Menem appointees, and the court might well back him. In the last few days, this legal challenge has flagged somewhat under criticism inside his own party - and an opinion from the national election court has gone against Menem

duggery needed in Argentine politics. Thirdly, as incumbent, Menem can bribe the people shortly before the election with some relief from the hard-line economic policies which have made life so difficult for the average Argentine. Fourthly, Menem can count on much more financial support from businessmen than the Alliance. We can only wait to see how all the political and legal infighting will go.

The Falklands

Menem has promised to win sovereignty of the Falklands by the year 2000 - which is when the new president takes power. If he is now going to fight to be that next president, he will undoubtedly push the Falklands issue much more than someone leaving office. His trip to London is now geared to this.

At the same time, such a cavalier attitude to the Argentine Constitution will not help his reputation in Argentina or the international community. It shows all too clearly how politically immature Argentina still is as a democracy. The Constitution is designed to safeguard the rights of the population against despotic actions by their rulers. In this instance the people are being cheated - as would Falkland Islanders, if they were ever forced to rely on Argentine constitutional promises. In fact, Menem's craving for power makes Argentina look like a banana republic. Desperate to win support for his re-election he will use the Falklands issue, for domestic reasons, just as Galtieri and Peron did before him.

The re-election of President Menem

The Election

Of course, even if Menem wins the right to stand again, he still has to win the election. This will be difficult. His regime now has a reputation for corruption and scandal. But, he has several important advantages. The only other prominent Peronist, Eduarde Duhalde, was humiliated in the mid-term elections last year. So there is no real alternative Peronist candidate to Menem. Duhalde has always been something of a rival to Menem, but a deal with him would probably deliver his partisans to the Menemist cause. Secondly, the opposition is made up of an alliance and these have a bad reputation in Argentina for coming apart after winning power. This is made up of FREPASO led by Graciela Fernandez Meijide and the Radicales led by De La Rúa. These both have good reputations personally, but may not be up to the skul-

too.

So far, several minor judges have already ruled against Menem. Menemist partisans launched suits against two of them for "failing to uphold the constitution" - a crude, but typically Argentine attempt to

News from the King Edward Memorial Hospital

Tetanus.. Don't risk it

TETANUS is a dangerous disease which occurs worldwide. It is caused by a bacteria which usually lives in the soil but is also widespread on clothes, dust and in buildings. It enters the body through cuts and grazes, even small ones which may appear to be trivial at the time. Once in the wound the bacteria multiply and produce a toxin which spreads to the brain and spinal cord, causing rigidity and muscle spasms (hence the old name of lockjaw). These gradually get worse and may cause death because spasm of the chest wall or larynx (voice box) prevents breathing. In those who have not been vaccinated, tetanus may be fatal in as many as half of all adult cases and up to 90% of babies.

The Oxford Text Book of Medicine says, "in no other disease is prevention more rewarding, or its lack more calamitous." Tetanus is almost entirely preventable by a course of vaccinations. This course involves three injections at monthly intervals and is routinely given to all babies born in the Falkland Islands or in the UK. Children also have a booster at 4½ years of age. In adult life a booster is required every ten years to stay up to date although there is increasing evi-

dence that if you have had a total of five injections in your life (including the first three), that you do not need any further injections.

According to the medical computer data base there are nearly 1,800 adults in the Falkland Islands who have not had a tetanus vaccination in the last 10 years. Some of these people may have been vaccinated abroad or vaccinated here but the records are incomplete. However, I believe that there are a large number of people here who are at risk and over the next year I will be working through the medical records and writing to those who I think need a vaccination. Although Tetanus is uncommon the modern vaccine is extremely safe and it is not worth risking the disease.

If you think you may not have been vaccinated, you do not have to wait for a letter but are welcome to come to Casualty on a Wednesday or Thursday afternoon without an appointment or, if you live in Camp, come to the next Doctor's visit. For those living in the Camp it would be helpful to phone us first so that we can check your records before the visit.

Richard Davis

Public Notice

Vacancy - Manager, Plant and Vehicle Workshop, Public Works Department

THE Public Works Department has a vacancy for a Manager, Plant and Vehicle Workshop.

The Plant and Vehicle Section holds more than 170 items of mobile plant, primarily earthmoving machinery and haulage plant, and more than 60 vehicles. Reporting to the Director of Public Works, the Plant and Vehicle Manager will be responsible for all aspects of management of this section.

This is a new post and suitable candidates will have no less than five years experience in a similar capacity. Ideally candidates will have a minimum of a degree or equivalent qualification in a related engineering subject. The prime requirement will be experience with a good balance between technical and commercial skills. Experience of Caterpillar and Volvo equipment is essential.

In addition to managing the Section, the successful candidate will be required to conduct an early review of all aspects of the operation. A clear understanding of life cycle, costing and different types of maintenance coupled with the competency to apply management skills of planning, forecasting, monitoring, communicating, financial control and evaluation is essential as is the ability to motivate and lead staff.

Salary will range from £24,504 to £28,836 in Grade B.

Application forms are available from the Human Resources Department and completed forms should be returned to that Department no later than 4.00pm Friday 17 April 1998.

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E.T.'s Rincon Grande Farm
4 x 3 Piece Suites of furniture at only £950.00, colours include damask pink, cream, navy burgundy and cream striped. Photographs of suites available on request.

Also 1 only sofa bed, green with white piping, only £500
Also 4 Creda Tumble Dryers with 5kg load capacity only £243.37,
1 only Norfrost chest freezer, 4 cu Ft. only £199.99

2 Baby belling cookers with oven, grill and 2 rings only £240.19.
Also large blue and green swing bins £7.50, small green and blue swing bins £3.00, cutlery trays £1.50 green or blue, dish drainers £2.10 green, or blue, washing up bowls £1.50 green or blue, bucket £2.00 blue, clear mixing bowls with handy pouring spout £1.50, assorted baking trays and tins, all non stick only £2.00 each. Fruit patterned mugs £1.00 each. Tea, coffee and sugar canisters in blue or green only £7.99, 11 piece knife sets only £8.00. Heavy duty Morphy Richards 5 piece pot sets with 10 year guarantee only £63.00, blue or green. Large frying pans only £6.00, blue or green. Lots more available, phone us for a complete list of stock available. Still available Horse gear from CAM Equestrian Catalogue. Tel/Fax 31119

- 1) Gyproc easy-fill £9 per bag
 - 2) Plaster board tape - 10 Rolls
 - 3) Plaster board sealer paint
 - 4) External wall light - £15
 - 5) Double drains S.S. sink - £60
 - 6) 2 Fluorescent lights for under units
 - 7) Fire retardant "varnish" for wood
 - 8) Metal and plastic cable conduit
 - 9) Encarta CD World Atlas - unused - £45
 - 10) Computer, 4 way Data switch - unused £15
- Phone Barry Elsby 21212 evenings

One rear step bumper for 4 x 4 L200 Double cab. Offers over £60 - please contact John/Sarah Tel/Fax 21892 evenings



Offers are invited for a modern 8 metre fibreglass Work Boat designed for inshore use. The boat has a wheelhouse fitted with Garmin GPSMAP electronic navigation and depth sounding system and Marine Radio. It is powered by an inboard BMW 50 bhp diesel engine. The boat is presently moored at Port Louis where it may be viewed by arrangement with Peter and Melanie Gilding on telephone 31061. £12,000 ono. Mooring available, if required, at Port Louis.

FOR SALE

One Defender TD190 Colour Red. In good condition with many extras including - Set of 5 new general grabbers, two metre, radio/cassette player and bullbar. If interested please contact Ian Betts tel No. 21287 (evenings)

Red TD190 - In Good condition - 26000 miles on the clock. Telephone 21823 lunchtimes or evenings for further details

1997 Model RM250 Suzuki Motocross Motorcycle with Pro-Circuit Pipe and Silencer. Excellent condition. Offers to Jonny on Telephone 21015

Tenders are invited for No. 11 Murray Heights. This accommodation unit is fully furnished and would be ideal for a single person. It can be viewed up until 15th April by arrangement on 21932 (evenings). Tenderers must be Falkland Islands residents and tenders to be received by 1st May. The unit will be available by mid-May. The sellers do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any tender.

NOTICES

Netball Club - Easter Bazaar Saturday 11th
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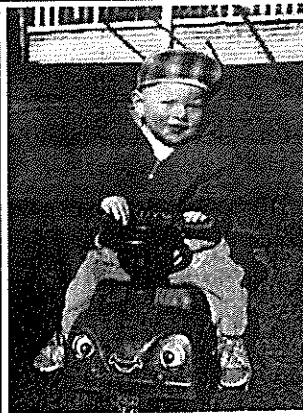
ATTENTION!!!! CHANGE OF DATE BRENTON LOCH OPEN DAY DATE: Wednesday April 15th 1998. Time: 10.30 till late
Place: Brenton Loch cattle yards
- Follow the signs from Goose Green. **Activities:** Official opening of the cattle yards and project by H E The Governor at 1.00pm. Inspection of the cattle yards and a chance to work animals in them. Visit to the herbicide trial site. Departmental displays on all the major programs in which the Department is involved.
Barbecue lunch. We are hoping for a good roll up at this event as it is a good chance to catch up on the activities of the Department and discuss them with the officers responsible for them. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is notified for general information that Government clocks will be put back one hour, reverting to local mean time, at midnight on Saturday 18 April 1998

For the repair of:
Power tools (inc Petrol), Electric motors, Pumps, Generators, Washing machines, Microwave, Dishwashers, Tumble driers, Vacuum cleaners, Freezers and all types of Refrigeration systems:-
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Happy 1st Birthday Declan
All our Love
Mum and Dad



Happy "?" Birthday Elaine.
"Thinking of you."
Love from Mum, Dad, Shaun, Steve, Sarah, Mark, Ryan and Shelbi, England.
P.S. (Photo, Steve's idea!)

To Declan,
Lots of love on your 1st Birthday
From Imojen Joy
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Happy Birthday, Aunty Fran,
with love from Leeann,
Ralph and Reece

I would like to thank the following people for all their help in my time of need:- Daddy and Granny, Dr Barry Elsby, The anaesthetist (I am sorry I don't know your name), and all the nurses at the KEM Hospital. Special thanks to nurses Mandy Floyd and Roz for all their support and helping my mummy to keep me happy. Thanks a lot to all of you. I will never forget you. Lots love Heather McLaren. P.S. Probably see you on Saturday or Sunday

From Reflections: We will be open on Good Friday (April 10) but closed on April 11

Postscript from St. Mary's Church
Words that pierced the gloom
"I am a king; but mine is not a kingdom of this world. Otherwise my men would have fought." (Jesus; John 18)
"I came into the world to bear witness to the truth. All who are on the side of truth listen to my voice." (Jesus; John 18)
"Truth? What is that?" (Pilate; John 18,37)
"I find no case against him. Look: here is the man." (Pilate)
"This man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." (The thief on the cross; Luke 23)
"In truth I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." (Jesus; Luke, 23)
"Save yourself if you are God's son and come down from the cross." (The bystanders; Matthew 27)
"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." (Jesus; Luke 23)

VACANCY

Freelander, Discovery and Defender Landrover mechanics are required to work in the Falkland Islands Company Ltd's Automotive Division. Training will be given in the latest techniques in computer diagnostics and the use of Landrover special tools. Vacancies also exist for apprentices to work in the Garage with emphasis on giving applicants an all round knowledge of all of Landrover products. An attractive package together with an incentive scheme will be offered to suitable applicants. For further details contact Stephen Luxton on 27678.

Byron Marine Limited are seeking a young person to train as a Marine Engineering Officer. This involves a three year period undertaking a structured training programme where part of the time is spent at sea in shipboard training, with the remainder spent at Warsash Nautical College in the United Kingdom. The successful candidate would start as soon as possible for induction sea service, with entry onto a formal cadetship programme beginning in September 1998, leading after training to a Department of Transport Class 4 Certificate of Competency as a Marine Engineer. Entry requirement for the training programme is at least 4 GCSE passes at grade 'C' or above including Maths and English and one other science subject. Ideally candidates will be between 16 and 21 years of age. Candidates will also need to be physically fit, pass a medical examination, and will feel that they have a mechanical aptitude. Byron Marine also have a vacancy for an Ordinary Seaman. Prior seagoing experience would be preferred, but not essential for this position. For full details of the Cadetship or the vacancy for a Seaman, interested parties should contact the Managing Director, David Hall, at Byron House, 3 'H' Jones Road, Stanley or on telephone no. 22245.

WANTED

Anyone having between 6 and 10 young laying hens, they would be happy to sell - Please contact Josie McKay, Sheffield Farm. Tel No. 42212 - Fax 42213

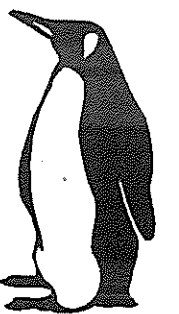
Wanted to buy, beg or borrow - a dog kennel. Ring 22141 evenings after 7pm

I urgently require a house or flat to rent for myself and my young son. Please contact Shirley Rozee on 22788 between 9am and 5pm or after hours on 21890

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Special conference for South Atlantic Oil Industry

THE subject of oil exploration in the South Atlantic Ocean is to be discussed in depth at a conference scheduled to take place in London early next year.

According to the organiser, British Oil Industry businessman, John d'Ancona, the conference scheduled for January 14/15 will respond to increasing interest in the area among oil companies and its support industries. "They see it as a developing new oil and gas province, and the service industries are looking for new opportunities," said Mr d'Ancona. "The area has not received enough publicity so far," he said, suggesting that his conference will do a good deal to rectify this.

He specified that although most British oil industry interest centres on exploration off the Falklands, the international companies are just as interested in possibilities for the oil and gas off the coasts of Brazil, Argentina, Chile, and (on the other side of the ocean) South Africa, Namibia and Angola. Government officials, commercial representatives, journalists and analysts are being invited from all of these areas, plus the United States and mainland Europe. Mr d'Ancona said that some had already confirmed their attendance, while others are considering their invitations. He has been in touch with the Falkland Islands Government and the Development Corporation in Stanley, who have indicated they are considering participation. "We hope very much they will come," said the organiser.

Speaking from the Department of Mineral Resources in Stanley, Mrs Phyllis Rendell took a cautious line with regard to the conference, telling *Penguin News* that the Islands' Government are, "considering the offer to attend and will be in touch with the organisers."

Graham Bound, London, for *Mercopress*

Korean captain pleads guilty on six counts in controversial assault case

CAPTAIN Ha Tae Hwan, of the fishing vessel *Ihn Sung 101* pleaded guilty as a secondary offender to six counts of assault by beating. It was announced by the prosecution in the Magistrate's Court on April 16 that statements from the victims showed the assaults were actually carried out by a member of the crew referred to by the crew as the Gang Boss. The perpetrator is no longer within Falkland Islands jurisdiction.

LASMO follows Amerada out of FIA agreement

FOLLOWING the lead of oil operators Amerada Hess, LASMO have also withdrawn from an agreement to use the Falkland Island Airways Sao Paulo route, to undertake oil rig crew changes. LASMO are to charter a 747 aircraft from Jet Air for the purpose. Oil operators Shell have declared that they will use Falkland Island Airways, however the fourth member of the group, IPC, have not yet stated their intentions.

Those companies who are to

Lloyd and Argentina subjects for discussion at Public Meeting

WASTE disposal, visits by Argentine reporters and the imminent arrival of Labour Minister Tony Lloyd were all subjects for discussion at the most recent meeting between members of the public and Councillors.

Ballast water pollution?

The meeting, which took place on Tuesday April 14, opened, however, with a concerned citizen asking whether the possibility existed

tion and thus in his role as Captain the Court found Mr Ha Tae Hwan guilty of aiding and abetting. Before considering sentencing yesterday the Senior Magistrate indicated that the path he would take would be to seek compensation for each of the victims and a suspended period of imprisonment for the Captain.

Mr Ha Tae Hwan had formerly faced two charges of assault, however following translation of state-

use the Stansted Airport UK / Falklands route have indicated that part of the reason they have decided to do so is because the more direct route will be 'operationally smoother.'

* Dolphin update *

Oil rig *Borgny Dolphin* is due to arrive outside Berkeley Sound at midday today (April 17) where she will remain for 3-4 days. During that time she will be undertaking anchor changes and loading equipment.

ments by interpreters brought to the Falklands for that purpose it was discovered the Captain was implicated in six cases of assault.

Court news

AFTER permitting two dogs to leave his ship and run free on FIPASS on Saturday and again on Sunday of last weekend, the Captain of fishing vessel *Mortosa* was fined £50 on each of two charges in Stanley Magistrate's Court this week. Stressing the seriousness of the offence Government Vet, Andrew Coe, pointed out that the maximum fine for such an offence, though only £100 was set in 1901 - and thus, would have been the equivalent of a far higher sum today.

MR Robert William Stewart was sentenced to six months in prison on April 16, having committed a total of eight offences on March 7 to which he pleaded guilty on April 1.

in the future of oil tankers pumping ballast water into the sea, and inquired whether, "we have legislation in place to prevent this?" Councillors replied that there were international laws with regard to this practice, and in other parts of the world tankers were required to pump even clean ballast water into receiving tanks.

Atmospheric pollution

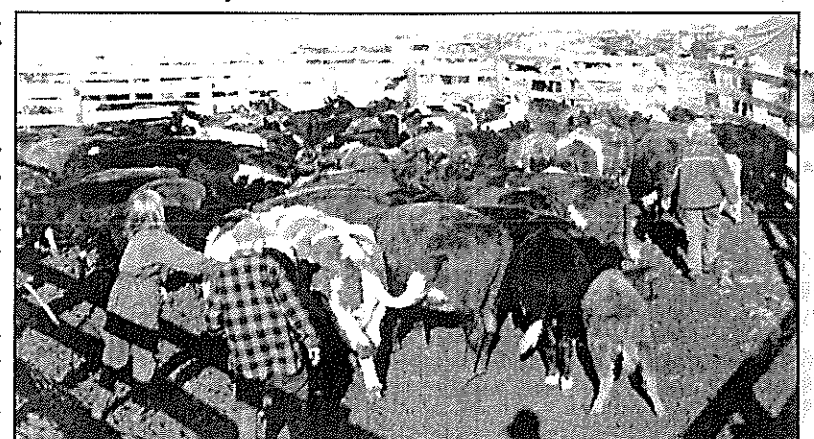
A Stanley resident then asked if

the problem of atmospheric pollution caused by the hospital incinerator was being dealt with. She was informed that the Public Works Department were looking into the problem, and it was likely that a new incinerator would be purchased as opposed to up-grading the old incinerator. Members of the public agreed that a new incinerator should be placed outside Stanley. Continued on page 9.

Never work with animals or children?

Children happily assist in the herding of wild cattle at the Brenton Loch, Agricultural Department Open Day.

A Demonstration of how very few people can control large numbers of cattle in correctly built stock yards.



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Editorial this week by Deputy Editor, Tony Burnett

AIN'T edukayshun wonderful!

Forty years, and more, ago, I can remember being a reluctant pupil, *a la Just William*, at Billingshurst Primary School, shoes scuffed, hair awry, socks at half mast, pockets full of mysterious objects and chocolate smears wherever I could get them, reeling daily, with the rest of the thirty five strong class, under a barrage of questions fired by Mrs Green (for whose affections the entire male population of the school fiercely vied) and aimed at developing our collective mental arithmetic ability. Then, it was just part of the ritual, the price we children had to pay each day before getting down to the serious things in life like conkers, football and Saturday Morning Club at the local cinema - admission sixpence, mayhem and marvellous adventure, through the fantastic antics of Flash Gordon and Hopalong Cassidy, guaranteed! Today, I, and many of my generation, still reap the harvest of those quickfire maths tests that did so much to reveal the secret patterns of numbers to our young minds. Though I would not claim to be one of them I do know people who can add a column of figures as quickly - and accurately - as any calculator wielding whizzkid.

So it was with a surreptitiously smug feeling that I read this week in the *Times Educational Supplement* of an experiment amongst five to fourteen year olds in Sheffield schools. Apparently, 'numerous' surveys have shown British children, though competent in more sophisticated aspects of mathematics, to be less adept at manipulating numbers than their peers in other countries. Some secondary school children have even been observed counting on their fingers or trying to add up by drawing little marks on paper. Responding to this, most of Sheffield's 147 primary and 28 secondary schools have instituted daily ten minute mental arithmetic sessions, which, 'they' seem somewhat surprised to report, have made a difference. In one school in particular, Earl Marshall Comprehensive (one of the named 'failing' schools last year) inspectors have already seen 'significant improvement'.

So I'm feeling smug, and somewhat surprised at 'their' surprise. And I have to ask the question; is this yet another case of the 'experts' finally discovering, and announcing, a 'discovery' as if it were revolutionary, when most of us knew it anyway?

ANOTHER educational goody to catch the editorial eye this week also tweaked the editorial imagination, and brought with it a touch of humour (not to mention a partial solution) to the escalating problem afflicting seats of learning in the United Kingdom - cash, or, more accurately, the lack of it.

More than 380 schools, nationwide, have signed up with an advertising company to install six foot bill-boards inside their buildings. Each school will receive £5,000 provided they keep the boards up for a year. The commercial possibilities have my mental cash register clanging like Bow Bells on New Year's Eve. Morning Assembly, for instance, could be neatly punctuated by messages from manufacturers of hangover cures and headache pills; Pupils could help cover tuition fees by being paid to wear the designer trainers, jeans, and tops they wear anyway; teachers announcing that, "this geography lesson came to you courtesy of our sponsors, Horizon Holidays;" or, "Mates Prophylactic Products are privileged to be able to bring you this biology lesson."

Floors, walls and ceilings could be wreathed in advertising logos, and school staff could preface every question, every answer with an enthusiastically bellowed slogan. But why stop there? Sports lessons could be sub-contracted; canteen facilities franchised to the highest bidder - burgers, clowns and reconstituted chips rule, OK? And the money would flow into the schools through every window, door and untended orifice, while the children...? Well, while soaking up what abundantly funded education they can find time for, the children would become obediently compliant consumers at a nice early age.

AND finally, while others are already denouncing the potential threat of oil pollution, am I alone in noticing a threat considerably less ecologically deadly but more immediately and definitely unsightly? I refer to the blossoming number of apparently abandoned, past-their-sell-by-date vehicles, glassless windows and vacant light sockets staring sightlessly on a scene that will never, for them, move again, that seem to be appearing in and around the streets of Stanley.

Some of these eyesores are actually off the street, thus rendering the authorities powerless to act, others not, but as an Island community often heard to boast of the pristine quality of our environment to a cluttered and pollution ridden world, should we not do more than just make a generous offer to remove, free of charge, these unwanted carcasses. We should. We should make them disappear.

Your letters

Trampled ..by those I looked to for a little help

SINCE retirement in 1987, a continuous health problem causing me to be medically advised not to climb step ladders or ladders made it evident that I would be unable to continue to maintain my property at 17 James Street, Stanley.

Having contacted Social Welfare I was advised that I could not apply for an elderly citizens' flat (sheltered home) because I owned property.

This I considered carefully, and decided application was the correct course of action, thus, I released my property for sale, and completed the application form to Social Welfare on 14th February 1994. One of the biggest mistakes of my lifetime?

On my return from holiday in October 1995, I was informed verbally by Social Welfare that there were far more people in need of sheltered housing than myself.

Having been away for 17 months I also discovered I had been deleted from the electoral roll registry; Why? I hadn't departed for good! Again, I departed on 1st March 1997, two months or so before I was due to be reinstated (hard luck) returning early November 1997.

I again followed up the possibility of accommodation with the Falkland Islands Government, Social Welfare and Councillors; resulting to-date in a negative response, and only to be told by FIG that I had been deleted from the government accommodation waiting list. They said they had no idea who had done this and promised that at the next housing meeting they would endeavour to get me reinstated into my original position, which was 6th on the waiting list! How did they know I was sixth if they had no idea who had deleted my name? In my eighteen years plus as a Civil Servant and as a result of my knowledge of FIG workings, my belief is that it could only have been done by an officer with the position Assistant Secretary or those above, as they are the only officers who have direct access to the relevant files!

Social Welfare saying not a hope, Councillors advising I would be considered for sheltered accommodation when the next one was available... Considerate, but not very rewarding... that could mean one day to five years? The

FIG stated again by telephone on 11th March that nothing would be available in the foreseeable future.

It also emerged when I enquired about certain privileges recently awarded to Island citizens, "sorry Stan, you do not qualify, you are not on the electoral roll register." So, the removing of wool from approximately 60,000 sheep during my farm working days, and the £31,000 in lost revenue I recovered for PWD (this only being two items of significance) has little or no relevance whatsoever.

My future life in retirement then became clear... to accept my daughter's offer of comfort and care with her in the United Kingdom.

New regulations are introduced daily, many of them inconsistent with our needs. Would it not be realistic to have a permanent place on the electoral roll register if you have been in the Islands from birth, 74½ years in my case?

To have overcome this situation maybe I should have applied to some official saying -

"Sir, may I leave the Islands for 17 months?"

"Yes! OK Stan, no problem: thank you very much."

Sir - I devoted the whole 49 years of my working life to these Islands and its economy; contributing towards the positions of those who are now in authority. I have never ever asked for support, seeking only a little respect, with somewhere to eat and sleep?

Soon I will be departing... at my time of life feeling as though I am a displaced person, trampled into the mud by those I looked to for at least a little help. (Although outsiders seem adequately catered for!)

I now add my support to those who have expressed concern about accommodation through *Penguin News* and to the many others who are waiting.

I can only say, beware! bearing in mind most of you are young and not 74½ years of age.

I will be back, maybe for a holiday, maybe only in a box. When that day arrives someone will have to take a little notice for a few days at least!

To all who wait, good luck. I hope your needs are greater than mine, needs which are much more concerning than this piffle of, "taxi's tooting their hooters."

Cheerio, Stan Smith

Don't forget to put back your clocks!

It is notified for general information that Government clocks will be put back one hour, reverting to local mean time, at midnight on Saturday 18 April 1998

Write to *Penguin News*, Ross Road, Stanley, Falkland Islands or Email: pnews@horizon.co.fk

The rules have changed

RE: Sally Blake's letter in last week's PN

The rules Sally Blake refers to 'in place since 1989 to my knowledge,' have changed. They have changed from equal funding at current Peter Symonds rates to frozen funding.

More importantly the change happened after the 1997 students had enrolled for their alternative colleges.

I, and others like me, think it is

unfair to apply rules (that have financial penalties), retrospectively.

Jennifer Jones

Stanley

In the interests of allowing other subjects their share of public attention the Editor feels Penguin News should not accept any more letters on the 'education fees' debate

40 years for Camilla and Rudy



Camilla and Rudy on their wedding anniversary. Photo: Norman Clark

IN celebration of forty years of marriage, Rudy and Camilla Clarke of Stanley were treated, by members of their family, to a Ruby Wedding party held in Malvina House Hotel on April 12.

Rudy and Camilla were married in 1958 at the home of Gladys and the late Mike Robson by Mr Rex Browning. Witnesses in attendance were Mickey Clarke and Bess McKay. Last weekend, the couple's family, determined to make the anniversary a special one organised drinks and a buffet at Malvina Hotel, attended by many family and friends. At the party, a beautiful cake, baked by Trudi Clarke was

cut with their son's ceremonial sword.

Through *Penguin News*, Rudy and Camilla wish to thank their family for the wonderful party, all those who attended, and Trudi for the cake.

Attempt fails to recover stolen Land Rover from Bodie Creek

MILITARY authorities, with the Royal Falkland Islands Police in attendance, this week attempted the recovery of a stolen Land Rover which had been abandoned in Bodie Creek, near Goose Green. Despite having use of various types of heavy lift equipment the Land Rover proved to be too deep in the water for a recovery to be effected. Further attempts will be made with the use of military divers.

THE recent Stanley Sports Association Country and Western dance held on March 28, was such a success that organisers were able to donate £159 to the Overseas Games Association and £159 to the Falkland Islands Guide Association. The SSA wish to thank all who made donations.

Siggy



THE funeral service of the late Mrs Siggy Barnes took place at St Mary's Church on Tuesday, April 14.

Siggy was born at Fitzroy in December 1925. At the age of seven, she was taken ill and spent two years of her life in hospital, incarcerated in a plaster cast, which almost covered her entire body. She was told that she would never be able to walk again. However, she forced herself to walk by placing her crutches at the other end of the room.

Her belief was that one should always look after those who are worse off than oneself, so as a teenager, in 1941, she joined the Red Cross Society and from the 1960's until the early 1980's she held the position of Secretary.

When the Falkland's war broke out, Siggy then organised the receiving and sending of messages through the International Red Cross, and in 1991, she received her 50 years service medal. In the mid 1940's she also became interested in the Royal British Legion and by 1965 she was organising the ordering and the selling of wreaths and poppies, and in 1985 again received recognition of her dedicated services, which she continued until 1996.

Her love of life was mirrored in her love of dancing, which she pursued as a young girl despite the pain it caused. She was also a founder member of the Falkland Islands Dramatic Society in the 40's, acting live on the radio and in plays. Her strong Catholic faith maintained her love for other people and especially the young. She was also a committee member of the Stanley Social Club in the 1970's.

She was never afraid to help others, even without the support of the organisations for which she worked. Siggy's dedication to others was finally honoured when she was awarded the MBE by Her Majesty the Queen in July 1997. Siggy had become an institution on the Islands and will be missed by many people.

Xenia Barnes

Golf by Frank Jackson

GOLF terminology is full of oxymorons. You can drive with a metal wood, putt on a 'brown' green and below par means you are feeling good.

Easter Sunday's *Eurest Stableford* saw half the field return below par scores, and none happier than Gary Clement who took top spot with 39 points. Kevin Clapp was second with 38, ahead of Steve Vincent on countback. Frank Jackson and Tim Bonner had best front and back nines; Adrian Lewis was nearest the pin and Joe Bains, in his last game before returning to the UK, powered the longest drive. There is an exception to every rule; Alec Smith's 37 points was an excellent below par performance but unluckily not good enough for a

prize, so he wasn't feeling too good about that. And his handicap was cut also.

The club would like to thank *Eurest* for their generous sponsorship of this event.

Glen Ross completed a new double, taking the league points scored in fix

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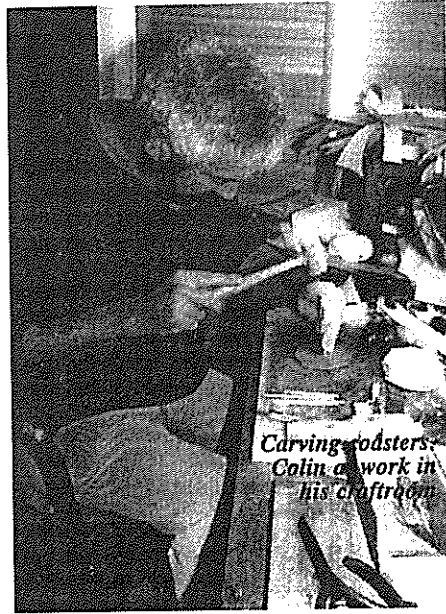
Leather works for Colin Davies

IN some primeval forest, before history began, a man-like creature chewing heartily on the remains of an animal killed for food might have found himself drenched by rain, and, being a tad more intelligent than his fellows, spontaneously draped the bloody hide over his head as protection.

Thus might have been born the concept of clothing, though the word 'rawhide' could well have been more of an uncomfortable condition than descriptive of untreated skins, until the process of tanning evolved - no doubt over many centuries.

Of course, no-one can say for sure how the craft of leatherwork really did originate but we do know there were skilled exponents of the art in ancient civilisations like the Greek and Roman empires, who had already come a long way from what must have been a fairly gory beginning to the elegant and often elaborately decorated leather artefacts that still survive.

In the Falklands, however, leather has fulfilled a more utilitarian role as the material most often used to make reins, bastos, saddles and other horse gear; a winter-time occupation, practised by many of the Islands' shepherds,



Carving a holster. Colin at work in his workshop.

which is now much diminished thanks chiefly to the introduction of the 'easier-to-catch' motor cycle as the main mode of transport for sheep gathering on many farms.

Today gear making in the Islands is a dying art with only a few of the old craftsmen left.

And then, of course, there is

Colin Davies.

Colin arrived in the Islands in the immediate aftermath of the '82 conflict to work in education and quickly found himself on horseback, moving between settlements as a travelling teacher.

Several years on he married Eileen, the girl he had known since their time in college, and brought her back to the Islands where they made their permanent home. It was a time of much change for the Davies'; their daughter, Helen, was born. Eileen established a career in the civil service and Colin left his job to build an extension onto their home on Ross Road West.

Sometime along the way Colin expressed an interest in leatherwork to Eileen, who promptly sent away for some of the basic tools as a Christmas present, someone else had a favourite old handbag that was beyond repair and asked him to copy it and, with the home extension completed, more orders coming in and time on

his hands, Uncle Tom's Cabin became the only commercial leathercraft business in the Falklands.

Working from home Colin began expanding his expertise and the range of leather products he can offer. Today you can commission Colin to make almost anything that can be made from leather: from keyring fobs to briefcases to saddles; belts to bottle collars.

If you want intricate designs, logos or crests incorporated into your leatherwork Colin can either stamp or tool (carve) them so expertly it is difficult to tell the difference.

Marketing his wares has never been a problem. With the strongest share of his sales and orders coming from the rotating population at MPA, which also means leather goods made by him have now travelled all over the world, Colin always has a stall at the Open Day and attends any craft fairs that are held.

Finding what he calls "star" people has been the key to much of his quiet success. These tend to be key people in a unit. They know and are capable of influencing others once they have themselves bought something from him.

Your letters

What we propose would be beneficial to Islands...

IN your issue of 13 March you published a letter from Tim Blake commenting on the "Way Forward" proposal made by Conrado Etchebarne Bullrich and myself. On 27th March you published Conrado's response.

There is one thing which Conrado did not address, summed up by the heading you gave Tim Blake's letter: "What they have failed to show is what the gain is to the Falklands."

We believe that what we propose would be greatly beneficial to the Islands.

It would mean certainty for the future, for Islanders and their children. The fact we have to face is that most of the world does not accept the British position. Every Latin American country supports the Argentine claim and the UN presses for negotiation. To this extend the islands are in a judicial limbo and the deal would end this.

It would remove the threat of another Galtieri and the risk, if the political or economic price of support became too high, of abandonment by Britain.

The deal would mean the *de facto* ending of the Argentine claim. This in turn would mean the removal of the political obstacles to optimum management of fish and oil.

It would reduce the risk of developing oil around the Islands and thus the costs. In a world competing for oil and gas investment it would increase the attraction of the Falklands.

It would mean easier and cheaper communications, reducing travel costs for residents and visitors, and the cost of freight.

The question I ask is, what are the disadvantages for the islands? We are not proposing transfer of sovereignty or sharing of sovereignty by Britain and Argentina of some responsibilities, without effect upon the liberties of the Islanders.

Our deal has been described as "woolly" and this is not a compliment even in Islands with a sheep as their badge. We accept this in part but we could not include much detail in what had to be an abbreviated document. To try to answer some of the questions raised and to understand better Islander reaction, to what is still a draft, Conrado and I plan to visit the islands next month. We hope we will be welcome and look forward to meeting and talking to as many people as possible.

Alastair Forsyth
Suffolk, UK.

Fitzroy Sheep Show 11 April 1998.. Cont. page 11

Stud Class 1. Mature Ram:
FIC Challenge Cup and FIC
vouchers. 1st £75, 2nd £50, 3rd
£20

1st Fitzroy
2nd Smylies Farm
3rd Fitzroy

Stud Class 2. Shearling Ram:
Mr and Mrs T Phillips Chal-
lenge Shield and 1st miniature
shield and £25, 2nd miniature
shield and £25, 3rd miniature
shield and £10

1st Salvador
2nd Hope Cottage farm
3rd Fitzroy

Stud Class 3. Ram Hogget
FIDC Challenge cup and 1st
£50, 2nd Department of Agri-
culture £100 to purchase sheep
from National Stud Flock, 3rd
£20 voucher from Falkland
Farmers Shop, 4th £10 voucher

from Falkland Farmers Shop
1st Kings Ridge (also Champion
Ram)

2nd Fitzroy
3rd Hope Cottage
4th National Stud Flock

Stud Class 4. Mature Ewe
1st prize £50 from Standard
Chartered Bank, 2nd £25 from
Pitaluga family, 3rd £10
voucher from Falkland Farmers

1st Smylies Farm (also Cham-
pion Ewe)

2nd Fitzroy
3rd Fitzroy

Stud Class 5. Shearling Ewe
1st prize £50 from Brian
Aldridge, 2nd £25 from Mr and
Mrs T Heathman, 3rd 25 litres
of oil from Stanley Services

1st Salvador
2nd Mount Kent Farm
3rd National Stud Flock

'Very satisfactory and worthwhile progress' at Special Area meeting

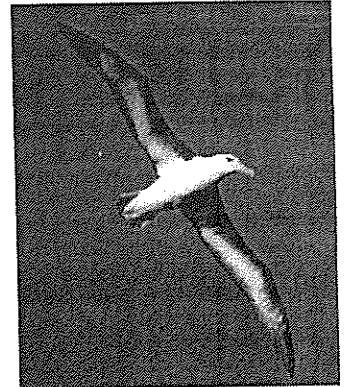
AN informal meeting to discuss issues concerning the special Co-operation Area was held in Buenos Aires from March 30 to April 1. Attending as part of the United Kingdom delegation were The Attorney General, David Lang, Director of Mineral Resources, Mrs Phyllis Rendell, and the Falkland

Islands Government's consultants, Dr Phil Richards of British Geological Survey and Mrs Moira Jones of the Health and Safety Executive.

The meeting which took place under the sovereignty umbrella, according to a recent release from Government House, dealt in a con-

Looking after nature

Penguin News talks to Sea Bird Surveyor, Richard White



Above: Black-browed Albatross (pic by R White)

AN employee of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (UK) but contracted to Falklands Conservation, Richard White, has been part of a small team who are undertaking a Sea bird and Cetacean survey primarily around oil exploration tranches to the North of the Falkland Islands.

Sponsored by oil operators under the auspices of FOSA (Falkland Offshore Sharing Agreement) the data collected by the surveyors is vital in providing operators with an idea of which areas around the tranches are most used by sea birds and hence most vulnerable in the event of oil pollution. "You can't assess long term effects (if there are to be any) of oil exploration on sea birds if you don't have baseline information," White told *Penguin News*.

With the information collected by the surveyors over at least a year, if a spill were to occur, operators would be able to tailor their responses depending on where the surface pollution is, and in which direction it is moving. That is, the data will tell them if the spill is heading for an area with a high sea bird population, or not.

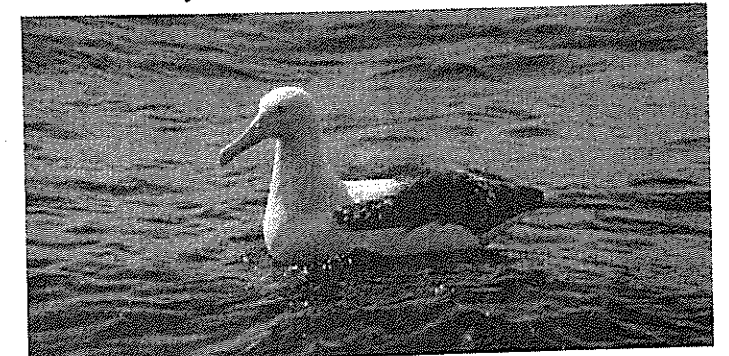
The research itself involves the surveyor, "sitting on a steaming vessel," counting birds flying past and sitting on the water within a certain distance of the vessel. This data is then used to get an idea of how many birds are to be found within a certain area. "The system is not designed to say there are x amount of birds using a particular area," said White, "it is more of a relative measure to say that there are more birds in one area than there are in another." All of the information is used to plot sea distri-

bution of sea birds, both those that breed on the Islands and those that are using the waters around the Falklands, but breed elsewhere in the world. It is also hoped that some of the data collected involving penguins will 'tie in' with the penguin tagging project which is being undertaken by Falklands Conservation (also sponsored by oil operators.)

Sea bird surveyors are very much dependent on vessels such as the Government's *Cordella*, or seismic survey ships, such as *L'Espoir*. As well as working primarily around the licensed oil tranches, however, surveyors are also interested in looking elsewhere around the Islands so that the original data can be put in context.

Although the project is presently tasked to members of the JNCC, it is hoped that the skills will be passed on to employees of Falklands Conservation so that they will be able to continue the work.

Below: Royal Albatross in Falklands' waters (pic by R White).



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ALSO IN, A LARGE SELECTION OF CD'S, VIDEOTAPES AND BOOKS

Big day at Brenton Loch

More than 200 attend AgDep Open Day

STAGED at Brenton Loch on Wednesday, April 15, this year's Agricultural Department Open Day was hailed by staff and visitors as a great success, and was certainly a bigger and better attended affair than the first Open Day held at Fitzroy twelve months ago.

An obviously pleased Director of Agriculture, Bob Reid, told *Penguin News* the Day is aimed at not only showing what the Department is doing and has achieved, "but also so we can dispel the image of men in white coats doing secret things behind high fences."

One of the main features of this year's show was the cattleyard complex and the cattle handling demonstrations.

Bob Reid: "We made the cattle yards a focal point to show what beef development is all about. Handling cattle is an essential part of beef farm-

ing and with the yards at Brenton Loch we were able to demonstrate how just two people can work with more than 200 cattle quite comfortably."

The design of the yards, he explained, was essentially Australian but was really an amalgam of ideas from all over the world.

Other displays included the fox control programme on Weddell Island; herbicide as a management tool; an update on the tree shelterbelt programme; a wool display; Aiden Kerr's work on natural pasture; a stand showing the work the veterinary department undertakes; and, of course, pasture improvement.

Much of the work, both in research and practical development, is linked to more effective use of pasture as well as improving it, a fact clearly demonstrated by the concept of manufacturing feed blocks for



livestock here in the Islands at around an eighth the cost of importing. Nutrients in feed blocks can enhance the appetites of livestock whilst others increase the efficiency of their digestive systems, thus encouraging them

to crop more food. The rate of consumption can be controlled by the amount of salt contained in the block.

Attended by both His Excellency the Governor, Mr Richard Ralph, and the Commander, British Forces, Falkland Islands, the Open Day began at 10.00am and closed at 5.00pm.

In declaring their satisfaction with the day, Bob Reid and the Agricultural Department were keen to express their gratitude to Jenny Luxton, Arlette Betts and Rhonda Reid, who produced, cooked and sold, hundreds of burgers and hot dogs; and to the military who, led by Sergeant Whitaker, provided and erected the giant marquee as well as the latrines that proved so essential.

Far left top: Rodney Lee puts down some roots

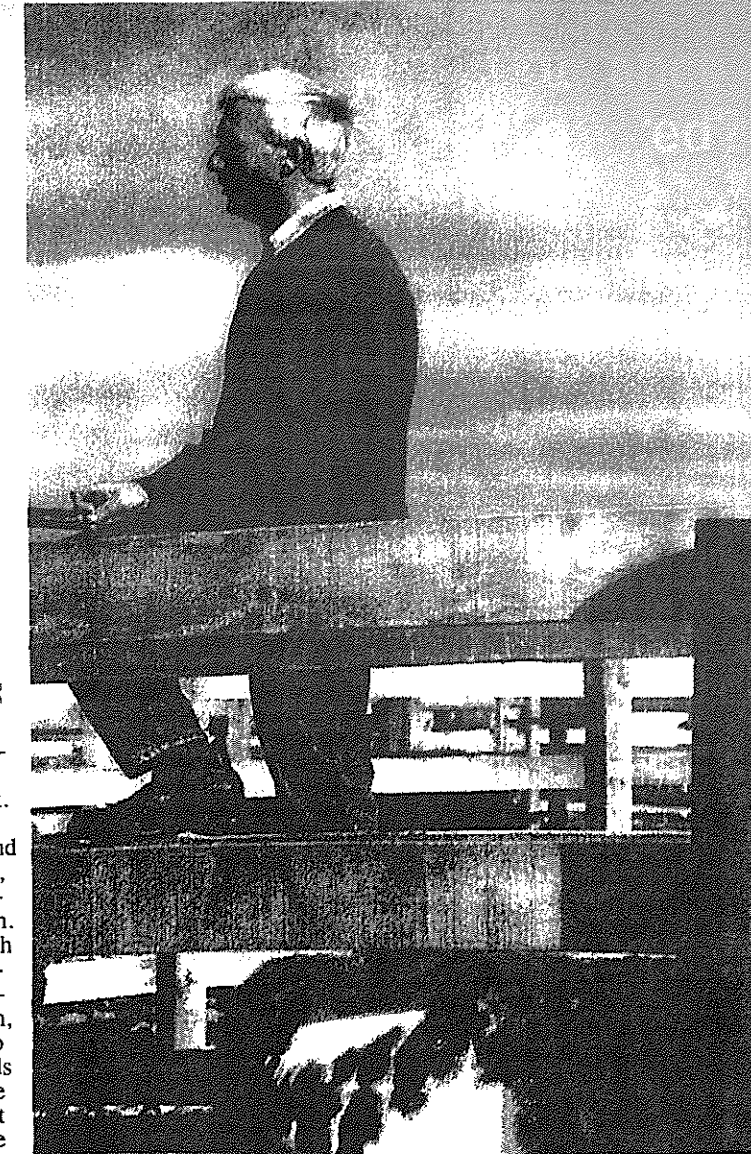
Far left bottom: Part of the cattle handling equipment and client

Below left: construction of the cattleyards came in for close scrutiny

Below: Jenny, Rhonda and Arlette in feeding frenzy

Left: HE the Governor welcomes visitors to the Open Day on behalf of the Ag Dept.

Above: Experienced farmers watch the cattle handling demonstrations in the new cattle yards



Press Release Millennium Compliance Working Group

THERE was a meeting on 9 April to get a group of people from within the community to look at the problems the millennium might have on electronic equipment within the Falkland Islands.

The first meeting was chaired by Councillor Cockwell. The four members will now look at ways of getting information to the public with regards what problems might arise.

The members are:
Steven Baker, Cable & Wire-

less
Nikki Buxton, Synergy Information Systems Ltd
Stephen Tidsley, Hospital Engineer
Ben Watson, Technician, Computer Section

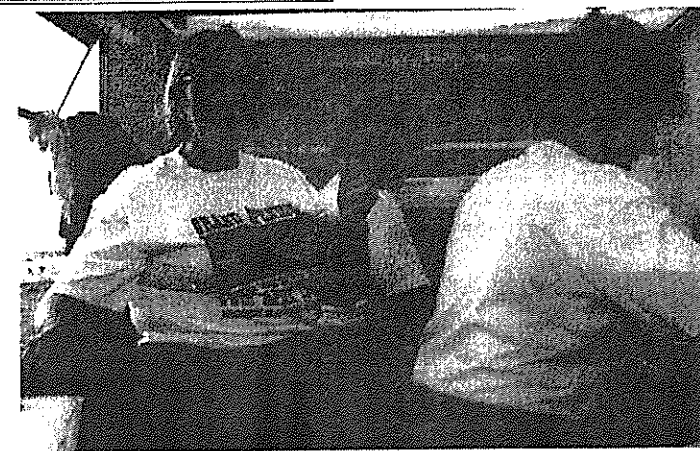
Any member of the public may contact a member of the working group at any time to discuss anything concerning millennium and the problems it might have on our household equipment.

Shooting *by Gerald Cheek*

The Easter Prize shoot together with the Stan Smith Shield was competed for on Sunday, 12 April. Highest possible score 150.

The winner was:
K Aldridge with 141
D Goodwin 141 Handicap score
S Smith 139

C McCallum 139
G Cheek 139
The team shoot was won by Harry Ford's team; scores as follows:
H Ford 133
K Aldridge 141
T McCallum 138



It is known that there were difficulties concerning tax guidelines and the way to administer the four areas the special area has been divided into.

"The system through which the government's of Argentina and Great Britain award the licences in the special area is going to be very complicated," said one of the negotiators. The consortiums which participate are going to have to register in the Islands as well as in Argentina. This disturbs the British negotiators, because they recall the aim of the so-called law of Eduardo Menem.

The senator's bill was unanimously passed by the Senate but did not get the same quorum in the lower house. The bill included sanctions for the companies which participated in the Islander's unilateral awarding of exploration licences. What was really in mind was those oil companies participating in this round of oil licenses, and have already carried out investments and will explore in the area awarded by the Islanders, instead of that of the special area.

The paper also had a brief concerning the possible withdrawal of British forces from the Islands area, quoting *Penguin News*. It added no further information to that published in *Clarín*.

CLARIN 13/4/98

London will approach the Kelpers

November - the month during which President Menem's visit to London is scheduled - is not far away. Meanwhile, negotiations between Argentina and Great Britain are increasing to achieve progress in the sovereignty dispute of the Falkland Islands.

British vice Foreign Secretary, Tony Lloyd, will arrive in Stanley, on April 21st and will speak face to face with the Kelpers, "about relations with Argentina, according to the Falkland newspaper *Penguin News* in its latest edition.

Following the visit to the Islands, Lloyd will come to Argentina for the first time, to bring or not, good news from the inhabitants of the archipelago.

The last time he visited the Falklands he did so in December 1996, as an opposition MP (Labour came into office in May 1997) and is remembered in the Islands for his pro-Argentine position.

Tony Blair's current vice foreign secretary, did not waste time during his visit to Stanley. Then, he said it was absurd that the Islanders would not allow Argentines into the Islands. And he advised them to re-evaluate the circumstances so that they can visit the Islands and consequently not have a relationship which is, "as disastrous with such a close neighbour."

Lloyd's visit is vital to avoid intermediates. The Islanders will listen to the foreign office official's details of the package of proposals which Argentina has to make, before President Menem travels to London.

The presidents team of advisers, which is made up of Foreign

Minister Guido Di Tella, Vice Foreign Minister Andres Cisneros, Ambassador in Great Britain Rogelio Pfitter and in Bern Guillermo Gonzalez, are personally carrying out the, "Falklands operation." The aim is to explore all possible ways which could lead to getting closer to recuperating the Islands, no matter how small. But, it could be read as an achievement of Menem's government by the former Empire.

The draft copies, which those, "in charge" are keeping safely, include the mediation of the Foreign Office so that the Argentine flag can fly at Darwin cemetery where the remains of Argentine soldiers who died during the 1982 conflict are, something which would be accepted by international military circles. And also it would mean the materialising of the president's prediction, "The Argentine flag will fly in the Falklands before the year 2000." The ground for persuasion which the Foreign Office is counting on is unanswerable: In the cemeteries where British soldiers are buried, in Turkey, the British flag flies.

In the package Argentina will offer the Islanders, there is also a proposal to freeze the sovereignty negotiations for a long period of time, so that the possibility of resuming communications and commercial relations with the archipelago could take place.

Lloyd will explain to the Islanders the current British position in bilateral relations. And this time, as an official, he will suggest, as a good diplomat, that they resume communications with Buenos Aires. At the Argentine foreign ministry they think that if the British vice foreign secretary has decided to cross the Atlantic to the Falklands, it is not to return empty handed. If the advances are positive, Menem plans to hold a public plebiscite to validate the, "package," which would not only ensure his name in the history books, but it would also mean the issue would become the centre of political attention for 1999.

From here to November the Kelpers are the priority of the members of the president's team, who will be playing a match in which defence means attack. And, as always, the attainment of goals, mean love.

CLARIN 13/4/98

The oil platform is reaching the islands

The countdown for the arrival of the first oil platform in the Falkland Islands has begun. *Borgny Dolphin* - that is the name of the marine base - is currently sailing through the South Atlantic seas and according to the government of the islands calculations will reach Stanley between the 17th and 21st of April, depending on the weather.

The first explorations will begin two weeks after the platform reaches the Islands. It will be the beginning of a long road to reveal the mystery surrounding whether or not hydrocarbons exist in the waters around the islands, some-

thing which has been on the minds of both Argentines and the British for decades. In July 1996, the Falklands government unilaterally awarded oil licenses, in spite of Argentine resistance, licenses for oil exploration in seven areas to the north of the archipelago, following a tender, in which the only offer which was rejected was that of a consortium made up of YPF and British Gas.

Thirteen oil companies from different countries obtained permission in a sector which is in dispute between Great Britain and Argentina. As compensation, London and Buenos Aires, signed a joint oil exploration and exploitation agreement to the south-west of the Falklands, although nearly three years since the bilateral understanding was signed, the joint tender has yet to take place.

The Argentine and British foreign ministries are working against the clock, so that Menem and Prime Minister Tony Blair can make an announcement during the president's visit to the United Kingdom

Britain

SUTTON GUARDIAN - 9/4/98

Lest we forget Falklands fallen

This June brings a bitter sweet anniversary as the nation marks the 16th year since Britain's triumphant re-conquest of the Falkland Islands.

Our pride in the memory of such a hard-fought victory will, however, be tinged with deep sadness as we recall the loss of the many brave people who give their lives to ensure such a victory.

A total of 267 British soldiers, sailors and airmen died in the vicious fighting leading to the defeat of the invading Argentinian forces on June 14, 1982.

Due to the nature of the fighting many of the fallen lie in unmarked graves.

More than half the British casualties died at sea, while others fell on darkened hill sides as bitter night-time fighting took its toll, yet more were shot down from the skies.

Yet despite the pride, gratitude and sorrow felt by the nation at this tremendous sacrifice there is - you may feel, surprisingly no single church in mainland Britain dedicated in its entirety to their memory.

There are memorials both on the islands and closer to home dedicated to those who died.

But for those who lost sons, fathers, husbands and loved ones in the war and, indeed, for the nation as a whole, there is no single, focal point for our continuing celebration of their unselfish bravery.

Many believe this state of affairs to be shameful and now the Trustees of the Falklands Island Memorial Chapel Trust, with the full help and support of the South London Guardian Group and the News Shopper, have determined to do something about it.

And we want your help. The Chapel Trust, chaired by Admiral Sir John 'Sandy' Woodward who commanded the Falkland's naval Task Group, want to provide the

nation with just such a chapel. The foundation stone for it was unveiled by the Duke of York, a veteran of the war, last June.

The trustees are now trying to raise £1.75 million to build the chapel on land generously provided by Pangbourne College in Berkshire which has always had strong naval links. The appeal has the support of the Falkland Families Association and of the South Atlantic Medal Association. Within the proposed chapel all those who died will have a kneeler dedicated to their memory which will bear their name.

One way people can help the fund is to pay for a kneeler. It is also the trustees' intention to represent each participating ship and unit within the chapel.

If you would like to remember those who gave their lives so far from home during the 1982 Falkland Island Conflict you may like to make a donation, no matter how small, in cheque, postal order or cash to: The Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel Appeal, Newspaper House, 34-44 London Road, Morden Surrey SM4 5BR. If you require a receipt please send a stamped addressed envelope. Thank You.

FALKLAND WOOL GROWERS LTD

Wool Market Report 10th April 1998

Wool Markets: There were no auctions in Australia or South Africa this week. The Australian Eastern Market Indicator (EMI) closed for Easter last week, at 614 Australian cents/Kg, (the lowest level of the season to date).

There was an auction in Christchurch, NZ on Wednesday. Prices were slightly dearer except for medium crossbred fleece wools. The pass-in amounted to 18 percent of the 12,283 bales on sale. The NZ indicator rose 6 cents/Kg this week to close at 425 NZ cents/Kg, an improvement which owed much to the further weakening of the NZ dollar against major wool trading partners' currencies. Currencies impacted the British wool sale on Wednesday in the opposite direction, due to the strength of sterling.

CURRENCIES: The New Zealand dollar continues to weaken and is now at 3.04\$/£. The Australian dollar weekend a cent on the week and is now at 2.54\$/£.

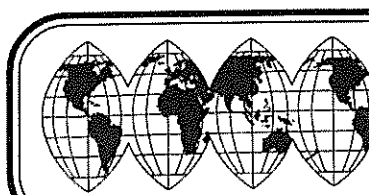
ANALYSIS: Manufacturers report that given the recent upheaval in Asia, Europe is essentially making the market for wool at present. Analysts report however that the pipeline in Europe has largely been refilled and that the demand for wool clothing among European consumers remains subdued.

AGENCY: Bales from the delayed *Kapetan Vaga* (our voyage 5) will complete arrival in Bradford today. The *Aleksandrov* is sailing northbound.

The Agency found further speciality demand this week. Although coinciding with the Easter recess, some deliveries are being taken up; this has allowed payments on behalf of Farm Principals to HRSS, Bower Green, FIC, DS & Co (re advances), SGS and a payment to Standard Chartered bank value dated yesterday.

Please send all outstanding bale details for this season. Identifying the last bale/farm produced for the season is most helpful. Many thanks for recent bale specifications.

With regards
Robert Hall



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Current Affairs Supplement



Argentina

Please note the following extracts are translations
LA NACION 6/4/98

The war is not over for the Falklands veterans

The closest splinter to the Falklands war is the daily fight a group of Argentine veterans have against lack of health care due to the lack of knowledge in our country concerning post traumatic stress or war trauma. Sixteen years after the South Atlantic conflict, former soldiers led by specialised professionals are leading a health programme to fight psychological traumas which sometimes lead to extreme decisions being taken. 200 Argentine survivors have already committed suicide.

The difficult consequences among the humans originated with the conflict with Great Britain on April 2nd 1982, following the armed forces landing in the Islands commenced.

The veterans have a chronic emotional problem (war trauma) which is shown through destructive behaviour which interfere with all aspects of life.

Taking over life

Faced by the increasing number of suicides, in 1997, the veterans of the province of Buenos Aires requested the provincial health ministry to begin a training programme of health team and veterans to carry out clinical examinations and treatments.

Ministerial resolution 3518/96 and provincial decree 4614/96, during last year led to the setting up of a programme in this district (where there are some 6000 veterans). It is led by two specialists and former soldiers in Korea and Vietnam Bruce Webster and Gary Craig, a psychiatrist and a clinical psychologist, both Argentines.

The group began to notice the mental fall of the veteran and their families. In 1997, all veterans were called up to draw up a health register, which *La Nacion* obtained access to. The specialist concluded that of the 2000 who were evaluated 25% were suffering from some kind of trauma syndrome (the United Nations estimates that between 10 and 50 percent of the people who were involved in war suffer this kind of illness).

They found numerous physical problems: problems of blood pressure, gastritis, haemorrhoids and dental problems.

CLARIN 11/4/98

London is looking into withdrawing troops from the Falklands

The British defence ministry is looking into the possibility of withdrawing the ship, *Dumbarton Castle*, which patrols the Falklands waters, the Islands newspaper the

Penguin News reported. It was not denied by the British Foreign Office.

The measure would be parallel to the progressive lifting of the military embargo which Great Britain enforced against Argentina following the Falklands war in 1982. The advance has taken place discreetly because of the Kelpers fierce opposition to the military closeness between the two countries.

The possibility that the British defence ministry decides to publicly loosen the embargo, before President Menem's forthcoming visit to London - scheduled for next November - has also been shown in the British press during the last few weeks.

Argentine Defence Minister Jorge Dominguez, took advantage of his stopover in London to meet with his British colleague George Robertson last week. The matter of the military embargo was brought up by Dominguez himself admitted at the end of the meeting.

Robertson's men are currently looking into budget cuts for next year and the matter of the defence of the Falkland Islands and the anachronism of the military embargo against Argentina, seem to be getting a lot of attention.

The reasons are more economic ones than political. Officials at the ministry question part of the budget which is being used to maintain two patrol ships around the Falklands because Argentina is no longer considered a military threat to the Islands.

Examples can clearly be seen. General Martin Balsa officially visited England last year and held a meeting with the former head of the British troops during the 1982 war, retired general, Jeremy Moore.

Last December the first meeting between Dominguez and Robertson took place and the two have been in touch ever since. Also, Argentina and Great Britain jointly participate in peace-keeping missions in Cyprus and Kuwait.

"As far as I know the frigate is not going to be withdrawn," said the Islands Governor, Richard Ralph, when asked by the Islanders, who reacted to the news immediately.

The Governor of the Islands admitted that the rumours which had reached the archipelago were "filtrations" of an inter-departmental meeting at the defence ministry.

The Foreign Office told *Clarín* that the embargo is still in effect, although they admitted that there will continue to be exceptions if Argentine wishes to purchase spare parts which are considered inoffensive by the British government.

A few weeks ago, Argentina purchased spare parts for an ice-breaker and equipment for the sol-

diers who are participating in the peace-keeping missions in Kuwait. Two operations, which can be added to a series of purchases during the last few years.

In the Falklands, Councillor Sharon Halford, asked by *Clarín*, admitted with resignation, "the lifting of the embargo is a decision which the government in London must take, which promised to defend us."

Island Legislator, John Birmingham meanwhile confessed that, "the withdrawal of the patrol ships is also a decision made by London," and rejected both possibilities.

"Argentina is no longer a threat at the present time, because the navy is patrolling the waters," says *Penguin News*.

"The diplomats believe that the navy presence is a strong symbol of the British commitment to defend the sovereignty of the Islands and the withdrawal could be interpreted in Buenos Aires as a lack of interest on London's part," said the cover story.

The "embargo at the moment is just a formality," claim Di Tella's men. And they do not deny that the announcement of the lifting of the embargo, after sixteen years, would be an achievement of the Argentine president and the foreign minister's charm offensive.

AMBITO FINANCIERO 13/4/98

The Kelpers are hurrying up with the oil business

A new round of negotiations between Argentines, Brits and representatives of the Falklands examined the agenda for the launching of oil explorations in the so-called special co-operation area. The Islanders delegation was made up of Phyllis Rendell, director of the oil department and David Lang, attorney general. There are differences between the sides concerning legislation and taxes as well as the percentages to be paid concerning royalties. The special area, of approximately 20,000 square kilometres, is to the south-west of the Falkland Islands and was established in 1995 following an oil understanding signed by John Major and Carlos Menem in New York.

Argentine and British officials and representatives of the Kelpers, grouped together as the South-West Atlantic Hydrocarbons Commission, are carrying out negotiations. The Argentine foreign ministry is trying to speed things up so that a solution which allows the launching of the sale of licences to take place coincides with Menem's visit to Great Britain.

Meanwhile, the Islands government and the oil companies which operate in the maritime zone under the control of the Falklands, are nearly ready to begin drilling the

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first oil well. The bilateral reunions took place in the Palacio San Martin (foreign ministry ceremonial building), discreetly between March 30th and April 2nd a sensitive date for the members of the Falklands government, who were part of the committee of negotiators. Guido Di Tella's intention - which was brought up by the Argentine participants in the reunions - is to accelerate the negotiations and to have the administrative guidelines of the agreement ready for when Menem meets Tony Blair in Great Britain, probably at the end of November. That would mean they would be able to make a joint announcement concerning the launching of the exploration licences in the special co-operation area.

First drilling

The Island's government, for its part, is hurrying up the explorations in the exclusive zones to the north-east of the Islands. If the oil platform *Borgny Dolphin* arrives according to schedule, the Islanders will begin drilling at the end of April.

The discovery of oil in waters in dispute could modify the political scenario, with more than one hitch for Di Tella's "charm offensive." If, with the income from fisheries (currently \$25 million per annum) the Islanders achieve financial autonomy, which led to the idea of self-determination, now with substantial oil resources, will they demand greater political autonomy. Could they revise the status of foreign territory to become independent? This last political category, is part of a study the Islands government is carrying out, in which it says that the ideal situation for the Falklands, would be a kind of associated state or independence, under the tutelage of Great Britain.

During the three days of negotiations, tax aspects, the environment and work safety were discussed.



British press Headline stories: April 14 - April 16

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR TUESDAY 14 APRIL BLUNKETT ADDRESSES TEACHERS UNION CONFERENCE

Most of the broadsheets lead on the speech by the Education Secretary, David Blunkett, to the annual conference of the National Union of Teachers. 'Blunkett gets tough with the militants,' is the headline in the *Independent* - a reference which all three papers make to the interruption of Mr Blunkett's speech by left-wing delegates, jeering at the Government's education reforms.

The *Daily Telegraph* describes as 'an unprecedented Government intervention' its proposals to publish ready-made teaching programmes in almost every subject. The paper says they amount to national text books. In its editorial, the *Independent* calls the mentality and attitude of the hecklers negative and sour. But the paper says teachers need to be persuaded into improving standards, not brutalised into imaginative performances in the classroom.

NATIONAL LOTTERY TAKE-OVER BID

The *Guardian* has a front page story which says that the Post Office and the football pools' operator, Littlewoods, are joining forces in an attempt to take over the running of the National Lottery in the year 2001. The paper says preliminary talks have already taken place. It says the bid could prove extremely attractive to the Treasury because the state will get a share of the Post Office's lucrative lottery profits.

FRENCH COMPANIES REGISTERING IN BRITAIN

The *Times* reports that many small French companies are pouring into Britain - many without even crossing the English Channel. The *Times* says that by registering their firms in Britain, the French companies can take advantage of lower British taxes, lighter social security charges and more flexible job regulations. The paper says the business owners are defiant about accusations of cheating the French tax system.

RUSSIAN ELECTIONS

Two papers comment on the uncertainty in Russia as President Yeltsin continues to insist on Sergei Kiriyenko as his nominee for the next Prime Minister. The *Financial Times* says Mr Yeltsin may

have to carry out his threat to dissolve the Russian Parliament if it continues to oppose the nomination. It says he may have stumbled into one of the stiffest battles of his presidency. The *Guardian* says the odds are in favour of Mr Kiriyenko's eventual acceptance by the Parliament. But it adds that the real problem is whether Mr Kiriyenko can contend with the small circle of businessmen who are now believed by most Russians to be the hidden forces behind the state.

BANK MERGERS IN USA

The *Financial Times* comments on the latest big mergers announced in the United States banking sector, one of which - between Nationsbank and BankAmerica - will create the nation's largest bank. The paper sounds a note of caution, saying the scale of the deals will make them difficult to manage. It says they have been conceived in what is now approaching a mood of merger mania in the United States.

TERMITE INVASION

Britain may be facing a new pest - termites. The *Guardian* newspaper says the insects, which look like ants, have been found in the country for the first time; they usually prefer warmer climates. A colony of termites was discovered in south-western England, although he exact location is being kept a secret to protect property values in the area. They are capable of chewing their way through entire buildings. Experts say termites have been gradually expanding their range northwards, with some species established in France and Germany.

FIDO THE RAT SAVES FAMILY

Most of the tabloids report on the pet rat who saved a family from burning to death when their house caught fire. The rat, which is called Fido, apparently pushed his way out of his cage when an electric heater started a fire in the middle of the night. But instead of fleeing for his life, he jumped onto the blazing carpet, climbed stairs and scratched the bedroom door, waking up the family. Fido was rewarded with his favourite meal of sweet and sour chicken. But there was nothing for the family dog, a 10 month old Alsatian who slept throughout the drama, blissfully unaware.

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR THURSDAY 16 APRIL 1998

NORTHERN IRELAND

Most of the broadsheets lead on

the decision by the influential Protestant Orange Order not to endorse the Northern Ireland peace agreement. The *Independent* and The *Times* describe the move as a major blow for the head of the Ulster Unionist Party, David Trimble, who did approve of the deal. The *Independent* and the *Daily Mail* call on the IRA to lay down its arms as a way of reassuring moderate Unionists. The *Guardian* says an opinion poll carried out by the paper shows that there is overwhelming support in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic for the deal. The paper says that not for the first time, the people of Northern Ireland are setting a lead, and that now is the time for their leaders to follow.

The *Daily Telegraph*, which has urged voters not to be stampeded into accepting the deal in next month's referendum, says the decision has dealt it a severe blow. The *Daily Mail* says it is a profound worry that fears of a sell-out to Dublin, as it puts it, are so prevalent. It urges the British and Irish Prime Ministers to allay those fears by linking any release of paramilitary prisoners to a surrender of weapons by the paramilitary groups. But the *Times* points out that the Orange order did not reject the deal outright.

VAUXHALL BOSS GIVES UP SALARY FOR A YEAR

Many papers comment on the decision by the boss of the Vauxhall car company, Nick Reilly, to give up his salary for a year, if his employees accept a small pay rise. The mass circulation *Sun* newspaper congratulates him, saying, 'it is good to see a fat cat who is not afraid to slim down a bit'. But many of the papers, and trade unionists, point out that Mr Reilly will still qualify for bonuses and benefits worth thousands of dollars.

CYPRUS VIOLENCE

The *Daily Star* reports that drunk British soldiers in Cyprus have brought fresh shame on the British Army after a gang of them kicked a holidaymaker senseless. Pictures show the horrific injuries suffered by the man, who could lose an eye. The *Star* says the British Army's reputation in Cyprus has been blackened by a series of incidents in recent years, the most horrific being the rape and murder of a Danish tour guide. It calls for the entire force to be confined to barracks.

ASIAN ECONOMIC CRISIS

On its foreign pages, the *Guardian* looks at the economic crisis in Asia, saying that the warning to Japan by the G7 group of industrialised nations was unusually blunt. It goes on to highlight a report by the UN's International Labour Organisation, which says that the crisis could throw millions out of work. It quotes the ILO's Chief Policy Analyst, Eddy Lee, as saying that although the unemployment rate in Asia was unlikely to exceed the highest levels seen in the former Soviet Bloc, it was potentially more explosive, because of weak welfare provisions.

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143 billion cubic feet, the largest in Latin America and fifth in the world ranking. The Venezuelan company also has one of the biggest refining capacities in the world, 3.5 million barrels a day, with plants in Europe, the Caribbean and the US. PDVSA also signed a similar co operation agreement with Petrobras, the Brazilian giant and third in Latin America.

POP SINGER TO PROMOTE MENEM - BUENOS AIRES

Argentine president Carlos Menem named former pop and folk singer Ramón Ortega as Secretary for Social Development, a Department geared to promote Mr. Menem's government and launch Mr. Ortega as one of the possible ruling Peronist party candidates for the '99 presidential elections. With an annual budget of 900 million US dollars, and a ministerial rank *Palito* Ortega as he's better known, has become a clue figure for the succession of Mr Menem who does not dismiss the possibility of a third term. Although a questionable issue of the Argentine Constitution that still has to be ruled by the Supreme Court, the mere suggestion of another four years for Menem, who has been in power since 1989, is openly rejected by the opposition. *Palito* who was the most popular Argentine folk singer of the sixties has said he would like to be a presidential candidate, but only if Mr Menem can't be re-elected. In the meantime he will work promoting all the social achievements of the ten years of the Menem era of economic and financial stability. This leaves out Mr Eduardo Duhalde, Governor of the province of Buenos Aires, who until just a year ago was considered Mr. Menem's natural successor and the candidate with the best chances of becoming president of Argentina in 1999. The launching of the third term for Menem project that has been brewing for months has openly distanced both leaders and moved Mr Duhalde closer to the opposition forces.

DIFFICULT TIMES FOR DAIRY FARMING

Uruguayan and Argentine dairy farmers are planning common actions to overcome the drop in the price of milk decided by the industrial plants. In Uruguay the main milk co-operative, which is the reference for the industry, reduced the price of milk 12% as of last March, and simultaneously eliminated some of the highest paid jobs and 150 workers were sent home for the next six months. In Argentina the price drop for milk was 10%, but the industrial plants anticipated a further 4% reduction in July with an accumulated reduction of 16% for next October. An extraordinary summer production in Brazil which limited foreign sales, plus an aggressive regional presence of Australia and New Zealand forced out of Asia because of the financial crisis, has weakened world demand and prices. The average price for industrial milk in Uruguay and Argentina is between 16.5 and 18 US cents per litre. The breaking even point, according to dairy farmers is 24 US cents.

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News from South America provided by Mercopress

PATAGONIA CLAIMS OIL ROYALTIES

The Argentine Patagonia Parliament released a strong declaration claiming that the area produces most of the energy consumed in Argentina but merely receives 9% of federal co-participation funds. "The issue is crystal clear and we are demanding a more fair deal for the Patagonian provinces," said Pablo Verani, Governor of the Rio Negro province. "We supply the rest of Argentina with 80% of oil, 90% of natural gas, 100% of coal and over 40% of electricity, but we're only fed back a dismal 9% of federal funds," added Mr. Verani. The Patagonia Parliament is a political body that encompasses the legislative branches of the Argentine provinces to the south of the Colorado River, from Rio Negro to Tierra del Fuego.

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high in saturated fats, alcohol, and low consumption of fruit and vegetables. Nevertheless there's a bright side to the report: between the fifties and seventies the main problem among Chilean school children was malnutrition.

YPF TARGETS BRAZIL

YPF, the main Argentine oil company will be investing 180 million US dollars during 1998 in Brazil, the first stage of a ten year plan to turn Brazil in the company's main market. "Our target is to reach sales of six billion US dollars in Brazil in ten years time," said Roberto Monti YPF's CEO. Last month YPF became partner of one of two main Brazilian oil refineries and is discussing the purchase of a distribution organisation in Sao Paulo which owns over 1,000 gasoline stations. "YPF besides its strategic agreement with Petrobras for the distribution of fuel in both countries, will be participating in all upstream and downstream operations of the Brazilian oil and gas industry," explained Joao Carlos de Luca, General Manager of YPF Brazil. Mr. De Luca added that YPF plans to associate with Petrobras to search for oil offshore in the north of Brazil, once the areas and tranches are privatised. "Once the present privatisation bill set the rules we will be exploring and drilling together with Petrobras as we're doing currently in the Gulf of Mexico; they have the deep water expertise and we have the privatisation experience," stressed Mr De Luca. YPF sales in 1997 reached 6,144 million US dollars with a daily oil production of 433,000 barrels and 1,108 million cubic feet of natural gas.

HMS MONTROSE IN MONTEVIDEO

HMS Montrose arrived last Thursday in Montevideo and will be staying until April 21. According to the British Embassy release, HMS Montrose is a Duke Type 23 frigate under the command of Captain A R Nance RN. Contrary to other Royal Navy vessels arriving in Montevideo, HMS Montrose will not be open to visitors. Approximately two weeks ago HMS Montrose visited Punta Arenas. In related news another British vessel is also visiting a South American country. HMS Gold Rover is currently in Buenos Aires, and is open to the public.

CRISIS IN CHILEAN COALITION

Chilean president Eduardo Frei facing a serious political crisis inside the ruling coalition, appealed to National Union in an attempt to overcome last week's rift when Congress rejected a constitutional impeachment of former dictator General Augusto Pinochet. "I appeal to political forces, their leaders and all Chileans to work for a full democ-

racy that will enable us to face the many challenges we have before us," said president Frei, during a press conference. Mr Frei also remembered that during the weekend Chile will be hosting the Americas presidential summit which will bring together 34 heads of state and government including US President Bill Clinton. The crisis in the ruling coalition broke out when eleven Christian Democrat Deputies, (the president's party) voted with the right wing opposition to prevent an impeachment of Senator for life, Augusto Pinochet. Former dictator Pinochet was accused by Socialists and left wing Christian Democrats of having, "endangered the honour and security of Chile," on several occasions since handing power to a civilian government in 1990.

JOINT NAVAL EXERCISES

For the first time ever the Argentine and Chilean Navys will be participating in joint exercises, although they will be of a non military nature and geared to confront natural or ecological disasters. "At the moment we are not facing any threats that would lead us to respond in a combined military operation," said Admiral Jorge Arancibia Reyes, Commander in Chief of the Chilean Navy. The details of the exercises are to be decided this week during an official visit of the Argentine Navy Chief of Staff, Admiral Carlos Marrón, but according to reliable sources the combined operations will be taking place during the second half of 1998. The hypotheses for the joint exercises are maritime disasters, traffic control on both sides of the extreme south of the continent as well as environmental patrolling in the high seas and coastal areas. The announcement is considered a historic event since only twenty years ago both Navys almost clashed and went to war during the 1978 Beagle Channel conflict.

URUGUAY AND ARGENTINA AT ODDS

Uruguay and Argentina are at odds over fishing quotas in the Common Fishing Zone, CFZ, that extends from the River Plate into the Atlantic Ocean. Although the TAC (Total Allowable Catch) for hake, white croaker and squid have long been established, both sides have never actually agreed on how to share the volumes and a considerable drop in the catches has been reported lately. While Uruguay managed a record catch in 1985 of 95,000 tons of hake in the CFZ, Argentina reached 99,000 in 1991, but those volumes in 1997 went down to 49,000 and 67,000 tons. Concerning white croaker the 40,000 tons TAC originally established -17,500 for Uruguay and 22,500 for Argentina - was quite normal until 1993 when the Chinese appeared and volumes shot up. Both countries have helped to violate the TAC and now Argentina claims Uruguayan trawlers are even fishing in the spawning area. As far as squid is concerned, Uruguayan catches in the CFZ have been modest, until Korean jiggers began operating under Uruguayan flag, jumping from an annual average of 8,000 to 20,000 tons. Argentina on the other hand has ranged between 28,000 and 54,000 tons in 1996. Another issue of contention is the start of the squid season - for Uruguay it's

April, for Argentina May.

LEON BRITTON LOBBIES FOR EUROPE

Europe's top trade negotiator and former Minister of Mrs Thatcher, Sir Leon Brittan, was in Uruguay for a two days visit to lobby in favour of the Millennium Round and a European Union-Mercosur free trade agreement. "We are not telling people with whom they must associate, but Europe is very much interested in a free trade agreement with Mercosur, and we hope negotiations will take up speed next year," said Sir Britton. The top European trade negotiator stressed that Europe has nothing to object to in other agreements (in reference to the US sponsored Free Trade Association of the Americas). "As long as they stick to the World Trade Organisation regulations and secondly that they do not create additional barriers between those countries and the rest of the world," said Sir Brittan who also remembered that Europe is the main trade partner of the area and investor in Mercosur countries. Sir Brittan finally stressed that his visit to Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil had another objective: activate and strengthen the Millennium Round - a further attempt by all countries to bring down tariffs and liberalise trade and services.

CATASTROPHIC RAINS IN ARGENTINA

Most cotton growers are small family run farms working on credit. In the north of Santa Fé, one of the richest agricultural Argentine provinces after Buenos Aires and the Pampas, four million acres of prime soil have been flooded or are inaccessible. Three people died electrocuted while over eleven thousand have been evacuated or forced to leave their homes, since the weather forecast indicates that more rainfall is expected for the rest of April, and there's a risk of strong floods in lowlands next to rivers and lakes. The torrential rainfall arrived when most weather experts had announced that the 'wet El Niño' of the Atlantic coast was to become a 'dry La Niña', as of next September.

OIL WON'T REBOUND FURTHER

Oil prices won't rebound further and should stabilise around 16.50 US dollars a barrel according to Luis Giusti, president of Venezuela's oil monopoly (PDVSA) one of the world's biggest energy conglomerates. Mr. Giusti made a quick visit to Argentina where he gave a conference to the top managers of the Argentine oil industry and signed a, "framework co operation agreement," with YPF that will extend from exploration and exploitation areas to refining and the petrochemical industry. "Oil prices will increase modestly for the next few months," said Mr. Giusti who nevertheless was optimistic about the future since, "the energy of the next century will still be oil and natural gas." Petróleos de Venezuela Sociedad Anónima is the main oil company of America with annual sales of over 30 billion US dollars (five times more than YPF), and also has a distribution chain of 20,000 gasoline stations in the United States under the name of CITGO. PDVSA natural gas reserves are estimated in

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Goods now being unpacked - ex' Anne Boye

FURNITURE

3 Piece Suites (plenty to choose from) - Bookcases - Cupboards - Display Units -
Kitchen Chairs - Coffee Tables - Stools

For the Bedroom: back by popular demand -

The all white Alpine Range and the blue and pine effect Aztec Range

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New range of Net Curtains -
Tablecloths - Curtains - Rugs - Bed Linen -
Lamp Shades - and much, much more!

FOR PETS

Bowls - Toys - Dog & Cat Beds (including radiator beds) -
Leads - Dog Harnesses & Coats

BUILDING

A wide range and variety of Tools -
Hardware - The full range of Building Products -
and introducing:
The New Eurocal Combi-Boiler

HomeCare For all you need to make your house a home!



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April 18 - April 24

TIDES AROUND THE ISLANDS

The times and heights of high and low tides (in metres) at Stanley. Time given is Stanley time.
For Camp, make the following changes:

April					April				
18					22				
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0958 1.2					0755 0.5				
SAT 1501 0.8					1438 1.3				
2122 1.4					2019 0.7				
Sunrise 0742					Sunrise 0648				
Sunset 1800					Sunset 1652				
21					23				
0646 0.5					THURS				
TUE 1336 1.2					0233 1.5				
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					Sunset 1648				

CHURCH SERVICES

CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY: 8am Holy Communion, (1662 Prayer Book) 10am Morning Prayer with Sunday School. 1st Sunday - Family Worship (no Sunday School) 2nd Sunday - Holy Communion with Sunday School. 7pm Evening Prayer 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays - Live Broadcast Service. 4th Sunday - Holy Communion.
Rector: Revd Alistair McHaffie
Tel: 21100/Fax 21842, The Deanery, 17 Ross Road, Stanley

TABERNACLE - free church

Sunday meetings: 10am and 7pm,
ARK Bookshop: Saturdays 2-4pm Minister: Mike Mitchelmore 21787

St. MARY'S

SUNDAY: 10am (MPA 6.30pm),
Week days: 9am; Sat. also 5pm

St. CUTHBERT'S (MPA)

SUN: 8am Holy Communion;
10.30am Eucharist/Morning worship; 6.30pm Holy Mass;
MON: 6.30am Mass

WED: 7.30pm Holy communion;
8pm Bible Study Tel: 74350

BAHA'IFAITH

For information on meetings please ring Tel: 21957 (evenings)

HOSPITAL PHARMACY

Mornings 10am 12 noon
Monday/Thursday
2.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday
1.30 - 3.30pm
Tuesday/Friday
3.00pm - 5.00pm

MUSEUM

Tuesday - Friday
1030 - 12 noon/ 2.00 - 4.00pm
Sunday
10.00 - 12 noon

TREASURY

Monday - Friday
8am - 12 noon/ 1.15 - 3.00pm

LIBRARY

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Contact Graham France on 21624
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WELL BABY/CHILD CLINIC Day Centre KEMH Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am. Contact Miranda Cheek Health Visitor 27418

Leisure Centre Holiday Times

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Your BFBS Television programmes

SATURDAY 18TH APRIL

8.20 CHUCKLEVISION
8.40 GET YOUR OWN BACK
9.05 HURRICANES
9.30 THE WILD HOUSE
10.00 LIVE AND KICKING
1.15 GRANDSTAND Including: News Summary; Action from one of snooker's prestigious World Championships from the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield; racing from Newbury; the opening rounds in the British Touring Car Championships from Thruxton; Football Focus; and a full round-up of the rest of the day's sporting action
6.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.25 TURNING POINTS
6.30 TOP OF THE POPS
7.00 THE D-FILES
7.10 MOVIE PREMIERE; STARGATE (1994,PG) Science-fiction adventure starring Kurt Russell and James Spader. An Egyptologist, ridiculed for his theory that the monuments of the Nile were built with extraterrestrial help, is asked to join a US government project
9.00 ROGER ROGER
9.50 UNFINISHED BUSINESS
10.20 THE LILY SAVAGE SHOW
10.50 BRIT GIRLS
11.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.35 MATCH OF THE DAY

SUNDAY 19TH APRIL

8.20 MATCH OF THE DAY Another chance to see the football highlights programme screened last night
9.30 BREAKFAST WITH FROST (including News and Weather)
10.30 BODGER AND BADGER 10.45 THE MASK
11.10 BLUE PETER
11.35 JUNIOR MASTERCHEF
12.05 SONGS OF PRAISE
12.40 THE WHITBREAD: THE WORLD'S GREATEST OCEAN RACE
1.10 THE CHART SHOW
2.00 NEWS
2.10 BROOKSIDE Is Peter kidding himself that he's over Lindsey?
3.20 THIS IS YOUR LIFE
3.50 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW
4.35 THE SIMPSONS
5.00 FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP Coventry v Liverpool
6.55 MICHAEL BARRYMORE'S MY KIND OF MUSIC
7.45 GET WELL SOON
8.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
8.30 INTO THE BLUE Harry Barnett, a bartender and caretaker on the Greek island of Rhodes, is suspected of murder when his friend Heather Mallender goes missing
10.15 THE D-FILES
10.20 HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU (New)
10.50 RORY BREMNER: FROM BLAIR TO HERE
11.45 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
12.00 RUGBY EXPRESS

MONDAY 20TH APRIL

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS
10.00 KILROY
10.40 ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT (New)
11.10 THIS MORNING
1.15 THE WEATHER SHOW
1.20 TOTS TV
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Harold pounds the pavement for a job
2.15 CATCHPHRASE
2.40 SUPERSTORE (New)
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.40 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.50 THE FORGOTTEN TOYS
4.05 TOM AND VICKY
4.15 DENNIS THE MENACE
4.35 THE REALLY WILD SHOW
5.00 GRANGE HILL Lost and alone in the woods, Adam is in more danger than he knows
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Travis saves his boat and then sacks Vinnie
5.45 FAMILY FORTUNES
6.10 WISH YOU WERE HERE On the itinerary today; Florida, the Isle of Skye, New Zealand's South Island, and southern India
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET Deirdre is pushed over the edge
7.45 THE BILL Identity Crisis: When James Rowleigh is beaten up by a burglar he disturbs, Boulton tries to convince him and his girlfriend Michelle to attend an identity parade
8.10 FAITH IN THE FUTURE
8.35 THE CRUISE
9.05 LONDON'S BURNING Blue Watch are called to rescue a lorry driver crushed by falling machinery
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 THE BEN ELTON SHOW (New)
11.00 THE ENTERTAINMENT BIZ
11.50 FILM '98
12.20 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA

TUESDAY 21ST APRIL

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS 10.00 KILROY
10.40 ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT
11.10 THIS MORNING
1.15 THE WEATHER SHOW
1.20 TEDDYBEARS
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Caitlin fans the flames of the Robinson v Ramsay feud
2.15 AINSELY'S MEALS IN MINUTES
2.45 BABEWATCH (New)
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.40 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM
3.55 THE WOMBLES
4.05 CHUCKLEWOOD CRITTERS
4.30 BLUE PETER
5.00 GRANGE HILL
5.20 HOME AND AWAY Lachie refuses to sanction the home birth
5.45 A QUESTION OF SPORT
6.15 EMMERDALE Steve takes action to protect Kim
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS The day of the community play brings plenty of excitement to Albert Square
7.55 BALLYKISSANGEL Quigley is about to pull off the deal of his life, but first he has to impress a group of Korean businessmen with some Irish nostalgia
8.45 BIRDS OF A FEATHER
9.15 THE X-FILES Mulder and Scully investigate the bizarre death of a black man whose body has lost its colouring
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 FILM: THE PLAYER (1992, 15) Comedy/satire starring Tim Robbins. Film executive Griffin Mill sets out to find the screenwriter he suspects is trying to destroy him
12.30 TARTAN EXTRA

WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS 10.00 KILROY
10.40 ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT
11.10 THIS MORNING
1.15 THE WEATHER SHOW
1.20 POTAMUS PARK
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Harold's prudery costs him his job
2.15 DOCTOR'S ORDERS (New)
2.45 FAME AND FORTUNE (New) A new series about the lifestyles of the rich and famous beginning with baywatch's David Hasselhoff
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with SOOTY'S AMAZING ADVENTURES
3.50 ROMUALD THE REINDEER
4.00 HOW GOES....2
4.20 REBOOT
4.45 NEWSROUND EXTRA
5.00 OUT OF TUNE
5.20 HOME AND AWAY Lachie's true feelings finally surface
5.45 TOMORROW'S WORLD
6.15 EMMERDALE Paddy struggles to appease the disgruntled Dingles
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET The Street is in for a shock as a young life is tragically taken
7.45 THE BILL The Same Stripe (Part One). Ackland finds herself on the wrong end of an investigation when a good deed goes wrong
8.10 GREAT ESCAPES
8.35 2 POINT 4 CHILDREN
9.05 PLEASURE BEACH Blackpool's Pleasure Beach
9.35 FRIENDS
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 PREMIER PASSIONS (New) Documentary series about Sunderland Football Club
11.20 SECRET LIVES Tonight's programme examines the life of legendary jockey Lester Piggott
12.10 THE BIG MATCH England v Portugal

THURSDAY 23RD APRIL

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS 10.00 KILROY
10.40 ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT
11.10 THIS MORNING (including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE WEATHER SHOW
1.20 THE BLOBS
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Billy backs off from friendship with Caitlin
2.15 DOCTOR'S ORDERS
2.45 BABEWATCH
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.40 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.50 TIMBUCTOO
3.55 HUBBUB
4.15 CONAN THE ADVENTURER
4.35 BLUE PETER
5.05 THE O-ZONE
5.20 HOME AND AWAY Pippa suspects that Tiegan is up to something
5.45 TOP GEAR
6.15 EMMERDALE Steve takes drastic action to find a vitally important deal

BFBS Television programmes (cont)

6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 ANIMAL HOSPITAL
7.25 EASTENDERS The di Marco family are busy with last-minute plans for the opening night of Guiseppe's, their new restaurant
7.55 BLIND MEN
8.20 THE CRUISE
8.50 WILDLIFE SPECIAL
9.35 FATHER TED
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 THE D-FILES
10.35 BACK UP
11.25 SWINDON SUPERBABES
12.10 FORTEAN TV

FRIDAY 24TH APRIL

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS 10.00 KILROY
10.40 ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT 11.10 THIS MORNING
1.15 THE WEATHER SHOW
1.20 POTAMUS PARK
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS A practical joke threatens to spoil Matt's farewell do
2.15 ALL OVER THE SHOP
2.40 COAST TO COAST
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: ROSIE AND JIM

YOUR PROGRAMMES FROM F.I.B.S.

SATURDAY April 18

6.00 News BFBS
6.02 Music Fill
6.15 Childrens Story "A fishbone of Fairytale"
6.30 Children's Corner - request programme
7.30 News and Sport from five live
7.40 Weather,Flights,Announcements
8.00New comedy series "Make em laugh" golden age comedy
8.28 Rpt Weather & Flights
8.30 The Bees lost Beatles tapes
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.20 Music Fill
9.30Captain Corelli's Mandolin
9.45 Music Fill 10.00 News BFBS
SUNDAYApril 19
5.00 News: BFBS
5.03 Music fill
5.10 Pavarotti and friends
6.00 Music Fill
6.15 New drama series - John Le Carre the tailor of Panama
6.30 Weather, flights, announcements
6.45 Sports roundup from BBC World Service
7.00 Church Service- Cathedral
8.00News desk from BBC World Service
8.30 Repeat Weather & Flights
8.32 Announcers choice of music
8.45 Folk Music Show
9.00 News Desk
9.28 Rpt. Weather & Flights
9.30 Dracula
9.45 Music Fill 10.00 News BFBS
MONDAY April 20
10.00 Morning show
11.00 News & Sport
11.06 Continue morning show
12.00 News
12.06News Middyay
12.09 Music fill
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30 B.F.B.S live & local with Dusty
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
6.30 News & Sport from 5 live
6.40 Weather,Flights,evening annos, rpt News Middyay
7.00 The Goons CD collection
7.30 BBC World Service multi track hit list
8.00News desk from the BBC
8.28 Rpt weather & flights
8.30 Book club "i heard the owl call my name"
9.00 Evening announcers half hour of fav music
9.30Crampton Hodnet 10.00 News BFBS
TUESDAY April 21
10.00 Morning Show
11.00 News & Sport
11.06 Continue morning show 12.00 News
12.06 Profile: John Leonard
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30 BFBSlive & local with Dusty
5.03 The Archers
5.17The late afternoon show
5.30 News from St. Helena
5.45 Calling the Falklands
6.00News Magazine
6.30News & Sport from 5 live
6.40 Weather, flights etc
7.00 In Concert: Sheryl Crowe

3.50 THE LITTLEST PET SHOP
4.00 RUPERT
4.25 MIKE & ANGELO
4.50 THE WEEK ON NEWSROUND
5.00 WANNABE
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Is Travis really going to give Vinnie his job back?
5.45 GLADIATORS
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS It is opening night at Gieseppe's restaurant and the Di Marco family are anxious that the night is a success
7.55 BILLION DOLLAR BABE
8.45 THIRD ROCK FROM THE SUN
9.10 HETTY WAINTHROPP INVESTIGATES A bride-to-be is being stalked. When her mother seeks Hetty's help, she is totally unprepared for the consequences
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 THE MRS MERTON SHOW (New)
11.00 STAYING ALIVE
11.50 TFI FRIDAY

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B.F.B.S. RADIO WEEKLY PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

98.5FM

SATURDAY 0000Drum & Bass0200Steve Mason0400In Concert0500Forces Finest with Damian Watson0700 Weekend Gold0800 Breakfast Show 1000The Score with Francis Collings 1300 Gold 1400 Mark Page 1600 Nell Moore1800 David Rodigan 2000 Drum & Bass 2200 Steve Mason
SUNDAY 0000 Late Night Love in 0200 Mark Page0400 Bob Harris 0700 Weekend Gold 0800 UK Sunday Breakfast 1000 Forces Finest1200 Ft Sunday Show 1400 Richard Allinson 1600 Bob Harris 1900 In Concert 2000 Rock Show 2200 John Peel
MONDAY 0000Weekend Gold 0200 In Concert 0300 Connect '98 (Rpt)0500 Early Breakfast0600 Weekday Breakfast Show 0900 BFBS Gold1000 FIBSMorning Show 1230 The Afternoon Shift 1800 BFBS Gold 1900 Jamie Gordon with Full Top 40 (Mondays only), New Dance, Indie and Pop, interviews and live music session2000 Aidan Donovan
TUESDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued0100 John Peel0300 - 0000 As Monday
WEDNESDAY 0000Aidan Donovan continued0100John Peel0300 - 0000As Monday
THURSDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued0100 The Rockshow 0300 - 0000 As Monday
FRIDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued0100 Richard Allinson 0300-1800 As Monday 1800-2000 Gurkha Programmes 2000 Andy Wright 2200 Friday Dance

CHANNEL 2

550 MW

SATURDAY 0000 On Stage & Kaleidoscope 0100 Newscast & Features from BBC World Service 0200 A Taste of Ireland 0300 Today from BBC Radio 4 0500 Radio 4 News and Sport0530 Radio 4 News and Sport0530 Counterpoint0600 Mainly Military

0630 BFBS Reports 0730 From Our Own Correspondent0800 Rockola 0900 News & Sport on Five Live1406 Daviud Mellor's 6-0-61600 Weekend Programme News1604 Play 1700 Feature1800 Radio 5 Live2100-2200 World Service News/FIBS Announcements 2200 Radio Five Live Overnight
SUNDAY 0000 Archers Omnibus 0100 Newsdesk and Accompanying Feature0200 Clyde's Classics0300 News & Sunday Papers, Morning Music & Religious news and views0515 Letter from American with Alistair Cooke & Morning Service0615 Archers Omnibus 0715 Weekend on Two with Colin Hamilton's Music and mind boggler0800 Sunday Sport from Radio Five Live1500 Feture 1530 The Christian Centuries 1600 Classic Review 1700 ?Feature1800 Sport on Five2100-2200 World Service News/FIBS Announcements 2200 Radio Five Live Overnight
MONDAY 0000News, Business Report, Sports Roundup from BBC W/0030 Feature 0100 Newsdesks and Accompanying Feature0200 Today from Radio 4 followed by The Week on Two0500 World News & Business Report0515 The Archers0530 Feature 0600 News Summary & Woman's Hour0630 Gurkha News0700 News Summary from BBC Radio 4 & Dave Raven0900 The World at One0930 My Word1000 McD's Diner 1100 News & Afternoon on Two1245 The Archers1300 PM Programme1400 Main News of the Day1430 Feature1500 News Extra & Spports Desk followed by Spport on Five and Radio Five2100-2200 World Service News/FIBS Announcements2200 Radio Five Live Overnight
TUESDAY 0000-0930 As Monday 0930 Just a Minute 1000 The Balley Collection 1100-0000 As Monday
WEDNESDAY 0000-0930 As Monday 0930 One Foot in the Grave1000 Mainly Military 1030 The Wednesday Serial 1100-0000 As Tuesday
THURSDAY 0000-0930 As Monday 0930 Jazz Score 1000 BFBS Gold 2 1100-0000 As Tuesday
FRIDAY 00000-0930 As Monday 0930 The Masterson Inheritance1000 Rockola 1100-0000 As Tuesday

Stanley Leisure Centre

Opening schedule - April 17 - 27

The Leisure Centre will revert to the following opening times during the Schools' end of term holidays. Information and court bookings are available on Telephone No. 27291

Swimming Pool

April 17	10am - 11.30am - Parent/Toddlers 12am - 1.30pm - Lanes 2pm - 7pm - Public 7pm - 8pm - Adults
April 18	10am - 4pm - Public 4pm - 5pm - Adults 5pm - 6pm - Private Hire
April 19	11am - 6pm - Public 6pm - 7pm - Adults
April 20	10am - 11.30am - Public 12am - 1.30pm - Lanes 2pm - 3pm - Aqua Run (8-15 year olds) 3pm - 7pm - Public 7pm - 8pm - Adults
April 21	11am - 6pm - Public (Public Holiday)
April 22	12am - 1.30pm - Lanes 2pm - 7pm - Public 7pm - 8pm - Adults 8pm - 9pm - Ladies
April 23	3pm - 7pm - Public 7pm - 8pm - Adults 8pm - 9pm - Private Hire
April 24	10am - 11.30am - Parent/Toddlers 12am - 1.30pm - Lanes 2pm - 7pm - Public 7pm - 8pm - Adults
April 25	10am - 4pm - Public 4pm - 5pm - Adults 5pm - 6pm - Private Hire
April 26	11am - 6pm - Public 6pm - 7pm - Adults
April 27	12am - 1.30pm - Lanes 2pm - 7pm - Public 7pm - 8pm - Adults

Gym and Squash Courts

April 17	10am - 11am - Junior Activities (ages 7-11) 11am - 2pm - Public 2pm - 3pm - Senior Activities (ages 11 - 16) 2pm - 9pm - Public
April 18	10am - 6pm - Public
April 19	11am - 7pm - Public
April 20	10am - 9pm - Public (10am - 12am and 2pm - 4pm - half price courts available for children)
April 21	11am - 7pm - Public (Public holiday)
April 22	10am - 11am - Junior Activities (ages 7-11) 11am - 2pm - Public 2pm - 3pm - Senior Activities 3pm - 9pm - Public
April 23	10am - 11.30am - Toddlers Play Session (under 5) 12am - 9pm - Public (2pm - 4pm - half price courts available for children)
April 24	10am - 9pm - Public (10am - 12am and 2pm - 4pm - half price courts available for children)
April 25	10am - 6pm - Public
April 26	11am - 7pm - Public
April 27	10am - 9pm - Public (10am - 12am and 2pm - 4pm - half price courts available for children)

Activity Costs

Junior and Senior Gym Activities - £0.50p per child
Toddlers Gym play session - £0.50p per child
Pool Aqua Run session - £1.00 per child
Children's half price court bookings - subject to membership status

Continued from front page MPA Road Maintenance

A discussion on 'the winter maintenance' of the Mount Pleasant Road followed, and councillors assured citizens that the road would be well maintained during the winter. Councillor Summers pointed out that maintenance had suffered last winter as a result of a lack of stone available - a problem which has since been solved. It was noted also that if one of the commercial bids submitted to 'blacktop' the road was considered acceptable, then work on this project should begin in the spring.

Waste Disposal

The matter of the Halcrow Report (Waste Disposal Management) was then raised, and Councillor Birmingham said that the report was still awaiting feedback from relevant officers. Talk of land fill sites followed, and Councillor Summers suggested that if Stanley residents were happy to separate vegetable matter from other waste, at a domestic level, then the Mary Hill Quarry 'landfill' site would be suitable for non vegetable matter waste. (Vegetable matter waste cannot be disposed of at Mary Hill Quarry as it would attract birds to the Stanley Airport area).

Some members of the public felt it unlikely that all residents would be happy to dispose of their waste in separate categories, but others felt it could be achieved if

the situation was explained clearly to residents. It was also explained that land fill sites around Stanley were difficult to excavate due to hard rock. However it was suggested that civilians could work together with the military and dispose of waste in one site outside of Stanley - this being 'more practical and cost effective.'

False media reports in Argentine papers

One member of the public asked councillors whether it would be wise to respond to the false reports, on the subject of the Falklands, which are 'often to be found in Argentine newspapers.' Councillors said it was not felt that responding to the reports would achieve anything, however, asked those present to comment on the concept of inviting selected Argentine reporters (travelling on Argentine passports) to the Falklands to write articles about the Islands.

One member of the public commented 'but even then we can't control what they write,' but councillors noted that only 'serious' reporters would be invited (if the idea was acceptable to Islanders.) Asked what the advantages of such a scheme would be (as opposed to allowing reporters to travel only on second passports, as has happened in the past) Councillor Clifton said that, "we would get a different calibre of journalists."

Minister's visit

Councillor's were then asked if

they thought it likely that the Minister of State for the FCO, would during his visit, put pressure on Islanders to allow Argentines into the Falklands. Councillor Summers said his answer to Mr Lloyd, should the subject arise, would be that, "we (Islanders) should have the right to invite only those people to the Falklands if it is in our own interests." Asked if they thought Mr Lloyd would also be putting pressure on councillors with regard to an oil revenue formula, Councillor Summers said that if there was oil, and there was to be payment in the future, then, "we would wish to insist that payment is on our terms." In his opinion this would involve firstly satisfying the requirements of the Falklands, secondly paying for the defence of the Islands, and then after that perhaps making donations towards British 'medical and educational programmes' and finally, 'international programmes.'

Old people's home

One gentleman thought it sensible that if plans were being made to celebrate the millennium by 'constructing something' then it should be something practical like an old people's home. He went on to say that not enough was being done with respect to a home, or sheltered accommodation. One councillor said the Stanley House site was presently under investigation with regard to sheltered accommodation, or a sheltered workshop etc. and that they were awaiting feedback on this from the medical department. The first phase in this project is the moving of the school hostel, said Councillor Summers.

FIG involvement in Commerce

A member of the public asked councillors whether, it was felt appropriate that local company Stanley Services should still be chaired by the Chief Executive. It was also asked whether FIG should be at all involved in commercial ventures. Councillors replied that they were not entirely comfortable with both situations, but on the first matter, "Although the Chief Executive could be removed as Chairman (a post not sought but inherited from the last CE) we have to define what our ultimate aim is and then how we can fulfil it." Councillor Summers noted that in the past both the Financial Secretary and the Attorney General were on the board of this particular company, and had now been replaced, "so there has been a little progress, but there is more to do yet."

It was also felt unwise that FIG should pull out of the company, as the company might then end up with no Island's investors and be wholly overseas owned.

Councillor Summers also noted that FIG would want a position in fuel supply for so long as Stanley Services has the monopoly in this area.

Councillors asked whether the agreements between FIG and the company could be made public.

Endurance discovered?

THE remains of *Endurance*, the ship that took Sir Ernest Shackleton on his ill-fated attempt to cross the South Pole may have been discovered, reports the *Sunday Mirror*. Cambridge University scientists are analysing remnants of a shipwreck washed up near where Shackleton's vessel was last sighted. They are hoping to date it to 1910 when *Endurance* was built.

They expect to confirm that the wreckage belongs to the exploration ship, which was crushed by ice and sank without trace in 1915, leaving Shackleton and his crew stranded for months. In one of history's most epic tales of heroism Shackleton led his crew across the ice pack and navigated hundreds of miles of sea to safety. Every man survived.

Staff at the Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge believe tree rings in the wooden masts and spars of the wreckage may help to show the vessel's age. Radio carbon dating may also show that it is not from an earlier wreck.

Surprisingly enough, the wreckage find was not a recent one; it was collected in 1970 by Malcolm Burley, a naval commander who led an expedition in 1970 to survey Elephant Island in Antarctica. Burley found a shipwreck in a sandy cove and suspected it was *Endurance*. The pieces were taken home and stored in his garage for many years. Recently he sent the remains to Cambridge for analysis and wrote to the captain of *HMS Endurance*, the ships present day namesake explaining what he had done. Captain Tim Barton, the ship's commander, said the letter reached him just before he left the Falklands to survey Antarctica earlier this year. Barton only received the letter due to a delay, and because they happened to be going past Elephant Island he sent a helicopter to look for the wreckage.

"The wreckage had hardly changed. If you compare the photographs Burley took with ours you can identify the same pieces virtually unchanged apart from being covered by a little more sand."

HMS Endurance is returning with pieces of wood, nails and an unusual metal fitting that Barton hopes will help to identify the wreck.

Councillor Summers said he would investigate the matter.

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Services
1st, 2nd, 3rd Fitzroy

**Flock Class 8 Pen of three
Shearlings**
1st prize from Falkland Islands
Wool Marketing £50, 2nd £25
voucher from Falkland Farmers,
3rd £10 voucher from Falkland
Farmers
1st Fitzroy
2nd Kings Ridge
3rd G Butler

Champion Ram selected from

classes 1, 2 or 3; Challenge Cup
and £50 from Cable & Wireless
Winner: Kings Ridge

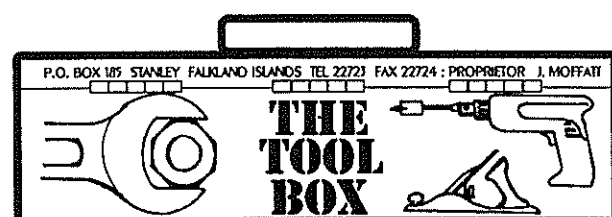
Champion Ewe selected from
classes 4, 5, or 6: Sheep Owners
Association Trophy and £50
Winner: Smylies Farm

The judges were Mr Tim Blake, Mr
Brian Aldridge and Mr Stuart
Smith.

The winner of 'Guess the weight
of the Texel Ram': Mrs Eileen
Jaffray

The winner of 'Counting sheep
competition': Mrs Carol Phillips

The Farmers Association is very
grateful for the generous sponsor-
ship received from individuals,
companies and organisations. Thanks
are due to Ron Binnie and the staff of
Fitzroy, and Doug Cartridge of the
Agricultural Department, for all their
hard work. Special thanks also to those
who made the effort to bring sheep to
the show. This first show was a great
success and we look forward to the
next one.

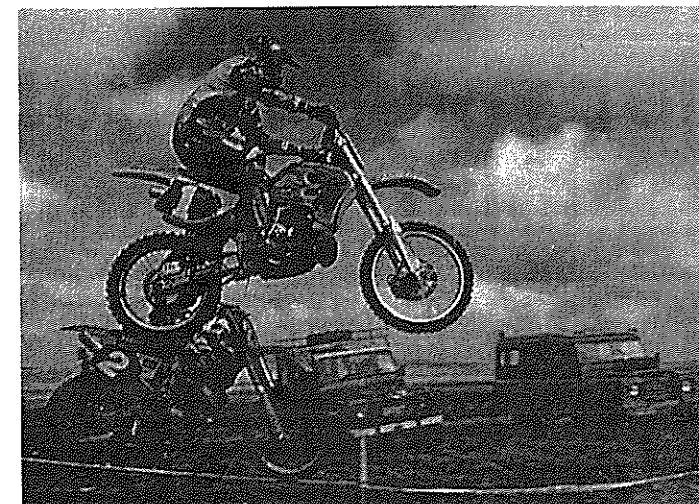


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**Many More Items Arriving
This Week**

Top motoX honours for Jonny Ian and Eddie



JONNY Summers, Ian Jordan and
Eddie Grimmer will get top hon-
ours this Saturday night as they re-
ceive the accolade of top moto
cross riders in their groups.

This is the culmination of a sea-
son for three riders who have
gained the respect of their fellow
competitors. The commitment and
dedication needed for putting in a
full season of competitive racing
are by no means found in the faint
hearted. Racing in sleet, snow, hail
rain, force nine gales and the odd
bit of sunshine (all on the same day
and in the same race) takes some
doing, and to keep coming back
for the whole of the summer falls
into the realms of masochism -
these boys do it in style.

In the expert class, Jan Clarke
gave Jonny a run for his money
when he turned up, and Shane
Blackley was always there cease-
lessly giving a fine performance.
Next season this class needs fresh
blood even if it only means get-
ting something other than a Suzuki
to race against.

The Clubman went from
strength to strength during the sea-
son, with fine performances from
Bill Stewart and Dustin Clark.
Dustin constantly improved
throughout the day as the alcohol
content of his blood went down
(only joking Dustin). Dustin and
race fitness could pull off the
championship next year.

In the Juniors, Jay Moffatt de-
serves a small mention as he may
have pulled off the championship
if it wasn't for trashing two bikes
in the last race of the season. Sean

Moffatt the youngest ever com-
petitor at 11 years old to get a
placing in the Stanley Services
Open Class Challenge speaks
volumes for the courage it takes
to race with the big boys.

Greg Hall in his first full sea-
son on a race bike deserves a big
clap on the back, as he mastered
the art of going fast safely. Big
tip for the next year - Greg could
be the next Junior champion.

Clint Short being the young-
est competitor, and on the small-
est bike, always won over the
crowd with his big grin and gritty
determination.

All in all a very interesting
season for those who witnessed
the spectacular end-o's of Rocky
Johnson, the charges of Jonny
Summers and the unique riding
style of Ian Jordan.

The riders and fans all wish
to give a big thanks to the many
sponsors and organisers who
make the season worthwhile. To
show our appreciation we invite
everyone who helped or spon-
sored the season, to attend our
prize-giving this Saturday night.
To anyone else it's three quid.
Tickets from Rowena Summers
or Jim Moffatt.

Cheers Chay, 'til next season.'

Race Results

Expert Class		Open	
1st Jonny Summers	316	1st Jonny Summers	117 points
2nd Shane Blackley	252	2nd Shane Blackley	98
3rd Jan Clarke	210	3rd Rocky Johnson	60
4th Andrew Alazia	109	4th Sean Moffatt	53
		5th Andrew Alazia	45
		6th Bill Stewart	39
Clubman		7th Jay Moffatt	34
1st Ian Jordan	336	8th Jan Clarke	20
2nd Bill Stewart	309	9th Dustin Clarke	15
3rd Dustin Clarke	286	10th Ian Jordan	13
4th Rocky Johnson	171	11th Darrel Ford	11
3th Gary Thomas	22	12th Eddie Grimmer	10
		13th Jim Moffatt	9
		14th Gregg Hall	8
Juniors		PW's	
1st Eddie Grimmer	324	1st Clint Short	259
2nd Jay Moffatt	308		
3rd Sean Moffatt	210		
4th Greg Hall	190		



A Stanley youth eleven soundly
routed (10 goals to 3) a team of vi-
siting air cadets in a friendly football
match on the FICS playing field last
week. With the accent on 'friendly'
both teams included a number of
young ladies, one of whom, Sian
Davies, netted four times for the
home team. After the game the los-
ers sportingly presented the winners
with certificates marking the event.

Late letter

WE have read with interest your
recent articles regarding the mis-
treatment of seafarers aboard the
Korean fishing vessel *Jin Sung No
101*. Unfortunately, we learn about
all too many cases of the physical
abuse of seafarers aboard fishing
vessels.

Dr Diggle *et al* made an excel-
lent point regarding the need to
prosecute the offenders. Sadly,
morality and the law do not always
coincide. As human beings, we feel
the moral need to see that those
individuals who commit crimes are
punished for their actions, where
ever they may take place. The vi-
sion of a hardworking fisherman
being beaten mercilessly with a
pipe by a ship's officer at sea cer-
tainly arouses feelings of indigna-
tion and disgust. We naturally want
to see the offender tried in the near-
est courtroom to meet justice as
speedily as possible.

Unfortunately, unless the
crimes took place in the Falklands,
local courts may not have jurisdic-
tion of the ship's country of regis-
try (flag state). If the events took
place outside of the territory of the
Falklands, then the alleged crimi-
nals should be tried in Korea (the
flag state) for their crimes, and if
found guilty, should face punish-
ment under the Korean system of
justice. We have contacted the ap-
propriate officials in Korea regard-
ing this incident in the hopes that
the Korean government will act re-
sponsibly and investigate the situ-
ation and prosecute any offenders.

One of the most striking diffi-
culties regarding the protection of
seafarers employed aboard fishing
vessels is the lack of suitable legal
protection. Many of the interna-
tional conventions regarding sea-
farers' rights excludes application
of the law to workers aboard fish-



Community School Head Teacher, David Higgins, receives a
framed photograph of members of 1860 (East Bristol) Squadron
Air Training Corps, taken aboard the SS Great Britain, the ship
that links the West Country city with Stanley

ing vessels. Commercial fishing is
one of the most dangerous jobs in
the world, and workers aboard
these vessels need and deserve the
protection of the law. We are cur-
rently working within the Interna-
tional Maritime Organization
(IMO) and the International La-
bour Organization (ILO) to re-
form these laws so that their ap-
plication encompasses seafarers
aboard fishing vessels. Although

it saddens us to learn about inci-
dents such as this, it also strength-
ens our resolve (and our position)
that legal changes must be made
soon.

Douglas B Stevenson
Director
Lawrence I Kahn
Staff Attorney
Centre For Seafarers' Rights
241 Water Street, New
York, NY 10038

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NOTICES

Concert in Town Hall Monday 20 April at 2000 hours, by the Western Band of the R.A.F.

Baby Clinics
Will be held on Friday 24th April from 1.30 - 3.30pm and Tuesday 28th April from 9.30 - 11.30am in the KEMH Physio department. Please contact Miranda (27418) if you require further information

Prize winners of the Whist drive held on the 15th April, were Ladies: 1st Mrs W Duncan 2nd Mrs C Blackley Booby Mrs D Clarke
Gents: 1st S. Smith, 2nd B Peck, Booby W Duncan
The next whist evening will be on the 29th April with Auction Bridge being played on alternate Wednesdays
ALL ARE WELCOME

Flea Market on 2 May 2 - 4 pm at FICS. Contact Anya for a table 21857

Customers may be interested to note that the *Cable and Wireless Adventure*, will be attempting to beat the world record for circumnavigation of the globe in a motor powered vessel beginning in Gibraltar on April 19th.

You can follow her progress on the Adventure web site, www.cwadventure.com which will be updated every six hours during the record attempt.

The organisers of the raffle for donations for the family of the late Peter Thompson who died on MPA road on Christmas Day 1997, wish to thank Eusest, Malvina, Globe Tavern, Turners, KIS, Bristows, Deanos, BFBS, Beauchene, Stanley Arms, Teresa's, LMW and The Oasis who donated prizes for the raffle. They would also like to thank Orostream who donated generously. In total a sum of £1,376.00 was raised.

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Happy 18th Ingrid
Hope you don't end up like this tonight. All our love Mum, Dad and Shaun

To Jordan Phillips
Happy 4th Birthday for Saturday 18
Hope you have a lovely day - lots and lots of love from Mummy

Bas and Cathy Morrison would like to rent property for 2-3 years from Oct/Nov. Our telephone No: (01703) 323505 - if anyone has information we would return any calls. The other alternative would be to contact Carol or Dave Eynon.
Thanks

Xenia, Elizabeth and May wish to thank the doctors, nurses and all the staff at the KEMH and all of the people who sent cards and floral tributes at the time of their sad bereavement



New at the Gift Shop

Loads of new stock.
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Postscript from the Baha'is

Love is at the heart of all the great religions. At one time people extended love of their neighbours into love of their countries, but today even that seems insufficient. The whole concept of love needs a broader focus. In the last century, anticipating the global civilization which was to come (and which seems to have already begun), Baha'u'llah taught: "It is not for him to pride himself who loveth his own country, but rather for him who loveth the whole world. The earth is but one country and mankind its citizens."

VACANCY

Cable & Wireless have a vacancy for a Technician/Watchkeeper. Joining a small team of experienced engineers this is a real opportunity to enter the telecommunications industry without the need for specific formal qualifications. The position enables the individual time to acquire the necessary skills through on the job training including, in due course, the possibility of overseas training for the right candidate. Duties include monitoring the operational status of the telecommunications network, responding to fault reports, maintenance of records and assisting the engineering staff on a variety of technical tasks. The nature of the job does require some shift working for which generous allowances are paid. In addition the normal competitive Cable & Wireless pay and benefits package is available. The package is negotiable for the right candidate. Formal qualifications to GCSE standard as well as basic computer skills would be an advantage. However, a pleasant personality, good telephone manner and a willingness to co-operate and learn with your colleagues is the major requirement. Applications should be forwarded to the Manager, Finance and Administration, Cable & Wireless plc, P.O. Box 179, Stanley. The closing date for applications is Thursday 30th April 1998

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No surprises from "supportive" Minister says Falklands' councillor

FCO MINISTER Tony Lloyd brought with him, "no surprises," Councillor Norma Edwards told *Penguin News* yesterday following a meeting between councillors and Mr Lloyd on April 22.

"Lloyd supportive..."
Despite feverish claims by the Argentine media that the Minister would bring pressure to bear on Islanders to 'resume communications' with Argentina, Councillor Edwards said, "the meeting went off very well." She went on to say that the Minister was reassuringly supportive of the Falklands' political stance and that he reiterated British commitment to the Falklands and the Islanders right to self determination. "We barely touched on the media stories of Argentine flags being flown in the cemetery," said Councillor Edwards, explain-



FCO Minister Tony Lloyd in the Falklands this week

ing, however, that Mr Lloyd did indicate that there were no feelings in the British government that this

should occur. He also made it clear, said the Councillor, that the Argentine President's planned visit to Britain would not be allowed to be used by Argentina as a means to further their own ends with regard to the sovereignty of the Falklands.

No comment on defence

On the matter of the defence of the Falklands, the Minister refused to, "pre-empt the Defence Report," which is due to be released in June. As well as rumours that the Islands' guard ship is to be withdrawn, the Argentine media are claiming that the budget for the defence of the Falklands is to be slashed.

The subject of oil was raised in the meeting - however, when an 'oil revenue formula' was mentioned in passing, councillors explained that

Argentina threaten sanctions on South Atlantic oil operators

IN an unexpected move, the Argentine Senate urgently and unanimously approved a bill which attempts to force all companies involved in energy and mineral exploitation commercial projects in the South Atlantic (including the Falklands) to have the authorisation of the Argentine government.

The bill sponsored by Senator Eduardo Menem, President Carlos Menem's brother, specifies that companies which operate without the Argentine consent will be sanctioned with fines of up to ten million US dollars and could even be banned from operating in Argentine mainland territory. The initiative which is now to be considered by the Chamber of Deputies, coincides with the arrival in the Islands of the oil rig *Borgny Dolphin* and the beginning of exploratory drilling activities to the north of the Falklands in the tranches licensed to Amerada Hess, Lasmo, Shell and IPC.

During the presentation in the Senate session Eduardo Menem

said that the sovereignty umbrella over the Falklands, "does not mean Argentina will give up its commercial rights." Senator Menem underlined that there are thirteen companies looking for oil in, "Argentine waters and territory," without the corresponding communication.

Once the law comes into effect, oil and energy corporations operating in Tierra del Fuego, Antarctica and South Atlantic islands will be ordered to be licensed in public lease by the Argentine Executive with the previous approval of Congress. "We have a specific and urgent problem. We have to defend our territory, and we will do so with all the force of the law," remarked Senator Eduardo Menem. Among the companies operating in Falklands' waters is Shell Oil, who have extensive investments in Argentina.

Commenting on the situation yesterday, Councillor Norma Edwards told *Penguin News*, "it's likely this move will rebound on Argentina." (Majority by MercoPress)

their position had not changed and that they could not commit themselves further before it was known whether oil existed in commercially exploitable quantities, said Councillor Edwards.

Support for human rights

"We discussed Fisheries," went on Mrs Edwards, "and the idea of a long term agreement with Argentina." More topically, councillors urged the Minister to put British Government pressure on the Korean Government on the matter of human rights and the mistreatment of fishermen. Mr Lloyd assured councillors that he would take their message back, and was certain that support would be given. He reminded the meeting however, that there was a lack of International Legislation with regard to this problem.

On the penultimate day of his visit (April 24) Mr Lloyd is to visit the British and Argentine cemeteries, meet with members of the Chamber of Commerce, Senior Government Officers and the media.

CAPTAIN of the fishing vessel *Ihn Sung 101*, Mr Ha Tae Hwan, who pleaded guilty as a secondary offender to six counts of assault by beating, was sentenced in the Magistrates Court on April 16. Ha Tae Hwan was ordered to pay a total of £250 in compensation to each of the victims, and received a four month prison sentence suspended for two years.



See page 9: - photographs of local involvement in the British Forces 'Crash and Disaster' exercise yesterday (April 23). Right: FIDF stretcher bearers race to the football field to collect 'crash victims'

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ON a recent television chat show a rather aristocratic celebrity bemoaned middle America's tendency to be 'revoltingly politically correct', and while the 'politically correct' response to this opinion would be to disapprove the condemnation of such righteous values, I have to concede that just occasionally being PC isn't all it's cracked up to be.

In this business (the media that is) one of our aims is to generate debate, and as such, when forced to listen to opinions with which we wholeheartedly disagree, we sometimes grope for that terribly PC and conciliatory, sentence, "Well of course you're entitled to your opinion." More often than not however, the sentiments forming in one's mind when uttering these happily convenient words, probably run rather more along the lines of, "And do you know exactly where I'd like you to stick your opinion?"

I must admit with a certain amount of shame that those very politically incorrect thoughts leapt to mind last week when a respected member of the community released upon this office a tirade of views distilling down to the opinion that *Penguin News* was obviously a 'government controlled newspaper.' After the gentleman had left the office, and our snorts of outrage had settled to grumbling insults I was forced to admit that his opinion was probably a fairly common and excusable one bearing in mind that everyone is aware *Penguin News* is subsidised by FIG finances. (A situation which allows the newspaper more than one member of staff and adequate publishing equipment, hence the means to produce what we consider to be a quality publication.)

What perhaps those same people are not aware of however, is the existence of a group of volunteers. The Media Trust, one of whose very important functions is to act as a 'buffer' between the paper and FIG, and who have the power to intervene should there be any attempts by councillors, the Governor or the administration to bring to bear any undesirable pressure on the newspaper staff and thus the contents of the publication. As it happens (certainly since I have been employed by this establishment) the Trust have never actually been put in a position by FIG where they have had to intervene. In my opinion (and I'm entitled to it, remember?) FIG are very sensitive to this particular situation and the only contact between *Penguin News* and the Government constitutes ourselves seeking news, or FIG informing us of up-coming events.

Another argument might be of course that because we are undeniably dependent on the FIG subsidy for our present (style of) existence that we may function under a psychological pressure - a fear that if we were to truly upset our benefactors the subsidy could be reduced or withdrawn under some cleverly worded pretext or other. For those who might believe this to be true I offer the following response:

The Falklands needs a newspaper, and it is unlikely be in the interests of the government to contribute to the failure of the one most respected in the Islands and thus boasting the highest market penetration. As a result of our (hopefully not misplaced) confidence that FIG needs us as much as we need them the staff feel absolutely no pressure whatsoever to make any editorial concessions towards the feelings of FIG representatives, the administration or the Governor.

In fact, if staff have ever felt any misgivings about words printed, this has not been the result of a fear of repercussions from Government, but the thought that we are probably going to have to suffer the personal embarrassment of facing on a social basis the person, or representatives of establishments maligned - feelings, I can sincerely assure readers, which are speedily 'kicked into touch' out of respect for the readership and the integrity of the newspaper itself.

The *Penguin News* is not a government controlled newspaper, as those with an axe to grind will occasionally attempt to insinuate. And to those who believe it is, although you are most certainly entitled to your opinion, you are also wrong!

My thanks to the earlier mentioned gentleman for generating a subject for editorial attention.

Job Vacancy

THE Falkland Islands Company Limited have a vacancy in the Accounts Section of the Stanley Office for a full time Accounts Clerk.

Duties would primarily consist of computer data entry but would also include wages preparation, control and reconciliation of some balance sheet accounts.

We are looking for a person with an aptitude for figures, some knowledge of computers and accounts procedure; however full training for this position would be given.

The successful applicant would become a member of the Provident Fund and the salary would be dependent upon age and experience.

Please apply to Terry Spruce at Crozier Place, in writing or by telephone on 27600.

Your letters

Some won't forget

I REFER to the letter written by Mr Stan Smith in last week's issue, where Stan expressed his disappointment at being struck off the electoral roll and housing list after only 17 months away. The modern Falkland's trend of showing very little respect for the people who worked on the farms for year after year to bring us all to this rather affluent point in our history is most disturbing.

As a member of a family who has worked and lived on a farm for over 110 years, I too have to admit to treatment by some government officials, that has been little short of disrespectful. I know that farming is not contributing much to Government revenues these days, but for over a hundred years it was all we had. Most sen-

ior members of our community have spent a fair amount of time out in the wind and rain gathering, or can remember sweating over a few thousand sheep in a shearing shed.

Sorry Stan, there is very little I can do to help your situation, but I would like to take this opportunity to say to you and all the other people who worked so hard over the years to allow the Falklands to become the success they are today. Some of us will never forget the contribution you have made, nor will we ever lose respect for someone who could, tame a colt, cut fifty yards of peat, shear two hundred sheep and play a tune on the accordion at a two-nighter.

Robin Lee
Farmer

Response required

REF: Stan Smith's letter!

What an advert for life in the Falklands! Read it again!

Is this how we want the rest of the world to believe we treat our Elderly Citizens? - It just happens like that in other places.

A response from the relevant authorities to Stan's letter should be published so that we all know what the rules are and how the system works.

The question being asked by most people at the moment is: who

could possibly be more in need of a sheltered home (or a place in an old people's home if there was one) than someone who is 74.5 years of age, whose health isn't too good, and who is no longer able to maintain his own property? An Islander born and bred who spent all his working life, and paid all his taxes, here!

Some kind of injustice?
We'd like to know.

Nick Hadden
Stanley

Poor pensions policy

WE would appreciate the opportunity to tell your readers about a shameful practice being perpetrated by the United Kingdom on some 430,000 British expatriate pensions living in 49 of the 53 Commonwealth, and a large number of other countries, (some 150 in all). Because of the policies of successive British Governments these elderly expatriates have never received an annual uprating for their pension.

330,000 British expatriate pensions living in some 50 other countries receive the same annual uprating as the same pensions still residing in the United Kingdom.

All UK state pensions were required to contribute on an equal basis during their working life whilst resident in Britain.

Over 60% of those affected are elderly women, further widening the income gap for them. Many are war veterans who fought and served for their mother country.

Thousands are living in countries without any social security net to help them and are unable to afford to move to an "unfrozen" country. Britain is the only OFCD country

which treats some of its members of its mandatory, contribution plan in this despicable way.

Fortunately, recognising the plight of these elderly people, our Government recently decided to make up the difference out of our own Treasury funds. Commendable as this action was, Britain should be specifically funding this shortfall for the reasons stated above.

As members of the Canadian Alliance of British Pensions (part of the World Alliance of British Expatriate Pensioners), we are most anxious to contact other British expatriates on the Islands to tell them about the worldwide campaign to pressure Britain to end this discriminatory practice.

Any of your readers who are now, or soon will be affected by this policy, should contact one of the undersigned to obtain further information.

Your cooperation in helping us publicise this issue is greatly appreciated.

Jim Lewis, Bob Kluzniak
and Graham France

Write to *Penguin News*, Ross Road, Stanley, Falkland Islands or Email: pnews@horizon.co.fk

Words documents excuses and procrastination hasn't built a road to North Arm

FOLLOWING from the release of the exorbitant bids tendered for building a road to North Arm; we have heard, in recent radio time, some discussion or excuses as to why costs were so high. All add to the long chain of excuses as to why no real start has been made on the road to North Arm - sometimes referred to as the Lafonia spine road. If words, documents, excuses and constant procrastination came in the form of rocks or stones,

enough hard material would be on hand to complete the job.

Cobbs Pass comes up from time to time mainly in a jocular manner but for the ignoramus it is the gateway to Lafonia south and east. Consult the map and you will see the long ridge of high ground (devoid of ditches) stretching to Ponchos Pond, now turn left to cross over or go around the one ditch to join what is known as McKays Track over Colorado Pass, turn almost right at

Argentina has always fulfilled the international treaties it signed

I WOULD appreciate very much if you let me clarify some comments made by Mr P Pepper to our draft proposal.

Mr Pepper claims that he knows Argentina and that even if it abandoned its claim it would try eventually to take the Falklands over by other means.

It is not the case. Argentina has always fulfilled the international treaties it signed.

There is a very interesting precedent indeed. Like the Falklands, Uruguay was in 1828 part of Argentina. Thanks to British ambassador to Rio de Janeiro, Lord Ponsonby, a treaty was signed by which Argentina accepted the independence of Uruguay. Since then Uruguay has become the best friend of Argentina, thousands of Uruguayans work in Buenos Aires and thousands of Argentines spend summer time in the beautiful Uruguayan beaches that are advertised by the Uruguayan government in Argentine newspapers.

I do not think many Argentines would like to emigrate to the Falklands even if they were allowed to. The proof of it is Patagonia, a huge territory that is almost empty. Probably many people would like to visit the Falklands as tourists in the same way they used to go to the beautiful places in Patagonia like Lago Argentino, Fuertalauquen or Bariloche. In our draft, tourist policy is wholly in the hands of islanders.

I think we should follow the example of Ireland where after so many years of a very sad civil war peace at last has been found.

At least we all hope so.

Conrado Etchebarne
Bullrich

Di Tella needs to have his eyes opened so let him visit Islands

WHY shouldn't Dr di Tella visit the Falklands by the only means available to him, via the passport of a foreign country? Thousands the world over travel on passports that are not those of the country of their birth.

Dr di Tella needs to have his eyes opened in regard to the Falklands and surely there is no better place for him to achieve this than in the islands themselves. A personal visit would not only enable him to become acquainted with the invalidity of the Argentine claim prior to having the fact made plain to him from a reading of the soon to be published definitive history of the Islands. If he is lucky and the arrival of the book coincides with his visit he could, when he has done with reading or wishes a break since continuous reading of history can be enervating, be taken on a visit to some of the Islands many rookeries to see how the other natives of the Falklands manage their lives.

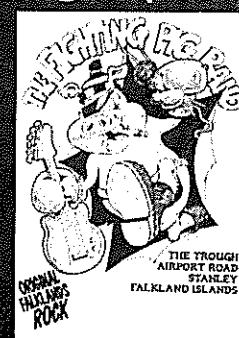
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Reception at Lincoln's Inn

THE annual Falkland Islands Government Reception at Lincoln's Inn in London is to be held this year on Wednesday June 10, 1998.

Any Falkland Islands residents who will be in the United Kingdom at the time and would wish to attend the Reception, to which there will be no charge, are invited to pass their names and United Kingdom contact addresses to the Secretariat on 27242. The latest date for submission of names is Thursday 30 April, and not as previously stated.

'Pig' update



plus Bob Pearce

IF you enjoyed the songs of Blue's singer, Bob Pearce, during his time in the Falklands with the Fighting Pig Band, then relive those memories by purchasing one of his CD's from a member of the 'Pigs' for just £10. Among these 'Southern Style Home Cooked Blues and Side Dishes,' said Len McGill, are many of the numbers he played whilst in the Falklands.

Incidentally, the Trough will be open between 11 and 2pm on Saturday, 2nd and 9th of May, 1998.

Looking back on March

Deaths

9th March - James Warren Brumbaugh, Male 79 years (Pensioner USA)
6th March - Igors Komarovs male 48 years (Cook Latvia)

Births

11th March - Jack Edwin Cartridge to Douglas Michael Edwin Cartridge and Liarne Helen Cartridge nee Greaves

14th March - Reece Lee Harris to Ralph Aaron Harris and Leeann Watson Harris nee Eynon

30th March - Tiegane Jane Curtis to James William Hamilton Curtis and Coral Elizabeth McGill

Marriages

21st March - Graham Cyril Middleton and Yvonne Alison Sweeting at Malvina House Hotel

7 March - David Dawson Phillips and Elisa Davis at 35 Fitzroy Road, Stanley

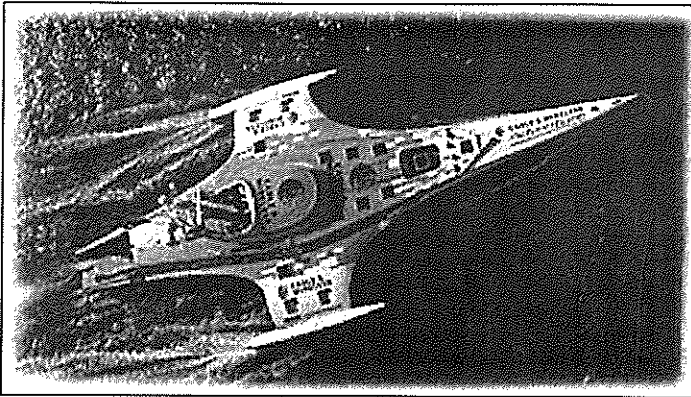
C&W Adventurer in round the world record attempt

EVER SINCE Jules Verne's famous novel postulated the feat of travelling round the world in 80 days, man has been periodically intrigued by the idea, with perhaps the most famous latter day attempt being made by Monty Python star, Michael Palin.

The record for a nautical circumnavigation, one of the longest standing in the Guinness Book of Records, has belonged to the Americans for almost forty years: in 1960 the USS Triton, a nuclear submarine, completed the voyage (underwater) in 83 days, nine hours and 54 minutes, but is now under threat from a new challenger.

Launched on April 3, 1998, *Cable & Wireless Adventurer* is a 115 foot stabilised monohull designed by Nigel Irens who has utilised modern construction materials and techniques but borrowed heavily on a 19th century design concept invented by the famous Newcastle marine engineer, Sir Charles Parsons, for his boat *Turbinia*.

It was exactly 100 years ago that the *Turbinia*, powered by a revolutionary turbine engine,



achieved a speed of 34.5 knots when it successfully gatecrashed Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee Review of the Fleet at Spithead. By demonstrating it was the fastest ship in the world at the time *Turbinia* began a revolution in ship propulsion.

The hull design of *Turbinia*, with its extremely efficient 'low-drag' factor, lay largely forgotten until Irens brought it out of mothballs and, combining it with technology and modern materials, cured the original instability prob-

lems for the new record-challenging boat.

Cable & Wireless Adventurer is fitted with two engines, British designed, state-of-the-art navigation and communications equipment and, despite the very recent date of her launch, has already been proven by tank-testing and the extensive trialling of a smaller, prototype vessel.

The record attempt began from Gibraltar on April 19, *Adventurer* heading east on the first leg of its largely equatorial route of around

26,000 miles.

She will call at fifteen ports *en route*, among them Monte Carlo, Port Said, the Maldives in the Indian Ocean, Singapore, Hong Kong and Tokyo, before crossing the Pacific via Honolulu, San Diego, down the American coast to Panama, onto Jamaica, Miami and New York and then the dash across the Atlantic to Gibraltar.

Project Leader, Jock Wishart (46) and his team have been involved in planning the record attempt for six years and is very upbeat about their chances of success.

"The lure of beating Jules Verne's fictional target for a world circumnavigation," he says, "remains an endless fascination and challenge for seafarers. It is one of the last few attainable and meaningful records left to fall."

Though Jock and his Skipper, Ian Bosworth, are both experienced sailors, the majority of the crew are novices, like Rosemary Gardner (45), a working mother of two from Farnham, Surrey, and have paid £18,000 each for the privilege of making the voyage.

Info and Pic courtesy C & W

Falklands Oil company Successfully Floated

DESIRE Petroleum, the oil company set up specially to explore for oil in the seas north of the Falklands, has enjoyed a highly successful first day as a publicly listed company on the London Stock Exchange.

The company, which has many share holders in the Islands and several Islanders, or close associates of the Islands, on its board of directors, was recently launched onto the Alternative Investment Market (AIM), coincidentally on the very day that the first oil rig arrived in the Falklands to begin op-

erations in the next few weeks.

Despite the prediction of the financial pundits of one national newspaper, who said that the investment in Desire is definitely "for gamblers," the shares sold well.

They began the day selling at 125 pence, and, by the end of business on Friday, April 17, were changing hands for 144 pence.

Non-executive director John Martin, described the company's performance as "very good". Showing cautious optimism, he added, "for a company to go to a premium on its first day of trading

means that someone must want the shares. I think they will fluctuate in value for a few days before they find their level."

Dr Martin said there had been considerable interest shown by institutions, as well as individual investors.

The directors of Desire had planned to float their company some weeks ago but there had been delays due to what Mr Martin called "problems in rationalising UK and Falkland tax." Now, however, the new shareholders can expect their company to become ac-

tive very quickly.

First to use the oil rig (the charter of which is being shared by all four groups of oil companies exploring in the area) will be Amerada Hess.

Depending on their results, The LASMO group, in which Desire is a major partner, could be drilling in early to mid June.

The flotation has raised 14.4 million pounds, all of the capital required to carry Desire through the coming drilling phase. Sales of earlier shares, many of which went to investors in the islands, financed extensive seismic survey and other scientific work.

Dr Martin denied that investors in Desire could expect a "quick killing" - an early and large return on their investment, although there will, he said, "be peaks and troughs."

Careful share holders will be able to sell their shares at a profit if they choose the right time to put them on the market. He suggested that those who are, "in it for the long haul," are more likely to benefit.

"The present programme will see five wells being drilled by the four groups of companies," said Dr Martin. "In a basin the size of the North Falklands, there is no way that five wells will be exhaustive. The odds are very much against you in a short programme, but we should at least get some encouragement."

Financially, if not geologically, the company has already received substantial encouragement from speculators who believe the Falklands are worth the risk.

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Oil and the impact on the culture of the Falklands What do you want?

"CROSSING the foam flecked strip of water between the two islands she could see one of the major fishing ports in the distance; while below them trawlers, tankers, ferries and cargo ships plied to and fro. Ahead was the National Oil Terminal at Portmobile, with a queue of tankers of all sorts, sizes and nationalities awaiting their turn to berth. Ashore, massive tank farms seemed to stretch forever."

The images described above are not of Newfoundland or the North of Scotland or any other area with an established oil industry, but, as some readers may already have recognised, represent a fictional and futuristic vision of the Falklands - an extract from a prize winning short story by Joyce Allan. The story is entitled *A Flight of fancy*, and appropriately so... or is it?

With the arrival of the oil rig, *Borgny Dolphin*, licenced operators are moving rapidly into the exploration drilling programme. So far, none of those licence holders have developed 'exploitation models' beyond those made when applying for licences. The Falkland Islands government have approached licence holders on the subject of development plans, but as yet those licensees have received no guidelines as to what levels of onshore impact the Falkland Islanders actually want.

As yet this is not an oversight on the part of councillors or Islanders, but if left a great deal longer may qualify as a very serious one. Without parameters and guidelines with regard to what levels of impact will be tolerated by Islanders the possibility exists that, should oil be found, the licence holders may begin making requests for developments which are unwanted by residents - unwanted not simply because of immediate impact, but possible long term effects on the very culture of the Falklands.

The time has come then, for Islanders to begin to consider what sort of impact is acceptable, bearing in mind that even a moderate impact scenario could bring about noticeable cultural changes in years to come.

Over the next few weeks Falklands' councillors will start a consultation process beginning with a public meeting on this very subject. Oil operators need to know what you want for your future, or at the very least, what you don't

want.
"So what should we be thinking about?"

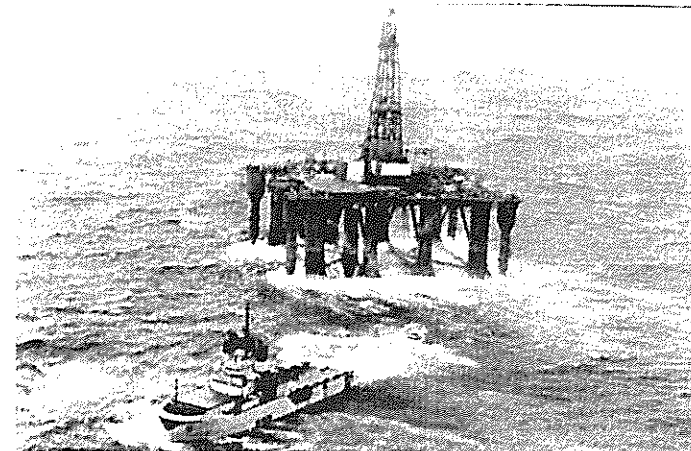
Although the Coopers and Lybrand Socio-economic study of the Falkland Islands (1997), was criticised for its emphasis on economic impact as opposed to social impact, it does provide a basic model for minimum, medium and maximum impact scenarios in relation to the Falklands. (eg. below right)

While impact during the exploration phase was predicted by C and L to be fairly minimal (in fact some predicted impact has already occurred in the form of higher house prices, and a relatively small number of oil related personnel being permanently resident in the Islands) if oil is found this could increase significantly.

Immigration: According to Coopers and Lybrand, in terms of immigration, additional jobs created as a result of oil production could range from 20 in the minimum impact scenario to **several hundred** in the maximum impact scenario. At the production stage, "it is likely that a proportion of these workers would bring family with them." The total immigration in the medium-impact scenario might be in the region of 200. Operators need to know therefore which scenarios are most acceptable to the population and, in the case of it being the medium or high impact scenarios, where Islanders see these workers and families being situated.

Housing would need to be built for all new immigrants to the Islands say C and L. For the period where demand exceeded supply, it is likely that property prices would increase, with the oil industry workers obtaining new property at the expense of local residents. This is likely to cause tensions.

Income distribution: "The presence in the Islands of highly



Above: Borgny Dolphin in Falklands waters on April 17

"The key question is the extent to which the Falkland Islanders wish to see onshore activity, with its associated **immigration, infrastructural and environmental implications; and the extent to which they would prefer to preserve the traditional Falklands way of life. This is ultimately a political issue which only the Falkland Islands people can resolve.**"

Socio-economic Study: Coopers and Lybrand (1997)

Production phase (Coopers and Lybrand) Impact on Economic activity

Minimum impact scenario: oil development entirely offshore with registered offices only in the Islands. Immigration less than 20 families

Medium impact scenario: oil development remains offshore but existing onshore activities expand. Immigration less than 100 families.

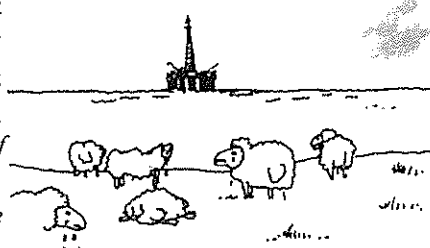
High impact scenario: Government seeks to encourage as much activity onshore as possible. 300-400 additional onshore jobs could be created

paid oil workers could have an adverse impact on income distribution within Stanley. The fact that the oil industry is likely to be concentrated in Stanley could also worsen income distribution between Camp and Stanley."

Work ethic: "Various countries which have enjoyed large windfalls have found that this has had an adverse effect on the work ethic. There is clearly a danger of this happening in the Falkland Islands. The extent to which this risk arises will depend on how the revenues from oil are applied."

Councillors hope to encourage debate on all of these issues (and others more closely related to economic impact) over the coming months, in a consultative process which

will assist them in not only providing guidelines for operators, but help them in assessing what we all want for the future should the wealth of the Islands increase significantly. For, while recent Falklands history has shown that cultural changes do not have to be negative ones, it is the Islanders who have the power to affect what form (if any) further changes will take.



"Bottom line: impact can be as much, or as little, as desired by the Island residents: August 1996. Quote from an oil company presentation during licence application interviews

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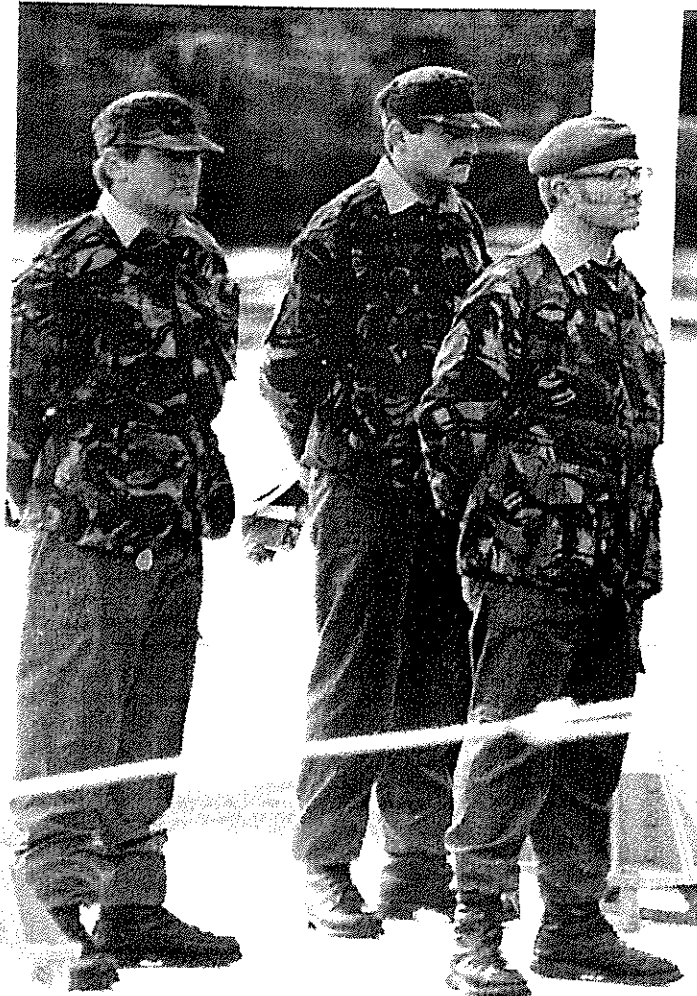
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PERFECT PARADE ON QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

DESPITE a number of potential hitches; timings had to be altered and there was a dismal met office prediction of freezing cold accompanied by rain: the 1998 Queen's Birthday Parade in Stanley was conducted in clear weather with the assembled troops and spectators subject only to a breeze and a single brief light shower.

Led by the Officer Commanding the Falkland Islands Defence Force, Major Marvin Clarke, a veteran of many parades, the marching contingent was composed of units from the Royal Navy (*HMS Dumbarton Castle*), the Army (69 Gurkha Field Squadron QGE), the Royal Air Force and the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

After the Royal Salute, His Excellency, the Governor, Richard Ralph, together with the Commander British Forces, Falkland Islands, Air Commodore Ray Dixon, took time to inspect the troops, pausing to engage a few of them in brief conversation.

Following a second Royal Salute the Governor's flag was exchanged

for the Royal Standard, the National Anthem was played and the famous Victory Green guns, operated by FIDF personnel, fired a twenty one gun salute - incidentally the last they will fire as advancing age means they are to be retired.

As the last echoes of the gun salute died away, and right on cue, the fly-past mini-squadron of one VC10K (1312 Flight MPA) and two Tornado F3's (1435 Flight MPA) streaked from East to West low over Stanley Harbour before gaining height to return to MPA.

In the march past which followed the Gurkhas stole the show with their now famous light drill. Faster than the normal drill taught to heavy infantry and other British Forces, light

drill demands a pace of 140 paces per minutes and is the official marching step of the Light Infantry, the Royal Green Jackets, and the Gurkhas.

Music for the Parade was provided by the Royal Air Force Western Band who had flown in specially for the event, though they had already performed several concerts, including one in Stanley Town Hall as well as for the Officer's and Sergeant's Messes, and the Junior Ranks Club at MPA.

After the Parade His Excellency, the Governor, and CBFFI, Air Commodore Dixon, joined the military contingents, in the FIDF Club, in toasting the health of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

Far left top: On flag duty; Brian Summers, Terrence 'Smiler' Jaffray, Christian Berntsen

Far left bottom: HE the Governor, accompanied by Aide de Camp, Lt Derek Clarke, FIDF, inspects the Royal Navy contingent

Bottom left: Sea Cadets on parade commanded by Lt Frank Leyland

Below left: Spectators gather at Victory Green for the Parade

Below: HE, the Governor pauses to chat to a Naval Rating

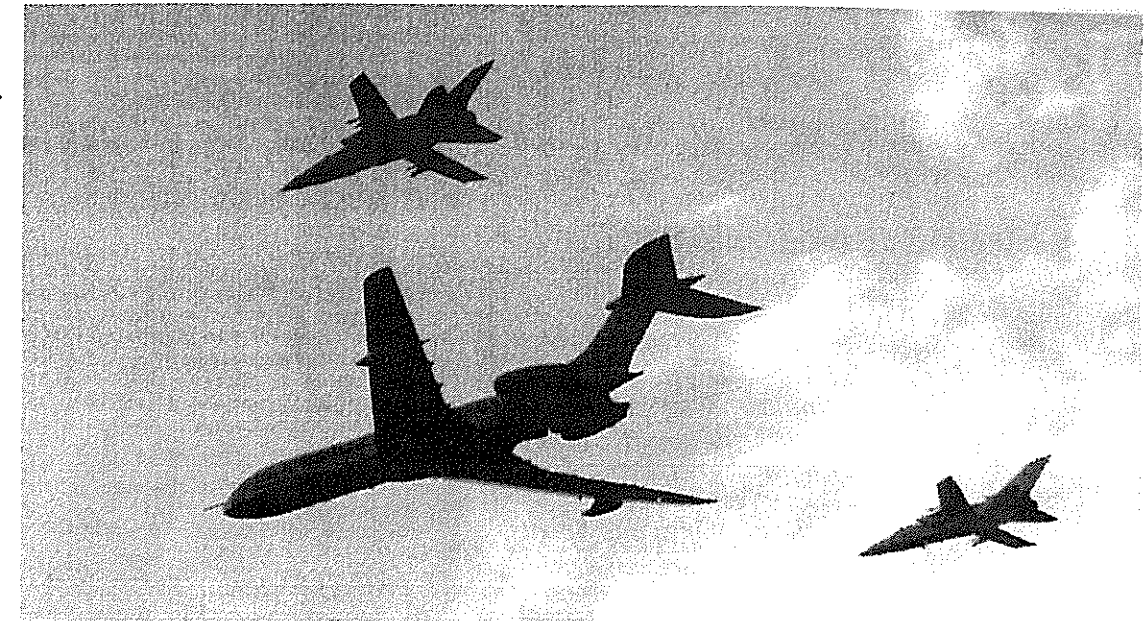
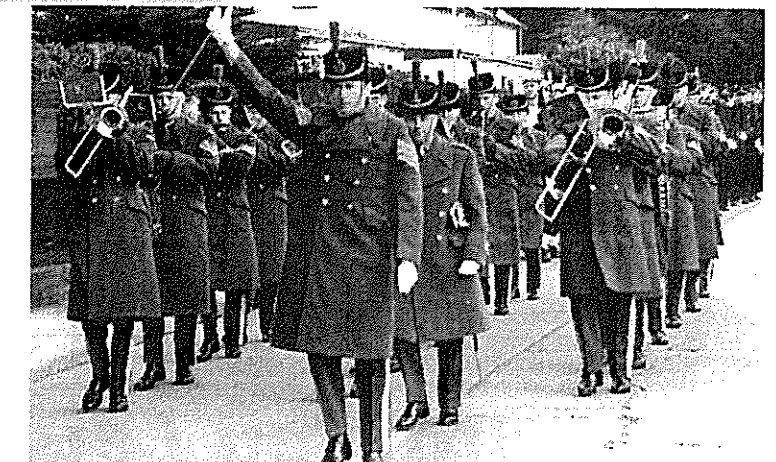
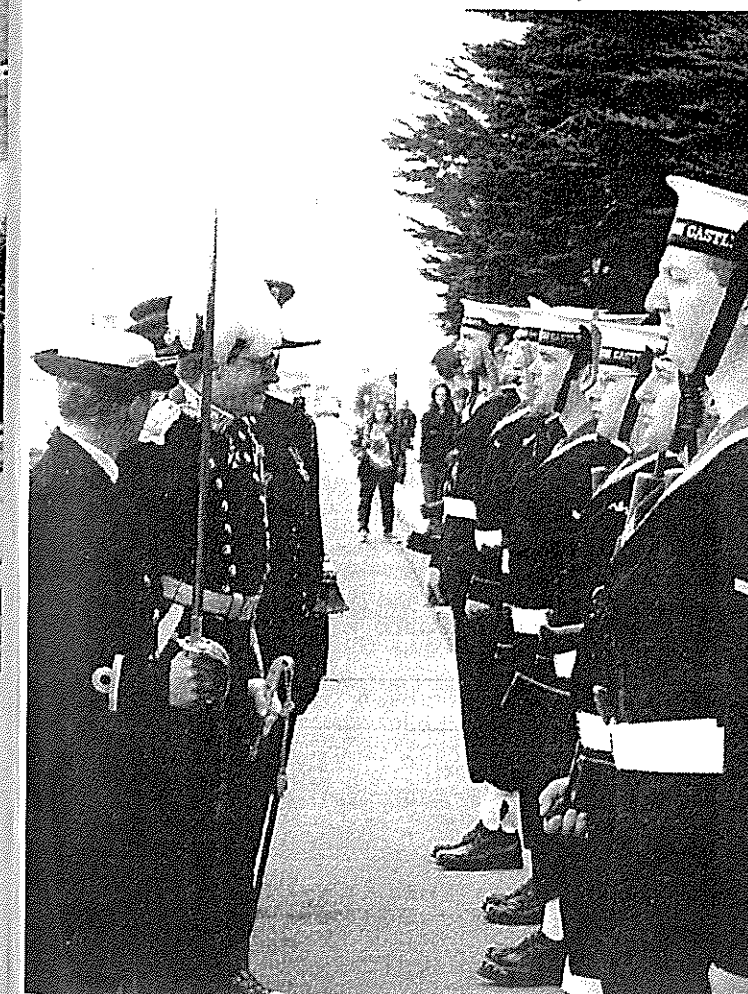
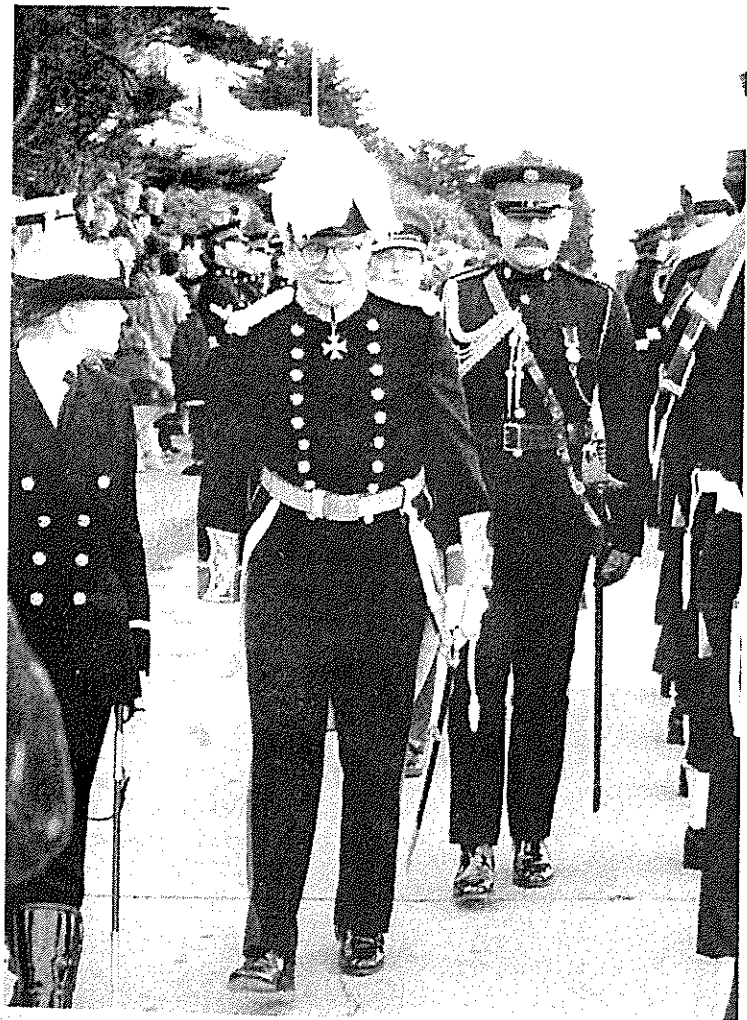
Left: The 21 Gun Salute fired by men of the FIDF

Bottom right: The men and women of the Falkland Islands Defence Force march on parade under the command of Captain Peter Biggs

Below right: HE the Governor and Lt Derek Clarke take the Royal Salute

Right: The Western Band of the Royal Air Force provided the music

Above right: The fly past. A VC10K, shadowed by two Tornado F3's



Irogoyen for his "support," at the United Nations General Assembly in favour of the Argentine sovereignty claim of the Falkland Islands, Georgias and South Sandwich.

"The Guatemalan support, shows, once again, the need for Argentina and the United Kingdom to resume negotiations, with the aim, of as soon as possible, finding a solution to the sovereignty dispute," said both presidents in a joint declaration they signed following a meeting at Government House.

The two leaders also pointed out the "excellent" relations between Argentina and Guatemala.

LA PRENSA 22/4/98 Oil and the Falklands

The Senate last week voted preferential treatment for today's (Wednesday) session for a bill presented by the provisional president of the Senate, Eduardo Menem which proposes economic sanctions against the international oil companies who attempt to operate in the Falklands without Argentine participation. What is being dealt with is a measure which if it were to come into effect could affect numerous corporations which are in our country.

The bill was given preferential treatment so that the bill's debate can be done with or without dispatch of the commission, because up to the present time the initiative has not been judged. This attracts attention, if it is taken into account that the person who drew it up is an influential person in the Peronist bloc, which is also the majority in the Chamber and predominates on commissions.

It is worthy of even more attention because of the background. The bill was unanimously passed by the Senate two years ago, but it expired in the Deputies Chamber, before it could even be debated. It expired in spite of the fact that it is an issue which Peronism and opposition could coincide upon without great differences and it would be difficult for it to become a matter of political conflict.

So what is going on then? The foreign ministry expressed opposition that the bill become law, not only because of the damage it could cause companies that have carried out large investments in our country. Almost certainly its passing would have caused problems for Guido Di Tella with the United Kingdom, at times when President Carlos Menem's most awaited for trip in a decade is being planned: the visit to London.

Here it is indispensable to look at the present government's policy with Great Britain to be able to come up with some kind of hypothesis which explains why, at Government House, they would look upon a bill which claims Argentine rights over the southern archipelago, as not very nice.

Ever since President Carlos Menem came into office he has tried to strengthen relations with London and overcome the consequences of the 1982 war as quickly

as possible. Progress, however, has been very slow because of the harsh opposition of the Islanders, who showed indifference concerning the foreign ministry's, "charm offensive," tactics.

This offensive, which was incomprehensibly speeded up to solve a conflict which has been going on for over a century, was because of a personal objective of the president: He wants to be the one who is in charge of "solving" one of Argentina's last territorial conflicts. He had been inspired by the case of the Continental Ices, which led to the prompt signing of an agreement with Chile, which the Argentine parliament refused to endorse.

Only these presumptions - based upon events - can explain in some way, with certain probability, the stagnation of Eduardo Menem's bill and it also makes it evident that there are some questions which should be kept out of personal or party political speculation.

CLARIN 22/4/98

The Argentines no longer believe in wars

The issue of the disappearance of hypothetical conflicts in the region is one of the main defence policy characteristics of the nineties.

It is assumed, that with the re-establishing of democracy in all the countries in the southern cone, the well-known advances in regional integration and the "displays of trust," which have been adopted in the defence area, allowing greater military transparency and avoiding suspicions between the countries, that the possibilities of conflicts have decreased greatly.

The next ten years

From the perspective of concepts, it could be said that the hypothesis of conflict never really disappears, because a country's security can always face risks.

But, from a political perspective, undoubtedly, it can be confirmed that these risks have disappeared, or at least, they have very little possibility, of ever becoming real, taking into account the huge changes which have taken place in the world and in the region during the last decade.

A poll carried out by the studies Centre for the New Majority shows new information concerning this debate, which is that of public opinion.

Asked about the possibility of a war between Argentina and Brazil during the next ten years, only seven percent believe it could be possible, whilst 75 percent believe it is not possible and 18 percent say they do not know. That is to say, that there are more than ten people who believe it is not possible for everyone who does.

As far as the possibility of a war with Chile is concerned during the next decade, 15 percent believe it is possible, 72 percent do not and 13 percent do not know. In this case also, the majority believe that there is no chance of a war, although one in five people believe that there could be.

Questioned about the possibil-

ity of a war with Great Britain in the Falklands, 15 percent believe it is possible, 71 percent do not and 14 percent do not know. This case is similar to that of Chile, because there is one person who believes it is possible, for every ten who do not.

The difference between the hypothesis with Brazil, Chile and Great Britain over the Falklands, can be explained by the fact that in the last two decades, Argentina had no conflicts with Brazil, it nearly had an armed conflict with Chile over the Beagle Channel and had a conflict with Great Britain over the Falklands.

Another explanation is that while the relationship with Brazil has been strengthened through Mercosur, which has turned the two countries into not just economic partners but also political ones, with Chile, there is still the border conflict to be solved. The relations with great Britain concerning the Falklands are gradually improving, although we have yet to return to the situation prior to 1982.

Guidelines

Although in all the segments, those who definitely believe it is not possible that Argentina go to war with other countries in the region during the next decade, predominate, it should be pointed out:

a) Among those who believe it is not possible that Argentina go to war, the percentage is greater as the socio-economic and education level increases and age decreases. There are also higher percentages of these people among those who vote for the Alliance than the Justicialist Party. On the other hand, the profile of the small sector which thinks it is possible that Argentina go to war, shows that it increases as the socio-economic and education levels decrease and age increases, whilst there are slightly higher percentages among the official party voters than those who vote for the opposition.

Looking beyond these guidelines, it is clear that public opinion has perceived the changes which have taken place in the region, referring to the decrease in the risk of conflict.

This also confirms that the process of economic and commercial integration which is going on throughout the region also has socio-political effects and that the perception of threat, which during other times predominated the countries in the region, is today overcome.

Wednesday 22 April 1998

Ample coverage has been given in the Argentine press over the last couple of days to the visiting British trade mission, led by Howard Davis, which is currently in Argentina. Both *Clarín* and *La Nación* have had special supplements (with advertisements) and the other papers have covered the visit as a story. *The Buenos Aires Herald* has a special spread too and a story today.

In the four page supplement in *Clarín* today there was a brief in-

terview with Foreign Minister Di Tella who spoke about booming trade between Argentina and the United Kingdom and referring to the Islands conflict said: "The Falklands conflict - of which our country constantly claims its rights - has been administered by both sides, in such a way so as not to impede the development of a relationship of mutual benefit in all other areas. The best example is that we were able to reach an agreement concerning exploration and exploitation of oil resources in the waters in litigation, which has greatly benefited our country," the minister said.

The article also quoted Di Tella saying that bilateral trade reached 1,229 million dollars in 1997, an increase of 256 percent since 1990. British investments in Argentina have reached 2,000 million dollars during the last few years, which means the United Kingdom is the sixth foreign investor in Argentina.

Falkland Wool Growers Ltd WOOL MARKET REPORT FRIDAY 17 APRIL 1998

There were again no auctions in Australia, South Africa or Britain this week. The Australian Eastern Market Indicator (EMI) closed for Easter two weeks ago, at 614 Australian cents/Kg. (the lowest level of the season to date).

There was an auction in Napier, New Zealand on Thursday 16 April 1998. Prices were dearer for second-shear wools, fleece prices were unchanged, whilst lambs wool prices fell. The NZ market indicator was down 2 cents to 423 cents/Kg due to the influence of lambs wool prices. The pass-in amounted to 7 percent of the 10,011 bales on sales. The weak NZ dollar against major wool trading partners' currencies, seems to have had greatest influence in maintaining NZ prices and clearing most of the wool on offer at the sale.

CURRENCIES

The Australian dollar weakened 5 cents on the week and is now at 2.59 \$/£, this unwelcome move clearly influences the sterling price of finer wools downwards. The New Zealand dollar remains weak and is now at 3.03\$/£, ensuring the sterling price of coarser wools is also at a lower level.

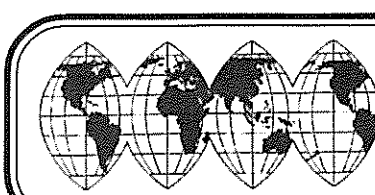
ANALYSIS

Analysts report that world demand for wool and indeed most commodities remains at a low level. Wool supplies are apparently falling as some farmers change to alternative enterprises (particularly in Australia) where they have a choice (which will help Falklands wool producers in the future). An Australian dock strike may provide a limited opportunity for other wool origins in the short term.

AGENCY

Kapetan Vaga (our voyage 5) bales have been cored and the test results will be completed by the end of next week. Lotting of the *Aleksandrov* is nearing completion: its ETA is currently 30 April 1998. The level of enquiry is currently both intermittent and limited (as buyers) work on a hand-to-mouth basis), therefore the Agency was operational during the East recess and by so being found further demand for 44 tonnes this week. It is anticipated that up-take of deliveries will resume next week. A payment was made to standard Chartered Bank value dated today.

Please send all outstanding bale details for this season. Identifying the last bale/farm produced for the season is most helpful. Many thanks for recent bale specifications. ROBERT HALL



Penguin News Current Affairs Supplement



Argentina
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extracts are translations
LA NACION 18/4/98

The government believes there will be two flags in Falklands

The government has received information and gestures, that Great Britain will accept the foreign ministry's proposal, which consists of hoisting two Argentine flags in the Falkland Islands. In spite of that it does not mean double sovereignty, it would be a symbol of utmost importance of the advance of our country's historic claim of the sovereignty of the archipelago, said reliable government sources, in strictest confidence.

Those close to President Carlos Menem, believe that before the end of the year London will allow that in the Falklands territory, two Argentine flags will be hoisted. One at Darwin cemetery where there are Argentine soldiers who died in the 1982 conflict buried, and the other at a monument to an Argentine aeroplane which was shot down during the military fighting.

As is well known, Menem will visit the United Kingdom in November. It will be the first visit an Argentine president makes to the country since the war. The visit could be the right time to announce the diplomatic achievement, although the sources say that, "there are not yet discussions going on," concerning time periods.

"We have indications that there is British willingness to accept a proposal like this," an authorised government spokesperson told *La Nación*. A high ranking official at the United States (sic) embassy shortly after, muttered something similar: "There is a good atmosphere of negotiation, something is going on... something might happen."

Because of the sensitivity of the negotiations, at the foreign ministry there is absolute silence. Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella: Vice Foreign Minister Andres Cisneros; Ambassador in London Rogelio Pflirter and in Switzerland Guillermo Gonzalez, are very discreetly and quietly getting on with their mission. The recovery of sovereignty of the Falkland Islands, Georgias, South Sandwich and others in the South Atlantic, is top priority of Argentine foreign policy.

The secretary of foreign relations of the Justicialist Party (PJ) in a document claimed, "the hoisting of our national flag in the cemetery where the remains of the Argentines who died during the 1982 conflict are laid to rest." The Justicialist Party hopes to have the initiative approved by Congress, so that the Executive Branch can reactivate the request.

The foreign affairs commission

of the PJ is made up of Senator Eduardo Menem, Deputy Luis Rubeo and presidential under-secretary Ricardo Romano. Rubeo, yesterday (Friday) presented the statement to the Deputies Chamber for approval.

If it is approved by the government and opposition, the document would serve as a political platform so that the foreign ministry can formalise their claim to Tony Blair's government.

The re-election, always there

Objectively, success in the Falklands area would lead to an increase in Menem's public image. Ever since in 1995 planning for Menem's second reelection began, the Falklands became one of the main objectives to accomplish, with the aim of obtaining the, "reelection." However, Menem and the foreign office gave it utmost importance, leaving to one side the head of states' desires to a third term. Menem would anyway be able to political capitalise the achievement, with or without a second re-relocation.

Two Argentine flags in the Falkland Islands would not mean, "double-sovereignty." The government, explained the sources, will not give up its sovereignty claim over the Islands.

This proposal stands out because of its symbolic impact, but there are others which are being dealt with: The gradual lifting of the arms embargo which Great Britain has maintained against our country since 1982: the integration of rural communities; education, commercial and cultural agreements and the improving of communications between the archipelago and the Continent, among other things.

The fact that our country is an extra-NATO ally of the United States, historic ally of Great Britain, also helps British willingness, sources at the foreign ministry claim. The foreign minister understands that there is not an, "agreement of double sovereignty," in the agreement of oil exploration and exploitation, which could mean the economic benefits could be divided between the two countries equally.

Even beyond the changing British policy towards the colonies, the government is optimistically evaluating another point: It costs the United Kingdom 150 million dollars a year to maintain the military base in the Falklands.

CLARIN 20/4/98 Sovereignty claim

An Alliance deputy wants President Carlos Menem to include the sovereignty of the Falklands on the agenda during his visit to the United Kingdom. With this in mind, he has presented a modification to the

law which authorises the presidents trips. It was presented by Juan Pablo Cafiero, to ensure that included in the matters to be discussed with the British government is, "the sovereignty claim which Argentina maintains over the Islands." The modification's aim is that the authorisation for Menem to travel be conditioned by this claim, because Congress must approve all the president's trips.

CLARIN 21/4/98

The British Vice Foreign Minister will visit the Argentine graves at Darwin

The British Vice Foreign Minister Tony Lloyd will on Friday visit Darwin cemetery, where the remains of 237 Argentine soldiers, who died during the war over the Falkland Islands, are laid to rest. This diplomatic gesture on the part of London - aimed especially at the Argentine government house - concerns the Kelpers.

The reason is that the Islanders do not yet know the real reasons for the trip of the right hand Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind (sic) to the South Atlantic, although nobody doubts that relations with Argentina, the share of the oil royalties and President Carlos Menem's forthcoming visit to London will be among the matters discussed.

Lloyd first visited the Falklands in December 1996, when he was still an opposition spokesman (Labour Party came into office in May 1997).

His stay in the Islands is not remembered very well by the Kelpers, who heard him criticise them, face to face, the "absurd" ban on Argentine passport holders into the Islands, unless they have a second passport, which they present to Immigration when they arrive in Stanley. Argentina and Great Britain are currently carrying out negotiations to show some kind of advance - even if minimum - in the sovereignty dispute over the southern archipelago.

This is linked to Carlos Menem's re-election project, and he wants to extract every little last drop of political juice from his trip in November, the first one an Argentine leader will make to the United Kingdom since the 1982 conflict.

When the vice foreign minister's agenda was officially announced at the end of last week, the Islanders could not believe what they were seeing.

As *Clarín* reported last Wednesday, the initiative to officially request the British government to hoist an Argentine flag in Darwin cemetery - where Lloyd will go on Friday - is going ahead.

Always with presidential approval, the foreign affairs secretary of the Justicialist party (PJ) drew up a project to request the

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Argentine foreign ministry to begin the necessary steps so that the Argentine flag can be flying in Darwin cemetery as soon as possible. The assault will continue this week in parliament. Justicialist Deputy Luis Rubeo and Senator Eduardo Menem, last Friday presented the project for debate in parliament, if it is approved, it will be used by the foreign ministry to make an official request to the British government.

The president's brother has shown his hard side again concerning the relations with Great Britain - according to official sources - tomorrow (Wednesday) he will reactivate his law known as "Eduardo Menem," which proposes sanctions against those companies participating in the Kelpers unilateral oil exploration and exploitation licensing in the Falklands.

There are currently thirteen international companies working in the area, among them the oil company Shell, following the licenses awarded by the Kelpers without Argentine consent.

However, what the senator from La Rioja province is trying to do is put pressure on the Islanders so that they make concessions - one way or another - before November. Because, if the law is passed in Congress, judicial stability in the South Atlantic, so valuable to investors, will be ruptured.

When Lloyd arrives in Stanley today (Tuesday), he will try and make the Islanders understand the present situation. And even though it is very unlikely that the vice minister question the kelper attitude concerning Argentina calling it absurd, as he did a year ago, he will use his foreign office officials gifts and will transmit the same message, but using subtle, diplomatic language.

EL CRONISTA COMMERCIAL
21/4/98

President Carlos Menem yesterday (Monday) thanked the Guatemalan head of state Alvaro Arzu



British press headline stories: April 20

BBC PRESS REVIEW FOR MONDAY 20 APRIL 1998 PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST

The offer by the British Prime Minister, Tony Blair, to help revive the Middle East peace process by hosting a conference in London in May, features on most front pages. *The Daily Telegraph* says the initiative, which emerged during talks in Jerusalem between Mr Blair and his Israeli counterpart, Binyamin Netanyahu, could be a breakthrough. *The Guardian* says Mr Netanyahu struck an upbeat note and this suggests Mr Blair brought with him something of the Irish agreement he brokered recently. In its editorial pages, *The Times* recalls that history has been a source of division between Britain and Israel. But the paper says that the first visit to Israel by a British Labour Prime Minister shows that the two countries now share many interests and values.

SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

The Financial Times gives prominence to this weekend's summit of the Americas in Chile, which was aimed at working towards a pan-American free trade area. The paper says Latin American leaders fear that Bill Clinton may be constrained by the US Congress, which refuses to increase the President's negotiating authority. *The Financial Times* says that in Chile Mr

Clinton failed to win over doubters, despite his attempt to reassure them by quoting a famous quip from Britain's wartime Prime Minister Winston Churchill: 'The United States', he said, 'invariably does the right thing... after it has exhausted every other alternative.'

EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION

The Daily Telegraph carries an article by the Speaker of the United States' House of Representatives, Newt Gingrich, who is deeply sceptical about the prospects for European Monetary Union. Mr Gingrich says Europe faces the danger of lurching from crisis to crisis, and suggests that Britain, which is reluctant to join EMU, may find that linking up with the North American free Trade Association instead is a better idea.

LINDA MCCARTNEY DIES OF CANCER

British papers also pay tribute to Linda McCartney, the wife of the former Beatle, Paul McCartney. She died in California on Friday, after a two-year battle against cancer. *The Mirror* lists her achievements as a photographer and a campaigner for animal rights. *The Sun* shows pictures of the couple at various stages of their lives and says the two were inseparable. *The Daily Star* says the McCartneys had one of the happiest marriages in show business, and quotes Paul's famous, sad song, 'Yesterday came suddenly.'

VACANCY

Consolidated Fisheries Limited invite applications for the position of Observer/Representative.

The successful applicant will be expected to spend long periods at sea. Duties while at sea will include monitoring the catch, overseeing transshipments, making daily reports to the office and for ensuring that FIG reporting requirements are adhered to.

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News from South America provided by Mercopress

THE AMERICAS SUMMIT A SUCCESS

With promises of 50 billion dollars to invest in education, public health and judicial reform, as well as the commitment to promote democracy and freedom of expression, ended the second summit of the Americas that convened 34 heads of state and government in Chile during April 18/19th.

Although top of the agenda of Santiago was economic reform and the foundation of a Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA), extending from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego, that should become operational by the year 2005, it was the social and political commitments that attracted most attention.

It was agreed that with the funds to be supplied by the World and the Inter American Bank, by the year 2010 all children in three Americas would have a free and guaranteed access to lower and pre university education. To strengthen democracy and human rights judicial reform will be addressed, a special freedom of expression Secretariat will be nominated and all legislation will be checked to abide by international law standards.

As far as economic reforms and in spite of some previous scepticism and the fact that US President Bill Clinton showed up without the fast track legislation, the thirty four participants coincided that by 2005, FTAA should become the greatest trade block in the world with 750 million people.

Nevertheless two issues remain strong points of contention: the growing dispute between regionalism and multilateralism (that is the gradual approach favoured by Mercosur and the fast approach demanded by the United States); finally the incorporation of Cuba to the "family" of the Americas backed by most of the continent and rejected by Washington.

EUROPE AFTER MERCOSUR

During a quick visit to Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay to promote the calling of the Millennium Round, Europe's main trade negotiator, Leon Britton said that the European Union expects to start final negotiations for a free trade area with Mercosur in early 1999.

Sir Leon Britton, indicated that Europe now leads the world drive for open markets and is proposing that the Millennium Round to further reduce tariffs and promote free trade, should begin in January 2000 and extended to all economic and financial activities.

The trip that took place just a few days before the Americas Summit in Chile, was viewed by Mercosur analysts as a clear message from the European Union that it wants to play a more significant and active role in international trade relations.

"Mercosur and FTAA are not harmful for the multilateral trade

system as long as they keep to the World Trade Organisation, WTO, regulations," stressed Britton, who added that since Europe favours both regionalism and multilateralism, "we have a special interest in creating a free trade area with Mercosur."

"Next June we'll officially have the mandate for those negotiations and during 1999 we expect to celebrate in Rio de Janeiro a summit of European and Latin American heads of government and state," underlined Sir Britton.

Finally Sir Leon Britton said that Mercosur's decision to increase tariffs by three points was a "bad signal," and that with protectionism countries inevitably lose more than they win.

Mercosur members increased tariffs in late 1997 to face the consequences of the Asian financial crisis. The measure originally criticises is now being praised by international banks and financial institutions.

ARGENTINA DOUBLES SQUID CATCH

Argentina's fish catch in 1997 amounted to 1,339 million tons, a 7% increase over the 1,283 million tons of 1996 according to an official release from the Argentine Fisheries Department.

In spite of the relatively small increase of '97, it's a huge jump from a decade ago, in 1988 when 482,600 tons were extracted.

Total volumes in Argentina have been increasing for the last ten years and in 1995 broke the million tons mark for the first time. The main species in '97 was hubbsi hake, 584,000 tons, slightly below the 59,600 of 1996. Squid was the second catch in volume with 412,000 tons, almost doubling the previous year.

URUGUAY'S 97 FISH CATCH UP 8%

Uruguay's total fish catch during 1997 reached 132,338 tons, an 8% increase over the 123,276 tons of 1996, with hake, 50,000 tons, and croak, 23,600 tons representing over half the volume. In 1995, the catch was 126,500 tons. According to the report released by the Uruguayan National Fisheries Institute, the '97 catch included 21,000 of squid.

As far as foreign sales are concerned Uruguay exported 82 million US dollars in 1995; 84.5 million US dollars in 1996 and 92.4 million US dollars in 1997.

The report also reveals that the Uruguayan high seas fleet includes 105 vessels, 15 more than in 1996 and well above the 73 registered in 1995. There are also another 333, with a less than ten tons displacement, for coastal fishing.

In related affairs the Director of the Uruguayan Fisheries Department, Sergio Galante, said that Uruguay, who for the first time is catching toothfish in South Georgia has requested similar licences from France, Britain and South Africa, all

members of CCAMLR.

Mr. Galante also revealed that Uruguay that has become a full member of CCAMLR now has two registered scientific observers who were trained by the Chileans.

HEREFORD BREEDERS IN URUGUAY

A top delegation of Hereford breeders are currently in Uruguay after visiting Mar del Plata, Argentina, where the big world Hereford show and conference will be held in April 2000.

The delegation includes Craig Huffhines, Executive Vice President of the American Hereford Association, Duncan Porteus from Canada, chairman of the breeders' conference since 1978 and representatives from South Africa and Australia.

The delegation will spend a week visiting several "estancias" and the Kiyú Hereford Trial Centre, where the local breeders make productivity and genetic tests in the most popular beef breed of Uruguay.

The visitors will also receive a copy of a paper on the genetics of the Uruguayan Hereford that was completed with experts from the association, local academics and the database from the University of Georgia in the United States.

CONTROVERSY OVER THE AMAZON

Brazil expressed its concern to the United States government following a conference by a US general who identified the Amazon region as a possible theatre for "US military intervention."

In a conference given at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MIT, on the possible geopolitical risks for the United States in the coming next fifteen years, General Patrick Hughes mentioned nuclear terrorism, drug trade, scarcity of essential commodities and a depredation of the environment.

Supposedly General Hughes from the US Army said that if Brazil decides to make use of the Amazon region in a manner that endangers the environment, in the "US we must be ready to terminate that process immediately."

"We doubt a senior officer would talk on the issue in those terms, but we are looking into the text of the whole conference", said a spokesman for the Brazilian Foreign Office.

The Amazon region has become a very sensitive issue for the Brazilian government who fears, "foreign" or multinational intervention in one of the world's last rain forest reserves.

CONTRACT CANCELLED

The American forest company Trillium has decided to temporarily cancel the 200 million US dollars "Rio Córdon" project to exploit 250,000 acres of natural woods in Chilean Tierra del Fuego.

Trillium originally purchased a total of 600,000 acres of, "lenga" forests (*Notofagus pumilio*) to exploit commercially of which, according to the contract, it was obliged to keep 100,000 acres as a natural reserve. But environmentalist groups among which Greenpeace and the Fide XII Foundation appealed both in Court and in the Frei administration, forcing the company to stop all activities pending a final decision.

"In spite of the 80 million US dollars invested so far, we've decided to cancel all activities and we only have a minimum staff of two people," said Edmundo Fahrenkrog, General Manager of the project.

"I guess many environmentalists must be satisfied with Trillium's decision, but it's really a disaster for business and our region," stressed Sylvia Vera, Governor of Tierra del Fuego.

"This is very serious and sends an extremely negative signal for future investors in Patagonia. I invite the environmentalist groups to come up with constructive ideas," said Rodrigo Fernández, president of the Regional Chamber of Commerce. On the other hand Juan Dragisevic from Fide XII believes Trillium did the right thing.

"All this could have been avoided if we all had participated in the assessment process of the Río Córdon project. We were forced to appeal," underlined Dragisevic.

ANTI SCAB CAMPAIGN

A massive anti scab campaign in the Magallanes Region, that began in early April should be over by the end of May after an estimated 800,000 sheep, considered in risk areas are dipped.

According to Chilean sanitary officials this will help farmers prepare for winter, since in the risk areas there was a complete ban on flocks movements.

Scab broke out in Tierra del Fuego in January 1998, after several farms imported rams from central Chile where the epidemic is endemic. In spite of the preventive measures taken both by Chilean and Argentine sanitary authorities, scab rapidly spread to mainland Chile in the Magallanes region.

Sanitary authorities believe that with the current campaign financed with a 500,000 US dollars grant from the Chilean Ministry of Agriculture, in a few weeks time the two million flock in the area can be considered out of danger. Scab hadn't been reported in Chilean Patagonia for over forty years.

DOUBLE LOSS FOR CARDOSO

Brazilian president Henrique Cardoso's political future could be in trouble after having suffered this week two major blows when his closest and most trusted strategist, Sergio Motta, (57), unexpectedly died of respiratory complications, and two days later, Luiz Magalhaes, (43), his main ally in Congress, and apparent successor, suffered a fatal heart attack.

Mr. Motta and President Cardoso became close friends when they first met as young Socialists in university, and had been involved in politics since then. Mr. "Tractor" Motta, as he was known for his forcefulness and pragmatism, became the treasurer of Mr. Cardoso presidential campaign and as his main political articulator managed a deal with Congress to reform the Constitution and the possibility of a second consecutive mandate for his friend in next October's elections.

The other powerful ally of Mr. Cardoso was Conservative Luiz Magalhaes, who controlled the main block of legislators in the Chamber of Deputies while his father, Senator Antonio Carlos Magalhaes is president of the Senate and the main

political leader of the northeast of Brazil.

With "Tractor" Motta as strategist and the Magalhaes family controlling Congress, Mr. Cardoso has been able to reform the economy and rule Brazil as one of its most popular elected presidents. As part of the deal it was suspected that Luiz Magalhaes would succeed Mr. Cardoso in 2002.

But now with these two powerful men out of action, even Mr. Cardoso's re-election plan and reforms could be imperilled. Faced with such a situation Mr. Cardoso cut short an official visit to Spain and declared three days of national mourning.

MORE RAINS AND FLOODS IN MAY

Weather forecasters announced that the flooding in the northeast of Argentina, where over 65,000 people have been evacuated from their homes, will get worse in May as a result of continued rain and high water levels. Only in June would the weather begin to improve according to the Argentine Farm Technological Institute.

Meanwhile water levels in the main rivers of the region, Paraná, Paraguay and Uruguay continued to rise as a result of heavy rainfall in southern Brazil with record heights reported in several of the river ports.

In the north east of Uruguay, next to Brazil, over 2,000 people have been evacuated and 50,000 acres of rice still to be harvested, could be completely lost.

In the Argentine northern provinces crop and animal losses have been officially estimated in 1.2 billion US dollars.

The Argentine Agriculture Secretary, Felipe Solá, confirmed that only by next June would life in the provinces start to return to normal, but also warned that many people will have to remain evacuated for a lot longer. The floods considered the second worst of the century in Argentina have affected an estimated 350,000 people.

VOLCANO PANIC IN MEXICO

The Popocatepetl volcano near Mexico City has been spewing high clouds of smoke, ash and molten rock, terrifying local residents and forcing authorities to close nearby schools, according to police officials.

The "Popo" volcano, approximately forty miles east of the Mexican capital, produced a cloud of ash more than .5 miles high and spat flaming rocks setting trees on fire and shaking windows of nearby houses, reported the Mexican Centre for the Prevention of Disasters.

No injuries were reported at mid week, but people living in the slopes of the volcano fled their homes and in the town of Atlixco authorities closed schools. A strong smell of sulphur was wafting through the streets of the nearby industrial city of Puebla.

Popocatepetl or "smoking mountain," stands 5,485 metres high and has more than 10,000 people living in its slopes. Last June the "Popo" suffered its biggest eruption in seventy years, with emissions covering the whole of metropolitan Mexico City with a thin film of ash.

PLANE CRASH KILLS 53

Investigators are searching for clues in the eastern mountain ridge of Colombia's capital, Bogotá, where an Ecuador-bound Boeing 727

crashed last Monday a few minutes after take off killing all 53 people aboard.

Air traffic controllers in Bogotá radioed the passenger jet leased to Air France by the Ecuadorean military run carrier TAME, when it failed to turn 90 degrees southward while heading straight into the fog covered 3,100 metres high El Cable mountain.

"We are trying to find out what happened, this crew was flying Quito-Bogotá-Quito three times a week, why didn't they turn north or south to avoid the ridge," asked Colonel Julio Alberto González from the Colombian Civilian Aviation Authority.

Rescue workers continue to search for the remains of the passengers, including a Briton, six French, four Canadians and six Italians.

The flight data and cockpit voice recorders were flown to Washington's Transportation Safety Board.

KING PENGUINS IN TENERIFE

Nine newly hatched penguins are settling into this balmy Spanish resort island after being moved from the colder climate of the Falkland Islands.

The King penguins are the first to hatch from a batch of 117 eggs shipped to Tenerife in the Canary Islands. Their new home is at El Loro Park, where a compound has been designed to match their natural habitat.

Park organisers hope the penguins will become the star attraction at its nature reserve, which eventually should be home to about 200 penguins from five or six species.

SHEEP PREFERS COW'S LIFE

A two year old sheep deserted his own kind and joined up with the cows. And as one farmer put it, the black face sheep will have set a trend.

Humphrey, once a pet lamb on the dairy farm of David and Fiona Hughes in Southland, decided his was not a sheep's life.

Humphrey apparently mused that surely, the grass must be greener on the other side and promptly moved over. Now he insists on leading the herd into the milking shed. And even though he can't deliver on that one, Humphrey still likes to ride the milk carousel with his female companions twice a day, as they produce the real goods.

The Hughes say they've tried to get him to socialise with the other sheep, but Humphrey becomes agitated among his own species and the risk of being separated from his flock sends a shudder through his curly fleece.

FLOODS IN COMODORO

Strong winds and record rainfall flooded several quarters of Comodoro Rivadavia, including downtown, forcing the evacuation of over one hundred families and the closing of schools.

The unexpected 100 millimetres in an area with an annual rainfall of 250 mm cut the main access to the city, while 60 miles strong winds forced the closing of the local airport and all port activities.

The Argentine Civil Defence also declared a meteorological alert all along the coast of the province of Chubut warning about south Atlantic gusts.

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Teal Inlet+3hrs30m		1727	1.8		1318 0.5
Sea Lion Is.+1hr15m		2331	0.1		1935 1.8
Port Stephens	Sunrise	0655		Sunrise	0700
+3hrs15m	Sunset	1644		Sunset	1638
Hill Cove+4hrs				30	
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10.55 THE CORRS IN CONCERT
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10.20 THE LILY SAVAGE SHOW
10.50 BRIT GIRLS
11.15 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.35 MATCH OF THE DAY

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL
7.50 MATCH OF THE DAY Another chance to see the football highlights programme screened last night
9.00 BREAKFAST WITH FROST (Including News and Weather)
9.45 THE LONDON MARATHON The race is now in its eighteenth year and has built a reputation as not only a world leader in big city marathons but also as a great event for the people. A record 29,135 runners completed the 1997 race, ranging from some of the world's top elite athletes competing for the champion's title through to the first time marathoner running to raise funds for charity. Over 41,000 people will be accepted to run in the 1998 race and of those an estimated 30,000 will actually take part
12.50 THE WHITBREAD: THE WORLD'S GREATEST OCEAN RACE
1.20 THE CHART SHOW
1.55 THE D-FILES
2.00 NEWS
2.10 BROOKSIDE Lindsey is in a nightmare world of worry - where is Kylie?
4.05 THIS IS YOUR LIFE
3.50 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW
4.35 THE SIMPSONS
5.00 FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP Derby v Leicester
6.55 RUGBY Army v Navy
8.30 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
8.45 HOLIDAY REPS (New)
9.15 CLIVE JAMES MEETS MEL GIBSON
10.05 THE D-FILES
10.10 HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU
10.40 CUTTING EDGE Rogue Males: Documentary exploring the murky and sometimes comical world of a group of inner-city men and their enterprises
11.30 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
11.45 RUGBY EXPRESS

MONDAY 27TH APRIL
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS 10.00 KILROY
10.40 ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT 11.10 THIS MORNING
1.15 THE WEATHER SHOW 1.20 TOTS TV
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS The Robinson and Ramsay feud rages on
2.15 CATCHPHRASE
2.40 SUPERSTORE
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.40 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.50 THE FORGOTTEN TOYS
4.05 KIPPER (New)
4.15 DENNIS THE MENACE
4.35 50/50 (New)
5.00 GRANGE HILL Adam's secret is revealed and Joanna's cover is blown at a Karaoke night in the cafe
5.25 HOME AND AWAY Vinnie gets a new job
5.45 FAMILY FORTUNES
6.10 WISH YOU WERE HERE
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STRETT Alma has a showdown with Deirdre
7.45 THE BILL The Same Stripe: Concluding a two-part story. Things look even bleaker for the beleaguered Sgt Ackland when her trusted informer disappears
8.10 FAITH IN THE FUTURE
8.35 JEREMY CLARKSON'S EXTREME MACHINES (New)
9.05 LONDON'S BURNING Blue Watch are caught up in a violent street disturbance
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 THE BEN ELTON SHOW
11.00 THE ENTERTAINMENT BIZ
11.50 FILM '98
12.20 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA

TUESDAY 28TH APRIL
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS 10.00 KILROY
10.40 ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT
11.10 THIS MORNING
1.15 THE WEATHER SHOW
1.20 TEDDYBEARS
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Michael and Rosemary return to Ramsay Street
2.15 AINSELY'S MEALS IN MINUTES
2.45 BABEWATCH
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.40 ROOM 785 Starting with: CARTOON TIME
3.45 GARFIELD AND FRIENDS
3.55 THE WOMBLES
4.10 CHUCKLEWOOD CRITTERS
4.30 BLUE PETER
4.55 GRANGE HILL Things go from bad to worse for Adam
5.20 HOME AND AWAY Justine finally realises that Tom has a crush on her
5.45 A QUESTION OF SPORT
6.15 EMMERDALE Kathy and Rachel plan their revenge
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS Relationships at the Vic are put to the ultimate test when Grant is forced to listen to Peggy's true feelings about him
7.55 BALLYKISSANGEL Ambrose's mother Imelda returns to look after baby Kieran and Quigley suddenly takes an unusual interest in her
8.45 BIRDS OF A FEATHER
9.15 THE X-FILES
10.00 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 THE D-FILES
10.35 FILM: BOYS ON THE SIDE (1995,15) Drama starring Whoopi Goldberg, Mary-Louise Parker and Drew Barrymore. Three women make a break with their troubled pasts as they share a car trip across the country
12.25 TARTAN EXTRA

WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS 10.00 KILROY
10.40 ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT 11.10 THIS MORNING
1.15 THE WEATHER SHOW 1.20 POTAMUS PARK
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Helen's friends come to terms with their grief
2.15 DOCTOR'S ORDERS
2.45 FAME AND FORTUNE Today's subject, action and ex-boxer, Micky Rourke
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with SOOTY'S AMAZING ADVENTURES
3.50 ROMUALD THE REINDEER
4.00 HOW GOES....2
4.20 REBOOT
4.45 NEWSROUND EXTRA
5.00 OUT OF TUNE
5.20 HOME AND AWAY Lachie tells Chloe he loves her
5.45 TOMORROW'S WORLD
6.15 EMMERDALE Devoted Sam risks all to defend Kathy's honour
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 CORONATION STREET The doctors prepare Liz and Steve for the worst
7.45 THE BILL Gaybashing: When a man is assaulted in a public toilet, Boyden and Quinnan believe it could be more than just a straightforward mugging
8.10 GREAT ESCAPES
8.35 2 POINT 4 CHILDREN
9.05 PLEASURE BEACH Blackpool's Pleasure Beach
9.35 FRIENDS
10.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST By the Green Party
10.05 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.35 PREMIER PASSIONS
11.25 SECRET LIVES Tonight's programme examines the life of Grace Kelly, the Hollywood actress, who became Princess of Monaco
12.15 OPERATION GOOD GUYS

THURSDAY 30TH APRIL
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS 10.00 KILROY
10.40 ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT
11.10 THIS MORNING (including ITN News Headlines)
1.15 THE WEATHER SHOW 1.20 THE BLOBS
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS Toadie forces Jacinta's hand
2.15 DOCTOR'S ORDERS
2.45 BABEWATCH
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.40 ROOM 785 Starting with WIZADORA
3.50 HUBUBB
4.05 CONAN THE ADVENTURER
4.30 BLUE PETER
4.55 THE O-ZONE
5.20 HOME AND AWAY Everyone is stunned by events at the wedding
5.45 TOP GEAR
6.15 EMMERDALE Steve takes extreme measures to lure Kim into his business
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT

BFBS Television programmes (cont)

6.55 ANIMAL HOSPITAL
7.25 EASTENDERS After an emotional week visiting the grave of their baby, Ricky and Bianca talk about having another baby
7.55 BLIND MEN
8.20 ONE FOOT IN THE GRAVE (Repeat)
8.50 THE CLIVE JAMES SHOW
9.35 FATHER TED
10.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST By the Conservative Party
10.05 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.35 BACK UP A call to a horrific train crash has lasting repercussions for Parkin and Copson
11.25 JO WHILEY (New) Featuring tonight Shirley Manson of Garbage, Massive Attack and Asian Dub Foundation
12.05 FORTEAN TV

FRIDAY 1ST MAY
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS 10.00 KILROY
10.40 ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT 11.10 THIS MORNING
1.15 THE WEATHER SHOW 1.20 POTAMUS PARK
1.30 NEWS
1.55 NEIGHBOURS
2.15 ALL OVER THE SHOP
2.40 COAST TO COAST
3.10 COUNTDOWN
3.35 ROOM 785 Starting with: CARTOON TIME

YOUR PROGRAMMES FROM F.I.B.S.

SATURDAY April 25
6.00 News BFBS
6.02 Music Fill
6.15 Childrens Story
6.30 Children's Corner - request programme
7.30 News and Sport from five live
7.40 Weather,Flights,Announcements
8.00 New comedy series "Make em laugh" golden age comedy
8.28 Rpt Weather & Flights
8.30 The Beebs lost Beatles tapes
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.20 Music Fill
9.30 Captain Corelli's Mandolin
9.45 Music Fill 10.00 News BFBS
SUNDAY April 26
5.00 News: BFBS
5.03 Music fill
5.10 Pavarotti and friends
6.00 Music Fill
6.15 New drama series - John Le Carre the tailor of Panama
6.30 Weather, flights, announcements
6.45 Sports roundup from BBC World Service
7.00 Church Service-
8.00 News desk from BBC World Service
8.30 Repeat Weather & Flights
8.32 Announcers choice of music
8.45 Folk Music Show
9.00 News Desk
9.28 Rpt. Weather & Flights
9.30 Dracula
9.45 Music Fill 10.00 News BFBS
MONDAY April 27
10.00 Morning show
11.00 News & Sport
11.06 Continue morning show
12.00 News
12.06 News Middy
12.09 Music fill
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30 B.F.B.S live & local with Dusty
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
6.00 Country Crossroads
6.30 News & Sport from 5 live
6.40 Weather,Flights,evening annos, rpt News Middy
7.00 The Goons CD collection
7.30 BBC World Service multi track hit list
8.00 News desk from the BBC
8.28 Rpt weather & flights
8.30 Book club
9.00 Evening announcers half hour of fav music
9.30 Crampton Hodnet 10.00 News BFBS
TUESDAY April 28
10.00 Morning Show
11.00 News & Sport
11.06 Continue morning show 12.00 News
12.06 Profile: John Leonard
12.15 Lunchtime announcements
12.30 BFBS live & local with Dusty
5.03 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
5.30 News from St. Helena
5.45 Calling the Falklands
6.00 News Magazine
6.30 News & Sport from 5 live
6.40 Weather, flights etc
7.00 In Concert:
8.00 News Desk

3.45 THE LITTLEST PET SHOP
4.00 RUPERT
4.25 MIKE & ANGELO
4.50 THE WEEK ON NEWSROUND
5.00 WISE UP (New)
5.25 HOME AND AWAY The fight escalates over the land for the new burger bar site
5.45 GLADIATORS: THE SPRINGBOK CHALLENGE
6.40 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
6.55 SCENE HERE
7.25 EASTENDERS Dot is acting very suspiciously
7.55 THE D-FILES
8.00 THE MISSION An international team battles against the elements to install a rig in the North Sea
8.45 THIRD ROCK FROM THE SUN
9.10 HETTY WAINTHROPP INVESTIGATES Hetty agrees to track down a gang who have attacked local restaurant owners
10.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST By the Liberal Democrats
10.05 NEWS AND BFBS WEATHER REPORT
10.30 THE MRS MERTON SHOW
11.05 STAYING ALIVE
11.50 TFI FRIDAY
Billings correct at time of going to press, but subject to change until actual transmission. Tune into BFBS Radio/Television for updates

8.28 Rpt weather & flights
8.30 Rpt News Magazine
9.00 Not so long ago -
9.30 Jane Austins - Pride and Prejudice
10.00 News BFBS
WEDNESDAY April 29
10.00 Morning show
11.00 News & Sport
11.06 Continue morning show
11.45 Rpt calling the Falklands
12.00 News
12.06 News Middy 12.09 Music Fill
12.15 Lunchtime Announcements
12.30 BFBS live & local with Dusty
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
5.45 The Folk Show Rpt
6.30 News & Sport 5 live
6.40 Weather, flights etc
7.00 My top ten -
8.00 News desk BBC, World Service
8.28 Rpt weather & flights
8.30 Feature -
8.45 15 mins announcers music
9.00 60 minute theatre 10.00 News from BFBS
THURSDAY April 30
10.00 Morning Show
11.00 News & Sport
11.06 Continue morning show
12.00 News
12.06 News Middy
12.15 Lunchtime Announcements
12.30 BFBS live & local with Dusty
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
5.30 Rpt Profile -

5.45 FIBS phone in
6.30 News & sport from 5 live
6.40 Weather, flights etc
7.00 Memories are made of this with Patrick Watts
8.00 News desk from the BBC World Service
8.28 Rpt Weather & flights
8.30 Country music programme "Pot Luck" presented by Myriam Booth
9.00 News Desk from the BBC
9.28 Rpt weather and Flights
9.30 Cont. with Pot Luck 10.00 News BFBS
FRIDAY May 1
10.00 Morning Show
11.00 News & Sports
11.06 Continue morning show
12.00 News
12.06 Pause for thought - Rev McHaffie
12.15 Lunchtime Announcements.
12.30 BFBS live & local
5.02 The Archers
5.17 The late afternoon show
5.45 Calling the Falklands
6.00 News Magazine
6.30 News & sport 5 live
6.40 Weather, flights etc
7.00 In my life:
8.00 News desk from BBC World Service
8.28 Rpt weather & flights
8.30 Rpt News Magazine
9.00 Country crossroads hosted by Bill Mack
9.30 Half hour of your announcers favourite music 10.00 News B.F.B.S.
All programmes are subject to change. Any changes will be broadcast on FIBS

B.F.B.S. RADIO WEEKLY PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

98.5FM
SATURDAY 0000 Drum & Bass 0200 Steve Mason 0400 In Concert 0500 Forces Finest with Damian Watson 0700 Weekend Gold 0800 Saturday Breakfast 1000 The Score with Francis Collings 1200 Gold 1400 Mark Page 1600 Nell Moore 1800 David Rodigan 2000 Drum & Bass 2200 Steve Mason
SUNDAY 0000 Late Night Love in 0200 Mark Page 0400 Bob Harris 0700 Weekend Gold 0800 Sunday Breakfast 1000 Forces Finest 1200 FI Sunday Show 1400 Richard Allinson 1600 Bob Harris 1900 In Concert 2000 Rock Show 2200 John Peel
MONDAY 0000 Weekend Gold 0200 In Concert 0300 Connect '98 (Rpt) 0500 Early Breakfast 0600 Weekday Breakfast Show 0900 BFBS Gold 1000 FIBS Morning Show 1230 The Afternoon Shift 1800 BFBS Gold 1900 Jamie Gordon with Full Top 40 (Mondays only), New Dance, Indie and Pop, interviews and live music session 2200 Aidan Donovan
TUESDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued 0100 David Rodigan 0300 - 0000 As Monday
WEDNESDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued 0100 John Peel 0300 - 0000 As Monday
THURSDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued 0100 The Rockshow 0300 - 0000 As Monday
FRIDAY 0000 Aidan Donovan continued 0100 Richard Allinson 0300-1800 As Monday 1800-2000 Gurkha Programmes 2000 Andy Wright 2200 Friday Dance

CHANNEL 2

550 MW

SATURDAY 0000 Newsday & Features from BBC World Service 0100 A Taste of Ireland 0200 Today from BBC Radio 4 0400 Radio 4 News 0405 Mainly Military and Counterpoint 0500 Salem's Lot 0530 BFBS Reports 0600 Sitrep 0630 From Our Own

Correspondent 0700 Rockola 0800 News, Sport on Five Live & David Mellor's 6-0-6 1500 Weekend Programme Programme News 1504 Play 1600 Feature 1700 McD's Diner 1800 Radio Five 2000 World Service News/FIBS Announcements 2100 Radio Five Live 2300 Archers Omnibus
SUNDAY 0015 Gold 0100 The Bailey Collection 0200 News & Sunday Papers, Morning Music & Religious news and view 0300 News & Sunday Worship 0345 Letter from America with Alistair Cooke 0400 Broadcasting House 0500 Archers Omnibus 0615 Weekend on Two with Colin Hamilton's Music and mind boggler 0800 The World this Weekend 0830 Sunday Sport from Radio Five Live 1330 The Week on Two 1345 The Archers 1400 Feature 1430 The Christian Centuries 1500 Feature 1600 The Aspern Papers 1800 Radio 5 2000 World Service News/FIBS Announcements 2100 Radio Five Live 2300 News, Business Report & sports Roundup 2330 BFBS Reports
MONDAY 0000 Newsdesk and Accompanying Feature 0100 Today from Radio 4 0400 World News & Pause for Thought 0415 The Archers 0430 Feature 0500 News Summary & Woman's Hour 0600 News Summary from BBC Radio 4 & Dave Raven 0630 Gurkha News 0700 Dave Raven contd 0800 The World at One 0830 My World 0900 McD's Diner 1000 News & Two's Company 1145 The Archers 1200 PM Programme 1300 Main News of the Day 1330 Feature 1400 Radio Five Live 2000-2100 World Service News/FIBS Announcements 2100 Radio Five Live 2330 News, Business Report, Sports Roundup 2330 Feature
TUESDAY 0000-0830 As Monday 0830 Just a Minute 0900 The Bailey Collection 1000-0000 As Monday
WEDNESDAY 0000-0830 As Monday 0830 One Foot in the Grave 0900 Mainly Military 0930 The Wednesday Serial 1000-0000 As Tuesday
THURSDAY 0000-0830 As Monday 0830 Jazz Score 0900 BFBS Gold 2100-0000 As Tuesday
FRIDAY 0000-0830 As Monday 0830 The Masterson Inheritance 0900 Rockola 1000-2300 As Tuesday 2300 On Stage

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Get ready for the winter with our selection of Thermal Gloves, Cold Store Hats and Helmet Liners, Balaclavas, Thermal Suits, Buffalo Clothing including Baby All-in-one Suits, and Waterproof Clothing.

We are open 6 days a week, and stay open till 6pm on Fridays, and from 10am till 4.00pm on Saturdays.

We welcome customers old and new

Your letters

Colin asks what's glowing on?

When I arrived back in damp old blight
A letter was waiting that caused me some fright
My old pal Cyril was getting up-tight
From the strange orange glow from a few new street lights.

I could not believe it.. my street lights a pain?
For the last six months of my life, a bain
All shiny and new, erected all straight
I thought East Stanley would think they were great.

Could I be wrong when I cast my mind back
To that dusty old road that resembled a track
Who could forget the pots and the holes
And if I mind rightly some great wooden poles.

Now some are saying it's looking a treat
And all are happy at the state of their street
So maybe that's why there is all of that light
To see your lovely Island by day and by night

Colin Paterson, E.S.L Dunfermline, Scotland

FIC Management Vacancy

THE Company is seeking an experienced 'go ahead' person to manage our Homecare retail outlet.

This is a responsible 'hands on' position requiring commitment to providing excellent customer service and responsiveness to ever changing market requirements.

Applicants must have sound commercial knowledge with several years management experience in retail or related trade, a broad knowledge of purchasing, stock control and costing with the ability to negotiate at all levels.

Applicants must be physically fit with a current driver's licence.

An attractive salary package will be offered to the right person reflecting the importance of this position.

Position will become available in July 1998.

Applications in writing please, giving appropriate details to Terry Spruce, Crozier Place, Stanley.

Stanley Leisure Centre

(Changes) Opening Schedule (New sessions)

The following opening schedule will commence on Tuesday 28th April 1998, to coincide with the return of the schools following the Easter break.

Day	Swimming Pool	Gym/Courts
Monday	12.00am - 1.30pm = Lanes 5.00pm - 7.00pm = Public 7.00pm - 8.00pm = Adults	12.00am - 1.00pm = Public 5.00pm - 9.00pm = Public
Tuesday	10.00am - 11.30am = Pnt/Toddlers 12.00am - 1.30pm = Lanes 5.00pm - 7.00pm = Public 7.00pm - 8.00pm = Adults	10.00am - 1.00pm = Public 5.00pm - 9.00pm = Public
Wednesday	10.00am - 11.30am = OAPs 12.00am - 1.30pm = Lanes 5.00pm - 7.00pm = Public 7.00pm - 8.00pm = Ladies Hour 8.00pm - 9.00pm = Men's Hour	10.00am - 1.00pm = Public 5.00pm - 9.00pm = Public
Thursday	5.00pm - 7.00pm = Public 7.00pm - 8.00pm = Adults 8.00pm - 9.00pm = Private Hire	10.00am - 11.30am = Toddlers Play Session 12.00am - 1.00pm = Public 5.00pm - 9.00pm = Public
Friday	12.00am - 1.00pm = Lanes 5.00pm - 7.00pm = Public 7.00pm - 8.00pm = Adults	12.00am - 1.00pm = Public 5.00pm - 9.00pm = Public
Saturday	10.00am - 4.00pm = Public 4.00pm - 5.00pm = Adults 5.00pm - 6.00pm = Private Hire	10.00am - 6.00pm = Public
Sunday	11.00am - 6.00pm = Public 6.00pm - 7.00pm = Adults	11.00am - 7.00pm = Public

Something for everyone!

Tri-service crash and disaster exercise

AT 8.00am on Thursday, April 23, the watch keeper in HQ BFFI was handed an envelope, the contents of which told him that a 'plane had crashed on the runway at MPA.

This was the start of a major tri-service exercise intended to practise and rehearse the procedures required to deal with a large accident scenario within the Falkland Islands.

The planning process for the exercise began almost two months ago with an inner circle of military planners who were tasked with producing a realistic scenario that would employ as many sub-units and agencies as possible.

These people were responsible

for the provision of emergency communications, medical services, fire and rescue, search and rescue, casualty documentation and reporting, casualty evacuation and the supply of catering in the field to a tri-service exercise. It promised to be a valuable lesson in training and joint operations.

The basic premise was that a C-130 Hercules, work horse of the RAF and other air forces, had crashed at the start of the runway at MPA and broken into several pieces on impact.

The Hercules was parked near the end of the runway so old vehicles could be positioned to represent a broken fuselage.



Oil rig loading on schedule



THE long-awaited arrival off the Falklands of the *Borgny Dolphin*, the exploration rig chartered by the oil company members of FOSA, generated feverish activity on FIPASS this week as shore crews worked non-stop to transfer essential equipment to her before she moves to her initial drilling site to the north of the Islands.

Ken Leach, General Manager of Stanley CSM, explained that the rig had been stripped of virtually everything moveable before undertaking the long voyage south to the Falklands, and now she had arrived it all had to be put back aboard.

"It's a slow job this end," he said, "as we are working in con-

stricted areas both on the rig and on FIPASS."

Much of the equipment, heavy tools, piping etc., is being moved in containers by the two supply ships, *Maersky Puncher* and *Maersky Mariner*. The relative lack of space on board *Borgny Dolphin* means that each shipment of containers have to be emptied and taken back aboard one of the ships before a new shipment can be off-loaded.

Nonetheless, Ken Leach is satisfied with progress. "It has all gone relatively smoothly so we are still on schedule to achieve our target," he said.



Volunteers from all three Services, the Civil Service and four training dummies from the Falkland Islands Fire & Rescue Service, (FIF&RS) made up the 85 casualties. All the 'casualties' were made up with what the Forces call 'cas sim' or casualty simulation.

Specially trained personnel applied make up to simulate injuries such as shock, broken bones, internal bleeding, burns and bleeding. This gave the medics an extremely realistic training opportunity they might not normally receive in large numbers.

Once the alarm was raised the emergency services rushed to the scene of the accident. The first to arrive was the RAF Fire Service, followed by the Joint Service Police & Security Unit, (JSPSU).

Top: A Seaking helicopter arrives with casualties for KEMH

Above right: Dr Barry Elsbey treats a Gurkha casualty

Left: Another Gurkha casualty looks comfortable

Below: Stretcher-bearers Nick Francis and David Crowie, FIDF



First priority was to extinguish the fire to allow the medics access to the site of the crash to rescue and treat the casualties.

The Roulemont Infantry Company, (RIC), currently B Company, 1st Battalion The Light Infantry, (B Coy, 1 LI), deployed quickly to cordon the crash site around the surrounding area to both search for casualties who might have wandered off suffering from shock, and to protect the site for the inevitable investigation.

The casualties were initially treated near to the crash site and were put through a process known as 'Triage', or prioritisation, to establish who was in the most serious need of medical attention. According to that need the casualties

were then moved by ambulance to the MPA Medical Centre or by helicopter to KEMH, Stanley.

KEMH was not the only civilian agency from Stanley to be involved in the exercise, the Falkland Islands Fire and Rescue Service deployed fire tenders to the scene as soon as they received a call for help this morning; while the Falkland Islands Defence Force were also heavily involved.

At 2.45pm Commander British Forces, (CBF), Air Commodore Ray Dixon Bsc RAF declared the exercise over, or 'ENDEX', and thanked the planners and participants for their hard work during it.

Information provided by
Press Information Officer,
Captain Jon Badger

Public Notice
The Planning Ordinance 1991
Notice of Planning Applications Received
Notice is hereby given that the following applications for
planning permission have been received:

Ref No	Applicant	Development
33/98/P	Mr & Mrs R Short	Construction of a diner at West Hillside Development Site, Stanley.
34/98/P	LMW (BM) Ltd	Erect two-storey dwelling at Plot 2, Dairy Paddock, Stanley.
35/98/PB	LMW (BM) Ltd	Erect 2 semi-detached dwellings at Plot 18, Dairy Paddock, Stanley.
36/98/PB	LMW (BM) Ltd	Erect 1½ storey dwelling at Plot 9, Dairy Paddock, Stanley.
37/98/PB	LMW (BM) Ltd	Erect 1½ storey dwelling at Plot 4, Dairy Paddock, Stanley.
38/98/PB	LMW (BM) Ltd	Erect single storey dwelling at Plot 6, Dairy Paddock, Stanley.
39/98/PB	LMW (BM) Ltd	Erect single storey dwelling at Plot 21, Dairy Paddock, Stanley.
40/98/PB	LMW (BM) Ltd	Erect single storey dwelling at Plot 1, Dairy paddock, Stanley.
41/98/PB	LMW (BM) Ltd	Erect single storey dwelling at Plot 3, Dairy Paddock, Stanley.
42/98/PB	LMW (BM) Ltd	Erect single storey dwelling at Plot 22, Dairy Paddock, Stanley.
43/98/PB	LMW (BM) Ltd	Erect single storey dwelling at Plot 7, Dairy Paddock Stanley.
44/98/P	Miss C King	Outline application to erect 1½ storey dwelling at 6 Watson Way, Stanley.
92/94/R98	FIG	Renewal of temporary planning permission to site a Rollalong unit for use as tourist office and public toilets at the Public Jetty, Stanley.
46/98/PB	C&W PLC	Erect one green fibreglass roadside cabinet opposite Stanley Services Retail Outlet, Airport Road, Stanley.
47/98/P	S Gilding/W Clement	Outline application to erect dwelling land east of Cemetery Cottage, Stanley.
98/93/R98	Mr P Short	Renewal of temporary planning permission to site 7 linked Portakabins at Plots 40-46 Mount Pleasant Road, Fitzroy Ridge.
16/94/R98	Mr N Plumb	Temporary siting of a Portakabin at Coast House, 11 Ridge Camp, Mount Pleasant Road.
83/96/R98	Mrs S Goss	Renewal of temporary planning permission for the change of use of Portakabin to form a Retail outlet with additional porch and off-street parking at 11 Kent Road, Stanley.
137/96/R98	Mrs S Goss	Renewal of temporary planning permission for siting of Container for use as garden shed/workshop at 6 Beaver Road, Stanley.
48/98/P	Mr S Miller	Establishment of Tree and Shrub Propagation Centre and Nursery at Moody Brook, Stanley.
23/95/R98	F I Museum	Renewal of temporary planning permission for siting of a Portakabin for storage at the FI Museum, Holdfast Road, Stanley.
38/97/R98	Mr S Clifton	Renewal of temporary planning permission for siting of Container for storage at 61 Fitzroy Road, Stanley.
49/98/PB	Mr C Ford	Conversion of shed into small retail outlet at 15 Kent Road, Stanley.
75/97/R98	Byron Holdings Ltd.	Erection of 15 Meter Free-standing Steel Lattice Aerial at No. 3 H Jones Road, Stanley.
101/93/R98	Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Handicrafts	Renewal of temporary planning permission for siting of a Portakabin for use as meeting room and store at 6 Villiers Street, Stanley.
50/98/PB	Mr R Anderson	Siting of Wyseplan with an extension at Plot 18, Murray Heights Mobile Home Park, Stanley.

Stanley.	PWD	Construction of a temporary foul water outfall at the East Stanley Housing Development.
51/98/PB	Mr M Jackson	Raising of roof and associated alterations at 7 Drury Street, Stanley.
52/98/PB	Mr & Mrs Goodwin	Renewal of temporary planning permission for the Fishing Camp at San Carlos River, East Falklands.
37/92/R98	Mrs G Anderson	Erection of porch extension to Mobile Home at Plot 16, Murray Heights, Stanley.
53/98/PB	FIDC	Use of land as a Container Park, north of Central Stores, Stanley.
54/98/PB	FIDC	Erection of five mud silos; installation of compressor, bag cutting and dust collection equipment; and associated works at FIPASS Flexibarge, No. 3, Stanley.
55/98/P	FIDC	Construction of two pairs of semi-detached Houses at No. 1 Nutt Cartmell Close and No. 1 Pitaluga Place, East Stanley Development. <i>(for the approval of detailed plans following the grant of outline permission).</i>
17/98/DP1	PWD	Construction of two pairs of semi-detached Houses at No. 1 Nutt Cartmell Close and No. 1 Pitaluga Place, East Stanley Development. <i>(for the approval of detailed plans following the grant of outline permission).</i>
17/98/DP2	Miss A King	Outline application for a two storey extension of shop to provide storage, office space and living accommodation at the rear of the Gift Shop, Villiers Street, Stanley.
56/98/PB	FIDC	Outline application for the development of container park at Gordon Lines, Stanley.
57/98/P	FIDC	Outline application for the development of a container park and site for small industrial units at Gordon Lines, Stanley.
58/98/P	Mrs E Anthony	Conversion of Portakabin to a temporary dwelling at 6 Dairy Paddock Road, Stanley.
59/98/PB		

These applications may be inspected during normal office hours at the office of the Secretary of the Planning & Building Committee, Environmental Planning Office, Malvina House Gardens, Stanley. Comments on the applications should be made in writing and should be sent to the Environmental Planning Officer, Environmental Planning Dept., PO Box 611, Stanley, within 10 days of the date of this notice.

The next Planning & Building Committee is due to be held on 7 May 1998 in the Liberation Room, Secretariat commencing at 1.30pm. Members of the public may attend to observe the workings of the Committee.

The Secretariat, Stanley, Public Notice No: 4/98
 Ref: PLB/49/1. April 20, 1998.



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Big names of show business, rock and sport for Falklands troops?

TROOPS stationed in the Falklands have enjoyed occasional concerts and stage shows for many years. Although the entertainers - usually dancers, comedians and musicians - have always been professional and talented, they have usually been small-time, minor league stars often virtually unknown outside the military camps and clubs in Britain's working class areas.

Now, however, that may be about to change. The Ministry of Defence has invited Combined Services Entertainment, a semi-independent corporation, to work with private sector promoters to supply a higher standard of live entertainers, more suited to audiences which are now more sophisticated

in their tastes. The authorities have let it be known that they are looking for big names from the world of rock music and comedy, the kind of names which fill massive concert halls and dominate television back home.

Among the big names being suggested for visits to the Falklands, West Germany, Belize, Cyprus and other out-stations where British troops are posted, are top comedians Rory Bremner and Harry Hill, while from the world of Rock music Eric Clapton and Phil Collins have been suggested.

Such hugely popular entertainers would not travel to see the troops without very large fees being paid, so to resolve this problem it has been suggested that

commercial organisations will be invited to sponsor the tours in return for high profile advertising.

Under similar arrangements, it is possible that the isolated garrisons will also be visited by leading names in British football. Players

from such world famous teams as Liverpool and Manchester United may be contracted to put together teams to play and coach the troops in their favourite game.

Graham Bound for Merco Press

His finest hour

IN a brief, almost informal, ceremony, held at the Falkland Islands Defence Force Headquarters after the Queen's Birthday Parade on

Watson of Long Island Farm and has served as a volunteer in the FIDF for fourteen years. He was promoted to the rank of corporal



Corporal Paul Watson receives his medal from HE, the Governor

Tuesday, April 21, Corporal Paul Watson, FIDF, was presented with his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal by His Excellency, the Governor, Mr Richard Ralph.

Corporal Watson, now 30, is the eldest son of Neil and Glenda

in 1989.

As well as spending much of his spare time with the Force, Paul also works for the FIDF full time having left his job at Pony's Pass Quarry last year to take up the post of Permanent Assistant Staff.

Shooting from information provided by Gerald Cheek

A FULL season of shooting on the Stanley ranges continued on Sunday, April 19, with some very competitive performances in the Turner Trophy competition.

Good news for the Falklands is the current form of marksman Chris McCallum whose score of 99, from a highest possible of 105, to take the Trophy included a possible 35 at 500 yards.

Good though his score was, he did not run away with the competition; Kenny Aldridge pushing him all the way and finally recording an excellent 97, just one point ahead of Susan

Whitney who shot a very solid 96.

Already a multiple medal winner at last year's Island Games in Jersey, Chris will be aiming to step up a class when he flies to Kuala Lumpur later this year to represent the Falkland Islands in the Commonwealth Games.

Full results:	
C McCallum	99
K Aldridge	97
S Whitney	96
M Pole-Evans	94
H Ford	91

Public Notice

Vacancies - Public Works Department

Painter/Handyman

This position involves preparation work for painting, including the erection and dismantling of access equipment, semi-skilled and unskilled painting and decorating.

The successful candidate will be required to have a basic working knowledge of painting, the use of the access equipment and experience in carrying out the preparation work.

Salary will range from £8,964 to £12,720 in Grade G/H.

Handyman

The successful applicant will be required to carry out tasks as directed by the immediate supervisor including using hand power tools in an efficient and safe manner, unskilled and occasionally semi-skilled tasks, and routine maintenance to tools and equipment.

Salary will range from £8,964 to £12,720 in Grade H/G depending upon previous experience.

For more details on these positions please contact the Public Works Department on telephone number 27193 during normal working hours.

Application forms and job descriptions for the above positions are available from the Human Resources Department and completed forms should be returned to that Department no later than 4.00pm on Wednesday, April 29, 1998.

Golf

...by Frank Jackson

THE season's final event, the Commando Shield at Goose Green, saw the main prizes shared equally between golfers from both the East and West clubs.

Leon Marsh, playing off 9 handicap, had opened up a useful four point lead at halfway, but Kevin Clapp finished with five straight pars to total 36 points, enabling him to win on countback from Leon and retain the trophy. Kevin's handicap was duly cut to 10.

Robert Titterington took third place on 33 points and Sharon Marsh was the Ladies winner with 34.

Elaine Lewis hit the longest drive, and Colin Horton and Adrian Lewis were nearest the pins on the 7th and 16th holes.

Gordon McConnell of Turners said goodbye to the Club af-

ter six years in the Falklands, and left with good memories of a well played par four on the tricky final hole.

The standards at Goose Green improve each year. June McMullen provided a superb hot meal and Tony's course really was in excellent condition.

The Club would like to thank Colin Horton and Falklands Landholdings for sponsoring this event.

The next competition will be the usual monthly medal on Sunday, May 3. On Sunday, May 10, there will be a competition involving junior golfers - interested juniors should contact Nick Bonner, Rosie Hickey or any committee member for details.

Players for both competitions must arrive by 9.00 am to tee-off from 9.15 am.

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Peter and Linda Burnard are having a sale of household effects this Saturday 25th April from 2pm onwards. Lots of bargains to be had: All at very reasonable prices. So come along for a bargain.
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NOTICES

Baby Clinics

Will be held on Friday 24th April from 1.30 - 3.30pm and Tuesday 28th April from 9.30 - 11.30am in the KEMH Physio department. Please contact Miranda (27418) if you require further information

A good gathering enjoyed another evening of Auction Bridge on the 22nd. Prize winners were:

1st Mr. & Mrs R Diggle
2nd Mr & Mrs B Hill
Booby Mrs C Blackley and B Peck
The next bridge evening is scheduled for the 6th May, meanwhile we welcome back the Whist organiser, Mrs Jean Lewis, next Wednesday.

Stanley Nursery School

A few places available 9 - 12 noon Monday - Friday. Telephone 21851 or 21477

Also before and after school Childminding service. £1.25 an hour per child. Telephone 21851 or 21477

Attention all Australians, New Zealanders, and their friends.

You are all invited to a remembrance ceremony at the Battle Memorial (near Cable and Wireless) at 5.15pm on Friday 24th April, which is dawn in Australia on the 25th April.

All those attending are then welcome to come to the Malvinas afterwards for a drink to celebrate the occasion.

Any queries call Rhondda on Ph/ Fax 22388.

Programme for the ceremony.

5.15 Dedication to Australian servicemen and women

5.20 Dedication to New Zealand Servicemen and Women

5.25 Religious Dedications, Monsignor Agreiter, Pastor Alistair McHaffie

5.45 Laying of the wreath by H.E. the Governor

The Seamen's Centre would like to thank the F.I.C. for the permanent loan of a table-tennis table and Sullivan Shipping for the kitchen ware

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENTAL

Modern self-contained office unit(s) at Atlantic House, Fitzroy Road, Stanley.

To view or for further information please contact Ian Doherty at Stanley Business Centre on telephone 22607 or fax 22608

There will be a Memorial Service at Fox bay on Tuesday 28th April at 2pm for Eric Knight (Nigel's Dad). Anyone who met him during his visits are welcome to attend. Eric died in the UK on April 4th

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PERSONAL



Ryan

Happy 1st Birthday for the 27th, love Mummy Daddy and big brother Dominic



To Cody

Happy 1st Birthday for Saturday 25th April.
With lots of love from Daddy, Nan and Grandad



To Marcus

Happy 18th Birthday for Sunday. Would you like your Godmother to bath you now.
Loads of love from Mum Dad Priscilla and Owen

Cody McKay

Happy 1st Birthday for the 25th, with lots of love, hugs and kisses from Mummy, Karl Nanna and Grandpa

I would like to thank Norma Edwards, Eddie Anderson and Dr's Elsby and Farrand and all the nursing staff at KEMH for their assistance during my recent stay in Hospital. Especially Eddie who picked me up from Fox Bay. I should have known that, "only the good die young."
Thanks again. Shirley Knight

Postscript from the Cathedral

Only a relatively small proportion of our society regularly attend church - why? I wonder sometimes if the church can be at fault. Here are 10 commandments that I hope the Cathedral will follow to make sure people feel that church is welcoming and relevant.

- We will.... 1 ...make you welcome
- 2 ...be family friendly (see especially our 10am service)
- 3 ...make sure you can hear clearly
- 4 ...be practical and relevant
- 5 ...help you explore answers to your deepest questions
- 6 ...offer you time to stop and think in a busy life
- 7 ...help you make sense of the Bible and who Jesus is
- 8 ...make sure your visit will be helpful and challenging
- 9 ...help you discover for yourself God's love, acceptance and forgiveness
- 10 ...offer you the chance to make a new start

VACANCY

Chartres Farm has a vacancy for a General Farm Worker. Applicants should be capable of carrying out all the usual seasons tasks including gathering on horse or bike and be able to drive. Preference will be given to a couple where the wife is prepared to work part time. For further details please apply to The Manager, Chartres. Phone No. 42296

The Falkland Islands Company Ltd have a vacancy in the Accounts Section of the Stanley Office for a full time Accounts Clerk. Duties would primarily consist of computer data entry but would also include wages preparation, control and reconciliation of some balance sheet accounts.

We are looking for a person with an aptitude for figures, some knowledge of computers and accounts procedure; however full training for this position would be given.

The successful applicant would become a member of the Provident Fund and the salary would be dependent upon age and experience. Please apply to Terry Spruce at Crozier Place, in writing or by telephone on 27600

Argos Ltd have a vacancy for a Receptionist/Clerk to work at their new offices at Argos House, H Jones Road, Stanley.

This position would ideally suit a mature person with a polite telephone manner who is used to dealing with the public. The ideal applicant should be computer literate. Although mainly office based, the successful applicant will be required at times to assist when our vessels are in Port and the duties will vary. A clean driving licence is necessary. The salary will be dependent on the successful applicant's age, experience and abilities. Applications should be in writing together with CV and should reach Argos Ltd, Argos House, H Jones Road, Stanley, no later than midday on Friday 8th May. For further details contact Sheila Stewart at Argos Ltd on telephone 22686.

WANTED

Child Minder/Domestic help. Hours 8am to 5pm. Weekdays, must be bilingual ie English/Spanish. If interested please apply to Loreto Short Tel: 21075

Anyone interested in house sitting and looking after the house pets for approximately two months from mid June, please contact Isabel, 3 John Street, telephone 22429

Wanted: A Pebble Polisher 21871, Simon Hopkins