

WIN A FABULOUS FORD FIESTA

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Officers 'saw sick spectacle of pilfering from the dying'



Mr Patrick and Mrs Thatcher

POLICE ACCUSE DRUNKEN FANS

BELEAGUERED police hit back last night over the Hillsborough disaster by claiming they faced attacks from a drunken crowd of Liverpool fans.

Senior South Yorkshire officers also accused supporters of pilfering from the injured and dying, taking money and personal possessions that had fallen from their pockets.

Police who were on duty at the stadium complained they were assaulted and urinated on as they attempted to help victims of the tragedy.

Sheffield Tory MP Irvine Patrick backed the police allegations. He escorted Mrs Thatcher when she toured the ground on Sunday and told her of the mayhem caused by drunks.

He said last night: "I spoke to many policemen in the makeshift mortuary. They told me they were hampered, harassed, punched and kicked."

"I have kept quite about this because I did not want to inflame a delicate situation. They had no reason to lie. I saw the bruising on their bodies."

"All this happened to them but they carried on doing their job, trying to save lives, and now they are being blamed. One important question that must be answered is what part alcohol played in this whole tragic business."

Decision

Police have been stung into speaking out by the barrage of protests over their handling of the F.A. Cup semi-final.

It has been claimed they were unable to control the thousands of Liverpool supporters who arrived outside the ground just before the kick-off. A decision to open a gate at the Leppings Lane end led to a stampede. Yesterday the tragedy claimed its 95th victim.

A senior officer said: "There was a lot of pilfering going on while the attempt to save lives was taking place. People were picking up coins which had fallen from victims' pockets as they lay on the floor."

"It was a sickening specta-

THE HORROR OF HILLSBOROUGH

cle. Some of them were like animals. They were drunk and violent and their actions were vile.

"The facts are that had they entered the ground in an orderly and civilised manner, the crushing which led to the deaths would not have happened."

"Even when it became apparent we were dealing with a tragic situation, police were harassed as they tried to get on with their job."

And last night reports reaching Whitehall suggested that Superintendent Roger Marshall, the officer who ordered the gate to be opened, had been told someone had already died in the crush outside the ground.

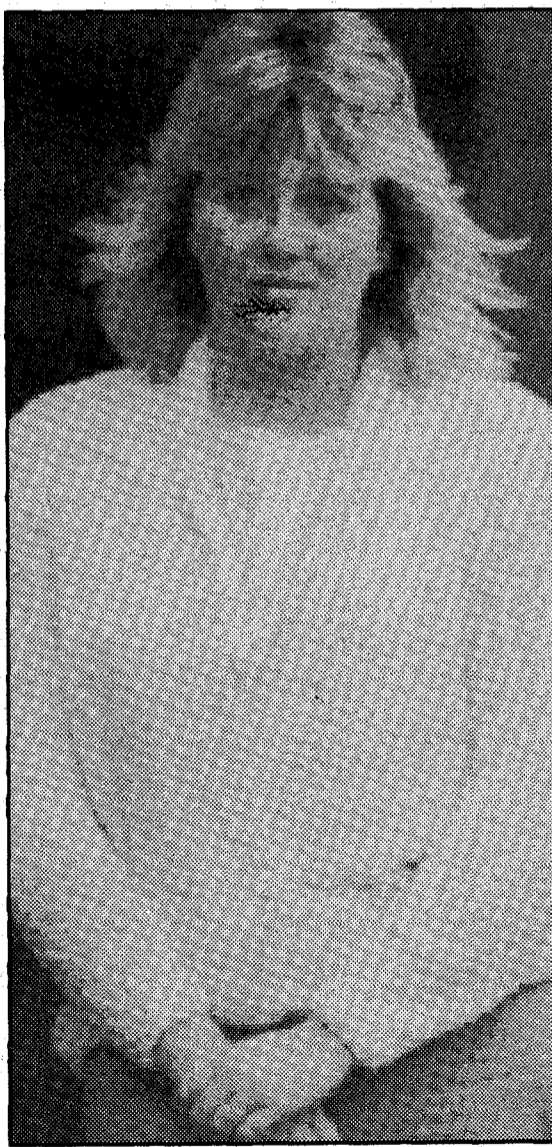
It is believed he was also informed there was a drunken crowd about to arrive which would swell the numbers and cause further chaos.

Police say an appeal to delay the kick-off to allow fans more time to enter the ground was turned down.

One officer said: "The answer was that the players had already come out so the match had to start on time. A lot of us felt that simply wasn't good enough."

Another senior officer who was

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Lisa: Sacked for resisting advances

No way! Mr Always's a loser in love

SAUCY fish boss Mike Always paid the price yesterday for trying to bed two pretty young assistants.

His lewd advances — described as a nasty bout of "galloping carnality" — cost the balding 54-year-old married man £6,000 damages.

The award came after an industrial tribunal heard how he tried to seduce Lisa Loveless, 24, and 22-year-old Mar-nie Stinson.

But both women told bearded Mr Always there was no way they would have sex with him.

Lights

Miss Stinson said he refused to pay her a full salary unless she had sex first.

And blonde Miss Loveless claimed he sacked her when she refused to go to bed with him.

Miss Stinson told the tribunal: "Once he took me in his car to Dartmoor. He switched off the

By ALUN REES

lights and wiggled his finger in my hand and asked if it was nice."

She said he was always calling at her home and the conversation revolved round sex.

Miss Loveless, who was employed as a transport manager, told a similar story.

Among the things he said to her included: "You make me come out in a cold sweat."

Earlier the Exeter tribunal heard that when he took her on a business trip to

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DUNLOP

Warning on triple-death smash tyre

A BRAND of tyre was criticised yesterday at an inquest into the crash deaths of a couple and their baby daughter.

Expert Richard Grogan said a Dunlop SP4 tyre burst, causing the deaths of solicitor Charles Harris, wife Margaret and 10-month-old Lauren.

Seven others were seriously hurt in last July's pile-up on the A30 near Exeter.

Mr Grogan said: "In my 47 years as a specialist in pneumatic tyres, the SP4 was a lot worse than any other type I can think of."

He said a defect occurs two-thirds into its lifetime.

Trade Department examiner Sam Merrifield added the SP4 was suspect. The tyre causing the crash bore a five by three inch hole where rubber tread had bulged away from the steel inner.

The SP4 is no longer made. But large numbers were sold and no one knows how many are still in

use. The AA said drivers should be wary.

But Dunlop spokesman David Payne denied the SP4 had a design defect. He said a cut in the tyre caused the fatal blow-out.

The inquest continues.

Thatcher prepares to axe dead wood in the Cabinet

MRS THATCHER is ready to swing the axe and chop some of her most senior Cabinet colleagues in a major Government reshuffle early this summer.

She gave a clear signal last night that she wants to make room for younger men who may eventually take over when she retires.

And the Prime Minister is prepared to offend powerful sections of the Tory Party by moving veteran Ministers out of their top positions.

Among those who face being shifted are Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, who may be sent into "exile" as leader of the House of Lords, and Home Secretary Douglas Hurd, a candidate for a less prominent role.

Welsh Secretary Peter Walker, the last wet in the Cabinet, is almost certain to be sacked for his outspoken comments against Government Economic policy — as does Transport Secretary Paul Channon following a series of damaging gaffes.

Commons leader John Wakeham is also in line for relegation to the back benches.

Mrs Thatcher gave the clearest



Walker: Wet



Howe: Exile



Howard: Young



Patten: Talent

By PETER HOOLEY
Political Reporter

hint yet of her intentions in a significant interview when she bluntly declared: "You've got to move some people out. Some resent it. Some understand."

She told the magazine Readers Digest in an interview translated into 39 languages and read by 100 million people that more room had to be made for young people in her team.

"I don't want office for the sake of power," she added. "I am concerned that enough young people

are given the opportunity and experience to carry on the task.

"It is not for me to put the mantle on one particular person. But because young people are always coming up, they must have the chance I had."

And she made clear her purpose in planning a shakeout bluntly: "I want to make certain that the things I passionately believe in will continue, and others will carry on the task."

Mrs Thatcher is known to be increasingly disenchanted with the image of her Cabinet, which she believes is looking tired and jaded.

Among the young talents she is eager to bring on are Overseas

Development Minister Chris Patten, Michael Howard — the Junior Environment Minister in charge of water privatisation and the poll tax legislation — and Michael Portillo, who could take over his boss Mr Channon's job.

Senior Tory MPs believe the Premier will move quickly to make the changes and set the Tories on course for an historic fourth election victory in a row.

The pressure is on her to get the new people in position for the party conference in the autumn when they will give new impetus to the heavy programme of reforms planned for the next session of Parliament.

Last year she shook up her team before the summer recess, breaking with the tradition of an autumn reshuffle.

Mrs Thatcher yesterday accepted an invitation from President Gorbachev to visit the Soviet Union in June 1990 following his trip to London this month.

Gorbachev, who regards her as the most important Western leader outside the White House, expressed his thanks for the hospitality he received during his recent visit to London.

Mrs Thatcher travelled to Luxembourg yesterday to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the creation of the state.

She had talks with Javier Perez de Cuellar, Secretary General of the United Nations.

The mounting crisis in the Lebanon was high on the agenda.

Saucy Mr Alway is a loser in love

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London he booked a double room and tried to seduce her.

The "sexual harassment" continued back in the office and he bombarded the £12,000-a-year executive with lewd suggestions over the phone.

When she refused to give Mr Alway a lift to the office, he fired her from his Plymouth-based food distribution firm.

Both women claimed sex discrimination and harassment by Mr Alway of Stanford Close, Plymouth.

Miss Loveless was awarded £2,600 and Miss Stinson got £2,000 with £1,250 costs.

Tribunal chairman Brian Walton said: "There is no reason why any young lady should have to put up with this from any employer."

Mr Alway, who did

not attend the hearing, was ordered to pay Miss Loveless £2,600 and Miss Stinson £2,000 with £1,250 costs.

Business associate John Harmon said: "He's totally reliable and I knew about his other businesses. They are his business."

Staff no to £6,000 tip

STAFF at an adventure park were offered tips of more than £6,000 when 30 members of the Saudi Royal Family went there for a day out — but they did not take a penny.

One Saudi princess accused workers at Wild West, Ilkeston, near Nottingham, of insulting her country when they explained they were not allowed to accept the money. The family tucked into £200 of fish and chips when their request to take over a restaurant for lunch was rejected.

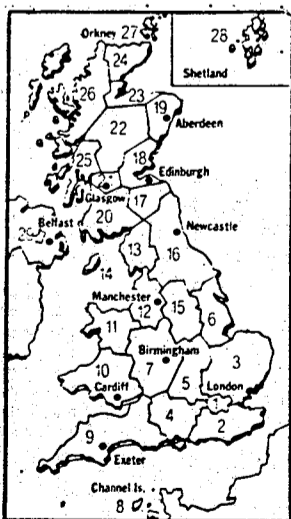
Cloudy. Showers in the east
Outlook: Bright in the west

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- 3, 6: Cloudy but mainly dry. Light to moderate winds. Max: 11C (52F).
- 8, 9, 10, 11: Cloud soon thinning. Sunny spells. Max: 13C (55F).
- 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28: Cloudy. Isolated showers. Max: 10C (50F).
- 21, 25, 26, 29: Dry. Sunny spells. Moderate winds. Max: 13C (55F).

Sun sets (London): 8.02 pm, rises 5.55 am tomorrow. Moon rises: 6.42 pm, sets 5.15 am tomorrow. High water at London Bridge: 1.13 pm and 1.26 am tomorrow. Liverpool: 10.19 am and 10.37 pm

HOTTEST AND COLDEST

Warmest place in Britain yesterday: Ross-on-Wye 15C (59F). Coldest: Berwick 8C (46F). Sunniest: Tieve, Hebrides, 13.2 hrs. Wettest: Aviemore 0.05 ins.



WORLD TEMPERATURES

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AMSTERDAM.....	rain	8	46	LISBON.....	clear	16	61
ATHENS.....	clear	24	75	LOS ANGELES.....	cloud	22	71
AUCKLAND.....	rain	21	70	MADRID.....	clear	16	61
BANGKOK.....	clear	36	97	MEXICO CITY.....	clear	25	77
BANJAHN.....	cloud	32	90	MIAMI.....	cloud	25	77
BARBADOS.....	clear	30	86	MOSCOW.....	cloud	8	46
BEIJING.....	clear	24	75	MONTREAL.....	cloud	17	63
BERLIN.....	cloud	12	54	NEW DELHI.....	clear	28	82
BRISBANE.....	clear	27	81	NEW YORK.....	cloud	23	74
BRUSSELS.....	cloud	13	55	PERTH.....	clear	27	81
CABO.....	clear	29	84	PARIS.....	cloud	14	57
CHICAGO.....	clear	15	59	ROME.....	cloud	20	68
COPENHAGEN.....	rain	5	41	SAN FRANCISCO.....	cloud	17	62
DUBLIN.....	clear	13	55	SAO PAULO.....	cloud	27	81
FRANKFURT.....	cloud	10	50	STOCKHOLM.....	cloud	8	46
HELSINKI.....	rain	4	39	SYDNEY.....	clear	24	76
GENEVA.....	rain	10	50	TEL AVIV.....	clear	22	72
HONG KONG.....	cloud	23	73	TOKYO.....	clear	22	72
HONOLULU.....	clear	27	80	VIENNA.....	cloud	10	50
JERSEY.....	sun	12	54	WARSAW.....	rain	7	45

TEMPERATURES AROUND BRITAIN

Belfast.....	sun	14	57	Glasgow.....	sun	14	57
Birmingham.....	bright	13	55	London.....	clear	13	55
Bristol.....	sun	14	57	Manchester.....	bright	12	54
Cardiff.....	sun	12	54	Newcastle.....	sun	10	50

Lighting-up times: London 8.34 pm to 5.25 am. Manchester 8.46 pm to 5.29 am

NEWSLINE

150 flee oil rig gas explosion

MORE than 150 workers fled by helicopter from a huge North Sea oil rig last night when a gas explosion rocked the platform.

The men, from the Cormorant Alpha rig 110 miles north-east of the Shetlands, were ferried to neighbouring installations and standby vessels after the blast.

No one was injured. Late last night the specialist vessel Stadive was lying off ready, if necessary, to rescue 60 essential personnel still on board.

The alert was raised when a gas leak was discovered. Eighty-nine of the 227 men aboard were lifted off by helicopter. The evacuation was halted after it was thought the leak was under control.

Soon after, however, the evacuation was resumed because the gas was not dispersing as quickly as expected. Then came the explosion. A spokesman for Shell, the operators, said: "There was no fire but the fire pumps were activated."

Dog curb ruled out

PARLIAMENT yesterday ruled out new laws to control killer dogs like the Rottweilers that savaged 11-year-old Kelly Lynch to death last week.

Commons leader John Wakeham said existing legislation was adequate, and the Government would not curb sales of particular types of dogs.



Wakeham

Alert over blade in baby's food

POLICE warned yesterday that a child could die unless a crank who is sabotaging baby food with glass, razor blades and pins is not caught soon.

The alert came after a nine-month-old girl from Oxford was cut by pieces of razor blade buried in Heinz pear yoghurt.

A detective said: "It can only be a matter of time before a youngster is seriously injured or even killed."

The incident, which involved food bought at a Sainsbury's supermarket, was the fifth affecting Heinz baby products in the South of England in the last fortnight.

Last week glass fragments were found in food at Worthing, West Sussex, and at Southampton. The week before caustic soda and drawing pins were discovered in food at Rayleigh, Essex.

HECTOR BREEZE



"I think Daddy just breached the Rees-Mogg guidelines on bad language."

Wogan blackout

LIVE BBC TV programmes such as Wogan, Newsnight and Breakfast Time, could be jeopardised by the first of a series of 24-hour pay strikes threatened by broadcasting staff next Monday. News bulletins, current affairs, sport and outside broadcasts would also be hit.

Staff are seeking 16 per cent increases, but BBC bosses say seven per cent is the top limit.

FT-SE 100 Index 2074.4 up 19.7
Dow Jones Index 2365.59 up 30.5 (mid-morning)
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If you missed the first two winning Fiestas on Monday and Tuesday — a 1.6S and the 1.1 Popular Plus — here are the numbers:

MONDAY: 0898 555443
TUESDAY: 0898 555445

You can win a different

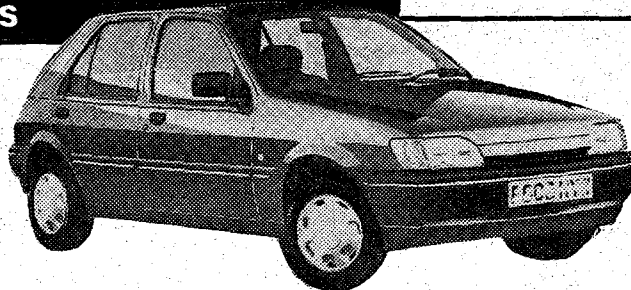
Fiesta every day this week with a 1.1 L and 1.4 Ghia (five-door) to come.

Every day is a SEPARATE contest with a NEW number to call.

DO NOT send all entries in one envelope. Our hotline is open 24 hours a day.

Calls cost 38p per minute (25p off-peak).

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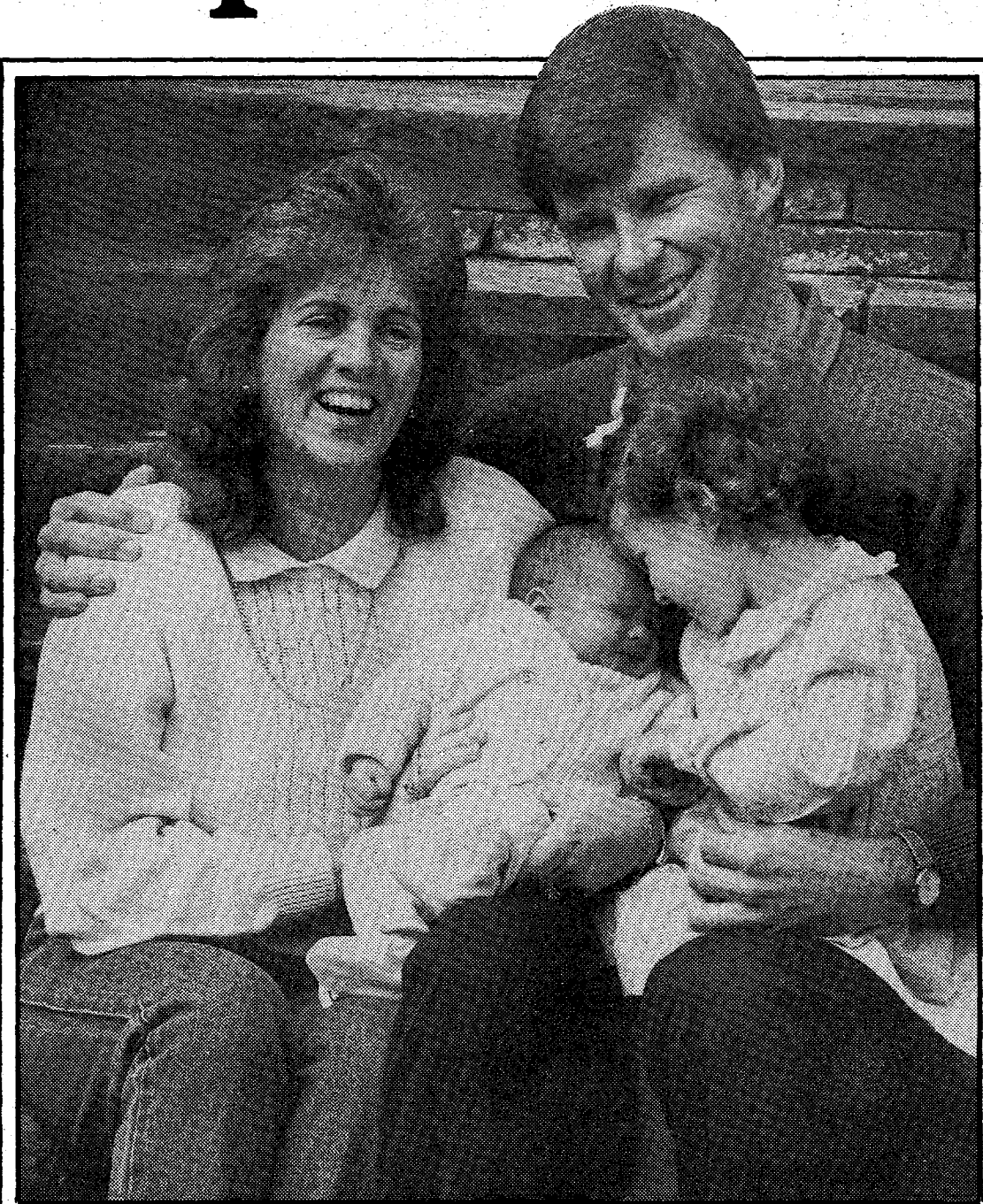
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TOMORROW: WIN ANOTHER FAB FIESTA

Raped as crowds walk by



Home again: Nick hugs his wife and children yesterday

Picture: HARRY DEMPSTER

The Master of the family

GOLFER Nick Faldo — fresh from his triumph in the U.S. Masters — flew back to Britain yesterday to be reunited with his family.

And as he cuddled his wife Gill, two-year-old daughter Natalie and three-week-old son Matthew at his Ascot home, he said: "It is fantastic to be home."

The Masters was Nick's first major tournament without Gill at his side to spur him on. She

had to stay behind to look after new arrival Matthew, and care for Natalie who had a bout of scarlet fever.

In spite of red spots and a temperature of 102, Natalie still managed to congratulate her "clever daddy" in a 3,000-mile transatlantic telephone call.

"I did not realise she was so ill," he said. "Gill played it down so I could go out and win."

A GIRL on a shopping trip to a top tourist spot was raped in broad daylight.

And nobody came to her aid.

The terrified 20-year-old was threatened with a knife or screwdriver as she strolled along Carnaby Street in London's West End.

She was thrown into a doorway by the rapist who held the blade against her throat to stop her screaming.

After raping her, the attacker stole the girl's watch and £30 cash before disappearing into the crowds of shoppers.

A detective said yesterday: "It is almost unbelievable that this sort of offence can occur in such a crowded area without anyone coming to her aid."

A Scotland Yard spokesman added: "It is most unusual for an attack like this to take place in the centre of London in broad daylight."

"There are lots of alleyways in the area

Girl, 20, takes daytime shop trip to terror

By JOHN TWOMEY

but it is still very crowded.

"One could imagine this sort of thing happening after midnight. It seems incredible it should happen during the day."

Visit

The spokesman added: "The victim could not say for sure whether the attacker was armed with a knife or a screwdriver."

The rapist is described as white, about 45 and around 5ft 10ins tall. He has dark collar length hair, is of medium

build and has pale eyes.

Details of the rape, which happened at 12.30 p.m. on April 12, were not released by Scotland Yard until yesterday.

The victim was on a visit from her home in Brighton.

Carnaby Street became popular in the 'sixties, and has since been turned into a pedestrian precinct to cope with crowds.

In a separate incident, an 18-year-old girl was raped behind a tree only yards from her home on the Brookside Estate, Billericay, Essex.

The attacker wore a balaclava hood and threatened her with a sharp instrument.

She was attacked just before 9 p.m. on Monday, only moments after being dropped off by a taxi.

Tom cruises on with Paul

HOLLYWOOD superstar Paul Newman vowed last night to turn fellow actor Tom Cruise into a world class motor-racing driver.

This is the latest step in the remarkable "father-son" relationship between the two men, who first met almost three years ago on the set of *The Colour of Money*.

Newman, 64, who lost his own son to drugs, announced that they would be teaming up with American football hero Walter Payton to make their mark on the tracks.

The trio will work closely together under Bob Sharp who co-owns a team with Newman competing in Sports Car Club of America Trans-Am races.

Twenty-six-year old Cruise, whose own father died of cancer in 1984, said: "I love the excitement of racing."

Newman is a four-times national amateur champion and double Trans Am winner.



Newman's protege: Tom Cruise

THE SUPER GENERATION OF 'GLAMS' CASHES IN ON A FUTURE OF WEALTH AND FUN

Now life begins at 50

By WILL STEWART Home Affairs Correspondent

LIFE begins at 50 for a new breed of super-charged men and women, according to a major survey out today.

They are Britain's wealthiest, happiest people, who love flying off for holidays rather than settling into the role of grandparents.

This is, ironically, the 1960s drop-out generation, who became go-getters in the economic boom.

Now they have become GLAMs — Greying, Leisured and Moneyed — and they can't wait for their own children to leave home, getting their first taste of freedom since their 20s.

But this time round they have far more cash to spend to spoil themselves.

Romance is in the air too — nearly half of Britain's successful, higher earning over-50s say their relationship with their partner is better now than when they were younger.

Both men and women who cross the threshold of their 50th birthday

start to spend more time and money on their appearance.

The insight into the lives of the over 50s comes from market researchers Mintel.

"This phase of life is a period of renaissance, of freedom, rediscovery and new horizons and opportunities," say Mintel, who surveyed more than 1,000 golden oldies.

Advertisers should switch their attention from the "baby boom generation" to the over-50s. They "could find themselves looking at the largest and most affluent market in history."

There are already more than nine million people in the 50 to 64 age group, some 17 per cent of the population.

This is a group which has paid off the mortgage and is inheriting huge sums of cash from their own parents as they die.

They have gained massively from the house price boom and also from investing their money.

"The popular conception of middle age as a somewhat dreary and less than glamorous time of life would appear to be profoundly misguided," says the report.

Billion windfalls from family tree



THE golden oldies are richer than at any time in their lives. Since the early 1980s, the 50-pluses have benefited more than anyone from the rising standard of living, and many have finished paying off mortgages.

But this has also become the Inheritance Generation — cashing in on the £10 billion annual pay-out from inherited property, which will double over the next decade. Nearly three quarters of this windfall goes to those aged over 50. Half of all estates are valued at £40,000-plus.

Outlook sunny for modern jet setters



THE over-50s take more holidays than other age groups, and are more likely to have at least two a year. As one man said: "I think I would go quietly mad if it wasn't for Manchester airport. We tend to go away for at least four or five little holidays a year."

Mintel say: "The last few years have seen a tremendous growth in the market for holidays for older holidaymakers." Thomson expect to sell 79,000 "Young at Heart" breaks this year.

A happy goodbye when children go



PARENTS can't wait for their children to leave home, which becomes "occupied territory" by demanding teenagers. Far from resenting parents "empty nesters", parents love it, because they can get more time to themselves, though they do still worry about their children.

They long for a break from "the constant ringing of the phone or doorbell, always for children rather than parents." The line can be constantly engaged, with parents unable to speak to their friends.

They've got that loving feeling



THEY are most sexually active in London and the South East. Thirty four per cent think a good sex life is important at any age, compared with 19 per cent in Scotland. In the Midlands and East Anglia the figure is 26 per cent; Yorkshire and the North East 22 per cent, North West 21 per cent, and Wales and South West 20 per cent.

Eating out well is high on menu



OLDER people go out more in the evening, contrary to popular belief. Restaurants and pubs with food are sought after — but this group is traditional in its eating and drinking habits. Muesli and mineral water are definitely out, as are "young" drinks like lager and vodka. They prefer whisky, bitter and sherry.

A tight skirt keeps Di off a bike

● PRINCESS DIANA was invited to get on her bike to promote healthy cycling yesterday, but she excused herself, saying: "My skirt is too tight." She did insist, however, she was a cycling fan despite revealing how she once had the wheel of her bicycle stolen from outside her flat.

● Diana was launching Bike 89, a charity ride which aims to raise £30,000 for the British Lung Foundation. But she could not be persuaded to mount a bicycle made for two. Diana took one look at the front seat of the tandem in London's Hyde Park and said: "I can't get on it. I have a very tight skirt on today."

● The Princess, who was wearing a split above-the-knee black skirt, told how, before she was engaged to Prince Charles, she enjoyed cycling in London. But she said it was "very irritating," having chained her bike to the railings outside her London flat, to find a wheel was missing next morning.

● Bike 89 aims to promote cycling as a healthy and enjoyable pastime with the slogan "Get on your bikes and have fun and get fit."



Princess Diana and a biker in Hyde Park

Picture: JONATHAN BUCKMASTER

Billionaire Khashoggi held in cell

By NORMAN LUCK

FALLEN tycoon Adnan Khashoggi was arrested in Switzerland yesterday pending extradition to face "illegal property dealing" charges in New York.

Acting on a U.S. warrant, the Swiss Justice Department ordered that the Saudi Arabian financier be picked up in a Berne hotel.

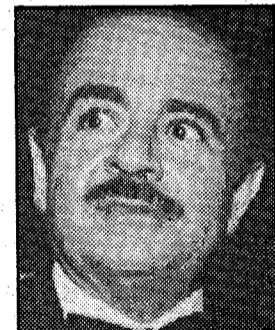
He was then taken to a local prison and held pending extradition proceedings.

Asylum

Khashoggi, 53, amassed one of the largest fortunes in the world by playing middle man in the transfer of arms and technology from the West to oil-rich Arab countries.

He has 10 days to appeal and request his release while the U.S. Government has 60 days to follow the arrest warrant with a formal request for extradition.

The flamboyant billionaire is charged in a New York court with ex-President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife, Imelda, on indictments of fraud



Khashoggi: Held



Marcos: Exile

involving the alleged illegal use of Philippine Government money to buy and sell hundreds of millions of dollars in Manhattan real estate.

The indictments also involve valuable paintings that disappeared from Manila's Metropolitan Museum after Marcos was forced into exile in February 1986.

America's new Attorney-General Rudolph Giuliani drew up the indictments which were filed on March 9 in the U.S. District Court for the southern district of

New York. They were sent to the White House for President Bush's approval because of allegations that Marcos has continued his fraudulent activities since being given asylum in Hawaii.

The basis for the indictments was uncovered by the U.S. Justice Department when it discovered that Khashoggi — who has close ties with the Saudi Arabian royal family — was allegedly acting as "front man" in transactions for Marcos, buying and selling valuable buildings illegally.

NIGEL'S NEW FACE

ACTOR Nigel Havers will be his usual handsome self for just 10 minutes in a TV series planned for next year. He plays a pilot coming to terms with being terribly disfigured when he is shot down. It is a stark contrast to his roles in *The Charmer* and *Don't Wait Up*.

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THE HORROR OF HILLSBOROUGH

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A VITAL eight-minute delay in calling the fire brigade to the Hillsborough football tragedy was blamed yesterday on the police. South Yorkshire Fire Brigade said the first emergency call to them went out eight minutes AFTER a senior police officer had ordered the referee to stop the FA Cup semi-final.

And then the initial call was only for firemen with cutting equipment.

It was only when the crew of two appliances arrived in time to see the dead and injured already lying on the pitch that the horrified station officer in charge immediately radioed back to base calling for eight more.

And last night an inquiry was underway to determine how the police and stadium authorities underestimated the scale of the disaster and failed to call in firemen equipped with lifesaving apparatus and skills.

Heartbroken

As an inquest opened yesterday into the deaths of 50 fans, Sir Harry Livermore, representing six bereaved families, said that Liverpool was a "heartbroken city."

And he said that UEFA president Jacques Georges would never be forgiven for his "beasts" remark about the Liverpool fans.

Alan Seaman, assistant chief officer of the South Yorkshire fire brigade, said: "We did not get the first call from the police control at Hillsborough until 3.14 p.m. That initial call was purely for cutting equipment."

The first pumps to arrive - at 3.22 p.m., 16 minutes after the game was abandoned - lost precious moments because they were given no directions in the confusion.

But in an heroic and courageous battle, firemen saved the lives of dozens of fans.

All of the 68 firemen were horrified at having to make on-the-spot, life-or-death decisions about which fans stood a chance of survival as weeping friends and relatives begged them to save lives.

Terrible

Station Officer Brian Fletcher said: "It was terrible. People were shouting at us, pulling our sleeves."

Divisional Officer David Lockwood, who led the fire brigade operation, said: "Each crew had oxygen gear and, used with cardiac massage, they were lifesavers."

"They had to make many heart-rending decisions. They would be giving resuscitation to somebody and would be hampered by fans tugging at their sleeves and asking 'please help our brother or father'."

As the inquests opened on 50 fans, Sir Harry Livermore told South Yorkshire Coroner Dr Stefan Popper: "People are upset and disturbed and sad, and they are also angry, not only because such a tragedy

'People pleaded with us to save their loved ones'

occurred but also because of the dreadful and totally insensitive remarks made yesterday by the president of UEFA.

"The tragedy will never be forgotten or forgiven nor will the remarks of Mr Georges, however many times he may apologise."

The coroner said the full inquest would almost certainly be after the judicial inquiry. He assured Sir Harry that funerals would be able to take place when he issued interim death certificates.

It is understood some funerals may take place tomorrow.

The coroner adjourned the proceedings until this afternoon when he will open inquests on further 45 victims.

The appeal launched by Liverpool FC yesterday joined forces with the one launched by civic leaders from Nottingham, Sheffield and Liverpool. There is now one disaster fund to be known as Hillsborough Disaster Appeal.

Makers of a charity record for victims of the disaster plan to have a hard-hitting video using footage from the tragedy.

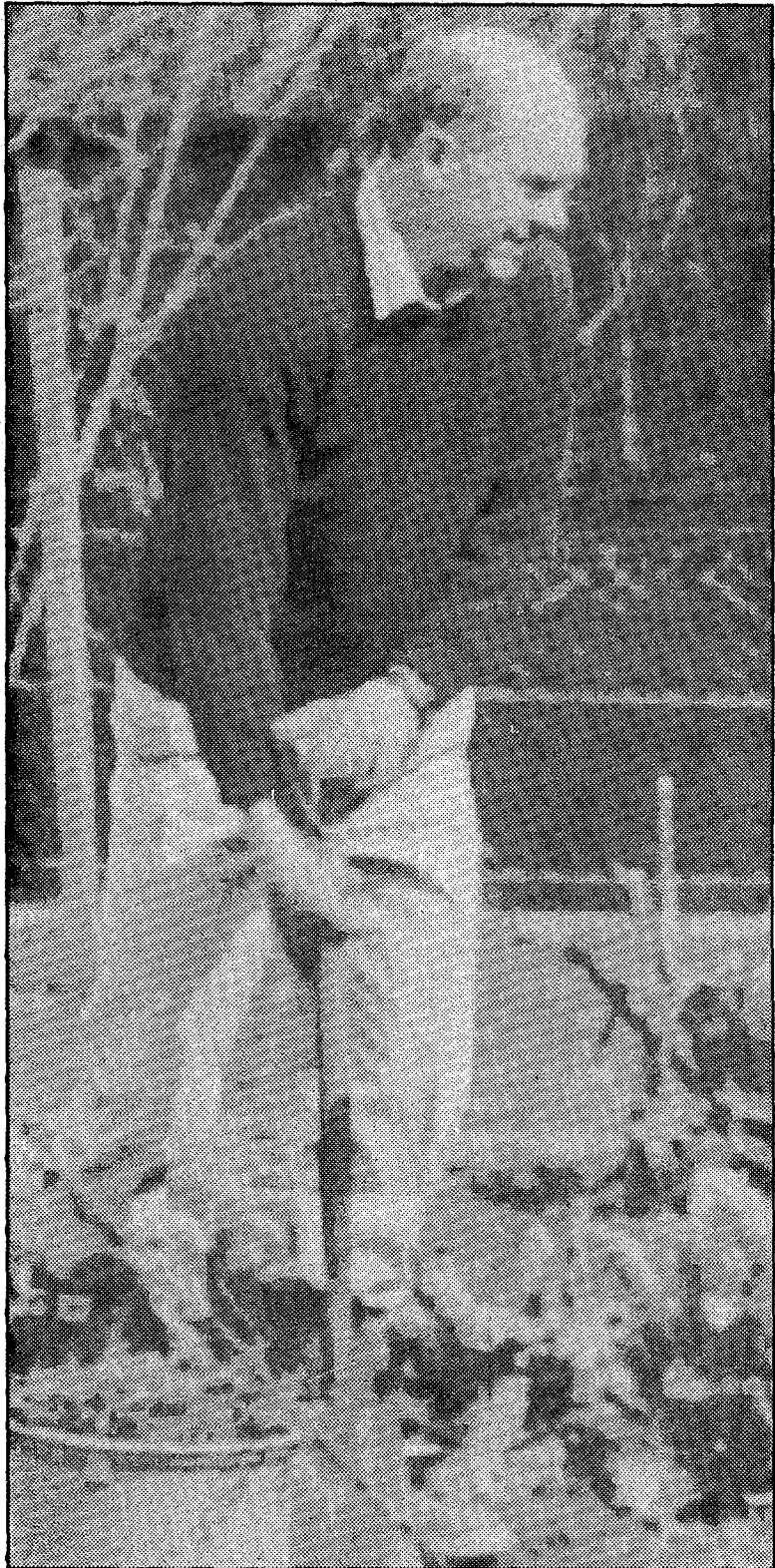
The version of Ferry Across The Mersey, featuring Liverpool musicians Paul McCartney, Gerry Marsden, The Christians and Holl Johnson, is due for release on May 2 and looks set to go straight to No.1 in the charts.

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ANGUISHED FIREMEN BLAME POLICE FOR DELAY IN ALERTING THEM AS THE INQUESTS BEGIN

fatal 8 minutes



Getting away from it all: Roger Marshall in his garden

Coma fan fights on for manager Kenny

● HILLSBOROUGH victim Sean Lockett, who woke from a coma as Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish visited him in hospital, was yesterday continuing his fight to get better. Although critically ill, 28-year-old Sean managed to smile through the pain as he recovered in the intensive care unit at Sheffield's Royal Hallamshire Hospital, where many of the victims of the tragedy are being treated.

● Sean, from Claverden, Warwickshire, amazed doctors on Monday when he unexpectedly came round from deep unconsciousness as Dalglish stood by his bedside. His eyes flickered open and he said "Kenny Dalglish!" — to the joy of his parents who had been praying for him to pull through.



Back to consciousness: Sean Lockett



Tribute to the fallen: Masses of flowers laid by fans at the Kop end of Anfield yesterday

Police accuse drunkards

From Page One

on duty said: "We are as sorry and shocked as anyone about these tragic deaths but to paint all Liverpool fans lilywhite is wrong.

"As we struggled in appalling conditions to save lives, fans standing further up the terrace were urinating on us and the bodies of the dead."

A third claimed: "A colleague a few yards away gave up trying to revive an injured lad, realising he was dead. Immediately he was attacked by the boy's mate.

"A young officer gave the kiss-of-life and heart mas-

sage but he was abused and given a savage kick by another lout.

"Some of my officers went through a double hell, a disaster and the fury of drunken fans impeding rescue attempts."

South Yorkshire's chief ambulance officer Don Page revealed one of his men needed hospital treatment after being attacked as he treated an injured fan.

Superintendent Marshall, 46, spoke for the first time about his decision to open the gate.

Looking tired and strained, he tried to put the memories of the trag-

edy from his mind by gardening at his home near the village of Stocksbridge on the outskirts of Sheffield.

The father-of-two said: "I'm very upset but I can't talk about what happened because of the inquiry. I feel greatly for the families of the bereaved."

Mr Marshall praised a Daily Express article by John Stalker, the former Deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, who called for the scrapping of standing terraces at football grounds.

The Liverpool-based Football Supporters Association criticised allega-

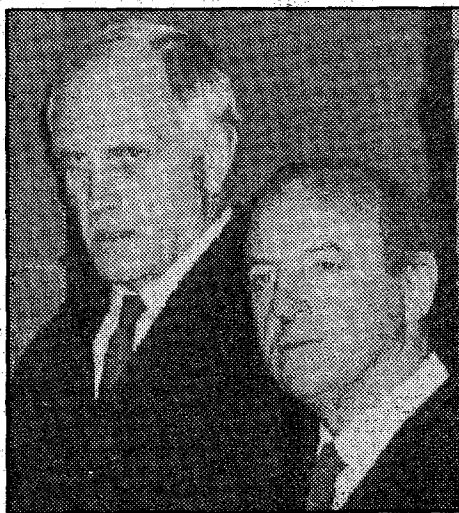
tions that drunken Liverpool fans had caused the disaster. "We are utterly appalled by these comments," said a spokesman. "The fans complete reject these absurd claims."

Liverpool soccer club officials were outraged.

And Liverpool city council deputy leader Alan Dean said: "It is disgraceful that allegations like these should be made while people are still in their hour of grief."

Lord Justice Taylor, who will head the public inquiry into the disaster, visited the ground yesterday.

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Judge Taylor (right) and Mr Dear

Family's plea after son is struck dumb

THE terrible trauma of Hillsborough has literally struck dumb a 10-year-old fan caught in the disaster.

Last night his desperate family appealed for help to their son's heroes in the Liverpool team.

They told the crisis help-line: "He hasn't said a word — and we are at our wits' end."

Club manager Kenny Dalglish has already pledged that his team will try to help fans.

A club spokesman said: "Let the family contact us. We'll be delighted to do anything we can."

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Daily Express

Opinion

The fans are not blameless

SIR Harry Livermore, representing some of the families bereaved at Hillsborough, said yesterday that South Yorkshire Police had "a lot to answer for."

No doubt he will be proved correct, if only because the police had the prime responsibility for crowd control.

But others have to answer too, at least in part, for Saturday's terrible tragedy—and these include Liverpool fans.

The instinctive outpouring of sympathy for the families and friends of the dead and injured, for Liverpool Football Club and indeed for the whole city, so clearly devastated by the disaster, should not stop us questioning the behaviour of some of the supporters.

Are they really that guiltless? Should they have nothing on their consciences?

Much is being made of the fateful decision to allow 3,000 or more late-arriving Liverpool fans to swarm through a gate and on to the already packed Leppings Lane terrace. That decision will figure prominently in Lord Justice Taylor's inquiry?

But—rightly or wrongly—the police felt obliged to act because of the impatient jostling and pushing outside the turnstiles.

As television viewers will have seen, the fans ignored police appeals for calm and order. Some started to climb over walls and turnstiles.

Have we really become so wearily used to loutish lack of self-discipline that we can no longer recognise it for what it is?

And why were the late-comers late in the first place? Could it have anything to do with the terrace tradition of "tanking up" with drink before the kick-off? Police reports of attacks by drunken fans suggest it could.

Many fans turned up without tickets, in the confident expectation of being able to trick or force their way into the ground. They lent their weight to the crush—putting pressure not only on the police but also on their friends.

It is not for them, noisily and self-righteously, to lay the blame for the carnage at the feet of others, as though they themselves are completely blameless.

There will be many important lessons to be drawn from this tragedy. And by everybody.

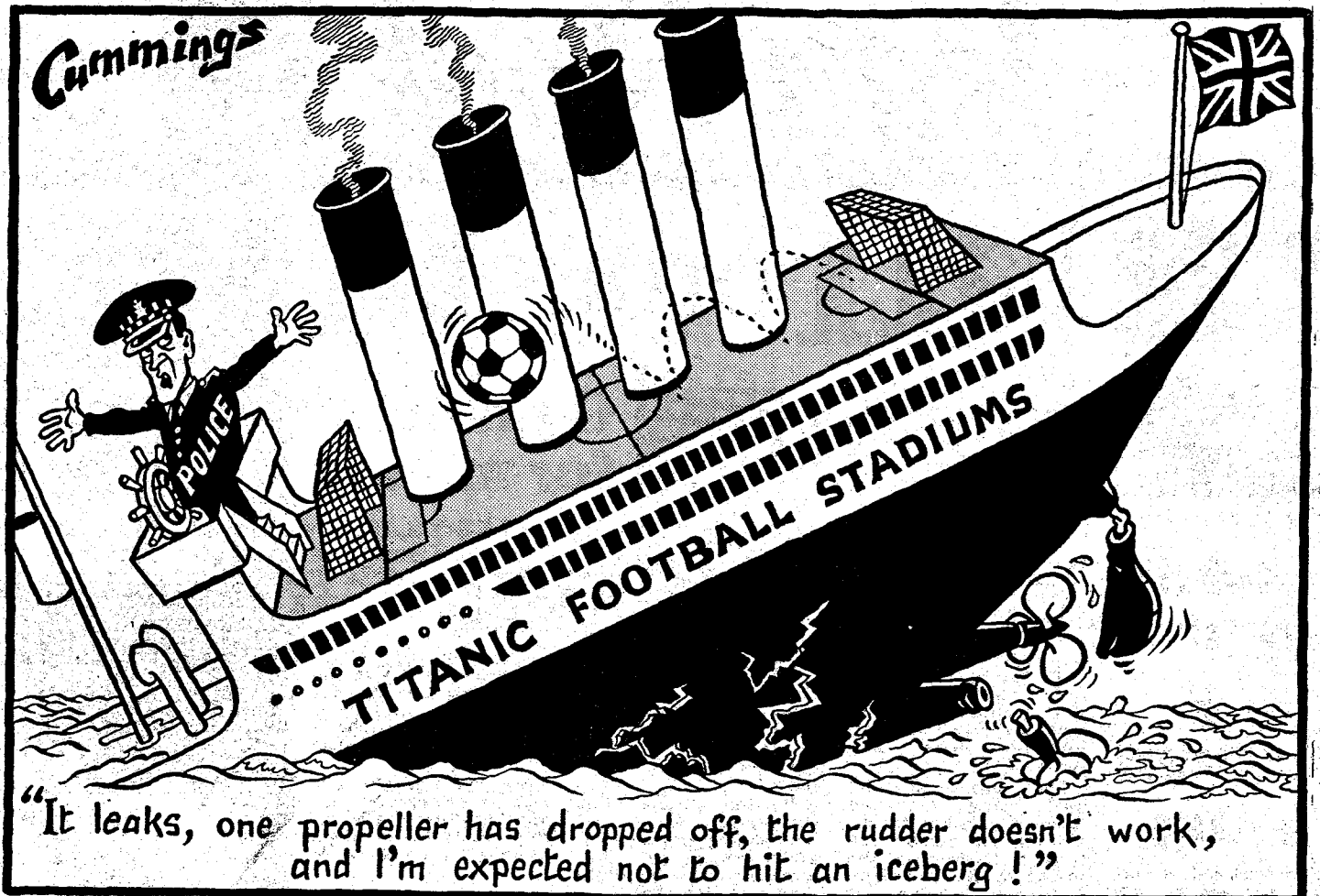
Insurers' duty

EVERYONE comes in for a rebuke in the latest report from Insurance Ombudsman James Haswell—contractors, garages, insurance companies and consumers.

Those who carry out repairs are accused of inflating their estimates, often in collusion with the customer. As the Ombudsman points out, this is not only dishonest but also short-sighted.

An increasing number of claims, and for exaggerated amounts, eventually means higher premiums all round. Customers should grasp that they are the real losers in this game, and refuse to play.

But the insurance companies must surely know how much car repairs, for example, actually cost. They have a duty, and the muscle, to see that garages charge a reasonable price.



THE EXCITING NEW THRILLER THAT HAS WESTMINSTER BUZZING

By FIONA MILLAR

THE time is the early 1990s, the place London, and a General Election is looming.

Mrs Thatcher has stepped down gracefully, leaving behind her a well-meaning but grey Party leader who lacks her strong ideology.

What follows is a dramatic, and some would say fantastic, sequence of events.

A minority Tory government is elected and then rocked by the machinations of one of its most faceless members, aided by a cocaine-snorting Director of Communications.

It is, of course, a fictional scenario—the plot of a gripping new thriller called *House of Cards*, published this week—and one which most voters would find hard to believe.

But its author, Michael Dobbs, who has spent 10 years at the heart of the Tory Party machine, insists it is all plausible.

Michael Dobbs is no stranger to intrigue and the brutal side of Westminster life.

Bitter

As chief of staff to Norman Tebbit at Conservative Central Office during the 1987 Election, he was a key figure in the campaign and the bitter post-victory row about who actually won it.

One book has already been written claiming that Mrs Thatcher lost faith in Tebbit and Central Office within days of polling and turned to ad man Tim Bell to save the day.

Mr Dobbs, who worked under Bell at Saatchi and Saatchi in the early Eighties, was asked to write his version of events, but declined.

Instead, a month after the Election he found himself by a Mediterranean swimming pool scribbling out the plot of *House of Cards*.

"The decision not to write my own version left me a bit frustrated," he said. "And this is my alternative."

Anyone expecting a plot based on the 1987 campaign will be disappointed.

And most political watchers will be intrigued by his decision to make his fictional Government Chief Whip the villain.

As chief fixer charged with keeping the troops in line, he has a finger in every pie and

Scandal in the House



Weaving a web of intrigue... Author Michael Dobbs

Larger-than-life characters that keep our MPs guessing

needs to know everything going on in the Party.

"His influence in Government and with Lobby correspondents is potentially huge," said Mr Dobbs.

In *House of Cards*, Chief Whip Francis Urquhart is, according to Mr Dobbs, "a mixture of a number of people."

Equally intriguing is the graphic description of the cocaine habit of the fictional Party's Communications Chief.

Even the most long-standing

political observers may find it hard to believe that cocaine has a foothold at Westminster.

But again Dobbs, now Deputy Chairman of Saatchi and Saatchi, insists it is a problem.

Other key characters in the plot are a leggy, blonde Lobby correspondent who will stop at nothing to break a good story; an overweight, bombastic newspaper proprietor who does his best to stop her, and an avuncular but shrewd Party Chairman, Lord Williams.

The author admits to being

slightly wary of how his book will be received at No 10.

His connections with the leadership go back 10 years. He was part of Mrs Thatcher's Opposition Kitchen Cabinet.

He was inside Downing Street as she made her famous Francis of Assisi speech. And, even though he subsequently went to Saatchi as PA to Tim Bell, he advised Norman Tebbit at both the Department of Employment and the DTI before joining Central Office in 1986.

The book has been heavily vetted by libel lawyers who ordered several changes to the regret of the author.

House of Cards may be fiction, but Dobbs knows his scenario is realistic enough to capture the readers' attention at a time when thoughts are turning to the next General Election.

Challenge

"If Mrs Thatcher were to resign now, it is perfectly possible they would elect a successor in a completely different mould and then discover what made her a winner."

"A leadership challenge, similar to the one in the book, would then follow and it would be a mixture of the old guard and the young bloods."

His own political ambitions have been tempered by too many years on the inside at Westminster, watching people make the "most of their lives" and seeing how the weak succumb to the pressures and temptations.

"At one stage I wanted to get there more than anything. But now I am both attracted and put off."

And his first-hand knowledge of how the Press and Lobby system can be used and abused gives the book a menacing air of truth.

Jean Rook



THE FIRST LADY OF FLEET STREET



Pamella: So tedious

Time to call it a day on Pam Boring

ONE last blast, and I've said, written and read my final word on that tedious tart, Pamela Boring.

Commons call-girl Miss Bordes's sexual fantasies are now about as spicy as an Indian take-away left on the counter overnight, and as repetitive. She's no longer blood warm, let alone hot.

There seem to be at least seven gauzy veils of make-believe between the ambitious little hooker and the truth, and every day she entangles another well-known man in them.

She must keep her diaries — which read like shopping lists for the rich and famous — in voluptuous volumes. But not much rings true and too much sounds cracked.

The girl, who looks like an over-painted poster for a Bombay movie, reels off the names of mighty men she can't have had time to meet, let alone fit into her Filofax of fantasy lovers who slip £2,000 into the ever-open handbag on her bedside table.

Fantasies

And if the men in and out of her life, at £1,000 for ten minutes, are so sexually towering, how did poor Mark Phillips and tennis ace Ivan Lendl make it into her make-believe hit list?

If you're going to dream that you slept with global society, why drop down to innocent Foggie Phillips and Ivan the Terribly Plain?

Gadhafi, I half believe, but I'd believe anything of the Libyan leader whose world-conquering fantasies are as mirage-size as Pamela's. She spins far-fetched tales of entrapping MPs in the silken web of her Swiss underwear, of bagging heads of state, and of slotting gem-bearing sultans into her sex schedule like pearls on a necklace.

My red-blooded Express colleague, Alan Frame, who sat cheek-to-scarred-cheek with her on her flight from Bali to Hong Kong, still recalls the Chanel-suited femme fatale: "I missed the fatale, and she was so scrawny and ordinary, I couldn't see much of the femme."

Miss Bordes spent the six-hour flight of fancy showering Frame with a confetti of names she wanted to sell, mixed with crocodile tears of: "I just want to clear my name — so many lies have been written about me."

How long can the Pamela Bordes story drag on? For a thousand and one nights, until someone has the sense to stop filling her Chanel handbag.

Hillsborough's horrors had to be shown

THOSE terrible pictures of the caged and dying innocent football fans in the hell of Hillsborough broke our hearts, too.

The images of those suffocating, terrified faces and broken hands, clawing for escape, are printed forever in the minds of the photographers who took them.

They are indelibly written into the memories of the reporters who recorded the last gasps and cries of youngsters crushed to death on TV.

Awful

"But why did you show them on the front page — don't you realise they were somebody's sons and daughters?" phoned in anguished readers, appalled by the nightmare, scenes of terror and despair, captured

at the very moment of death.

God knows, we who produce newspapers realise that. Like you, we can mentally place our own children in that awful place.

We, too, shrank from the dreadful pictures of bars slicing into a young girl's cheek, her lips already turning blue. We cried for the beautiful curly-haired teenager, her breast bitten deep by relentless steel as her pink-varnished nails ripped at the cage.

So why did we print them? To show the world what must never, never happen again. To scream on behalf of those whose screams are silenced. To cause such a howling uproar that something must be done.

You don't print such pictures to sell newspapers — in fact, many

readers tell me they felt so physically sick at the newstands, they couldn't bear to buy. At such a time, your last thought is scoring goals against publishing rivals.

But you must do your duty by the horrified eyes appealing to the cameras, the outstretched arms begging for someone to help.

Truth

And, in the long run, those graphic, instant pictures, recording the terrible truth, on the very spot, as it happened, will help in the months of inquiry which must follow and the re-structuring of football spectating which must follow that.

Those tragic fans only went to see a football match. Photographers and reporters who will never forget the Hillsborough scenes until their own dying days, only went to take sporting snaps and notes.

Faced with death, they had to record it and tell it to the world, so that those who must never be forgotten did not die in vain.

Fine way to clear a marital hurdle

AS I forecast on Breakfast television last week, Anne and Mark are already pulling themselves and their tight reins together, and trotting on.

"Scandal? What scandal?" snorts Captain Phillips, baring those teeth by which a vet could tot up his age.

The high fence between the pair, their very rare meetings, the strong rumours that their marriage is coming un-coupled... that scandal?

Beaming

That little hitch in the Phillips's unconventional 15-year proceedings?

The beaming Captain clears foot-high speculative headlines on his marriage with daylight to spare: "Everything between me and Anne is fine and happy," he beams.

Certainly not amused

THE Queen must sometimes boggle at officious people's over-reaction to her. At last week's Royal premier of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Aspects of Love, the lesbian love scene was cut out to spare the Queen's feelings. Her only feeling about the scene, re-inserted on this week's opening night, must be irritation at being short-changed. She is a 63-year-old mother of four, and grandmother of five. She has travelled the world.

She has been married for 43 years to a salty-mouthed sailor. Her father, George VI, had a reputation for language as blazingly colourful as his self-grown rhododendrons. The Queen is all woman, and being treated like a breakable china figure of an unreal virgin queen must be infuriating. Almost as annoying as having to ask her youngest son, Edward, who works for Lloyd Webber, to fill her in on the juicy bits she missed.



Mark: Reining in

We'll never know how 'happy' but we may as well accept 'fine' because, in its off-track way, the Phillips's relationship is everything they demand of it.

They don't demand much. They've got their adored children, horses, separate interests. They're not passionate bolters.

So why not keep the cart dutifully trundling on its wheels?



Rear admirable... Annabel (left) and Anneka show their TV side

The end is in sight!

I REJOICE to see the rear end of Treasure Hunt, the most trivial television ever to hit rock bottom.

This silliest waste of good helicopters was bad enough under Anneka Rice, who did at least move her lips as well as her hips.

Hosted by Annabel Croft, the tedious round Britain quiz has become a total pain in the backside.

Miss Croft is tennis's loss, and tele-

vision's dead loss. Searching for treasure, she seems incapable of looking anywhere but over her right shoulder at her left buttock.

Even more intellectually embarrassing is the base crew of map readers, led by Kenneth Kendal, behaving as hectically as Long John Silver sticking pins into global warfare.

Burial of this worthless rubbish, which takes up valuable air time, is overdue.

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World Report

Wine conmen face prison in Chateau Plonk scandal

A GANG of swindlers has been flooding Britain with bogus French wine, it was revealed yesterday.

Cheap plonk with false labels has been sold as top-flight claret.

And restaurants have charged up to £50 for bottles worth only £5, police believe.

Now 12 members of an international ring face jail for up to 20 years on fraud charges.

They were trapped when

From JACK GEE in Paris

French police stopped a lorry for a traffic offence, and found it was loaded with cheap table wine falsely labled as fine Bordeaux.

That led to the discovery of a secret cellar in a chateau on the outskirts of Bergerac, in south-west France.

It contained hundreds of casks of the wine and tens of thousands of bottles awaiting shipment.

Most of it was mass-produced

from a blend of cheap Spanish and French wines. But it was being sold under names such as Chateau Caroline and Chateau Regis '82.

Gang leader Michel Barbe, who handled the marketing of the wine, has confessed to exporting tens of thousands of bottles. But he has refused to reveal where they were sent.

Police said: "We believe huge

quantities have gone to Britain and been sold there at fancy prices — perhaps up to £50 in a restaurant for something which was worth only a fiver.

"We think that the gang made at least £100,000 out of selling the wine in Britain, and millions out of the entire operation."

The Chateau Plonk swindle is thought to have been going on for at least two years.

No one complained, not even wine experts at tastings, so the gang increased production.

NEWSLINE

Mitterrand calls for Beirut peace

FRANCE and Egypt yesterday agreed to join international efforts to stop the latest outbreak of fighting in Beirut, according to reports.

The agreement came in a telephone conversation between President Mitterrand of France and Egypt's President Mubarak.

The state-owned Middle East News Agency based its reports on an announcement by an unnamed official, who said Egypt and France were "jointly seeking international and Arab action to bring a ceasefire in Lebanon".

The official did not say what specific measures Mitterrand and Mubarak might take, but he said Mitterrand had similar phone contacts with Mrs Thatcher, President Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev.

The latest fighting in Lebanon has left 270 people dead and 975 wounded.

Immaterial girl

MILLIONAIRE pop superstar Madonna says she still regards herself as a working class girl.



"I hate to waste money and food and I don't see the point of having more than one car," the singer told Vogue magazine.

Madonna: Thrifty

Riot fears over Hitler's house

HITLER'S birthplace at Braunau, Austria, may be cordoned off for the 100th anniversary of the dictator's death tomorrow.

He lived there for only the first three years of his life, but the Hitlerhouse on Salzburger Vorstadt has caused controversy and occasionally been the target of neo-Nazi activities in the past.

An official said district prefect Harald Klinger was planning to have the street blocked off, adding: "There is concern the house may be the target of attacks."

A newspaper report claimed the authorities had received terror threats and information that right-wing radical groups were planning to converge on Braunau for the anniversary, but this was not confirmed officially.

The report added that 300 police might be deployed to maintain order.

Tower moves up

FORMER Senator John Tower, who failed to win Congressional approval as U.S. defence secretary, has been appointed to the board of New York publisher Macmillan.



Tower has resumed other duties in parent company MCC, headed by Robert Maxwell.

Tower: New job

Lech holds talks with Jaruzelski

SOLIDARITY chief Lech Walesa met Polish leader General Jaruzelski yesterday for the first time in more than seven years.

The historic meeting, requested by the government, came one day after the independent union was declared legal.

Jaruzelski, who greeted his long-time adversary with a handshake, hopes for his help in relieving the economic crisis.

It was the general's martial-law decree in 1981 that led to Walesa's imprisonment along with thousands of activists. A government spokesman said the meeting was a sign that Poland had changed course.

Riddle as crew quits space lab

EXPRESS FOREIGN SERVICE

THREE cosmonauts on board a Russian spacecraft orbiting 200 miles above the earth are being forced to abandon ship because of meteor damage, it was claimed yesterday.

The move was shrouded in mystery, however, as the Russians denied there were any technical problems. The decision to mothball the Mir experimental station was simply to save money and to catch up on a backlog of research data, they said.

According to radio hams, one meteor is said to have started a water leak which damaged vital electrical equipment, causing high temperatures inside the station and a loss of air pressure.

Keen listener Pat Gowen, 56, from Norfolk, who has tuned in to conversations with ground controllers and even spoken to the crew himself, said: "One of the main reasons is undoubtedly the discomfort they are experiencing."

Mission

If there are problems they could cause delays for a British business consortium negotiating with the Russians for a £10 million scheme to put a British astronaut on to the station. The mission was due to get under way in the spring of 1991.

Cosmonauts Alexander Volkov, Sergei Kirkalev and Valery Polyakov are to mothball Mir and return to Earth on April 27. Plans to send a replacement crew to the station immediately have been cancelled.

Deputy flight director Viktor Blagov said Soviet scientists had to pause and decide what came next in the three-year-old mission. A new crew was likely to be sent up in August to attach a new space laboratory.

Family blamed for heart death

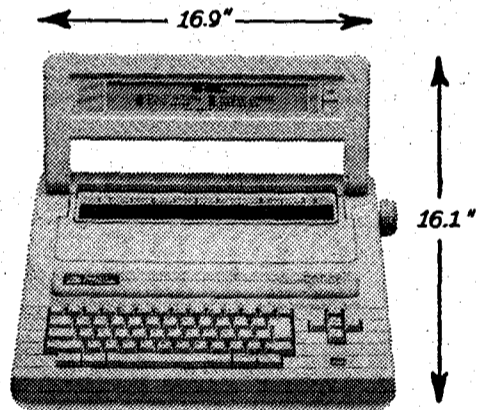
A WIDOW blamed her husband's death yesterday on a family who refused her appeal for a heart swap.

Gustave Dietrich, 47, died after doctors pleaded in vain with the family of a man who had just died in the same hospital at Nancy, eastern France, to allow the transplant.

Dietrich's doctor said: "My patient was suffering from a heart ailment. The man who had just died would have provided the perfect solution."

Widow Agathe Dietrich, who has 10 children, said: "It's difficult to imagine people can be so selfish. I would like to say 'heartless', but that's probably a grim pun."

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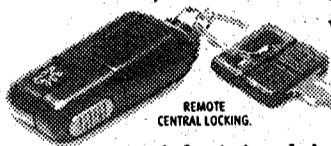
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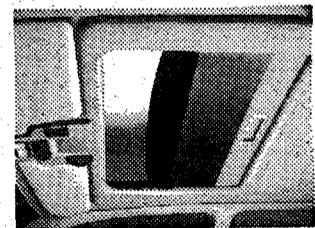
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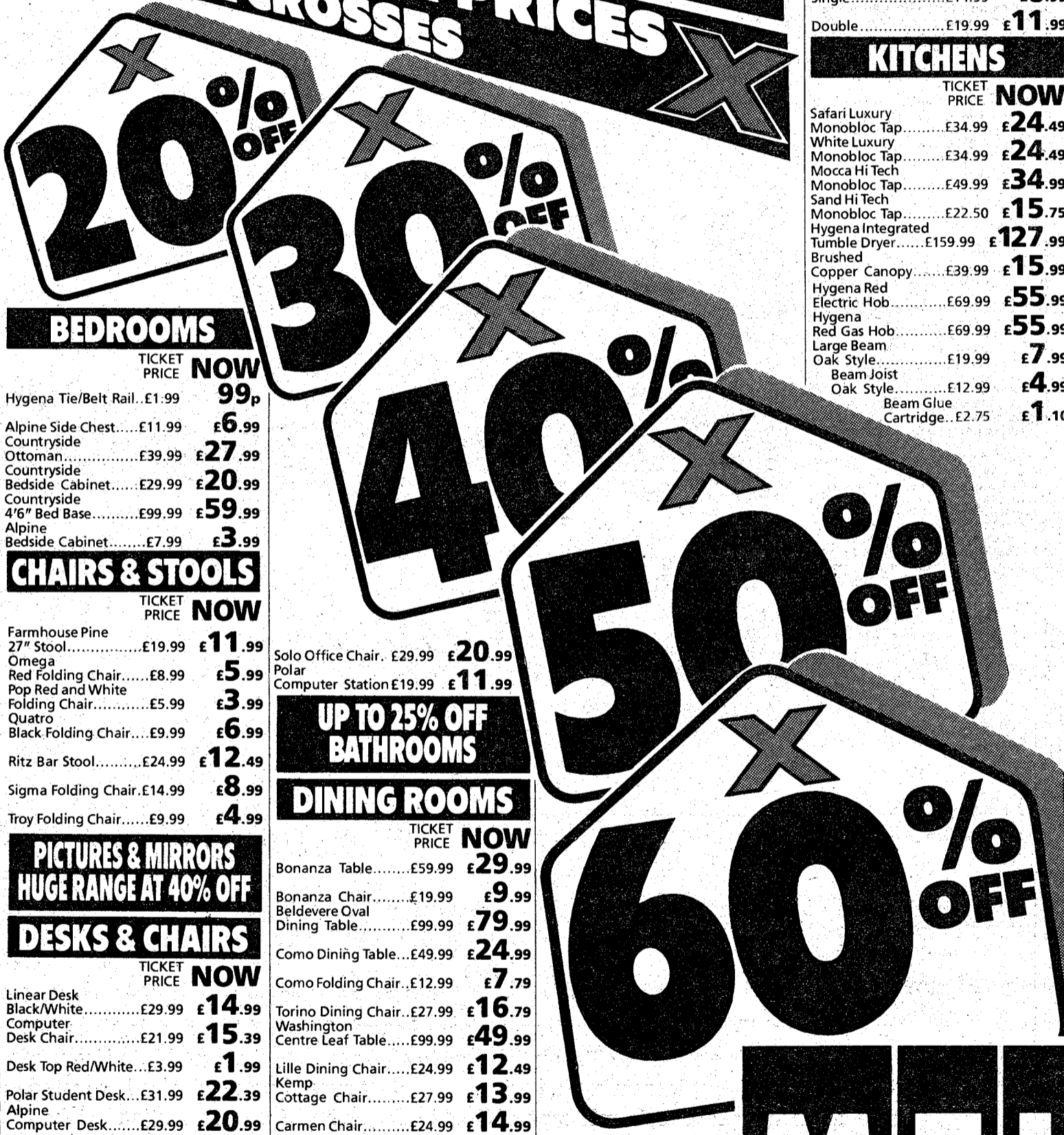
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Expressions

Desperately seeking Susan

SUSAN CROSLAND is a truly sensual woman. She has just written a very raunchy novel set in Fleet Street and in Westminster, and the sex scenes, of which there are many, are arousing and adroit. "Carl liked to play with her body... then, abruptly, he would draw back and survey her. After a few moments he would begin again, from the beginning, then stop... As soon as he let go of her face she turned it to one side on the pillow, her eyes closed... he could bring her almost to a frenzy of desire."

This is just one extract from *Ruling Passions*,* which is so sensual that it is too explicit for a family newspaper.

Susan Crosland is discreet, but one gets the impression that she is writing as much from her own sexual experience as from imagination.

As she says: "I doubt that much comes out of your imagination that hasn't been planted there, even without your being aware of it."

What hasn't come from personal experience, she admits has come from intimate conversations with women friends — a luxury she enjoys for the first time now that the demands of a husband, children and a career have lessened.

"Occasionally with one of these friends I would discuss sexuality. I was curious about how someone who lived alone but didn't lead a nun's life would feel."

IT is unusual for Susan to be interviewed — she is more used to being the observer than the observed.

She is a sensitive and respected journalist who writes a weekly column in a Sunday paper and wrote the definitive biography of her husband, Anthony Crosland, one of the most formidable Foreign Secretaries of recent times.

She has written a tale of passion and intrigue — ingredients for a sure-fire success.

Daisy Brewster, an American ingenue, comes to London in 1976 to please her parents, who disapprove of her relationship with the devastating Carl Myer, a Princeton professor.

She finds a job on *The Rampart*, a Sunday paper, and meets Andrew Harwood, a young MP. They fall in love and marry. Fifteen years later Andrew is Defence Secretary in the government and his American counterpart turns out to be Carl Myer. Various interesting meetings ensue.

There are a number of subplots and intrigues involving Daisy's former colleagues and Andrew's political enemies — the progress of the story is fuelled by treachery and sex.

Susan calls it her 'Jeffrey Archer novel' partly because of its genre and partly because it was Jeffrey who, some years ago sitting next to her at dinner and having just read her biography of her late husband, said, "You should be writing fiction."

She says she wanted to see whether anyone could write fiction. "I felt a genuine curiosity about whether there was a God given gift, or whether any reasonably clever writer could just sit down and do it."

SHE has found writing the novel hugely enjoyable. "There was the real fun of the fantasy. There was none of the slog of research, none of the business of trying to be fair."

Because it is a fantasy, Susan Crosland finds it mildly irritating that people try to identify all the characters in the novel. It is not a roman a clef.

Certain figures, such as Mrs. Thatcher and the Queen, appear and are mentioned by name. The Croslands were often in royal company and Susan writes with conviction.

She has even mischievously written herself into a little cameo performance when Daisy is sent by her newspaper to interview the



Picture: ROGER WOOD

Book for bedtime... Susan has a new chapter in her life

Her passion thriller is just the write stuff



By ROSEMARY CARPENTER

American wife of the Foreign Secretary.

"That was put there as a little joke. It's a little mirror within a mirror," says Susan.

But the characters are fiction. They even used to wake Susan up in the night, in the way she had heard other novelists describe it, and tell her they weren't happy with the plot and that they were going down a different road.

Some people may think that *The Rampart* is the Sunday Express.

It would be difficult to deny it, particularly as the young Susan Barnes started her career as a journalist there in 1962. But she denies that the rapacious editor Ben Franwell is Sir John Junor, former editor of the Sunday Express, although she acknowledges his influence.

So much has she enjoyed the experience of novel-writing that she is planning to sit down and write a second as soon as the first is safely launched next week.

One gets the impression that the beautiful Mrs. Crosland is enjoying the life she has written for herself at the moment.

"I have a slight detachment

from it all. It's hard to take things desperately seriously."

This detachment was not acquired without pain. In 1977 when Anthony Crosland died, it was the end of what had been a supremely happy marriage and Susan went into a dark devastation that lasted five and a half years.

SHE got through those years with the help of her family and by writing her husband's biography.

Now life is happy again. People wonder why she hasn't embarked on another marriage. "If they see you as exceptionally happy in a marriage they think you must do that again."

No one man in her life replaces Tony. "Every one of my emotions could be exercised with him. Now they can't all be satisfied by the same person so I have compartments."

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**Ruling Passion*, Weidenfeld & Nicolson, out on April 27, price £10.95.

Pad up to ease away worry

STRESS is the buzzword of the decade. Perhaps a machine could be programmed to cope with the wear and tear brought on by our lifestyle.

I tried the Formostar, a German invention, at the Face Up salon on Heath Street, Hampstead, NW3, tel: 01-431 3510.

The machine is designed to send 'deep heat' into subcutaneous fatty tissue via a control box with temperature-controlled pads. The theory is that infra-red heat soothes aching muscles, aids slimming, relieves arthritic pain, heals sports injuries and eases stress.

Tops

The owner of Face It, Donna Gershinson, 22, led me to the treatment room and wrapped large flat rubber pads around the tops of my legs, my bottom and tum.

The heat from the pads attacks body fat and disperses it into the bloodstream. It finally reaches the liver where it is burned up.

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CELESTE MITCHELL

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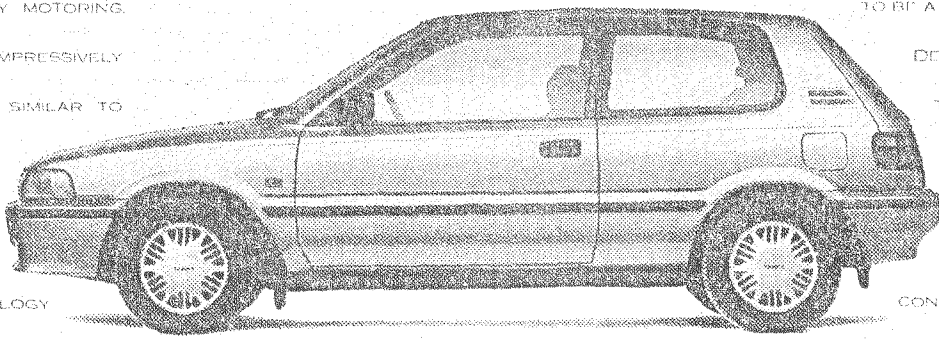
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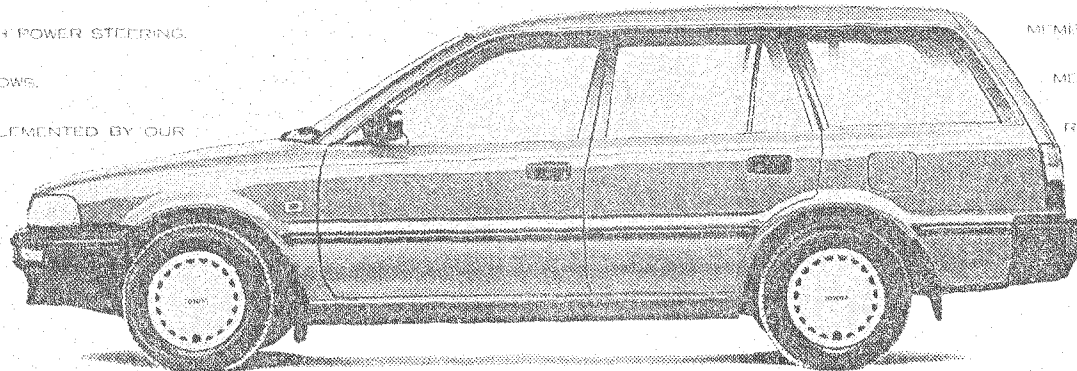
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Whirlpool PC facing new legal ordeal

By DEREK HORNBY

POLICEMAN Alan Waldock who was cleared of the holiday whirlpool murder of his wife is facing a new ordeal.

Prosecution lawyers in Portugal are to appeal against the verdict of three judges who set him free 12 days ago.

Last night he said he was "amazed" by the move which could result in him being extradited to Portugal.

The 35-year-old Northumberland PC spent 13 months in Faro prison awaiting trial after the death of his wife Doris in their timeshare villa at Vale Navio, Albufeira.

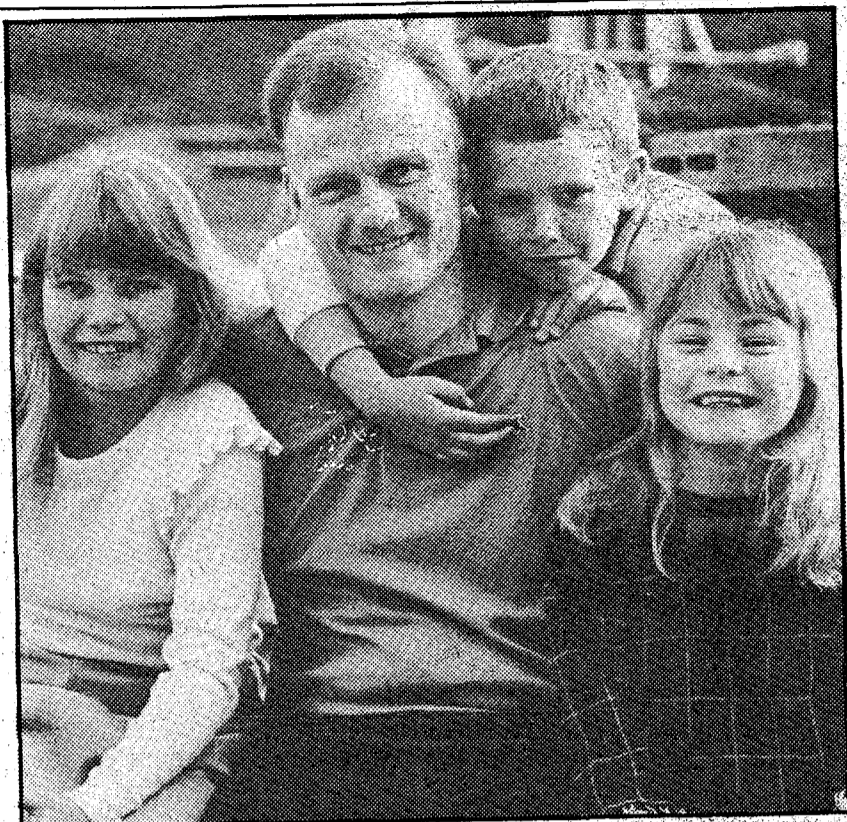
Leave

He maintained his wife slipped and fell into the swirling water and that bruises on her body were caused by his frantic efforts to revive her.

PC Waldock's solicitor David Twigg said last night: "We will fight any attempt to extradite him."

Since returning to Britain PC Waldock, of Ellington, Northumberland, has been on sick leave.

Under Portuguese law, the prosecution has a right to appeal against an acquittal if it feels the judges have not given adequate reasons.



Miles of smiles: Express winners are off to Disneyland

American dream trip



IT'S Air smiles for engineer Ronald Aitchison who's Disneyland-bound with his family thanks to the Daily Express.

Ronald, 37, is planning the holiday of a lifetime for his wife, Susan, also 37, and three daughters Michelle, 10, Sallyanne, nine, and Christopher, six, after winning 60,000 Air Miles in our fabulous competition.

"The children have always wanted to go to Disneyland, but we couldn't possibly have afforded to take them if it

hadn't been for this," he said yesterday.

Athletic Ronald, from Poynton, near Stockport, is running in Sunday's ADT London Marathon and hopes to have enough Air Miles left over from the Disneyland trip to fly to America to take part in the New York marathon.

"I've waited five years to win a place in the London Marathon—it's been a great week," he said.

His efforts on Sunday look set to raise £800 in sponsorship for the special baby unit at Stepping Hill Hospital where all his three children were born.

Play today Page 30

Princess who tried to buy a £200 cornet

EXPRESS REPORTER

THE FAIRGROUND ice cream seller could not believe here eyes when a 12-year-old girl offered her four crisp £50 notes for a vanilla cone.

And the man in the nearby fish and chip shop gasped in surprise when a customer ordered 30 takeaway lunches, handed him £200 and walked off without waiting for change.

The Saudi Arabian Royal Family was in town. And staff all over the Wild West fun park in Ilkeston, Derbyshire, were being offered hundreds of pounds in tips.

But they could not accept a single penny.

And when they explained the rules of their contracts to the 30 royals, the little princess with the vanilla cone, who had been offering tips of £1,000 to staff in a theatre, accused them of insulting her country.

Guest relations officer Sarah Cooper was offered £5,000 for taking

the royal visitors on a short guided tour of the American-owned park.

"In two hours they spent more money than I have seen in my whole life," said 18-year-old Sarah yesterday.

"I couldn't believe my eyes. But we had to refuse the gifts that they offered us because we are not allowed to accept tips."

Chippie

Another staff member said: "I was completely speechless when one of them slapped a load of £50 notes in my hand and then looked really hurt when I gave the money back."

The royal visitors asked management to close the 345-acre park for a whole day so they could have it to themselves when the visited at the weekend.

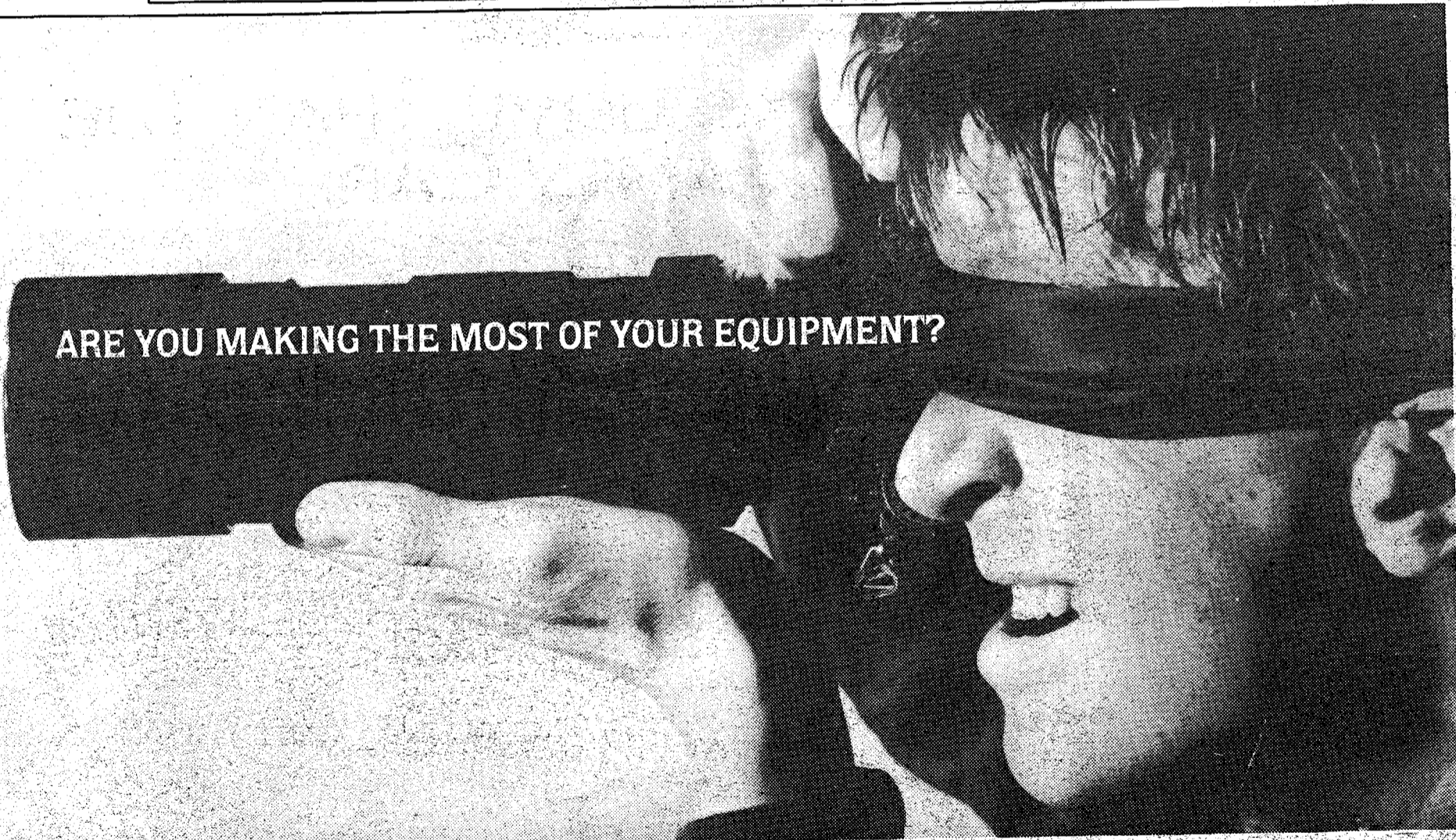
They also asked staff to close restaurants so they could enjoy thousands of pounds worth of gourmet food on their own.

But when both requests were refused, the head of the family strolled off to the chippie for fish dinners all round.

The royal family, accompanied by bodyguards, were part of King Sahad Al Said's dynasty, said an official at the Saudi Arabian embassy in London.

Shock for drivers

THOUSANDS of speeding motorists have been caught in a radar trap operated by police on a 50mph contra-flow system on the M6 north of Carnforth, Lancashire. In the first week police bagged 888 and every day since up to 170 drivers have been reported. All will get summonses. A police spokesman said: "We are not in the numbers game, but we are determined to stop motorway madness."



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(Since you haven't yet bought a pair, this is the part where you'll need to use your imagination.)

Even when you put them on they feel a little different, don't they? (That's because they're purpose-built for the serious aerobics enthusiast.)

Right. Now go through exactly the same exercise routine.

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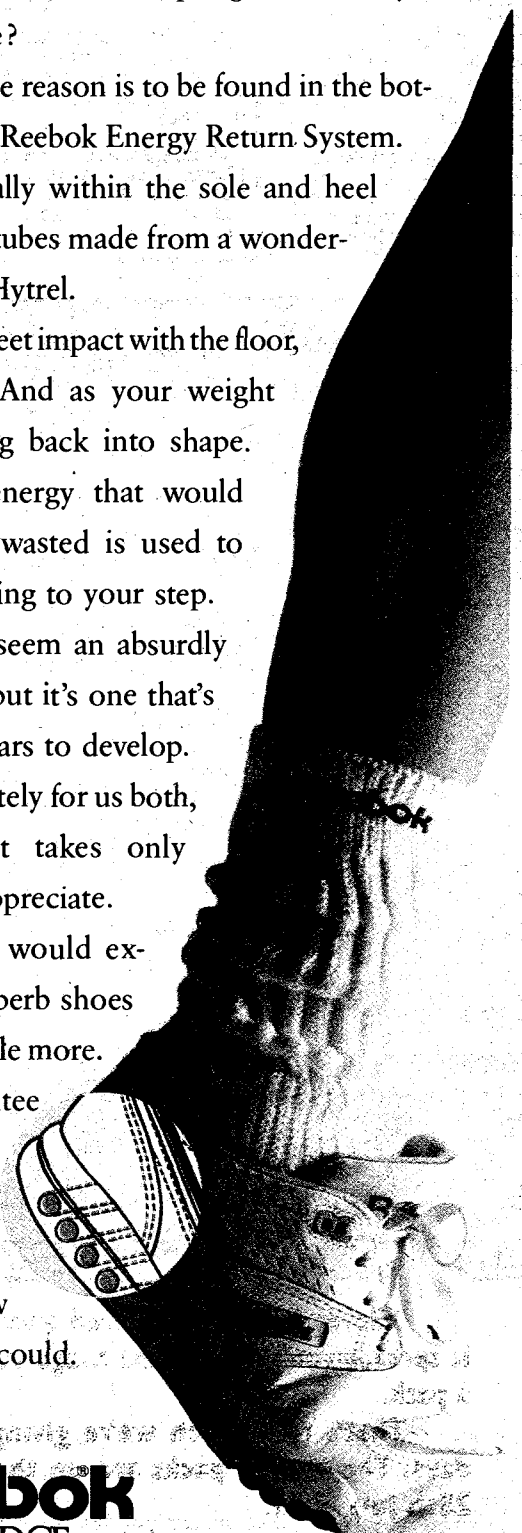
It may seem an absurdly simple idea, but it's one that's taken us 5 years to develop.

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Unhappy toll of drunks in our towns

By DEREK HORNBY

DRUNKENNESS is now a bigger social problem than at any time this century, a new report warns.

The claim came on the day a chief constable complained that pub "happy hours" were leading to excessive drinking.

Out of Court, a pressure group campaigning for alternatives to prosecuting drunks, says "drying out" centres should be set up in cities and towns throughout Britain.

The Government has failed to recognise growing public concern over drunkenness.

Problem

Dr Douglas Acres, Out of Court chairman, said: "The effects of alcohol are once again becoming a major social problem."

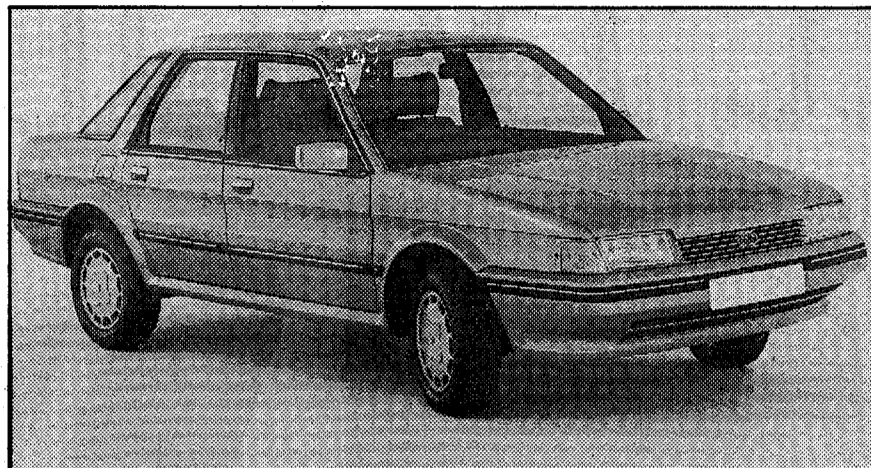
"Both our hospitals and courts are daily dealing with the consequences of intoxication, yet habitual offenders have been classified by the Government as 'undeserving'."

Sir Stanley Bailey, Chief Constable of Northumberland, said in his annual report that happy hours were being used more and more by young people as a cheap start to an evening's drinking.

In his annual report, Sir Stanley said there had been a seven per cent increase in violent crime in his region.

CONSUMER CHIEF ATTACKS DIFFERENCE IN PRICES AND GUARANTEES

Why does a Montego go up £2,000 if you buy British?



Montego...it can cost £2,300 less in the Netherlands than in Britain

Crash repair cheats rapped

EXPRESS REPORTER

GREEDY garage owners are bumping up the cost of car insurance for everyone, it was claimed yesterday.

Ombudsman James Haswell says that when insurance firms are footing the bill the price of repairs soar.

Builders and other repairmen also get a severe reprimand for the same sharp practice.

"There is a small army of people lying in wait behind the ranks of policyholders," he said.

"They are building contractors, car repairers, furniture dealers and a host of others ready with advice, estimates, expert opinions and positive

encouragement in the hope that a claim will be made and met.

"If it is, the person or firm charged with the task of carrying out the repairs then seems to regard the insurer as an unquestioning source of money."

Mr Haswell says the problem has developed because of the attitude that if someone else is paying it does not matter.

VW Answer: Foreign car makers offer

MAZDA a much better deal

By FIONA MOONEY

BRITISH car buyers get a raw deal when it comes to price, after-sales service and guarantees.

Lack of competition means they can pay £2,000 more than overseas consumers for the same family car.

Last night National Consumer Council chairman Baroness Sally Oppenheim-Barnes said: "I find it quite unacceptable that British consumers pay so much more and get so much less."

Astonished

A recent survey showed that a British-built Montego may be up to £2,300 cheaper for a car buyer in the Netherlands than for a customer living next-door to the Montego factory.

Last year the baroness led a team to America to look at the rights of consumers there — and was astonished by what she saw.

"Chrysler offered a seven-year or 100,000-mile full guarantee free with each car. They also offered a test drive lasting one month or 1,000 miles," she said.

The baroness gave further exam-

ples of car price differences to make her point:

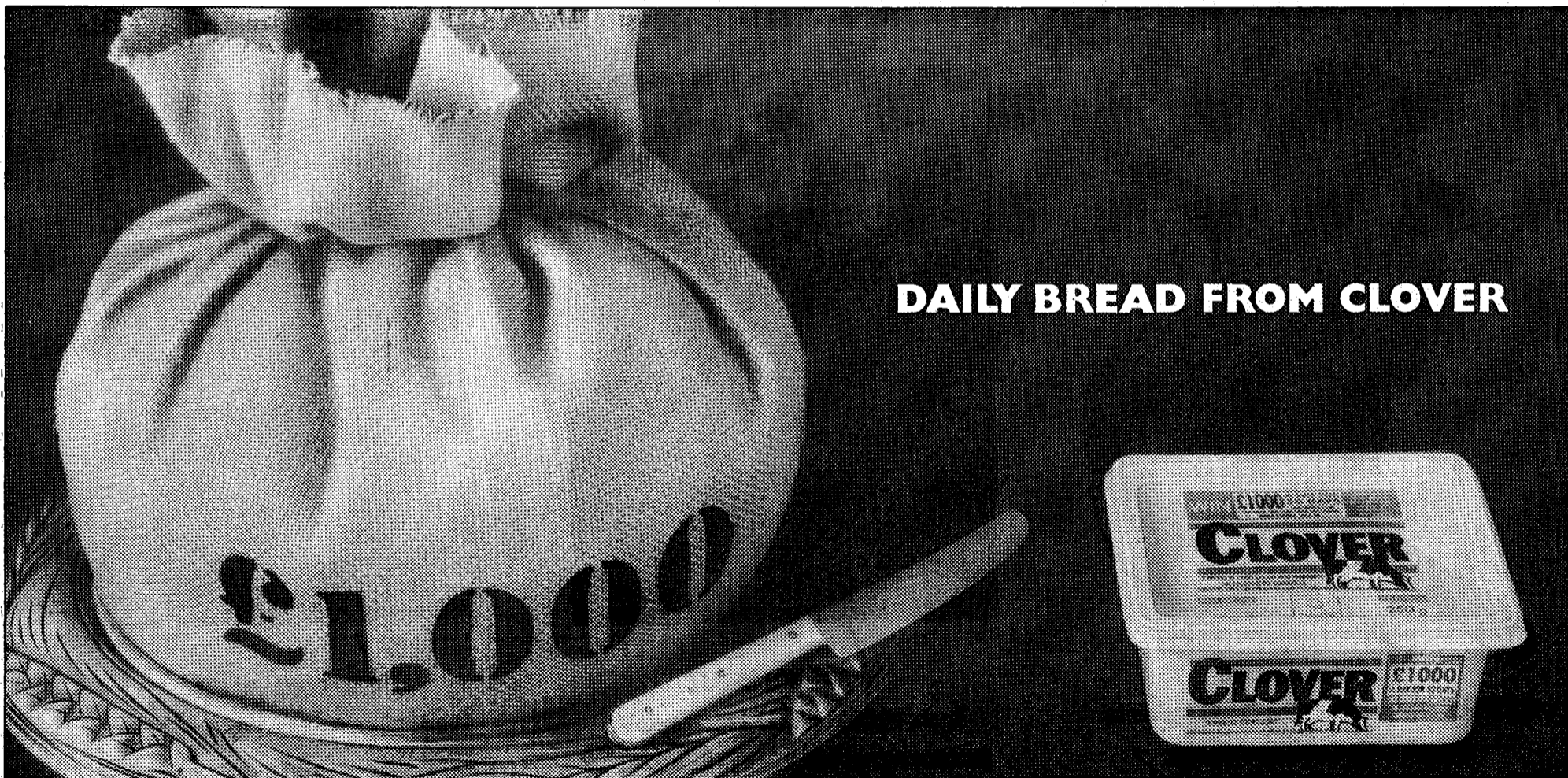
● **A FIVE-DOOR** Volkswagen Golf GL, made in Germany for the U.K. market and in Mexico for the U.S., would cost an American dealer \$5,254 and have a two-year guarantee. But in Britain, the same model has a one-year guarantee and costs £7,624 — a difference of £2,370 or 45 per cent.

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The baroness, speaking to the Society of County Trading Standards Officers at London's Cafe Royale, said the NCC proposed giving more power to consumers.

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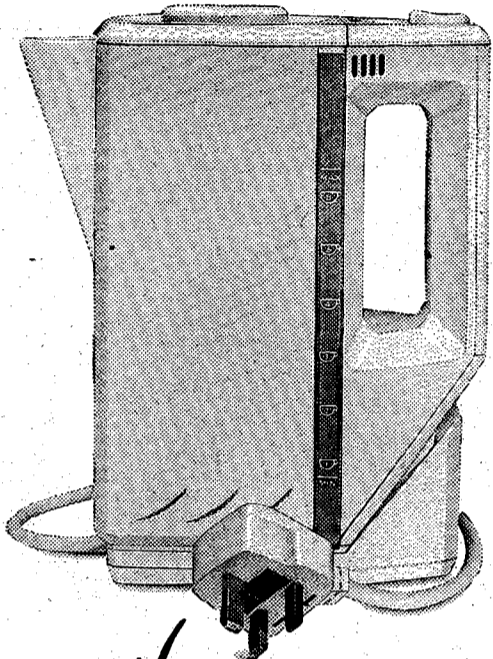
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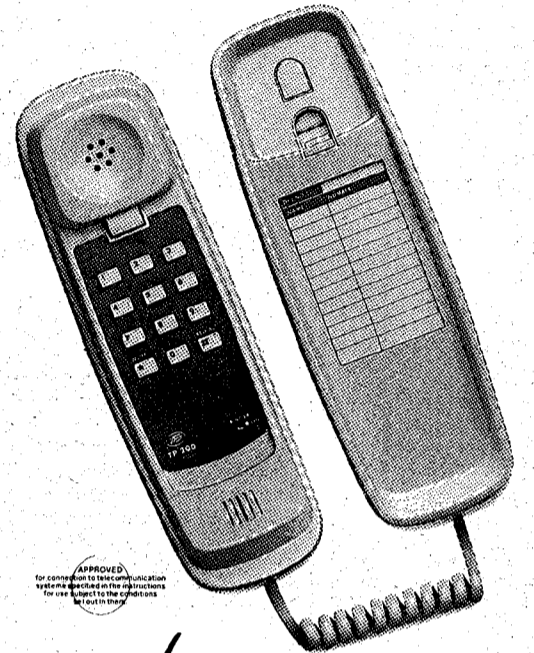
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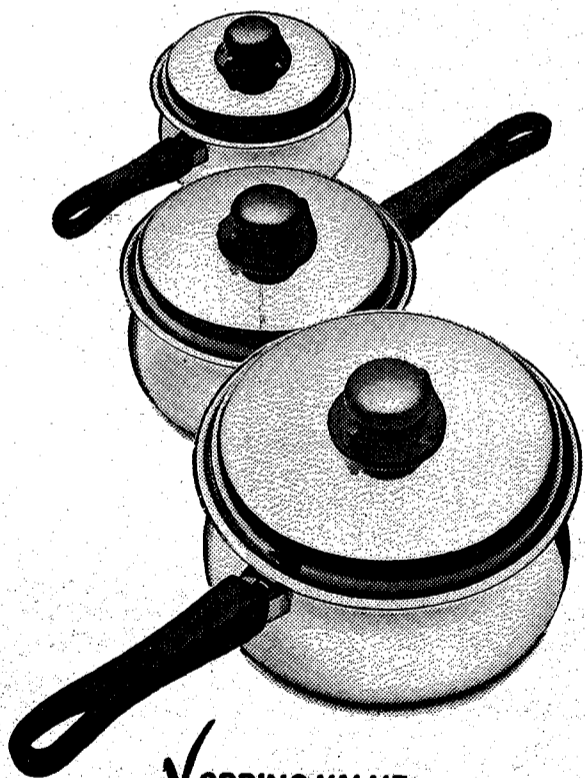
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THE DIARY

Lady Jeanne in a holy row over £1m will

TO THE distress and irritation of her family, Lady Jeanne Campbell, granddaughter of the first and legendary Lord Beaverbrook, is contesting her late mother's will.



Lady Jeanne: Scrubbing

Janet Kidd, the Beaver's only daughter, died last October at the age of 80, leaving an estate valued at around £1 million.

She made no provision, however, for Jeanne, the child from her brief, unhappy union with Ian Campbell, later the 11th Duke of Argyll.

The reasons for this are twofold. The Aitkens are staunch Protestants — the Beaver was a son of the manse — and they were not best pleased when Jeanne, in an act of cathartic penance,

converted to Roman Catholicism.

Jeanne, for her part, was outraged by her mother's autobiography, *The Beaverbrook Girl*, which painted her father as a cruel and unpleasant man who took his young bride to a Parisian brothel on their honeymoon, stole her diamond and emerald tiara to pay his debts, and staged a heartless mock suicide outside Janet's bedroom 48 hours after Jeanne was born.

But what was a private rift in life threatens to

become a public lawsuit in death.

Invoking a clause in the Beaver's will — he died in 1964 — which insisted that Janet should look provide for her children, Jeanne is taking legal action to acquire a share of what she believes to be her birthright.

Her claim is dismissed by one intimate of the family who tells me: "Jeanne was the only grandchild of Lord Beaverbrook to receive anything in his will. She got around \$500,000, a fortune in those days, and Janet felt that she had already received quite enough."

Knees

The religious issue also comes into play. As I exclusively recorded, Jeanne, having given up the excess of her youth, went on her knees to scrub the floor of a convent in Rome. She is now in the United States, working at a seminary in Connecticut where she teaches trainee priests "to orate."

And as the family friend put it: "If she got any more money all she would do is give it to the Catholic Church."

This row, I fear, looks like spilling over into the present generation.

For Jeanne has, I understand, enlisted the assistance of her relation, MP Jonathan Aitken, in this unfortunate dispute. And that has upset her half-brothers, Johnny Kidd and Bill Montagu, cousin of the Earl of Sandwich.

It is indeed a bitter legacy the Beaver left behind him.



● Nothing in this picture is quite what it seems. The magnificent jewels are fakes. And the Marquis of Hertford, while holding a genuine title dating from 1793, is one Britain's great self-publicists as he gamely struggles to keep the the financial wolves from the door of his stately Ragley Hall.

● His latest gimmick is a display of 150 replica jewelled crowns from the £4 million grandly titled Imperial Collection (it seems that the Czar of Russia and the Shah of Iran did not trust their subjects). The collection, started last century by an Irishman, has brightened up Broadlands, Lord Romsey's Hampshire home, for the past two years. They will be at Ragley for the next two. After that they go on show at Windsor. Not, I hasten to add, at the castle — the Queen has jewels enough of her own — but somewhere nearby.

Bid now for Blue Eyes

★ I AM heartened by the response to my offer of a private box for the Frank Sinatra, Liza Minelli, Sammy Davis Jnr sell-out concert at the Albert Hall on Saturday night.

★ As I wrote yesterday, Emperor Events have most generously offered the box, champagne included, which is available to the highest bidder.

★ All the money raised will be donated to the Hillsborough disaster fund. Since then my telephone has been burning and I have several substantial bids on my desk.

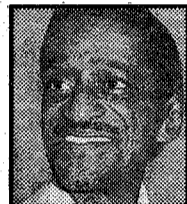
★ If you are want to see these legendary performers at work — and please bear in mind that this in aid of people who really do need our help — then contact me or Jeanette on 01-922-7144.



Sinatra



Minelli



Davis Jnr

Not a gay day

IF, as now seems likely, Danny La Rue's attempt to bring the gay play, *La Cage Aux Folles*, to the provincial stage ends in financial catastrophe, he will only have himself to blame.

The company behind it has gone into liquidation and La Rue, doyenne of British drag artists, stands to lose up to £250,000.

For years his close

friend, the late Jack Hanson, warned him against getting involved in the project.

As Danny admits: "He begged me not even to think about it. He said that I had made myself into a unique personality and added: 'You don't need to do this. Let actors do it instead.'"

But Danny went ahead anyway. With the dire result Hanson predicted.

Close shave at bath time

HAVING survived being savaged by rabid bats, fought off snakes, and despatched an angry crocodile by pumping a volley of bullets into its open mouth, Colonel John Blashford-Snell, the head of Operation Raleigh, has narrowly escaped being eaten by an outraged hippo.

Blashers, 52, had his encounter with the beast on the Zambesi. Said the explorer: "We were just

thinking how marvelous, what a delightful, nice friendly creature when she suddenly charged us flat out at about 30mph with a great gnashing of teeth."

Fear

The world would have been denied the large presence of the colonel had not his African boat driver managed to start the outboard motor at the first attempt.

For the first time in his adventures, Blashers admits feeling something close to fear. "I really thought I was a gonner this time." Of course he only has himself to blame.

How would you like it if you were having a warm bath only to be gawked at by a large pith-helmeted Colonel Blimp? The obvious thing to do was charge.

And Another Thing . . .

★ Orson Welles' genius lay, not in the making of *Citizen Kane*, but in dining out on his cinematic masterpiece for the rest of his life. And his appetite was prodigious; I once encountered him at 4 a.m. at the all-night Fatburger stand in Hollywood, overdosing his way through six huge cholesterol-soaked burgers. Such indulgence appears to be coming something of a Hollywood tradition. For

the other evening who should be following Welles' gargantuan example but Elizabeth Taylor. She at least had the decorum to retreat to the comfort of her chauffeur-driven limousine before putting her snout into the biggest, greasiest hamburgers in America. La Taylor calls it "pigging-out." I can only remark that it is hardly the way to maintain the figure she has made a career of telling us about.

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INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR MICHAEL BALL AS LLOYD WEBBER'S SPECTACULAR MUSICAL, ASPECTS OF LOVE, HEADS ACROSS THE WATER



Leading ladies: Lloyd Webber with Ann Crumb (right) and Kathleen Rowe McAllen

BROADWAY BOUND



So happy: Kevin Colson and wife Ann

Kevin is an overnight success after 30 years!

By DAVID WIGG

ASPECTS of Love was also a triumph for two other leading members of the cast — former Broadway theatre singer Ann Crumb, who plays the central free-spirited Rose, and Kevin Colson, who took over at the last moment from Roger Moore as George Dillingham, an elderly, womanising English painter living in the South of France.

Kevin Colson has had to wait more than 30 years in show business for the kind of praise and accolades he received after his commanding performance on the Prince of Wales stage.

In fact, disillusioned with the absence of theatre work, he quit show business between 1969 and 1985.

Consultant

"We were planning a family and I thought, 'There's not enough security in this business', and so I decided to get out," explained the 6ft 2in tall Sydney-born actor. "I had been led to believe there was more money in the business world."

Kevin became an oil consultant, but when the oil industry was hit by problems in the early 'Seventies, he realised he had to find another direction. He even considered moving back to Australia. But, in 1985, just as he was about to make such a move, he was offered a part in the Sondheim musical, Follies. "I decided to find out whether I could still tread the boards," he recalled.

Proud

Somewhat in keeping with the romantic, distinguished figure he plays in Aspects of Love, Kevin flamboyantly hired an open carriage drawn by two horses to transport his wife Ann and himself through the streets of London to the champagne after-show party for 800 guests at the Palm Court ballroom of the Waldorf Hotel.

Backstage, his two sons, Loren, 16, and Luke, 14, rushed up to him with the words: "Dad, we are proud of you." "That made the night for me — it made everything all worthwhile," smiled Kevin.

Although not at the first night, Roger Moore sent a crate of champagne and a letter wishing the cast every success.

Was it an extra pressure stepping into the shoes of Mr Moore?

"No. Once he left, the part was mine," he said. "I am becoming a little tired of always being called Roger Moore's replacement, but that's the way I got into this marvellous show, and thank you Roger."



Supporting role: Wife Sarah Brightman (left), first wife Sarah Norris, son Nicholas, 9, and daughter Imogen, 12



Prince Edward: "I'm a Really Useful royal... and here's my card to prove it"

TWO curtain calls and a shower of red roses declared Aspects of Love a hit and leading man Michael Ball an international star.

It has also earned composer Andrew Lloyd Webber several more millions to add to his fortune.

For even before the applause had died away the decision was made to open the £2 million musical on Broadway in February. And Ball — a near unknown until now — has been chosen to recreate his role as the passionate, thwarted lover to America.

"I'm in a bit of a daze," Michael said yesterday morning as he sat surrounded by the newspaper reviews. "It was such a wonderful night. We are a hit. You never know if you are going to be a hit. It's the one thing you cannot forecast."

"This is not a traditional Lloyd Webber spectacular, and when you are sailing in uncharted waters you don't know how it's going across. "But everyone's belief in the show has been borne out. We have been vindicated."

Ball, who made his West End debut in the award-winning production of Les

A star is born as all the right notes sound again

By ROSS BENSON

Miserables before moving on to play the romantic Raoul in Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera, has already had a top five hit with the show's theme song, Love Changes Everything. He is now hard at work in the gym, honing his body for the scene in which he strips down to his boxer shorts. "There are still some bits that are wobbling out of tempo with the music," he concedes. "But I intend to do something about it."

There, giving him moral support on this, his big night, were the entire Ball family — his father Tony, mother Ruth, brother and manager Kevin, and his 17-year-old sister Katherine who had touchingly bought a new Emmantel gown especially for the occasion. They were delighted by

Michael's performance. So was Michael. "And now Broadway!" he exclaimed. "It is a dream. I'm thrilled."

So too is Lloyd Webber. The composer with the Midas touch — Evita, Cats, Phantom of the Opera, etcetera. I estimated his earnings at an astonishing £1 million. A day.

Celebrating with one glass of champagne after another with his scarlet-gowned wife, Sarah Brightman, beside him and his former wife, another Sarah, with their two children close by, he said: "I feel it is the one show that will outlast all my others with the exception of Cats."

"That's because 50 per cent of the world loves cats — and fortunately 100 per cent of the world loves love, which is what Aspects is all about."

Aspects is the musical Roger Moore was originally supposed to appear in. But his decision to withdraw has not affected the ticket sales.

Aspects has already taken £5 million in advance bookings, a world record. The role originally planned for Moore has now been filled by Australian-born Kevin Colson.

He has returned to a smash hit — and a case of champagne from the man he replaced. At the after-show party, he was ushered straight in.

Prince Edward wasn't — the man at the door, who did not recognise the most Royal of Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Company's employees, insisted on seeing his invitation before allowing him in.

But Edward did not complain. He is working hard and is well respected by his colleagues, who are much impressed by the way he

has mucked in without Royal pretensions. He calls himself plain Edward Windsor — and it was an invitation in that name that he produced.

Once inside he gave his opinion on Aspects, a musical examination of lust and adultery and the insouciant acceptance of it. Said the Princess Royal's youngest and favourite brother: "It is all about real emotions."

Hollywood

I am sure he is right, although the opening night party was more Hollywood than Hollywood.

The musical contains a lesbian scene which was cut when the Queen saw it.

Searchlights raked the night sky outside the party, and inside there was a lot of "Wonderful, Andrew darling". The Prince loved it.

There was one moment, mind you, when he did rise to his regal status. It came when he was about to start eating his dinner. Suddenly from up behind the buffet table popped the paparazzi.

Edward stopped his fork midway between plate and mouth and declared: "You know the rules — now bugger off."



Smiles all round: Michael Ball and Webber's wife Sarah Brightman

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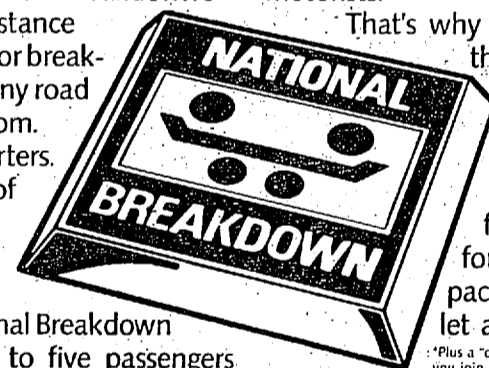
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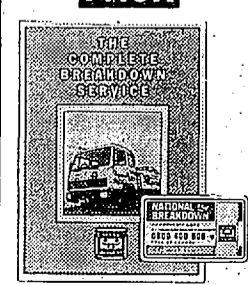
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Television

BBC1



Larry Hagman hears wedding bells once more at 8.10 p.m.

- 6.30 a.m. Flintstones. 6.55 Weather. 7.0 Breakfast Time. 8.55 Local news, weather. 9.0 News, weather. Followed by Open Air. 9.20 Kilroy! 10.0 News, weather. Followed by Dr Kildare. 10.25 Playbus. 10.50 Stoppit and Tidy-up. 10.55 Five to Eleven.
- 11.0 NEWS, WEATHER. Followed by OPEN AIR. Another chance to comment on TV.
- 12.0 NEWS, WEATHER. Followed by WORLD SNOOKER.
- 12.55 p.m. LOCAL NEWS, WEATHER.
- 1.0 NEWS, WEATHER.
- 1.30 NEIGHBOURS. Eileen and Malcolm come to blows under the mistletoe and Scott hijacks Gail on the way to the airport.
- 1.50 THE TRAVEL SHOW GUIDES. Central Florida.
- 2.15 KNOTS LANDING.
- 3.0 NOW GET OUT OF THAT. The two teams from Oxford and Cambridge continue their quest for the electronic device code-named "The Beast".
- 3.30 THE PINK PANTHER SHOW.
- 3.50 CORNERS.
- 4.5 MYSTERIOUS CITIES OF GOLD.
- 4.35 TAKE TWO. 5.0 NEWSROUND.
- 5.5 THE CUCKOO SISTER. Final part of the dramatisation of Vivien Alcock's story. Rosie is becoming more upset at not knowing who she is, and Kate has destroyed the only real proof.
- 5.35 NEIGHBOURS. This lunchtime's episode.
- 6.0 NEWS, WEATHER.
- 6.30 LOCAL NEWS MAGAZINES.
- 7.0 WOGAN.
- 7.40 HERE TO STAY. Robert Kilroy Silk talks to three foreign women about the pros and cons of being married to a Brit — Italian Rosa-Maria Letts, Russian Lara Bushell and Indian Shireen Khan, the latter of whom is still looking for Mr Right.*
- 8.10 DALLAS. Storm clouds gather and lightning flashes — not the most promising of omens for the marriage of JR and Cally.*
- 9.0 CONSERVATIVE PARTY BROADCAST.
- 9.5 NEWS, LOCAL NEWS, WEATHER.
- 9.35 Q.E.D.: KEYHOLE SURGERY. See *Tonight's Choice*.
- 10.5 SPORTSNIGHT. Highlights of tonight's second-leg matches in the European semi-finals. Plus further coverage of the World Professional Snooker Championship in Sheffield and the best of the action from last night's George Wimpey ABA semi-finals in Blackburn.
- 12.10 -12.15. WEATHER.

NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35-8.0 p.m. Inside Ulster. 6.30 p.m. Neighbours. 6.58-7.0 Inside Ulster Update. 7.30-8.0 Here to Stay. 12.10-12.40 a.m. Film 89.

EIRE RTE1: 6.0 The Angelus. 6.1 Six One. 7.0 Two's Company. 7.30 Face Of The Earth. 8.0 The Winds Of War. 9.0 News. 9.30 The Dirtwater Dynasty. 10.25 Bookside. 10.55 Dear John. 11.25 Late News; Nightlight. 11.35 Close. RTE2: 6.0 Jo Maxi. 6.30 Home and Away. 7.0 Nuacht. 7.5 Cursai. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.0 News; Motor Show. 9.0 The Days And Nights Of Molly Dodd. 9.30 News; Murphy's Law. 10.50 Network News. 11.35 Close.

Tonight's choice

CHRONICLE, BBC2, 8.10 p.m. The welcome return of BBC2's celebrated archaeology series to the screen after gathering dust during a four-year exile. In the opening programme, David Drew looks at new studies of thousands of cave paintings across southern Africa which have shed fresh light on the mysteries of Europe's own 10,000-year-old "rock art". Recent work with the Bushmen of the Kalahari and neuro-psychologists in America has revealed an unexpected and totally new interpretation of the meaning of pre-historic cave paintings and the world of trance and medicine men.

THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES, ITV, 9.0 p.m. The start of a run of repeated episodes from this splendidly-mounted series, beginning with *The Dancing Men*. At first glance, the row of little figures drawn in chalk on a garden seat seem to be a childish prank. But they puzzled Mr Hilton Cubitt and terrified his young wife, seemingly having the power to reach across an ocean and threaten a happy marriage. Jeremy Brett, in manic form as the great detec-

tive, quickly senses the figures represent a dance of death...

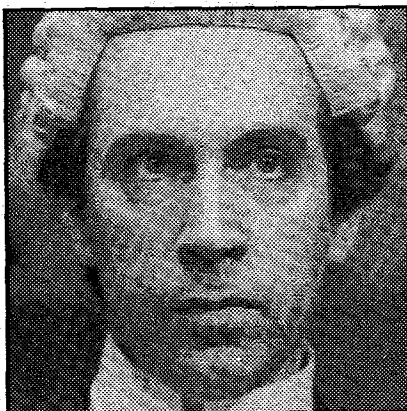
SHADOW OF THE NOOSE, BBC2, 9.25 p.m. This histrionic but entertaining series bows out with notorious murderer Dr Crippen in the dock. Jonathan Hyde as Marshall Hall fully expects to defend him but things don't quite go according to plan. The programme raises the intriguing question of whether Marshall Hall could have saved Crippen from the gallows.

Q.E.D.: KEYHOLE SURGERY, BBC1, 9.35 p.m. Documentary about the astonishing advances being made in the world of micro-surgery, which can now be performed through a tiny incision or even no incision at all. Using a telescope-like instrument called an endoscope, surgeons receive enhanced pictures which enable them to cut, tie and stitch blood vessels by remote control. Some surgeons believe that in a few decades, we will look back on most of today's large-scale operations with total incredulity. But is micro-surgery creating problems of its own?

IAN LYNNESS

BBC2

- 6.55 - 7.20 a.m. OPEN UNIVERSITY.
- 9.45 DAYTIME ON TWO. 9.45 Economics: A Question of Choice. 10.5 You and Me. 10.20 Science Workshop. 10.40 Textile Studies. 11.0 Words and Pictures. 11.15 English Time. 11.35 The Geography Programme. 11.55 A-Level German. 12.15 p.m. Big Top Science. 12.35 Lifeschool. 1.0 Business Matters. 1.25 Charlie Chalk. 1.40 Zig Zag. 2.0 News, weather. Followed by Storytime.
- 2.15 RACING AND SNOOKER. Under starter's orders at Cheltenham at 2.20, 2.50, 3.25 and 4.0. Plus further coverage of the World Professional Snooker Championship in Sheffield, with news and weather at 3.0 and news, weather, local news and weather at 3.45.
- 5.30 GARDENERS' WORLD. A visit to a garden in Silverdale where alpinists are a speciality.
- 6.0 DEF II. Beginning with Buck Rogers in the 25th Century. 6.45 Rapido. A chance to see another compilation from last year's show, with the most irritating presenter on TV in the shape of Antoine de Caunes. 7.20 Rough Guide to Europe. Magenta De Vine and Sankha Guha get the low-down on the Amsterdam you don't find in the guide books.
- 8.10 CHRONICLE. See *Tonight's Choice*.
- 9.0 WORLD SNOOKER. Further coverage from Sheffield.
- 9.25 SHADOW OF THE NOOSE.* See *Tonight's Choice*.
- 10.15 UNCERTAINTIES. Where does the past go? And at what time is there no time?
- 10.25 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST. By the Conservative Party.
- 10.30 NEWSNIGHT.
- 11.15 THE LATE SHOW.
- 12.5 a.m. WEATHER.
- 12.10 - 1.5 OPEN UNIVERSITY.



Jonathan Hyde anticipates a major case on BBC2 at 9.25 p.m.

CHANNEL 4

- 6.0 a.m. THE CHANNEL FOUR DAILY.
- 9.25 SCHOOLS. 9.30 The French Programme. 9.52 Environments. 10.0 Good Health. 10.26 Facts for Life. 10.48 Believe It or Not. 11.5 Middle English. 11.22 Picture Box. 11.41 Craft, Design and Technology.
- 12.0 THE PARLIAMENT PROGRAMME. Up-to-the-minute coverage of both Houses.
- 12.30 p.m. BUSINESS DAILY. Financial news.
- 1.0 THE CUSTOMER CONNECTION: WHO CARES WINS.*
- 1.30 WORKING WORDS*
- 2.0 SESAME STREET.
- 2.30 CHANNEL 4 RACING. They're off at Newmarket at 2.35, 3.5 and 4.10.
- 4.30 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE.
- 5.0 GO FOR IT. Opportunities for children with special needs.*
- 5.30 MISTER ED. Ed enters a newspaper jigsaw puzzle contest and Wilbur ends up winning a prize.
- 6.0 MORK AND MINDY.
- 6.30 WOMEN WORKING.
- 7.0 CHANNEL FOUR NEWS.*
- 7.50 PARTY POLITICAL COMMENT. With a Labour politician. Followed by WEATHER.
- 8.0 BROOKSIDE. Paul is upset by Gordon's attitude.
- 8.30 DISPATCHES. The increase in the number of women being plagued by obscene phone calls.
- 9.15 THE MODERN WORLD: TEN GREAT WRITERS. Joseph Conrad's *The Secret Agent*, with Hywel Bennett and Brian Glover among the cast in dramatised sequences from the book.
- 10.15 THIRTYSOMETHING. Michael anticipates a happy reunion with his father until he discovers the startling reason for his visit.
- 11.25 THE STREET.
- 11.50 FILM: MY CHILDHOOD (1972). The first of Bill Douglas's acclaimed trilogy about his own life, portraying here his deprived childhood in a Welsh mining village.
- 12.45 -1.40 a.m. ZASTROZZI, A ROMANCE.

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Jeremy Brett is alert to danger at 9.0 p.m.

- 6.0 TV-am. 9.25 Keynotes. 9.55 Calendar News, Weather. 10.0 The Time... The Place. 10.40 This Morning. 12.10 p.m. Allsorts.
- 12.30 THE YOUNG DOCTORS.
- 1.0 NEWS, WEATHER.
- 1.20 CALENDAR NEWS, WEATHER.
- 1.30 SOMETHING TO TREASURE. The pleasures of collecting. Followed by CRIMESTOPPERS.
- 2.0 RICHMOND HILL. Warren arrives at Jill's home and is puzzled to discover that she isn't there.
- 3.0 TELL THE TRUTH.
- 3.25 CALENDAR NEWS, WEATHER.
- 3.30 A COUNTRY PRACTICE.
- 4.0 THE MOOMINS.
- 4.05 THE RAGGY DOLLS
- 4.20 EMU-TV.
- 4.45 CHILDRENS WARD.
- 5.10 HOME AND AWAY. Pippa follows Steven up to his room to comfort him.
- 5.40 NEWS, WEATHER.
- 5.55 CALENDAR NEWS, WEATHER.
- 6.30 EMMERDALE FARM. Jack Sugden is seeing too much of his flame, Sarah, for Henry's liking.
- 7.0 BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY. Travel quiz hosted by Sarah Kennedy.*
- 7.30 CORONATION STREET. Derek puts pressure on Mavis to tell Rita she plans to resign, but Mavis herself isn't so sure this move is in her interest.*
- 8.0 SPORTING TRIANGLES. Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards joins Emlyn Hughes, Jimmy Greaves partners Dennis Taylor and Andy Gray teams up with world light-heavyweight boxing champion Dennis Andries.
- 8.30 NO STRINGS. Sam is told by one of his pupils that a man reaches his sexual peak at 19 and he begins to wonder what he has missed. Starring Edward Petherbridge and Jean Marsh.
- 9.0 THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES. See *Tonight's Choice*.*
- 10.0 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST. By the Conservative Party.
- 10.05 NEWS AT TEN, WEATHER.
- 10.35 CALENDAR NEWS, WEATHER.
- 10.40 MAGNUM. With Tom Selleck.
- 11.30 TWILIGHT ZONE.
- 11.50 NEWS HEADLINES. Followed by TV FILM: THE ALIENS ARE COMING (1980). Tom Mason and Melinda Fee star in this sci-fi tale in which a group of highly intelligent aliens land on Earth.
- 1.40 NIGHT GALLERY.
- 2.30 NEWS HEADLINES. Followed by QUIZ NIGHT.
- 3.0 MUSIC BOX.
- 4.0 BOOKS BY MY BEDSIDE.
- 4.30 JOBFINDER.
- 5.0 ITN MORNING NEWS.

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WALES

6.0 C4 Daily. 9.30 Open View. 9.30 Schools. 12.0 Interval. 12.10 Pobl Y Cwm. 12.30 News. 12.35 Ffalabam. 1.0 Parliament. 1.30 Business Daily. 2.0 Broken Silence. 2.30 Racing. 4.30 Fifteen To One. 5.0 Mork and Mindy. 5.30 Lane Ranger. 6.0 News. 6.15 Y Smyrffs. 6.40 Pobl Y Cwm. 7.0 Mill O Alwadau. 7.30 Stumau. 8.0 Hed Straeon. 8.30 News. 8.55 Ffermia. 9.25 Snooker. 10.5 Film: Mother Jugs and Speed. 11.50 My Childhood. 12.45-1.00 Zastrozzi, A Romance.

CENTRAL

- 6.0 TV-am. 9.25 Keynotes. 9.55 Central News. 10.0 The Time... The Place... 10.40 This Morning. 12.10 Allsorts. 12.30 Gardening Time. 1.0 News. 1.20 Central News. 1.30 Something To Treasure. 2.0 Richmond Hill. 3.0 Tell The Truth. 3.25 Central News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.0 The Moomins. 4.05 The Raggy Dolls. 4.20 EMU-TV. 4.40 Children's Ward. 5.10 Hitman. 5.40 News. 6.0 Central News. 6.35 Home and Away. 7.0 Busman's Holiday. 7.30 Coronation Street. Derek puts pressure on Mavis to tell Rita she plans to resign, but Mavis herself isn't sure that the move is in her interest. 8.0 Sporting Triangles. 8.30 No Strings. 9.0 The Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes. 10.0 Conservative Party Broadcast. 10.5 News at Ten. 10.40 Film: The Last Ninja. 12.25 Donahue. 1.25 Short Story Theatre. 2.15 America's Top Ten. 2.45 WWF Wrestling Challenge. 3.40 The Hit Man And Her. 4.40 Central Jobfinder '89. 5.0 News.

BORDER

- 6.0 TV-am. 9.25 Keynotes. 9.55 Border News. 10.0 The Time... The Place... 10.40 This Morning. 12.10 Allsorts. 12.30 England. Their England. 1.0 News. 1.20 Border News. 1.30 Something To Treasure. 2.0 Richmond Hill. 3.0 Tell The Truth. 3.25 Border News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.0 The Moomins. 4.5 The Raggy Dolls. 4.20 EMU-TV. 4.40 Children's Ward. 5.10 Home And Away. 5.40 News. 6.0 Lookaround Wednesday. 6.30 Emmerdale Farm. 7.0 Busman's Holiday. Travel quiz, hosted by Sarah Kennedy. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.0 Sporting Triangles. 8.30 No Strings. 9.0 The Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes. 10.0 Party Political Broadcast. 10.5 News At Ten. 10.35 Border News. 10.40 Film: Innocent Bystanders. 11.50 Heat Of The City. 12.50 Donahue. 1.45 Quiz Night. 2.15 The Twilight Zone. 2.35 The Good Life Guide. 3.5 Night Beat. 4.05 60 Minutes. 5.0 News.

ULSTER

- 6.0 TV-am. 9.25 Keynotes. 9.55 Ulster News. 10.0 The Time... The Place... 10.40 This Morning. 12.10 Allsorts. 12.30 The Young Doctors. 1.0 News. 1.20 Ulster News. 1.30 Something To Treasure. 2.0 Richmond Hill. 3.0 Tell The Truth. 3.25 Ulster News. 3.30 Sons And Daughters. 4.0 The Moomins. 4.5 The Raggy Dolls. 4.20 EMU-TV. 4.40 Children's Ward. 5.10 Home And Away. 5.40 News. 6.0 Six Tonight. 6.30 Emmerdale Farm. 7.0 Busman's Holiday. 7.30 Coronation Street. Derek puts pressure on Mavis to tell Rita she plans to resign. 8.0 Sporting Triangles. 8.30 No Strings. 9.0 The Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes. 10.0 Party Political Broadcast. 10.5 News at Ten. 10.30 Ulster News. 10.40 Film: North Star. 11.50 The Forum Presents. 12.50 Donahue. 1.45 Quiz Night. 2.15 The Twilight Zone. 2.35 The Good Life Guide. 3.5 Night Beat. 4.5 60 Minutes. 5.0 News.

HTV

- 6.0 TV-am. 9.25 Keynotes. 9.55 HTV News. 10.0 The Time... The Place... 10.40 This Morning. 12.10 Allsorts. 12.30 Gardening Time. 1.0 News. 1.20 HTV News. 1.30 Something to Treasure. 2.0 Richmond Hill. 3.0 Tell the Truth. 3.25 HTV News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.0 The Moomins. 4.5 The Raggy Dolls. 4.20 EMU-TV. 4.40 Children's Ward. 5.10 Home And Away. 5.40 News. 5.55 HTV News. 6.30 Emmerdale Farm. 7.0 Busman's Holiday. 7.30 Coronation Street. Derek puts pressure on Mavis to tell Rita she plans to resign. 8.0 Sporting Triangles. 8.30 No Strings. 9.0 The Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes. 10.0 Conservative Party Broadcast. 10.5 News at Ten. 10.35 HTV News. 10.40 Film: The Duchess Of York. An Alpine Assignment. 11.15 Legwork. 12.10 Donahue. 1.5 Film: The Stunt Man. 3.25 The Silk Road. 4.20 America's Top 10. 4.50 Jobfinder. 5.0 News.

GRANADA

- 6.0 TV-AM. 9.25 Keynotes. 9.55 Granada Reports. 10.0 The Time... The Place. 10.40 This Morning. 12.10 Allsorts. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.0 News. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 Something to Treasure. 2.0 Richmond Hill. 2.55 Granada Reports. 3.0 Tell The Truth. 3.25 Granada Reports. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.0 The Moomins. 4.5 The Raggy Dolls. 4.20 E.M.U.-TV. 4.40 Children's Ward. 5.10 Home and Away. 5.40 News. 5.55 Granada Reports. 6.30 Emmerdale Farm. 7.0 Busman's Holiday. 7.30 Coronation Street. Derek puts pressure on Mavis over her resignation plans. 8.0 Sporting Triangles. 8.30 No Strings. 9.0 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. 10.0 Party Political Broadcast. 10.5 News at Ten. 10.35 Granada Reports. 10.40 TV Film: North Star. 11.50 Airwolf. Hawke comes to the aid of an old war buddy whose family and friends are being victimised by a former Vietnamese warlord. 12.50 Donahue. 1.45 Quiz Night. 2.15 The Twilight Zone. 2.35 The Good Life Guide. 3.5 Night Beat. The Concert. 4.5 60 Minutes. 5.0 News.

TYNE TEES

- 6.0 TV-AM. 9.25 Keynotes. 9.55 Regional News. 10.0 The Time... The Place. 10.40 This Morning. 12.10 Allsorts. 12.30 Gardening Time. 1.0 News. 1.20 Regional News. 1.25 Where the Jobs Are. 1.30 Something to Treasure. 2.0 Richmond Hill. 3.0 Tell The Truth. 3.25 Regional News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.0 The Moomins. 4.5 The Raggy Dolls. 4.20 E.M.U.-TV. 4.40 Children's Ward. 5.10 Home and Away. 5.40 News. 5.55 Northern Life. 6.30 Emmerdale Farm. 7.0 Busman's Holiday. 7.30 Coronation Street. Derek puts pressure on Mavis to tell Rita she plans to resign but Mavis isn't so sure the move is in her interest. 8.0 Sporting Triangles. 8.30 No Strings. 9.0 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. 10.0 Party Political Broadcast. 10.5 News at Ten. 10.35 Regional News. 10.40 Film: North Star. 11.50 Forum Presents. 12.50 Donahue. 1.40 News Headlines. 1.45 Quiz Night. 2.15 The Twilight Zone. 2.30 News Headlines. 2.35 The Good Life Guide. 3.5 The Concert. 4.5 News Headlines. 4.7-6.0 Minutes. 5.0 News.

Television

SKY



Liza Minnelli is running wild in *Lucky Lady*, 6.0 p.m.

SKY CHANNEL

5.30 a.m. EUROPEAN BUSINESS CHANNEL.
6.0 THE DJ KAT SHOW.
8.30 PANEL POT POURRI.
10.0 THE SULLIVANS.
10.30 SKY BY DAY.
11.30 CLAIRE RAYNER.
12.0 p.m. ANOTHER WORLD.
1.0 GENERAL HOSPITAL.
2.0 AS THE WORLD TURNS.
3.0 LOVING.
3.30 FAMILY AFFAIR.
4.0 COUNTDOWN.
5.0 THE YOUNG DOCTORS.
5.30 THREE'S COMPANY.
6.0 SKY STAR SEARCH.
7.0 SALE OF THE CENTURY.
7.30 HEY DAD.
8.0 MR BELVEDERE.
8.30 THE CHISHOLMS.
10.30 JAMESON TONIGHT.
11.30 THE INSIDERS.
12.30- 5.30 a.m. LANDSCAPE.

SKY MOVIES

4.0 TRAP ON COUGAR MOUNTAIN. A beautiful family movie which tells of the love of a boy for his pet cougar. Filmed in the rugged scenery of the Utah mountains in the US, the story follows 12-year-old Erik Thompson and his willingness to risk his life to protect his pet. Stars Erik Larsen, Keith Larsen and Karen Steele.

6.0 LUCKY LADY (1975). Star trio are amateur rum-runners during the Thirties whose wild antics extend after business hours. Starring Gene Hackman, Liza Minnelli, Burt Lancaster.

8.0 TORN ALLEGIANCE (1983). A heart-rending story of a civil war in South Africa. Twenty years ago, a young English girl married a Boer and came to live in his rugged country. In four agonising days, her home is blown up, her daughter drawn to both an English officer and Boer commando, and her son is wounded in a skirmish with soldiers commanded by her brother. Starring Shelagh Holliday, Jonathan Morris, Trevyn McDowell, Marius Weyers.

10.0 DILLINGER (1973). Following the life of Dillinger and his gang who enliven newspaper headlines with their bank-robbing careers. FBI agent Purvis is assigned to track down Dillinger and bring him to justice. Starring Warren Oates, Ben Johnson, Richard Dreyfuss.

11.40 THE ENTITY (1983). Based on a true story, this spine-tingling chiller concerns Carla Moran, a mother of three children, whose world is turned into turmoil by the intrusion of a violent, unseen force. Starring Barbara Hershey.

SKY NEWS

6.0 a.m. News. 6.30 European Business Channel. 7.0 News. 9.30 Morning Magazine. 11.0 News. 11.30 Our World. 12.0 p.m. News. 12.30 NBC Today. 1.0 News. 1.30 NBC Today. 2.0 News. 2.30 Beyond 2000. 3.0 News. 3.30 Good Health. 4.0 News. 4.30 Our World. 5.0 News. 5.30 Beyond 2000. 6.0 News. 6.30 Wild West End. 7.0 News. 7.30 The Reporters. 8.0 News. 8.30 The Frank Bough Interview. 9.0 News. 9.30 Newsline. 10.0 News. 10.30 The Reporters. 11.0 News. 11.30 NBC Nightly News. 12.0 a.m. News. 12.30 Wild West End. 1.0 News. 1.30 Newsline. 2.0 News. 2.30 The Frank Bough Interview. 3.0 News. 3.30 The Reporters. 4.0 News. 4.30 Beyond 2000. 5.0 News. 5.30 Entertainment Tonight.

EUROSPORT

10.30 a.m. Eurosport: What a Week! 11.30 Athletics. 12.30 p.m. Curling. 2.30 Ice Hockey. 4.30 Preview of Eurosport Programmes. 6.0 Mazda's Eye on Sport. 7.0 Tennis. 9.0 Football. 11.30-12.0 a.m. Ice Hockey.

MTV

7.0 a.m. VJ Kristiane Backer. 10.0 The Steve Blame Show. 10.30 MTV. 12.0 p.m. Remote Control. 12.30 XPO. 1.30 MTV. 3.30 VJ Marcel Vanthilt. 4.45 Rock Block. 5.0-3 From 1 At 5. 5.15 VJ Maiken Wexo. 6.30 Club MTV. 7.0 MTV at the Movies. 7.30 Remote Control. 8.0 US Top 20. 10.0 MTV Spotlight. 11.0 MTV at the Movies. 11.30 VJ Marcel Vanthilt. 12.0 a.m. Your Scene: Yo! 12.30 Your Scene: Funk Mix. 1.0 Club MTV. 1.30 Night Videos.

THE central character in the BBC's *Play on One* last night was charged with a frenzied chisel attack on a complete stranger.

The victim was stabbed 17 times and came within two minutes of dying.

And yet the alleged assailant was allowed home on bail.

This, surely, was an utterly daft state of affairs. Which was a shame.

For it spoiled an often well-written and extremely well-acted play.

A *Master of Marionettes*, by Guy Herbert, concerns a supremely successful security-system salesman, Teddy Rose. His luxury suburban house is an impenetrable fortress protected by his company's finest equipment.

Rose, played with splendid conviction by Kenneth Cranham, says: "I'm safe because I've built a castle

Murder tale with some fatal flaws



LAST NIGHT'S VIEW

By PETER TORY

— and around my castle I've built a moat."

He is man who believes in a mission. He drives 30,000 miles a year selling his concept to prosperous but frightened home-owners.

However, he is soon to discover that electronic gadgetry and the comfort of his flourishing career are no protection against

the dangers which lurk just down the leafy road from his front door.

Neighbours, hearing a scream, rush out to find Rose kneeling over a profusely bleeding figure. In his hand is a chisel.

Rose, who is shouting for an ambulance, subsequently claims that he stumbled across the victim and had drawn the

weapon out of the man's stomach.

His explanation is accepted and he is treated as a local hero for saving the chap's life.

And here's where the rot sets in. Both for Rose and the credibility of the play.

For the copper on the case, Detective Inspector Tennyson, portrayed with agreeable, enigmatic charm by Kenneth Colley, starts to unearth all kinds of nasty evidence which points convincingly to Rose's guilt.

The murder weapon came from his own

garage, the now-recovered victim identifies him as the assailant, Rose is found to have a hidden and criminal past and so on.

It is even the carefully-constructed theory of detective Tennyson that Rose — who he discovers hated his father — is a nutcase capable of terrible violence.

At this point, Rose is released on bail.

His life, however, is destroyed. His job, his friendships and his wife, Maggie (Carol Drinkwater), are all gone.

And guess what? In the end another man confesses to the crime.

One had sensed this coming, of course.

However, there was much that was good in this production, both in the acting and in the writing of Guy Hibbert.

I enjoyed it, despite its flaws.

RADIO

ONE 5.0 Adrian John. 6.30 Bruno Brookes. 9.30 Simon Bates. 12.30 Newsbeat. 12.45 Gary Davies. 3.0 Steve Wright. 5.30 Newsbeat. 5.45 Mark Goodier. 7.30 Walters' Weekly. 8.30 John Peel. 10.0 Nicky Campbell. 12.0-2.0 Richard Skinner.

TWO 4.0 Bill Rennells. 5.30 Chris Stuart. 7.30 Derek Jameson. 9.30 Ken Bruce. 11.0 Jimmy Young. 1.5 David Jacobs. 2.0 Gloria Hunniford. 3.30 Adrian Love. 5.5 John Dunn. 7.0 Jim Lloyd. 8.30 Acoustic Roots. 9.0 Listen to the Band. 10.0 Radio Fun. 10.30 Hubert Gregg. 11.0 Brian Matthew. 1.0 Alex Lester. 3.0-4.0 A Little Night Music.

THREE 6.35 Open University (FM Only). 6.55 Weather. News. 7.0 Morning Concert. 8.30 News. 8.35 Composers of the Week: Bach at Cothen. 9.35 Bax. 10.20 The Romantic Clarinet. 11.0 Midweek Choice. 1.0 News. 1.5 Concert Hall. 2.0 Record Review. 3.10 Vintage Years. 4.0 Choral Evensong. 4.55 Dutch Chamber Music. 5.30 Mainly for Pleasure. 7.0 News. 7.5 Third Ear. 7.30 Mahler. 8.35 Letter from Warsaw. 8.55 The House of Spirits. 10.50 The Devil's Own Row with an Elephant. 11.0 Composers of the Week. 12.0-12.5 News.

FOUR 5.55 Shipping. 6.0 News. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day. 6.30 Today. 8.57 Weather. 9.0 News. 9.5 Midweek. 10.0 News; Gardeners' Question Time. 10.30 Morning Story. 10.45 Daily Service. 11.0 News; The Wednesday Feature. 11.47 Just Three Wishes. 12.0 News; You and Yours. 12.25 The Year in Question. 12.55 Weather. 1.0 World at One. 1.40 Archers. 1.55 Shipping. 2.0 News; Woman's Hour. 3.0 News; The Lodestone. 3.47 Rich Pickings. 4.0 News. 4.5 The Thatcher Decade. 4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra. 5.0 PM. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather. 6.0 News. 6.30 Brain of Britain 1989. 7.0 News. 7.5 The Archers. 7.20 In Business. 7.45 Lenin of the Rovers. 8.15 Medicine Now. 8.45 Punters. 9.25 Radio 4 Generation. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime. 10.30 The World Tonight 11.15 Financial World Tonight 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.0-12.30 News. 12.33 Shipping.

RADIO WALES

4.0 As Radio 2. 6.25 Maldwyn Pope. 7.0 Weekday Wales. 8.33 Roy Noble. 10.30 Streetlife. 12.30 Meet for Lunch. 1.45 Hywel Gwynfryn. 3.15 Ian Skidmore. 4.0 Four-Five-Six. 6.0 As Radio 4. 6.30 Landmark. 7.0 Radio Wales News. 7.5 As Radio 4. 9.45 Catchphrase 1. 9.50 Catchphrase 2. 9.55 Radio 2 Sportsdesk. 10.0 Radio Wales News. 10.2-4.0 As Radio 2.

RADIO ULSTER

4.0 As Radio 2. 6.30 Daybreak. 6.40 Farm Gate. 6.55 Thought for the Day. 7.0 Good Morning Ulster. 8.35 Sportsdesk. 8.40 Morning Extra. 9.30 The Gerry Anderson Show. 10.30 John Bennett. 12.3 Talk Back. 1.0 Newsbreak. 1.30 Business News. 1.35 George Jones. 2.30 Walter Love. 4.2 Is Anybody There? 4.30 Break Out. 5.0 PM Ulster. 5.30 Business Today. 5.35 Today's Sport. 5.40 78 Revs Per Minute. 5.55 Radio Ulster News. 6.0 As Radio 4. 6.30 Farm Gate. 6.45 Rud Eile. 7.0 As Radio 2. 9.45 The Bottom Line. 11.0 Eleven Tonight. 11.5-4.0 As Radio 2.

RADIO LUXEMBOURG

7.0 Tony James. 9.0 Peter Antony. 10.0 Radio Lucozade with Me Mark Page. 12.0 Jodie Scott.

LBC

5.0 Morning Music. 5.30 Dawn Traders. 6.0 AM. 10.0 Brian Hayes. 12.0 Steve Jones. 2.0 Anne Hooper. 3.0 Pete Murray. 5.0 Update. 7.0 The Night is Young. 9.0 On the Jazz Beat. 10.0 Robbie Vincent. 1.0 Through the Night. 4.0 Time Off.

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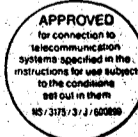
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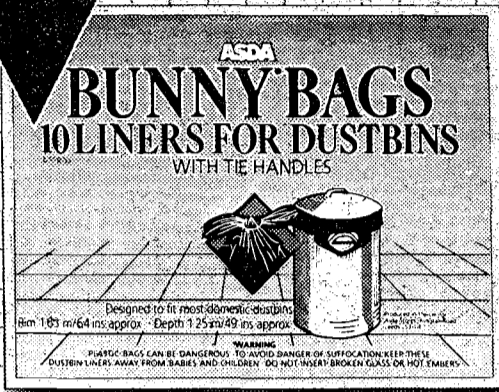
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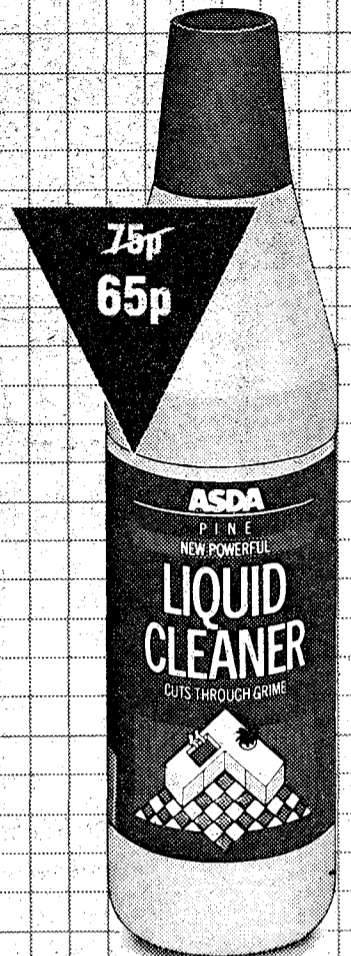
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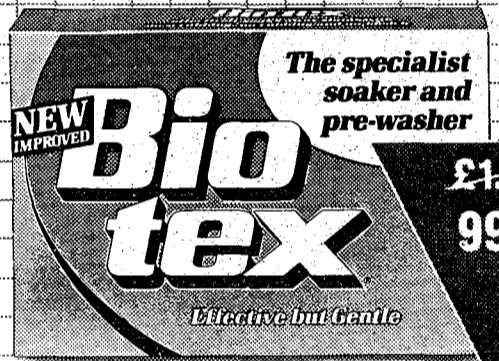


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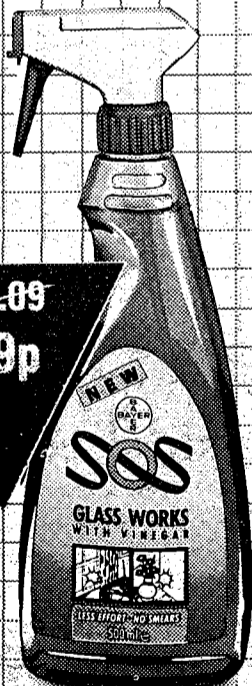
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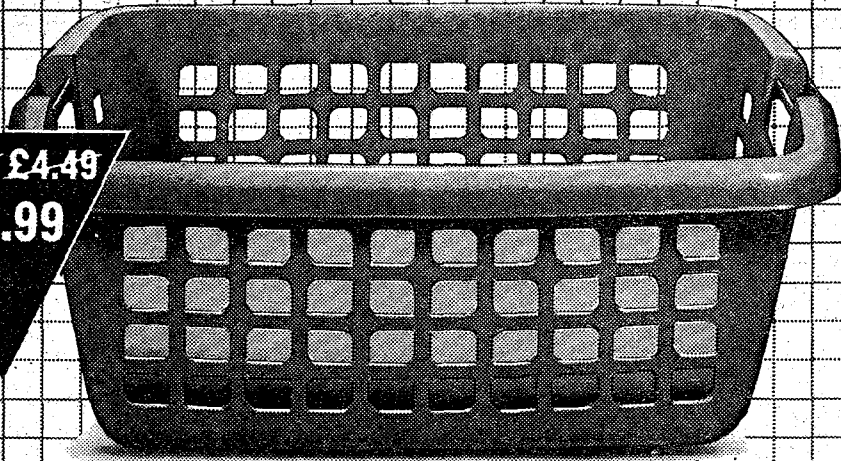
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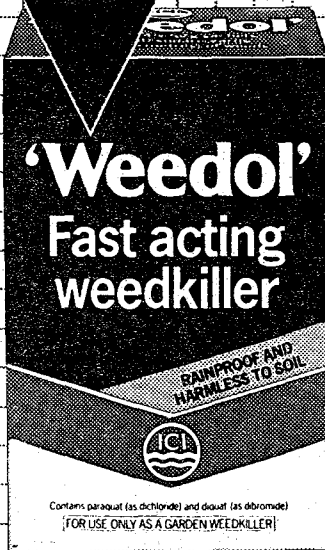
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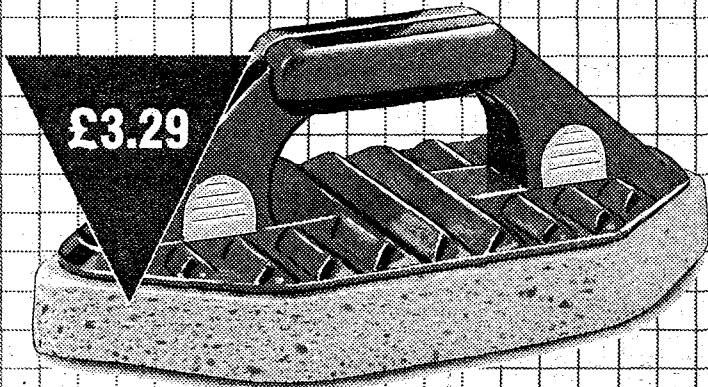
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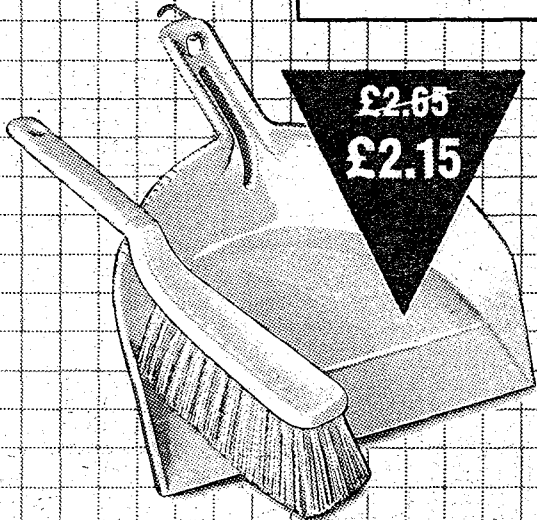
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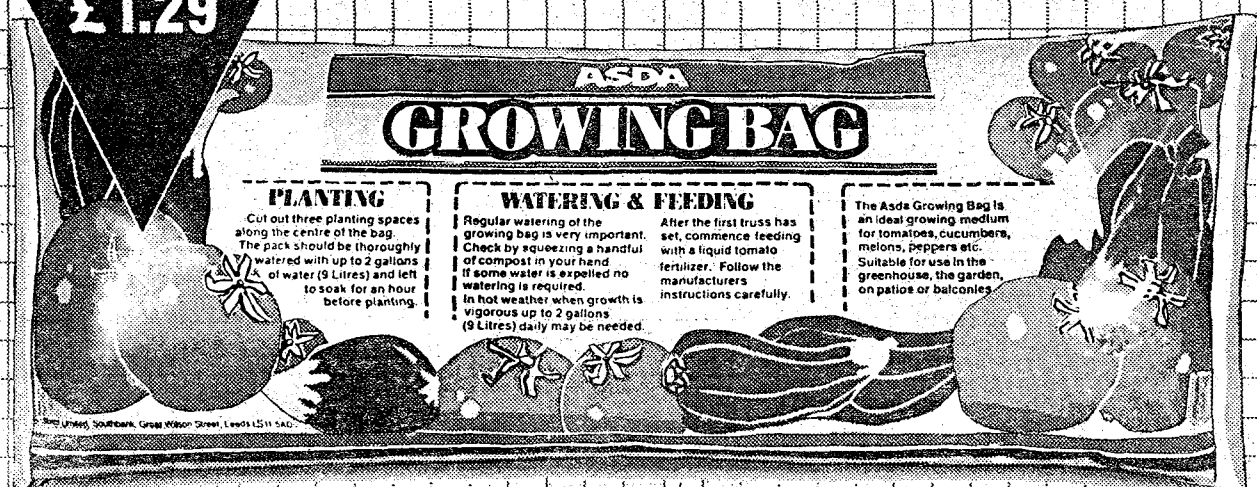
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IF IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY TODAY: In the year ahead you will have to dig your heels in to defend your financial rights. But you need to steer a middle way so as not to arouse too much opposition. Home life will support you when career matters put pressure on you. Inner peace is more important than outer glory.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20) Starcall: 0898 300 444. A day when some subtle strategy and soft words will win you more friends and influence more bank managers than throwing tantrums and demanding your own way. But tolerance may be difficult to find. Just try to tone down the force of your words. Accept that the situation at work is tricky.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 20) Starcall: 0898 300 445. You are never at your best when faced with the intransigence and obstinacy of partners. Now you really must try to avoid getting yourself into a mood where you feel you must have the last word, or humiliation will result. Arguments are almost inevitable in this rapidly changing period.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21) Starcall: 0898 300 334. So many hidden aspects of your life are creating tensions and causing the odd flare-up at work that you will find it difficult not to snap. But then what will you gain? Not much apart from even more resistance to your plans. Find ways of relaxing when you can and be discreet around work.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Starcall: 0898 300 335. Friends, lovers, team mates or children are liable to be getting the full brunt of your vehement opinions. But stating the bald, honest truth as you see it may not be altogether wise, considering how much your emotions are tied up in the outcome of the discussions.

LEO (July 24 - August 23) Starcall: 0898 300 336. Remember that life is not going to be altogether calm either at home or at work until the first week in May. So if you can duck an all-out confrontation now, it would perhaps be wise. Life will be sticky enough without creating a tense, sour, hostile atmosphere from the outset.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23) Starcall: 0898 300 337. If you can just keep your head up, stick to your grand plans for the future and remember to keep your confidence high, then all will be well. But if you let yourself sink into the glooms, become obsessed with details, or look on the black side of things, then disagreements will almost certainly result.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 22) Starcall: 0898 300 338. Money is not one of your happier subjects at present, nor indeed is your deeply intimate emotional life. But forcing the pace or assuming you have absolute control will not ease matters. Perhaps you would be best to look at your rather compulsive need to be in charge.

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 22) Starcall: 0898 300 340. No matter how much you are determined to open up channels of communication, you are still finding it difficult to let your defences down enough to really allow partners a glimpse of your vulnerabilities. You are in a real do-or-die mood where a climbdown is unthinkable.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 22) Starcall: 0898 300 341. Muttering curses behind your hand — or indeed through gritted teeth — will become a recurring phenomenon over the next two or three weeks, so try to release as much inner tension as you can. Also give yourself more space away from people — you become over-sensitive to their moods.

CAPRICORN (December 23 - January 20) Starcall: 0898 300 342. One particular friend or influential colleague seems to be causing you a fair amount of aggravation now. But since you are going to have to tread warily until at least 5 May, if not longer, you had best smooth over any ruffled feathers now, or future plans may spoil.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19) Starcall: 0898 300 343. Whatever you say now is liable to be forceful, perhaps a touch bitter, and definitely uncompromising. Whether they are deeply emotional matters at stake or career situations which must be faced head on, you would do best to temper your words with some discretion.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20) Starcall: 0898 300 443. Travel plans are undoubtedly not going as you would like. Your tendency to fidget restlessly has met with a major block. But you have little option other than to plod on with or without the agreement of those around you. Pluto in Scorpio has a tendency to make you far too self-righteous.

YOUR SOCIAL LIFELINE

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Letters

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The testimony of Hillsborough

IT IS annoying to hear the police blamed again for a tragic situation they did not cause.

It was not the police who were trying to storm their way into Hillsborough without a ticket or with a forged one. It was not the police who arranged and organised the event. It was not the police who blew the whistle to start the game at precisely 3pm.

The authorities only had to broadcast an announcement to the fans outside that the start was being delayed by 30 minutes to allow everyone to get in to see the game, and the pressure would have been taken off and lives saved.

Jack Stevens, Alveston, Warwickshire.

NO-ONE will dispute the horror of the disaster but I am incensed by the way the police are once again being used as the scapegoats.

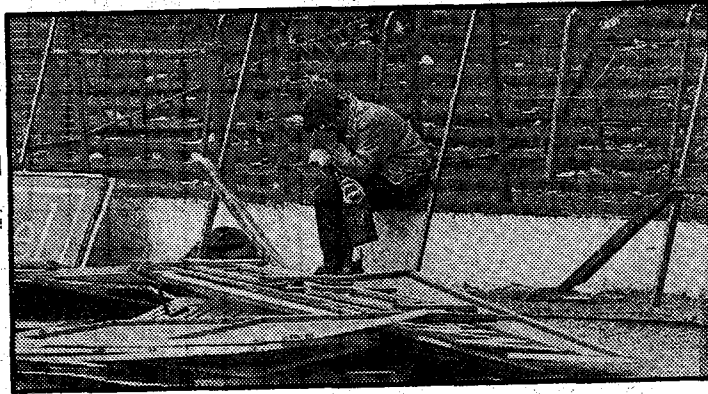
Every single fan at that match without a ticket must accept that their actions played a contributory part in the death of those who died.

Knowing it was an all-ticket match, those without tickets achieved what they wanted — to storm the gates and force an entry. I hope that they can live with this on their conscience for the rest of their lives.

Mrs Joan Armitage, Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

WHEN I heard about the disaster, I remembered the innocent fans who died in the Heysel Stadium tragedy, also through no fault of their own.

We are so ready to blame the police and football officials for



Hillsborough horror... and one fan's anguish

SURELY the greatest tribute to the tragic Liverpool fans would be for a new, non-violent beginning for football matches. The abandoned game should be replayed with no herding or segregation to foster the new-found comradeship of opposing football clubs.

Mrs J. M. Morgan, Bristol.

everything, but let us not forget that if the Liverpool fans had been behaving themselves in the proper way as human beings, and not stampeding like cattle into an already full stadium, their comrades would be alive now.

The only people to blame are the mindless louts who tried to gatecrash without tickets with a blatant disregard for other human beings.

Jane D. Weston, Falmouth, Cornwall.

IN the late 1920s, I was at Chelsea Football ground in an 84,000 crowd. The police controlled the army of fans in the surrounding streets, in

orderly fashion and inside the ground the Chelsea stewards regulated the position of the fans so that everyone was in a safe position.

The lack of efficiency in all walks of life in this day and age causes untold misery.

E. J. Hunt, North Cheam, Surrey.

MUCH has been written already and much more will be written in the future regarding the tragedy.

It was not so much the obvious which sticks in my mind, but what I saw on television, of those young fans with their advertising boards carrying the wounded across the pitch.

I particularly noted one party

of about 12 lads trotting along with their precious cargo.

One could imagine their pride because they had done their bit whilst others who should have known better stood and watched.

I am not a football fan, but I was proud of those lads and I feel that in the trauma of the day, someone should thank them.

Perhaps their enthusiasm didn't save any lives, but I commend their behaviour to the hooligan element of football who may realise that out of tragedy may come light.

Alex Bills, Grimsby, South Humberside.

WE were absolutely disgusted with the pictures you printed on the front page of the Express on April 17 of the lady screaming for help and people being crushed against the barriers.

It must have been terrible for their families and friends.

Laura and Lucy Over (aged 10 & 8), Winchmore Hill, London.

I WOULD like to thank the Express for the coverage of the tragic events. It was comprehensive and very painful to read, but there is no doubt of one thing — the humanity and depth of feeling which your writers so effectively conveyed. Many thanks.

James Morgan, Neath, West Glamorgan.

WHEN is everyone going to speak the truth about the disaster?

The rest of the country is sick of the disgrace Liverpool has brought on this country. Their fans are marauding hooligans and they and their club should be charged with mass murder of their own people.

They expressly went to that match with the idea of bursting in whether they had tickets or not and it should never be allowed to happen again.

Mrs Linda Roberts, St. Johns, Worcester.

THE blame lies with the selfish behaviour of those who surged into the grounds without tickets. The police also contributed to the disaster by opening the gates.

Mrs Josephine Bridgland, Gorleston-on-Sea, Norfolk.

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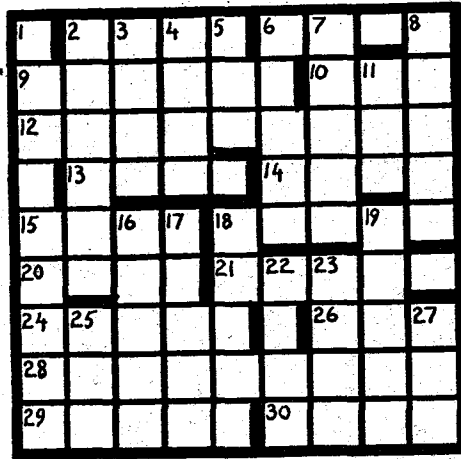
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SMALL CROSSWORD

- ACROSS:**
- 2 Oil-producing area (4)
 - 6 Wooden shoe (4)
 - 9 Radio antenna (6)
 - 10 Go astray (3)
 - 12 Gee up a dog (anag.) (9)
 - 13 Hindu teacher (4)
 - 14 Identical (4)
 - 15 Very thin piece of metal (4)
 - 18 A criminal (5)
 - 20 Girl's name (4)
 - 21 Stop mission before end (5)
 - 24 Top room (5)
 - 26 Equality (3)
 - 28 Say again (9)
 - 29 Sailing boat (5)
 - 30 Lost blood (4)
- DOWN:**
- 1 Small blood vessel (9)
 - 2 Child's horse (3-3)
 - 3 Language in Pakistan (4)
 - 4 Dishonest person (4)

- 5 Cigarette (3)
- 6 To shut (5)
- 7 Lawful (5)
- 8 Putting surface (5)
- 11 King of liquor (3)
- 16 A caper (5)
- 17 Trust, belief (5)
- 18 Aspect of problem (5)
- 19 Make a speech (5)
- 22 Wounding remark (4)
- 23 Precious stone (4)
- 25 Hot drink (3)
- 27 Communist (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION:
 ACROSS: 1 Elze, 5 Celts, 10 Pitchfork, 11 Avar, 12 Otto, 13 Revolution, 14 Brewed, 17 Opt, 18 Order, 19 Anti, 20 Isolating, 23 Lard, 24 Fetch, 25 Aves, 26 Asset
 DOWN: 2 Liver, 3 Stevadore, 4 Ecu, 5 Cholera, 6 Effs, 7 Lotion, 8 Troop, 9 Skin-tight, 10 Farboil, 15 Weids, 16 Dates, 21 Saw, 22 Its



Rupert and the Golden Acorn — 15

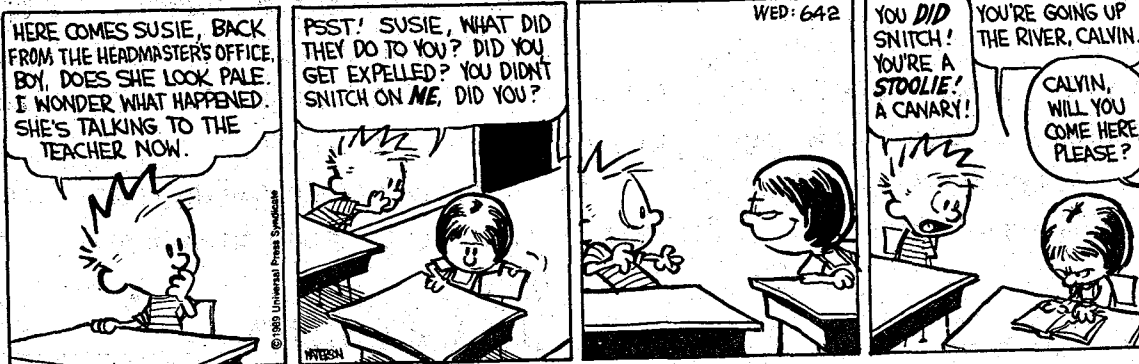


The woodman listens grim faced to what Rupert has to say. But once more Rupert isn't allowed to finish his story. As he's about to tell of the golden acorn the man cries: "Ay, it can be none other than young Lord Philip! And kidnapped! Come!" He grabs Rupert's hand and hustles him through the trees until they reach the edge of the woods. He points to the castle. "Get you there at all speed and tell the earl your news. I shall quench my fire and follow."

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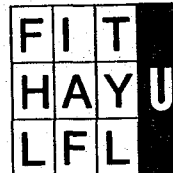
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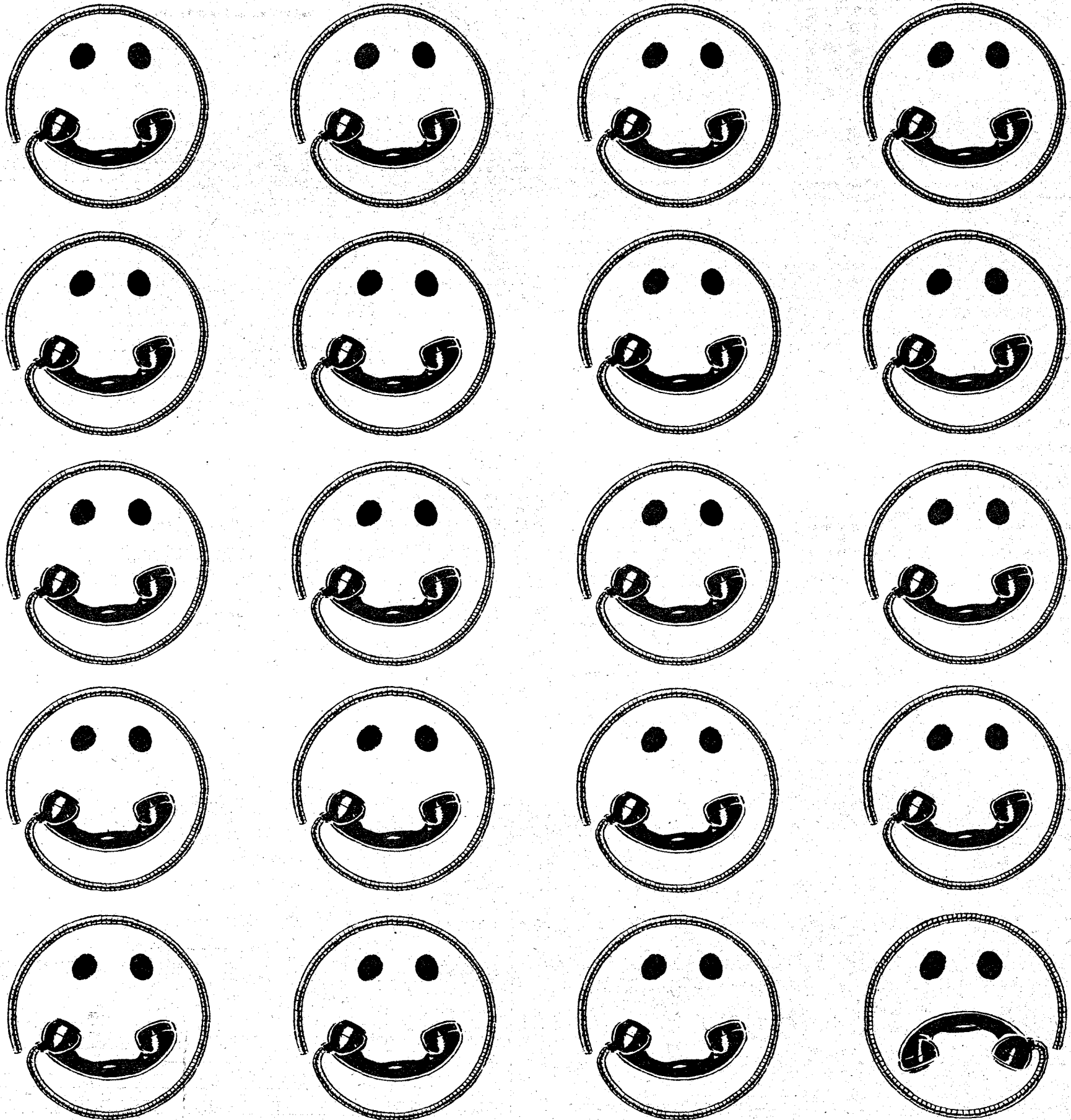
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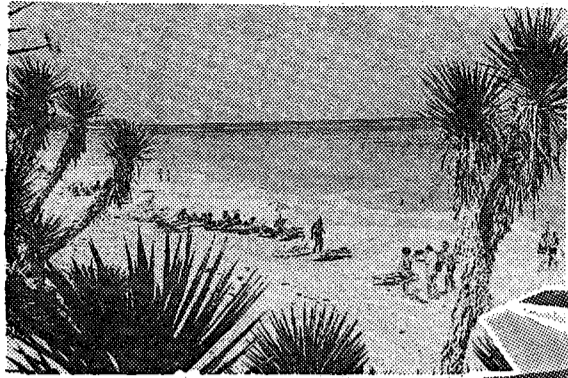
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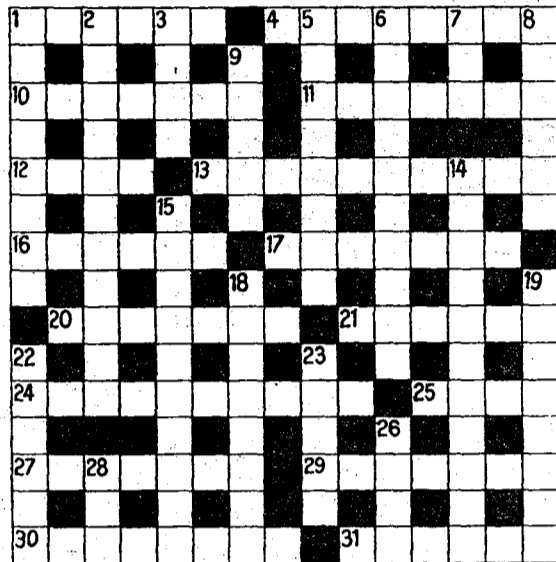
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- ACROSS**
- A freak's embodied in this French king (8)
 - One giving less punishment to city worker? (8)
 - Diffusions in the sky making a blue blur in North East (7)
 - News backs it with taunts about the North (7)
 - They meet when you have money left for ambitions (4)
 - Theory student writes up about injections? (10)
 - Father's on hilltop, a man with a flock (6)
 - Doctor's work in the field with hippie (4-3)
 - To chisel spar, find what you need in this (7)
 - Supply, for example, a wiping cloth for going over cars here (6)
 - Clan with me's affected by saintly dejection (10)
 - Part of house mistakenly used as a whole one (4)
 - Show here where games were held (7)
 - What's polluted air done for barometer? (7)
 - Get mixed up in net confusion — corner follows (8)
 - Salesman on a bicycle, we are told? (6)
- DOWN**
- Scorn for Tory attempt to persuade (8)
 - Sensible fellow has unclaimed fruit puree? (7-4)
 - Square piece left held by fastening (4)
 - They are provided as exits abroad (8)
 - His map, mind, should be adapted to naval ranking (10)
 - In heat, anyone may get it! (3)
 - Oppose the others wanting to restrict lives (6)
 - A girl's pale green stone (5)
 - Savoury snack is all ours prepared with herb stuffing (7-4)
 - Wife's favourite weapon — driving forward leg! (7-3)
 - Lay up temporarily for test with hard bullet (8)
 - Jogger, perhaps, about to have bodyguard (8)
 - One thousand needing to sit lay on here (6)
 - Without shelter, bill's about pound (5)
 - Foreign lad has to repeat exercise (4)
 - Up to now one's not seen behind the abominable snowman (3)



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION:
 ACROSS: 1 Bolland, 5 Mirages, 9 Donor, 10 Ordinance, 11 Guinea, 12 Blow-lamp, 14 Argue, 15 Overwhelm, 18 Digitalis, 20 Refer, 22 Shut-down, 24 Charts, 26 Campanula, 27 Raise, 28 Sabinet, 29 Element. DOWN: 1 Bodyguard, 2 Lending, 3 Agreement, 4 Door, 5 Middle East, 6 Reneo, 7 Gunwale, 8 Sleep, 13 Follow suit, 16 Workhorse, 17 Mare's-nest, 129 Gourmet, 21 Fertile, 22 Socks, 23 Drawn, 25 Cape

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A few miles south of Dumfries is New Abbey, where, so legend says, the Lady of Galloway founded a Cistercian monastery in memory of her husband John Balliol, founder of Balliol college, Oxford.

When he died she had his heart embalmed to be buried with her 21 years later. Her devotion coined the word "Sweetheart."

The Dumfries area has multi-national appeal to tourists. The Russians love Burns. The Japanese have a

By BRUCE McLEOD

special affinity with his Auld Lang Syne.

Americans flock to Kirkbean on the Solway, where John Paul Jones, the Scots sailor who founded their navy, was born.

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MARKET REPORT

Filing a flight plan for shares in BAA

By TIM BLACKSTONE

WATCH for eager buying of airports group BAA today. Analysts returned from a tour last night very impressed by its ambitions to expand in hotels and property.

The group has huge tracts of spare land for hotel and business park development, particularly at Stansted and Gatwick. Property experts believe the land's value could approach 500p a share. And with the help of traffic figures showing a leap of 9.4 per cent in March, including a 79 per cent increase at Stansted, the shares bounded up 13p to 364p yesterday.

Analysts are likely to raise their profit forecasts from £195 million,

NOTE the rise in BUDGENS, up 4p to 129p, not necessarily in sympathy with GATEWAY. Word is that they, too, are being sized up, possibly by MARKS & SPENCER for its food retailing expansion.

already a £30 million rise on last year.

Elsewhere, investors took heart from indications that the rise in U.S. inflation is slowing down and fading fears of a UK interest rate rise.

Institutions began to unlock their huge cash pile and the FT-SE 100 Index gained 19.7 to 2074.4, adding £4 billion to the value of British companies.

The recently-forgotten food sector stole the limelight in the wake of the bid for Gateway. Recent inflation will leave companies with large stock profits. Kwik Save added 5p to 417p.

Ranks Hovis added 2p to 389p making a 15p gain in four days. Word from

A CHANGE of stake in GOODMAN GROUP, the largest UK franchisee of BENETTON, went unnoticed last week. Former FxTel chief David Jones's WEST INDUSTRIES took its stake up to 10 per cent, paying 27½p, against a price of 23½p yesterday, up ½p. Could be exciting.

Australia is that 30 per cent holder Goodman Fielder, is preparing to lower its demand of 450p for its stake.

Broker Warburg Securities, also raised its 1989 forecast for Ranks Hovis to £185 million.

Tate & Lyle spurred a further 6p to 241p. David Lang of broker Henderson Crosthwaite estimates half-year profits in two weeks, will jump to more than £60 million, against £43.8 million, last time.

Tate's new U.S. acquisition, Staley has just secured two price rises for its sweetener, used in Cola drinks.

Bishko is on the rack

SHARES in Roy Bishko's Tie Rack slumped 6p to 69p — a long way from the 145p at which the niche store chain was first floated in the heady days of June 1987.

The shares were marked down yesterday as Tie Rack unveiled 1988-89 profits of £3.1 million, way out of step with City expectations of £3.5 million.

Bishko blamed huge start up costs in America for the disappointing figures and explained that short term profit had been sacrificed in favour of



Bishko: Undaunted

heavy investment for the future.

Tie Rack sales leaped 49 per cent to £44.6 million and the number of shops is up from 165 to 250, including 20 more in the U.S.

But heavy spending at

a time when borrowing costs are high clipped the profits increase to 17 per cent, although margins were maintained.

An undaunted Bishko said: "We are in the business of dressing necks and shoulders and the size of the market is vast."

He now plans expansion into Germany and Sweden and expects to have more than 260 stores by the end of the year.

Analysts reacted to Bishko's announcement by marking down profit forecasts for Tie Rack's current year to January by £1 million.

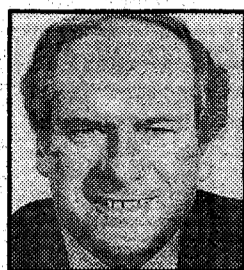
White on Green road

WARD WHITE is turning into Ward Green according to chairman Phillip Birch. His Halfords car parts group is converting around 4,000 cars a week to lead-free petrol.

Most cars can be converted easily at little cost.

Although converting to lead-free does not make huge profits for the group, it does pull in more customers.

Last year the group boosted earnings 17 per cent to £76.6 million with £25 million from Halfords, £31.2 million from DIY chain Payless and £9.5 million from



Birch: Envious

new acquisition A.G. Stanley.

The Stanley home furnishing chain's four executive directors received a combined pay-off £1 million. There were, however, £1

million of property profits.

The dividend is up 20 per cent at 10.5p, which some see as a defensive move although Birch says there are no predators on his shareholders register.

Ward White shares fell 10p to 262p as the market expressed disappointment in flat profits from U.S. car parts business Whitlock and worries about the tough environment for DIY where there is little sales growth.

Birch says he has no acquisitions, planned. Analysts believe he has been casting an envious eye at Tom Farmer's KWIK FIT business.

Higher interest rates high risk for Nigel

LORD BOARDMAN, who is due to retire next January as chairman of Britain's biggest bank, National Westminster, took advantage of his swansong annual meeting yesterday to warn Chancellor Nigel Lawson of the risks of raising interest rates.

Any further significant rises "could spark an unwarranted recession" is his no-nonsense view. If the trends indicated by the current slowdown in High Street sales and house prices continue "this would produce the lower interest and stable exchange rates for which business is looking," he added.

For all Mr. Lawson's bold words about not hesitating to raise interest rates to defend the pound, the Chancellor hopes talking a tough fight alone will be enough to put backbone into sterling. He has no wish to have his ears burned by City heavyweights such as Lord Boardman, whose predecessor Robin Leigh Pemberton is Governor of the Bank of England, writes Stephen Kahn.

Sentiment in international financial markets is going Mr. Lawson's way. A series of U.S. economic figures last week, and consumer prices yesterday, signal the American economy is slowing and higher U.S. interest rates can be avoided. This helped the pound and eased the pressure on interest rates here.

It can only help that the Treasury's coffers are swelling with extra revenue. A March public spending requirement of £ 2.3

By Trevor Webster
CITY EDITOR



billion was less than expected and left the repayment of national debt at £ 14.3 billion in 1988-89.

THE SPLIT in the ranks of the Brewers' Society over the Monopolies Commission report has widened with the resignation of Ian Prosser, chairman and chief executive of Bass, as spokesman for the society.

Prosser denies there is any conflict of interest with his role as chairman of Britain's biggest brewer. He says the Society's steering committee, of which he was chairman, set up to liaise with the Monopolies Commission, was simply wound up.

Analysts say his departure as spokesman for the society on the Monopolies report shows the Brewers' Society is becoming more fragmented. One said: "Prosser's resignation is the most important thing that has happened since the report came out."

Analysts believe Bass shareholders will benefit if the Monopolies report is enforced. If the company floats its brewing business separately from its hotel and leisure business, the shares could be worth

1250p. Bass shares rose 16p to 912p yesterday.

Prosser says that splitting the group is one of his options. Analysts believe Grand Metropolitan, which owns Watney and Truman breweries, will be the first to move. Anheuser Busch of Budweiser fame is widely tipped as the most likely buyer, although GM has also had talks with Elders

NOW we know who is bidding for the Gateway supermarket group. But it isn't simple. Isosceles is the tongue-twisting name chosen by a consortium of City institutions — Globe, MAM, 3i, and Murray Johnstone. Led by bankers S.G. Warburg, it is offering £ 1.7 billion for Gateway.

As we wrote here yesterday, the 195p a share cash offer is dependent on the participation of superstore rival Asda. It has agreed to buy 62 Gateway superstores for £705 million.

A feature of the deal is the refloating of the group after selling the superstores, and Herman's and Medicare. This is being supported by the defection of four key Gateway Foodmarkets directors.

Isosceles is led by former Grand Metropolitan joint managing director Ernest Sharp. Gateway chairman Alec Monk spent £ 15 million fighting off the Barker & Dobson challenge and he looks just as determined this time. But he cannot, as yet, be assured of the support of 15 per cent shareholder Associated British Foods. The loyalty of its boss Garry Weston will be tested if Isosceles raises its offer to 210p a share.

United off to a fine start

UNITED NEWSPAPERS, publishers of the Daily Express, Sunday Express and The Star, have made a satisfactory start to 1989 and are confident of further progress after raising profits from £95.6 million to £107.7 million in 1988, the chairman, Lord Stevens of Ludgate, tells shareholders in his annual report today.

While trading conditions continue to be "highly competitive" and performance will depend on the strength of classified and display advertising, the big management effort seen in 1988 was not truly reflected in the earnings performance last year, says Lord Stevens.

The recent sale of the Express Newspapers building in Fleet Street for £80 million has helped cut the level of debt required to finance the group's £300 million development programme to 1991.

The company plans to spend a further £35 million on new offset printing plants for regional newspapers, he adds.

Insurer switches up a gear

GENERAL ACCIDENT, Britain's biggest car insurance company, has launched two new unit trusts which it hopes will "turn savers into investors."

The Income and Growth funds are the insurer's first venture into unit trusts, and Edinburgh Fund Managers have been recruited to make the share selections.

The funds are aimed at savers with no stock market experience and are being advertised as "as the next investment step after a building society or high-interest bank account". Investment will be confined to "Blue Chip" companies in the UK and abroad.

Minimum investment is £1,000, with an initial charge of 5.75 per cent and an annual management fee of 1.5 per cent.

Fromstein draws a veil over loan

BLUE ARROW chairman and chief executive Mitchell Fromstein has yet to unveil details of the £25 million loan the employment group made to property developer Peter de Savary — despite pressure from the Stock Exchange to do so.

Fromstein said yesterday that the loan was not authorised by the Blue Arrow board.

He added that it is

AMERICAN arbitrageur Asher Edelman spent a further £165,000 buying Storehouse shares yesterday to boost his stake to 7.9 per cent and fuel rumours that he is about to launch a bid.

Edelman is believed to have formed a management team to run Storehouse and has been told by the Takeover Panel that he is technically in a bid situation. Storehouse shares rose 6p to 182p.

now up to de Savary whether the cash is repaid before 1991. The board is having the investment in which the loan is made independently valued.

Fromstein refuses to comment on speculation about whether his predecessor, Tony Berry, will receive legal indemnity and is taking legal advice on what to tell shareholders. He said it will be several days before any decision is made.

WALL ST. REPORT

SIGNS that the American economy has lost some bite put teeth into Wall Street yesterday.

The Dow Jones Industrial index scored its biggest gain this year, soaring 41.61 points to 2,379.40, a post-crash high, on nearly twice Monday's volume.

Interest rates fell on figures showing consumer inflation at an annual rate of 6.1 per cent, lower than most forecasts.

New housing starts tumbled 5.4 per cent in March to their lowest level since January 1985.

Sotheby Holdings, up nearly \$6 the past two sessions, jumped another \$1.12 to \$35.12. Boeing rose \$1.37 to \$73.12 on a big airplane order from Ireland's G.P.A.

Water men turn the tap for £11m

THE chance to turn water into money ahead of the £7 billion privatisation of 10 water authorities in November is being offered to thousands of households in Kent.

Mid-Kent Water will become the first water supplier with a full Stock Exchange quote tomorrow.

It is using a holding company to get its listing, six months ahead of the rest of the pack who are waiting for Parliament to pass the Water Act before

floating on the stock market.

The £93 million water company is planning to raise £11 million from a rights issue and will be offering 2.2 million shares at 325p to local residents from May 4.

But unlike the big float of the water authorities in November, there will be no perks like water vouchers to save on bills — just a chance to make a good profit from the shares which will be sold at half their current price.

MISS WORLD, the radio and beauty contest group headed by millionaire estate agent Owen Oyston, will cast off its cat-walk image and change its name to World Radio and Leisure in May. Flamboyant northerner Oyston has already turned it into Britain's largest independent radio group outside London by taking over Manchester's Piccadilly station. Two-thirds of income came from radio last year with profits up 100 per cent at £2.5 million

Cochrane's so cool

NEWMARKET...C4: 2.35, 3.05, 3.40, 4.10.

TOP JOCKEYS ON THIS COURSE RIDING TODAY: S Cauthen, Pat Eddery, W Carson, R Cochrane, W R Swinburn

TOP TRAINERS ON THIS COURSE WITH RUNNERS: H Cecil, L Cumani, M Stoute, G Harwood, W Herr

Table with 3 columns: Bendex, Computerman, and Scotia. Lists race numbers, names, and jockeys.

GOING: Good

JACKPOT/PLACEPOT: 2.0 to 4.40 inc

2.0—GEOFFREY BARLING MAIDEN 3YO FILLIES £4,110 7f (16)

Race listing for 2.0 Geoffrey Barling Maiden 3YO Fillies, including names like Alydresse, Crystal Pool, and Hawaiian Romance.

Daily Express Betting Forecast: 9-4 Alydresse, 7-2 Lovers Parour, 4 Kentia, 5 Pilot, 6 Mira Adonde, 10 Princesse du Powys, 14 others.

2.35—JOHANNES WOOD DITTON STAKES 3YO £8,285 1m (20)

Race listing for 2.35 Johannes Wood Ditton Stakes 3YO, including names like Al Mahab, Crownwing, and Prussian Guard.

Daily Express Betting Forecast: 5-2 Porter Rhodes, 7-2 Sabotage, 5 Top Villain, 6 Mountain Retreat, 8 Al Mahab, 9 Nebulatis, 14 Jungle Knife, 1988: Alquoz (US) 3 9 0 Pat Eddery Evens (J L Dunlop) 18ran

TV GUIDE: The booking of Pat Eddery for Jungle Knife is an interesting one. This son of Kris has the Derby entry as do the Cecil pair Roblet and Porter Rhodes.

3.05—LADBROKE EUROPEAN FREE HCP (Listed) 3YO £21,778.50 7f (10)

Race listing for 3.05 Ladbrooke European Free HCP (Listed) 3YO, including names like Mon Tresor, Heart of Arabia, and Folly Foot.

Daily Express Betting Forecast: 7-2 Magical Strike, 4 Northern Tryst, 5 Mon Tresor, 7 Folly Foot, Shining Steel, 10 Danehill, Heart of Arabia, Zakhir, 1988: Lapiere 3 9 1 M Roberts 10-1 (C E Brittain) 9ran

TV GUIDE: Heart of Arabia won the Richmond Stakes last season with a real stubborn finishing effort. The sort to have a good season. The Johnson Houghton team are in rattling good form so Folly Foot, who kept improving through his first season, must be on the premises.

3.40—CARTER STREET GARAGE HANDICAP £7,570 1m 6f (14)

Race listing for 3.40 Carter Street Garage Handicap, including names like Peleus, Cowley, and Siesta Key.

Daily Express Betting Forecast: 3 Penny Forum, 5 Siesta Key, 7 Crime Passionnel, Normadic Way, 10 Penny Forum, 12 Beauchamp Cactus, 14 Roderko, Faux Pavillon, 16 others.

TV GUIDE: Cecil has a marvellous record with his stayers and Peleus probably hasn't yet shown his best after jarring a joint last year. Three of the Cesarewitch principals — Normadic Way (first), Faux Pavillon (third) and Penny Forum (fourth) reoppose.

4.10—EARL OF SEFTON EBF STAKES (Group 3) £21,573 1m 1f (8)

Race listing for 4.10 Earl of Sefton EBF Stakes (Group 3), including names like Shady Heights, Red Glow, and Charmar.

Daily Express Betting Forecast: 15-8 Reprimand, 11-4 Shady Heights, 4 Red Glow, 6 Charmer, 9 Hoy, 10 Lyn Gwynant, 14 others.

TV GUIDE: After a working holiday in Pisa, the idle Shady Heights was still not forward enough to win this race last season.

4.40—STETCHWORTH MAIDEN 3YO £3,882.50 6f (14)

Race listing for 4.40 Stetchworth Maiden 3YO, including names like Calypso Reef, Ferox, and Hoping For Glory.

Daily Express Betting Forecast: 5-2 Statobest, 3 Hoping for Glory, 4 Nabeel, 8 Mafaza, 10 Norfolkfolk, 12 Ferox, Phylax, 16 others.

TV GUIDE: After a working holiday in Pisa, the idle Shady Heights was still not forward enough to win this race last season.

Ensconse swoops to conquer

By THE SCOUT (John Garnsey)

RAY COCHRANE put Ensconse on a delayed fuse yesterday before the filly exploded on to the Classic scene as the new 1,000 Guineas favourite.

Cochrane, following Luca Cumani's orders to the letter, had Ensconse last with three-furlongs to run in the Nell Gwyn Stakes.

But she picked off her field in a manner that makes her a worthy 7-2 favourite for the May 4 Classic.

The Nell Gwyn has produced five Guineas winners since 1976. There is every reason to suppose Ensconse, who was only just shedding her winter coat yesterday, could be another — and furthermore she also seems likely to stay a mile and a half.

For the moment Cumani is concerned only with the more immediate Classic nominating Lucky Song as his likely Oaks challenger.

First season trainer Rae Guest thought his runner-up Aldbourne hit the front too soon but he added: "I was delighted with her and shall definitely go for the Guineas."

Too free. The much vaunted Mythyaar, the paddock pick on looks, ran too freely and was a spent force fully two furlongs out.

"You'd better forget her for a while," said Michael Stoute.

Henry Cecil's talking horse Brush Aside was promoted a ludicrously short 8-1 Derby favourite by Corals after his workmanlike debut victory in the Museum Maiden.

Cecil said: "Brush Aside works like a nice horse at home. He'll probably have two more runs before Epsom."

Gold Cup winner Desert Orchid calls in at Cheltenham today to receive the Piper Heidsieck award as the bravest horse of the year. Then David Elsworth has to ponder a replacement jockey for Simon Sherwood, set to retire before next jumping season.

"Simon's decision is a pity because he established a great rapport with Desdie," Elsworth said.

PONTEFRACT

Table with 3 columns: Bendex, Computerman, and Scotia. Lists race numbers, names, and jockeys.

SIR HARRY: 2.50 NUCLEAR EXPRESS, 3.20 Take Effect, 3.50 WHIPP'S CROSS (nap), 4.20 PLAUSIBLE (nb), 4.50 Elder Prince, 5.20 Cool Enough. NEWMARKET'S BEST: 3.50 Lazaz, 4.20 Kovalevskaia, 4.50 Saluti Tutti.

BEST TRAINING HINTS: Crispy Duck (Matton, 2.50) Burcroft (Wetherby, 4.20) Cool Enough (Thirk, 5.20)

2.50—BEAST FAIR STAKES 2YO £2,280 5f (6)

Race listing for 2.50 Beast Fair Stakes 2YO, including names like Nuclear Express, Crispy Duck, and Lady Kathy.

Daily Express Betting Forecast: 15-8 Miss Eurolink, 9-4 Nuclear Express, 9-2 Crispy Duck, 10 Mummy's Fox, 12 Andy-Tom, Farndale.

3.20—BENTLEY MEMORIAL SELLING HANDICAP £1,786 6f (18)

Race listing for 3.20 Bentley Memorial Selling Handicap, including names like Severs, Take Effect, and Say You Will.

Daily Express Betting Forecast: 11-4 Say You Will, 3 Take Effect, 6 Mischat, 8 Right Path, 10 Koko Queen, Severs, My Diamond Ring, 14 others.

3.50—HEY (UK) GROUP EBF TROPHY £3,817.50 1m 2f (11)

Race listing for 3.50 Hey (UK) Group EBF Trophy, including names like Munjarid, Squeaky Wheel, and Lazzaz.

Daily Express Betting Forecast: 5-6 Lazaz, 13-2 Javert, 7 Whipp's Cross, 12 Cathos, 14 Munjarid, 16 Silver Patrol, 25 others.

4.20—BARBICAN HANDICAP £2,232.50 1m 4f (18)

Race listing for 4.20 Barbican Handicap, including names like Voltage, Miss Camellia, and Plausible.

Daily Express Betting Forecast: 9-4 Taylormade Boy, 7-2 Madam Taylor, 5 Plausible, 11-2 Miss Lamb, 6 Kovalevskaia, 10 Miss Camellia, 12 others.

4.50—SPRING GRADUATION STAKES 3YO £1,632 5f (9)

Race listing for 4.50 Spring Graduation Stakes 3YO, including names like Elder Prince, Red Rose, and Sigama.

Daily Express Betting Forecast: Saluti Tutti, 7-2 Hong Kong Girl, 4 Red Rose, Snake Song, 8 Sigama, 10 Barnby Lady, 12 Elder Prince, 14 others.

5.20—HARDWICK HANDICAP £2,425 1m (22)

Race listing for 5.20 Hardwick Handicap, including names like Rokala, Sand Dollar, and Retrieve.

Daily Express Betting Forecast: 9-2 Cool Enough, 5 Sphinx, 6 All Over The World, 8 Taylors Pet, Young Commander, 10 Sand Dollar, 12 others.

FLAT INDEX...Principal meeting—Newmarket

Large table listing various race names and their corresponding odds.

TOP TIPS

Table listing top tips for various races, including names like Scout's Treble, Blueberry King, and Bendex's Best.

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Sheik's coffers to bulge

Says BENDIX (John de Moraville)

REPRIMAND, sidelined for most of last season by a series of setbacks, can start making up for lost time at Newmarket today.

Unpenalised, as he has not won a Group race since the 1987 Gimcrack, Reprimand (4.10) has been working sweetly with outstanding stable companion Indian Skimmer and will be hard to beat in the Earl of Sefton Stakes.

Reprimand's owner Sheikh Mohammed is expected to enjoy further Newmarket success via well-regarded newcomer Saboteur (2.35) in the Wood Ditton Stakes.

The Sheikh's Lazaz (3.50), short headed by Alquoz in last year's Wood Ditton before running a fine fourth to Sheriff's Star at Royal Ascot, looks in a league of his own at Pontefract.

Beau ranger (3.25), back over his ideal distance, is strongly fancied to repeat last year's victory in the South Wales Showers Trophy on a cracking card at Cheltenham.

Another Coral (2.15) looks attractively weighted in the EBF Novices' Hurdle Final, while I am prepared to give another chance to Smart Tar (2.50), running a blinder in the Grand National until he unshipped his jockey at the 20th.

Tartan trophy

TARTAN TORCHLIGHT (4.0) is napped to win the Tennent Breweries Cup at Perth, writes SCOTIA.

The nine-year-old failed to shine behind Fair Echo at Hexham last month but his stable has hit a rich vein of form since then.

CHELTENHAM...BBC 2: 2.15, 2.50, 3.25, 4.0.

Table with columns for race number, time, name, jockey, and odds. Races include EBF NOV H'CAP HURDLE FINAL, PIPER CHAMPAGNE GOLDEN MILLER CHASE, and WATSON HCAP HDLE.

TV GUIDE: Good Tonic was going to be retired for the season after his 151st win at Fontwell but is obviously still in good heart.

TV GUIDE: Beau Ranger was beaten when belting the last ditch in last year's victory in this race. GOLDEN FREEZE is held in the highest regard by Jerry Pitman and his Liverpool defeat of subsequent Scottish National third Four Trix, giving 20lb, was the performance of a top-class prospect.

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TOP JOCKEYS ON THIS COURSE RIDING TODAY: P Scudamore, S Sherwood, R Dunwoody, R Rowe, Peter Hobbs

Table with columns for Bendex, Computerman, and Scotia, listing jockeys and their horses.

BEATEN FAVOURITES: 2.20 Regal Estate (Hdler) 2.50 The Langholm Dyer (Hcp ch) 3.25 Midnight Count (Hcp ch) 4.35 Southern Buster (Hdler) 5.10 Henry Mann (Hcp Hdler)

3.25 SOUTH WALES SHOWERS CHASE £15,920 2m 4f (8)

TV GUIDE: Beau Ranger was beaten when belting the last ditch in last year's victory in this race. GOLDEN FREEZE is held in the highest regard by Jerry Pitman and his Liverpool defeat of subsequent Scottish National third Four Trix, giving 20lb, was the performance of a top-class prospect.

4.0 STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS YOUNG CHASERS CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL (Listed) £11,665 2m 4f (6)

TV GUIDE: The Dragon Master misjudged the last at Sandown but for which he would have beaten Vicar's Landing last time. He can gain his revenge but has his work cut out to beat BLUEBERRY KING.

5.0 TOTE CREDIT NOV CHASE £1,670 3m (14)

TV GUIDE: I can't see last year's Gold Cup winner Charter Party being able to give a back-to-form Smart Tar 23lb. A needless SMART TAR actually crossed the Aintree finishing line a nose in front of Little Polver in the Grand National and but for unseating Carl Llewellyn when travelling sweetly, he may have been in that position legitimately.

TV Guides by Danny Hall

4.35 EVESHAM COND JOCKEYS NOVICES' HDLE £2,488.20 2m (25)

Table with columns for race number, name, jockey, and odds. Races include CANTORIAL, DAN/MARINO, VILLA PARK, ABBOTTS VIEW, CHEEKY KING, DIE BROKE, FAIRLY BOLD, GUILBURN'S NEPHEW, LET ME THINK, LIBRARY (US), POWER PUNCH, PUNCHING GLORY, RAPIER SWAN, RARELY AT ODDS, SHILL SUPREME, SHRIMP WHISTLE, SMAYMAN, SOUTHERLY BUSTER, SPLIT THE DIFFERENCE, WINDING ROAD, HOTS SAUCE, OXSTALL'S LADY, THE BAINEE GIRL, WISE TIMES.

5.10 GEORGE DULLER HANDICAP HURDLE £4,305 3m (18)

Table with columns for race number, name, jockey, and odds. Races include KING'S COLLEGE BOY, MR GOSPIP, STAGHOUND, WESTWAY, ARCTIC CALL, PRAIRIE OYSTERS, SMARTIE EXPRESS, BONNE ARME, GILT FUTURE, MEZARA, STEEL STEEL, MANDALAY PRINCE, WOODLANDS GENPOWER, PRYING PARSONS, CHRONICLE LADY, BROUGHTON ROAD, POONA EXPRESS.

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PERTH NH CARD

TOP JOCKEYS ON THIS COURSE RIDING TODAY: C Grant, M Hammond, T Morgan, N Doughty

Table with columns for Bendex, Computerman, and Scotia, listing jockeys and their horses.

BEATEN FAVOURITES: 3.30 Mounthead (Hdler), Roscoe The Brave (Hdler), 4.0 Tartan Torchlight (Hcp ch), 4.30 Whitegates Lady (Hcp ch), 5.0 Unscrupulous Gent (ch), 6.0 Candlebright (Hdler), April Rain (Sell Hdler)

3.30 BREADALBANE NOV HDLE £1,310 2m (13)

Table with columns for race number, name, jockey, and odds. Races include MOUNTEBLOT, LYNEMORE, EQUATOR, GARDEN CENTRE BOY, CAPRICORN BLUE, KINNESTON, MOFADOR, ROSCOE THE BRAVE, MIAMI STAR, MONTEVIO, NOBLE PROSPECT, RUSTYS SPECIAL, UBEDAWESY.

4.0 TENNETT HCAP CHASE £1,841.40 2m 4f (8)

Table with columns for race number, name, jockey, and odds. Races include SHARP SONG, OLD APPLEJACK, RAM THE THOR, GABBRUCK, BROTTED SPAR, GOLDEN FURY, TARTAN TORCHLIGHT, KEEP DREAMING.

4.30 WATSON HCAP HDLE £1,772 2m (9)

Table with columns for race number, name, jockey, and odds. Races include SPANISH REEL, LONTANO, WHITEGATES LADY, PLATONIC AFFAIR, PIT PONY, REP PROCESSION, TROBONKERS, DANCING ADMIRAL, ROYAL TOWER.

5.30 CAMPBELL MEM HCAP HDLE £1,590 3m (14)

Table with columns for race number, name, jockey, and odds. Races include BOB'S YOUR UNCLE, POUENNTES, LORD MUSTARD, HOME TO ROOST, SPARK OF PEACE, DECENT MAN, SILLY BEGGAR, TEN A PENNY, AMBERGATE, LARRY HILL.

6.0 BREADALBANE NOV HDLE £1,296 2m (13)

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BARRY HILLS was relieved to break the ice for the season when Distant Relative won Newmarket's Ladbroke Handicap with authority yesterday because 25 of the Manton team are coughing.

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Chase is on for a fortune

THE world's top runners are chasing a £200,000 dream when they run in Sunday's ADT London Marathon.

That's the massive prize on offer if one of the runners can break 2hrs 6 mins for men or 2 hrs 20 mins for women.

Should that happen—and the men are most likely to do it—the jackpot will be £130,000 in prize-money to add to the appearance money.

And Australian Rob de Castella, twice Commonwealth champion and the first world champion, sees no reason why the money should not go to him.

"I'd like to think I could break the world record," he

REPORT by RANDALL NORTHAM

said. "And there is no reason why I can't."

"It's a case of getting into the right race at the right time. I've had a few knee problems but my training's been going well."

Sunday's field has the vital ingredient of experience and they will have top British distance runner Nick Rose to take them on at just the right pace.

De Castella, 32, rattled off the names he expects to challenge him: "There's Salah, Moneghetti, Wakiihuri, Bulti—it's a strong field."

Like De Castella, Steve Moneghetti is an Australian,

despite having an Italian name. He was fifth in Seoul and recently finished fourth in the world cross-country championships.

Kenyan Douglas Wakiihuri is another world champion and a Seoul silver medalist.

Ahmed Salah, from Djibouti, finished third in Seoul after getting away and then being overhauled by the gold medalist Gelindo Bordin and Wakiihuri. But Salah is the fastest man in the field with 2:07.07.

But if you pick your favourites on omens rather than pedi-

gree you have to choose Wodajo Bulti.

He ran the fastest-ever debut when clocking 2:08:44—which makes him the third fastest in Sunday's field—but his biggest asset is that he is Ethiopian.

Ethiopians picked up the important prizes in Boston, Rotterdam and the World Cup last weekend.

MONEY BREAKDOWN
MEN: Any runner recording sub-2:13:00 \$500 — 2:12:00 \$1,000 — 2:11:00 \$2,000 — 2:10:00 \$5,000 — 2:09:00 \$10,000 — 2:08:16 (course record) \$20,000 — 2:06:50 (world record) \$50,000. WOMEN: 2:30:00 \$500 — 2:29:00 \$1,000 — 2:27:00 \$2,000 — 2:25:00 \$5,000 — 2:23:00 \$10,000 — 2:21:06 (Course and world record) \$70,000

These amounts are cumulative—breaking a world record would bring a total of \$88,500. There is a bonus of \$100,000 for a man running sub 2:06 or a woman running sub 2:20



It's not for the London marathon. I'm training to get to work in the Tube strike!

Bold Both bowls back

By COLIN BATEMAN

IAN BOTHAM finally left the Worcester-shire dressing room yesterday with a "Business As Usual" notice stuck to the door.

After three days of frustrating inactivity in the MCC match, Botham emerged on the Lord's outfield looking determined to confirm his return to first class cricket.

His performance as a bowler and fielder gave meaning to an otherwise meaningless exercise as the MCC batted out time after Worcester's overnight declaration.

His first two overs showed all the signs of the 11-month lay-off since his back operation as a series of long hops went swinging down the leg side.

Spell

Then he settled rhythmically into a length and finished his first spell conceding just nine runs in nine overs.

His second spell was more impressive, 11 probing overs bringing a wicket when Robin Smith, on 56, dragged a delivery onto his stumps.

And in his familiar position, hands on knees in the slips, Botham was always in the action.

He took a straightforward catch to give Phil Newport the first wicket of the day, Kim Barnett falling for 39.

And Botham later dived acrobatically when the ball seemed to have passed him to remove John Carr on 64 off the bowling of Richard Illingworth.

The MCC batted out the rest of the final day to finish on 281 for four in reply to Worcester's 474 for three declared.

MCC v Worcester LORDS.—Worce 1st Inn 474-3dec (Hick 173not, Curtis 92, Lord 80)

(Overnight: Worcs 474-3) MCC—first innings Barnett c Botham b Newport 39 Carr c Botham b Illingworth 64 Parker b Radford 52 R Smith b Botham 16 Lamb not out 67 C Cowdrey not out 67 B2, lb12, w4, nb13 31

TOTAL (4 wks) 281 Fall: 57, 123, 139, 209 Bowling: Dille 16-6-58-0; Radford 17-6-60-1; Newport 17-1-75-1; Botham 20-5-36-1; Illingworth 16-3-36-1; Curtis 1-0-2-0



Ian Botham in action yesterday

Stars set to net record jackpot at Wimbledon

THE winner of the men's championship at Wimbledon this summer will bank an astonishing £190,000.

Put another way, he will receive £27,142.85p for each of the seven matches he must win to claim the world's most prestigious tennis title.

A record £3,063,049 will be won at this year's championships. If that seems an obscene reward for a two-week tennis tournament, Wimbledon chairman Buzzer Hadingham offers no apology. "Each year we look at the likely prosperity of Wimbledon, and without the players we wouldn't get that many people coming here," he said.

Last autumn Wimbledon presented the Lawn Tennis Association with £7.6 million, representing the surplus of the 1988 championships.

Surplus is a Wimbledon euphemism for profit.

This year's women's champion will be paid £171,000, more than double the £80,000 Spaniard Seve Ballesteros collected for his Open golf championship triumph



MALCOLM FOLLEY on the giant pay rise announced yesterday for this year's tennis prize guys

MEN
Singles winner: £190,000
Runner-up: £95,000
Semi-finalists: £47,500
Doubles winners: £65,870
Runners-up: £32,930
Semi-finalists: £16,470

WOMEN
Singles winner: £171,000
Runner-up: £85,500
Semi-finalists: £41,560
Doubles winners: £56,970
Runners-up: £28,490
Semi-finalists: £13,170

MIXED DOUBLES

Winners: £34,200 Runners-up: £17,100 Semi-finalists: £8,550

at Royal Lytham 10 months ago.

But, as with all major sporting events in these agent-orientated times, prize-money is little more than small change when weighed against a successful sportsman's commercial value.

Nick Faldo's manage-

ment company were swift to announce that the British golfer's triumph at last week's US Masters—where prize-money is distributed under a veil of secrecy—will be worth upwards of £2.5million in the market place.

Wimbledon's mam-

moth prize fund, declared in London yesterday, represents a 16.4 per cent increase on last summer. Losers in the first round of the men's singles will receive £2,550—or £550 more than Rod Laver got for winning the first Wimbledon title in the Open Era 21 years ago.

But the Wimbledon jackpot is unlikely to impress the men who run the US Open championships. As a matter of pride, they are bound to eclipse the Wimbledon prize fund when they stage their tournament in New York in late summer.

The stakes may be on an ever-rising spiral, but Hadingham made it known that one Wimbledon tradition would remain. "We intend to keep playing on grass."

Britain runs out of aces

From JEFF IVES IN LUGANO

BRITAIN'S interest in the Remington Father and Son championships came to an abrupt end yesterday.

Ray and Paul Ranson, the No.1 pair, seemed assured of a quarter-final place when they led New Zealand's Norm and Jeff Sowter by a set and 3-1 in the second.

But suddenly their tight serving dis-

integrated as they lost five consecutive games, the set, and then the match 3-6, 6-3, 6-2

David and Mark Tomlinson saved four match points before going out to Canadians John and Darryl Greenan.

YESTERDAY'S RACING 1-2-3

DEVON: Soft

2.20—Old Kilpatrick (P Scudamore, 6-4 fav) 1; Ballyanto (6-1) 2; Doc's Coat (9-1) 3. 18 ran. 3f, 15f, (M Pipe, Nicolashayne). Tote: £2.70; pl £1.70, £2.60, £2.60; cf £8.10; csf £11.16.

2.50—Romany King (R Guest, 5-2 fav) 1; Champagne Run (8-1) 2; Laundryman (10-1) 3. 18 ran. 1l, 20f, (G Balding, Fyfield). Tote: £3.80; pl £1.40, £2.10, £2.60; cf £6.80; csf £21.60.

3.20—Herbert United (J Frost, 7-4 fav) 1; Tidal Stream (7-1) 2; Brookmount (5-1 2nd fav) 3. 15 ran. 8f, 2f, (G Balding, Fyfield). Tote: £2.20; pl £1.70, £1.70, £2.40; cf £6.00; csf £13.10; tricast £45.22.

3.50—Valkari (M Williams, 33-1) 1; Delkusha (4-9 fav) 2; Al Khaleel (14-1) 3. 7 ran. 20f, 1/2f, (D Carey, Brynmawr). Tote: £16.30; pl £5.20, £1.10; cf £12.70; csf £47.44.

4.20—Flying God (W McFarland, 7-2 2nd fav) 1; Farm Week (9-4 fav) 2; Beaconside (33-1) 3; Rubika (20-1) 4. 17 ran. 10f, 2f, (J Baker, Tiverton). Tote: £4.60; pl £1.50, £1.50, £8.20, £4.30; cf £4.50; csf £12.30; tricast £228.79.

4.50—Gifted Nephew (Mr A Tory, 6-1 ft 2nd fav) 1; Cut N'Dry (16-1) 2;

Midnight Strike (16-1) 3; Tropical Mist (20-1) 4. 18 ran. 1l, 1/2f, (N Mitchell, Dorchester). Whiskey Grain 9-2 fav. Tote: £6.00; pl £1.80, £9.40, £2.70, £5.10; cf £708.90; csf £94.93; tricast £1,350.39. Placepot: £30.70.

NEWMARKET: Good
2.0—Between The Sticks (R Bouse, 33-1) 1; Stormy Belle (8-11 fav) 2; Ballyhooly (16-1) 3. 13 ran. 3f, 1/2f, (R Hannon, Marlborough). Tote: £30.40; pl £5, £1.10, £5.40; cf £33; csf £57.22.

2.35—Knifeboard (S Cauthe, 10-1) 1; Drumhead (9-1) 2; De Rivera (Evans fav) 3. 13 ran 3/4f, 3f, (H Cecil, Newmarket). Tote: £7; pl £2.30, £2.40, £1.30; cf £81.90; csf £93.12.

3.10—Enconse (R Cochrane, 2-1 ft fav) 1; Aldbourne (20-1) 2; Muhubuh (6-1) 3. 8 ran 1/2f, 2f, (L Cumani, Newmarket). Mythyaar, 2-1 ft fav) Tote: £3.70; pl £1.60, £3.10, £2; cf £60.60; csf £33.16.

3.40—Point of Light (Paul Eddery, 10-1) 1; Sharp Reminder (16-1) 2; Access Travel (12-1) 3. 15 ran 1/2f, 3/4f, (G Lewis, Epsom; Mac's Fighter, 11-4 fav) Tote: £19.20; pl £4.90, £4.30, £3.50; cf £177.30; csf £146.34

After stewards inquiry result stands

4.10—Distant Relative (M Hills,

9-1) 1; Langtry Lady (12-1) 2; Suhail Dancer (9-1) 3; Top Boot (25-1) 4. 20 ran 1/2f, 3f, (B Hills, Manton; Greensmith, 6-1 fav) Tote: £11.70; pl £2.80, £3.20, £1.90, £5.50; cf £48.10; csf £111.89; Tricast: £939.94. Non-runner: Vaigly Deceptive

4.40—Sutosky (N Carlisle, 14-1) 1; Nickle Plated (6-1 ft fav) 2; Mahrajan (6-1 ft fav) 3; K Brigade (15-2) 4. 17 ran 1/2f, 3f, (I Matthews, Newmarket) Tote: £17.10; pl £2.70, £2.50, £2.60, £1.70; cf £42.40; csf £94.11; Tricast: £524.52

5.10—Brush Aside (S Cauthe, 1-3 fav) 1; Prunotri (10-1) 2; Bitone (16-1) 3. 22 ran 2/2f, 5f, (H Cecil, Newmarket) Tote: £1.20; pl £1.10, £4.10, £3.20; cf £7.50; csf £7.49. Non-runners: Highlying, Storm Free

Jackpot: Not won Placepot: £822.60

BROUGH PARK.—1.06 Smart Alec 3-1 (Bags 6-5 F £11.55) 1.22 Ritas Home 7-2 (4-5 £15.15) 1.39 Slippy Camogie 9-4 f (1-2 £13.83) 1.55 Cool Cherry 7-4 f (3-4 £11.90) 2.11 Killacherry 3-1 f (2-5 £18.12) 2.26 Just A Guess 4-1 (4-1 £32.01) 2.44 Rhincrew Leader 7-4 f (3-2 £14.00) 2.59 Rhincrew Hero 4-1 (3-2 £20.67) 3.19 Lawlee 6-1 (4-1 £27.94) 3.39 Tonroe Pixie 3-1 f (5-4 £26.22)

BRISTOL GREYHOUND CARD

2.19 (A7) 470 METRES
621 TRELAWNEY GEM (w) 30.22
312 HAYTOR DOLLY (s) 30.02
455 ROSEGARLAND FAWN (r) 30.29
4 LIMEKILN PRINCE (w) 30.26
313 CATRIONAS DREAM (q) 30.50
441 DEIRDRES MELODY (w) 30.02
Betting—5-2 Haytor Dolly, 7-2 Deirdres Melody, 4 Catrionas Dream, Rosogardland Fawn.

2.37 (A5) 470 METRE
244 YOUNG CHRIS (r) 29.72
623 MOVEALONG GUARD (e) 29.69
635 GLOUNY JOHN (e) 29.40
314 SILVER BUGLE (e) 29.57
463 FOLLOW CREAM (w) 29.42
323 GARDEN SHADE (r) 29.88
Betting—2 Movealong Guard, 3 Young Chris, 9-2 Follow Cream, 5 Glouny John.

2.52 (A5) 470 METRES
232 OLD FAITHFUL (s) 29.97
122 QUASAR (r) 29.96
131 MOIRA BANK (e) 29.90
166 COMPTON KATE (e) 29.96
134 RACHELS PET (w) 30.00
556 IVY LEAF (e) 29.77
Betting—9-4 Quasar, 7-2 Old Faithful, 9-2 Ivy Leaf, 5 Rachels Pet, 7 others.

3.11 (A4) 470 METRES
113 INDIAN PRINCE (r) 29.62
554 HOT AND COLD (e) 29.33
525 DUNS AVAILABLE (w) 29.51
464 TARRANT BOB (s) 29.60
641 LADY ELAINE (w) 29.55
213 MARK KYBO (e) 29.47
Betting—9-4 Hot and Cold, 7-2 Indian Prince, 4 Mark Kybo, 5 Lady Elaine, 6 others.

HAWKEYE'S FANCIES—2.19 Haytor Dolly, 2.37 Movealong Guard, 2.52 Quasar, 3.11 Hot and Cold, 3.29 Del Trotter, 3.49 Street Singer, 4.6 Grittenham King, 4.22 Kiltel Harry, 4.39 Comra (nap), 4.55 Carrigeen Moon.

3.29 (A4) 470 METRES
315 ANNAGH ELM (q) 29.92
145 HENCLIFF LUCKY (r) 29.77
241 DEL TROTTER (e) 29.67
325 COMPTON BADGER (w) 29.74
646 FRENCH SPARK (q) 29.82
646 ISSY RED ROSE (e) 29.52
Betting—5-2 Del Trotter, 7-2 Annagh Elm, 4 Compton Badger, 5 Hencliff Lucky, 7 others.

3.49 (A4) 470 METRES
146 CULTAFADA (r) 29.42
413 IM WHACKO (s) 29.67
343 PURE FOUNTAIN (e) 29.82
111 LIMEKILN BUNNY (e) 29.24
562 FLEADHMISS (w) 29.66
436 STREET SINGER (w) 29.54
Betting—5-2 Street Singer, 3 Limekiln Bunny, 7-2 Im Whacko, 5 Pure Fountain, 6 others.

4.6 (A3) 470 METRES
535 GRITTENHAM KING (s) 29.70
365 MOULNAGOUR TIGER (w) 29.88
544 WHAT A DREAMER (e) 29.53
561 HAZELBURY BROOK (e) 29.69
652 KIEL GRACIOUS (s) 29.74
662 EASTENDER (q) 29.32
Betting—5-2 Grittenham King, 7-2 What A Dreamer, 4 Eastender, 5 Hazelbury Brook, 6 others.

4.22 (A3) 470 METRES
611 KILTEEL HARRY (w) 29.78
455 BALLEA SPOT (e) 29.53
516 DOUGS BEST (l) 29.53
264 CHURCHVIEW LIZ (w) 29.48
151 COURTLUGH YEW (q) 29.54
466 WOODS EXPRESS (q) 29.41
Betting—9-4 Kiltel Harry, 7-2 Courtlough Yew, 4 Churchview Liz, 6 Woods Express, 7 others.

4.39 (A2) 470 METRES
212 DYNAMIC BLACK (e) 29.04
132 GOOSY GANDER (r) 28.99
333 HAWTHORN CHAMP (w) 29.35
423 WINTERMAN (e) 29.09
221 COMRA (w) 28.98
311 CORNELSCOURT BOY (w) 29.16
Betting—2 Comra, 4 Dynamic Black, 9-2 Gossy Gander, 5 Hawthorn Champ, 6 others.

4.55 (A1) 470 METRES
111 OIL SLICK (q) 29.05
134 CARRIGEEN MOON (e) 28.77
143 JUDGES PEACE (q) 28.89
351 DESERT WISHES (w) 29.04
611 BLACK TRIUMPH (e) 29.06
422 MULLIGANS TREAT (q) 29.03
Betting—5-2 Carrigeen Moon, 7-2 Judges Peace, 4 Desert Wishes, 5 Mulligans Treat, 6 others.

Rovers' miracle boost for little 'uns

RUGBY LEAGUE by Alan Thomas

THE big spenders and glamour clubs of Rugby League have attracted the headlines and gathered in the trophies, but the achievement of Featherstone Rovers has been outstanding and given hope to the little clubs.

At the beginning of the season they were rank outsiders for the Stones League title at 100-1. They would have figured in most forecasts as relegation candidates.

Instead, under the leadership of chairman Richard Evans and coach Peter Fox, they have performed a minor miracle to finish sixth and qualify for the Premiership play-off.

Evans told me: "We have achieved our highest position since 1977 and I

am the happiest man in Rugby League."

He quickly hands the praise for their success to Fox and the players. "This is a happy club and the glory belongs to the coach and the players."

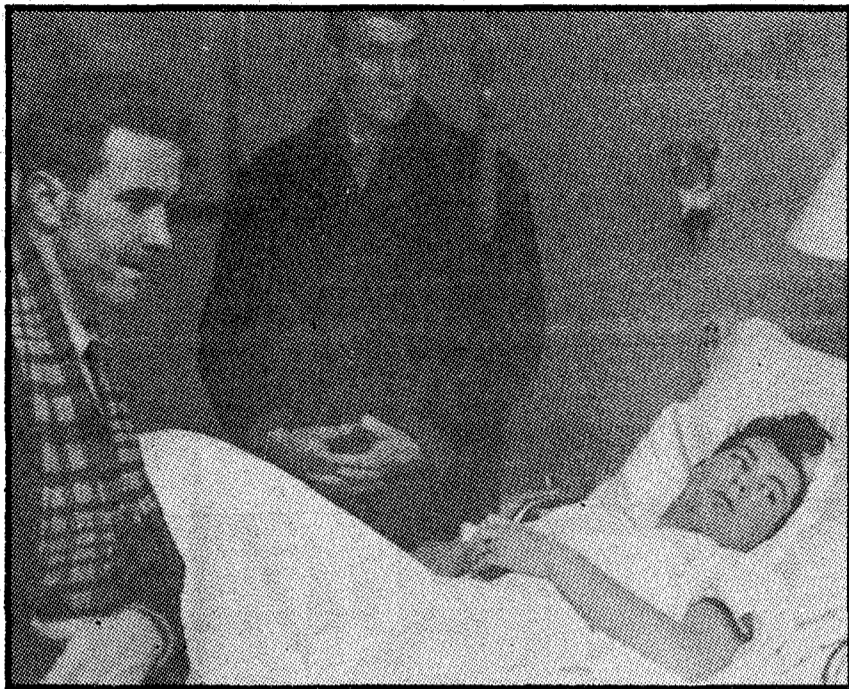
The only cloud on the horizon is the recurring rumour that classy stand-off Graham Steadman will be playing elsewhere next season.

Says Evans: "I am sick and tired of this talk. We have briefly discussed a new contract. We have a limited amount of cash but I would dearly love Steadman to be playing here next season."

The League have signalled their intention to clamp down on "never-never" transfer deals and also plan to compel clubs to fulfil postponed fixtures quickly.

The annual meeting in June will discuss proposals that there should be a minimum down payment of 50 per cent in transfers with the balance paid inside 12 months.

Playing on will



Shocked Harry Gregg sits on the bed of Munich survivor Ken Morgans as Bill Foulkes looks on

THERE is old pain—and anger—in the voice of Harry Gregg as he tells you how the players of Liverpool must go their separate ways through the grief of Hillsborough.

"We're all different, we all deal with pain in our own way, but soon enough they'll realise they have to play on," says Gregg.

Gregg was keeping goal for Manchester United—in a League game against Sheffield Wednesday at Old Trafford—just 10 days after fighting to save the lives of his comrades on the bloody, frozen runway of Munich Airport in 1958 when nine United players died in the worst British club disaster.

In shock

Gregg, and fellow survivors Bill Foulkes and Bobby Charlton, were given no respite. They nursed their pain all the way to Wembley, knocking out the Fulham of Johnny Haynes on the way, and it was only at the Empire Stadium that adrenalin born in the agony of Munich finally drained away.

The old Lion of Vienna, Nat Lofthouse, incensed Gregg when he bundled him into the net for

James Lawton

Sports Journalist of the Year talks to Munich survivor and veteran 'keeper Harry Gregg

one of Bolton's two match-winning goals. But Gregg embraced even the anger of that moment.

It was another distraction at a time when other, darker realities of life pressed in.

For him, Hillsborough has been salt on wounds that will never truly heal. He says: "No you might not heal them but you learn to live with them. You have to go forward or you destroy yourself."

"I went straight back into it, maybe I was still in shock, but I'm glad I did it. I know now it saved my sanity."

But the anger, the pain, is a different story and this week a lot of the old anguish has come flooding back.

"What I can't stand, what makes me sick to my stomach, is how everybody rushes forward with their tributes and their plans for memorial funds."

"Do you think anyone in

United fences to stay

Report by JOHN BEAN

THE FENCES are staying up at England's biggest League ground. Manchester United admitted last night they are keeping their ring of steel around the Old Trafford pitch.

"The Police are happy that the fences stay—there are 29 gates in the perimeter barrier that can be opened immediately," said United chairman Martin Edwards.

Old Trafford is the new venue for the Liverpool-

Forest semi on May 7—if it goes ahead—and Edwards insists: "I believe our ground to be totally safe."

"We're always ready to review the situation and improve the fencing. But for the foreseeable future fences will stay."

The decision was made after United officials met Police, Fire and Council

representatives yesterday.

United are also ready to turn Old Trafford into an all-seater stadium if the government decrees at a cost of £10m. Around £8m would be spent on the Stretford End.

Sheffield Wednesday issued a statement last night stating an inspection was going on and it seems inevit-

able the fencing will be ordered down in the wake of the Hillsborough disaster.

Liverpool, along with neighbours Everton, will meet Police and the city's licensing authority at Goodison Park today to discuss the possibility of dismantling fencing at both grounds.

Derby and Tottenham have already torn down their cage fencing while Newcastle will discuss the possibility with local authorities today.

Burrows dilemma

LIVERPOOL'S David Burrows faces a similar situation to his senior Anfield colleagues after being picked for the England Under-21s against Albania next Tuesday.

Bobby Robson has said he will understand if any Liverpool or Nottingham Forest players pull out of the full international against Albania and the same goes for the Under-21s.

Griffiths rap for Crucible

WELSHMAN Terry Griffiths hit out at the poor World Championship arrangements of the Crucible after beating Canada's Bob Chaperon 10-6 at Sheffield yesterday. The 41-year-old, last year's finalist and 1979 champion, declared:

"You could have fried an egg on the table. The heating had been left on all night. It was terrible."

"This is the World Championship and everything should be just right. The practice table was perfect!"

Their dour struggle left the fans exhausted. They toiled for 3¼ hours before 7-2 overnight leader

By PETER EDWARDS

Griffiths clinched the needed three frames.

He admitted: "I know the snooker was poor. But unless you win the title you come back next year worried about defeat. The first round is very important."

Tony Mea, who emerged from several years in the wilderness to win the British Open at Derby last month, was still brimming with confidence yesterday.

Joe Johnson, winner of the World title as a 150-1 outsider in 1986 and runner-up the following year, was in danger of collecting an unwanted record as he trailed 8-0 at the end of their first session. No player has ever been whitewashed 10-0 at the Crucible.

Silvio Francisco, who had failed to win a match since January, built a 6-3 first session lead over Joe O'Boye.

SKIPPER'S THANK-YOU

Have this one on us Flat Jack

LANCASHIRE skipper David Hughes wants to give Jack Simmons the perfect send-off to his 21-year-old career in first-class cricket.

Simmons (48) says this will be his last season tormenting the game's batsmen and Hughes says: "We are looking to win the championship, and also to reach a one-day final."

"It may sound a bit ambitious but aiming for the top is what we have to do."

"Flat Jack", the oldest player in the county game, feels it is time that young Dexter Fitton is given more opportunity to prove himself as a spin bowler, although Simmons adds: "I feel I am bowling as well as ever. But I have moved down the batting order and I have missed catches in the slips, perhaps the reflexes are not what they were."

But Simmons will set out to try and bring the championship to Old Trafford for the first time in 39 years. JIMMY ARMFIELD



Skipper Hughes gets caught up in the Red Rose pre-season fun

Hick's first-class hitch

By COLIN BATEMAN

that he would be eligible to parade his phenomenal batting talent on the international stage in 1991.

But three matches in his

home country for a Zimbabwe national team more than three years ago could ruin that.

The affair goes back to 1986 when Hick was told

★ SEAM bowlers Stuart Fletcher and Chris Shaw have been added to the Yorkshire casualty list which already includes opening batsman Martyn Moxon (broken arm) and bowler Peter Hartley, who has back trouble. Darren Gough, an 18-year-old fast bowler, is added to the squad to tackle Middlesex at Lord's tomorrow.

his qualification period had started in 1984, the year he made his Worcestershire debut.

What the registration committee either chose to ignore or overlooked was that Hick had spent the previous two winters playing first-class cricket in Zimbabwe.

TCCB rules clearly state that someone qualifying for England cannot play first-class cricket in his country of origin.

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ease heartache

'I'm glad I did. I know now it saved my sanity'

Liverpool gives anything for the "poultices" now being applied to the disaster?

"Not at all. In Liverpool they have never boasted their victories or cried too much at their pain. They get on with it and quite honestly in a day or two I think the players will want to do exactly that.

"The best tribute to the dead of Sheffield would be for the mass resignation of Football Association executives and councillors and those police in charge of the game.

Best therapy

"And the best way for the players now is to pick up with the game, lose themselves in the old routines and having to make decisions on the field of play. That's their best therapy now.

"I can't think of how I would have made it through the aftermath of Munich if I hadn't had the game.

"God knows, it was tough

enough. It was hard to sleep, hard to get what you were doing into perspective. But it did give some framework in which to operate."

Gregg and an assortment of new signings and young players fought their way through to the FA Cup final on a great wave of public emotion. They played in an emotional fog much of the time but the process did ease the pain.

Gregg recalls: "Going to Wembley that year meant nothing really. We were still hollow inside. Things like meeting the Duke of Edinburgh didn't really register. It was case of saying, 'hello, how are you, thank you very much,' and then going on to the next thing, using it all up because it kept away the memories.

"Everything had been scaled down. Okay, you might win a Cup but what would it mean after seeing your mates dead?"

"I'm sure the players of

Liverpool are thinking something like this now. It took more than a year for me to feel the same about playing and even then there were doubts.

The tragedy

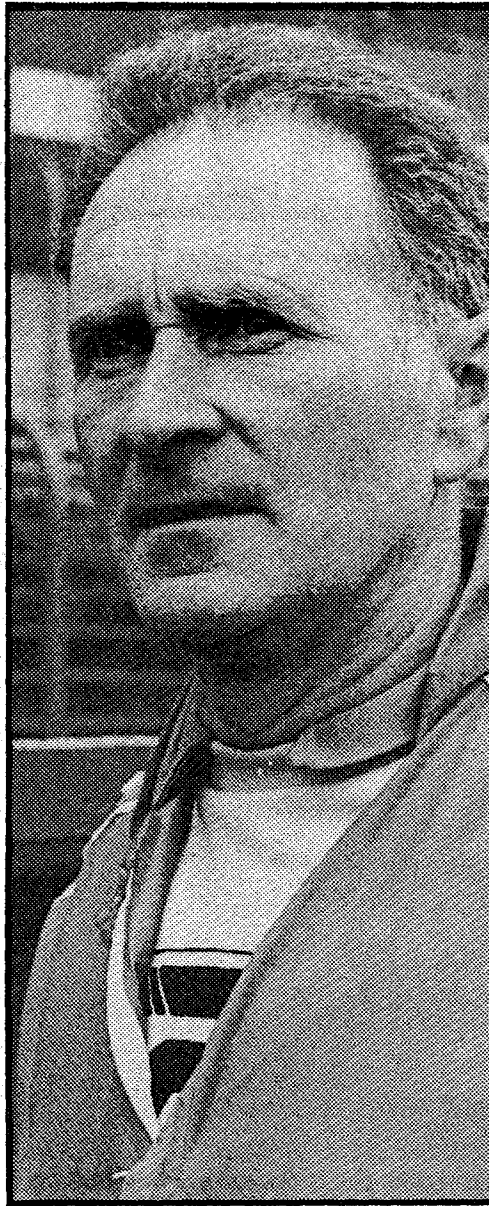
Several years after Munich one of Gregg's teammates, who was signed by United soon after the tragedy, had a nervous breakdown.

"The doctor told me that he said to the lad, 'Look what Harry Gregg came through, he dealt with all that and is still playing

"But the point was that we are all different. I had anger and aggression in me and I spent it on the field.

"I remember going back to the ground that first time and thinking: 'How am I going to deal with this? What's the point?'

"And then you start playing a five-a-side game, get into some stupid argument about this or that, and you say to yourself: 'I'm going to be able to handle this.'



Gregg today: painful memories linger

Clubs strike back

SOCCER last night gave a sharp reply to the barrage of criticism about the state of English grounds.

Millions of pounds have been spent in improving facilities throughout the four divisions in the last 20 years.

Spurs chairman, Irving Scholar, whose club alone has spent £10 million in the last decade, spoke for all clubs when he said: "Every club spends as much as it can afford and everyone is constantly trying to improve the standard."

By JIM HOLDEN

And last night Scholar sent a plea to the Government for constructive help, saying: "What we could do with is assistance in the form of grants and changes in tax relief for clubs.

"For instance, the Government takes £250 million from the football pools.

As our figures show, transfer spending by the big clubs tends to cancel itself out.

THE BALANCE SHEET

The big spenders	Ground cash	Players bought	Players sold
SPURS	£4.5m	£10.3m	£9.3m
ARSENAL	N/A*	£4m	£2.5m
DERBY	£1.2m	£3.8m	£1.9m
N FOREST	£500,000	£3.5m	£3.8m
A VILLA	N/A*	£5.8m	£5.4m
NEWCASTLE	£7m	£7m	£7.7m
MAN UTD	£1.5m	£8m	£5.8m
EVERTON	£1.5m	£7.5m	£6.2m
LIVERPOOL	N/A*	£8.5m	£5.9m
SHEFF WED	£1m	£4.2m	£4.7m

*Figures not available

Alex's moving gesture

By JOHN KEITH

MANCHESTER United have offered their own players to help ease the public pressure on their Liverpool counterparts following the Hillsborough disaster.

Liverpool chief executive Peter Robinson revealed last night:

"United have said they will be making a £25,000 donation to the Relief Fund.

"In addition their manager Alex Ferguson has told us that if any of his players can help by visiting bereaved families, attending funerals or assisting in any other way they will be only too willing to do so.

"It is a magnificent gesture by him and United and one that has moved us.

Crack West German club Bayern Munich and Scottish aces Celtic have offered to play Liverpool in matches to aid the disaster fund.

French champions Bordeaux have agreed to play Sheffield Wednesday in aid of the Hillsborough fund.

Unhappy Wharton hits out at United manager

By JOHN DONOGHUE

NEWCASTLE UNITED'S Kenny Wharton is defiantly planning to play on, only days after being advised to quit football or risk disablement.

The 28-year-old United midfielder is not happy with the specialists' verdict or by the way it has been subsequently handled by his employers.

"I'm disgusted by the way it has been handled," he said last night. "I spoke to Jim Smith (Newcastle's manager) for about 30 seconds last Friday, but haven't had the opportunity to discuss it properly."

Wharton has been plagued by knee problems over the last four years and lately it has severely restricted his ability.

He added: "As far as I am concerned I'm not finished. The specialist did advise me to stop playing because of the problem with my knee, but I have played on it for the past four years.

John Sheridan, Leeds United's £1 million rated midfielder, was fined and warned about his future conduct by manager Howard Wilkinson yesterday.

The Leeds boss was reacting to the Republic of Ireland international's court appearance 24 hours earlier when he admitted being drunk and disorderly.

Town hit for six on off-night!

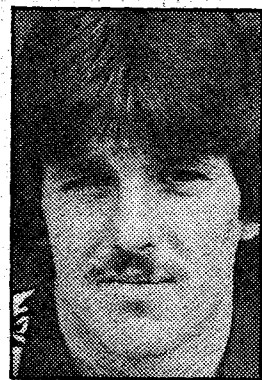
Bristol City 6, Huddersfield 1

HUDDERSFIELD'S play-off hopes nosedived as they let in five goals inside the first half hour.

Bob Taylor went home with the match ball after striking a hat trick.

He also won a penalty when keeper Steve Hardwick dived at his ankles. That was a goal for Alan Walsh and Mark Gavin struck the other.

Craig Maskell netted a consolation goal in the 62nd minute but Steve McClaren then added City's sixth. Town's Ken Doherty was also sent off.



Kenny Wharton

SPORTLINE

Stretch carpeted going for broke

GARY STRETCH, the British light-middleweight champion, faces the wrath of the Boxing Board next month after claiming he tricked his way through a pre-fight medical with a broken hand.

Stretch, from St. Helens, has been ordered to appear at the Board's next meeting on May 3.

Simon Block, the Board's assistant secretary, said yesterday: "I wouldn't think he would lose his licence but we want an explanation.

Stretch kept the injury from everyone but sparring partner Harry Cowap and gambled on beating Gary Cooper to win the title virtually one-handed. He came out with a broken nose after a vicious 12-round battle.

The Lyon's share

ST. HELENS glassworker John Lyon is one fight away from a record-breaking eighth ABA title.

The 27-year-old flyweight received a bye in last night's semi-finals at Blackburn after the Scottish team walked out in protest at not having to wear headguards.

Lyon now meets soldier John McLean at Wembley on May 5 in a repeat of their 1987 title showdown.

But there was no joy for Manchester's Mario Culppepper from Moss Side, who lost a majority points decision to Welshman Jason Matthews.

Aussie bonanza

LORD'S is already sold out for England's Texaco Trophy international against Australia on Monday, May 29 and for the second and third days of the second Cornhill Test, starting on Thursday, June 22.

The other two one-dayers — at Old Trafford (May 25) and Trent Bridge (May 27) — are also certain to attract full houses while the Ashes battle seems set to break all records for a Test series in this country.

Starter Bruno



FRANK BRUNO (right), Britain's boxing hero, will be the official starter for the ADT London Marathon on Sunday. The Wandsworth heavyweight will get the 25,000 athletes and fun runners under way from the Blackheath start at 9.15 and 9.30 a.m. respectively.

Basket of woe

BRITISH basketball suffered a stunning blow yesterday with the news that Rangers supreme David Murray is to axe both his leading clubs Glasgow and Murray International Metals.

Already reeling from the withdrawal of Crystal Palace and Hemel Wotton, the Carlsberg League is unlikely to survive.

Murray wants to concentrate on Rangers' soccer future despite Glasgow winning three of the four major titles this year and founder members MIM being front runners for much of the season.

ON THE BOX JOE RIGBY previews today's TV sport

THE Hillsborough Disaster pre-occupies the world of sport and ITV's all-soccer Midweek Sports Special has been cancelled as a mark of respect for the victims.

And BBC1's Sportsnight (10.05 p.m.-12.10 a.m.) includes a report on how the European soccer authorities prepare for major matches.

The world snooker championships are featured in Sportsnight and there's plenty of daytime coverage (BBC1 12 noon-1 p.m.; BBC2 2.15-5.30 p.m.; 9.00-9.55 p.m.). Young pretender Stephen Hendry opens his challenge against Gary Wilkinson.

Channel 4 screens four races from Newmarket (2.30-5.00 p.m.). Cheltenham races share BBC2's afternoon snooker slot.

EXPRESS SPORTS RESULTS SERVICE

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The players voice their feelings in Cup dilemma



● I would be more at ease if we pulled out ●
—GARY GILLESPIE



● Football is the last thing on our minds ●
—RONNIE WHELAN

Our final tribute



Liverpool chairman John Smith reads out a statement watched by Peter Robinson

Liverpool want August decider

GARY GILLESPIE, the strong man of Liverpool's defence, last night spelt out why he will plead that the club take no further part in this season's FA Cup.

On the day when Liverpool's board announced they would wait another week before deciding whether they can agree to the tragic semi-final against Nottingham Forest being restaged, Gillespie said: "I am praying we pull out."

By JOHN KEITH and TONY FLOOD

The 28-year-old defender explained: "When the players are asked about their view, I will say that I think we should withdraw from the Cup to pay the biggest tribute we can to the 95 fans who died at Hillsborough."

Memorial

"I will go along with whatever decision the club finally makes, but I would feel a lot more at ease with myself if I did not have to play another FA Cup tie this season."

"Some people might think it would be right for Liverpool to be involved in what would be regarded as a memorial FA Cup final."

"But it would merely go

down in the record books as the 1989 final, with the score and scorers—it wouldn't be recorded as the 'memorial cup final'.

"If Liverpool pull out, then the whole world would remember it."

It now seems certain Liverpool will not play in the Cup Final this season.

If they do decide to go ahead with the Nottingham Forest semi, their chosen date will be May 20—Cup Final day.

The Final would then be played at the start of next season in August, in place of the Charity Shield.

Gillespie, who came to Anfield from Coventry six years ago, added: "This has become my home and my heart goes out to those who were affected by the tragedy."

Awful

"I still feel numb about what has happened. The whole club has been devastated from the manager to the stewards and ball boys."

"It would have been awful if we had had to play this weekend, but whenever we have to fulfil our next fixture it won't be easy."

Liverpool's board met yesterday for the second time in 48 hours after the FA had rearranged the ill-fated semi-final for May 7 at Old Trafford.

And after a three-hour meeting chairman John Smith criticised the FA as "insensitive".

Liverpool's chief executive Peter Robinson said:

"There wasn't one of us who felt we were mentally capable of taking a decision now."



Georges... apology

UEFA boss says sorry

By BARRY FLATMAN

UEFA president Jacques Georges last night climbed down from his controversial verbal attack on Liverpool's fans.

Georges sent a written apology to Football Association Bert Millichip, admitting he may have reacted far too vehemently to reports he received of the Hillsborough tragedy.

Memories of the Heysel tragedy four years earlier prompted Georges' outburst, but yesterday he said:

"Seeing images again which, one must admit, resemble those sorrowful ones of May 1985, opened wounds as yet unhealed, causing me utmost grief as well as unspeakable horror."

Harsh

But he continued: "Perhaps my words were too harsh, insofar as it appears that, as time goes by, the causes and responsibilities of this tragedy are not as evident as they had been presented."

"I would like you to know that your bereavement is the same as mine and that I feel for you as well as for all of English football."

"Even is the greater pains remain mute, I may have cried out mine too strongly."

The Football League has given Liverpool and their Merseyside neighbours Everton and Tranmere permission to postpone their matches for as long as they like.

President Jack Dunnett said: "We have given them complete liberty to postpone their games because we feel a decent period of mourning is appropriate."

Whelan joins in Anfield homage

LIVERPOOL skipper Ronnie Whelan made a solemn visit to Anfield's shrine yesterday to pay his respects to the victims of Hillsborough — and then voiced the feelings of himself and his team-mates.

Whelan, his wife Elaine and daughter Elizabeth were among the 250,000 mourners, including bereaved families, who have so far visited Anfield.

The Republic of Ireland international made an emotional journey to the Kop, where the terraces are strewn with flowers and the metal barriers bedecked with scarves.

"The last thing any of us

is thinking about at this time is playing football," said Whelan.

"I suppose we'll have to abide by any decision that is made. But, really, I don't think any of the lads are even thinking about when we're going to play again."

Families

Whelan is one of 11 members of the Liverpool squad called up for international duty with their respective countries next week.

But he added: "That is something else we're not even thinking about at the moment. Our only thoughts are with the families of the victims of Hillsborough."

Liverpool chief executive Peter Robinson said: "The decision on whether our players take part in the internationals will be left entirely to them."

Queues of people filled the sidestreets outside Anfield yesterday waiting to swell the thousands of mourners who have covered the Kop end of the ground in floral tributes.

Said Robinson: "Because of the incredible public response the ground will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and we have now extended it to Sunday rather than Saturday as originally planned."

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