

'The Meet the People' tour of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos on Tuesday entered its second week. Earlier in Manah and Adam, His Majesty met sheikhs, heads of families and others in the various regions to discuss their problems at first hand. Men, women and children in their hundreds took to the streets to greet His Majesty as the Royal motorcade arrived. Waving Oman's tri-colour flags and holding His Majesty's portraits, they danced and sang songs. • The pictures on this page were taken at Adam by Mohamed Mustafa.

Show reinforces Oman-UK ties

Anglo-Omani ties found open expression at a British trade exhibition, the centrepiece of "Oman with Britain - Friendship and Co-operation," which opened on Monday.

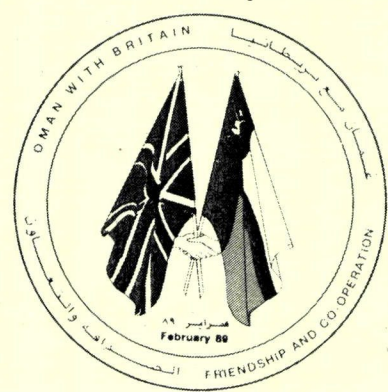
Sayyid Faisal bin Ali bin Faisal, the Minister of National Heritage and Culture, and the visiting Duke of Kent jointly inaugurated the five-day British Industrial and Consumer Exhibition at the Oman Exhibition Centre in Seeb.

"The relationship between the Sultanate and Britain has become distinguished as an example to follow," Sayyid Faisal said.

"It is marked by stability, consistency, clarity, respect and mutual confidence."

Also attending the inaugural function were Members of the Royal Family, Ministers, diplomats and leading businessmen.

The Minister said the exhibition represented His Majesty Sultan Qaboos's keen interest in rein-



By Meena Ganjvr

forcing the friendly relations between the two countries which date back to the 17th century.

In his opening speech, the Duke of Kent reiterated the confidence of the British Government and the country's industrial sector in Oman as a substantial and stable market.

He said the exhibition was intended to underline the ability of British industry to offer the technologies, services and products which Oman needed as it continued its impressive rate of development.

Celebration

The Duke said Oman and Britain shared strong ties spanning over three centuries and covering both good and difficult times.

"Oman with Britain is both a celebration of this relationship and a signpost to its continuation and expansion in the future. It

demonstrates a shared determination to keep the partnership up to date and to develop it to mutually beneficial effect."

"I also believe that economic links between the two countries will thrive more effectively if, in addition to contacts between government, there are regular discussions between the private sectors in the two countries."

He said there were plans to create this year groups in each country, primarily but not exclusively of private sector businessmen, who would meet regularly to further the already close ties.

The Duke, who is also the Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, said: "I believe that as a trade exhibition this is the largest ever staged by one country in Oman. It is also one of the largest officially-supported British exhibitions in the Middle East in recent years."

After jointly cutting the ribbon, Sayyid Faisal, the Duke and the

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Hirohito funeral

The Personal Representative of His Majesty the Sultan, Sayyid Thuwainy bin Shihab al Said, left for Tokyo on Tuesday to attend the funeral of Japan's late Emperor Hirohito, and to convey His Majesty's condolences to Emperor Akihito.

The delegation accompanying Sayyid Thuwainy comprises the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Yousuf bin Alawi bin Abdallah and the Special Adviser to His Majesty, Dr. Omar bin Abdul Munim al Zawawi.

298,426 pupils in 721 schools

A total number of 298,426 pupils are currently receiving education at the Sultanate's 721 schools and institutes, according to figures just announced.

Of these, 163,222 are boys and 135,204 girls.

The Director of Educational Planning at the Directorate General of Educational Development of the Ministry of Education and Youth, Raheela bint Amor al-Riyami, announced that the largest number of students are in

the primary grade — 228,714. Of these, 112,374 are boys and 106,000 girls.

The total number of students in the preparatory grade are: 51,030 of these 30,697 are boys and 20,333 girls.

At the secondary grade, the

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Dignitaries at the opening of the show.

Judges transferred

The Advisor to the State for Penal Affairs, Sayyid Turki bin Mahmood al Said has issued a decision transferring three judges to the criminal court. They are: Mohammad Tahir Ibrahim, Abdullah Mohammad Said al Kabi and Juma Saif al-Hashmi.

Under the decision, judge Salim Salman Salim al-Shikaih of the

primary penal court in Sur has been appointed the primary penal court judge in Sohar.

Sayyid Turki also appointed three judges of the primary penal court at Nizwa, Sur and Salalah. They are: Hamoud Talib al-Balushi, Salim Shuwarid al-Yaqubi and Salim Said al-Sinaidi respectively.

Students in school

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total number of students is 15,190. Of these, 7,490 are boys and 7,700 girls — the girls outnumbering boys.

The total number of students receiving general education is: 160,561 boys and 134,373 girls.

The remaining students are: 563 at the Islamic Preparatory Institutes in Mosques; 286 at the Islamic Secondary Institute; 1,653 at the Teachers' Intermediate Colleges; 146 at the Agricultural Secondary; 195 at the Industrial Secondary and 284 receiving private education.

Of the 721 schools in the country, 370 are primary schools — 118 for boys, 144 for girls and 108 co-educational.

The total number of preparatory schools is 267 - 122 for boys, 83

for girls and 62 co-educational.

The total number of secondary schools is 66 — 31 boys and 35 for girls. There are no co-educational secondary schools.

Schools, institutes and colleges of other kinds are: seven Islamic Preparatory Institutes at Mosques, one Islamic Secondary Institute, five Intermediate Colleges, three Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural schools and two private education schools (co-educational).

The total number of boys schools in Oman 285 and the total number of girls schools 264. Co-educational schools number 172.

According to Raheela bin Amor, the total number of classes in these schools during the current year was 9,202 — 4127 for boys, 3,630 for girls and 1,445 co-educational.



Sayyid Faisal and the Duke of Kent listen to the British Ambassador.

Arab League agreement on taxation

The Sultanate has become one of the signatories to the League of Arab States' agreement on the exchange of exemption from taxes and duties on the activities and equipment of the air transport organisation.

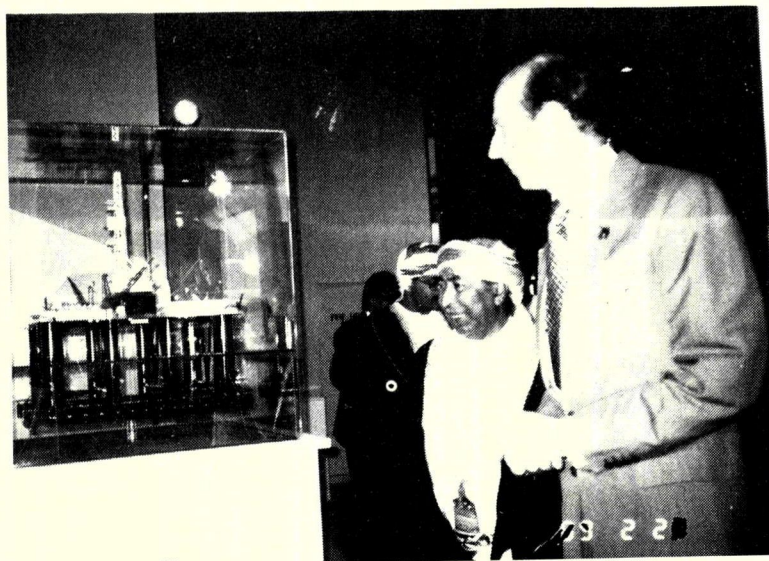
Under the terms of a Royal Decree issued by His Majesty Sultan Qaboos, Oman has joined the agreement signed originally in Tunis on September 5, 1979.

The decree asks the concerned authorities to notify the general secretariat of the Arab League about the step, in accordance with the requirements of the accord.

The decree comes into force as of February 11, 1989.

Health benefits

Nationals of other AGCC countries living in or visiting the Sultanate will receive the same benefits and privileges as Omanis at all Government health establishments in the country from March 1, according to Dr Ali bin Mohammed bin Moosa Minister of Health.



Admiring a display.

Best of British goods on display

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other dignitaries went around the richly varied exhibition which depicted the close ties enjoyed by the two countries in various sectors.

The best from Britain is on display at the exhibition in which about 70 major industrial and commercial organisations are taking part. The exhibition includes industrial equipment, motorcars, domestic appliances, building materials, communications systems, medical equipment and sports and leisure articles.

The non-industrial side of the exhibition has a unique and highly visual historical display cataloguing the history of Anglo-Omani relationship from the first trading agreement of 1645 through to the many modern day areas of co-operation.

Over 50 display panels, using both Arabic and English text and historical pictures not seen in public for many years, are housed in a bedouin style tent at the entrance.

It spans over centuries from the first contact between the two countries in 1645 when the Ya'riba

ruler of Oman, Imam Nasir, offered the British East India Company a trading station at Sohar to the present day bilateral relationship under His Majesty Sultan Qaboos.

A selection of colourful pictures are featured in the exhibiton, with His Majesty paying a State visit to London in March 1982, returning a visit to Oman made by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and his Royal Highnesses Prince Philip. Their Royal Highness the Princess and Prince of Wales have also visited Oman, as did Prime Minister Mrs. Thatcher.

A delightful picture features Sir Ranulph Fiennes, the well-known explorer, planting the Omani flag at the South Pole.

The exhibition also has a market square with Harrods and other British retailers as well as Omani and British craftsmen displaying their skills.

Paintings by some well known Omani and British artists, including Anwar Sonya, Rabha Mahmoud, Barry and Sarah Parett and Carol Lanfear also feature in the exhibition.

Weather

Weather remained dry over the Sultanate. The day maximum temperatures were normal and night minimum temperatures were slightly below normal over the Muscat area and these averaged as 25C (77F) and 15C (59) respectively.

Outlook for the coming week: Rain or showers are likely over Northern Oman.

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Visit to Saudi Arabia

The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Yusuf bin Alawi bin Abdallah was in Saudi Arabia on a one-day visit. He carried a verbal message from His Majesty Sultan Qaboos to King Fahd concerning regional events and strengthening relations between the two countries.

A plan on water resources

Sayyid Shabib bin Taimour al Said, the Minister of Environment and Water Resources has said that his Ministry was in the process of preparing a comprehensive plan for the scientific exploitation of water resources.

He added that the plan was being prepared on instructions from His Majesty Sultan Qaboos.

New office for 'Zakat'

The Ministry of Justice, Awqaf and Islamic Affairs is setting up a new office for the collection and distribution of "Zakat."

Zakat is a religious obligation under which every Muslim donates a specific amount of money to the poor and the needy.

The office will start functioning from March 1 at the Directorate-General of Awqaf in Al Khuwair.

His Majesty hails ACC, AMU

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos has welcomed the formation of the Arab Co-operation Council and the Arab Maghreb Union and congratulated the leaders and peoples of the member states.

He said the Arab Gulf Co-operation Council's experience has proved that Arab gatherings, when ruled by goodwill and sincere intentions, would lead to Arab solidarity.

AGCC Traffic Week talks

AGCC traffic chiefs held a two-day meeting in Abu Dhabi. They discussed proposals for a uniform driving licence and a unified traffic law for the member states.

The meeting reviewed preparations for the sixth AGCC Traffic Week from March 25 and implementation of decisions taken at the last conference.

Oman's delegation was led by Colonel Abdul Aziz bin Awadh al Rowas, the Director-General of Traffic, Captain Najeeb Othman from the Traffic Directorate-General of ROP's Public Relations Director Abdullah bin Amer al Kasbi.

Prophet's Ascension

The people of Oman will join the international Islamic community in celebrating the anniversary of the Holy Prophet's ascension on Monday March 6.

A Civil Service Council is expected to issue an announcement shortly declaring the day a public holiday.

A similar announcement is due from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

The Ministry of Justice, Awqaf and Islamic Affairs is organising special lectures in mosques to highlight the importance of the occasion.

The day will mark the anniversary of an event in which the Holy Prophet travelled to the celestial spheres.

The Grand Mufti of Oman His Eminence Sheikh Ahmed bin Hamad al-Khalili will give a speech on the relevance of the Prophet's ascension.

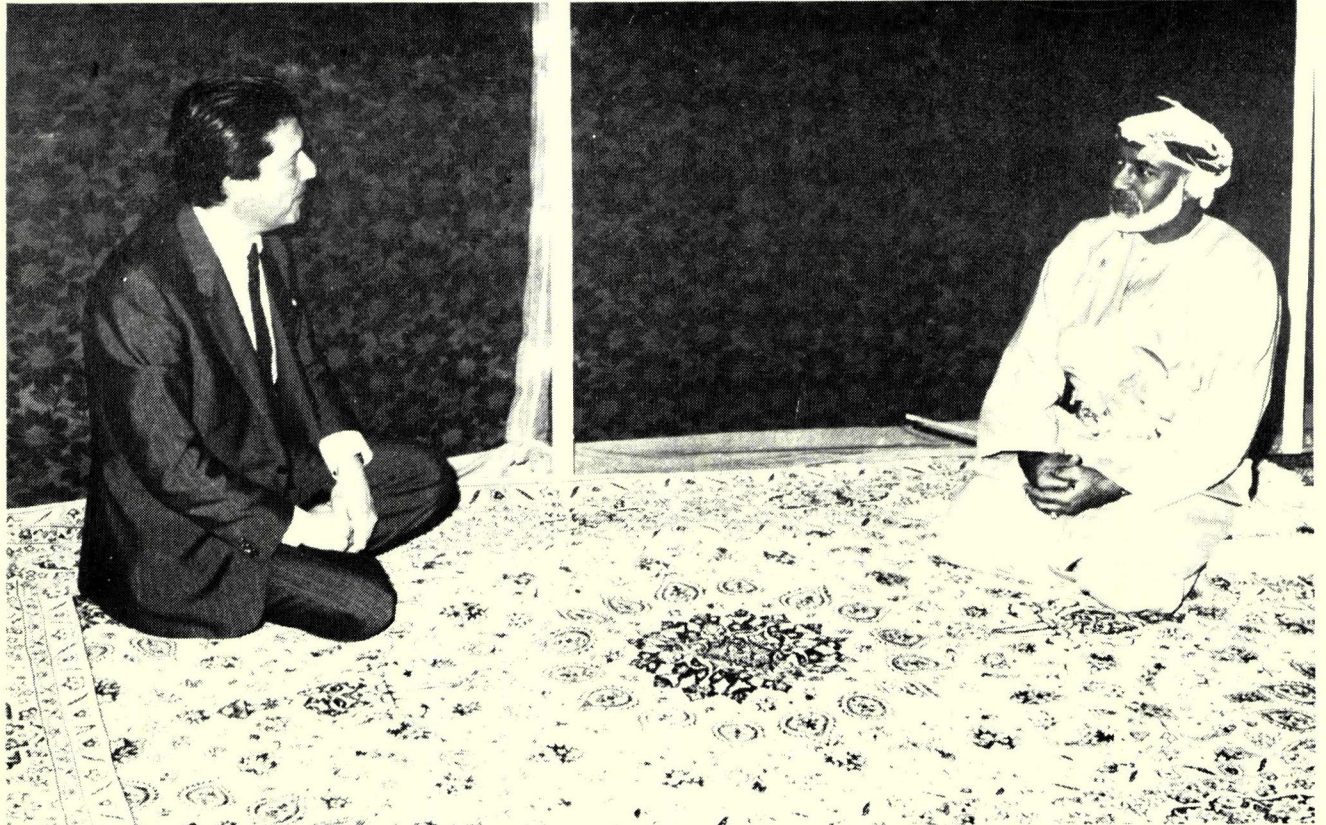
Bahla visit by Minister

The Minister for Regional Municipalities, Sheikh Mohammed bin Ali al Qatabi paid a visit to Bahla Municipality. He held discussions with officials there. He was accompanied by Sheikh Sabba bin Hamdan al Saadi, the Director-General of Municipalities.

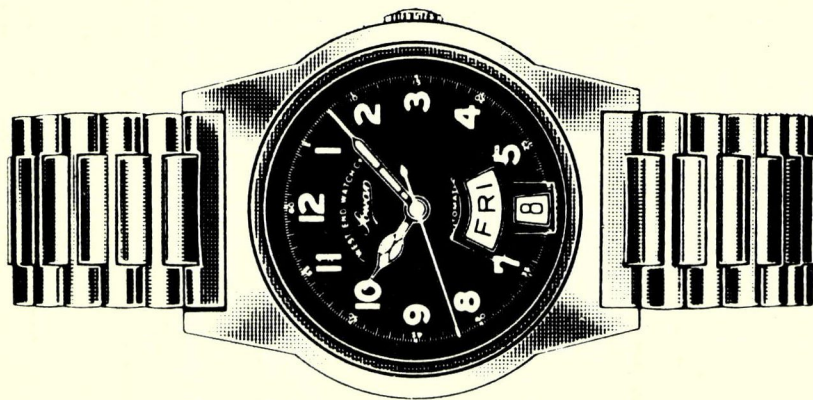
Lunar eclipse

Oman and other Gulf countries saw a total lunar eclipse on Monday.

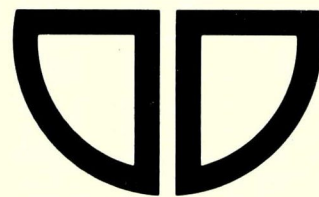
The eclipse began just before sunset at 6.04pm and ended at around 9.45pm.



His Majesty Sultan Qaboos gave an audience to Mr. Frederico Mayor, Director-General of Unesco, who was in Oman this week to discuss issues relating to the Silk Road project. Picture by Mohamed Mustafa.



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• RURAL SANITATION PROGRAMME

Government testing new waste disposal system

Rural sanitation is being given top priority and the Government of Oman, in association with the World Health Organisation, is introducing a new domestic liquid waste disposal system on an experimental basis.

Dr. Mohammed Dajani, a WHO expert on domestic liquid waste disposal, is currently visiting the Sultanate at the invitation of the Environmental Health Section of Ministry of Health.

Under the project, being jointly carried out by the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and the Ministry of Regional Municipalities, Dr. Dajani is to hold demonstrations at Nakhl, Khaboura and Adam - three areas with different soil natures — permeable, medium permeable and rocky.

Dr. Dajani told the "Times" that the purpose of his visit was to educate both the public and the concerned Government officials about the construction and the working of new flush latrines which are cheaper, more efficient and required much less water than conventional systems.

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The consultant will guide local staff in designing and constructing the system so that it is appropriate to the site conditions and the requirements. During the demonstration he will be accompanied by representatives from the participating Ministries who will be trained to continue the project after the expert leaves.

At the end of his visit the consultant will brief the concerned authorities about the method of construction, the work involved both before and after the system is installed.

The demonstration at the three different sites, Dr. Dajani said, would also give an idea about its cost effectiveness. However, he pointed

out self-help could bring down the cost considerably.

The system includes the construction of an underground leeching pit within the house compound and putting the latrine on top or near the pit. The expert said the location of the pit had to be carefully selected in order to conserve the environment.

Fertiliser

After the pit is full, another pit can be dug and the first one filled with soil and closed for at least a year. He said the gap of at least one year was vital to ensure that all the pathogens are killed. After that the pit can be emptied and the decomposed contents re-used as fertiliser. This way the two pits can be used alternately and can serve for many years, Dr. Dajani said.

Dr. Dajani said the new pour flush units were an improvement on the traditional latrine as because of the water seal there was no possibility of either insects or bad odours moving back from the leeching pit. "It suits the country's resources too as instead of the 10 to 12 litres of water which is needed to flush a normal flush toilet, this system only requires one to two litres per flush," the expert pointed out.

However, the main reason for introducing this excreta disposal system is health. It had been observed in the past that human wastes were a major source of pollution of water wells and afalaj in the rural area.

The problem becomes severe in the rainy season when rain water flow over the ground and carries the improperly disposed human waste polluting into the traditional wells and falaj causing an outbreak of

water borne diseases such as Diarrhoea.

Since water is vital for life, it had been felt that measures were needed to prevent such pollution, especially when fresh water is scarce in the country. It was obvious that most of the water born diseases could be reduced and controlled by improving human waste disposal and introducing the necessary facilities and safe methods of disposal of the waste in the area.

The expert said that the advantages of the system were that it served as a proper sanitary measure for collecting domestic waste, was free from odour and insects, it utilised less water than conventional systems and was less expensive. "It incorporates simple technology and is therefore easy to install, use and maintain."

The expert, who has supervised rural sanitation programme in Jor-



Dr. Mohammed Dajani
WHO expert

dan, said these household latrines had been successfully tried in India and many other countries.

He suggested that to begin with, a health education programme would be necessary to introduce the method to the public but "once they start to see the benefit of the system it should be accepted by the majority."

'Opec states following quota'

Oil prices may shift in the range of \$15 to \$17 a barrel this year, Oman's Petroleum and Minerals Minister Said bin Ahmed al Shanfari told reporters after meetings with four non-Opec oil producing countries.

Mr. Shanfari also blamed the recent decline as "baseless rumors spread by vested interests."

"The oil market is very sensitive," he added.

He said he believed all OPEC states were following their output quota.

Following separate meetings with the Ambassadors of the Soviet Union, China, Malaysia and the Yemen Arab Republic, Mr. Shanfari remarked: "The outlook is very encouraging and I expect the market to be in good shape."

He predicted that the oil prices would stabilise at \$18 per barrel in 1990. "This year they move between \$15 and \$17 depending on market discipline."

Arab League official

The Deputy Prime Minister for Legal Affairs, Sayyid Fahd bin Mahmood al Said, who is also the President of the Sultan Qaboos University Council last week met the Secretary-General of the Arab League's Council of Justice Ministers Mohammed Miko.

During the meeting, also attended by Sultan Qaboos University Secretary-General Hammad bin Hamed al Ghafri, they reviewed efforts by the council of Arab Justice Ministers to unify Arab legislations.

Mohammed Miko commended the Sultanate for its backing of efforts for joint Arab co-operation, and said he had noted the enormous progress, made by the Sultanate in various fields including legislation.

Mr. Shanfari said discussions held with the ambassadors centred on the next session of Nopec oil experts in London on February 21. Recommendations made will be submitted to a joint meeting of Opec-Nopec oil ministers expected to take place in March. He added that Oman would adhere to any directive made by the ministers.

When asked about Omanisation, Mr. Shanfari said the process "is progressing well and on schedule."

He stressed that Omanisation had not affected the growth of the Petroleum Development Oman, Oman Refinery Company and the Oman Mining Company. "The right man takes the right place."

Envoy received

The Deputy Prime Minister for Security and Defence, Sayyid Fahr bin Taimour al Said last week received in his office in Beit al-Falaj camp the British Ambassador to the Sultanate, Mr Robert J. Alston.

Present during the meeting were Air Commodore Mallallah bin Rustom al Sadqi, Colonel Abdullah bin Salih al Dhabry and Khalifa bin Khalfan al Amry from the office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

Austrian Minister

Austria's Minister of Education, Arts and Sports Dr Hilde Hawlicek is due to arrive in Muscat tomorrow on a four-day visit following an invitation from National Heritage and Culture Minister Sayyid Faisal bin Ali al Said.

Besides holding talks with senior official here, she will also visit places of historical importance.

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New rules on charity shows by expatriate bodies

Associations and other organisations run by expatriates in Oman will not be allowed to organise charity shows in aid of the disabled without prior written permission from the Social Affairs and Labour Ministry.

This is one of the new regulations contained in a Ministerial Decree issued by Sheikh Mustahil bin Ahmed al Mashani, the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour.

It said applications to organise charity programmes by both Omani and expatriate organisations must be submitted to the Director-General of Social Affairs in Muscat or his counterpart in Salalah.

The application must mention the kind of charity programme, its date and venue; value of tickets; proportion of the proceeds that will go to the disabled which should not be less than half and a letter of approval from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in case the organisers are expatriates.

The application must be submitted a month before the show with letters of approval from the Ministry of National Heritage and Culture, the Royal Oman Police and the Ministry of Education and Youth if the programme is a sports event.

The decree empowers the Ministry to send one of its staff to attend the programme and ensure that all regulations have been abided by.

Training course in measurement

The Government is organising a training course in measurement from March 20 to 27.

The organisers are the Directorate General of Specifications and Measurements, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The proceedings of the course would be held in Arabic and all participants will be Omani nationals.

UNDP experts hold talks

The Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Mustahil bin Ahmed al Mashani met a delegation of experts from the UN Development Programme.

They discussed difficulties facing the implementation of the development programme and also reviewed the agreement between the Ministry and the international organisation.

Kuwait course

Twelve land surveyors from the Housing Ministry have left for Kuwait for a three-month training course.

Said bin Nasser al Maskari, Under-Secretary of Housing met the trainees before their departure. He urged them to make the best use of the course to develop their skills.

Campaign planned on proper disposal of soft-drink glass containers

Producers and Importers of soft drinks in the country are joining hands with the Government to fight the menace caused by the improper disposal of non-returnable glass bottles.

In a meeting with representatives of the Muscat Municipality, the Ministry of Regional Municipalities and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry last week, soft drink bottlers and importers discussed steps to be taken to ensure proper disposal of glass bottles.

Said Amor Ali al Marhuby, General Supervisor of Health Affairs, Muscat Municipality, told the "Times" that it was decided at the meeting to intensify the public awareness campaign about the use of specially designed and locally manufactured "bottle collector

bins".

He said the meeting debated various means of getting the message across to the public and a final decision on the campaign will be taken soon.

The meeting also decided to distribute more bins around the town. Mr al-Marhuby said it was also recommended that such bins must be placed near all stalls, shops and kiosks selling soft drinks in glass bottles.

He said these bins would be supplied by the manufacturers of the soft drinks, who had offered their

readiness to do so. Besides having signs indicating the use of the bins the containers could also carry the logo of the soft drink companies supplying them, Mr. Said al Marhuby said.

About 60 specially designed bottle collectors were distributed on an experimental basis in Muscat and other big towns around the country last year. Participants at the meeting felt these bins had proved successful to some extent and there was need for greater public awareness about these collectors.

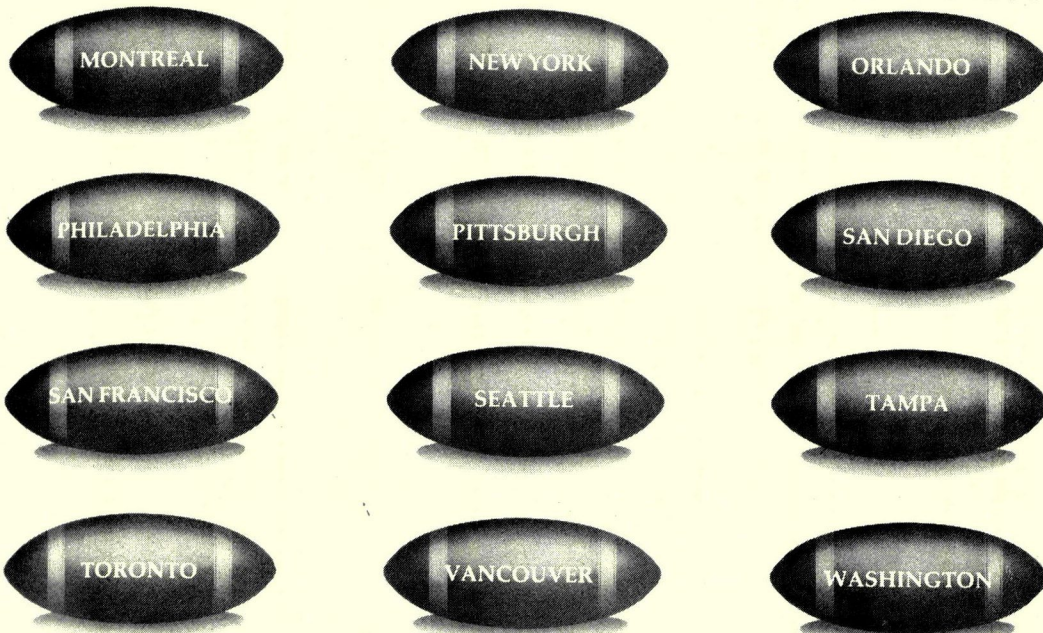
It may be remembered that recently Muscat Municipality banned the carrying as well as selling of soft drinks in glass bottles at parks, beaches, playgrounds, cinema halls and schools.

The ban order was issued for greater public safety as broken pieces of glass bottles were reported to have caused many accidents.

He said the ban was not only on fizzy drinks sold in glass bottles but all drinks sold in glass bottles, including tonics.

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Tug of War competition pictured at a gala event held at the Holiday Inn in Salalah last week, to mark the Oman with Britain week.

Honda car for winner in 'National' draw



Salim bin Abdulla of MODES, SAF, was the lucky winner of a Honda Civic four door car at the final draw of the 'National' Super Special Sales Scheme which concluded on February 7 at SAF Shop throughout the Sultanate.

The scheme was a great success and was organised by Omasco, the local agents of 'National' solely for SAF employees who do most of their shopping at SAF Shops.

K.K. Sreenivasan won a 29" National Colour TV, Idrees Ali Murad won a National VCR and Khalifa Mohammed Said won a National Microwave oven.

A total of 101 prizes were won and

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Our picture shows (from left) Mr. K. Ishimoto, General Manager of Matsushita's Dubai Office, Mr. Gharib, Director, SAF Shops, Mr. Kasim Riyami, Deputy Director, SAF Shops, Mr. R.U. Baqai, Divisional Manager, National, Omasco, and Mr. Hasan Suhail, Sales Manager, National, Omasco, at the lucky draw.

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Onion Green	200	Cucumber Long	550
Garlic	650	Cucumber Small	550
Okra	500	Cabbage	100
Cowpea	400	Cabbage Red	150
Field Peas	500	Cabbage Chinese	250
Beans White	400	Lettuce	300
		Carrot	300
		Chilli Pepper	450
		Sweet Pepper R	300
		Sweet Pepper L	150
		Eggplant Round	150
		Eggplant Long	150
		Eggplant White	150
		Banana Green	200/250
		Chico	500
		Indian Plum	275
		Coconut Green	250
		Coconut Dry	325
		Lime	600
		Lemon	150
		Grapefruit	200
		Papaya	250
		Potato Sweet	300

A major health survey

A major survey covering some 700 pregnant women and 1,000 children who are below the age of one is to be conducted by the Directorate of Planning and Follow-Up of the Ministry of Health.

Project Chief Dr. Murtadha bin Jaafar bin Suleiman, has been quoted as saying that the aim of the survey was to assess the health status of the country's pregnant women and very young children.

"It will give use a broad picture of the health of a one-year-old in Oman in relation to the socio-economic status of the woman". The survey is expected to last some 20 months and is a follow-up of the survey covering some 5,000 households now being undertaken by the Government.

"The basic objective of the whole exercise is to assess the condition of the country's children and factors that affect their health so as to provide them and their mothers with better health. For instance, we know that infant mortality has been reduced dramatically, but we have no documentary proof".

Koran contest for students

A Holy Koran memorising competition has begun for students of Sultan Qaboos University at the University premises.

According to Ali bin Mohammad al-Kindi, General Supervisor of the students guidance at the University, the participating students are competing in the Koranic chapter entitled 'Qad Samiallha'.

Two committees have been set up. They include: Dr. Abdullah Shehata, Dr. Tahir Mohammad al Duraardi and Dr. Mohammad Abdus Samee from the Islamic Sciences Section and other distinguished men.

A total number of 88 students have already applied for participation in the contest, aimed at cultivating the habit of Koranic recitation among students in accordance with the prescribed principles.

The Koranic verses are recited in accordance with the scientific method of 'Jajweed' based on the accurate pronunciation of words, compulsory and optional pauses and exact appreciation of the text.

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...and the 'Times of Oman'

Anglo-Omani economic relations highlighted

Britain has full confidence in the future of Omani economy and is determined to play a full part in the Sultanate's development in the coming years.

Speaking at the seminar at Al Bustan Palace Hotel on economic links between Oman and Britain on Saturday, the Duke of Kent who was in Oman on a four-day visit, said the friendship festival represented "a celebration of a tried and trusted friendship as well as a determination on the British side to keep it so, and to play a full part in Oman's development in the future as in the past.

"This keen interest on the part of Britain shows a confidence in the future of the Omani economy and a will to seize the opportunity to further strengthen existing links," said the Duke who ended his four-day visit on Tuesday.

The Omani side at the seminar was led by the Deputy Prime Minister for Finance and Economy, Qais bin Abdul Munim al Zawawi, and included the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Salim bin Abdullah al Ghazali, and the Under-Secretary Dr. Al Yaqdhan bin Talib bin Ali al Hinai.

The British participants included the British Ambassador to Oman Mr R.J. Alston, Mr David Douglas-Home, Chairman of the Committee for Middle East Trade and several officials and businessmen.

The Duke said there was a well established and strong British presence in industry, commerce and finance in Oman, "but we know we cannot afford merely to rely on traditions, however solid these may be and we are quite clear that the British dimension itself has to evolve if we are to keep pace with your changing priorities."

Trends

He said the meeting was talking place at a formative moment in the evolution of Oman's economy and would help the British side to have a clear perception of the main trends in Oman's economy.

Britain, he said, realised that Oman was vulnerable to volatility in the value of the dollar as well as to declining oil prices and there was movement away from reliance on oil revenue.

The Duke said his country would like to know more about the progress made by the Sultanate in trade and the removal of tariff barriers between the AGCC countries.

"This will help to establish an idea of the areas in the economy of Oman in which British activity and investment would be welcome: here it will be valuable in this context to have the views on the Omani side of both Government and private sector, as the perceptions of each are very important to us in assessing the contribution we might be able to make."

At the same time, he pointed out, Britain would need to pay careful attention to Oman's requirements in terms of issues such as employment as well as purely economic factors.

He was hopeful that the seminar would help in identifying the specific conditions which must exist if fruitful partnerships between the two countries were to be further developed.

"I am sure that there will be potential attractive openings for British finance, skills, technology, training, management and marketing know-how."

Earlier, welcoming the Duke and his delegation, Mr. Zawawi said the Oman with Britain festival was a reflection of

the strong ties between the two countries.

He emphasised His Majesty Sultan Qaboo's keen interest to bring Oman on par with developed countries.

The Deputy Prime Minister said although Oman had made considerable



The Royal Marine Band which has been playing to appreciative audiences round the country is pictured in front of Al Falaj Hotel where they are staying during their tour in Oman.

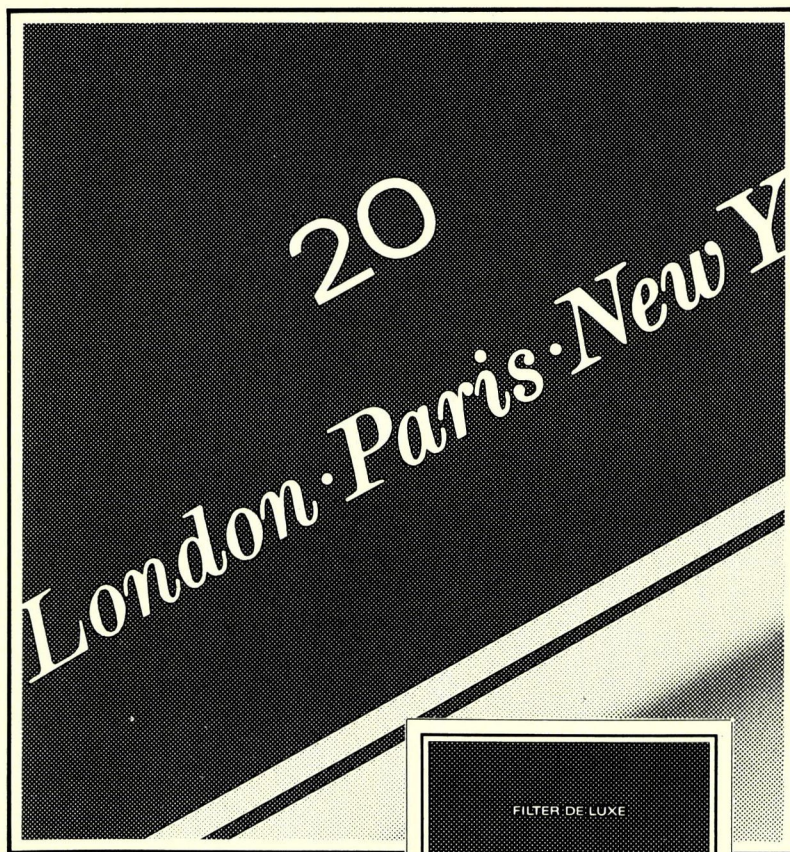
progress, a lot was yet to be achieved.

At the end of the one-day seminar, Mr. Ghazali told journalists that the meeting reviewed bilateral ties and aspects of cooperation between the two countries.

"Both sides have expressed their views on the past and future prospects for the Omani-British Cooperation."

Also representing the Omani side were Hamoud bin Hilal al Habsi, Under-Secretary Ministry of Finance and Economy, Maqbool bin Ali Sultan, President of Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Khamis bin Mubarak al Kiyumi, Director General Industry and several leading businessmen.

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A significant contribution Islam has made to public health is in the sphere of what is now a specialised branch of medicine...dentistry.

Thanks to the monumental efforts made by the World Health Organisation and the International Dental Federation, outstanding progress has been achieved in the domain of dental health and oral hygiene all over the world.

Oral pathology and surgery have made giant strides. Orthodontics (concerned with the prevention and cure of poor tooth alignment and related dental aversions), prosthodontics (provision of artificial teeth to replace the missing ones), pedodontics (looking after the teeth of children and adolescents), periodontics (cure of ailments connected with periodontal tissues) and other branches of dentistry have jointly helped to improve radically the general dental health of the people.

The result is that the rate of dental diseases has registered a remarkable decline in many parts of the world. Gingivitis (inflammation of the gums), pyorrhea (inflammation of the tissues around the teeth roots) and other related diseases are gradually affecting a lesser number of patients, in several areas.

In the countries where the municipal authorities are particular about adding sodium flouride to public water supplies, despite public opposition to the move, there has been an appreciable reduction in the number of people suffering from caries — decay of the teeth.

However, it is astonishing that very little has been said or written about the enormous emphasis Islam has placed on the protection of teeth.

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Islam - ultimate answer to the challenge of AIDS

The Islamic alternatives

EATING FOR LIFE — IV

This is the ninth article of the series on AIDS written by Syed Qaisar Mahmood.

It discusses Islamic concern for dental health and the methods of dental care prescribed by the Prophet.

health and oral hygiene was the Holy Prophet.

At a time when dental education was probably a term unknown to the world, the Prophet stressed the hygienic importance of keeping the teeth clean and tidy. Abu Huraria, a zealous propagator of the Prophet's words and deeds, quotes the Prophet as saying: 'Did I not apprehend that it would be burdensome on my people, I would prescribe the brushing of teeth before every prayer'.

The tradition shows that the Prophet did not prescribe toothbrushing before the five-time prayer every day only because he thought this was too much of demand on an individual. Otherwise, he was per-

fectly convinced of the hygienic utility of such an action.

The Prophet was himself very particular about keeping his teeth clean. When he woke up or entered the house, the first thing he did was the brushing of his teeth. In a number of other traditions, the Prophet impressed upon his followers repeatedly the importance of brushing their teeth, which he said, 'purifies the mouth and is agreeable to the Lord'.

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The Prophet's wife Aisha, a talented and outstanding traditionist, known for her command over both juridical and theological matters, related that the Prophet described the following acts as being among the demands of nature:

- cutting close the moustache
- allowing the beard to grow
- brushing the teeth
- cleaning the nose
- paring the nails
- washing out the base of the fingers
- removing the hair from the armpits
- removing the pubic hair
- washing the affected parts after a call of nature.

Airport traffic up in London

London's three major airports, Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted, last year handled nearly 60 million passengers, an 8.2 per cent increase over 1987.

The BAA, formally known as the British Airports Authority, has reported that 37.5 million of the 1988 travellers used Heathrow, which has long been the world's busiest international airport.

This total, which was eight per cent up on 1987, was boosted by a rise of over 10 per cent in passengers in December to more than 2.8 million.

Gatwick Airport had an even bigger 13.2 per cent increase in December to swell its annual figure to 20.7 million while Stansted eclipsed both its "big brother" airports with a dramatic 46.6 per cent jump in 1988 travellers to top the one million mark.

The list, which looks like having been prepared by a physician, speaks of the Prophet's interest in the health of his people. It is one of many things which make Islam not only a religion concerned with the spiritual aspects of life, but also a code which deals with such important subjects as public health and cleanliness.

The regular cleansing protects the teeth against cavities, malocclusion and decay, often caused by sugar, safeguards the tissues supporting the teeth, corrects dento-facial incompatibility and assists the digestion of the food. A bit of extra dental care, as prescribed by the Prophet, may make a hell of a difference to one's health.

The Prophetic emphasis on toothbrushing can be greatly exploited in order to bring about a radical change in public attitude to dental health, a change which is inevitable if social and emotional problems resulting from the disfigurement of the teeth and gums are to be solved. These problems often greatly contribute to the psychological upsets which subsequently give birth to alcoholism and drug addiction. It can, thus, be stated accurately that the Prophet's sayings concerning toothbrushing represent preventive measures against the use of chemical methods to achieve gratification.

The Islamic teaching on cleaning the teeth may be used to arouse fear among the beauty-conscious youth for the disadvantages resulting from dental carelessness such as the disfigurement of the gums and teeth, deterioration in personal appearances and excessive pain caused by tooth extraction which makes life miserable.

In a number of countries, particularly in Europe and the Gulf, dental health services are available free of charge. But this can make a major difference to the dental health, only when accompanied by public education. The members of the general public must be made aware of the fact that toothbrushing on a regular basis can eliminate plaque from the teeth, crevices and gum margins. The development of calculus is impossible in the event of the elimination of plaque.

The educating of the masses in the world of Islam on the basis of the Prophet's traditions can also help reduce the incidence of one of the most widespread diseases of mankind — the periodontal disease.

Say It In Arabic

ya bakhtak	.....	you lucky thing! (to a man)
mashghuul(a)	.....	busy
siyaaHa	.....	travel, tourism
maktab	.....	office
baas, baasaat	.....	bus, buses
nihaaya	.....	end
shaari	.....	street
ala fikra	.....	by the way
shuu?	.....	what
maluumaat	.....	information
baiid	.....	far, a long way away
laazim tirkabi lbaaS	.....	you (f) must go by bus
SaaHib, as-Haab	.....	friend, friends
hum	.....	they; them; their
mu'allif(a)	.....	author(ess)
sitt	.....	six
sab	.....	seven
thaman	.....	eight
tis	.....	nine
ashar or ash'r	.....	ten
qirsh, quruush	.....	piastre, piastres
Taabi, Tawaabi	.....	stamp, stamps
maqad, maqaaid	.....	seat, seats
talaamiidh	.....	students (m)
maTam, maTaa'im	.....	restaurant, restaurants
Haqiiba, Haqaa'ib	.....	bag(s); suitcase(s)
mudiir	.....	manager
mudaraa	.....	managers
faqat	.....	only
ilqaahira	.....	Cairo
mutadil(a)	.....	average, middling

Loans boost for industrial sector

As part of the ongoing industrialisation programme of the Government, the observation and follow-up section at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's Industrial Incentives Department has been following up new projects under implementation and submitting periodical reports on them.

These reports reflect the executive position of the project and the extent to which the concerned party is serious about implementing it. This is done in order to provide an opportunity to other investors with a serious desire to set up the planned project.

After the project enters the stage of production, the stage of industrial control begins. The Ministry gives the necessary advice and opinion to industrial projects with a view to ensuring that the national product of Oman is not only of the highest quality, but also conforms to international specifications. This enables the Omani product to compete with similar products imported from abroad.

The soft loan project is an important step which may eventually help boost industry. The loans are granted following the promulgation of a Royal Decree which formulates the regulations for Government grants to private sector projects, in the sphere of industry, agriculture, fisheries and minerals.

Tourism

Coinciding with the launching of the third Five Year development plan, a Royal Decree was issued for financial support to the private sector in the spheres of industry and tourism. Its provisions were later amended to conform to the requirements of the new phase in the light of the experience gained from the second Five Year Plan. The decree added tourism projects to the list of industrial projects benefitting from financial support.

Industrial loans are granted only to the projects which assume the form of joint stock companies. The condition is that at least 25 per cent of the company's capital should have been covered through public subscription and Omanis own at least 75 per cent of the capital throughout the period of the loan. This does not apply to projects vital to the national economy, provided the minimum share of Omanis is 51 per cent.

The Government loans are to be utilised for any of the following three purposes:

1. Setting up of a new project.
2. Supporting the existing projects which want to expand and improve their productivity.
3. Supporting the projects facing difficulties in continuing with the production for any of the reasons specified by the Financial Support Committee.

The Government loan, which is without interest, is granted as follows: maximum value is equivalent to 100 per cent of the capital of the project within Muscat area and 125 per cent of the capital of the projects

outside Muscat.

The loans are granted in annual instalments to be paid after the passage of a five-year grace period.

The interest-free Government loans granted to industrial projects are unique of their kind. No such easy loans are available in any of the neighbouring countries.

The total value of the loans granted to industrial projects since the beginning of the second Five-Year Plan to June 30th, 1988 R.O. 21.3 million. The number of loans

was 61 and the number of industrial companies benefitting from them 58.

The sphere in which the largest number of loans were granted was in manufacturing of non-metallic mineral products. 17 loans were granted to 17 companies, valued at RO 7,918,882, representing 37.16 per cent of the total industrial loan value. The second field in which the largest amount of loans were given is foodstuff, beverages and tobacco

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Conference on ozone layer

A major international conference on the impact of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and other chemicals on the ozone layer is to be held in London from March 5 to 7.

Hosted by the British Government, the conference will involve Ministers and senior officials from 150 invited countries as well as leading international scientists and industrialists. UK Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will play a prominent role in the three-day meeting.

The objectives of the conference - which is being held in association with the United Nations Environment Programme - are to extend understanding of ozone depletion; to increase international awareness of the work that is being done by industry to find replacement chemicals or alternative technologies; and to encourage international participation in the process of tackling the problem as set out under the Montreal Protocol.

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Loans and equity participation by Oman Development Bank 1979-1987
by economic sub-sectors
(in R.O.)

SUB-SECTOR	No. of Projects	Total Cost	ODB Loan	ODB Equity	Total ODB Financing
Food Processing, Beverages and Storage Facilities	57	20,524,000	9,576,000	70,000	9,646,000
Chemical Industries	41	24,104,000	10,265,000	—	10,265,000
Construction Industries	52	48,862,000	10,769,000	693,000	11,462,000
Furniture	9	3,599,000	1,520,000	—	1,520,000
Agriculture & Fisheries	11	8,405,000	2,995,000	—	2,995,000
Paper & Printing	21	5,646,000	2,617,000	—	2,617,000
Textiles & Clothing	2	8,839,000	1,900,000	—	1,900,000
Metal Products	16	7,670,000	3,315,000	50,000	3,365,000
Miscellaneous	7	4,367,000	1,325,000	—	1,325,000
Oman Bank for Agriculture and Fisheries	1	—	—	100,000	100,000
Oman Housing Bank	1	—	—	20,000	20,000
Oman National Transport Co.	1	—	—	1,000	1,000
Small Scale Industries	8	369,000	164,000	—	164,000
TOTAL	227	132,385,000	44,446,000	934,000	45,380,000

Press praise for Oman's many achievements

A leading Italian newspaper has underlined the key role played by Oman in bringing about the Iraq-Iran ceasefire.

"Omani diplomats were the silent mediators of the ceasefire which was signed by Iraq and Iran on 20 August last year after eight years of bitter fighting", La Stampa said in a special feature on the Sultanate.

"As mediators, they never took sides," it added.

The paper commended Oman's success on the diversification front. It said: "Big strides have been made in the economic field by the diversification of Oman's industries.

The paper noted that in the past 90 per cent of the contry's income came from oil. This has been reduced by a third due to the development of alternative industries.

Describing Oman as the "Muslim Switzerland of the Arab world." La Stampa wrote extensively about the country's meteoric development under His Majesty Sultan Qaboos's leadership.

From conditions of total backwardness, the Sultanate had been transformed into one of the most enterprising countries in the region.

The paper said: "Today, 18 years after, Oman is the Muslim Switzerland of the Arab world, progressing towards the 21st century".

"In less than two decades, we have progressed more than any

other nation. Look around you and see whether I am not speaking the truth", the Italian paper quoted Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Yusuf bin Alawi bin Abdallah as saying.

La Stampa had a particular word of praise for the extreme neatness of historic monuments in Oman.

It added: "The beauty of the well-lit commercial centres of Muscat, which look like showcases, and the industries at the periphery of Ruwi, are all a reflection of the rest of the country".

Arafat

The paper noted that although Oman was not a member of Opec, it followed the organisation policies on pricing and output.

The cultural heritage of the country, it added, was greatly valued.

"Oman is a friend of every nation, but is subject to none," La Stampa said.

The paper also referred to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's recent visit to Muscat.

In a special report on the Sultanate, the London 'Times' has com-

mended the progress made in the economic and social spheres since the accession of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos in 1970.

His Majesty's diplomacy in working for a ceasefire in the Gulf war, a rapprochement with the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, and an equitable solution for the stabilisation of the oil market was also praised.

The newspaper says: "Today, Oman's two million people live in a prosperous and peaceful nation. They are reaping the rewards of prudent spending of the country's oil wealth, used to establish a firm economic infrastructure - to give all Omanis a respectable standard of living."

The country "is slowly but surely moving towards a position in which it can withstand the disruptive swings of the oil price seasaw."

The newspaper added: "Today in February 1989, the only clouds on the horizon are the outlook for the oil price and how fast the country can achieve its goal of diversification. But Oman is united, prosperous and peaceful."

Manufacture of mineral products

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industry. A total of 13 loans were given to 13 companies, valued at RO 4,704,625, representing 22 per cent of the total value of industrial loans.

The third field in which the Government granted the largest number of loans is the manufacturing of mineral products, machinery and equipment. Eleven companies benefitted from 13 loans valued at RO 1,644,724 representing 7.7 per cent of the total industrial loan value.

The industries which benefitted from the remaining loans are: textiles, garments, leather, wood, wooden products (including furniture) paper, paper products, printing and publication material, chemicals, chemical products, petroleum, coal, rubber, basic metallic products, restaurants and hotels.

Utilisation

There are a large number of reasons why industrial incentives given by the Government are not utilised. These are:

1. Investors are not aware of the incentives given to the industrial sector.

2. Investors do not carry out the instructions formulated by the Ministry to obtain different forms of incentives and do not submit all the documents required.

3. Application for customs exemptions are submitted late. In some cases these applications are submitted a short time before the arrival of the equipment or raw material. In other cases, the applications are made after the actual arrival of the material.

4. The names of the equipment or raw material imported are not the same as those specified in the bills of lading. This delays clearance by customs authorities.

5. When applications are filed, some of the materials are left out. This requires the submission of a new application and the issuing of a new ministerial decision on exemption.

6. Some of the investors do not contact the Ministry or belatedly submit documents proving their entitlement to government loans granted under the terms of the Financial Support Law.

7. Some of the companies, which are granted the loans, do not use them for the purpose s for which they have been given.

Kuwaiti envoy received

The Under-Secretary for Political Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sayyid Haitham bin Tareq bin Taimour on Saturday received the Kuwaiti Ambassador to the Sultanate, Abdel-Wahab Yousif al Adasani, who passed him a letter from the Kuwaiti Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Soud Mohammed al Isaimi to his Omani counterpart Yusuf bin Alawi bin abdallah.

The letter dealt with bilateral co-operation and ways of further boosting it.

SOLF regiment celebrates 19th anniversary

The Jebel Regiment of the Sultan of Oman's Land Forces has celebrated its 19th anniversary.

Major General Ali bin Majid al Mamari, the President of the Palace Office, was the guest of honour.

Others attending included Saif bin Hamed al Battashi, Secretary-General at the Defence Ministry, Lieutenant-General Hamed bin Said al Aufi, the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces, Major-General Khamis bin Humaid al Kalbani, the SOLF Commander, and senior officers from the SAF, the Royal Guard of Oman and the Royal Oman Police.



Mr. A.C. Papayannis, General Manager of Al Falaj Hotel, receives a shield from Saud al-Rawahy of the Oman Athletics Association in appreciation of the hotel's hospitality during the recent AGCC Junior Track and Field Championships.

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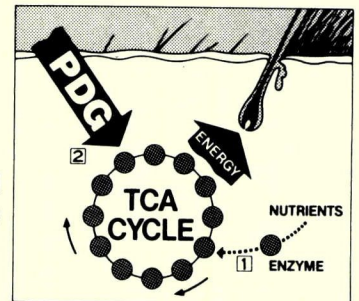
Consumers and the mass media were quick to applaud this breakthrough. And a breakthrough is exactly what Lion's Pentadecan is. A proven hair loss remedy that actively stimulates hair growth for fuller, healthier-looking hair.

WHAT IS PENTADECAN?

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① When the metabolic pathway is interrupted, hair growth is inhibited.

② PDG goes directly to the TCA cycle where it becomes hair growth energy.

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Did the pterosaur really fly - or merely glide?

A reptile that became extinct between 70 and 80 million years ago is to be studied by Anglo-US zoologists.

Dr. Jeremy Rayner from the zoology department at Bristol University in south-west England, and Dr. Kevin Padian of the University of California, USA, are attempting to solve the mystery of whether the pterosaur was capable of flight - or did it merely glide? Pterosaurs belong to a group of reptiles whose fossilised remains have been found in almost every continent except Antarctica.

Most have been found in North America, Central Europe and a few in Britain, Central Africa and recently, Australia. They were the closest relatives of the dinosaurs although they were not actually dinosaurs themselves. They have many features in the skeleton which indicate that they behaved in a similar way physiologically and mechanically and had closely-related ancestors.

The fossil records of pterosaurs go back to 210 to 220 million years ago. The majority are about 150 million years old and they appear to have become extinct about 70 to 80 million years ago at about the same time that the dinosaurs disappeared from the fossil record.

"Virtually all those that we know about were marine specimens," said Dr. Rayner, "but this may be because they were preserved having died at sea or on the seashore where there is a better chance of survival of the remains than on dry land where other animals could destroy or eat them."

"There has always been great interest in pterosaurs as they were 'flying' reptiles. Flight is a very difficult adaptation for animals requiring very extreme physiological, morphological and mechanical specialisations. The

pterosaurs are specialised but we do not know to what extent. They have been compared with birds and bats but we are now learning that they were quite different. We want to understand exactly how they were put together, how they behaved and how they flew."

It has been argued that because some of the pterosaurs were very large they could only glide or soar like an albatross or vulture. But many of them were quite small, not much bigger than a sparrow or blackbird. Dr. Rayner continued: "They must have flown properly in the same way as birds or bats. That means that they had very complex and well-defined patterns of wing movement. We should be able to trace that by looking at the articulations of the bones".

Specimens

Comparisons will be made with modern birds and bats so that it will be possible to estimate what forces would be generated on the wing, how they would vary during the wing movement and discover if the pterosaur's wing was strong enough to sustain them. Specimens have been measured in museums in London and Munich to see how the species differed, the range of dimensions and the range of possible movements by the wing.

The information obtained will be used to produce a theoretical model on a computer predicting the aerodynamics of the reptile. The fossilised bones will then be examined again to see that if they were big enough in the right places to sustain the forces predicted. It is hoped that a three-dimensional model will be produced for testing a wind tunnel.

The research has been funded by a grant of £40,000 over two years by NATO as part of its policy of encouraging scientific collaboration between member countries.

BBC World Service Opportunity to question Bush aide

It's Your World Phone-in: The first opportunity to question a key member of the new Bush administration presents itself when nominated Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger takes calls in a live phone-in chaired in London by Nick Worrall. Lines are open from 1200 GMT and to take part listeners should call London 379 7444. Selected callers will be rung back at the BBC's expense and put on the air live to talk to Mr. Eagleburger. Sunday 1801 hrs, Monday 1030 hrs, repeat 1400 hrs.

The Poacher's Trail: Rhino horn is a substance similar to human fingernail and is believed by some to be an aphrodisiac. This coveted prize is being sought after in the bush of Eastern and Southern Africa where a ruthless war is in progress. Teresa Guerreiro has visited the battlefields of Zimbabwe, Kenya and Zambia and follows the smuggled horn through its African routes to the final markets. Sunday 2015 hrs, Monday 1130 hrs, repeat 1730 hrs.

King Priam: The abduction of Helen of Troy led to the Greek and Trojan War. This play by Andrew Rissik presents the innermost thoughts of the main protagonists of the war: King Priam (played by Paul Scofield) and his family, besieged in the city of Troy, and the spurned husband Menelaus, with his fellow warrior Achilles, in the Greek camp. Saturday 2300 hrs, Sunday 1600 hrs.

Talking From: Wales land of song is the venue for this week's programme, and music is the topic when the well-known Welsh baritone Stuart Burrows talks to Stephen Evans about his musical career. Friday (March 3) 1515 hrs.

Top US destinations for new immigrants

New York City and Los Angeles, California, are immigrants' top U.S. destinations — but dozens of other areas are getting their share, reports 'American Demographics' magazine.

In 1984-86, 36 other metropolitan areas got at least 2,000 legal immigrants a year, mostly Asians and Hispanics. The numbers of Europeans and Japanese fell as economies improved.

"The chance for economic improvement remains the biggest single motivation," says geographer James Allen.

Some 570,000 legal immigrants enter the United States annually, up 30 per cent from the 1970s. Another 200,000 enter illegally. The U.S. population is 6.2 per cent foreign-born.

An offshoot of the influx, Allen says: "Our world view will be more concerned with Asia and Latin America...just by the very political process of having a greater number of voters from those areas."

Findings:

— Metropolitan New York attracts 92,345 legal immigrants annually; Los Angeles is second with 57,912.

— Top groups: Mexican, 60,000 a year; Filipinos, 46,000; Chinese (People's Republic, Taiwan, Hong Kong), 45,000.

Pamap programme for farmers in Interior a success

An agricultural extension programme organised by the Public Authority for the Marketing of Agricultural Produce has come to a successful end.

The programme which focussed on post-harvest operations for farmers and consumers, was conducted by a mobile training unit of six agricultural experts from the Agriculture Research Institute of Egypt.

The team included Professor of Horticulture Dr. Wajih Yusri Riyadh, Nutrition and Food Specialist Dr. Isis Abdel Shahi Rizk Hanna, Post-harvest Expert Mohammed Taher Abdel Kader Eisawi, and three Agriculture Researchers from the Agriculture Research Institute in Egypt.

During the several month's prog-

Visitors from Kuwait

A delegation from the Al Shuaiba industrial estate in Kuwait toured the Rusayl Industrial Estate.

The delegation was received by Salim bn Nasser al Ismaili, the Director-General of the estate. He briefed the Kuwaiti team on the activities and facilities available for industrialists in the estate.

Later, the delegation, led by Nasser Mohammed al Ajail, the Deputy Director-General of the Al Shuaiba estate, visited a number of factories.

Ministerial order

The Minister of Environment and Water Resources, Sayyid Shabib bin Taimour has issued a Ministerial order.

It appoints Sayyid Barghash bin Ghalib bin Khalid al-Said as the Director-General of Water Resources.

Oman at Rabat conference

Oman is attending a conference to review trial procedures in courts in Islamic countries. The conference, organised by the Arab Centre for Legal and Judicial Researches, is being held in Rabat from February 21 to 23.

The country is represented by Sheikh Saleh bin Hamed al Rashdi, the Deputy Judge of the Muscat Sharia Court.

Under-Secretary returns

Sayyid Soud bin Ibrahim al Busaidi, the Education Under-Secretary, has returned home after attending the 26th session of the Arab Education Bureau in Bahrain.

The two-day meeting prepared the agenda for the tenth session of Arab Education Ministers due to be held in Manama from March 20 to 24.

Two embrace Islam

An Indian expatriate has embraced Islam. Bale Singh was administered the oath by the Judge of the Sharia Court in Musana. His new name is Mohammed Saleem.

A Filipino living in Oman has embraced Islam. Scosto Terados Terana was administered the oath by Sheikh Said bin Khalaf al Kharusi, the Assistant Grand Mufti. His new name is Mohammed Abdullah.

ramme the team met with more than 2,000 farmers in many regions of Oman. Through the use of public talks, brochures and exhibitions, the team provided information on harvest and post-harvest handling, treatment, transport and storage of fruits and vegetables. The programme was designed to help farmers to reduce waste, improve nutritional content and improve the marketability of local produce.

The programme was sponsored by the Scholarship and Training Project which is implemented by the Ministry of Education and Youth, in cooperation with the Omani-American Joint Commission for Economic and Technical Cooperation.



Mr. Ahmed Hamood Said, Director of Bausher Municipality conducted the draw for the Bahar for Washing Machines promotion at the National Detergent Company's factory in Ghubrah. Also present were the representatives of Philips Stores and Omasco.

The winning coupon belonged to Mr. Chastang Jean of P.D.O. Mr. Jean will receive a reimbursement of the entire cost of the washing machine purchased by him.

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The Royal Tour



Emphasis on water resources

New reserves of water have been discovered recently in Oman and studies are under way to determine their proper utilisation for agricultural development.

His Majesty Sultan Qaboos told citizens during his "Meet the People" tour about the vital importance of preserving water resources.

"Preservation of water resources is a duty that will be questioned in the future if we do not take necessary action now," he said.

He said the Government was planning to carry out a comprehensive survey of water reserves in the country.

The plan would encompass all sources, particularly the falajs and wells and lay down a scientific, careful method of exploiting them.

His Majesty pointed out that Oman's achievements in the past 19 years were the result of farsighted policies taking into consideration the needs of future generations.

Speaking about the Five Year Plans His Majesty said the current third and coming fourth plan would concentrate on the development of the remote areas. The urban areas have had their share of development.

His Majesty said since the Sultanate was a vast country, development must be a continuous process.

"Our ambition has always been to satisfy the needs of citizens wherever they are," the citizens were told.

The country's achievements so far made it proud. "We can say without doubt that many of our towns have been well-developed, enabling us to give equal interest to the remote areas."

His Majesty said he held discussions with members of his cabinet recently on this subject and on the welfare of the coming generations in order to provide the youth with facilities for developing their abilities and qualifications.

A national plan for the youth was announced after the last meeting of the cabinet.

"We must unite our efforts to build the nation."

In this context, His Majesty called for an immediate end to the practice of "illegal ownership" of lands.

His Majesty also came down heavily on ostentatious spending following a death in the family or on the occasion of a marriage.

These were bad habits, often forcing

the family concerned to go begging afterwards, His Majesty remarked.

"Now that we have got rid of the practice of dowry, we should spend within the limits of financial capabilities."

On Friday evening, His Majesty toured Izz and areas surrounding Manah and was given a warm welcome by the people.

In the afternoon, giving the Friday prayer sermon at the Sultan Qaboos Mosque in Nizwa, His Majesty emphasised the importance of work.

The Holy Koran treated work as worship and praised those who work hard in order to earn a living and His Majesty quoted several verses from the Holy book in this regard.

Great civilisations were based mainly on the people's devotion to work, adding that God loved those who worked with their own hands in order to feed themselves and His Majesty noted that many of the Prophet Mohammed's sayings urged people to work hard.

Later, the prayers were led by Sayyid Mohammed bin Ahmed, His Majesty's Adviser for Religious and Historical Affairs.



His Majesty at the mosque in Nizwa.



His Majesty listens to the views and opinions of his people in the Interior.





The Moroccan delegation with the President of Muscat Municipality.

Municipal delegation from Morocco

The Minister of Housing, Malick bin Suleiman al Maamari, last Wednesday held discussions with Ahmed Belhaj, a Member of Parliament and President of Sale Municipality in Morocco.

The talks covered the Housing Ministry's role in urban development in the Sultanate, and aspects of co-operation between the two countries in housing.

Sheikh Ahmed bin Sultan al Hosni, the President of Muscat Municipality, and Faraj al Dukkali, the Moroccan Ambassador, were also present.

Belhaj and his delegation also called on Sayyid Abdul Hameed bin Yaarub al Busaidi, the Regional Municipalities Under-Secretary. Possibilities of co-operation in the sphere of municipality

services were explored.

Meanwhile, a round of official talks between the Moroccan delegation and Sheikh Ahmed was held at the Muscat Municipality.

Sheikh Ahmed briefed Mr. Belhaj on the services that the Muscat Municipality offered the citizens.

Abdullah bin Abbas bin Ahmed, the Deputy President of the Diwan of Royal Court for Technical Affairs, also received Mr. Belhaj.



Mr. Belhaj with the Deputy President of the Diwan of Royal Court for Technical Affairs.

Conference is held on child care

A three-day conference on child care was held at Sultan Qaboos University last week, under the aegis of the Ministry of Health, in conjunction with the Medical Faculty of the University.

The conference was opened by the Minister of Health, Dr. Ali bin Mohammed bin Moosa, who said "It is gratifying to see that killer diseases of childhood like diarrhoea, diphtheria, measles, whooping cough and tetanus have become a thing of the past, a history.

"With this achievement, Oman can now concentrate on the quality of life and not merely life. We want to see children who are healthy physically, mentally and emotionally"

Attending the conference were specialists from the United States., Britain, the Netherlands, West Germany and Bahrain, as well as from Oman.

Dr. Ali bin Mohammed bin Moosa referred to the Sultanate's achievements in the field of child health but added that the country faced many problems that were still in need of solution. "This conference has been made possible because of the co-operation between the Ministry of Health and Sultan Qaboos University.

A new mosque

A new mosque was opened last week at the Jebel Regiment of the Sultan of Oman's Land Forces at Nizwa. The Nizwa Sharia court judge Soud bin Suleiman al Kindi presided over the opening ceremony attended by walis, sheikhs, Government officials and regiment officers.

'Best Driver' contest

The last date for submitting entries for the "best driver" and the "oldest vehicle in the best condition" contests of the Royal Oman Police is February 28.

The competitions are being organised as part of the sixth AGCC Traffic Week from March 25. "Safety of the vehicle" is the slogan for this year's celebrations.

The contests are open to both Omanis and expatriates. The "best driver" contestants must

have been holding a valid Omani driving licence for at least 20 years without being involved in any major accidents or traffic offence. He must also produce sufficient proof of these.

The "oldest vehicle" must have been on the road for a minimum of 15 years.

Those who took part in the competitions in the past years are not eligible to participate this year.

YAR Minister gets message

The Yemen Arab Republic's Minister of Information and Culture Hasan Ahmed al Lawzi has received a written message from Minister of Information Abdul Aziz bin Mohammed al Rowas.

The message was delivered by Oman's Ambassador to Yemen Arab Republic Awadh bin Mahfoudh Bakathir when the Minister received him. They discussed co-operation between the Sultanate and the Yemen Arab Republic in the field of information.

The Ambassador also delivered a letter from the Minister of Posts, Telephones and Telegraphs Ahmed bin Suwaidan al Balushi to his North Yemeni counterpart Mohamed al Khadim al Wajeeh.

'999' service

The "999" emergency telephone service has been extended to all wilayats and villages in the country, the Royal Oman Police said recently. Until now, it was available only in Muscat.

Unesco chief visits

The Minister of National Heritage and Culture, Sayyid Faisal bin Ali al Said, held talks with Unesco Director-General Federico Mayor, who was in Muscat on a short visit.

They discussed aspects of cultural co-operation between Oman and the world body.

An integral study of the Silk Road, a Unesco project to retrace the historical silk trade route, in collaboration with the Sultanate was discussed during their meeting.

Mr. Mayor thanked His Majesty Sultan Qaboos for loaning the Royal Yacht Fulk al Salamah for the project.

Mr. Mayor also called on Sayyid Shabib bin Taimour al Said, the Minister of Environment and Water Resources, Sayyid Haitham bin Tariq al Said, Under-Secretary for Political Affairs, and Ahmed bin Abdulnabi Macki, Minister of Civil Services.



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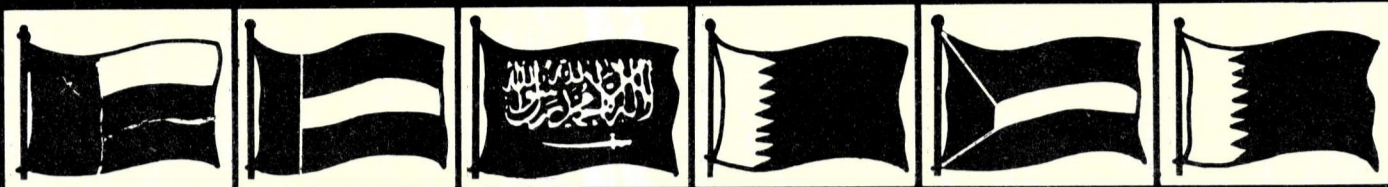
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Round the Gulf



Master butcher tours the Gulf



Gerald Flynn, master butcher from Australia, makes his first Gulf tour to discuss butchering techniques and method with scores of professionals in the meat trade.

An Australian master butcher will make a four-week tour of butchering establishments in the Gulf region this month and March.

As part of an on-going programme of the Middle East Office of the Australian Meat & Livestock Corporation, the tour will take Gerald Flynn to the Saudi Food '89 in Riyadh starting tomorrow where he will be discussing butchering techniques with caterers and retailers. He will also demonstrate butchering methods at Bahrain's Catering College.

During his stay, Flynn will visit dozens of major supermarkets as well as slaughtering and butchering operations in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia

and the United Arab Emirates.

Having served his full butcher's apprenticeship in Australia, Flynn eventually owned and operated his own butcher shop. He has worked as a livestock handler and spent ten years as a boning-room foreman with one of the largest meat producers in Australia. In addition, the butcher worked with a major meat wholesaler and is now regional manager with Ausmeat, the nation's meat-quality-assurance overseers.

"I'm very much looking forward to this trip to the Middle East", said Flynn, "and having a dialogue in the Gulf with some of the important personnel concerned with meat quality".

- The board of Gulf Helicopter discussed in its 70th session in Abu Dhabi recently a number of topics including the company's budget for this year which reached 22mn riyals, a 10 per cent increase over last year's budget.

Chairman Abdullah bin Hamad al-Attiah said the board expected an increase in the company's activities outside the Gulf area as it received offers from oil companies in Ethiopia and Yemen Arab Republic.

- The International Spring Fair opening in Dubai on February 27 will have exhibitors from 25 countries. Participants include: Austria, Bulgaria, China, India, Korea, West Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hong Kong, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran, Mexico, Malaysia, Philippines, Pakistan, Palestine, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Thailand, Taiwan, Zimbabwe and the UAE.

- The United Arab Emirates is planning to replace foreigners employed in ministries with UAE nationals in the next five years, the Dubai based Al-Bayan newspaper reported recently.

It said the government approved a five-year nationalisation plan starting this year due to growing financial obligations, overstaffing and increasing number of local university graduates.

UAE nationals account for less than a third of the 45,000 people working at UAE federal ministries, the remainder being mainly from other Arab countries such as Jordan and from the subcontinent.

- The new Dubai automated abattoir is expected to start regular functioning from April 1.

The municipality will receive delivery of the abattoir from the contractors at the end of March. The abattoir will be commissioned on February 25 for a month.

A municipal delegation recently visited Syria and Turkey for tenders to recruit 21 slaughterers.

UAE helps build homes in Bangladesh

One thousand houses were built and furnished in Bangladesh for flood victims with a total of \$500,000 provided by the UAE Red Crescent Society. This was stated by Eid Al Khamees, deputy chairman of the society, in Abu Dhabi recently.

A grand mosque was also built in Munshiganj at a cost of \$30,000 provided by the society. Besides, eight tons of relief goods, including milk powder, clothes and blankets were provided to the flood victims.

A senior official of the society, Tahir Al Saqqaf, was sent to Dhaka with the relief supplied. The official, who returned to Abu Dhabi recently, held meetings with senior officials of Bangladesh government and also visited the newly-built houses and mosques.

Saudi Arabia

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Water plans to raise the number of greenhouses in the Kingdom by 500 per cent in the coming five years considering the productivity, Al-Madinah reported recently. Greenhouses supply 65 per cent of agriculture products demanded by the local markets, the paper said.

Rice studies successful

Experiments conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Water for cultivating rice in the Kingdom have proven 100 per cent successful.

However, due to the fact that rice requires large quantities of water for prolonged periods, the ministry has not embarked on expanding this field, Abdul Aziz Al-Midbil, deputy minister for researchers and agricultural development said.

Rice has been successfully grown in Ahsa but the main obstacle is the availability of water.

There are areas in the Empty Quarter where enough underground water is available but the problem is the harsh climatic conditions and high production cost, Midbil said.

- Arrangements are under way in Hafr Al-Batin to organise the first national industries exhibition there, Secretary-General of the Eastern Province Chamber of Commerce and Industry Hamdan Al-Sereihi said recently. Sereihi said a large number of national factories had shown interest in participating in the exhibition, which is scheduled to start on February 28 and end on March 10.

- Saudi Arabia will celebrate the eradication of literacy after three years as the Education Ministry's 20-year plan predicts that the light of education would cover all citizens in the country by 1992.

Saad Abdul Wahid, director of education in Taif, highlighting the remarkable success of literacy campaigns, said there is no need for opening new evening classes for adult education. In Taif alone 23,750 people are attending education classes, he said.

Vaccine tests show progress

A study being conducted by the faculty of medicine at King Abdul Aziz University to extract vaccines from camels to help victims suffering from snake and scorpion bites has achieved some progress.

Under the study, which is being conducted by a team headed by Dr. Abdul Karim Tilmisani in conjunction with King Abdul Aziz City for Science, and Technology, venomous reptiles are collected from the desert and hilly areas and then classified to determine the degree of the poison in each. A pharmacological study will follow to determine the type of poison most dangerous to the human nerves, heart or blood. Poisons extracted so far have been injected in camels, horses and goats to combat the venom of yellow scorpions, according to Al Madinah.

The study revealed that out of the fifty or so types of snakes known in the Kingdom, only eight were found to be poisonous but all types of scorpions were venomous.

Qatar

- Twelve Qatari female trainees graduated recently from the Regional Training Centre after having attended a two-month typewriting course organised by the vocational training department of the Education Ministry.

Director of the department, Sabah Said al-Kuwari said the successful participation of Qatari females in the course reflected their keenness on serving the country.

The graduates will take up employment at the administrative affairs section of Qatar University.

- Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Ali bin Ahmed al-Ansari met recently with a delegation from the Somali Cooperative Society visiting Qatar. They reviewed goals, activities and role of the society in upgrading social and humanitarian services in Somalia.

- New chairman of a Beirut-based commercial bank operating in Doha has visited Qatar to reassure Qatari monetary and other authorities that the bank will be sound.

Al Mashrek headquarters was earlier reported to be in liquidity difficulties due to an onrush of customers following rumours of a setback in a financial deal. The bank's branches in Qatar and Jordan have been under review by monetary authorities since.

UAE

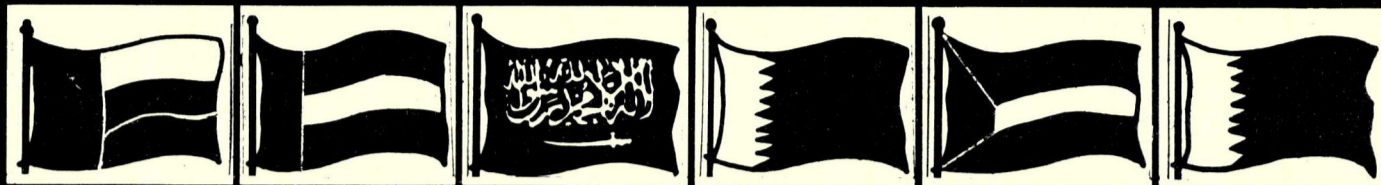
- The number of water connections given to houses, hospitals, schools and mosques in Dubai last year totalled 4,216 — up by 181 compared to the preceding year.

This was stated by Obaid Ismail Bilal, public relations director at the water department.

The production of drinking water last year reached over 24 billion gallons. Of the total, 3.7 billion gallons were pumped out from water wells and the remaining from the water desalination plants. The production was up by 9.24 million gallons compared to the preceding year.

- The UAE national carrier Emirates recently contracted the European Airbus Corporation to buy three A-300/600 passenger planes worth \$330mn.

Round the Gulf



Drainage project nears completion

Qatar's Minister of Public Works, Khalid bin Abdullah al-Attiyah has said a 10 km-long pilot drainage project designed to remove subterranean and flood water is more than 50 per cent complete, while a comprehensive study is under way to build an effective drainage network.

Al Attiyah, in a recent statement said the project, which extends from the Corniche to the old Rayyan district, will be completed within two years.

"Once completed, the project will assist in solving the rain and underground waters problem in several major

• A second British government minister within a fortnight visited Qatar for three days recently. Mr. Archie Hamilton, minister of state for armed forces, held talks with senior officials of the Qatar Armed Forces in Doha.

The visit follows closely that of Mr. Peter Morrison, the British energy minister, whose recent visit included a flying trip to Qatari energy installations offshore.

• Shrimp catching in Qatari regional waters is banned till the end of June, the fisheries department at the Ministry of Industry and Agriculture has announced. The department appealed to fishermen to abide by the ban.

A source at the department said the ban was imposed in accordance with the cabinet decision No (30) for 1981 banning shrimp catching during the mentioned period which is considered a reproduction time for shrimps.

\$ 10,000 donated

Qatar's Red Crescent Society has decided to donate \$10,000 to boost the handicapped, orphans and productive families programme in Somalia which is supervised by the co-operative society in that country.

An official at the Qatar Red Crescent Society told QNA the QRCS in the past year has donated some \$1.715mn to humanitarian programmes in many countries to help in the wake of natural disasters. Donations were both in cash and in kind, he added.

The programme to be implemented in Somalia involves assistance to 24 orphans, their rehabilitation and appropriate living conditions for them as well as training the Somali women in economic and social domains.

• The newly-formed board of the Qatari Youth Hostel Society met recently under its chairman Sheikh Mohamed bin Eid al-Thani who is also secretary general of the Supreme Council for the Youth Welfare to form QYHS committees.

The public relations and information committee's chairmanship was given to Sultan Mubarak al-Mohanadi who is also the QYHS board deputy chairman.

Abdullah Mahmoud, the QYHS secretary was nominated to assume chairmanship of the programme and travel committee while Mitaeb Nasser al-Kubaisi, the board member was nominated to chairmanship of the membership affairs committee.

The board meantime reviewed the society's financial status and recommendations were adopted concerning a set of issues of concern to the society.

areas in Doha, including the Cornich, the Old Market, Musheaireb Street and Fariq bin Mahmoud," he said.

Al Attiyah who is also acting minister of municipal affairs, said the Ministry of Public Works had started a comprehensive study to identify the dimensions of the underground and rain water problem.

The information collected shows the outcome of the study would help draw designs for an effective drainage network. A peripheral study on the underground water problem in al-Dafnah (West Bay) has already been completed.

Locusts monitored

The special locusts control team at Qatar's ministry of industry and agriculture is monitoring movements of the desert locusts which have been sighted in some parts of the country.

An official at the ministry said the locusts control team was following up the movement of the desert swarms to take appropriate measures to counter the dangers and to help any farmers invaded by the locusts.

The ministry is ready to fight desert locusts which pose danger to the green ecology, he added.

• Qatar General Petroleum Corporation (Offshore) completed a quarter-century of operations recently. It was on February 1, 1964, that the then Shell Qatar started producing crude oil offshore.

Idd el-Shargi was the first field to go on stream. Now, QGPC produces oil from three of the world's most prolific fields offshore: Idd el-Shargi, Maydan Mahzam and Bul Hanine.

QGPC management is to confer special service honours to its staff who began their career with offshore operations.

Kuwait

Port expansion announced

Kuwait plans to expand its ports to cope with a projected increase in cargo traffic in the 1990s, an official was quoted as saying.

Abdul-Rahman Al-Nibari, assistant general manager of the General Ports Authority, recently said he expected an increase in cargo bound for Kuwait specially in containers.

He said this depended on two factors—a formal Iran-Iraq peace agreement and sufficient funding for the region's economies.

"The signing of a peace accord between Iran and Iraq would give the green light to shipowners that they will not face any attacks and will help to decrease insurance costs," he said.

No attacks have been reported on ships in the Arabian Gulf since Iran and Iraq ended eight years of fighting last August with a ceasefire. But talks on a lasting peace have made little progress.

Tower enters second phase of construction

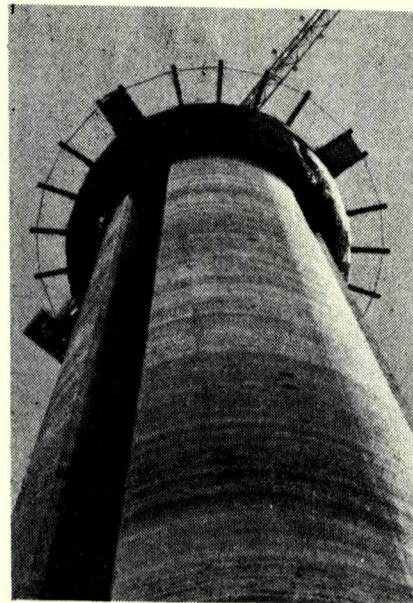
The first phase of a \$90 million telecommunication tower has been completed and the second and last phase will be completed by the end of March, Kuwait Minister of Public Works Abdel Rahman Al Houti said.

Following an on-site inspection of the downtown facility recently, the minister said the 375-metre high tower is one of the world's unique towers and that it will be used not only by the Ministry of Communication but also by the ministries of interior and information.

A revolving restaurant is being built on the tower at an altitude of 170 metres, Al Houti said.

The minister referred to some difficulties facing the construction of this tower attributing them to the very nature of the project and the technicalities involved.

Asked about his reaction to the completion of the tower's first phase, Al Houti expressed satisfaction indicating that an accurate judgement on the work could not be passed unless and until the



The tower at an altitude of 170 metres.

project was finalised.

The minister called for more cooperation between the parties executing the project, the Ministry of Public Works and the contractor and the consultant engineering bureau "in order to overcome all difficulties."

Funds reinvested

At a seminar sponsored by the Kuwait Society for Agriculture Engineers recently, engineer Mohammad Abdel Rahman Al-Fayez said that 60 to 70 per cent of the returns from the agricultural sector are invested in the country's animal wealth, especially meat, poultry, eggs and dairy products.

An expert in nutrition from the General Authority for Agriculture and Fisheries, Dr Ibrahim Abdel Rahman told the seminar that animal wealth will remain the principal source of nutrition and economic wealth at both the national and regional levels.

He said that Kuwait is allocating large areas of land for fodder production and grazing.

• The Ministry of Public Health is in the process of granting Kuwaiti medical specialists, working in the Psychology and Mental Disorders Hospital, the right to open their own private practices.

The sources added that the ministry is finalising a study on this matter which includes conditions, sources of finance and proposed fees for the clinics. Many Kuwaiti physicians have already applied for permits to open such clinics.

• Director of the information department in the Kuwait Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Suleiman Al-Manais has said that the ruler of Sharjah, Sheikh Sultan Al-Qasimi has ordered that one of the Emirate's roundabouts on the main highway be officially named the Kuwait Roundabout.

Al-Manais added that structures depicting the history and development of Kuwait will be erected on the roundabout and a team of specialists will be sent here from Sharjah to discuss the details.

• The Director of the Kuwait Handicapped Society, Hashim Taqi has said that employers are legally bound to appoint handicapped persons and they must be allowed to contribute towards the development of society.

He pointed out that most handicapped people, particularly among the blind, are qualified hands holding posts graduate degrees and doctorates.

Bahrain

• The Amir of Bahrain Shaikh Isa bin Sulman Al Khalifa, received US Ambassador to the island Sam Zakhem recently.

The audience previewed bilateral relations, current developments with the region and issues of common interest.

Ministry establishes new section to boost trade

The Bahrain Ministry of Commerce and Industry recently established a section for planning and developing Bahrain's external trade in co-operation with the government's ministries and the private sector.

The new section aims to support Bahrain's exports and enhance its position as an international commercial and financial centre in the region.

The new centre will also be responsible for establishing a modern exhibition centre which is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

It is hoped that the centre will boost Bahrain's export trade and it can also be used for various economic, social, sports and cultural purposes and as a conference centre.

• Bahrain's local cement consumption this year is likely to exceed 410,000 tonnes, due to rising demand following improved business outlook in the reconstruction sector, according to officials at the National Imports and Export Company (NIECO).

They said the figure is the same as that of last year, marking a significant change in the total cement production in 1987 of 380,000 tonnes.

Mr. Abdul Ghaffar ruled out the feasibility of cement production on the island due to the lack of limestone which is the raw material for this industry. "This also applies to Kuwait which heavily relies on cement imports," he added.

Woman's World

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M. Fredrick Cartier transforms member of audience.



The Omani Women's Association was packed with ladies.

Women in Muscat received a few tips on the art of make-up at a demonstration held by Chanel's international make-up artist M. Fredrick Cartier at the Omani Women's Association headquarters in Al Sarooj last week.

M. Cartier, who has been make-up artist to several well known people including some of the Royal family members in the Gulf, is a frequent visitor to Muscat. Hundreds of ladies flock to his demonstrations and the one held on Wednesday to launch the spring/summer make-up collection was no exception.

By Meena Ganjv

As in the past, Chanel's make-up artist for the Middle East and Far East picked a woman from the audience to demonstrate the "Chanel Etincelles" - a harmonious balance of bright, lively colours and subtle textures.

It's a make-up collection designed to project the sheer magnificence of light in all its manifestations - gleaming or satin-soft, radiant or delicately powdered.

The new collection offers the season's most glorious hues: fiery reds, deep pinks, golden browns - and all the dazzling effects of summer light.

A complexion glows with 'Teint Soleil': an exceptional tinted moisturiser which combines skin care, anti-sun protection and light, natural, matt make-up effect.

Lips are wonderfully vivid and well-protected with 'Rouge a levres' superhydrabase and 'Brillant Soleil' which contains filters to screen the lips

from the sun's rays. Lip colours are 'Rose Fission', a blue-tinged pink with a delicate mauve shimmer and 'Rose Escale', an orchid pink flushed with gold.

M. Cartier emphasised make-up should begin with skin care. "Make-up is important but skin care is very important." Skin care starts with cleaning and he advises women not to use soap "Wash clothes with Soap and water and not your face. Soap dries your skin and invites wrinkles," he said. Chanel offers a complete cleansing line for the purpose.

At the hour-long session the stress was on looking younger and elegant. "Chanel offers products which can make you look 15 years younger. Chanel doesn't make you look like a butterfly but it makes you look brighter, younger and elegant," claimed the artist.

If you want to get rid of that pale and tired look, try purple compact "Lumiere Iris" powder which takes away the yellowness and makes your face look clear and shining.

Eyes are an important part of the face and this spring and summer choose from muted rose gold, a radiant golden yellow, burnished gold and satin finish golden gray. To make your eyes look bigger, elegant and mysterious apply black eye shadow at the end of the eyelids.

He advised women to avoid late nights, chocolates and meat in order to preserve their youthful looks. And most important "always smile to look beautiful." And ladies do not forget to visit Khimji Ramdas General Stores where the complete range of Chanel products are available.

Erika takes helm of automotive association

Erika Emmerich has been voted president of the Association for the Automobile Industry. She will be guiding the skills of one of the largest industrial associations in the Federal Republic of Germany.

The 400,000 members of the association produced in 1988 about 4.8 million private cars, combis and commercial vehicles valued at DM180 billion. Vehicles valued at more than DM100 billion were exported. Last year one in every ten private cars manufactured in the world rolled off a West German production line. One in every seven of the country's 27 million workplaces is directly or indirectly associated with the car industry.

Erika, 54, comes from Magdeburg and is a law graduate. She has three grown daughters. Her career has been exemplary. She became responsible for road traffic in the Bonn Transport Ministry. In 1983 she became president of the federal motor vehicles office in Flensburg. This office controls the licensing of new car models, vehicle registration and the computer dealing with traffic offenders.

Retired

Early January, she took up her new appointment in Frankfurt, succeeding Hans-Erdmann Schonbeck, who retired. As president of the association she will represent car manufacturers in dealings with the government and organisations on matters involving economic, social and competition policies.

There are 30 million vehicles on the Federal Republic's roads, apart from the millions belonging to foreigners who use

the Federal Republic as a transit country. How many more cars can take to the country's roads before the ultimate snarl-up? Erika does not share this anxiety. She puts her faith in the constant development of traffic and vehicles.

Computers

In her view, the future belongs to the "intelligent car," which will keep in the right lane and maintain a safe distance from the car ahead with the help of computers. These cars will register obstacles ahead in good time and brake. Work is already in progress on such cars in German workshop. Accidents will not be entirely ruled out but they will be operated where they can operate the most advantageously, on motorways. For this reason Erika and the Bonn government are against speed limits on the motorways.

She is not alarmed either by the tough competition which will develop after the single European market in 1992, although German hourly wages for car workers at DM36.87 are on average the highest in the world, higher than the rate in Italy and Spain — not to mention Japan and Korea.

"Medium-sized and sophisticated cars 'Made in Germany' will maintain their markets domestically and abroad because they are technically tops," Erika said. She added it was important that the single European market did not shut itself off, but took on international competition. Then only such manufacturers will maintain that they are adequately able to meet the requirements of world markets."

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Too good to eat

An infant dozes peacefully in a pale blue and white cot; Humpty Dumpty sits on a red brick wall much to the anxiety of the King's men and a passenger-laden train chugs along its way.

In case you're wondering if these descriptions are of etchings by an artist, you are partly right. Yes, she is an artist, but instead of dabbling with the palette and paintbrush, Firo Mohideen works with sugar and icing nozzles to bring out her exquisite creations.

One might think a busy housewife with two school children would have little or no time to create elaborately decorated cakes. But Firo pursues her delicious hobby with assiduity and application.

Her interest in cake decoration began, she says, when she was a teenager. "I would try my hand at moulding flowers with mother's dough mixture", she recalled.

By Srianthi Perera

She spoke of how, little by little, by experimenting with the various types of icing, she gradually discovered how to obtain the ideal texture necessary for piping and covering.

Very soon, she found herself making cakes for all family occasions. And it was no matter of time before she was bombarded with requests from friends.

She gathered enough confidence that she surprised everyone by decorating the wedding cake structure for her own wedding. "It was an elaborate cake with three upright horse-shoes sprinkled with blue roses and it took up a lot of my time before the wedding", she remarked.

All that, without any formal training in cake decoration!

Here in Oman, Firo continues to bake delectable cakes. Her husband Azad, she says, is very supportive and ever at hand to give encouragement.

Baking and decorating is a continuous learning process," says Firo. Always on the look out for fresh ideas, she



Cake artist Firo Mohideen.

deems it possible to turn out any particular cake with a little imagination and headwork. "Once you get the basic idea of how a cake is going to be, a little creativity is all that's needed to make it come true," she says.

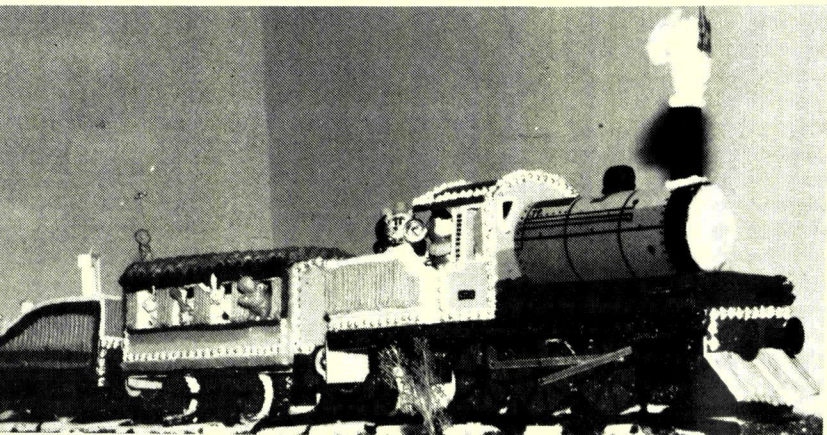
Any disasters? "Yes, the birthday cake I made of a bunny looking out of a basket. However much I tried, the bunny would fall out of the basket!" She laughed. "Finally, I had to keep them separate".

Sugarcraft is not just cakes and ale. "Patience is very important," says Firo. "If you don't like what you're doing, you're most unlikely to devote your heart and soul into anything".

And judging by the intricate cakes she has designed, patience and skill are two indispensable ingredients, not second to icing sugar or butter.

Firo has made trains, jumbo jets, clowns, a piano, a television set, nursery favourites like the Old Woman in the Shoe and even a canned beverage, among a host of others.

Oman will get a chance to see her skills too. Firo is hoping to hold an exhibition of cakes this year in time for Easter or Christmas. With her confidence, hard work and talent, her effort will surely be a success.

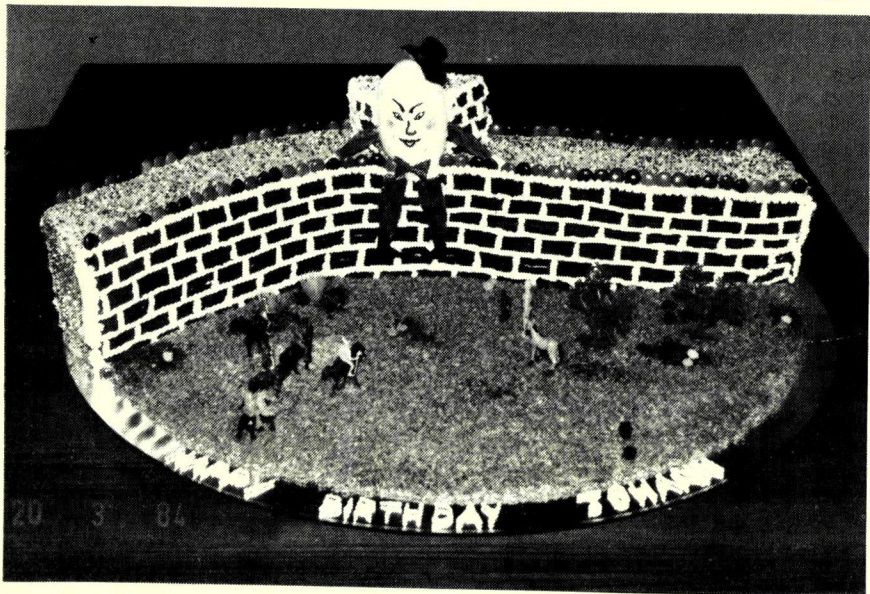


This train features a cotton puff of smoke.



A birthday cake created specially for the music lover.

Woman's World



A nursery rhyme cake is ideal for a child.



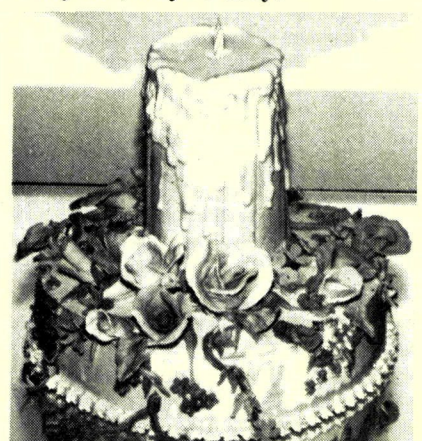
A dream house complete with farm animals.



Now merry-go-rounds are not only fun, they're tasty.



An intricate cradle.



A tasty candle.

What's New in Safety

Steve scores big with Waterbird

World Water-Ski Racing Champion Steve Moore is seen here at the International Boat Show in London prior to leaving for his pre-season training, during which he is to use the new "Waterbird" Ski Racing helmet, as he prepares to defend his British, European and World titles.

British and European Water-Ski Racing Champion since 1985, Steve is currently at the top of a sport which has rapidly grown following the impact of international competition and recognition. Victories in America, Italy and Australia secured the World Cup title for Steve in 1986 and in late 1987 he became the new British Speed Racing record holder with an average speed of 87.98 mph (141 kph). Last February he led the British team to the World Championships in Australia where he swept the field to add the World Water-Ski Racing title to his list of honour.

Steve Moore has worked closely with the "Waterbird" designers in shaping and adapting the first British manufactured helmet specifically designed for ski-racers. Steve has not only given first hand advice on areas such as comfort and style but, more importantly, has also incorporated all the possible safety aspects a skier would require from the new helmet.

The new breed of helmet, made of strong laminated carbon fibreglass, offers the advantages of being light to wear but gives extra protection to the back of the head and temple areas. Fitted with a strong chin strap and available in a wide variety of colours, the helmet has been comprehensively tested and has met fully with British Safety Standards.



Water-ski racing champion Steve Moore launches the new Waterbird helmet.

Smoke detector sends warning at early stage

A smoke-detector from Britain uses a photoelectric system to measure the amount of light scattered by smoke particles in the air.

'VESDA' (Very Early Smoke Detection Apparatus) from Fire Fighting Enterprises, differs from other smoke detectors by measuring the back-scatter of light from smoke particles rather than the transmission of light through smoke. This is said to make it far more sensitive than rival systems, and gives it the ability to sense smoke much earlier, and initiate alarm systems sooner.

Obscuration of the beam of light, as a percentage over a distance, is the unit used for smoke detection. The Vesda system can detect a smoke concentration as low as 0.01 per cent obscuration per metre. The smoke from a fire just starting is typically invisible to the eye and offers an obscuration factor of 0.1 per cent per metre: this is detectable by Vesda.

Samples of air are continuously drawn through a detector within the Vesda control unit. Particles in the air sample are subjected to an intense light source within an optical chamber. Photons scattered off the molecules of air and particles of smoke are captured by a sensitive receiver. The resultant signals is amplified and processed to give a continuous readout of the smoke intensity. Several detectors can be mounted within one Vesda unit with air drawn from different sampling zones.

The system is claimed to be equally sensitive to smoke from wood and from plastics. It can be used anywhere but is thought to be particularly suitable for electrical or electronic installations, which often have ventilation systems and a high air flow.

The sensitivity of the Vesda unit is adjustable so that it may be used in atmospheres where there may already be some smoke. It offers three levels of alarm: 'staff alert'; 'fire alert'; and 'fire alarm'.

A resilient wired float glass, offering high levels of security and fire resistance has been developed in Britain.

The 'Georgian' Wired Clear Laminated Float Glass, from Northern Wired Glass, is an electronically welded steel-wire 13 mm (0.5 in) mesh sandwiched between two layers of float glass, with an interlayer providing a product with a nominal thickness of 7 mm (0.27 in).

Though ordinary wired glass will fracture quickly in fire conditions, the float glass offers greatly improved fire resistance. The resilience of the interlayer is capable of absorbing the differential expansion between the wire and the glass. Similarly, the weakness stemming from rusting wire is also absorbed by the interlayer.

If the glass is damaged, the wire-embedded interlayer gives strength to the pane and prevents the ingress of wind and water through cracks.

The glass is available in most sizes in the small stock sheet range and it is also made in grey or bronze to allow more demanding solar requirements to be met.

A 'panic' bolt, which retracts automatically as the alarm is activated to allow emergency doors to swing open freely, has been developed.

The 'Mico' panic bolt, from Tindall Engineering in the UK, is thought to be the first to offer automatic retraction of the top and bottom shoots as an additional safety feature.

In the event of power failure the panic bolt is over-riden by the failsafe manual system. This is activated by depressing the push plate extending across the face of the door and which is clearly engraved in green - 'push to open'.

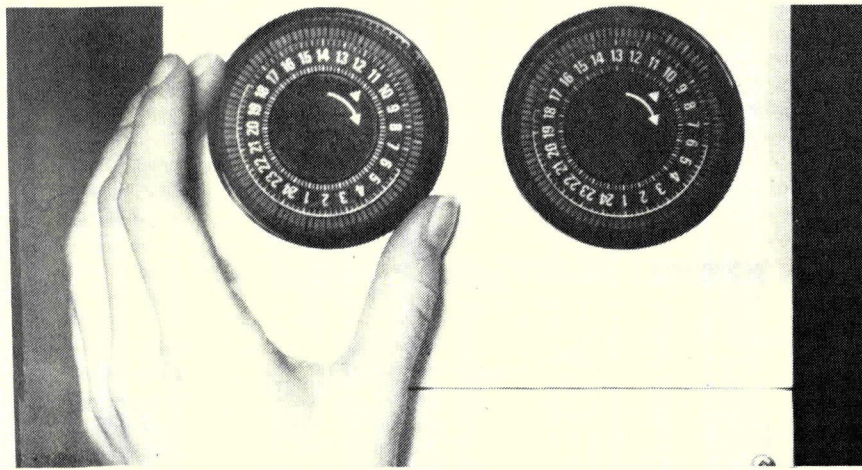
The low-voltage solenoid-operated panic button may be flush-mounted on new or existing doors (solid or hollow section) with the mechanism fully concealed in an aluminium box section running the full height of the door, to reduce the risk of vandalism.

The bolt is available in a standard door size of 2,150 mm x 1,000 mm (84.5 in x 39.3 in) per leaf, which can be reduced on site to required length. Larger door sizes can also be supplied and individual colour and finish requirements can be met.

Indoor and external lighting, pre-programmed to deter burglars by giving an empty house the appearance of being occupied, has been developed in Britain.

The 'Safelight' system, from Bradcroft Systems, can be pre-programmed as many times as necessary to switch on and off as many lights as required. It looks and operates like a central-heating control panel, with a dual-circuit timing device (wire into the house lighting circuit to allow as many lights as needed).

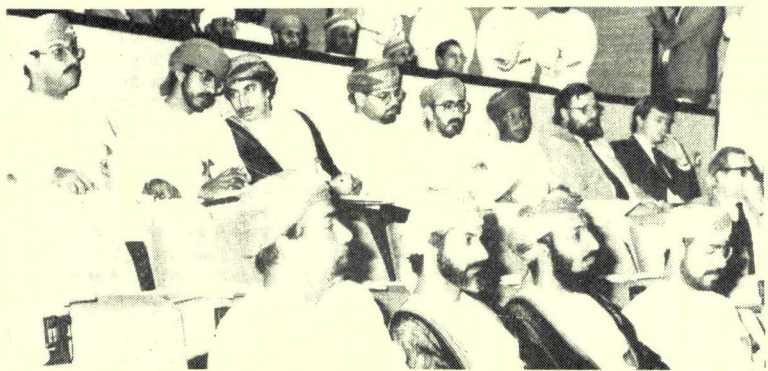
As well as progressively lighting up the inside of the house, it can also be set to light up dark passages, garages and corners outside. Once set, the system operates from a minimum of 15-minute cycles up to 24 hours, and will repeat the pattern every 24 hours.



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Guests at the seminar. On right is the Minister, Salim bin Abdullah al Ghazali and the British Ambassador to Oman.

Seminar focus on human resources

The urgent need for development and management of human resources in Oman was underlined at a seminar held at the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Saturday.

The Minister for Commerce and Industry, Salim bin Abdullah al Ghazali, opened the seminar jointly organised by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the British Embassy within the framework of "Oman with Britain" co-operation festival.

Welcoming the delegates, the OCCI President, Maqbool Ali Sultan said: "Development of human resources is of utmost importance to us in Oman."

He said the seminar was important as it was being held in pursuance of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos's instructions to develop and train human resources.

By Meena Ganjvir

"We have made these Royal instructions as our objectives both in the private and the public sector."

The OCCI President said the Chamber had an important role to play towards achieving this goal. He referred to the active role played by the Chamber at the Omanisation seminar held

recently at the State Consultative Council. "We explained the private sector's view on the development of human resources and their preparation in a way that conforms to the requirements of the time."

In his address, the British Ambassador to Oman, Mr. R.J. Alston said the seminar, being held as the part of the Oman-British festival, reflected the long and lasting links between the two countries. It reflected the continuing commitment of British organisations to play full role in the development process of the Sultanate.

Senior officials, industrialists and businessmen attended the seminar sponsored by De La Rue company, an international corporation operating in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, North and South America and the Far East.

The seminar discussed the likely future pattern of employment in Oman, if new jobs are to be created will these tend to come mainly from the larger firms or from smaller businesses, the effect

of demographic changes on the labour market and to what extent the Government can control the labour market.

Among other issues addressed at the seminar were what specific training needs experienced in Oman could best be addressed by open learning and what would be the major benefits of approaching the identified training needs through open learning rather than traditional means.

Al Ansari honoured

Al Ansari Trading Enterprises of Oman has won a certificate of merit from the Arab World Agribusiness award of Bahrain for outstanding performance in agriculture.

The company won the award under the category 'Arab agricultural technology 1988'.

Speciality biscuits make Oman debut

'Destrooper sweets and biscuits will soon be available in shops in Oman. The Belgium firm is renowned for its speciality biscuits and chocolates.

Jules Destrooper was a merchant and importer of colonial goods in the small village of Lo near Bruggen in Belgium. His hobby was to make fresh butter cookies and offer them to his best customers as a gift for any occasion.

The cookies were so enjoyed that customers began asking for them regularly.

In 1986, Jules took the decision to enter the biscuit business. The pure butter specialty butter wafers and almond butter biscuits were an immediate hit in the Flemish provinces.

Jules' eldest son, also called Jules, succeeded him and ran the company until 1956. In this year, Jean and Hubert Destrooper took over the activities.

Jean and Hubert also expanded the line to include the Paris Butter Wafer and Cinnamon Butter cookies as well as the Florentines sweets' line.

Jean and Hubert Destrooper still run the company today. The family insists that although times have changed, the quality of Destrooper goods has remained. They still use 100 per cent natural ingredients.

The first shipment of Destrooper delectables can be spotted at the Inter-Continental Sweet shop.

Award for Pamap

The Public Authority for Marketing Agricultural Produce has bagged the top award for outstanding performance in marketing in a competition organised by the Bahrain-based Arab World Agribusiness journal.

Oman Modern Farms has received a certificate of merit in the category of Arab farming. In the small farm group, Mohsin bin Juma bin Mohammed, Agriculture Centre, Barka, has received a merit certificate.

Polaroid to launch new cameras and films

Impulse, the latest instant camera produced by Polaroid, is to be launched in the Gulf over the coming weeks. The Impulse camera, aimed at the young 20-40 age group, has been designed to reflect today's contemporary, active lifestyles.

Available in auto focus and fixed focus, the Impulse is ideal for those who want quality instant prints without any trouble, with pop-up flash and lens cover further enabling the user to take more fool-proof shots.

A new film, the 600 Plus, has been specially designed by Polaroid to accompany the new Impulse camera. The 600 Plus Film which comes in a convenient 10 shot pack provides unprecedented sharpness, clean highlights and vibrant colours. The film even includes a wafer thin battery to power all the new camera's functions.

Thus, the first camera to be launched by Polaroid in two years, bridges the gap in the existing Polaroid market between the 600 Series cameras and the high technology image System. The launch has been timed to coincide with the commencement of a major Gulf-wide promotion, the Instantly Yours Competition.

Tax accord with France

Oman will sign an agreement with France to avoid double taxation in the two countries.

A Royal Decree, issued by His Majesty Sultan Qaboos, authorises the Deputy Prime Minister for Financial and Economic Affairs to sign the agreement.

The decree is effective from February 8.

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Business Times

Top catering honour for BA

British Airways offers the best Economy fare in the business - on a plate.

Its longhaul economy class menus have won the official seal of success in the International Flight Catering Association's annual Mercury Award competition.

The meals were the only economy product to be entered in the food category of the awards and were placed first, ahead of entries from some 13 other airline catering competitors.

The airline shared the top honour with Abu Dhabi International Airport Catering Division for its dedicated vegetarian kitchen.

UASC profits

The United Arab Shipping Company, the region's largest maritime transport firm, on Monday reported profits of KD15.4 million (\$54 million) in 1988, after losing money for five years.

UASC Director-General Saud Al Zamel told the Kuwait News Agency that the company's performance began improving in the second half of 1987.

The Kuwait-based UASC, set up in 1976, is owned by six Gulf Arab governments. They are Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Bahrain and Iraq.



ONIC celebrates a record year

Oman National Insurance Company celebrated a record year for new business in 1988 in the Life Department with an increase in excess of 100 per cent over the corresponding figures for 1987.

Prizes were awarded to the three leading marketing consultants and the leading unit team.

"This success has been made possible by the support and confidence of our policy holders individual and corporate," a company spokesman said.

Our picture shows (from left): Mr. Ansar A. Khan, second prize winner, Mr. E. Briggs, visiting consultant from London, Mr. Mustafa bin Hassan bin Fadhil, Administration Manager, ONIC, and Mr. M.J. Adams, General Manager, ONIC.

12 UK firms at Saudi show

Twelve British companies will be taking part in a joint venture display organised by the London Chamber of Commerce at Saudi Agriculture 89 in Riyadh from March 19 to 23, 1989.

The display, organised with the support of Britain's Department of Trade and Industry, will occupy 200 m2 of exhibition space.

Products and services on display will include an agricultural tractor specifically designed for export markets.

CMA charters out vessel

Compagnie Maritime d'Affretement of Marseilles has confirmed that 'Ville de Vesta', 1923 TEU, has been chartered out to Sea-Land under a three-year sub-charter effective from early-March 1989.

The vessel joined CMA's Europe/Middle East/Far East service in August last year, together with sister-ship 'Ville de Vega'. CMA has a 33 per cent ownership share in both vessels. They became available for purchase at an appropriate time from CMA's viewpoint, and are chartered to the company on long-term, seven-year charters.

According to Mr Farid T. Salem, Managing Director of CMA, the sub-charter agreement is financially very attractive from CMA's viewpoint.

'Because of this arrangement, CMA will now maintain a 10-day frequency of sailings between Europe, the Middle East and Far East,' explains Mr Salem, 'based on the eight other 1600-1923 TEU containerships introduced into our expanded service during the past two years'.

The 10-day sailing frequency is also now synchronised to connect with CMA's dedicated feeder vessel 'Ville d'Oman', 850 TEU, which serves Mina Qaboos and Arabian Gulf ports on a 10-day voyage cycle.

Shipping

New Oasis	Containers	23.2
Orient Success	Containers	23.2
Ville De Mars	Containers	23.2
Hual Trader	Vehicles	24.2
Ville D'Oman	Containers	25.2
Kum Bong 501	Fish	25.2
Reef Sun	Load	26.2
Kum Bong 503	Fish	26.2
Willine Orient	Containers	27.2
Roman Reefer	Reefer	27.2
A.S. Okan	Asbestos	28.2
Kum Bong 801	Fish	28.2
Kum Bong 202	Fish	28.2
Kum Bong 808	Fish	28.2

Exchange rates

Foreign Currency per one Omani Rial		Omani Rial per one unit of foreign currency	
Selling	Currency	Buying	Selling
3.14	Australian Dollar	0.3144	0.3187
32.88	Austrian Schilling	0.0298	0.0304
80.64	Bangladesh Taka	0.0117	0.0124
98.04	Belgian Franc	0.00999	0.01020
3.07	Canadian Dollar	0.3222	0.3261
9.53	Chinese Renminbi	0.1031	0.1049
1.21	Cyprus Pound	0.814	0.826
18.29	Danish Kroner	0.0538	0.0546
4.70	Deutsche Mark	0.2095	0.2126
5.31	Dutch Guilder	0.1857	0.1884
16.02	French Franc	0.0614	0.0624
19.88	Hong Kong Dollar	0.0489	0.0503
38.46	Indian Rupee	0.0253	0.0260
3367	Italian Lira	0.000285	0.000297
322	Japanese Yen	0.003059	0.003097
1.37	Jordanian Dinar	0.715	0.729
17.04	Norwegian Kroner	0.0575	0.0587
4.14	Newzealand Dollar	0.2366	0.2416
48.78	Pakistani Rupee	0.0199	0.0205
54.41	Philippine Peso	0.01792	0.01838
1.43	Pound Sterling	0.680	0.695
4.93	Singapore Dollar	0.1996	0.2025
80.64	Sri Lanka Rupee	0.0117	0.0124
16.09	Swedish Krone	0.0611	0.0621
3.99	Swiss Franc	0.2469	0.2506
2.58	US Dollar	0.381	0.388
0.970	Bahraini Dinar	1.009	1.031
0.739	Kuwaiti Dinar	1.324	1.353
9.37	Qatari Riyal	0.1052	0.1068
9.65	Saudi Riyal	0.1022	0.1037
9.45	U.A.E. Dirham	0.1045	0.1058



Muscat Electronics have launched a new series of Ricoh watches, modelled on the fashion of the day.

Mr. M.P. Sharma of Jumbo Electronics, Dubai, said the watches have been introduced to the Middle East in a wide range of new designs. Jumbo Electronics are the sole agents for Ricoh in the Middle East.

Our picture shows (left to right) Mr. Navin Kapoor of Jumbo electronics, Mr. I.J. Joshi of Muscat Electronics, Mr. Akio Itoh of Ricoh and Mr. M.P. Sharma of Jumbo Electronics at the launching function at Al Falaj Hotel.

Honour for Lufthansa

German business travellers prefer Lufthansa to any other airline on flights to South East Asia. Lufthansa services are closest to meeting their requirements, according to two opinion polls conducted by the reputable Emnid Institute and GFK Market Research.

The Emnid survey, commissioned by the "Profitravel" business magazine, asked which airline best tailored its services to business travellers' needs. Half the respondents named Lufthansa, while one in 20 opted for Swissair. The findings of the in-depth study are to be published in the next issue of the magazine in mid-February.

Similar results emerged from the GFK Market Research poll, carried out for Spiegel-Verlag and the Manager Magazin publishing company of Germany. On international air trips, 76 per cent of the business travellers preferably booked flights with Lufthansa. British Airways was runner-up with 25 per cent.

The pollsters also asked for the preferred airline on individual routes. The rankings on the North Atlantic were: 1. Lufthansa (86 per cent), 2. Swissair (44 per cent), 3. Panam (32 per cent), 4. Air Canada (30 per cent), 5. KLM (29 per cent). The German carrier was also voted Number One on the Far East/Australia route: 1. Lufthansa (72 per cent), 2. Swissair and Singapore Airlines (each 50 per cent), 3. Thai International (43 per cent), 4. Cathay Pacific (31 per cent), 5. KLM (30 per cent).

In their choice of airline, Germany's 1.3 million business travellers gave Lufthansa most marks for safety, reliability and punctuality. Other major criteria, according to the GFK poll, are speedy check-in, seat comfort and high flight frequency.



A leading furniture company

One of England's top furniture makers being represented at the Oman with Britain exhibition in Seeb.

Mr. Rudiger H.H. Heiland, group export executive for Bevan Funnell Ltd. is visiting Oman for the second time on behalf of his company. He visited the Sultanate last year as a member of a chamber of commerce mission.

Bevan Funnell supplies Zubair Furnishing with some of its world-renowned products. The Sussex-based company manufactures reproduction furniture, specifically traditional English. Despite its size - there are six factories which employ a total of 800 people the company prides itself in the care and workmanship put in each piece of furniture.

Mr. Heiland said the company exports to 45 countries worldwide and has built specially designed furniture for the Royal family in Saudi Arabia as well as other royal families in the Middle East.

When placing an order with the company, the customer can either choose from 800 domestic models or request a custom-made piece. "We're definitely the top end of the market at what we do," says Mr. Heiland. "Our standards are very, very high."

The company has won a gold medal at European fair for one of its pieces of furniture. They were also the first furniture company to win the Queen's industry award for export twice. Mr. Heiland says Zubair Furnishing has ordered some Bevan Funnell pieces for their showroom in Ruwi.



BMX bicycle display - now on at the Oman Exhibition Centre, Seeb.



The Royal Geographical Society research team (pictured) who had the privilege to work with the people of the Wahiba Sands have expressed their appreciation and thanks to the Omani people for friendship and cooperation "Together we confirmed the Wahiba Sands to be the greatest sand sea desert in the World."

Jewellery display dazzles at Al Bustan Palace

Some of most exquisite and gorgeous pieces of jewellery, show pieces, table tops, clocks and watches and chinaware from Garrard, jewellers to the British Crown, are on display at an exhibition which opened at Al Bustan Palace Hotel on Tuesday.

Garrard, who have been the crown jewellers for over a century, have had the privilege of making engagement rings for the Queen, Princess Royal, Princess of Wales and Duchess of York.

Nearly 2,000 masterpieces, including a large silver bowl, the largest piece of hand made silver to be made in the U.K. for over 100 years are displayed in the Peral Room of the hotel.

Diamond collet necklaces, emerald rings, ruby and diamond bracelets, pearl and diamond ear rings, silver and malachite centre piece bowl with two rearing horses, silver gilt claret jug with rock crystal finial, mystery clock are all a product of creativity and flawless craftsmanship.

Fine selection

"We have a team of about seven artists who are all the time dreaming up novel ideas as the ideas have to come from us," said Mr. S.G. Aickens of Garrard.

The exhibition, which brings to Oman some the finest selection of treasured pieces, is the largest to be mounted by the company outside Britain. "It is the greatest collection ever brought outside Oman," said William V. Argles, the company's Manager, Middle East. "We have been working on this show for the last four months and we can't do this kind of show very often."

Mr. Argles said Garrard had been doing business in Oman for the last 15 years and the exhibition was

being held "as a mark of Garrard's appreciation for the kindness, courtesy and the various commissions that have been presented to the company over the years".

Some of the items on display have specially been created with Oman in mind. Among these are a large silver dhow, probably the largest to be made, the magnificent gold and diamond mosque standing majestically on rocks of gibbonite rising from lakes of blue agate.

One of the most valuable exhibit is the diamond and sapphire necklace,

which has 50.25 cts diamonds and a single sapphire 121 cts pendant.

Garrard, established in 1733, was appointed Crown Jewellers in 1843. As crown jewellers, it is their sole responsibility to maintain the crown jewels at the tower of London. Garrard made the 'Crown of India' for the Delhi Durbar in 1909 and also remodelled the arches in Queen Elizabeth's crown when she came to throne.

Today is the last day for the three-day exhibition which is open only to invited guests.



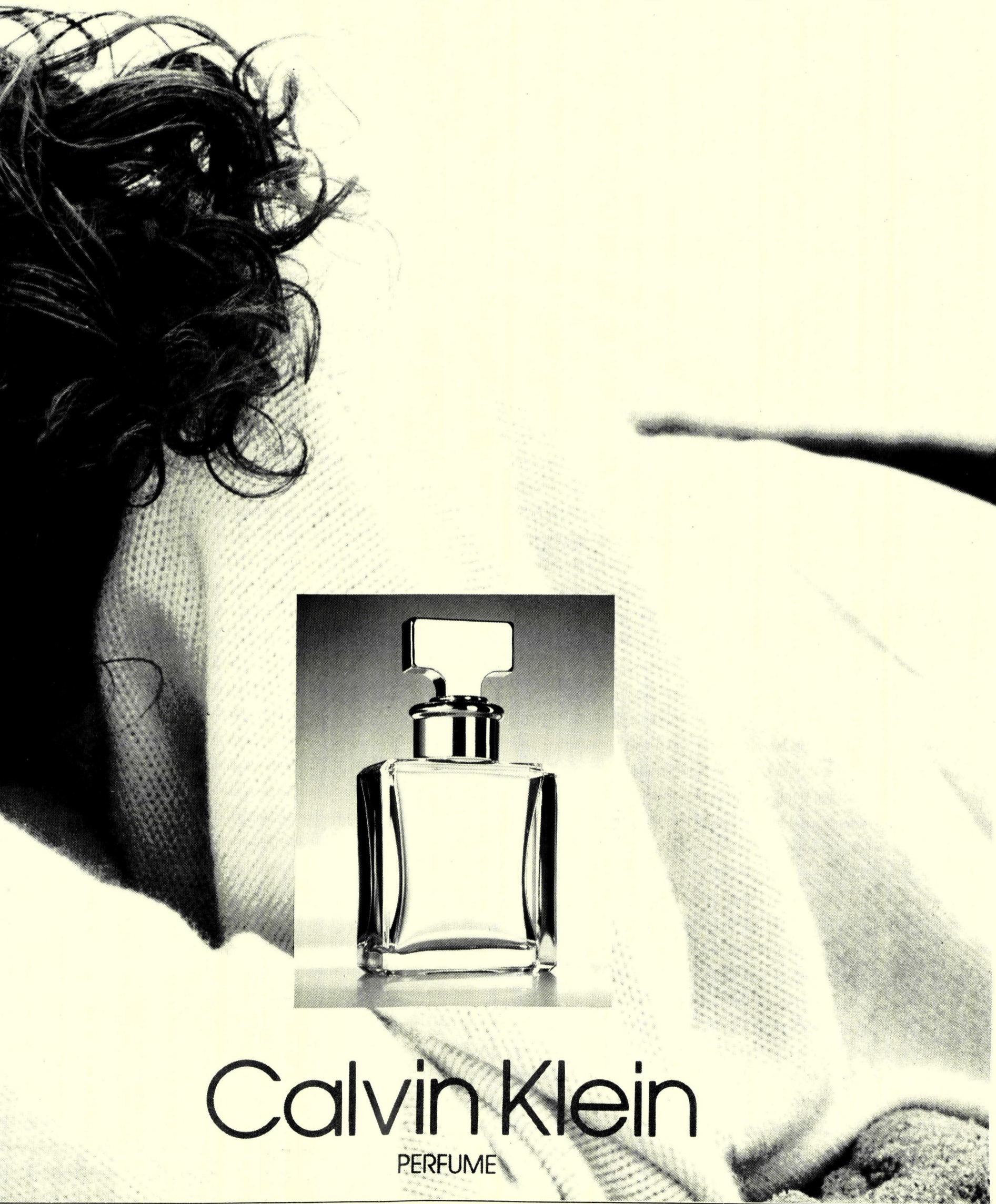
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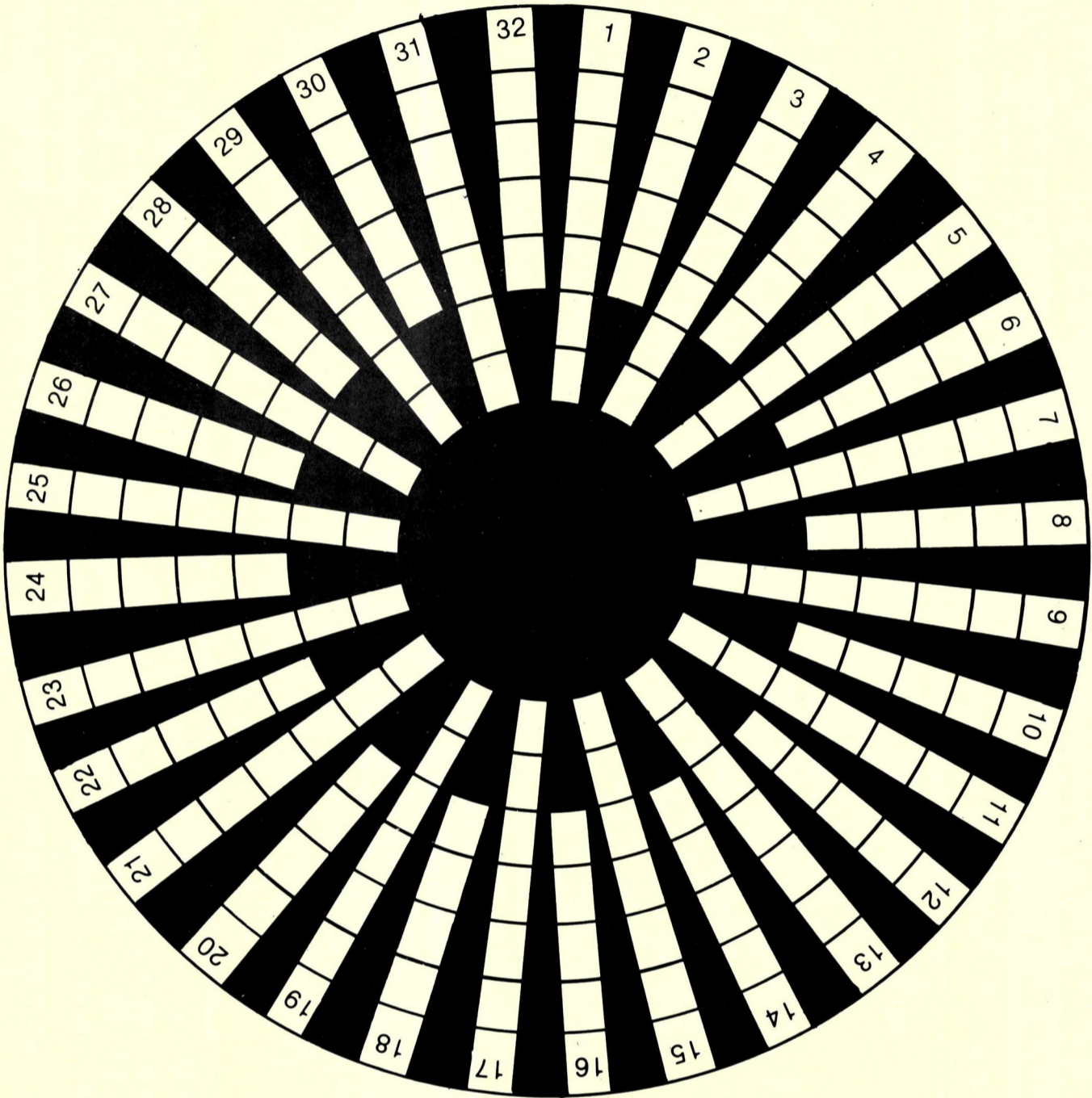
A word game compiled by Geoff Rowlands

Insert the answers with the first letter in the numbered box. Upon completion the names of three top tennis players in Oman can be read in the outer ring.

CLUES

- 1. Early part of the day (7)
- 2. In a crooked position (5)
- 3. Put to use (7)
- 4. Circular (5)
- 5. Reaches out further (7)
- 6. All (5)
- 7. Central core (7)
- 8. Eddying motion of water or snow (5)
- 9. Oppressive rule (7)
- 10. Fragrance (5)
- 11. Baggage (7)
- 12. Sound reasoning (5)
- 13. Clumsy (7)
- 14. Succulent (5)
- 15. Common standard (7)
- 16. Musical symbols (5)
- 17. Highly cultivated in mind (7)
- 18. Pluck the string of a musical instrument sharply (5)
- 19. Wife's spouse (7)
- 20. Make Amends (5)
- 21. Separate violently (7)
- 22. Soft plastic material used for fixing glass (5)
- 23. Make clear (7)
- 24. Unsmooth (5)
- 25. Person who steals cattle (7)
- 26. Start (5)
- 27. Nought (7)
- 28. Speedy (5)
- 29. Persecuted (7)
- 30. Dodge (5)
- 31. Everlasting (7)
- 32. Manage carefully (5)

• Answers on page 28



The stars and you

Aquarius January 21-February 19

You can expect a minor irritation on the home front to mar an otherwise perfect outlook. Cope with it in your usual business like manner and soon all will be calm and tranquil.

Pisces February 20-March 20

Some hard decisions will need to be made in the next few weeks. Consult with family and friends before making long term commitments.

Aries March 21-April 20

Arians never like to be thwarted and get especially irritable when they come against brick walls. But unfortunately this one just cannot be moved and a little diplomacy will be needed.

Taurus April 21-March 20

You must keep aloof from intrigues going on around you - despite your curiosity - as they will do you no good in the long run. Lucky day Saturday.

Gemini May 21-June 21

No matter how it may hurt, it is better to shelve the plans for a more appropriate occasion than blunder through and have them totally discredited now. Patience will certainly pay.

Cancer June 22-July 23

You will be caught up in a whirl of social engagements as either you or your friends depart for pastures new. You are well aspected at the moment so enjoy the fun and look forward to

new faces and places.

Leo July 24-August 23

Now is the time to show friends that you can stand on your own feet. An opportunity will come your way to give you that very chance you have been waiting for.

Virgo August 24-September 23

Time spent with family will prove invaluable over the next few weeks as you will be counting on their support in a new project or venture.

Libra September 24-October 22

You are sparking on all four cylinders at the moment and it is a good time to take advantage of a particular opportunity for which you have been patiently planning.

Scorpio October 23-November 22

You are well aspected for travel, but plans should be quickly made if you are relying on the co-operation of those in authority. Take care of your health and all will be well.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 22

Expect to hear good news of a friend or colleague who will ease the burden of administrative roles, which have not been sitting comfortably on your shoulders for many a moon.

Capricorn December 23-January 20

A time for reflective, careful thought and not rash decisions, no matter how hard done by you presently feel. Time will help clear the blurred image.

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Birthday Stones

Month	Stone
January	Garnet
February	Amethyst
March	Aquamarine
April	Diamond or White Sapphire
May	Jade or Emerald
June	Alexandrite or Blood Stone
July	Ruby or Green Sapphire
August	Sardonyx or Tourmaline
September	Sapphire or Fancy Sapphire
October	Opal or Moon Stone
November	Topaz
December	Star Sapphire or Turquoise

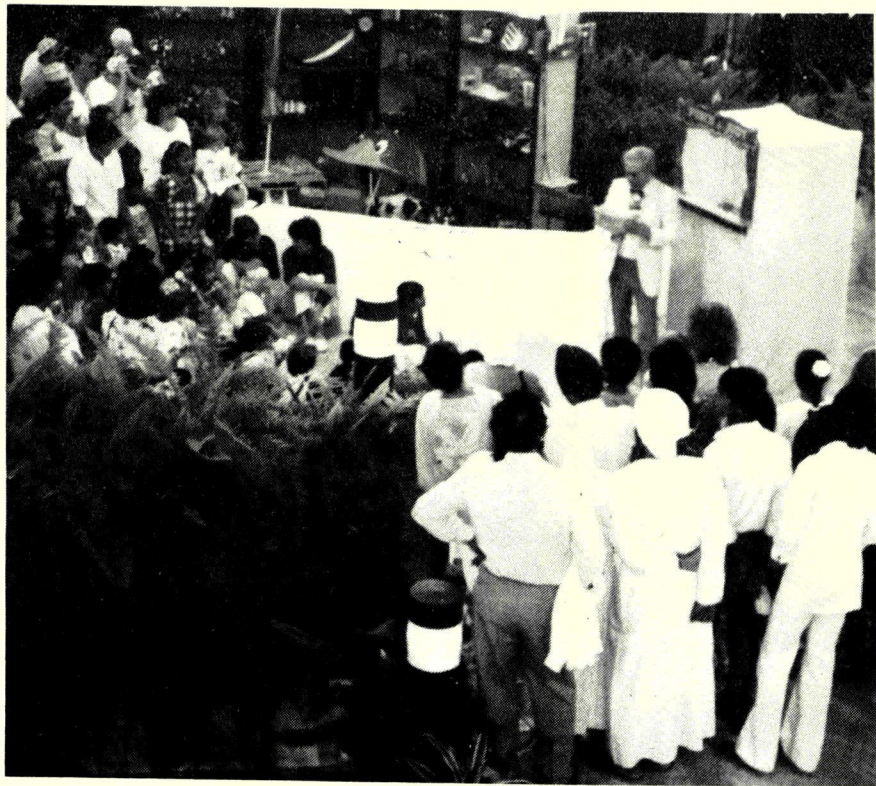
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Around Town

Magical display



Alexander MacClennan's recent performance at Sabco Centre delighted both the children and their parents.

The very popular entertainer showed his magical tricks and amazing display of colourful animals and models with the twist of a balloon. A traditional Punch and Judy show added to the wonder of his show.

He will perform again at Sabco Centre, Qurum at 5 p.m. today and tomorrow.



Goan gathering



Carnival Fiesta held for the first time in Oman was a thunderous success. The event was organised by Olympio Fernandes and his hard working "Goan Come Alive" group.

The show was attended by more than 550 people at the sprawling lawns of the Oman Sheraton Hotel recently. It opened with a lilting Carnival Parade.

Highlight of the fiesta was the King and Queen contest which was won by Larry D'Silva and Lotika Soni respectively.

It was an unforgettable evening for all those who attended, with Tony Cyril & his Music Makers at their very best, soaring the spirits of all the dancers with their mixture of pop, country, Portuguese and Goan music.

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Appointment with "The Good Doctor"



The cast of "The Good Doctor" get set to woo Oman audiences.

Cafe Theatre returns to the Oman Sheraton with a fabulous production of "The Good Doctor" by Neil Simon. Derek Woodward, creator of Cafe Theatre, has played some of the leading roles in previous Cafe Theatre productions, such as Educating Rita, The Odd Couple, Death Trap and most recently Pygmalion.

"The Good Doctor", comes to Oman on March 5.

The comedy, a rich collection of stories revealing people's everyday experiences, is based on an original idea by Anton Chekov. Neil Simon dramatised it, giving a warm affection to the characters, and injecting loads of humour.

First staged in New York in November 1973, Rowan Atkinson more recently appeared in the Aldwych Theatre Lon-

don in the latest production, re-titled The Sneeze.

And now it is set to woo Oman audiences when Derek Woodward arrives here next month. Derek's line-up of top names from the West End stage are - Jenny Lipman, Laura Fausner, Brian Forster and Richard Henry.

Within the various scenarios, there is some riproaring humour: a dentist's assistant attempts to pull his first tooth, but ends up struggling with his hysterical patient on the surgery floor.

Sparkling comedies such as this have given great pleasure to audiences wherever they have been performed.

"The Good Doctor" drew the following response from the New York Daily News: "As smoothly polished a piece of work as we're likely to see".



The Edinburgh String Quartet pleased shoppers at the Sabco Centre recently. The quartet was formed in 1959 and became one of the most successful British quartets. They first visited the Middle East in 1986 and were so successful that this has become a yearly visit. This time they returned to the Sultanate to perform during the Oman with Britain festival.

Their performance at the centre has been described as splendid by the large audience which was spellbound by their vitality and style.

Timesquiz

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Muscat and Salalah Holiday Inns are the sponsors of this series of the popular Timesquiz.

These two leading hotels in the Sultanate are offering a prize of a meal for two in their fine restaurants — in Muscat the Sundowners and the Luban at the Salalah Holiday Inn.

Just write the answers on this coupon (no photo-copies) and send in your entry/entries to the Competition Department, Times of Oman, P.O. Box 3770, Ruwi. The closing date for entries is March 16.

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Questions

1. Who was Olof Palme?
2. What year did he die?
3. How did he die?

Answers

Raya-Abdallah-Khalfan Al Busaidy won Timesquiz No. 20 when his entry was drawn from the all-correct entries. Answers: Margaret Mitchell wrote the novel "Gone With the Wind"; the novel was set in the United States of America; and the book's heroine was Scarlet O'Hara.

Soul to Soul at Seeb



Bands from U.S., Caribbean and Africa joined forces recently at the Seeb Novotel to raise funds for Soul to Soul for Africa Gambia Project Fund.

Indian music recitals



Muscat Gujarati Samaj organised an Indian music recital recently. Above is "Saz Aur Awaaz Group". All the songs were composed and directed by Manoj Bhatt. Singers were Ramesh Ramteke, M. Sangeeta Rajkondawar, Mr. Hariwadan Amin, Mr. Pandya and Mr. Joshi.

Evening full of songs



The Holiday Inn Salalah recently hosted "Geeton Bhari Shaam" at its poolside.

Museums

Natural History Museum, Al Khuwair
Tel.: 602565 (extension 172). Opening times: Every morning Saturday to Wednesday 8-1 pm. Thursday 8-12. Afternoons, Sunday and Wednesday 4-6, Friday 4-7.

Oman Museum, Information City,
Telephone : 600946



Sunburst answers

1. Morning, 2. Askew, 3. Utilis Round, 5. Extends, 6. Every, 7. leus, 8. Swirl, 9. Tyranny, 10. Ar, 11. Luggage, 12. Logic, 13. Awk, 14. Juicy, 15. Average, 16. Note, Erudite, 18. Twang, 19. Husband, Atone, 21. Rupture, 22. Putty, 23. lain, 24. Rough, 25. Rustler, 26. C, 27. Nothing, 28. Swift, 29. Hound, Evade, 31. Eternal, 32. Nurse.

The 3 top tennis players are: Ma Stalla, Janet Harper and Ron Shee

Around Town

Leo a hit at Ruwi Novotel



Leo Valdez presents Ms. Melly with roses.

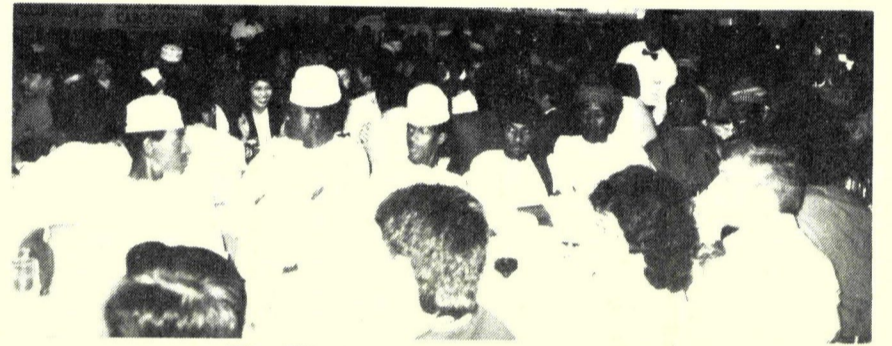
The Ruwi Novotel enjoyed a successful evening recently with the performance of Leo Valdez, the winner of the first Asian Popular Song Festival and one of the top male singers in the Philippines. Leo won the hearts of his audience and received a standing ovation at the hotel pooldeck.

A versatile entertainer, Leo performed his winning song "Mag-simula Ka" which drew thunderous applause from the crowd.

Leo returned for three encores. For his last number, he sang without



Leo surprised the ladies in the audience with roses.



The Filipino star attracted a full house.

any instrumental backup.

Leo, to the delight of his audience, presented the ladies, with red roses. Ms. Melly, the first lady to receive a red rose, was led to the stage by Leo. Further to the surprise of the audience, two games were played. Each lady was given one piece of Leo's heart with the other piece in his pocket. The lucky lady whose heart matched Leo's was Ms. Ida. She won a lunch date with Leo. The second game for gents was to guess the correct weight of Leo which was won jointly by Mr. Mohammed Nassir and John Samuel.

An artistic delight in the form of a neo-classical style gallery has been created at the Exhibition Centre, Seeb, for the Oman with Britain festival.

The gallery houses one of the largest art exhibitions, entitled "Eternal Oman", ever seen in the Gulf with more than 150 pictures by over fifteen professional artists on display.

Many of the artists are present at the Exhibition Centre to talk about their work, which are on sale with prices ranging from R/O 10 to over R/O 1,000 and discuss the possibilities for commissioned work. Tomorrow is the last day to catch the exhibition.

The exhibition has been the inspiration of Val Rwaan, from Manchester, who trained as a graphic designer at London University before embarking on a career as a professional artist and interior designer.

Her work has taken her to many countries throughout the Middle East, with her first visit to Oman back in 1973. Four years of invaluable experience as the resident artist and gallery director at the prestigious Falcon Fine Arts gallery in Riyadh, where she exhibited her paintings on silk, has helped her to produce the impressive 'Oman with Britain' gallery which she hopes will be regarded as "reminiscent of the great galleries of Europe."

Work by many Omani and British artists, most of whom are already well known in Oman are on display. They include Anwar bin Khamis bin Sonya whose work has been exhibited throughout the Middle East and Europe and who was awarded a trophy at the Grolla D'oro, Italy in 1986; Rabha bint Mahnood bin Mohammed who par-

"Eternal Oman" showcases exceptional talents

ticipated in the 1st Cairo International Biennial in 1984; Hassan bin Edda bin Boroque who participated in the Seoul Contemporary Asian Art Show in 1986, Lal Bakash bin Ali bin Rehman who participated in the 2nd Cairo International Biennial and won the Second Class; Maryam bint Abdul Karim who was a prize winner at the 3rd Exhibition of AGCC in 1987, and other local artists who are members of the Youth Drawing Centre.

The British artists include Julian Barrow who trained as a picture restorer at the National Gallery in London before studying in Florence and having exhibitions in London at the Royal Academy and the Royal Society of Portrait Painters, New York and throughout the Middle East, including Muscat in 1984 and 1987. In London, Julian is a neighbour of Wilfred Thesiger, another well known friend of the region.

John Bawtree's work is also familiar to the Sultanate, this will be his third exhibition in Oman. Having qualified as an architect at Kingston Polytechnic, London, John became a full-time artist and has

travelled widely. His works at the Oman with Britain exhibition cover subjects as far ranging as the Casbah in Tangiers, Khartoum, Barcelona, the Orkneys, Corfu and Suffolk. For the last three years he has produced paintings for the Grindlays Bank Calendar of Oman.

Other artists are: Carol Lanfear who has a BA in three dimensional design from Manchester Polytechnic and a post-graduate certificate in Art Education from Manchester University; Lyn Shephard who studied at Cambridge University and has had works exhibited at the famous Whitechapel Art Gallery in London; Barry Parrett who says his work has been influenced by "the vibrant colours and haunting atmosphere of Oman's spectacular landscape," he too, has exhibited in England, the USA and the Middle East; Sara Parrett, an art teacher at the Sultan's School for one and a half years who prefers to use the coloured pencil as an ideal medium and her imagination to juxtapose different images and details; Barry Thomas whose work has taken him from the North East of England to Australia and now teaching in Oman, who prefers pastels and water-

colour; David Webber who, after a short spell in Oman in 1979/80, returned in 1984 and since then has devoted much of his free time to painting, concentrating on landscape scenes in the watercolour medium; and Susan Ogilvy, a trained occupational therapist who claims "her work reflects her advancing years."

An enchanting part of the exhibition are the paintings in the 'trompe l'oeil' style, a French phrase meaning trick of the eye, with the trick being a painting which is life like and placed in a setting which suggests to the viewers mind a three dimensional object.

The collection of 31 pictures by four artists; Christopher Harris, Barbara Brown, Lian Corolain and Nick Jones, have been commissioned for display by Margaret Norris. The style, now becoming the vogue in Europe, originates from Medieval times and is based on a medium of oil and acrylic. Margaret Norris, the presenter of the collection, will be available at the Exhibition Centre to discuss commissions.

A second gallery can also be seen at the Exhibition Centre during Oman with Britain, this time featuring work by artists of the Muscat Art Group and other local artists including Susie Lee, John Adie and Mike Courtney.

The 'gallery' will be in direct contrast to the neo-classical style gallery of the 'Eternal Oman' exhibition, but will undoubtedly prove just as popular. Based on the famous Bayswater Road street gallery in central London, a park setting has been recreated to display around 200 pictures.

Prints of many of the picturers from both galleries, 350 in all, are for sale at the Exhibition Centre.

Around Town

Golden Night of nostalgia



Seeb Jewel Trading is presenting Golden Night in association with Ruwi Novotel. The evening offers the sounds of the Sur Sargam Orchestra — popular Indian stage artists. There will also be a lucky draw with first prize being a roundtrip ticket to Bombay or Karachi and a singing competition with special prizes for the top three. The event takes place at the Ruwi Novotel on March 9 at 7pm. Price R.O. 3.500 per person.

Top employee really cuts it



Employee for the month of January at Muscat Holiday Inn is Norman Joseph De Silva. Norman works as a butcher in the kitchen and attributes this recognition to hard work and diligence.

The beauty treatment



The Muscat Holiday Inn's beauty parlour is run by Mrs. Rosie Alvares who has seven years' experience in the business. The parlour caters to both ladies and men and provides a wide range of beauty services.

Swedish Night at Seeb Novotel



'Round Midnight will be performing tomorrow for Swedish Night.

Sweden's top R and B band 'Round Midnight are the top attraction for Swedish Night at the Seeb Novotel. The event takes place tomorrow night in the ballroom. The price for the evening, which includes a delicious buffet of Swedish foods, is R.O. 10.500 plus tax.

If you enjoy sampling international foods, Swedish Night will satisfy your curiosity and palate. Assorted smoked fish and salmon in

bellevue can be found on the menu. Also for the tasting: Rollmops sandwiches with brown bread, salmon sandwiches, herring fillet, lobster, potato salad, fresh eel in mustard sauce, spinach pancakes, butter noisette, bread crumb trout fillet, creamy horse radish sauce, lamb cutlet from Walmar.

For desert, there are assorted pasters and deep fried apple rings.

Valentine's Day parties



Valentine's Day celebrations at the Muscat Holiday Inn attracted packed houses at both the Sundowners restaurant and the Bodega Club.

Car Talk

Rover 800: a driver's car

In any range of cars, it is not sufficient for a motor manufacturer simply to establish a reputation for quality and reliability. Such a reputation must be maintained over a long period or its credibility will fail with the first change in design. Which is why Britain's Austin Rover invested heavily in its engineering and production facilities before producing its new 800 series.

Quality begins at the designs stage, and with Austin Rover's more than 330 computer aided design (CAD) workstations in use, the 800 has been given quite a few impressive features. These include an elegant body with a low drag factor; two new engines - a two-litre, four-cylinder, 16-valve version and a 2.5-litre V-six cylinder, 24-valve one; a fully independent suspension system with impeccable road holding; disc brakes front (ventilated) and rear; a dual braking circuit; an anti-lock braking system; and a body protection system that should ensure the car maintains its good looks for longer than the company's six-year warranty.

By Dan Green

The new two-litre, four-cylinder, M16 engine, which powers eight of the 14 models in the combined saloon and fastback 800 range, bears some resemblance to a racing engine, with its twin overhead camshafts, four valves per cylinder and lightweight alloy cylinder head. It is available with two forms of fuel injection, a single point on the 120 ps version and a multipoint Lucas system on the 140 ps version.

The latter has a solenoid injector for each of the four cylinders. Each is positioned above the inlet port and fuel is injected at pressure directly into the air streams. The major benefit is better performance and flexibility than with single point, each cylinder being directly supplied with the optimum mixture.



The Rover 800 series is the result of millions of pounds sterling of investment.

The fuel system is extremely responsive, due to a sophisticated combination of microprocessor. Both ignition and fuelling react to a number of sensors monitoring rate of throttle movement, road speed and so on. The information is used to determine precisely the engine timing, the fuel-air mixture, and the duration of opening of the solenoid injectors.

One of the most advanced sensors is the hot wire air flow metre, which uses a heated wire to measure air mass flow into the engine. Changes in the wire's resistance give an extremely precise measurement.

The use of four valves per cylinder provides a great valve opening area and this allows a large volume of mixture through the combustion chamber, giving high power output. It also permits the engines to be run on a very lean mixture because the fuel and air are more thoroughly mixed.

The 16-valve engine has a classic flow head, with two pairs of inlet and exhaust valves operated by double overhead camshafts, positioned either side of the cylinder head. The cross flow head is combined with a pent roof combustion chamber, giving high combustion effi-

cency because of the barrel-type swirl of gases it induces.

Quietness has been a major design aim throughout. The double overhead camshafts operate the valves through hydraulic tappets rather than the conventional bucket types, and the tappets are therefore self-adjusting, so they operate with no clearance, substantially contributing to quietness. Again, the use of a toothed belt, made of oil resistant synthetic rubber moulded on to non-stretch cord for the camshaft drives, gives a significant reduction in valve operating noise.

Intake noise is reduced by being tuned as far away as possible from the resonant frequency of the car body. Air is passed over a special resonator and then through an intake duct half a metre in length, which is tuned to exactly half the wavelength of the car body (180 Hz).

Technology

The very latest technology is used in manufacture of the 800 series body, with the flexible automated assembly facilities located at the company's Cowley works, near Oxford. With some 400 individual panels, the 800 is the most complex car ever produced there.

Throughout the building system, more than 4,000 welds are applied, 45 per cent by automated equipment. Fifty-one of the 58 robots installed are used for welding, the remaining seven for adhesive application.

The system, designed and manufactured by Automatix International (UK), is considered the most advanced in Europe, with 62 laser cameras carrying out 96 direct and computer checks on the body shell.

After inspection, the body is taken to a 17-station floor conveyor for completion of some spot and carbon dioxide welding and to a finishing line where doors, bonnets and boot lids are fitted. Margins, profiles and surface quality are critically checked before the body is transferred to the paint shop where a pair of GEC CompArm robots undercoat the body prior to final finishing.

The 800's suspension is fully independent. The front comprises double wishbones of unequal length, the rear is located transversely by lower arms and longitudinally by compliant trailing links. The transverse arms carry the coil springs, and the separate dampers are attached to the top of the wheel carrier. Anti-roll bars are fitted front and rear.

The design of the suspension ensures that the tyre makes good contact with the road under all conditions by controlling the angle of the wheel. In the front suspension, the shorter upper wishbone causes the outer wheel, which carries the

greater load, to lean inwards on corners, so that it remains at right angles to the road. The rear suspension performs similarly. It is the suspension rather than the dampers that carries the car's weight.

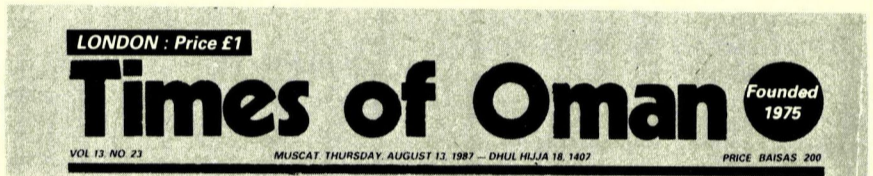
Six intensive anti-corrosion treatments and special protection for the two

most vulnerable areas should permit the Rover 800 to maintain its appearance for many years. There is the seam sealing, using a Plastisol-based sealant, followed by a pre-primer phosphate treatment in seven stages that involve through cleaning and rustproofing.

The exhaust is aluminised, and the front wheel-arch is given smooth plastic liners.

Every aspect of the 800 series benefits from the very latest technology, yet internally the cars are elegant and uncluttered. Advanced technology has been used to serve a simple purpose: to enhance the pleasures of driving a quality car on the open road.

When in London don't forget your



The "Times of Oman" is on sale at 66 points throughout London So when visiting Britain's capital you can keep up with news from the Sultanate either at the listed outlets or from Middle East Publications, 188-192, Sutton Court Road, Chiswick, London W4 3HR (Tel 01 994 0515):

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Travel

Family fun in the UK

"What are we going to do today?" is a question which frequently plagues parents on holiday. What interests the adults may leave the youngsters dragging their feet and grumbling - but the older generation probably wants more than a daily diet of hair-raising amusement park rides.

A new British Tourist Authority brochure is designed to help solve this problem by outlining some of the many and varied opportunities for families to enjoy themselves in Britain.

By Val Austin

"Family Fun in Britain" gives details of 70 attractions particularly suited to children aged from four to 16, but which, in the main, can be enjoyed by anyone from two to 82. Listed alphabetically within England, Scotland and Wales - and ranged geographically from the Scottish Highlands to the West Country, and from West Wales to East Anglia - the entries include the age range for which they are best-suited; opening times; whether there is an admission charge; directions for getting there; and important information such as whether there are rooms for nappy changing; children's menus; and play areas.

Also included in the brochure (printed in English only but available from all BTA overseas offices) is a list of some of the events in 1989 of interest to families - from an Easter Egg hunt at Leeds Castle, Kent, to the Royal Tournament in London; and from medieval jousting to "Halloween Horrors"

Action

In many cases the accent is on action, whether it be ascending the Heights of Abraham, 750 feet above the town of Matlock, Derbyshire, in a cable car, or descending 140 metres down one of the oldest mine shafts in Europe for a guided underground tour at the Yorkshire Mining Museum; riding a tractor on a farm tour in Sussex or travelling through stunning Welsh countryside on the Brecon Mountain or Talyllyn railways - and if anything can bridge the generation gap it is surely the nostalgic delights of these puffing steam locomotives.

Animals are always a big draw for youngsters and a number of zoos and wildlife parks are listed, including the Welsh Mountain Zoo with its daily displays of sealion feeding and training sessions, and free flying eagles; and Edinburgh Zoo, whose highlights include "the world's only penguin parade" every afternoon from March to October. Those wanting to explore this field further may like to visit London's Natural

History Museum - and find out for example whether whales can sing; and when the last dinosaur died.

Britain is famous for its fascinating historic houses and among the most impressive - and the first stately home to open regularly to the public - is Longleat in Wiltshire, home of the Marquess of Bath. This magnificent Elizabethan house also has something for children without the least interest in history or architecture - Britain's first safari park, home to lions, tigers, white rhino, camels, giraffe and many other animals.

Another fine stately home combining many different attractions is Beaulieu, home of Lord Montague in the New Forest near Southampton. Here, besides the Palace House and the 13th century Abbey there is the outstanding collection of vehicles which make up the National Motor Museum, and the chance to ride on "Wheels", a lively journey through motoring history.

The museums featured are designed to be both fun and informative. At the North of England Open Air at Beamish, near Durham, and the Blists Hill Open Air Museum at Ironbridge, in Shropshire, the past comes vividly to life. Streets have been reconstructed, lined with old houses, cottages, and shops filled with old-fashioned wares, and the "inhabitants" dress in period costume. At Beamish visitors can ride on old tramcars, while at Blists Hill -



A pirate ship takes to the air at Alton Towers.



A hands-on display makes learning fun in the Human Biology exhibition at London's Natural History Museum.

Travel

one of six sites which make up the Ironbridge George Museum, commemorating the "birth of the industrial revolution" a couple of centuries ago - men can be seen at work in a printer's, carpenter's, candle-maker's and locksmith's shop.

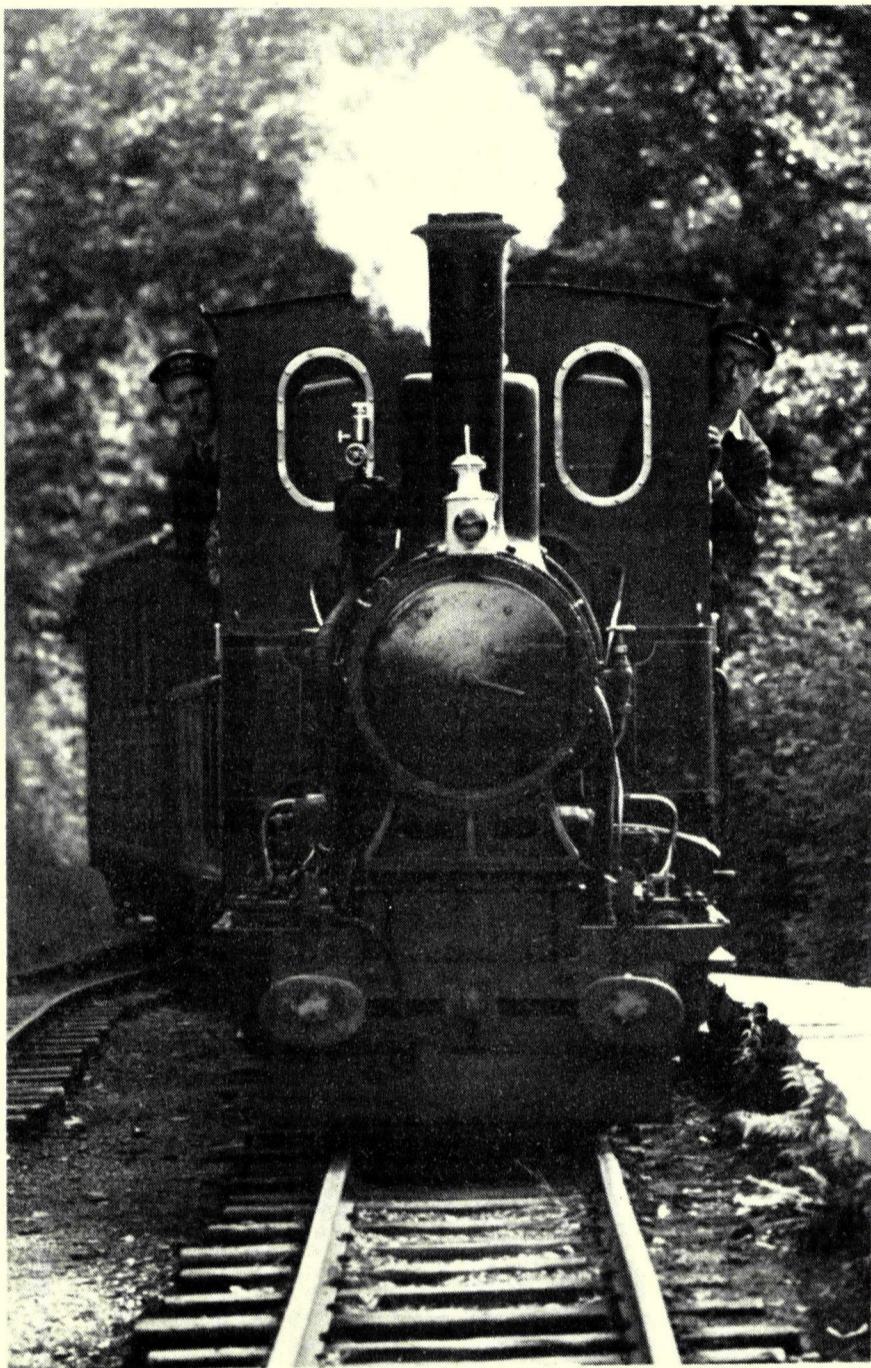
At the Waterways Museum in Northamptonshire there are boat trips and canalside walks; at the Chatham Historic Dockyard in Kent (formerly the Royal Naval Dockyard) there are displays of rope-making and trips on a paddle-steamer. The Submarine Museum in Gosport includes a guided tour of HMS Alliance, while Dorset's Tank Museum offers an adventure assault course, the chance to climb on a tank and examine its workings.

Parks

Such a guide would hardly be complete without a few theme parks - and where better than Alton Towers, one of Europe's premier leisure parks set in the 550-acre estate of the former Earls of Shrewsbury in the English Midlands. It offers more than 120 rides (including the "Corkscrew" and the new "Alton Beast"), a Kiddies' Kingdom for the younger children, and magnificent gardens - all set against a backdrop of the ruined stately home which gives the park its name.

Travelling north, the Pleasure Beach at the Lancashire resort of Blackpool offers a further 150 rides, including "Britain's first bobsleigh ride, The Avalanche"; with "Funshineland" offering special rides for the very young.

That other typically British sea-



Steaming through Wales is the Talylllyn Railway.

side institution, Butlin's Holiday Camp, has been given a multi-million pound revamp, and Butlin's Holiday Worlds at Bognor Rogis, Skegness, Pwllheli, Minehead, and Ayr - offering both inclusive holidays and daily admission - have subtropical waterworlds with giant water rides, rapids and lagoons; and rollercoaster and funfair rides.

More traditional children's attractions are offered at the newly-opened Teddy Bear Museum at Stratford-upon-Avon - hundreds of bears are on show; and the London Toy and Model Museum housing some 3,000 toys and models from the 18th century to today.

In the age of television, two museums are bound to please. The National Museum of Photography, Film and Television in Bradford, West Yorkshire (winner of the 1988 Museum of the Year Award) includes exhibits you can work yourself; IMAX, Britain's biggest cinema screen, five storeys high; and, from April the new Kodak Museum telling the story of popular photography - 1989 is the 150th anniversary of the birth of photography.

The new, highly-acclaimed Museum of the Moving Image on London's South Bank is also informative and fun, vividly telling the history of cinema. Visitors are encouraged to try the effects of some early optical machines, press buttons to choose what they want to see on screen, become a newsreader and even glide over London using the special effects which made Superman "fly".



Children make friends with a giraffe at Longleat in Wiltshire. The house has the added bonus of a safari park for children.

Eating Out



Whatever your taste, there's a restaurant just for you in Muscat's growing Capital Area.

Here we give you an at-a-glance guide so that you can make a selection for that family evening out, a cosy dinner for two or that all important business meal. To help you, restaurants have been grouped depending on their predominant style of cuisine — many serve more than one style of dish, however. For special promotions and further details refer to the newsy ad-panels.

Arabic Style

Al Sindbad Supper Club: Al Bustan Palace Hotel, level one, International and Arabic menu. Open Sunday to Friday nights from 8.00pm to 1.00am. Tel. 799666 Ext. 4120 for reservations.

Le Tarbouche: At Oman Sheraton Hotel. A mix of Arabic and Oriental food with entertainment inclusive of 8 different kinds of Hot & Cold Mez-zah. Nightly, Saturday through Thursday. For reservations, direct line 701477 or 799899.

Omani Foods Restaurant: Al Fairuz Centre, Al Khuwair. For exotic Omani food. Timing 12.30pm to 3pm & 7pm to 11.30pm. Tel: 696026.

Al Maha Coffee Shop: At Muscat Holiday Inn. Mezzeh night - every Tuesday enjoy traditional Arabic dishes. Open 6.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. Tel: 697123.

Al Inshirah Restaurant: at Corniche. For traditional Omani cuisine and a small selection of international cuisine. Tel: 713061/2.

Coffee Shops

Al Bustan Cafe: Al Bustan Palace Hotel lobby level, Arabic and international specialities. Buffet and A la Carte including breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks, open from 6.00am to 2am. Breakfast (6.00 am to 10.30 am) Dinner (7.00 pm to 11.00 pm) Tel: 799666 for reservation.

Al Falaj Coffee Shop: Ground floor Al Falaj Hotel. Renovated with beautiful new interior decor. Open 24 hours with a free welcome drink. Thursday is Italian Fiesta night - Friday is Indian night - Saturday is Greek Taverna - Sunday is Chinese night - Monday is German night - Tuesday is Seafood night and Wednesday is Carving night. Tel: 702311. Parking.

Cork's Bistro: Lobby level Seeb Novotel. Snacks and light meals from 12 pm to 3 pm and from 7 pm to 11 pm. Tel: 510300.

Musandam Coffee Shop: Inter-Continental Hotel Lower Lobby. Extensive menu for breakfast, lunch, dinner and in-between snacks. Live entertainment every night. Open 5.30 am to 2 am. Tel: 600500. Car parking.

Green Mountain: Oman Sheraton Hotel business buffet lunch (daily except Friday) Neptune's Kingdom on Wednesday, Family Brunch on Friday. Tel: 799899.

Mutrah Hotel: Near Oman House. A la carte; coffee shop menu with daily special. Tel. 798401.

Penguin Coffee shop and Pizzeria: at Madinat Qaboos Shopping Centre, indoor/outdoors. European and Lebanese food. Tel: 601730.

Al Maha Coffee Shop: Muscat Holiday Inn. Open 18 hours a day for breakfast, lunch and dinner buffet. A la carte also available. Tel: 697123.

Qurm Coffee Shop: At Gulf Hotel on pool terrace. Open from 5.30am to 11.30pm. A la carte menu with wide range of selections. On Thursday Italian buffet lunch from 12.30pm to 3pm. Live entertainment every night except Saturdays. Tel. 560100.

Al Kharif Coffee Shop: At Salalah

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Al Bustan Cafe: Al Bustan Palace Hotel, lobby level. Every Wednesday is Tandoori Shakahari Night, vegetarian menu available, from 7.30 pm to 11.00 pm. Reservations Tel: 799666, Extn. 4314.

Taj Restaurant: Greater Muttrah, near Oman House. Mughlai non vegetarian and vegetarian meals for lunch and dinner. Tel: 796880 & 796583.

Copper Chimney: located at Fair Trade house, MBD. Speciality Indian Restaurant serving Tandoori (Barbeque) and Mughlai (North Indian Dishes). Outdoor catering undertaken for all occasions. Tel: 706420 & 708132.

Mumtaz Mahal: Off Qurm Roundabout. Indian cuisine, lunch and dinner. Complete outdoor party catering undertaken. Tel: 563850. Revised menu tariff.

Kebab Korner: On mezzanine floor of Mumtaz Mahal Restaurant. Selection of kebabs, Indian breads & salads. Buffet style only RO 5 + service charge per person. Tel: 563850.

Udipi Restaurant: Located in Ruwi, above Papoo Stores. Specialist in Indian meals - vegetarian/non-vegetarian, tempting snacks, ice-creams and soft drinks.

Omar Khayyam: Off Ruwi High Street near Ruwi roundabout. Indian dishes. Chinese selection. Tel 703035.

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Al Bustan Cafe: Al Bustan Palace Hotel, Lobby level. Saturday, Sunday, Monday, International buffet and a la carte. Tuesday night - Carvery, Wednesday night - Tandoori, Thursday night - Italian. From 7.30 pm to 11.30 pm Tel: 799666. Extn. 4314 for reservation.

Candles Restaurant: At Ruwi main street for Syrian food, grilled meats etc. Also home delivery. Tel: 705126.

Luban Restaurant: At Salalah Holiday Inn for international buffet. Tel: 235333.

Al Inshirah Restaurant Terrace: At Corniche, for a Friday B.B.Q. and all that goes with it. Tel: 713061.

Mirbat Restaurant: for Continental/Tandoori/Chinese/Arabic/ Indian cuisine at Qurm heights. Tel. 561262/3.

Al Marjan Restaurant: Al Bustan Palace Hotel lobby level, French and Continental cuisine, open for dinner only from 7.30pm to midnight. Monday to Saturday. Necktie and Jacket required. Reservations essential on 799666, extn. 4120.

French Corner: Al Falaj Hotel ground floor. New menu of International cuisine. Open daily for lunch and candlelight dinner from 12.00 to 15.00 hrs and 19.00 to 23.00 hrs a la carte. Tel: 702311. ext 71 Car park.

Qurm Restaurant: Lower Lobby Muscat Inter-Continental Hotel. French and International fine cuisine. Open for Deluxe buffet lunch price is now R.O. 7.500 and a la carte dinner. Saturday to Thursday. Tel: 600500.

Al Bahr: First floor restaurant at Mina Hotel on Corniche. Indian, Western and vegetarian meals a la carte. Seafood a speciality. Noon until 15.00 hrs and 19.00 to 23.00 hrs. Tel 711828.

The Carvery - Ruwi Hotel street level entrance in new wing. Carvery and full a la carte. Open 7.30pm - 11.00pm every day except Fridays.

Nizwa Motel: Arabic, Indian and Western dishes. 13.00 to 15.00 hrs and from 19.00 hrs. Tel 410500. Car-park.

Al Madina Restaurant: Medinat Qaboos. French and Continental cuisine. A la carte and business lunch menu. Open 12-3pm & 7-11pm. Tel: 696515.

Le Grill: At Seeb Novotel. Europak buffet on Sunday, Seafood buffet on Tuesday, Filipino Night on Wednesdays from 8.00 pm. Round the clock menu available. Reservations 510300 ext. 261.

The Airport Restaurant: Seeb International Airport, full a la carte menu. Lunch noon to 2.30pm. Dinner 7pm to midnight. Friday: Lunch time buffet. Reservations advised. Tel: 519418.

Sindbad Restaurant: at Al Nahda Hotel. Famous for Indian, Arabic, or Continental cuisine - Tel. 712385. Open 6am - 10am, 12 noon - 3 pm and 7pm - 10pm.

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Le Grand Boulevard: Al Bustan Palace Hotel, level 1 at the Al Khiran Pool Terrace. French Regional Cuisine every Sunday night from 7.30 p.m to 11.00 p.m. Telephone: 799666 ext. 4120 for reservations.

Al Khiran Seafood Inn: Al Bustan Palace Hotel, Level One. A La Carte Menu of Continental and Oriental Specialities. Monday to Friday 7.30 pm to 11.00 pm. Reservations Telephone: 799666, Ext. 4242.

OK Corral: Muscat Inter-Continental Hotel. Hearty Mid West American fare. Telephone: 600500.

Green Mountain: Oman Sheraton Hotel, buffet lunch daily. Tel: 799899.

Sea View Hotel, Corniche: Open 16 hours a day for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Tel: 714555.

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7pm to 11pm. Tel: 799899.

Pizzeria: Near Ruwi Roundabout, first floor restaurant. Pizza, lasagne, cannelloni etc.

Al Bustan Cafe: Al Bustan Palace Hotel, lobby level. Every Thursday is Pizza night from 7.30 pm to 11.00 pm. Reservations essential on 799666, extn. 4314.

Al Maha Coffee Shop: Muscat Holiday Inn. Pasta parade every Wednesday night from 6.30 p.m. onwards.

Pub Grub

Nell Gwynne: Al Falaj Hotel 8th floor, Traditional British pub food. Lunch and dinner. Open to hotel residents, card holders and guests.

Al Maha Lounge: Al Bustan Palace Hotel lobby level, snacks and refreshments, open daily noon to 3pm and 6pm to 11pm. For facility card holders and hotel guests only.

Al Ghazal Pub: Muscat Inter-Continental Hotel. For hot and cold snacks or the daily special to order for lunch or evening visitors. Membership.

Arbaq Room: Ruwi Hotel, Traditional pub menu. Pub Lunch Thursdays. Open noon to 3pm and 6pm to 11pm, card holders and hotel guests only.

Big Ben Pub — Muscat Holiday Inn: Mezzanine level serving pub grub from Welsh rabbit to shepherd's pie and bacon butties. Open daily for lunch and dinner 12-3 pm and 6-11pm. Serving refreshments.

Al Majlis Bar: Seeb Novotel. For residents only. Timings 12.00 pm to 3.00 pm and 6pm to 11pm. Tel: 510300 ext. 361 for reservations.

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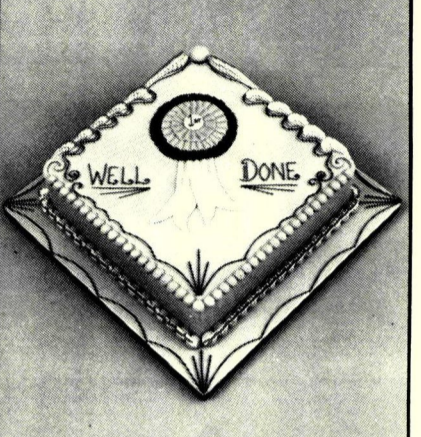
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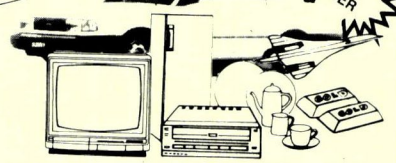
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Family Bookshop, P.O. Box 3376, Ruwi (near Rex Cinema), Tel. 706816.

Matrah Cold Stores, P.O. Box 4158, Ruwi. (near Rex Cinema), Tel: 704333, 704539.

Consumer Co-operative Society of the Capital Ltd., P.O. Box 5156, (near Rex Cinema), Ruwi. Tel: 706826.

Al Marifa Book Shop, Ruwi.

Al Daser Cold Stores, Tel: 707127.

Hind Supermarket, opp. Zubair Automotive, P.O. Box 5137, Ruwi.

Ramnklal B. Kothary, P.O. Box 66, Muscat. Tel: 709222.

Valoo Supermarket, P.O. Box 5812, Ruwi. Tel: 703281.

Sabir Supermarket, Ruwi.

Al Hussain Supermarket.

Al Askary Trading.

Saad Est. (Al Falaj Hotel), P.O. Box 407, Muscat.

A Mart Supermarket.

Book Centre LLC, P.O. Box 6733, Ruwi. Tel: 799798, 709844.

Asia Supermarket, Ruwi High Street.

Al Jadeed Supermarket, Ikram House, P.O. Box 3719, Ruwi. Tel: 793388.

Al Oloum Bookshop, Ruwi.

MBD AREA

Saeed Hassan and Partners.

Nadan Trading Supermarket, opp. Ruwi Post Office.

Al Khaleej Bookshop, Tawoos House, Tel: 793659.

Blue Star Supermarket, near Star Cinema.

CORNICHE

Yaseen Foodstuff Division, P.O. Box 7581, Muttrah, Corniche, Near Al Nahda Hotel.

Al Marifa Bookshop, Muttrah. Tel: 713607.

HONDA

Al Khaleej Bookshop, Honda.

Sabir Supermarket.

Salim Bin Ali Al Hadi Trading, P.O. Box 6932, Ruwi. Tel: 706431.

WADI KABIR

Hotace Supermarket, Wadi Kabir. Tel: 708393.

A Mart Supermarket.

Consumer Co-operative Society.

Al Fair Supermarket, Wadi Kabir.

QURM

Sharikat Fanniya Omaniya L.L.C., P.O. Box 4949, Ruwi. Tel: 704400.

Al Fair Supermarket, P.O. Box 5636, Ruwi.

Prisunic, The Capital Commercial Centre, Qurm, P.O. Box 6985, Ruwi.

Catering and Supplies Co. L.L.C., P.O. Box 311, Muscat. Tel: 607696.

Haridas Nensey & Co., P.O. Box 152, Muscat.

Family Book Shop (Muscat Inter Continental Hotel).

Al Oloum Bookshop, P.O. Box 3474,

Ruwi. Tel: 794687. Sabco Branch.

MEDINAT QABOOS

Family Book Shop.
Matrah Cold Stores.
Ramniklal B. Kothary and Co., Tel. 602515.

Tariq al Hooti Partners LLC, P.O. Box 3412, Ruwi. Tel: 602062.

Golden Planet Supermarket.

'Pepsi Shop No. 1.

Al Fair.

Al Aktham Supermarket, P.O. Box 1569, Seeb Airport.

Pepsi Shop, Medinat Qaboos Filling Station.

AL-KHUWAIIR

Khalfan Saif Supermarket, Al Khuwair. P.O. Box 3564, Ruwi.

Haridas Nensey, Al Khuwair.

Oman Coffee Mill Co.

Mashriq Supermarket, P.O. Box 1600, Seeb Airport. Tel: 698666.

Sulaiman Abdulla Trading, P.O. Box 4410, Ruwi. Tel: 699836.

Al Sarooj Filling Station.

A'Sawsan LLC. Co. Supermarket, P.O. Box 6833, Ruwi. Tel: 603638.

SULTAN QABOOS UNIVERSITY

Sultan Qaboos University Bookshop.

GHALA

Saif Sulaiman Al Hassani Supermarket, P.O. Box 5113, Ruwi. Tel: 591134.

Al Rezaigi Supermarket, P.O. Box 7145, Muttrah, Tel: 592333.

SEEB

Seeb Airport Cold Stores, P.O. Box 3014, Ruwi. Tel: 705177.

OHI Filling Station, Airport.

Seeb Cold Stores, Tel: 620064.

Seeb International Airport Duty Free Shopping Centre.

Al Oloum Bookshop, Seeb. Tel: 621748.

White Line Bookshop, P.O. Box 9740, Seeb. Tel: 620912, 621740.

RUSAYL

Matrah Cold Stores. Tel: 510288.

Shell Filling Station, Rusayil Roundabout.

Family Book Shop, Rusayil.

Commercial Centre Filling Station — Shell.

BUSTAN

Al Bustan Shell Filling Station.

Al Raid Business Corporation, Al Bustan Palace Hotel, P.O. Box 7234, Muttrah. Tel: 799666.

HAMRIYA

Fazlani Supermarket.

Hamdan Aziz Supermarket.

WADI ADAI

Wadi Adai Service Centre.

WADI HATAT

Contrade Supermarket, P.O. Box 6376, Ruwi. Tel: 576274.

Hussain Essa Supermarket, Wadi Hatat 1. Tel: 575459.

Hassan Murad Hassan Supermarket, Hatat Cinema.

Muscat Book Shop, Wadi Hatat No. 1.

Al Tayab Trading and Contracting Supermarket, Souq Madina.

OMAN INTERIOR

Al Kanah Supermarket, P.O. Box 24072, Fanja.

Fanja Shell Filling Station.

Bid Bid Shell Filling Station.

Al Sumayil Shell Filling Station.

Al Amri Shopping Centre, Sanao.

NIZWA

New Nizwa Shell Filling Station.

Nizwa Motel.

Salah Shopping Centre.

Moh'd Badar & Aamir Moh'd Co. Bookshop, P.O. Box 27001, Nizwa. Tel: 410544.

BATINAH COAST ROUTE

Rusayl Roundabout Shell Filling Station.

University Book Shop, P.O. Box 9717, Seeb.

Salah Cold Stores, Seeb.

Tharmed Shell Filling Station.

Suwaik Road Shell Filling Station.

Al Bidaya Shell Filling Station.

Al Fatah Bookshop, Al Bidaya. P.O. Box 10346, Barka.

Al Borj BP Filling Station.

Saham Shell Filling Station.

Yacoob Mohamed Supermarket, Tharmed.

SFO Magan.

SALALAH

Family Book Shop & Co., P.O. Box 8884, Salalah. Tel: 460027.

Al Fawaz Cultural Library. P.O. Box 12242, Tel: 292946.

Embassies

Algeria, Mr. Abdelmajid Fasla, P.O. Box 6942, Ruwi.

Austria, (Consulate), P.O. Box 223, House 2, Road 4, Medinat Qaboos West. (Tel 600307/701921).

Bangladesh, Mumtaz area, near Ruwi Hotel, Ruwi. P.O. Box 6959, Ruwi. (Tel: 707462).

Belgium, (Consulate), Sheikh Aflah Hamed Salem Al-Rawahi, P.O. Box 4102, Muscat. (Tel: 602033, 603011). Mr. P. Haegeman, hon. vice-consul. (Tel: 793976).

Canada, (Consulate), Mr. Danesh, P.O. Box 443, Muscat. Tel: 601654.

China, P.O. Box 3315, off Al Khalid bin Ahmed Street, Ruwi (Tel: 702451).

Colombia, (Consulate), Mr. Habib Macki, P.O. Box 5118, Ruwi. (Tel: 701264).

Cyprus, (Consulate), Mr. Andreas Liassis, J and P Camp, P.O. Box 603, Muscat. (Tel: 590200).

Denmark, (Consulate), Soren B. Jensen, Commercial Attache and Vice-Consul, P.O. Box 4040, Towell Admin building, (opp. Central Bank), Ruwi. (Tel: 708304).

Egypt, P.O. Box 5252, Diplomatic Quarter, Al-Khuwair. (Tel: 600411/600982).

Finland, (Consulate), Mr. Kamal Mohammed Daud Al Hashim. Getco Tower (7th floor) MBD Area.

France, P.O. Box 591, Muscat — Sidab Road, Muscat. (Tel: 737421/737495 Culture Section).

Germany, P.O. Box 3128, Qaboos Street, Ruwi. (Tel: 702482).

Greece, (Consulate), P.O. Box 5031, Al Falaj Hotel, Ruwi. (Tel: 702311).

Iran, P.O. Box 6155, Way No. 1735, House No. 2677, Medinat Qaboos.

India, P.O. Box 4727, CBOL Building, MBD area, Ruwi. (Tel: 702997).

Iraq, P.O. Box 4848, Jabreen Street, off. Rex Road, Ruwi. (Tel: 701349).

Italy, P.O. Box 6727, Ruwi, House 842, Way 2411, Qurm 5. (Tel: 560968, 564838, 564832). Telex: 5450 ITAL-DIPL ON.

Japan, P.O. Box 6511, Medinat Qaboos. (Tel: 603464).

Jordan, P.O. Box 5281, Diplomatic Quarter, Al-Khuwair. (Tel: 602561).

Korea, P.O. Box 5220, opp. Old Oman Chamber of Commerce. (Tel: 702322).

Kuwait, Al Khuwair (next to UAE Embassy), Tel: 699626.

Malaysia, Villa No. 935, Way No. 1514, Medinat Alam Heights, (Information City). (Tel: 698329).

Mexico, (Consulate), P.O. Box 415, Muscat. (Tel: 561977/561417).

Morocco, Behind Ruwi Hotel, P.O. Box. 6125, Ruwi. (Tel: 701977, 701706, 702281).

Netherlands, P.O. Box 6302, Ruwi, 7th Floor, OK Centre. (Tel: 705410, 705420).

Norway, (Consulate-General) Mr. Anwar Ali Sultan, P.O. Box 3089, Ruwi. (Tel: 703289/708304/708464).

New Zealand, (Consulate), Dr. Hamed bin Abdullah Al-Riyami. P.O. Box 520, Muscat. (Tel: 795726-794932).

Pakistan, Villa No. 7-B Road No. 3, Medinat Qaboos (Behind British Council), P.O. Box 4302, Muscat. (Tel: 603090).

Portugal, (Consulate), Dr. Ali Mohammed Moosa (Honorary), P.O. Box. 496, (Tel: 704981).

Philippines, (Consulate-General) Mr. Essa Mohammed Al Essa, Flat 8, 4th Floor, Essaco Building, Bait al-Falaj Street. P.O. Box 4826, Ruwi. Tel: 795533/4, 705969/70, Telex: 3362 ESSACO ON.

Qatar, P.O. Box 802, Muscat, Behind main building Al Falaj Hotel. (Tel: 701565, 701802).

Saudi Arabia, Al Alam Area, P.O. Box 4411, Ruwi. (Tel: 601744).

Somalia, P.O. Box 4767, Nara Street, Ruwi. (Tel: 701322).

Soviet Union: P.O. Box 3080, Ruwi. Location: Shati al-Qurm. Tel: 602893, 602894, Telex: 5493 SOVEMB ON.

Spain, (Consulate), Mansour bin Talib, P.O. Box 4990, Ruwi. (Tel: 711569).

Sri Lanka, Villa 15, Road 0, Medinat Qaboos East. (Tel: 697841), P.O. Box 5433 Ruwi.

Sudan, Mr Hashim Mohammed Saleh el-Faqi, P.O. Box 6971, Ruwi. Mumtaz Area. (Tel: 703666).

Sweden, P.O. Box 3001, OK Centre, Room 805/6, Ruwi. (Tel: 708693-5).

Thailand, Villa 33-34, Road 0, Medinat Qaboos. P.O. Box : 6367 Ruwi, Tel: 602684, 602685.

Tunisia, Al Khuwair, British Council Road. (Tel: 603496/603486).

Turkey, P.O. Box 8511, Muttrah. Behind BMW showroom, Al Khuwair. (Tel: 697050/1).

United Arab Emirates, P.O. Box 355, Diplomatic Quarter, Al Khuwair. (Tel: 600988).

United Kingdom, P.O. Box 300, near Al Alam Palace, Muscat. (Tel: 738501).

United States of America, P.O. Box 966, Near Al Alam Palace, Muscat (Tel: 738233).

Yemen Arab Republic, P.O. Box 3701, Govt. Flats, Khamis Al Shaqsi Street, Ruwi. (Tel: 706445).

Pharmacies

MUSCAT AREA

(Night Duty)

Thursday — Al Waleed, Greater Muttrah; Muttrah, Ruwi; Muscat, Madinat Qaboos; Al Hail, Seeb.

Friday — National, Greater Muttrah; Ibn Sina, Ruwi; Al Nabhani, Ghala; Seeb, Seeb.

Saturday — Ibn Al Haitham, Greater Muttrah; Al Farabi, Ruwi; Al Athaiba, Ghubrah; Fanja, Seeb.

Sunday — Muscat, Muscat; Al Hashar, Ruwi; Al Khuwair, Al Khuwair; Al Waleed, Seeb.

Monday — Al Hashar, Greater Muttrah; Oriental, Ruwi; Muscat, Al Khuwair; Teeba, Seeb.

Tuesday — Al Farabi, Greater Muttrah; Sulaiman Gharib, Greater Muttrah; Muscat, Qurm; Al Waleed, Seeb.

(Day Duty)

Thursday — Ibn al-Haytham, Greater Muttrah; Muscat, Wadi Kabir.

Friday — Al Farabi, Muttrah; Ibn Rushd, Muttrah; Muscat, Al Khuwair; Al Whaleed, Seeb.

Saturday — Mazoun, Greater Muttrah; Gulf, Ruwi.

Sunday — Muscat, Muttrah; Muttrah,

Ruwi.

Monday — Al Farabi, Muttrah; Al Hashar, Ruwi.

Tuesday — Al Razi, Al Hajr; Muscat, Ruwi.

SOUTHERN REGION

(Night Duty)

Thursday — Muscat, Al Nahdha Street; Bassam, al Mumtazah Street.

Friday — Mazoun, Al Nahdha Street; Ibn Hayyan, July 23 Street.

Saturday — Al Waleed, Salalah; Al Mush-hoor, Al Salam Street.

Sunday — Al Muwasah, opp. Immigration; Salalah, Al Nahdha Street.

Monday — Al Iman, Al Hisn; Ibn Duwal, opp. Dhofar Club.

Tuesday — Arabian, Al Salam Street; Modern, Al Nahdha Street.

(Day Duty)

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Airline timetable

Weekly schedule (international and domestic) through Seeb International Airport by courtesy of Oman Aviation Services Co.

Flt. No	A/C	From	Arr.	Dep.	To.	Flt. No	A/C	From	Arr.	Dep.	To.
THURSDAY											
GF074	L1011	CAI/DOH/SHJ	0020	—	OPS GF073 Thu	WY408/GF365	B737	SLL	2055	2145	DXB/DOH/BAH
BA128	L1011	Ex BA129 Wed	—	0030	DHA/LGW	GF065	L1011	BOM	2105	2200	BAH
GF056	L1011	Ex GF056 Wed	—	0045	BOM	GF972	B737	AMM/DOH/SHJ	2225	—	Ops GF941 Mon
KL888	B747	HKG	0010	0110	AMS	PK225/226	B737	KHI	2150	2300	KHI
KU669	B727	KWI/DXB	0155	—	Ops KU670 Thus	BA129	L1011	LWG/DHA	2250	—	Ops BA 128 Mon Eff 22.1
TC734	B737	DAR/JIB	0415	0500	DXB	KL541	B747	AMS/DHA	2305	—	Ops KL542 Mon
GF351	B737	Ex GF364 Wed	—	0725	DXB/BAH	GF704	L1011	KRT/JED/DOH	2340	—	Ops GF1704 Mon
KU670	B727	Ex KU629	—	0700	DXB/KWI	GF153/1153	L1011	MKG/BKK	2250	2345	BAH
GF372	B737	DXB	0755	—	Ops GF173 Thu	GF004	B767	LHR/AUH	2355	—	Ops GF391 Mon
GF1003/003	L1011	BOM	0745	0845	AUH/DOH/LHR/JFK	ME 438	B707	BEY/DXB	2355	—	Ops ME449 Mon
GF173	B737	Ex GF372 Thu	—	0850	DOH/JED	TG507/508	A300	BKK/KHI	2305	2359	KHI/BKK
GF382/971	B737	DOH	0915	1000	BAH/AMM	MONDAY					
WY326	DHC6	—	—	1000	SUH/MSH	LH628	A300	FRA/KWI	0025	—	Ops LH629 Mon
GF073	L1011	Ex GF074 Thu	—	1015	AUH/DOH/CAI	GF1704	L1011	Ex GF704 Sun	—	0030	BOM
GF354/WY403	B737	BAH/FJR	1035	1115	SLL	BA128	L1011	Ex BA129 SUN	—	0030	DHA/LGW
GF064	L1011	BAH	1205	1300	BOM	KL542	B747	Ex KL541 Sun	—	0045	DHA/AMS
PK5011/5022	F27	GWD	1200	1240	GWD	UT567	B747	SIN/CMB	0050	0205	CDG Eff 05.11
GF006/4006	L1011	JFK/LHR/BAH/AUH	1210	1315	KHI	ME439	B707	Ex ME438 Sun	—	0650	DXB/BEY
SV228/233	B737	JED/RUH/DOH	1300	1350	DOH/RUH/JED	GF391	B767	Ex GF004 Sun	—	0715	AUH
WY327	DHC6	MSH/SUH	1420	—	Ops GF357 Thu	TC711	B737	DXB	0645	0730	JIB/ZNZ/DAR
WY404	B737	SLL	1510	—	SHJ/BAH/CAI	WY310	DHC6	—	—	0800	BYB/KHS
MS906/907	A300	CAI/BAH/SHJ	1535	1630	SHJ/BAH	LH629	A300	Ex LH628 Mon	—	0810	KWI/FRA
GF357	B737	Ex WY404	—	1830	BOM Eff 03.11	GF941	B737	Ex GF972 Sun	—	0835	DXB/BAH/LCA
A1867/866	A310	BOM	1835	2000	Ops GF183 Thu	GF1073/073	L1011	BOM	0845	0940	SHJ/DOH/CAI
GF972	B737	AMM/BAH	2100	—	AUH/BAH	GF006/1006	L1011	JFK/LHR/DOH	1100	1230	BOM
GF783	L1011	KHI	2025	2130	DOH/DHA	WY311	DHC6	KHS/BYB	1220	—	—
GF183	B737	Ex GF972 Thu	—	2145	Ops GF375 Thu	GF332/WY405	B737	BAH/DOH/SHJ	1215	1400	SLL
GF944	B737	LCA/BAH/DOH	2220	—	KHI	KU2671/2672	B707F	KWI/DOH	1350	1455	KWI
PK225/226	B737	KHI	2150	2300	BOM	A1881/880	A310	BOM	1605	1730	DEL/BOM
GF712/1712	L1011	DAR/NBO	2025	2315	CMB	WY406/GF365	B737	SLL	1755	1835	DXB/DOH/BAH
GF144/3144	L1011	BAH	2210	2320	Ops BA126 Fri	LH4488	B747F	FRA/DXB	2145	2245	HKG
BA127	L1011	LHR/RUH	2305	—	DXB	GF733	B737	KHI	1940	2020	BAH
GF375	B737	Ex GF944	—	2330	KHI	GF942	B737	LCA/BAH/DXB	2220	—	Ops GF231 Tue
GF742	B737	SHJ	2235	2345	Ops GF037 Fri	BA129	L1011	LGW/DHA	2250	—	Ops BA128 Tue
GF1037	B767	BOM	2350	—	KHI/BKK	PK225/226	B737	KHI	2150	2300	KHI
TG507/508	A300	BKK/KHI	2305	2359	Ops LH629 Fri	UL209	B707	CMB	2310	—	Ops UL210 Tue
FRIDAY											
LH628	A300	FRA/KWI	0025	—	RUH/LHR	MS902/903	A300	CAI	2210	2310	AUH/CAI
BA126	L1011	Ex BA127 Thu	—	0030	DEL	GF1009/009	L1011	BOM	2235	2340	DOH/CDG/LHR
GF002/2002	B767	LHR/CDG/BAH	0015	0110	Ops GF353 Fri	TUESDAY					
GF234	B737	KWI/DOH/AUH	0110	—	LHR	UL210	B707	Ex UL209 MON	—	0030	CMB Eff 30.10
GF037	B767	Ex GF037 Thu	—	0115	DX/NBO Eff 03.11	BA128	L1011	Ex BA129 Mon	—	0030	DHA/LGW
KQ313/312	B707	NBO	0045	0130	DXB/AMM	GF742	B737	BAH/RKT	0030	0115	KHI
RJ600/601	L1011	AMM/DXB	0330	0645	Ops GF351 Fri	GF052	L1011	AUH	0025	0130	BOM
GF372	B737	DXB	0735	—	KWI/FRA	RJ 600	L1015	AMM/DXB	0330	—	Ops RJ601 Tue
LH629	A300	Ex LH628 Fri	—	0810	DXB/BAH	RJ601	L1015	Ex RJ600 Tue	—	0645	DXB/AMM
GF353	B737	Ex GF Fri	—	0830	RKT/BAH	GF743	B737	KHI	0650	0725	AUH/BAH
GF055	L1011	BOM	0745	0850	AUH/BAH/CAI	GF231	B737	EX GF942 Mon	—	0940	SHJ/KWI
GF4071/071	L1011	KHI	0755	0905	FJR/DOH/BAH	GF053	L1011	BOM	0900	1000	BAH
GF351	B737	Ex GF372 Fri	—	0915	JIB/ZNZ/DAR	GF133	L1011	DEL	1000	1100	DOH/BAH
TC755	B737	DXB	0845	0930	DOH/FRA/LHR	GF006/391	L1011	JFK/LHR/DOH	1040	1130	AUH
GF2005/005	B767	DEL	0825	0935	BAH	GF352/163	B737	BAH/DXB	1030	1145	DOH/RUH
GF3145/145	L1011	CMB	0810	0945	SLL	PK5011/5022	F27	GWD	1200	1240	GWD
GF352/WY403	B737	BAH/DXB	1130	1220	KHI	GF064	B767	AUH	1355	1445	BOM
GF006/4006	L1011	JFK/LHR/DOH/AUH	1155	1245	BOM	GF164/WY407	B737	RUH/DOH	1615	1700	SLL
GF066	L1011	BAH	1405	1500	SLL	A1863/862	B747	BOM	1830	2000	BOM
WY404/407	B737	SLL	1615	1700	SHJ/KWI	GF162	B737	RUH/BAH/SHJ	2030	—	Ops GF365 Tue
GF164/231	B737	RUH/DOH	1720	1800	DEL/BOM	WY408	B737	SLL	2050	—	Ops GF351 Wed
A1889/888	B737	BOM	1830	2000	BAH	GF365	B737	Ex GF162 TUE	—	2115	DXB/BAH
GF153/1153	L1011	HKG/BKK	2000	2050	DOH/DHA	GF1009/009	B767	BOM	2105	2200	SHJ/DOH/LHR
WY408/GF183	B737	SLL	2055	2145	AUH/BAH/CDG/LHR	GF056	L1011	BAH	2305	—	Ops GF056 Wed
GF4007/007	L1011	KHI	2040	2215	Ops BA128 Sat Eff. 20.1	TG507/508	A300	BKK/KHI	2305	2359	KHI/BKK
BA129	L1011	LGW/DHA	2250	—	Ops BA128 Sat Up to 15.1	WEDNESDAY					
BA129	L1011	LGW/DHA	2250	—	KHI	GF056	L1011	Ex GF056 Tue	—	0025	BOM
PK225/226	B737	KHI	2150	2300	DOH/LHR	GF232/4232	B737	KWI/SHJ	0020	0120	KHI
GF1009/009	L1011	BOM	2230	2340	Ops GF351 Sat	KL887	B747	AMS	0025	0125	HKG
SATURDAY											
GF074	L1011	CAI/DOH/AUH	0030	—	Ops GF711 Sat	GF158	L1011	BAH/DOH	0120	0215	DAC
BA128	L1011	Ex BA129 Fri	—	0030	DHA/LGW	GF1152/152	L1011	BAH	0120	0220	BKK/HKG
GF1902	B737	DAM/DOH/AUH	0050	—	Ops GF351 Sat	GF351	B737	Ex WY408 Tue	—	0615	DXB/BAH
GF002/1002	L1011	LHR/FRA/BAH	0015	0125	BOM	WY324	DHC6	—	—	0800	SUH/MSH
GF232/4232	B737	KWI/SHJ	0055	0130	KHI	WY310	DHC6	—	—	0800	BYB/KHS
GF711	L1011	Ex GF074 Sat	—	0145	NBO/DAR	GF1073/073	L1011	BOM	0850	0940	DOH/CAI
GF351	B737	Ex GF1902 Sat	—	0615	DXB/BAH	GF352	B737	BAH/AUH	1035	—	Ops
WY310	DHC6	—	—	0800	BYB/KHS	A1865/864	A310	BOM	1035	1200	BOM
GF4231/231	B737	KHI	0750	0830	SHJ/KWI	WY325	DHC6	MSH/SUH	1210	—	—
GF1003/003	L1011	BOM	0745	0835	BAH/FRA/LHR/JFK	WY311	DHC6	KHS/BYB	1220	—	—
GF038/1038	L1011	LHR	0710	0900	BOM Upto30.11	GF006/1006	L1011	JFK/LHR/BAH/SHJ	1215	1315	BOM
GF038/1038	B767	LHR	0710	0900	BQM Eff. 01.12	GF159	L1011	DAC	1245	1345	DOH/BAH
WY311	DHC6	KHS/BYB	1220	—	Ops WY407 Sat	GF168	B737	RUH/AUH	1525	—	Ops WY407
GF352/169	B737	BAH/DXB	1215	—	Ops WY407	GF169	B737	Ex GF	—	1610	AUH/RUH
GF362											

Your TV and radio

Sultanate of Oman Television

THURSDAY

3.00 Royal Anthem, Holy Koran, Religious talk.
3.25 Programme preview.
3.28 Children's programme.
5.15 Songs.
5.46 Arabic programme.
6.00 Cultural programme.
6.20 Religious programme.
6.36 English serial.
7.22 Songs.
7.50 Events from around the world.
8.00 Arabic news.
9.00 English news.
9.15 Sports programme.
9.25 Arabic serial.
10.30 Arabic news.
11.00 Programme preview.
11.05 Arabic feature film, News headlines, Holy Koran, Royal Anthem.

FRIDAY

10.00 Royal Anthem, Holy Koran.
10.35 Cartoon.
11.10 Children's Local programme.
11.55 Religious Songs.
12.05 Holy Koran and Friday Prayers.
12.50 Religious programme.
1.13 Health programme.
1.35 Oman in a week.
2.00 Arabic or Indian feature film.
5.46 Arabic Serial.
6.40 Cultural Film (Sports).
7.05 Studio 87.
8.00 Arabic news.
9.00 English news.
9.30 Wrestling.

THURSDAY

7.00 Opening, Koran Karim, preview of morning programmes and weather forecast
7.10 A Guide to the classics
7.30 News bulletin
7.40 A Guide to the classics
8.00 Classical library
9.00 Orchestral music
10.00 Daytime classics
11.00 News highlights
11.05 Classical showcase
12.00 Preview of afternoon programmes and news headlines
12.03 Play house
12.30 A date with you
1.00 Stars of sound
1.30 On the lighter side
1.58 Weather forecast and T.V. programmes
2.00 Jazz beat
2.30 News bulletin
2.40 Radio newsreel
2.58 Weather forecast and T.V. programmes
3.00 Preview of evening programmes
3.03 The Evergreens
4.00 Jazz line
5.00 Musical showcase
6.00 F.M. Music trivia
6.30 News bulletin
6.40 Oman in international press
7.00 F.M. Music trivia
8.30 Piano tunes
8.45 The Holy Koran
8.58 News headlines, preview of morning programmes, pharmacies, closedown.
9.00 National Anthem.

FRIDAY

7.00 Opening, Koran Karim, preview of morning programmes and weather forecast
7.10 A Guide to the classics
7.30 News bulletin
7.40 A Guide to the classics
8.00 Classical library
9.00 Orchestral music
10.00 Daytime classics
11.00 News highlights
11.05 Classical showcase
12.00 Preview of afternoon programmes and news headlines
12.03 The Holy Koran
12.15 Islam an eternal message
12.30 Magic dragon show
1.00 Week-end special
2.30 News bulletin
2.40 The company of Juha
2.58 Weather forecast and T.V. programmes
3.00 Preview of evening programmes
3.03 Country classics
4.00 Song and music from France
5.00 All Thai jazz

10.55 Arabic news, Holy Koran, Royal Anthem.

SATURDAY

3.00 Royal Anthem, Holy Koran, Religious talk.
3.25 Programme preview.
3.28 Children's programme.
4.33 Educational programme.
5.46 Mother and Child Care.
5.57 Cultural programme.
6.20 Religious programme.
6.36 English serial.
7.22 Newsletter.
7.50 Cultural programme.
8.00 Arabic news.
8.20 Quiz.
9.00 English news.
9.15 Sports.
9.25 Arabic serial.
10.30 Arabic news.
11.00 Arabic programme, News in brief, Holy Koran, Royal Anthem.

SUNDAY

3.00 Royal Anthem, Holy Koran, Religious talk.
3.22 Programme preview.
3.25 Children's programme.
4.17 Songs.
4.25 Educational programme.
5.15 Local programme.
6.46 Religious programme.
7.01 English serial.
7.45 Cultural programme.
8.00 Arabic news.
8.30 Talk show.
9.00 English news.

9.15 Sports.
9.30 Arabic serial.
10.30 Arabic news.
11.00 Programme preview.
11.05 English feature film, News in brief, Holy Koran, Royal Anthem.

MONDAY

3.00 Royal Anthem, Holy Koran, Religious talk.
3.22 Programme preview.
3.25 Children's programme.
4.00 Songs.
4.20 Educational programme.
5.30 Children's Arabic programme.
5.51 Local programme.
6.19 Perspective.
7.00 English serial.
7.25 Made in Oman.
7.40 Newsletter.
7.50 Window to the World.
8.00 Arabic news.
8.20 Science programme.
9.00 English news.
9.15 Sports.
9.30 Arabic serial.
10.30 Arabic news.
11.00 Programme preview.
11.05 Arabic feature film, News in brief, Holy Koran, Royal Anthem.

TUESDAY

3.00 Royal Anthem, Holy Koran, Religious talk.
3.27 Programme preview.
3.30 Cartoons.
4.00 Educational programme.
5.00 Arabic programme for children.

5.25 Songs.
5.35 Local programme.
6.10 "Animal Express".
7.50 Window to the world.
8.00 Arabic news.
8.20 Arabic programme.
9.00 English news.
9.15 Sports.
9.25 Arabic serial.
10.30 Arabic news.
11.00 Programme preview.
11.05 Local programme, News in brief, Holy Koran, Royal Anthem.

WEDNESDAY

3.00 Royal Anthem, Holy Koran, Religious talk.
3.23 Programme preview.
3.26 Children's programme.
3.57 Cartons.
4.26 Educational lessons.
5.48 Local programme.
6.21 Sports programme.
6.47 Religious programme.
6.54 English programme.
7.17 Economic programme.
7.38 Newsletter.
7.55 Cultural programme.
8.00 Arabic news.
8.20 Police programme.
9.00 English news.
9.15 Sports programme.
9.30 Arabic serial.
10.30 Arabic news.
11.00 Programme preview.
11.05 English feature film, News headlines, Holy Koran, Royal Anthem.

Radio Sultanate of Oman

6.00 Melody time
6.30 News bulletin
6.40 Words in action
7.00 Tapestry
8.00 Love makes the world go round
8.30 Dorita and Pepe
8.45 The Holy Koran
8.58 News headlines, preview of morning programmes, pharmacies, closedown.
9.00 National Anthem.

SATURDAY

7.00 Opening, Koran Karim, preview of morning programmes and weather forecast
7.10 A Guide to the classics
7.30 News bulletin
7.40 A Guide to the classics
8.00 Classical library
9.00 Orchestral music
10.00 Daytime classics
11.00 News highlights
11.05 Classical showcase
12.00 Preview of afternoon programmes and news headlines
12.03 Mellow hits
12.30 Strange structure
12.45 Book club
1.00 Top of the pops
1.30 Women in Koran
1.45 Sound tracks
1.58 Weather forecast and T.V. programmes
2.00 Time watch
2.30 News bulletin
2.40 Companions of the Prophet
2.58 Weather forecast and T.V. programmes
3.00 Preview of evening programmes
3.03 Stars of sounds
3.30 Love makes the world go round
4.00 Light classical music
5.00 Jazz line
6.00 Muscat calling
6.30 News bulletin
6.40 Muscat calling
7.00 Be my guest
8.45 The Holy Koran
8.58 News headlines, preview of morning programmes, pharmacies, closedown.
9.00 National Anthem.

SUNDAY

7.00 Opening, Koran Karim, preview of morning programmes and weather forecast
7.10 A Guide to the classics
7.30 News bulletin
7.40 A Guide to the classics
8.00 Classical library
9.00 Orchestral music
10.00 Daytime classics

11.00 News highlights
11.05 Classical showcase
12.00 Preview of afternoon programmes and news headlines
12.03 Light music from Netherlands
12.30 Agriculture a key to life
1.00 Quiz game
1.30 Arab and Islamic encyclopedias
1.45 Dorita and Pepe
1.58 Weather forecast and T.V. programmes
2.00 A date with you
2.30 News bulletin
2.40 Short story
2.58 Weather forecast and T.V. programmes
3.00 Preview of evening programmes
3.03 Songs to remember
4.00 Glossary of music
5.00 Jazz line
6.00 Muscat calling
6.30 News bulletin
6.40 Muscat calling
7.00 Faiq chart selections
8.45 The Holy Koran
8.58 News headlines, preview of morning programmes, pharmacies, closedown.
9.00 National Anthem.

MONDAY

7.00 Opening, Koran Karim, preview of morning programmes and weather forecast
7.10 A Guide to the classics
7.30 News bulletin
7.40 A Guide to the classics
8.00 Classical library
9.00 Orchestral music
10.00 Daytime classics
11.00 News highlights
11.05 Classical showcase
12.00 Preview of afternoon programmes and news headlines
12.03 Country sunshine
12.30 Words in action
12.45 Let's laugh with them
1.00 Hits in Germany
1.30 Our sanctuaries
1.58 Weather forecast and T.V. programmes
2.00 Overseas call
2.30 News bulletin
2.40 Letters from Oman
2.58 Weather forecast and T.V. programmes
3.00 Preview of evening programmes
3.03 Pop chart
4.00 Aldeburgh festival
5.00 Jazz line
6.00 Muscat calling
6.30 News bulletin
6.40 Muscat calling
7.00 Scene and heard
8.45 The Holy Koran
8.58 News headlines, preview of morning programmes, pharmacies, closedown.
9.00 National Anthem.

TUESDAY

7.00 Opening, Koran Karim, preview of morning programmes and weather forecast

7.10 A Guide to the classics
7.30 News bulletin
7.40 A Guide to the classics
8.00 Classical library
9.00 Orchestral music
10.00 Daytime classics
11.00 News highlights
11.05 Classical showcase
12.00 Preview of afternoon programmes and news headlines
12.03 My music
12.30 Magic dragon show
1.00 In and around Salalah
1.30 Country road show
1.58 Weather forecast and T.V. programmes
2.00 Studio one
2.30 News bulletin
2.40 Islamic culture
2.58 Weather forecast and T.V. programmes
3.00 Preview of evening programmes
3.03 Music you've loved
3.30 Overseas call
4.00 Classical festival
5.00 Jazz line
6.00 Muscat calling
6.30 News bulletin
6.40 Muscat calling
7.00 Evening with Salim
8.45 The Holy Koran
8.58 News headlines, preview of morning programmes, pharmacies, closedown.
9.00 National Anthem.

WEDNESDAY

7.00 Opening, Koran Karim, preview of morning programmes and weather forecast
7.10 A Guide to the classics
7.30 News bulletin
7.40 A Guide to the classics
8.00 Classical library
9.00 Orchestral music
10.00 Daytime classics
11.00 News highlights
11.05 Classical showcase
12.00 Preview of afternoon programmes and news headlines
12.03 My top ten
12.30 Mirror of the nation
12.45 The dying cultures of Asia
1.00 Song and music from Britain
1.30 Short story
1.45 The religion which is told
1.58 Weather forecast and T.V. programmes
2.00 Young programme
2.40 What the papers say
2.58 Weather forecast and T.V. programmes
3.00 Preview of evening programmes
3.03 On stage
4.00 Popular classics
5.00 Jazz line
6.00 Muscat calling
6.30 News bulletin
6.40 Muscat calling
7.00 Faiq chart selections
8.45 The Holy Koran
8.58 News headlines, preview of morning programmes, pharmacies, closedown.
9.00 National Anthem.

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Single Wicket contest

Sixty-four contestants, including 12 Omani cricketers have entered the OCA Open Single Wicket Cricket Tournament scheduled to be held on four cricket strips tomorrow.

"The response has been satisfactory and the number of entries has made it possible for the tournament committee to conduct a suitable draw" said a spokesman for the OCA.

Contestants have been divided into four groups and the first two rounds will be worked out on the MODES, Garrison 1, Garrison 2 and the OAS wicket. Play from the quarter final stages will be held only at the MODES ground from 1.00 p.m.

Last year's champion, Tariq Farooqi, runner up Mohan Kannan and semi finalists Iqbal Wasti and Mohammed Saeed are the seeded players.

All players are requested to report to the respective grounds by 7. a.m. on Friday and should not leave the ground until the final. The OCA warns that action will be taken against players who disappear from the grounds.

Matches in the preliminary round upto the quarter finals will be based on two overs and from the semi final stages will be worked out on three overs.

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Ali Ibrahim and Mohammed Shanfari of the Oman Hockey Association are pictured here with British Olympians Sean Kerly and Stephen Batchelor at the OHA office. The two were in town to participate in the Oman with Britain festival and participated in an exhibition match with the Combined Clubs of Oman.

Go-kart, motocross thrills promised

The Oman Automobile Club will conduct motocross and go-kart meetings tomorrow afternoon at the Seeb track, 3kms east of Seeb Airport.

The Oman Automobile Association, the parent body for all motor activities in Oman has created a new motor sports wing - the Oman Automobile Club which is anxious to start developing services for the ordinary motorist in addition to sports enthusiasts.

"We have amalgamated what used to be known as the NMSC. There is no longer the Oman Automobile Motor Cycle Sports Club nor the Royal Oman Police Go Kart Club, the OAA is responsible for organising all motor sports within the Sultanate at local and international levels" says John Hook of the OAA.

The Oman Automobile Association

was formed in 1979 principally by motor sports enthusiasts and they have done extremely well. The OAA now moves to Stage 2 - developing for the ordinary motorist.

Motocross activities hit an all time low at the beginning of this season but with the formation of the OAC a joint meeting of motor cycles and go-karts was held recently and it turned out to be a roaring success.

Spurred by its success the OAC is staging motocross and go-kart meetings this Friday afternoon, as part of the Oman-British celebrations. Fans will also be in for an added treat as teams from the

Royal Guard Brigade and Al Khuwair Sand Dunes will also take part.

The OAC is aiming to make this a truly international event. In attendance will be the Bavarian Band and a BMX team. "It will be a fun event, a day out for the family - we are very keen to make motor sport attractive to a wider section of the community in this country" says John Hook of the OAA.

Competitors will practice on the tracks from Friday morning and the first heat will start at 2 p.m.

The popular rent a karts will also be available at Rials Omani 1.000 for five laps.

Round robin tennis

Following the success of family events over the past two weeks, Al Bustan Palace Hotel's new professionals - tennis pro George Carlsson and new recreation manager Simon Roberts have organised a team round robin tennis tournament tomorrow.

Six teams with the best available talent from the country will participate in the doubles tourney which will start at 9 a.m.

"Each team will play one set of eight games and the team winning the most number of games at the end of the day will be adjudged winner" says Carlsson.

Al Bustan Palace Hotel will be represented by George Carlsson and Simon Roberts. Greg High and Chandra Das will play for Muscat Inter-Continental. Teams from the Oman Tennis Association, PDO, MAM and Oman Sheraton Hotel are also billed to take part.

Last Thursday a total of 16 pairs entered the Al Bustan Palace Hotel's Valentine Day Mixed Doubles tournament which included 10 married couples.

Maureen and Stan Stalla won the "A" flight by defeating Simon Roberts and last minute replacement - Kathleen Carlsson 6/1.

All pairs entered the "A" flight before being relegated on performance of flights B to C.

Harry and June Coogan took "B" flight with a 6/2 win over Barbara Ross and Werner Koch. C. Phillips and Louise Berne won "C" flight whipping Abhani and Nita Day 6/2.

The "D" flight doubles went to Hassan Sultan who teamed with Anna Vallency to beat John Connelly and his ten-year old daughter Livya, who gave a grand performance, despite being a last minute substitute following a sprained calf muscle to mum - Linda.

MRFC marauded by Bahrain

Nothing Muscat RFC did last day turned right. The forwards failed to click and even their usual reliable back division appeared flustered as they let Bahrain through in a crucial clash for the Brit Cup in the Gulf Rugby League at Al Khuwair last Friday. In the end Bahrain returned triumphant cognisant of the fact that their victory at home in the test leg was no fluke.

Final scores - Bahrain RFC 21 (3 tries 1 penalty) Muscat 9

Bahrain kicked off into Muscat territory but fly half Adrian Bradbury gave the homesters early advantage with an effective kick to touch. Muscat dominated play for the first five minutes with Huw Davies towering in the line-outs and Les Holland striking fast. However Muscat failed to take advantage of the possession as Bahrain's cover defence was solid and thwarted any attempts of an

early Muscat breakthrough.

Muscat forced a five metre scrum during this period but hooker R. Thorburn won a crucial ball and scrum half Willie Woodward relieved pressure with a grubber.

From this point Bahrain found their rhythm Muscat began to succumb to the constant pressure. Centre Roger John was a constant thorn proving to be the difference between both sides. Although Muscat was outplayed in all areas of the game, Huw Davis competed well in the line outs where Muscat had plenty of parity until later in the second half.

Muscat's backs tried to run the ball at Bahrain, but these attempts often lost ground as they were marauded by the Bahrain loose trio of Truckley, Thorburn and Finnigan.

Bahrain's constant pressure was compelled to bring results and they

scored inside fifteen minutes when centres Roger John and Adrian McNalty linked to run the ball down the line which ended with R. Smith being brought down by Ian Unsworth. Bahrain won the ensuing scrum and Roger John once again created the move for B. Woodward to open scoring. Carl Tucker added the major points to give Bahrain an early lead.

Muscat attempted to stage a comeback and were rewarded in the 16th minute as Bahrain were penalised and Adrian Bradbury made a good conversion to reduce the deficit to 6/3.

Bahrain's back division continued to function smoothly and they were not afraid to run the ball. It was dangerman Roger John who foxed the Muscat defence once again before half time when he linked with Carl Tucker in a cleverly disguised dummy and produced a raking run 30 metres out leaving

Muscat's defence clutching into thin air, to go over for an excellent try under the posts. Carl Tucker's conversion was a formality 12/3.

Muscat's hopes of fighting back in the second half were jolted as they were penalised within three minutes and Carl Tucker's 45-metre kick found its target for a 15/3 lead to Bahrain. Muscat's worries continued when front-rower Keith Sergeant sustained a head injury after colliding with Truckley and left the field. Muscat's forwards play fell into further ruin but their backs came to the rescue with Kevin McLean mounting the challenge. A move in midfield saw John Guthrie bundled out to touch.

John Fiddler cleverly tipped the ball off the line out and Steve Bale slung a long pass to Bradbury who punted ahead and covered ground to collect and keep the line moving where Kevin McLean was at hand

to collect a low pass and rip through the Bahraini defence in a slicing run and score. Bradbury made the score 9/15.

Muscat spurred by this success came back strongly in the final five minutes. Their forwards began to look good and once again the line was in motion but Roger John intercepted a pass to unleash a great run, putting the issue beyond doubt with a fine try. Tucker made in 21/9.

Robert Shaw controlled a difficult game where tempers were frayed.

Muscat's second fifteen gained some consolation for the home team when they defeated Bahrain's second string by 22 points to 4. Mark Horne, Abdulla Hilal, Peter Johnstone and David Cleaves scored tries for the winners.

This Friday Muscat travel to Doha for an engagement in the Gulf Rugby League.

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R. Benjamin, Mala Benjamin, Rafiq, Edwards, Ashok, Keith Jenner, Susan, Mr. Ahmed Said, Manager of Seeb Novotel and Iqbal Khan.

Bhalla wins Seeb Novotel's Snooker Tournament 3-0

Harjit Singh Bhalla won the Seeb Novotel Snooker Tournament with a three frames to nil victory over John Turner.

In the first frame of this highly contested final, John Turner with the help of a well constructed 38 break took a 40-10 lead. Harjit pulled back to 50-30 and then continued to clear the five remaining colours to win the first frame 55-50.

Harjit took advantage of an unfortunate break from John to open up a 30-3 lead early on in the second frame, but John pulled it back to 48-40 with only the pink left which to John's horror was left over the corner pocket for Harjit to win 54-40 and open up a two frame to win lead.

In the third frame both these fine players kept it safe with Harjit taking a 33-26 lead with the colours remaining. Harjit took the yellow followed by the green and four points after John failed to get out of a snooker on the brown to give Harjit a 42-26. John potted the brown but Harjit took a nice blue into the middle pocket to put John in deep trouble at 47-30 with only the pink left.

Harjit finally potted the pink after John failed to get out of a snooker to win the frame 59-30 and for Harjit. Also win the final three frames to nil Harjit Singh Bhalla also has the highest break of the



The Lavori football team. 5-A-Side runners-up

tournament a magnificent 50 break which he achieved in the third round.

In the semi finals Harjit Singh Bhalla beat top Omani player Said Mohammed Said two frames to one after Said has

took the first frame.

In the other semi final John Turner also had to pull back from a frame down against the number one player in Oman Carl Bartley.

Champions lining up for Dubai golf classic

Ryder Cup stars Sam Torrance and Howard Clark, who teamed up for an historic victory at the Emirates Golf Club last year, return to the Middle East's first championship course for the £250,000 Karl Litten Overseas Desert Classic from March 2 to 5.

The two multiple tournament winners join European Open champion Ian Woosnam in a line-up of 120 players to chase a £41,660 winner's cheque in the region's first PGA European Tour event.

Scot Torrance and Yorkshireman Clark joined forces to beat Australians Rodger Davis and Graham Marsh in the \$150,000 East v West Emirates Challenge which followed the official opening of the Emirates Golf Club last March.

Both players said at the time that the region's first grass championship course was ready to stage a full-scale professional tournament, and their appearance certainly helped to put Dubai on the world golfing map.

Among the other Ryder Cup players already entered for the Desert Classic are Mark James, winner of last year's Spanish Open title, and Gordon Brand Jnr. who finished just outside the 1988 Volvo Order of Merit top ten with almost £130,000 in winnings.

European Ryder Cup captain Tony Jacklin, who has accepted a special invitation from Karl Litten Overseas to play in the £250,000 tournament, could find himself teeing off with a number of rising stars aiming for a place in his team to face the Americans at the Belfry in September.

Hoping to make a big impact in Dubai will be Peter Baker, Ronan Rafferty and Roger Chapman, three of the younger professionals. Jacklin has already tipped to make a strong challenge for a Ryder-Cup call-up.

Baker produced a brilliant sudden-death play-off victory over Nick Faldo in the Benson and Hedges International last year.

WJT Seven-a-Side Tournament

The final rounds of the W.J. Towell - Bridgestone 7-A-Side Cricket Tournament was played at TWT Ground, Baushar recently. Towell Auto centre 'A' (TAC 'A') won the tournament beating Mazoon Printing Press 'B' in the final.

Earlier in the day, TAC 'A' lead by Raju Godbole scored easy victories over Towell Head Office 'A' and Genetco. Raju Godbole and Akil played key roles to take TAC 'A' to the final, while MPP defeating International Furnishing Company and Towell Shipping Division to enter the finals.

The finals were a grand end to the tournament which commenced on January 27. In a nail-biting finish, witnessed by hordes of spectators, TAC 'A' scored a thrilling 4 run victory with Raman Kumar playing an unbeaten scintillating knock of 25 runs. TAC 'A' scored 51 runs for 2 wickets while MPP 'B' could manage only 47 with Praveen remaining not out on 23.

The prize distribution ceremony was presided by Mr. Maqbool Ali Sultan, Director of W.J. Towell. The 'Man of the Final' was Raman Kumar. Best Batsman of the Tournament was Duraipathy of Towell Building Materials, Best Bowler was P.H. Suvarna of Towell Shipping, Best Fielder of the final was Vivek of MPP. The final day of the Tournament included games for ladies and children.

Highlights of the final:

Towell Auto Centre 'A' beat Mazoon Printing Press 'B'

TAC 'A': 51 for 2 in 6 overs (Raman Kumar 25 not out, Raju Godbole 16, Mark Kinny 1 wkt for 4 run).

MPP 'B': 47 for 1 in 6 overs (Praveen 23 not out, Maruti 17 not out, Raja Mahendra 1 wkt for 5 run).

TAC 'A' beat MPP 'B' by 4 runs.

Man of the Match: Raman Kumar.

Man of the final: Raman Kumar, TAC 'A', Best Batsman: Duraipathy - Building Material, Best Bowler: P.H. Suvarna - Shipping, Best Fielder (in the final): Vivek - MPP 'B'.

Highest score by Towell Building Material 89 for 2 in 6 overs against Towell Auto Centre 'B'.

Lowest score by Towell Auto Centre 'B' 15 all out in 3.1 over against Genetco.

Fastest run scored by MPP 'B' 76 for 1 in 3.3 overs against MPP 'A'.

Highest individual score Duraipathy 50 not out (Towell Building Material) against Towell Auto Centre 'B'.

Best Bowling: P.H. Suvarna (Shipping Div) 3 wks for zero against Towell Tyres Dept. (Bridgestone).

Highest Partnership: Sadiq Moosa and Merryl Towell Auto centre 73 runs unbroken partnership for 1 wkt against CPD.

Maximum No. of Sixers Scored after quarter-final: 1. Maruti MPP 'B' - total 2 sixers 1 against TAC

'A' 41 against shipping.

Highest no. of catches in a match:

(1). Bashier, Genetco Wicket keeper 2 catches against ONDP.

(2). Kumar Raman, No 'A' wkt keeper 2 catches against MPP 'C'.

(3). Katpesh Shah, TAC 'C' wkt keeper 1 catch and 1 stumping against CPO.

Maximum No. of catches/stumping

(1) Bashier, Genetco wicket keeper - 3 catches.

(2) Irwin, shipping - 2 catches.

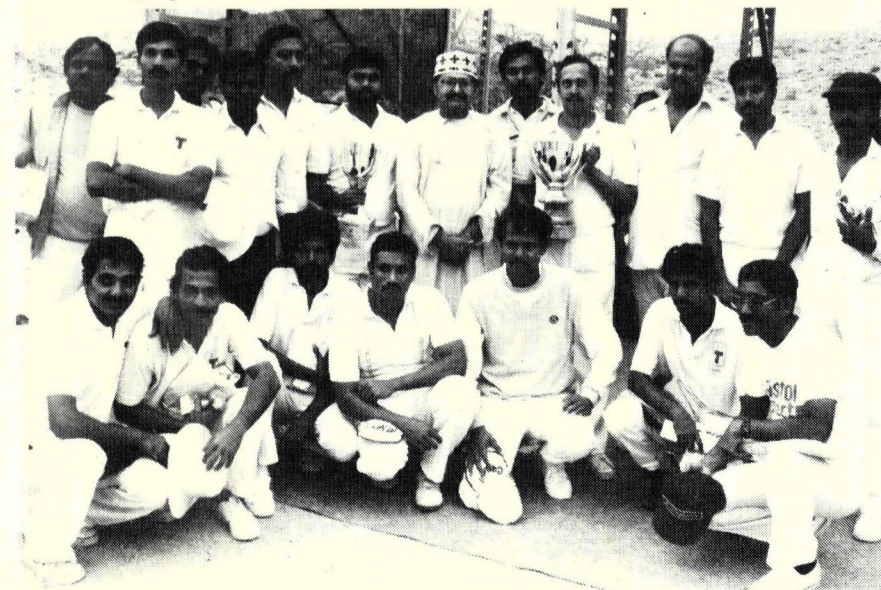
(3) Kumar, Raman HO 'A' wkt keeper - 2 catches.

(4) Kalpesh Shah, TAC 'C' wkt keeper - 1 catch and 1 stumping.

(5) Raman Kumar TAC 'a' wkt keeper - 2 catches - 1 stumping.

Umpires: (1) Mr. Shaqeel, Abu Reem Corporation, (2) Mr. D. Nagasubramanian, SSB, (3) Mr. V. Sharma, ICS, (4) Mr. Kingsley, OCA, (5) Mr. Michael Raj, OCA.

Collections: Raman Kumar, Towell Auto Centre 'A'.



Winners and Runners-up after the final.

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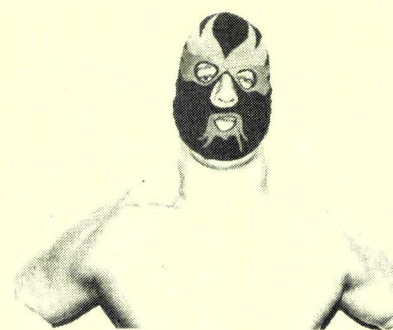
Andy Blair



Fuji Yamada



Kashmir Singh



Masked Super Avenger



Mitzi Mueller



The wrestlers pose for a group photograph.

Wrestling festival promises great excitement

World wrestling champion Roller Ball Rocco has arrived in Oman with a leg in plaster — a 'worksite' accident in which it was broken by an opponent, the tag partner of Fuji Yamada.

While Rocco will not be fighting challenger Yamada, his friends 'Bad News' Munro and Andy Blair — known on the road as Road Warriors will fight Yamada and his partner Kashmir Singh.

At a press conference at Al Falaj Hotel on Sunday, General Manager A.C. Papayannis presented the wrestlers who are here to participate in a glittering event to mark Oman with Britain festival.

The wrestlers are Roller Ball Mark Rocco, Flying Fuji Yamada, the Masked Super Avenger, 'Psycho' Shane Stevens, Tony St. Clair, Kashmir Singh, Dave

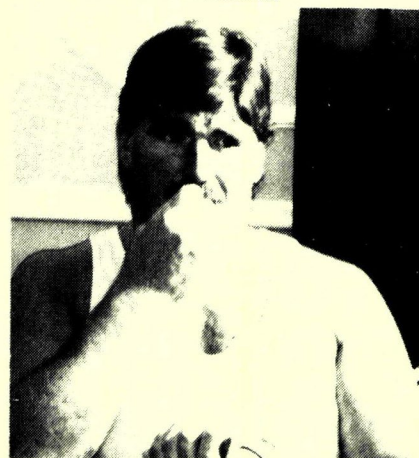
Taylor, 'Bad News' Munro and Andy Blair. The referee is the respected Brian Dixon and the compere will be his wife Mitzi Mueller, who was for 12 years title holder in women's wrestling in Britain. The wrestlers will be in action at Nizwa tonight and at the Al Falaj Hotel on February 25.

The events open with a bout between Tony St. Clair and Dave Taylor at 8.00 p.m, to be followed by the clash between Psycho Stevens and the Road Warrior.

Kashmir Singh will fight the Masked Super Avenger and the

title event will be between the Road Warriors and Yamada, Kashmir Singh duo.

The wrestling is being sponsored by UTA French Airlines, Bahwan Travel Agencies, Oman Aviation Services, Oman Hardware, MASE, Oriental Printing Press, Muscat Apollo Studio and Stores, Sa'ad Establishment and National Bank of Oman.



Rollerball Rocco



Andy Blair

Omani youngsters beat UK team

Ahmed Khalifa of the Oman Youth Team made the first breakthrough in their victory campaign against the British Under-16 team at a gala soccer match in the Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex at Baushar on Friday.

The Personal Representative of His Majesty, Sayyid Thuwainy bin Shihab, and other guests and spectators watched the Omani team destroy the visitors with clinical precision 3-0.

The second goal came two minutes after the break and Nasser Mohammed kicked in the trump shot. The third goal came after 76 minutes when Said Faraj took a short pass

from Muttur Khalifa.

The event was part of a gala evening organised as part of the Oman with Britain Week.

In a tug-of-war contest, The Sultan of Oman's Armed Forces defeated the Royal Oman Police. The Royal Marine Band entertained the spectators and further excitement was brought in by a team of Omani paratroopers. Two champion cyclists also performed on a special track.



A demonstration of a grip

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The British Under-16 team, the Chairman of the British Soccer Association and British Aerospace officials pictured with Mr. A.C. Papayannis, General Manager of Al Falaj Hotel, where the team was staying.

18 entries for OCA six-a-side contest on March 3

Eighteen entries were received for the OCA six-a-side cricket tournament to be held on March 3. "The limited number of entries has enabled us to conduct the entire tournament on the day instead of two days as previously decided" said an OCA official. All knockout matches scheduled for March 3 have now been moved to March 10 in order to conclude the six-a-side tournament in one day.

Preliminary round matches will be staged in the morning of the MODES and Garrison 2 ground and all activity from the quarter final stages will shift to the MODES ground in the afternoon.

The draw is as follows: Garrison ground, Preliminary round; KLM Blues vs Oman "B".

1st round:

Winners of KLM Blues Oman "B" vs United CC. Shaheen vs Sinha "B", Muscat "A" vs Omasco, BAF Irregular vs MODES.

Matches on the MODES ground will be: Preliminary round: Sinha "A" vs Al Hassan Group.

1st round: Winner of Sinha "A"/Al Hassan Group vs Muscat Blues, Tawoos vs Muscat Pharmacy, W.J. Towell vs Muscat "B", ONFC vs Oman "A".

Each team will face five overs with one over being bowled by every member of the fielding team expect the wicket keeper. In the event of a "tie" the wicketkeeper of each team will deliver an over. If the result still remains a "tie" the winner will be decided by the toss of a coin.

There won't be restrictions in field placing. The bowler may apart from the wicket-keeper, place all four remaining fielders on the legside or offside as he wishes. Negative bowling however will be penalised. Four runs will be credited to the batting team for every no-ball wide.

Matches start promptly at 8 a.m. and all teams are requested to assemble at their allocated grounds by 7.15 a.m.

Icers coast to 6-2 victory



A packed audience watched Jebel Icers trounce Wadi Bashers by 6 goals to 2 in last Wednesday's ice hockey encounter at the Centre.

Icers forward Mike Fernandez set the stage for victory with a snap goal in a game played at a furious pace.

The game was barely five minutes old when Mike sneaked the puck from the offside line to beat the Wadi Basher's goaltender with a neat flick. Icers continued to occupy the Bashers goal area for the next ten minutes and scored again off Nigel Muir who connected a long pass from Fernandez.

Tempers began to fray at this state as the Bashers tried to recover. Their comeback was rewarded as Ernie Cowen tipped a long shot to make it 2/1. Umpire Tony Hollyomes had to stop play on several occasions to warn players for dangerous play. Nigel Muir was set off once to serve a two minute penalty for tripping John Anderson but the Icers, despite playing one man short revelled as John Dorrs performed a brilliant skate from one end to the other to hit in the Icer's third goal for a first half score of 3/1.

After the break both teams were unable to breach each other's defences for 10

minutes. Bahser's L. Tzivaros received send off orders during this period for deliberately tripping Fernandez. Icers went further ahead in the 12th minute after the break 4/1 but Tzivaros, returning after serving his sentence, brought the Bashers back 2/4.

With five minutes remaining, Icers put the issue beyond doubt with goals from Dorrs and Paul Mottershead.

Referee : Terry Hollyomes:

The match between the juniors ended in a 3 all draw.

Benjamin Landes playing for the Icers showed promise for the future with two brilliant goals whilst the only 'lady' of the team - Lesley McKenzie matched the boys with a fearless defence.

Benjamin opened scoring in the first minute with a clever dribbling move. Douglas McKenzie equalised for Bashers. Two goals from Michael Skinner and Stuart Beaver at 14:29 and 14:30 gave the Bashers a 3/1 advantage but Benjamin hit back for the Greens with a lofted goal at 15:52 and Marios Chrodos equalised for Icers at 18:10.

Omani XI to meet British XI

The "Oman with Britain" week continues in the sporting field this evening with a cricket match between an Omani XI and the British XI.

This is the second annual encounter for these two teams who met previously last April at the PDO ground. Oman won the first encounter.

Thursday's match will be a limited over affair which commences at 1.30 pm at the MODED ground.

The Omani team is at full strength with the availability of many of their players who missed last Friday's 10th Anniversary celebration match.

Young Shakeel Mohammed bowled with devastating effect last Friday and will once again spearhead the Omani attack. Ali Raza Abdul Khaliq, the Omani team's most consistent batsman will shoulder the batting responsibilities. Allrounders Maqbool Moosa and Mehboob Moosa together with Mustafa Murtaza and Rashid al Balushi lend stability to the batting. In bowling speedster Kassim Murtaza and Pankaj Khimji are dependable.

Dad Mohamed Shad will manage the Omani team.

The British team, handled by David Harris includes many cricketers who turn out in the OCA league. Barrie Nott, making a comeback into the knockout scene is expected to open the batting with Joe Woodward. John Owens, who has had a successful season with the ball and allrounder Manuel Mascarenhas are also included in the final team.

Teams

Omani team from : Shakeel Mohammed, Ali Reza Abdul Khaliq, Maqbool Moosa, Mahboob Moosa, Kassim Murtaza, Mustafa Murtaza, Rashid al Balushi, Samir Fancy, Pankaj Khimji, Rashid Bux, Khalid Mohammed, Ahmed Lamki, Mansoor Daud and Khalid.

British team : David Harris, Barrie Nott, John Owens, Joe Woodward, D. Chadwick, Chris Booth, Bill Watson, Brian Turner, Joel Barnett, M. Mascarenhas and John Snelling.

'Sport for All' Squash

Juniors - 2nd round result

Raid Dawood beat Haluk Kulin.

Junior Quarter finals results

Aubrey Roga beat Ajay Vase 9/5, 9/6, 9/1, Ibrahim Bizri beat Raid Dawood 9/2, 9/4, 9/1, Graham Caotes beat Tawfiq Ali Mohammed 9/0, 9/1, 9/0, Omar Alvi beat Siddharth Vaikunth 9/0, 9/0, 9/1.

Senior 4th round results

Mohammed Iqbal beat Ambrose Vase 9/6, 9/3, 9/1, Jon Bath w/o Shiv Nanda, Akbar Ali beat Ranjit Benjamin 9/1, 9/0, 9/2, Gordon Benbow beat Saleem Varawalla 9/6, 9/5, 10/8, Akbar Khan beat Dave Bamber 9/2, 9/2, 9/4, George Hook beat Bob Hamer 8/10, 7/9, 9/2, 9/7, 9/1, Adlat Khan beat Mike Strachan 9/0, 9/0, 9/1.

First round: Neil Stewart bt Hussam al Jahadmy 9-1, 9-6, 9-2; George Baird bt Mohammed Moosa 9-3, 9-3, 9-2; Ken Allen bt Saleh al Awaidey 9-2, 9-3, 9-2; Javed Zaidi bt Graeme Milne 9-3, 9-0, 9-1; Chris Booth bt Sawad al Sinaw 9-5, 9-4, 9-5; Philip Abernathy w/o v Abdul Sinjoor; Ali Daud w/o v A. Vaidya; Sarath Jayawardana w/o Tarik Yousef.

Sport for All

Results, second round: Billy Norgrove bt Sawad Slim 9/0 9/0 9/3. Third round: Mike Strachan bt Peter Millington 9/2 9/7 9/5; Bob Hamer bt Jawad Hussein 9/1 9/1 10/8; George Hook bt Gwilym Ashworth 4/9 9/3 9/3 9/5; George Wolwark bt Abdul Jabbar 9/3 9/0 9/3; Akbar Khan bt Adrian Bradbury 9/1 9/3 9/4; Ranjit Benjamin bt Deepak Atal 9/3 9/1 9/1; Moh'd Iqbal bt Billy Norgrove 9/1 9/1 9/3; Ambrose Vase w/o A. Sabri; Dave Bamber bt Abdulla Nasser 9/5 3/9 9/7 9/3; John Bath bt J.C. Sharma 7/9 9/1 9/1 9/2; Shiv Nanda bt Teimash Khan 9/5 9/6 9/1; Gordon Benbow w/o Sadiq Hameed; Saleem Varawalla bt Les Painting 9/0 9/2 9/0; Habib Bhacker bt Michael Fernandes 3/9 9/1 9/3 9/3.

Fourth round: Moh'd Iqbal bt Ambrose Vase 9/6 9/3 9/1; Jon Bath w/o v Shiv Nanda; Akbar Ali bt Ranjit Benjamin 9/1 9/0 9/2; Gordon Benbow bt Saleem Varawalla 9/6 9/5 10/8; Akbar Khan bt Dave Bamber 9/2 9/2 9/4; George Hook bt Bob Hamer 8/10 7/9 9/2 9/7 9/1; George Wolwark bt Habib Bhacker 10/9 9/3 9/2; Adalat Khan bt Mike Strachan 9/0 9/0 9/1.

Junior second round: Ajay Vase w/o v Qais al Yousef; Siddharth Vaikunth bt Nikhil Sampat 9/5 9/6 9/7; Tawfiq Mohed w/o v Khalid Hamood; Raid Dawood bt Haluk Kulin. Junior quarter-finals: Aubrey Roga bt Ajay Vase 9/5 9/6 9/1; Ibrahim Bizri bt Raid Dawood 9/2 9/4 9/1; Graham Coates bt Tawfiq Ali Moh'd 9/0 9/1 9/0; Omar Alvi bt Siddharth Vaikunth 9/0 9/0 9/1.

"Municipal Cup" cricket



Firdus B defeated Akbari XI to lift the Municipal Cup in the recent cricket tournament of the Muscat Municipality Staff Welfare Association at the Wadi Kabir Grounds.

Guests at the final and the prize-giving function were Dr. Amrohi, First Secretary of the Indian Embassy in Muscat, Khalaf bin Saif al-Adai, Chairman of the MMSWA and Salah bin Ali al-Hashmi, Deputy Director-General of the Greater Muttrah Municipality.

The president of the tournament organising committee, Mohammed Arif Alwi, expressed his gratitude to all those

who contributed to the success of the tournament. General Secretary of the tournament was Isidor Menezes, while the overall management was by Saleem Ahmed. Umpires were Abdul Kareem Khan and Razak Tane and Official Scorers were Abdul Razak Sheikh, Deepak Subedar and Adan Ahmed.

Others who were involved in the organisation of the tournament were

bony Boss, Aakarm-ul-Haq, Nagraj Gopal, Gopal Gowda, Kasim Ibrahim, Mohammed Hanif, Roopa Ram, Ashok Kuddalkar, Siraj Unus, Bashir Ahmed, Ahmed Isaaq, Saluddin Shirgaonkar, Ahmed Zainubbin, Hamid Hussain, and Dawood Bhatta.

• Our picture shows the guests at the prize-giving function after the final.

Modes beats Diwan to lift Spinneys Trophy in Salalah

MODES Salalah won the Dhofar Cricket Association knockout's Spinneys Trophy when they beat Diwan by nine wickets in the final at the SOAF Ground in Salalah last week.

Modes scored 175 for one in 27 overs after limiting Diwan to 171 for nine in 30 overs.

Fareed Contractor hit an unbeaten 72 for the winners while Taufique scored 92 not out for Diwan. Fareed also took three wickets in the match sponsored by Spinneys (Cold Storage and Trading Co) Salalah.

Seven-a-Side Rugby

The 1989 Cathay Pacific/HongKong Bank Invitation Seven-A-Side Rugby Tournament will be held on the weekend of April 1 and 2 at the Government Stadium in Hong Kong.

There will be 24 teams competing in the event next year, including a first-time appearance by Tunisia, admitted recently as an associate member of the International Rugby Board. Other teams playing are: Australia, The Barbarians, Brunei, Canada, Kwang Hua Taipei, Fiji, Gulf Champions, The Irish Wolfhounds, Italy, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, The American Eagles, Western Samoa and, of course, the hosts Hong Kong.

On a cloudy, slightly chilly, morning Modes Salalah did well to win the toss and put Diwan in to bat. They lost three wickets for 32 before Taufique and Zafer took the score to 97 when Zafer was out for 20.

Ghulam and Fareed Contractor came back after 22nd over and Diwan lost wickets. C.C. Pillai, 16 not out, helped solid Taufique to take the score to 171 for nine in 30 overs. Taufique remained 92 not out, with one six, one five and four fours. Nabi Ahmed scored 14. Taufique's innings was a treat. He cut, drove and hooked in style.

For Modes, the Contractor brothers again caused havoc. Ghulam took four for 34 in seven overs and Fareed three for 41 in eight. Ferdinand took one for 25.

Modes started well with Mohan and Francis. Mohan was out for 22 at 52 and then Fareed Contractor, 72 not out, with five fours, and Francis, 68 not out with one six and three fours took the score to 175 for one in 27 overs.

Fareed was content to play a dour innings while the injured Francis stamped his class with aggression and eloquent stroke-play. Diwan's Mishra took one for seven before retiring hurt. Diwan tried seven bowlers but to no avail.



Sulayem now fit for the Kuwait Rally

Middle East champion Mohammed bin Sulayem heads for the Kuwait International Rally next month (March) fully recovered from the incident which halted his progress in the first round of the 1989 FISA Middle east Championship in Qatar.

Bin Sulayem, who jarred his back when his Winston Toyota Celica GT4 collided with a boulder that appeared in the middle of the rally route, returned to Dubai from a visit to a specialist in Germany and said: "I've been given a clean bill of health and I'm looking forward to testing the new Group A car in Kuwait."

The Winston Toyota Celica was badly damaged in the incident and is currently being rebuilt in Europe. "It will be flown in just a few days before the rally," said the Dubai driver.

This means that Bin Sulayem's only experience of the car - a very different vehicle to the old Group B Celica - will be the stages driven in Qatar where he was declared second when the rally was stop-

ped immediately after the collision.

"I was very pleased with the performance of the new Celica," he said. "Not having driven it before, it took me some time to get used to it. I was getting faster all the time, but the rock put a halt to all that".

For Kuwait, the Winston Toyota star will be returned with his regular co-driver, Ireland's Ronan Morgan, who was unable to compete in Qatar. "Hassan Ali did an excellent job in Qatar and I'm very grateful to him for standing in," added bin Sulayem.

With much of the route consisting of sandy stages, the Kuwait International Rally on March 16-17 suit the four-wheel-drive Celica and Bin Sulayem is hoping to repeat his victory of last year.

Times Sport

Delightful cricket seen in travel trade tournament

"Cricket lovely cricket" - That's what was witnessed last Friday at the Oman Aviation grounds when the travel trade cricket tournament took place.

The day's proceedings opened with the teams assembling on the grounds to take an oath - pledging to "uphold the traditions of cricket, playing in the true spirit - justice and fairplay" and the whole day went by with no unpleasant incidents.

The curtain raiser in the tournament was the match between Travel Agents and Bahwans which was won by the former with ease. Skipper Ginwala top scored with 29 n.o. and Sandy along with Gordon got them to a total of 86 for 4 wickets. Bahwans scored a paltry 48 for 6 wickets in their allotted overs. Ginwala excelled with his cutters taking 2 wickets for 4 and Sandy getting 2 wickets for 7.

When Airlines met Oman Aviation nobody thought there could be an upset. From the very onset, the Airlines Skipper Vijitha meant business. Hussain got into his stride and dismissed both Praneeth and Sheran very cheaply and put his side on course for a victory. From then onwards excepting for Anoj who scored a quick 31 there was no resistance from the later batsmen. The veteran Kingsley remained on 14 n.o. and OAS finished at 88 for 7 wickets at the end of their allotted overs. Vijitha from the world "go" started thrashing the OAS attack to all parts of the ground in the company of Krish and when he reached 30 he had to "retire" which saw the entry of Hussain an experienced cricketer who did not let them down. Krish with 13, Rakesh 12 n.o. alongwith Hussain on 20 saw their team through to their target, causing the biggest upset in the tournament, in two years.

Amends

The next match was played between Oman Aviation and the Travel Agents. It was most unfortunate for the Travel Agents who were at the receiving end in this match. Oman Aviation, smarting under the humiliating defeat at the hands of the Airlines, was out to make amends in this match and that was done in a very business like manner - Praneeth with 31, Anoj making his second 30 alongwith Sheran scoring 17 made sure that they got a good score, which they did when they went onto the highest score of the day - 109 for the loss of 4 wickets. The Travel Agency lads did not measure upto the mark in the chase for runs. Nasser and Gordon lost the match for them with their slow batting and the OAS bowling got on top leaving Sandy trying hard to get at the bowling. Kingsley bowled a tight length alongwith Sheran and made sure of an OAS victory.

For the Airlines, it was time to consolidate their earlier upset win in order to stay in contention for the trophy. Bahwans put into bat first started off well with their mercurial batsman Premjit going great guns. He hit three beautiful sixes, yards out of the boundary line, but he had to vacate the crease when he reached the 30 mark. The other batsmen offered no resistance and they struggled to 66 for 5 wickets. Krish was the most successful bowler with 2 for 11. When it was the turn of the Airlines Krish made sure of victory with a sedate 30. Ramdev bowled well for Bahwans taking 2 for 12.

One sided

The match of the day that was eagerly awaited by the crowd fizzled out to a onesided affair. The travel agency team got off to a slow start once again and steadied halfway with Nasser scoring 24 and Sandy getting to the 20 mark, to take their score to 83 for 7 wickets. Krish

bowling a tidy length and line had the best figures for the day taking 3 wickets for 12. Rasik got 2 wickets for 13. When the Airlines went in much was expected of their skipper Vijitha but it was not to be. Qamar bowled a beauty to get rid of Vijitha and they never recovered from that shock and it was left to Krish and Paul who scored 20 and 21 respectively to consolidate. But with the tight bowling of the Travel Agency team headed by Sandy and Qamar alongwith Ravi they got upto a score of 66 for 3 wickets leaving the Travel Agency team victorious by a margin of 17 runs.

The last match of the day between Bahwans and Oman Aviation Services was thought to be cakewalk for OAS but it provided the thrills expected in limited over games. Bahwans taking strike first scored 81 for 3 wickets with Premjit once again playing some swashbuckling shots to entertain the crowd. To assist him in their quest to reach a good target to have any semblance of a chance to win, Sunil batted well for his 19 and Mohanlal got 19. Sarath took 1 for 22, Sheran 1 for 12 and Tenne 1 for 18.

When the OAS batsman started the run chase they were in for shocks, losing Sheran very early and Praneeth for 18. Once again it was Anoj who held the side together with his third consecutive 30 and taking his total to 95 in the tournament without being dismissed. Once he "retired" Premjit was like a panther very agile and attacking the later batsmen who were in all sorts of trouble against the wily spinners of Ramdev and the medium pacers of Premjit. The tailenders of OAS saw them through. In this match Bahwans came into their own, brilliant keeping by Chandy was the fea-

ture, alongwith the agile fielding of their team.

Umpire Prem Mishra, Gopalkrishnan and Suraj Feraanando along with Venkat officiated in the matches. In charge of the statistics were the scorer B.T. Ousmand and the recorder Rex Berhardt.

Scores:

• Travel Agents beat Bahwans

Travel Agents 86 for 4 (Gordon 21, Ginwala 29 n.o. Premjit 1/9 Ramdev 1/17, Sam 1/9).

Bahwans 48 for 6 (Sam 10, Sunil 10, Ginwala 2/4, Sandy 2/7, Qamar 1/5)

• Airlines beat OAS

Airlines 91 for 5 (Vijitha 31, Hussain 20, Sarath 1/14, Sheran 1/14, Tenne 1/13).

OAS 88 for 7 (Anoj 34, Kingsley 14 n.o. Hussain 2/12, Mannuel 1/23, Rasik 1/6, Krish 1/6).

• OAS beat Travel Agents

OAS 109 for 4 (Praneeth 31, Anoj 30, Sheran 17, Gordon 1/15).

Travel Agents 85 for 3 (Nassir 33, Ravi 10, Gordon 16, Kingsley 2/21, Sheran 1/9).

• Airlines beat Bahwans

Airlines 67 for 2 (Krish 30, Ramdev 2/12).

Bahwans 66 got 5 (Premjit 35, Krish 2/11, Hussain 1/16).

• Travel Agents beat Airlines

Travel Agents 83 for 7 (Nassir 24, Sandy 20, Krish 3/12, Rasik 2/13).

Airlines 66 for 3 (Krish 20, Paul 21, Qamar 1/10, Sandy 1/10).

• OAS beat Bahwans

OAS 82 for 7 (Anoj 31, Praneeth 18, Shiva 2/9, Premjit 2/6).

Bahwans 81 for 3 (Premjit 19, Sunil 19, Mohanlal 18, Sarath 1/22, Sheran 1/12, Tenne 1/8).



DHL winners



Sultan and Bogs flank the DHL Manager

Sultan Al Jabry and Bogs Gamboa split the RO 50 DHL Jackpot on Sunday night at the Oman Sheraton Bowling Centre, after each bowled the specified pattern of strikes during the DHL tournament.

Top scoring bowlers of the evening were Dhiron Janssen (597) and Gladys Villanueva (408). They were followed by Bogs Gamboa (574) and Rene Bucu (569) for the men's event and Marie Carang (397) and Vi Macaraig (381) for the ladies. All were presented special prizes from DHL. The next DHL tournament will be the third Sunday in March, and is open to all bowlers.

Single Wicket contest

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Players are advised to enter the Garrison 2 ground through Gate 2, Gate No. 4 for MODES and entry to Garrison 1 will be through Gate 5.

The following players will play their preliminary round matches on the MODES ground.

Tariq Farooqi (MODES), Navaratnam (RAF), R.S. Mani (Century), Shahid Akthar (OMASCO), Christopher Jansz (BAF), Umesh Suvarna (Tulukoota), Anil Mandalia (Muscat Pharmacy), Kassim Murtaza (National), Laxman (KLM Blues), Mansoor Jawad (NBO), Premjit Bangara (Muscat A), Arun Kunder (Tulukoota), Teilochar Singh (Tawoos), Mohamed Iqbal (Al Hassan), Shakeel Mohamed (Deccan Blues) and P. Ravindran (Zubair).

Players who report to the Garrison 1 ground are:

Damodar Kokhar (Muscat 'A'), Krishna Sawant (Century), Mahboob (Youth), Nat Santamaria (Muscat Blues), Kishore Kumar (Muscat B), Pratap Mandavia (Muscat B), Pervaiz Ali (BAF), Tahir (ONEC), Asad Shah (Tawoos), Ravi Subramaniam (Century), Samir Fancy (Tawoos), Mustafa Murtada (National), Pankaj Khimji (Muscat B), Chandu Parmar (Muscat Pharmacy), Fayyaz Ahmed (Deccan Blues) and Mohammed Saeed (ONEC).

Those playing on the OAS ground:

Iqbal Wasti (MODES), Afza Chaudry (Tawoos), Ricardo Wickremasinghe (Sinha B), Qamar Shabbir (Youth), Liladhar (Muscat B), Paul Hu (National), Abdul Hai (ONEC), Harish Moorthy (KLM Blues), Jawed Zaid (MODES), Khalid (ONEC), N. Shankar (United), Dr. Masood (National), Jatin Shah (Muscat Pharmacy), Jaleen Shaikh (Shaheen), Ahmed Lamki (Shell) and Suraj Fernando (Sinha A).

Official at the ground: Iqbal Singh.

Matches on the Garrison 2 wicket will involve:

Gale de Kauwe (Sinha A), Vijitha Jayasinghe (Sinha B), Kassim Khod (Shaheen), Abdul Waheed (OMASCO), Mohith Ra (Tulukoota), Padma Leanag (Sinha B), K.N. Singhe (Omasco), Lateran Fernando (Sinha A), Rashid al Balushi (Amateurs), Uday Heble (Al Hassan), Pradeep (Zubair), Ali Redha Abdul Khali (Towell), G. Mani (United), Mehboob Moosa (MAFR), Shankanarayan (Muscat Blues) and Mohan Kannan (Muscat A).

Times Sport

Modes in great win over CBOL

Reigning champions MODES made it to the semi-finals of the Gokaldas Memorial Knockout tournament with a stirring 31 runs win over Commercial Bank of Oman at the MODER ground.

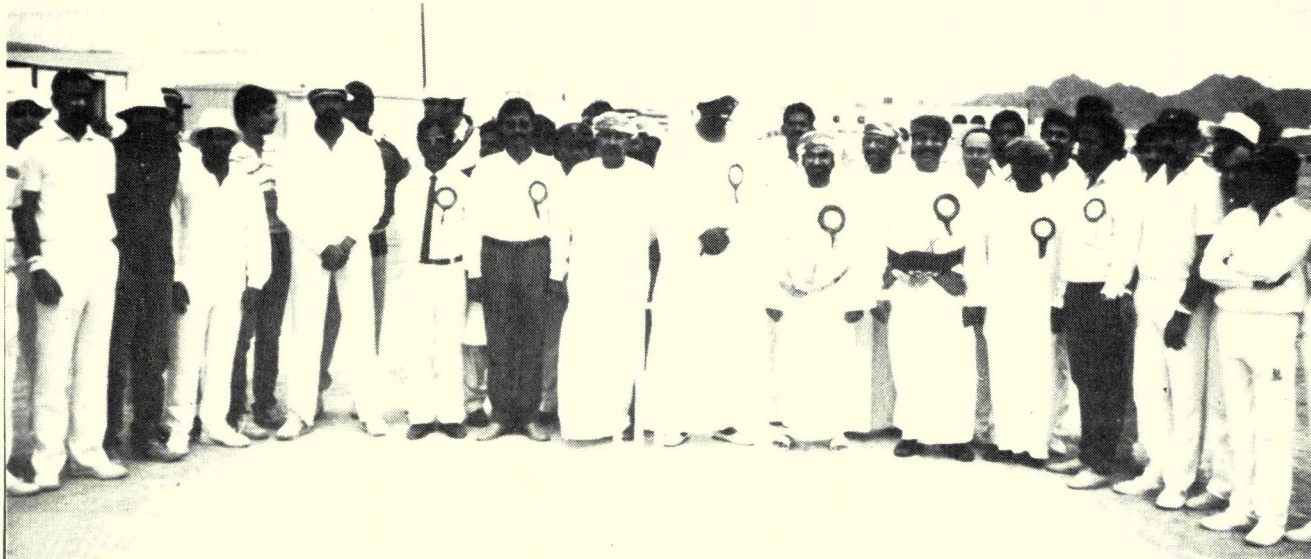
MODES owed their win to in-form opener Jawad Zaidi who struck punishing 95 runs in a 100 minute day. Zaidi pulverised the bankers attack playing the lead role in a 60 runs opening stand with Tariq Farooqi and then adding a further 74 runs for the second wicket with left hander Syed Raza.

Zaidi was in full flight and looked certain to reach a milestone before unfortunately holding out to mid off, five short of a well deserved century. MODES finally reached 204 runs. Mohammed Riaz returned best figures of 3 for 43.

The bankers' hopes of reaching the target took a tumble as veteran Shahoor Rana induced opener Absar Nasir to offer an easy catch in the first over. Naeemuddin and skipper Ismail Khan took time to stabilise the batting and by the time they decided to attack, MODES' bowlers were right on top and struck at regular intervals. Naeemuddin batted solidly to reach 55. Further good knocks from Zahoor Ahmed and Babar Abbas bolstered the bankers hopes but the MODES bowlers proved supreme, to pull away by 31 runs.

MODES 204 Tariq Farooqi 27, Jawad Zaidi 95, S.M. Raza 37, Mohammed Riaz 3/43.

CBOL 173, Naeemuddin 55, Ismail Khan 27, Zahoor Ahmed 35, Babar Abbas 35, S.M. Raza 2/33.



The Municipal Champions Trophy 89 softball cricket tournament is continuing to attract great talent and a large number of spectators.

On Friday, M.P. Pandya was shot out for 62 by Seeb who scored 89 for seven wickets, 'Men of the Match' was Mr. Manan who took 6 for 20. W.J. Towell donated the prize.

In the second match, Pak Tiger trounced H.M's Properties after scoring 95 in 15 overs. The latter scored only 94 in 20 overs. 'Man of the Match' was Saeed who cracked 42 for Tigers. The prize was donated by Municipal Transport Department.



The Oman Hockey Association held a reception at the Al Falaj poolside to welcome an African hockey team which played some friendly matches here.

• 3rd Al Bustan Backgammon

Kabrita holds off Kellas to win championship

A. Kabrita overcame a deficit in the first game to win the 3rd Al Bustan Palace Hotel Open Backgammon Championship, sponsored by Napco and Dunhill, at Al Bustan Palace Hotel recently.

Pitted against P. Kellas in the final, Kabrita saw his fortunes fluctuate as Kellas stormed to victory in the opening game 5/0, but Kabrita weighed himself to stiffer tasks ahead by winning the second set in a thriller 5/4 and continued his winning streak to take the third at 5/3, and the championship.

78 contestants took part in the competition which included ten ladies and five Omani participants. Daynise Awad was the most successful lady entry, making it into the fifth round whilst many top seeds fell in the elimination rounds. Former champion N. Kyprianou, R. Ceross, E. Feghali, Nadeem Samaha and F. Sadek were victims.

Kellas scored an easy win over A. Christofi in the quarter final 5/2, 5/0 but Kabrita was extended to three games by G. Moumne 5/2 4/5 5/1. Emile Chaloub overcame a tough quarter final from P. Barakat 5/2, 4/5, 5/3 and U. Nicholaides easily beat giant-killer 5/4 5/2. It was B. Feghali who put paid to his cousin's chances, E. Feghali in the opening round.

Kabrita improved tremendously on his quarter final showing by scoring a run-way 5/1, 5/1 win over Nicholaides in the semi finals but Chaloub made Kellas fight all the way for a berth in the final in three sets.

In play-off for third place, E. Chaloub defeated Nicholaides 5/3 5/2.



The victorious Modes Salalah team. See report on page 45.

Judo classes

Judo classes are being offered at the Oman Sheraton Hotel, with instruction by a 1st Dan Black Belt. The course will run for 3 months, with 2 sessions per week, from 6-8 pm. For more information and to register, contact the Recreation Department at the Oman Sheraton.

Sinha to meet MAFRC

Sinha B will meet MAFRC in the quarter final of the Gokaldas Memorial Plate knockout competition on Friday afternoon at the OAS ground.

Both teams lost to Muscat Blues in their knockout quest and an even contest is expected.

LATEST... LATEST... LATEST... LATEST

Britain expels top Iranian diplomat

Britain on Tuesday ordered Iran's top diplomat expelled from London in response to Ayatollah Khomeini's death threats against British author Salman Rushdie.

Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe told Parliament: "The government has concluded that in our own particular case, it is neither possible nor sensible to conduct a normal relationship with Iran."

Meanwhile Secretary General Javier Perez De Cuellar appealed on Tuesday for the lifting of threats to the life and human rights of Rushdie and his associates while stressing the importance of respect for all people's religious beliefs.

Arabs shot

Israeli troops shot and wounded nine Arabs on Tuesday, the last day of a three-day strike in the Israeli-occupied territories, hospital

officials said.

They said troops wounded six Palestinian protesters in the West Bank town of Jenin and three, including an 11-year-old boy, in the Gaza Strip.

Torture reported

Amnesty International charged on Tuesday that many countries including China, Iraq, Syria, and Somalia used torture.

Helena Cook, legal adviser of the international human rights organisation, told the U.N. Human Rights Commission that the risk of torture was greatest when detainees were held incommunicado.

Writer arrested

Israeli occupation authorities have jailed the head of the Palestinian Writers' Union for the second time since the start of a 14-month-old uprising in the occupied West

Bank and Gaza Strip, his family said on Tuesday.

Al-Muntawakel Taha, 30, surrendered to military headquarters in Ramallah, north of Jerusalem, on Monday after troops raided his home at the weekend and held his wife and brother-in-law to force him to give himself up, the sources said.

An Israeli security source said the writer had been ordered jailed without trial for six months under sweeping defence emergency regulations, but an army spokesman refused to confirm or deny the report.

Progress in talks

Salvadorean politicians said on Tuesday they have made progress in talks with leftist guerrillas who are offering to end the civil war if elections due in March are postponed to allow them to take

part.

About 30 Salvadorean politicians representing parties across the political spectrum arrived in Mexico on Monday for an unprecedented meeting with leaders of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front to discuss the guerrillas' offer to respect the elections if they were postponed to September 15.

Meeting postponed

The first meeting of a joint Iraq-Iran military working group due to discuss ways of consolidating a ceasefire in the Gulf War has been postponed, a U.N. spokesman said on Tuesday.

He gave no reason for the postponement of the meeting which should have taken place in a tented camp on the Iran-Iraq border on Wednesday.

Court appearance

Two members of black nationalist Winnie Mandela's bodyguard, the self-styled Mandela United Football Club, appeared in court on Tuesday charged with murdering 14-year-old Stompie Seipei.

Jerry Richardson, the bodyguard trainer, and another member of the club, Jabu Sithole, were remanded in custody until February 28, the

South African Press Association reported.

Flights resume

The International Committee of the Red Cross said on Tuesday it was resuming its food relief to southern Sudan where civil war has made tens of thousands of people homeless and hungry.

Flights were stopped last week after Sudanese SPLA started demanding more information about each flight.

Deal signed

The United States signed a million sales agreement with Argentina on Tuesday, the Defense Ministry said.

The agreement appeared to end a 12-year old arms embargo imposed by Washington. The Defense Ministry said the two countries signed an accord for the U.S. to supply Argentina with spare parts for helicopters and armoured carriers.

UAE visit

Egyptian President Mubarak arrived in the Arab Emirates on Tuesday for a short visit to brief Emiratis on his hopes for the convening of an international Middle East conference.

**Oman
with
Britain**



WRESTLING FESTIVAL

A NIGHT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY. ONCE SEEN.. NEVER FORGOTTEN!!

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SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 1989 8.00 PM.

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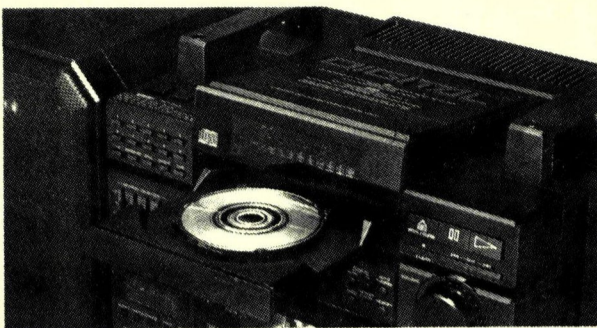
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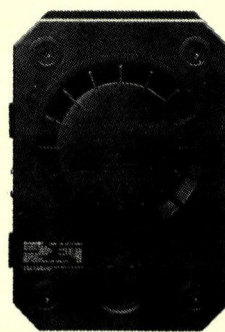
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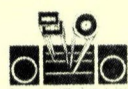
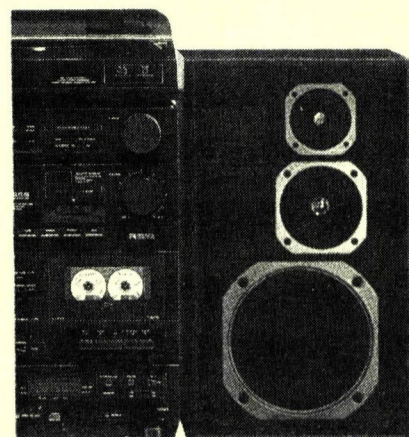
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Retractable front-loading system compatible with 8cm single CD



X-BASS speaker equipped with Diffuser Board on the rear.



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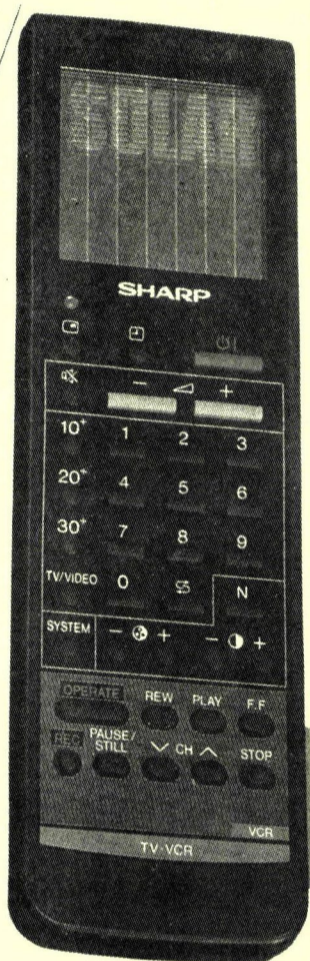
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Since its advent, the electronic industry has progressed in leaps and bounds to give us the digital technology of today. Manufacturers throughout the world compete to promote their products, resulting in excellent electronic entertainment for the modern man.

The market in Oman is no different. Companies such as National, Sanyo, Toshiba, General, Sansui, Philips, Bang and Olufsen, Sharp, Kenwood, Casio, and so on are familiar household names providing us a wide spectrum of products.

Be they household electrical appliances like radios, radio cassette-recorders, portable stereos, videos, and televisions, industrial and office equipment or entertainment electronics, the choice is vast and the range is wide.

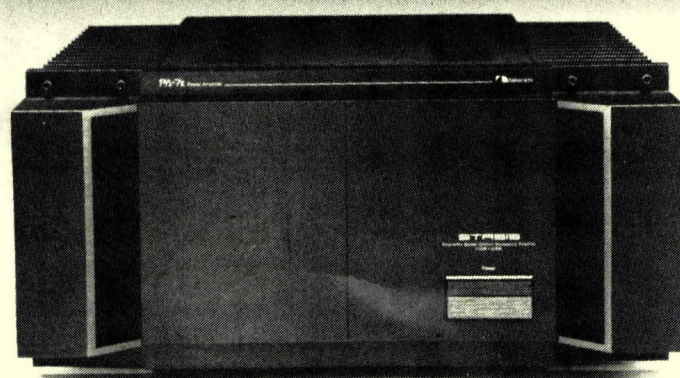
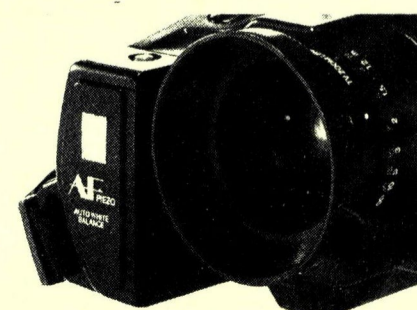
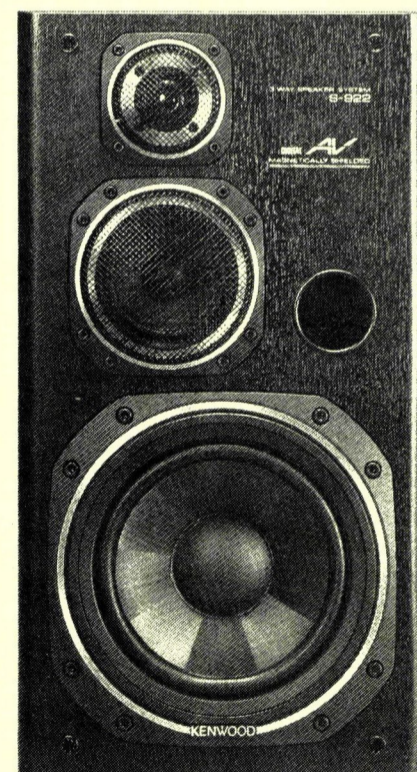
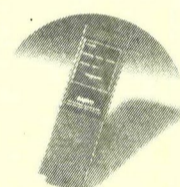
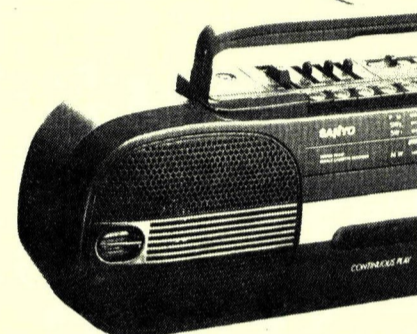
Research and development departments of these companies are constantly engaged in improving their products, thereby supplying newly-developed innovations and technology to the buyer. Enhanced design and novel features enable these products to engage the interest of the consumer even more.

The Gulf countries have no substantial tariffs, and more importantly, no tariffs aimed at any particular country - which lends to true competition for the 'eyes and ears' of the buyers.

Pioneers of electronic and electrical goods - Japanese and European companies — find Oman and her neighbours a clash of sound and vision because of the free market values.

The Sultanate is a good buyer's market for audio and video products. Local agents help by suggesting the best value for money and offer excellent after sales service.

In these 16 pages, the 'Times' presents some of the latest innovations available in the market today.



Nakamichi PA-7II Power Amplifier



Voice and View

Casio hits all the right notes



Casio's wide range of electronic musical instruments.

One of the most fascinating developments of modern science was the creation of electronic music. Ever since Robert Moog invented the "Moog Synthesizer" there have been unbelievable advancements in this field.

Casio, Japan, are undoubtedly today, one of the most significant contributors to the creation of electronic music. Their range of keyboards extends from mini keyboards for the early starter - the PT-1, upto the professional cosmo synthesizers and digital pianos, which represent Casio's great advancements in music technology, designed with a serious professional in mind.

The latest in sound synthesis is "digital sampling", which lets you "capture" sound and "bring them back alive" sounds from instrument timbres to artificial sounds, environmental sounds, or even just plain noise. Casio's FZ-1 and FZ-10 digital 16 bit sampling synthesizers put an entire new world of sound at your fingertips - ie. realistic instrument voices and full polyphonic performances.

Voices

The Casio range of electronic music features:

Digital Guitars: The DG series with great keyboard voices and built-in PCM rhythms and the MG series with "Midi" capability. Then, there is the newly introduced guitar synth PG-310, which features Casio's revolutionary IPD sound source, for 64 built-in sounds and total control of virtually any sound source, to take you across new sonic frontiers.

Programmable Keyboards: The "HT" series for programming and storing your compositions. In these models, with Casio's SD sound source and PCM rhythms the HT6000 puts an entire orchestra of fine sound.



The Casio dynamic sound source.

At your fingertips and propels the keyboard into a new direction.

Standard Keyboards: The CT series with capabilities to store musical creations for later enjoyment - pitch blending and super accompaniment controls. All the new models are available at the Muttrah showroom. They incorporate 'CD' dynamic sound source in each of these models, with unique tone bank function, which lets you choose from up to 465 PCM sounds, and incredible sound effects. Most of them are midi compatible.

Portable: Popular tone keyboards - the PT series for fun and pleasure - increasing the musical content of your life. Wonders really never cease,

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Dynamic Bass Speaker System For Booming Bass Sounds!

CASIO



Innovative acoustic design for new sensations in low-end sonic response.

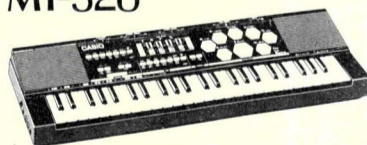
Casio's incredible new Dynamic Bass System booms out powerful low-end sounds, and 10 percussion pads let you add realistic percussion sounds as you play. Features outstanding tonal variety with 210 different sounds provided by the CD "Casio Dynamic" sound source, and full MIDI compatibility!

MT-640



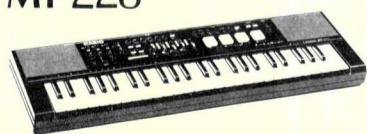
- 49 mini keys • CD sound source
- 210 Sound Tone Bank • 10 built-in percussion pads • 98 percussion sounds • Casio Chord with "FREE CHORD" function • Real-time memory • Demonstration tune • MIDI compatible • Built-in speakers with an additional woofer

MT-520



- 49 mini keys • 8 built-in drum pads • 12 PCM auto-rhythms • 12 preset tones • Real-time memory • Optional SS-1/DP-1 connectable

MT-220



- 49 mini keys • 4 built-in drum pads • 12 PCM auto-rhythms • 12 preset tones • Real-time memory • Optional SS-1/DP-1 connectable

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CASIO COMPUTER CO., LTD.
Tokyo, Japan

National has a superb range of competitive products

Matsushita Electric Ind. Co are well known giants of Japanese electronic industry. Who is not familiar with the name National, Panasonic and Technics? Their products are spread over a wide spectrum - they range from household electrical appliances to entertainment electronics, industrial and office equipment. In spite of being world famous and widely accepted as being one of the best - Matsushita's staff is continually engaged in keeping the consumer abreast with the latest innovations.

The brand name 'National' is extremely popular in Oman for its audio and video products which are world famous. There is a vast range of audio products and National the undisputed market leader in Oman has the highest share.

In radios, the range covers from 1 band to multi-band. Latest in multi-band are the RF-B series and the popular models are RFB 40DL and RFB 60L that has full band receiver and 36 stations preset.

National's latest models are not only

super stereos, but are also extremely competitive. In straight stereos, two new models have been introduced which have caught up the market immediately. These are RX 4890 and RX 4895 with 16W and 20W output power respectively, plus 2 way four speaker system, offering tremendous ease of operation, beautiful styling and extra-ordinary sound quality in keeping with National's name. The new RX C32F with 30W and RX CW42F, double cassette with 50W power continue the

National tradition of excellence.

There is a top line up of great sounding radio cassettes to meet every need:- In this category National has RX CW54XBS (Extra Bass System) and RX CW55XBS having 60W, double cassette, 5 band equalizer and high speed dubbing. CW55XBS has additional digital tuner clock.

There are two new arrivals as well. These are RX C53DF and RX C51DF with much improved and innovative features. Old models in mini stereos like RX F2F and RX FM15 are, however still very popular with the majority of labour force working here.

In addition to the portable systems the current model SC GT5200 which was introduced under the brand name of 'Technics' having 520 Watts of dynamic sound is still selling very well in the market.

In the Technics range, there are excellent systems for professionals too, like Series 840 having 550 Watts PMPO output power and remote control, and the economical Sigma 300 with 250 Watts PMPO which is very popular among Asian expatriates in Oman.

In addition to the existing series of Technics compact disc players, Omasco is going to introduce the Multi-compact disc player Model SLL P400C with automatic

CD changer and six disc magazine. Portable compact disc players are also available among which the world famous ultra slim (22.9mm height and 480 grams weight) and ultra compact (126x126mm) model SL XP5 are superior.

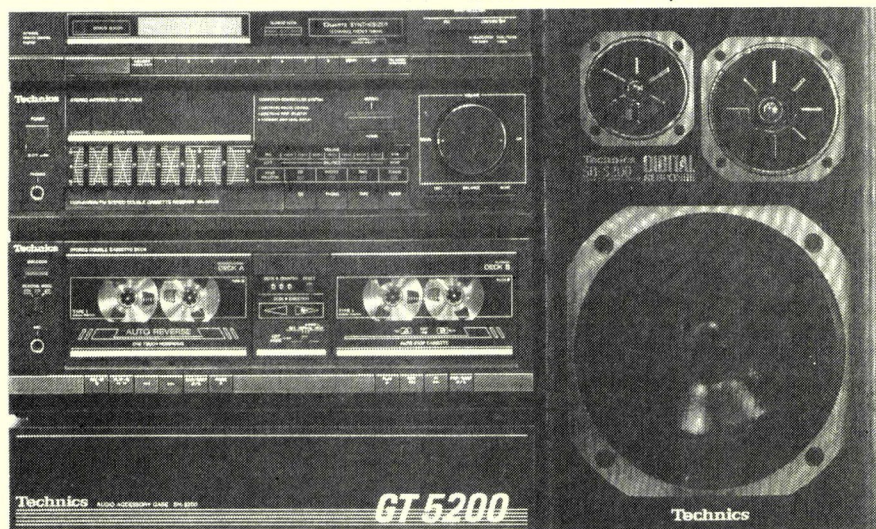
National is the highest manufacturer of Colour TVs and VCRs and here again, is the undisputed leader in TV, Video sales in the Sultanate.

The TV range extends from 3" - TC L3M (LCD) to 29", not to mention the 40" big size TC 4001.

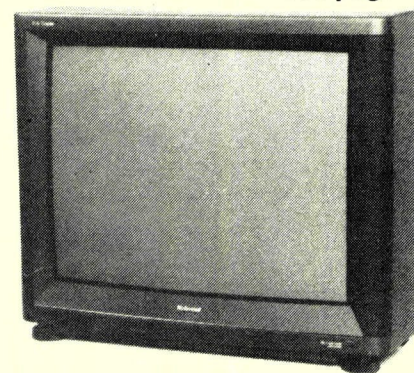
New models in introduced last year are having brisk sales. There are: TC 488TR with remote 14", TC 8188TR With remote 18", TC 285TR with remote 20", TC 290TR with remote 20".

In addition to these leader models, there are 17 System TVs covering Philippine broadcast also. In the Alpha series, deluxe

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Technics SC-GT 5200



The new National 33" TC-AV33XR TV

New from
National

Big power sounds to bring the good times home!

Now, there's greater reason to go National. The all-new range of **National Stereo Cassette Recorders** carry on the happy tradition of giving quality, power and convenience in the best shapes possible. Distortion free reproduction, high output power, and the undisputed **National** stamp of excellence are all built-in to heighten your listening pleasure.

So go for it. Go **National** for the big sounds!

RX-C32F



(PMPO)
50W

Portable 4-Band Stereo
Double Cassette
Component System

RX-CW42F

- 2-Way, 4-Speaker System includes Big Size, 16cm Woofers
- 5-Band Graphic Equalizer • High-Speed Dubbing
- CD Compatible

(PMPO)
30W



Portable 4-Band Stereo
Component System

- 2-Way, 4-Speaker System includes Big Size, 16cm Woofers
- 5-Band Graphic Equalizer • CD Compatible • Soft-Eject

RX-4895



20W

2-Way, 4-Speaker System
4-Band Stereo Radio Cassette Recorder

- 2-Way, 4-Speaker System
- 20W (PMPO) Output Power • Soft-Eject



RX-4890

16W

4-Band Stereo Radio Cassette Recorder

- 16W (PMPO) Output Power
- Soft-Eject • Continuous Tone Control

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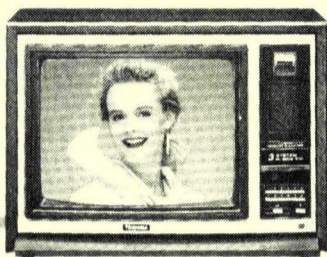
Toshiba electronics keep Oman entertained

The consumer electronic market in Oman is becoming increasingly diverse and sophisticated. Consumers are more knowledgeable and now demand more variety and better quality in line with the changes in the life style of the people. To satisfy the need of every customer, Toshiba has in its range a wide spectrum of audio and video equipment.



20" 206X4M (7-SYSTEM)

•Voltage synthesized tuning with 16-ch. auto preset •Full function remote control •Audio/Video IN/OUT terminals •AVR



20" 204T5M (3-SYSTEM)

•SUPER-SSI BLACKSTRIPE II tube •Semi-auto voltage synthesized tuning with 12-ch. preset •2-speaker system •AVR



20" 203D7M (PAL/SECAM SYSTEM)

•PAL/SECAM auto reception •SUPER-SSI BLACKSTRIPE II tube •Dynamic sound speaker •Rotary tuner •AVR

SOUND and VISION perfectly matched

TOSHIBA



NEW
WORLDWIDE



Models 218X8M (21")

and 198X8M (19")

Black FST

Dynamic Hi-Fi Sound



These New Colour TVs from TOSHIBA combine sophisticated style, powerful Hi-Fi sound and distinctive good looks to give you SOUND and VISION that are perfectly matched.

Also available in 4 System Models 218Q8M and 198Q8M

- Dynamic Hi-Fi Sound with 2 Front Speakers
- Flat & Square Picture Tube
- Automatic Voltage Regulator
- On-screen Display



Two high powered low distortion Hi-Fi speakers with an audio output of 5 watts per channel.

TOSHIBA
JAPAN



Exclusive Distributors in the Sultanate of Oman

Suhail & Saud Bahwan

For discerning listeners, Toshiba has the SX Series. These are unquestionably high quality stereo components specially suited for listening to jazz and classical music. The detachable speakers, along with all other conventional features like tuner, one touch recording etc. are built-in which make this series an attractive buying proposition.

The SF Series are stereo radio cassette recorders which have been created with convenience as the watchword. You can carry them anywhere and always hear the kind of sound you demand. These Cassette Recorders come in various power outputs with full range dual speakers and the sophisticated features of the SX Series like double cassette auto reverse and so on.

For casual listeners, there is a wide range of compact portable conventional type Stereo Radio Cassette Recorders. Also available are a wide range of small, compact portable Stereo Cassette Players with head phones, built-in radios, graphic equalisers and auto reverse facility.

Music systems

Toshiba music systems are supreme in sound quality. They deliver dynamic sound with peak music power output from 25 watts to 200 watts with 5 band graphic equalisers to match the music to each individual's taste.

Colour TVs

Toshiba's television range is as versatile and wide spectrum as the music systems. From functional rotary tuners to decor enhancing bevelled framed televisions, Toshiba has various models to suit every pocket. The latest in the range are the televisions with FS Screens (flattest and squarest) which virtually eliminates ambient light reflection, cuts picture distortion to minimum and doesn't crop corners of the picture.

Video cassette recorders

The video cassette recorders are also top of the line products in Video Home System (VHS) available anywhere in the world. Toshiba offers true global compatibility with its multi-system VCR.

Toshiba video equipment offers unbelievable sharpness and picture clarity, thanks to Toshiba's new digital video technology. In contrast to conventional circuits used in most VCRs, Toshiba's digital circuitry analyses and stores signals for instant and perfect playback. The still picture obtained is perfect and free from litter and noise commotion.

Video cassette players

The addition to the range of video products is the new Toshiba video cassette player. It has a unique feature in the form of a Dew heater which makes the head of the VCP humidity resistant, thus enhancing the clarity of the picture. Added to the features are portability, auto power on, play, rewind and eject facilities, picture search, still and slow motion, playback, remote control switch. Truly a remarkable product which no

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21" 218X6M (11-SYSTEM)

video and photographic products



Beosystem 5500

Saba has a rigid quality control conforming to exacting standards. The prerequisites of high quality also apply to their video systems. Their recorders have the most stringent standards of picture quality, playback features and reliability.

They have all that characterises video perfection - versatile recorders, practical components, extremely photo sensitive cameras, lightweight with practical components.

NAKAMICHI - Nakamichi is simply determined to give you the best sound, no matter what it takes. Their philosophies and policies add up to an unwavering commitment to achieve superior musical performance and the creation of standards of excellence for today's audio world.

Their NACC system provides automatic playback head azimuth alignment in Nakamichi Dragon and T-D-120011 mobile tuner/cassette deck for the finest playback quality possible in an auto reverse deck.

Their RX series cassette decks provide the finest quality of one way deck together with the convenience of auto reverse recording and playback.

The new CR series cassette decks are based on the Nakamichi Microprocessor Controlled Silent Mechanism concept.

The Compact Disc players bring the full potential of digital sound to life.

You can choose from the latest which uses the Nakamichi Glitch free D/A conversion systems to eliminate the interference which can degrade the sound.

Nakamichi's receivers are the best and "hearing is believing" - to get unmatched sound and performance one must go to Nakamichi.

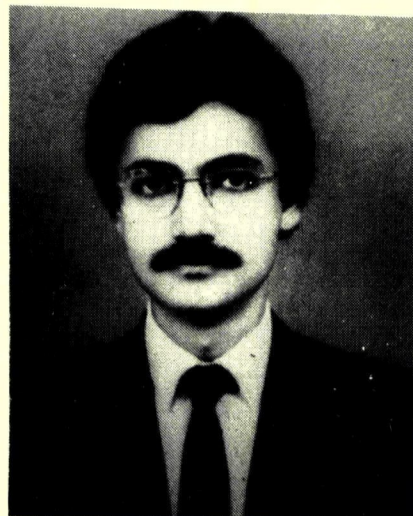
KENWOOD-Kenwood has a wide range of products - home audio, car audio, communications equipment, test and measuring instruments, satellite communication and industrial automation equipment. Kenwood is a winner in the industry and is already geared for the plunge into the 21st century. The top of the range is the concept line which has a range of amplifiers, decks, tuners, compact disc players and speakers are available to suit any taste.

For those customers who prefer the same selection, but with a narrower width, it has the midi system with the same power.

Besides the components making up a system, options like graphic equalizers, reverberation amplifiers, surround processors etc are also available.

Every component is tested before and during assembly. The finished product is also tested so that you can relax when you buy a Kenwood.

TOA since it was established in 1934. TOA's main line has been PA systems. They have also produced a great number of sound systems for discos and concert halls, where true to life sound is appreciated. Their PA



Mr. Abhijit Bhattacharjee.

systems are used in mosques, schools and airports. Their professional level products have provided high quality sound which have earned them considerable fame in Oman.

JBL - is the choice of all professionals, whether the requirement is for a music hall or concert. No wonder the JBL speakers supplied the sound for the Live Aid concert and over 300,000 listeners. For the first time the same speakers used by professionals are available for home use.

JBL goes back to 1929 and since then uncompromising engineering and manufacturing deliver the best speakers possible. The L series of JBL bring professional sound all the way home.

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A picture here and a clip there.
four-colour or in monotone,
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we have framed the Voice and View
the style of a master
creating history.

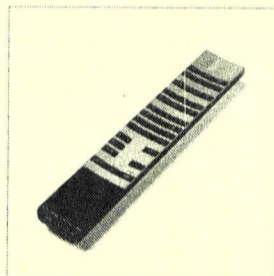
Music or acoustics, photography
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the world.

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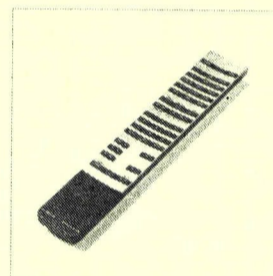
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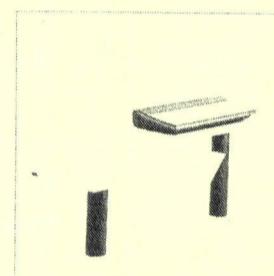
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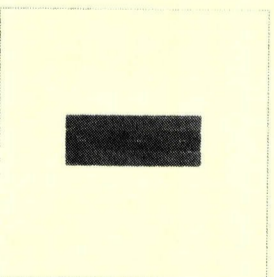
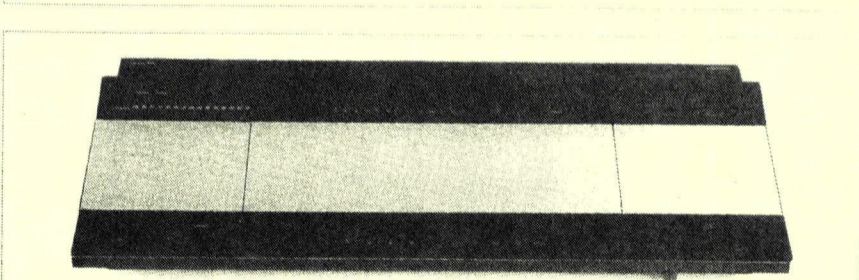
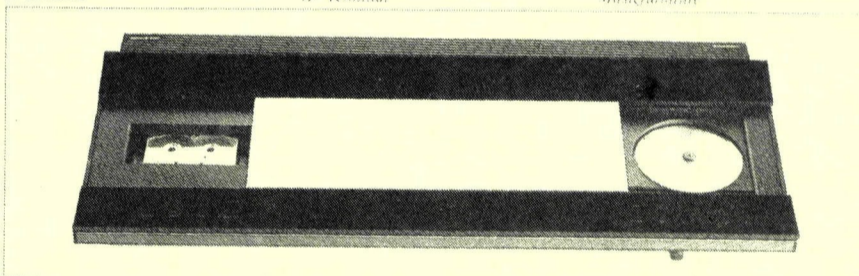
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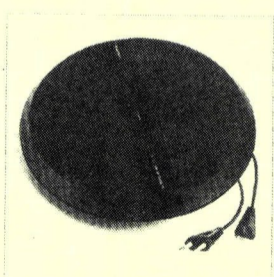
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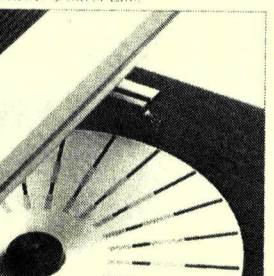
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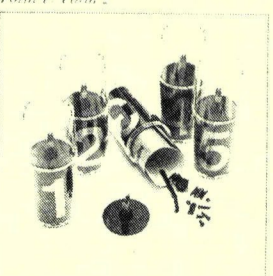
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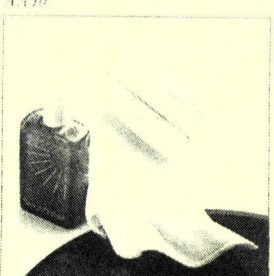
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MMC Beocentre 9000



LP Protector

Let Sanyo surround you

Sanyo is a well integrated electronic enterprise of Japan which produces a vast range of consumer durables for a wide spectrum of needs. Their totally superior audio and video products are accepted worldwide.

Today's leading products have to meet the perceptive and critical demand for pictures and sounds that are indistinguishable from the real. Sanyo is in a continual quest to match these requirements.

Among the world renowned Camcorders, Sanyo's VM-D5P received "1988 Camera of the Year Award" conducted by Camera Craft Magazine in Australia. The award was presented on December 5th 1988 with an official announcement in January 1989 issues of Camera Craft Magazine. This award was open to all camcorders released during the year and submitted to the magazine for detailed evaluation.

Along with performance capabilities and features, the magazine also looks at the studying, handling and operation of each model which is evaluated by a variety of users from absolute beginners to experienced video cameraman to determine just how successful it is in each of these areas. Price factors are also taken into consideration. Products evaluated for the award were Sony CCD-V90, JVC GR-45, Panasonic MC-10, Sharp VL-C73XA and Hitachi VM-C80.

Sanyo's Audi products have the Surround System built into them. They significantly enhance the listening enjoyment by simulating a "live concert hall performance". The sound is bounced off the walls and adjacent surfaces, placing you right in the middle of the performance.

NW-717K and MW-747K have two Surround Speakers built into their main unit and 2 optional add on speakers that create a musical experience that rivals a real performance.

Sanyo presents the first PAL/SECAM T.V. equipped with digital rotary tuning. A frequency synthesizer removes the need for preset tuning.

CMX-3358TXM is 33" Colour T.V. with stereo sound with Teletext. A wide range of viewing possibilities are offered and you can tune into T.V. broadcasts in any country. It is compatible with 4 separate VCR and 6 video disc playback systems. To make things simple it automatically memorises the frequency of as many as 30 locally receivable stations.

CMP900 is a 10Disc Multi Play Compact Disc Autochanger. It enables you to listen to more of your favourite music for longer.

Sanyo's radio are from 1 to 12 bands portable types you can receive all the national and international programs. Their most popular R/C RP8500A is more than 2 decades old and is still a hot selling item. Sanyo has sold more than 2 millions of it only to the middle east markets.

Genetco has been the agents for Sanyo for more than 20 years, the only electronic company that has the maximum number of showrooms. There are 4 in the capital area and 4 in Salalah, apart from the dealer network.

Mr. K.C. Narula, the Manager, Electronic and Photoproducts Division says "We have a fully equipped service centre in Walja. Our after sales service is excellent. We have a team of professional technicians who are specially trained to deal with all sorts of problems."



Mr. K.C. Narula

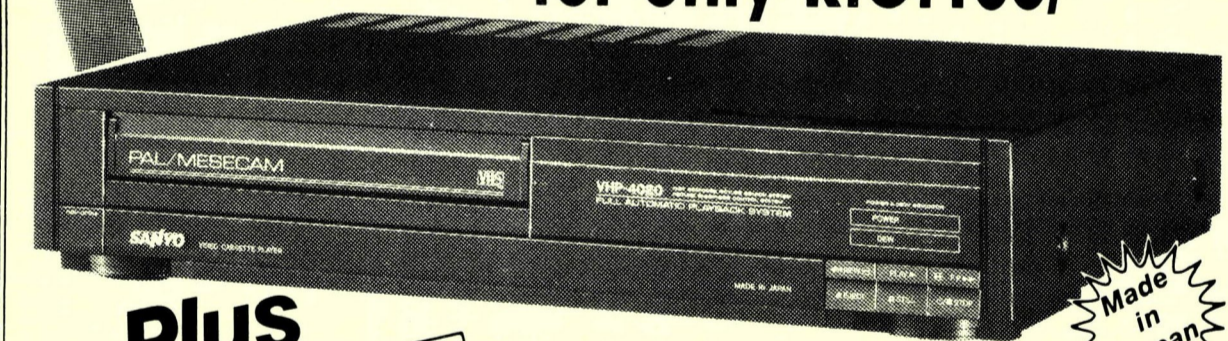


A frequency synthesizer removes the need for preset tuning.

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- Lesson repeat system.
- Direct power on and go.
- Auto power stand-by
- Self power on
- Auto rewind eject.
- Auto rew-play
- Auto play
- Auto eject
- Off power eject

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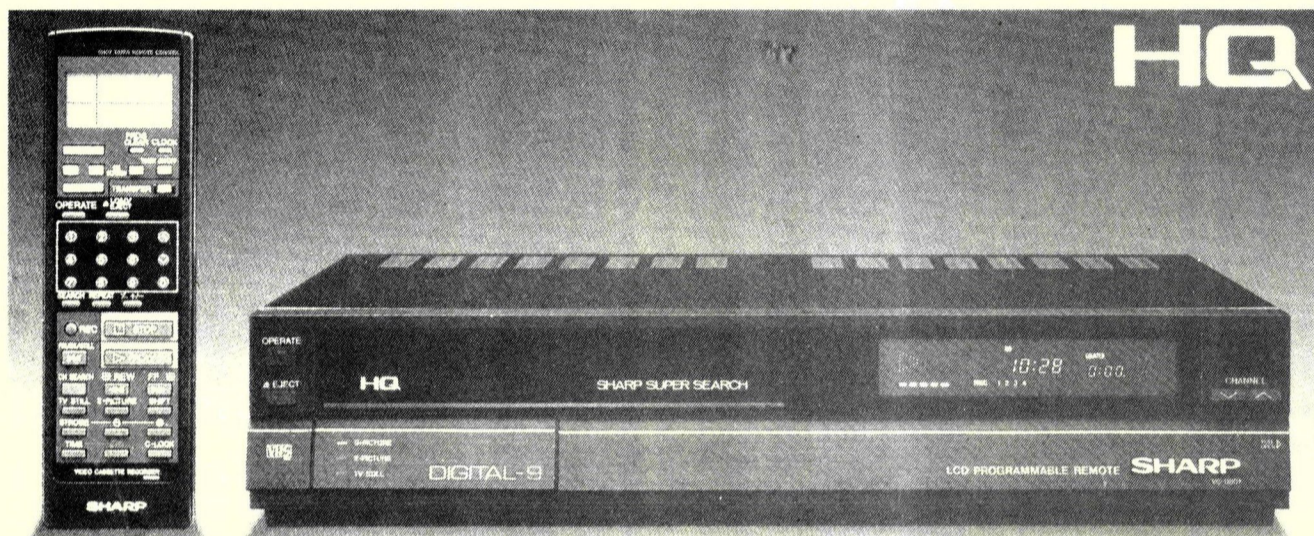
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Voice and View

Sharp — new levels of efficiency, comfort and convenience

Sharp has brought the products of high technology to homes and the offices for over 75 years. They have a full line of advanced products that do much to enrich life. People all over the world depend on Sharp products to bring them new levels of efficiency, comfort and convenience.



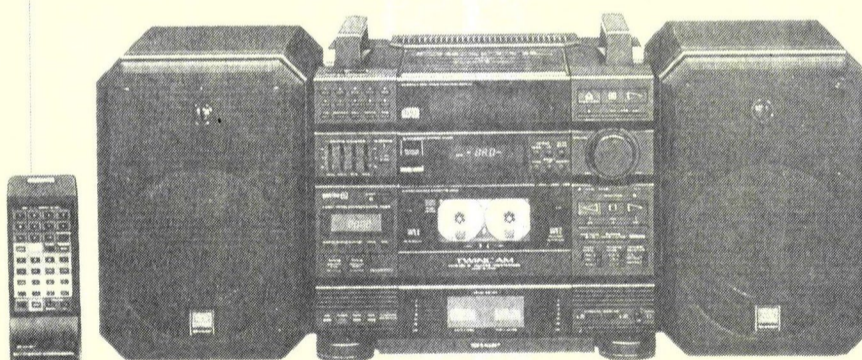
Sharp VC-D8015(BK) video cassette recorder.

Al Hashar and Co have been the agents for Sharp for more than a decade, and over the years it has increased the operations in spite of the competition. Mr Nasser al Hashar of the firm said: "Sharp is well known all over the world for its high quality products and the public will always go for them. Sharp uses today's sophisticated technology to carry on their proud tradition of being the first in the field. Even now they are the acknowledged leaders in Twin Mechanisms."

Sharp constantly keeps things new and on the move. Sharp Audio products bring you music with feeling and emotion. There is a new experience in sound with the innovative Twin Cassette and Twin CD System. ZC-D830 H (BK) is a Portable Music Center. Acoustic Nuances are at your command with the wireless remote control. This has a built in Twin CD Changer, and allows you to have Automatic Program Locate Device and Auto Program Search System. The "Twin Cam" Double Cassette mechanism allows for playback from both tapes and recording on Tape 2. Continuous playback is possible from both tapes. Both cassettes run on one motor and so there is



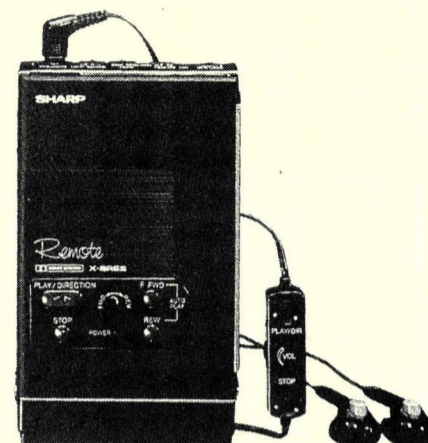
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The CD-X10X CBK 200w PMPO system.



Sharp CD-X17X(BK) Compact Disc stereo music system



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JC-269 (BK)

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The Compact Disc Stereo System CD-X17X(BK) is a stylish music system with a high performance CD player. It has a multi function remote control.

Sharp offers sensational special effects of digitals in their new VCR's. VC-D801S (BK) has 9 picture channel search, which puts 9 pictures on the screen at one time for a quick selection of the program you want. TV Broadcast and VCR play back pictures can be put on the screen simultaneously. A digital playback function will slow down the on screen action to a spectacular strobe effect pace, divide the screen into 9 frames or even freeze the action completely. All this without any irritating noise. Of course their advanced video technology produces super hi-quality clear pictures with fine details. All this makes it an attractive addition to the existing video products.

Sharp's WQ-T351Z(BK) Stereo Radio Cassette Recorder is still an all time favourite with those wanting to take it back home. Not only is it a high performance Sound System but economically it is a good choice.

Mr Hashar says "Sharp is always trying to cut their costs so they can supply to the customer at reasonable prices. To this purpose they have set up factories in Malaysia and Korea. However they have strict quality control and their engineers oversee the production to ensure that their stringent standards are met.

"We have excellent back up service and our technicians are trained by Sharp in Dubai."

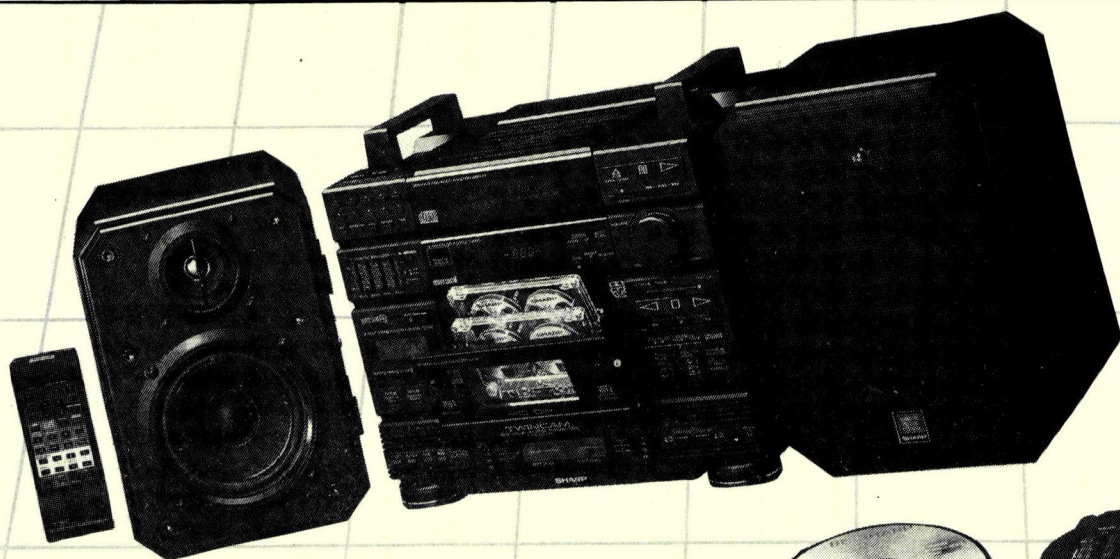


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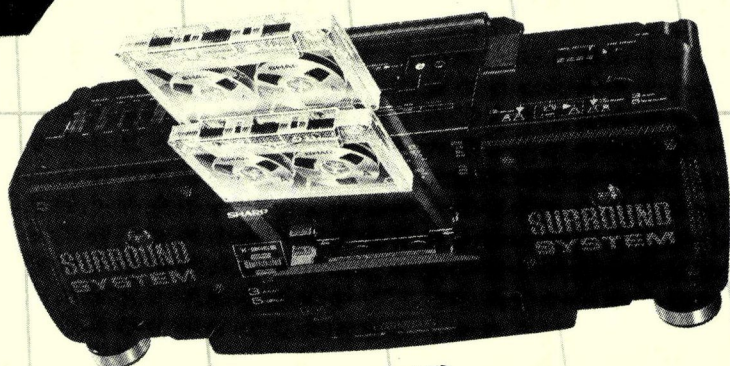
CD-X17X(BK)

CD-X17A (B3)
Compact Disc Stereo Music System.
Stylish and Advanced Stereo System with High Per-
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Control.



ZC-D830H(BK)

ZC-D830H(BK)
Portable Music Centre with Twin-CD
Changer.



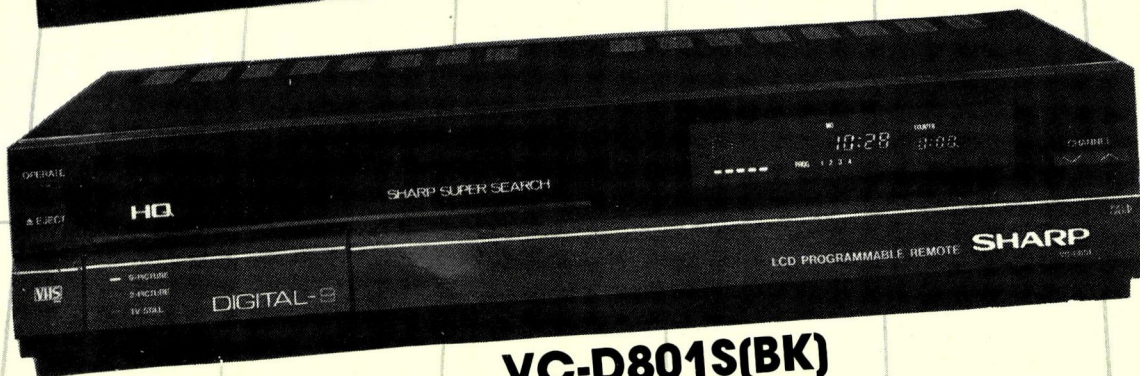
WQ-T351Z(BK)

WQ-13312
Stereo Radio Cassette Recorder.
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VC-D801S(BK)

VC-D801S(BK)
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Voice and View

Photocentre offers the best in audio

The name Photocentre is well known to the people of Oman. It is a complete audi-video centre and has a complete range of products catering to the needs of every class of audiophile.

The R and D departments of these famous companies are constantly engaged in the hunt to keep themselves abreast in supplying the latest innovations and technology to the Consumer. New products are manufactured which carry the stamp of quality and reliability. Thus at Photocentre we are assured of this together with their excellent service.

Not content to rest on their laurels, Photocentre is trying to improve the service that they offer the customer. We met Mr. Mohammad Ali Said Kharusi, Proprietor.

Mr. Kharusi said "We would like to improve our service to the customer. Often an individual buys a musical instrument or a music system and does not know how to utilise it to the maximum. We will have training centres for such people, to show them how to use the equipment they have bought from us. The relation between us and the customer will not end with the money exchanging hands, but we want a satisfied customer. There will also a training centre for showing people how to use computers and software they buy from us.

"In the past we have had many seminars on photography and we are planning more to introduce people to the art of photography."

Photocentre has come up with a unique idea of setting up Bureaus where it will be possible to rent out studios together with the technical equipment. "We want to encourage creativity amongst the common man, who otherwise could not afford to pursue his hobbies".

Mr. Kharusi appreciated the staff of Photocentre. "We are very lucky to have them. We have invested in the quality of our staff and they are highly talented and motivated, this has made our company what it is today."



Mr. Mohammad Ali Said Kharusi.

Photocentre's staff is sent regularly to the suppliers for further training. In fact a photographer is going for a 2 year course, for training abroad.

A new showroom is soon to be opened in the OK Centre. This will have the regular products as well as a processing center. New showrooms are also to be opened in the interior. "It will be in keeping with our aim to provide service and support, especially after sales, to our customers all over the country. We encourage constructive criticism for this strengthens the bond between the customer and us. We want to meet their demands and requirements and so improve ourselves."

Photocentre is going to have a fresh new look and the man to bring it about is Mr. Abhijit Bhattacharjee - their Consultant Creative Director. He joined Photocentre a month ago and has worked for leading Ad agencies in India and abroad. Mr. Bhattacharjee finds Oman to be a totally different market from the others he has worked in. "The relation between the

buyer and seller is very different and the constraints imposed make it necessary for us to consider new ideas and not have the same 'stick in the mud' attitude. Fortunately Photocentre has a great range of some of the best products in the audio-video market. These names are already world famous. We will identify the different class sections who buy our varied products, then aim our advertising towards them rather than do it in a haphazard way. All the classes who can be influenced should be targeted."

Photocentre promises the best - whether the product or the service.

Bang and Olufsen

Bang & Olufsen have a wonderful world of sound and picture which have the ability to make life richer and more exciting. They have eliminated the rigid borders that separate sound and picture units. You can put together an integrated audio-video system on the basis of particular needs. They do not have to be placed together, but can be operated by one handy remote control. This is possible with the Master Control Link System.

B&O have a lighter, slimmer colour TV which have a discrete built in handle to move it around. You can have access to as many TV stations as you want, and the stereo TV creates

high quality stereo sound. Thanks to the contrast screen the picture is clear and full of detail even when the sun is the brightest. There is a new generation of video recorders to match the TVs.

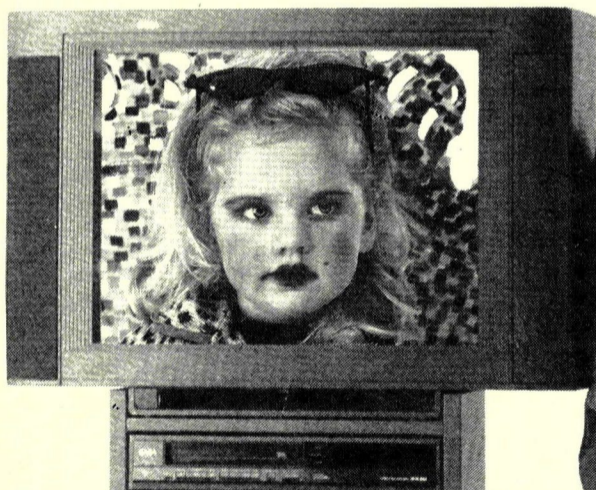
B&O's most advanced music system consists of modules that are unique Hi-fi products in their own right. These can be used separately or together and all can be operated by the remote control.

The Beocenter 9000 is one example of impressive design and high technical quality and convenience of operation. It is an advanced triple combination consisting of an AM/FM tuner, fully automatic cassette tape recorder and a latest CD player.

This is not all, there is much more that B&O has to offer, drop in at the Photocentre and have a look.

SABA - Saba is one of the major brand names from West Germany. It is more than 150 years in the consumer electronic market. Saba with its future oriented technology, classical beauty of design and convenience of operation, easily stands out amongst the other models available.

The new full square picture tube offer substantially greater image content with unsurpassed colour brilliance through black matrix technology. This enhances contrast, colour purity and sharpness of contours.



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Voice and View

National — great range

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models are TC AL2190, 21" with flat square tube and National's newly developed ART (aberration reducing triode) electron gun to boost precision and enhance picture quality, and new top model 29" - TC AL2995 with FST and built in stereo Hi-Fi amplifier and ART.

The last few years have seen a growing trend towards larger TV screens in markets all over the world due to basically rapid expansion of VTR market and wide availability of video tapes and discs and also higher picture quality and sound quality. National meets this demand with a new series that incorporates some of today's most advanced technology. All models feature superb picture quality, high audio fidelity and bold and original design.

Models to be introduced are - TC AV29XR - 29" CTV, TC AV33XR the ultimate 33" CTV with 17 system, Black FST, 30 position auto search, TV/VTR dual remote, etc.

The VCRs, National is way ahead of its competitors and controls almost 50 per cent market share. Its VCRs are extremely popular in Oman, the secret being in bringing out a new and reliable range each year and keeping the price competitive. Popular model is still NV G10EM, the 2 system VCR.

New models

Besides this, the range consists of NV G130EM - 2 System, NV G220EM - 2 System, NV G300EM - 3 System, NC G500EM - Multi-system, which are all equipped with digital scanner and many advanced features. Top of the range is NV G500EM multi-system VCR nick-named 'World View' as it can be used any where in the world.

Two new models in the 2 system VCRs to be launched soon, are NV L150 and NV L250, with revolutionary design and advanced features. Both models have NTSC play back with PAL, TV, digital tracking, 10 key wireless remote unified with LCD Digital Scanner etc.

In Camcorders the NV M7EM and MC 10EM introduced last year continue to be in demand and have good sales.

National is also the first to introduce the Super VHS. The new S-VHS, or Super-VHS, system is the result of extensive research and development focusing specifically on meeting the higher picture quality demands of VTRs in this new age. S-VHS is a video format based on the VHS format. But S-VHS represents an entirely different — and far superior — level of picture quality. With horizontal resolution of over 400 lines, S-VHS pictures have mar-

kedly lower noise, higher clarity, and more vivid colour. Its quality sets standards worthy of the new media age. The S-VHS Movie Camera does not stand alone - National has also developed high-performance S-VHS tapes for higher density recording and large-screen TVs with S-Video terminals. These let the viewer take fullest advantage of the awesome potential of S-VHS. With this, National has given the new age a brilliant inauguration.

Two new models in Super-VHS Camcorders are being introduced. The NV MS1EP in full size cassette and the NV MS50 in compact cassette. Both are being introduced from early '89.

To make Camcorders accessible to the common man, National has the answer in Video Movie Camera NV MC6E which would have all the basic features and are very economically priced.

National was the Worldwide Video Equipment Sponsor for 1988 Olympics and a video Camcorder was gifted to Oman Olympic Committee by National for 1988 Olympic Games.

National is represented by Oman Marketing and Services Co. (OMASCO) in Oman. Mr. Ru Baqai, the Divisional Manager told us "last year we had organised a Video Fair in Oman. This was the first of its kind, it was to make the public aware of the many benefits of Camcorders. This was a thumping success. This year we are having a similar fair.

"In spite of the rising yen we have kept our prices very attractive and cater to the needs of the common man. This is why we have the highest share of the market and are the market leaders in quality and reliability."

Every year one of the most eagerly awaited events is the National Ramadhan sale. They have many schemes for dealers also. From January 89 to March 89 they are having Audio Video Schemes. The prizes include a trip to the Far East and vehicles.

Mr. Suhail said "A super promotional scheme was launched at the SAF shops (MOD). There were many attractive prizes including a Honda Civic car.

"We already have 2 showrooms in the Capital area and 1 in Salalah. We are planning to open one in the posh area of Qurum. Our service center has just moved to new and spacious premises in Muttrah. We have fully qualified service engineers specialising in their field."

All National products carry a 1 year warranty. International warranty is available on certain items for countries like India, Pakistan, Egypt, the Philippines and Korea.



Inside the Video Safi library.

Video Safi famous for quality, service

Video Safi is one of the best video lending libraries in town. Conveniently located in the heart of Ruwi - near Rex Cinema, it caters to many clients.

Established on August 17, 1983, it had started with just 500 English movies. Since then it has come a long way. Walking into the shop, the visual impact is of cassettes, cassettes and more cassettes surrounding you. And no wonder, as it has more than 4,000 English titles, 2,500 Hindi titles, 1,200 Malayalam and 1,000 Tamil movies. They are planning to add a selection of Marathi movies too. In short, at Video Safi you will get your choice of movie no matter what language you want.

The selection of the movies is very wide — blockbusters, romances, adventures, cartoons, thrillers, wrestling and educational.

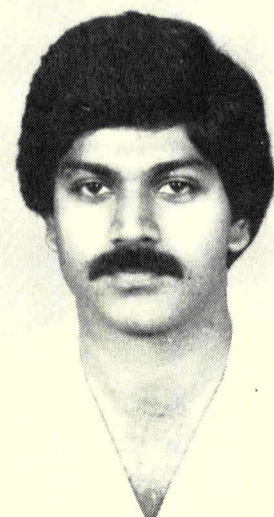
Video Safi has more than 2,000 members, who are from the top strata of society - top executives

and professionals.

Mr. Ashraf of Video Safi says: "The reason is that we specialise in English movies which we directly import ourselves. We supply them to other video libraries too. We are assured of the quality of the print and we are very strict about recording only from originals. We have special recording equipment and only best quality cassettes are used.

"Any one borrowing a cassette from our library is assured that our cassette will not spoil his video machine. Our standards are high and this is what the customer appreciates when he is coming to us. Besides, our staff are very polite and gives good service to our clients."

There is both individual and group membership available. Many prestigious hotels and companies have taken advantage of the group membership terms and take movies regularly from Video Safi. There are easy terms for the individual member. The basic charge is very low and when you consider the quality of the movie and the fact that you are getting the latest movies in town, it is worthwhile to become a regular customer of Video Safi.



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Dyanora is designed to heighten the audio-visual experience

Khimji Ramdas is well known for the quality products that they sell. From household goods, appliances, electronic items to luxurious haute couture, the company deals with them all.

Six months ago they had brought Dyanora TV to Oman. It is the product of collaboration between Dyanora (India) and Thompson (France). In fact the models available with Khimji are the exact Thompson models, that are available at double the prices.

Dyanora is a big company with 11 factories in India. Their TV's are very sleek with sophisticated lines - an overall beauty which will add to the decor of any home. There is more behind the good looks of the TV. They are designed to heighten audio visual pleasure of the viewers. Every Dyanora TV goes through vigorous quality control checks at every stage of manufacture. Dyanora believes that the testing ground should be the factory and not the home.

There are 3 models avail-

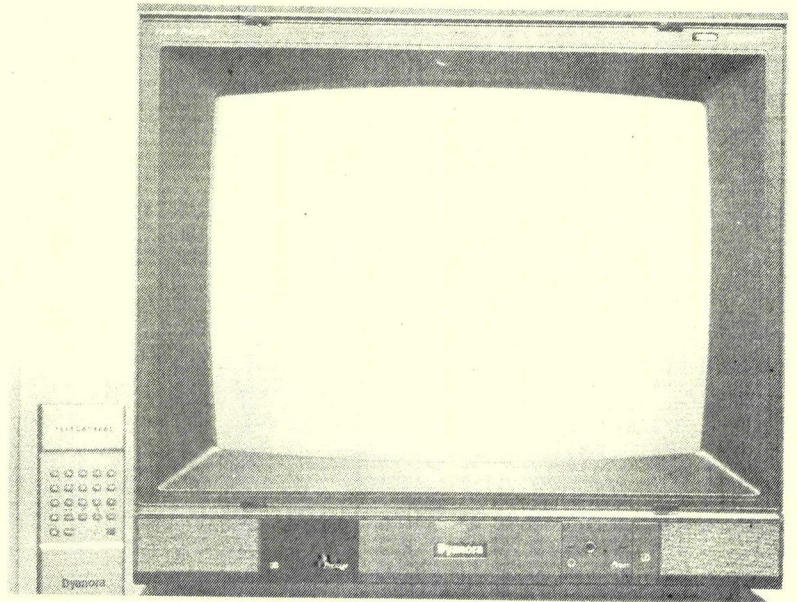
able.

The Prestige Model 720 ID-20" with remote control.

The Wonder Colour Model CTR212Mk1 with remote control.

The Wonder Colour Model CTR "212Mk2 with remote control.

Mr. Bhupendra Jesrani, in charge of Dyanora sales says "The response to the Dyanora TV has been very good especially with the Indian expatriates, who find it very economical to take back with them. An additional advantage is that with the proper papers, there is only the excise to be paid and no customs duty. Khimji's have nominated clearing agents in the major cities in India, who can be contacted, in case of difficulty at the customs. They recommend that under no circumstance should the duty be paid."



Dyanora — Model 720ID

The local market is also finding the Dyanora TV a good buy and find that it compares very favourably, with other models - both the quality and the prices. After sales service is very good, the problem is rectified in less than 48 hours. Their service personnel is trained in India and every few

months their engineers come to Oman to solve any problems that may have arisen.

Dyanora has its own R and D labs which manufacture components which are approved by the Government of India and they replace parts that were earlier imported.

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as Casio introduces the world's first Portable Double keyboard-the DM 100.

Digital Sampling Keyboards: which open up a whole new world of musical enjoyment. By letting you create the actual sounds used in your music, you can digitally "Sample", i.e. record the sound of a barking dog or the nuance of a concert.

The Mini Keyboards: The MT range, which enables you to take that first step into the world of playing and enjoying music. There are models to suit everyone. The new models are with tone bank and special effects function, that lets you choose from up to 465 different PCM sounds.

Arabic Keyboards: Designed to play quarter tone Arabic scale, special rhythms and tones on this keyboard help bring out the beauty of Arabic music. This also has a switch that lets you convert the keyboard into Western scale instantly.

Indicators

Melody and Chord Guide Keyboards: Which motivate you to learn music quickly. They actually show you the notes and chords to play with led indicators, above the keys. And there are 4 different guide levels, so the keyboard adapts, as you improve your skills. A variety of rom-packs lets you choose your musical styles - from classical to pop rock music.

Drum Solo Keyboards: For those wanting to expand the horizons of music, Casio has a line of drum solo keyboards just for this purpose. The MT640 features the new dynamic

bass system with a powerful super woofer and twin full range speakers.



A new product to be available soon (initial consignment has arrived) is the Seiko Phone Card which is slightly bigger than a visiting card and has a storing capacity of 429 names with numbers. So bid goodbye to the hassles of remembering telephone numbers or leafing through a family heirloom dairy. Just get digital and dial.

Casio Piano Sound: If you are looking for an instrument that gives you the full clear sound of a piano without taking up half your living room, Casio's electronic pianos, digital pianos and spinet type keyboards have been specially designed for you. The CPS 700 is a classic example of digital technology bringing out clear authentic piano sounds.

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Voice and View

Sansui — enriching the world of audio and video products

Sansui audio and video products are world famous and they are all practically works of art. A lot of dedication and concentration have gone into all their products. Sansui spends a lot of time designing a component and then rethink and look for different ways in which it can be improved. Sometimes the changes are so small that they cannot be seen, but the ear can discern them, and that is the whole purpose behind the effort put in by Sansui.

Sansui is famous for its tuners and amplifiers. They have found a way to remove all ground related noise and other problems. They use the X-Balanced Circuit to produce sound that is incredibly transparent and well defined in the amplifiers.

The Sansui Super Linear Digital Decoder is designed to rid the tuners of problems caused by interference and they get rid of all unwanted signals and the result is hi-fi reproduction from all stations.

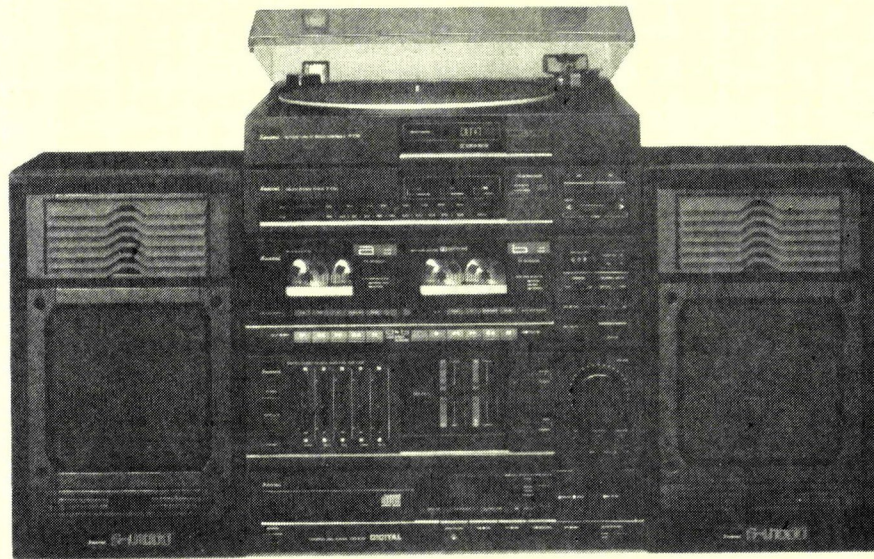
Sansui's Compact Disc players incorporate the best "analog" technology and shut out vibration from their players. To shut out noise, a "master clock system" is used along with independent power supplies for digital and analog circuits, and a balanced transmission system. Remote control units allow control over the CD at your convenience.

Sansui's receivers are made to handle low impedance loads well and with minimum distortion. The Hi-Blend allows you to enjoy hiss-free sound even from weak signal stereo stations.

Graphic equaliser lets you adjust a narrow frequency range without affecting other ranges. Sansui's computer controlled graphic equalisers automatically give you a flat response, overcoming the acoustic quirks of a room. Just press a button and wait a few seconds. One of the equalisers even has the capacity to memorise the equalisations created.

The cassette decks are excellent examples of anti-vibration design, with the use of closed loop dual-capstan drive.

Sansui has sophisticated turntables with their Silent Synchrotron System which has a second motor, vibration is not passed on.



Sansui — superb acoustics technology.

Sansui hi-fi component systems are more convenient than ever. Each system has a remote control and each system accepts two video components—one VCR for recording and playback and the other VCR for playback only. Many Audi/Video components are available to allow you to put artistic touches to your pictures. You can superimpose and mix two pictures too.

Speaker systems allow you to enjoy deep and rich bass even from compact speakers, all Sansui speakers give you quality sound. There are many hi-fi accessories available with Sansui which allow much imaginative use of your systems.

In the forty two years since its establishment, Sansui has constantly worked to create a richer culture of audio by bringing together elec-

tronics and music. The company's fine products quickly established a solid position for Sansui as a leader in audio technology.



Mr. Nand Kumar, Sales Manager of Sansui



The Sansui HG-550 system.

Mordaunt-Short speakers

Mordaunt - Short was founded in 1967 and in this short span of time, it has gained an enviable worldwide reputation as a leading British manufacturer of high quality Hi-Fidelity equipment. Their engineers have applied their skills in formulating designs which have achieved a lasting renown for their consistent qual-

ity. The M.S. amplifiers set new standards and combine aesthetic quality and operational flexibility.

The M.S. loudspeaker range is very versatile and depending on the requirement of the individual, gives an outstanding product of hi-technology and design.

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The General name guarantees the perfection of the product

"General is a well known name in the field of AC's and Refrigerators. General TV's and VCR's are less known but they carry on their proud tradition of quality and perfection," says Mr. Jesrani.

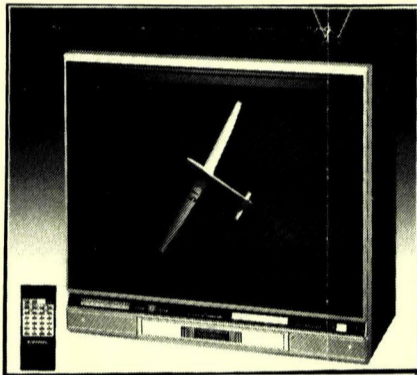
Recently, General amalgamated with a company making computers and now their products are known as Fujitsu General.

Fujitsu General TV's and VCRs have been on the market for some time and they have their band of loyal customers who have expressed their satisfaction with them. They are made in Japan unlike many other models which are being manufactured in other countries with cheaper labour. However this has not affected its prices which are still competitive.

Many models are available in different sizes varying from 14", 20", 21" and 28". The most popular model SPN-2017 is a 20"



**General VCR
VGX - 433G**



**General TV
model SPN - 281**

model with 18 systems which allow you to use the TV global - all over the world. There are 16 channels to choose from.

Other models are available in the new look flat square picture tube which allows you to view the picture at one time. They have on screen channel indication system-SPN212 and SPN211.

SPN-149-14"-8 system colour TV.

SPN-1411-14" 3 system colour TV.

There is a choice to satisfy one and all, and the guarantee of the General name is that it will be an experience that will always satisfy.

General's VGX-715G is a "HQ" VCR system with a 23 function remote control so that you can run the whole show from your arm chair. It has a 2 speed forward and reverse search - you can view the images 5 times or 3 times faster. HQ is high quality video which maximises the quality of your picture and special effects.

Quick Timer Recording gives you plenty of time to run your errands without missing out on your favourite programs.

Plus there are many other features - all in keeping with the excellence one has come to expect from Fujitsu General.

Toshiba a household name

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discerning buyer will be able to resist.

Toshiba's wide product range in Audios and Videos with new and unique features truly reflects the company's commitment to meeting the varied needs of the discerning consumer. Backed by Suhail & Saud Bahwan's extensive network of dealers, showrooms, branches and service centres, Toshiba audio and video products over the years have become an integral part of every home.

Toshiba's "Commitment to people, commitment to future" philosophy is truly reflected in their product development strategies. In a challenging environment Toshiba is focussing on new growth opportunities by launching promising new

models and new products. For example Toshiba has in recent times introduced new models of VCRs offering the latest advances in digitalisation and multiple functions. In addition, a new device has been incorporated to improve picture quality. Toshiba is also developing technology for 'High Definition TV', an area of tremendous potential for future and is going to have significant impact in the home entertainment market.

Toshiba today has become a household name all over the world, enriching the lives of countless millions. Toshiba's range of consumer products covering audio/video, household and lighting fields satisfy the desires of the most diverse and discerning customers worldwide.



The Toshiba 218 Q8M/198 QM.

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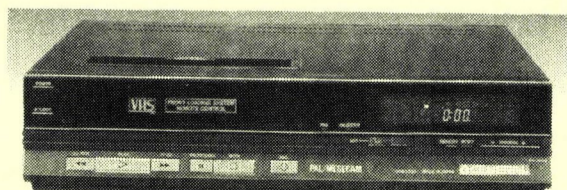


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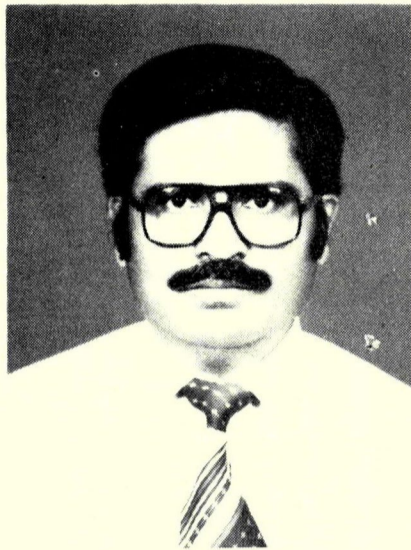
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Voice and View

**Mr. J.S. Suleiman**

Konica Corporation is a pioneer in Japan's visual information industry. It has a wealth of expertise based on its years of leadership in photography. Muscat Apollo Studio and Stores, sole agents for Konica Corporation in Oman deals with films, chemicals, paper, colour paper, mini-labs, compact cameras, audio-video cassettes and floppy discs. Advanced production facilities and talented R&D staff are working together to create products ideally suited to the new age of visual information.

Konica's video tapes offer lasting colour images and sound reproduction of extraordinary accuracy. They have higher durability for longer performance and there is less wear and tear on the VTR heads too. Super-series tapes are housed in black plastic ultra high precision cassette halves offering more powerful protection against heat, cold and shock.

Konica audio cassette tapes represent the pinnacle of photographic sound. Their state-of-the-art repro-



Konica video tape has been named the official video tape of the XI Asian Games.

The Konica difference

duction quality is a result of their exemplary film making technology combined with superlative magnetics engineering knowhow. They have true to life reproduction and are designed to withstand the rigors of frequent handling and usage. There is a wide choice of tape types and lengths available.

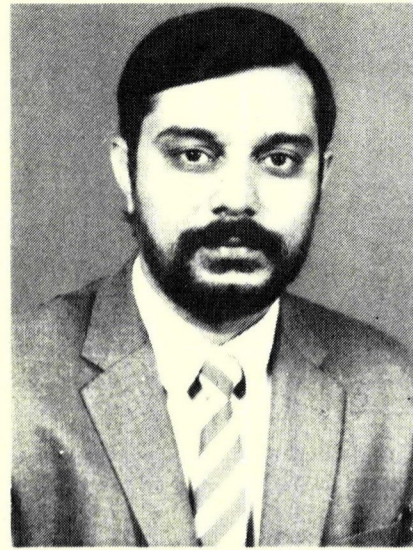
Konica compact cameras are famous for the convenience of usage and the great pictures that they take. Some of the popular cameras are Konica Jump - which is a lightweight weather proof camera with smooth flowing lines and chic colours. This is a camera that will go with you everywhere. Konica POP - is a classic compact camera that is a world wide best seller. Its pop-up flash and fixed

focus make photography pure fun. It is available in a choice of five bright colours.

Konica has labs for sale which can be supplied on order. These labs are for faster and more beautiful prints and represent the peak of photo finishing technology developed through Konica's advanced know how and experience. The latest is Konica Nice Print 6020A which is the latest no-wash mini-lab system. It gives prints in just 17 minutes and it is compact and easy to install.

Konica Video Tapes are the official video tape of the Asian Games, Beijing 1990. They will be incorporating the mascot logo on their new cassette covers.

Muscat Apollo Studios are the

**Mr. E. Ismail Sait.**

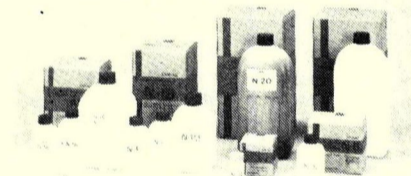
agents for Konica in Oman. "We were established on July 2 1979 with just one showroom on Ruwi High Street and the second showroom followed six months later. This was on the Rex Road. Recently a third has been opened on High Street and we have a video lending library, too," said Mr. J.S. Suleiman, the Manager. Their new colour lab prints your film in just 20 minutes, as you wait.

Mr. E. Ismail Sait, the Marketing Manager, discussed how the Muscat Apollo Studio was different from the other shops selling photographic equipment. "We are unique in that we are exclusively into photography. Our main business is photography or its accessories. Our shop has an indoor studio where you can have a portrait made or even coverage of parties and other functions is undertaken."

Muscat Apollo is now embarking on a concerted campaign aimed at nationals to capture a large share of the Oman domestic market for films and cameras, Mr. Sait said.

World's first No-Wash processing chemicals

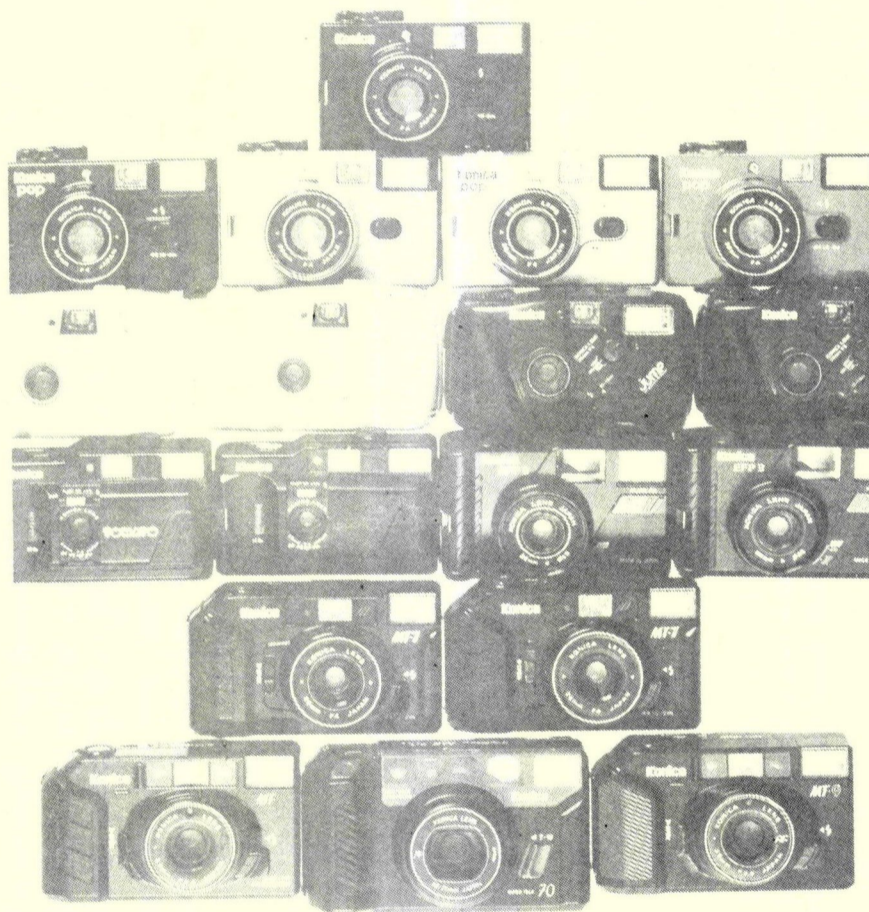
Color Negative Film Processing Chemicals



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Another first for Konica.



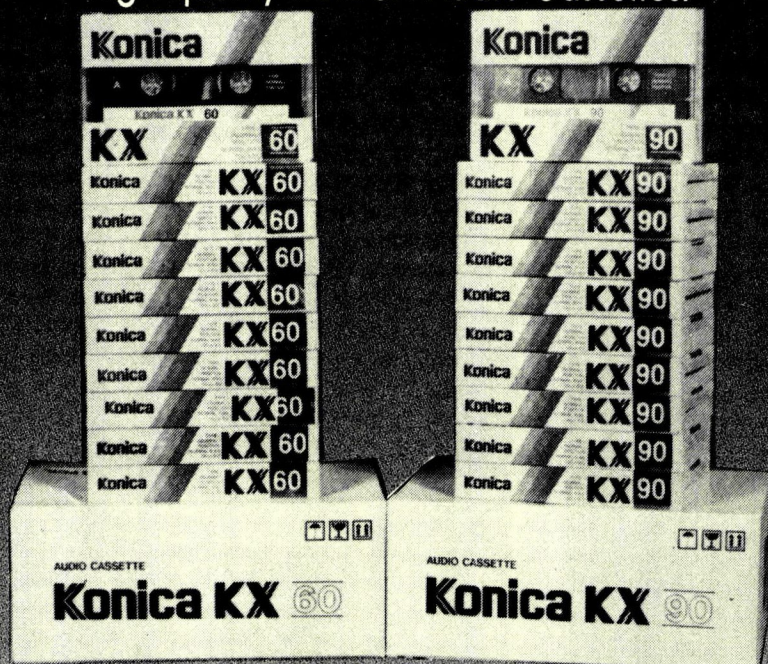
The wide selection of compact cameras from Konica.



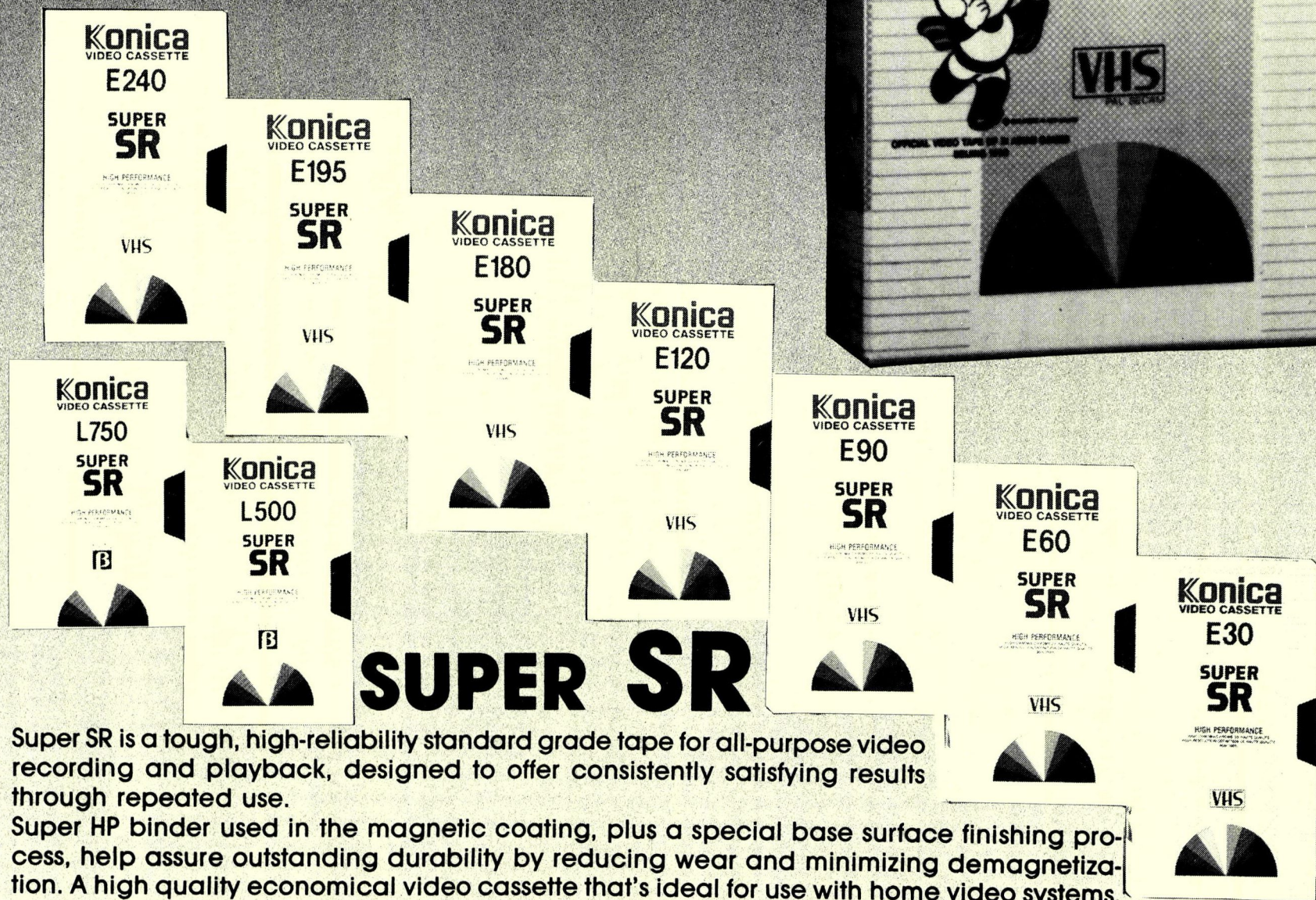
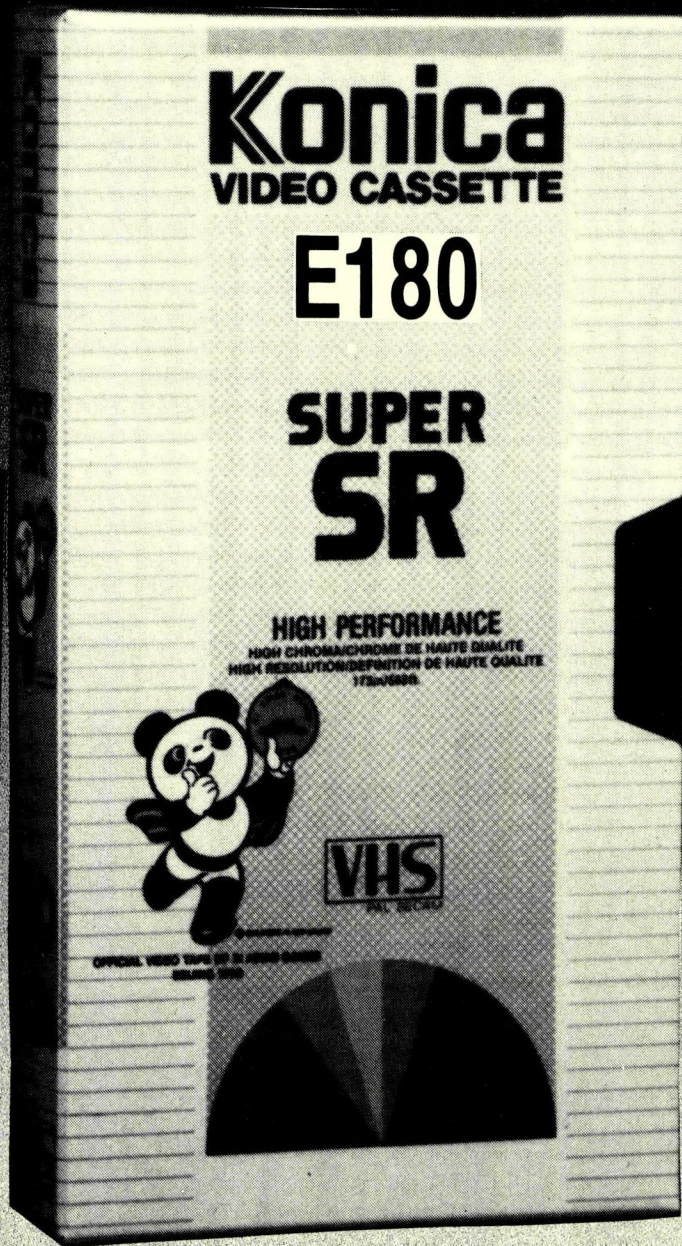
Konica's new Nice Print System is the latest no-wash mini-lab system. Its special features include the Quick Access System which employs Konica's new colour QA paper.

Brighter Color, Richer Sound with New Konica Video Cassette Tapes.

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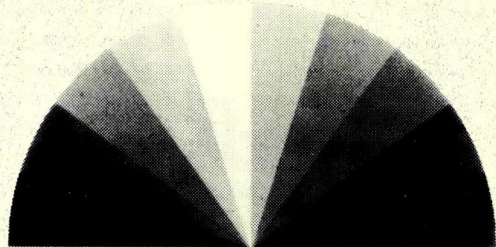


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Voice and View

Philips - one step ahead

Philips colour television has all the features for maximum viewing enjoyment today, plus everything you need to take advantage of tomorrow's new broadcasting technologies.

Teletext, stereo sound, audio/video system inter-connection - Philips colour TV has the answers. But as well as advanced features, their colour TVs give you all the quality and performance you'd expect from the world-famous Philips brand. Like brilliant, true-to-life colour reproduction, and superb natural sound quality.

Contributing to the outstanding performance is Philips' advanced TV technology — with electronic station search using computer controlled digital tuning, integrated Teletext decoders, spatial stereo and EURO audio/video interconnection facilities. Plus a full function remote control, including the Philips green button for instant selection of your preferred settings.

Finally there is Philips' unbeatable styling. Sleek and modern, making each set a perfect match for any interior decor. Add up all the Philips' plus points in colour TV, and it's clear why our sets are the "Number One Worldwide."

Philips Colour TVs suit every pocket ranging between tiny 14-inch to large 33-inch screen. Yet another model joining the line-up this year is a large 28 inch TV Model 28CT 8890 with flat tube for a better and large picture, 2000 character for improved display of computer information stereo sound, two-speaker system for high quality sound output of 20 watts, remote control with teletext with page number survey, 20-page number permanent memory.

Confirming the superior quality of Philips television receivers and video cassette recorders, each one carries a full

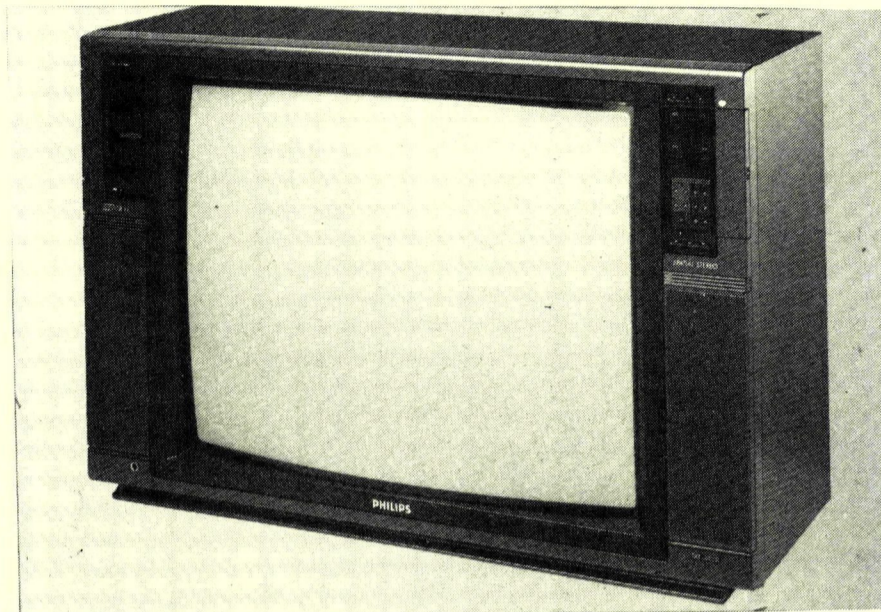
year's international warranty covering both labour and parts. This warranty applies throughout the world, and is handled by their extensive network of service centres.

The Philips range of Hi-Fi audio equipment provides a balanced choice of units to suit every audio enthusiast. There is a wide and varied selection from complete rack systems, separate units such as compact disc players and record players, music centres, cassette decks, loudspeakers to high performance accessories. Every item in the Philips hi-fi is an example of advanced audio technology. Whatever your choice, you will get the highest standard of performance, reliability and true value for money.

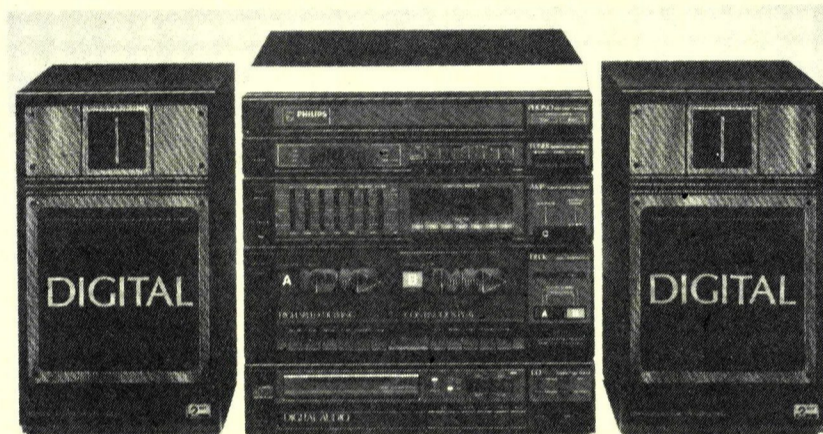
Two new compact Hi-Fi systems have recently been introduced to offer a wider choice to the customer F-1275 consisting of Record player, Tuner, double cassette deck, amplifier and loudspeakers. The second model FCD 474 consists of a full programmable CD player, with memory for up to 20 tracks, motorized front loading tray, track skip and music search control keys for skipping to any following or previous track, and pause key for short interruptions.

The amplifier possesses 550w ultra high power, 5-band graphic equalizer, volume slide controls with automatic loudness and front panel headphone and microphone sockets. The model also features a 2-way loudspeaker system and high efficiency 5 1/4" wide range speaker and tweeter.

The Philips range of compact disc players offers the highest sound quality, the greatest operating ease and the best reliability. Simply because Philips the inventors of the compact disc system are far ahead.



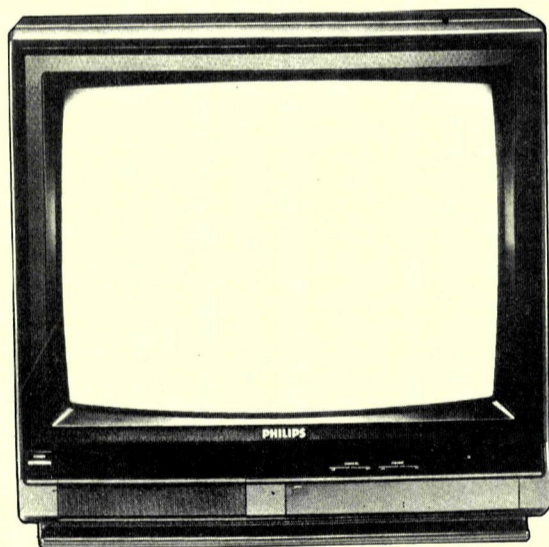
Philips' trendset FSQ offers a big picture.



The FCD 474 compact disc stereo player.

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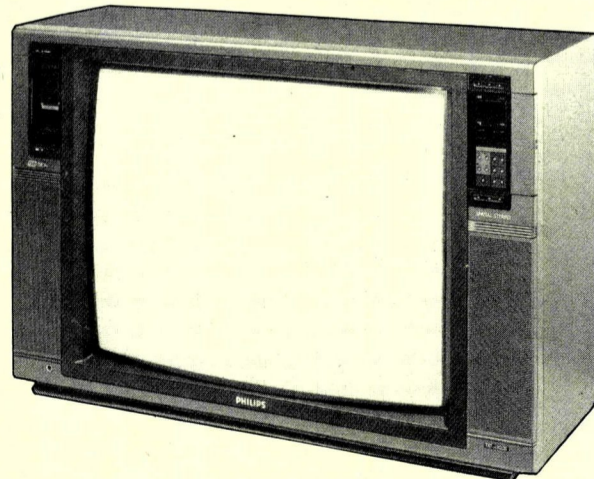
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