

Obituaries



romance Ruy Blas, and *The Mad Adventures of Rabbi Jacob* (1973). The latter told of an anti-semitic French businessman on his way to his daughter's wedding who has to disguise himself as a rabbi to escape assassins, ending up at a barmitzva. A comedy with serious intent – an anti-semitic comes to like Jews – it has many amusing moments, although two men falling into a vat of chewing gum is not one of them. It was one of the few de Funes vehicles to appeal to American audiences. Nevertheless, the film, which came out at the time

of his golden age of "cinéma de papa".

He is survived by the actor Michele Morgan, with whom he lived for the last 50 years, and his daughter, Danielle Thompson (by the actor Jacqueline Roman), who co-wrote most of her father's films, and who has become a light comedy director herself.

Ronald Bergan

Gérard Oury (Max-Gérard Houry Tannenbaum), film director, born April 29 1919; died July 20 2006

an Games in successfully fans took Laxman His hour of greatest yo Olympics in t Pakistan 1-0 in the It, Laxman was the victorious team la's highest sports red Arjuna award. ed India in the kok and again beat medal. In 1967 h the prestigious the president of achievements. was no place for o Olympics squad announced retire- n Mexico, setting in decline in a sport it

had dominated for decades. In 1979 Laxman retired as an honorary captain in the Maratha Light Infantry.

Forgotten by the hockey authorities and aficionados alike, Laxman lived in poverty – and was then diagnosed with gangrene. Doctors advised amputation but he preferred naturopathic remedies. The £300 provided by the Madhya Pradesh sports ministry towards his treatment was seen more as humiliation than help, while Laxman's grandson criticised what he saw as the indifference of the Indian Hockey Federation.

Laxman was cremated at Mhow with full military honours. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and a son.

Haresh Pandya

Shankar Laxman, sportsman, born July 7 1933; died April 29 2006

Other lives

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Announcements

DEATH NOTICES

DROMGOOLE, Jenny (nee DAVIS), beloved mother of Sean, Jessica and Dominic, adored grandmother of Maud, Siofra, Grainne, Agnes, Somerset and Cara, and cherished friend of too many to mention. Peacefully on July 25, at home with her family around her. Funeral 2pm, Thursday August 3, Westop Crematorium. No flowers by request.

NORRIS, Melanie Francesca, peacefully in her sleep at Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, Farnham on 21 July 2006. Daughter of the late Ted and Margaret, sister of Susan (also recently deceased), Felicity, Stephen and Genevieve, sister-in-law of Ray and Ian, she will be greatly missed. Funeral service and cremation at 11am on Monday 31 July at Guildford Crematorium. Flowers welcome or if preferred donations to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, both c/o Robert Ayling Funeral Service (01483) 567333.

STADEN, Nicola Abdo, Professor Emeritus American University of Beirut, passed away peacefully on 27th July 2006 aged 98. Father to Raïd and Basim, grandfather to Kinza, Maliana, Ghida, Marwan, Neda, Nayla and great grandfather to Noor and Samer. Funeral took place at St Mary's Orthodox Church Beirut, Lebanon on Friday 28th July 2006.

BIRTHS

WINTERBURN, On 27 July 2006, to Harriet and Thom, a boy, Wyndham Blake; a brother to Walter and William.

gdanovich, film wler, cricketer, 43; er and songwriter, hill, opera singer, **Harman**, MP, tional affairs, 56; **Wyn Knowles**, editor, BBC's Hour, 83; **Lisa**, actor, 43; **Diana**, campaigner for of crime, 70; **Prof** **ence Martin**, ormer director, lute of nal Affairs, 78; **Sir**, parliamentary

commissioner for standards, 59; **Lord (Bill) McCarthy**, industrial relations arbiter, 81; **Terry O'Neill**, photographer, 68; **Pollyanna Pickering**, wildlife artist, 64; **Peter Plouviez**, former general secretary, Equity, 75; **Sonia Proudman**, QC, lawyer, 57; **Jason Robinson**, England world cup-winning rugby international, 32; **David Sanborn**, musician, 62; **Arnold Schwarzenegger**, actor, governor of California, 59; **Sir Clive Sinclair**, inventor, 66; **Hilary Swank**, actor, 32; **Daley Thompson**, athlete, 48; **Frances de la Tour**, actor, 62; **Christopher Warren-Green**, violinist, 51; **Fields Wicker-Muirin**, publisher and finance director, 48; **Rex Williams**, snooker champion, 73.

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