



Star guest: Ruby Wax with Fergie

## Now Miss Wax seals a deal with Sharon

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**AFTER** Fergie, Imelda Marcos and Pamela Anderson, BBC TV comic Ruby Wax has a new conquest — Sharon Stone.

The Hollywood star has agreed to be the next guest on Ruby Wax Meets... after a personal "demand" from the cheeky television host.

"Our secret weapon really is Ruby herself," said a BBC insider. "She just goes to Hollywood and starts banging on doors and she just won't take no for an answer. It shows Sharon Stone is game for a laugh."

It is thought Wax, 43, flew out to California this week for the interview which will be screened in January or February.

She is expected to spring the same tricks on Stone as she did with the Duchess of York — one mission undoubtedly will be to show millions of viewers Stone's "knicker drawer".

Two weeks ago, Wax revealed to 13 million viewers that Fergie kept labels on her



# Telegraph poles, fishing line and a new Sabbath row

by CHRISTOPHER MORGAN

TWO YEARS ago, people in north London heaved a large sigh of relief when an obscure but hugely divisive row involving telegraph poles, fishing line and delicate religious sensibilities was finally settled.

They relaxed too soon. Next week, the dispute over Britain's first so-called Sabbath "freedom zone" will begin again. All the wounds thought to have healed since Environment Secretary John Gummer made his final decision will be opened once more.

Jews use the term "eruv" to describe a symbolic enclosed area which allows them to disregard some of the restrictions of the Sabbath. Men can carry house keys and women handbags, mothers can push prams and invalids use their wheelchairs.

The 6½ square mile Barnet eruv, which stretches across Golder's Green, Hendon, Finchley and Hampstead Garden Suburb, was the result of a six-year battle by Orthodox Jews against council planners and conservationists. Barnet council ruled against but Mr Gummer overruled it.

Now the controversy is about to blow up again because a new application is needed after the demolition of a factory which formed a corner of the eruv boundary.

It is the boundary which causes all the problems. For most of its length, existing fences and walls are used but where there

are gaps, some 1,200 yards of nylon fishing line will have to be strung between 89 telegraph poles.

Frank Davis, a prominent member of the planning committee, said planning permission should be refused.

"The eruv seeks to erect a line of poles which will cut Hampstead Heath in half. This is a unique conservation area, and as a member of the planning committee, I must put my Jewishness aside and observe the Town Planning Act, which says that everything that is done in Hampstead Garden Suburb must preserve and enhance."

The United Synagogue Eruv Committee believes it will create a real advantage for the Jewish community and enhance the quality of Jewish communal life.

However, there are serious divisions among Jews over the issue. The Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations, which has a large number of synagogues in the area, is adamant that it does not want to see the creation of an eruv in the area, believing it will lead to violations of the Sabbath.

But eruv supporter Rabbi Alan Kimche said: "It is simply going to be something similar to a parish boundary or postal district."