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## Greer loses contract and contacts

IAN Greer Associates, the lobbying firm named in last year's cash-for-questions row, is having a run of bad luck.

First, it lost the contract to represent the Big Eight accountancy firms, worth more than £100,000 in fees a year. Then a handful of other clients deserted.

Now three staff are joining APCO, a start-up rival being launched next week by a company called GCI, which is big in public relations.

Former Greer director Simon Milton and two colleagues, Angie Bray and John Fraser, resigned in February and have been champing ever since. I gather that, since they left, two other executives have resigned.

## Just the ticket for Hampel

SIR Ronnie Hampel, now easing into the chairmanship of ICI after toiling as chief executive, is re-shuffling his non-executive portfolio while he ponders life at the top.

He has recently announced he is stepping down from the board of Commercial Union but has enthusiastically taken up another appointment as a member of the committee of the All-England Club, the organisation running Wimbledon. "It's an unpaid, voluntary job but after the pleasure I've got out of Wimbledon and tennis I'm looking forward to putting something back into the game."

Perhaps he will do something to scrap the annual ritual of the ticket tout persecution and encourage the club to introduce and run a secondary market in Wimbledon tickets. If he does, we'll print the prices in the paper.

## Smile when you say that

GERMANS are boring—official. A new brochure from the Berlin economic

## CITY DIARY



NEIL Murray, corporate finance partner at City law firm Travers Smith & Braithwaite, is a brave chap. Pictured above, he has realised a lifetime's ambition by making a pop record containing "songs about love, teenage innocence and ambition".

The disc, Return to Malibu, was released last week by Freestyle Records, whose spokesman says it is "a wonderful appreciation of basic human instincts, feelings and longings". Murray, 38,

apparently has a "distinct new sound. A mixture of jangly guitars, catchy riffs and melodies, an energising drum beat." Freestyle's blurb says he learned to play the guitar, aged eight, with two pieces of wood and an elastic band. He was a fan of the New Wave music in the late 1970s. Of the title, Murray says: "Maybe it sums up the notion of returning to something you've always wanted to do." I'm not sure that's possible, but what do I know?