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GUYANA'S MOST WIDELY CIRCULATED NEWS

## Public canoodling

NEW YORK (Reuters) - New Yorkers were all atwitter on Thursday over the highly public canoodling of one of their most high-flying celebrity couples — Pale Male and Lola.

The two red-tailed hawks have been spotted flagrantly mating all around the neighbourhood of the ritzy

Fifth Avenue apartment building where they were evicted, then restored to a brand new, architect-designed love nest last December.

"It's hard to miss them now. They're seriously trying to propagate," bird-watcher Marie Winn told Reuters.

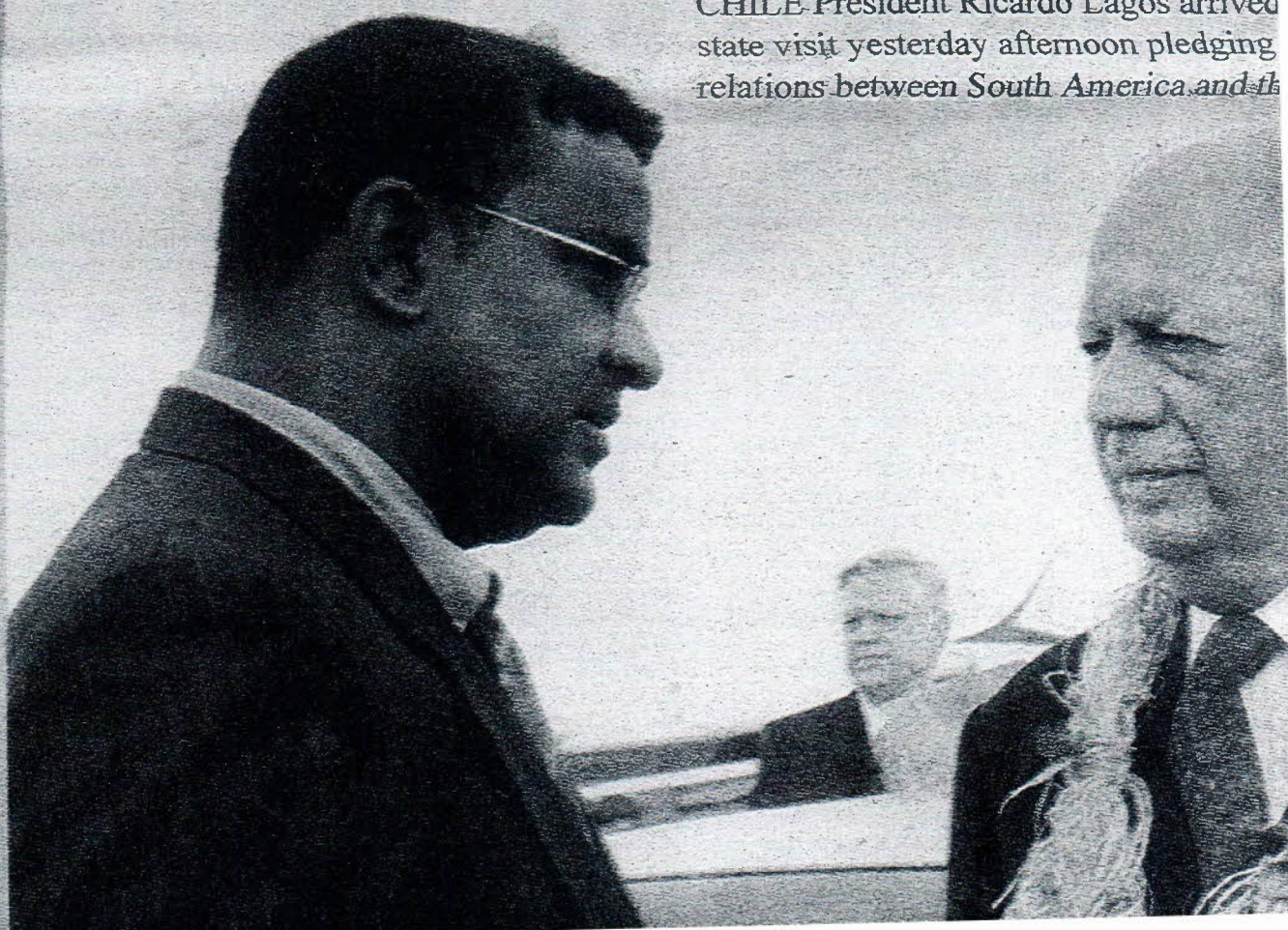
The mating was front-page news for the tabloid New York Post, but Winn said that, hormones being what they are, the mating was never in doubt. The only question, she said, was whether the hawks would take to their old nesting site, which was rebuilt in stainless steel and protected by spikes.

"They didn't reject to it," Winn reported.



# CHILE PRESIDENT OPENS GUYANA VISIT

CHILE President Ricardo Lagos arrived for a state visit yesterday afternoon pledging to improve relations between South America and the Caribbean.



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**GUYANA WELCOME:** Timehri Primary School Grade Six student, Beverly Mounter garlands President Ricardo Lagos at the airport. (Winston Oudkekr photo)

# Chile President opens Guyana visit

## CARICOM heads adopt President's proposals on sugar

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CARIBBEAN Community (CARICOM) heads of government, at their 16th half-yearly summit in Paramaribo, Suriname, have accepted the proposals of President Bharrat Jagdeo on sugar, the Government Information Agency (GINA) has reported.

It said Mr. Jagdeo on Wednesday presented a position paper on issues relating to sugar.

The paper addresses issues in the industry in the face of the European Union's proposal to reform its sugar regime.

Caribbean sugar producers are not willing to compromise in their demands that the EU should soften its plan to reduce the preferential terms under which they export their product to the EU market, Mr Jagdeo told reporters in Paramaribo on Wednesday.

He said the EU's planned overhaul of its sugar regime wanted to reduce by 37 per cent over a three-year period starting in 2006 the price it pays for sugar from developing producers, including members of the 15-nation CARICOM.

The Caribbean states say that if this proposal is imple-

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Demerara.

Georgetown Mayor Hamilton Green, welcoming the Chilean leader, recalled that he was instrumental at the United Nations in highlighting the plight of poor and developing countries.

Green said the friendship made during this visit would provide a basis for a lasting relationship between Guyana and Chile and help to fulfill the dream of more trade between the Caribbean and South America.

The Chilean President's navy and white aircraft touched down at the airport at 16:30 hrs.

He was greeted by President Jagdeo and accorded a red carpet welcome and a 21-gun salute.

Accompanied by a delegation of about six, Lagos was garlanded by Timehri Primary School Grade Six student, Beverly Mounter.

The Chilean President, who is a trained economist and attorney, is expected to travel to Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados after he leaves Guyana tomorrow.

Lagos was elected Chile President in 2000, and for most Chileans, he is remembered as the man who, some 16 years ago, gave a bold televised criticism of General Pinochet at the time that the military strongman was still in power. (Reporting by Jasmine Sahoye and Chamanlall Naipaul)



**KEY TO THE CITY:** Chilean President Ricardo Lagos gets the symbolic key to the city from Mayor of Georgetown, Hamilton Green on his arrival at City Hall yesterday. (Gallen Bess-Nelson photo)

## Chile flies in relief supplies

THE Chilean government is sending aid to the government of Guyana to continue assisting flood victims, the World Food Programme (WFP) announced yesterday.

It said a Hercules C-130 aircraft with 400 boxes of non-perishable basic foodstuff, mattresses, blankets and potable water was expected here early this morning.

The Guyanese government, through the Civil Defence Commission, will receive the shipment and transport the commodities to the warehouses for immediate distribution, the WFP said.

The government of Chile is also helping the WFP airlift 14 tonnes of food from Ecuador for flood victims on the East Coast Demerara.

The shipment will consist of 8.7 tonnes of high energy biscuits and 5.7 tonnes canned tuna that will complete the WFP food assistance package to the Government of Guyana to assist the most vulnerable families in the East Coast flooding.

# Chilean President due on state visit today

CHILEAN President Ricardo Lagos is due this afternoon on a three-day state visit which will include talks with President Bharrat Jagdeo and attending the formal inauguration of the new Caribbean Community (CARICOM) secretariat headquarter complex at Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown.

His visit follows closely on that of Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and coincides with the arrival here of several CARICOM heads of government for tomorrow's opening of the secretariat complex.

President Jagdeo will meet President Lagos on arrival at the Cheddi Jagan International Airport at Timehri where the visitor will be accorded a 21-gun welcoming salute.

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to host at his official State House residence tomorrow, officials said.

Lagos is due to leave Guyana Sunday morning.

The Chilean government last week flew in food and other supplies for the Guyana Government's flood relief programme.

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) said the consignment sent on a Hercules C-130 aircraft comprised 400 boxes of non-perishable basic foodstuff, mattresses, blankets and potable water.

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Among matters Lagos is expected to raise with President Jagdeo and other CARICOM leaders here is the candidacy of Chile's Interior Minister, Jose Miguel Insulza as the new Secretary General of the Organisation of American States (OAS).

The other candidates for the OAS top post are Mexico's Foreign Secretary Luis Derbez and the former President of El Salvador Francisco Flores.

Lagos was elected Chile President in 2000 and for most Chileans he is remembered as the man who, some 16 years ago, gave a bold televised criticism of General Pinochet at a time that the military strongman was still in power.

BBC News said he criticised the general for the "years of torture, murder and human rights violations" and expressed his disgust at the thought that Gen Pinochet wanted to rule Chile for 25

years.

But that televised attack on General Pinochet's rule was not Ricardo Lagos's first instance of opposition to the general, according to the BBC.

He had served in the government of Salvador Allende - the man that Gen Pinochet deposed in a bloody military coup in 1973 - and he remained a long-time dissident of the military regime.

Lagos was born on 2 March 1938, and attended the University of Chile where he received a law degree.

He left Chile for the U.S. where he studied for a doctorate in economics at Duke University in North Carolina.

He continued in academia before working for the United Nations as an economist from 1978 until 1984.

Back in Chile in the 1980s, he headed a coalition of all parties opposed to the Pinochet regime and in 1986 he was arrested and detained without charge for three weeks following an assassination attempt on General Pinochet in which five of his bodyguards were killed.

In 1987, Ricardo Lagos formed the Party for Democracy (PPD) which is now part of the ruling Concertacion alliance.

Following the return of democracy to Chile in 1990, Lagos served first as education minister for two years and then as public works minister in the government of former president Eduardo Frei from 1994 to 1998.

Mr Lagos, who is widely regarded as moderate leftist, is Chile's first socialist president since Salvador Allende was overthrown.

# Chile's President arrives



The President of Chile, Ricardo Lagos, signing the visitor's book at Concert Hall, City Hall, Georgetown yesterday while Mayor of Georgetown, Hamilton Green watches on. (*Jules Gibson photo*)

## Lagos urges close Latam, Caricom partnership

Chilean President Ricardo Lagos has called for a closer relationship between Latin America and the Caribbean.

Lagos made this appeal yesterday while responding to Mayor Hamilton Green's welcome and presentation of a symbolic key to the city. The President of Chile is on a three-day state visit to Guyana. He arrived yesterday and will be leaving Guyana tomorrow. His visit coincides with the opening ceremony today for the new Caricom Secretariat headquarters building.

Lagos hailed the commissioning of the new Caricom headquarters building as a significant step for the Caribbean.

The Chilean President said multilateralism and integration should not only be economic but should also have political elements that would contribute toward a partnership, which would allow for the region to speak in one voice.

He noted that in the present global situation a partnership should, "see to what

extent you can participate with our own goods and cultures and still be partners."

With the strengthening of bonds between different regions and groups, "we will be able to improve as human beings and help our own system."

The President said he was aware of Guyana's recent disaster and also understood it was a difficult moment this is why Chile decided to stand by Guyana from the beginning. He used this as an illustration to point out that this is how the Caribbean and Latin America should work.

The Mayor in his speech recognised the coinciding of the Chilean President's visit with the opening ceremony for the Caricom headquarters today and expressed the hope that it would serve to help strengthen ties between Georgetown and Santiago. He spoke of disasters faced by Chile and also commended Lagos on his past work as a United Nations economist where he placed emphasis on the plight of the world's small nations.

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To: Michelle, Panama

STABROEK NEWS, Saturday, February 12, 2005

## Chilean plane brings flood relief

### Lots of tuna, high-energy biscuits in pipeline

The Chilean Government on Thursday morning sent an aircraft with basic foodstuff and other supplies to the Government of Guyana to continue assisting victims of the floods.

The plane was also to fly to Ecuador later to return with World Food Programme (WFP) supplies.

Public Information Officer, Gabriela Flores told *Stabroek News* that the Hercules C-130 brought 400 boxes of basic foodstuff, mattresses and potable water. The Civil Defence Commission received the shipment on behalf of the Government of Guyana for immediate distribution.

A press release from the UN's WFP stated that the government of Chile is also donating the flight to airlift the 14 metric tonnes (MT) of food from Ecuador to continue assisting flood victims on the East Coast. The cargo will transport 8.7 MT of high-energy biscuits and 5.7 MT of canned tuna that will complete the WFP food assistance package for the most vulnerable families in the East Coast flooding.

Flores also told *Stabroek News* that a box of food can feed a family of about five persons and it should last for about one week. According to her, the Government of Guyana asked Chile for help in whatever way possible and that country then agreed to give assistance.

The WFP is the world's largest humanitarian agency. In 2003 the organisation gave aid to a record 104 million people in 81 countries, including 56 million hungry children.