

Business On Television

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Economist Dr Peter Bacon assesses the results of his advice to Government over the past few years on *Agenda* (Sunday, noon, TV3; repeated 10.55 p.m.). He tells the programme what he believes the Government should be doing now during the slump. Also Ernst Malmstem, founder of the short-lived fashion e-tailer boo.com and author of *Boo Hoo: a dot.com story from concept to catastrophe*, explains how his company became the first major casualty of the internet age.

As plans for major roads are debated by communities throughout the country, *Leargas* (Tuesday, 7p.m., RTE1) explores a controversial proposal in the Muskerry area of Co Cork. Local business people, farmers and environmentalists are worried about the creation of a replacement for the N22 from Macroom to Ballyvourney. More than 5,000 sheep face imminent slaughter because of concerns about an old and worrying disease – scrapie, one of the so-called TSEs (transmissible spongiform encephalopathies), which also include BSE and new variant CJD.

Ear To The Ground (Monday, 8.30 p.m., RT? 1) reports on how scientists are working on programmes that would see scrapie being bred out of the national flock.

The modernist architectural movement changed the environment of millions of people. As *From Here To Modernity* (Monday, 7.30 p.m., BBC2) relates, the movement began during the inter-war years. After the second World War, with politicians desperate to rebuild a war-torn community, the modernists were the only architects willing and able to design the schools, housing estates and hospitals that the burgeoning welfare state required. Mr Zackie Achmat is an Aids activist who refuses to take anti-retrovirals until they are available in public hospitals and clinics.

Storyville – Steps For The Future: It's My Life (Monday, 11.20 p.m., BBC2)
reports how he leads the court battle against the multinational drug companies
and takes on the South African government for its policies on HIV/Aids.