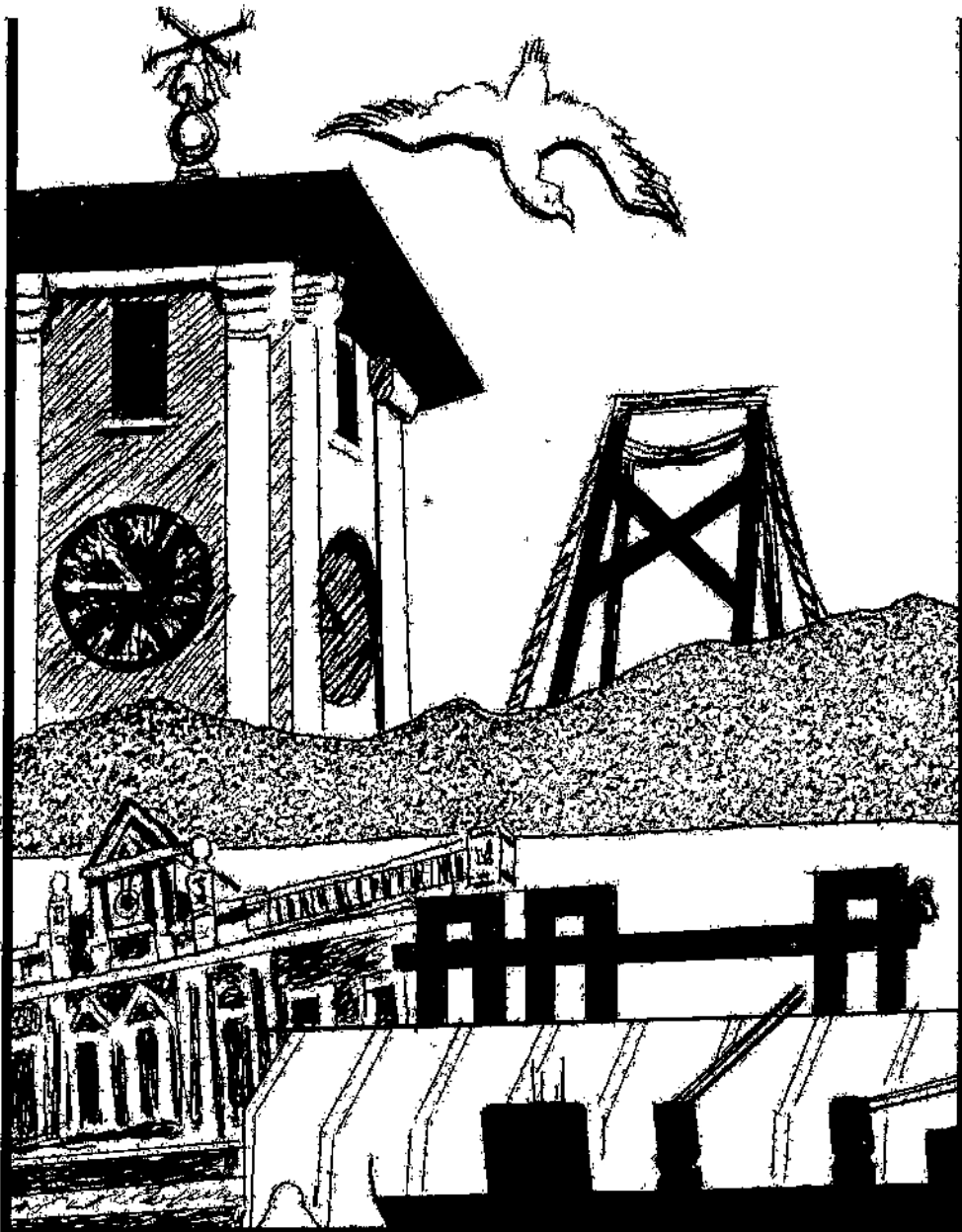


SNOEKTOWN CALLING

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Sponsor for April - Dr Reg Loxton.

Editorial

There are several issues I need to raise; I do so seriatim.

Snoektown Calling: The response to my appeal for funding, or suggestions as to a means of funding, has been disappointing, as will be seen in the statement regarding the supporters club. Snoektown Calling has become an important means of communication among the community; this medium needs to be preserved and fostered.

Simon's Town Ratepayers & Residents Association - The Executive Committee is the elected administration and the next few years will be the most important in the history of the Association. It is incumbent upon Executive to comprehensively research the official documentation describing and formulating the proposed new local Government dispensation (The Mega City), with the clear objective of bringing back greater autonomy to Simon's Town. Strategies will have to be worked out; there will have to be a focused campaign and a programme of

intense lobbying.

Executive will need to increase the membership of the Association - to at least 2,000; and to accomplish this, door-to-door soliciting will be necessary. There is no other way. Furthermore, there will be a need for additional funding. In the end, let it not be concluded: we failed to do our best for Simon's Town because we didn't try!

The Volunteer Ambulance Service

On page 23, Vol 2, Issue 1 - the March issue - Steve van der Merwe discussed the operation of this service and the significant benefit to our community. There is danger of collapse and an appeal for rescue funding - remember our campaign of several years ago to raise money for the defibrillator. We await further news from Steve as to the format of the fund raising effort.

Be careful out there.

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Down the Historical Mile

Well, it's been a very busy time in Simon's Town, said the chairman of SLAP, what with Navy Week, another concert in the Anglican Church, a breakdown in the water supply, bush fires and so on - hardly any time for regular meetings.

However, we have a report from Aunt Constance Nienaber (from Wynberg you know), our roving reporter on cultural matters. Now, said Constance, the concert at the Anglican Church: another grand affair, with near-capacity attendance; but my goodness, the seats are uncomfortable, and it was unbearably hot. Clara Fijnbosch suggested that SLAP members who attended has the better deal: in relative comfort outside the hall on the grass, in the cool breeze - and it cost nothing!

However, it was a grand show, said Aunt Constance, and the audience behaved very well, remembering: no applause between movements - except for a slip-up with the Trumpet Suite: faulty programme, my dear! Also the opening organ solo was probably a mistake; at least half of the audience went home with the perception that Julia played badly! Not so: it was meant to be, but none the less not a wise choice - Simon's tonians are becoming serious about music.

SLAP was well represented at the SA Navy Band concert in the dry dock. After all it was free, so there must have been more than 2000 in the audience. Aunt Constance suggested that Steve v d Merwe should give this venue a try. Really a lekker show, was the SLAP consensus.

Piet Pompies reported on the "keep our streets clean" campaign. Not much progress, as he had yet to hear if Andrew Duncan had accepted responsibility for Paradise Road. Also, he had heard a rumour that Felix could be a candidate for Cardiff Road. Piet had also seen one of the bike

bobbies supervising the clean-up of Quarry Road at the garages - on the other hand, they could have been looking for dead bodies, it's that bad out there!

Meneer die Voorsitter, ek stel die vraag, daar is iets baie snaaks aandie gang! Of course that was Stoffel Boesman, putting on his usual performance. His problem concerned the accumulation of a large heap of seaweed in the east corner of the small beach in front of the new Waterfront development. This happens at the beginning of Spring high tide. The big heap begins to decompose and stinks to end. Then it suddenly disappears and, for certain, it is not the SPM that removes the stinking heap. So what happens? On that mysterious note the March meeting of SLAP ended.

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PROPERTY WATCH

No.11 April 1999

1. GENERAL

Disappointing indeed that there was so little response from the community to our appeal for more people to become members of the Simon's Town Ratepayers' and Residents' Association. This will be a short report this month to save space in "Snoektown Calling". It costs the Association R300,00 per page per month (the annual fees of 12 paid-up members) to publish our information which is distributed to everyone living in the Simon's Town area whether or not you are a member of the Association. Please enjoy it while it lasts. This may well be the last monthly report unless there is a substantial increase in membership.

2. CURRENT APPLICATIONS

Since the last report in March no new applications have been submitted. Details of current applications being dealt with by the South Peninsula Municipality are:

2.1. Erf 2298, Simon's Town - Boulders Beach Guest House: Application to rezone from General Residential to Business. The municipality requested the applicant to provide further additional information which is still awaited. No closing date for objections and/or comments is available at this stage.

2.2. Erf 267, Glencairn: Application to Rezone to General Residential. The application is being processed by the SPM and will go to the Urban Planning Committee when the report is finalized.

2.3. Erf 3590, Simon's Town, (Quarry Road): Application for Rezoning and Scheme Departures. Appeals against the



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approval of this application have been submitted to the Provincial Government. The provincial premier will refer these appeals to the South Peninsula Municipality for comments before taking a final decision.

2.4. Erf No 987, Simon's Town (Highlands Development): Application for Scheme Separates. Final approval for the developer's application to build 7 housing units instead of the approved 8 units is awaited from the provincial government. An application to subdivide the property into seven portions to comply with the provisions of Section 5.1 of the Town Planning Scheme regulations is pending and cannot be processed by the municipality until approval for the 7 units is given. Details of this application may be inspected at the Fish Town municipal offices during normal office hours and comments and/or objections should be lodged, as soon as possible. Unfortunately, it has been reported that comments have been made to the effect that if objections to the subdivision application are received, it is possible that the developer may revert to building a large single block of flats on this site. Be that as it may, let it be a matter of record that this Association has submitted an objection to the proposed subdivisions on technical/legal grounds.

2.5. Erf 250 and Erf 348, Glencairn: Application for subdivision into 4 sites each 350 sqm in extent. The application is pending, at present, awaiting the finalization of the purchase of a portion of council land which was previously leased by the applicant.

3. OTHER PROPERTY MATTERS

3.1. Portion of Erf 1399 and Portion of Seafarths Road, Simon's Town: (The old Seafarths Restaurant). The process of advertising for the redevelopment of this old restaurant is expected to be completed during April.

3.2. New Street Signage: Jessica requests for the public to submit comments to the Simon's Town Ratepayers' and Residents'

Association, as soon as possible, which have been received. The AAC will probably discuss this matter at its next meeting on 7 April 1989 and make its recommendations to council.

*Blaise Parker
Simon's Town Ratepayers' and
Residents' Association.*

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March 1989

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Chairman's Report

In the last issue of Snoektown Calling the point was driven home that unless there was a substantial increase in membership from Ratepayers, it would be difficult for the Association to effectively protect the interests of its members. There has been little response as such. Notwithstanding this, our committee is determined to look after your interests to promote and protect the uniqueness of Simon's Town in all appropriate ways and to form links with other Associations so as to become more effective.

At a recent meeting, chaired by our Councillor Nicki Holderness, representatives from Residents Associations south of Silvermine resolved to form a supra representative committee with a member from each Association on it. This is not only to prepare for the new megacity concept, but also to ensure that Ratepayers in this part of the world can when necessary have a unified voice. Thus, for instance, such a Committee would have a far more powerful voice in discussing matters of common concern with the appropriate authorities i.e. for instance the railway service, the policing within the area and the like. Indeed we believe that in time local bodies will become more and more involved in providing services to their communities at present provided by Municipalities. We want to be proactive in this regard. We want to make a head start now so that rather than whinge when changes come about, we are at the forefront of driving changes to suit ourselves.

We can only do this with your support. Please complete the attached enrolment forms as soon as possible. Spaces are limited!

We are pleased to report that we have held fruitful discussions with senior representatives of the Navy and it is hoped that the Navy and the Association will be working very closely in the near future, not only to spruce up and beautify Simon's Town but to take a joint stand on all matters effecting Simon's Town. This is a very welcome development.

Please enrol me as a Member of your Association. I agree to abide by the terms of the Association's Constitution. Herewith R25.00

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NB - For your convenience, subscriptions can be handed in at Gladys Dilley Estates, St George's Street, Simon's Town, in a sealed envelope addressed to our Association, or post it to P O Box 47, Simon's Town, 7995.

cc Bruce Parker

Friends of Simon's Town Library

Once again we would like to thank all the friends of the Library who gave so very generously in cash and kind towards the Food Sale held recently to "up" our funds. The sum of approximately R800.00 was realised and we hope to better this figure at the next sale. Again, with grateful thanks.

**Bobby van Vuuren
(Convener)**

The Water Crisis

As is by now well known, the next local government elections will be held on the basis of a single council of about 270 councillors for at least the whole current Cape Metropolitan area, stretching from Atlantis to Gordons Bay to Cape Point. Wards will be much larger than at present since only half the councillors will be elected on a ward basis.

Simon's Town presents an interesting study on whether or not big is going to be more beautiful. Many people who were dissatisfied with levels of service in the previous Simon's Town municipality welcomed the advent of the South Peninsula Municipality and looked for greater efficiency and economies of scale. If they are now disappointed and disillusioned how do they feel about being part of a local authority of some three million people.

The events around the water crisis before the Easter weekend have led to some serious questioning of our officials. For your information I include here my letter of 31 March 1999 to our Chief Executive Officer. This matter will also be tabled before Exco on 13 April 1999. The response will be published in the next edition.

1. What is Council's emergency or backup system for water delivery in Simon's Town?
2. What is Council's plan for informing the public of the crisis?
3. If the water systems are in such a poor state of repair, what is being done to address upgrading?
4. If there is a shortage of staff, why should the residents be penalised, and consultants not used timeously?
5. Why should residents pay their water bills when they are either inaccurate or for a wa-

ter service that is erratic and often non-existent?

6. I endorse and support these questions. I have for some time raised issues of poor service. We now have a crisis in Simon's Town, of which there was plenty of warning. The residents are now in revolt. Businesses are claiming major losses; the old and the sick have been badly affected; a huge number of visitors to the Navy Week attractions and the beaches are offended by filthy and unusable public lavatories.

7. No public communication has been issued.

8. Since the inception of the SPM officials have complained that Simon's Town's systems were antiquated. If this was so why was nothing done timeously; why no contin-

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policy plans? Certainly I have never in my eight year years as a councillor experienced anything like this current crisis.

8. I trust that you as CEO will respond with some urgency.

MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS RELATING TO STREETS

The officer has asked for this information from the council by-law of 20 October 1997 relating to streets. If you see these by-laws being contravened, please report this matter to the local law enforcement office, not the police. The following is an extract from the by laws:

"8(1) No person shall display any movable, movable, placard, poster or bill in a street:

(a) except with the permission of the local authority.

9. No person shall:

(a) dump, leave or accumulate any garden refuse, motor vehicle wrecks, spare parts of vehicles, building or waste materials, rubbish or any other waste products in any street or public place, or

(b) permit any such objects or substances to be stashed or placed in a street or public place from premises owned or occupied by him, except with the written permission of the local authority and in accordance with such conditions as may be determined by such local authority.

10. No person shall:

(a) attach any notices to a vehicle, except where necessary for the purpose of removing street vehicles from the place where it was involved in an accident, or

(b) clean a vehicle,.

11. No person shall:

(a) pile building materials in a street, and

(b) store or place building materials in a street or transport building materials, trucks or trailers, across a street in such a way as to damage the street.

12. No person shall, except with the permission of the local authority:

(a) use a balcony or veranda erected beyond the boundary line of a street for purposes of trading or the storage of goods, or for the washing and drying of clothes thereon,.

13. No person shall:

(a) collect from door to door, beg or solicit or accept alms, except with the written permission of the local authority.

23. No person shall, except with the prior written permission of the local authority, skate in a public parking area or stand on roller skates or skateboard or similar device.

26. (1) No person shall cause a nuisance to other persons by loitering, standing, sitting or lying in a street or public place.

(2) No dog or animal, nor horse or other public nuisance or vermin, shall be kept in a street or public place.

(a) allow the use of nature-study place (other than a sanitary convenience provided and approved for such purpose by the local authority) in a street or public place.

*Alderman (Mrs) M. Holderness
Ward Councillor, Ward 22,
South Peninsula Municipality*

Water, Water everywhere and not a drop to drink!!

Early on Wednesday morning, 31 March 1999, the water supply to Simon's Town failed. This is not an uncommon occurrence in our village so, no doubt, most residents didn't think too much of it at first. Some businesses who do depend on a reliable supply of water, however, did feel the loss and there were irate telephone calls to the relevant municipal department. One business owner phoned to ask what the Ratepayers' Association was going to do about the failed water supply. When he was asked whether he is a member of the Association, his reply was classic - "I'm too busy to be a member." Nevertheless, he expected an organization he is too busy to support to support him in his efforts to have the water supply restored!

It is common knowledge that most of Simon's Town was without municipal water for about a day and a half (34 hours). Numerous telephone calls to the water department of the South Peninsula Municipality elicited various stories and varying estimates of time by when the supply would be restored. However, enquiries established that "a pump" at one of the supply reservoirs had blown a trip switch and, believe it or not, the municipality did not have a spare one of these to install to get the pump going again. The municipality's electricians were searching frantically for just such a trip switch to try to restore the water supply by Wednesday evening, at the latest. That was mid-afternoon on Wednesday. Thursday morning dawned with bright promise which was soon dispelled when the taps gave a whimpering hiss of nothing when turned on. It was April 1st - fool's day in any language! During that morning residents received a letter signed by the Manager: Water of the South Peninsula Municipality which stated that the supply reservoirs were extremely low due to the hot weather and the extremely dry summer. This letter also placed the blame for the lack of water squarely on the residents by stating that the "daily (water)

usage of the area is too high." There was no mention of the fact that pumps had failed and that there were no spares to carry out essential maintenance. There was no apology for the inconvenience nor an explanation of the circumstances. The letter was a typically peremptory bureaucratic note passing the blame for the problem to the residents. This letter is considered an insult to our ratepayers and residents. It is simply unacceptable for a municipal official to behave in such a manner and this Association believes an unqualified apology should be forthcoming from the municipality. On the other side of the coin, however, mention must be made that the SPM did release a press statement, portion of which appeared in the Sunday Times Cape Metro on 4 April 1999 which mentioned that a pump had broken down and that it had been fixed and an additional pump had been installed. It must be said, also, that the Navy and the Fire Department did eventually provide water from their tankers to residents and that the SPM did offer to deliver water to the bed and breakfast establishments.

Hot and dry summers are the norm here! So, why were the notices sent out in such a hurry AFTER the water failure had occurred and not at the beginning of the "hot, dry summer"? More questions need answers such as, why were the essential spares not available to ensure that the necessary repairs to the pumps could be done expeditiously? 34 hours is NOT considered an acceptable period for there to be no water supply. Why was there no early warning system to alert the relevant municipal employees that the local supply reservoirs were running low and were already probably below a safe operational lowest limit? What has happened to the concept of providing essential services - water being one of these? Why haven't the ratepayers and residents of Simon's Town been kept informed about the apparently perilous state of the water supply installations

here? What is the increase in our rates being used for? Certainly not the old agenda. It seems! The attempt by the municipality to excuse its tardiness is restoring the water supply by shifting the blame to the residents of Simon's Town is objectionable. What is required is more openness and transparency and greater effort from certain officials to make sure that they are worth their salary by providing the quality of services which can be reasonably expected.

What happened here on 31 March and 1 April 1998 must not be allowed to happen again and cannot be excused. The South Peninsula Municipality's top brass, from the Chief Executive Officer down must be held accountable for the water supply failure and the ineptitude of those directly responsible for the continuity of this essential service. Maybe some heads should roll! Definitely, there should be a critical evaluation of the circumstances underlying the water supply

failure and how a similar situation can be avoided in the future. Certainly the attempt to condemn to the ratepayers and residents of Simon's Town for the problem is completely unacceptable, notwithstanding that hot dry summers are quite usual in the Western Cape and water conservation is essential at all times.

Bruce Parker
Vice Chairman, Simon's Town
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April 1999

"El Nino" certainly appears to be playing havoc with the pattern of the weather in the Western Cape. As I look out at what should be a sea-view from the windows of my home in Glencairn, all that I can see is a mass of grey fog so solid that the sea is not visible neither are any boats or the Simon's Town dockyard.

These are very hazardous conditions for shipping where great care must be taken, extra lookouts placed, sound signals sounded, speed reduced and even sound levels reduced so that all ears may be alert to untoward noises such as other vessels, fog signals, engine sounds or propellers thrashing. For small boats that operate with no radar, the hazard is greatly increased and the possibility of getting lost is a very real problem. It is under such conditions that well equipped rescue craft are a necessity, not only well equipped, but especially well maintained. Compasses, radars, GPS sets and Radios must always be ready to use.

To keep equipment to a high level of readiness, money is needed and in the case of an NSRI Station that relies heavily on donated monies and sponsorship, all reasonable efforts have to be made to raise funds from a not always very responsive public. The public cannot be blamed for being tardy, as many different causes are vying for their donations.

This is how we arrive at the "reason for being" of the support committee whose task it is to devise ways and means to get money. Like in any organisation team work is required to achieve the best results and our support committee is indeed fortunate to have a small team of two gallant retired gentlemen in Reg Hopkins and Gus Ridgway. Reg is responsible for placing those little NSRI boats in many shops, pubs and places of public interest. He gives unstintingly of his time to drive about over a large area and convinces shopkeepers, pub owners and restaurant owners to allow the placement of

these boats in places where they are accessible to the public to put spare change into them. Reg then follows up by retrieving full boats and so ensures that the chain is kept going.

Reg hands all full boats to Gus who has the thankless task of opening them and arranging all the change so it can be counted, new one cents, old one cents, new two cents, old two cents etc, etc. He then counts it all and packets the coins so that it will be acceptable by the banks. One might say that that is not such a big task, but if you consider that in one month 22771 coins were counted and bagged and banked it indeed amounts to a labour of love.

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grateful to the local general public for their generosity in donating money, which is collected by the NSRI Stations on behalf of NSRI Headquarters.

And how this positive information contrasts with an experience I had whilst collecting on Jubilee Square on Saturday 27 March. A man and his partner, wearing gold chains passed close to me - stared at my NSRI tin and small banner - and walked on. The man was wearing a t-shirt with "Sodwana Bay Ski Boats" emblazoned on the back. Who knows when he might need NSRI services? They say it takes all kinds to make a world, and fortunately for us, the generous kind are helpful to us.

It is pleasing to note that Station 10 has had some requests with regard recruitment which shows that our pleas were rewarded to some degree.

I have also been told by a reliable source that the Easter weekend had been very quiet, with no call outs to sea and the mobile's services were not required.

Station Commanders Report for March

There were only three calls to sea which were all of a minor nature.

There were 10 medical call outs for the mobile. The ambulance service is complaining that NSRI is transporting patients (NSRI is not a registered ambulance service). Chops Craig will enquire whether we can register the mobile as an ambulance, he will also see Dr van der Merwe concerning this matter.

Chops Craig undertook to thank Caltex with respect to a sizeable donation received.

- Fish Hoek Beach Sailing Club gave a sizeable donation for standing by their annual race
- A donation was also received for standing by a film shoot
- UCT's annual fundraiser in Kalk Bay Harbour was also assisted by NSRI. Their appreciation through refreshments were enjoyed by Station Staff.
- Exhausts and shock absorbers have been renewed on the station mobile.

***Yours aye, Don Dallery
NSRI Support Committee***

Bicycle Bobbies

George Watton, our Community Policeman/ "Rent-A-Cop", is required to attend a 6-week training course from the beginning of April to mid-May. This comes as a result of the new formalised structure of all Rent-A-Cops by the SAP nationwide.

During the time that George is away, our business district will continue to be patrolled by the other two Bobbies on Bicycles, Cassie & Louis whose cell phone numbers are, respectively **083 680 7268** and **083 321 6927**.

Please also remember that, although you may not recall having seen our Bobbies for a while, they are always very much "there". They don't always have time to pop in and say hello, but their presence on our streets and pavements, around the station and parking areas, is what keeps our shops and businesses safe.

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Unknown: Simon's Town Museum: PALACE BARRACKS

The Palace Barracks property was in fact two separate land grants. In the early years part of the ground belonged to Jacobus Adam Hurter. He may have inherited it on 20 April 1783 on the death of his father, Wilhelm H(e)urter (who came to the Cape as a soldier in 1750, from Obercassel, Germany) or he was given the land at the time of his marriage on 2 February 1783. Jacobus Adam gave the same piece of ground to his brother, Jan Willem Hurter, in the same year. This may have been on the occasion of the latter's marriage to Martha Maria Munnik, which took place on 4 May 1783.

The second land grant was to Jan Hendrik Munnik on 12 October 1784 and became the site of Palace Barracks. On 18 November 1784 however, he transferred it to Jan Willem Hurter, his brother-in-law. It is thought that Hurter built what became Palace Barracks, as an annex to his lodging house (Admiralty House as we know it today).

The building passed into the hands of the partners, Eric Gustaf Aspeling and Johan Gustaf Volmer, in 1786. (Aspeling arrived at the Cape in 1758 from Leerbeck, Sweden.) On 22 May 1802 the property was resold to Robert Rowe by Aspeling or his Estate.

The Cape Town Gazette and African Advertiser ran the following advertisement on 1 February 1806: "To be Sold by Private Contract: the House and Land, belonging to Robert Row, situated in Simon's Town, very convenient for a Baker or Butcher, and for a Fishery, as also for a Lodging House and Livery Stables, having stabling for 32 horses, with other convenient Offices. Any person inclined to purchase the same apply to the undersigned in Simon's Town, or to Mr D. G. Aspeling, No.29 Berg Street, Cape Town" (Mr D.G. Aspeling was one

of the executors of the will of E.G. Aspeling. It appears that he was trying to sell the land adjacent to that on which the house stood.) The building was bought by William Maude from Rowe on 29 March 1806.

(Maude had been the Agent Victualler to the Royal Navy during the First British Occupation. He acquired the Mount Nelson estate in 1806, naming it after the famous Admiral. He and his partner, William Robertson, were auctioneers and had their offices there. At the time Maude was living in Mount Pleasant. In 1809 he and Robertson bought the land and buildings where the Criterion Building stands today.)

An advertisement of 24 February 1810 in *The Cape Town Gazette and African Advertiser*



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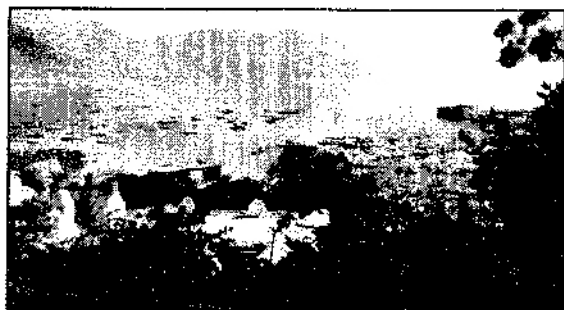
read: (for sale) "the House and Premises called Mount Curtis (Palace Barracks) situated at the entrance to Simon's Town. For particulars apply at the Office of Maude and Robertson, 7 Market Square, Cape Town." It was still unsold by 2 March 1811.

The archival record is unclear at this point, but an entry dated 24 January 1812 states that Dirk Jacobus Aspeling, executor of the will of Eric Gustaf Aspeling's widow, Hillegonda Coetzee, sold additional land adjacent to Mount Curtis to Robert Rowe on Hillegonda's death. It appears that it was also bought by William Maude from Robert Rowe.

On Maude's death in 1813, part of the land went to his partner, William Robertson. The house was purchased by John Osmond, an executor of Maude's estate. Osmond lived there until his death in 1847. It is interesting that he arrived in South Africa in 1799, as ship's carpenter on board Rear Admiral Sir

Roger Curtis' flagship, H.M.S. Lancaster. Osmond's wealth and vast number of properties in and around Simon's Town earned him the name "King John". Mount Curtis was accordingly referred to as "The Palace".

It was customary in Simon's Town to billet soldiers with the civilian population, a practice which did not go down very well with the locals. On 15 March 1816 Osmond wrote a letter of complaint to J.H. Brand, the Government Resident: "I was informed yesterday that I am to have two Officers billeted in my house. I can only say that at present I have only two bedrooms in my house finished, the others have not even doors fitted to them and even if I get one billet I shall be obliged to give up my Drawing Room If I have two I shall be obliged to leave my house and go into the country." (The widow Hurter, who owned a lodging house, which became Admiralty House, had written a similar letter in 1808 and received no sympathy from the Colonial Authorities.



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"The Palace" was transferred to Agnes Barrow, Osmond's daughter, on 9 October 1840. "... John Osmond in consideration of the love and affection which he bears to his dear daughter, Agnes Barrow, married to Thomas Pountell Pellow Barrow, Esquire, Lieutenant in the Royal Navy, had by way of a gift of the living, irrevocably made present unto Agnes Barrow and her heirs a certain House and Site with everything belonging thereto commonly called "Mount Curtis"...." Agnes survived him by only two years, it is only one of his 6 children to do so.

In 1860 an advertisement in *The Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette* read: (for sale) "On Tuesday, 26th March at 10 o'clock am. The immovable property belonging to the Estate of the late Mrs. Agnes Barrow, re-married wife of the late Mr Thomas Pountell Pellow Barrow, consisting of: An ed certain, in the well known and called dwelling house named "Mount Curtis", formerly the prop-

erty of John Osmond, Esq., with various Outbuildings, etc. etc. is divided into three lots"

Mount Curtis was purchased from Agnes' estate by William Guggill, a well-known fur seller, originally from Carrisness, Scotland, on 6 January 1864. The transfer documents state: "... the large dwelling house is so constructed as to admit its being with comparatively little expense converted into 400 comfortable dwellings" There is also reference to the above mentioned grants of land: "Airs and to Osmond, whilst they lay the land of "Palace Barracks."

Guggill sold Mount Curtis to Charles Reed on 18 June 1881 for 1300 pounds sterling. Reed applied for vacant land adjoining "The Palace" in May 1886. He claimed Osmond requested to pass it on to Agnes and that it rightfully made up part of his property. On 15 June 1886, just after he had been granted

The Salisbury Cathedral Choir visit

The Simon's Town Pro Musica Divina is proud to present and be the hosts of the Salisbury Cathedral Choir from the United Kingdom. They will be performing at St. Francis Church (Simon's Town) on 20 April at 7.30 pm. The programme will include works by Palashina; Mozart; Faure; Pary and Brahms. The choir will be conducted by Simon Lole and accompanied by organist Simon Morley. Bookings can be made at the Simon's Town Pharmacy for phone Dorothy at 786 2133. Tickets will be R30.00 for adults and R10.00 for children under twelve).

All thanks to Juliet Bass for managing to arrange the choir to perform in Simon's Town (their only other performance will be at St George's Cathedral). We are also very grateful to all those who offered up their homes as accommodation to the choir members. Especially a great thanks to Boulders Beach Guest house for accommodating 15 of boys.

Many other musical talents have been invited by the Pro Musica Divina and will be performing in Simon's Town throughout the year. Please watch the press and local news for all forthcoming events.

the additional ground, he said. "The Palace" estate, including all the buildings, to General George Phillips, Officer Commanding the Royal Engineers in South Africa, for 2000 pounds sterling, making a handsome profit. "The Palace" became barracks.

In 1900 Mary Kingsley volunteered to nurse ill Boer prisoners and was sent to Simon's Town. Most were English men, forced to surrender to Kitchener at Paardeburg. Large numbers died from an unknown fever. The British authorities had a serious shortage of doctors and nurses. The entire trained staff of Palace Barracks, which had been converted into a hospital, was one doctor and two nurses when Mary arrived. She wrote "I never shook such a rocky bit of the Valley of the Shadows of Death in all my days as the Palace-Hospital, Simon's Town". She did her best to comfort those dying in the midst of the chaos. She contracted the fever herself and died. Dr Clarke, the medical officer in charge, wrote to her friends in Liverpool saying that between Mary and himself they had "turned the mortuary into a sanatorium."

Neil Open wrote to the Argus about Palace Barracks in April 1972: "Together with others of the Cape Garrison Artillery, I reported there on 13 September 1908, for service among the little band of forgotten gunners who were the first South African volunteers of World War 1. The Palaces remained the coast artillery headquarters throughout the war, with the officers' mess, including sleeping quarters, in the original building, but with extensions being added...."

The Palace really entered its heyday with the formation of the S.A. Corps of Marines in 1957, when Lieutenant Piet de Waal was Naval and Marine Chief of Staff. With Colonel Len Kloppers and later Colonel Dick Padlo as the Portengen Force Commanding Officer there, it was then the Command of the Palms Bay Defences, and our Headquarters and Regimental Officers' Mess, of the 2nd Coastal Regiment S.A. Marines, was

at Palace Barracks...."

The South African Navy took possession of Palace Barracks in 1957 and it became the War Room for SAN Officer command. It was transferred to the Warrent Officers in 1971. It was closed down in March 1997.

Today, March 1999, Palace Barracks stands empty. There are various rumours as to its future. All these seem to assume that it will be sold, but The National Monuments Council has said that before this can happen the building itself must first be put onto a separate list.

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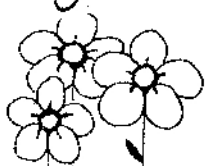
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News from Naval Base, Simon's Town

R Adm (JG) Melville Green

R Adm (Jg) Eric Green was born on 5 January 1945 in the Strand. He attended the Hendrik Louw Primary School and the Hottentots Holland High School, matriculating in 1962.

In 1963 he attended the Naval Gymnasium at Saldanha Bay and joined the Permanent Force in January 1964. He graduated from the Military Academy in December 1966. He served on board the Frigates SAS PRESIDENT PRETORIUS, SAS PRESIDENT STYN and SAS PRESIDENT KRUGER and the Coastal Minesweepers SAS KIMBERLEY and SAS PORT ELIZABETH, as a watch keeping officer before being selected to attend the specialist Communications & Electronics Warfare course at HMS Mercury, England. On return to the RSA he had a succession of communications related appointments at Youngsfield, Silvermine and on board SAS PRESIDENT KRUGER. Then followed his first command at sea as OC SAS JOHANNESBURG.

From 1978 - 1982 he was appointed as Staff Officer Communications & Electronics Warfare at SA Naval Headquarters, Pretoria. During this period he completed the SA Air Force Senior Command and Staff course, before returning to the Western Cape where he served at Naval Staff College and Naval Training Command, Muizenberg.

R Adm (Jg) Green's second command at sea was as Officer Commanding SAS TAFELBERG over period 1987 - 1990 and then appointed as Officer Commanding SAS SIMONSBURG over period 1990 - 1992. During this period he completed the Joint Staff Course.

He was promoted to Commodore on 1 January 1993 and appointed Officer Commanding SA Defence College, Pretoria. In July 1996 he was appointed Chief of Naval Staff Transformation and in May 1998, Chief of Naval Staff Plans.

R Adm (Jg) Green is also actively involved in

amateur boxing. He has been the chairman of SADF/SANDF boxing for the past 20 years. He serves on various committees at a national level. He was the manager of the national boxing team to the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Malaysia.

He has a daughter Mandy (27) and two sons, Charles (19) and Jonathan (17). He has also been awarded the following medals: Southern Cross Medal, Pro Patria Medal, Unitas Medal, Good Service Medal (Gold), Good Service Medal (Bronze), Military Merit Medal, Southern Africa Medal, General Service Medal, Good Service Medal (Silver).



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Exercise Blue Crane: 12-30 April 1999

Exercise Blue Crane is a combined Peace Support Operation Exercise planned to take place in the RSA over the period 12-30 April.

Military components of SADC participating are Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Seychelles, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The SA Navy will provide two strike craft and two mine for the duration of the exercise and participate with SADC over this period.

An Indian Naval Vessel and French Naval Vessel will also participate in the maritime patrols. Civilian Forces participating include:

- * Special Representative of the Secretary General
- * United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Representative
- * CIVPOL Representative
- * National Police Representative

The objectives of the exercise are as follows:

- * To exercise regional multi-national command and control during Peace Support Operations on all applicable levels.
- * To exercise the application of principles and doctrine for Peace Support Operations iaw UN and OAU principles.
- * To exercise skills required for an operation of a Combined Task Force during Peace Support Operations.
- * To exercise support to humanitarian relief operations.
- * To practice the applications of the Law of armed Conflict in Peace Support Operations.
- * To practice the establishment of freedom of movement and the promotion of the cessation of violence.

THE FLEET COMMAND HQ

The Fleet Command HQ is established at the intermediate level. It integrates the SA Navy's product systems in order to provide supported combat ready naval forces to the Chief of Joint Operations for the conduct of operations and comprises of the following primary sub-systems:

- * *The Flag Officer Fleet (who commands the Fleet)*
- * *Force Preparation - responsible for the preparation of combat ready forces.*
- * *Human Resources - responsible for acquiring and training personnel, their career management and for staffing the fleet.*
- * *Logistic Support - responsible for integrating the supporting the SA Navy's ships and submarines logistically.*
- * *Naval Bases - responsible for personnel administration, supply support, accommodation, transport, harbour services and other general support.*

Exercise Atlasur IV

The SA Navy will be deployed to conduct Exercise ATLASUR IV, with the navies of Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay in the naval exercise areas of Brazil over the period 29 April to 11 May 1999.

The Argentine Navy has also invited the SA Navy to participate in their Navy Day in Buenos Aires on 17 May. In addition the deployment will be used to conduct a goodwill visit to Montevideo, Uruguay.

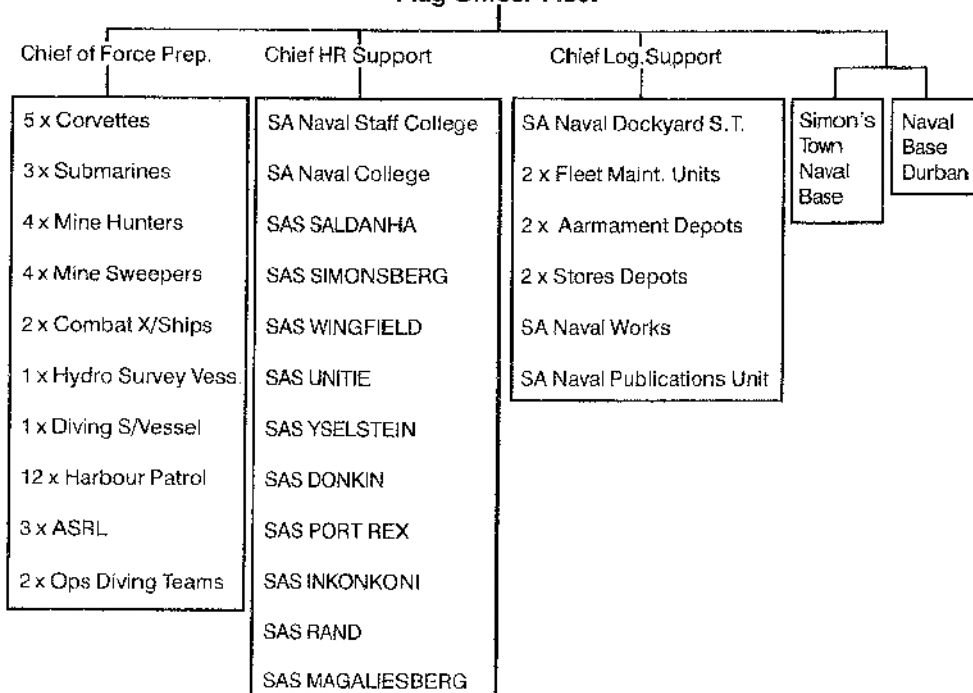
SANDEF forces will consist of the SAS DRAKENBERG, SAS ADAM KOK, SAS RENE SETHREN, one Oryx Helicopter with associated Maritime Air Operations Team, and elements of the SA Medical Health Services.

The objectives to be achieved for the ATLASUR series are:

- * To forge closer naval ties in the South Atlantic through the conduct of combined exercises and visits to South American ports.
- * To demonstrate the ability of the four navies to keep the sea lines of communication open, in order that the trade between the two continents can continue without an adversary disrupting these lines.
- * To enhance the image of the SANDEF nationally and internationally as a regional power.
- * To conduct a Task Group deployment in South American waters.
- * To provide experience in the operation and support of a Task Group.
- * To measure the performance and standards of SANDEF forces whilst conducting exercises with foreign warships.
- * To maximise training opportunities for SAN forces during transits.

FLEET COMMAND SUBORDINATE STRUCTURES

Flag Officer Fleet



Transformation Process: Restructuring of the SA Navy

The long awaited process of restructuring the SA Navy will commence in earnest with the establishment of the "Navy Office" in Pretoria on 30 March, and the establishment of the "Fleet Command Headquarters" in Simon's Town on 01 April.

* **Navy Office:** The Navy Office will replace the present Navy Headquarters, a process which must be completed by 1 April 2001. The Chief of the Navy will have administrative command of the Navy and provide combat ready forces to the Chief of the SANDF who has operational command of all combat ready forces. The role and functions of the Navy Office are as follows:

- * Fulfill part of the integrated and co-located DoD HQ
- * Participate in the strategic direction and other processes of the DoD HQ
- * Control the Naval component of the DoD Plan

* Act as the centre of expertise on Naval matters

* Develop and implement Naval policy

* The Budget authority for the Navy, responsible for the management and expenditure of allocated funds.

* **Fleet Command HQ:** The Fleet Command HQ is being established at the intermediate level of the SA Navy to prepare combat ready Naval forces on behalf of the Navy. The structure, role and functions of the Fleet Command Headquarters are as follows:

* The Flag Officer Fleet will command the fleet.

* **Force Preparation** - the preparation of combat ready naval forces

* **Human Resources** - the management of personnel and staffing of the fleet

* **Logistic Support** - the management and provision of logistic support for the SA Navy's ships and submarines

* **Naval bases Simon's Town and Durban** - the provision of harbour services, personnel administration and general base support.

* Chief of the Navy officially opened the

Navy Office, at a short ceremony in front of Naval Headquarters at 1200 on 30 March.

* Chief of the SANDF will officially inaugurate the establishment of the Fleet Command HQ at a parade in Simon's Town (0000 hours) on 01 April 2001. The fleet will be formally handed over at the parade to the Flag Officer Fleet, R Adm (JD) Hirschorn. The parade will also be blessed by the SA Navy exercising its right to the Freedom of Entry to Simon's Town.

* During the last few months, R Adm Evert Groenewald has been acting as the Flag Officer Fleet (asylum) and leader of the Transformation Team. In addition to his duties as Chief of Naval Operations, R Adm Groenewald has requested to exercise his option to retire from the Navy at the age of 60. He will leave the Navy on 18 May 2000 after 35 years of service.

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* By 1 April 2001, the restructuring process will see the rationalisation of the Navy into two naval bases (Simon's Town and Durban), force preparation, logistics, personnel and quality assurance formations, ships, submarines and shore based units.

Simon's Bay The Early Years

Progress at Simon's Bay was slow and it was not until some fifteen years after the Magazine/Storehouse was built that the Postholder's House was erected on the level ground above the yard on the western side (1).

The house, a typical Cape Dutch building was very large for a country or outlying district, with eight rooms and the usual out-buildings. A flight of steps led from the pathway to the narrow shoreline and a flagpole with flag denoted the authority of the Postholder. One of the earliest written re-

ports on the house was by Jacob Wallenberg, the Swedish writer. During the years that followed, there were many other important visitors including Joseph Banks, Captain George Vancouver and Captain Cook.

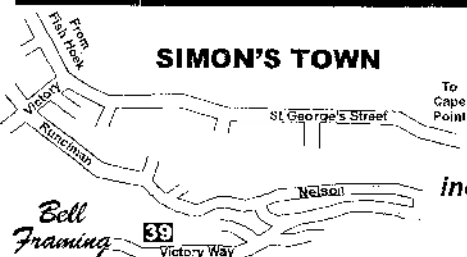
At the time of the Capitulation in 1795 the British Forces occupied the house. The Postholder, Christoffel Brand was banished from Simon's Bay but Mrs Brand continued to live in the house with the Naval and Army Officers. Included in the latter were V-Admiral G. K. Elphinstone and General Craig.

A protracted war of words and letters ensued for the next twenty years between the Royal Navy and the Army as to ownership of the house, but eventually the Navy was victorious and the Postholders House became Naval Property. During 1815/16 the house was altered and converted into three residences, namely no's 44, 45 and 46, to house the three Principle Officers of the Yard.

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Architectural details of the residences vary between the years of the Dutch East India Company and the British Occupation. The original bricks were sun baked and the ceilings were made of reeds. The external doors were teak and the internal doors yellow and sourswood.

Despite the fact that the residences have a Georgian facade, there are many examples of each era which can be seen today, the original treplans in the kitchen, Dutch shutters, yellow wood floor boards, the English panlights and staircases. The skyline surrounding this hillside has changed. Jaffa and Simon's Bays are gone forever, but these residences overlooking Simon's Bay remain and are a small part of our history and our people.

S. A. Myers

① Situated between the SA Naval Museum and Simon's Town Museum.

Simon's Town Historical Society

Estelle Byrne who lives in Forest Hill Road, Simon's Town, has for some months taken it upon herself to beautify the entrance to the Old Burial Ground on Forest Hill Road. This she has done at her own expense and time, using her own water to water the plants, shrubs and trees which she has purchased and planted in and around the entrance. The results are most pleasing and who is there to doubt sincerely for her efforts in this regard.

The Old Burial Ground is sadly very neglected and receives little or no attention from our local authority, therefore it is most gratifying when someone like Estelle takes the initiative by cleaning and beautifying areas in the public eye.

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The Night Sky - April 1999

There will be two Full Moons during April, as there was a Full Moon on the 1st April and again on the 30th, so the 30th is the day of the Blue Moon! The New Moon is on the 16th.

On the 10th, the planet Neptune, Magnitude 7.9, was seen 1° south of the moon, and on the following evening the 11th, planet Uranus, Magnitude 5.8 was also 1° south of the moon.

A planet of Magnitude 5.8 is visible to the naked eye, but as these planets are seen more easily by using binoculars, this opportunity should not be missed, as they are difficult to find without using a star chart. They are presently in the constellation of Capricornus, the goat. Have you ever seen them? Uranus is a green colour, due to the methane on its surface which absorbs the other colours of the spectrum.

It was discovered by the then William Herschell. The discovery made him famous, so he was able to devote the remainder of his life to astronomy as he was given a life pension by the King. He also became Sir William. Uranus, is about three times as large as the Earth. It has 17 moons and 10 rings. The moons are named after Shakespearean characters, Titania, Miranda, Ariel, Caliban and Sycorax are from *The Tempest*; Bianca from *The Taming of the Shrew*; Portia from *The Merchant of Venice*; Puck from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and others.

Uranus takes 84 years to orbit the Sun, but its day is only about 16 hours. Neptune was discovered by the astronomer Galle in 1846. However, an amateur astronomer, the Revd. T. Hussey, proposed that as Uranus did not follow its predicted path, there must be another planet further out. "Two professional astronomers, Adams in England and

Leverrier in France worked independently on the problem. Adams reported his results to the Astronomer Royal, who did not take immediate action; in the meantime Galle and D'Arrest used Leverrier's predictions and very quickly located the new planet, Neptune, the first to be discovered by computational means." Its period of rotation around the sun is 165 years, so that seasons are each 41 years long. Neptune is a bluish green colour, and is about three times as large as the Earth. It has 8 moons and several rings. Its one large moon Triton has diameter of 3700 kms, which is larger than our Moon's diameter of 3500 km, making Triton one of the largest satellites in the Solar System. Neptune rotates on its axis in about 19½ hrs.

During April, the planet Venus is found higher in the sky at sunset, than during March, and on the 11th and 12th is within 3° of the Pleiades, the Seven Sisters.

On 14th April the planet Mercury is 7° north of the moon.

Mars becomes brighter and larger during the month, being in Opposition, on the 24th, that is, the position in the orbit of a body, when it is opposite the Sun in the sky, as seen from the Earth. On the 29th, Mars is 4° south of moon.

It will be interesting to hear how many people have found both Uranus and Neptune, using this wonderful opportunity they have during April.

Peter van Blommestein

Peninsula Tourism - Simon's Town (Simon's Town Publicity Association)

On behalf of the Publicity team, we would like to welcome on board George Napier, our Honorary Treasurer.

At time of writing we are all involved in the extremely busy and first time ever event of a combined Navy Week and False Bay Arts Festival, running from 25 March to 5 April. Congratulations to the SA Navy and to Karl Lang and his team who have put it all together in an almighty co-operative effort. Congratulations also to our own Peninsula Tourism personalities Cathy Alberts and Coleen Van Staden for the assistance they gave to the organisers. A wonderful show! May it be an annual event.

On the holiday accommodation scene, we have been contacted by a number of people from Switzerland and other countries regarding accommodation for the Millennium. In particular we are in need of houses with pools and braai areas if possible, from Monday 27 December to Sunday 9 January; preferably in Simon's Town; for a group of Swiss people.

It seems there is never a dull moment in the Bureau. Think of it and it's probably happened! More next time.

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All fats are not created equal - especially when it concerns their effect on the blood cholesterol levels so far bad one is LDL. Frequent intake of foods that contain saturated fatty acids and dairy products, rather than fruits, vegetables and cereals. Substantial reductions in the intake of dairy fats is considered the single most effective measure to limit diet-induced cholesterol elevation. Since there are significant contributions of cholesterol in the diet, it is advised to merely change to the low fat variety (e.g. cottage cheese, low fat milk etc.).

Polysaturated fatty acids are mainly derived from plants: fish (omega-3 fish), chicken and plant-eating animals such as rabbits and ostrich. High levels are found in safflower, soybeans and sunflower. In the raw state, these plant oils also contain a range of antioxidants. These antioxidants (e.g. vitamin E, and beta-carotene - a form of vitamin A) fight oxygen radicals in the blood - thought to be a great cause of cancer and heart disease. Read between the lines therefore, and eat more polysaturated margarine, vegetable seeds and fish.

Monounsaturated fatty acids are by far the most commonly consumed fatty acids. They are found especially in olive and canola oils. It seems to lower the bad cholesterol (LDL) in the same manner as the polysaturated fatty acid - linoleic acid.

Hydrogenation of vegetable oils to produce hard margarine and shortenings for industrial use, leads to the formation of two types of fatty acids (cis and trans). The 'trans' type is the one that obstructs the beneficial effects of the monounsaturated fatty acids. It is therefore more advantageous to use the soft margarine.

Cholesterol is part of the lipoprotein particles, is stabilised fat during their transport in blood. Cholesterol in the blood is derived from the diet, recycling of existing cholesterol and from synthesis in the liver. The principal dietary influence on blood cholesterol is the intake of saturated fats (see above).

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Safe Haven for Penguin Chicks

As part of an on-going programme to prevent penguins from being run over by cars or mowed by dogs at the Boulders near Simon's Town, the Cape Peninsula National Park (CPNP) has finalised measures to ensure the safety of the birds in the protected area.

"Our main challenge is to balance the interests of the birds with those of nearby residents," says Paul Britton, CPNP Planning Manager. "In this regard, we work very closely with SANCCOB with its worldwide reputation of excellence in the protection and rehabilitation of coastal birds".

A protective barrier wall has been erected at the car park and access routes have been blocked off to confine the penguins to the seaward side, thus preventing them from

wandering into the roads and nearby residential areas.

"During this transitional period, some penguins still manage to penetrate through the fences and build their nests in hazardous spots on the land side," says Justin Buchmann, CPNP section ranger. "Together with SANCCOB, we have mapped these areas and conducted an entire 'sweep' of chicks and eggs on the golf course, parking areas and gardens. About 45 chicks have been located and are now being cared for by SANCCOB. In the meantime all adult birds are being rounded up and returned to the safety of the Park."

On-going sweeps will be conducted until the CPNP was confident that no birds remained outside the Park boundary.

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Plans are to expand monitoring capacity by possibly appointing a night watchman, in the meanwhile, incidents affecting the safety of the penguins can be reported to the Boulders at Tel: **786 2329** or after hours to Cape Point at Tel: **780 9526**. Besides the Boulders, other nearby African penguin colonies are to be found at Robben Island, Dassen Island, Dyer Island and Stony Point at Betty's Bay.

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On Friday evening, 19 February, JJ and I had the privilege of showing you the world through our eyes. We thank you for coming to see our Audio-visual presentations and hope you had as much pleasure and joy as we had. Many people, too many to mention were involved in making the evening a success - thank you to all of you. A special thanks to Dr Loxton for giving us a free advert in the February edition of Siroektown Calling. I hope that you will be able to attend our next presentation in April. Yes, there will be a repeat performance. So watch the notice boards!

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22/04/1999 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Venue - Museum Hall. Time - 7.30pm
Guest Speaker - Mr Ross Torr, author on South African Beaches*

02/05/1999 ALIEN ERADICATION HACK WITH S.A.V.E.

Meeting Place - South End Watsonia Road. Time - 9.30am

**15/05/1999 ALIEN ERADICATION HACK & PLANTING OF
INDIGENOUS SHRUBS**

*Meeting Place - Fisherman's Beach. Time - 9.30am
In case of rain, postponed to Saturday 25/05/1999*

A visit to the Simon's Town Sewage Plant & Water purification Works planned for May 1999. Interested persons should telephone 786-3890 for arrangement of date and meeting place.

12/06/1999 ALIEN ERADICATION HACK & PLANTING OF INDIGENOUS SHRUBS

Meeting Place - Fisherman's Beach. Time - 9.30am

munication especially audio-visual presentations. It is our way of showing the world that we care.

Audio-visual presentations are enjoying great interest in the photographic world. It is not as widely known in the general community - but we are working on it.

Basically an A-V is any combination of sound and visual images. It occurs in the natural world. When you listen to the sounds of the ocean and at the same time look at the ever-moving waves you are enjoying the most magnificent A-V of them all and . . . it is all for free! An A-V is very much like a visual essay, it should tell a story or convey a message. It has been proved that we remember best what we see. Using the spoken and written word has a place and choosing the best words can be powerful. Despite all the talking we do we process information at our best in a non-verbal or

visual-spatial way.

Each photographer has his own individual style which is in reality a self-portrait and this becomes his trademark and in time his legacy. It is difficult to hide the truth behind the camera. To me it is in the integration of the human spirit and our planet and how I feel about it. Photography sharpens our sense of sight and powers of observation and makes us really feel. We see fundamental realities for the miracles that they really are. Through our photography we hope to reach our audience and transport them for a short while and perhaps for a magic moment forget the torments of our existence on this planet.

Marie Coetzee

St Luke's Hospice False Bay

St Luke's Hospice False Bay would like to extend sincere and grateful thanks to our warm hearted and generous community for the outstanding response to our recent street collection; which raised the record sum of R5738.90.

Our appreciation and thanks also to the willing collectors who braved a blustery s/ easter with cheerful smiles and enthusiasm contributing so much to our success.

We at St Luke's take this opportunity of thanking everyone for the continued support and interest extended to Hospice.

ST LUKE'S CONTAINER SHOP and the fund-raising Committee sincerely thank our generous False Bay public for their support at our first ever mini-market which was then in the grounds of the Fish Hoek Museum during late February.

The Painting Raffle was won by:

Bobby Burton, Ticket No. 12

The Dresses Doll was won by:

Noel Burton, Ticket No. 15

*Both lucky tickets were drawn by Matron Shuttleworth of False Bay Hospital.
Thank you one and all.*

Margaret Collett - Convenor, St Luke's Hospice Container Shop

Forthcoming Events April/May

1. SIMON'S TOWN MUSEUM

14 April

Mr Bob Johnston will relate, with slides, the story of his trip across the States in a Vintage Motor Car.

Time: 17h50 for 18h00

Price: R8.00 per person (complimentary glass of wine included)

12 May

"TORONTO TO NEW ENGLAND"

A talk with slides by Audrey Read.

Time, price and venue as above.

5 June

JUMBLE FAIR

Simon's Town Museum Grounds

09h00 to 13h00

Enquiries: 786 3046

2. THE MASONIC CLUB

16 April

Bingo and Supper, R20 including games

Tel: 786 3827, 786 2125

3. Premiere at the

LINDBERGH ARTS FOUNDATION,

18 Beach Road, Muizenberg

A charming original light opera

(music by Brian Burke and lyrics by Donald Cotton), based on the Oscar

Wilde short story "The Nightingale and the Rose", directed by Brenda Gray

Friday 30 April, 7.30 for 8pm.

Tickets R40 include a glass of wine and snacks

Saturday 1 May, 10.30 for 11am

Tickets R25 include tea and biscuits.

The Burke-Cotton team has been

responsible for many revues and

musicals in London and the UK.

Booking: 786 1898

Deadline for May 1999 edition:

Thursday 29 April 1999

Publication date Monday 10 May

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