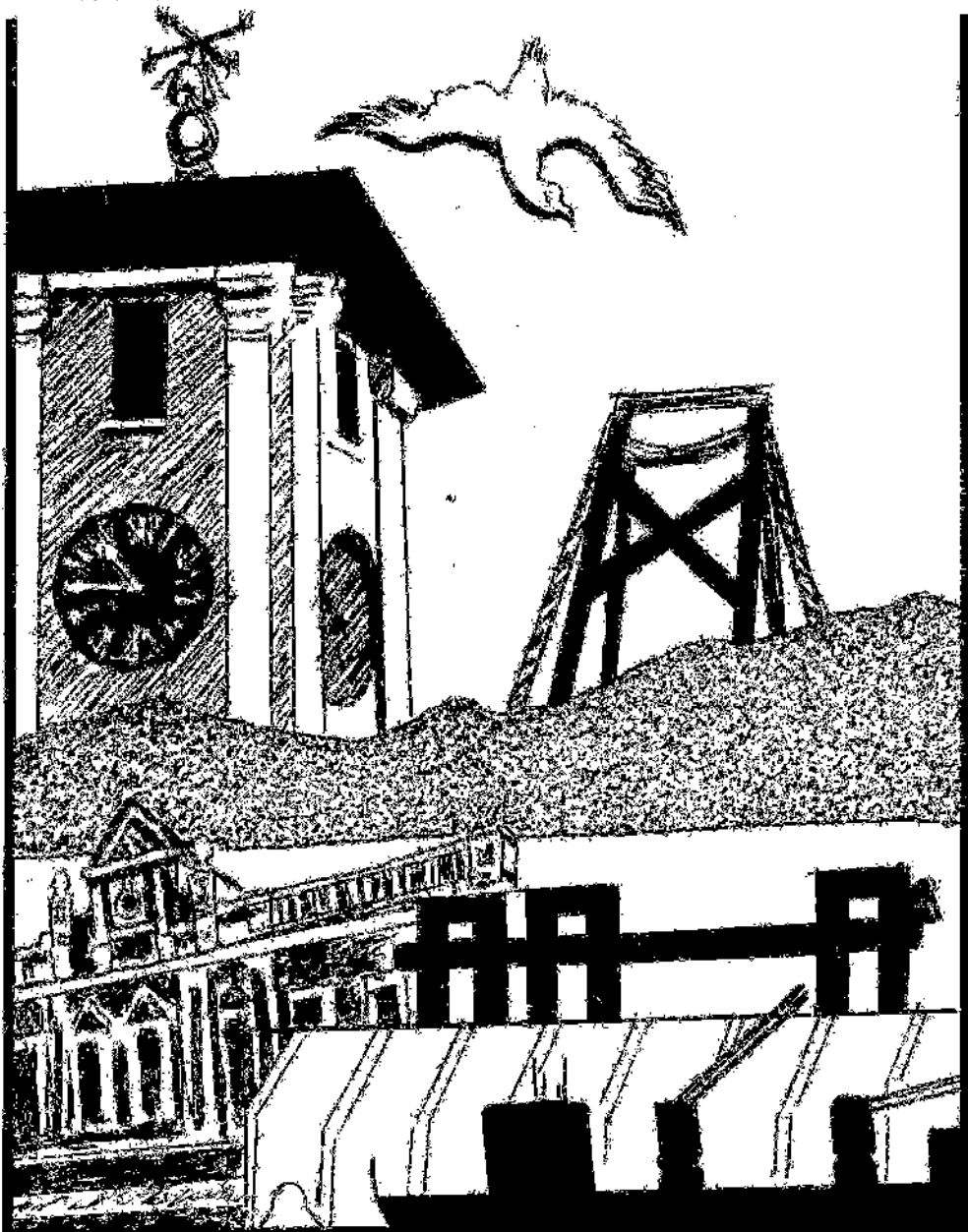


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Editorial

The AGM of the Ratepayers' and Residents' Association approaches - according to the Constitution, scheduled for end July. In the meantime we should seriously consider some pressing matters raised by the Chairman, matters which will need to be seriously discussed and voted on, as regards mandate to the Executive at the AGM.

These are:

1. Consideration of and possible discussion to proceed with the Section 21 Company. This could be the route if we are to secure greater autonomy for Simon's Town.
2. The urgent need to substantially increase our membership, say, to a minimum of 2000. This objective will require a door-to-door recruiting campaign. So let's co-operate and give it our best shot.

As I have mentioned before: "let it not be

said of our community that we failed because we didn't even try".

I am pleased to report that the response to the "Snoektown Calling Supporters Club" has been most gratifying, and as will be seen, the June issue will be sponsored by the Club. Keep the money rolling folks - but I do detect an absence of contributions from some of the asset rich members of our community and well known to me. Come on chaps - part with some lolly in a good cause.

In passing, I would like to record an accolade to Dr Sharland for having recently graduated in the field of Divinity - never to old to learn!

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Down the Historical Mile

At the May meeting of SLAP, Piet Pompies reported that Klasie was doing fine after the throat-slashing experience, but there was fear that he would that bandage round his neck forever, just to remind people of his near miss with Death - after all it could earn a few bob from time to time.

There was much discussion about the goings-on in the Cole Point parking area: a surveyor was seen staking out rows of poles, painted red and white with no indication of what was likely to happen next. Harold Hardekop suggested that the Municipality was going to dig a big hole, because that is what municipalities did and then through the night there would be a watchman with a brazier next to him to keep him warm during the cold winter nights - with all the crime about someone may try to steal the hole. And then by July 2000 the hole will still be there and it will have become a fixture and part of the general landscape. You see, said Harold, that's how municipalities work.

"Meneer die Voorsitter ek stel die vraag"; of course that was Stoffel Boesman Terreblanche. It will be remembered that Stoffel had a relative who worked in the Provincial Council and that was the customary procedure. And so we have to put up with Stoffel's way of doing things.

Anyway what Stoffel had to moan about was the lack of progress on certain issues, namely:

1. repair of the brick paving
2. the appointment of John Page as Town Ranger
3. a postbox at Union Street
4. moving the robot to the red stripes
5. organising the street-cleaning operation which should be the responsibility of the Ratepayers' Executive.

With regard to the latter Mientjie Boep-pens reported that the Dok had organised two

refuse drums at Quarry Road and the place was looking a lot better - that was definitely the way to go; but she could report no progress regarding the efforts from Felix and the Chairman of the Ratepayers with regard to Cardiff Road and Paradise Road respectively. But we can hope, said Mientjie - too many people shouting on the sideline and not enough in the scrum.

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PROPERTY WATCH

No. 13, June 1990

1. GENERAL

1.1 There will not be a Property Watch edition in the July issue of "Snoekdoorn Calling". I apologise for this omission, but it does mean that you should pay particular attention to certain of the reports in this issue to follow up on them, if you are interested or wish to submit comments and/or objections.

1.2. Has anyone noticed the state of the roads and the stormwater drains around Simon's Town recently? They are in absolute disgrace. More stormwater runs in the roads than runs in the stormwater channels and pipes. This aids the erosion of the pavements and poorly maintained road edges.

Why, you may wonder would Property Watch deal with this subject. Well, let me elucidate. Apart from the fact that it is late autumn/early winter and the trees and various other decorative plants shed their summer finery at this time, the past few months has seen quite a lot of building activity around and about. Building contractors are not generally renowned for their care or concern for the physical environment. And, in these days of increasing tax law enforcement, "Well, the old saying, "While the cat's away....." certainly takes on a new meaning. Empty cement bags, discarded plastic wrappings, odd bits of wood, scraps of foam and empty plastic milk containers, old paint tins and boxes, sand and stone ready delivered and stored on building sites, the list is endless as is the mess caused by unconcerned building contractors and their subcontractors who seem to have adopted the view that

Pro Musica Divina

The Simon's Town Pro Musica Divina will be going slightly more intimate on 10 July at 8 pm. The Albertyn Stables Art Gallery in Simon's Town will be host to a concert for two classic guitarists. This will be the same duo which performed on 5 June with the Debarteron string ensemble in St Francis Church. The music society wanted to squeeze in another concert with this talented group, prior to them leaving overseas.

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If nobody is around to force them to keep their sites and immediate vicinity clean and tidy, why should they bother. There is virtually no law enforcement by the relevant municipal inspectors who seem to be over-worked and over-extended by all accounts. In fairness, though, not all builders should be painted with the same tar brush. There are some who still do take a pride in maintaining their sites in good condition and clearing the rubbish regularly. Congratulations to them - they are a disappearing group.

Debris from trees and plants clogs up the stormwater gratings and drains to the usual degree at this time of the year. When the head of the SPM's Roads and Drainage Department (Deep South region) was asked when he would send work teams to clean up in a specific area, figuratively threw up his hands in despair and said that he has six workers to service the whole Deep South area. He just simply doesn't have the staff to do this job effectively. In the past, when Simon's Town was its own municipality, labour resources were used much more effectively and the few complaints about blocked stormwater drains and unkempt pavements and verges were dealt with quickly and efficiently. Another example of municipal ineptitude (left and right hand dis-function syndrome) has just become evident with the vigorous trimming and cutting of weeds and grass on the verges and pavements. These teams do not clear everything; they have cut. Much of the cuttings is sprayed into the roads and gutters to be blown and washed into the already clogged stormwater drains. It is rumoured that the domestic cleansing section's workers (household rubbish removal) knock off at 14:00 every day. This could cause some problems with other workers who may be working longer hours! Why aren't these people put onto clearing the clogged gratings and blocked stormwater drains? That would certainly help to solve the present problem.

And what about the residents? Garden rub-

bish is dumped on pavements and in the stormwater gutters, on vacant sites and even on the municipality's public open spaces. This lack of community consciousness and concern for the environment is quite appalling - especially as this beautiful little village used to be the epitome of a pristine and carefully nurtured environment. What has happened to the caring people who used to live here? Admittedly there are still people in Simon's Town who are proud and concerned enough to look after their neighbourhood and see to it that illegal dumping by these uncaring louts who pollute our village both by "living" here and discarding their garden waste and garbage in the wrong places is curtailed/controlled to some extent. Sadly, some of the worst culprits seem to be those property owners who spend a short part of our summer here, then return to their home countries overseas. One wonders if they behave over there like they do here! I suspect not.



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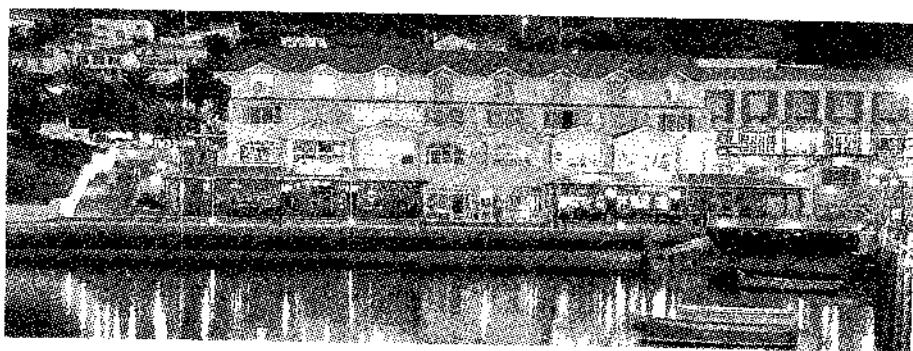
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Finally, despite the increases in our rates and services costs, we have been told by the SPM's Chief Executive Officer that the service delivery levels will drop even further. So while we ratepayers will pay more, we can expect less. But, it is important that we who live in Simon's Town do not become like so many others in this country - unconcerned about our environment, slothful and negligent about our communal responsibilities or lackadaisical about our individual roles in the community. We all owe something to our community. Surely it isn't too much to expect you to play a small part in ensuring that your neighbourhood in the village is kept clean and tidy and free from debris and garbage. The Simon's Town Ratepayers' and Residents' Association is planning a BIG CLEAN-UP of the whole of Simon's Town starting from Murdock Valley and working through to Redhill Road. If anyone would like to assist us in this endeavour by offering the services of their gardener to clear and tidy around and in front of their home, or to

help us more directly in the big clean-up, please will you contact any of the committee members - your contributions will be most welcome. Just for the record, though, in case any of you concerned residents do want to contact the people responsible for blocked stormwater drains and potholes, the telephone number of the SPM's Roads and Drainage Department is 785 5475. And if you are tired of seeing garden refuse dumped in the wrong place, the telephone number of the SPM's Parks and Gardens Department is 785 2378. The local cleansing section can be contacted on 786 1551.

Post Script: Credit where credit is due! Before sending this to the printers I was pleased to note that the debris clogging the driveway crossings in the stormwater drains in the lower sections of Protea and Valley Roads has been cleared and the blocked stormwater grating in the bus-stop at the High School has been cleaned. Thanks to whoever was responsible. But, may I point

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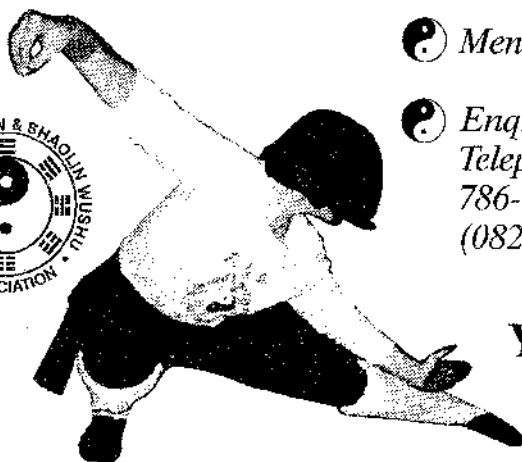


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out that this represents only a very small part of the cleansing and unblocking of the stormwater gutters that is required throughout Simon's Town. We are looking forward to more of the same, soon.

2. CURRENT APPLICATIONS

Details of applications currently 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 additional information requested by the municipality has been received and is being processed. No closing date for objections and/or comments is available, at this stage, because it has not been advertised, yet. The details of the application are available in the Simon's Town Library or information may be obtained at tel: 710 8368.

2.2. Erven 4348 and 4349, Welcome Glen: Application for consolidation, rezoning from undetermined use to single residential and business and for subdivision into 9 portions. The few objections received were referred to the applicant whose responses are being processed by the SPM preparatory to a report being compiled for the Urban and Environmental Services committee.

2.3. Erf 4719, Welcome Glen: Application for rezoning from undetermined use to single residential and for subdivision into 5 portions. Objections received were referred to the applicant whose responses are still awaited.

2.4. Erf 4595, Cairnside: Application to subdivide into two portions. The applicant's responses to the objections are still being processed by the SPM.

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

2.6. Erf 3590, Simon's Town, (Quarry Road): Application for Rezoning and Scheme Departures. The provincial premier has referred the appeals against the approval of this application to the SPM for comments before taking a final decision. The matter is being processed by the SPM, presently.

2.7. Erf No 967, Simon's Town (Highlands Development): Application for Scheme Departures. The developer's application to build 7 housing units instead of the originally approved 8 units has been approved by the provincial government. The application to subdivide the property into seven portions to comply with the provisions of Section 9.1 of the Town Planning Scheme regulations is now being processed by the SPM for a report to be submitted to the Urban and Environmental Services committee.

2.8. Erf 3844, Simon's Town: (Afrikaner Road, Murdock Valley South). This is an



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application for a second dwelling on a consolidated erf. Approval of the present application seems to be imminent.

2.9. Remainder of Erf 1907, Simon's Town: (off Rocklands Road in Murdock Valley South). This application to sub-divide into 6 erven has been processed by the SPM and no objections were received. Approval of this application is expected.

2.11. Erf 625, Simon's Town: (Military Way, Bayview). Application to sub-divide into two portions. There is no formal road access to the one erf. This has been queried by the SPM but no response has been received from the applicant.

2.12. Erf 250 and Erf 345, Glencairn: Application for subdivision into 6 sites each 350 sqm in extent. Erven in the general vicinity seem to be much larger than these. 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.

2.13. Erf 2454, Glencairn: Application for Special Consent to Establish an Off Course Tote adjacent to the Glen Adinda Hotel, Glencairn. Details of this application are available at the Simon's Town public library. The SPM has decided that this application will not be advertised and that only the surrounding owners within a 150 metre radius will be notified. This committee believes this application has serious social and environmental implications which the wider community should be aware of and entitled to comment upon. Is this place to set up an off course tote with the related potential problems of litter, no parking and anti-social behaviour? In the circumstances, it is strongly recommended that anyone wishing to comment or object should do so without delay.

3. OTHER PROPERTY MATTERS

3.1. Portion of Erf 1399 and Portion of Seaforth Road, Simon's Town: (The old Seaforth Restaurant). Advertisements invit-

ing tenders for the redevelopment of the old restaurant have appeared in the newspapers. The closing date for these submissions is 9 July 1999. The Simon's Town Ratepayers' and Residents' Association will be requested to nominate its representative on the adjudication panel, in due course.

3.2. Simon's Town Station Development: The matter has not been tabled for discussion at the last four monthly meetings of the AAC. Since the Ratepayers' Association wrote to the developers voicing its concerns and the SPM, separately, sent its conditions for approval, there has not been any further contact.

3.3. New Street Signage: At its meeting on 6 May 1999 the proposed signage was discussed, again. It was reported that the relevant SPM officials had rejected the fixing method and had made suggestions to be investigated by the makers. The type of material to be used for the signs is to be investigated further, also. The basic design concept has been accepted by the AAC provided the practical problems can be resolved.

3.4. Wildschutsbrand Farm (CFM1404): The SPM has advised that a revised application in respect of a restaurant and a craft market is expected to be submitted. This will be advertised in terms of the Land Use Planning Ordinance when it is received.

3.5. Inquiry into the Building Survey and Land Use Development Directorates: The report was made available at all SPM libraries. Progress on implementation of the recommendations is being followed up and will be reported on in a future "Property Watch".

3.6. Peninsula Urban Edge Study: One copy of the Final Draft Urban Edge Report together with the background Technical report, both dated April 1999, has been available at the Simon's Town Public Library for some time. The closing date for public comment was 31 May 1999.

3.7. Cole Point Parking Area: The plans to upgrade this area are complete and it looks as though there will be approximately 130 demarcated parking bays. The budget allows for resurfacing and re-demarcating the parking bays and a small amount of landscaping and tree planting. Tenders were received and the contract has been awarded to Messrs Martin and East (Pty) Ltd., Civil Engineering contractors. Work is expected to begin early in June, but the completion date has not been given, although it is anticipated that it should be completed within 2 months. Residents may be inconvenienced when this work starts as parking in this area may be reduced, at best, or may even be stopped completely until the work is completed.

Bruce Parker
Simon's Town Ratepayers' and
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This, and the other issues reflected in our "priorities list" discussed at our half-yearly meeting will be aired at our next AGM which will be held on 21 July 1999. These issues include traffic problems arising from increased tourism, refuse removal, street cleaning, anti-crime measures, water supplies,

property development, the environment and many others. In order to deal with these problem areas effectively your Committee will have to hire premises and a secretary. We have therefore increased subscription fees which will be payable as from July this year to R50.00 per person/family. Hopefully this will also be enough to fund "Snoektown Calling" if enough residents join up. We will shortly be starting a new membership drive and will be calling on residents on a door-to-door basis. If you want to become a member or involved, please fill in the attached form and return it to us.

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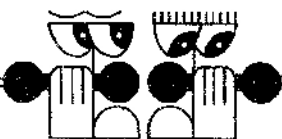
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strictly and residents could respond to the committee. The disadvantages are that not many residents are connected (however, the library is connected and would be willing to print and display our news) and that we would rarely have resources to copy information which has not one way or another come on to a computer used by a committee member. An e-mail newsletter would thus first of all contain the minutes of committee meetings - once approved by the chair - important letters which we are sending out and short notes on any other really important news which comes to our notice. The "newsletter-master" would have to collate comments of participants and pass these to the committee.

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DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The Cape Times of 24 May wrote about the Brown Haze above the city and a wider area. The haze-cloud forms on typical winter days when there is an atmospheric temperature inversion. The newspaper quoted an official of the CMC Air Pollution Control saying "We've got to deal with this pollution. Each year there are just more and more vehicles...Each year the Brown Haze gets worse." This pollution is of course not only ugly but most unhealthy, especially for people with a chronic respiratory disease.

A trained observer can smell photochemical smog, the nasty part of Brown Haze. The writer of this assures you that for a few days in May last year, photochemical smog could, for the first time (at least the first time since 1993) be sensed in Simon's Town. An official of the Metropolitan Health Department has found this observation credible. The growing traffic density across the larger Metropolitan area, including the South Peninsula has not only increased the concentration of the Brown Haze where it has been present for many years but it has also caused it to cover a larger area.

Brown Haze is just one of the many blessings of poorly controlled and therefore unsustainable development. The Ratepayers' and Residents' Association is questioning the South Peninsula Municipality and the CMC about the observed lack of integrated planning and control.

Is it responsible to approve more new developments (where development-rights did not exist) without even having a firm plan how the increasing traffic, especially that in season, can be managed? We see that the recently done traffic study has come much too late and we fear that we will only begin to measure pollution from vehicles in the South, once it has become an obvious problem.

Is it responsible to encourage more development before there is certainty that the water-supply can keep step? We were recently for 36 hours without water. We were assured this was not due to some pipe break. We were told, the interruption and current restrictions were caused by a short term mechanical problem and - most of all - by the very dry season. That is not so: have a look at the notice board in St George-Union Street. But we were also informed that consultants have been instructed to investigate the supply/demand now and - with

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planned expansions - in future. Here too, the authorities investigate after the first serious problems occurred.

The Association has asked since November last year to be informed about the current and expected capacity/demand data for the Simon's Town sewage system. Whilst we have been shown around the waste water treatment works and have witnessed upgrading in progress, we have, in spite of several requests, not been provided with the requested information. Why not?

The next unpleasant surprise may well be related to storm water drainage. This Association believes "integrated planning" must be pro-active and has to include control, that development does not outpace infrastructure. Integrated planning is necessary to establish prior to approval what the proportional cost of infrastructure expansion will be for any new development. This is essential to ascertain that development is cost effective

for the community at large and that the developer pays his fair share. Civic Associations and Non Government Organisations (NGOs) should fight for and support legislation which forces authorities to do truly integrated planning and implementation of development.

We realise that the task of the CMC and of the SPM is made difficult by many factors, not least among them the poor condition in which infrastructure was handed over by the previous administration and the way in which the Province overturns well considered rejections of developments. However, these problems should be seen as an added incentive to plan and implement development in a truly integrated manner. That would be one more step towards environmentally friendly development.

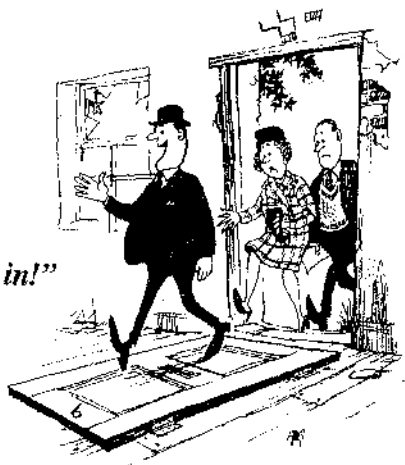
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2. The parking area at Glen Beach will also have some upgrading, for completion in this financial year.

3. The reinstatement of the Simon's Town Wastewater Treatment Works treated effluent outfall at Long Beach will begin soon. This work has been commissioned by the Cape Metropolitan Council who are responsible for the Wastewater Treatment Works. The project will be undertaken by Messrs

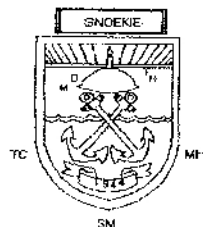
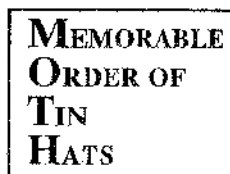
Civil Coastal Contractors to the professional design of Entech Consultants. The former are experienced contractors in the specialist field of marine works.

4. Water restrictions are still in place in Simon's Town. The Simon's Town dams supplying our area, now managed by the CMC, are still dangerously low. A formal request to the CMC for construction of the Brooklands Dam has been submitted to the CMC. A final decision will only be taken following completion of the SPM's and CMC's model studies which will take another two months at least.

5. The water reticulation systems in Simon's Town and the state of the infrastructure are being comprehensively mapped and assessed. Reservoir level monitoring and telemetry systems will be installed before the

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Snoekie shellhole is under the Simon's Town Museum and meets once a month.

For more information please contact either Bruce Butterworth on (021) 782-5138 or Harold Kasner on (021) 782-2766.

end of June 1999. This will enable remote monitoring of reservoirs in Simon's Town from the 24-hour radio/telephone centre and the water depot. Manual monitoring of key reservoirs will continue in the interim. Reservoirs in Green Road and Water Way have had continuous water breaks and wastewater problems which the SPH is committed to solving.

6. Council on the 29th May 1999 resolved that all existing bed and breakfast establishments be advised that water storage tanks would have to be provided by the property owners to ensure a 24-hour supply.

7. Initiatives for cutting back on water demand are being developed by the Water and Sanitation Directorate. An application to the CMC for funding of a water demand and loss reduction program in the "Deep South" is to be made. Funds will be obtained from the Water Demand Management Fund derived from a levy on water sales for this purpose;

an investigation is to be undertaken to recommend optimum utilization of treated sewage effluent for municipal gardening purposes; manual drip irrigation systems in place of automatic watering systems will be installed.

PLEASE NOTE :

THE NEXT WARD REPORT BACK

MEETING will be held on

10 JUNE 1999 AT 7:00 pm in the

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TOPICS WILL BE:

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Simon's Town Business Association

At a well attended meeting held in the Simon's Town Museum on the 13 May 1999 the new **Simon's Town Business Association** was formed.

Mr Andre Duraan was elected President with Mrs Heather Lunderstedt as Vice-President. Mrs Dorothy Mecinska is the Treasurer with Melanie Mickelthwaite, George Fechter, John Newton, Trish Inggs and Malinda Coetzee as committee members.

The Aims and Objectives of the Business Association are:

1. Co-operation Locally

To encourage co-operation among everyone involved in business in Simon's Town and Glencairn.

2. Objections and Grievances

To take all steps necessary to remove all reasonable grievances adversely affecting business individually or in general.

3. Information

To collect and distribute to members, information

on all matters of common interest.

4. Communication

To communicate with public bodies or authorities as well as other associations or individuals elsewhere on all issues of common interest.

5. Affiliation

To enter into, participate in and/or withdraw from affiliations with other similar bodies and generally co-operate and join with other Chambers of Business in South Africa in order to better achieve the Association's objectives.

6. Promotion of Business Activities

To generally take such action as deemed necessary and conducive to the promotion of trade, commerce and industry or incidental to the attainment of the Association's objectives.

7. Business Principles

To encourage and maintain a high standard of ethics in conducting business. To give attention to and investigate written com-

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plaints and to meaningfully contribute to the development of the community served through contact with local consumer bodies.

8. Study of Legislation

To scrutinise and study all proposed legislation pertaining to local and commercial business interests.

9. Constitution

To best attain these objectives the Association shall perform its functions in terms of a properly drafted Constitution, a copy of which will be made available to all members.

Any Business in Glencairn or Simon's Town wishing to become a member of the Association is invited to contact the President on **786-1918** or the Vice-President, Heather Lunderstedt on **786-3505**. Subscriptions will be R25,00 per month.

R.A. Duraan, President

Simon's Town Police Community Forum

Congratulations to our friendly Bobby on the Beat, George Watton, for the successful completion of his training course. George scored 93% overall (100% for one exam!), giving him the title of top student. We're proud of you George, and very pleased to have you back on the beat.

Community Policing as a whole has been formalised, one of the reasons for George being away on this course. This is going to result in benefits for the community and George, but at the same time, will cost more than at present.

We are all positively affected by the presence of the Community Policemen but as most businesses in the CBD already make their monthly contribution, we appeal to the public in general to help sponsor costs. Those dreadful few weeks when George as well as Cassie and Louis were away underlined the importance of retaining our "own" community policeman. If anybody out there is prepared to help, please give Dorothy a ring at 786-2133.

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As winter approaches with its promise of leg fires and g'wells, visiting to our Shreea thwrele. Nevertheless we are a hive of activity with Sue organising us support for a Waitress's Race to find his "fastest service in the month", which offers a floating trophy of a splendid silver tray to the winning restaurant and other donated prizes. This is to be held at Kalk Bay on Sunday 28th May, so it will be all over bar the shouting by the time you receive your June copy of *Shreea*.

As reported last month, there is no shortage of excellent musical events in the deep south! Next up (a time of writing) is another Pro Musica event, featuring The Decameron String Ensemble to be held on 5 June. Dr Gary Van der Merwe is to be congratulated for introducing these wonderful concerts to Simon's Town.

The Masque Theatre and Peninsula Tourism have joined forces to produce and promote a season of entertainment at various elegant venues in the South Peninsula entitled "Enchanted Evenings". These evenings, all different, include singers, actors and cabaret artists, all of whom reside in the South Peninsula and will be presenting an exciting and varied programme to suit all tastes. We have our own three "shows" (one of whom is out to the Domingo Youth Company in New York shortly), who will be sure to delight the audience with their accomplished renditions of the "Tango" favourites. Watch out for this event from 21-23 June. You'll find details of the programme on the back page under Forthcoming Events.

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graphic competition to find the best photographs of Simon's Town and surrounds for inclusion in a calendar to be produced for the year 2000. If you feel you would like to participate in this, we would be very grateful if you would submit photographs for selection. The best twelve will be selected for inclusion in the calendar. Please telephone us (786 2436) or call in at the bureau near Jubilee Square for further details.

On a more serious note, we would like to congratulate our Police on attacking the problem of ATM crime head on. Recently a meeting was initiated with the respective banks and Operation "Bullion" was launched. The operation was aimed at addressing the problem by identifying "Hot Spots" and targets with regard to this crime, arresting them and ensuring the successful prosecution of those responsible. If anyone has been a victim or would-be victim of this crime, please do report it to the local police, so cases can be investigated. The police can do nothing if this is not done.

To end on a lighter note. As mentioned in an earlier edition of Snoektown, we get a variety of requests and tasks to perform in the Bureau ("Think of it and it's probably happened!") Our latest was to find homes for 20 white rats, the owner of which was very keen to bring them to the office for us to dispose of. It was a case of SPCA to the rescue and a very obliging Inspector Shaun Bodington residing in Simon's Town collected the brood before first light the next day!

*Best regards
Sue and Pat*

Reduced Fees for Park Visitors

Entrance fees to two of the Cape Peninsula's most popular tourist destinations will be reduced by 50% during the month of June.

According to David Daitz, manager of the Cape Peninsula National Park, visitors to the Cape of Good Hope Reserve at Cape Point and Boulders near Simon's Town will now pay R5 per adult and R2.50 per child.

For more information on this "green discount", please contact Shoni Khangala at CPNP. Tel: 713-0260.

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Simon's Town Museum News

With the recent devastation caused by the huge fire and subsequent landslide at Glencairn Heights we thought it appropriate to research the phenomena of Landslides, Floods and Fires in the Simon's Area during this century.

Our Researcher, Cathrynne Salter Jansen has therefore produced the following details of fires, followed by landslides or mudslides and the many occasions the Town experienced serious floods.

We trust you will find the article of interest.

LANDSLIDES, FLOODS AND FIRES THIS CENTURY

1902 Storms caused a mudslide which carried huge boulders down the mountain and over Miller's Point Road. Mr Lindley and his family were imprisoned in their home. The military were called in to clear the road.

16/6/1905 Storms caused more damage in Simon's Town than anywhere else in the Peninsula. Walls fell down all over the town; a house came down above the main road and another was severely damaged; a kitchen collapsed in Cole Point Road; and a wall in Budge's Lane collapsed. Most damage occurred at Seaforth. Large masses of mud and stones, amounting to 14 000 cubic feet, was piled up to 10 feet high. A new stormwater system was nearing completion when it was swept away by the floods. William Hanson, the builder was not insured and became bankrupt. The stormwater drains cost 1000 pounds to replace.

22/2/1935 A fire broke out above the East Dockyard and 850 men battled to save part of Simon's Town including the Royal Naval Hospital and the Sanatorium. The mountain from Forest Hill to the Sanatorium was completely burnt out. Several thousand pounds worth of timber at Forest Hill and the mu-

nicipal plantation was destroyed.

1940's A very wet winter resulted in a landslide which caused half the main road to slip and wipe out the small beach below called Palm's Beach, near Beacon Rock, Murdock Valley.

6/2/1950 A fierce blaze began near the Cape Times Fresh Air Camp and raced on to Cable Hill, Klaver and Red Hill. The fire was fought by 1000 firefighters and 9 fire engines and 100 families were evacuated from their homes. An officer and a rating from HMS Nigeria were caught in the blaze near the Royal Naval Hospital and seriously burnt. They died of their injuries. The fire had been deliberately started.

27/1/1953 A fire in Glencairn, between the river and the present freeway, destroyed land belonging to the Gordon's and Rotary Camps.

3/2/1953 A man was arrested when he deliberately started fires at Oaklands and Red Hill. Homes at Brooklands were burnt.

6/2/1953 Another arrest was made when 3 more fires were started at Brooklands.

16/2/1953 Red Hill was set alight when 5 fires were deliberately started. After 14 days of firefighting and a maximum of 30 hours sleep, if that, the municipal staff were "dead on their feet" according to Mr L.C. Gay. They had covered the area from Klaasjagersberg to Kommetjie and Froggy Pond to Glencairn. One arrest had been made.

1/3/1953 Fire in Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve and 2 on Red Hill. One at least was started deliberately.

31/3/1953 Fires at Red Hill, Jackson's Quarry and Perdekloof.

Aug. 1953 Heavy rain caused damage to walls; Smith's Lane began crumbling and houses there and buildings in St George's Street were threatened with destruction. At 6am one Monday morning the Ajam family were awoken by a loud rumbling. They ran outside to find that a strong stone wall had collapsed, pouring tons of clay into their backyard.

11/12/1953 Fire ignited at Red Hill. One man was arrested.

4/1/1954 Many small buck and other game were killed when a fire raced through the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve.

13/1/1954 Another 2 fires swept through the Nature Reserve. These were definitely started deliberately.

28/1/1954 A fire burnt from Klaver to Kommetjie.

19/5/1954 Heavy rain caused the river running through the grounds of Admiralty House to burst its banks. The upper garden was under 8 feet of water which flowed over the main road. Water ran into Admiralty House. Motorists had to walk into Simon's Town from the Red Hill Road turn-off as a wall of sand blocked the main road into the town. Water undermined the railwayline. Soup kitchens were set up and blankets were distributed.

26/6/1954 Downpours caused 14 landslides in 48 hours in Simon's Town. At the Naval Arsenal, part of the main wall (300 feet) collapsed; houses at Dido Valley were flooded as was the Simon's Town Library; a claybank collapsed against the Methodist Church; eleven flats were flooded at Waterfall Flats; Mrs Kindo's home in Cardiff Road was flooded and water from the Jackson Quarry rushed through the Old Burying Ground breaking the boundary walls. The filtration plant at the Lewis Gay Dam was put

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out of action because it could not cope with the torrent of water.

July 1954 Floods caused so much damage at Brooklands, Elsie's River, Glencairn and Luyolo that homes had to be evacuated. The inhabitants were given emergency rations. A stream that ran through Luyolo became a raging torrent 50 feet wide. Hundreds of tons of sand blocked the main road into Simon's Town. Walls in Sayer's Lane and Waterfall Road collapsed. Houses in Smith's Lane and buildings behind the main road began cracking. Groceries and machinery worth 800 pounds were buried when a stone retaining wall on the premises of Mr S. Dawood in St George's Street burst. A building nearby was completely crumpled by a barrage of mud. Tenants of Cader's Flats left their homes hastily after a landslide crashed into the backyard, cracking a heavy retaining wall. Mrs K. Summat aged 100 was found in Goede Gift with the roof of her house sinking over her head and the walls dangerously

cracked. Mrs C. Dreyer's house was severely damaged and half her garden fell down a slope. Landslides blocked the Red Hill road; the road at Murdock Valley was impassable and on the road between Miller's Point and Castle Rock, hundreds of tons of rock, trees and rubble were piled 15 feet high across the road. Mr Stan Schickerling and his family were nearly crushed and had to run for their lives when an avalanche of rocks and mud thundered past their Miller's Point bungalow and crashed into the sea.

3/8/1954 Heavy downpours and flooding caused landslides on the Miller's Point Road and further cracking of Smith's Lane. Mr L.C. Gay called for a Distress Fund to be established.

16/11/1954 A fire on Elsie's Peak and in the Glencairn Valley.

26/11/1954 While firefighters were battling a blaze which had been deliberately started



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on Red Hill, they saw 2 men lighting more fires.

1/1/1955 A fire was started in the Waterfall area and burnt to Red Hill.

27/1/1955 The seventh bush fire in 6 weeks broke out at Glencairn.

21/2/1955 Torrential rain caused an 8 foot retaining wall behind Mr H.B. Manuel's house in Quarry Road to collapse after heavy rain and his bathroom and pantry walls were cracked. Elsewhere properties and roads were flooded and drains blocked.

30/4/1955 The Cape Times reported that the Central Hotel had to be closed as a result of the threatened landslide behind St George's Street. The manageress, Mrs Katie Inman, refused to move out.

June 1955 The road at Murdock Valley was swept away in a landslide.

9/8/1955 Mr A.R. Cader and his family were one of eight families who were evacuated, after 24 hours notice by the Simon's Town Municipality, when fresh cracks appeared in the bank behind St George's Street.

22/2/1956 Fire in the Glencairn Valley.

March 1956 More than 2000 tons of rubble and clay, which had slid down the bank behind the buildings along St George's Street, were removed.

10/12/1956 Large fire in the Da Gama Park area.

11/12/1956 "Simon's Town: the favourite haunt of firebugs" - *The Argus*

12/12/1956 Fire burnt from Klaver to Brooklands.

13/12/1956 A blaze began in the Glencairn Valley.

14/12/1957 A fire started in the grounds of a Fish Hoek house and spread to Glencairn and Kommetjie.

10/1/1958 Fire at Dido Valley.

12/1/1958 A fire at Oaklands burnt to Sunnysdale and was one of many between Simon's Town and Kommetjie that was deliberately started.

11/1/1958 Fires broke out at Quarry Road, Red Hill and Brooklands.

24/1/1958 A fire which started near the Cottage Hospital, threatened the Pot Luck Quarters in Military Road and raced over Red Hill towards North Battery, the Dido Valley houses and the upper reaches of the Elsie's River Valley. Another fire began on the Dido Valley rubbish dump and spread to the mountains above Glencairn. The Royal Navy and the SA Navy both assisted in the firefighting operations. Two naval ratings were injured.

18/2/1958 In one day 4 fires blazed in the Simon's Town area. The mountain slopes above the town all the way to Klaver and Red Hill to the top of the Elsie's River Valley and across to Sunnysdale were devastated.

20/3/1958 A fire swept from the Cape Times Fresh Air Camp to the SA Navy Signal School. It took 700 firefighters to put it out.

23/3/1958 The Post Office and homes at the bottom of Seaforth Road were flooded. Torrents of water poured through the main entrance of the East Dockyard. Tons of sand and rubble washed down the mountain's fire-ravaged slopes and blocked the town's stormwater drains.

24/1/1959 The Cape Times reported that one of the biggest fires in the history of Simon's Town had come perilously close to the Royal Navy Hospital; the old Magazine; Waterfall Flats; the Radio Station and Signal

School at Klaver and the old General Botha Camp. It spread across the plateau towards Red Hill Village and North Battery.

5/2/1959 Large fires broke out at Klaver and Glencairn at the same time.

19/2/1959 It was stated by the Cape Times that there had been 194 fires that summer, from Cape Town to Cape Point. Many had been deliberately started. Parts of Simon's Town and Cape Point had burnt so regularly that they were permanently denuded of vegetation. One arrest had been made.

21/11/1959 Over two days 4 fires broke out at Red Hill and 3 at Seaforth. It was thought that they were probably deliberately started.

25/11/1959 Fires at Red Hill and Quarry Road.

3/1/1960 A fire broke out at Red Hill.

16/4/1960 Another large fire started at Red Hill.

29/12/1960 A fire at Red Hill again menaced homes, farms and the naval installation at Klaver. It swept on endangering North Battery, Dido Valley and the Marine Oil Refinery. It burnt until 3/1/1961.

4/1/1961 Fire at Brooklands endangered the Kallis' and Payne's homes.

24/1/1961 Fire at Red Hill threatened homes at Sabena Vlei.

24/8/1961 At Castle Rock 3 homes were destroyed by a large fire.

30/10/1961 Mayor Reuben Juter stated that 34 fires had occurred in the last year and that most had been deliberately started.

21/1/1964 SA Navy, Simon's Town Municipality and Divisional Council firefighters bat-

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tioned a blaze which raged from Da Gama Park to Kommetjie and another at Kogelfontein.

3/1/1966 A large fire swept over Red Hill through North Battery and threatened homes at Dido Valley and the Marine Oil Refinery. The Cotton and Williams families home was burnt and hydrogen had to be released from the Refinery as there was a serious threat of explosion. Seamen from HMS Lynx helped to fight the blaze at Dido Valley.

31/1/1966 According to the *Cape Times*, firefighters had been battling a fire threatening the SA Navy Signal School and Radio Station for a week. The fire had started on the plateau above Simon's Town. Two African firefighters of the SA Navy were trapped with their colleagues on Red Hill near Taylor's farm. Mr Sam Mahlula Madidilane and Mr Caiphus Xakusa Longwe died of their burns.

28/2/1966 The *Cape Argus* reported that 6 fires were blazing at Simon's Town: One at Elsie's Peak which burnt to the Fish Hoek boundary; another higher up the Elsie's River Valley, at the Rotary Camp, which also ended up at Fish Hoek; one at Red Hill; one at Luyolo which left 12 people homeless and lead to firefighter, Mr Elias Bangeni being taken to hospital with burnt feet; one behind the British Hotel and one at Froggy Pond.

9/3/1966 A large fire occurred on the south side of the Glencairn Valley. It was extinguished when it reached a previously burnt out area. The fire smouldered and then flared up again on the 17th, destroying part of the Rotary Camp property and burning as far as Sunnydale.

13/2/1967 A huge fire raged from Smitswinkel Bay towards Klaver and threatened the SA Navy installation. A fire broke out in the Nature Reserve and another flared up at Brooklands. Altogether there were 6 fires in one weekend in the Simon's Town area and 25 in all since Christmas. Each one

had been deliberately started.

23/2/1967 Fire threatened homes at Da Gama Park and Dido Valley. It again flared up on the 26th. Da Gama and Oaklands were saved, but the fire raced all the way to Kommetjie.

18/12/1969 Several fires raged in the vicinity of Simon's Town: one at the top of the Glencairn Valley which burnt to Sunnydale and Kommetjie; one at Smitswinkel Bay; four at Red Hill and one at Da Gama Park.

7/1/1970 A fire swept from Sunnydale to Da Gama Park.

23/2/1970 In two days 2 fires were started in the upper Glencairn Valley and 6 were lit in Red Hill area.

5/2/1971 The Ricketts Terrace area and Dido Valley were set alight.

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13/1/1972 The Glencairn mountainside was burnt.

24/1/1972 A fire started at Seaforth and raced along the slopes, menacing homes in Runciman Drive and the Signal School at Klaver.

10/6/1972 A blaze in the Miller's Point and Castle Rock area.

25/12/1972 A four day fire started in the Klaver Valley and swept along behind Simonsberg, before coming over the mountain to Murdock Valley and Froggy Pond. It burnt Oatlands farmhouse to the ground.

26/12/1972 A fire began at Miller's Point, but was quickly put out.

Jan 1979 A fire began on Red Hill and swept across the mountains to the Kommetjie Road. It threatened Da Gama Park and Ocean View.

9/1/1984 A huge blaze began above Simon's Town and burnt as far as Dido Valley and Da Gama Park.

Nov 1985 A massive fire began at Klaver, in the vicinity of the SA Naval Rifle Range. It raced over the mountain and down towards Simon's Town.

Feb 1986 A huge fire in the Nature Reserve raced up the Atlantic coast as far as Scarborough and destroyed 2500 hectares of fynbos.

2/5/1988 A fire which burnt from Murdock Valley to Smitswinkel Bay, destroyed 13 homes and 1800 hectares of fynbos.

1993 A huge part of the mountain above Cable Hill appeared to be about to slide into the town and posed a serious threat to property and life. The air raid shelters behind the old Royal Naval Hospital cracked severely. Ten homes on Cable Hill were evacuated for some months.

20/2/1994 The slopes above Simon's

Town; the Klaver Valley; Red Hill; the Da Gama Park area; the top of Glencairn Valley; the vicinity of Capri Village and all the land up to Ocean View was devastated by a huge fire.

17/3/1994 Mudslide warnings were issued by environmentalists as a result of the above-mentioned fire.

28/2/1995 A fire on Red Hill threatened houses in Paradise Road.

24/2/1998 The Red Hill and Da Gama Park areas were ravaged by fire.

6/3/1999 A fire broke out near Glencairn Heights. It was fanned by a strong southeaster and spread quickly to the Brakkloof, Capri Village and Fish Hoek areas. It flared up again on the 9th and burned for 9 days, after which it alternatively smouldered and flared up for well over a month.

21/4/1999 Torrential rain caused a trail of destruction as a mudslide raced down the slopes of Glencairn Heights (and Fish Hoek). The fire of 6th March had destroyed vast tracts of vegetation and nothing was left to hold back the soft sand when the heavens opened.

Information on the above topic was obtained from the Museum's many albums of newspaper clippings. Reports from the early years of Simon's Town are sadly few and far between.

Cathrynne Salter-Jansen

NSRI Station 10 Simon's Town - June 1999

As a member of the Station 10 Support Committee I had mentioned to the Station Commander Chops Craig that I would like to play some role in the rescue process if I could be of some help at the station.

My chance came on Sunday 16 May at about 18:30 when I was called to attend a call out at the station as an observer. When I arrived on the scene "Caltex Star" had already launched and I was briefed that a person had telephoned from Fish Hoek to say that they had seen a small red boat in the bay with a boy on board. They had seen a red flare fired. After talking on the telephone to report the incident they could no longer see the boat. The position indicated on the chart was a few hundred metres offshore to the Fish Hoek side of the quarry below Elsie's Peak. The Station mobile support vehicle (4x4) had been dispatched to observe the operation from the road. Reports from the "Caltex Star" at the scene indicated what was thought to be items of debris which were recovered. They included, a large piece of polystyrene, which could have been used as extra floatation in a small craft. Some plastic bags containing a bread roll and what could have been bits of bait. The S.A. Navy divers from Simon's Town Naval Base had also been advised, hastened to the scene where they laid a buoy at the probable position and conducted a search but found nothing of great note.

Unfortunately darkness overtook the searchers and the operation was abandoned for first light the next day when the Diving Team would return to the scene.

The N.S.R.I. craft searched the immediate shore line with search lights and men with powerful torches from the 4x4 searched ashore. Nothing untoward was seen. "Caltex Star" and the 4x4 returned to base and after discussions with the boat Coxswain and crew the Station Commander decided

to call a halt to the search by the N.S.R.I. Subsequent searches over the next few days by Navy Diving personnel revealed nothing new.

At all times during and after the search, liaison had been maintained with the South African Police Service Press liaison officer who had been in touch with the press.

The police had not been informed of missing boats or missing persons going in boats and visits to local launch sites revealed nothing amiss.

The lady who had reported the incident is quite certain of her facts. I live on the hillside above the Dido Valley cemetery and on that evening about forty minutes before being called out to Station 10, I had been walking my dog in the road and I saw a red rub-

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ber boat with an outboard motor proceeding at slow speed from Simon's Town in the direction of Fish Hoek, close inshore. I do not recall how many persons were in the boat. Someone else had apparently verified seeing the flare.

To date the events appertaining to the boy in the red boat remain a mystery but to the dedicated crew members of the N.S.R.I., especially those who attended the call out, a nagging sense of inconclusion will remain with them for a long time to come.

On the night prior to this call out an informal party was held at Station 10 where a number of the members and their friends and members of the Support Committee gathered to honour Collin Dees in celebration of his eightieth birthday. Station Commander Chops Craig presented a copy of a ships' bell to Collin to honour the occasion. Collin has had long service as an incident controller at the station as well as having been a long-standing member of the support committee.

On this occasion two crew members, Lee Adcock and Russel Wright were presented with 10 year Service Certificates and other station members who had completed a tough Fire Fighting course at the S. A. Navy Fire Fighting School were presented with certificates. To Lee and Russel it was really an auspicious occasion. Ten years voluntary service to the community in such an exacting capacity says volumes for their loyalty and dedication and is a fine example to younger members.

Station Commanders Report

Call out to perform C.P.R. at Windmill Beach.
Call out to new yacht with broken prop shaft which had been adrift for a long while - yacht was towed in - grateful owner donated R600 to the Station.

Call out to a fishing vessel with battery failure. The boat was towed in. A couple of crew members stayed at the station to telephone etc. and after they had left it was

discovered that one of the station's cell 'phones was missing. Police were informed but the 'phone was not recovered.

The small boat trailer has been stripped and re-epoxied at a cost of R2500.

The plinth for the flag pole is at last in place.

Such is the way of the world. Some are grateful for help, others keep grabbing all the way.

Yours Aye, Don Dollery
Member Station 10 Support Committee

News from Naval Base, Simon's Town

NAVY SHIPS RETURN TO SIMON'S TOWN

*The task group which consisted of SAS DRAKENSBERG (combat support vessel), SAS ADAM KOK and SAS RENE SETHREN (strike craft) are returning to their home port, Simon's Town. SAS ADAM KOK is returning on Saturday, May 29th and the other two vessels on Wednesday June 2nd. The vessels took part in ATLASUR IV which is a combined maritime exercise together with the navies of Argentina, Brazil, South Africa and Uruguay.

*SAS WALVISBAAI and SAS UMHLOTI (mine countermeasures vessel) also return to Simon's Town on Wednesday June 2nd. They took part in exercise BLUE CRANE (together with the French Navy Ship, LE BOURDEUSE). The exercise is to enhance the capability of Southern Africa Development Corporation (SADC) countries to undertake peace support operations in the Southern African region. The two vessels also participated in exercise TULIPE which followed directly after exercise BLUE CRANE.

Dear SNOEK TOWN CALLING.

Our house in Brand Street, Glencairn Heights was one of those affected by the mud-slide in the early hours of the morning of the 21 April 1989.

We would like to record our thanks to all those who so kindly called to offer their assistance and support.



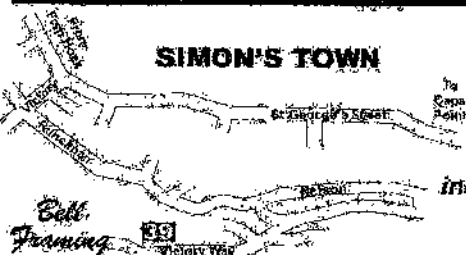
We would particularly like to thank the South African Navy for sending a team of workers to dig us out of the mud and for the regular visits and concern of our Ward, Councillor Nicki Holderness, the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Felicity Purchase, The Flag Officer Commanding, Naval Base Simon's Town and members of his staff as well as Mr John Page of the South Peninsula Municipality.

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The Night Sky - June 1999

The new Comet/1999 H1, new to the constellation of Virgo, the Staff, has not been easy to see during May, but several reported finding it with binoculars. It is to be found at -60° South in Virgo.

The red planet Mars has been following the star Spica in Virgo during the last few weeks, but from 31st May until the 14th June, Mars and Spica will be only 2° from each other. Thereafter they pull apart and by the end of June will be separated by more than 5°, as Mars resumes his eastward motion, remaining in Virgo all June.

Venus continues to be a wonderful sight as the evening 'star' in the west. There will be another opportunity to see both Neptune and Venus this month. On the 5th June at midnight Uranus will be less than a degree South of the Moon.

Neptune will be 1½ degrees South of the

Moon on 14th June. Good viewing for all those interested in identifying these distant planets.

Pluto is very far away and is only visible using a large telescope. On the 11th June there will be a new Moon, but on the 15th a very slender Mercury will be with the planet Mercury and the Twins, Castor and Pollux, low in the western sky, and on the 16th near the bright Varies.

The Winter Solstice occurs on the 21st June with our shortest day sunrise yet, 6.41 am and sunset at 5.44 pm at Stron's Town, but sunrise at Johannesburg will be at 6.55 am, nearly an hour earlier and sunset at 5.28 pm.

At the start of the month, the Moon passes through the constellation of Sagittarius, the Archer, whose is a number of globular clusters which are visible with binoculars. M17,

Message from Dr. van der Merwe's Practice

I would like to thank the people of Stron's Town (and elsewhere) who asked about my health and for their concern and well wishes. I am glad to report that all (well) (an independent physician's report and not my own opinion). I did not have a heart attack and neither have I had a coronary bypass operation. My evening was disturbed about two months ago by a short episode of a funny heart rhythm (which settled within a hour) and I was merely admitted to hospital for a night of observation. Well, I have been observed and declared unfit to exercise more and lead a more balanced life. My physician is healing himself. It is so heart warming to live amongst such wonderfully caring people. I would like to thank everyone most sincerely for accepting my family and I into your hearts and village over the past four years. Your support for the Stron's Town Pro Musica Divina is also greatly appreciated and I hope that this society will go from strength to strength to everyone's benefit.

Other practice news is that Sister Sue Owen has joined our practice on Monday and Friday mornings. Hopefully we could extend to even more sessions soon. Sue will be helping with drawings, drawing blood samples and assist me with other procedures. The idea is to continue improving our service to our patients and keep waiting times to a minimum. We have also upgraded our preventive medicine program. Therefore our routine medical (check up) examinations are more encompassing. Since our patients require this type of consultation, please notify Denise when making the booking, so that adequate time could be allocated.

the Horseshoe Nebula; M19 is a globular cluster in Ophiuchus, the 13th member of the Zodiac, was first discovered by the French astronomer Charles Messier on 5th June 1764.

M20 the famous Trifid nebula, named after its three lobed appearance by its discoverer William Herschel.

As Jupiter is visible again it is of interest to note that in 1676 when Johan Bax was Commander at the Cape, a young Danish astronomer, Rörner correctly calculated the speed of light as being 180,000 miles per second (300,000 km per second). The time taken by the light of Jupiter's eclipsing moon varied by 16 minutes 40 seconds between Jupiter's closest approach to Earth and its most distant approach. This figure was used in the calculation. It can be supplied to anyone interested. Prior to 1676 it was thought that light travelled at an infinite velocity. To think that all happened 24 years after Jan van Riebeeck landed at the Cape!

Peter I. van Blommestein

"Fishy Tales" - 1

It is nice to know that anglers in Simon's Town show great respect for the "ladies". When hooking a female Red Roman (*Chrysoblepus laticeps*), they always release her and only keep a male for the pot. Actually, this particular species is always born female and lives in an open-reef community. When reaching 27 - 37 cm in length, most of them change sex and live a solitary cave-dwelling existence. Perhaps they have a dire need to get away from all the female chatter!

In the next Fishy Tale, I will discuss a very short-sighted marine invertebrate that lives in a shell with an aircraft-like canopy and a jet-propulsion system. Unfortunately, this "cowboy" has a bad habit of always "flying" backwards.

Bevan Pank

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The other side of Medical Conferences

Get-a-fix attended a druids conference recently. Besides the wealth of medical information and knowledge gained, it was also amazing the amount of other interesting facts which was shared by the speakers.

It was firstly interesting to note our health minister's (Dr. Zuma) real name - Dr. Dolittle. The definition of an expert was also rather interesting - expert consisting of two elements i.e. "egg" and "spirt". An egg, which is something that cracks under pressure and spirt being a drip under pressure.

Another interesting fact was the analysis of medicine. It is said to be an art and a science. Apparently the science part is the anatomy; pharmacology etc. The art part is the ability of the physician to entertain the patient, while nature takes care of the rest. Some facts about preventative disease also came to light.

After a doctor told his patient to stop drinking, smoking and fornicating and eat more healthy he promised him that he will live longer. The patient replied: "I will not actually live longer - it will only seem longer!"

It was also amazing what colleagues write in their hospital reports (funny what comes out when a comma or full stop is left out):

"Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year"

"She has had no cold fevers or rigors, but her husband states she was very hot in bed last night"

"The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed"

"The patient will need disposition, and therefore we will get Dr Blank to dispose of him"

"The patient refused an autopsy"

"The patient has no past history of suicides"

"The patient experienced sudden onset of severe shortness of breath with a clinical picture of heart failure at home while having sex which gradually deteriorated in the emergency room"

These were obviously the highlights of the conference, but despite them there was also a vast amount of medical knowledge gained.

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Forthcoming Events June / July

1. SIMON'S TOWN MUSEUM

Wed 9 June Tel: 788 8848

"AUSTRIA MIT ZUGLUND ZALZ"

Dr Otto Grollits will present a talk with slides on his travels in Austria.
17.30-19.15

Quat. R5.00 per person

(Complimentary glass of wine included)

Wed 14 July

"MOSCOW TO BEHLING VIA MONGOLIA ON THE TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY"

Betty Davis will take us on a photographic journey to unusual places.
Time and Cost as above

2. THE MASONIC CLUB

Tel: 788 8847, 788 8817

Sat 12 June - CLUB DANCE

Sat 15 June - SING & SWING 7.30pm
R50.00 included 1pm Meal

Sun 20 June - CRICKET WORLD CUP FINAL - BIG SCREEN

Fri 25 June - MUSIC EVENING

Sun 27 June - BLOCK & TOMB SHOW with Live Music

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3. FRIENDS OF SIMON'S TOWN

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Sat 10 June at 9.30 am

FIS - GERMAN'S BEACH

Black-pot-pot plants, planting of new potted shrubs. If you have suitable tools you may bring them. Bring us also have a supply.

This hack has previously been advertised for 13 June, following a clash with another popular hack in Simon's Town area. It has been rescheduled to 10 June. In case of heavy rain, the hack will be postponed to 8 July 1999.

4. "ENCHANTED EVENINGS"

Mon 21 June - Fri 25 June

Mon 21 June

Lindbergh Arts Foundation

Melzerberg

The high Calanque Singers will accompany Victor Tichard (piano) light opera and songs, recorded. Plus

Orchestra Three Tenors

19.30 for 20.00

Tickets: R50.00 includes refreshments.

Tues 22 June

Cafe Madecar - Kall-Rey

"Cape Collage" - David Muller presents his one-man show. See Tales, supported by the Ocean View Spring Band.

19.30-20.00

Tickets: R50.00 includes light meal of delicious soup and home-made breads.

Wed 23 June

Grain Concerts - Constantia

A Night at the Nel Camberg-Singors programme (see Lindbergh 21 June) with additional pieces by Victor Tichard and a performance by Times Tree Trio.

19.30 for 20.00. Tickets: R50.00 includes complimentary estate wine

Thurs 24 June

Lindbergh Arts Foundation - Melzerberg

"Madeline M. Sater" - A variety of songs, comedy and songs, including some pieces that have become firm favourites. This programme is performed by the talents of award-winning artists and singers from the area.

Admission: Victor Tichard 19.30 for 20.00. Tickets: R50.00 includes complimentary wine

Fri 25 June

Wild-Rose Country Lodge - Noordhoek

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