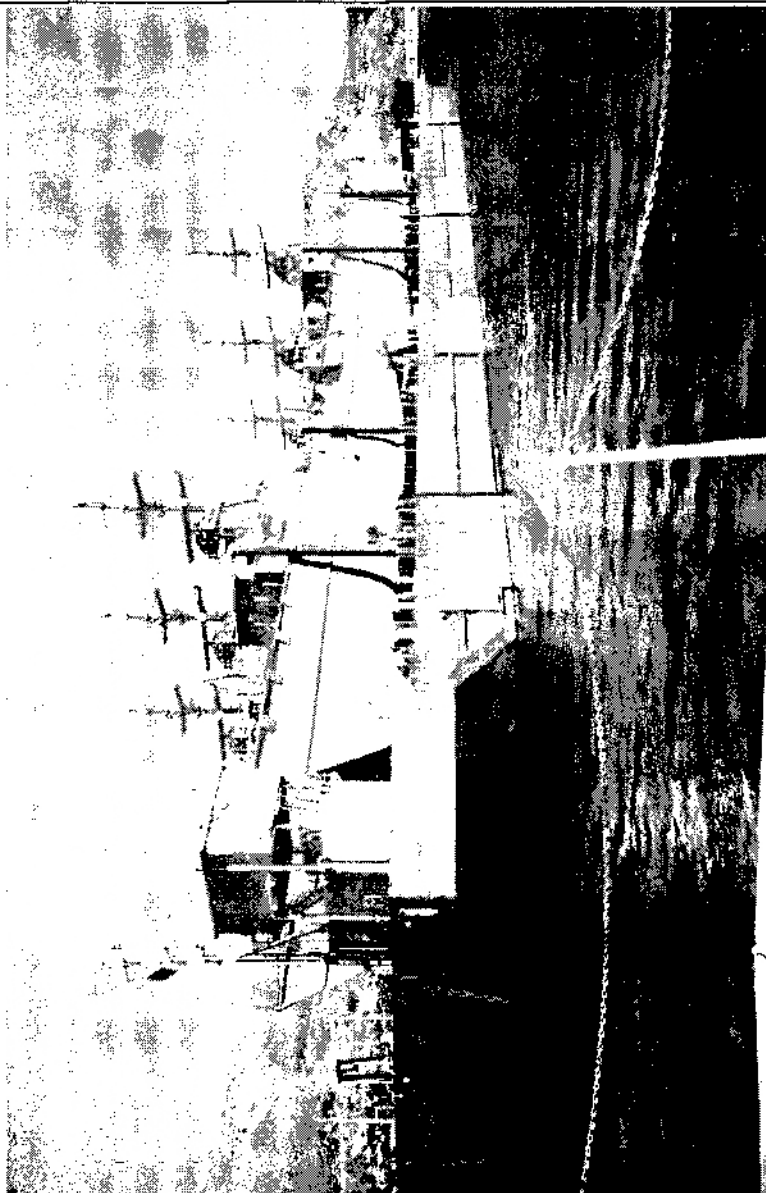


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Editorial

As promised in the March issue, a checklist of repairs needed in a wide range of little structures - roads, drains, sidewalks etc. A small beginning but take note of the things by way of guidance in submitting your comments. In due course I would like to receive a report back on response from the G.P. Administration.

I have been persuaded by readers to introduce a different cover for every issue - a watermark's special.

An urgent and persistent request from our Postal Delivery Service, it is a requirement if not a condition of this service that each post box or post rack should be located on the street boundary of the property. There are far too many addresses where this is not the case - an offence as compared to post boxes.

Now the seaward part of this editorial, concerning finance. For March as follows:

Advertising Income	45000
Subscribers Club	3500
Sponsorship	32000
	<u>83500</u>
Printing & Publishing	810,590
Post Office Delivery	8074
	<u>811,244</u>
Deficit	83,844

Total cost per page, R260 as compared with R200 per page about 12 months ago.

A suggestion was made a few months ago: the solution is simple, double the advertising rates. Those who are familiar with expenses in Simon's Town and know how tough it is, would wonder that there is no escape whatsoever of increasing rates. R75 - a quarter page, R150 - half page and R300 for a full page.

The philosophy of the publication remains the same: the need to know what's going on in the town - if we don't follow our own



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munity will fall apart - not so? At this writing I am seven months short of sponsorship at R2000 per month. Therefore, urgently needed are more sponsors and more contributors to the Supporters Club.

Reg Loxton
Editor
2 Chapel Rd
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Down the Historical Mile

Mientjie Boep-pens announced that she would be the portfolio holder for health - self appointed nogal - but as Stoffel Boesman explained: to be upmarket and with it, there had to be portfolio holders. Anyway, Mientjie wished to register most strongly a complaint about a plague of flies in the town. Never before in her memory were there so many flies about; and also rats, shouted Piet Pompies. They must come from the dockyard, probably the new Navy Shebeen, maintained Clara Fijnbosch, and the Navy better sort it out before the festival. Ja, no doubt, it had to be the dockyard, was the general consensus; this being the March meeting of SLAP.

Meneer die Voorsitter, ek stel die vraag, Stoffel of course in his usual pompous way. I have two matters to raise: number one: it must be clearly understood by all and everyone that the Ugene Ter-blanche who was locked up in prison in Potchefstroom recently, is no relation of his - very important. Number two: disturbing news, Mister Chairman: there is a very strong rumour going the rounds that the Navy blokes living at Waterfall Barracks have made application for a Shebeen. Not only a Shebeen, Mister Chairman, but a Shebeen in Palace Barracks. And furthermore, Mister Chairman, an upmarket Soweto style Shebeen, with all the trimmings; including a Sophiatown ethnic band, poppies that jump around serving booze to the boys and, if required, rent by the hour.

Ag sies, exclaimed Clara, that would not be in the traditional culture of the Veepee. She would have to tell her Aunt Constance Nienaber - from Wynberg you know - who would certainly not approve. Verskriklik, complained Mientjie, a Shebeen in Simon's Town; never, ever. SLAP was really steamed up, and it was resolved that Jannie Momberg be formally requested to intervene and put a stop to such nonsense.

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Ward Councillor's Report

1. Redevelopment of Marine Oils Refinery site

This 6-hectare property will form the most important opportunity to upgrade a large section of the coastline. A developer has presented conceptual proposals for a mixed-use development, which includes shops, restaurants and other commercial facilities as well as tourist related activities and a residential component.

The site is currently zoned industrial and any application for rezoning will require Traffic, Heritage and Environmental Impact Assessments. These statutory requirements also involve full public participation.

2. Dumping of Refuse

Apart from the weekly collection of household refuse and the bi-weekly collection of garden refuse, residents can take a bootload of refuse to the dump at Blue Waters Close weekdays from 7:30 to 16:00 and

Saturdays and Public Holidays 8:00 to 13:00. There is no charge for this. The charge for a trailer or 1-ton bakkie load is R20. The charge for contractors is R40 for a 1 ton bakkie load and R60 for a trailer or LDV load of less than a ton. Remember to pay first at the municipal cash office in Fish Hoek or Simon's Town and take your receipt with you.

Truckloads are not permitted.

If you employ a garden service make sure that the contractor dumps at the legal dumpsite. Responsible employers will make sure that this is done, especially since you are probably being charged for it.

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I have received many complaints about the new traffic arrangements in Seaforth Road. One of the consequences of the new system, apart from inconvenience to many people, is that it has impacted on traffic movement on the main road. This is extremely worrying as there is already concern about the dangerous conditions along the section of road between Seaforth and Miller's Road.

4. Glencairn Shopping Centre Extensions

There has been a succession of meetings held with the developer to address the concerns residents have about the potential impact of increased noise, litter and traffic movement. Redesign and further amendments as well as suitable planting and other measures have now been agreed on.

An outstanding issue remains the position of the recycling igloos. This is for the South Peninsula Administration to resolve. Residents have complained that litter accumulates round the igloos and that they are unsightly. They do serve a very useful purpose. Perhaps residents who bring bottles for recycling could take away the plastic bags and boxes they bring the bottles in!!

5. Signage in the CBD

Several businesses are putting out more than one sign on the pavement. This is causing problems with pedestrian movement. It must be remembered that the footpath is public property. Currently, the putting out of signs and goods is tolerated but if there are any more complaints the local authority will have to enforce the regulations because of concerns about pedestrian safety.

6. Miller's Point

The sneek run this year has been excellent for the fishermen. Unfortunately there have been serious problems with health and safety issues. Many of the boats do not comply with safety regulations. They should be very grateful to the NSRI for their eternal vigilance!

Many of the fishermen let out the bloody water from their boats and clean the fish

leaving the entrails all over the public areas. The general litter, filth and stench is quite revolting. I have asked our officials to develop a management plan to deal with this issue as a matter of urgency. The area is not designated for the selling of fish, which would mean that proper facilities would be provided.

As an interim measure the parking area at Miller's Point will be managed by the Boat Club which has undertaken to keep it clean.

Alderman Nicki Holderness
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Security

Current concern has it that the police station in Simon's Town is to be closed and the safety placed in the hands of distant Fish Hoek Police. It has been helped by the odd baffle at Copier Police 'even' that because the crime rate is low here we need less police. The answer is the rate is low because we have policemen and removing them will increase it. A check by our Community Police Forum reveals the number is incorrect. There is hardly a robbery will be shot down while two magistrate's courts operate here (and thank to CIP who check who free court staff).

Top Water Police are being released here from Rik's Bay because of the backup they can get from the Navy. 13000 presure at Llovienho, Gansbaai and Gansbaai bringing marine poachers from False Bay and our local Police are working closely with Na-

tional Police and other authorities to combat them. The CIP is assisting Parks staff with night shift adjustment and a dedicated anti-poaching vessel is being brought from Robben Island Bay.

The SAPS have plugged a drug outlet in Pampoenhoek and many streets.

Lastly, the SAPS have just sent a message underlining the police situation. Surely they wouldn't do that if...

The CIP hope to help the Police by taking on some work in the station. They have provided laminated charts here of our area and are helping Copier View to launch a forum.

Martin Smoulders of Chubb Security, a Simon's Town based proposer having two bobbies on the beat in the main business area to beef up security and help tourists. They would have no more than 6000's of the general interest but could assist the SAPS. The idea is to put them in British bobby's uniforms. Each would cost R2700 a month and Chubb would help. This is separate from our community police officer system. The proposal is being studied by the Business Association and CIP.

Navy

The annual Navy Week has been changed to the Navy Festival and this year it will be brought forward with a full and varied menu of events timed with the hour and sometimes on the half-hour. It will be from April 8 to 9. The Navy has called in promotion companies to help make everything run smoothly. Some highlights will be a big swim, a night run along the coast, a kayak race, a parade and song and dance at the Ice Square.

Houlders

The SA National Parks presented their final plan for the Boulders penguin park to a meeting of interested and affected parties. This was the product of long negotiation. Most of the proposed park, erasms and trees removed were shown and plans to protect people and penguins were explained. But



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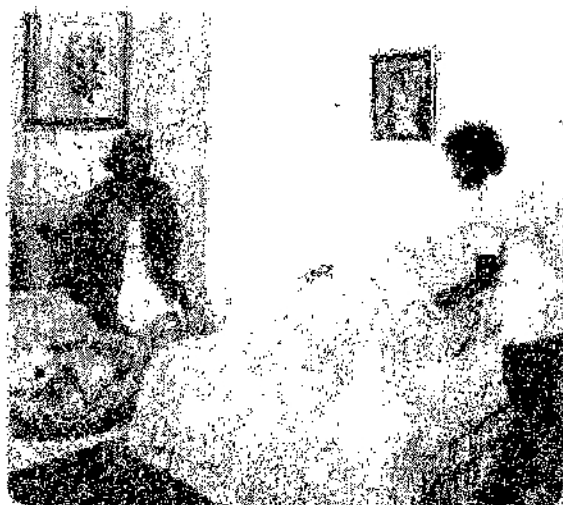
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riers will be placed on the landward side to prevent penguins straying. Willis Walk, temporarily closed while changes are made, will be reopened to the public. Within the park people will be confined to boardwalks but Boulders beach will continue to be for bathers.

The STCA view is that while it appears to be a well-designed plan, a number of questions need answering.

One is: how far will the National Parks try to extend the Penguin park in the future? As far as Windmill beach, which is State land? Further?

Another is: Who will control penguins when they spread outside the park as they certainly will - Cape Nature Conservation or Sea Fisheries or who?

These are among matters a STCA delegation will discuss with the National Parks authorities soon.

Dumping

The town is being plagued by illegal dumping - garden refuse, household trash and building rubble. It is dirtier than it has ever been, says Councillor Nicki Holderness. A highly visible example is the Main Road between Murdoch Valley and Forest Hill road. Piles of black garbage bags stand there for days. There are plenty of other, less visible sites.

There is only one way to stop this: **report offenders** to the municipal law enforcement officers right here in Simon's Town. Their phone number is **786 3667**. Give them chapter and verse: time and place, names if you can identify the culprits, car numbers. If that seems sneaky, remember they are befouling your neighbourhood. Give them hell yourself if you prefer.

One suggestion to combat **littering** is to enlist our Neighbourhood Watch system to form street committees who could place a few litter bins and monitor their own areas.

Happy Valley

This refuge for the homeless and hungry is not a hangout for derelicts as some people seem to think. Mrs Cindy Dollery, who runs it, points out that many people are there

because of factors beyond their control. They want to work and learn but can't find the openings. There, but for the grace of God ...

If you need **someone to do a job**, contact Happy Valley. An example: groups of recreational divers who park at the roadside near favourite diving sites have often come from the sea to find their cars broken into. They can hire a guard from Happy Valley for about R50 a day.

Happy Valley has another problem: **red tape**. They have funds to upgrade their rather dilapidated premises - a former naval magazine with massive walls and corbelled roofs - but they can't use it. First, they need approval from the Public Works Department, a State benchmark for procrastination.

The STCA is taking action to help.

Progress

The STCA has had another look at **priorities** set by the former Glencairn Civic and Ratepayers' and Residents' associations at workshop sessions in 1999 and 2000. Prominent were environmental care, crime prevention, water quality and supply, communication, road maintenance, penguin control, traffic and parking and litter. While none of these can be resolved to perfection, the STCA has gone far in bringing improvements and is vigorously tackling as many problems as it can - directly, or through its component bodies like the CPF, environmental groups, Business Association, Navy and National Parks.

But sometimes the effort seems not worth it. Every month it has distributed a comprehensive report on **water quality**, one thing people were most concerned about. But *only four* people turned up at a special meeting organised by Dr John Morris on February 14 for Mr M Vulindlu of the Cape Metropolitan Council to talk about our water, its quality, the monitoring and the supply. And Dr Morris was one of the four. It was most disappointing and embarrassing.

On **environmental care** the STCA is busy bringing together for the first time some seven specialist groups here for a united

voice in dealings with the authorities. In **communications** it has created an effective link with members on the one hand and is busy doing so with the authorities on the other.

In **crime prevention** the Community Police Forum has given highly effective backing to the Police and the Business Association is doing its best to extend that help.

In **traffic and parking** the STCA has had a direct say in planning for the future and solving immediate problems.

The success list is long. One area where the STCA **cannot always help** is in lesser matters like the pothole outside your gate or the unremoved garbage or the leaking sewage drain. People should first try to solve such problems by approaching the authorities themselves. If that doesn't work, then come to us.

Other interesting news:

- Our **membership** now is 230 paid up, 30 former STTRA members paid up to mid-year, and 350 members still to pay. Sub-

scriptions can be given to Dorothy at the ST Pharmacy.

- R169 000 allocated by the old SPM for upgrading our fast deteriorating **municipal building** is at risk because the Unicity has decided it must be "reprioritised". The allocation is in the budget ending in June.

- Similarly, the move of the **library** into the main building has been bogged in red tape. The STCA is taking vigorous steps to get the move moving.

- The Friends of the Library plan a big book **sale**, bric-a-brac sale and white elephant sale in coming months.

- STCA delegates met **Metrorail** officials recently, had a look at the service and concluded it is bad, the facilities are dirty and the environment is unfriendly. Metrorail were invited five or six times to our Police Forum to discuss security and service but never turned up.

- We have a very good **Community Calendar** in our own website, simonstown.com. But it is only as good as the information in it. If you have anything to diarise, please e-



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- We announced before that Phoebe Cottrell would hold a **Creative Workshop** here from July 9 to 15. Unfortunately, she has had to postpone it, probably to next year.

- The development of **Dido Valley** for re-settling Red Hill people and for 600 homes the Navy wants has been effectively frozen by the inertia of the Lands Claims department, without whose approval nothing can happen. Because of ground instability development will cost more than anticipated.

- The gardens of **Admiralty House** are to be landscaped and the South Peninsula Administration will contribute a herb garden as a thanks for the Navy's help during recent disasters.

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PROPERTY WATCH No 28

APRIL 2001

1. CURRENT APPLICATIONS.

Details of applications currently being dealt with by the South Peninsula / Unicity Municipality are:

1.1. Erf No 3619, Glencairn: Application for Amendments to the Approved Site Development Plans at the Glencairn Shopping Centre to permit the building of 3 new shops and extensions to the Seven Eleven supermarket. This application has been approved by the Urban & Environmental Services Committee subject to environmental and aesthetic objections being resolved between the objectors and the developer. Comments from all parties have now been received and are being collated and processed. No change from the March report.

1.2. Erf No 1247, Simon's Town: (Cnr Harrington and Queens Roads, Seaforth). Application for a Departure to permit the establishment and operation of an art gallery and coffee shop on a residential property. A report has been prepared for submission to the new Unicity committee which is shortly to take over from the SPM Urban & Environmental Services Committee. No change from the March report.

1.3. Erf 60, Simon's Town (Glencairn): Land Use departure application on behalf of the Waldorf Schools. A number of objections were submitted and a report by independent consultants is still awaited. No change from the March report.

1.4. Erf 2930, Simon's Town (Erica Road, Murdock Valley): Proposed Alienation or Lease of portion of this municipal land. This Erf is to be subdivided and the two portions purchased by the Applicant and a neighbour, subject to a final valuation of the property. No change from the March report.

5.5 Erf 2298, Simon's Town - Boulders Beach Guest House: Application to re-zone from General Residential to Business. The applicant has lodged an appeal against the Urban and Environmental Services Committee's refusal to approve the rezon-

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ing application. The decision of the Provincial Government is still awaited. No change from the March report.

1.6. Erf 1180, 198 Queens Road Simon's Town: Application for a Land Use Departure to convert a Residential House into a Medical Practice. A decision regarding parking facilities is awaited from the Unicity Municipality subject to the applicant commissioning a Traffic Impact Study related to his parking requirements.

1.7. Erven 4348 and 4349, Welcome Glen: Application for consolidation, rezoning from undetermined use to single residential and for subdivision into 10 portions. This was turned down by the SPM and is on appeal to the Provincial Government. No change from the March report.

1.8. Erf 4595 Cairnside: Application to subdivide into two portions was not approved by the SPM and has been referred on appeal to the Provincial Government, whose decision is awaited. No change from the March report.

1.9. Erf 625 Simon's Town: (Military Way,

Bayview) Application to sub-divide into two portions without formal road access to one erf. One portion is to be consolidated with Erf 2643. No change from the March report.

1.10. Erf 2212, Glencairn Heights: Application for a Bed and Breakfast establishment. Objections were received by SPM, who now await response from the applicant re parking facilities. No change from the March report

2. OTHER PROPERTY MATTERS

1.1. CFM 983, Wildschutsbrandvlei: Application for Land Use Departure to permit an arts and craft shop, a pottery studio and sales outlet and a place for curio sellers. The Provincial Government's decision on a report submitted by the Urban & Environmental Services Committee is still awaited. No change from the March report.

1.2. CFM 1404, Wildschutsbrand Farm: Application for Land Use Departure for the Establishment of a Restaurant and Tea Garden, an African Arts and Crafts Market and Overnight Accommodation. A decision on

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the findings of an independent Environmental Impact Assessment Report is still awaited. No change from the March report.

1.3. Erf 2204, Glencairn Heights: Application by Ericsson South Africa to permit the installation of a Cellular Communication Base Station and Antenna at 14 Golconda Street for the 3rd Cellular Service Provider. Objections have been received and the application is still being processed.

1.4. Erf 3321, Glen Marine: Application by Ericsson South Africa to permit the installation of a Cellular Communication Base Station and Antenna at Erf 3312, Seemeeu Street for the 3rd Cellular Service Provider. The closing date for objections was 2 March 2001. Objections have been received and the application is being processed.

1.5. Erven 3117 and 2904, Simon's Town: These erven are being disposed of by the SPA. Tenders and objections are still awaited.

Geoff Palmer

Simon's Town Civic Association

Simon's Town Creative Workshop

After much consideration and heartache, the Simon's Town Creative Workshop has been placed on hold for the moment. It seems that more creativity, particularly on the financial side is essential to make this project a success. I would like to thank all those who agreed to participate or offer their services in the planning. It is my hope that the event can take place next year. Some of the activities may well happen this winter as they are already underway. There has been a great deal of enthusiasm for Simon's Town Creative Workshop which is greatly appreciated. So, back to the drawing board!!

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At the moment our big problem with crime is the car break-ins at Seaforth, Boulders, Miller's Point and along the Seaboard where visitors park to go diving. Captain Du Pisani developed the idea to employ Car Guards. After some brainstorming and various meetings, the following has been achieved. There are unemployed people living at the Happy Valley Home, and the Forum has had some very nice 'Bibs' made with 'Simon's Town Police Forum Car Attendant' on. If you require an attendant to look after your car/cars, you phone Mrs Cindy Dollery at **786 5087**, state your requirement and *Voila*, you have a car attendant. Make arrangements to pick up your attendant, go do your thing, drop the attendant off, end of story. The rates are R30.00 per dive ($\pm 1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs) and then R10 per hour thereafter. That's *Peace of Mind* at a very low cost. It also helps

the less fortunate to improve their quality of life. A very **special thank you** to **Sheila Robinson** of Flagship Way and **Venetia Eglington** of Dolphin Way, Simonskloof for making these bibs for us. Thank you to **Tony and Sheila Robinson** for sponsoring the material and thank you to **Dr Loxton** for sponsoring the screen printing. Not only does Reg Loxton sponsor our *Snoektown Calling*, he also has to sponsor the Police Forum as well. Well done Reg!!

Another New Initiative

Manu Choudree from Glencairn and **Alan Taylor** from Chubb proposed to:

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town, what, where, when and who in order to guide and/or assist visitors and locals.

4. This would be very good for the tourist trade and business should benefit.

5. Word will get around, and hopefully people from other parts of the Cape will come and see or talk to our 'Bobby'.

It must be clearly understood that these Bobbies are NOT REPLACING our Community Police Officer (CPO).

This Bobby will be employed by a private security company (who approached the Police Forum with this initiative), his powers are those of a Security Officer and not of an SA Policeman. Our CPO is a Police Reservist and has the same powers of any other Police Officer. The Bobby's presence will deter would-be criminals, that is for sure! He will be in direct contact with the SAPS and Chubb's mobile patrols.

Well, a year has come and gone for me as Chairman of the STCPF. Our **AGM** will be on **Tuesday 24 April at 18h00 (6pm)** at the **Simon's Town Museum**.

I would like to thank our committee for their loyal support. A **special thank you to our sponsors**, without you our job would have been impossible - Thank You.

In no order of preference:

Charles Bates, Nicki Thorp, Cedric Duncan, Dan Dilley, Ingrid Le Roux, Martin Smolders, Millennium Party Org., Snoektown Calling, The People's Post, Alan Taylor, R. Adm R Louw from Naval Base, Simon's Town, Chubb, Gary Brinkley, Paul Coetzee and Braam & Susan Coetzee for use of Oatlands.

I trust that our town is a safer place to live in and to enjoy. God Bless!

Blackie Swart
Chairman, STCPF

Simon's Town Millennium Committee

A committee is elected each year to arrange the New year's Eve Function on Jubilee Square. For the 2001 function, interested parties, that is Charities, Associations/Societies, Churches etc wishing to serve on the Committee to work towards raising funds are invited to attend and

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News from Naval Base - Simon's Town

Acquisition of Six Type 351 Minesweepers

The South African Navy took possession of six minesweepers purchased from Germany on 8 March 2001. The contract for the acquisition of these ships from the German Government was signed on 19 November 2000.

A team of naval personnel from the SA Navy Mine Warfare Forces and the SA Naval Dockyard attended a familiarisation course in Germany in preparation for the arrival of these vessels. A stores acceptance team verified the equipment stores to be delivered and later a project team went to Germany in the first half of January 2001 to accept the vessels and witness the loading of the vessels onto the barge M/F 161 for transportation to South Africa.

The M/F MAREX IV departed on January 25, 2001 from Wilhelmshaven, Germany and arrived in Simon's Town at 05:00 on 8 March 2001.

The SA Navy has for some time been looking for an effective replacement for the last of four remaining TON Class Minesweepers which are unreliable and no longer economically supportable. Although the Type 351 Minesweepers are of a similar age as the TON Class Minesweepers, they have incorporated the necessary effect of increased availability of spares in the last number of years. As a result the Type 351 Minesweepers are in much better condition than the TON Class ships that are now rapidly approaching the end of their useful lives. The SA Navy is currently struggling to keep a single TON Class Minesweeper sea-going. This has a negative impact on the operational and operational capability of the SA Navy and its ability to keep its personnel trained and well trained.

The SA Navy expects to use the Type 351 Minesweepers for about 10 to 12 years before the new ships will be required. In accordance with the approved Phase Design two of these ships would be used in the operational cycle, whilst a further two will be kept in reserve. The remaining two ships would be used for spares. The SA Navy intends to dispose of the old TON Class Minesweepers as soon as possible.

Initially the SA Navy intends to use the Type 351 Minesweepers to execute maritime patrols of the country's offshore assets and search and rescue operations when required. We will also use the ships as platforms for basic badge watch-keeping officers in navigation and ship handling, whilst sailors will be trained in the various aspects of seamanship. Minesweepers are relatively cheap to operate and are therefore highly cost-effective platforms for the sea training of officers and sailors who will later be required to progress their careers

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onboard the new corvettes and submarines. These ships could also be used to participate in other collateral activities in support of other Government departments.

The main characteristics of the Type 351 Minesweepers are as follows:

Length: 47,1 m
 Breadth: 8,3 m
 Cruising Speed: > 15 knots
 Range: > 750 nm
 Displacement: 490,34 Tons
 Complement: 46 with 10 emergency berths

The arrival of these ships, one of which has served with distinction in the Gulf, presents a valuable opportunity for the SA Navy to gain experience in the integration of vessels and equipment into the SA Navy in preparation for the arrival of the new corvettes and submarines.

The contract for the acquisition of these ships is not linked to nor forms any part of the Strategic Defence Packages and is to a

certain extent a "turkey" project. The existing German inventory associated with the Type 351 vessels and which has already been delivered to the SA Navy, is included in the contract price. The contract will be paid for from the Department of Defence's existing budget.

The acquisition of these vessels amount to about R5,2 Million per vessel. This includes the cost of each, their onboard equipment, onboard spares, the depot spares and test equipment, the ammunition with which the vessels were issued, training for personnel and the transportation of the vessels to South Africa. These costs exclude any modernisation or replacement of equipment that the SA Navy may require in the future. Such work, which would include the replacement to the minesweeping gear, will only be done if an operational need arises, and even then, only if funds can be made available from the existing budget of the Department of Defence, which is already under severe pressure.



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Navy Festival 6 - 8 April

THURSDAY 6 APRIL - Programme of Events

Time	Event	Venue
09:00	Try-dock Contact	Bay Road 10:00pm (12:12:1988)

FRIDAY 6 APRIL

12:00	Light of Entry to Simon's Town	Water Road to Jubilee Square
13:00	Gun Run	Arena
14:00	Dog Show	Arena
14:30	Harbour Patrol Boat Demonstration	Outer Basin
15:00	Quarry Demonstration	Still Water Basin
16:00	Prisoner Drill	Arena
16:30	Meat Display	Arena
17:00	Fire Fighting Display	Arena

Supporting Activities/Static Displays

Time	Activity/Display	Venue
13:00 - 18:00	Slips and Submarine open to visitors	SLIPWAY, QUAY and 8 Berths
13:00 - 18:00	Submarine Simulator Demonstrations	Submarine Training Centre
13:00 - 18:00	Regatta Races	K. Basin 10:00pm (12:12:1988)
13:00 - 18:00	Sea Garden Activities for Children	Thames Road
13:00 - 18:00	Interactive Children Activities, Model Boats, etc	Shed No. 1
13:00 - 18:00	Static Displays	Shed No. 8
13:00 - 18:00	Food Stalls	Dockyard Area
13:00 - 18:00	Beer Gardens - K. Basin, SAS-CULFENQUA, Submarine Training Centre, 8 Berth	
13:00 - 18:00	Living Tank Display/Demonstrations	J. Basin
21:00	Open Air Party	Jubilee Square

SATURDAY 7 APRIL

11:00	Tai Chi Demonstration	Arena
11:30	Prisoner Drill	Arena
12:00	Urban Model Attack	Arena
13:00	Gun Run	Arena
14:00	Dog Show	Arena
14:00	Harbour Patrol Boat Demonstration	Outer Basin
14:30	Quarry Demonstration	Still Water Basin
15:00	Thunder Display/Demonstration	Submarine Bay
15:30	Sea Rescue Demonstration	Outer Basin
16:00	Meat Display	Arena
17:00	Fire Fighting Display	Arena
20:00	Light of Entry to Simon's Town	Lower North Battery

Supporting Activities/Static Displays

09:00 - 18:00	Regatta Races	Seven Seas Club
13:00 - 18:00	Slips and Submarine open to visitors	SLIPWAY, QUAY and 8 Berths
13:00 - 18:00	Submarine Simulator Demonstrations	Submarine Training Centre
13:00 - 18:00	Regatta Races	K. Basin 10:00pm (12:12:1988)
13:00 - 18:00	Sea Garden Activities for Children	Thames Road
13:00 - 18:00	Interactive Children Activities, Model Boats, etc	Shed No. 1
13:00 - 18:00	Static Displays	Shed No. 8
13:00 - 18:00	Food Stalls	Dockyard Area
13:00 - 18:00	Beer Gardens - K. Basin, SAS-CULFENQUA, Submarine Training Centre, 8 Berth	
13:00 - 18:00	Living Tank Display/Demonstrations	J. Basin
18:00	Super Swims - 1 Mile and Triathlon - Simon's Town/Sea/Quay/8 Berth/Simon's Town Waterfront	
18:00	The Guntery Run - Simon's Town Waterfront Party on the day of the race	
20:00	Open Air Party	Jubilee Square

SUNDAY 8 APRIL - Programme of Events

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>
10:00	Church Service	Dockyard Church, West Yard
12:00	Precision Drill	Arena
12:30	Lunch Hour Concert by Navy Band	Arena
13:30	Gun Run	Arena
14:00	Dog Show	Arena
14:30	Harvard Air Demonstration	Simon's Bay
15:00	Harbour Patrol Boat Demonstration	Outer Basin
15:30	Sea Rescue Demonstration	Outer Basin
16:00	Diving Demonstration	Still Water Basin
16:30	Mast Display	Arena
17:00	Fire Fighting Display	Arena
18:00	Retreat Ceremony	Arena

Supporting Activities/Static Displays

10:00 - 18:00	Ships and Submarine open to visitors	H,L,M,N,O,PS and G Berths
10:00 - 18:00	Submarine Simulator Demonstrations	Submarine Training Centre
10:00 - 18:00	Tugboat Rides	K Berth R2 per person
10:00 - 18:00	Tea Garden & Activities for Children	Transport Shed
10:00 - 18:00	Interactive Children Activities, Model Boats, etc	Shed No 1
10:00 - 18:00	Static Displays	Shed No 3
10:00 - 18:00	Food Stalls	Dockyard Area
10:00 - 18:00	Beer Gardens, K Berth, SAS OUTENIQUA, Submarine Training Centre, H Berth	
10:00 - 18:00	Diving Tank Display/Demonstrations	J Berth
11:00	Novice Kayak Event - 7km Simon's Town Waterfront Entry on day of the race	
12:00	Finish of Bacardi/Nissan Cape Point Kayak Classic Race Simon's Town Waterfront	

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After an unexpectedly windy February, the weather improved and we had a calm and beautiful March. Although the Visitor's Bureau has been rather quiet, there has been a steady stream of Northern hemisphere visitors (particularly from Britain) - all fleeing from their depressing winter weather.

The highlight of the month was the **Navy Band Concert** held in the lovely setting of Admiralty House gardens. The weather was a little doubtful, but the threatened rain and the beastly south-easter did not arrive. Congratulations to Peggy Pysden and her hard-working team - the concert was organised on behalf of the Naval Heritage Trust for the restoration fund for Admiralty House.

Tourism Bureau staff assisted an interesting visitor **Elana Jacobsen**, a journalist commissioned to write an article on Simon's Town and Noordhoek for **Sawubona**, the SAA magazine and the **Sunday Star**. Sincere thanks to our members Anneline and Willie Strydom for their generous hospitality. Elana was delighted with her overnight stay at the Strydom's new Rocklands Bed & Breakfast perched high over the sea at Murdock Valley. This accommodation is already a great asset to Simon's Town.

Another treasure is the Bon Appetit Restaurant, which has recently been selected as one of the Top 100 restaurants in South Africa. Elana could not stop talking about the

superb dinner she and a friend enjoyed there. Merci beaucoup Judith and Emmanuel for generous hospitality.

On the following day Willie and I were competing to show Elana around the town and I finally managed to lead her off to meet the penguins. Free entry kindly arranged by Paul Britten and Justin Buchman of National Parks Board. The Simon's Town visit ended with a very special lunch in the sheltered garden of the Black Marlin at Seaforth. Besides the outstanding food and efficient, friendly service we loved the view across the bay and the sight of a line of fishing boats waiting to land their catches at Millers' Point slipway while the sea gulls circled around screeching the news of a good snoek run. Thank you to Lydia and her friendly staff especially Terence for a great welcome and Chris our very helpful waiter. I'll be back for more of that memorable calamari in the spicy orange sauce. Incidentally it has been a great pleasure to welcome the Black Marlin as a new member of Peninsula Tourism. Judging from Elana's comments I think that Simon's Town will be rated very well in the forthcoming magazine and newspaper articles.

After comparatively peaceful March, April is likely to be rather more lively with the **Navy Festival Weekend (6 - 8 April)**, Easter and school holidays. By the time this

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Besides all the interesting displays etc in the dockyard during the Navy Festival, there will be a **Navy Band Concert** in the Eastyard dry-dock on **Thursday 5 April at 7.30pm**. For those who haven't experienced it, the acoustics in this venue are excellent.

After so much positive news this month, there is one disappointing subject i.e the **Spier Vintage Steam Train** which has not been well-supported. On the **8th April** the train will be coming to Simon's Town for what seems to be the last time. It costs a huge amount to operate this elegant old train but I really hope that this trip will be well-supported. Besides the Cape Town to Simon's Town return trip there is the shorter Simon's Town to Plumstead return journey (leaving at 12 noon and returning at 2 pm).

Peninsula Tourism offices throughout the South Peninsula have combined to organise their annual **Surf and Turf Festival (6 - 16 April)**. There is a huge variety of events and the programme will be published in the False Bay and other community newspapers. Copies of the programme will be available at the Publicity Offices. One very valuable resource for the school holidays will be the **Children's Passport** which will be sold for R5. This offers a range of discounts

totalling about R50 on a variety of facilities such as boat rides, Imhoff Gift children's petting farm, snake park etc, toy museums, the World of Birds, Muizenberg waterslide and many others. These passports are available at all Publicity Offices.

We are very pleased that the interior of our office is to be painted at last in the last week of March, so that we can face the lively month of April looking more colourful and attractive.
Best wishes

Sue Sturman

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Simon's Town Museum News

De Goede Gift - a glimpse into the life of a slave

De Goede Gift ("Goody Gift" to Simonites) was granted to Christina Diemer, widow of Fredrik Russouw, on 26 November 1745. She was one of the wealthiest women at the Cape, with many other properties to her name - one of them being Imhoff's Gift, opposite Ocean View. On Christina's death De Goede Gift was purchased by Johann Volraad (later Volraad), a German mercenary from Tieringen. He owned the property for 4 years before his death in 1768.

Volraad arrived at the Cape as a soldier in 1752, becoming a corporal in 1758 and a sergeant in 1762. By 1765 he had attained burgher status and entered the liquor trade, initially holding a license to sell wine and brandy at Rondebosch. In 1765, however, he purchased De Goede Gift and set up home

at Simon's Bay. It seems he retained an interest in the liquor trade, as a fair amount of equipment and containers were found on his property - although no liquor was found.

Very little is known about Volraad's activities at Simon's Bay. The inventory of his estate following his death, reveals that he possessed a reasonably well-equipped and stocked bakery on his premises. This, along with the land he cultivated on the property, probably provided his family with an income.

The inventory, when complete, was simply signed "Anna van Jacoba".

Who was Anna? The widow Volraad.

After Volraad's death, Anna followed the Dutch custom and reverted to her maiden name. Her mother had been Jacoba van die Kaap, a slave in the Slave Lodge in Cape Town. Slaves could not marry and Anna therefore had no legal father and at birth, automatically became a slave too. Her father may have been a slave

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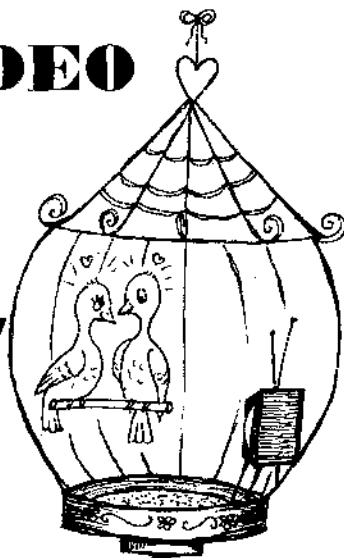
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There is no indication of Anna's age. By 1762, when she had risen to the post of matron in the Slave Lodge, she requested that her two children, Elisabeth (4) and Jan (10 months), both of the Cape, be emancipated. For their freedom she offered 200 guilders. The request appears to have been granted.

Two years later Anna sent the following request to Governor Ryk Tulbagh:

"Anna, daughter of Jacoba of the Cape, a slave in the Lodge, has for some years served as Matron there, and given satisfaction as far as she knows. She now wishes to be emancipated, and offers in exchange for herself a male slave, named Cupido of Bengal. Is prepared to continue to act as matron until her

successor has been appointed."

The certificate of surgeons, Van der Riet and C. Nelson, is annexed to her request and mentions that Cupido is about 12 years old, healthy and strong

The request was granted and on 18 August 1765 Anna married Johann Volraad, as a free woman. The previously emancipated children, Elisabeth and Jan must have accompanied their mother to Volraad's newly acquired property at Simon's Bay. Maria Petronella Volraad was born in April 1766. On 2 October 1768, when Anna was 5 months pregnant with their second child, Volraad died. The little girl, Anna Adriana, was baptised on 5 February 1769.

The inventory of Johann Volraad's estate reveals that the property had to be sold to provide for his family and to satisfy his creditors. De Goede Gift was bought on 7 January 1769 by Johannes Roep.

Anna had to find alternative accommodation for her family. She had to provide for Elisabeth

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(10), Jan (7), Maria Petronella (2) and the coming baby, Anna Adriana. Another dependent made his appearance at this point - Anna's son Nicolaas van die Kaap (5), still a slave in the Slave Lodge! She petitioned Governor Borghorst and little Nicolaas was freed and joined his family.

Why had she not freed him earlier? One can only guess. The fact that the boy remained a slave until Volraad's death seems to indicate that he was not the father of this child. He may have been opposed to having the boy join the family. It is also possible that the family may not have had the necessary 100 rix dollars to pay for his freedom. Whatever the reason, it is ironic that it is through Nicolaas, who assumed the name Volraad, that the family was perpetuated. In 1789 he married Adriana Patinger and they had 3 sons and 2 daughters.

Anna and Johann Volraad's two daughters, Maria Petronella and Anna Adriana both married, the latter to a soldier in the Meuron Regiment. The fate of Elisabeth and Jan is unknown to date.

The further history of De Goede Gift is very sketchy. In 1812 the property was divided into 5 lots and purchased by the most prominent members of Simon's Town society. By the time of the Forced Removals in the 1960's, the De Goede Gift farmhouse had become the home of a Coloured family and, as with so many of Simon's Town's historic homes, it became yet another casualty of the Group Areas Act, being demolished in 1971 by the Community Development Board.

The story of Anna van Jacoba of Goede Gift in all probability, echoes the lives of many Simonites past. Some emerge briefly from their anonymity in an oblique reference in one or other official document. Only then do we get a fleeting glimpse into their lives. For the most part though, the majority of ordinary people, the slaves, washerwomen, fishermen, masons, herders and labourers, remain mere whispers in the historical record of Simon's Town.

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Simon's Town Museum

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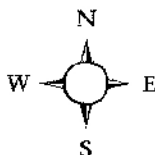
Simon's Town Pro Musica Divina

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chestra will be conducted by the young and up-and-coming Cape Town conductor **Karel van Dyk**. This will be an excellent concert both to enjoy the music and also the help-raising funds to support this breeding-ground of a new generation of music stars.

On 16 May the Music Academy's staff will present a concert to launch the project. Musicians performing include Barbara Kennedy (piano), Michael Howie (guitar), Brenda Feldman (singing), Julian du Toit (violin), Arno van Rooyen (flute) and many more. The concert will start at 19h30 in the Sun Valley Primary School and entrance will be free, except for a voluntary collection during the concert.

On 20 May the Yeoman String Quartet - a touring group from the United Kingdom, will be performing at St. Simon and St. Jude Roman Catholic Church in Sturges Town. This group has performed all over Europe and is sure to be a great treat. The programme will include music by Purcell, Shostakovich and Schubert.

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CHECKLIST FOR VARIOUS REPAIRS

LOCATION

Murchett Valley N, 12 Valley Rd

PROBLEM

Signposting at intersection with road has disappeared, leading to confusion.

Murchett Valley N, 12 Valley Rd

Pavement dangerously broken and falling away down slope.

Murchett Valley N, 12 Valley Rd

Road surface broken, due to installation of sewerage & water corrugations.

Pecheur's Beach, opposite Whale Bay Guest House

Refuse bins & glass area crowding and spilling refuse.

Glencroft, 38 Glen Rd

First part of Glen Rd dug up 3 times about 5 years ago. Resurfacing of off-street parking lot appears all right.

However, road surface paved but not yet resurfaced. Some holes compacted with gravel, but covering with chips.

Simon's Town, Murchett Valley N, Walsby Rd

A large crack on the road (road wall) of reservoir. Temporary repairs made, using gull-cord filling. Consider stream of water leaking via the crack.

Abundant dead and growing vegetation surrounds reservoir. Dead and living pine trees overhanging Walsby Rd a possible fire hazard.

Seeking the Best for Boulders

The development of a world class penguin tourism facility at the Boulders section of the Cape Peninsula National Park (CPNP) is proceeding apace with the recent publication of the Development Framework for public comment.

"This Framework defines the overall concept and sets out guidelines for four precincts within which more detailed planning will be carried out in consultation with the Boulders Advisory Committee and the broader public," says Paul Britton, CPNP planning manager.

According to him, the proposals in the Development Framework seek to find the most suitable solutions to the most pressing problems. "If these measures are not taken as a matter of urgency, the current situation will deteriorate rapidly. There are many complex and conflicting issues and compromises from all parties will be required in

order to find the most suitable balance between people, penguins and the environment," says Mr Britton.

The Framework is a culmination of three years of thorough environmental impact studies and an extensive public consultation process.

"On the one hand, the studies were directed at understanding the needs of the growing penguin colony and finding ways of incorporating it into an expanded National Park. On the other hand, research was also aimed at determining the environmental capacity of the local residential area to accommodate these pressures as well as the need for general environmental upgrading," says Mr Britton.

Among conservation circles, the Boulders Development Framework is regarded as one of the most comprehensive urban en-



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violinental studies are to be highlighted in South Africa.

'Management of the area is complex as 800 000 or more visitors annually visit this very small and sensitive area. It has also become increasingly popular among international visitors as one of the best places in the world where people can swim alongside the penguins,' says Mr Britton.

'The African penguin is listed as a vulnerable species in the Red Data book and the 3 100 birds in the Boulder colony represent 1% of the total world population.'

Key constraints of the site include the following:

- * The close proximity of the urban area presents unquelling planning and management challenges and the urban fabric is not designed to deal with the large numbers of visitors and traffic.

- * The lack of parking and traffic capacity has led to chaotic conditions, and control systems are urgently required for the sake of local residents.

- * The absence of toilets has a negative impact on visitors and residents.

Once principles of the Boulder Development Framework include the following:

- * Tourism is to be concentrated at Fairy beach, whereas recreational activities will be channelled to Boulder and its associated beaches.

- * While walk will be freely open to the public at all times and access points to the park will be reduced to two.

- * Traffic and parking management measures will be improved and where possible pedestrians and vehicles will be separated.

- * Disruptions to local residents are to be minimised as far as possible.

Seafirth Parking

New buses will be accommodated at Seafirth. Instead, the current arrangement

of parking on the SA Navy property will be sought as a permanent arrangement and the capacity will be increased with the construction of the old dairy farm.

Traffic flow to and within the parking area will be improved and measures will be introduced to exclude non-residential traffic from residential areas.

Visitor Centre

The proposed centre will improve access, control and visitor information and provide much needed toilets, refreshments facilities and of necessity a roadshow.

Boulders Beach

Traffic flow will be improved allowing for 'stop and drop', pedestrian and traffic will be separated, access control to the beach and toilet facilities will be improved and the access path will be upgraded - making the beach more accessible to the disabled.

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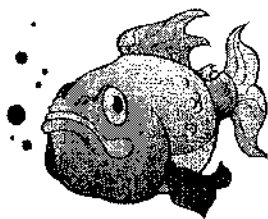
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From the Bosun's Chair

At the time of writing the hoodigan Southerly winds have taken a rest to be replaced with calm days, oodles of snoek unseen in such numbers in False Bay for over ten years. Unseasonal too as the snoek season only begins in May traditionally, which doesn't seem to be reliable anymore. Water temperatures in the Bay hover around 16° which is great for Snoek but not so for our Yellowtail although the odd ones have been coming out amongst the snoek. Tuna are reasonably close to Cape Point at present with both Longfin and Yellowfin being taken ± 27 miles west.



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Navy Stories

Batman

The SAS President Kruger sailed for France in the 70's, to escort our first submarine from Toulon to Simon's Town. On a voyage of this nature a doctor was embarked. In those days the medical staff were SA Naval personnel. So there was a Surgeon Lt Cdr on board. The doctors did not do much seetime for obvious reasons. So our doctor now embarks for this historic voyage, and he wanted to make sure he did everything required of a Naval Surgeon Lt Cdr. He had a boat cloak specially tailored, because Europe would be cold in February/March.

Anyway, during the long voyage the Doc would practice daily to throw the cloak over his shoulders (like Sir Walter Raleigh did, but in reverse). The ship anchors in the Tagus River at Lisbon and the Captain and Officers are invited to the Embassy for cocktails. When Naval members board a boat the juniors board first, then in reverse order

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of seniority the rest of the officers will board the boat that will take them ashore.

The officers started going down the Mediterranean ladder when out of the hanger appears our doctor. He flares the boat cloak and it falls on his shoulders, hooks in the gold chain on to the clasp under the gold lion's clasp, and marches off to board. The Captain, who had been waiting for the Doc (who was late) took one look and said, "Doc, you look Bloody ridiculous. TAKE OFF THAT THING!"

Many years later, our doctor got the opportunity to wear his boat cloak, here in Simon's Town, to the Navy Ball, when it fortunately rained that evening.

Proud Father (first-born daughter)

In the 1970's our Navy's minesweepers were tasked to conduct anti-fishery poaching patrols, as far north as the Kunene River. During this period you could work out when

your ship's turn would be for the next patrol. The Captain of one minesweeper was very happy because his ship would be in Snoekie when his wife would give birth to their first child.

Then suddenly things changed: the civil war in Angola reached the point where refugees were fleeing to South Africa, in anything that would float, or cross the Skeleton Coast in the Namib Desert, south to Walvis Bay. The minesweepers set sail north to their rescue: to save the lives of those in peril at sea (International Seaman's Honour Code).

A certain captain now had a problem: being a Communications Specialist Officer he quickly worked out a code with a mate at Navy HQ. Anyway, off they went and weeks later a signal arrived on board: "Equipment delivered safely. All is well". Dilemma for our captain - boy or girl. And he made a signal to NHQ: "It is a transmitter or a receiver?"

Matelot



Station 10 N.S.R.I. Simon's Town February 2001

March produced two rescue operations which is the heartwarming stuff for which rescue crews train to perfect their capabilities. Every call out is treated in the same way and met with the same degree of urgency but when lives are saved the crews know that their efforts are really worthwhile.

On Wednesday 7 March a call-out was received from the Brass Bell Restaurant in Kalk Bay to report that there appeared to be an upturned boat with a turquoise hull adrift in the sea off the shore in the vicinity of St James the "Spirit of Free Masonry" was launched at 16h45 the Coxswain being Darren Zimmerman and crew Chris Meyers, C. Haupt and T. Combrink. The 4x4 Mobile driven by Denis Zimmerman followed soon after launch. On arrival in the vicinity the crew searched and could at first not locate any casualty. With directions given from the mobile, a floating object was located which

turned out to be a man-made fibre cargo net with a young seal entrapped in the net. The seal was badly tangled in the net. Two crew members went in the water to attempt to cut the net loose but the task in the water was too difficult. They then hauled the net on board and returned to the base in Simon's Town where the net was cut loose and the seal was freed. He showed little interest in leaving the boat and one brave soul then grabbed him by the tail flipper and hauled him up to the gunnel from where he dived into the sea and swam off at last to freedom. The crew felt they had done a worthwhile job in setting the trapped animal free.

On Sunday 18 March at 16h30 a call-out came from the S.A.P.S. and the Port Captain Cape Town that red flares had been sighted off Smitswinkel Bay and a boat was thought to be sinking. That day a violent

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South Easter was blowing and the sea was rough. The crew who were on Station 10 launched the "Spirit of Free Masonry" (R10) with Geoff Burchell as Coxswain and crew Charles Owen, Mark Buchanan, Brad Yeatman and Jason Galvin and they headed off towards Cape Point. At the same time Station Commander Dave Roberts and one other proceeded in the 4x4 mobile to give radio back up. When the R10 reached the vicinity of Smitswinkel Bay crewman Yeatman sighted an object in the sea ahead of the vessel. R10 turned towards and found two crew members sitting on the upturned hull of an overturned boat. When the rescue craft came up to the casualty two of the crew jumped overboard and each swam a crew member back to the rescue craft. The men rescued were the crew of the ski-boat "Lucky" which had set out from Buffels Bay five hours earlier and headed round Cape Point where the boat overturned and the two men had clambered onto the upturned hull. They decided to save their flares until someone could see them. Luckily the boat drifted round the point towards Smitswinkel Bay and they then fired their flare which someone sighted and reported. In the meantime the Navy were requested to send a boat to tow the boat in. The survivors were taken to the sea rescue base where they were warmed with hot drinks and treated for mild hypothermia. An ambulance and para-medics were on hand at the base to receive them. Station 10 personnel went to Buffels Bay to retrieve the towing vehicle and trailer for "Lucky" and they assisted to right the vessel on the Navy slip and get it on it's trailer.

According to Station Commander Dave Roberts, who had observed the rescue, it had been well executed especially in the difficult weather conditions. The men rescued were full of praise for their rescuers of Station 10. All in all it was a job well done! "Lucky" certainly lived up to it's name.

On Sunday the 25th of March the Station 10 4x4 Mobile received a call to the roadside beyond Froggy Pond where a person had slipped and fallen down a steep embank-

ment where he fell about 80 metres. He suffered a dislocated shoulder, possible broken arm and serious bruises after falling on rocks and landing up near the sea. An ambulance attended at the scene and a doctor and the Cape Metro Mountain Rescue unit also attended the scene. Using mainly equipment from the Station 10 mobile the patient was strapped to a stretcher hauled up to the road and taken to the Constantiaberg clinic.

Station 10 is sad to be losing the services of crew member **Shaune Neumann** who is transferring permanently to Pretoria. Thank you for your service Shaune and go well.

Future events on the calendar for Station 10 are the **6, 7 and 8 April** where they will participate in Navy Week by forming part of an N.S.R.I. exhibit. On Sundays **8 and 15 April** will produce demonstrations for the public at Kalk Bay harbour for which even the trains will be stopped to watch. Finally on **21 April** Station 10 will host the South African Air Force for a joint exercise in False Bay.

The Station 10 Shorelink Committee celebrated their 100th monthly meeting by having a special luncheon on board the "Cable Restorer". The Chairman, **Phil Ferreira**, welcomed all present and wished Shorelink well for the next 100 meetings. He also thanked **Collin Dees** for his twenty years of service to the N.S.R.I. and wished him well in his retirement. He also welcomed **Admiral Andre Rudman** who had been the instigator of the Station 10 Support Committee which had now become the Shorelink. He also welcomed ex Station 10 Station Commanders **Spooky Selk** and **Chops Craig** who had also been invited to attend the luncheon. Everyone enjoyed the good fare and the congenial surroundings. Wishing all seafarers good weather and safe sailing!

Yours Aye,

Don Dallery
Station 10 Shorelink Committee

Diving False Bay

Those young guys in our region with the sea right on their doorstep who won't even try diving are missing a lot of fun. Over weekends, listening to enthusiastic locals and visitors at Scuba Shack in Glencairn will convince you that it's also an education. So perhaps it's time to kit-up and get rolling!

"Are the three buddy teams ready to roll?" asks your dive master. You now respond affirmatively by signalling an "O" with thumb and forefinger. Well beyond the kelp beds in Smitswinkel Bay, the skipper has dropped anchor on "Rockeater". It rests at 35 metres on the sandy bed with four other wrecks, forming an artificial reef. There you will find soft corals, sponges, fishes and the spectacular "gas flame" nudibranch. With the coming of winter, the cooler but calmer water has 15m visibility. You wear a 7 mm Neoprene rubber "farmer John", hooded jacket, gloves, booties and buoyancy compensator. After checking the tank's air-pressure on your dive com-

puter, you back-roll to gather around the descent line and push aside your snorkel. Breathing comfortably from the regulator, you are now ready to fin down and enjoy one of the most popular dives on the Cape Peninsula.

Although our region is best dived from April to September when the prevailing wind blows offshore, there are many good days in between. Furthermore, the beaches, kelp beds, reefs, wrecks, mountain scenery and close proximity to urban facilities compare with overseas locations at a fraction of the cost. Even when visibility is poor during summer months, it is only a short drive across the Peninsula to find calmer waters.

The dive scene begins at Buffels Bay in the Cape Point nature reserve. It is also a good spot for spear-fishing and collecting abalone with a necessary permit. However, Smitswinkel Bay steals most of the glamour with its diamond-dredging *Rockeater* and four other artificial reefs. A popular dive is the frigate *SAS Transvaal*, which rests on a sandy bottom with the deck at 29 metres. Its superstructure is heavily encrusted with anemones, corals, hydroids, sea cucumbers, sea fans, sea squirts, sponges and tube worms. Resident fish include catsharks, dassies, gaijoen, hottentot, janbruin, red roman, strepies, stumpnose, yellowtail and zebras.

Closer to Simon's Town in a marine reserve is Partridge Point, where few other dive sites have so many soft coral species of the order Alcyonacea. In fact, of the 2000 marine species in False Bay, 61% are endemic to South African waters and 14% of these to the bay itself.

Nearby are Outer Castle, Castle Rocks, Pyramid Rock and Spaniard Rock. Since all but Outer Castle are shore dives, someone should stay with your car as a security measure. That unfortunate person will at least have spectacular views from the grassy verge across False Bay of the Hottentots Holland

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mountains and even beyond to the cliffs of Cape Hangklip.

The reserve is a diver's delight of caverns, caves, drop-offs, gullies, overhangs and swim-throughs. There are seals from a nearby island colony, harmless ground sharks and the occasional Southern Right Whale during spring. Then comes Miller's Point, which lies just beyond the Cape Boat & Ski Boat Club at Rumbly Bay. Around 500 metres offshore lies the minesweeper *Pietermaritzberg* at a maximum depth of 21 metres, which forms an extension to Caravan Reef. Together with Outer Castle, it is best dived from an inflatable, if only to escape tempting aromas from the nearby Black Marlin restaurant.

The scene continues to A-Frame, which is only four kilometres from Simon's Town and a favourite training site for the Navy's Dive School. Just beyond - with easier access and less surge - lies Windmill Beach, which is also a good site for training. Next comes Boulders Beach, but it is more suited to snorkelling by youngsters who love to swim with the penguins. However, the overlooking Penguin Point Restaurant is a great place to take a break. Another good training site is the 1914 wreck of the *Clan Stuart* near Glencairn, but permission to dive must be obtained from the Navy's operations room to avoid surfacing under a patrol boat.

As visitors soon discover, Simon's Town has a magnificent waterfront, pubs, shops, restaurants, historic buildings - and even a golf course! It is also quiet and virtually crime free, so why not take advantage of the excellent self-catering accommodation and stay awhile? It is only a 40 minute drive to the City or Wine Route. In any case, there is no way you can cover the fabulous dive sites in a single day.

So there you have it. Diving is not just a sport, but also an educational experience in the company of good buddies with similar interests. Furthermore, it entails fitness and a healthy lifestyle. So get along to the dive schools and discover what is on offer!

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Bats of the Simon's Town Area

We have heard of Proteas "atlasing" and bird "atlasing" well now there is a plan afoot to do the same for bats! So here's your chance to explore those dark mines caves and crevices to sight a vague ball of dark coloured fur and then take a really close look at it's face, tail, wings, size and colour. Note the date and time of your sighting and pass all that to the yet to be formed atlasing centre. In the meantime I would be pleased to get this info for them and record it, as I have had an interest in these illusive creatures for many years.

There are only 11 species that you may find in and around Simon's Town. There is very little fruit grown here and less wild fruit from indigenous trees, so the chances of seeing our only fruit bat here are remote. The Egyptian fruit bat is mainly a cave rooster and the nearest cave roost I have found them in is in the Helderberg mountains above Somerset West. *Rousettus aegypticus* was first discovered in a pyramid so the name was given and has

stuck since the early 1800's. Rousettus is a handsome animal with a dog-like face, eating 3 times it's weight in fruit per night and making a marvellous mess in the process. Loquats, Kei apples, guavas, figs both wild and cultivated are a favourite.

Rousettus has good eyesight but when it gets dark they emit echo-locating clicks with their tongues. This is unique to the Egyptian fruit bat. Other species of fruit bat use only sight and smell to find their way around and to locate food. Rousettus grows to a length of 150mm with a wingspan of 360mm.

The other 10 species of bat that occur in our area are all insectivorous and very much smaller. They are all highly specialised insect hunters with echo-locating abilities structured to identify the species of insect picked up on their "radar". In most cases the sound is emitted through the nose which is shaped to direct the sound so that the rebound or echo can be analysed by the receiving ears

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within fractions of a second. This allows the bat time to change direction during the hunt and capture its prey in flight.

So the shape of these bat faces differ in line with their evolution to the food sources which most satisfy them. Firstly the noses are highly complicated to get the sound on target. The ears are highly mobile and the inner ear so developed that reception of the returning sound is perfect. The corrugated profile of the ears match the range of sound frequencies emitted in the same way that asdic and radio receivers are designed several million years after the bats had discovered this secret.

Although bats are seldom seen even in warmer climes being mammals of the evening and night, they make up one third of the mammal population of the earth. South Africa boasts 75 species and as an example, Makapans Caves near Potgietersrus is the roost of some 3 million bats of 6 different species which are calculated to consume 5 metric tonnes of insects per night. The insectivorous bats we are most likely to see here are the common Cape serotine similar to the European Pipistrelle. This is *Eptesicus capensis* seen flitting about street lamps in summer when the insects are abundant. It roosts in rooves hence the name "dakvlermuis". This is a very small chap of 6cm length and weighing about 12gms.

The next much less common bat to be seen is the Cape horseshoe bat, *Rhinolophus capensis*. This bat is much bigger with a body length of 10cms and a weight of 17gms. The nostrils are situated in a wide flat pig-like nose shaped very like a horseshoe with a saddle just behind the nostrils to direct the sound and separate the echo equally to each ear upon its return. *Rhinolophus* occurs in mine tunnels and some caves in our area where they are not frequently disturbed.

Bats are able to reduce their heart beats and go into a state of torpor when they rest during the day. This enables them to conserve energy which they need to for the next hunt which may not be the next day. Bats depend on the insect population being high enough to sus-

tain them through to the next meal time which, if the weather turns cold may not be for several days or months if the winter has begun. So if bats are disturbed while roosting in this state of hibernation they begin to burn up stored fat. Then if there is no food available they starve and die. This is one of the biggest killers of bats in large hibernating colonies. Uninformed people entering roosts during the day and agitating the bats into flight when there may not be enough food to sustain them over the next lean period.

Bats are also a key indicator to the cleanliness of the air. They are sensitive to diet variations due to a change in the insect population. This in turn can be caused by the indiscriminate use of insecticides. So this unseen, silent consumer of millions of insects is often killed or chased away by mankind using wide spectrum insecticides or polluting the air in other ways.

Enough of the doom and gloom and more about the rest of our silent friend's next time.

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The Night Sky

During April the brightest constellations in the evening sky are Orion in the West, Regulus with his companions, Canis Major, Big Dog, containing Sirius the brightest star in the sky, and Little Dog, Puppis. The Southern Cross is prominent in the South, with the well known pointers Alpha and Beta Centaurus, the Southern Triangle, and Gamma, the Keel, the big Ship with its brightest star Caropus. Nearby is the Large Magellanic Star. Further South is Achernar, at the head of the river of stars known as Eridanus.

Along the Equator the constellations of the Zodiac are not very prominent. At Sunset in the West is Taurus, the Bull, having the bright star Aldebaran, at present prominent in the western sky with planets Saturn and Jupiter making a triangle. Taurus is followed by Gemini, the Twins, Castor and Pollux, the Deeds, Leo with its bright star Regulus, Virgo the Virgin, with Spica. Unfortunately these constellations are difficult to identify

having only one bright star each.

After 10 p.m. there is visible in the East followed by the easily found Scorpion, the Scorpion, with its long tail of coloured stars to be seen low in the East.

Gemini and Taurus are the dominant summer evening constellations, while in winter Scorpio and Sagittarius dominate the sky. At the time of the year the Southern Cross is prominent in the Southern Sky above the Simonstown mountains, near Beta Crucis, the second brightest star in this constellation is Kappa, which is surrounded by a cluster of bright stars called the Jewel Box by Herschel. Nearby in the constellation of Centaurus is Omega Cent, a nebula, surrounding a globular cluster of about 50,000 stars. This beauty is clearly visible if binoculars are used.

The Planets

Mercury, magnitude +0.4 is visible in the pre dawn morning sky as a very bright object.

Venus, magnitude -4.0, is the brightest of early morning planets. On April 29 it will be in conjunction with Mercury.

Mars, magnitude -0.2, is the next bright morning planet. On the 15th it will be 1° South of the Moon in the constellation of Sagittarius.

Jupiter, magnitude +0.4, is an evening planet which sets at 8 p.m. at the middle of the month. It is visible with Aldebaran and Saturn forming an evening triangle. It is 1° North of the Moon on the 28th.

Saturn, magnitude +0.2, is in Taurus as an evening planet. It is 1° North of the Moon on the 28th. Saturn sets at 8 p.m. on the 7th.

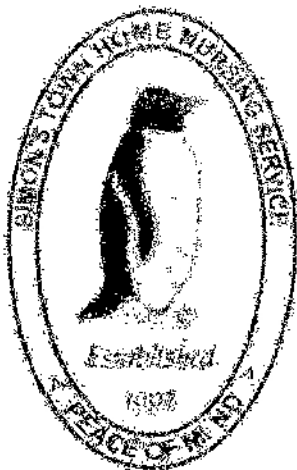
Uranus, magnitude +5.4, is in Capricorn as a morning planet. A telescope is required to see it. On the 16th it is 1° North of the Moon.

Neptune, magnitude +7.9, is in Capricorn in the early morning. A telescope is needed to see it.

Pluto, magnitude 13.3 is in Ophiuchus and may only be seen using a large telescope.

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Pluto, the outermost planet is at maximum 4532 million miles from the Sun, whereas the Earth is 26.55 million miles, so that Pluto is nearly 50 times further from the Sun than the Earth. It was discovered in the constellation of Gemini, the Twins, on 13 March 1930 by astronomer Clyde Tombaugh at Lowell University USA. By coincidence Sir William Herschel discovered planet Uranus on 13 March 1781, also in Gemini. Uranus takes 84 years to orbit the Sun, and Pluto 247.

The Moon

New Moon on April 23rd. First Quarter on the 1st, Full Moon on the 10th, Last Quarter on the 18th. On the 5th the Moon is at perigee, furthest from Earth. On the 17th at apogee, nearest to Earth.

The Sun

On April 1st Sunrise is at 05:04 and Sunset at 6:41pm. On April 30th Sunrise is at 04:59 and Sunset at 6:06pm. The Sun is in Pisces most of

the month.

The Solar Eclipse will take place on 21 June from 13:17 to 14:15 GMT at Sun's Tropic, where about 60% of the Sun will be covered. Solar glasses must be used to view the eclipse. All school going children ought to be supplied with these glasses and taught how to use them to avoid blindness. A solar eclipse occurred at New Mary,

On 29 April 1610, Galileo saw two of Jupiter's moons and in the next evening, four, while in the company of several distinguished mathematicians including Dr Antonio Baffari and Maghi who refused to believe what they had seen, saying it was an optical illusion.

Galileo had been in correspondence with Kepler about what he had observed and Kepler replied in May 1610 in a published letter entitled "Conversations with the Spherical Messenger". When it came to the different hypotheses concerning the fixed stars and the planets, Kepler again drew bold conclusions that went far beyond



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what Galileo had said. "What other conclusion shall we draw from this difference, Galileo, than that the fixed stars generate light from within, whereas the planets being opaque, are illuminated from without; that is, to use Giorodano Bruno's terms, the former are Suns, the latter are Moons or Earths?" For saying this Bruno, an apostate Dominican monk, had been burned at the stake in 1600." Kepler continued "You have conferred a blessing on astronomers and physicists by revealing the true nature of the Milky Way, the Nebulae and the nebulous convulsions. You have upheld those writers who long ago reached the same conclusion as you: they are nothing but a mass of stars, whose luminosities blend on account of the dullness of our eyes." *From Sidereus Nuncius. Galileo Galilei.*

Giorodano Bruno is remembered for all time as his name has been given to a lunar crater, "Beyond the Mare Crisium on the lunar far side is Giorodano Bruno, a 22km wide, bright crater that may be less than 1000 years old! The evidence is contained in a

medieval chronicle from Southern England. Just after Sunset on June 18th or 19th, 1178; five monks observed that the upper horn of a new Moon split and from the division point; five hot coals, and sparks spewed out." *Charles Wood, University N. Dakota, S and T. 4. 2000.*

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Date: 21 April 2001

Venue: Happy Valley Home, Simon's Town

Time: Between 3 and 5pm

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Enquiries Cindy Dollery **786 5087**

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Wednesday 4 April, 7.30pm - Annual General Meeting. Guest Speaker Justin Buchman, SANP, on the Cape Peninsula National Park. Venue: Museum Hall, Court Rd, Simon's Town.

Enquiries **786 4823 / 786 3562.**

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Meet at Boulders Car Park.

Enquiries **786 3890.**

Sunday 29 April, 9.30am - Combined all day walk with Flora Conservation Group in Cape of Good Hope Nature Area at Buffels Bay, Platboom and Rooikrantz.

Meet at main gate of Reserve (Entrance R20 per person, R10 Pensioners). Bring suitable clothing for walks and changeable weather.

Enquiries **789 1339.**

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A Tanganyika Diary - Part 3

May 10 1952

My stove is a hole in the ground; I now know why chefs wear headbands and neck scarves. Of necessity the food is simple. But there are bright days ahead: the watu will build a small kitchen separate from the house, and Sailor has ordered a wood-burning stove. A room has been built for Danté, who has been living under canvas. He has acquired a large, handsome white rooster which glories in the name of Maridadi - and I would like to wring its neck. It begins crowing before dawn, and Christopher is a light sleeper.

May 14

Building has begun - at a leisurely pace - on an office. This will be a great blessing: at present my drawing office is a trestle table under an enormous mango tree next to the boma. The maps which will be needed by Sailor are being drawn from old RAF aerial photographs. I'm using the radial line method of map compilation learnt from our Canadian friend of Mile Nine days. But it's difficult; apart from distortion in the photos (those boys didn't fly a level line), there is insufficient forward overlap for some strips. Of necessity the maps will be plotted without any ground control. I long for a proper (not rickety) drawing table and a place for my trusty Royal. However, the watchwords are Patience and Perseverance.

May 26

Things are looking up. A paraffin-driven refrigerator has arrived and its sturdy packing case has already been installed in the half-built office. With a couple of shelves fitted in it will make excellent storage space.



June 15

I have met Gupta Singh, "foremost citizen of Ifakara", to quote him. Shopping at this Sikh's duka is a ceremony. He asks you how

you are, you ask him how he is. He nods his turbaned head, inviting you to be seated. He claps his hands and an arm snakes through a curtain, elegant henna-stained fingers bearing a bottle of Coca Cola. Only then you say "Mister Gupta, have the mantles for the Tilley lamps arrived?" Or whatever.

The Asians own about 500 acres in Ifakara district, on long-term lease from the Government. They mainly produce jaggery from sugarcane, using small engine-driven cane crushers. In the village they own a cotton gin and a rice mill. Sailor has visited one of the owners for a meal - excellent curry, he reports. The curry is made three days before it is served, heated up.

June 30

The black Grace Kelly has turned up at the boma, announcing herself as Kristof's yayah. Her name is Regina and she is the daughter of Kaspari the headman. Well, a nanny would certainly be a help, because soon I'll need to take seriously my position as "foremost cartographer of Ifakara". I say!

July 20

Sailor and Danté have left on foot, Danté to establish a camp (cutting traces and digging holes) at the Ruipa River, about 32 miles by road from Ifakara. The bridges went down during the rains and have not yet been rebuilt: hence the foot slogging. I watched their departure, Mkomelo leading, shotgun balanced on his shoulder, at the ready in case Sailor has to deal with a lion, leopard, crocodile or elephant. Behind them in single file, 25 bearers: about half of them carrying food for themselves and the other half, who carried tents and equipment. Straight out of a Rider Haggard novel. This reconnaissance will eventually cover 300 to 400 miles.

I'm learning that sunset is a lonely time. Lighting the pressure lamps is scary: I lack the knack. Two askaris have been installed to guard the supply tent - and presumably this boma. There have been vague rumours of infiltration by the Mau Mau.

CRIME REPORT

Simon's Town Round Up

Since December 2000 this precinct has experienced a dramatic increase in the number of arrests for illegal possession of perlemoen (abalone) and crayfish. 841 Perlemoen with a street value of R85000-00 have been confiscated by **National Parks Board and SAPS Waterwing**. The majority of these arrests have been made by members of the National Parks Board and in particular **Ranger Carl Nortier**.

In one such incident on Wednesday 2001-03-14 at approx. 16:10, Ranger Nortier (acting upon information) went to the Millers Point launch area and saw a yellow boat with a crew of 3 being launched. He observed its progress until it rounded Judas Peak, whereupon he instructed **Ranger Maarman** per radio to observe it from the Venus Pool area.

Ranger Maarman then saw the boat approaching the nearby coast where it stopped. One of the male's on board then stripped off his oil skin (underneath he was wearing a wet suit) and began diving with a set of aqualungs.

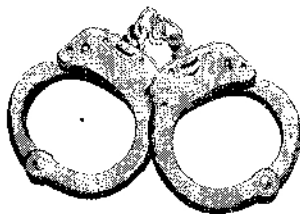
Ranger Maarman observed these activities until 19:00 when the boat moved off. At 19:11 Ranger Nortier resumed his observation of the boat and saw the diver diving with a torch until darkness fell. At 22:00 the boat docked at the Millers

Point slipway. The crew put the boat onto a trailer and left the area.

At 01:00 the vehicle which had towed the trailer returned with as its sole occupant, the diver, driving it, and went back to the Millers Point area. The driver parked the vehicle and went into the nearby bushes and returned to the vehicle carrying 2 bags. He then drove off in the direction of Smitswinkelbay where the vehicle was stopped by members of the National Parks Board and SAPS Waterwing. The driver was arrested and found to be in possession of 231 shucked perlemoen (abalone).

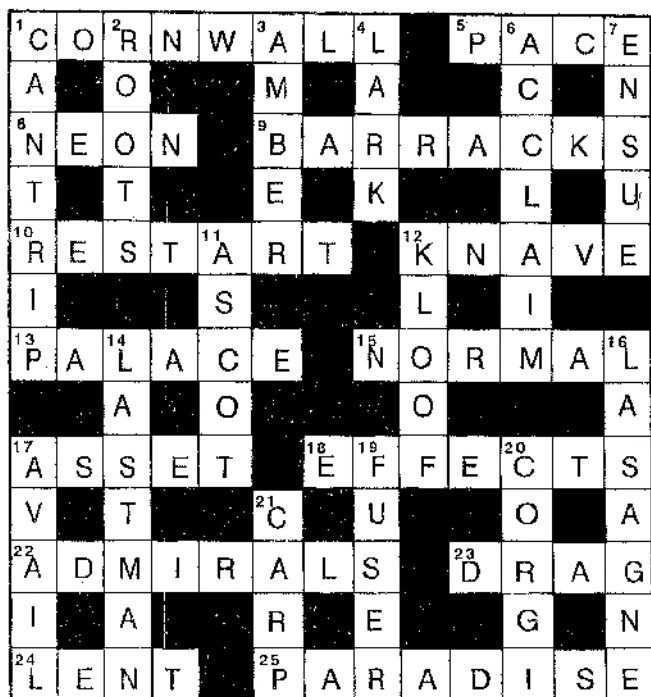
The following **National Parks Board** personnel - **Rangers Nortier, Maarman, Lombo, Koen, Slater and McKeeth as well as Insp Findlay and Insp (f) Le Roux** will be participating in events of this nature in the future, and any information received will be treated in a confidential manner. Insp Carstens can be contacted at **786 2118**.

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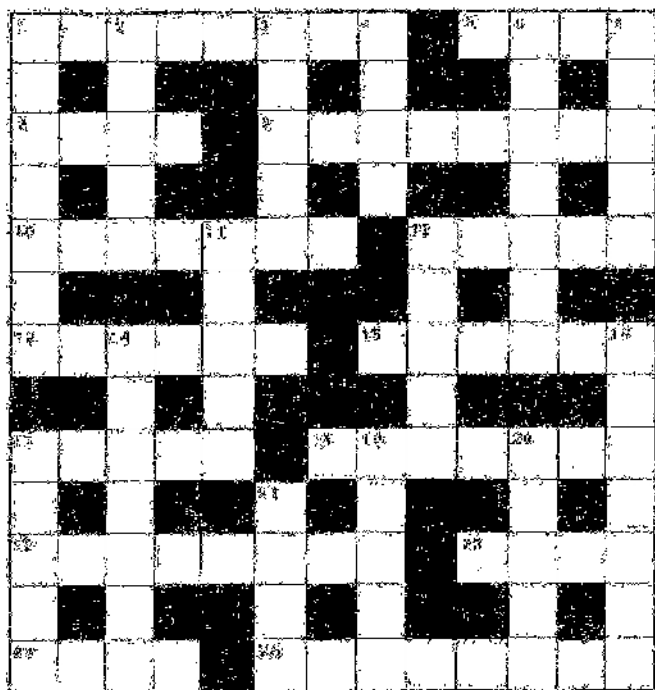
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PUZZLE 3



ACROSS

1. 20th. First cowboy stream is near in Glencairn (6,5)
8. Day Next (4)
9. Drop shelter on the beach (4)
11. Referring to the warblers (8)
12. The d'Arcaud is a splendid pull the fish back (7)
13. Like the bird, is pale (5)
16. Aggravated like archer, is over (3)
18. Is this 'equal' the sherry on top? (3)
17. Car's perfect retreat? (5)
19. The artist with whom you might it (7)
22. Say you overpulling a question? Very in provided (8)
23. Talk back (4)
24. Swirling paddy (4)
26. Take this to get you up in the morning? (5)

DOWN

1. Morning in a blacking, in Stader street, perhaps (7)
2. Sea: sea (4)
3. Dark brown fish (5)
4. Barab's the best (4)
5. Sea (4)
7. The pear is operating the lamp (5)
- *1. A girl and a little boy produce the result (5)
12. The modern Whig is a first class candidate but was elsewhere (5)
14. This little archer should swim (5)
16. Shorter the distance above Rindman's (7,7)
17. Vary the sun on this veritable patch (5)
18. The point of view of a very English man (3)
20. The current is a first is a (5)
21. What's own is to me (4)

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