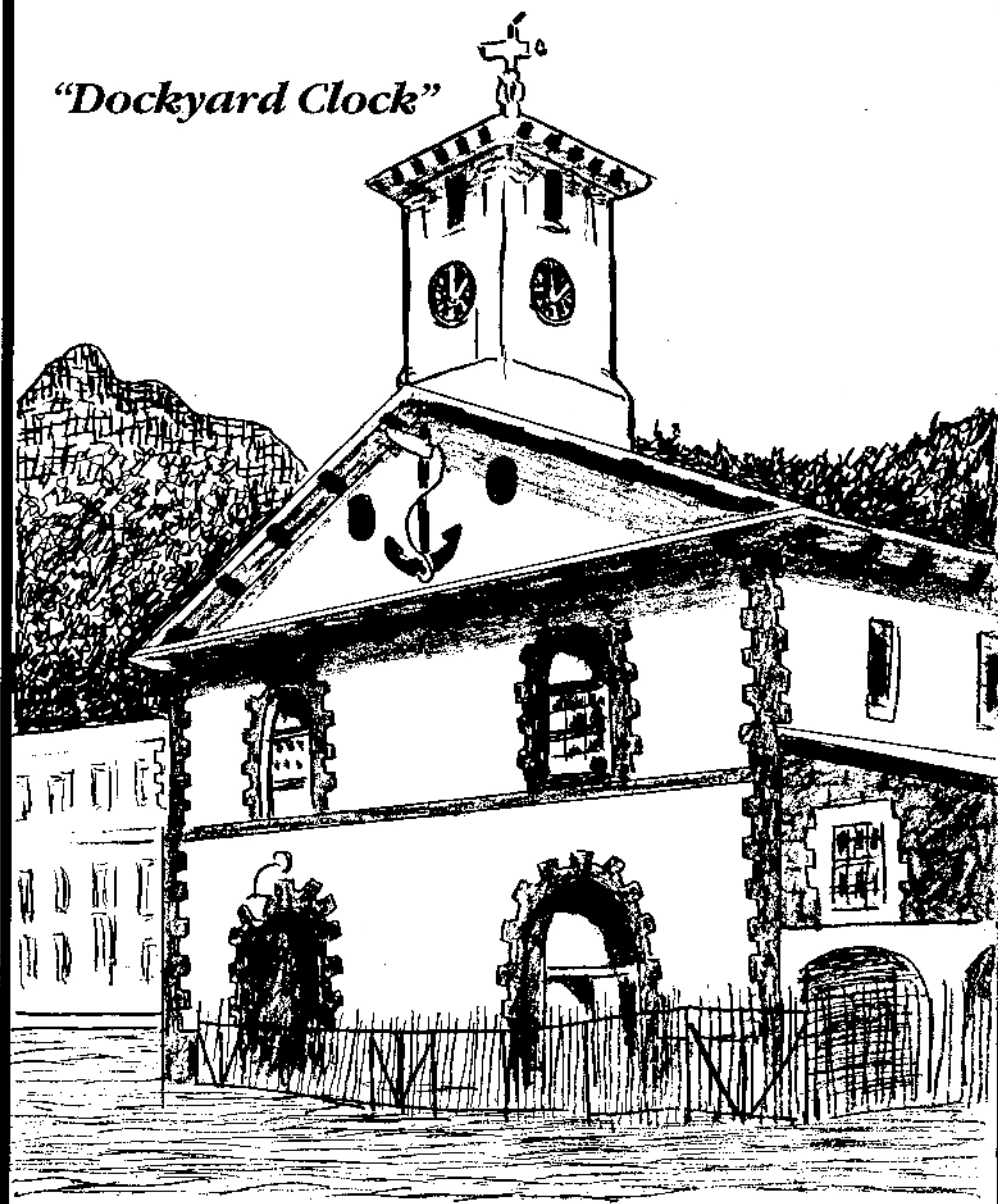


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"Dockyard Clock"



August Sponsor - Charles Bates J.P.

Editorial

At the AGM of the Simon's Town Ratepayers, two important resolutions were approved:

1. Amalgam with Glencairn division
2. Mandate to investigate the process of a Municipal Improvement District and the related Section 12 Contingency.

About time! I pleaded for a feasibility study - with continually involvement - some years ago. Let us all actively support the process of thorough investigation, through active participation.

Many of the Mayor aware to our Ward Group offer for making night meetings, held on 5 July and 5 August, to initiate the process. Without help we would have got nowhere.

Now the matter of Simonstown Oiling. In terms of financial stability, we are not doing so well as can be seen from a sample statement for July:

Expenditure:

Printing	R 7717.82
Post Office Distribution	607.88
	<u>R 7785.72</u>

Income:

Advertising	R 4100.00
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	<u>R 5400.00</u>

Shortfall

R 2385.72

After the last appeal, there was a welcome surge of donations, basic sound merits, a sad but meaningful drawback. There is no prospect for the sponsorship of Charles Baker Reg. for August.

Reg. Landon

Editor

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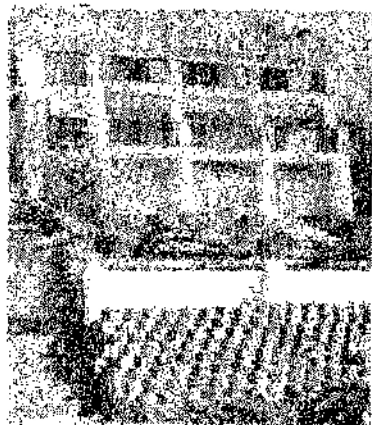
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Down the Historical Mile

"Happy, happy en hoerah, sing SLAP,
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Dis Snoekie se sief, nie waar?
So sê ons ieder en elk - maar:
Wakker, wakker sê die bakker,
Maak 'n rook, sê die spook.
Ek is bang, sê die slang,
Vir die ding wat hang."

That is what Harold Hardekop sang out in a loud voice. There was a stunned silence at this strange beginning of the end-of-July meeting of SLAP. For one, no one knew that Harold could sing - and not a bad voice at that. But on the other hand Harold is a strange okie: remember the time he had a long conversation with Adoons and his baboon troop.

Stoffel Boesman complained that the words made no sense. Overruled by Clara Fijnbosch, who maintained that the words meant something to Harold; and anyway the fact that the clock was working again was a matter for relief and joy - even if the chime wasn't one hundred percent. Now things would be different and now go better for Snoekie.

Clara reported that her Aunt Constance Nienaber - from Wynberg of course - had attended the concert presented by a choir from one of the colleges at Cambridge University. Aunt Constance said it was one of the best concerts yet organised by Steve van der Merwe. But a strange thing: the College is spelt "Magdalene" but pronounced "Maudlin". Snaakse mense, die Engelse, said Aunt Constance. She also expressed distress and dissatisfaction with the habit of Simon's Town folk of arriving late for a performance - scheduled to start at 6pm, but at 6.10pm people are still wandering in, without a care, taking their time, no hurry. Every performance the same: always late.

Of course, Aunt Constance said, in Wynberg they know better: always seated

well before the time - they know the etiquette of good behaviour. When consulted about this matter, Get-a-Fix declared that this habit was a clear symptom of Simonitis: memory lapses and an inability to reckon with time. Perhaps things will change when the Dockyard Clock is again working one hundred percent.

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Ward Councillor's Report

We are now in the run-up to the Local Government elections, currently scheduled for 2 December 2009. The Liberty Commission of Uganda is busy with preparing for the annual transfer of this final phase of local government and the initial functioning of the newly elected Council of 253 members.

Some of the top brands include:

- The disestablishment of the current Global Authorities and the Cape Metropolitan Council and the creation of the new City authority in terms of the relevant legislation. This includes steps such as the transfer of 200 core assets, the appointment of an acting Municipal Manager and the determination to have an Executive Committee and not an Executive Mayor as other municipalities will have.
- Financial Integrity. How must be raised the council's time period to submit their

budgets to Lincoln, to restrict the appointment of staff to critical positions and to curtail capital spending that might impact on the operating bottom line.

- The design and development of a Integrated Development Plan for the next 5 year cycle, as well as a term-of-office plan so that there can be immediate implementation of the IDP. Internal coordination has shown that currently there is little cross-wide co-operation. The management of the new authority will have to establish a priority to delivery in key areas.
- Determining the basis for the information funding of the new authority, so-called "key one" arrangements.
- Consultation with staff and unions in terms of the Labour Relations Act. Staff will be involved as part of a "going concern". There has been a study done of the current various conditions of service across the

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metropolitan area and a proposed new set of Conditions of Service drawn up. An Employment Equity plan and Skills Development plan have been agreed on. For your information, the Employment Equity Act requires employers to list their employees by race, gender and disability. If you do not wish to give your race your employer will categorise you.

- Managing the General Valuation Roll for the new Council. The target date for the new Roll with the base date of 1 January 2000, is July 2002.

Further matters of interest are that certain of the new councillors such as the mayor, chairman of Exco and chairmen of committees will be full-time councillors and paid salaries accordingly. There will also be a position of Speaker to chair the Council.

At this stage there is no clarity on whether there will be sub-councils or ward committees although the legislation allows for both. It must be remembered that these bodies will only have delegated powers and will consist of appointed members. However, one important proposal is that decentralised management systems will be necessary - something I have been trying to promote for the last 4 years.

The first few months should also give clarity on the State's new governance arrangements that will have such an important effect on the new Municipalities, particularly on their finances. I refer here to new Health Management Systems, and the creation of Water and Electricity Boards. Currently Local Authorities derive a very much larger income from electricity surpluses than from rates. If this income is to be lost and grants from Central Government further curtailed, then money must be found from somewhere or services even more drastically cut.

There are going to have to be some very hard decisions to be made after the elections and the calibre of leadership required is critical for our future. The Unicom has undertaken some considerable research

into the various systems and practices of governance across the metropolitan area. It can and indeed has made many practical and far-reaching recommendations for new and hopefully improved systems, but it is the new Council which will have the ultimate say on how the new Municipality of the City of Cape Town will be governed.

A few personal comments:

- There is still, despite much detailed investigation, not a fully accurate picture of the financial health or otherwise, of the whole Metro.
- The human factor in all these changes and negotiations is still a concern. Stress in the workplace leads to the human equivalent of metal fatigue!
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Alderman Nicki Holderness
Ward 22
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Simon's Town Ratepayers' and Residents' Association

Members of the Simon's Town Ratepayers' and Residents took a major step at their annual general meeting on July 25 to ready themselves for the changes, good or bad, that will come with the advent of the new Unicity.

Voting is due to take place in November for a Unicity council which will replace a number of existing municipalities with a single council of 200 for some three million people in and around the Cape Peninsula. Simon's Town will be part of Ward 69 in the Unicity. The ward will include Ocean View, Kommetjie, Scarborough and part of southern Fish Hoek.

To meet the obvious effects of more centralised administration – such as the increasing remoteness of councillors from ratepayers – about 150 people at the AGM unanimously endorsed a merger between the STRRA and the Glencairn Civic Association.

This merger was proposed by the 79-year-old GCA several months ago and was approved, also unanimously, by their AGM in May. The STRRA members also agreed, without dissent, that the new association should include those of the other special interest groups in Simon's Town who want to have a voice in it, such as the Friends of the Coastline, Business Association, Police Forum, Publicity Association and other conservation, historical and cultural bodies. The Navy in particular, as the historic and economic backbone of Simon's Town, should be involved. In a third important step, the AGM gave the new association a mandate to look further into the prospects of establishing one or more Municipal Improvement Districts in the Simon's Town area – defined as that of the former Simon's Town Municipality and including the Red Hill camp.

Finally, members agreed that the draft constitution proposed for the new association should serve as an interim constitution. Meanwhile proposed amendments to it would be submitted for consideration at the next general meeting – the first one of the new association – which will probably be the

half-yearly meeting six months' hence. Proposed amendments can be mailed to the **Simon's Town Civic Association at P O Box 47, Simon's Town, 7995**. The draft was an amalgam of the old STRRA and GCA constitutions. The name of the new association – also in the interim – will be the "**Simon's Town Civic Association**".

GCA members and some STRRA members liked the compromise name "Simon's Bay Civic Association" until Ward Councillor Mrs Nicki Holderness and others pointed out that "Simon's Town" was internationally known and in the days of the old local municipality it had included Glencairn. It would be a pity to waste this asset, they pointed out. Other suggestions included "Simon's Town and Glencairn Civic Association" and "Greater Simon's Town Civic Association".

The meeting was well attended thanks partly to strong publicity given to it by Fine Music Radio. It began with a speech by Mr Alan



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Dolby, special consultant to the South Peninsula Municipality on the Municipal Improvement District system, in which he spelt out its pros and cons. Some key points that emerged are:

- * A flat or percentage levy is added to rates to fund services ratepayers can provide to supplement existing services.

- * VAT is charged on the levy though not on rates. The government is adamant about this.

- * The community must get guarantees from providers of existing services, like the municipality and police, that these will be maintained at existing levels.

- * The community can set up as many MIDs as it wants, such as one for the business zone and another for a residential area.

- * One Section 21 (non-profit) company could be formed to manage several MIDs.

- * An MID could be shut down either by popular vote or closing the managing company.

- * The process of establishing an MID is long and complex and filled with checks and balances to ensure it is backed by more than half of ratepayers.

Mrs Nicki Holderness strongly supported the STRRA/GCA merger because of the coming political and administrative changes. Other points she made:

- * It was essential that proper housing be provided for the people of the Red Hill camp when they move to Dido Valley, and not a site-and-service scheme, which would simply be moving them from shacks to shacks.

- * It was essential for the Southern Peninsula to have its own decentralised and properly serviced management when the new dispensation comes into effect, because of its special needs and problems. One example was the firefighting service. In January when huge bushfires threatened Simon's Town, fire engines from the north took unduly long to get here because there were only two access roads to the south and one was closed by fire.

The meeting elected five people to the interim committee: Neil Grant, John Morris, Tony Robinson and Wilf Nussey from the old committee, and Geoffrey Palmer. Chairman of the meeting was STRRA chairman Andrew

Duncan. He is standing down and with him vice-chairman Bruce Parker, Cedric Duncan, Verena Hinsch and Juliet Bass. Cllr. Holderness praised all of them for the work they had done to bring the STRRA this far. The newly-elected committee members will meet soon with representatives of the GCA to form a full interim committee and establish liaison with other local organisations.

At 4 pm on July 6 an unprecedented meeting was held in, appropriately, the Simon's Town Museum. Present were representatives of almost all the public interest bodies and some other organisations - among them the South African Navy, Police Forum, Historical Society, National Sea Rescue Institute, South African National Parks, STRRA, GCA, and Friends of the Coastline. It was arranged by STRRA committee member Tony Robinson and chaired by Ward Councillor Nicki Holderness.

Its purpose was to discuss ways and means of collaborating to avoid wasteful duplication of effort in seeking common goals, and to prepare for change in the Unicity. The



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premise was that all of these were Simon's Town bodies, or had key interests in Simon's Town, and should therefore join forces for the common good.

Discussion ranged for some time about how best to share interests and effort. Ultimately it settled on the formation of an umbrella or over-arching organisation in which all would have a say while retaining their independence and character. In this way each would be able to pursue its own objectives while using the umbrella body for support and as a forum. Most argued for using the "Simon's Town Civic Association" formed by the STRRA/GCA merger. Others supported a separate, distinct body like a "village management board" on which the civic association could be one member on an equal footing with all others.

There are still many aspects to be clarified. One is what organisation would set up the MIDs and the Section 21 company to run them.

Will Nussey
786 1368

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We all know the story "Shortage of Personnel, money or what have you". You can help, believe it or not!

In order to enable the Simon's Town Law Courts to sentence guilty parties to do Community Service, assistance is required for 2-3 hours in the mornings at the Prosecutor's Office, assisting with Documentation during August.

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As the Navy neglected to offer a yellow submarine, this column was written in a bright yellow "Lipton Tea" caravan overlooking the busy slipway of False Bay Yacht Club at the start of the prestigious Lipton Challenge Cup (5th - 11th August).

Peninsula Tourism staff will be on duty at the caravan to help provide information about Simon's Town and environs throughout the Regatta. An information sheet listing medical facilities, restaurants with "Lipton Cup specials" etc. has been compiled for distribution to competitors. I hope to report on the events more fully next month when results are known, but judging from the first day a tremendous amount of work has gone into organizing the Regatta.

Congratulations to Roger Bartholomew and his hard-working organising committee and also to the Commodore of the F.B.Y.C., Roger Bagshawe and his members. They

were delighted that the club was chosen as the venue for the Lipton Cup by the defending champions - Theewaterskloof Sports Club. In this comparatively quiet winter season, the influx of the yachting crews plus their families and supporters should provide a very welcome boost for Simon's Town particularly for the shops, accommodation establishments and restaurants.

The whole-hearted support of the Navy is also invaluable. In his foreword to the official programme, the Chief of the S.A. Navy, Vice-Admiral Simpson-Anderson points out that "the Lipton Challenge Cup is the pinnacle of the South African sailing calendar The Navy places a high premium on the skills and character traits which sailing engenders".

One of the highlights of July was the superb concert in St. Francis' Church of the Magdalene College Choir of Cambridge University under the direction of Dr. Steven Farmer. Sincere thanks are due to Steven van der Merwe and his organizing committee for arranging this very special event.

It was unfortunate that after weeks of unseasonal good weather, that the arrival of the Choir co-incided with the first winter rains. This meant that they could not take up Dave Hurwitz' generous offer of a free cruise on the "Spirit of Just Nuisance". The choir stayed at Boulders Beach Guest House and Bosky Dell and were full of praise for their accommodation and the memorable meals of the B.B. Guest House. The director, Dr. Farmer escaped from his boisterous young companions to a peaceful cottage at the Ark and he told Sue that he would like to return for a holiday with his wife and children. As the choir's bus left Simon's Town bound for Cape Town airport on Tuesday 18th July, the news of a bomb blast at the airport had just been received. How tragic it is that these recurring acts of terrorism appear to have become part of our daily lives. Fortunately no-one was hurt this time. The month ended on a very positive note when the Simon's Town Publicity Association held a successful, well-attended Annual

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General Meeting in the Museum Hall. We are grateful to Cherry Dilley and her marvelous staff for their hospitality (and the wine). Instead of the conventional Chairman's report, Peter Fewell presented a very striking enlarged "visual report" mounted on a display board. Designed by Marie-Louise Cardwell and Dave Hurwitz, this "Brag Board" was an innovative and effective summary of the achievements of the Association during the 1999-2000 period. Charts reflected increases compared with the previous 12 month period (commissions earned on accommodation (+83%) plus increases in the number of visitors (+13%) and phone enquiries (+22.5%) to the Information Bureau).

The Chairman, Peter Fewell announced his retirement from the Association committee. Alderman Holderness thanked him on behalf of the Committee for his exceptional dedication and hard work and presented him with a gift – an aerial photograph of Simon's Town. Our treasurer George Napier has been toiling away to balance the books and his painstaking, hard work is much ap-

preciated. His financial report showed a reasonably healthy balance, but as in most school reports we "could do better" especially in the fund-raising department.

Cathy Alberts C.E.O. of Peninsula Tourism addressed the meeting and urged all members to attend the important Peninsula Tourism A.G.M. to be held at Kirstenbosch at the end of August. Our guest speaker Sheryl Ozinsky, Manager of Cape Town Tourism started with a hilarious discussion of South African English, or the weird words and phrases we use that so baffle our tourists – from the many uses of "shame" to "now now" and "just now". She also spoke on a more serious note about the need for improved, more economically priced air transport and more effective marketing. Sheryl had to respond to a variety of questions and she was certainly a very stimulating and thought-provoking speaker.

After the meeting, approximately 60 members and guests strolled around the corner to Admiralty House for the Annual Dinner. The use of this wonderful venue was arranged by Lt. Elanca Shelley, who has until



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Sue Sturman

Founders' Day Activities at Simon's Town High

On 1 September 2000, Simon's Town School will be hosting their annual Found-

ers' Day. Activities will kick-off with a Founders' Day Parade by the school cadets at 11.45. The parade will be followed by the Past Pupils' Sport: Rugby, hockey, netball and soccer. If you are interested in participating in any of the matches, please contact **Mr Michael Pieters** at Simon's Town School on **786 1056**.

After the sports and later in the afternoon/evening, the following activities will take place:

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Dan

A Piece of Living History Uncovered at Simon's Town Pharmacy

During the renovations taking place at Simon's Town Pharmacy, a piece of living history was uncovered when panelling was removed from a wall to expose an old doorway that had been bricked up. Chalked on the concrete was written 'Done by Jack & George, 73yrs old, 1983'. Sadly Jack Davidson has since passed away, but George McCourt now 89 years old, is still living in Paradise Rd. He is about to go on a trip overseas to visit relatives in England.

The property with a house called London House, was originally owned by the widow Johanna Rossouw and was sold to Stephen Buisinne on 13 November 1807 for 12,000 guildens. The house was changed into a general dealer's shop and bakery and thereafter changed hands more than ten times. The price increased with every sale and was sold for one thousand pounds sterling on 13 March 1860 to William James Anderson. The first records of the property being used as a pharmacy was in 1843 when it was bought by Thomas Bull. It was called the British Dispensary, Bull and Meiring Chemists & Druggists. Mr Percy Leonard Green bought the property on 22 September 1953 and called the pharmacy Green's Apothecary.

Arthur Musto bought the pharmacy in 1971 and changed the name to Simon's Town Pharmacy in 1981. The present owner Patricia Inggs bought the pharmacy from Arthur Musto in 1994, after first working there as a pharmacy student in 1973. After living in both London and America for a number of years she moved to Simon's Town in 1985 and worked part-time at the Pharmacy for Arthur Musto before buying the business and London House from him when he retired.

The current renovations taking place are to upgrade the Pharmacy and to make maximum use of all the available space. Unfortunately no buried treasure has been uncov-

ered, but the original walls which are about a metre thick are constructed of stones and mud with a bit of Dutch klinker thrown in.

The programme is on schedule at this stage and the new look Pharmacy will be ready for the season about mid September. The owner and staff thank all their loyal customers for their patience with the serious disruption that has been taking place over the last few weeks.



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Flag Officer Fleet Ties the Knot

Flag Officer Fleet, Rear Admiral Eric Green of Simon's Town and Ms Nikki Dawson of Pretoria were married at the Glen Methodist Church in Pretoria and are now living in Simon's Town.



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Cheese and wine will be served after the concert. The funds raised will be donated to the Cape Organ Guild's Scholarship Fund which supports tertiary education for organ students in Western Cape. Tickets will be R35 and may be purchased at the Simon's Town Publicity Association or booked telephonically at **786 2436**.

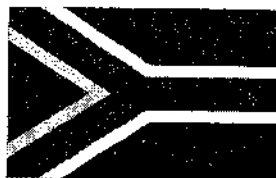
Peoples Republic of China visits Simon's Town

Two ships from the Peoples Republic of China (PRC) will visit Simon's Town over the period 10-13 August. This marks the first visit by the PRC Navy to South Africa and is aimed at establishing relations and interaction between the two Defence Forces.

Shenzhen, a Luhai class Destroyer and Nanchang, a Nanyun class Replenishment Vessel have a combined complement of approximately 375 crew. The ships will be berthed in the SA Naval Dockyard, Simon's Town and will be open to the public from 10-12 August between 14:00 and 16:00.

On arrival the PRC ships will fire a 21 gun salute which will be returned gun-for-gun from Lower North Battery, Simon's Town. This will be followed by a 15 gun salute from the PRC ships for the Chief of the SA Navy, Vice Admiral Robert Simpson-Anderson.

The SA Navy will respond with a 13 gun salute for Rear Admiral Huang Jiang, the Chief of Staff of the Chinese Nanhai Fleet. Gun salutes are a naval tradition fired as a salute to a national flag, Head of State or other important person according to a laid down scale for rank and occasion.



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Water: Chlorination & Water Quality

As mentioned in the previous insertion action has been taken against the low levels of chlorine in the water of Simon's Town.

This action has been successful in achieving improved levels of free chlorine in the reticular reservoirs and hence throughout the system. The result is an increasing number of complaints regarding unpalatable water that tastes like "Jik."

Unfortunately little can be done about this problem as the normal standards for health require a residual of free chlorine throughout the system and we have been requested by the Ratepayers Association and Council's Environmental Health Department to ensure compliance.

The department is currently investigating alternatives such as ozonation, but an ongoing problem with such alternatives is that they provide point solutions with very little lasting protection in the system, their half life being significantly shorter than that of chlorine.

The only solution to the taste problem of chlorine remains to either boil the water or place drinking water in a clean jug covered with gauze to allow free circulation of air and leaving it for sufficient time for the free chlorine to dissipate.

Water Supply

The pump station at Dido Valley has been commissioned and will add significantly to the total supply of water to Simon's Town making it less reliant on the CMC controlled system at Brooklands. The graph of water storage levels at Brooklands has thus not been included in this report as it is no longer relevant.

With the commissioning of the pump, the department will be monitoring the real life situation this summer, to ensure that practice matches theory, and then investigate alternatives that allow for reduced storage time of water in the overly large treated storage reservoirs of Neptune and Prince George (Currently 10 days), this, if feasible, will reduce the levels of re-chlorination required.

Pump Station Details

Some interesting details regarding the design of the Dido Valley pump station.

The pump station has two centrifugal pumps driven by 132 kW motors. The pumps are linked to operate in parallel when necessary boosting the supply rate from 50 l/sec to 80 l/sec.

The pumps are controlled by variable speed drives allowing various advantages:

- 1/ Soft starts and stops reducing shocks to the system.
- 2/ The pump speed can be adjusted automatically to ensure the required daily volume is delivered with the most economic power consumption with power costs ranging from 8c/kl pumped to 14c/kl.
- 3/ Operating flat out the pumps will consume some R1000 worth of electricity each per day. This will only be required on 10 to 20 days per year. The rest of the time they will be run much more economically.
- 4/ Control of the pumps will be fully automated with manual override and will depend on demand, flow rate, reservoir levels, available head in the supply main. The pumps will be continuously monitored via telemetry at a central control room.
- 5/ Protection from high current demand. Because the pumps operate in a highly variable environment significantly larger motors would have been required to prevent the "over-speeding" and tripping out of the motors in low pressure conditions.

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South African Navy Re-Equipping Programme: The Submarine Project

Compiled by Warrick Lace

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Editor's Note: The contract has been finalised - effective date 12 July 2000.

The acquisition of three class 209 type 1400 MOD submarines from the German Submarine Consortium (GSC) is the only contract of the initial R30-bn defence package that has yet to be effected.

Although the contract has been signed, no money has been moved because the South African government has certain reservations regarding the National Industrial Participation (Nip) effort linked to the deal.

Currently, government is in discussions with the promoters of the Nip programme and the issue is expected to be resolved this month.

The GSC consists of three companies; namely Howaldtswerke Deutsche Werft AG, Thyssen Nordseewerke GmbH and Ferrostaal.

"The South African Navy (SAN) will be acquiring the 1 400 t version of the famous 209 class submarine, which is successfully operated by many navies, including Brazil and Turkey," says Department of Defence (DOD) director of naval acquisition Rear-Admiral (Junior Grade) **Van der Schÿt**.

As part of the defence industrial participation (Dip) many local companies will be producing components for the submarines sys-

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tems and subsystems.

The submarines will be configured with Isus 90 sonar and command systems that will be integrated in Germany.

Grintek will manufacture the entire communications system and the electronic support measures systems will be produced by Avitronics, reports Van der Schÿf.

Zeiss periscopes, attack and optronic, will be procured, and a significant quantity of work has been awarded to the local company Elopstro.

Local company Tellumat is the major sub-contractor on the submarines, dealing with the sonar system as a whole.

"The monitoring and tracking of self noise is far more advanced due to the hydrophones and accelerometers used on the vessel," reveals Van der Schÿf.

The current synchrolift and submarine refit shed at Simon's Town naval base can accommodate the new submarines with no difficulty.

Berthing fenders will, however, need to be made and installed; the tugs may need adaptation, allowing them to push, as well as pull; and the battery maintenance facility will need to be upgraded.

The justification for the submarines is simple according to the SAN - to protect South Africa's sea trading routes and territorial integrity.

"In tonnage, more than 95% of South Africa's exports and imports pass through its ports," elaborates Van der Schÿf.

Operationally, submarines form a crucial part of any balanced navy, explains Van der Schÿf.

The submarines also act as force multipliers enabling the relatively small SAN surface fleet to provide defence and deterrence on a level that belies its size.

This also enables the Navy to save on costs with the size and sophistication of the surface vessels.

While the submarines could be described as a total package deal with little risk for the local industry and navy, although there are substantial Dip initiatives, the corvette programme does, however, carry a direct risk apportioned to local contractors and the

DOD will carry some of the responsibility from a cost point of view.

Van der Schÿf stresses that, with the submarines, as well as the corvettes, the DOD has contracted on the highest level, leaving the risk where it belongs - with the primary contractor.

He points out that the contracts come from one reputable supplier in Germany.

"This reduces the inherent risk, as well as providing an element of standardisation between the corvettes and submarines."

The corvette programme strategy is to build and accept all ship-platforms (hulls and machinery) in Germany, sail them to Simon's Town for integration with the mainly locally-supplied combat systems and carry out vessel trials and acceptance in South African waters.

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der Schÿf points out that development of the locally-produced systems and subsystems need to be ready for integration when required.

The first corvette will sail into Simon's Town naval base in early 2003, and Van der Schÿf suggests that most of the combat systems should be ready by this time.

Thereafter the ships will arrive at six-month intervals and the local industry will need to ensure that its production of combat systems meets this time frame.

Van der Schÿf concludes "the packages are a long awaited event and have given the SAN a new lease of life - it will be an enormous challenge to re-establish our capabilities and we will need total commitment by

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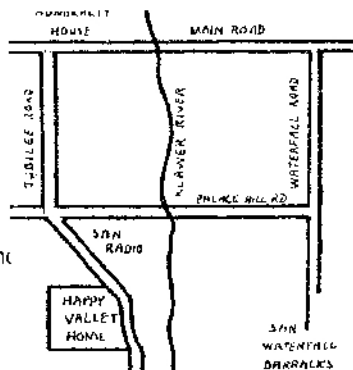
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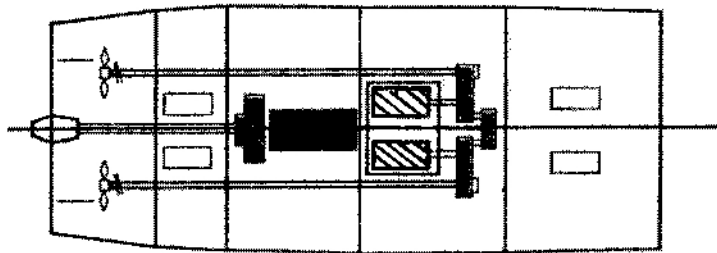
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West Dockyard Clock is repaired

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Station 10 N.S.R.I. Simon's Town - August 2000

I paid a visit to Station 10 Sunday 8 August, and have all happening there.

Spirit of Free Masonry was launched at 10h00 to go to the aid of a Kalk Bay fishing vessel that had called for assistance off Brakwinaal Bay with engine problems. Crewman *Dennis Zimmermann* reported the craft in sight at 10h12, at 10h25 the towed had been made fast and was headed for Kalk Bay harbour. The boat was 40ft in length and approximately 15 tons dead weight. What might have complicated matters was that the Lipton-Cup Yacht Race was under way and the Crewman did not wish to impede the yachts whilst they were racing. He established communication with the race control and they assured him it would be clear to pass them. By 10h47, the casualty was safely alongside in Kalk Bay and "Spirit of Free Masonry" returned to base at 13h25.

No sooner had the boat been hauled up the slip than a call was received that a Hairy Cat was in distress off the rocks at Giermain. So at 10h30 the vessel launched and proceeded to Giermain where a swimmer was sent overboard to assist two very wet young people off the rocks. Two casualties were suffering from hypothermia, but otherwise none the worse for wear. The boat returned to base at 10h50 where it was slipped. The crew members then proceeded to enjoy a well-earned meal.

I cannot help but be impressed by the hearty atmosphere at the N.S.R.I. base. The crew members all enjoy what they are doing and everyone gives support to their fellows at all times.

I feel it will be a good idea to attempt to introduce the people of Simon's Town some of the crew members of Station 10 who are prepared to give up the free time for a worthy cause. Firstly I should like to write of how the crews work. Crew members are divided into three crews, A, B and C. A crew remains on call on duty from

Sunday and until Saturday night. Most crew are at the Base Saturday pm, and all day Sunday. Times are not rigid. Day calls during the week are handled by a crew made up of mainly dockyard personnel or people who work in Simon's Town. Night calls are handled by the duty crew.

Now allow me to introduce you to *Louis Zimmermann*. He's an N.S.R.I. qualified coxswain. Louis is capable of taking either the rubber duck wavecider out to sea or the 2 metre rescue craft "Spirit of Free Masonry". He is not only capable, but he is licensed by the Department of Transport to do so. Louis has been with Station 10 for the past several a half years, he is a qualified shipwright in the S.A. Naval Dockyard. He is not married and lives at home with his mother in Diep River. Louis enjoys what he is doing and he enjoys doing so with people who like to be of assistance to one and all. It takes perse-

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verance to be a voluntary care provider for mankind in general, it also requires an enormous amount of dedication. Louis is also involved in the False Bay Volunteer Ambulance Service and is qualified as a basic Ambulance Assistant. He is also a member of the Disaster Control Organisation in the Naval Dockyard.

Louis told me that a call out to a stranded trawler on the rocks and seeing the debris of the wreck was a virtual wake up call to him. Also attending a call to Smitswinkel Bay when two divers had gone diving and left a four year old child asleep in an open boat and the boat going adrift, had made him very conscious of how careless people can be and why they often need others to help them. Louis, well done and keep going - we need as many people like you as we can find!

Another care provider that I was privileged to meet today was *David Fellows*. He has been with Station 10 for ten years. He is also a qualified boat Coxswain with Station 10 N.S.R.I. He is self employed in the computer field. Living now in Murdoch Valley, he came to South Africa as a young person, lived in Gauteng and then moved to the Cape and has always been interested in boats. In fact, he owned his own boat in Gauteng and so out of interest he joined Station 10. Dave is not very forthcoming about himself, but is obviously very caring of his fellow beings because he devotes much of his spare time to the care of the electronic systems on the N.S.R.I. boats. Well done Dave, I am sure Simon's Town is proud of you!

You will also be happy to know that the 15 new candidates that I reported on in a previous article are all progressing well. They have achieved Level 3 in First Aid, but the main thing is that they are still very enthusiastic about their training. Keep it up chaps we are proud of you!

Keep well and safe out there.

Yours aye.

Don Dollery
Member Support Committee
Station 10 N.S.R.I. Simon's Town

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New Directions - We were borne in 1993 to promote the general objectives of conservation at the local level. Under the vigorous leadership of knowledgeable and committed individuals, including especially our ex-chairman, Chris van Vuuren, the "Friends" has come to occupy a respected place in the local network of civic organisations.

We run regular hacks and have established a programme of talks given by experts on environmental topics. These are supplemented by theme walks and by special projects, such as litter day. Members of the Committee monitor such matters as marine pollution, commercial and residential development and the impact of tourism. The quality of our lives is enhanced by the efforts of the Friends.

As the new chairman, I and the committee want to use this opportunity to build upon the sound foundation already firmly established. Our specific objective is to undertake new projects, in addition to those already listed, with a view to strengthening the consciousness of conservation issues in the Simon's Town community. The basis of environmental conservation is the extent to which the general population buys into this ethic, and the degree to which it is integrated into their daily lives.

To accomplish these aims, we urgently need the skills and energies of our membership and other members of the community who have not yet joined our association. Clerical and computer skills or experience, expert knowledge in any field allied directly or indirectly to conservation, a willingness to participate in hacks or to provide cakes or other pastries at events organised by the Friends, assistance with fund raising are amongst the vital ingredients of an effective civic organisation like ours. All we require is enthusiasm and reliability - not huge chunks of your time. I am sure that participation will bring a sense of fulfilment and purpose.

Phone number to call? Our secretary Elaine at **786 3562** or myself at **786 4823** or any other committee member.

Mike Berger, Chairman
Friends of Simon's Town Coastline

News from Naval Base Simon's Town

South African Navy Grand Lady Returns

The South African Navy Combat Support Ship, SAS DRAKENSGERD returned to South Africa on 2 August at 12H00 after 64 days away. The SAS DRAKENSGERD sailed from Simon's Town on 8 June to participate in the International Naval Review 2000 hosted by the United States of America. SAS DRAKENSGERD visited Norfolk, Virginia before proceeding to Staten Island, New York for the review. This visit was also a response to a special invitation to the SAADF from the Secretary of the United States Navy.

The International Naval Review took place in New York on American Independence day on July 4, also the 223rd birthday celebrations of that country. The American

President Bill Clinton, was the main functionary of Board of Admiralty. Admiral USN JOHN F. KENNEDY for the review. The review was called "A Celebration of Sea Power for the Millennium". The review included an impressive sail past of about 120 tall sailing ships and ended in a spectacular 360° nuclear warship fireworks display. The South African Navy was one of 12 invited Navies that participated in this event. After the review, SAS DRAKENSGERD went alongside Staten Island to participate in the festivities.

On completion of the International Naval Review 2000, SAS DRAKENSGERD sailed to Halifax, Nova Scotia in Canada, for a goodwill visit and combined exercises with the Canadian Navy. This is the first ever visit by a South African Warship to Canada. The objectives of the visit to the United States of America and Canada included:

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co-operation with foreign Navies at the International Naval Review 2000 and also strengthen existing bonds.

- To promote the professional image of the SANDF to the public of the countries visited.

A midshipman from the United States Navy sailed on the SAS DRAKENSBERG for the voyage back across the Atlantic Ocean, further strengthening the ties between the two Navies.

Shipping Activities Simon's Town Harbour

The SAS DRAKENSBERG returned to Simon's Town on 2 August after a most successful visit to the USA and Canada. The ship participated in the USA Independence Day (4 July) celebrations and was the first SA Navy Ship to visit Canada.

Arrangements have been made for the lay-up of two reefers in Simon's Town in October. The reefers require a lay-up because the fruit season in South Africa is coming to a close. SNOW DRIFT arrives early October and SNOW CRYSTAL towards the end of October. Both ships should leave for loading in January 2001.

The CASTORO OTTO has a docking date in Cape Town on 9 October and will be leaving Simon's Town early October. The ship has been alongside for some 10 months, and has almost become a permanent fixture, injecting more than Rm20 into the Western Cape economy. We will miss the friendly camaraderie and wonderful co-operation of the Master and crew. We wish the ship and all onboard the very best for the future. Bon Voyage!

Navy Volunteers Lend helping Hand

A hundred navy volunteers from SAS SIMONSBERG, an SA Navy training unit based in Simon's Town, were sent to the Sanccob penguin cleaning and feeding stations early on the morning of 3 July. Twenty

naval swans (ladies) were sent to Bayside and the rest of the volunteers to the Salt River depot.

Navy members fed and cleaned penguins for the first five weeks of the operation. A group of volunteers from SAS WINGFIELD, a training unit based in Goodwood, were called up immediately after the disaster and they assisted with setting up the satellite feeding and cleaning station until Friday 29 June. Unfortunately being students, they had to be withdrawn to attend classes. But luckily they were replaced by the group from SAS SIMONSBERG.

During that time, the UMALUZI, a Navy harbour tug, sprayed a solution to absorb the oil around the wreck of the Treasure and the Harbour Patrol Boat from the South African navy's citizen unit, SAS UNTIE assisted around the Cape Town harbour area with help from a 4,4 rib boat and a Vredenburg, these two boats are mainly used as diving support boats.

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A Tanganyika Journal - Part 7

May 20

We have acquired a replacement (surely no cat can ever replace Sheba). Her name is Salomé, but she's still too young to bear its weight, so we call her Susan - sometimes O Susannah, or get down, you little Devil. She arrived by Landrover after a racking ride of nine miles; for five minutes after I received her, Susan cursed the ride, the driver and me, and the fate that had caused such indignities. Then she demanded milk and, having lapped that, went to sleep under the cupboard.

Statistics: Born November 10 1949. Mother tabby, father Ming, brother of Sheba. Susan is a perfect example of the offspring of a Siamese and a mere feline: black glossy fur, blue-grey eyes; stilt-long legs and a ratty tail. Extremely talkative - her voice is more raucously Siamese than Sheba's sweet, piping sounds. Like all Siamese I have met, Susan is fond of being smacked on the rump fairly firmly. Like Sheba's half-sister Tiya, she likes

to be lifted by that ratty tail until her hind legs are clear of the ground.

I made two cushions into a bed for Susan; she has chosen to sleep slumped into the crack between our two beds. She lies on her back and surveys us through the walls made by our mosquito nets.

May 26

Having typed their reports for the men yesterday, I decided to have a short rest, and found a snake on my bed. I didn't scream. I backed away cautiously, found my Daisy gun and approached the bed, having put one pellet in the gun and spares in my mouth - no easy feat when your teeth are chattering. I aimed as steadily as palsied hands would allow and pulled the trigger. The snake gave a little lurch. I removed another pellet from my parched mouth, loaded and shot. The snake slid off the bed and under the skirt of the tent. Throwing caution to the winds I climbed on to the bed, prodded

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the hump under the skirt and kept shooting until my mouth was empty of ammunition. I was still shaking when Sailor came in, and expected a "brave little woman" speech, but he laughed - as he would put it - like a drain. That poor little thing, he said, probably died of fright after the first pellet struck it.

June 2

From time to time visitors from England, Rhodesia and the Union descend on mile 9, passing comments and freely offering advice which is wisely ignored. They help themselves liberally at mealtimes, patently unaware that food is always in short supply here. Last week, expecting a visit to the camp, the men went out after work, in search of nyama. Tony finally bagged a zebra, which was skinned and cut up. Steaks were served to the visitors the evening of their arrival. One man wanted to know where our beef had come from. That was zebra, said Tony. "Garn," said the know-it-all. "You can't kid me. I've had zebra meat - makes me sick as a dog. This is beef," and helped himself to another slice.

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The Night Sky

Since the Winter Solstice on 21 June, the Sun has slowly started moving South again. On 22 September the Sun will be directly over the Equator, when we will have the Spring Equinox.

Quite a number of people have asked why is the Tropic of Cancer so-called when the Sun is in the Constellation of Taurus? In this age of instant communication the correction ought to be made. Well readers, put it on the Internet and quote me and see what the response is. Please let me know. The Tropic of Capricorn should be called the Tropic of Sagittarius.

The Moon

The partial eclipse of the Moon was not observed by anyone living in Simon's Town, as it was cloudy that night. New Moon is on 29 August; First Quarter on 7 August; Full Moon on 15 August; Last Quarter on 22 Au-

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gust. During July there were two Full Moons, the first on 1 July and the second on the 31 July. This is unusual.

The Sun

The Sunrise on 1 August was at 07h39 and Sunset at 18h06. At the end of the month Sunrise will be at 07h19 and Sunset at 18h20.

Meteor Showers

There was only one report of a meteor in July, but weather permitting, there are the South Aquarids visible until the 25th from 22h00 until 04h30, when it may be possible to see some bright meteors coming from the direction of Aquarius.

Comets

The new Comet "Linear" with its 7° tail will be a bright object in Leo at the end of July, moving into Virgo on 1 August, when it will be visible without using binoculars. Since writing, "Linear" has been seen on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th at both Simon's Town and Fish Hoek in July.

On 20 August Comet "Linear" will cross over the ecliptic (path of the planets, Sun and Moon) into the Constellation of Corvus the Crow, losing some of its brightness to a predicted magnitude of 8.7. Remember Comet Halley and the difference between its predicted and actual brightness? Rarely are Comets brighter than predicted. On the 21st the comet will be above the bright Messier Galaxy M 104, known as the "Sombrero" galaxy, "because of its large central bulge and dark rim of obscuring dust". Linear's pre-

dicted path will then be through Hydra, and Centaurus, passing the Southern Cross.

The Comet was discovered in September last year about 778 million Km away from the Sun, where it was named Comet 1999 S4 Linear. It is estimated that it will pass 56 million Km from Earth, or about the distance of the planet Mercury from the Sun. One thing which is certain, is that it will be an interesting object for many people here to see. As the famous comet observer and author of the Comet Digest wrote, "So while you are drawing up those observing plans over the next couple of weeks, be sure to jot in a few sessions at your favourite dark site to enjoy what could be the millennium's last naked eye comet". The next millennium begins in 2001.

The Planets

Mercury is very bright at magnitude +0.3 and is visible before dawn for a short time between the constellations, Gemini and Orion, until 14 August.

Venus is to be seen as a bright object in the evening during August at magnitude -3.8.

Mars, magnitude +1.8 is in Virgo with Mercury. On the 10th there will be a conjunction between them in the early morning sky.

Jupiter, in Taurus at magnitude -2.8 may be seen with **Saturn** at magnitude -1.1. Jupiter is the lower planet in this early morning spectacle, rising an hour before dawn with the Pleiades (7 sisters) over the Hottentots Holland Mountains.

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CRIME REPORT

Crime statistics - 1 July to 31 July.

Burglary (Res) 12 - Simon's Town 4; Glencairn Heights 1; Welcome Glen 1; Glencairn 1; Scarborough 2; Murdock Valley 2; Misty Cliffs 1.

Burglary (Bus) 2 - Dido Valley, SPM Yard 1; Ski-Boat Club, Miller's Point 1.

Theft out of M/V 8 - Miller's Point Ski-Boat Club and surrounds 4; Glen Marine 1; Murdock Valley 1; Simon's Town 1; Seaforth 1.

Theft of M/V 1 - Main Road, Scarborough.

In the abovementioned incidents of residential burglaries, most occurred mainly between Monday and Friday, 1 at night, 4 during the day and 6 over a period between 3 and 22 days. The most frequent method of entry is the forcing open of doors and windows. Both burglaries of business premises occurred during the week at night, and again, the method of entry was to force the door open.

9 Thefts out of M/V occurred during the day, with only one on a Monday night. 3 incidents occurred on a Sunday, and 5 between Monday and Friday. The target is once again parking areas and remote parking spots where people leave their vehicles unattended for long periods of time, but residential areas are also being targeted.

Arrests - July:

Drunk	22	Assault	1
Drunk Driving	1	Warrant of Arrest	2
H/break-in	1	Sea Fisheries Act	4
Hindering in the execution of official duties			1
Possession of illegal firearm			3

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ARMED RESPONSE

Uranus at magnitude 5.7 is easily seen on the eastern side of Capricorn without using binoculars.

Neptune, magnitude 8.0 is nearby, next to Omicron Capricorn.

Pluto is very far away at magnitude +14 and at least an 8" telescope is necessary to see it in the 13th sign of the Zodiac, Ophiuchus.

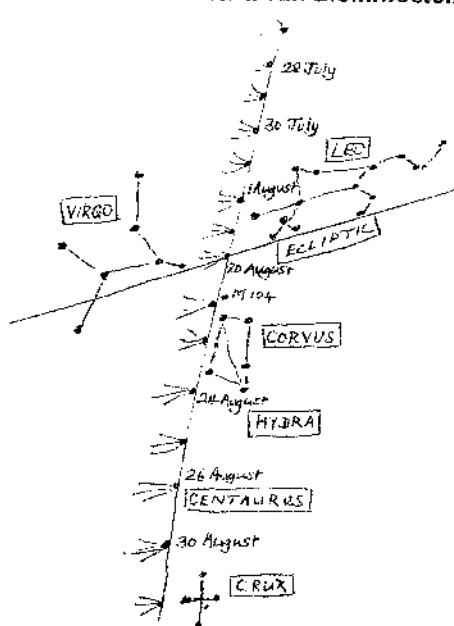
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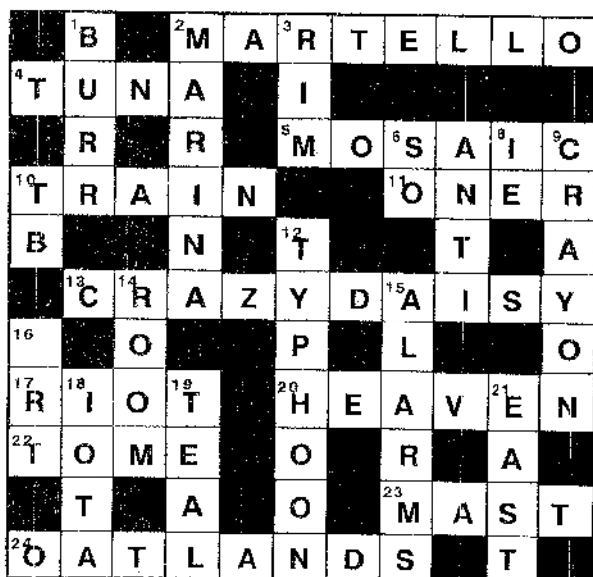
The auroras in both the Southern and Northern Hemispheres were frequently seen on 16 July, when radio frequencies on FM and Longwave were often relayed thousands of miles from their sources, and Short wave was destroyed causing blackouts. People here complained about not receiving SABC TV 3 on 16th, 17th and 18th.

The Southern Cross

Two readers, using binoculars, looked with renewed interest when they saw for the first time Herschel's Jewel Box and the large Open Cluster. Another interesting object to look for is the Coal Sack, situated between the Pointers of the Southern Cross.

Peter I. van Blommestein





No winner for crossword no. 8

Due to an error of compilation which may have caused confusion (the two blocks above 13 and 14 should have been blacked out). Sorry about this!

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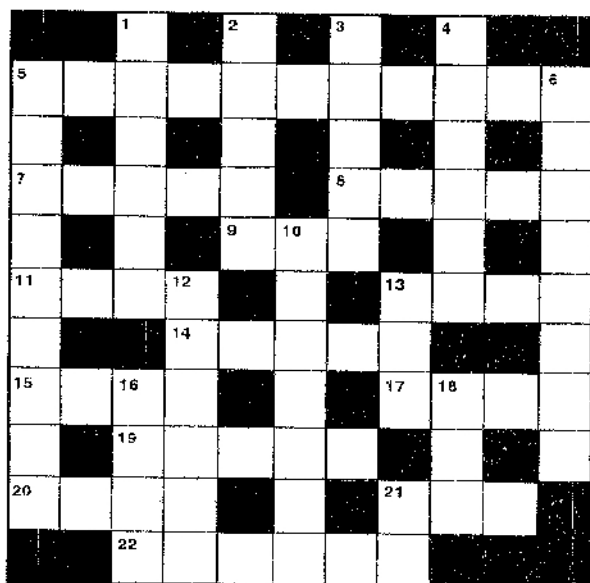
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CROSSWORD

PUZZLE 9



ACROSS

5. One fourth of a platform found on a ship
7. Fool
8. Beautify
9. Head of corn
11. Eastern eye make-up
13. Increases
14. Information
15. An outing
17. False Bay's gazette
19. Backless seat
20. Equestrian game
21. Mimic
22. Secure estate

DOWN

1. Social outcast
2. Condition
3. Wild rose
4. Register
5. Dance this fast walk
6. Jamaican city
10. Greek vessel
12. & 18. Prestigious yacht race to be held locally
13. Consumed
16. Small island
18. See 12 down
21. Gangster __ Capone

PRIZE: R100 voucher valid at Café Pescado

Name: Tel. No:

- Entries in plain envelope addressed to Snoektown Calling Crossword Puzzle and delivered to Simon's Town Bottle Store before Tuesday 29 August
- First correct entry drawn will be the prize winner.
- Only one entry per person permitted.
- Result and solution in the following issue of Snoektown Calling.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2000

1. SIMON'S TOWN MUSEUM

Ph. 786 3046

Wed. 16th August at 5.30 for 6 p.m.

"TREASURES OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN LIBRARY"

R10 per person (includes a complimentary glass of wine/fruit juice prior to lecture)

2. PENSIONER'S FREE MONTHLY

SHOPPING BUS To Pick 'n Pay from Murdoch Valley (Ixia Cres bus terminus), then Simon's Town, Glencairn and Fish Hoek to Sun Valley and return. For dates, times and pick-up points please telephone 786 3137

3. WALKING TOURS OF THE HISTORIC MILE, SIMON'S TOWN

Every Tuesday and Saturday (Booking essential) Ph. Bobbie 786 3189 (Tues) . Ph. Audrey 786 1805 (Sat)

4. SPIER STEAM TRAINS

Sunday 27th August 1.

Cape Town – Simon's Town Return (stops at Plumstead and Muizenberg) Adults R60 children 12 and under R30. Departs Cape Town 10.00 am. Returns ex Simon's Town 2.00 pm

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6. FRIENDS OF THE SIMON'S TOWN COASTLINE

Enquiries Ph. 786 3890 – All welcome

Tuesday 15th Aug. at 7.30 pm

Illustrated Talk – "Processes and Seawater Quality in Simon's Bay" by Mr Karl Wainman, Marine Scientist, Institute of Marine Technology, Simon's Town.

Venue: Auditorium, IMT Building, Martello Road, Simon's Town.

Sunday 19th Aug. at 0930

Allen Vegetation Hack

Venue: Links Crescent but **MEET AT Boulders car park**

Friday 15th Sept. at 9.30 am

Coastal clean-up by School children at Seaforth beach.

Saturday 16th Sept at 9.30 am

International Coastal Clean-up Day

Venue: Long Beach, Simon's Town

Tuesday 20th Sept. at 7.30 pm

Illustrated Talk – "Migrating and Coastal Birds" by Ms Claire Spottiswoode

Venue: Museum Hall, Court Road, Simon's Town.

Saturday 30th Sept. at 9.30 am

Morning walk along the lower slopes of Swartkop, Simon's Town.

Venue: South end of Jan Smuts Drive, Seaforth, Simon's Town (via Harrington Road next to Simon's Town School)

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