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Editorial

The saga of the armed robbery in our community continues, with a report on the opinion survey via a questionnaire - this appears elsewhere in this issue, as does an account of the total failure of the sewage pump station in the grounds of the False Bay Yacht Club. An obvious failure of the idiot control system - what a mess!

Our newly constituted civic umbrella organisation held its AGM Wednesday last. One would hope that procedural precedents would be inherited from its parent association; not so, in the case of a vote being taken on a current issue; namely the closure of the ramp road from Jubilee Square to the Cole Point parking area. The procedural rule is that if there is to be a vote on some current issue it must be clearly identified in the notice for the meeting. This procedure dates back to the times when some interest groups deliberately manipulated proceedings to achieve their objectives.

This rule was not applied at the meeting on Wednesday 25th. Thus, if the rule is applied, the voting was out of order and therefore not valid. Now, about the issue: the Business Association is totally opposed to the closing of this ramp road. I am advised that this Association will be informing the SPA accordingly.

My personal view: the ramp road should stay as an important motor road between Jubilee Square and Cole Point parking area. Signage should clearly state "**Not for pedestrians**".

There are two pedestrian access routes :

1. via the Jubilee Square steps and
2. steps on the left-hand side of the ramp, past the pump station.

I deem that Mike Munnik's argument, that the ambience and the spacial convenience of the Square would be enhanced by the



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removal of the ramp road, is totally frivolous. Also frivolous, is the Ward Councillor's campaign regarding pedestrian safety.

So let common sense prevail - leave the ramp road as is.

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Down the Historical Mile

So what happened at the Purple Patch? Mientjie Boep-pens wanted to know. You know, where Mr Dan used to have his office, and Dr van der Merwe was also there for a year or so.

The place was painted out in purple streaks and some of the furniture was painted streaky purple. And worse, the proprietor had a big bush of black hair and a little dog on her shoulder. They were only open for about two weeks and now there's a sale on of all the goods, including garden tools.

Harold Hardekop remarked that he had seen the lady at the shop, and he's been wondering how she managed to get her hair to stand up straight, like a golliwog. Clara Fijnbosch had the explanation: the lady lies across a bed, with her head hanging down over the side; then her hair gets brushed hanging upside down, with spray being applied at regular intervals. The result - the hair stands up straight.

My magtie, said Harold, *there's* now a thing. What women won't do to be different. But Stoffel Boesman had a problem; why do they spell "emigrating: with two m's "emmigrating", in the notice they've chalked up on the window? You see Stoffel Boesman Terblanche regards himself as a literary specialist, so it is expected of him to notice such errors of spelling. No, said Wingnut Williams, you use two m's if you're not ging very far, for instance as far as Riviersonderend, or Riemvasmaak. But if

they're going to hell-and-gone but you don't know where, then you say: they're going to Timbuktú. Well, everyone agreed, the whole affair of the Purple Patch is a mystery.

Piet Pompies had something to say: as portfolio holder for traffic and parking, he felt it his duty to bring up the matter of Cole Point parking - for the second time now, because since his last report nothing has been done about cutting a gap in the Navy wall, with a big notice above the gap saying "Free Parking". Mr Chairman, I had another look at the proposed gap for vehicles; next to the pedestrian gateway, there is an expansion joint in the wall, so the cutting of a gap for vehicles would be a simple matter. So why doesn't the Navy or the Business Association do something about it! The Chairman undertook to ask the Dok to speak to Admiral Koos about the matter.

Harold Hardekop reported that SLAP, an honourable and long-standing society, had been referred to as SLAPGAT at a certain

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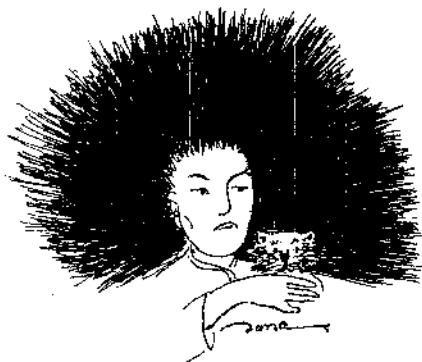
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committee meeting of one of our local associations. This comment produced an uproar and Schultz began fingering his Luger: show me this outjie and I'll moor him! So ended the July meeting of SLAP.

Streetwalker



Ward Councillor's Report

1. Excellent rains for the past month have been welcome. However, there are some drawbacks. Stormwater drains have filled up rapidly with silt and building site materials. The main road at the intersection with Wharf Street has subsided and a camera inspection has been done. If this shows serious damage then the whole pipe will have to be re-laid causing great inconvenience in the main road.

A further concern is the danger of falling rocks on Red Hill Road. A full assessment of the precarious rock faces is being done as a matter of urgency.

2. This is a good time to think of fire prevention. The fire belt-clearing programme is proceeding. Ukuvuka/ Firestop Campaign teams are doing wonderful work in clearing regrowth as well as systematic clearing of stands of heavy alien infestation.



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3. Glencairn Vlei has filled up. I have received many queries as to why clearing of the reeds was done now and not when the water was shallow. Apparently it must be done when the water is deep enough to "drown" any regrowth. The reeds or Typha are indigestible but very fast-growing plants that gradually take over causing silt build-up and other problems. We live and learn!

4. The traffic management plan approved by the former South Peninsula Municipality last year will be implemented when final authority from the Metropolitan traffic management department comes through. The plan was presented at public meetings and was

displayed at the library for several weeks. However, I am quite sure that when it is implemented there will be those who are up in arms about it. One controversial point will be the closure of the small road leading from Jubilee Square to the lower area and Cole Point which will require reconfiguration of traffic movement.

5. Simon's Town is now part of a larger ward that includes Ocean View. New residents may not be aware that Ocean View was established to house those forcibly removed from Simon's Town in terms of the Group Areas Act. Approximately 6000 people, including property owners and long-standing residents were relocated to a town without facilities or even, at that time, shops or transport to Simon's Town their place of work. There is great poverty there as well as great potential. Is there anyone in Simon's Town who would be able to assist with the upgrading of a crèche? A proper floor is needed at the one crèche. At another, the play area is completely waterlogged and the play equip-

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ment needs to be moved. A third crèche is in desperate need for sponsors for food for the forty children.

6. I have received so many complaints about barking dogs and neglected animals recently. I hope that our editor will be able to include a little brochure I have prepared on this problem.

I was also told of a family who went on holiday for a fortnight leaving their two dogs and four cats in the back yard without any form of shelter whatsoever. Someone came to feed the animals every second day. Unfortunately I was only told about this afterwards. This kind of behaviour is quite shocking. It is also illegal. In such circumstances please phone the SPCA or the South Peninsula dog control section at 7033075.

7. The legal agreement on Boulders National Park between the Park authority and the City has not yet been finalised. A technical committee of officials of the two authori-

ties has been established to deal with the issues of land, management, traffic and penguins amongst other matters for the agreement. It is hoped that the management and design options will be sufficiently advanced soon for presentation to the Boulders Advisory Committee.

Priorities for implementation will have to be determined. Parks has also been requested to make a consolidated proposal on all land to form part of the agreement.

I understand that one of the major delaying factors in this whole process has been the dispute between Parks and certain residents over access to Boulders Beach. This has impacted on Park's ability to access funding for implementation of any approved plans.

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Simon's Town Civic Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

About 100 people attended the first annual general meeting of the new Simon's Town Civic Association in the Town Hall on Wednesday, July 26 - just over one third of the total membership.

It went smoothly and successfully with little debate. Owing to a strong defensive account of the STCA's activities by retiring Chairman Mrs Jackie Weaver.

Using projected charts, she showed in considerable detail what the Association has done and is still doing on virtually all fronts of local life - from participating in road and garden top choices to planning the future use of the dockyard. Members had been introduced to much of this already through the STCA newsletter.

Some subjects raised in discussion were:
* Simon's Town's reputation for potholes. Nearly

halfway been repaired when they'd been again. Mrs Weaver said strong representation had been made to our new Utility as well making precisely this point, filling the potholes in detail and calling for their proper elimination.

* Mr Mike Martin noted that the Committee had decided to oppose the council's decision to close the slip road from Jubilee Square down to Cape Point. He was in favour of its closure because something could be made of the space this would make available. The Publicity Bureau could be extended towards Jubilee Square. By a show of hands, with most people abstaining, the meeting voted in favour of closing the slip road.

* The meeting by acclamation agreed to Mrs Weaver's proposal to form a Section 21 company as an umbrella under which the STCA can do its work.

* The STCA Constitution was amended to provide for eight ward Committee members, joined of six, plus representatives of various special interest groups in the community such as those for environment, culture, business and recreation.

* There was some argument over whether the representatives of the special groups or the extensive Committees should have the right to vote at the meetings. It was decided that they should if they were also paid-up members of the STCA. This did not apply to representatives of the Navy and National Parks, who did not want a vote anyway.

Ward Councillor Mrs Nick Hooper told the meeting that this first year of the STCA coincided with the major change of municipal system from the South Peninsula Municipality to the Cape Metropolitan Council. The Utility was still finding its feet because its structure changed greatly and was more in line with government. The city around had 200 members of whom 100 formed the executive committee and the rest were allocated responsibilities in various portfolios. The intended system of sub-committees was being delayed because the legal requirements were not yet in place.

About Simon's Town, Mrs Hooper warned that potholes on the Red Hill road



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had become a serious problem and action had to be taken to prevent it going the same way as the Chapman's peak road.

The city council was still firmly committed to finding land in Dido Valley for the Red Hill community but this had been delayed since 1994, when the Simon's Town Council began the scheme, by bureaucratic, legal and now technical problems. It was State land and had to be rezoned.

Meanwhile moves were being made for the people of Red Hill to get temporary electricity, water and sewage. At present the provincial authorities were renting the property from the landowner.

The planned development on the site of the closed Marine Oil plant was one she believed the community would approve, Mr Holderness said. It would have to undergo the full process of public participation before it could go ahead - including environmental and historical impact assessments. As to the Boulders penguin park, the city council had not yet reached financial agreement with the National Parks Board. The

creation of the park burdened the council with various costs caused by the park's impact on its neighbourhood, such as those of additional traffic and parking.

The proposed new law that would oblige a property owner to ensure that land was cleared of alien vegetation before permission would be given to sell it, had been cancelled, Mrs Holderness said.

The proposed new liquor legislation was open for inspection and she called for input from members of the public about it. It appeared to have been drawn up by people who had never had a drink, let alone heard of a shebeen.

She called on those present to sign the petition at the meeting if they wanted the Simon's Town Post Office to stay. It was on premises due for a renewal of lease. If people wanted it they should use it because the service was run on business lines and if a branch did not cover costs, it risked being shut.

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was being gutted now to prepare for the library's move into bigger and better premises inside, and this should be completed in about two months'. The old premises would become a public hall for theatre productions, art exhibitions and other community events. The meeting elected eight committee members.

Re-elected were:

Mrs Jacky Weaver 7835335

Ian Allan 7822736

Dr John Morris 7861765

Manu Choudree 7827241

Wilf Nussey 7861368

Newly elected were:

Mrs Eve Leggatt 7863960

Dirk van Niekerk 7861320

Mrs Fran Freeman 7826644

Special group representatives are:

Luyanda Lombo of the new Red Hill Forum,

Peter Johnson, Business Association

Ms Sharon Bosma, Environment Action Committee

Capt Bill Rice, Cultural Affairs

Justin Buchmann, Cape Peninsula National Park.

A N Othar, SA Navy

Mrs Dorothy Mecinska, Secretary

Nobody was nominated for the very important portfolio of Recreational and Community affairs vacated by Dr Reg Loxton, who is retiring. The STCA is appealing for proposals for people for this job.

The Navy used to be represented solely by Capt Chris Roodt but the job will henceforth be done by him and others in rotation.

The new chairman and vice-chairman will be elected at the Committee's first session in August and some portfolios have yet to be allocated.

However, Manu Choudree, in addition to being a core committee member, will handle the security portfolio. Mrs Freeman will also represent the Millennium Committee which organises the annual end-of-year bash on Jubilee Square. Mrs Leggatt, with long experience in the property business, will take over the Property Watch vacated by retiring Vice-Chairman Geoff Palmer. Geoff will continue to assist the STCA in various tasks. Ian Allan remains Treasurer and in charge of the Simon's Town Trust accounts among many other chores. Dr Morris retains the Pollution Watch. Wilf Nussey will produce the monthly newsletter and bulletins. Final details will be given in the next issue of Snoektown Calling.

It was, as one man remarked after the meeting, "a very bloodless AGM".

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Chubb's Security very kindly offered to deliver the questionnaires to our behalf and while doing so provided each household with literature with their exception 32-page booklet entitled "Prevention is better than a Cure". Unfortunately the booklet was folded inside the booklet resulting in many householders not becoming immediately aware of its existence.

As a result it is regretted that the submission rate of completed questionnaires was only 65% despite keeping the returns open for some time past the deadline. Nevertheless a pattern emerged and certain conclusions can be drawn with a reasonable degree of

certainly.

The findings from the limited survey were:-

1. 62% of those that responded who already have Armed Response had felt that additional security of some type would be beneficial.
2. Of those without Armed Response 84% felt that additional security of some type would be beneficial.
3. 68% thought that an Electric Fence would be impractical with 71% were of the opinion that Traffic Bells would not be of benefit or of benefit to all.
4. 84% were interested in becoming members of one or more of the 31 Neighbourhood Watch schemes. We gained the impression that some of the other 14% may be under a misunderstanding as to the structure and function of such schemes. The booklet explains these in detail and we would hope that some might change their

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minds and consider joining. A Neighbourhood Watch scheme is based on a "know your neighbours" approach, keeping an eye out for the unusual and reporting such to either neighbours or the police. It does not involve patrolling the streets or any type of vigilante work.

5. It was encouraging to note that some 35% indicated that they may be willing to become Neighbourhood Watch Cell Coordinators and we will approach them in due course. The area will need some 35 such coordinators to become fully effective with each being responsible for some 8-10 surrounding properties. The role of a coordinator is clearly laid out on pages 18/19 of the Chubb's booklet and if others feel they can contribute to setting up this important system kindly contact Ian Allan on 782-2736.

6. There was a 50/50 split concerning the introduction of street lighting. We will approach the Municipality for comments on costing and feasibility but in reality expect

the matter to be taken out of our hands by cost alone.

7. As regards the other security options suggested the following preferences were shown: -

- a) Mountain Men Surveillance as a sole option 16%
- b) Armed Response with a dedicated vehicle as a sole option 10%
- c) Private Security Patrol as a sole option 24%
- d) Combination of (a) plus either (b) or (c) 49%

8. Some 86% expressed a wish for any service to be provided on a 24-hour basis while 83% stated that they would prefer this to be for 7 days per week.

9. We will now hold discussions with the security companies to ascertain the most practical and at the same time cost effective solution to put forward as a recommendation.

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tion for adoption. This would appear to be either: -

a) A daytime Mountain Men exercise coupled to a 24 hour mobile dedicated patrol unit or

b) A 24-hour mobile dedicated patrol enhanced by an effective Neighbourhood Watch system.

In both cases the dedicated patrol should be directly contactable by all members of the public. The patrol should be responsible for the policing not only of loiterers, door-to-door callers and the like but also of building employees and others employed on an ad hoc basis. In addition they should also liaise with Law Enforcement in matters such as the control of dumping, littering, ensuring that garbage is correctly placed for collection, noise pollution, loose dogs and any other matters of concern to the public.

"DE-MOTIVATION"

Assuming that readers would be interested in their immediate marine environment, I once wrote a "Fishy Tales" column. Since there was little response to my request for feedback, I gave it up. For lack of support, some of us who were active on various committees have also given up. There is the same apathy in joining at least two local groups to clear alien vegetation. Even the hiking trails are more popular with people from elsewhere. Have we become so de-motivated by a decline in security, living standards and maintenance of our infrastructure that we no longer care? Furthermore, why are the younger residents so silent?

Unless we get more involved with what goes on around us, Simon's Town could soon lose its identity as a close community.

Bevan Pank, Science Writer



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SIMON'S TOWN COMMUNITY POLICE FORUM

Reports indicate that crime levels are down on the comparative period a year ago, but the SAPS caution that this does not allow for complacency. On the contrary, the police urge the community to increase vigilance and to report suspicious occurrences and/or the presence of strangers/offenders. Effective policing is impossible without community support.

The business community are concerned at low levels of economic activity, and are keen to encourage greater access to parking in the town. These efforts are being hampered by, amongst others, the tendency of the business people and their employees to monopolise the street parking for their cars/van/vehicles. It is also reported that military vehicles are guilty of overstaying the time

limits concerning, adding to the congestion. The Traffic Department have been asked to issue tickets to vehicles infringing the time restrictions. Should members of the public observe military vehicles monopolising parking in the town, they are asked to inform the local ICED, Main Command on 7833740.

On the subject of parking, the intention is to investigate the possibility of raising community funds through the introduction of paid parking on Jubilee Square.

The saga of the motor car donated by Thepe Deira seems to be close to the end. The SAPS have advised the forum that the paperwork is signed and in the post. Despite the frustrating difficulties, we believe that this community show of support for the SAPS will reap rewards.

The Neighbourhood Watch is alive and well, and expanding. John Paga is soliciting support for new Watches and volunteers offered to attach yourselves to a watch or consider forming a new one. The area is well covered, and this bodes well for the operation with the law enforcement agencies.

The Forum's prime responsibility is to assist the police in preventing crime. For this, the area and the Neighbourhood Watches are an integral part of this. We are at the moment attempting to assess the nature and sound of potential threats, the resources we have, and the shortfall in manpower and equipment. Whilst our deliberations are only just beginning it is premature to suggest that a campaign to attract recruits to the Police Reserve may well be one of the elements of the plan. Should anybody be interested in joining the Police Reserve they can obtain further information from Insp. G. Stone or Sgt. Ray Robinson (783 1228 or email rob@nors@webmaster.co.za).

The analysis of Simon's security needs has been completed. Details have been forwarded to various security companies in order that proposals may be submitted.



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Public comment and participation will be called for in due course. The Neighbourhood watch in this area, and the one in Da Gama Park are to be incorporated into the greater Simon's Town NHW plan under the control of John Page.

You will have seen our Bobby on the Beat. It is premature to report on his activities as the trial period has only recently begun. However, the forum is pleased with the venture, and hope that the community will accept it. Please forward your comments to the forum via Snoektown Calling.

Whilst we may be fortunate that serious land based crime is absent from our area, the same cannot be said of marine crime. The Parks Board and the SAPS continue to plead for more community assistance in reporting suspicious activities. Those numbers again:

- Inspector Cassie Carstens 083 518 1659 or 786 2127 (SAPS)
- Inspector Craig Finlay 0722731650 or 786

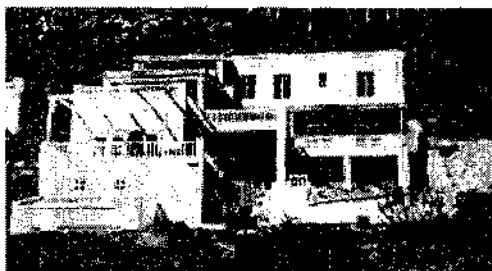
- 1828 (Border Police)
- Amos Lombo 780 9526 (National Parks)

FRIENDS OF SIMON'S TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Due to the fact that the Unicity Library Services Main Frame Computer will be shut down and relocated on 11 August, Simon's Town Public Library will not open on that Saturday morning.

However, the Friends of Simon's Town Public Library will be holding a book sale from 09:00 on Saturday 11 August, outside the Old Municipal Offices (soon to be the new Public Library).

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Simon's Town Public Library will be held at Simon's Town Museum at 17:30 on Monday 13 August.



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A Brief History of the Martello Tower

by H.C. Willis

In the year 1794, during the Napoleonic War, the British Fleet was engaged in blockading the French port of Toulon. A need arose to establish a safe anchorage in the Bay of Fiorenzo, Corsica, for use by the Fleet. However, the shores of the Bay were well fortified. On 8 February two British ships, *Fortitude* (74 guns) and *Juno* (32 guns) arrived at the entrance of the Bay intent on destroying these fortifications. On the western extremity of the Bay, on Cape *Martella*, stood a large circular tower armed with two guns and a garrison of two grenadiers and twenty seamen.

During the attack of some two-and-a-half hours the garrison put up such a spirited defence that the ships had to withdraw, having suffered 6 dead and 56 wounded, as well as being severely damaged. That same evening a body of troops under the com-

mand of Major General David Dundas was landed and the following morning an attack was launched from the landward side and victory was only gained when the attacking troops contrived to smoke out the gallant defenders by setting fire to faggots piled against the tower.

This remarkable achievement by such a small number of men with only two medium-sized guns, in repelling an attack by two heavily armed warships, immediately established a reputation, out of all proportion to its importance, for this type of fortification. Admiral Sir John Jervis, aboard HMS *Victory*, wrote '... and I hope to see such works erected ... on every part of the Coast likely for an enemy to make a descent on.

When the British occupied the Cape in 1795, they did so to forestall any similar French action. The occupying troops were under the command of Major General James Craig, who was appointed Acting Governor of the Cape and who set about improving the coastal fortifications of Simon's Bay. He re-constructed, as part of these improvements, a large powder magazine capable of containing 980 barrels of gunpowder (being the reserve ammunition for the Royal Naval Ships), in the near vicinity of the Southern Battery named 'Boetselaar'. To protect this magazine as well as the rear of the Battery he constructed Simon's Town's Martello Tower which was completed in 1796.

The Life of the Tower

For more than a century the Tower figured as a prominent feature of the Simon's Town landscape, and although no record has been found that any guns were ever actually mounted on the tower, it could easily have been armed by hoisting a gun onto the roof.

The armament of the Battery was changed from time to time with the advent of more modern guns, whilst the Tower protected the landward side and the magazine, until the arrival of the rifled guns firing explosive shells



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which rendered the smooth-bore guns completely obsolete. The superior range and accuracy of the rifled guns could be enhanced by mounting them at a greater elevation above sea-level and therefore no attempt was made to modify the South Battery to accommodate these guns and a new emplacement was erected further up the slope of the mountain about a mile to the South in 1885. (This battery was renamed Queen's Battery in 1898.)

With this new development, the old battery was abandoned and the Tower was used to provide living accommodation for the detachment of Royal Marines employed as guards for the powder magazine and ammunition stores in the vicinity. This guard detachment became redundant at the turn of the century when the whole area was enclosed for the construction of the new dockyard, and the Tower was vacated and left derelict. In the course of time the structure deteriorated and eventually started to collapse.

From 1922 - 1933 powder in ammunition was tested in the Martello Tower and from 1947 - 1950 the office of the RN Station Physical and Recreational Training Officer, Lt Cdr D.F. Goodale, DSC, was situated in the building.

Moves to Restore the Tower

The active interest in the restoration of the Tower was started by the late Mr W. Runciman, then Mayor of Simon's Town. Having failed to arouse the interest among the higher authorities he made an appeal to the general public in a letter to *The Cape Times* which was published on 30 April, 1936.

However, in 1966 the South African Defence Force established a Museums Directorate whose staff showed interest in the Tower. This culminated in the happy decision to restore the Tower with the object of housing a museum. The Tower was proclaimed a National Monument in 1972. The restoration

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of the building commenced on 27 August 1970, undertaken by the Works Branch of the SA Navy. The original stone was salvaged, cleared of all mortar and re-used.

Yet let not its simple dignity deceive, for a good case can be made that this Martello Tower may be the oldest surviving structure built by the British in South Africa, having been built only four months after the Capitulation on 16 September 1795.

In addition it may well be the oldest surviving Corsican-pattern tower in the world.

FROM THE BOSUNS CHAIR

Rain, glorious rain. According to my carefully monitored rain gauge in Glencairn a whole 161mm of the most welcome liquid. Amounts vary around the area, over 200mm in one section of Simon's Town has been reported over the month to date (26th) with more expected before the end of the month. As I write we have a 35knot North Wester setting the yachts dancing in the anchorage.

Our Simon's Town waterfall has been most spectacular, the best in more than five years according to some of the residents who have lived here for many years. On a quiet day its roar could be heard from the Yacht Club on Cole Point.

For over three weeks now I have been watching a pair of Egyptian Geese that made a nest on a derelict cabin cruiser in the anchorage. Eleven large white eggs were laid and according to the world of birds they would possibly not hatch as they are totally out of season, egg laying normally happens around September. But lo and behold after approximately 28 days 8 little fluffy goslings running around the deck. Mother goose was then seen pushing them overboard one by one and, with the parents leading, off they went to Admirals Beach where they can be seen feeding in the grass.

A temporary visitor to Simon's Town Harbour is the large decommissioned stern trawler "STORESS" berthed just ahead of "CABLE RESTORER". She is due to be used for target practice and sunk by the Navy, hopefully in deep water in False Bay and in so doing, creating another fish breeding reef on the sandy bottom.

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Both hopelessly trying to ignore the onset of middle age, one by ignoring financial responsibility the other by marrying a much younger woman, the scenes are set for a momentous reflection. In a short space of time each of these men's lives will be changed...for ever.

"Midway Karen's Caught My Eye" directed by Sue Bolton is the recipient of three 2000 Fish & Hook Play Festival Awards and with its

companion piece "Juggers", directed by David Skelton, it presents a very and entertaining dramatic feast! Not to be missed!

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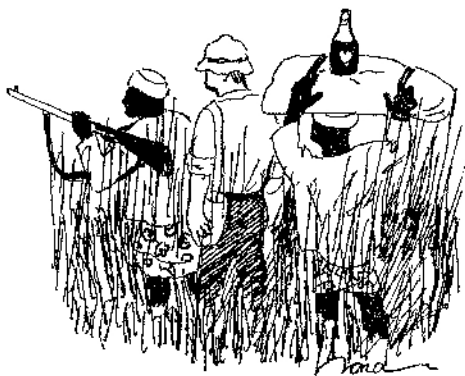
A Doctor Schüpf and his wife have arrived at the Mission. He is a surgeon on a working holiday - and his very first case was the smashed stomach of a man who had fallen from a coconut palm. These trees are impressively tall. Sailor and I met him at his temporary home: a dark, thin, affable person.

He offered us a choice of drinks: whisky, brandy, gin? I asked for a brandy, Sailor opted for a whisky. To our amazement both drinks were poured from the same bottle which contained a clear colourless liquid. Add soda and you have whisky, a dollop of Rose's Lime gives you brandy. Rather potent, but pleasant. This all-purpose alcohol is distilled by the Brothers, for purposes other than sundowners.

February 19

Well, well. Dr Schüpf has shaken a finger at Sailor, who arrived home looking like death warmed up and full of malaria. Not surprisingly: he'd been wading endlessly through water which at times reached chest-high. The good surgeon knows enough about tropical diseases to realise that Sailor's condition was very serious; he administered shots and ordered him to bed - and to stay there. When Schüpf arrived next day he found his patient missing.

Sailor had disappeared with Mkomelo and a few bearers. He re-surfaced two days ago, having cured himself - he said - with the internal application of a bottle of Red Heart rum; but now he has jaundice, which is a serious condition. Sailor has promised to obey doctor's orders from now on. I must say he looks rather odd with those curry-coloured eyes.



March 17

This morning there was the sound of returning watu. Regina rushed in: "Amepiga chui Bwana! Kufa kabisa." My poor fatherless child, I thought. Regina's excitement seemed rather callous, until her words reshuffled themselves: Bwana had killed a leopard, not vice versa.

Beside a dead leopard, Sailor has brought back an intriguing story. In Mbinga village, on the Ruipa River, the headman was officially styled the NKOSI and his sub-head was called the INDUNA, surely the names of Zulu origin. The Nkosi said his forefathers had come from elsewhere a long time ago: why and how was a mystery.

One can only speculate, says Sailor, that a Zulu impi was sent North - circa 1800 - on a raiding/exploration mission and arrived in the Kilombero Valley after a trek of over 2,000 miles. Not having accomplished their mission, perhaps, finding the terrain to their liking, the impi decided to settle there and take control. Now all that remain are the titles and system of administration. No trace of the Zulu language has survived.

Tanganyika Diary Part 7

March 26

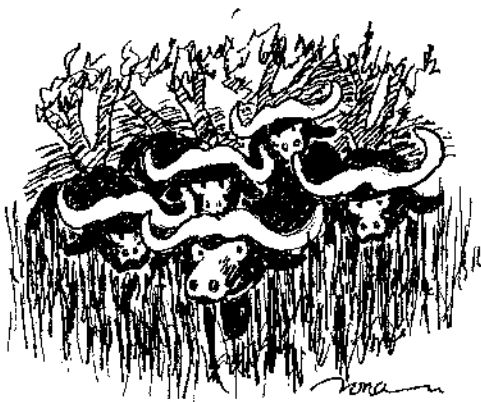
Sailor's turn to wag an admonitory finger at Schüpf, who had been nagging for what he called a "shoot". Last week Jimmy van Dyk brought around a Government launch, and he, Sailor, the Schüpf's and I went chuffing up the river. Jimmy had located a buffalo at a certain point; arrived there, the men went ashore and the doctor's wife and I settled down to small talk. Time passed rather slowly: I have about four German words and her English is limited.

Then we heard a shot - they've found buffalo, I said. Suddenly there were 4 or 5 shots in quick succession and I was startled into saying a naughty word. Frau Schüpf asked whether anything was wrong; I explained that several shots in quick succession spelt danger. She began to cry - as well she might. After a time of anxious waiting Jimmy and the doctor appeared, looking shaken. Sailor arrived some minutes later, out of breath. Schüpf, Mighty Hunter, had glimpsed a pair of horns and let fly. Immediately the men were confronted by angry, menacing animals. Sailor fired deterring shots into the herd while Jimmy and Schüpf beat a retreat. There was complete silence in the launch on our return trip to Ifakara.

March 30

Great jubilation: Sailor bagged a buffalo for much-needed nyama. Before he distributed the meat he cut off a couple of steaks for our own use and stored them in the fridge. Almost immediately the smell made me nauseous. It wasn't that bad, Sailor protested, but removed the offending steaks. However, the nausea has returned every morning.

This has come at an awkward time. I can't



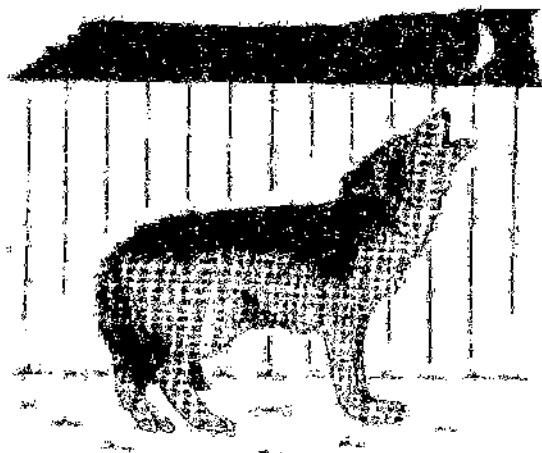
possibly go South for the birth of this baby: there are maps to complete and colour, and reports to be typed out by next month. But ever resourceful, Sailor paid a visit to the Mission and came back with Sister Arnolda, who tried to allay my fears by saying that she had successfully delivered hundreds of African babies. I wanted to shout that this was not hundreds of black babies - just my one child. Then crafty Mama Nolda played her trump card: she had recently returned from Switzerland, where she had taken a 6-months-course in natural childbirth. Good, calming words from a sweet, calming nun.

April 15

Harvesting of rice crops begins now, and labour is a problem. The chief of the region manages to recruit some men by indenting those who haven't paid their taxes, but most labour for trace cutting has had to be recruited from Malinyi.

Of the total crop harvested here, about 15% will be sold, the rest kept for consumption and for the brewing of pombe, to which the men are heavily addicted.

THE BARKING DOG



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The following information may be helpful to you in an effort to stop your dog from barking. Listed are the most common causes of barking and suggestions for stopping it.



1. Chaining the dog at a point with insufficient space or restricting the dog to a small area for long periods.

Provide enough space for your dog to move freely in an enclosed back yard. A dog should not be left on a fixed chain for long periods. This can induce savagery and cause a nuisance from barking. If a dog is chained it should be on a run.



2. Deliberate or accidental provocation by a dog, or by a dog's sight of a dog, or by a dog's sight of a wall or other solid matter. Do not tie a dog to a wall or other solid matter.

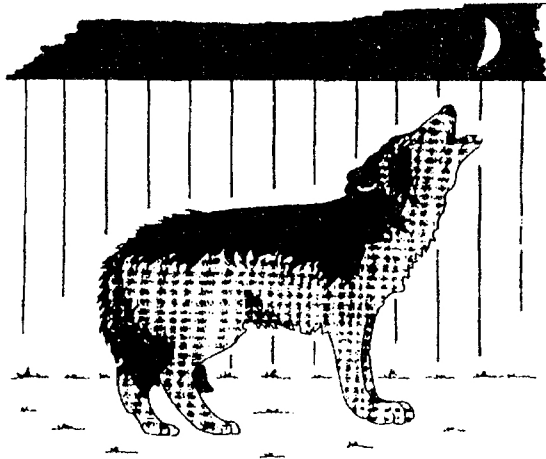


3. Lack of reason for barking. Walking your dog regularly will help your dog fit. The amount of exercise depends on the size of the dog. When in public, a dog should be on a leash.

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2. Deliberate or unintentional provocation by people or roaming dogs. Eliminate direct line of sight vision by erecting a fence, wall or

other solid matter. Do not tie in front yard.



3. Lack of reasonable exercise.

Walking your dog keeps you and your dog fit. The amount of exercise depends on the breed or size of the dog. When in public keep your dog on a leash.

COMMUNITY SELF REGULATION:

People often put up with a nuisance until things are so bad they have to report the problem to the Council. This can cause broken friendships and enmity between neighbours.



4. Lack of training. Your dog will accept kind but firm discipline. Take it to obedience training before it develops bad barking habits.



5. Lack of kennel or suitable shelter from weather. Give your dog a place to itself. This can be a ventilated and waterproof

kennel or indoor quarters. A dog kept in an enclosed area at night usually does not bark and annoy neighbours.



6. Unsuitable or insufficient diet and lack of sufficient water in hot weather. A

balanced and varied diet is necessary. Main meals should consist of processed meat and dried dog foods, supplemented by vitamins and minerals. Keep feeding hours regular and fresh water on hand at all times.



7. Ill health. Your dog may suffer from fleas, worms, or other diseases which may cause it discomfort and be the

cause of its barking or whining. Examine your dogs regularly and seek veterinary attention if necessary.



8. Loneliness. Being left alone for long periods causes frustration and boredom which leads to barking. Give your pet more companionship and attention.

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THE MORE THINGS CHANGE

Extracts from Simon's Town Council Minutes and Newscuttings 1926 - 1938

1926

June 30 - Electrification of the Railway: Disadvantages of a single line and slow service discussed.

July 23 - More police required at Simon's Town.

Sept 4 - Simon's Town Traders Referendum: Late night trading - 8pm suggested closing hour.

Nov 13 - New Road at Glencairn: Built a foot or more above and wider than the old road - will help with sand nuisance - sand drifts have been no unusual sight in the South-Easter season.

Nov 17 - Late Friday night shopping for past month: Not worthwhile - 8pm closing is too early for people to get home and then go out shopping again.

Dec 25 - Hotel accommodation: Publicity Association asked for support in campaign for better hotel accommodation.

1927

Jan 1 - Simon's Town Roads: Many complaints about the shocking state of the roads - especially the side roads - ruts and loose surface, patched by loose gravel (eg: Chapel Hill). Nominations called for new Councillor: view freely expressed that the advent of an energetic lady Councillor will be for the good of the town.

Jan 7 - The Camping Question: sleeping in the bushes beyond Seaforth - complaints re: unsanitary conditions. Request to Cape Hospital Board for ambulance in Southern end of Peninsula: Impossible - Motor ambulance at Cape Town to be used.

Car Parking: ER Syfret of Water's Edge reported problem with indiscriminate parking at beaches - unable to use his garage.

Jan 19 - Municipal topics at Simon's Town: The recent Bush Fire: over 4-5 square miles along mountainside. All naval, military and civilian forces out - all night and most of next

day.

The Local Bus Service - complaints re: not keeping to published time-table - Council should approach Railway for bus service. Development Schemes: special meeting for final proposals before public meeting with consulting engineer.

The Water Supply: reservoir now 13.2ft, but exercise strict economy and hoses and sprinklers prohibited. Inform military that supply limited to maximum of 30 000 gallons a week.

Feb 16 - Nuisances caused by Weekend Campers: Bushes torn, littering, water taps left running, spending night on private stoep - regulations to be enforced by Town Ranger - sanitary officials coping with filth.

Low Water Supply: reservoir down, springs dropped - complaint that water wasted on gardens and golf course.

Mar 5 - Steps taken to form Ratepayers' Civic Association for all those genuinely interested in the progress and welfare of the Municipality (of Simon's Town).

Mar 12 - Simon's Town Station Complaint: only turnstile exit - one person at a time - turnstile defective - needing a strong pull - lady passengers dependent on generosity of men to pass through.

Mar 16 - Missing Life-saving Apparatus: life-lines cut at Glencairn for 6th or 7th time by picnickers. Water Supply: reservoir down - General Botha to take every precaution to economise. Naval reservoirs also low. Ships using distilled water for domestic use.

Mar 19 - Bush Fires: Serious fire at Glencairn near houses - assisted by residents. A Public Nuisance: big dip in pavement opposite the Post Office

Mar 26 - Reduced Water Supply: Reservoir down to 4ft - dry in 14 days time - instructions to use municipal water for domestic purposes only - watering by hose and washing cars prohibited - water to be turned off between 6pm and 6am.

Mar 30 - Greater Cape Town: Simon's Town to follow Wynberg in joining? City Council to be approached - would provide healthy financial position.

April 9 - Problem of Water Supply: Rain welcome after restrictions - but military curtailed

to 10 000 gallons per week - also severe economy by Navy with own reservoirs.

April 20 - Negotiations about Glencairn Electric Lighting - only residential area along main road from Cape Town without electricity. (Simon's Town supplied 5 years ago from Naval Dockyard).

Proposals have awakened much interest and are considered by many as a good augury for the taking over of the Municipality into Greater Cape Town in the not too distant future.

April 27 - Roadside Advertising Turned Down: SA Breweries sign at Redhill Road junction - these adverts at entrance to town are not an improvement - application refused - present boards to be removed by the end of the year - steps taken to plant trees to improve area in question.

Shacks: Divisional Council to be told of several shacks being erected on their land below the Cape Point road beyond Froggy Pond - unsightly - lack of health facilities.

May 25 - Rains: Reservoir full - all water restrictions withdrawn.

1931

Dec 9 - Seaforth Beach Parking Arrangements: Cars in "every available corner" - over 200 cars last Sunday, 97 parked in every corner. Engineer to mark off actual parking area so that diagonal parking could be enforced. Cars on Seaforth Road, Klein Tuin Road & Gay Road will park in straight lines alongside kerb. Agreed that local unemployed man offered job as parking attendant.

Hooligan Campers at Seaforth: Shouting and singing till morning - LC Gay attributed their behaviour to "utter lack of consideration and manners" - matter to be taken up with police.

1934

Jan 18 - Damage caused at Seaforth Beach: Night "Raid" by unknown persons - damaged equipment - removed turnstile controlling entrance of cars to avenue, hiding it in parking attendant's shelter (motorcars exposed to danger of 6ft drop onto rocks at end of road. Refuse bins removed and emptied on grass; signboards taken down; re-

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1936

Aug 28 - Development of Seaforth Enterprise at Simon's Town Council - popular bathing resort and attraction to visitors - completion of sundeck and vaporizator and rock gardens completed. Over 7000 cars parked at beach over holidays (142 different registrations). Greatest need now a good hotel - all accommodation by hotel L.P.

1938

Dec 28 - Record Crowds at Seaforth. Rush to Beaches - records broken - over 5000 picnickers, more than 1200 cars and 11 000 visitors. Over weekend more than 25 000 cars with holidaymakers passed along main road.

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ing for business people now frees up much needed space for visitors. The Business Association of Simon's Town would like to reciprocate by pledging our support to Admiral Louw and the S.A. Navy in their endeavors.

TOURIST BUS PARKING: More parking for tourist buses has been allocated in the main road and we now await the new signage from the Traffic Department.

FIRE STATION: To improve the working environment of our dedicated Fire fighters the SMT. Bus. Assoc. is appealing to all residents for any donations of furniture, floor covering, curtains, equipment etc. Any cash donation may be left with the Treasurer, Hester Fourie (Tel: 786 1576).

PRIVATISATION OF THE DOCKYARD: This is an ongoing matter, any progress or information will be published in future minutes.

SATURDAY BANKING FACILITIES: Con-

cern was again expressed at the lack of banking facilities in Simon's Town over weekends, especially with regard to Foreign exchange. The only bank which handles Forex is closed on Saturdays. As this is extremely detrimental to Simon's Town businesses, we are again appealing to Standard Bank to re-open on Saturday mornings.

VAGRANTS: In an effort to discourage vagrants from pestering the visitors/tourists a request has been made to all businesses in town NOT to give them money or food. **MEAL TICKETS** are available for handing out. These tickets cost R1 per meal and will allow the recipient to obtain a hot meal at the Happy Valley Haven. Tickets are available from the Association's PRO - Malinda Coetzee (Central Hotel) or Heather Lunderstedt Estates.

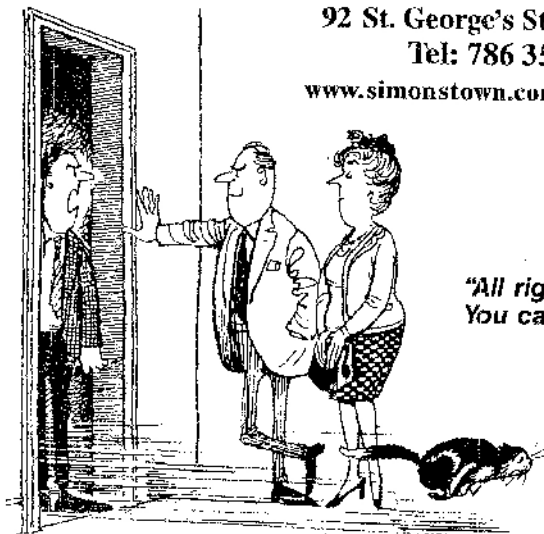
(Donations for blankets or "space blankets" would also be appreciated. If you have any old blankets you do not want please take them to the collection point at HEATHER LUNDERSTEDT ESTATES.)

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CLOSURE OF JUBILEE SQUARE RAMP:

The Simon's Town Business Association is strongly opposed to the closing of the vehicle access ramp from Jubilee Square to Cole Point. It is the Association's opinion that by closing this ramp it will seriously disrupt the flow of traffic in the central business district and make it extremely difficult for visitors to find parking. Once a visitor has difficulty in finding parking the chances are that they will by-pass our village and therefore revenue will be lost. By closing the ramp we will lose free flow access to Cole Point parking area and contribute to the bottleneck traffic trying to obtain parking along main road and down past the Magistrate's Court.

It must be noted that this ramp is for VEHICLE ACCESS only. Pedestrians should utilize the steps next to the Publicity Office down into Cole Point.

It is agreed that a letter from the SMT, Bus. Assoc. be sent to the South Peninsula to voice our objections.

SPRING FESTIVAL WEEKEND: During September it is hoped to organize a Spring Festival. The dates will be from 21st-24th September 2001. Several exciting events are envisaged.

All businesses wishing to be involved in this Festival, please contact PETER JOHNSON 786 1374 or MALINDA COETZEE 786 3775. We are looking for food stalls, craft stalls, helpers, etc.

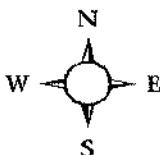
MEMBERSHIP: Our membership is increasing and our strength lies in numbers. Please encourage your fellow business associates to join.

15 new members have been recruited since the beginning of this year.

For further information on the Association please contact PRO - **Malinda Coetzee. (Central Hotel) OR Chairman. Peter Johnson. (At Ease" Book and Stationery)** (Postal Address: PO Box 626, Simon's Town, 7995).

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BEACH & COASTAL PATROL

As previously mentioned, the South Peninsula Administration has its hands full with other responsibilities besides maintaining our beach infrastructure. Its staff therefore have little time to drive around looking for problems. For this reason, they appreciate copies of this publication and direct contact through phone, fax or e-mail. However, we need to straighten our lines of communication. In past months, the Simon's Town Civic Association has reported problems to Dave Ramsay, the ever helpful executive director of Engineering Services. However, he is now the interim water convener for the City of Cape Town and based at CMCA's offices. His place has since been taken by Dave Buerger, whose e-mail address is dbuerger@spm.org.za and he will act as an intermediary between us and other departments. With all the storm damage, he must very busy, so let's not abuse his kind help.

Good news is that damaged toilet block roofs at Frank's Bay and Windmill Beach will immediately be repaired. Furthermore, the area of standing water at Glencairn station will soon be levelled with compacted gravel and then tarred during the next financial year. Sadly, both the station sign and covered walkway at the ticket office have been vandalized. Some time ago, a boulder was dropped into one of the beach toilet pans. With so much hooliganism in the area, perhaps Intersite was wise to separate Simon's Town station from Long Beach with unsightly razor-wire topped Vibracrete fencing! However, the railway crossing at Shelly Beach and the obsolete siding at Mackerel Bay could do with some attention.

Despite bad weather, Parks & Recreation has already started to cut back reeds at the Glencairn Vlei. Its position so close to a railway station, marine reserve, two holiday camps and hiking trails has huge educational potential. For this reason, it will shortly feature in the house magazine of the Paul

Ricard Institute of Oceanography in France and improvements will give us good publicity. The Department has also been busy with fire-belts. Hopefully, CPNP will take time off from clearing mud slides from properties above Willis Walk and add to the following report:

"The South Peninsula Administration is responsible for ensuring that fire-belts are established and maintained along the Urban Fringe. Where this abuts against land under SA National Parks control, Parks maintain the fire-belt. The SPA is responsible for all others that border on either its own or private property and will maintain the existing SPM belts. Once the Fire Protection Association is running, as required in terms of the 1998 National Veld & Forest Act, it will have a statutory obligation to both develop and apply an integrated fire management strategy involving all relevant stakeholders. The responsibility and costs of maintaining fire-belts will then be borne by those land-owners concerned. The recently drafted

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Fire Management Plan for the Cape Peninsula National Park is now being used as a guideline. It makes provision for a network of proposed fire-belts along the entire urban fringe extending from the City Bowl to Cape Point. The SPA is now working towards establishing belts as and where required, in accordance with the fire-belt network and maintenance schedules contained in the plan."

The SPA then gave us good news it was in the process of establishing new belts at Da Gama Park, Fish Hoek and Sun Valley areas in conjunction with Ukuvuka: Operation Firestop. Also mentioned was that roles and responsibilities are clearly defined and no so-called grey areas exist. Sorry about that, but Beachcomber recently combed the overgrown fire-belt above Glencairn Heights and presumed it to have been forgotten. This is apparently not true. Hopefully, SPA staff have such good memories that they will not forget a previous editorial to also seed our beaches with daisies. After all, we need to

make them more attractive to earn tourist Dollars. Amenities can be of great help, by replacing the rickety and highly visible wooden fencing above Water's Edge!

Beachcomber

Station 10 N.S.R.I.

Wow! I experienced my first trip in "Spirit of Freemasonry" Station 10's 9 Metre Rescue Craft. Such great speed, manoeuvrability, sturdiness and general seaworthiness.

It was only a trip of between 5 and 8 minutes but provided me with such incentive that I have actually become a crew member. A shoreside one to possibly use my past at least 35 years of Naval service, of those almost 20 years were spent at sea, in some form of service to the N.S.R.I. As I serve on the Shorelink Committee and attempt to use my writing to keep the activities of our base before the eyes of the people of Simon's Town, I hope that this opportunity will enable me to be of more use



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to this very useful N.G.C. Enough of my dungs but this puts me in mind of the hard work that was put in by certain members of Station 70 1988.

"Defeat of Externality" needed to go back to the builders for certain checks on equipment and had ask the seaworthiness of the boat. Before she could be launched away however certain preparatory work had to be done and Don's Zimmerman and Don's Surchell and a team of willing hands prepared the vessel for it's trip to Cape Town docks. Well, the good vessel is back now. She has been fixed and turned and had certain structural repairs and equipment repairs carried out. She has been honed and tuned and is running as sweet as a pig.

Lately while she was away 20 serious calls were made on the base. There was one call which was not negotiable launching the boat - rigid hull on the keel of the vessel reported that it had managed to get going again after experiencing engine failure. On her return it was back to base when a call was received to go to the assistance of

a yacht that had lost engine power resulted in the "Spirit of Primaverly" launching, after being washed down ready for steaming, and reaching out toward Bryan Reef only to see that the casualty had been taken in tow by another healthy yacht. Well I suppose such things happen don't they?

Asad went on over to Geoff's Surchell, recently. After attending a business matter in parts North West and returning via Moorreesburg he saw from the command of his eye, as he was passing on the main road, a familiar shape in familiar colours. Then in the middle of a field, the "Calix Star" was parked, looking all forlorn. They stopped and took a photograph but as it appeared too small to be affected to him. It seemed a sad fate for the once proud looking vessel of so many gallant rescue trips in the past.

All the above events took place in June and July and were partly shocktown factors due to a glitch on my computer for which I am heartily sorry, in the latter days of July and



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call out came for Station 10 personnel to assist Station 22, Kommetjie where a fishing vessel overturned in the waters of the outskloof. Dan, Zimmerman and Warten Compton rushed to Kommetjie in the Station 10 4x4 mobile where they assisted Paramedic Dave Beyer from Cape Medical Hospital. A Stokes stretcher was used to strain one of the casualties into. Unfortunately one of the young crew members died before he could be rescued. One casualty was seriously injured and a ship was lucky to survive without injury. A young sailor assisted these people to the rescue and helped to save their lives. (This was reported in the Fish Hook Echo). Unfortunately our members had the task of transporting the deceased's body to Fish Bay hospital. Kommetjie is a dangerous place from which to operate boats at this time of the year.

My next task is far more pleasant, that is to introduce you to another intrepid young volunteer at Station 10. He is Jason Gervin, whom I'm proud to say practically grew up

in Port of our family. At least he was a near neighbour of ours and a friend of our son. Today Jason is married to Vanessa, whom he met in Standard 6 at Simon's Town School where he attended school from 1982 until 1990. Jason (first in Grade 10) and Simon's Town (M. Thoby Valley), he always possessed a sunny disposition and was a very level headed young chap. While in Simon's Town he developed a great love for the sea. He became an apprentice at the Works Branch of the Simon's Town Dockyard and qualified as a Boatbuilding Technician at the Westlake Technical Training Centre.

He has completed the Basic Radio Course, Level 3 Medical First Aid Course and has also completed an advanced Firefighting Course. Jason has been in Sea Rescue for the past 10 years and is a swimmer in "A" crew at present. Jason regards Station 10 and its members as a second family. Jason and Vanessa have two daughters aged 7 and 5 they live at Kommetjie. Jason receives tremendous support from his family and the

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so many of his colleagues is a very public spirited person and very caring of his fellow human beings. Keep up the good work Jason and as they say in the Navy, when someone does well- Bravo Zulu!!

Finally a few notes about Station 10. Recently a post card and pennant were received from Claude, a coxswain in the French equivalent of Sea Rescue, who happened to visit Station 10. The station received an invitation from Allan Cramb regarding joining the Dolphin Action Protection Group. Reply was sent showing interest and postponing joining until the action video had been viewed. An invitation was received from Station 18 Melkbosstrand to the launching of their new boat. The Station Commander, Dave Roberts eventually attended. There are many more points that could prove newsworthy to the community but my space is limited and I will need to cover them at a later date. Well bye for now. Yours aye

Don Dollery

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SIMON'S TOWN PRO MUSICA DIVINA

The Simons' Town Pro Musica presents the Cape Sinfonia at the Sun Valley Primary School. The Pro Musica Divina is very proud to be associated with the Sun Valley primary school's music academy. This wonderful project was launched this year under the brilliant leadership of Brenda Feldtman. Children from all ages have the opportunity to study classical instruments as well as jazz. They also offer the services to adult students. Very talented Cape Town musicians e.g. Barbara Kennedy (cellist) teaches at this academy and we can expect great things in the future. Like all new ventures of this kind, they require financing and their biggest wish at present is for a baby grand piano.

Also new in 2001, is the Cape Sinfonia - a symphony orchestra with a great future as well. They have offered to perform a free concert at the Sun Valley primary school in order to raise funds for the piano i.e. all tickets sales will go to the academy. Unfortunately, previously advertised plans to involve the UCT orchestra in a similar function had to be shelved for practical reasons. The orchestra will be conducted by well known Cape Town conductor / composer Peter Louis van Dijk and his son Xandi. They will perform the Impresario Overture (Mozart); Symphony no. 1 (Beethoven); L' Arlesienne Suite (Bizet) and Holberg Suite (Grieg).

At the time of publishing this issue, the exact date had not been confirmed, but the concert has been provisionally booked for 17 September - so please watch the local press and the next issue of Snoektown Calling for final details. Please support this very worthy cause and also enjoy an evening of wonderful music. The future of good music is in your hands.

Peninsula Tourism (Simon's Town Publicity Association - Tel. 786 2436)

14th Annual General Meeting of Peninsula Tourism Simon's Town. 67 People Attended the meeting held at the Cable Restorer Restaurant on 27 July. Chairman's report delivered by David Hurwitz

In reviewing 2000/2001, amidst all the negativity and uncertainty that prevails in the tourism industry I'm delighted to be in the most fortunate position of reporting yet another successful year for Simons' Town.

Our committee members are all active role players in Simon's Town and share a common view on the necessity and value tourism adds to the region. In addition to excellent attendances at our monthly committee meetings we've embarked on many exciting and successful projects and involved ourselves outside borders of Simon's Town as well. As chairman I've had the pleasure of serving on Peninsula Tourism Exco and

been involved with other organisations, whose decisions could impact on Simon's Town and of course we are very fortunate to have Nicki Holderness, who can instantaneously transform into a Pit-bull should the well being of our little town come under threat. Our office has been extremely well supported by Peninsula Tourism this year and very ably managed by Sue with the assistance of Thorn. Thank you too to Cathy for the re-vamp that took place few months ago. I'm sure you'll all agree that both the colour choice and user-friendly layout has transformed it into a bureau we can all be proud of.

The highlights and activities for 2001 are as follows:

Our own Simons' Town website - a project initiated by Simons' Town Publicity. Mike Wilson, our Webmaster will be giving a short

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presentation on the site this evening so I'll confine myself to just giving you a short background summary. With both local and international tourists using the internet to plan and book their holidays, the need to publicise events and to provide an accessible database of information on our town, it was decided by your committee that it was imperative that we have our own website.

Another major consideration was that we needed a link in from major representative bodies in the area, to give official status to the site. We familiarised ourselves with the process by sending Mrs Louise Caldwell on a seminar. This was followed by obtaining an outline from a local firm specialising in web development. During this process Lance Langenhoven approached us with an offer to purchase his existing site, but at a price far above our budget. Initially we rejected his offer but after exploring all of our options we presented him with a counter offer of approx. a third of his original asking price, which he accepted. We then invited the Business Association, Museum and Historical Society to participate on a partner basis to which they agreed and as you'll see from Elmwood House is truly a representative of the town.

Thanks to a total redesign by Mike Wilson and editorial contribution from Elizabeth Davey and Cathy Sains the hit rate on our site has increased from approx. 5000 per month when we purchased it to over 25 000 and climbing as of last month. Gratifying to see the almost daily comments we are receiving from all over the world. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our web team for their enthusiasm and continued commitment to this project.

An increase of almost 100% in telephonic enquiries to our bureau. This figure has risen from 498 in 2000 to 7800 in 2001. An increase in membership to 74. A rise of approx. 10% for 05 last year. Accommodation bookings to the value of R400 000. This figure represents the direct accommodation bookings placed by our

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office and is marginally up on last year. I find this encouraging as the consensus in the industry indicates a fall in of 20% in occupancy rates over last year.

Co-organisers of the New Years Eve party, which netted almost R100 000.

Publicity, thanks to Brian Foulds who served on the party committee received R7, 500 as our share.

The S.A. Navy is a major tourism draw card to the region. Their revised policies over the past few years have given public access to sections of the East Yard where the ships and submarines can be viewed alongside. Ships too are hosting private functions with meals served in their wardrooms. The guided Bus tours in peak season and of course the revised format Navy festival, which next year will involve all role players in our town. We are most fortunate to have Commander Jaco Theunison representing the Navy on our committee' keeping us up-to date with all matters Naval.

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With his help we've re-instated the flagpoles on Jubilee Square, where we fly our national flag on one pole and welcome all visiting ships by hoisting their national flag on the other.

(A couple of amusing incidents) Thank you Jaco for your support. Captain Glen Knox who serves in his private capacity too has made an invaluable contribution by hosting tourists and organisations on-board the SAS Outeniqua and his willingness to share his vast knowledge of our town.

The Simons' Town Museum and Publicity have had a long association. We contribute an amount of R500 per month towards their volunteer workers and in return they operate a satellite info office, which is open 7 days a week. John van Blerk, our treasurer will no doubt highlight the negative impact this has had on our cash resources, hopefully next year we can look at ways of raising funds so that we may continue assisting them with this mutually beneficial arrangement. Just Nuisance Day initiated by Cherry Dilley saw some 49 Great Danes parade down the Main road and onto Jubilee Square for a memorial and Just Nuisance look-a-like completion. The day ended with a boat trip, dogs et al and much fun was had by all. It was great to have been involved with this event for the past 2 years and we look forward to many more.

The Bobby on the Beat. We contributed R100 per month to this important program.

Our co-ordination and project support is a vital function of our office. Last year we assisted in many and varied activities. We assisted film crews with advice on scripts for documentaries. Children's passport discounts vouchers for activities during the Surf & Turf Festival. Enchanted evenings & delightful Days festival. Bookings for Anchor Players, musical and other cultural events. Promotion of the Spier Train. Parks Board Liaison & sale of green card Season Tickets. Regular monthly updates for Snoektown Calling That pretty well sums up our activities for the year!

Looking forward: The Simon's Town festival which takes place around Easter next year will include the S.A. Navy's 80th birthday celebration and as mentioned earlier will be hosted by the whole town. A business plan is also in the process of being compiled by Jeremy Wagner which I'm sure will stand us in good stead for the future. We will continue to support annual events such as Just Nuisance Day, the New Years Eve Party etc. etc. The website will enter its final phase with the introduction of On-Line Bookings. Advertising revenue on the website, most of which will accrue to publicity should start showing positive returns. Simon's Town is in much need of a brochure and this will remain high on the agenda.

Finally I have been privileged to chair a committee of such absolute do-ers and thank each one of you for your valuable contribution over the past year.

Thank you too for the marvellous attendance and I take pleasure in handing over to John van Blerk for our financial report.

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The Night Sky

If the night sky is visible, Scorpius, Sagittarius and the Southern Cross are the dominant constellations. The long body of Scorpius is visible overhead at 10pm, with the first magnitude star Antares near the centre of the tail. Opposite, is the very bright Mars, magnitude -2.0. Antares is a giant star with a diameter of 350 million miles, whereas our sun has a diameter of only 864 000 miles. Has anyone been able to make out the 7 magnitude green companion to Antares? This may be done with a telescope.

Sagittarius, the Archer, is composed of eleven second magnitude stars. It is situated in the centre of our galaxy, in the brightest part of the Milky Way. After Sagittarius, looking eastwards is Capricorn, the Goat, composed of stars which are not very bright. This is called a weak constellation which is followed by Aquarius, the Water Carrier, and Pisces, the Fish. In 1846 the planet Neptune was discovered in Aquarius.



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by the French astronomer Levernier; and predicted mathematically by Adams who submitted his calculations to the Astronomer Royal at Greenwich, who disregarded them, so nobody at the observatory was given the task of finding it.

Associated with the Southern Cross and the Pointers are the two Magellanic clouds reported by Magellan, when he returned after circumnavigating the globe in 1552, as "two clouds" and a "dark tunnel" through the Milky Way between the Southern Cross and the pointers, called the Coal Sack. Both the clouds are galaxies, the Large Magellanic Cloud being 112 000 light years away, and the Small Cloud 101 000 light years. The Coal Sack, described by Magellan as the "dark tunnel", is a dark nebula, where the dark matter prevents the light from its stars from being visible on Earth.

The Planets.

Mercury, magnitude +1.9, is visible in the evening sky with Mars on the 15th, having been in superior conjunction (behind the

Sun) on the 6th Venus, magnitude -4.3, is the very bright morning planet seen by early risers. On the 6th it is 1° South of Jupiter, on the 16th 2° South of the Moon, on the 22nd 7° South of Pollux (one of the Twins in Gemini).

Mars, magnitude -2.2, is an evening sky object, almost opposite Antares in the Scorpion. It sets in the early morning sky in the West. On the 27th it is 5° South of the Moon. Mars is a bright red object, at its closest approach to Earth this month.

Jupiter, magnitude -1.9, is visible in the early morning in the East, in Gemini, the Twins, on the 6th it is in conjunction with Venus. This will be worth getting up early to see, by 6am.

Saturn, magnitude +0.1, is an early morning planet in the constellation of Taurus, visible in the East. On the 14th it will be 0.2° North of the Moon.

Uranus, magnitude +5.8, is in Capricornus, the Goat. On the 15th it will be at opposition, i.e. directly opposite.

Neptune, magnitude +7.9, is in Capricornus

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with Uranus. It is 3° North of the Moon on the 28th.
 Pluto, magnitude + 13.3, requires a telescope of over 2" in aperture to see it.

The Moon.

New Moon is on the 19th, First Quarter 28th, Full Moon 4th, Last Quarter 12th.
 It will be at apogee (furthest away) on the 5th and at perigee (closest) on the 19th.

Eclipses of the Moon

There have been two eclipses of the Moon this year. A total Eclipse on January 31st at 19h 43.5 min. and a partial Eclipse on July 31st, starting at 18h 10 min. when the Moon was not visible, but it was visible as a ring Moon at 17h 43 min. The Eclipse ended at 19h 43.5 min. There are more eclipses of the Sun than the Moon every year.

The Sun.

On the 1st, Sunrise is at 7.38 am, and Sunset at 6.38 pm.

On the 30th Sunrise is at 7.08 am, and Sunset at 6.27 pm.

People who saw the Solar Eclipse on the 21st and are now looking forward to the next one on December 4th, 2002, which will be total in the Northern Hemisphere, especially in the Kruger Park and Masaiwa. About 20% will be covered at Simon's Town.

It is being said that there was the Eclipse in June 2001 and another in December next year, so why make such a fuss of such an event? Joan Moorn, star map astronomer writes, "It is known for a given location on the globe that the Moon frequently is about one Total Solar Eclipse every 373 years. However, the actual distribution is very irregular, and some spots on the Earth are eclipsed not by under the Moon's shadow (Solar Eclipse) for 38 centuries." The average width of totality is 100 miles caused by the cone shaped shadow, whereas the average time is about 3.5 minutes only.

Metor Showers.

The Northern Aquarids are visible until the 20th September from 8pm until 3am. Up to 15 meteors an hour may be observed from the comfort of the Armchair in the Sky.

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On 23 August at 18h00, CAPE MEDICAL RESPONSE presents a HEALTH FORUM at the Simon's Town Town Hall. The guest speakers will be Drs. Jay Fletcher-Jones (Gynaecologist), Adrian Hoxby (Cardiologist) and Stefan van der Merwe (General Practitioner). Topics which will be discussed include: hormone replacement therapy (its complications, good and bad effects etc.), heart disease and its prevention and a presentation on postponing life emergency services in the area - what to do in an emergency - and do you call and what do you do. The forum will encourage open discussion and hopefully provoke plenty of questions from the audience. Meet the speakers at interval over a glass of wine.

For seating arrangements, please call Debra at 07 670 0544 or 082 670 4421 and inform us of your requirements. Be informed, be prepared, still be there.

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A Pooh Story at the Yacht Club

One morning not so long ago – it was Wednesday the 27th of June I think – but I am not absolutely positive – the Bosun of False Bay Yacht Club came to work and found a manhole cover – a big round one weighing about 70 Kg – pushed up and with a liquid bubbling out in large volumes. Imagine say a pipe about as round as a big dinner plate – and then imagine that pipe running out full of.....

Now normally when a drain is overflowing it is in the bottom of the garden. This one is right in the entrance to the main front door of the Yacht Club.

First a Plumber was called. He pronounced the problem to be "run back from the Municipal main due to a blockage on their side." So, the Plumber, the Bosun and I strolled across to the sewerage pump station below

Jubilee Square. There is a stairwell leading down to the pump station that is largely underground. The pooeey water level was chest deep in the stairwell.

This indicated a problem. The municipality dispatched a man. He arrived with a bucket a labourer and a manhole-lifting key. He immediately called for senior backup and a whole lot of other assistance. Among the requests were for the electricity to be turned off - at the suggestion of the Scottish resident electrician at the Yacht Club. The power was definitely still on - as there was a fan still running. The poor chap was treated with disbelief by the person on the other end of the phone - due in part to the fact that the "Telemetry" showed the pump to be in order. (a device which sends the pump status back to the head office monitoring room)

As I understand the Simon's Town sewerage system works as follows: All the effluent runs downhill to various collection points where there are pump stations. These pump

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stations then pump it back uphill and along to the treatment works behind the bus station at the base of Redhill Road.

The pump station has 2 "rooms". The 1st room is where the effluent flows in and is collected. There are switches in this area which activate pumps in the adjacent "dry" area. There are 2 pumps and if the first or "duty" pump does not activate then the second pump should cut in and do the job.

On the level above the pumps is mounted all the electrical switch gear and monitoring equipment. The motors driving the pumps are about waist high to a man. They require quite big switches! All of this equipment was under effluent.

Now as a layman I would like to know if one would have received a shock if one entered the pooey water? (from the electricity!) I would also like to know if it is feasible to protect an installation such as this in a way that would disconnect the power in the event of a flood.

The Municipality first pumped a few tanker loads away. (Honey Sucker truck) Then when a pipe was installed along the walkway in front of Berthas to the pump station on the Jetty in front of the Fish and Chips shop a portable pump took over. This pump remained in place for the duration of the repair work.

Teams of men working 24 hours a day carried out the repair work. First the area had to be drained, washed and then dried. The electric motors had to be removed and taken away to have the poo taken out and for everything to be dried - bearings checked etc. All the "contacts" had to be replaced in the switch panels (we would call them "switches") and I guess a whole bunch of other things would need replacement or servicing. The temporary pump had to be monitored at BOTH ends of the pipe - 24hrs a day. It was a big operation involving up to a dozen men per shift.

The first pump was re-commissioned just before midnight on Friday night!

I believe we owe a vote of thanks to those men and the seniors responsible for the co-ordination and planning of the exercise.

So what caused the problem?

Someone left a switch in the manual position instead of the auto position!

In many pump stations of this type there is a switch marked Man/Auto which controls the "duty cycle" i.e. instead of only one pump doing all the work each pump takes a turn to do the work. So it could have been an intentional mistake. In this station the Man/auto switch left on Man. position disconnected the automatic level sensor and it would only start pumping if switched on manually. Secondly the "telemetry" should have given an alarm in the monitoring room. Instead it gave the all clear.

Finally there is a huge overflow pipe! But it was blocked! (I will hazard a guess that it may have been blocked by the homeless frequenting the outlet area because of the smell).

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So again – thanks to the people whose job it is to maintain and fix these things. The fact that only a hand full of us were aware of the exercise is to your credit. And that we seem to have relatively few breakdowns!

Imagine this scenario at one of the bathing beaches in high summer where there is not a convenient nearby station to pump to! (That's what it was like only 4 decades ago! It all went straight into the sea.) (Maybe why we didn't have a penguin problem?)

How much did it cost to fix? Dunno. Depends on how you measure the cost. The overtime, the components, the fuel and the subcontractors -- probably not too much. The report required in terms of the law for a spill of effluent - by a specialist consultant - hope they ducked it. I would guess a budget of R100 000 would cover it.

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Friends of Simon's Town Public Library AGM 2001

Following last month's item in "Snoektown Calling", we would again like to remind readers that the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Simon's Town Public Library will be held at Simon's Town Museum, in Court Road, on Monday, 13 August 2001. Wine and light snacks will be served from 17:30 and the meeting will begin at 18:00.

The Committee of the Friends of the Simon's Town Library look forward to seeing everyone who uses the library at the meeting where apart from the official business, they will hear about the great progress which has been made towards the move to the new library premises.

Contractors are already on site at the Municipal Building and the creation of our new Public Library is under way. Melanie du Raan and her staff will have to manage a larger facility than before and it has never been more important to have an active "Friends" organisation to support them in their efforts to provide the excellent service which our community expects and, in fact, deserves. We need your support in order to be able to support your Public Library.

Members of the Friends can either renew their subscriptions (only R5.00 a year) prior to the A.G.M. or at the meeting and new Friends will be most welcome to join at the A.G.M.

We urgently need volunteers to serve on the Committee in order to ensure continuing support for our Library.

Our Honorary Treasurer, Nigel Fawcett, who has so ably handled the "Friends" finances for the past five years, will be retiring after the AGM and we are looking for a volunteer to carry on where he has left off. Mr. Fawcett assures us that the work involved is not time consuming. Anybody who is prepared to

undertake this vital task is requested to contact the Librarian at 786 1553 or the Chairman of the "Friends" at 786 3909. We look forward to seeing many new Friends at the meeting.

NB. We regret that the "Friends" Book Sale scheduled for Saturday 11 August has had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

"FLYING SNAILS"

The conical plough snails found along our beaches use their big, flexible foot to surf underwater, but can they fly? Well, sort of. They are helping in the design of high performance combat aircraft and I have a photograph to prove it!

It all started when a visiting physicist from Duke University in America met Prof. Brown of the UCT Zoology Department. He suggested an experiment to compare the stability of a plough snail with that of aircraft in wind-tunnel tests. A Flume Chamber was built on campus, filled with saltwater and the pseudo-aircraft was then plopped inside. As the chamber had laminar flow that produces no disturbance, mathematical accuracy was attained in determining the snail's hydrodynamics at different velocities.

Perhaps one day, we might see a mean piece of machinery shaped like a snail hurtling through the sky at supersonic speed. If so, the U.S. Air Force will have us to thank!

Bevan Pank, Science Writer

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Progesterex is available to vets to sterilize large animals. Rumour has it that **Progesterex** is being used together with **Rohypnol**, the "Date rape drug". As with **Rohypnol**, all they need to do is drop it into the girl's drink. The girl cannot remember a thing the next morning of all that had taken place the night before.

Progesterex, which dissolves in drinks just as easily is such that the victim doesn't conceive from the rapist and the rapist needn't worry about having a paternity test identifying him month's later. The drug effects aren't temporary. **Progesterex** was designed to sterilize horses.

Any female that takes it will never be able to conceive.

The crooks can get this drug from anyone who is in vet school of any University. It's that easy and **Progesterex** is about to break out big on campuses everywhere. Believe it or not, there is even a site on the internet telling people how to use it. This is very disturbing and some personal advice. **Don't accept drinks from strangers.** Buy your own drinks (preferably the sealed bottled kind) and open them yourself or watch the barman. Be careful please!!!

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- When the hijack is over make a detailed report to the police.

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- Switch on the hazard lights
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- Stay in your car and lock the doors.
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CROSSWORD ERROR

We regret to admit an error in the grid that was printed in the July issue. This has now been corrected and there are slight modifications to the clues. However, a few enterprising enthusiasts developed the grid from the clues - one such person is Ian Allen who is declared the winner for Puzzle No 6.

WINNER for Crossword No 6 - Ian Allen

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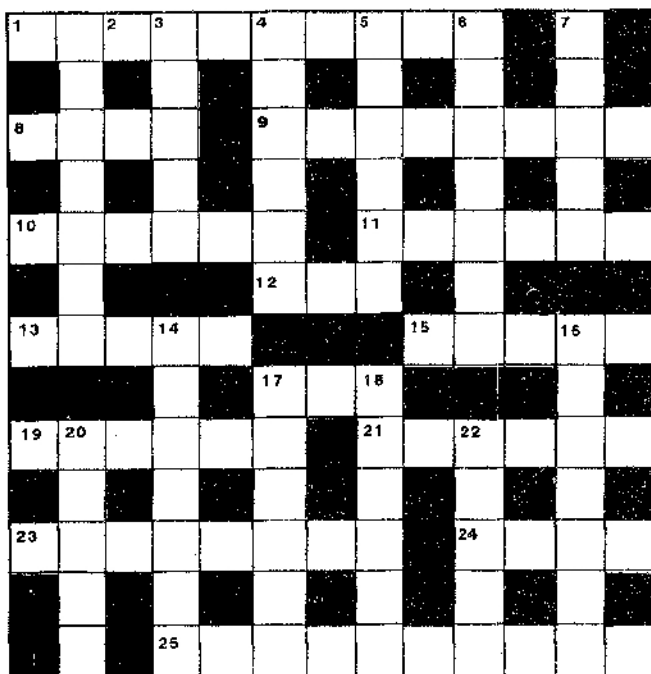
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CROSSWORD

P U Z Z L E 6



We apologise for the wrong Grid being printed last month. Here is the correct one, with some of the clues modified.

CLUES - ACROSS

- 1 A simple fellow shut in Glen Ridge (5,5)
- 8 See 4Dn.
- 9,24 Nothing will enter a draft horse organised for a ride down to a community school (8,4)
- 10 Mount transport on a rotten elm (6)
- 11 A satisfied exclamation follows a backward idiot - a sponger! (6)
- 12 The night before is backward, too (3)
- 13 A team makes a behind-hand remark (5)
- 15 The wallaby, a lout, can be a local rule (2,3)
- 17 A signal emergency (3)
- 19 Arrange a word to come back from the Trossacks (6)
- 21 It's very sad to return a smoke after a sound afternoon meal (6)
- 23 To go places this should be put forward (4,4)
- 24 See 9.
- 25 'Gryl' Gladys roughly to disclose Odin's horse or a universal tree (10)

CLUES - DOWN

- 2 Do these lines show equal pressure in pubs? (7)
- 3 It's money for old rope getting this caulking material (5)
- 4,8Acr. It's south of us, where the rook has the diamond (6,4)
- 5 It speaks, "is nothing clear?" Confused? (6)
- 6 It's green and the piece of wood is carried by E Coy as ordered (7)
- 7 If it's this violet, you can't see it (5)
- 14, 20 The dressy pot is upset with DTs and gets where the old magistrate lived and what he took when he danced (7,5)
- 16 The maid is in bed with a big ailment (7)
- 17 How Johnnie Walker (1820) is still going (6)
- 18 The roast, cooked to a T, is still in the generator (6)
- 20 See 14.
- 22 Scare out some tracts of land (5)

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS AUGUST 2001

1. **SIMON'S TOWN MUSEUM**

Wednesday 15th August at 5.30 for 6pm
Talk by Nigel Fawcett on his trip to Turkey
"The world's oldest shipwreck" Donation R10. Wine/fruit juice served.

2. **FRIENDS OF SIMONS TOWN LIBRARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Monday 13th August, 2001 at 17.30 for 18.00 at Simon's Town Museum.

3. **FISH HOEK FRIENDS OF MUSIC PIANO RECITAL — MARK NIXON**

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Enquiries Ph 786 3890 - All welcome Sunday 12th August at 9.30am. Alien Vegetation Hack at Boulders Park or Franks Bay, Froggy Pond depending on turn out. Meeting place Boulders car park.

THURSDAY 16th AUGUST At 7.15 for 7.30 pm Illustrated talk by Ms Cathy Alberts on "Tourism in the South

Peninsula Context". The talk will be preceded by introduction of New Members starting at 6.45 pm. Refreshments will be served. **VENUE:** Simon's Town Museum Hall Enquiries 786 1620.

SATURDAY 18th AUGUST at 9.30 am Combined Alien vegetation hack with Flora Conservation Group at the

Waterfall area. Meeting place: Top of Cardiff Rd., S.T. Enquiries 786 1620.

SATURDAY 25th AUGUST at 9.30 am Combined Alien Vegetation Hack with Flora Conservation Group between

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