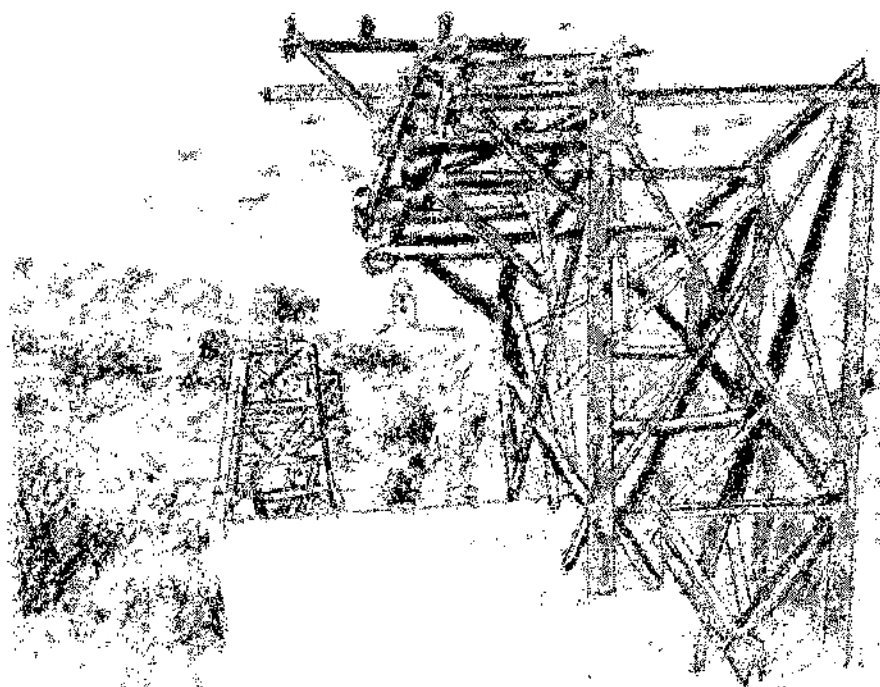


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Editorial

Went our Simon's Town Business Association has a lot of three functions in the space of a month or more:

1. A fashion show at Mageshen-on-the-Beach, with the SA Navy providing expert technical support. All the exhibitors were local retailers, and the male and female participants were also local Simonites. A brave and audacious effort - well done.
2. A walk from once around Jubilee Square, with glasses of water on a tray, won by Edouard.
3. A dinner-dance for the election and crowning of Miss Simon's Town. Result: Miss Simon's Town's Miss Grootes and her first Princess Tracy Mander. The function was expertly organized and great fun. Congratulations to the members of the Catering School; the food was delicious and the service excellent.

Those unfortunate folks who missed any of these events really lost out. Let's wish our Business Association good fortune and success for the future; this tenacity is to be admired and encouraged.

Now the story of the "Purple Patch" published in the July issue - a SLAP original. The partners of the business have written a commentary and - at their request - it is published verbatim elsewhere in this issue, grammar, spelling and all. Interesting reading, but all I can say is "Well I never - from such a little thing..."

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Down the Historical Mile

The Chairman opened the September meeting of SLAP with a special request from Clara Pijonach, that her aunt Constance Nahahat (from Wynberg, you kindly wished to address the meeting on a serious matter which should be of deep concern to the people of Simon's Town. Indeed, the matter was so serious that emergency actions were being planned.

Well, I said to you, everyone else very worried: what could this serious matter be? Nothing unusual was in the go - or was it? Has there been that has been prosecuted for Police Barriers? Anyway, our Chairman, being something approaching a gentleman, said that Aunt Constance might herself address the gathering.

Well, Mr Chairman, this is a grave matter. My wife is watching group in Wynberg has received a report from a usually reliable

source, that there is a certain shop in Simon's Town selling penguin blitting. Yes, sir, this person was on offer penguin blitting in addition to a whole range of different kinds of blitting.

What this means Sir, said Aunt Constance, is that there exists a syndicate that has sold laughing penguins to make this blitting. This is scandalous, Mr Chairman, and my group proposes to request a skating protest march - and further, a demonstration to be held from Supplatu has been organised to protest outside his shop every Saturday morning.

Furthermore, Mr Chairman, it is common knowledge that he will be selling penguin eggs. Outraged, Mr Chairman, and we in Wynberg hereby believe that the people of Simon's Town can tolerate such appalling behaviour - we will march there at once!

Dr Joy Fletcher-Jones

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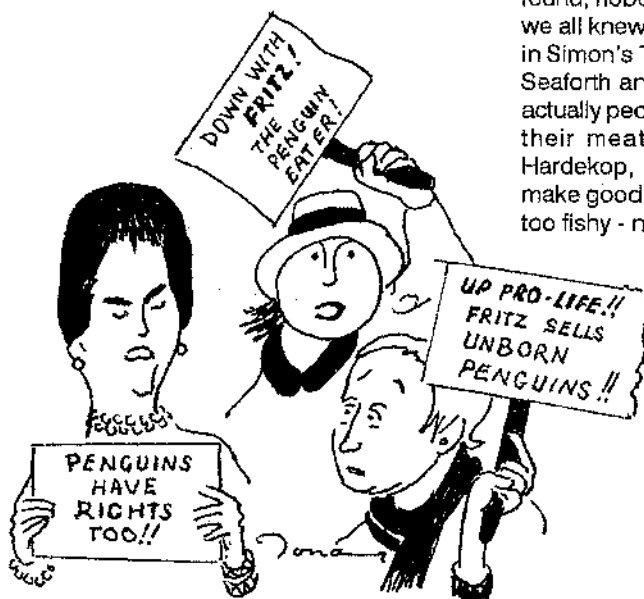


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Well, the silence at the meeting was profound; nobody knew what to say. Of course, we all knew that there were penguin haters in Simon's Town, particularly those living in Seaforth and the Boulders. But were there actually people who would kill penguins for their meat? In any case, said Harold Hardekop, he didn't think penguin would make good biltong. It would probably taste too fishy - not lekker at all.

Wingnut Williams agreed, and as a biltong expert he thought it was a lot of fuss about nothing, and the folks of Wynberg should mind their own business. Aunt Constance began to get red in the face with frustration - so the Chairman quickly closed the September meeting.

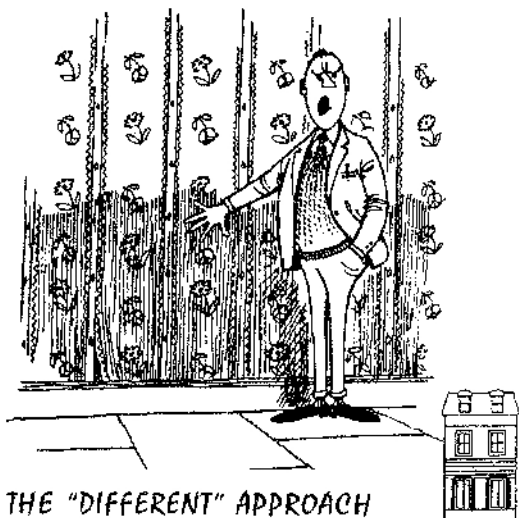
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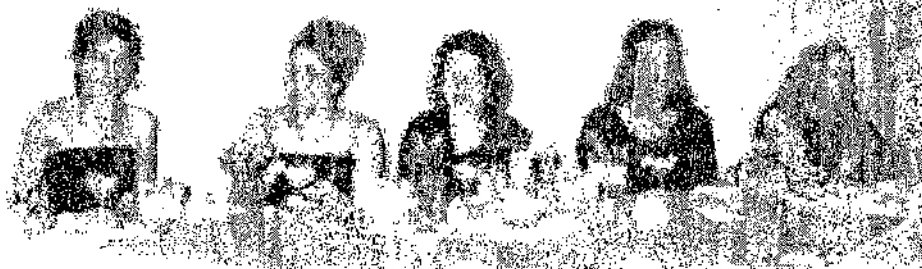
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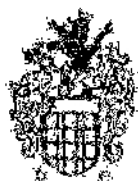
"The CPNP was established three years ago, forming part of the SA National Parks system. During this time, we were busy consolidating the many various activities previously involved in managing the area," says Park Manager, Howard Langley. "We have now streamlined our operations, making better use of our resources."

The following senior positions have been confirmed. Based at the Head Office at Westlake Office Park are Howard Langley (Park Manager), Gary de Kock (Deputy Park Manager), Marian Winkler (Manager of Conservation Services), Gert Schoone (Administrative Manager), Mosli Nene (Fryton Branch Manager), Mike Böyer (Langvlei Branch),

Piet Bitten (Manager Planting), Stephen Hubert (Manager of Strategic Marketing), Nicky Ruyter (Public Relations Officer), Jim Johnson (Interpretive Coordinator).

In charge of the Southern Area, which stretches from Cape Point to Komaggas and Fish Hoek are Roy Emszen (Area Manager), Justin Buchner (Beechfontein Conservation) and Owen Wittridge (Section Ranger, Touwburg).

The Central Area covers Constantia Nek in the north and includes Kalk Bay through to Noordhoek, including Noordhoek Beach. The position of Area Manager is still vacant, but the majority of the area is being managed by Roy Emszen. Other senior officials are Gavin Bell (Section Ranger, Conservation) and Helen Durand (Section Ranger, Touwburg).



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From the Bosun's Chair

Well it would appear that Spring is springing to life, clear skies, sunshine and wind. Yes wind yes plenty of it from our summer direction namely the South.

So much wind is left that on Thursday night, the 20th September, a Lowings South West Galescore then is won whilst 'Blue Jinks' Betsy "Lorrie" moving 800 metres offshore from "Dodge" and deposited some on the beach at Glenair.

Sea wind continued through Friday and Saturday causing the False Bay Yacht Club to abandon the first races of their annual Spring Regatta sponsored by Baycityradio.

Sunday morning saw a very light wind from the North which was ideal for the 1500 cycle who took part in the huge tandem sponsored Regatta race. Midday saw the first start of some keen yacht racing by some 30 yachts of various classes.

The cyclists finished upon the lawn of the False Bay Yacht Club for the prize giving and lucky draw for prizes.

Monday saw a fresh to strong North West-erly with occasional rain to give the yachtsmen their money's worth of weather variations.

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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 ambu-

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large in Southern end of Peninsula: Impossible - Motor ambulance at Cape Town to be used.

Car Parking: EP Syret 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 dependant on generosity of men to pass through.

Mar 16

Missing Life-saving Apparatus: lifelines cut at Glencairn for 6th or 7th time by picnickers.

Water Supply: reservoir down - General

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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



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Barrie Roosevelt 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 areas so that diagonal parking not to be enforced. Cars on Seaforth Road, Klein Tuin Road & Gay Road will park in straight lines alongside kerb. Agreed that local unemployed men offered jobs as parking attendants.

Hooligan Gangers at Seaforth: Shouting and singing blithering - I. G. 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 furniture, gouging entrance of cafe to avenue, hiding it in parking attendant's shelter (motorcars exposed to danger of 60 drop onto rocks at end of road). Refused fire engines and attempted to chase; signboards taken down; removed bags and lifelines from hooks, tied and tangled up; rockeries trampled on

1936

Aug 28

Development of Seaforth: Enterprise of Simon's Town Council - popular bathing resort and attraction to visitors - completion of sunbask and waterfront and rock gardens developed. Over 7000 cars parked at beach over holidays (126 619 car registrations). Greatest need now a good hotel - all accommodation booked up.

1938

Dec 28

Record Crowds at Seaforth: Rush to Beaches - beaches broken - over 5000 picnickers, more than 1400 cars and 11 000 visitors. Over weekend more than 25 000 cars with holidaymakers passed along main road.

(Taken from records in the archives of the Simon's Town Museum)

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Jubilee Square and Environs

The arguments regarding the proposed closure of this tempo road between Jubilee Square and the Gude Polt parking area. Though there appears to be general support for a well advertised public meeting to debate the whole issue of the proposed traffic plan.

The Square

The Community Police Forum propose introducing paid short-term parking on Jubilee Square to provide jobs, raise money for

local improvement and stop all-day parking. The city council, they say, is amenable to the idea, which is confirmed by Mrs Holderness.

The committee agrees fully, provided it does create jobs, charges reasonable fees and does not involve barriers that will prevent easy passage through the square - about the only safe turning-point in town.

The CPF will be asked to go ahead with a public presentation. One system it should look at is that at the Rondebosch Pick 'n Pay where women attendants note car arrival times and charge for length of stay.

The Quayside Lodge

We told you last month the owners proposed closing access to the waterfront between Jubilee Square and the hotel, building a second parking level above the present area beside Bertha's, and extending the upper boardwalk deck above the Post Office (which, by the way, has renewed its lease there).

Committee members went to see. They learned that the access to the waterfront will now not be closed and more steps to it will be built next to the hotel entrance. A wind-protected entrance is planned for the hotel. The upper deck will extend about two metres.

The contentious second parking level is opposed by the Architectural Advisory Committee (the town's aesthetic watchdogs) and seems unnecessary anyway. Everyone agreed that the solution to the parking congestion in the waterfront area is paid parking. This will eliminate certain people who park all day to beat the traffic rush at knocking off time.

All of this is still subject to city council approval.

Anchor Players

The Anchor Players have asked to erect a sign in St George's Street. The committee thinks it is a good idea provided they produce sketches beforehand for AAC's ap-

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proval. The sign could be fixed on top of the West Dockyard wall (owned, by the way, by the municipality) and designed to match the gates.

Audit of Complaints

One of the more successful ventures undertaken by the STCA has been the compilation by the indefatigable ex-chairman, Mrs Jacky Weaver, of complaints from residents about all manner of local nuisances from potholes to flies.

She sent these in chart form with covering letters to the relevant officials of our new Unicity. The response has been satisfying. There have been a few bureaucratic replies but in general her action was followed by action.

Water

Dr John Morris, who has been monitoring the quality of our water supply for over a year, has been elected Vice-chairman of the STCA and his portfolio has been expanded, with his patient agreement, to include other aspects affecting community welfare such as

drains, sewage and signage, which may at times overlap with the work of our environmental portfolio.

He said recently that the water analyses by the city department of health, with whom he liaises closely, show they take their job very seriously and make every effort to ensure our domestic water is acceptable. Test figures show that they tend to under-chlorinate rather than the reverse.

Property

An information briefing about the new system for the valuation of property and the data collectors was held at the Muizenberg Civic Centre on August 22 by the city's Property Valuation Project. It was for rate-payers and civic associations in the entire area from Constantia south.

They were given just one day's notice. Only about 35 people turned up, among them our Councillor and our Treasurer, Ian Allan. The committee believes such cursory treatment by the city council of so important a subject, and at such short notice, is totally unacceptable. This is a matter that can critically affect the finances and living quality of hundreds of thousands of ratepayers, especially the elderly living on fixed incomes. The committee insists that the PVP holds more explanatory meetings, promoted well in advance, at many more venues including Fish Hoek, Ocean View, Simon's Town, Scarborough and Kommetjie.

If they are going to take more of our money they have an obligation to explain how much and how.

The committee has asked our Councillor to take this up with the city as a priority. Residents of Forrest Way, Glencairn, have sent a strong memorandum to the city council objecting to the proposed rezoning of Erf 3410, now zoned as a nature area, to enable the creation of 23 or 36 new erven and a new road.

It will, they state, radically affect their interests and cause considerable environmental



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and visual damage. The public examination process was flawed, they say. The developers are Manprop Construction Co Ltd.

Environment

On August 15 Glencairn residents went to a meeting called by the municipal authorities (without an agenda) about the on-going problem of the Glencairn Vlei. All they heard was that consultants had been hired to produce a report on the report made by the previous consultants. The council has spent some R30 000 on the vlei as a result of local pressure and there is no visible sign of it. This month, September, has been a busy one for environmental groups, schools and the Navy in various operations to clean up Simon's Town and its beaches.

The reaction of STCA members to a suggestion for new domestic rubbish bins - large ones on two wheels so they can be pushed around - has been strongly negative. The reason: most of Simon's Town's

streets are so steep and twisty it would take considerable strength to handle them. The picture of older residents streaking downhill clinging to runaway rubbish bins is too much to contemplate ...

A counter-suggestion is that instead of wheeled containers, the council provides householders with wire-mesh cages to protect plastic bags of refuse until they are picked up.

Meanwhile householders can themselves do a lot simply by not putting bags out for collection too early, and not leaving them there if they are missed. And the council can do more by collecting punctually.

Other things

Plans for the annual New Year's Eve bash on Jubilee Square are well under way. Cost will be R40 a head. Volunteers are sought to help set up the square from 1pm that day, sell tickets at entry points and man the three wine-and-malt bars. If you can help, call 782 6644 or 082 362 2053.

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John Walmsley warns: There is an on-going scam in the area. At least two individuals are involved. They knock on the door at knocking-off time, explain that they are working on, or delivering materials to, the nearby construction site. They give the name of the householder, describe him or her, and explain that they have run out of diesel for the builder's bakkie, that the householder has gone out for the evening, and that they cannot get the staff home to Site 5. Or some such story.

There is still no finality about moving Red Hill residents to Dido Valley. Costs are rising steadily. The owner of Red Hill says if nothing is done in a year or two he will give the land to the residents. By then he will have got its value in rents. Some residents like the idea. Meanwhile about 180 families in Guguletu are demanding to be moved back into the centre of Simon's Town.

Until next month.

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The Simon's Town Aerial Ropeway

Variously known as the aerial railway, aerial tramway, aerial rope tramway and aerial cableway; but in Simon's Town commonly referred to as the Aerial Ropeway. When fully completed, the system comprised:

1. 17 pylons or cable supports, originally of tarred wood but later converted to steel, mainly because of the danger of bush fires.
2. The lower terminus, in West Dockyard, next to the Sail Loft, the building with the Clock Tower; the upper terminus at the Sanatorium (now the Signal School in Klawer Camp on Red Hill); and an intermediate station at the Naval Hospital on Cable Hill.
3. The cable was 2500ft (762 metres) long.
4. There were 2 cages or boxcars, each 8ft x 7ft x 7ft 2ins high. One cage could carry 6 passengers plus an attendant, and one cage was to carry stores.
5. Haulage power was supplied by a coal-fired engine located at the Naval Hospital and later converted to electric power.
6. Only one cage was in operation at any one time, each cage being hooked on or off as required. On average, ten trips were undertaken daily.

The first stage of the aerial ropeway, ie: between the West Dockyard and the new hospital, was completed early in 1904, with a budget of £10 000. The motivation was: a greater convenience in the transport of patients and stores to the new Naval Hospital, in view of the very poor road communication to the hospital site.

A precedent for the use of an aerial ropeway had already been set by the cableway used for the transportation of stone for the building of the East Dockyard. There exists a plethora of correspondence among the

Naval Base, the Municipality and the Colonial Government in Queenstown, regarding the route, the clearance over the main road - St George's Street, the location of pylons etc - for instance, "The passing way would require artificers to take right and left" with ensuing mayhem in the town.

Now, the second phase of the construction of the aerial ropeway, between the Naval Hospital on Gable Hill and the Sanatorium on Red Hill, is somewhat obscure as regards motivation and implementation. Our main source of reference gives no evidence as to why a sanatorium was needed in the first place; & be. there is no discussion or argument for the aerial ropeway. It is presumed therefore that the cost of the extension of the aerial ropeway was included as a part of the contract for the building of the Sanatorium, without the aerial ropeway being specifically mentioned. It is important to note that thereby road access to Red Hill at that time was the donkey track, which went straight

up the mountainside - this track is still used by pedestrians to this day, although it is in a bad state of repair.

In 1922, when the Sanatorium and the aerial ropeway were fully operational, though there are on record complaints from Whitehall, regarding the significant over-expenditure relevant to the Budget.

The operation of the aerial ropeway apparently ceased in about early 1927, and the overhead cable was taken down in 1928. This suspension of operations is likely to have coincided with the construction of the direct road to Red Hill and Klover Camp, the Sanatorium by then having become the Royal Naval Signal School.

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Commissioning of the New Mine Sweepers

On Wednesday 5 September 2001 in the middle of one of the worst storms to hit the Cape Peninsula in living memory, the last two Ton Class minesweepers in commission in any Navy in the world, SAS Walvisbaai and SAS East London, were decommissioned. At the same time the first two of the Type 351 ships, recently acquired from the German Navy, SAS Kapa and SAS Tsebechi were named and brought into commission. In order to keep some linkage with the past the Navy also decided that these ships will retain the badges of the previous Ton class vessels named in the Afrikaans or English names of the cities concerned, ie SAS Kaapstad and SAS Durban. On this occasion Padre Thornley led the prayers, include his special prayer: Most gracious Father, Lord and God of the great oceans, we praise and magnify Your Holy name, the Name that speaks of love

and care and grace. All creation declares the wonders of Your handiwork and we, who go down to the sea in ships and do our lawful duty on the great waters, we have seen Your design in the deep. You have permitted us to travel the highway of the sea, not only on the coast of the Southern tip of Africa but to many corners of the world. In the course of these journeys we, who serve, have come to realise that the sea and all the attendant elements are not things to be taken for granted.

The night ocean can be a good friend but equally so a raging opponent, reducing the best built ships to wrecks within minutes. Through our short history the sailors of the South African Navy have always been a seafaring breed, whose characters have been challenged and tested by the sea. In calm waters they have learned the meaning of mercy and assistance and in the storm they have learned words of awe and respect. Discipline and trust remain the great tried and tested lessons of the sea, virtues which no ship can function.

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Therefore, Lord, we ask that You will enable us to maintain the high standard of training and discipline, as learned over the years for precise and efficient performance of our Naval duties, as required for the maritime safety of the Republic of South Africa. Through Your guidance, we pray that the same devotion to duty, together with its attendant virtues and skills may be treasured in those who seek to follow in the sailing and traditions of this navy. For may we determine on for the last time our familiar friends. Small ships that have given great service for more than four decades. Their decks carry many memories and many an old sailor can remember the first time they went to sea in those wooden ships. That time is long gone and soon they will be laid to rest and will be no more.

And so, today Lord, we commission new ships at a time when so much change is in progress in this land. Not new vessels, but certainly new times, their history in this navy has yet to be written. We ask that You will

lead these new ships within the protection of your hand, granting them protection against any fury of the elements wherever they may sail on their lawful duties. Grant wisdom and understanding to those who take their command and may those who serve never be found wanting in their support and loyalty to their captains and to each other. Bless each vessel, O Lord, and may good success and Your protection be with them always. In Jesus name. Amen.

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Naval Heritage Society
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What can one say at a time like this? Most words are inadequate to describe the events of the past few weeks. The horror of 9/11 at New York, the devastation of the twin towers of the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon, the hijacking of airplanes which are about to take passengers living people on their normal daily business and then the bombing of thousands.

YES thousands of innocent people and worst of all among them the men and women of the New York Fire Brigade and Paramedics who were attempting to save the innocent victims. These people are near to our hearts as it is the same business that the personnel of the N.S.R.I. are about.

Then one wonders about the decision of the President of the United States and his Government to declare war on Global terrorism and to mount a massive intervention against a minor "Third world" country that may be harboring the people who it is thought may be behind these despicable events. I have long been my contention that

the United States method of dealing with any danger situation is a way very overpowering like sending a nuclear bomb to blast down a thousand of "criminal" smugglers. But that is it they! We still need to go about our business even though the Board is dropping off the planet and the Stock Market is about to collapse.

On Sunday 15 September a very touching Memorial Service was held on Jubilee Square (as the people of Simon's Town are wont to do when crisis occurs, remember the "rell") A German Nicki Holdersassa captured the tone of the occasion in making the quote from Ernest Hemingway's novel "For whom the bell tolls". Members of the Simon's Town Volunteer Fire Brigade were present as were members of Station 16 to show their support of the New York Members. The Navy Band set the solemn tone for the occasion as well as the tubmen that played the moving "Last Post" and "Reveille". Members from all parts of our society were there and there appeared to be no one left

removed. It is at times like this that we at Station 16 remember the great contribution to our Station that members of the Masonic community have made in the past along with all those fine people that have aided us.

On Saturday the 8th of September Station 16 enjoyed themselves by staging a "prepared" evening. There was a big build up to this occasion as the "W", "B" & "C" crews vied with one another for trophies and ideas about what to do for the event. On the day "W" and "B" crews were at the base early as they "prepared" themselves for the evening cook-off. "B" crew quoted their way to an early lead as "W" crew showed great enthusiasm arranging and preparing their tropical island scene both teams were very busy during up Veg and laying fire. "C" crew were not to be seen except for a very worried Don who wandered up and down wondering where his crew and colleagues were, eventually Don's Station 16's Guest Marshal arrived escorted by Steve and a group of noisy 16-ers to the base starting

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they were going to do a camping potjie. They moved in near "A" crew and began a scrambled cutting of veg and making fires on two braai discs. In the meantime Statcom Dave Roberts arrived with a small pot and a gas cylinder and did a sophisticated pot inside the boat house. Nicholas Dollery (a chef) Jason Galvin (crew member and lately Catering Manager at Clovelly Country Club and Paul Marais (an ex Station 10 crew member) were the judges of the "competition." "C" crew won the prizes for best potjies and Stuart Buchanan of "A" crew was rewarded for his very fetching Caribbean outfit which was a blaze of colour. What, with the great music, eats and drinks a great time was had by all.

There have been few call-outs of late except for a despicable hoax call which occurred at Muizenberg on Thursday 30th August at 16:10. On this day Station 10 was hosting a group of N.S.R.I. visitors from Shelley Beach and Richards Bay in Kwa Zulu Natal. So the "Spirit of Freemasonry" launched with two

Station 10 coxswains and three volunteer visitors as crew going straight to Muizenberg to investigate a report by a member of the public that as she was entering Muizenberg by car from the direction of Cape Town, she sighted a red flare and even saw the burn out of the parachute from the flare. A Mobile observer from Boyes Drive said that he could see nothing unusual from his good vantage point. Eventually after consultation with the original reporter it was ascertained that the flare was fired from near Sunrise Circle at Muizenberg. I won't expound about hoax callers other than to say that they should be locked up and the keys should be thrown away. What a waste of fuel and energy to provide kicks for some nut!

The Muizenberg (Sandvlei) festival that the N.S.R.I. were to attend was called off due to dubious organisation.

The Shorelink Committee held its A.G.M. on Tuesday the 18th of September. Chairman Phil Ferreira was persuaded to retain the

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post that he has so ably held for so long but he does need a break and thought must be given to getting someone to take over these duties. The Committee remains unchanged at Phil as Chairman, Bill Damerell, Madge Damerell, Mary Thomas, Reg Hopkins, Anne Fry, Penny Price, John Rees-Williams, Malcolm Stuart-Finlay and Don Dollery. These folk will serve another term of one year continuing their unstinted efforts to glean funds for the continuance of the N.S.R.I. in Simon's Town.

This past weekend saw the Station carry on with maintenance by putting up the large sign on the seaward side of the boat house. This task was ably led by Geoff Burchell and the members of "C" crew assisted by the indefatigable Snookie Selk. A demonstration of uplifting a swimmer in trouble from in front of the False Bay Yacht Club to the wave rider "Eddie Beaumont" was successfully carried out by "C" crew but few spectators stayed to see the magnificent effort. Well done guys.

All those who take small craft to sea, please remember, the whales are here and please keep a good look out for them and give them a wide berth !!!

Yours aye,

Don Dollery

Flower & Music Festival

St Francis Anglican Church, Simon's Town, will be holding a Flower & Music Festival on Saturday 10, Sunday 11 and Monday 12 November. Flower arrangements following the theme "All things bright and beautiful" will be on display in the Church and during the daytime music will be performed by some of our talented local musicians, as well as by students and scholars.

On the Saturday there will be a Christmas Mini-Market and tea in the Church garden. An organ recital, for which tickets will be available at the door, will take place at 6pm.

Visitors are invited to the normal Sunday

services at 8am and 9.30am and to the special Remembrance Day Sung Evensong at 6pm at which there will be a Navy Band trumpet. All Service Organisations will be especially welcome at this occasion.

The climax of the Festival will be a special Concert at 8pm on Monday 12, featuring Barry Smith and the St George's Singers and the English Brass Consort directed by Graham Coote.

Tickets for this Concert may be bought at the Simon's Town Pharmacy or at AP Jones, Fish Hoek from Monday 15 October. There will be no reserved seats. We hope that many of you will come and share in the beauty of the Church, the flowers and the music. Enquiries may be made to Judith Birt on 786 3613.

Margaret Grodner
for St Francis Church

Simon's Town Civic Association Property Watch No. 32

Details of applications currently being dealt with by the South Peninsula Administration are:

- 1.1 **Erf 60 Simon's Town:** (Land Use Departure application on behalf of Waldorf Schools. No change from Report No.31.
- 1.2 **Erf 2930 Simon's Town** Erica Road, Murdoch Valley): Proposed alienation or lease of portion of Municipal land. Application withdrawn - Matter closed.
- 1.3 **Erf 2298 Simon's Town** (Boulders Beach Guest House): Application to rezone from General Residential to Business. No change from Report No.31.
- 1.4 **Erf 1180,198 Queens Road, Simon's Town:** Application for a Land Use Departure to convert Residential House to Medical practice. No change from Report No.31.
- 1.5 **Erven 4348 and 4349, Welcome Glen:** Application for consolidation, rezoning

from undetermined use to single residential and for subdivision into 10 portions. Province has approved the application. Matter now closed.

- 1.6 **Erf 4595 Cairnside:** Application to subdivide into portions. No change from Report No.31.
- 1.7 **Erf 625 Simon's Town** (Military Way, Bayview). Application to subdivide into two portions without formal road access to one erf. No change from Report No.31.
- 1.8 **Erf 2212 Glencairn Heights:** Application for Bed & Breakfast establishment. No change from Report No.31.
- 1.9 **Erf 2464 Forest Hill:** Application for subdivision into two parts. No change from Report No.31.
- 1.10 **Erf 3590 Simon's Town** (Quarry Road): Application for proposed rezoning, subdivision and departures change of zoning from general residential to single residential for five dwellings (attached) and 7 additional garages. Surrounding owners have requested certain conditions

which have been accepted by the new owner. No change from Report No.31.

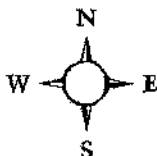
- 1.11 **Erf 3477 Simon's Town** (Goede Gift): Application for the proposed subdivision into four portions. Access to the site is proposed by means of a driveway excavated over municipal erf 941 and ramped over Quarry Lane down to a level 3m. above the site (existing steps connecting Quarry Lane to Goede Gift to be replaced contiguous to the ramp).

Other Property Matters

- 2.1 **CFM 983 Wildschutsbrandvlei:** Application for Land use departure to permit arts and crafts shop, pottery studio and sales outlet and a place for curio sellers. No change from Report No.31.
- 2.2 **CFM 1404 Wildschutsbrand Farm:** Application for Land Use Departure for the establishment of a restaurant and tea garden, an African arts and craft market and overnight accommodation. No change from Report No.31.
- 2.3 **Erven 2204 Glencairn Heights; 3321 Glen Marine:** Applications by Ericsson S.A. to permit the installation of Cellular Communication Base Stations and Antennas in Golconda Street and Seemeu Street. No change from Report No.31
- 2.4 **Erven 2904, 3333 and 3117, Simon's Town:** The offer for Erf 2904 was accepted and the matter is now closed. The offer of R81 000 for Erf 3333 was withdrawn and the property is still open for sale. An offer of R100 000 for Erf 3117 is being considered. No change from report No.31.
- 2.5 **Vodacom application** to erect a cellular transmitter mast in Da Gama Park. No change from Report No.31

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Highlights from the Business Association's Meeting 17th September

Fashion Show/Concert

A great success and much fun was had by all. The party mood was jazzed up by our fabulous Navy Band playing with enthusiasm to get everybody's toes tapping. The fashion show was a hit with everybody, showing just what an exciting range of clothing can be purchased in our village.

The models strutted their stuff with aplomb and brought a sparkle to both male and female eyes. Catering by the S.A.N. was also much appreciated and done so willingly and efficiently. The business community extends its grateful thanks to all the exhibitors, models, helpers and Navy personnel and officers for their help and wholehearted support.

Vagrants

An interesting and in depth talk was given by our local Magistrate but there seems to be no easy solution to our vagrant problem. We are encouraged to treat everybody with dignity unless they are behaving in an "unsociable" manner. The self-appointed "parking attendants" now appearing in Jubilee Square, although irritating, are legally allowed to be there, again, unless they are guilty of "unsociable behaviour". Should you experience any problems please contact the local Ward Councillor to place the matter on the CT Municipal Agenda for discussion.

ATM Crime

Suspicious characters have been spotted at the ATM machines over the past few weeks. Please be alert and warn visitors, clients and friends to be doubly aware and cautious.

Website

The Simon's Town web site is growing in strength and popularity. Businesses are encouraged to join the Association and take advantage of free listing until the end of the current year.

Standard Bank

It is hoped that due to pressure from the community and Business Association Standard Bank will be re-opening its Simon's Town branch on a Saturday morning 29 September 2001.

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Memorial Service

A well attended Memorial service for the World Trade Centre victims took place on September 16th in Jubilee Square. Particular thanks were extended to Malinda Coetzee for organizing this event.

Peter Johnson - Chairman

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Ward Councillor's Report

1. The establishment of a Municipal Police Service for the City of Cape Town is progressing. It is expected that the deployment of the first 500 to be trained will take place in December of this year.

Provision has been made for certain supervisory and managerial posts.

These are:

36 Sergeants

6 Precinct Commanders

2 Assistant Divisional Commanders

1 Divisional Commander

1 Executive Head to be designated "The City Police Chief"

The business plan for this new structure must also allow for the establishment of an organizational development and research component; an equestrian unit and a reservist unit.

The first area of deployment will be in Mitchell's Plain and Manenberg as these precincts have been identified as crime "hotspots".

This last decision is extremely controversial since each and every area has its own crime concerns. More alarming is the fact that many of these new municipal police will be drawn from the current traffic and law-enforcement officials. While one cannot complain about the desire of personnel for better salaries, communities already suffering from a lack of traffic management will be hard hit. Combined with the extremely poor state of our roads we have a situation needing urgent attention.

The South Peninsula Administrative Area was divided into 3 sectors for traffic management. These personnel were seriously overstretched. Seven have now been accepted for Municipal Police training. Both during training and after successful completion of the course they will be lost to our area. Further, the SPA has now to be divided into 2 sectors and our area now stretches from Constantia, Tokai south and includes Hout Bay. We may have only 5 traffic personnel on duty at one time for this sector.

I have raised this matter with the Executive Councillor for Safety and Security and am assured that "Exco is addressing the issue".

2. The Boulder's Advisory Committee met on 19 September 2001 after a break of some months. It must be remembered that the committee is advisory to National Parks and that it represents as many of the local Simon's Town organizations as have shown an interest. The Simon's Town Civic Association did not send a representative for this important meeting. Representatives of the Parks Committee attended for the first time to get first-hand understanding of the issues and emotions around Boulders.

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The Committee will do its best to be structured by the new administrations of the Cape Peninsula National Park and the City of Cape Town.

At the meeting the Committee was informed of the Park's new management structure especially as it affects Scuders. Proposals were also put forward for the development and redesign of the Bloubaars.

The annual count of the penguins shows that the population has increased by about 11%. This increase is chiefly due to immigration of bird nesting sites have increased from 949 nesting pairs last year to 1064 this year. A further point to note regarding sea turtles is reported on beaches where penguins are present. Such reaction is apparently to sponges decaying naturally in the sea. Nevertheless, regular checks on seawater and sand on beaches are done and will be reported as a matter of course to the Advisory Committee.

Redesign of the Seaforth parking area and access road system might be considered to all affected residents. The technical task team of the SPA and Parks have been asked to do this as soon as possible.

On the subject of penguins congratulations to the pupils of Simon's Town School who made the outstanding percentage of decoration for the Town Hall for the Business Association Penguin Ball. A great success!

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DATED 27TH AUGUST 2001

I REFER TO YOUR COLUMN, "DOWN THE HISTORICAL MILE" IN THE AUGUST EDITION OF YOUR VERY MEDIOCRE MONTHLY MAGAZINE.

A CONGLOMERATION OF YOUR PERSONAL OPINIONS AND OF THOSE, THAT SEEM TO BE ATTACHED TO THE PREVERBIAL APRON STRINGS, OF YOUR SOMEWHAT FISHY PUBLICATION.

SOMEONE OBVIOUSLY FASCINATED BY HAIR OR THEIR LACK OF IT, CHOSE TO ATTEMPT TO MAKE FUN OF MY PARTNERS MAGNIFICANT HEAD OF HAIR BY CHILDISHLY ATTEMPTING TO HAND OUT THE RECIPE TO THOSE, WITHOUT AS TO HOW SHE MANAGED TO OBTAIN THE END PRODUCT.

UPON READING YOUR "ATTEMPT TO IN YOUR WORDS" USE "SATIRE" I MUST URGE YOU TO LEAVE SATIRE TO THE PROFESSIONALS PIETER DIRK UYS OR BILL MAHEIU I FOUND IT TO BE A BLISTERING ATTACK, ON MY PARTNER PERSONALLY

YOU NEVER HAD THE CHUTSPAHI TO ADMIT THAT YOU HAD WRITTEN THE ARTICLE, BUT PRETENDED THAT YOU HAD NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHOM HAD WRITTEN THE ARTICLE.

POSSIBLY YOUR SELECTIVE GANG OF "FRIENDS" ALL I MIGHT ADD, KEEPING THE SELF COLOUR WASH HAIR PRODUCTS IN BUSINESS, MAY FIND THE SATIRE IN YOUR ARTICLE AND HOSE YOURSELVES AT YOUR LACK OF COMMON DECENCY.

I FOUND IT TO BE EXTREMELY PERSONAL AND DEMAND AN APOLOGY, YOU KIND SIR ARE NOT SO ACCEPTING WHEN YOU ARE CRITICISED

I MUST ADMIT WE DID NOT READ THE ARTICLE, INITIALLY BUT IT WAS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION BY AN ASSOCIATE OF OURS WHO WAS EMBARRASSED THAT THIS SHOULD APPEAR IN YOUR MEDIOCRE PUBLICATION.

AS PER NORMAL WE THROW OURS OUT, PRIOR TO EVEN ATTEMPTING TO READ THE DRIVEL YOU WRITE ABOUT, INFACCT YOUR CLUB S.L.A.P IT VERY APT FOR A GROUP OF OLD WANNABEES SITTING AROUND A TABLE DRINKING AT DISCOUNTED PRICES, DISCUSSING THE DRIVEL THAT WOULD APPEAR IN THE NEXT EDITION.

WE DECIDED TO OBTAIN A COPY TO SEE WHAT SHE WAS ON ABOUT

FIRSTLY I WAS THE OWNER OF THE "PURPLE PATCH," AND HAVING SEEN THE PATHETIC BUSINESS THAT LAY AHEAD I DECIDED TO PICK UP MY SKIRTS AND RUN TO WHEREVER TOOK ME AWAY FROM MAIN STREET SIMONSTOWN

A BUSTLING METROPOLIS OF DRUKEN BERGIES, SHOPKEEPERS HOPING FOR A TOURIST AND OF COURSE FOR THE PREVERBIAL STREETWALKER TO ENTER, TO STAND UP AND BE SEEN OR HEARD FROM, INSTEAD OF RAMMING HIS PERSONAL IDEAS IN A MONTHLY BOOK, WHICH I AM SURE PROVIDES A TIDY PROFIT AND A BOOST TO HIS OWN SMALL EGO. IF YOU THINK THIS BOOK HOLDS THE TOWN TOGETHER THINK AGAIN

UNLESS BOUNTY MONEY WAS PAID TO ADVERTISE IN THIS BLUE BOOK OF RUBBISH, YOU SELECTED TO GET PERSONAL POSSIBLY YOU MIGHT ATTEMPT TO UPGRADE TO YOUR AGE, AND NOT THAT OF A TEN YEAR OLD.

TO STRETCH THE SHORT ARMS INTO THE LONG POCKETS AND SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS, INSTEAD OF THE PRETENCE OF THE GREAT LOSS OF MONEY, YOU APPARRANTLY, EXPERIENCE MONTHLY.

AGGG SHAAMME TELL IT TO SOMEONE WHO CARES!

WE KNOW THE SPELLING IS INCORRECT THE "PURPLE PATCH" SOLD EVERYTHING FROM BROKEN OLD SPADES TO USED CLOTHING, TO SOME WANNABEES WHO CAME IN MAKING EXCUSES AS TO WHY THEY WERE MAKING THE PURCHASE, AND SO NERVOUS WERE THEY AS TO WHY THEY WOULD FIND VALUE IN OLD GOODS, THEY MADE EXCUSES TO PROTECT

THEIR FEEBLE IMAGES, THEY KNOW WHO THEY ARE. SO DO WE. BUSINESS IS BUSINESS, DOLLY

HAVING INVESTED R60,000.00 IN TO A NO HOPE VENTURE WE RECOVERED EVERYTHING, GAVE NOTICE AND LEFT QUIETLY. MY ADVICE YOU SHOULD HAVE LEFT US ALONE, LEAVING BEHIND THE FEW GATTISSIS THAT CHOSE TO LAUGH ABOUT THE INCORRECT SPELLING ON THE WINDOW AND MY PARTNERS HAIRSTYLE. THE BEGGIE EMPLOYED TO WRITE THE WINDOW SLOGANS DID NOT HAVE ACCESS TO HIS SPELL CHECK THAT DAY, AND SIMPLY X IT OUT.

HAVING CONTACTED THE EDITOR TO ASK WHO WROTE THE PROFOUND ARTICLE HE ANSWERED HIS PHONE HUBBULO GO AS IN ARTICULATORY AS WAS EXPECTED.

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FOR YOU, MARY A TRIFEL TO NEW FOR OLD. PLAYED OUT WANNABEES.

SO ONE WONDERS WHO INDEED HAVE HAD THE LAST LAUGH

WE COME FROM A SOCIETY WHERE ONE HAS TO DO A LITTLE MORE THAN WASH ONES HAIR TO BE NOTICED, MAKES YOU THINK DOESNT IT TO THE ARTIST YOU FAILED DISMALLY DOLLY NOT ENOUGH HAIR DEPICTED

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Subsidized Security

Some homeowners in Glencairn Heights have inadequate security systems and other have none whatsoever. It appears that these lax people will shortly be laughing all the way to the bank. This is because those of us - including pensioners - already with adequate systems will be forced to subsidize them!

Irrespective of how secure are our existing systems, we all now have to chose between two quotations of a communal patrol service. Is this fair? Many homeowners went to considerable expense in fitting good locks, expanding metal closures, security gates and infra-red scanners. Others subscribe to a rapid response alarm system. Even with patrols, would not blind faith in them put us off-guard and lead to carelessness?

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The Night Sky

The night sky does not have any dominant constellations on the ecliptic (the path of the planets) after Scorpius has set. It is followed by Ophiuchus and Sagittarius in a bright southern part of the Milky Way. Other weak constellations come next, Capricornus (the Goat with a fish's tail), Aquarius (the Water Carrier), Pisces (the Fish) and Aries (the Ram). Opposite Pisces on the ecliptic is the famous Great Square of Pegasus.

The thirteen, not twelve, signs or constellations which are found on the ecliptic - always begin with Aries, being associated with the Southern Hemisphere's Spring Equinox.

If an observer identifies Aries after 10pm without binoculars (there are three bright stars and three just visible ones which make up the Constellation), the Seven Sisters or Pleiades and Taurus (the Bull) will also be seen. In the extreme south at this time the Southern Cross with its pointers and Canopus, a very bright star, is observed. Canopus is known as the harbinger of spring. Near Canopus is the Large Magellanic Cloud, which is the nearest galaxy to us, containing the Tarantula Nebula, (30 Dori). It is composed of massive, young hot stars and is where the 1987 Supernova explosion occurred.

At the same time in the Northern part of the spring sky sky about 40° above the northern horizon (and the lights of Cape Town) is Aquila (the Eagle) with its brightest star Altair. It is easily found in the Northern Milky Way. North of it is Cygnus (the Swan) with Albinea forming a weak northern cross - only visible with binoculars or when using a telescope. The brightest star in Cygnus is Deneb. A very

interesting double star in Cygnus is called 16 Cygni, the one star was found in 1996 to have a very large planet orbiting it. The other component Cygni B was the first star in 1832, to have its distance from Earth calculated by trigonometric parallax at the Royal Observatory, Cape Town. This was done by measuring the small angular shift of the star, as viewed from Earth's changing position in the opposite season, either taking measurements in Summer and later in Winter or in Autumn and Spring, always six months apart. The angular distance between the red 16 Cygni and the orange 16 Cygni B is only 30". This is easily seen if a binocular or 10 x 50 is used. Near Cygni is Sagittae (the Arrow) also with two bright double stars shining at +6.5 and +7.4 magnitude, separated by 89". This may be successfully done using only 7 x 50 binoculars.

This month the planet Uranus, magnitude +5.8 will easily be found as it is near Sigma Capricornus. Neptune, magnitude +7.9 is between Omicron and Upsilon on the opposite side of Capricornus.

Neptune was discovered in Capricornus in 1846 by astronomers Galle and D'Arrest using Le Verriers mathematical predictions. Neptune takes 165 years to orbit the Sun. Mars sets in the West in the early evening. Uranus and Neptune are visible throughout the night; Jupiter, Saturn and Venus are morning planets with Mercury.

The Planets

Mercury, the closest planet to the Sun, magnitude +0.7, is at inferior conjunction with the Sun on the 14th, but by the 22nd is 15° from it, and 5° below the bright Venus,



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magnitude +0.8. Mercury and Venus stay within 1° of each other for the last ten days of the month. There is an appulse (closest approach) between these planets on the 29th, when they are only 0.85° apart. They will not approach each other as closely as this for the next five years in the morning sky.

Venus, magnitude -3.8 is a very bright early morning planet before sunrise, 4° South of the Moon on the 15th, and within 1° of Mercury on the 29th. See if you are able to separate them using binoculars on the 29th!

Mars, magnitude -3.4, is the bright red planet in Sagittarius, which sets early in the evening, being 1° North of the Moon on the 21st.

Jupiter, magnitude -2.5, is an early morning planet in Gemini. It is 1° South of the Moon and lies about two hours ahead of Saturn. Saturn, magnitude +0.2, is a beautiful sight with its rings clearly visible using binoculars. It is 1° South of the Moon on the 7th. Two of Saturn's moons, Iphigene, magnitude 8.1 and Rhoe, magnitude 8.5 are visible for viewers using 10x or 12x binoculars.

Pluto, magnitude +1.35, is only visible for those having a 10" or 12" telescope.

The Moon

Full Moon is on the 2nd, Last Quarter on the 10th.

New Moon is on the 18th, First Quarter on the 24th.

Perigee is on the 15th, Apogee (furthest) on the 29th.

The Sun

On the 1st, Sunrise is at 05:28am and Sunset at 05:50pm.

On the 31st, Sunrise is at 05:07am and Sunset at 7:10pm.

The Sun is 149,598,000km from Earth at this month and its diameter has increased to 32'13".

An astronomical unit (a.u.) is 149,598,000 miles or 238,855,000 km.

There is still a lot of Sunspot activity which may affect radio transmissions and the weather pattern producing extremely wet or

dry conditions.

Meteor Showers

The Orionids may be seen all month from the 2nd from midnight to dawn.

Comets

No new comets have been reported or seen.

Peter J van Blommestein

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A Tanganyika Diary - Part 2

August 10 1983

Before we left Johannesburg Dad gave us a push camera, with instructions to record his grandson's weekly progress. I am afraid the latest batch of snapshots were the cause of great anguish. Christopher is dressed for maximum comfort: a pair of slippers new that he walks, a lightweight nappy under a pair of loose cotton breeches and a smock. I must admit that he does look a trifle orphaned. Along with a tearful letter, a parcel has arrived from Mother, containing several Buster suits, fancy vests, pyjama sets and sun hats. The pyjamas will do nicely for day time wear. But Buster suits? Really! One wonders what their reactions will be when their grand daughter's snapshots start arriving, she dressed in a nappy and a sleeveless cotton vest.



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October 23

Christopher's second birthday. He has become quite the Colonial overlord: claps his hands and orders "Mufu-we, taka dafu". Maruf salaams deeply and answers "Ndio, Bwana Kubwa", and brings the coconut. Our little slave driver is addicted to coconut milk. Strangely, he prattles away in kiSwahili with a strong Brit accent.

October 29

A decidedly odd happening. I was doing the Mother and Child bit, cuddling Lindi after her 10am feed, when Sailor came in with an unexpected guest: the Provincial Commissioner, a jovial man with a slight weight problem. He drinks dafu as part of a slimming diet. There was amiable chat over cups of tea - then out of the blue the PC confessed that he'd actually come to "investigate" me. An official report had been sent to him that Sailor's wife had gone "bush", was going out of her mind and should be sent "Home" as soon as

possible. I looked at Sailor: of course, the odious Beauclerk. He hates me and would love to see the highly independent Sailor out of the way. Once this survey is wrapped up and the fundis move in, the DC will be very small beer indeed, no longer a little tin god in a cushy job, ruling over the vast territory.

I was speechless, but the PC thanked me for the tea, said he was delighted to see me and the little one looking so well (and sane?), admired some pastel sketches I had made, and departed.

December 20

The dear old biddies of Stewart's Stores have come up trumps once again. Apart from the usual festive goodies on my list, there are two adorable, cuddly animals with musical movements. I know the kids will love them.

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FYNBOS PARADISE RE-EMERGES IN PARK

The largest continuous fynbos area in the entire Peninsula is about to re-emerge in the Cape Peninsula National Park (CPNP).

According to Justin Buchmann, CPNP Section Ranger, the area formerly known as the 'Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve' will soon be free of seed-bearing alien vegetation, allowing stretches of fynbos to be restored to their former glory.

"Excellent progress has been made in this section which covers some 7 750 hectares. To date, almost 95% of all invasive woody vegetation have been removed and con-

tracts have just been awarded to clear the remaining slopes of Paulsberg and Judas Peak. By year end, the entire area should be free of seed-bearing aliens," he says.

"This area is an integral part of the Cape Floristic Kingdom, the smallest but richest of the world's floral kingdoms. Whilst follow-up clearing will still take place for many years to come, this is one of the major achievements in our dream to rid invasive plants from the Peninsula," says Buchmann.

For the past eight months, Partridge Point and the slopes above Simon's Town have also been the focal point of much of the alien clearing activities in the Southern region of the Park.

"Besides our efforts, many community groups are also assisting in the battle by 'adopting plots' and ensuring that these remain free of invasive vegetation. Simon's Town High School has adopted one such plot on Swartkopberg which is infested with Port Jackson trees.

We really welcome community participation and would urge individuals and groups to follow the school's example," says Buchmann.

"Although some have described the clearing activities as 'creating moonscapes', this is because fynbos takes some time to regenerate - especially in

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break with long-standing traditions. Since February, a total of 22 hectares have been cleared in the Partridge Point area. Mountain streams and waterfalls that had dried up for years have now started to flow following the winter rains. Much of the parlor vegetation that had been suppressed for many years are now starting to germinate and re-establish in the watercourses," says Buchmann.

DPNF Assistant Manager, Monique Rutenberg, reminds visitors to the area that "yabacoa is king."

"Over time, they will once again vegetate our mountain slopes. Great examples can be seen at Flower Valley, between Red Hill and Simon's Town, and Miller's Point near Partridge Point, where riparian activities have enabled the mountain yabacoa to flourish during the past few years," she says.

All in all, seven contracts have been awarded within the Simon's Town and Par-

tridge Point areas. The contractors in turn employ people from previously disadvantaged communities and train them to identify and eradicate the invasive exotic vegetation using chainsaws, bowsaws, tree poppers and hand tools.

A second job opportunity arises once the vegetation has been cut. Persons wishing to collect wood can then apply for a permit allowing them to remove the wood or site in a sensitive manner," says Rutenberg.



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- 1) A jewellery box and hospital armband with the words "**Girl of Bridget Chapman born on 22/1/86 at 15:24**". (It cannot be linked to any burglary in Simon's Town).
- 2) A red bicycle.
- 3) A wallet/purse containing a Standard Bank card (in the name of **DM Makhubela**) and cash.
- 4) A pink child's bicycle.

5) A blue child's bicycle.

If you recognize any of the above as your property please contact Insp(f). Wehmeyer on (021) 786-2118.

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Martin from Chubb offered to provide a Bobby in uniform (which had to be tailor made!) and sponsor him for three months. This time expires end October. That's the bad news!

The Police Forum of Simon's Town appeals to our community to help retain our well talked about Bobby (not to be confused with Sgt Donovan Roberts, the Community Police Officer, who is supported by the Business Association and various other individuals).

Please take 3 minutes...read and complete the little form below: Everybody's opinion is important to us.

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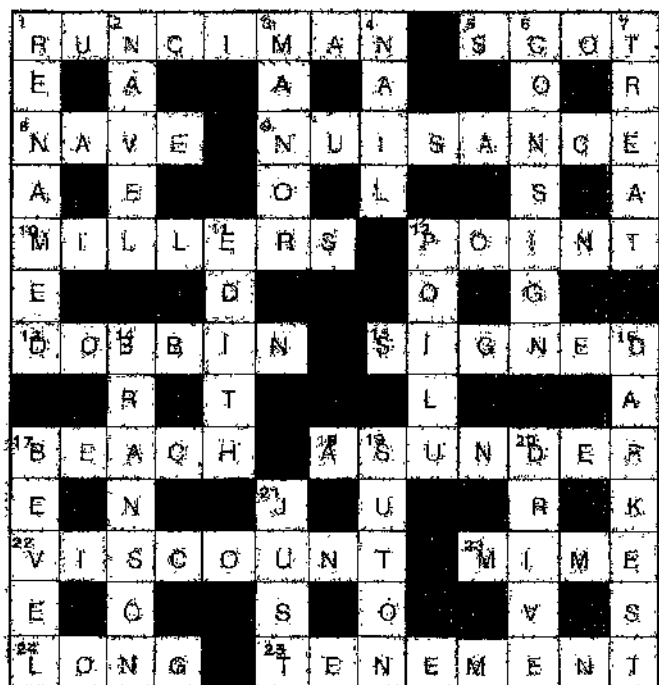
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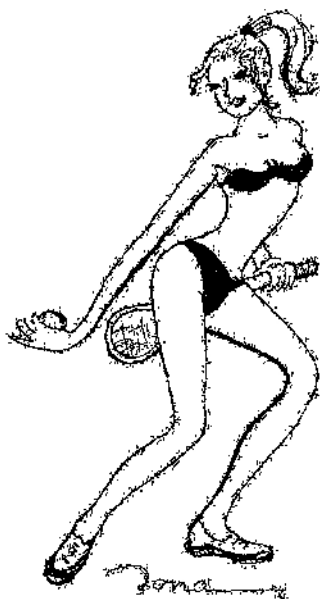
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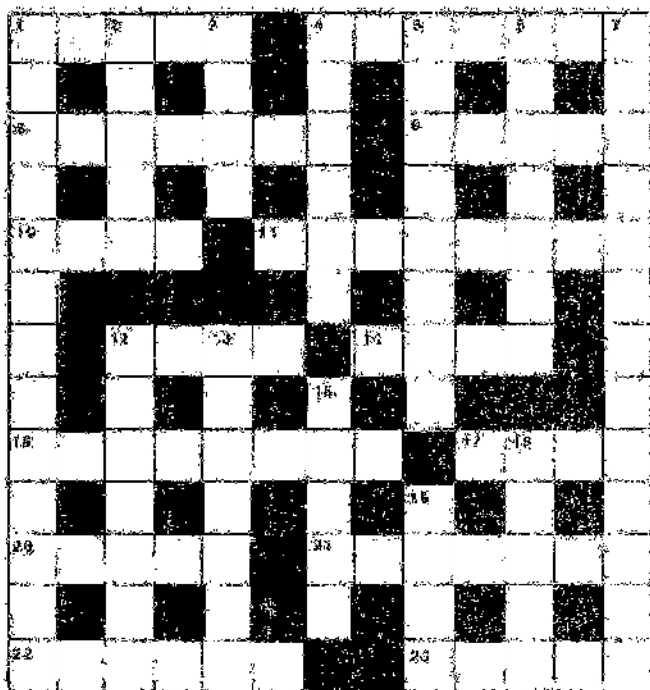
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Choudhry, Manu	Security/Safety	766 2821	767 3945
Johnson, Peter	Economic Development		766 1354
Legat, Ryo	Property	766 3960	
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Rears, Dr John	TBA	766 1766	
Nussey, Wilf	Communications	766 1008	
Reiger, Gert	Crime & Crime Spec Div	766 0409	
Pick, RU	Dockyard Development	766 3909	766 3909
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CROSSWORD

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CROSSWORD - OCTOBER

CLUES - ACROSS

1. High-style shoes (4 across) and a stone arch (6)
2. Endearing money follows a traditional kind of a book (7)
3. A famous chess player's way into the arts (4 of 7)
4. A literary device frequently attached to a story's outcome (8)
5. Nothing is discovered the easier way (4)
6. The way in for a creature of mystery (12)
7. The singer (6)
8. The singer's way (4)
9. The creature has one key in Oldenham - and 20th (10)
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PRIZE: \$1000.00 cash at Cash Rewards

- Name: _____
- Entries in plain envelope addressed to: Brookhaven Calling Crossword Puzzle and returned to: 5000 N. 1st St. Suite 100, Brookhaven, GA 30139
 - First correct entry down will be the prize winner.
 - Result and solution in the following issue of Brookhaven Calling.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2001

SIMON'S TOWN MUSEUM/ HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION. Wednesday 19th October at 5.30/6 pm "Trekking in the Nepal Himalayas to Everest Base Camp" Talk with slides by Betty Davis. Donation R10. Wine/fruit/juice served.

PENINSULA TOURISM PRESENTS ENCHANTED EVENINGS & DELIGHTFUL DAYS FESTIVAL Friday 28th Sept. - Monday 8th October

ALBERTYN STABLES Wed 3rd & Thurs 4th October 09:00 - 12:00 and 14:00 - 17:00 Sculpture classes for adults/children R20 per hour. Enquiries: René Watkin 786-1616

SEVEN SEAS CLUB Thursday 4th October at 19:00 for 19:30 "AN ORIENTAL EVENING" Lecture on Persian carpets, auction & light supper. Entrance R25. In aid of Anchors Away Village. Enquiries: Fran Spencer-Smith 786-1321 or Sue at 7965796.

MEETING PLACE, 98 St. George's Street. Thursday 4th October 19:00 NQL CANTAMQ Singing Studio Benefits Concert for Daidre Adriaans. R160 per Person (includes Mediterranean delicacies & Wine) Ph. Charles 083-485 0097 or Karen 705-3898.

MURDER MYSTERY AT THE BLUE BAYOU Tickets R60 per person. 3, 4 & 5 October at 19:00 join in an evening of suspense, fun and wonderful food. Full festival programme obtainable at all Peninsula Tourism Offices.

FLOWER & MUSIC FESTIVAL at St Francis Anglican Church, Simon's Town 10, 11, 12 November. Organ Recital Saturday 10 November at 8pm. Tickets are R15 and available at the Church on the evening. Festival concert with Barry Smith, St George's Singers & English

Brass Consort directed by Graham Coote at 8pm Monday 12 November. Tickets are R40 and available from AP Jones and Simon's Town Pharmacy from 15 October. No reserved seats. For more info call Margaret Grodner 786-1603

FRIENDS OF SIMON'S TOWN COASTLINE

Sunday 14 October 9:30am

Allen Vegetation Hack at Frank's Bay. Meeting Place: Parking area at Fishermen's Beach, Simon's Town. Enquiries: 786-3890

Sunday 21 October 9:30am

Combined hack with Simon's Town Flora Conservation Group at Lower Waterfall Simon's Town. Meeting Place: Top end of Garden Road Simon's Town. Enquiries: 786 1620

Thursday 25 October 7:15 for 7:30pm

Talk by Dr Dave Gaynor on the Ecology of Baboons and their survival in the Southern Peninsula. Venue: Museum Hall, Court Road Simon's Town. Enquiries: 786 4823

Saturday 27 October 9:30am

Allen Vegetation hack at Woodlands near Da Gama Park. Meeting Place: Entrance to Woodlands via Dido Valley Road. Enquiries: 786 1620

Sunday 28 October 8:30am

All-day walk to Bok'sen Spruit with Simon's Town Flora Conservation Group. Meeting Place: Shopping Centre Parking Area, Da Gama Park. Enquiries: 786-1834

NB! On all-day walks bring suitable footwear and clothing for changeable weather and refreshments for tea and lunch.

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