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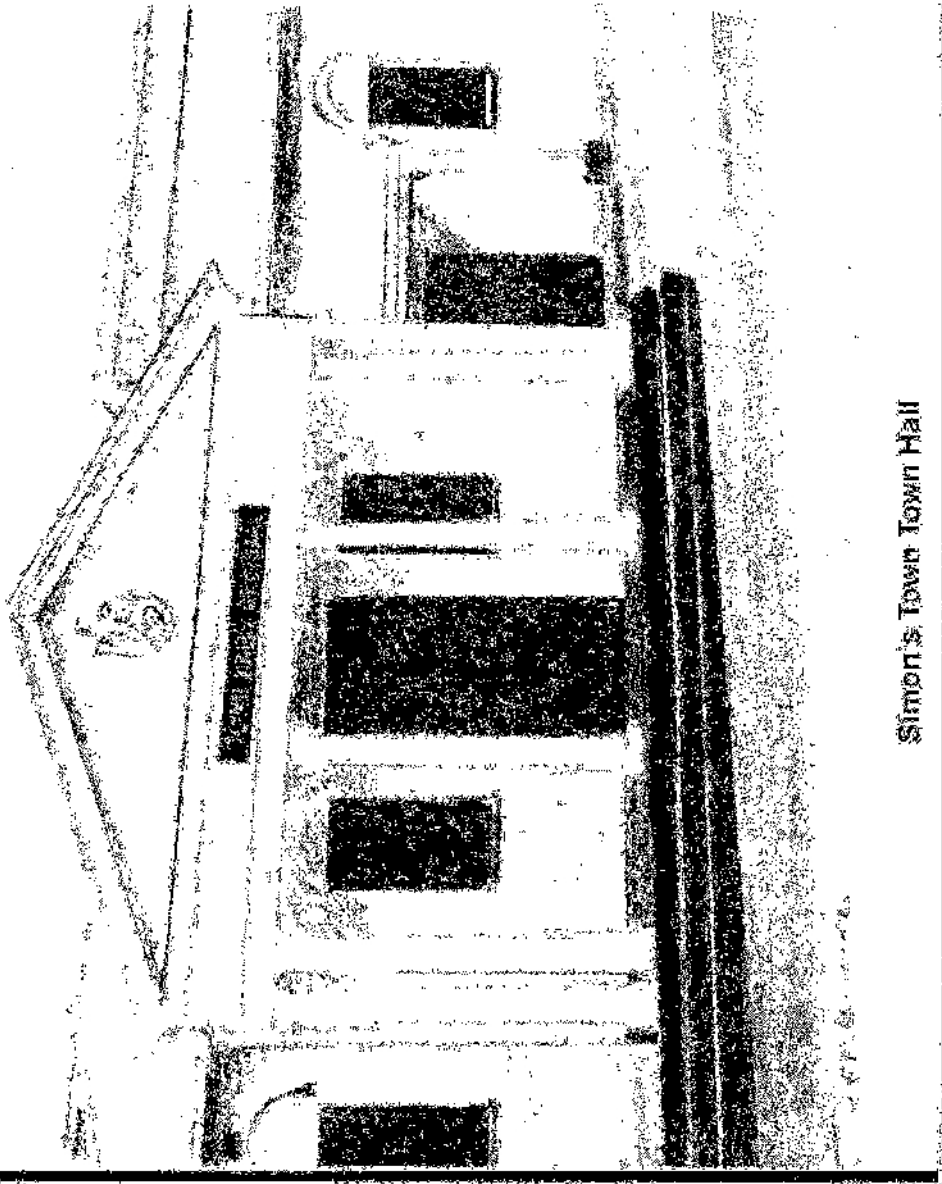

Simon's Town Town Hall

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The Soldiers and Sailors Rest Room and Warriors Room

The building was erected in 1940 with funds raised by the South African Women's Auxiliary Service and was opened on 10 February, by Major P.V.G. van der Byl, Minister without Portfolio. The Soldiers and Sailors Rest Room was used as an entertainment area for men of the Armed Forces, passing through Simon's Town during World War II. The local authorities initiated a social club, called The Good Companions, to provide dancing partners from amongst Simon's Town's well-thought-of young ladies for the visiting men, in an attempt to keep the troops away from Simon's Town's other less wholesome "attractions"! Needless to say, many a romance blossomed at the Soldiers and Sailors Rest Room.

The room at the southern end was made available to the MOTHS by the Town Council in 1952 and named the Warrior's Room. The then Commander of the Shellhole, Mr LJD Gay lead a campaign to collect Naval and Military Africana. (These artefacts were to form the basis of the collection of the Simon's Town Museum when it opened in 1977.)

Over the decades the building known to Simonites simply as "The Rest Room" was used by the community for weddings, parties and meetings and as a polling station. A very successful little business, owned by Mrs Penny Pont and known as Penny's Café operated from these premises for many years. Penny's meals were simple and affordable and her homemade pies, cakes and shortbread biscuits delicious, ensuring her a loyal clientele amongst Simon's Town's housewives, naval personnel, Dockyard workers and even the visiting French technicians who had come to South Africa when the SA Navy acquired its submarines in the 1970's.

By now under new management, Penny's closed in 1989. A new portico was added and the former Penny's Café was converted into a small reception area and exhibition room by the builder, John Greene. The whole complex became known as The Town Hall.

Cathrynne Salter-Jansen
Simon's Town Museum

Editorial

By now most, if not all, of our ratepayers will have received the rate assessment in terms of the revised property valuations - in money terms, close to my predictions of a month or so ago. Sincere sympathy to those in our community who will be hard pressed to meet the commitment, some may have no choice but to opt out "o settle for more affordable pastures. Bad news - but remember the old law of the Transvaal" Meantime, let's hope and pray that our Unicity Council and Administration renders its value for our money!

On Friday night I attended a show organised by our Business Association, SA Navy Band excellent as usual, and my first view of our resident African Children's Choir, who put on a robust cabaret. Well done, the Business Association, keep going - to get better every time, and those who missed the show were losers.

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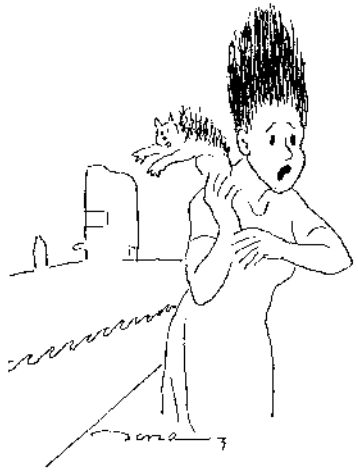
Down The Historical Mile

So, what's the big fuss at the Yacht Club? Stoffel Boesman wanted to know; the rumour is that they are having heavy cash problems. Real panic stations, as though the club was sinking. Ja nee, said the Chairman, what a gemors; it reminds me of our own financial crisis of a few years ago, when our papsak money box was found to be empty. You see, the procedure is that every time you have a dop at a SLAP meeting you are supposed to put money into the box, so that when the Chairman buys a papsak for the next meeting, he takes the money out of the box. But on that occasion the box was empty and the Treasurer of the day, one Klippies Bergman, was nowhere to be found.

Of course Schultz went looking for him with his Lüger, but without success; but there is a rumour that he was seen at Riemvasmaak. Anyway, from that day on Schultz was appointed treasurer - no further trouble! Harold Hardekop suggested that Schultz should be appointed as treasurer at the Yacht Club, and in no time their financial troubles would be over - despite the reputation that Yachties are tight-fisted; or worse, that they have no money at all. In other words, if they had money, they would buy a power boat.

Mientjie Boep-pens wanted to know about the nuclear submarine that was in the Navy dockyard. What with the Greenies jumping up and down and shouting about the terrible things that could happen to you if you went near the submarine. Well, said Clara Fijnbosch, she was told that it was reported to be the absolute truth, that if you went near the submarine your hair would stand straight up and never come down again. Like that lady from the Purple Patch.

Ja, exclaimed Piet Pompies, some of these stories must be true, and is the reason why some of our members have retreated to Red Hill for the duration. Lots of funny things are happening, things which we can't explain,



said the Chairman, so let's close the July meeting of SLAP before we have a calamity.

Streetwalker

Simon's Town Senior Citizens Computer Club

With the beginning of the school term the Simon's Town Senior Citizens Computer Club has started a new series of computer classes at the Simon's Town High School. The Beginners class is fully subscribed and has already started, however there are a number of vacancies on the E-mail, Intermediate, Word, and Excel courses beginning at the end of August. Applications for these courses by new and existing members are very welcome and should be made to Venetia Eglington on 021 786 2300.

Members also please note that this year's Annual General Meeting of the club will be held at 4.30pm on Friday 18 October in the Simon's Town Museum and will be followed by our second social evening of the year, with snacks and drinks. There will be no charge for the social part of the evening. This is not necessarily a devilish ruse by the committee to ensure a good attendance at the AGM !!

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Anthony Charles Robinson
(Tony)

Born 13 July 1938 - Died 23 July 2002

As a young man of 16 Tony emigrated from the UK in 1956 to the then Rhodesia, where he joined the British South Africa Police shortly after his arrival. His career was going well and he met Sheila in 1962, and they were married in 1964. After marrying they decided to move to South Africa where opportunities beckoned, and where Sheila's family lived.

Tony joined Burroughs as a machine salesman and did well. He then joined ICI, where he was doing very well whereasked to move to Johannesburg in 1990. Tony decided to resign as he and Sheila wanted to remain in Cape Town.

In 1990 Tony, together with some partners, established their own business designing Computer Forms, later also becoming involved in IT and Educational fields. Due to Tony's drive and enthusiasm as Chairman these businesses moved and prospered.

Sheila and Tony moved to Simon's Town in 1999 where they built their home. Tony was an extremely community minded person, quickly becoming involved in several Simon's Town activities. Due to his earlier police activities he was a keen member and vice chairman of the Simon's Town Community Police Forum where his knowledge and advice were invaluable. He was also an active member of the local Precus Club and a very keen member of Clovelly Country Club. Tony developed a passion for golf which he tackled in his usual enthusiastic way, and in his relatively short golfing career introduced several non-golfing friends to the game, which they now avidly pursue with varying degrees of success.

Tony Robinson was a real character, not somebody who drifted through life unnoticed. He was gifted with a marvellous sense of humour which lightened many a serious moment, and which remained with him undiminished until the very end.

Tony leaves his loving wife Sheila, sons Andrew and Nicholas, adored daughter-in-law Julie and granddaughters Alannah and Kelo.

He will be sorely missed by his family, friends and the Simon's Town and much wider communities.

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Water quality

Dr John Morris, our indefatigable vice-chairman, has been monitoring the quality of our municipal water supply using weekly tests made by city officials at 17 places between Tokai and Cape Point.

The tests produce baffling results with only sometimes considerable variation in the levels of total coliform bacteria and of faecal coliforms. This despite the fact that the officials religiously attempt to clear our drinking water with enough chlorine to keep down the bacteria, but not so much that you can smell and taste the chlorine.

Yet despite this people consistently complain that their water has so much chlorine in it as to be undrinkable, while in some places the bacteria count is consistently high. And these results are all along the same water supply system.

One explanation for the high bacteria count at a small sampling centre, it is thought, could be that the testing point is also at the end of a pipeline so the smallest bacteria lurk there. Yet at another testing point also a top at the end of a pipeline, there is no bacteria.

A possible explanation for the swell chlorine is that when municipal workers add the chemical to reservoirs, they do not accurately measure the volume of water inside and may put in an overdose.

Yet another is that these pollutants are simply signs of old age. Parts of the pipeline system in Simon's Town are ancient, probably over 100 years old. Some pipe is cast iron. Some of the system is a mystery. Nobody can find the plans.

Our Ward Councillor, Aldertan Nicholaas Helderseas, described the situation as "alarming". Dr Morris will be tackling the problem at high level. Meanwhile, city council

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to see what can be done. South Africa is one of the few countries where tapwater is potable and men don't have to shave in bottled springwater.

The Anchor Players

... will have a bingo evening for members and friends this month, a one-man show by Jeff Batt next month, a thriller by Anthony Schaffer in September and the panto "Cunderella" in December. For details of upcoming shows see their publication "The Anchorage" which you can get by e-mail from infomo@infomotion.co.za.

Old municipal building

Many proposals for its future use have been sent in by STCA members, for which thanks. All are interesting and they are now being examined by Mrs Holderness and others concerned.

The Cape Peninsula National Park wants to use the building at the east end, between the main building and the Catholic Church, as temporary offices until theirs are completed.

The African Children's Choir - whose choice of Simon's Town as their base is a tribute to the town - would like to use the old library hall for rehearsals. The Simon's Town Art Group already use part of the premises. Others interested are the Community Police Forum, NG Church and a physical fitness instructor.

Municipal workers' strike

It will probably be history by the time you read this but here are some interesting points our Ward Councillor made at the STCA committee meeting:

- Cape Town pays its lowest level employees more than the national minumum wage.
- Wage determinations are made at national level, not local.
- This is a problem for many towns which cannot conduct their own negotiations, because 60% of South African municipalities are either bankrupt or close to it.

Meanwhile the dreaded "wheelie bins" are

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coming. There is nothing you can do to stop them - politically as well as literally. Leave them outside your property at the race. The office is that anything you put in there, including garden refuse, will be taken away.

There is still much doubt about their worth. Neil has visitors apparently like them but their introduction is at the expense of many jobs.

And they still do not come with brakes for people on steep slopes.

Jubilee Square

The STCA and the Business Association have reached agreement that, during mid-evening (when shops are closed), taxis will be permitted to park on Jubilee Square for limited periods, so that those taxi bays in St George's Street against the curb (Lidl West, and the West Dockyard gates - as well as on the existing Gale Point bays).

This will achieve the objectives of bringing visitors right into the heart of the town for the convenience of local commerce, keeping unsightly and noisy generating vehicles off the square, and disembarking folk at exactly opposite points virtually at the start of the CBD. First stop for the thirsty would be the 24 just across the road.

The STCA and TA (which is actually a member body of the STCA) will ask the city council to implement the plan for the coming tourist season. Meanwhile they will jointly draw up a business plan to submit to the council (also) for an application to lease the management of Jubilee Square.

The lease will carry the name of the Knight's Town Company, the Section 21 company being formed to provide whatever services the company feels the need for over and above what the city already gives.

The intention is to have paid parking by the square to put in extra all-day parking and make it more available, to allow funds for horticultural and maintenance jobs and purposes, to keep vagrants off the square, and to provide much needed employment for indigent people.

Finances

The STCA is in a sound financial position with £30 487 in the bank as at July 8. This included a grant of more than £9 000 from the proceeds of the last New Year's Eve party on Jubilee Square organised by the Millennium Committee.

The grant was made on condition it be used for the benefit of the Simon's Town community. At their last meeting the STCA committee agreed that £6 000 should be given to the Happy Valley people for the homeless because the centre was recently obliged to take in nearly 50 vagrants from our streets - a cost to public service.

Happy Valley was already full but the Cindy Dollery, who runs it and is the STCA Citizen of the Year, nevertheless managed to find more space, sending some to the other where that is necessary and feed those extra persons, stretching the "home's" financial resources to the limit.

Newsletter

This is my final Newsletter. After three years I am stepping down from the committee. The Newsletter will be taken over by Dr Jozsi Morris, whom I have known for more than half a century and therefore can assure you we'll do an excellent job of communicating with everyone. Thank you for your interest and support over the years.

Will Nussey

Ward Councillor's Report

1. The old municipal buildings: plans are progressing for community use of these facilities. The old library will be painted and, hopefully, revamped and a section partitioned off for the Friends of the Library to use as a workplace for their fundraising sales.

This will leave a large space suitable for art shows, library activities for children, bridge and chess clubs, theatre and other cultural activities. It will be managed as a library facility and funds raised will go to the library

service. Simon's Town has not had a library hall since the Warrior's Room was lost as a public facility and this can be a great asset to the community.

The upper floor of the Library building could be available for community groups to meet and for municipal officials for workshops. The former law enforcement offices are to be made available for SA National Parks while their premises at Boulders are being upgraded. Discussions on future use are continuing. Several people have enquired about using the building for individual offices but I understand that commercial use of the premises is contrary to the current zoning.

2. Marine Oil Site: as mentioned before, the developer who had an option on the property has not been able to conclude the purchase. Council is concerned about the rehabilitation of the site and the condition of the partially stripped buildings. The ground pollution aspects are being closely monitored by the department of Water Affairs and the requirements are stringent. The Council's Building Inspectorate will also be assessing safety on the site.

3. Rates and rebates: the multi-party working group will be continuing the urgent process of determining policy on further rebates for ratepayers. Clarity is also needed on how certain tariffs will be applied as well as the action necessary for disputed valuations.

4. Dido Valley development: I hope that the community forum to discuss the planning for this project will soon be established. This will assist those who are concerned and directly affected parties to understand and be involved in the process and shaping the development.

5. Residential Community Improvement District concept: this has been approved in Durbanville. The determining factors for

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- Security
- Social responsibility
- Clean environment and maintenance
- Services that enhance the public environment
- Marketing and promotion of an area

The process for a CID is the same as for a Business Improvement District (BID).

1. Legislation pertaining to land use applications: there are a variety of laws which impact on land use applications and which a local authority must implement. There are also requirements for advertising of intent, public participation and comment from interested and affected parties.

The main legislation dealing with land use applications is the Land Use Planning Ordinance (LUPO). This consists of two aspects:

- Policy
- Control or regulatory

The policy aspect deals with what was envisaged for an area for the future. This is done by means of Structure Plans. LUPO sets out the minimum contents of a structure plan and the procedure to be followed for adopting them. The City has a number of Structure Plans for various areas which must be complied with. Simon's Town has a Structure Plan which was approved in 1996 after extensive public participation. It must be remembered that a Structure Plan neither gives nor takes away rights.

The control aspect is embodied in Zoning Schemes which allocate rights and indicate what uses are permitted in a particular zone. In terms of section 39 of LUPO, Council is required to enforce compliance with the zoning scheme for an area. A piece of land carries a specific zoning in terms of the town planning scheme which governs development. Special permission is required from Council to deviate from the zoning and failure to comply is a criminal offence.

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The town planning scheme also imposes further development constraints. These include minimum distance from the boundaries of the property for erection of buildings, the maximum height of a building , number of storeys, and coverage i.e. the percentage of the ground area of the site which may be built upon.

LUPO also sets out the procedure to change use rights on a property as well as the criteria for assessing land applications made in terms of LUPO. These criteria indicate that an application can be refused solely on the grounds of a lack of desirability. If an application is found to be desirable then the only other factors that may be taken into account are the safety and welfare of the community concerned, the natural and built environment and the effect on other existing rights.

Other legislation that must be taken into account:

- The Physical Planning Act No. 125 of 1991
- Less Formal Townships Establishment Act No 113 of 1991
- Removal of Restrictions Act No. 84 of 1967. This legislation is one of the mechanisms used to remove restrictive conditions of title. Title Deed conditions are another way of controlling use rights on a property and may be established by the developer. Zoning Schemes do not override title deeds. Examples of title deed conditions which can be imposed include that an erf may not be used for more than one dwelling; that no liquor may be sold on the premise; that a building must be erected in a certain position etc
- The Environment Conservation act No. 73 of 1989
- The National Environmental Management Act no. 107 of 1998 (NEMA)
- The National Heritage Resources Act No. 25 of 1999: this act requires that where certain developments demand an EIA and such developments include:
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then the Heritage Resources agency (formerly National Monuments Council) must be notified and may determine that a Heritage Impact Assessment is required.

· Promotion of Administrative Justice Act No. 32 of 2000: this act sets out what constitutes the minimum for procedurally fair administrative action. An authority must give reasons for its decisions. If a local authority does not give reasons for its decisions a court may presume, in a review application, that the administrative action was taken without good reason.

Another responsibility of the local authority relates to the implementation of the National Building Regulations and Standards Act which is administered by the Building Survey Department and Building Inspectors of Council. These regulations oblige the developer of a property to regularly remove all accumulated rubble, rubbish, debris and waste materials.

There are of course many more pieces of legislation, both National and Provincial, as well as by-laws and regulations that govern the decision making of Council in relation to development, I merely list some for your information.

Nicki Holderness, Ward Councillor
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Property Watch No 41

Matters currently being dealt with by the South Peninsula Administration are:

1.1 **Erf No 60** Simon's Town (Glencairn): Land use departure application on behalf of Waldorf Schools. No change from Report No 40.

1.2 **Erf No 2298** Simon's Town (Boulders Beach Guest House): Application to rezone from General Residential to Business. Further information requested from SPA. State of application unclear. No change from Report No 40.

1.3 **Erf No 1180** Simon's Town (198 Queens Road): Application for Land use departure to convert Residential House to Medical Practice. No change from Report No 40.

1.4 **Erf No 4495**, Cairnside: Application to subdivide into portions. No change from Report No 40.

1.5 **Erf No 625**, Simon's Town (Military Road, Bayview): Application to subdivide into two portions without formal road access to one erf. No change from Report No 40.

1.6 **Erf No 2212** Glencairn Heights: Application for Bed & Breakfast establishment. No change from Report No 40.

1.7 **Erf No 2464** Forest Hill: Application for subdivision into two parts. No change from Report No 40.

1.8 **Erf No 4403** Simon's Town (68 Dorries Drive): Application for departure from single residential to convert existing accommodation for self catering letting and to reduce the building line from 4.5m to 10m. Now being finalised. No change from Report No 40 .

1.9 **Erf No 1400** Simon's Town (Kleintuin Road): Application for temporary land use departure in terms of Section 15 or Ordinance No 15 of 1985 to allow portions of premises to be used as a sales outlet for curios and other crafts. Open to interested parties for comment. It is understood that objections have been received. No change from Report No 40.

1.10 **Erf No. 4043** (Simon's Town): Application for Land Use Departure from single residential to Bed & Breakfast. (Application incomplete). No change from Report No 40.

1.11 **Erf No 3619** Simon's Town (Glencairn Shopping Centre): Application for amendment of site development plan. To enclose area adjacent to Fish Shop to enlarge existing business area. (Application incomplete). No change from Report No 40.

1.12 **Erf No 1239** Simon's Town (Cnr Forest Hill Rd): Application for re-zoning and possible Removal of Restrictions. (Application incomplete). No change from Report No 40.

1.13 **Erf No 3636** Simon's Town (Hope Street/ Cardiff Road): Application to adjust the boundaries of Erf 771 (the abutting erf to Erf No 3636) and subdivide the adjusted 'erf' into three portions in accordance with the site development plan, and erect 3 dwellings.

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 40.

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 40.

2.3 **Consolidated** and Amended Town Planning and Zoning Scheme Regulations for Simon's Town and Fish Hoek. No change from Report No 40 .

2.4 **Proposed lease of portions** for public street abutting Erven Nos 1731 and 1734 (Main Road, Murdoch Valley): Extent 378sq.m each. Proposed usage - gardening, security purposes. Lease period 5 years.

Eve Leggatt

Backnumbers

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Simon's Town Business Association

The Simon's Town Business Association met on Monday 22 July in the Review Function Room at Café Pescado. A strong turnout approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 June. New members representing the African Children's Choir and the Internet Café were welcomed, along with a guest from the International deep Sea Angling Association.

Gideon de Wet, new owner of the Internet Café, has offered assistance with the Business Association to make better use of their part ownership in the website Simonstown.com.

A series of meetings have been held with the Glencairn Civic Association about the formation of the Section 21 Company which will lease Jubilee Square from the SPM for the purpose of fundraising by the means of paid parking. The Company is in the process of being formulated, drafted and registered. A joint business plan is being proposed and all funds raised will be used for the benefit of the community. It is also felt that this will create a better flow of traffic in the CBD. An agreement was reached with the Civic Association that only mini tour buses would park on Jubilee Square and parking would be made available in the main street at the beginning of the CBD for the large tour buses. The Business Association is very grateful to Admiral Louw for allowing members of the Association to park in the Naval Dockyard to alleviate the parking problem. The formation of a Business Improvement District is being investigated by the Business Association.

The Business Association expressed their thanks to Mr John Stirrup who has come forward to collect the monthly contributions from businesses which fund the salary of our CPO Donovan Roberts. Donovan's presence is vital for the safety and security of

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the CBD. The Business Association is committed to keep him in Simon's Town as he does an excellent job, not only in the business district, but also in the community. At the moment a percentage of funds has to be paid to the Community Patrol Board to keep Donovan on the street and the Business is looking at ways of improving his package. Much of his work involves security at the ATMs and all the major banks have been approached to contribute. Any member of the community who would like to make a contribution can speak to our treasurer, Hester Fourie. Donovan is ably assisted by Marius Harmse from Chubb. Donations from Jan Ackerman, Irene Porter and Nicki Holderness were gratefully received.

The Business Association sponsored a children's choir from Masiphumelele in a school choir competition. They came second and third in various categories. Black bags were donated to Happy Valley for the purpose of street cleaning by residents.

A letter was received from Heather Mc Adam who has resigned from the staff of the African Children's Choir and returned to Ireland. She thanked the Business Association and the people of Simon's Town for all their support and hospitality in the time she was here.

All those who attended the African Evening on Friday 26 July will agree that it was a most entertaining and enjoyable evening. We are very fortunate to have such world class performers right on our doorstep. The Business Association would like to thank both groups for their electric performances. Together they produced a sound that was uniquely African. A big thank you goes to Admiral Louw and Captain Breedt who always so generously allow us the privilege of using their facilities. Our local restaurants, Quarterdeck, Django's, Café Pescado and Salty Sea Dog providing an array of eats to fuel the electric performances, 7-11 Simon's Town donated the fruit juices to quench their thirsts after all that energy. Warrant Officer

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Paul Flanders and his team created the setting and an African flavour meal for the guests. Many people were responsible for making the evening the success it was: Louise Patterson of Craftart for the stunning entrance display; Hester Fourie and Chris Kaier of Peco Designs for the flowers and table settings; Fritz Welgemoed of Big Five Biltong for sponsoring the fruit basket and putting together the raffles; Johan Fourie, Paul Coetzee and the Two & Sixpence for donation of the wine; Audrey Wales of Best Liquor Importers for the donation of Amarula Cream; John of John's Pawnbrokers for the loan of the African artefacts, Manfred Auer of the Art Gallery for the donation of the painting and Johan Fourie for his expert auctioneering skills.

The next event on the calendar will be a dinner dance on 21 September when Miss Simon's Town will be crowned. Book early to reserve a table. Contact Melinda Coetzee on 786-3775. For all those who would like to enter Miss Simon's Town 2002, contact Hester Fourie at 786-1576 before 15 September. A big thank you to all the businesses who sold raffle tickets. The winner of the raffle was Anne Miller and the best dressed "African" was Hettie Guthrie.

The Business Association has been approached by Hymie Stein of the SA Deep Sea Angling Association to assist with the co-ordination of the International Angling Tournament which will be held in False Bay in November. This is considered a curtain raiser for the World Angling Championships which will be held in South Africa in 2004 and will bring plenty of publicity and European visitors to our area. The Business Association is committed to making the event a success and showing participants our hospitality.

The next meeting of the Simon's Town Business Association will be held on Monday 19 August in the Review Function Room at Café Pescado at 6:30pm.

Trish Inggs

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From the Bosun's Chair

In the last issue I enquired whether anyone knew the origins of the small white Terns that visited us last year on the Marina.

Gerrie Berg presented me with a colour chart of World Sea-birds and their origins and according to the markings our feathered friends appear to be Arctic Terns.
Very far North you might ask, not really so if one looks at an Admiralty Chart of our area in 1875.

It clearly shows reports of icebergs a mere 200 nautical miles South of the Cape reported by four Barquentines. No wonder it can get so cold this time of the year when the wind swings South.

The past two weeks have seen hooligan Northerly winds with plenty of rain. Almost as if the weather gods have suddenly woken up to the fact that we are behind on our winter and rainfall quota. Very cold as well with the first snowfalls on the Boland mountains.

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South African Navy's New High-tec Era Launched

The christening and launch of South Africa's first Meko A-200 corvette, the SAS *Amatola,* marks the beginning of a new era for the South African Navy (SAN).
She is scheduled to be handed over to the SAN in Germany in December, and will then be sailed home to be fitted with her combat suite.
The new ship will introduce a whole series of new technologies and abilities to the service.
She, and her three sisters, are the first surface ships for the SAN designed in accordance with stealth principles, greatly reducing their visibility on radar and making them very difficult to detect.
Also for stealth reasons, their engine exhaust will not be expelled via funnels but released close to the surface of the sea.
It should be noted that stealth techniques can be applied to warships at quite low cost - much of it is concerned with the shape of the superstructure, specifically with the avoidance of vertical surfaces, and the angled shape of the Amatola's superstructure is clearly apparent.
What makes stealth aircraft so expensive is the need to combine the requirements for stealth with the largely contradictory requirements of aerodynamics and safe flight control.
Warships have no such problems.
The Amatola class will be the first totally digital ships in the Navy, with technology that is less complex to operate and maintain - more user-friendly, in other words.
The SAN believes that new recruits, already used to computer games, will find the technology much more suitable than the current mix of analogue and digital systems used in the existing fleet.
With the new ships SAN is also moving to automated bridges, with global positioning systems, electronic charts - which will handle navigation - and automated bridge management systems, which will all reduce the

manpower needed to crew the new ships.
Another significant technological change for the SAN involves the adoption of a technology that is new to the service but well established internationally - gas turbine power plants.
Each corvette will have a single GE LM2500 gas turbine, with a maximum output of 20 000 kW, plus two MTU 16V 1163 TB93 diesels, each of 5 920 kW.
These will drive a propulsion system that is new by any standards - the Waterjet and Refined Propellor (WARP) system (see *Engineering News* November 24, 2000).
With these new ships the Navy will, for the first time in many years, be equipped with vessels with the size, range and endurance to patrol the country's some 3 000 km of coastline and its exclusive economic zones, both off the mainland and around Marion and Prince Edward Islands.

The truth is that the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism's (Deat) strategy for protecting this country's marine resources off these islands is heavily dependent on the new corvettes, as Deat itself does not have - and, even with the acquisition of its new patrol vessels, will not have - the capacity to patrol that remote but rich region on its own.
The fact that the SAN corvette programme has now effectively passed the point of no return, and will clearly be completed, will be greeted with a quiet sigh of relief on the other side of the South Atlantic.
This journalist well remembers the shock of three Brazilian admirals, including the then fleet commander (that is, the commander of the battle fleet, not the commander of the navy) when, at a lunch at a Brazilian Navy base in mid-1995, he told them that the then South African corvette programme could be postponed (it was, in fact, cancelled, to be subsequently replaced by the current programme).
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ern and south-western South Atlantic was thoroughly monitored and patrolled by the Brazilian, Uruguayan, Argentinian navies, who cooperated with each in this task, and by the British in the Falklands.
But the south-eastern South Atlantic went unpatrolled, creating a large gap in an otherwise trans-oceanic system of patrol and observation.
(There was no perception of any threat, but of a need to able to deal with any contingencies that could arise, whether emergency or illegal activity.)
That gap is, at last, on the verge of being closed. All in all, the corvettes mark a great leap in the Navy's expertise.

Keith Campbell
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Beach & Coastal Report - August

Mainly on account of budget restraints and inclement weather, there is nothing new to report on the few remaining beach problems. In any case, it was mentioned last month that this edition would report on the 26th June presentation at the Institute of Maritime Technology (IMT) – an Armscor facility in Simon's Town. Coordinated by Carl Wainman – an IMT scientist, this was to provide feedback on its ongoing "Seawatch" programme in respect of the Simon's Bay water quality and associated physical processes. Perhaps the advertisement was missed or rain put people off, but it was not as well attended as expected.

In the opening address, R Adm J E Louw spoke the SA Navy's involvement with the local community and Ukuvuka Operation Firestop. He also gave assurances on

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many concerns. One was that gunnery practices cease when whales are sited. Another was that precautionary measures are taken to prevent oil leakage from the tank farm and its pipe line. A second Navy speaker was Capt L D V Reeder from the Hydrographic Office at Silvermine. Few people realize the importance of its work and this will be described separately.

Four different speakers from the UCT Department of Oceanography covered various aspects of the physical parameters (including currents, wind and sediment studies) in Simon's Bay. IMT's contribution began with a very professional presentation on the high-tech weather station at Roman Rock lighthouse. It was also mentioned that the helipad is not in use when occupied by nesting birds, in which case SANCCOB come to the rescue. On behalf of the Cape Metropolitan Council, Carl Wainman then gave a graphic account of micro-biological monitoring results from Fisherman's Beach to Muizenberg. Together with other information on the Seawatch programme, these are recorded on IMT's new web-page at http://hydro.imt.za/hydronet/sbswtch/. Those people without access to the Internet will be pleased to know that the water quality off our popular swimming beaches is excellent!

Bevan Pank

Memories of Happy Days - 6

Most Friday evenings we visited the Grand Parade, where Ma bought fresh flowers and fruit for the tables, Pa grumbling that he was not a blerry packhorse (the only swearword he allowed himself). I was given a tickey to buy a small newspaper cornet of sour figs, those mouth-watering, face-puckering, juicy little wonders. On Saturdays the Parade glittered with brass ornaments, glass vases, picture frames and silver ware. People wandered from table to stall, looking for bargains, selecting blooms from the paraffin tins of the flower sellers - and taking their time over everything. Nobody in a hurry, because there was no need to hurry.

Some Sunday evenings during the Summer we went on to the Pier to listen to the Cape Town Choir Orchestra play light classical music, and excerpts from the newest shows: "No No Nanette" and "The Arcadians". The two most important places for live entertainment (except on the Lord's Day) were the Opera House and the Tivoli. To visit wither, Pa wore his best dark suit and Homburg hat, and Ma trailed a velvet gown, lavishly beaded.

There were no age restrictions, either in the cinema or the theatre, and at a very early age I watched, quite bewildered, while bloodstained nightgowns and shouting prosecutors dealt with The Trial of Mary Dugan. The Admirable Chrighton must have appealed strongly to Capetonians, because

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the British cast was given umpteen curtain calls; I couldn't make head or tail of the story. My greatest enjoyment came from the shows at the Tivoli - sumptuous, colourful costumes, people dashing all over sad songs: "I sits and cobbles at slippers and shoon, from rise of sun till set of moon..." Chu Chin Chow was my favourite show - until Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves arrived from Europe.

The question of Education arose once more; the Teachers Training College was just down the street from 52 Queen Victoria Street. A bleak building; stone stairs, stone passages leading into infinity. A stony-faced teacher with a difficult Scottish accent received me into her care. Mrs Day taught arithmetic, and had a frightening system of instilling knowledge. Pupils were lined up in a row and Mrs Day straddled her stocky body in front of them. She would jab a finger at a victim and bark out a question in this strange accent. We stood with outstretched

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out of Mrs Day's life. When Ma saw my condition she stormed down to the College and threatened to report Mrs Day to Child Welfare. This brought to an end formal education - for a time.

Simon's Town Community Police Forum

JULY NOTES
Area Meetings:
Arrangements have now been made to commence the informal residents' meetings between Simon's Town homeowners/residents and the S.A.Police service. Simon's Town has been divided into small areas so that these meetings will be specifically dedicated to YOUR area and YOUR concerns.

The meetings will commence on the **19th of August** and will take place on **Monday nights** between 18h30 and 19h30 at the Girl Guide Hall, Seaforth Road, Seaforth. (Plenty parking available on the Seaforth carpark)

The first area invited to attend is:
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This is **your** opportunity to ask the questions - listen to information - find out how you can help yourselves and help the police service to fight crime.
Refreshments will be served.

These meetings have been designed to facilitate better relationships between the general public and our police force. Our Police officers are giving up their evenings freely and with a genuine desire to assist the Simon's Town community.
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Tony Robinson

It is with regret that we have to tell you that our Vice Chairman, Tony Robinson, passed away on 23rd July 2002.

His sense of humour, kindness and dedication to the community will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Sheila, and their family.

Heather Lunderstedt

Charting our Waters

It was a long day for the crew of two specially equipped SA Navy small craft. They had surveyed an area between East London and Richard's Bay too close through for their mother ship – SAS Protea – to sail. It was now time to return and download the adjusted data in their onboard computers. Back in Simon's Town, the entire survey results would be handed in hard-copy and digital format to the Navy's Hydrographic Office at Silvermine.

As we all know, without accurate and updated navigation charts, maritime trade with countries overseas would be very difficult. What most of us don't know is the amount of detailed information available to both naval and mercantile shipping, as well as pleasure craft. But even living on the False Bay coast, are we landlubbers interested in what goes on at the Hydrographic Office? At least those of us who enjoy rockangling, or exploring tidal pools with our children are very interested. It just so happens that this Office also produces tide tables.

Perhaps the most interesting section of the Hydrographic Office is where collected information is correlated and the computers really hum. Click on one of the many desktop icons and a charted map of the world appears on the monitor screen. Once again to bring up the African continent, then South Africa and zoom on Simon's Town. The seaward approaches are clearly visible. So when good friends in foreign navies come to visit us, they know through our electronic

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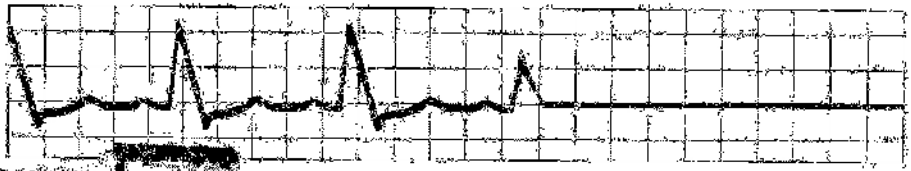

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Charting specifications and standards are laid down by the International Hydrographic Organization. This ensures – for example – that all countries use the same symbol to denote a lighthouse. In South Africa, nautical charts and publications are distributed are distributed to agents and ship chandlers for sale to the public.

Although accidents do occur along our coast, they would be far more frequent if it were not for the SA Navy Hydrographic Office. Capt. Leon Reeder and his team can feel proud of their good work!

Bevan Pank, Science Writer

The above photograph was taken in the late 30s to early 40s and relates to a cousin, Eagar Gerard Shaw, known as Gerard Shaw.
The caption on the back says that I am on the left hand side of the girl in the front row, who is the best dancer in Simon's Town. The girl behind me is the Mayor's eldest daughter.
I believe Gerard Shaw died in a camping accident over 25 years ago. His father was Frank Shaw who worked for the Admiralty. Gerard was at one time in the army. His mother, Annie Shaw was a very keen lady golfer. The Shaw family first came to South Africa in 1929.
I have submitted this photo just in case there are some of the people in it still around Simon's Town, just as a reminder of the old days. I myself never knew anybody in the photo. Even my cousin Asmé lived all his life around and in South Africa.

Mr AM Gerard, Merseyside, England

Glencairn Glassworks

A MESSAGE FOR THE TEENAGERS AND PARENTS AT GLENCAIRN HEIGHTS !

The excavated remains of the Glencairn Glassworks in Phoenix Way, Glencairn Heights, although fenced and bearing "Danger - Keep Out", signs is unfortunately being broken into by teenagers in the area. By the evidence left behind they are smoking dagga, drinking, etc., and also causing considerable damage to this industrial archaeological site.

The Glassworks is in an unstable and dangerous condition and is therefore closed to the public.

The Museum has laid an official complaint with the S A Police and the site is being carefully watched - should any teenagers be seen in the vicinity the Police will immediately be called and these young people could face arrest and serious charges.

PLEASE - Parents at Glencairn Heights warn your children and
PLEASE - Young people, for your own safety, keep out of the Glassworks.

Cherry Dilley
Curator

Friends of Simon's Town Library

JULY NEWS

First of all, congratulations to Melanie du Raan, our Librarian, and Craig, on their safe arrival of their delightful, brand-new daughter, Mia.

Sincere thanks to everyone who donated books to the "Friends" - the response was wonderful and the last book sale was very successful. Many of the books donated were most interesting and in such good condition that they are going to be put on the library shelves for the public. Please bear in mind that this appeal is on-going and donated books are always welcome.

The library has been very busy and the staff would like to thank all the patrons for their support.

Apologies to everyone who has felt the lack of the internet facility which has not been available recently. Hopefully this will be restored before too long.

The date for the Annual General Meeting has been set for 26 August at 5:30 for 6pm. We hope to have a guest speaker, and light refreshments will be served. At present it is hoped that this meeting will be held in the old library premises, but the venue will be confirmed on posters and flyers prior to that date. Please diarise this event and come and support the "Friends". We look forward to seeing lots of you there.

The library staff, who are always happy to help library users, have suggested including Handy Hints for making your library more user friendly! We'll try to make this a monthly item. The first Handy Hint is to let you know that in a box on the front desk, there are "Browse Cards" - these look a bit like large bookmarks, but are really shelf

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Station 10 Simon's Town

It is highly dangerous to go onto the rocks on the Eastern shore of False Bay in the winter months. Two families discovered this in the past weekend when they were bereft of two young children and a father in rough seas off Pringle Bay. This has been labeled the Cape of Storms and in such winter weather there is a tremendous scend from the west across the waters of the Bay.The above incident was a tragedy and the rescue vessels had to call off the search as the sea became too disturbed for them to be effective and continue. This was the sad experience of the Gordon's Bay N.S.R.I. Station 9 this Sunday.

Earlier in the month of July Station 10 experienced similar frustration but the drama rose in stages.On the 7th of July at 11:01 a call was received that a member of the public had spotted what was thought to be a wind surfer in need of assistance. "Spirit of Freemasonry" was launched at 11:16 and rushed to the scene to find a small boat standing by divers and in no danger. The rescue craft was recovered at11:39.

Then on the 11th of July at 21 :15 the station was called by Cape Town Port Control to attend to a report that red flares had been sighted in the vicinity of Muizenberg." Spirit of Freemasonry" launched at 22:25 to investigate but after scouring the area off Muizenberg and finding nothing the boat returned and was recovered at 23:40. Lee Adcock, Dave Fellows, Angus Miles and Kobus Lourens responded to attend the call and "Spooky" Selk was controller. Once again some crank is firing red flares off Muizenberg. I wish that someone could catch this person red handed.

Bravery is not only the field of big he-men as is evidenced in the following incident. On Monday the 8th of July in the late afternoon a call from Port Control informed of a drowning incident at Seaforth Beach. Members responded in a private vehicle and the Station 10 Mobile Rescue Vehicle. A man was seen swimming in the sea and appeared in trouble.A young waitress at the Seaforth Restaurant, Cindy Norton, was asked by her supervisor if she would help to save the man.She jumped into the icy water and rescued the man but began to tire whilst bringing her charge to shore. Young chef ,Nathan Mackie, then dived in and helped Cindy bring the man to shore. The patient was suffering from hyperthermia and was taken by the N.S.R.I. vehicle to FalseBay Hospital for treatment. I think that those two young people need a medal for their outstanding bravery.

On Monday the 22nd of July at 11:15 a call was received from the Station Commander Dave Roberts reporting that a ski boat had been involved in a collision off Cape Point.It was reported that six persons had been recovered from the sea by other boats that were fishing in the area and that three crew members were missing. At 11:55 "Spirit of Freemasonry" launched and headed at speed to the search area approximately 2miles South of Bellows Rock off Cape Point. A Skymed helicopter,two S.A.Navy Namacurras," Spirit of Freemasonry,other ski boats and an Air Force Oryx helicopter all searched a wide area but to no avail. At dusk the search was halted and all participating craft headed for base.A Namacurra towed the damaged ski boat to the Navy small craft harbour at Simonsberg to go under S.A Police surveillance. The vessel that is alleged to have done the damage went to Hout Bay.The skipper of the skiboat that was damaged said that no crew members were wearing life jackets. Rescue 10 was recovered at 17:45.The crew were

Coxswain: Geof Burchell, Paul Alexander, Lee Adcock, Louis Duimelaar and Andrew Edwards.The mobile which was used as a communication link was manned by Warren Combrink and Cassie Carstens. Russel Wright(newly returned from Johannesburg) and Don Dollery were controllers.

It has been my great priveledge to talk to two very enterprising young ladies who are sisters and both budding crew members of Station 10. They are Tania and Natasha Hair(as it is!)Two very attractive young women who both have a tremendous love for the sea and wish to be usefull to the community.Natasha has served as a volunteer fire fighter at Fish Hoek firestation. They are very independent persons. Tania is about four years older than her sister but together they have decided that their service to the community shall be via the SeaRescue service.Both have qualified as level 3 First aiders.They are completing their seamanship task books and hope in the near future to be rated fully ready crew members when they will be awarded crew badges and they will be able to go on operations and not just exercise trips.The girls have been involved in various excercises such as the helicopter excercises at Gordon's Bay, Navy swimming excercises and in excercises towing hoby cats and rubber ducks.Both young ladies are good swimmers and Tania was a swimming instructor.In fact all sports that they love and have participated in have been water orientated.Their ambition is to vie to become the first female coxswains at Station 10.Tania has been a member for a year and Natasha for 7 months. They love being part of the organization and are pleased that the men treat them as equals.Being members of Station 10 they feel part of one big happy family and they know that they can trust their fellow crew members with their lives. Both girls attended primary school at Plumstead where they lived. After their parents built a house at Glencairn Heights Tania did her High Schooling at Fish Hoek and Natasha completed hers at Norman Henshilwood in Wynberg. Having omitted to find out what they work at now I am sure that whatever it is they are both successful at it and Station 10 is extremely lucky to have the services of two such exhuberant young people.May they go from strength to strength.
All that I have to say now is that I hope someone will be enterprising enough to invent some sort of life jacket that people will be able to wear at any sort of activity so that so many fine young lives can be spared! Be safe out there!

Yours aye,
Don Dollery

Peninsula Tourism Simon's Town

June/July
June was a quiet month, but staff were kept busy with a steady stream of requests for holiday accommodation for the December/ January season. Two weddings in August and the Spring Regatta have also led to a number of accommodation bookings

Undoubtedly the highlight of July was the release of"City Slickers", the tale of two African Penguins, an exciting video produced by Pelican Pictures of Cape Town. The producer, Trevor de Kock and his team spent about two and a half years working at the Boulders Beach penguin colony and have produced a world-class documentary.

My colleague, Beverley and I as well as staff and volunteers from National Parks Board attended the premiere show of the video at the Masque Theatre in Muizenberg. We were so delighted that we immediately requested that the video be shown in Simon's Town as soon as possible. Trevor was also anxious to show it to the Simon's Town residents many of whom helped in the production especially the residents of Links Crescent. The video is not only educational, but is most entertaining and capturing so well

the loving and often not-so-loving interaction between the Penguins and their human neighbours. The star of the show is Tekla Rowland - the penguins' patient best friend. With the generous help of the Navy, Simon's Town Museum staff and the Committee of the Simon's Town Publicity Association, Beverley and I were able to arrange the local premiere of "City Slickers" at the Museum on the 15th July. The overwhelming response of over 200 people forced us to hold three shows - consecutively. The museum hall was packed to the rafters and the large number of copies of the video purchased that evening and in the following days at the Tourism Bureau reflected the great popularity of the video. Many people bought copies to send to friends and relatives overseas.

At the Peninsula Tourism office we meet a constant succession of local and foreign "birds or passage" - it is such a pleasure to share our local knowledge and to help visitors make the most of their visits to our Town. Much as we enjoy these brief encounters however, Beverley and I were delighted that the "City Slickers" brought us into contact with so many local residents. With their superb video Trevor de Kock and his team have given the people of Simon's Town (and the Tourist office) a wonderful means of sharing our joy and pride in our area.

We all know that with the arrival and subsequent growth of the Boulders Beach Penguin colony has been fraught with problems (causing extra grey hairs for our hard-working councillor) and this video covers this interaction between local residents - leathered and human, tourists and Parks Board officials with great humour and sensitivity. The tremendous response of the volunteers of Cape Town to the oil-spill disasters is also vividly depicted. Apart from showing the impact of the penguins on the residents of Boulders, "City Slickers" is of great educational value in depicting the story of

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the life cycle of two penguins and their struggle to rear their solitary chick.

As a measure of admiration of the invaluable work of SANCCOB in rescuing threatened coastal birds including the penguins, a cheque for R2000 (from the proceeds of the premiere) is to be presented by Dave Hurwitz of Simon's Town Publicity Association to SANCOBB.

In conclusion I would like to thank all those who contributed to the outstanding success of our filrn shows.
Cherry Dilley and the ST Museum staff especially the invaluable John Mayes, Admiral Koos Louw, and his helpful secretary Ronel for approving extra parking at very short notice, Capt. Glen Knox and Cmdr Craig Turnbull as well as W.O Davies and his staff, and especially to CPO Daubney who went out of his way to deliver the correct PA system. Vigil Danasar of the Outeniqua helped with preparations for the shows throughout the day.
We are also grateful to Frans Hollebach of Boulders Seach Guest House, Ailsa Burns and Jeremy Wagner of Quayside, Garth Lemkus from Quarterdeck, Paula Glotthaar and Anne Palmer for the generous donation of snacks.
Special thanks to Alison of Spier Wine Farm for organising a case of Spier Wine as a donation.
We also thank Dave Hurwitz, Roger Bagshawe, Elizabeth Davey and Geoff Palmer for their assistance.
The biggest bouquet must go to my very special colleague Beverley Stacey who undertook to do the catering with the help of her two daughters Samantha and Candice. On the morning of the film show Bev almost knocked herself out as the boot lid of her car slammed down on her head and shoulder. Despite great pain she managed to get through a very taxing day and long evening. When we have all recovered we will probably organise another showing of "City Slickers" in response to a number of requests. Anyone interested in attending please phone Sue or Bev on 786 5798 or 7862436.
City Slickers can be purchased at the Peninsula Tourism Bureau on Jubilee Square at R120 as well as Trevor de Kock's earlier production "Mountain or the sea" which flocusses on the flora and fauna of our famous Table mountain.

The Labia Theatre is currently showing "City Slickers" at 2:30pm; 3.45pm 5:45pm and 7:45pm until further notice.

Sue Sturman

Memories of Fishing in the Good Old Days - 3

On the Eastern Mole of the Duncan Dock there was for many years an old hulk of a steamer called the Carol. Between the Carol and the mole we quickly discovered that one could take a yacht's dingy between the two after dark and with a stout handline and a ring of limpits haul out Rock lobsters the size of which I have never since seen. So big that we could only get two of them into a Laurel paraffin tin. These we used to sell to the grown-ups for a shilling each (I can cry when I think of all that work for a Bob). With the pound or so we would make after a good night we would buy our provisions for our communal feasts. These poaching forays were often interrupted by the quiet rumble of an approaching diesel and the swinging search of a spotlight owned by the local Police patrol boat Gemsbok. (They even had a water wing in the '50s). Gemsbok was about a forty footer with a single screw as we found out one evening during a different sort of activity.

The evenings down at Royal Cape in those years were quiet and we learned after a while that the Gemsbok would come down the Duncan Dock, do a circle through the Yacht Club at between 8-9pm and again between 11pm and midnight. We used to sit up together drinking tea or coffee (Booze

not yet discovered at this tender age) and yarning until Gemsbok had made her second and final round and then go across to the bollards off the slipway at Unity and lay a ± hundred yard seine net from the bollards across almost half the width of the Yacht club basin to "Windwards" mooring chain. This we would retrieve with great excitement before the adult humans of the world awoke. Our bag would often include big Haarders, Stockfish and even Kob on occasions. We have even caught Kob off the Bellboy at Paarden Eiland. This particular night however was to go horribly wrong. Gemsbok came and went just after midnight and we watched her depart from the Duncan Dock entrance. We happily went about our business of setting the net and duly bunked down with the alarm set at 4am. We were rudely awoken at about 2am by loud voices, lights and the roar of a diesel in mortal agony. Four sleepy pairs of eyes at four separate portholes were witnessing the end of Sidney's Seine net, it was irrecoverably wrapped around Gemsbok's propeller and shaft, not to mention her rudder. Needless to say not a squeak was uttered nor a light shown. We did however watch Gemsbok towed away by one of the harbour line tender launches Osprey. There were tentative questions asked around the Club as to who had set the net but of course no one suspected us innocent little sods who were always tucked in and fast asleep by 9pm.

Fishing off Elegance will never be forgotten. We used to leave the Docks while still dark in the winter months to go snoeking and one did not have to go far. St John's Road Sea Point was one of the good sports from memory as were some spots off Robben Island. This was in the days when you were free to land on the Island having tied up in the neat little harbour, (nice bugs to be had there as well). We would anchor off Sea Point and soon the snoek would start to

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come on board, we would be catching mackerel amongst the snoek and on one occasion I was sitting alongside my Dad amidships on the cabin top and had just thrown in a handline with a piece of bait the size of the nail on your pinkie when one of the biggest Great Whites I have ever seen swam casually down the length of Elegance and, you've guessed it, swallowed my piece of mackerel bait. Great glee was had by all watching my 10lb handline get thinner and thinner having been wrapped around the top of one of the handrail stanchions.

Eventually the line broke with a crack and the big johnnie did not even hesitate in his stride. Another fish that we used to see often on the Atlantic side was Jacopeva, an ugly red fish with a face like a frog. They are caught by accident when fishing deep for snoek and come up with their air bladder sticking out of their mouth like some obscene tongue. They are however very good eating if you can face cleaning them.

Brian James

Simon's Town Home Nursing

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ten years ago and after the successful launch of South Africa's first Home Nursing Service in Fish Hoek the previous year, the residents of Simon's Town decided to establish a local Home Nursing Service so that we could assist with affordable care in the home.

To enable us to cover the basic costs such as telephone, standby for Sisters and other incidentals, we required 100 members each subscribing R25 per month to make up the required R2500. We started off with 48 members and Simonsrus very kindly subsidised us for some years before we had enough members to pay the basic monthly costs. Over the years we have built up membership to an average of between 135 and 150 members.

Our Sisters and nursing team have done a wonderful job over the years helping many residents recover from operations or illness in the peace and security of their home. The residents of our Town are obviously very healthy and over the past few years have been ticking over very quietly without much work for our loyal staff. Basic costs have risen over the past ten years and we are having to use up cash from our Memorial Fund to make up shortfalls in income every month. Your committee decided some months ago that we approach Fish Hoek so that we can pool expenses from a central administration facility that will boost overall membership and at the same time continue to offer the 24 hour call facilities in Simon's Town. As a Trustee and Treasurer of Fish Hoek Home Nursing, I have negotiated an acceptable agreement between the two services which now has to be approved by members at their respective AGMs this month. Fish Hoek, like Simon's Town has an excellent track record of service in the community and I have every confidence that the combined services will grow from strength to strength. Our Admin Officer, Glynnis, will read out the financial implications to our members but the good news is that our subs will be reduced to come in line with Fish Hoek. Your committee has appointed your Chairman as Simon's Town representative on the combined Board of Trustees.

I would like to thank all those members who have supported us during the past ten years and a very special thank you to all the committee members who have served this wonderful organisation. To the Sisters, Nurses and others who have served with love and dedication a big "Thank You" and we look forward to a very successful Home Nursing organisation serving the residents of the greater Southern Peninsula.

Harry Dilley - Chairman
Simon's Town Home Nursing

Simonsrus Association for the Care of the Aged

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Due to the closing down of the old Hotel buildings ie St Georges, Central, British and Alfred as accommodation blocks for mostly elderly residents and the sale of older residential properties to developers and speculators, there was a serious shortage of affordable homes and flats to rent.

The Council during the seventies was battling to pay its way after having to upgrade its Victorian sewerage, water and road services to acceptable modern standards and also cope with the loss of revenue after thousands of residents were moved out and many businesses closed down. Housing for the elderly was a very low priority on Council's Agenda.

As a newly elected Mayor in 1980, I made a pledge to the elderly residents that I would do my utmost to provide affordable accommodation with frail care facilities. At this time the old convent complex, now Topsail House, was for sale at R65 000 and we opened negotiations with the Dominican Order of nuns.

Unfortunately due to the very stringent requirements of the State Housing Department, who would have subsidised the purchase and renovation of this complex, our architectural adviser recommended that we not proceed with the project.

In consultation with the Town Clerk, Prof Pryce Lewis, and Architect Revel Fox, a small retirement complex on the derelict remains of portion of the Old Burying Ground adjacent to Forest Hill was proposed and a concept plan with individual cottages and frail care centre was produced by Revel Fox Architects. This proposed complex was well received by the elderly folk in Simon's Town

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and it was to be called Simonsrus.

Negotiations with relevant authorities to acquire the land, inter remains and move headstones into the Garden of Remembrance next door were well under way, the Simonsrus Association for the Care of the Aged was formed in 1982 and applied to the Director of Fundraising for official status as a welfare organisation with the right to collect funds from the public to assist with the project.

Unfortunately a minority group of descendants who had family members buried in this area objected to the relocation of their remains and the committee decided to go back to the drawing board and look for another piece of land. The majority of residents were very unhappy with our decision not to proceed with the project.

After looking at numerous sites an area behind the country club was identified as most suitable - beautiful view, easy access to transport system, bowling green, golf course, bridle path, beaches etc. Years of negotiations with the Club, Council, Province and Department of Land Affairs commenced. To get the Country Club to release the land which they leased from Council, the Municipality agreed to upgrade greens and install a watering system below the main road and assist with the building of a new clubhouse with all modern facilities for golfers, bowlers, squash players and social members. I was required to stand surety for R150 000 before the new club house complex was built. The Minister of Land Affairs agreed to release this piece of State land for the housing of the elderly. Great excitement in Simon's Town. With the help of UCTs School of Architecture, four final year students, with input from experts in housing for the aged, designed a beautiful complex to house 120 residents with all facilities including frail care. The plans were approved by Council and it appeared that everything was set for building to com-

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mence. Unfortunately we were unable to raise the required finance for the project as the State Housing Authority had decided to cut back on loans for housing of the elderly. After trying unsuccessfully to raise a loan from financial institutions we were once again forced to go back to the drawing board. We then negotiated with a developer to build a retirement village type complex which would include reasonably priced units that Simonsrus would subsidise for needy aged residents. As with many developers they were not quite honest with us and only interested in making a "fast buck". The project was sold on to a Johannesburg Consortium and control was taken out of our hands by Council. The new developers turned our project into upmarket accommodation and when sales were slow went into liquidation. Fortunately with a lot of pressure from Simonsrus, Council negotiated a deal with a reputable developer to complete the complex and Simon's Bay Estate was founded and is a very popular and successful retirement complex.

Once again with continual pressure from Simonsrus Association the original developer was forced to pay outstanding funds that had been agreed as value for our land that had been acquired from Land Affairs for housing the elderly. Our final bid for affordable housing was to convert the six Wilfred Street cottages belonging to the Municipality into an Abbeyfield Home. After visits to other Homes we had an architect produce a concept plan and draw up a budget for conversion of Wilfred Terrace. Unfortunately due to various Council regulations conversion would have been too costly and therefore not financially viable.

Our efforts over the past 20 years have not been in vein. We have accumulated in excess of R120 000 interest on which we have assisted many needy aged residents. We were also responsible for the founding of Simon's Town Home Nursing ten years ago

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which we subsidised for a number of years before they had established themselves. We were also responsible for funds in excess of R600 000 received for our land behind the Country Club, which is now held in the Simon's Town Trust for assisting the needy aged with their housing requirements. In conclusion, I would like to thank all those who have assisted us over the years in our endeavours to assist the needy aged in the community.

LHM Dilley - Chairman
Simonsrus Association
for the Care of the Aged

The Night Sky

When the night sky is visible at this time of the year at 8pm, Virgo is setting in the West, with its brightest star Spica about 30° above the horizon, followed by Libra (the Scales), which does not have any bright stars. The bright and large Scorpio (the Scorpion) follows with its red dominant star Antares, magnitude 1.6, being the 16th brightest star in the sky. One of the stars Delta Scorpii, at the head of the Scorpion has become much brighter since the 30th June 2000, when it moved from magnitude 2.3 to 1.9 suddenly. At the moment it is magnitude 1.6 or 1.7; nearly as bright as the red giant Antares. To date there has not been any explanation of this change seen in any astronomical journal. Directly overhead at this time is our old friend Sagittarius (the Archer) at the centre of the universe. In some American publications this constellation is called the Teapot and is referred to as such! Sagittarius is a Centaur, half man and half horse, who is pointing his arrow at the Scorpion. His bow is formed by the three stars Epsilon, Delta and Lambda. In Arabic these three stars for the "alqaus" bow.

The next constellation on the Ecliptic, moving east is Capricorn, the Goat, we only see his horns, followed by Aquarius, the Water Carrier. The summer constellation, the great square of Pegasus, the Flying Horse, which we associated with mid-summer is only just rising in the east with Aquarius at this time, it will be three and a half months before it is overhead in the position the Scorpion is now.

The Planets

Mercury, magnitude -1.2 to +0.2 will be seen in the west after sunset in Virgo. The best time for viewing is from mid August to mid September. On the 6th it will be 0.9° north of Regulus, and on the 10th, 4° south of the Moon.

Venus, magnitude -4.2 is in the western sky at sunset +30°. On the 12th it will be 6° south of the Moon, on the 22nd at its greatest elongation E 46°, at maximum angular separation from the Sun, when it will be at the peak of its performance.

Mars, magnitude +1.7 is too close to the Sun to be seen until it reappears in the morning sky at magnitude +1.8 in Leon in late September. So Mars is not visible this month.

Jupiter, magnitude -1.8, reappears in the morning sky this month in Cancer.

Saturn, magnitude +0.1, reappears in the morning sky. In September it passes into Orion. On the 5th it is 2° south of the Moon.

Uranus, magnitude +5.7 will be found in Capricorn, the Goat after the 15th. It will be at opposition on the 20th, and on the 22nd 4° north of the Moon.

Neptune, magnitude +7.8, is 4° north of the Moon on the 21st and in opposition in Capricorn on the 1st and 2nd.

Pluto, magnitude +13.8 is in Ophiuchus and is not visible except in telescopes over 12" aperture.

The Moon

New Moon is on the 8th; First Quarter on the 15th. Last Quarter is on the 1st; Full

Moon on the 23rd. The Moon is at apogee on the 26th.

The Sun

On the 1st Sunrise is at 7:03am and Sunset at 6:09pm. On the 31st Sunrise is at 7:01am and Sunset at 6:27pm. There will be an Equinox on the 22nd September, when there will be equal day and night time and the sun has returned from the tropic of Cancer to the Equator.

As there is to be a total Solar Eclipse over the northern Transvaal on the 4th December, let's go and we will experience a partial eclipse at Simon's Town, provided it should be mostly in advance to obtain Eclipse Glasses from the Business Manager, Astronomical Society of South Africa, PO Box 9, Observatory, 7935. Never observe the sun or any Solar Eclipse without using Eclipse Glasses.

The length of time in a calendar year still seems to perplex some people.
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CRIME REPORT

Simon's Town SAPS

CRIME UPDATE

Crime in this precinct still shows a decrease for the last 2 weeks although sporadic incidents of theft out of motor vehicles are occurring throughout the area.

On Thursday 18 July at approx 12:30 a member of the Mountain Men spotted two suspicious black males in the vicinity of the Glencairn Spar. He observed them walk up to a house in Clan Stewart Rd where they rang the door bell and tried to open windows before actually breaking into the house. Simon's Town SAPS were contact and Insp CV Collins and R/Sgt Donovan Roberts arrested the two suspects and recovered items of stolen jewellery.

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On Monday 22 July at approx 11:30 two local fishing boats were anchored ± 2 sea miles off Cape Point, South of Bellows Rock. A fishing trawler from Gansbaai, the 'Bella Prima' caused the 'Sailors Joy', a local ski boat to capsize. The crew of 9 were flung into the sea, five of whom were rescued and 1 body was recovered. The 3 other crew members are still missing. A criminal case of culpable homicide as well as a contravention of the Merchant Shipping Act is currently being investigated.

LIQUOR RELATED MATTERS CONTINUED

Special Conditional Applicable to on-consumption licences

Overall condition

Sec 52: Place for consumption of liquor (1) Subject to subsection (2), the holder of every on-consumption licence shall ensure that liquor sold thereunder be consumed on the licenced premises only. (2) The holder of a wine-house licence to whom an approval under section 60 has been granted shall ensure that no liquor be consumed on the licenced premises in the place to which the approval relates.

Hotel liquor licence

Sec 53: Nature of premises (1) The holder of a hotel licence shall at all times maintain on the licenced premises a bona fide hotel at which accommodation and meals are regularly supplied to guests.

Sec 54: Times of business (1) The holder of a hotel liquor licence may, notwithstanding any law to the contrary - (a) at any time and on any day, irrespective of whether the day is a closed day or not, sell his or her liquor on the licenced premises, including (except on a closed day) a restricted part thereof, to a lodger for consumption by the lodger or his or her guests; (b) between 10am on any day and 2am on the following day, irrespective of whether any one of the days is a closed day or not, sell his or her liquor on the licenced premises, including (except on a closed day) a restricted part thereof, to a person other than a lodger, but may on a

closed day only sell it to such a person at or immediately before or after the meal.

Provided that the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) shall not apply to the holder of such licence who is a member of the South African Tourism Board's voluntary grading and classification scheme referred to in section 16 of the Tourism Act 1993.
(2) The chairperson may at any time, on application by the holder of such a licence, great consent to that holder to sell liquor between other times or under other circumstances than those determined by subsection (1).
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Simon's Town Police Service Personnel "At your Service"

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Insp Spreeth & Insp Benson

INSPECTOR CHRISTO BENSON
Inspector Christo Benson has served in the Simon's Town Police service for 24 years - no mean achievement and is a great asset to our community having the area and people knowledge to enable him to arrive at and assess the crime scene very quickly.

Married with three girls, who keep him on his toes, Christo originally hails from Richmond in the Karoo, but spent a long time in Oudtshoorn before arriving in Simon's Town. He is a keen golfer when police duties allow him some spare time. In a hostile and dangerous job Christo is pleased to be traced in Simon's Town where the tranquil atmosphere and friendly attitude of the community help to make his career enjoyable.

He, together with all our police officers, entreats so that they need all the help they can get from the community.
Report anything suspicious - don't delay - don't think it is unimportant. Every little bit of information helps.

INSPECTOR NICHOLAS SPREETH
Growing up and attending Simon's Town school has given Nick a great background to enable him to serve the community I ask. An ex-rugby player, this young man, still enjoys the sport but as a full time police officer and family man finds little time to actually play. His family is very important to him and he and his wife eagerly await the birth of their second child in 2 months time.

Having family and friends in Simon's Town assists greatly with his career and he enjoys the small community and friendly outlook of the village. He holds a great admiration for the Simon's Town community remembering times when fire and flood has threatened lives and property. The willingness of all to pitch in and help is what encourages him to also do his best.

To make his job easier, Nick asks that we be the eyes and ears of the police service and report all suspicious happenings. No matter how small you think it is - let the police know.

The Gadaffi Junket or, An African Maverick

It's been said that
Gadaffi's quite confident
That he soon will be
King of this Continent.
But, could anyone swear
(In such funny headgear)
That he'd ever be aught
but incompetent?

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Tide Table - August 2002

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Day		Portsmouth		Devonport		Falmouth		Milford Haven	
		0001 BST	1245 BST	0410 BST	0435 BST	Time	Height (metres)	Time	Height (metres)
		Time	Time	Time	Time				
		Height (metres)	Height (metres)	Height (metres)	Height (metres)				
1	Thu/Iau	0834	1058	0214	1410	0759	1825	0043	1705
2	Fri/Gwe	0931	1206	0323	1533	0728	1902	0159	1825
3	Sat/Sad	1104	2323	0445	1709	0752	1937	0238	1918
4	Sun/Sul	1218	—	0558	1821	0852	1952	0358	1951
5	Mon/Llun	0026	0310	0654	0916	0955	1953	0445	1455
6	Tue/Maw	0112	0354	0747	2000	1041	1910	0524	1938
7	Wed/Mercher	0205	1436	0823	2043	0734	1816	0557	1642
8	Thu/Iau	0250	1516	0858	2122	0953	1841	0729	1749
9	Fri/Gwe	0342	1557	0943	2202	0732	1912	0814	1851
10	Sat/Sad	0446	1628	1023	2234	0731	1917	0855	2012
11	Sun/Sul	0552	1651	1104	2330	0730	1913	0937	2122
12	Mon/Llun	0648	1804	1146	—	0719	1914	1006	2231
13	Tue/Maw	0734	1850	0025	1230	0746	1934	1031	2340
14	Wed/Mercher	0820	1942	0118	1329	0742	1945	1111	—
15	Thu/Iau	0859	2047	0218	1434	0726	1918	1146	0046
16	Fri/Gwe	0948	2211	0334	1553	0725	1916	1229	0156
17	Sat/Sad	1102	2341	0506	1753	0721	1917	1318	0301
18	Sun/Sul	1227	—	0636	1850	0728	1919	1408	0400
19	Mon/Llun	0053	1334	0734	1944	0732	1916	1458	0501
20	Tue/Maw	0145	1416	0807	2028	0730	1918	1537	0552
21	Wed/Mercher	0226	1452	0842	2059	0719	1920	1607	0637
22	Thu/Iau	0305	1524	0913	2129	0716	1921	1635	0716
23	Fri/Gwe	0334	1554	0940	2159	0717	1921	1654	0749
24	Sat/Sad	0403	1622	1006	2229	0716	1922	1951	0819
25	Sun/Sul	0437	1655	1031	2254	0715	1923	2016	0846
26	Mon/Llun	0503	1717	1057	2323	0715	1925	2146	0912
27	Tue/Maw	0532	1746	1124	2353	0714	1924	2225	0938
28	Wed/Mercher	0557	1819	1157	—	0713	1926	2253	1000
29	Thu/Iau	0623	1852	0032	1227	0715	1926	—	1024
30	Fri/Gwe	0704	1940	0113	1310	0730	1928	0037	1108
31	Sat/Sad	0814	2059	0211	1423	0707	1932	0126	1154

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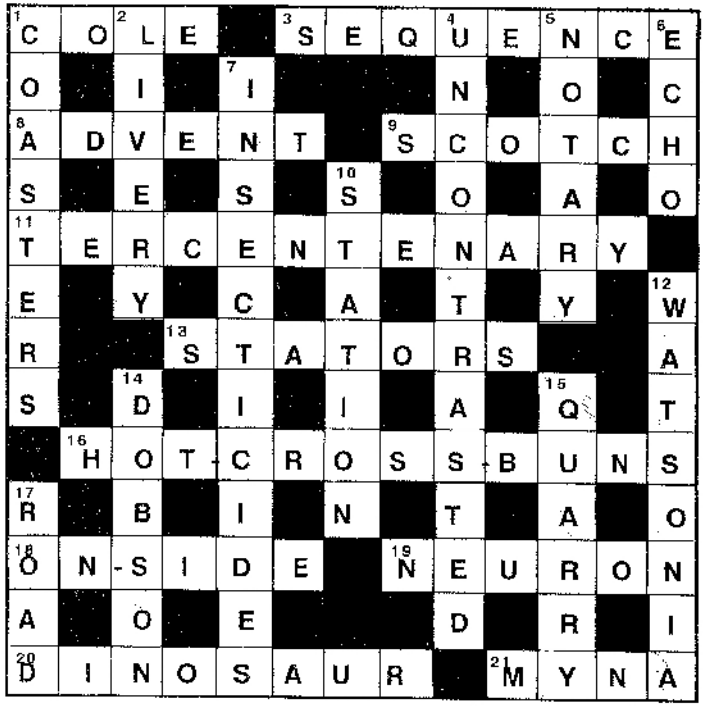
SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD 15



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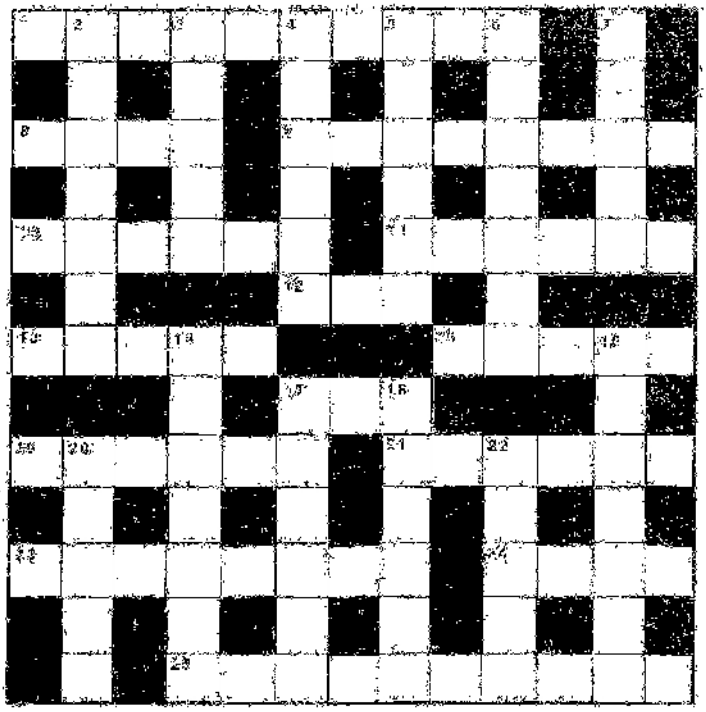

CLUES ACROSS

1 Notes which a plant might take to bed to read? (5,5)
4 See 20
9,15 A lady sport for [illegible] - the more adventurous, we hear (6,5)
10 A stormy bird which [illegible] makes a cargo (6)
11 A [illegible] for a [illegible] expression of surprise. Make a [illegible] of it (5)
12 The English [illegible] to be East (6)
13 Rope [illegible] to be found in Thistles (6)
16 See 9
17 A [illegible] in [illegible] (6)
19 A forbidding flag (6)
21 A proxy for a small [illegible] taken in by tax (6)
23,3 The way to stimulating grazing opposite the [illegible] (6,4)
24 The [illegible] (4)
25 Where to look for [illegible] in Glencairn (or Scotland)? (4,3)

CLUES DOWN

2 [illegible] in the [illegible] (7)
3 A [illegible] (5)
4 [illegible] wrapped in an English measure [illegible] (6)
5,8 [illegible] to the [illegible] Glencairn [illegible] (6,4)
6 [illegible] (7)
7 [illegible] (5)
8 A [illegible] (4,3)
10 [illegible] (7)
17 [illegible] (6)
18 [illegible] (6)
20 A [illegible] (5)
22 [illegible] (4,2)

PRIZE: [illegible] valid at Café Pescado

Name: ..... Tel. No: .....

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Simon's Town Museum Lecture Series: On 21 August at 5:30 for 6pm at the Museum, Mme Nathalie Heynderickx - De Klerk, Department of Modern Foreign Languages, Stellenbosch University, will present a talk on the French Huguenots in South Africa, "The Huguenots - Refugee People". R10 donation, refreshments served.

Simon's Town Library AGM
Monday 26 August at 5:30 for 6pm. Light refreshments will be served.

The Fish Hoek/Simon's Town Adventist community of believers are pleased to announced that they have purchased the Wellwood Chapel in Fish Hoek, and they cordially invite you to visit them at the Wellwood Chapel, Cnr 1st Avenue and Recreation Rd, Fish Hoek for the Saturday morning service at 11am. Contact 082 499 5779 for more info.

Friends of Simon's Town Coastline Wednesday 7 August 7 for 7:30pm: Illustrated talk on African Black Oyster Catchers - Here Today Gone Tomorrow? by Douglas Loewenthal of the Percy Fitzpatrick Institute of African Ornithology, UCT, at the Museum Hall, Court Road, Simon's Town. For more info call 786-1072 or 786-3890.

Saturday 17 August at 9:30am: Relaxed morning walk along the lower slopes of Swartkop to study the recovery of the rare Swartkop Serruria (Serruria Hirsuta) after the 2000 fire. Meet at the South End of Jan Smuts Drive via Harrington Road, Simon's Town. For more info call 786-3890.

Note: for hacks and additional walks consult Peter Salter, Simon's Town Flora Conservation Group 786-1620.

Peninsula Tourism Bureau, Simon's Town
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