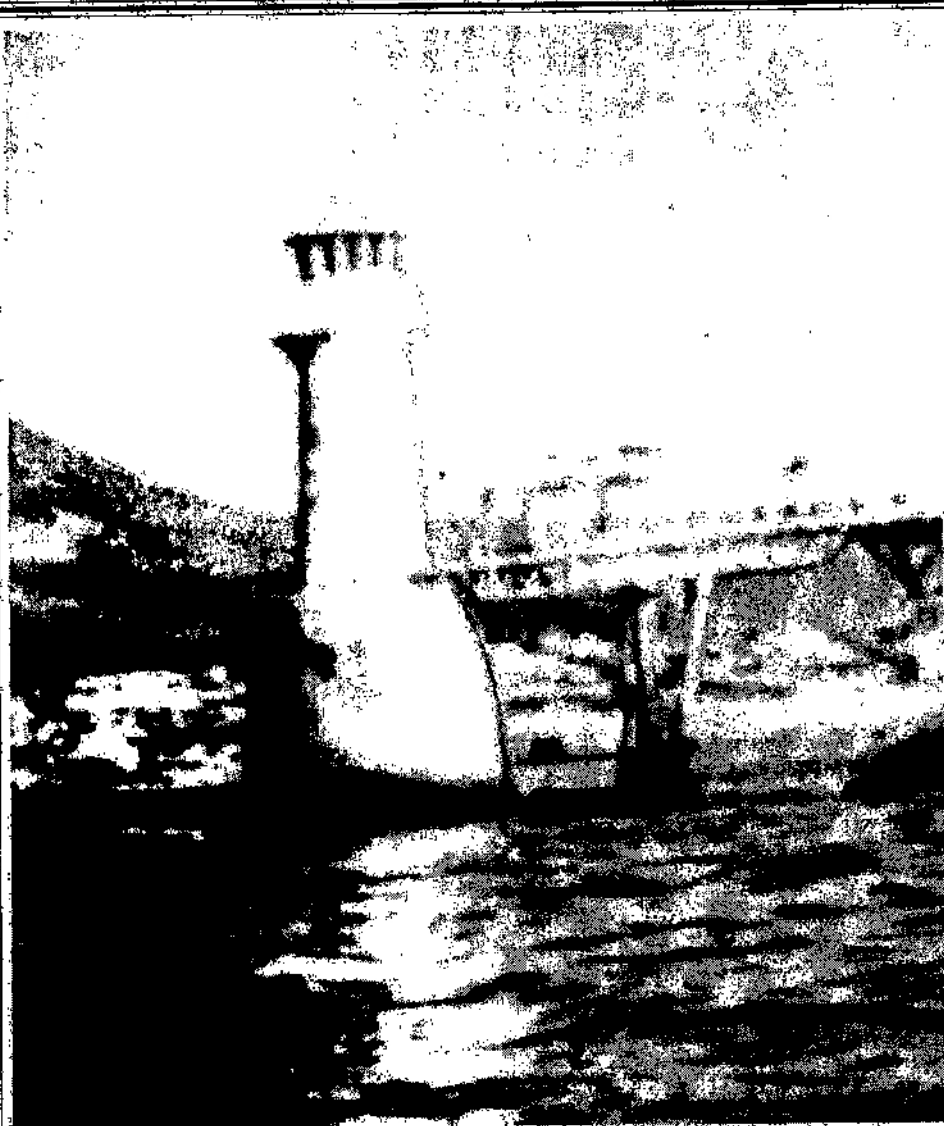


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Roman Rock Lighthouse

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The Roman Rock Lighthouse

The Roman Rock Light is a landmark familiar to anyone around the 60 mile perimeter of False Bay, as it keeps its watchful eye on the approaches to Simon's Bay. The lighthouse is based on a rock which is exposed at low water and virtually awash at high water. The light winks at us once every five seconds throughout the hours of darkness, and the tower defies the weather's many moods. Except on calm days there is some white water from the breaking of the ground swell, but during the Southeasterly gales the impact of the breaking seas sends green water as high as the light itself, 57 feet above sea level. To most people the lighthouse is merely part of the backdrop and taken much for granted.

It was not always taken for granted. For 35 years it was a theoretical idea tossed back and forth in a stormy bureaucratic stagnation. The concept that bureaucracy is an invention of the Twentieth Century is forcibly dispelled by the study of the early history of the Lighting of the Approaches to Simon's Bay. But against the background of the interplay between the Admiralty or Secretary of State and the Colonial Authorities, it is the Southeaster that is the villain of the piece. The heroes turn out to be the engineers and workers engaged in the amphibious operation of constructing the tower in the face of natural adversity, with tools of their own devising.

In 1991 Roman Rock lighthouse, the only lighthouse in South Africa built on a rock, was extensively upgraded. The South African Navy agreed to fit a 2,5km long underwater cable from Simon's Town harbour to the lighthouse. A stronger light is needed because the present one is overshadowed by the bright lights of the town. This makes Roman Rock the first lighthouse in Southern African to be electrified in this manner, although this method of electrification is used extensively overseas. A back up generator set is installed to ensure that the light and other equipment is always operational.

A rotating optic is being fitted to improve the intensity of the light from 5000 to about 150 000 candle-power. This will increase the range of light from 13-21 nautical miles. A beacon will also be provided to ensure that ships can plot the position of the lighthouse accurately, especially when visibility is poor. The equipment will be monitored via telemetry and radio from Cape Point lighthouse. Certain control functions will also be performed from this lighthouse.

The top section of the lantern house will be replaced to accommodate the increase of intensity. The metal lantern house is being replaced by a glass fibre structure. The design of the lantern house has been developed to prevent seabirds from sitting on the structure and fouling the glass with droppings that will impede the visibility of the light.

In earlier years the lighthouse was manned by two lightkeepers one of whom alternated on a regular basis with a third lightkeeper. They were transported to the lighthouse by boat. The lighthouse has been automatic and unmanned since 1919. Currently a maintenance team visits the lighthouse every six months and is airlifted to the lighthouse by helicopter (from a point near Glencairn railway station). After the improvements to the lighthouse, which will be completed before the end of the year, a maintenance team will have to visit the structure every six weeks. The lighthouse is also due for an internal clean-up which includes fumigation, washing and painting. Maintenance staff are constantly plagued by seabird lice.

The original construction of the Roman Rock lighthouse began in 1857 and was completed by 16 September 1861. Work could only be carried out for seven days each month due to gale-force winds and high tides which made the rock accessible at irregular intervals. The lighthouse was found to be unsafe and had to be reinforced from 1864 to 1867 before it was put into operation. The same structure has been servicing naval and fishing vessels for more than 20 years.

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Editorial

I read in the Simon's Town Civic Association report that we have a new committee and a new reporter in the person of Dr John Morris. (Wish them well - may all their finesses come right in their new year of tenure. On the other hand, I read that the paperwork for the setting up of the Section 21 Company is still not finalised, mainly due to objections from members of the Association. Well now, the process has been in progress since May of last year. I would suggest the Civic Association gracefully retire from the scene, and leave it to the Business Association to get on with the job of setting up a Business Association, which got its BID going over a year ago! Let us follow their precedent for heaven's sake - why reinvent a new wheel?

bare areas, grass over half a metre high in many places - has the appearance of total neglect and the summer is upon us - time for the ST Company to take over!

I hear that our National Parks have in mind the removal of all the Eucalypts on the mountain top of Simon's Kloof. Well now, some trees had to be felled due to serious damage during our last big fire, but on the other hand, that is a wet area, due to natural seepage, and the Eucalypts do a good job of pumping the water out of the soil. So in due course we can expect increased run-off and flooding in our CBD - or should we implement the standard paradigm, "global warming"?

In response to a special request, I carried out a superficial inspection of Seaforth Beach. Well, it was free of litter but in very poor condition generally. No re-grassing of

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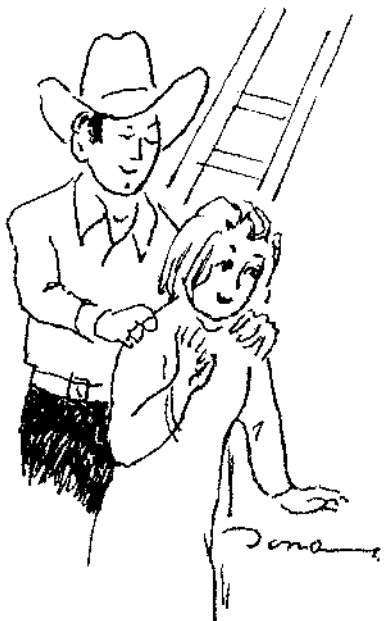
The Chairman opened the August meeting of SLAP with a report on the new committee of the Civic Association. Piet Pompies, the portfolio holder for traffic and security, wanted to know if this committee would be any better than the last one, with respect to certain issues, one of which is now outstanding for 3 years, as follows:

1. The erection of a postbox in Union Street, opposite the Dok's notice board. The old folk of the Town are really battling down the steep cobbled Wharf Street to get to the Post Office. Not fair, and something must be done.

2. The cutting of a motor vehicle gateway next to the pedestrian entrance through the Navy wall at the Yacht Club, with a big sign above the gap saying "Free Parking". It will be remembered that Piet Pompies spent days in the Cole Point parking area doing a traffic survey.

Mientjie Boep-pens was clearly agitated: Ja well no fine, but I must tell you about the big gedoente with the film shoot in the main road, just the other day. Well, there was this big van, full of equipment, and a bossy guy chivveying everybody to clear the pavement, and there were painters busy working on Irene Porter's building. This stropky okie - must be boss man of the film crew - wanted the painters to push off, but they refused, saying they had a job to do. Things were getting a bit hot and then the lady from the Estate Agent comes charging out and stands where a guy is busy knocking a nail into the wall to hang a basket of flowers in Alfred Lane. Well, we all know this lady - and she can only get cross and worked up!

She shouts at the guy on the ladder: what the hell do you think you're doing knocking mails into my wall? Come down immediately and see me in my office. There's a deathly silence and everything stalls; what now? Well, can you believe it, continued



Mientjie, the next thing there's the estate agent with a tall, handsome guy wearing a cowboy hat, and his arm round her shoulder, all friendly and lovey like. Well; the look on her face was something else - sheer bliss and happiness - and the guy says never mind my darling, when we're finished we'll patch the hole up, all neat and tidy.

So how about that! concluded Mientjie. Ja well no fine, said the Chairman; the things that happen in Simon's Town.

Wait a bit Chairman, before we close: an important matter we should all know about; this was Stoffel Boesman, who feels no meeting is complete without some of his wisdom. Well, the fact is that the 08:00 gun announcing that a Naval court martial is in progress hasn't been heard for years and this one seems to be much louder. Indeed, so loud that when it went off for the first time a few days ago, the Dok got such a fright that he fell clean out of bed. This news from Stoffel definitely closed the meeting.

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Simon's Town Civic Association

Following so soon on the heels of the July report concerns only the first meeting of the new STCA Committee, held on 12 August.

There were several apologies and sadly Eve Leggett could not attend as she had had a regular appointment that day. Fortunately, despite having to be out for her car she suffered only a broken axle and brakes. We wish her a speedy recovery and trust that she will soon be trouble-free and able to take up her task of watching over the Property Portfolio.

In view of the changes to the membership of the Committee there was a cabinet reshuffle and the portfolios have been allocated as follows:

• Fran Freeman: Chairperson and New Year's Eve Party • Bruce Parker: Vice chairperson, Singsa and for the moment, the Simon's Town Community Association with Jacky Weaver • Ian Allan: Treasurer • Eve Leggett: Property Watch • Sir Rupert Bromley: Glenelg Motel and other Glenelg matters • Peter Johnson: Business Association • Dirk van Nieuwen: Roads & Traffic • Sharon Bester: Environment • Justin Buchanani: National Parks Society • Luyanda Lambor: Rural Community • Mark Gousens: Safety and security • Gert Jacob Thurnissen: SA Navy • John Morris: Communications and Water Quality • Nick Holderness: Councilor. All details for the above-mentioned can be found at the back of the book.

The Councillor suggested in her report that we examine the operation of the On-Board Life C/D (City Improvement District - not Cooper in Disguise) as it is funded by a flat rate contribution from the participants and not by a levy based on valueless. She also suggested that we examine the operation of the parking control system that has been

suddenly used in Randeboosch.

She expressed her concern at the proposal that there be only two Fire Protection Associations for the whole Peninsula since this dilutes duty so greatly from one area to another.

On a more positive note she told the Committee that new homes are to be built at Seston and that the old ones will be removed thereby opening the view into the sea from Seston Road.

On the subject of the new rates, she expressed her willingness to take up badges on behalf of those who are experiencing serious financial difficulties as a result of the increased rates. So if you are in difficulties on this score, call her at 786 3202.

Peter Johnson reported on the ambitious programme the Business Association is

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proposing for Simon's Town. The ultimate aim is to establish a Festival (like the Knysna Oyster Festival) to attract visitors to this area. It should involve all sporting and cultural groups. In the meantime there is the prospect of an international deep sea fishing competition based at Miller's Point in the offing.

On the subject of Safety and Security it seems that communication between the role players is improving to good effect. However, the bicycle patrols that were started in Glencairn have had their bikes punctured by the lack of financial support from those who were to benefit from their patrols.

Glencairn Vlei is being portioned off to enthusiasts who will take responsibility for the upkeep of 'plots' in the Vlei. There was a 'walkabout' on Saturday 17th August to discuss the situation.

The members of the Committee were upset

by the report by Fran and Dirk on their meeting with officials involved in the restoration of the Chapman's Peak Road and the tolling system that is being proposed. It seemed that decisions had been taken and that the meeting was at best to inform us, not to discuss the proposals. Subsequent discussions with representatives from Kommetjie convinced us that beyond protesting at the level of the tolls there was little we could do.

On a more cheerful note, Fran called for volunteers to assist with the selling of tickets for the New Year's Eve Party on 31 December. What is required is for people to donate one hour of their time between 11:00 and 18:00 at the kiosks to be set up on the Square. Please contact Fran at 782 6644. We learned that a portable stage (I believe 'modular' is the term) would be ready for use that evening and thereafter it will be available for use by anyone who meets the criteria.

Until next time, John Morris

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Simon's Town Business Association

The next event on the Simon's Town Business Association calendar is the second annual Penguin Festival running from 19 to 24 September held in conjunction with Boulders Beach Guesthouse and the False Bay Yacht Club. This has become an annual event to raise funds for SANCOBB, the Simon's Town CPO, and other events. The aim is to create awareness for our seabird life and the importance of their conservation, as well as insuring the safety of all those living and visiting Simon's Town, and to put Simon's Town on the local and tourist map.

The festival will be launched on Thursday 19 September at Boulder Beach Guesthouse with a cheese and wine tasting, and an auction followed by light jazz/blues from 4pm - 9pm to raise funds for SANCOBB. The finalists for Miss Simon's Town will be

present. The five finalists will have been chosen on 14 September by a panel of eight judges. Enquiries for tickets to the launch to Jo at Boulder Beach Guesthouse on 786-2299.

Saturday 21st will really be a fun-filled day with the start of the False Bay Yacht Club Spring Regatta which will run until the 24th September. A market day will be held at Boulders Place and all business ventures are encouraged to take part. A donation of R50/table will be collected for SANCOBB. Other events planned for the day include a jumping castle, treasure hunt, face painting competition, a Scratch Patch penguin hunt, a kaleidoscope display, and braai all arranged to keep the children happy and occupied at Penguin Place, Boulder Beach Guesthouse, followed by a live band at Penguin Point Café from 4pm to entertain their parents and others. A penguin art competition will be held at Simon's Town School.

The Simon's Town Golf Club will be hosting a Penguin Festival Golf Day Open Challenge and there will be a Waitron Race from Seaforth to Boulders Beach along the walk organised by the Simon's Town Publicity Association. The finale will be the Simon's Town Business Association's festival Spring Dance when Miss Simon's Town will be crowned and funds will be raised for the CPO and SANCOBB. By all reports, this is a party not to be missed. All enquires to Malinda Coetzee on 786-3775.

The African Evening returned a healthy profit and the Simon's Town Business Association would like to thank all who so generously supported it. We would also like to express our appreciation to John Stirrup who does a sterling job in collecting contributions for a CPO every month. Anyone who would like to support this worthy cause in any way can contact Malinda Coetzee or Hester Fourie.

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Trish Inggs

Beach & Coastal Report September

Although SPA has no news this month, we trust that they will undertake minor repairs to the beach catwalk at Glencairn. This was done annually by the old Simon's Town Municipality after winter storms had abated.

Of concern is the situation at Mackerel Bay.

Highly visible to tour busses along Main Road stands the partially demolished Marine Oil complex, while directly opposite is an environmental disaster. This is the magnificent beach, on which dilapidated tin shacks have been permitted to remain for years. The littered approach road and its fencing are so badly in need of repair, that they should rather give way to landscaping. Even uglier is the long obsolete railway siding. Since many visitors to nearby Mineral World also want to film the trek fishermen, this is a poor advertisement for us.

Metrorail has undertaken an initiative to identify unused sidings in the Western Cape. For their removal, they have submitted a motivation to the Head Office of SA Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC). Although no decisions have yet been made, the regional planning office suggests that we express our concerns to the Executive Manager, Asset Management & Development, SARCC, Private Bag X2, Sunninghill.



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2157. This could influence or expedite a decision, which would then allow Metrorail to proceed. A responsible body like STCA – rather than an individual – should therefore immediately take up this matter.

Latest news from CPNP is the growing momentum at Homestead Visitor Centre in the Cape of Good Hope section. Contracts have now been awarded for the provision of displays both inside and outside the Centre. Since the success of many initiatives by the Park relies on communal support, a volunteer programme is to be established at the Centre, in conjunction with Friends of Good Hope. This will assist with activities such as guided walks, education groups and the provision of information for visitors. Advertisements will be placed in all community newspapers and on notice boards.

Through an initiative between the Park's Social Ecology Department and Friends of

Silvermine, a resource centre has already been established at its Silvermine offices next to the Sunbird Centre. This will be manned by staff and volunteers on Thursday afternoons between 15H00 and 18H00. Information on the Park – as well as on other conservation and environmental issues – will be available. Visitors are encouraged to utilise this facility for learning more about parks and the environment in general.

On other news, work at the new Visitor Centre at Boulders is progressing well. An advertisement was circulated via the mainstream media asking for interested parties to submit certain proposals. They were on the provision of interactive information and displays for this facility. Furthermore, a scientific working group has been set up to look at possible research activities, that could be conducted at Boulders in assisting management decisions.



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Parks recently arrested a poacher at Schuster's Kraal in possession of 138 shucked abalone. They are now gearing for the proposed inclusion of a marine component to the Cape Peninsula National Park. Staff are therefore being trained in a variety of skills associated with marine resources and coastal management.

Lastly, the ship R31 that earlier beached at De Mond (Olifantsbos) has now been given clearance for the removal of all asbestos, plastic and heavy-metal pollutants. Through the ship's owners, contractors have been engaged in this task for the last two months. On inspection, SAMSA staff and CPNP management were satisfied with the results. Although interested parties made proposals to salvage the vessel, all were discounted for fear of possible damage to the environment.

Bevan Pank

Ward Councillor's Report

1. Integrated Zoning Scheme:

A public process has begun for the development of a Zoning Scheme for the whole City. This will amalgamate and join up each of the 27 zoning schemes in the City whilst at the same time modernising and adapting the new scheme to fit in with the many differing needs of our communities. The process will take approximately three years until completion.

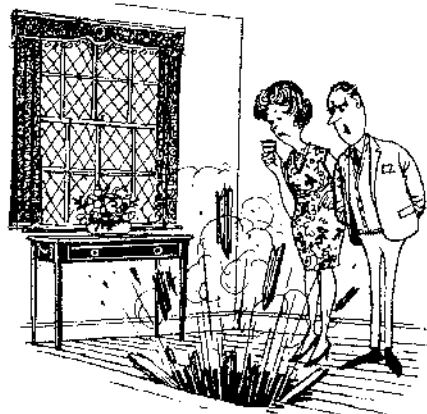
This project will include:

- a. Simplifying and standardising definitions
- b. Streamlining and revising zones. Old zones may change and new zones be created if required.
- c. Incorporating informal areas into the zoning scheme in future.
- d. Simplifying and streamlining procedures for rezoning properties and special consent applications.

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The process of developing the Integrated Zoning Scheme needs to be informed by the community of the current and relevant issues facing people in everyday life:

- a. What are the problems experienced with the existing zoning schemes?
- b. Are there uses and/or activities you believe should/should not be included in a new zoning scheme?

One example of controversial land use is that of establishments wanting liquor licences and entertainment licences in residential areas. There is currently huge pressure from the industry to legalise shebeens which are traditionally in residential areas.

The zoning scheme outlines the main uses allowed in each zone without special permission and describes these as primary or predominant. The zoning scheme also indicates what uses may be permitted through a procedure known as a "special consent application". For example, a property owner may apply to open a creche of a certain defined size in a residential area or build a "granny flat" through a "special consent". This allows for comment from neighbours. Consideration should now be given for extending the uses of residential property "as of right" e.g. to allow for B@Bs of a certain size or some kinds of home based business activity on a limited scale.

For further information contact: 487 2131, 487 2353 or 938 8431 or E-mail LUMS@capetown.gov.za

2. Fire belts and fire protection

Fire belts are an integral part of the fire prevention procedures in our area. Legislation requires the formation of a Fire Protection Association which will include private property owners. Discussions are being held on the formation of this association and its area of control and terms of reference etc. In the meantime, the current firebelts around Simon's Town will continue to be maintained working on the principle of maintaining firebelts on the urban edge. A critical issue for the new association will be whether private property owners will be liable for costs of a firebelt on their property.

Serious discussions are being held currently with Public Works Department on clearing State property of heavy infestation of alien growth. A case in point is that of the stand of myrtle adjoining the main road at the edge of the golf course.

A recent meeting was held with the head of the Fire Service, Mr Sparks, to clarify issues of concern about readiness of our area for the fire season. He gave us the assurance that the Fire Stations were getting extra essential equipment and that he was fully aware of the problems and constraints on firefighting caused by our congested road system.

3. Wheelie bins

Up to now I thought I would only have the words "penguins" and "baboons" engraved on my heart, but "wheelie bins" have joined them.

Those who want them like the Ocean View residents can't have them because they are part of an area covered by a contract with Wasteman; those who are getting them don't want them. Problems identified include steeply sloping properties, flights of steps, no space at all, inaccessibility of certain side roads for the large trucks necessary for collection.

All residents should be getting a letter to advise them when the new system will com-

mence. I have asked for the concerns to be addressed in this letter. There will inevitably be teething problems and we shall have to see how the system works before condemning it out of hand.

Alderman Nicki Holderness
Ward Councillor, Ward 69,
City of Cape Town

Hunter Killer Sails into Simon's Town

HMS Splendid a Swiftsure class nuclear submarine recently paid a 5 day courtesy visit to Simon's Town amid tight security. She is the third British nuclear submarine to visit the SA Naval dockyard. During the Seventies both *HMS Dreadnought* and *HMS Warspite* made use of the naval dockyard facilities.

HMS Splendid was launched on 5 October

1979 and commissioned on 21 March 1981. She together with *HMS Sovereign*, *Super*, *Sceptre* and *Spartan* comprise the First Submarine Squadron based at Faslane in Scotland. As a result of budget cuts *HMS Swiftsure* the first of this class was paid off in 1992 after less than 20 years service. *HMS Sovereign* is the oldest of the 5 having been ordered in 1969 and launched in 1973.

HMS Splendid is powered by a nuclear reactor that in turn drives 2 steam turbine engines capable of achieving speeds of over 30 knots whilst submerged. Her reactor has a life span of 12 years; however it is replaced during refits that are generally 8 to 9 years apart. Provided she does not run out of food for the crew she can remain underwater for more than 100 days. This is due to the fact that she makes her own freshwater and can make oxygen if needed. A surprising factor is that the crew members are allowed to smoke underwater

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During October 1998 *HMS Splendid* became the first non-American submarine to fire a Tomahawk Cruise missile. This firing occurred near San Diego on the West Coast of America. The test missile cost \$1 million and as a result of the success of the firing

Britain bought 75 of these missiles.

Splendid's visit to Simon's Town was not entirely routine matter. A licence from the National Nuclear Regulator had to be obtained prior to her arrival in Simon's Town. Various environmental groups, such as Earthlife Africa, were consulted and although some of them objected strenuously the licence was granted a week prior to her arrival. It is public record that the submariners onboard say that they 'live and work in the most dangerous place on earth' but the Royal Navy has been operating nuclear subs for over 40 years without serious mishap.

When *HMS Splendid* docked in Simon's Town a large contingent of local newspaper reporters were invited onboard for a press conference. Her hull appeared to be in need of repair as there were pieces of the superstructure missing and a lot of rust was evident. During Question and Answer



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time the captain Commander Peter McDonnell explained that her patchwork quilt appearance was due to some of the stealth tiles falling off during her 6 month long voyage. These tiles are made of special rubber that makes her almost invisible to sonar and also helps to deaden any unwanted sounds that may come from within the submarine. He further stated the submarine was in very good condition having clocked up more than 140 000 nautical miles to date. This is equal to more than a quarter of a million kilometres.

Many other questions were answered and it became apparent that although she is much bigger than the Daphne class submarines that the SA Navy has - space is still of a premium. Her crew consists of 116 men, of whom 13 are officers. Crew members are only allowed a medium sized suitcase of clothing for each trip, thankfully there is a laundry on board. Like our submarines they

too have a 'hot bunk' system. This means that sailors share bunks but not bedding.

As soon as the gangplank was in place the crew started to unload their refuse and connect to the local electricity supply. Shortly thereafter the quayside began to resemble an outdoor supermarket as the offloading of fresh foodstuff from a convoy of trucks began. The first consignment onboard however was the bright blue airmail bags with letters and parcels from home.

WO1 Keith Stone SA Navy

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Memories of Happy Days - 7

Ma's great passion - apart from pork chops and blatjang - was Bridge. Most evenings she and three dedicated Bridge players would gather in the smoking room until Pa called a curfew at 10pm. Pa despised these Devil's games (although he sometimes played Snap or Casino with me), and one night when Ma's party overstepped the curfew by nearly an hour, he stalked into the smoking room and began tearing expensive Bicycle cards into confetti. Ma didn't utter and the three boarders hurriedly retired to their rooms.

Pa has a daily ritual of taking coffee with a friend, at Rademeyer's, allowing me to trot along for a chocolate drink served in a glass with a silver filigree holder. The morning after the smoking room to-do we walked down to Rademeyer's as usual. Crossing to Greenmarket Square, I noticed that little pieces of playing cards were popping from



the generous turn-ups of Pa's pants. This seemed rather odd - but grown-ups behaved rather oddly at times. Because it was rude to pass personal remarks, I said nothing. When Pa put his hand in a waistcoat pocket for some coins, he dislodged more of these little fragments. Ma had quietly filled the turn-ups and pockets of Pa's grey suit (he always wore grey on Tuesdays) with the ruins of her playing cards.

There was an icebox in the courtyard. This was for day-to-day use, butter, milk (daily ladled from a large metal milkcan by the milkman); but most perishables for the table were kept at Verster's Cold Storage. You went up Bloem Street - a short alley which ran along the side of No 52 Queen Victoria Street - into Keerom Street. I heard many arguments, laced with fascinating swear-words like "verdomt" and "neukery"; Ma was constantly sure that "someone" had pinched some commodity from her stock. But on the whole her relationship with Verster's must

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have been amicable, because it lasted for years.

From Keerom Street up into Long Street, where Dodo's (owner Dodovitch) had a yearly sale of "slightly damaged" shoes. Dodo's has regular fires on the premises, and the shoes, wetted by water from the Fire Brigade's hoses, were sold at bargain prices. Five shillings would buy fine American footwear not noticeably damaged. Also in Long Street was a second-hand bookshop; if Uncle Ben gave me sixpence on a Saturday morning, I could buy 2 comics, and on returning them was given one comic as a swap. An excellent arrangement.

Uncle Ben used to go to the Long Street Turkish Baths - probably because the baths at Ma's place were not in the Mount Nelson category. There were two bathrooms, both with wood-fired geysers, and the wood was apt to send out explosive sparks while you were in the bath. Uncle Ben was a dandy,

mostly dressed in a striped suit, a silk handkerchief tucked into the band of his wrist watch, and always smelled of caude cologne and hair oil. I thought him awfully clever and a credit to his only niece - how many children had uncles who worked in the City Hall, that splendid building?

The Royal Air Forces Association

The Battle of Britain Memorial Service will be held at **10:30am on Sunday 15 September** at the Naval Dockyard Church, Simon's Town. The service will be conducted by the Rev Errol Sandler (Cdr Ret MMM) Chaplain to the M.O.T.H.S. Western Cape region.

The collection will be in aid of the RAF Benevolent Fund. The Welsh Choir will take part in the service. An invitation is extended to all to attend.

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Simon's Town Community Police Forum

Report - August 2002

PUBLIC AWARENESS MEETINGS:

The first meeting was held for the Murdoch Valley North and South areas on Monday 19 August. The meeting was attended by over 40 members of the community of the designated area and supported by 4 senior Police Service officers as well as our Community Police Officer, Donovan Roberts.

The talk given by Insp. Carstens and Capt Du Pisane on the prevalence of new drugs available to our schoolchildren was well received. A demonstration and explanation of what to do and what not to do if you are threatened by an intruder was expertly and humorously undertaken by Insp. Store and many photographs and posters were available for the audience to look at, on work that the police had undertaken. Of special note was the file on the Anti Rape Courses, which are run on a continuous basis by

Inspector Store.

The question and answer session was incredibly informative and our Murdoch Valley residents brought up many concerns, which were addressed by the SAP personnel. Capt Du Pisane emphasized the need for the public to be vigilant and to report any suspicious behaviour no matter how minor you may think it is.

BEGGING CHILDREN

One concern brought up by a lady resident in Murdoch Valley was the number of children arriving on her doorstep complaining of being hungry and wanting food. This does pose a risk to you no matter how young the person appears to be. He or she may have accomplices and opening your doors to any stranger is not advised. Should you wish to give a child food - it would be preferable to purchase **meal tickets** to give to the supplicant rather than take the risk of turning your back. The **meal tickets** cost R2 each and entitles the bearer to a hot meal at the Happy Haven Home in Simon's Town. **Tickets may be obtained from the Pharmacy** in the main street of Simon's Town. *(If you experience any problems obtaining meal tickets, please contact Heather Lunderstedt on 786-3505 during working hours or 786-5794 after hours).*

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Rocklands Rd, Erica Rd, Main Rd.
Murdoch Valley North:
Valley Rd, Protea, Arum, Disa, Afrikander,
North, Watsonia.

2 September - Froggy Farm:
Dorries Drive, Gillard, Watson, AB Bull,
Nerina.
Simon's Bay Estate:
Plus/Crywagen Rd, Hugo Rd.
Boulders Area

16 September - Seaforth - below the main
road and Seaforth: Churchill, Tedder, Jan
Smuts, Montgomery Rds and Seaforth
Heights.
Remainder Seaforth to 112 Runciman:
Inc Jackson, Belmont Rds, Solent and Holi-
day Courts, Forrest Hill Runciman Drive to
Stonepine Studio.

30 September - Simon's Town Central:
121-106 Runciman, Living Waters, Harbour
Heights Drive, Flagship Way, Gode Gift,
Remainder Runciman Drive to cableway,
Ricketts Close, Thomas St, Water Lane,
Quarry Rd, Capstan Steps and Simon's
Kloof.

14 October - Old Simon's Town:
Main Rd (St George's Street), Cornwall St,
Hope, Devon, Breda Streets, Cardiff Rd,
Wilfred and Barnard Sts.
Simon's Town (Station Side):
Cotton Rd, Paradise Rd, Mariners Cove,
Palace Hill Rd, Simonsberg Hts, Military
Way, Bayview Heights, Pinehaven, Neptune
Close, Zante.

28 October - Glen Marine:
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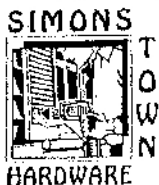
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Simon's Town Museum & Project Phoenix

Since 1996 Simon's Town Museum has tried to involve ALL former residents of Simon's Town, who were Forcibly Removed in the 1960's, in preserving the rich and culturally-diverse history of the community of Simon's Town.

In 1997, with the assistance of the Project Phoenix Committee and many other displaced Simonites, the Simon's Town Museum launched "The People of Simon's Town" exhibition. It was intended to be a small step in beginning to collect and preserve the unique history of the Simon's Town people.

The Simon's Town Museum has attempted to expand Project Phoenix, but we have been unable to proceed because divisions and rivalries within the community prevent



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us from mounting displays that would be representative of the ENTIRE Simon's Town Community. As a museum, we cannot go forward if we do not depict the history of ALL Simonites.

YOUR FAMILY HISTORY IS IMPORTANT.

Many Simonites trace their roots to before the founding of Simon's Town in 1743. Our ancestors came from all over the world and created a unique, diverse community, whose cultures and traditions were shared and understood by ALL Simonites - Why do the older generation always say: "We were like one big family" and "The heart went out of Simon's Town after the Removals"?

Let us overcome the many differences within our community and create a vibrant memorial to all those who struggled to save their homes and their rich cultural heritage in Simon's Town in the 1960's.

SIMON'S TOWN MUSEUM & PROJECT PHOENIX In 1994 we closed half of the museum to create space to display the history of the displaced community of Simon's Town. PROJECT PHOENIX was established in 1996. Its committee comprises of those who were Forcibly Removed from the town in the 1960's.

WHAT HAS PROJECT PHOENIX ACHIEVED TO DATE?

Project Phoenix Phase I

The staff of the Simon's Town Museum, with the assistance of the Project Phoenix Committee, mounted an exhibition called "The People of Simon's Town" which depicts where the many cultures of Simon's Town originated, where the people lived, who they were and the destructive force of the Forced Removals under the Group Areas Act of the 1960's.

Project Phoenix Phase II

The museum staff renovated and prepared



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two rooms for the expansion of "The People of Simon's Town" exhibition, in order to depict the artists, writers, dancers, achievers, sports, traditions, societies etc... of the community, but have been unable to proceed due to divisions within the displaced community.

Project Phoenix Phase III

The Simon's Town Museum initiated an Oral History Project and conducted interviews with the assistance of volunteers, amongst Simonites from Gugulethu, Heathfield, Ocean View etc...

At present Mr Albert Thomas is interviewing people for a project entitled "Simon's Town and the Struggle for Freedom and Democracy" with funding from the Arts and Culture Trust and the Department of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology.

Archaeological digs

Digs were undertaken at York Terrace and

in the cells and rooms of the Simon's Town Museum to find out more about the lives of the slaves and prisoners held in this building.

Heritage Day

Every year since 1997 the Simon's Town Museum and the Project Phoenix Committee has arranged for members of the displaced community to visit the museum and participate in special activities on Heritage Day, 24 September.

Submarine Upgrade Finally Surfaces

South Africa's two remaining Daphne-class submarines have completed a major upgrade programme that lasted just over a decade, Engineering news can report.

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formally handed over to the Chief of the Navy at a ceremony at the Simon's Town Naval Base at the end of last month.

This marked the end of a programme that started in 1991 and resulted in the South African defence industry acquiring skills which it is now able to market internationally.

The prime contractor for the programme is the company now called African Defence Systems (ADS), today part of the French Thales group.

The programme involved the upgrading of the submarines' control rooms, sonars, radars, navigation, weapons and periscope systems, and all the work was done locally. The project started with various technology initiatives in 1991, when the submarines were already 20 years old and the country was subject to an arms embargo.

The second stage was the design of the various systems required for the modernisation programme.

This was followed by the manufacture and

integration of the new systems, and the installation of the prototype combat suite in the SAS Umkhonto, which took place in 1994.

This prototype system was then evaluated by the Umkhonto until 1998, when it was removed and the first production suite was installed in its place.

The SAS Assegai began her refit, in which she received the second production combat suite, last year.

Now the programme has been completed, with both submarines, now just over 30 years old, fit to continue with credible operational capability until the three new German-designed Type 209/1400 submarines enter service later this decade.

South Africa's submariners now have modern systems to work with, instead of decades-old systems, thus increasing their motivation and helping with the retention of trained personnel.

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It was thanks to the experience it gained in developing the new integrated suites for the South African Daphnes that ADS was chosen to participate in the South African Navy's re-equipment programme and the associated defence industrial participation programmes, with a key role in the corvette combat suite programme. Similarly, the expertise Denel-Eloptro gained in upgrading the periscopes of the Daphnes has borne fruit in its new relationship with Germany's Zeiss Optronik, including design work for the internationally-respected German firm (see Engineering News May 10 to 16 2002). Apart from ADS and Eloptro, the project involved personnel from Armscor and the South African Navy, with the new systems fitted in the Simon's Town dockyard.

The country's third Daphne-class submarine, the SAS Spear, was decommissioned and removed from the Navy's list of operational vessels earlier this year. The three submarines were originally ordered in 1967 and delivered during 1970

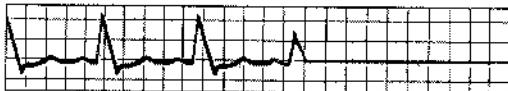
and 1971, becoming the country's first submarines.

Keith Campbell
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Memories of Fishing in the Good Old Days - 4

Winter months were spent in Cape Town with the Easter Weekend race to Saldanha Bay. The fleet would leave Royal Cape Yacht Club on Thursday night after an official start and the memories of creaming along in the pitch dark with just the light from the binnacle and nav. lights for company will be long remembered. Woe betide the person on the wheel who allowed the heading to fall off causing a gybe which allows both booms to fly across with a thunderous crash waking

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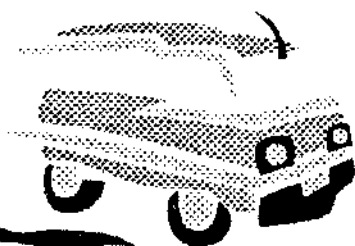
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On arrival at Saldahna the yachts used to anchor off Silvermans Hotel and again it was the cabin boys of some twenty five yachts who were responsible for ferrying the crew to and from the Hotel an average of one to two hundred yards either way. The Friday was taken up with day races around the Bay as was Saturday with Saturday night being the highlight of the weekend. All hands repaired ashore in Club uniform, Blazer, white shirt and club tie, grey slacks and black shoes. The cabin boys used to polarize to a common table and then the fun would begin. Let's say that the menu consisted of pea or tomato soup, snoek or sole, mutton and veg or beef and veg followed by apple pie and custard or ice cream and strawberries.

We would all start off with tomato soup followed by pea soup. We would then all have the sole followed by the snoek. By now the waiters were starting to look at us sideways. We would then have the mutton followed by the beef. The waiters were now wide-eyed especially when we playfully ordered pea soup again. We naturally went onto sweets and I must admit I could not manage the two although some of the chaps managed. It must be understood that by now the adults had finished the cheese and biscuits and coffee and were waiting for us so that the prize-giving could start. This we kept up for years but I don't think that the present hotelier would put up with that sort of thing these days. It was also a tradition to "lift" something from the hotel every year as a trophy and return it the following year. Vases, copper urns, brass and copper ornaments, paintings, etc were smuggled aboard one of the yachts as booty and this was all accepted in good faith by old Mr Silverman. Bless him. The only time he cried enough was when the giants of Atlanta, Brian, Teddy, Michael, Padda, Colin and myself manhandled the Grand piano out of the hall down onto the jetty and were caught redhanded

by the local men in blue as we argued which was the best way to put it into a twelve foot rowing dinghy and still leave room for someone to get in and row. We were politely asked to return it where we had found it and had to filch something less obvious.

Early one Sunday morning having got the last of the 'happy' crew back on board at around 2am I was hailed by Sidney Skuse from Sally for a lift ashore. Nothing daunted I backed the dinghy the twenty odd yards across to him and on this particular night there was a largish swell running. I held the dinghy stern on to him and about two feet from Sally so that he could jump without damaging the side of the yacht. As he jumped a swell moved the dinghy causing our friend Sid to land on the gunwale flipping us both into the drink. For those of you who know Saldahna fine, for those of you who don't, the water there at that time of the year averages 10 degrees centigrade. We had to swim around, right the dinghy, recover the oars and thwarts which had all floated out and yours truly in his Club uniform still, remember, had to swim across to Elegance towing the swamped dinghy behind me. The ladder had been pulled up on deck to stop it riding against the hull in the night so I was forced to bang against the hull at water level until one of the crew, stuck his head out of the main hatch to ask what all the noise was about. "Uncle Gerald, it's me," I'm in the drink, to which everyone fell out on deck to drag this very cold and bedraggled creature on board. We still had to bail the dinghy before we could leave it astern on the painter. I think that had to be the coldest night of my life as even dry clothes and three blankets on my bunk did not thaw me out.

Fishing was even attempted off the yachts at anchor off the hotel. Large skate as well as sizeable gournard were regularly caught but to put a hurricane lamp on the transom after dark was another story. Fish were attracted to the pool of light thrown over the

water and sharks which were presumably attracted by the outflow from the various fish factories arrived en masse. Many times we were to see a heavy snook line stretch out thinner and thinner until breaking like the crack of a rifle. Skate with a wingspan of four feet were not rare. They are still there today according to a friend of mine who has a bungalow up there.

Brian James

Bird Life

Although not a resident of Simon's Town, I have worked for the Navy for almost 20 years and therefore feel I belong. Because of this, I really enjoy reading Snoektown Calling, and wondered whether one of your other readers could give my colleagues and myself some advice.

For considerable time we have been feeding a pair of Egyptian Geese, but let me rather go back in time.

Last year, a pair of Geese, which had been fed by various people in our vicinity, brought their 12 goslings to show them where the food came from. We watched them take their first "flying" lessons, gliding down from the dockside into the water of the little dock outside our office. We watched them grow and develop the distinctive patch on their chests. Then they all disappeared. Three returned - a pair which we suspect is the original pair, plus a youngster, which the pair kept chasing away.

Now we just have the pair, who claim this piece of dockside as their own, chasing away any other geese that approach. They await us every morning for their scoop of mixed poultry grain, chastising us loudly if we are late.

What I would like to know is whether we can assume that this IS the original pair and

that the goslings have gone off to find places and mates of their own, whether Egyptian geese pair for life, when they breed and anything else of interest.

Mrs JA Abrahams

Dear Mrs Abrahams,

The Egyptian Goose (*Alopochen aegyptiacus*), like many other bird and animal species are opportunists and will take advantage of free and easy food; especially during the bad weather we have had.

The pair obviously started nesting in the dockyard due to lack of natural predators. This is actually a type of or form of wildfowl known as shelgeese. It has become well adapted to modern man-made habits, for example the pair that roost on the Fish Hoek firestation.

Pairs are together for life unless one of them dies; I've witnessed on Egyptian Goose, standing over its dead mate that had been knocked over by a car, for a long period. Even its call was unusual.

The other goose that had accompanied the pair, might have been another male or one of the young geese that had not yet been able to leave its parents. Maybe the young geese were all with and had been affected by natural causes. Normally the parents will eventually drive them off.

Egyptian Geese are very territorial and often have confrontations with other pairs.

There is no difference between the sexes other than the female is smaller. Males are very aggressive during mating season which is between September and October. The female then lays between 7 - 9 eggs. Nests are made in caves, cliffs, buildings and in crows', raptors' and old hammerkops' nests; that's why its not unusual to see them breeding in the dockyard. The female normally incubates for up to 28 - 30 days.

Goslings leave the nest after 6 hrs by jumping out of the nest in response to the female's call. There is evidence of female geese returning to the place of their birth to breed for the first time and continuing to do so annually, provided there is suitable feeding places and food.

I'm sure the pair will stay until disturbed, and even raise more chicks in the future.

Charles Ellis

Not a Drop to Drink!

Like Simon's Town, Glencairn also has problems with its water quality – although not necessarily bacterial. Geysers need more attention than further up the line, to replace their element and clear the pressure reducing valve of sediment. The threaded sieves on taps also need frequent rinsing. Many residents drink bottled water for better taste. Others use filter cartridges, in which the amount of trapped gunk can be unbelievable!

A word of warning on activated-charcoal filters with or without ion-exchange resins: It is important that the cartridge be replaced according to its labelled life expectancy. Otherwise, its capacity for chemical absorbency can be exceeded and cause problems.

Bevan Pank

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The Night Sky

September 2002

In the night sky this month at 8pm, Virgo will be setting in the west, followed by Libra (the Scales); Scorpio; Ophiuchus (the Serpent holder); Capricornus (the Goat); Aquarius (the Water Carrier) and Pisces (the Fish), all on the Ecliptic, which is the pathway of the planets. To the north of Ophiuchus is Hercules, and north of Sagittarius is Lyra (the Harp) with the very bright Vega, being visible across the Bay, above the airport landing lights. West of it, but higher in the sky is the bright Altair in Aquila (the Eagle). In the south above the Simonsberg we have the large dark Magellanic Cloud followed by the SMC in the east. The Southern Cross and pointers are visible, as is the sparkling Achernar in the constellation of Eridanus (the River) and Musca (the Fly), Toucan and Grus (the Crane), all being in the South. The brilliant "evening star" at present is the planet Venus which reaches its greatest brilliancy at magnitude -4.6 on September 26th, soon to disappear and then reappear in the morning sky at the end of the first week in November. Low in the west after sunset is Mercury, magnitude +2.3 until the 21st. On the 23rd September the Sun crosses the Celestial Equator for the Spring or Vernal Equinox in the Southern Hemisphere with the Sun's diameter increasing from 31'42" on the 1st to 31'56" on the 30th. We also experience equal day and night times at the Equinox. The Sun is 1.009a.u. from the Earth on the 1st and is much closer at 1.005 a.u. on the 30th. One a.u. equals 149,597,870km or 92,955,807 miles, so it is not difficult to work out the distance we are away from the Sun.

This month all the planets are visible in the morning sky from 1½ hours before dawn, only Mercury and Venus are visible as evening planets until the 26th.

The Calendar which we use today is the result of a commission set up by Pope

Gregory XIII to correct the great Christian feast of Easter, which had moved in the Julian Calendar, and was ten days into Summer in the year 1582. So 420 years ago the new calendar came into effect after the days between 5 - 14 October 1582 were eliminated. The Gregorian Calendar is only 25.96768 seconds "off" from the true solar year. This was all calculated 70 years before Jan van Riebeeck and his party landed at the Cape.

The Planets

Mercury, magnitude +0.2, attains its greatest elongation east on the 1st. On the 8th it is 9° south of the Moon. It is to be found low in the west after sunset.

Venus, magnitude -4.4, the brightest evening planet, is at its greatest brilliancy on September 26th. On the 1st Venus is 0.9° south of Spica, on the 10th it is 8° south of the Moon. Towards the end of the month it disappears and becomes a morning planet

in November.

Mars, magnitude +1.8 is a morning planet rising not long before sunrise. It passes through its furthestmost point from Earth (aphelion) on the 21st.

Jupiter, magnitude -1.8 is an early morning planet. On the 4th it is 4° south of the Moon.

Saturn, magnitude +0.1 is a morning planet. It passes into Orion at the beginning of September and is easily identified, as Orion's 4 bright stars Rigel, Kappa Orion, Bellatrix and Betelgeuse are so well known, the only other bright star in the vicinity being Sirius, the Dog Star. The rings of Saturn are conveniently inclined at present, so that is worth getting up before sunrise and seeing them with binoculars.

Uranus, magnitude +5.7 is a morning planet. On the 18th it is 4° north of the Moon



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and may easily be identified in Capricorn, the Goat.

Neptune, magnitude +7.9 is also in Capricorn in the morning sky. It is 4° north of the Moon on the 17th.

Pluto, magnitude +13.9 is only visible using a telescope of over 12". It is in the same part of the early morning sky.

The Moon

New Moon is on the 7th; First Quarter on the 13th. Full Moon is on the 21st; Last Quarter on the 29th.

The Moon is at perigee on the 8th at a distance of 358.745km from Earth; and at apogee 406.352km on the 23rd.

The Sun

On the 1st Sunrise is at 7:06am and Sunset at 6:27pm.

On the 30th Sunrise is at 6:30am and Sunset at 6:45pm.

There will be a Solar Eclipse over South Africa on the 4th December starting at 7:32am and ending at 9:33am at Simon's Town when $\pm 58.7\%$ of the Sun will be in shadow. At the Kruger Park it will be 100% shadow.

All viewing should only be done with solar filter glasses, which may be purchased from: The Business Manager, Astronomical Society of South Africa, ASSA, PO Box 9, Observatory, 7935.

Meteor Showers

The Orionids occur on the 21st when there is Full Moon, which is disappointing.

Taurid showers have been observed on September 1st in 1986: Epsilon Perseids 3rd - 7th; Gamma Aquarids 1st - 14th; Piscids 8th; September Taurids 14th; Piscids 21st.

These are all fast moving meteors from the above constellations.

Comets

No reports of comets being visible in the

Southern Hemisphere, have been received.

Magnitudes

Being frequently asked why magnitudes are given, it is necessary to explain why this measurement of brightness is used in astronomy. The ancient Greek, Hipparchus, 140BC classified all stars into brightness or magnitude from 1, to the dimmest stars of magnitude 6, that is, all visible stars were from 1-6 magnitude. (They had no optical aid). Between is 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th magnitudes.

In 1850, the English astronomer, Pogson calculated a light ratio between stars of different magnitudes. He observed the difference between a star of 1 magnitude and another of 6 magnitude is the ratio between 1 and 100, so that the difference between 1 and 2 is 2.5. Stars which have a magnitude of less than 1 have a minus value. Sirius, the famous Dog Star is -1.46 and is the brightest star we can see. The planet Pluto, which is visible only in large telescopes at present is magnitude +13.9. There are 20 stars having a magnitude greater than 1, from 0.9 to -1.46. The Sun has a magnitude of -26.72, which is more than 100,000 million times brighter than Spica, magnitude 1.

Thus, according to Norman Robert Pogson 1829 - 1891, 'the light of a star of any magnitude bears a fixed ratio, which is taken to be 2.512, to that of a star of the next magnitude'.

Peter van Blommestein

Hikers & Bikers to Abide by Mountain Rules

Until the Tokai and Cecelia forests have been transferred to the Cape Peninsula National Park (CPNP), visitors to these areas will need to abide by the regulations of SAFCOL, the current owner of these properties.

Following an earlier announcement by Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry, Ronnie Kasrils, that the forests were to be handed over to the CPNP, these areas were duly included in the Environmental Management Plans (EMPs) which were formulated after months of consultation and public participation involving dog walkers and mountain bikers.

"Unfortunately the handover has not yet been finalised and mountain bikers and dog walkers wishing to use these forests will need to abide by SAFCOL regulations until transfer has taken place," says Gavin Bell Area Manager-central of the CPNP

"Although we won't immediately enforce the necessity to carry Go Green cards in the affected SAFCOL areas, this will become necessary further down the line. In the meanwhile Go Green cards will be compulsory for dog walkers and mountain bikers in all

areas of the park as from 1 September 2002," says Gavin.

Go Green cards cost R37.50 for pensioners, R75 for individuals and R145 for families.

Besides acting as a permit which will allow dog walking or mountain biking in the CPNP, other card benefits include the following - a 50% discount on regular entry fees at the West Coast, Bontebok, Agulhas and Karoo National Parks; student rates for adults at the Two Oceans Aquarium; student rates for Individual and Family Go Green card holders at the Table Mountain Aerial Cableway; and free rides on the Flying Dutchman Funicular at Cape Point from the start of operating hours to 11:00 and from 15:00 to closing time in the afternoon.

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Dog walkers are invited to a CPNP-hosted public meeting on Wednesday, August 28, at 5pm at the northern entrance to the Silvermine section of the Park.

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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 labelled 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 at 11:39.

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 in-

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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 False Bay 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 2 miles 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: Geoff 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 privilege 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 useful to the community.

Natasha has served as a volunteer fire fighter at Fish Hoek fire station. 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 Sea Rescue 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 exercises such as the helicopter exercises at Gordon's Bay, Navy swimming exercises and in exercises towing hobby 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 or-

ganization 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 exuberant 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

Rogue Gun Salutes in Simon's Town

One blank 3-pounder charge is fired at 08:00, from the Fleet Command Headquarters in Simon's Town, to signify the start of a "Trial by Court of Military Judge." The accused is then tried and found guilty or not guilty of a serious offence. The firing of a single gun is known as the "Rogue's Salute".

Naval gun salutes are not the perquisite sole right of officers of high rank in the Navy. The most senior and junior individual may enjoy the doubtful honour of a one-gun salute! According to old Naval tradition, a one-gun salute was fired to signal the start of a Court Martial. This tradition is still observed but "Court Martials" are now referred to as a Trial by Court of Military Judge.

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Emile Bezuidenhout
(SA Navy)

Peninsula Tourism Simon's Town August

Spring attempted to arrive several times during August, but was overtaken by cold front of varying intensity. Now in the last few days of the month we have blue skies and sunshine and the first eagerly awaited

whales have appeared in our bay. For information and booking for whale-watching boat trips contact our office on 786-2436 or 786-5798. The good winter rains will also ensure a bumper flower season. The flower and whale watching information hotline for the Cape region (083 910 1028) is now in operation. The operators are very grateful for all information about whale sightings.

The erratic weather did not seem to deter the surprisingly steady number of foreign visitors who visited the information bureau this month and several commented that the Cape winter was milder than the current soggy wet European summer.

Spring is also festival and regatta time. The annual False Bay Yacht Club Spring Regatta (21 - 24 September) will be linked this year with the second Spring Penguin Festival organised by the Boulders Beach Guesthouse, with the support of the local tourism, business and civic associations.

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That the scope of the festival has increased enormously as can be seen from the exciting programme of events printed in the forthcoming events section on the back inside cover of this magazine. The Simon's Town Business Association are lending support and have arranged the Spring Ball to celebrate the crowning of Miss Simon's Town. On the 21st September the Publicity Association in co-operation with the other branches of Peninsula Tourism will hold a race for waitrons to find out which restaurant has the fastest service in the South. The reigning champions are Panini Pizzas of Constantia who will be asked to defend their title. This race has been held in Kalk Bay, on Hout Bay beach and on Jubilee Square last year. Participants will be asked to wear black and white this year to honour our very special birds. We are pleased to note that more than 100 copies of Trevor de Kock's wonderful video on our penguin colony "City Slickers" have been sold by our office since the very successful film premiere in mid-July.

The 21st September will be a very busy day with the market and exciting programmes for children at the Boulders Beach parking areas in front of the guesthouse as well as the opening of the Spring Regatta. There is something for everyone including local cyclists - a popular event is the Redhill Loop de Loop race. For more info on the cycle race contact Philippe on 782-1367 or visit www.baysider.com.

Members of Peninsula Tourism will be contacted in the near future about a meeting to be held to discuss advertising in a new Cape Town and environs brochure as well as a new map/brochure for Simon's Town. We anticipate a busy summer with an avalanche of local and foreign visitors - good news for accommodation and other businesses in town.

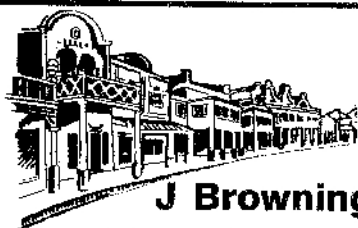
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African Children's Choir World Tour Launched in Simon's Town

The world tour of the musical, *Prince of Africa*, performed by the Grammy nominated African Children's Choir is to be launched in Simon's Town at the Navy Dockyard Theatre on 5 & 6 September.

The internationally acclaimed choir, now based in Simon's Town, will then head for Singapore for the first leg of its world tour. The *Prince of Africa* is a family play/fairytale created specifically for the African Children's choir by international writer and director Frank van Laecke. A team from Belgium and the United Kingdom is directing the production.

The theme of the musical tale centres around the decisions a young boy has to make regarding the life he has come to know



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in a Western society, and his native roots in Africa. After being stranded on an island off the African coast, the boy is guided by a mysterious figure during his journey home.

The African Children's Choir was formed in 1984. Its members make up a group of 26 children between the ages of five and 12 years from different countries in Africa. During their time with the choir they act as ambassadors for the African continent,

travelling all over the world and performing a variety of songs and tunes accompanied by drums and ethnic instruments.

Money raised by the choir has helped establish and support literacy schools and primary boarding schools in Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Nigeria, Ghana and Sudan. To date approximately 6 000 children have been educated and

many more have received food and medical aid. Many former choir members have gone on to obtain university degrees and work as professionals and leaders in Africa.

By establishing its headquarters in Simon's Town, the choir's management hopes to engender a wider pan-African focus; the choir is working towards expanding its influence in South Africa as well as in Zimba-

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The choir currently based in Simon's Town comprises 30 children and 10 adults from Uganda. They live a building specifically acquired to form an all-under-one-roof base where they are accommodated, practise rehearsals and also receive schooling.

St John Appeal

St John Ambulance is having a morning market on Saturday 26 October and we are appealing for donations such as white elephant, books, clothes and bric-a-brac for sale on our stall. If you can help in any way, we would be most grateful. Please drop your donations at St John House, 50 Kommetjie Road, or phone Carla on 782-3306 who will arrange to have it collected. A very big thank you to everyone who has already donated items - we really do appreciate it.

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Heidi Luyt & Insp Tania Wamsteker

INSPECTOR TANIA WAMSTEKER

This lady is quite modest about her personal life, preferring to let the public know rather how much she enjoys her service with the SAP and how career orientated she is.

She also grew up in this area and attended the Simon's Town High School and was at first undecided about her future, whether to join the SAP or the teaching profession. Luckily for us, her choice was the SAP.

Having nine years experience in the force, and at one time based in Outdshoorn as an instructor at the police college, she now works in this area on patrol duty ensuring

that our community remains safe.

Her advice to the public: *Become more involved with the SAP - know who you are speaking to. When phoning in, always make a note of the person to whom you spoke.*

HEIDI LUYT

Heidi is part of the civilian staff of the Police Service and is responsible for the Human Resources management in Simon's Town.

She is a Fish Hoek girl and is married to a police service officer so knows the drama behind the scenes and worries about her husband and the dangerous work done by the Police Service.

Heidi also loves her job and is very involved with the Anti Rape training courses run by the Simon's Town branch. She has been involved in these courses since 2000 and says how important they are for women of all ages.

At home she relaxes with her animals and enjoys fabric painting as a de-stressing pastime.

CRIME REPORT

Simon's Town SAPS

Crime Update

With the improvement in the local weather crime has shown an increase. Theft out of motor vehicles, especially in the coastal parking areas, shows a marked increase. Residents of Boulders/Link Cres and Seaforth are requested to be extra vigilant with regard to suspicious persons loitering near motor vehicles. The golden rule should be 'when in doubt, call the police'. One arrest was made for theft out of motor vehicle.

The incidence of drug use remains of concern to this precinct and as a result of information received, two operations were held

on 2 and 9 August. During these operations 9 arrests were made for the possession of dagga, ecstasy, magic mushrooms and a 'white powder' to the value of R10,000 and were confiscated. Insp 'Cassie' Carstens thanks those concerned citizens who came forward with information.

In a previous article (8 May) it was reported that Mrs Amanda Steenkamp is responsible for Public Driving Permits (PDP) and Police Clearance Certificates. She has now also been put in charge of Firearm Applications. The times when applications are processed remain the same, Monday to Friday from 9am - 12 noon and 2 - 3pm.

A request from Mrs Steenkamp: Please bring the correct fees as change is not kept at the Police Station. If you are unsure of the fees please telephone her on 786-2118. Also, if you make an appointment, please keep it, or telephone her if you are going to be late or cannot make it. This is common courtesy.

Simon's Town Community Police Forum

On Monday 19 August the Simon's Town CPF held the first of its informal meetings between the SAPS and the residents of specific suburbs/localities.

The inaugural meeting was held in the girl guides hall, Seaforth from 6:30 until 7:50pm between the SAPS and residents of the Murdoch Valley area. Capt 'Dup' Du Pisanie, Insp 'Gun' Store, Insp 'Cassie' Carstens, Insp 'Nic' Spreeth and R/Sgt 'Don' Roberts represented the SAPS Simon's Town and gave an exposé of the crime situation in the area as well as answering any questions the residents had.

Future meetings are planned on a bi-monthly basis, which will, upon completion, have reached all residents/suburbs of the Simon's Town precinct.

Remember together we can make a difference!

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Uncle, home from Evensong,
Rang for Cook and did her Wrong.
"Really, Edward dear," said Auntie
When she caught them in flagrante,
"There's a time and place for gayeties -
Do remember, dear, what Day it is."

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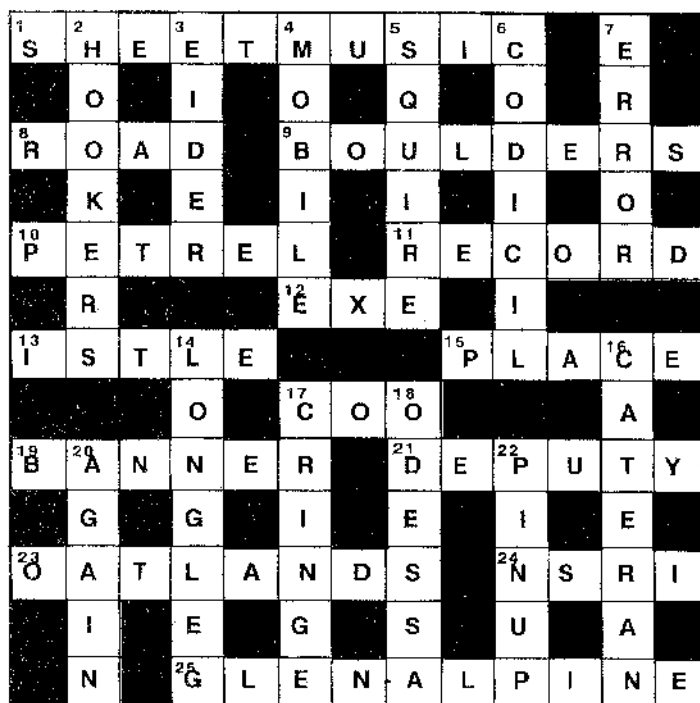
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Day of Week Dag van Week		High/Hoog-water		Low/Laag-water		Sun/Son		Moon/Maan	
		a.m. vm.	p.m. nm.	a.m. vm.	p.m. am.	Rises Op- koms	Sets Onder- gang	Rises Op- koms	Sets Onder- gang
		h.m. u.m.	h.m. u.m.	h.m. u.m.	h.m. u.m.	h.m. u.m.	h.m. u.m.	h.m. u.m.	h.m. u.m.
1	Sun/Son	1008	2245	0343	1628	0705	1828	0226	1228
2	Mon/Maan	1148	—	0525	1802	0704	1828	0325	1319
3	Tue/Dins	0006	1249	0633	1859	0703	1829	0423	1419
4	Wed/Woens	0104	1335	0722	1945	0701	1830	0516	1526
5	Thur/Don	0152	1416	0804	2027	0700	1830	0604	1636
6	Fri/Vry	0235	1456	0843	2108	0659	1831	0647	1749
7	Sat/Sat	0317	1536	0922	2149	0657	1832	0725	1901
8	Sun/Son	0358	1615	1000	2231	0656	1832	0801	2013
9	Mon/Maan	0439	1655	1040	2314	0655	1833	0835	2124
10	Tue/Dins	0521	1737	1120	2358	0653	1834	0909	2235
11	Wed/Woens	0604	1820	1203	—	0652	1834	0946	2345
12	Thur/Don	0652	1910	0046	1252	0651	1835	1025	—
13	Fri/Vry	0752	2016	0142	1359	0649	1836	1109	0053
14	Sat/Sat	0924	2157	0302	1545	0648	1836	1159	0159
15	Sun/Son	1116	2345	0452	1740	0646	1837	1253	0259
16	Mon/Maan	1233	—	0620	1851	0645	1838	1351	0351
17	Tue/Dins	0054	1322	0714	1936	0644	1838	1450	0437
18	Wed/Woens	0139	1358	0751	2010	0642	1839	1549	0517
19	Thur/Don	0213	1429	0821	2038	0641	1840	1648	0551
20	Fri/Vry	0243	1458	0848	2104	0639	1840	1744	0622
21	Sat/Sat	0310	1524	0912	2130	0638	1841	1837	0649
22	Sun/Son	0337	1550	0936	2156	0636	1842	1934	0715
23	Mon/Maan	0403	1616	0959	2222	0635	1843	2029	0741
24	Tue/Dins	0429	1642	1025	2250	0634	1843	2124	0807
25	Wed/Woens	0456	1709	1051	2319	0632	1844	2220	0835
26	Thur/Don	0525	1738	1120	2350	0631	1845	2318	0906
27	Fri/Vry	0557	1811	1152	—	0630	1845	—	0941
28	Sat/Sat	0637	1855	0028	1233	0629	1846	0017	1021
29	Sun/Son	0735	2011	0120	1342	0628	1847	0115	1109
30	Mon/Maan	0925	2214	0252	1559	0626	1848	0212	1204

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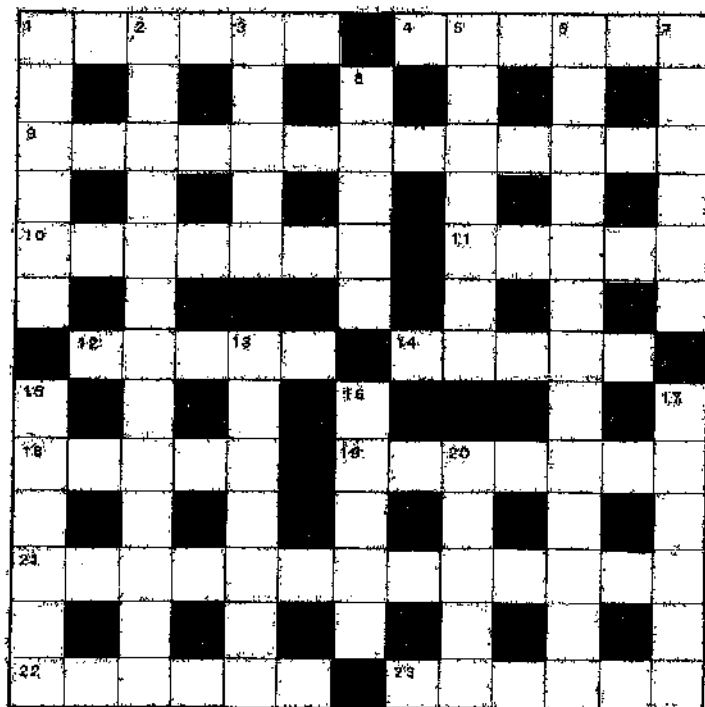
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PUZZLE

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Clues Across

1. Cheese for the animal to absorb this (6)
4. The first of several is enough for a specimen (6)
9. A clipper is needed to get a short skirt having a passage with a local shoe connection (5,4,4)
10. Sea-legs need working on for all time (7)
11. Kiting in the French city too (5)
12. Is this chap inclined to be Chief, or just a bit bent? (8)
14. We and the woman will show you to your seat (5)
16. Someone sewing, not French, is in possession (5)
19. A punishing beat on a boat (7)
21. Get up legal arguments before an insect above Cornwell St (5,6)
22. Just the twin boy, we hear, to keep us clear of Roshan Rocks (6)
23. Why that peer has body support in it (6)

Clues Down

1. Steps in Glencairn 39 of them? (6)
2. Pre-arranged rent from these business organisers (13)
3. Fashion's writing instrument (5)
5. A skill, a variety of caustic scabbies (7)
6. A people problem is followed by a narrow part and a cotton network... to get a pricey feminine adornment (8,8)
7. The Spanish level side? (6)
8. Climbing a flat lamp of light wood (5)
13. On the backing proportion of a way in Harbour Heights (7)
15. Produced by dolls on behalf of little Michael? (6)
16. Fibre rope to repair the title (5)
17. Twisting body of the written order he follows (6)
20. Make use of a curtain, we hear (5)

PRIZE: £100 voucher valid at Café Pasado

Name: _____ Tel. No: _____

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Forthcoming Events September 2002

SIMON'S TOWN MUSEUM LECTURE SERIES **Wednesday 18 September** at 5:30 for 6pm 'A Day at the Races - Roman Chariot Racing' by Dr JC Zietsman. Refreshments served, R10 donation.

2ND ANNUAL PENGUIN FESTIVAL

19 - 24 SEPTEMBER **Thursday 19 September 4pm:** Festival Opening: Cheese & Wine Tasting, Auction, Jazz & good food at Penguin Café, Boulders Beach. For more info call Jo at 786-2299. **Friday 20 September 6:30pm till late:** Spring Dance & crowning of Miss Simon's Town. For more info call Malinda Coetzee on 786-3775. **Saturday 21 September 10 - 10:30am:** Peninsula Tourism Waitrons Race - Challenge for fastest service in the south. Jubilee Square. For more info call Sue or Beverley on 786-2436.

FESTIVAL GOLF CHALLENGE OPEN

At Simon's Town Golf Club. All day Market Day at Boulders Beach Parking Area, jumping castle, treasure hunt, face painting, **11:30am** Scratch Patch Penguin Hunt at Boulders Beach Guesthouse, **12 noon** Kaleidoscope display at Boulders Beach Guesthouse, **12:30pm** kiddies braai, **6pm** live band at Penguin Point Café. For more info call Edwin 082 440 9998.

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SPRING REGATTA AND FESTIVAL

21 - 24 September Music, beer/food tent, boat rides, Navy Band, wine tasting. For more info call 786-1705. **Loop de Loop Redhill** - Cycle Race. For more info call Philippe on 782-1367 or 082 538 3115

BRING & BUY SALE

Saturday 14 September 9:30am - 12 noon at 68 Glen Road, Glencairn. Tea, boerewors rolls, lucky dips, hamper raffle. Contributions welcome, books, cakes, white elephant, plants etc. In aid of St Luke's (FH), Emergency Control Centre and Glencairn Tennis Club. For more info call 782-3298.

PENSIONERS' FREE MONTHLY SHOPPING BUS

To Pick n' Pay Longbeach Mall and Sun Valley. From Murdoch Valley (Ixia Crescent terminus) via Simon's Town and Fish Hoek and return. Next trip Thursday 5 September. For times and pick up points please phone 021 786 3137.

FRIENDS OF SIMON'S TOWN COASTLINE

Thursday 12 September at 7:15 for 7:30pm: Talk by Mr Andy Gubb on 'Green & Brown Issues in Conservation - Synergy or Conflict'. Mr Gubb is the Western Cape Regional Manager of the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa. He is an experienced activist in environmental and conservation issues with a wealth of hands-on experience, and he and his team will address the vexing relationship between narrowly conceived environmentalism and the broader variety which sets conservation in the wider socio-economic context. Andy welcomes the opportunity to engage in dialogue with the community. Museum Hall, Court Road, Simon's Town. For more info call 786-4823 or 786-3890.

Saturday 14 September at 9:30: International Coastal Clean Up Day. Meet at Long Beach Simon's Town from where we will branch out. Bring gloves if you prefer. Litter bags will be supplied.

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Contact Sue Sturman on 786 5798 or 786 2436 for **forthcoming events only**. Payment for Snoek Town Calling will no longer be accepted at these premises.