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As reported in last month's edition of "Snoekcoup Calling", Safmarine has ordered three new container vessels for trade at West African ports. Since most of its ships are managed and crewed mainly by South Africans, it is no coincidence that all three are being built in an A.H.Mide Mokong group shipyard. After all, the group together with Safmarine - a subsidiary - has invested R26,5 million for training in Simon's Town.

The funding was for the new school completed South African Maritime Training Academy (SAMTRA), which is large enough to cater for 80 students. It was developed by Herbert Pantry on his beaked end net-ball ground - since moved closer to the hostels - of the St. Andrew's Town School. The innovative yet efficient and practical 2000 sq. metre double-storied accademy above Seaforth on Main Road was designed by one of the leading Cape architectural firms, Vorster & Partners. It was built for R7,5 million by a notable landmark in the industry - Landmarq Construction. A further R26,5 million is being spent on state-of-the-art computerised simulation equipment acquired from the Jordan Vandine Institute.

Those who will benefit are women from fishing villages and women from all cultural backgrounds in the likes of our fishing industry and merchant marine. In line with our government's NEPAD initiative, the Centre will also be open to other maritime nations in Southern Africa and further afield. Furthermore, it will uplift poor communities by structured training of benefit to disadvantaged but bright students. In fact, Safmarine reports that its Black Economic Empowerment policy is already proving effective.

There are so few other such academies worldwide, that the developer - Herbert Pantry - had to seek advice from those in Australia, Denmark and the Philippines. What makes this one special is how it all came together. Everyone from both the private and public sectors cooperated. Of course, our own Architectural Advisory Committee was also involved!

Just prior to the Centre's official hand-over, Rob Kane - the developer's CEO - kindly gave a guided tour. The frontage is being landscaped with indigenous shrubs to offset the neutral white and dark-grey external colour scheme. Like a Safmarine ship, the lines are clean - but with a unique louvered shutters instead of portholes. The entrance on one side of the building leads to a light and airy gallery with room to possibly display ship models. Leading off it is the dressy mess-room and adjoining galley facing a garden.

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The developers had the vision, motivation and tenacity to make it all happen. So together with Safmarine, the SA Navy, Institute for Maritime Technology and False Bay Yacht Club - things nautical have finally put Simon's Town on the world map!

Bevan Pank

Editorial

At last, some positive action as regard the future organisation and management of the dockyard. The following statement issued by Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, spokesperson for Minister of Defence (083 628 0858) on 12 March 2003) follows.

"**Transformation of the Simon's Town Naval Dockyard** - The Minister of Defence, Mr Mosiuoa Lekota hereby announces that the Defence Council of the South African National Defence Force has approved the running and management of the transformation process of the Simon's Town Naval Dockyard by Armscor.

This decision was necessitated to provide effective and professional logistic support to the South African Navy and also to utilise and manage the Dockyard's capacity on a sound economic and commercial basis.

The transformation process will be jointly managed by Armscor, the Secretary for Defence and the South African Navy and will be conducted in phases.

The running and transformation process of the Dockyard is due to start on 1 April 2003 and will be completed over the next two years."

My contact in Armscor has been requested to provide some detail as regards the framework of objectives and operation. It is envisaged that we will have a truly commercial enterprise which could benefit business in our town. Elsewhere in this issue we give a synopsis of a media briefing by the Chief of the Navy.

So we have the Iraq War on our backs and minds; my fear is that any positive benefits which may accrue in the long run will be substantially outweighed by the negatives of misery, devastation and economic stag-

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rather. Ad nauseam, we have been told that the principal reason for the war had to do with "weapons of mass destruction". If no weapons are found, does Bush walk the plank?

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Down the Historical Mile

So we gathered together for the March meeting of SLAP and most of the agenda was a complaint by Pat Pimples, our representative for the portfolio of Traffic and Security. Ja, Mr Chairman, I want to talk about the Navy Festival, never seen so many people, and I'm sure the Navy did not expect such a crowd, because parking arrangements were a complete shambles. On Friday afternoon at one o'clock I was standing in front of the Bakehouse in Chapel Road, specifically to check the traffic on the main road. Mr Chairman, can you believe it - the traffic queue started at the old Oil Refinery, and at four o'clock the queue was still at the Refinery. Disgraceful. Moreover, it was a pleasant Thursday "park and ride" Mr Chairman, at the proper time there should be an attendant on the main road at the Glencairn turnoff, directing the traffic to the park'n'ride Navy specials, where there is a push-bell will ram-

pant the visitors to Jubilee Square. And the same should be done for the spectators at Mt Wedderburn to the Navy, Mr Chairman.

Next on the agenda was Sechel Yssowman, who started in the usual pompous way. Mr Chairman, ek stel die vraag: I have here in my hand an application form to become a shareholder of SLAP, the Simon's Town Amenities Development Co, and it says that the Civic Association will be entitled to one director on the board and the Business Association also one director, plus two representatives at large. Now Mr Chairman, who is best SLAP recognised society, well respected in our community, why was it not offered a seat on the board? Surely, Mr Chairman, SLAP has been in existence long before the Civic Association. Ag-a-nee Manager die Waaksher, die Engelse verskriklik, shouted Wingnut Williams. It's a disgrace and we demand that matters be put right.

And further, Mr Chairman, continued Sechel, the worst insult if you are a paid-up member of the BTDA you can become a shareholder free, no charge. So what about the other societies? And worse, the Community Police Forum is not recognised at all. Aha's point. Aunt Constance Mierjabet Arum Wynberg, you know, intervened with the comment: Sieter! disciplinarian Mr Chairman!

The rest of the talk weren't sure as to what she meant: good or bad? You see, as our Art portfolio holder, we are never sure what Aunt Constance means. Perhaps that's how the folk from Wynberg are. So the meeting closed in a bit of confusion - no-one prepared to admit that they couldn't understand.

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Ward Councillor's Report

1. Valuations and rating process. I am advised by the responsible officials that the Valuation Boards started sitting in October last year. Approximately 58% of the residential objections in the South Peninsula area have been scheduled for hearing.

The Valuation Boards are currently sitting three days a week but this may be increased as necessary. Six valuers are working in the area south of Silvermine doing the detailed inspections necessary. The valuer will advise the objector of his assessment and the objector may then appear before the Board.

The alliance now running Council has had discussions on new financial policy but these are held behind closed doors. However, the multi-party committee of Council for review of rating policy and tariffs has finally been reconstituted.
At the Council meeting held on 26 March 2003, a motion by a DA councillor for a review of the sewerage charge was defeated by the ANC-NNP alliance. So do party politics bedevil decision making! It will be pursued at the multiparty committee where the DA is allowed one representative.

2. Grants in aid. At the same Council meeting, criteria for the allocation of grants-in-aid were finally submitted. These include the requirement that:

- Funding of applications will largely be considered on an annual basis in response to the annual advertisement although allocations may also be made during the course of the year.
- An applicant must be a constituted not for profit organization. A system of criteria for rating applications has also been set.

3. Water resources. The Executive Committee has resolved that:

- The land above Simon's Town upon which the future proposed Brooklands Dam is to be sited, be provisionally reserved for bulk water supply purposes, subject to confir-

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mation upon the completion of further investigations.

- A scoping exercise be undertaken to determine if there are any other impediments to the constructions of the proposed Brooklands Dam.

Victoria, Neptune and George reservoirs all require considerable repairs. The latter two require repairs to the floating covers and removal of silt and sludge. This is a lengthy and costly process but essential and I am assured that it has high priority.

A recent major break in St James left some residents without water for three days. I suggest that everyone keeps some containers of water for drinking in reserve.

4. Graffiti. The bus stops that had been detaced by graffiti were recently repainted for the third time in a year. It takes some 100 litres of paint and hours of staff time, travelling up scarce resources paid for by the ratepayer. The graffiti vandals hit again within days. The bus stops cannot be repainted again for some time. Does anyone have ideas on dealing with this problem?

5. Law enforcement and traffic management. I am informed that there will be no increase in the personnel of these services. 60 City Police will be allocated to the police division which includes our area.

The City currently contributes R15m. per year to the Community Patrol Board for Community Police Officers.

6. Sub-Councils. These are to be increased from 16 to 20 with an extra cost to the ratepayer of some R6m. per year. The chair of a sub council is paid approximately R30 000 per month and has a personal assistant as well as other support staff. The amount was not budgeted for in this financial year. The DA voted against this.

Dr Ken Prothfield, area coordinator for the South Peninsula sub council, has resigned and is leaving this area. He has been an excellent administrator and will be missed. His

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secretary is also leaving and the previous sub council chair's personal assistant has already left. At this stage it appears that the replacement personnel will be coming from other areas of the City such as Kraaifontein. It will take some time for them to learn (tackle themselves with the communities here.

There has been vague discussion about delegations to the sub councils but nothing has been resolved. I understand that we await the change to an executive mayoral system of governance before any delegations will be made.

I would rather spend them on extra street sweepers.

7. Finance. At this late stage of the financial year (new year 1 July) it is impossible to say what is on the capital budget for us for next year or, indeed, what has been spent so far this year. As for the operating budget, I am informed that with the base budget process not completed, no information is available.

8. Planning and Environment. Certain relatively minor planning matters are delegated to officials. All other planning matters can only be approved by the Executive Councillor for Planning and Environment, Councillor Daniel Landingwe. The approval process has slowed down considerably and meetings are seldom fully cancelled.

The system of a single person having the responsibility for approving plans for a city of over three million people is not sensible or sustainable.

Nicki Holderness
Ward 69 City of Cape Town

Joint Standing Committee on Defence

"TRANSFORMATION AND INTEGRATION IN THE SA NAVY"

On 5 March 2002, with the Chief of the Navy Admiral JF Retief conducting the presentation, the submission by the Navy addressed

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issues which included the integration process, rationalisation and restructuring of the Navy, representivity and affirmative action, and integration in the South African Navy.

Among other questions, a Member asked for a breakdown of people trained to use corvettes, why submarines are not open to women, and how effective the process of scaling down the numbers of white and coloureds had been.

Admiral Retief said he did not have figures for the breakdown of the people being trained, but a written report would be supplied. As to why there were no women in the submarines, those they have at present are too basic to be crewed by both men and women. This issue would be considered when the new submarines arrived. As to exit mechanisms, whites had been the largest group to go. People had left through natural attrition, because of disciplinary problems, through Voluntary Severance Packages and through Employer Initiated Packages. In most cases people had left willingly.

With respect to clarification, Admiral Retief said outsourcing was easy to achieve, but in the context of a small Defence Force, this became financially difficult. With regard to a question on institutional memory transfer, he agreed that 10 years was a long time; but there were 30 years of knowledge which had to be transferred. At present they were about halfway through this process. It should be remembered that MK and APLA brought with them military, and not naval, knowledge.

Mr Mtuli (ANC) was interested in the personnel envisaged for the corvettes and what level of skill technicians working on the corvettes would require. A Member asked whether there was any mechanism to solve the problem of under-representation of Africans in the technical musterings.

Mr Middleton (IFP) wanted to know where units/stations were being closed and what assistance was given to personnel in terms

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of re-deployment. Admiral Rebel said that, since the Navy is a small force, members could easily be redeployed. One problem, however, was that people did not want to relocate. He cited the Asians in Durban as being a group of people who were averse to leaving Durban. However, the Navy, within the Department of Defence, has the capacity to integrate people back into society.

During 2003 a new service system, in accordance with the Human Resources Strategy 2010 was initiated for the future SANDF. This system comprises 3 career stages: the MSD, Core Service System and Senior Career System. There are currently 413 members under training at SAS Saldanha, comprising 314 men and 99 women; racial composition: African 250, White 98, Coloured 58 and Asian 7. After a period of 2 years, service, suitable MSD members will be accepted into the Core Service System and the remainder transferred to the Reserve, for a period of 5 years.

As a matter of interest, a table of comparative expenditures is given below.

Comparative Expenditures: Navy (US Dollars)

Country	Defence Budget	Navy Budget	% of Defence Budget	Rand Equivalent (R8 = $1)
South Africa	$1.79 billion	$190 billion	6.2%	R1.05 billion
Argentina	$4.3 billion	$1.2 billion	26.5%	R9.6 billion
Australia	$9.3 billion	$2.5 billion	26%	R20 billion
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The Stabat Mater ("the Mother was standing") is a devotional poem in medieval Latin text about the vigil of Mary by the Cross. Used as a authorized hymn in the Catholic Church since 1727 and even before then set by composers like Palestrina. The initial words of this sequence (a hymn-like composition with non-biblical Latin text) was probably written by Jacopone da Todi.

After Pergolesi's death, the popularity of his musical setting to this poem, became the most frequently printed single work in the eighteenth century. Rousseau, writing in 1754, described the opening bars of the work to be "the most perfect and most touching to have come from the pen of any musician". Pergolesi's setting is for soprano, alto, string orchestra and organ continue.

The soloists performing at this concert will be well known Cape Town soprano Marnene Serfontein and alto, Brenda Feldmann (director of the Sun Valley Music Academy). The organist will be St. George's Cathedral assistant organist, Grant Brasler. This candlelit concert will be further enhanced by readings (read by Gemma Howse) of mostly medieval poems – appropriate to the theme of the Crucifixion. The string orchestra will consist of local professionals including Anouk Espi (violin) and Barbara Kennedy (cello).

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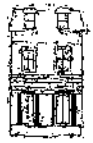

Simon's Town Civic Association

This year has started with a bang and we have had the February meeting of the STCA Committee followed by the Half-yearly General meeting on 27 February and the March meeting of the Committee. To condense all that into a readable newsletter is a challenge.

Much of what was discussed at the February meeting of the Committee came up for discussion at the General Meeting. This was attended by more than fifty members of the STCA including the Committee. It was disappointing that so few residents of Glencairn attended despite the meeting being held in the Phoenix Hall in Glencairn. Do the Glencairn residents feel that they are not part of 'greater' Simon's Town?

Estelle Byrne was recognised as the 'Citizen of the Year' for her selfless and arduous work in trying to restore and maintain the 'Old Burying Ground' in Simon's Town. In addition to this award, the meeting decided to grant her financial support to the extent of R1000.00 (derived from the proceeds of the New Year's Eve Party) to encourage her to continue the good work. Similar support was given to the Garden Group to continue to beautify the Station garden and Jubilee Square. It was suggested that the Baboon Monitors be considered for support as they fulfil a valuable role in preventing a clash between the interests of residents and those of hungry baboons on the urban fringes. This was agreed to at the March meeting of the Committee.

The difference between our Ward Councillor and Cassandra is that we believe Nick Holderness' rather gloomy predictions for the future of local government in our area. Suffice it to say that change is not always for the better and the centralisation of services has not (yet) brought benefits. Doubts

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about the allocation of responsibilities between, for example, Spoornet and the Municipality leaves us with the problem of sand across the road at Glencairn Beach.

The one area in which the changes may bring improvements is that of water provision and quality. Messrs Kevin Matthews and Alan Mehan addressed the meeting on the subject and it is clear that the whole reticulation system is in a parlous state. They have no explanation for the vagaries of the chlorine levels and the bacterial contamination measured and their report on the state of the reservoirs supplying this area makes for even greater concern. Neptune Reservoir has a torn roof covering, Prince George Reservoir needs cleaning, Murdoch Valley Reservoir is cracked and is leaking, and Victoria Reservoir is more than 100 years old and is leaking. No repairs can be effected until the water demand drops after the rains have come. It is no wonder that I have said the water situation is a source of frustration.

The hint of hope is that the provision of water is to be consolidated so that one department will deal with water from its sources as 'raw-water' to its delivery as potable water in our taps. We live in hope.

Much more positive was the report from the Navy. Cmdr Lisa Hendricks reported on the past year and the developments that will take place as a result of the Navy's decision to concentrate its structures in Simon' Town. The closure of the Durban and Saldanha Bases will have serious consequences for us as additional office accommodation must be provided and dwellings for the additional personnel must be constructed.
Similarly upbeat was the report from the Publicity Association. There has been an increase in the number of tourists to Simon's Town and they are staying here – occupancy of the beds available was above 80% during the peak season.

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Year's Eve Party. It attracted some 5000 partygoers and that may well be too many for comfort. The successes and failures of the occasion are being considered and already planning for the next party is underway. The STCA benefited to the extent of R10 700 from the profits made and this money is available to support suitably motivated projects that benefit the community (eg The Old Burying Ground, Baboon Monitors, beautification of the Station Garden).

The birth pangs of the Simon's Town Amenities Development Company (STADCO) have been protracted and the current delay is due to some minor bureaucratic nitpicking. However, the interim Directors have been chosen, have met, elected their Chairman (Brian Puchert), Vice Chairman (Peter Fewell) and Treasurer (Ian Allan) and are considering various projects that STADCO can and should undertake. Remember that you do not need to be a member of the STCA to be a participant in STADCO and that STADCO is there to address problems of concern to the community that fall outside the scope of the municipality. Suggestions for its consideration would be welcomed.

The maintenance and development of the Glencairn Vlei is ongoing and moves are afoot to remove some of the reeds physically and to deepen the lower end of the Vlei. The celebration of Wetlands Day was a success and those who participated speak highly of its educational (and entertainment) value.

Problem areas that were touched on were those of illegal signage and unauthorised construction. Few businesses seem aware of the rules governing signage and fewer abide by those rules. Similarly there seems to be an increasing tendency for owners or even tenants to alter buildings or undertake new construction without having their plans formally scrutinised and passed. Signage can be disfiguring or create hazards but unauthorised building is likely to be dangerous

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and may even constitute theft of space.

Various aspects of the environment (eg register of significant trees), roads (objections to the proposed N21 ring road), property developments (Marine Oil site), and safety and security (thefts at ATMs) were reported on and discussed.

Finally, the chairperson thanked those who had attended the general meeting and asked them to consider nominations for the Citizen of the Year (2003) now and to submit such nominations supported by formal motivations before the end of October.
The March meeting of the STCA Committee largely endorsed decisions taken at the general meeting and instructed the various members to report on matters under their portfolios to the Executive Mayor in response to her 'Listening Campaign' to ensure that this far-flung part of the Peninsula is not forgotten.

Ciao for now, John Morris

Simon's Town Business Association Report

The Simon's Town Business Association held their monthly meeting on Monday 17th March in the Review Function Room, Café Pescado.

After many years of service, George Bowes (Vice Chairperson) tended his resignation, owing to other commitments. He was thanked for his valuable input. Brian Puchert, the Chairman of STADCO (the Simon's Town Amenities Development Company) addressed the meeting about the functions of the Section 21 Company in Simon's Town. He was able to reassure members about the perceived role of STADCO.

Geoff Batt of the Anchor Players, the entertainment arm of the SA Navy, spoke about the "Partners against Domestic Abuse" campaign which is a SA Navy initiative spear-

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headed by Admiral Louw. The Business Association pledged their support and agreed that we should all work together to co-ordinate and utilise all available resources for this very worthy cause.

The Webmaster of Simon's Town.com has stood down. Thys Eberson of the Internet Café will be taking over his functions.

Finances remained healthy, in spite of a unilateral increase in the Community Patrol Board levy. It appears the best way to finance these increases at present is to appeal to businesses to increase their monthly contributions.

Much of the rest of the meeting was spent discussing the Naval Festival 2003. The Town had been asked by Captain Knox to provide entertainment once the Dockyard was closed at 18h00.

A marquee tent was put up on Jubilee Square. During the day the tent was occupied by crafters and at night live jazz was played by Beverley de Meyer, Willie van Zyl and colleagues from the Naval Band. The music was really enjoyed by all those that attended, and it will be repeated. Unfortunately the weather wasn't very accommodating, and Saturday night's performance had to be cancelled. The tent had been offered to the African Children's Choir on Sunday to have a concert to raise funds for themselves. This unfortunately was called off as well. The Business Association looks forward to working closely with the SA Navy again to make Navy Week 2004 even bigger and better.

The next meeting of the Simon's Town Business Association will be the 2003 AGM. All members will be notified and need to be present at this meeting.

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Property Watch No 47

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 46.

1.2 Erf No 1180 Simon's Town (198 Queens Road): Application for Land Use departure to convert Residential House to Medical Practice. Now being finalised for next Sub-Council Meeting.

1.3 Erf No 4495: Cairnside: Application to subdivide into portions. No change from Report No 46.

1.4. Erf No 625 Simon's Town (Military Road, Bayview): Application to subdivide into two portions without formal road ac cess to one erf. Application approved. Matter now closed.

1.5 Erf No 2212 Glencairn Heights: Application for Bed and Breakfast estabishment. No change from Report No 46.

1.6 Erf No 2464 Forest Hill: Application for subdivision into two parts. No change from Report No 46.

1.7 Erf No.4403 Simon's Town (88 Dorries Drive): Application for departure from single residential to convert existing accommodation into"granny flat" for self catering letting and to reduce the building line from 4.5m to 1.0m. Now being finalised. No change from Report No 46.

1.8 Erf No 1400 Simon's Town (Kleintuin Road): Application for temporary land use departure in terms of Section 15 of Ordinance No 15 of 1985 to allow portion of the premises to be used as a sales outlet for curios and other crafts. Open to interestec parties for comment. It is understood that objections have been received. No change from Report No 46.

1.9 Erf No.4034 Simon's Town: Application for Land Use Departure from single residen-

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tial to allow conversion to Bed & Breakfast. No change from Report No 46. Application in progress.

1.10 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. Objections have been received to the proposal that the area be used as an outdoor restaurant with liquor licence. No change from Report No 45 but following discussions with the owners the STCA has withdrawn its objections to this proposal. This matter is now closed as the premises are available for letting.

1.11 Erf No 1239 (cnr Forest Hill Road) Application for re-zoning and possible removal of restrictions. No change from Report No 46. Further information awaited.

1.12 Erf No 3636 Simon's Town (Hope Street/Cardiff Road): Application to adjust the boundaries of Erf No 771 (the abutting erf to Erf No.3636) and subdivide the adjusted erf into three portions in accordance with the site development plan and to erect three dwellings. Report submitted to Sub-Council. No change from Report No 46.

1.13 Erf No 3042 Simon's Town (Clan Stewart Street, Glencairn Heights). Earlier sub-division which was approved has lapsed and this is a re-application for the proposed subdivision of Erf No 3042 into two erven in accordance with the lapsed approval. The two erven would be 312sqm and 459 sqm respectively. Application approved. Matter now closed.

1.14 Erf No 4004 Simon's Town (Victory Close/Way): Application for Land Use Departure from single residential to Bed & Breakfast . Report in progress. No change from Report No 46.

1.15 Erf No 560 (Simon's Town Station) Application for rezoning, departure and subdivision. Further information awaited. No change from Report No 46. Further information awaited.

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1.16 Erf No 4979 (Glen Street, Glencairn) Application for rezoning of public unmade street between Glen St and Erven 250 & 345 from undetermined use zone to residential use. Report for Sub Council in progress. No change from Report No 46.
1.17 Erf No 1191: Application for subdivision. Further information required. No change from Report No 46.
1.18 Erf No 2082 Simon's Town (Cnr Clan Stewart and Brunswick Sts.) Application for sub-division, being advertised at present. No change from Report No 46.
1.19 Erf No 3182 Simon's Town (Queens Road, Seaforth): Application for rezoning, closure & alienation of public street, being advertised at present. No change from Report No 46.
1.20 Erf No 2298 Simon's Town (Boulders Beach Guest House): Application to rezone from general residential to business. Further information requested from SPA. Application on appeal to Province.

1.21 Erf No 2737 Simon's Town (Queen's Road, Seaforth): Application for subdivision, rezoning and departures in terms of Sect.15(a)(i) of the LUPO and the Simon's Town zoning scheme. Objections have been lodged. An amended application has been lodged and is being advertised at present.

1.22 Erf No 1368 Simon's Town (Jan Smuts Ave Seaforth): Application for height departure. We have no objections to this proposal. No change from Report No 46.
1.23 Erf Simon's Town (Seaforth Restaurant) Application for temporary Land Use Departure to Operation of Restaurant - enclosure of deck area and upgrading of change rooms. No change from Report No 46.
1.24 Erf No 3779 Simon's Town (Hugo Biermann Bldg. Naval Base): Application for temporary land use departure - installation of cellular communication antennae at top of lift shaft tower on roof of building with support equipment container to provide coverage in Simon's Town for Cell C net-

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work proposed. The matter is now closed - application has been granted.

1.26 Erf No 2429 Simon's Town (Rutherfoord Drive/Thomas Rd) Proposal to subdivide Erf into five portions ranging in size from 650m² to 1682m². The STCA has no objection to this proposal. No change from Report No 46. Report in progress.

Lot Erven 2511 & 2512 (Seaside Sq/1 Rd St Francis Bay): application from the owners of Erf 3477 for the closure and sale of a portion of public street to enable the construction of a vehicular ramp for access to the proposed development on Erf 3477. The STCA has no objection to this proposal.

1.27 Erven Nos 629 & 4502 (Wilfred St Simon's Town): Application to consolidate these erven and divide into three portions for residential purposes. The STCA has no objection to this proposal. No changes from Report No 46.

OTHER PROPERTY MATTERS

3.1 Oudekraal Wildschutsbesonder: Applications for land use departure to permit a bed and breakfast establishment, a restaurant, a craft shop, pottery studio and studio, gallery and ablutions for owner/sellers. No change from Report No 46.

3.2 CPM 1404 Vf (Schuilplaats Farm): Application for land use departures for the establishment of a restaurant and tea garden, an African cafe and craft market and overnight accommodation. No change from Report No 46.

3.3 Consolidated and Amended Town Planning and Zoning Scheme Regulations for Simon's Town and Fish Hoek: No change from Report No 46.

3.4 Proposed Lease of portions of public street abutting Erven Nos 1797 and 1794 (Main Road Muizenberg Valley, Simon's Town): Extent 278 sqm each. Proposed use gardening, security and access purposes. Lease period 5 years. No change from Report No 46.

3.5 Proposed Lease of portion of City Land abutting Erf No 3873 (26 Mariners Close Simon's Town): Extent approx 300 sqm. Proposed use gardening, security and access purposes. Lease period 5 years. No change from Report No 46.

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posed usage - clearing of alien vegetation and replacing with indigenous plants. Lease period 10 years @ R75 pa plus rates and annual increases. No change from Report No 46.
2.6 Proposed closure, rezoning and alienation of portion of public Street (Erf No.1581 adjoining Erf No 1723 Afrikander Rd. Murdoch Valley). Extent 150 sq/m to be sold to the abutting owners of Erf 1723 for the sum of R36 000 to be rezoned to single residential purposes.
2.7 Proposed lease of portion of City land abutting Erf No 1993 (Off Nerina Road, Simon's Town): Extent approx 12 sqm proposed use for parking purposes. Lease period 5 years at R100 per month escalating by 10% oa plus rates.
2.8 Proposed lease of portion of public passage abutting Erf No 992 (Off Hospital Lane, Simon's Town): Extent approx 98 sqm proposed use for gardening purposes. Lease period 10 years at R25.00 pa to be increased annually in accordance with approved tariff.

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To all those light-hearted people out there who do not take their high blood pressure seriously, I bring some disturbing news – hot of the press from a recent congress that I attended. I did not only revel in the relaxing atmosphere at the Caledon Springs (no I did not gamble !), I also attended "all" the teaching sessions.

The statistics show, that the leading cause of death in those over the age of 50 (male and female) is strokes -- followed by heart disease (and most of them smoked – but don't let that put you off your "fag"). For those who feel that living in the Ever after is not to bad an idea, only 33 % do not survive strokes; 33 % live happily ever after and 33% do not live happily. Fifty three percent of those who had a stroke due to blocked arteries, had high blood pressure and 97 % of those who had brain bleedings, had high blood pressure (and most of them smoked – so Harry Seftel is not mad!). With a mere 6 mmHg drop in BP, you could achieve a 42 % decrease in the chance of having a stroke (that does not include the benefit of stopping smoking!)

If you have ignored all the warnings and you are unlucky to have symptoms of a stroke, react quickly. They could be, sudden weakness or numbness of the face; arm or leg. Sudden blurred vision in one or both eyes. Difficulty in speaking or understanding speech. Sudden unsteady gait; loss of balance or unexplained fall. Headache (severe) of a sudden onset. Obviously there are many other causes for the similar symptoms, but that's what the doctors are there for. Upon clinical examination, he/she/it may be able to distinguish between the other possibilities. The best option is obviously to prevent such a tragedy in the first place. Keep good track of your blood pressure and take your medication regularly. Never miss a dose and do not stop your treatment for any reason whatsoever! Not without prior discussion with your "quack"

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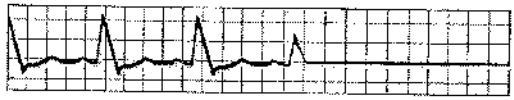

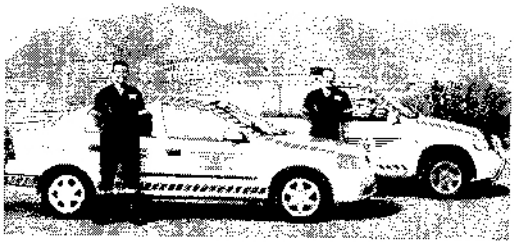

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Across the Hex and into a Brave New World - part 3

We moved from the Florence to a semi-detached house near the top end of Banket Street. No garden, but wild flowers - including the beautiful cosmos which I'd never seen before - grew almost at the front door. It was now decided that I should attend school as soon as possible. There were two choices within a longish walking distance of the house: Türnhalle and Twist St Primary. Mother was much taken with Türnhalle, a graceful white building standing in a garden. But it was a German-medium, private school. So there was Twist St - which naturally was in Twist Street, right next to the steep road. It was co-educational, but boys and girls were strictly segregated, both in the dusty playgrounds and in classrooms. A stark red-brick building, noise of frequent trams clanging past; no sports field or pool. On Fridays pupils - girls in the morning, boys after 2pm - were taken to Ellis Park baths. Mother got an exemption for me because she'd heard that the swimming instructor tended to paw little girls during lessons.

A fat girl named Evelyn (pronounced Evaleen) befriended me, took me to visit her Russian grandparents in their tiny shop near the school, and I was introduced to an American invention: chewing gum. Blackjack gum came in strips and tasted deliciously of licorice, but Everlyn warned me under no circumstances to swallow the rubbery stuff. Well, it wasn't rubbery and I did swallow it, and Everlyn said the chewing gum would probably stick all my insides together and I might even die. I didn't, but was put off chewing gum for life.

I had one other friend at school; Iris Marthese was pretty, with silky blonde hair, and wore beautiful lace-trimmed blouses under her gymslip instead of the regulation shirt and tie. She, Everlyn and I would spend "big break" watching the hop-scotching hearties sweat and squeal.

One day Iris invited me to her home, Mother gave consent - "but be back by 3 o'clock" - and off we went. "Home" was a flat in a building just off Troye Street - and what an elegant place it was: draped, satiny pink curtains and plump pastel cushions all over the room. Iris's mother, pretty and dressed in something velvety and fluffy, greeted me kindly and said to enjoy the cookies and lemonade. Soon a man came in at the front door and Iris said "Hullo, Uncle Sidney". He and Mrs Marthese went in through a doorway, closing the door behind them.

I was enjoying a second glass of lemonade when another man arrived, "Hullo, Uncle Bert," said Iris. "Mummy's busy just now". The man - quite old, at least Dad's age - said he'd be back later. Suddenly it was 3 o'clock and I had to do a Cinderella. "You're a bit late," said Mother. "Never mind, did you enjoy your visit?" I spoke enthusiastically about the lovely pink room, the cookies and lemonade, and Iris's two uncles. Mother suddenly looked quite cross. I was never, ever to go to that place again, understand? And she'd rather I stopped the friendship. I was an obedient child, and confined friendship to Everlyn and her Russian grandparents, who sipped glasses of tea through sugar cubes. But I thought, once more, that grown-ups sometimes behaved very oddly indeed. there was no explaining them.

Yolandi

When God created Yolandi, He made her beautiful, big, powerful and fast - very fast! She shared an interest in cross-country running with her husband Riaan, who was an engine driver based at the huge Beaconsfield depot just outside Kimberley. With her arms pumping like the pistons of a steam locomotive, Yolandi had recently begun to take the lead and leave Riaan puffing far behind. He had lost all concentration after graduating in a part-time course on business administration. His problem was an offer of promotion to regional headquarters in Cape Town. Who would then take the same loving care of Engine Number 3463, which bore the unofficial nameplate of his wife?

Yolandi was one of almost 150 class 25 behemoths of 200 tons, which operated from Beaconsfield. Built by the North British Locomotive Works in Glasgow (Scotland), she was beautiful, powerful, big and fast - very fast! Riaan swore that she also had spirit and awareness. When silhouetted at night against the floodlit depot, Yolandi's twin smoke deflectors gave her the appearance of an eagle at rest with folded wings.

Her kind were the largest non-articulated steam locomotives in the world for narrow-gauge lines. Originally a condensing engine, she once had a long, low-slung 50,000 litre tender with a giant turbine-fan system to recycle exhaust steam into water. This obviated the need for water stops in the arid Karoo. However, when the old South African Railways & Harbours electrified the line, both her fan system and condensing chambers were removed. The sleek, cylindrical tender was then known by engine drivers as a "worshond", which is Afrikaans for "sausage dog"!

Although Yolandi was relegated to hauling freight between De Aar and Kimberley, she never sulked. Riaan looked after her well and no rust blemished her beauty in the clean dry air. Once she got into her stride and sped down the track, her thunder would echo long after reaching the finishing line. Ah - those were happy days! There was water to drink and plenty of food from the coal-face loading chute. Chugging out of the depot, she would wait patiently for the ash pit to be cleared. Meanwhile, Riaan would rake out her fire-box, check running gear and lovingly polish the cab controls.

Yolandi would then be driven to the blow-down pit. This was where she always gave her first indication of pent-up power. The local water supply contained impurities that form a corrosive deposit in her boiler. Before causing any harm, they were released by Riaan through a valve in a jet of high-pressure steam so strong that it could knock a person down. Often watched by other drivers envious of Riaan, Yolandi would then be driven to the main line at the start of yet another speed record.

One other class 25 locomotive could match Yolandi's power, but only once were they allowed to work in tandem. This was when a foreign journalist wanted to photograph their combined strength from the foot plate. As her huge pistons, connecting rods and wheels became a blur of motion, he became so dizzy that Riaan had to haul him back into the cab.

Shortly after this incident in 1989, Riaan's wife slipped while running down a culvert and fractured her skull against the rails. Steam then gave way to diesel and Yolandi was put out to pasture. Heartbroken, Riaan moved to Paul Sauer Building in Cape Town and concentrated on his career. By the turn of the century, he had reached the pinnacle of success with Spoornet. However, years of overworking and the resultant stress had strained his heart. Between meetings, he would often just stare at a framed picture of his deceased wife posing in front of his old locomotive.

And it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Riaan in a dream: "There is an angel who is beautiful, big, powerful and fast - very fast. She misses you as you miss her and I will bring about your eternal togetherness aboard Yolandi."

The hospital diagnosis of Riaan's heart problem was not good. For some reason, his presence was required on the engine's right-hand platform and he walked massively slowly. On his other side, he noticed a long row of passengers without passengers at every window. They suddenly started to clap as grinning railway officials handed him a plum-coloured driver's cap. Totally bewildered, now was then for is the front where a black 35 steam loco with its long water tender stood in immaculate condition.

A red carpet led to the cab, from where the driver and fireman beckoned Riaan to take a seat. But he first needed to identify the pony-sized engine. Proudly displayed was a well-polished brass Glasgow plate bearing the number 3455. Another plate in front brought tears to Riaan's eyes. It simply read - "Yolandi".

Of course, God's message to Riaan is purely speculative, but it has inevitably altered his life and I certainly felt like the conversation. He was apparently allowed to drive the engine on a long stretch, where she responded to his almost caressing touch of the controls with unprecedented acceleration. She seemed to recognize him and it was eerie to witness. Riaan suddenly looked in surprise to the side and held his arms in an embracing posture. He then died with a happy sigh. What struck the crew most was an immediate drop in speed for no apparent reason. Perhaps it was Yolandi's way of paying respect to two angels who were beautiful, big, powerful and fast - very fast.

Bevan Park

Top Cape National Parks Appointment

Manager of Cape Peninsula National Park (CPNP), Howard Langley, has been promoted by SA National Parks to the new position of "Regional" Park Manager for the national parks in the Cape region.

His responsibilities include the overall management of the CPNP, the West Coast National Park near Langebaan, the Agulhas National Park at the southernmost tip of Africa, the Bontebok National Park near Swellendam and the Tsitsikamma National Park.

"There is a great need to co-ordinate the management and marketing of the Cape parks and to integrate their transformation and development plans with the sustainable management of their biodiversity and their scenic and tourist resources. I am looking forward to the challenges that this new position offers and hope to make full use of the lessons I learnt in the CPNP," he says.

Born in Clevedy, Fish Hoek, where he still lives with his wife and three children, Howard has spent almost his entire working life conserving the Cape Peninsula. He started his career as a young ranger helping to establish the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve in the late 60s. He later became Chief Conservation Officer for the Regional Services Council, which included the management of the Rondevlei Nature Reserve, where he successfully introduced hippos to control an invasive grass from South America.

In 1985 he was appointed by SANParks as environmental manager for the newly created Cape Peninsula National Park, taking over from David Nairn (now CE of the Western Cape Nature Conservation Board) as Park Manager in December 1995. Hayward will continue to operate from the CPNP's head office in Westlake, Cape Town.

The position of Park Manager of the CPNP will be taken over by **Brett Myrdal** who has

served as Manager of the Table Mountain Fund (TMF) for the past five years.
Born in Zimbabwe, 43-year old Brett now lives in Muizenberg with his wife, son and daughter. He grew up and schooled in Port Elizabeth and has a BSc Chemistry degree from the University of Cape Town (UCT) and a Master's degree in Town and Regional Planning from the University of Natal.

His ability to link science, social development and conservation is the result of life experience that started with a passion for rock-climbing on Table Mountain. This was followed by a decade of work in the ANC's underground in the eighties and including stints at the Harare Polytechnic's department of science and technology, the University of Port Elizabeth's Institute for Planning Research, the Development Action Group in Cape Town, and the CSIR Coastal Development Programme.

Later, as programme manager for Liebenberg & Stander, he headed Lwandle's "Hostels to Homes" upgrading project – and earned the national housing award for one of the largest and most successful projects of its kind in the Western Cape.
In 1998 he was appointed by the World Wide Fund for Nature (SA) as the first full time manager of the Table Mountain Fund, a capital trust fund for biodiversity conservation.

During his tenure, he developed the post into a strategically focussed programme aimed at developing projects in priority areas that linked biodiversity conservation with social upliftment. About fifty projects are now running in six focal areas.

He secured R10 million of Critical Ecosystem Partnership Funding (CEPF) for the TMF and led the Noordhoek Kommetjie Wetlands team in raising R24 million of the required R30 million to secure this missing link in the spine of the Cape Peninsula.

He played a leading role in initiating the Cape Flats Nature Programme focussed on Edith Stephens, Wolfgat, Macassar and Harmony Flats nature reserves operated by the City of Cape Town.

Brett is fully trilingual and his interests include mountaineering, rock climbing, swimming, surfing and jazz.

"I feel honoured to join Mavuso Msimang's team at SANParks and to accept the responsibility of leadership handed on from previous park managers. I look forward to carrying on the good work with the excellent team that manages the Cape Peninsula National Park," says Brett.

National Parks looks for "Green" Secretary

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ing of the CPNP committee and the park's senior management. These meetings are sometimes held after hours, usually at the CPNP head office in Westlake or in central Cape Town," says Stephen Hulbert, CPNP marketing manager.
"Own transport and access to own computer and email facility are essential, as well as considerable previous experience in minute taking and a good command of English. This would suit a retired PA with an interest in conservation matters," says Stephen.
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Silvermine Closes Gate for Upgrades

Visitors to Silvermine will soon enjoy a user-friendly parking area on top of Ou Kaapse Weg on the Muizenberg side of the road.

The Cape Peninsula National Park (CPNP) announced that gate two to Silvermine will be closed until 12 May when the upgrading will be completed.
CPNP spokesperson, Stephen Hulbert, says alternative parking is available at the Silvermine Ticket Office or the view site car park just beyond the boom on the road leading to the ticket office.
"We have identified the area as a high priority site as it serves as a gateway to the southern half of the Park's central section. Due to the regular use of the area it became seriously degraded and now requires rehabilitation.

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"The upgrade which will offer more user friendly facilities consists of dedicated parking for functions, overflow parking, footpaths, landscaping of the degraded area and the rehabilitation of the old picnic site," says Hulbert.

Complementary basic facilities such as ablutions and an information centre are envisage for a later stage. Contact the Section Ranger for enquiries at Tel: (021) 789-2455/6/7.

The Wild Coast Odyssey - Part 1

This is an account of a journey of exploration of the Wildcoast coastal resorts, undertaken by three Simonites, comprising Langbroek Loxton (LB), Kortbroek Kaalvoet Coetzee (KK) and André Pirouette Duraan (AP). The nicknames are significant: Paul usually wears short pants and prefers to walk around barefoot; he also drives barefoot: he maintains shoes make his feet hot and he feels uncomfortable. Anyway he says he has better control over the pedals with bare feet.

Now for André Duraan: the evening of our first night in camp at Tsitsikama Park he performed an impromptu ballet-like dance specially choreographed and orchestrated by a Captain Morgan - hence the nickname pirouette; by the way, AP hates ballet, but he knows enough to go through the motions.

Wed 5 March: 08:30 depart Simon's Town in AP's double cab 4 x 4 Toyota diesel, with baggage trailer in tow - fully loaded: almost overloaded, missing only the kitchen sink! I sit squashed up in the back seat, KK navigates and AP drives. I make a plea that it would be nice to overnight in Knysna and enjoy an oyster dinner. Overruled; we are heading for Tsitsikama Park. I discover that KK has carefully planned the whole trip, scheduled to last 14 days, complete with all night-stops etc. So, we duly arrive at Tsitsikama at about 4pm after stops at George and Knysna. Place is fully booked as regards chalets - so, camping in the tent it has to be.

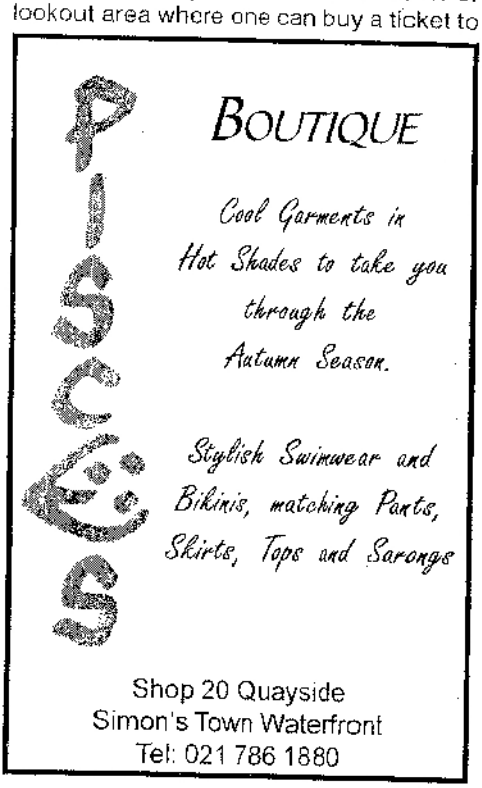
What a palaver that turns out to be. Quite apparent that neither KK nor AP are familiar with this rather complicated tent, in which everything is in one piece - including the ground sheet. After much cursing and grumbling the tent is eventually up. I have an old stretcher and a First World War canvas sleeping bag - a bit of furniture which draws much negative comment because of its bulk when rolled up. However, I return criticism when KK laboriously pumps up two mattresses, each the area of a double bed. When these large mattresses are put in one tent, there is hardly any space for my stretcher.

After a braai of sheep ribs prepared by AP, followed by AP's ballet performance, we retire. But AP is a loud snorer, so try my trick of 3 pressure points below each ear - and lo! it worked: no snoring that night.

Thursday 6 March: At first light, set off on narrow path with many steps and rickety handrail in most parts to Storms River suspension bridge, a walk of about an hour. This bridge is secure enough but tends to wobble and sway somewhat when you reach the middle, a span of about 100 metres. And can you believe it - there's a horde of sharks swimming below! KK is all excited, but I don't see them, so we wait on the other side for the sun to hit the water, and I see the slow-moving graceful forms. KK says they are so-called "soup fin" shark (must have a more appropriate name?) which come into the fresh water to get their teeth cleaned: like the true story of the crocodile and the bird that cleans the reptile's teeth. My comment of "nonsense" creates a big argument.

Later in the day when we visit Tsitsikama Village, a Nature Conservation officer suggests that the sharks enter the fresh water to get rid of the parasites - I still say "nonsense", resulting in more argument. There is need of proper research and proof!! Perhaps a reader will have the answer. (Perhaps the sharks just want a refreshing drink of cool, clean water, unsalted?)

Back in camp and we go touring. Nature's Valley comes as a surprise: a small resort housing development under an umbrella of thicket, almost claustrophobic. Development regulations must have specified minimal clearing of the natural bush. Next, the Bloukrantz bridge and the observation or lookout area where one can buy a ticket to



go bungee jumping: the highest jump in the world from the middle of the bridge. An access passageway to the centre has been constructed on the underside of the bridge. We actually witness two jumpers go over the side - CRAZY!

Friday 7 March: Due to break camp and depart - but first, to realise KK's lifelong dream to swim with the sharks. So off to a small beach next to the restaurant, and there we find a shoal of sharks. So KK dives in with goggles and mask to follow the sharks. Strangely, the sharks show respect and deliberately avoid KK, doubling back and swimming past him, at speed. Anyway, dream realised, and KK declared this was the highlight of the trip.

In summary, a beautiful spot and much of interest to see and experience. A visit of a couple of days is highly recommended.
To follow: Gnube and Port St Johns.

Reg Loxton

Dryden Dymond - Part 3

(Excerpts from the biography by Vice Admiral Sir Alan Grose KBE)

In early 1946 a general demob of all wartime South African forces took place, pending the re-establishment of a Permanent Force in their stead. A required number of 60 officers and 800 ratings was needed for the South African Navy. RPDD was one of the volunteers selected, and his first four years in the peacetime Navy were spent in a series of sea commands: first *Natal*, from 1946 to 1948, then *Good Hope* again from 1948 to 1949, and finally HMSAS Jan van Riebeeck in 1950.

In January 1948, with RPDD in command, *Natal* went to Marion and Prince Edward Islands, to proclaim sovereignty over them, ceremoniously, on behalf of the Union Government. While anchored off Marion Island a violent storm almost drove the ship ashore; all RPDD's skill and his reputation as an exceptionally fine seaman and experienced ship-handler were put to the test. After refitting *Natal* in Simon's Town RPDD took part in first-ever exercises between units of the SA Navy, Royal Navy and the US Navy, before handing the ship over and taking up command of *Good Hope* again.

In mid-1948 the SANF moved base from Cape Town to Salisbury Island, Durban; for the first time it had its own quays, workshops, storehouses, training facilities, offices and living quarters in one compact area.

During RPDD's second period in command of *Good Hope*, the ship cruised up the west coast of Africa in company with *Natal* and *Transvaal*, in August 1949. The ships called at Messamedes, Lobito, Luanda and Matadi. Navigating the hazards of the River Congo were challenging. RPDD faced a series of disciplinary problems among some members of their ships' companies. A few weeks after this troubled cruise RPDD was promoted to Commander. His final sea command was to be in the first destroyer operated by the SANF: *HMS Wessex*, purchased from the Royal Navy at the end of 1949. She was renamed Jan van Riebeeck at a ceremony in Simon's Town on 29 March 1950. After an extensive refit in the dockyard and successful sea-trials, the ship arrived at Salisbury Island on 6 October 1950.

In 1951 RPDD, in *Jan van Riebeeck* took part in a series of exercises off the South African coast, with units of the Royal Navy, and also visited a number of local ports. In December 1952 RPDD was promoted to Captain, to take up a new appointment as Officer Commanding Salisbury Island. In March 1953 he was awarded the Efficiency Decoration. In early January 1954, while remaining in charge of the base at Salisbury Island, RPDD took on the additional responsibilities as temporary OC Coastal Command at Youngsfield, Cape Town. A few weeks after acting as host to the visiting Brigadier-General Jean Landouzy, RPDD underwent a major brain operation which required

lengthy surgery in Cape Town by Dr de Villiers Hammon, the eminent Cape Town neurosurgeon. Happily RPDD made a speedy recovery and was able to lead an expedition to Bouvet Island in the South Atlantic, 1600 miles south of Cape Town. He had been chosen because of his experience on Marion and Price Edward Islands.

SA Navy Band Goes International

The guest speaker at the Admiralty House Concert on 23 February was Brigadier Mel Jameson (MBE), the Producer of the world famous Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Apart from this very complementary remarks concerning the Navy Band he confided later that this was the best Garden Party he had ever attended. However he was anxious that "The Queen" did not hear of this (he had attended several at Buckingham Palace)!

It was confirmed that the SA Navy Band will perform during the 2004 Edinburgh Tattoo and will be considered for inclusion on the equally famous Festival, the biggest in the world, which runs concurrently.

This very busy group of musicians are already scheduled to represent South Africa in Germany and Holland during August this year. They have also been chosen to perform again at the International Music Show in Bremen in January 2004, being one of twelve who were specially selected out of the approximately four hundred bands from around the world who had performed in Bremen during the last thirty nine years. The SA Navy Band will in fact be the "Band of the Year" in this special Anniversary Show and a Press plus PR team from Germany will be in Simon's Town later this year to video the musicians and their environment, plus other aspects of Simon's Town and beyond. As can be seen, the Navy Band is putting Simon's Town on the world map and several visitors from Europe have already B & B'd locally as a result of hearing our "new music for a new South Africa" when we visited them. Many Ambassadors and Consuls General from various Countries, stationed both here and in Europe, have commented about how highly they rate the South African Navy Band as a representative of this country. We are extremely grateful to the sponsors who are making it possible for us to be involved in this valuable work, although there is a constant need to attract financial support bearing in mind that most of these projects must be at no cost to the State.

The next public appearance of the Band will be a Muizenberg Pavilion on May 17 (contact Fran Spencer-Smith on 083 357 5822) and you can meanwhile hear their amazing variety by obtaining the latest CD (part 3) via the Band Office - contact Marcello on 072 150 7513.

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tary Police, and going on to become the Station Commander at Winfield base. His sister is a Captain in the SAP at Fish Hoek. Ian has another sister who is currently living in New Zealand.

After school Ian completed his military training in the mechanized infantry and thereafter joined the SAP, completing his training in Pretoria before moving down to the Cape. He came back to Simon's Town in 1999 where he forms part of our fabulous team.

His wife, Dorothy, is also a Cape girl, hailing from Wellington and they have a beautiful 4 year old daughter, Michelle. To escape from the stresses of their busy lives, Ian loves to fish and Dot paints ceramic pottery and makes Teddy Bears.

He appeals to the Simon's Town public to work closely with the police service. He is one of the men who answers your emergency calls. No matter what time of the day or night, they will be at your service.

Insp. Shane Cornelius

It is a great pity that Shane did not continue with his hobby of motorcross as he achieved National event level and really enjoyed the sport. However, all that was given up to begin his career in the SAP. Born in Natal he went to school at Glenwood Boys High, then on to do his police training in Pretoria. After 5 years of working in Pinetown the heat and humidity got him down so he resigned and moved to Cape Town to take up a position as Area Manager for a private security company.

However, police service was his first choice so in 1998 he joined our team in Simon's Town.

He is married to Natasha who is a police Inspector in Fish Hoek. He still enjoys the motorcross but now, unfortunately as a spectator only. He and Natasha are kept pretty busy with DIY projects on their home in Sun Valley.

Shane is the Shift Commander and has been working together with Inspector Ian Cooke for two years now. These are the men who answer your calls and come out to assist when required. They make an excellent team.

Shane appeals to the public to be more vigilant and get to know your neighbour. Become involved in the neighbourhood watch. Help them to help you.

The Night Sky

During April the brightest constellation in the evening sky in the west at sunset is Orion the Hunter, south of the ecliptic, followed by his Big Dog, Canis Major and Little Dog Canis Minor. North of the ecliptic (pathway of the planets) are Gemini the Twins, castor is west of Pollux, followed by rather dim Cancer the Crab, and the bright Leo the Lion, with its first magnitude star Regulus, which is 70 times brighter than our Sun. Next on the ecliptic is Virgo with the bright alpha called Spica. The Southern Cross, the Coal Sack, the pointers alpha and beta Centauri, Musca the Fly, the Diamond Cross and the

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The Southern Cross and Pointers are circumpolar and turn in a clockwise direction around the south Polar Star Sigma Octans in 12 hours. The Pointers are always behind the Cross. It was at this time of the year in 1610 on 28 April that Galileo Galilei discovered the major moons of the planet Jupiter and the rocky craters on the Moon. Kepler wrote, "What other conclusion shall we draw from this difference, Galileo, than that the fixed stars generate their light from within, whereas the planets, being opaque, are illuminated from without, that is, to use Giordano Bruno's terms, the former are suns, the latter planets or earths." Bruno was burned at the stake for making that statement in 1600.

Kepler continued, "You have conferred a blessing on astronomers and physicists by revealing the true nature of the Milky Way, the Nebulae and Nebulous conversions. You have upheld those writers who, being ap-reached the same conclusion as you, they are nothing but a mass of stars. Innumerable luminosities blend on account of the dullness of our eyes." From Sidereus Nuncius, by Galileo Galilei.

The Planets

Mercury, magnitude -1.5 may be seen low in the west after sunset.

Transit of Mercury: There is a rare transit of Mercury across the face of the Sun on 7 May, beginning at 7:12am until 12:42pm. This starts before sunrise, as sunrise is at 7:20am. Binoculars, covered with a safety filter should be used to view this interesting phenomenon which next occurs on 8 Nov. Visible in 2032, and again on 9 May 2016. Transits usually occur at intervals of 7, 13 and 46 years. "The length of the chord traversed by the planet in its passage across the Sun's disk determines the duration of a transit, which can last up to 8 hours." The full length of the transit is visible in Beaufort West, Bloemfontein, Durban and Johannesburg. The transit will occur below

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the Sun's equator on the east side of Sun from 7:12am. Mercury will appear as a black dot moving across the Sun's disk, from east to west. It is hoped that 7 May will be a clear day! and that everybody has the correct solar filter material to put across the front lenses of their binoculars. A special effort should be made to see it, as it was one of the astronomical "happenings" used to calculate the size of the Earth. Captain Cook was in the Pacific to measure the transit of Venus. He was murdered in 1779 at Hawaii.

Venus, magnitude -4.0 is a very bright early morning planet in the east until the second week in July, being 3° north of the Moon on the 28th.

Mars, magnitude +0.8, will be found in Capricornus this month in the east, in the morning sky. It will be 3° north of the Moon on the 23rd.

Jupiter, magnitude -2.5, is visible throughout the night with its 4 large moons, Callisto, Ganymede, Europa, and Io, in the constellation of Cancer.

Saturn, magnitude +0.1, is an evening planet with its ring system in a convenient position for viewing from Earth. It is 3° south of the Moon on the 8rd. It moves from Taurus in mid March into Orion in mid May.

Uranus, magnitude +5.9, is in the morning sky. It is 5° north of the Moon on the 25th.

Neptune, magnitude +8.0, is in the morning sky in Capricornus, a telescope is needed to see it.

Pluto, magnitude +13.9, is in Serpens but is only visible if a telescope of larger than 10" is used.

Stars or planets having a magnitude of more than 6 cannot be seen without binoculars. A one magnitude star is 100 times brighter than a 6 magnitude star. Each magnitude is 2½ times brighter than the previous one.

The Moon: New Moon is on the 1st. First Quarter on the 10th. Full Moon is on the 16th and Last Quarter is on the 23rd. On the 17th it is at perigee, and at apogee on the 4th, when it is furthest from Earth. There is a total lunar eclipse on the 16th of May at 03:05hrs.

The Sun: The transit of Mercury is an exciting event which occurs on the 7th May from 7:12am until 12:51pm. Solar filters must be used to see this very interesting phenomenon. On the 1st sunrise is at 6:55am and sunset at 6:41pm. On April the 30th sunrise is at 7:20am and sunset at 6:06pm.

Meteor Showers: The Delta Pavonids occur on the 6th April at 2am. The April Lyrids occur on the 22nd at 3am. The Pi Puppids occur on the 26rd from 7pm until 10pm. Good viewing! The Alpha Scorpiids occur from 11th until the 12th May from 4 - 5am. The Eta Aquariids occur from the 21st until the 12th May from 4 -5am.

Comets: There have been no reports of sightings, as the present comets are in the evening sky at sunset and in the morning sky at sunrise and so are not visible. Good viewing. Make preparations for seeing the transit of Mercury on the 7th May.

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Peninsula Tourism Report

The first quarter of the New Year 2003 has been exceptionally busy with an invasion of visitors mostly from the cold northern hemisphere. We do expect an influx of Germen, Dutch and British tourists every year, but this year there has been a surprising number of other European especially Swedish visitors to the town. The message to be the happy results of recent South African tourism drive in Sweden.

Two especially notable Swedish visitors were Ann-Marie and Lars Ljungha. Just before New Year Lars had a nasty accident at Seafoam beach when he broke his femur - after a stint in hospital, he bravely continued his holiday. With the help of Ann-Marie and kind host and hostess, Nick and Pat Kimball of Argyles Place, he even managed to trestle to the Navy Band Concert held in Admiralty Gardens - despite the injuries, they have booked a return trip to Argyles place next year. Most a number of return visits are being planned in advance from the numerous re-

quests received in February and March for accommodation early in 2004. Many visitors enjoying their 2003 holidays have been inspecting flats and houses for their retirement. Cape Town tourism has recorded a 20% increase in the number of visitors to Cape Town in the 2002/2003 season. Simon's Town information Bureau staff have certainly been aware of the increase and it appears that 2003/2004 will be an even better season.

Looking back at the season we were able to sell more tickets to the New Year Party than in previous years. The party was most successful attracting a record number of happy revellers. The hard working organising committee deserve sincere congratulations for their services to the town. Apart from the generous donations to local community organisations and charities, the funds raised at the Millennium fund, which was established to benefit the town, last year the fund paid for a mobile bandstage for concerts like Carhuderness, Fish Freeman, St Patr-

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In addition to the flood or requests for accommodation, the information has answered a record number of queries on an amazing variety of topics such as requests for boat trips, day excursions, especially to Cape Point, the wine route, Kirstenbosch, Table Mountain and the V&A Waterfront, restaurant and shopping information and numerous requests for road and hiking maps. We direct visitors to other tourist offices, mainly Garden Route, Hermanus and the West Coast. There are many queries about lost keys, cameras and cellphones - we even saved a small dog from the main road traffic! A warm thank you to the Glencairn Veterinary Clinic for keeping the frightened little dog until he was claimed by his traffic cop owner. Throughout the season sales of maps, postcards and popular "City Slickers" Penguin video have been brisk. Since October 2002 we have sold a record number of Green cards (Season Tickets to the CPNP) R60,000 worth of tickets at least have been sold. Almost every visitor to the Bureau asks for directions to the penguin colony and Cape Point. The four excellent museums and the mineral world are also very popular.
Without doubt the highlight of the year has been the Navy festival (20 - 22 March) which was exceptionally well organised this year by Capt Glen Knox and his hardworking team. Despite erratic weather the festival was an outstanding success - on the public holiday 21 March 60,000 visitors flocked to the Festival. The resulting traffic congestion created problems as visitors were forced to crawl along the main road in very hot weather.
The festival started with the traditional Navy Band Dry-Dock Concert - a great annual favourite. The right of entry parade was very impressive with ships companies marching along behind the Navy Band. Particularly noticeable were the Navy's canine brigade and the Navy divers (must have been boiling hot in those wetsuits) - this wonderful colourful parade was a great credit to the SA Navy and Simon's Town.
The members of the Simon's' Town Business Assoc (especially Malinda Coetzee) are to be congratulated for their initiative in organising events in a marquee on Jubilee Square during the festival. The Jazz concerts and other events helped to bring the festival into the town.
Well the season is not over yet and the end of March has been the annual influx of owners of large Great Danes to celebrate Just Nuisance Day. This popular event was generously sponsored this year by Dave Hurwitz, owner of the popular vessel "Spirit of Just Nuisance".
Although the town has been so busy the future of the tourism bureau remains very uncertain as the Cape Provincial and Municipal authorities discuss centralising tourism by amalgamating existing tourism bureaux.
The busy season certainly seems to confirm the value of local information offices but the experts will decide. We are looking forward to a busy Easter with the annual Easter Yachting Regatta and other events.

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It is very hard to credit that a quarter of this year has already flown by and in that time the Cricket World Cup has come and gone and now a disastrous war is under way in Iraq. Thankfully on the Sea Rescue front a relatively quiet period has been experienced by the crews of Station 10 as not many calls of a serious nature have occurred this quarter.

Another event that has come and gone is the Pick 'n Pay /Argus cycle tour at which Station 10's 4x4 mobile, manned by Chops Craig and Louis Duimelaar stood by to be of assistance if required.

No doubt many Simon's Town residents will recall seeing large pails of black smoke billowing from a vessel off Miller's Point on the $_{8}$th of March. Station 10 members received the call at 09:10 on Thursday morning. At 09:28 the "Eddie Beaumont II" launched with Coxn Warren Combrinck and crewmen Jaco Els and Tim Hart they reached the trawler "Silver Bounty" at 09:40 but were told by the skipper that all was under control, that they had blown a turbo generator and that they would be able to make their own way to Simon's Town. The rescue craft returned to Simon's Town and was recovered at 09:52. Crew members were able to return to their places of work after washing and stowing the craft by 10:30. The 4x4 Mobile had also gone to Miller's Point as a radio link with Chops Craig and Dennis Zimmerman on board.

The next call-outs occurred, as sometimes happens in life when the time is not opportune. "Spirit of Freemasonry" was temporarily out of commission as the fuel tanks were being surveyed. On the $_{12}$th of March at 15:50 a call was received from the Station Commander that a kite surfer at Muizenberg had had his kite blown out to sea. "Eddie Beaumont II" was launched at 16:08 with Coxswain Darren Zimmerman and Jaco Els and Tim Hart as crew. On this day a 25 knot North Westerly wind was blowing and the kite was recovered about 1 mile North of Seal Island. On return of the kite to the owner he gave the Station a R200.00 donation to cover the fuel used by the boat. While this call was in progress another call was received to go to the assistance of a 7 metre Trimaran that was in difficulty near Miller's Point As the yacht was so large and upon assessment of the situation by Station personnel sent to the scene overland in the 4x4 it was decided to ask the Navy Operations room if they would send out a Nammacurra to assist the vessel. This was done and the vessel was brought to a mooring in Simon's Bay. At this time it was discovered that the vessel had no valid safety

certificate. This was reported to the Chairman of the False Bay Yacht Club safety committee who would investigate the matter.

At 16:10 on the same day a call was received from the Station Commander at Kommetjie asking for the "Eddie Beaumont II" to be towed to Kommetjie to stand by to assist the "Sea Princess" which had 60 passengers on board and was in difficulty off Hout Bay. The boat was towed to Kommetjie but did not launch and thus returned to the Simon's Town base at *19:50.* This time the crew would have been Coxswain Warren Combrinck,

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On Monday the 13th of March a report was received at Port Control Cape Town that a boat had had an unarmed civil offence at Cape Point. The craft was thought to be a pedal skiff. The call came in at 1621 and the "Spirit of Freemasonry", now back in service, launched at 1815 with Coxswain Lee Adcock, Mark Pelham, Geoff Lochhead and Jaco Sie. A Skymaster helicopter was also tasked, in this case reported that they could see nothing. The crew made a thorough search of the area but found nothing and returned to the base.

During the week 17 to 21 March a conference of the International Lifeboat Association took place in Cape Town where representatives from all the national operations Rescue Services met for their annual conference. "Spirit of Freemasonry" was tasked to Granger Bay where on Friday 21 March it was on display along with other N.S.R.I. boats for the delegates to see and to be available to take them out to sea. The vessel returned to the Simon's Town base on Saturday 22 March after being moored overnight in Hout Bay harbour. The last leg of the return trip took place in heavy weather between Hout Bay and Cape Point. Rough seas and strong winds were experienced but all crew members were very positive about the way the vessel took the sea conditions.

On Saturday 22 a joint N.S.R.I. / S.A.A.F. exercise was to take place in Simon's Bay had to be postponed until a more suitable date. All that remains is to say that April will be a month where Rescue Services need to be on their toes over the coming Easter holidays especially the Rescue needs to be vigilant. Keep safely in mind.

Yours aye, Don Dollery

CRIME REPORT

Simon's Town SAPS

On Friday 7 and Saturday 8 March from 9pm to 2am, a crime prevention operation was held in the Glencairn/Welcome Glen area. Capt Mc Dyster, Insp Terblanche, Const Oliver and Const Petzer carried out these operations. During the roadblock 11 sobriety checks were conducted and 4 drivers arrested.

On Saturday 8 March residents of Glencairn alerted Insp Cornelius and Const Wyk to a white Golf 1 bakkie, the occupants of which had been seen in a house. Two black suspects were arrested, but 2 others managed to escape in the bush. Investigations are continuing.

On the same day Sgt Donovan Roberts carried out searches for drugs/firearms in the Simon's Town CBD. On Thursday 13 March Insp Truter arrested a burglar in Welcome Glen with the assistance of **Chubb**. On Friday 14 March Insp Daniel Cedeno and Insp Mc Gregor carried out an operation from midnight to 6am. On Sunday 16 March the annual Cycle Tour took place. Insp Stone, Cornelius, Cooke and Wanstreker carried

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out duties and no serious incidents were reported in the Simon's Town precinct. The above members are thanked by station management for their positive contributions which actually led to "crime freedays" within this precinct's boundaries.

It seems that the "manure sellers" are back in the area. Reports have been received that a "manure seller" driving a blue bakkie had been doing the rounds. The driver enquires whether you need manure. If you agree, he then off-loads a small quantity of manure and demands an exorbitant payment. If you do not want to pay he become aggressive and intimidating. If you are confronted by this individual please contact the Simon's Town SAPS. *Remember together we can make a difference!*

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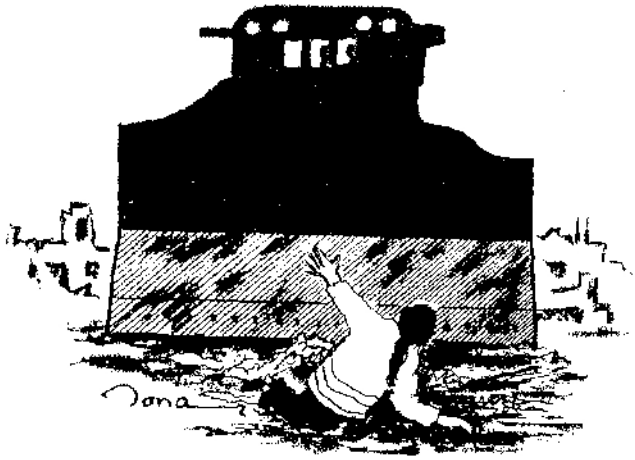

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Tide Table - April 2003

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	Day of Month	High Water		Low Water		Sunrise		Moonrise	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	Hour Minutes	Hour Minutes	Hour Minutes	Hour Minutes
		p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.
1	Tue/Dins	0314	1522	0921	2131	0654	1847	0528	1849
2	Wed/Woens	0342	1557	0948	2156	0659	1840	0722	1915
3	Thu/Don	0409	1624	1015	2223	0659	1838	1812	1941
4	Fri/Vry	0437	1651	1043	2253	0700	1837	0913	2009
5	Sat/Sat	0505	1721	1112	2320	0701	1836	1006	2040
6	Sun/Sun	0535	1753	1144	2353	0702	1834	1107	2116
7	Mon/Maan	0609	1829	1220	—	0702	1833	1205	2156
8	Tue/Dins	0649	1918	0032	1308	0703	1832	1301	2243
9	Wed/Woens	0740	2004	0128	1411	0704	1831	1345	2344
10	Thu/Don	0921	2019	0306	1549	0704	1829	1445	—
11	Fri/Vry	1054	2336	0456	1720	0705	1828	1536	0442
12	Sat/Sat	1212	—	0603	1823	0706	1827	1642	0147
13	Sun/Sun	0030	1303	0656	1911	0706	1825	1646	0235
14	Mon/Maan	0122	1349	0741	1954	0707	1824	1730	0404
15	Tue/Dins	0205	1433	0823	2036	0708	1823	1752	0534
16	Wed/Woens	0247	1515	0905	2112	0709	1821	1829	0625
17	Thu/Don	0329	1557	0947	2159	0710	1820	2001	0735
18	Fri/Vry	0411	1640	1028	2243	0710	1819	1941	0853
19	Sat/Sat	0454	1724	1113	2328	0711	1818	2027	1003
20	Sun/Sun	0538	1812	1162	—	0712	1816	2119	1121
21	Mon/Maan	0629	1909	0020	1260	0713	1815	2217	1228
22	Tue/Dins	0727	2014	0120	1383	0713	1814	2320	1328
23	Wed/Woens	0846	2141	0242	1517	0714	1812	[illegible]	1416
24	Thu/Don	1024	2232	0412	1634	0715	1813	0025	1457
25	Fri/Vry	1149	[illegible]	0543	1809	0716	1811	0120	1532
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28	Mon/Maan	0149	1403	0756	2007	0718	1809	0421	1654
29	Tue/Dins	0213	1434	0825	2036	0719	1807	0516	1713
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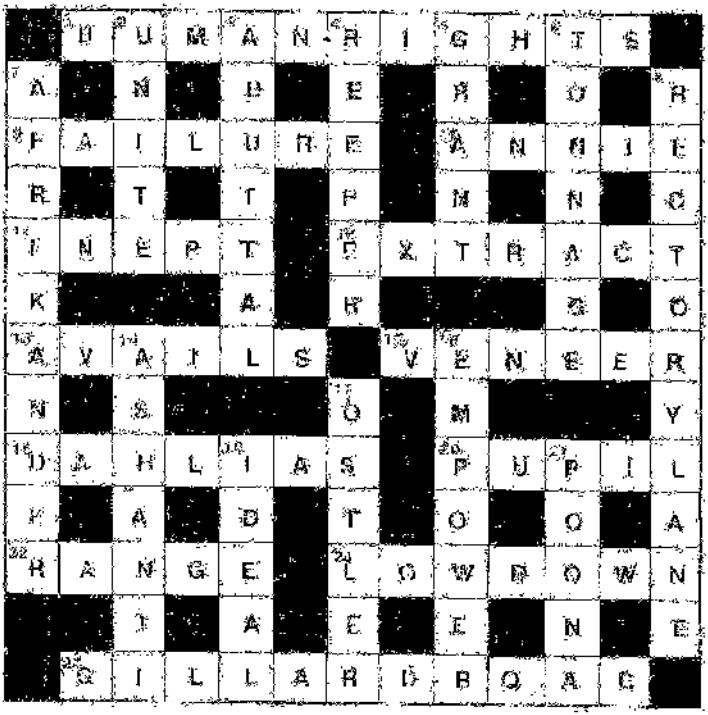

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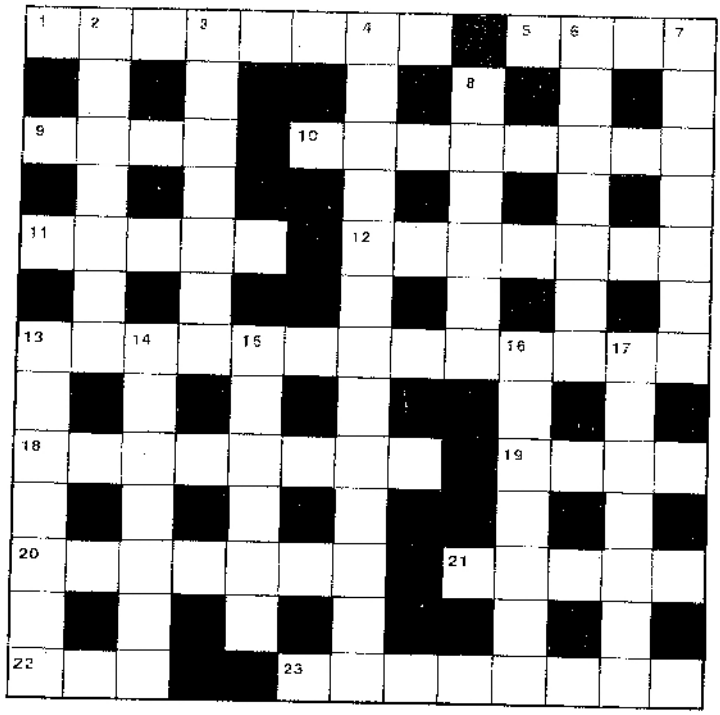

CLUES ACROSS

1 I scream audibly... at the cold sweet? (3,5)
5 The arc's shaped into a blemish (4)
9 Just beautiful (4)
10 Was beaten by the serve, taking in a little money. Stressed (8)
11 A woman's Bachelor of Surgery degree was rewarded with spices (5)
12 Watch the Old Boy act as a waiter! (7)
13 What's to come is ideal... but tense (6,7)
18 A chemical company, here in France, gets into the animal waste. It's authorised. (8)
19 Little Edward is whirling around (4)
20 Tax Rebate's plenty to tread underfoot (7)
21 Cited, possibly, an official declaration (5)
22 See 16 Dn
23 Put together in the compass emblematically (8)

CLUES DOWN

2 A castle in France takes the cat over the water (7)
3 The car I bought has an animal in it! (7)
4 Make fast the team! In the Simonsberg Theatre? (6,7)
6 The clique is made up of a small bed on the Great Lake (7)
7 19 without end fits into the remainder. Couldn't be more rosy (7)
8 Our prevailing summer wind, in a grey mixture, could produce hot water (6)
13 Put a company on the market which didn't sink (7)
14 A small disagreement over a New Yorker is one stop where Marilyn Monroe would find diamonds! (7)
15 To get a prescription, pierce the mixture (6)
16,22 Deed for May has been changed to the last Sunday in April (7,3)
17 Detectives are climbing in the middle of a twist to find an addendum to a document (7)

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Friday 18 April (Good Friday) 12 noon to 2pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (with Choir)
Sunday 20 April (Easter Sunday) 7:30am and 9:30am Holy Communion

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