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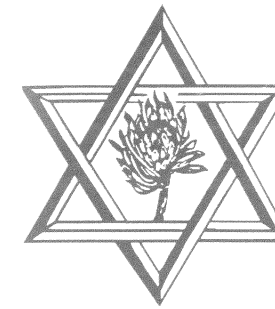
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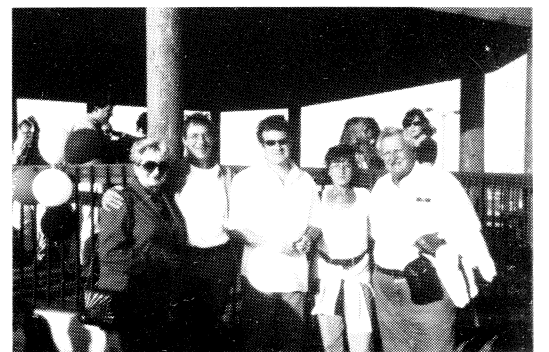
FALL 1996

JOHNNY CLEGG AND JULUKA

by Joan Wasserman



Hillel Katzeff does it once again! August 6th proved to be an evening of entertainment and fun. 'Rotisserie Affair' catered an excellent meal: chicken on the braai (BBQ) with beans, salad and rolls. SAJAC members gathered on the grass surrounded by beautiful San Diego Bay, palm trees, boats and a setting sun. What more can one ask for? Johnny Clegg gave us the honor of his company. He willingly posed for everyone's cameras, and contributed a few words before Hillel presented him with a personalized T-Shirt. The evening had only just started to rock. The concert was held at 'Humphrey's By The Bay', and by the end of the evening not one person remained in their seat. The wonderful music of Johnny Clegg and Juluka aroused an energy, with a hint of



nostalgia, in each and every South African. It was remarkable to see young and 'not so' old grooving to the African rhythms. To those who missed out on this evening - WAKE UP!!! Once again we thank Hillel and his committee for their effort and enthusiasm in organizing this 'AMAZING' evening.



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

by Denise Sneag and Merle Gaylis

"And we are scatterlings of Africa,
Both you and I,
We are on the road to California
Beneath a copper sky
And we are scatterlings of Africa
On a journey to the stars
Far below we leave forever
Dreams of what we were"

As you read the lyrics to one of the many incredible songs performed by our own White Zulu - Johnny Clegg - and reflect on the journey we have all taken - for those many South Africans who attended the concert at Humphrey's recently and felt the incredible spirit and warmth of the night - we are truly scatterlings of the land called Africa. Some came from as far away as Australia (truthfully!!!), and others came from our neighboring areas, to rock and jive the night away under a clear and warm San Diego night, and enjoy the wonderful African rhythms and enjoy the sounds we are so familiar with and can relate to so well!!!

At this time of the year, as the High Holidays approach, and we reflect on the year gone by, and think of the family and friends we have left in South Africa, it is sometimes a very sad time for many of us. Always at this time we think of the scattered families on all the continents, separated by many miles, and so we remember a journey started long ago by many of us, and not so long ago by many others.

All over the world, Jews are drawn together by the celebration of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the holiest holidays of our calendar. We join together and wish one another a healthy, peaceful and Happy New Year, and eat our apples and honey to remind us of the sweet times, and then gather to ask forgiveness for any sins we have committed in our most sacred holiday, and ask to be inscribed in the Book of Life for the coming year. We remember the loved ones we have lost and pray for the sick, so that they may have hope for the coming year.

We should feel blessed for many things. We come from a wonderful country that has given us good morals, high values and quality of life, and have transported them to our new land. We bring high education standards and many high achieving individuals and put them together in our new country to add and invest in our futures. We should be very proud always of where we come from and who we are, and what we stand for - as South Africans and Jews.

A very Happy New Year and Well over the Fast to you all -
Denise and Merle

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*Wishing you a Happy New Year and
well over the Fast.
Neville and Leah Levin*

*Wishing all our dear family and friends
a happy and healthy New Year and a
meaningful Fast.
Roland, Myrice, Justine, Jarrod & Lara Shapiro*

*We wish our family and friends good health and
happiness in the New Year. Shana Tova and
Well over the Fast.
Brendan, Merle, Josh and Alex Gaylis*

*Hugo and Joan Behrend wish all our family
and friends a very healthy, happy and
Contented New Year and Well over the Fast
Howard, Ann, Sara, Dayne, Ryan & Carli Katz
wish you and yours a healthy, happy and
prosperous New Year and well over the Fast.*

*Wish all friends and family a healthy and
Happy New Year and Well over the Fast.
Maurice and Ann Miller and Family*

*Best wishes for a healthy, happy and peaceful
New Year and well over the Fast.
Stan, Mal, Brad and Evan Smiedt*

*Wishing all our family and friends a happy and
healthy New Year and well over the Fast. With
fondest love and best wishes.
Franklin, Jean, Greg and Jackie Gaylis*

*Natie and Celia Levy hope that the New Year
will be one of good health and happiness for all.*

*Selwyn and Barbara Klein and family
wish family and friends a healthy, happy New Year*

*Warm wishes to our family and friends for a
healthy and blessed New Year.
Paul, Debbie, Talia and Joshua Shtein*

*The SAJAC Board of Directors wish all our members a Happy New Year and Well over the Fast,
and thank you for your support in 1996.*

SHANA TOVA

*Wishing you a happy and healthy
New Year and well over the Fast.
Heather and Norman Sarkin*

*Wishing all our dear friends and
SAJAC members a healthy,
Happy New Year.
Joan and Leonard Wasserman*

*Wishing our family and friends
And members of SAJAC a
wonderful New Year.
Renee and Charles Frank*

*Wishing my family and grandchildren
Happy New Year and Well over the Fast.
Ann and Desmond Sable (Disler)
Margo and Geoff wish all their friends
a very happy and healthy New Year
And well over the Fast.*

*We wish our beloved children and
grandchildren, family and friends, a year of
good health, happiness and prosperity.
Shirley and Harold Shapiro*

*We wish our parents, family and friends
A happy and healthy New Year and well over
the Fast.
Brenda, Stephen, Julia and Guy Abelkop*

*Pam Nathan and family wish you all a
prosperous and happy New Year and well
over the Fast.*

*Shanah Tova to all at SAJAC!
Hillel, Linda and Jacob Katzeff*

*Wishing my dear friends a Happy New and
Well over the Fast.
Bee Novis*

*Wishing our family and friends a year filled
With good health, happiness and peace.
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Now Before United States Enacts New Immigration Restrictions

by Bernard P. Wolfsdorf

On May 2, 1996 the United States Senate passed a massive Immigration Enforcement bill intended to crack down on illegal immigration. The Law imposes harsh new penalties on those who violate U.S. immigration law. The bill will now be reconciled with a similar measure passed by the House in March, 1996 and a final bill is likely to be sent to the President for approval later this year.

The Senate bill contains stringent measures which will create extreme hardship for U.S. families and businesses. The House bill contains similar restrictive provisions but also has an unprecedented provision that would give States the authority to bar undocumented children from attending elementary and secondary schools.

In the meanwhile, an anti-terrorism bill was signed into law on April 24, 1996 which also contains severely restrictive immigration provisions.

Key Provisions of the New Proposals

Education:

The House bill allows each State the opportunity to deny public education to undocumented children.

Bar to admission to the U.S.:

The House bill establishes a ten-year bar to either temporary or permanent entry for anyone who has been in undocumented status for an aggregate of twelve months after enactment with only a few exceptions. The Senate bill provides for a three year ban for persons in the U.S. for more than 60 days past the expiration of their nonimmigrant visa - the bar increases to five years for those who overstay and fail to appear for a deportation hearing.

Bar to entry to the U.S.:

The House bill establishes a permanent bar to reentry after deportation or exclusion for anyone who intentionally enters illegally.

The Senate bill creates a new ten year bar to permanent residence status to anyone who entered without inspection, or who overstays a nonimmigrant visa for twelve months, with only limited exceptions.

200% income requirement for sponsors:

The House bill imposes a minimum income requirement for persons wishing to sponsor legal immigrants. If the applicant cannot show sufficient financial resources, the petitioner must demonstrate an income at 200% of the poverty datum line - a family of 4 would need to document \$36,000 annual income.

The Senate bill establishes a 125% income requirement for legal immigrant sponsors - about \$22,000 for a family of four.

New authority to law enforcement:

The House bill gives local and state law enforcement officers the authority to detain undocumented persons who are violating a final deportation order.

Elimination of adjustment in the U.S. for out-of-status individuals:

Presently an individual whose status has expired can pay a fine and obtain their green card in the U.S. whereas with the new law they will have to go home.

Asylum time limit:

Asylum applicants will have to apply within 180 days of entering the U.S. The Senate bill requires also applicants in deportation or exclusion proceedings to have filed within one year of their original entry.

Fine for overstay:

Persons who fail to depart with a final order of deportation will be subject to a \$500 per day fine.

The Senate bill also expands the public charge ground of deportability and provides that immigrants are not able to obtain any benefits from most means-tested public assistance programs until they have worked forty qualifying quarters, or until they have obtained U.S. citizenship. Only child nutrition programs are exempt from these so-called deeming requirements.

The Social Security Administration has already enacted new strict guidelines for issuance of social security cards and numerous state authorities, such as the California Department of Motor Vehicles have enacted strict lawful status verification requirements causing delays and inconvenience for persons obtaining driver's licenses.

Those persons who wish to live in the United States had better act quickly or they will soon find the door closed.

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Bernard P. Wolfsdorf is a State Bar of California Certified Specialist in Immigration and Nationality Law practicing in Los Angeles and Orange County.

PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mazeltov to:

- Michael & Vanessa Lurie on the birth of their son
- Robin & Lynne Isaacson on the birth of their son, Austin
- Selwyn & Barbara Lurie on the birth of their grandson
- Gavin Sclar & Zara Brenner on their engagement
- John & Terry Smaller on Romy's Batmitzvah
- Roy & Carol Slavin on Wayne's Barmitzvah
- Norman & Jillian Smith on Danielle's Batmitzvah
- Stan & Natalie Nestadt on their granddaughter's Batmitzvah
- Neil & Ruth Berkowitz on Michelle's Batmitzvah
- Herb & Bella Suchet on their granddaughter's Batmitzvah
- Rufus and Shirley Abelson on Romy's Batmitzvah
- Lara Diamond on her engagement
- Rene and Fred Friedman and Stephanie's Batmitzvah
- Sue Swersky and family on Russell's Barmitzvah
- Freda Swersky and Jack and Mona Solomon on their grandson's Barmitzvah

Get Well to:

- Arthur Bress on his recent surgery
- Taliya Cohen/Jochelson on her recent surgery
- Evelyn Moch after her recent illness
- Jeanne Blumenfeld on her recent illness
- Kitty Bloomberg (Ilana Schraibman's Mother) on her recent illness
- Chalky Samson on his recent illness

Sympathy to:

- Morris Alkin on the loss of his wife, Mary
- Molly Lemberg on the loss of her brother in South Africa
- Zena Cohen on the loss of her father
- Stanley Kaffel on the loss of his mother

Congratulations to:

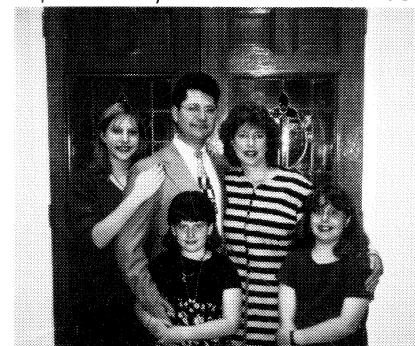
- Mitch Berenson, formerly a partner with a Johannesburg la firm, on passing the California Bar Examination. Mitch practices immigration and nationality law at the offices of Bernard Wolfsdorf, located in Los Angeles and Irvine, California.
- Bernie Wolfsdorf on the opening of the Orange County branch of his immigration law practice. The office is located at 19800 MacArthur Boulevard, Suite 1100, Irvine, CA 92715.

NEWCOMERS CORNER

Pam Nathan

Even though immigration directly from South Africa seems to have dissipated considerably in the last few months, it was interesting to discover that all our recent new comers to San Diego have been living somewhere else on the American continent before making their way out West.

Meg and Allan Goldstein visited San Diego last winter. They saw a house on Mount Soledad, loved it and bought it and just recently moved in. Meg first came to the US as an AFS student and after returning to South Africa for a short time came right back and has since lived in LA., Ohio and most recently in Kentucky. Allan, was originally from Zimbabwe and was a pilot in the Israeli airforce. Now he flies for Airborne Express. They have two children. Jonathan (10) and Sarah (8).



Suzanne and Brian Marcus are originally from Cape Town but have spent the last 19 years in Dallas, Texas. Brian is a consulting Civil Engineer and Suzanne is a psychologist. Suzanne indicated that they have always wanted to live in San Diego and so now their

dream has come true. ... ing their home on Cliffridge. They have three daughters: eldest, Julie (15), is at La Jolla High while Lauren (11) and Megan (10) are at the Jewish Academy.

Sylvia and Norman Rosenberg have joined the San Diego community. They also used to live in Texas, however it was Houston, Texas that has been their home for the past 13 years. This is where one of their sons live. Their second lives in Colorado and now they have joined their daughter, Robyn Goldberg, who lives in Del Mar.



Valda and Lenny Belonsky and their daughter, Lynn (26) have joined us after spending the last 8 years in Toronto. Their two other children have decided to remain in Canada. Lenny is working with



a furniture factory in Mexico. If you enjoy crochet and knitting, Valda has organized weekly social get togethers for women to do exactly that. If you're interested in participating please call her at 552-8381.



Vanessa Watkins (27) came to live in San Diego 18 months ago and we didn't even know. She had previously spent 4 months traveling on the east coast, living in New York. Prior to that she was living in London and traveling through Europe for 2 years. She was originally from

Margate, Natal, from a family of 3 children. Her mom is classical ballet examiner and her dad a chartered accountant. Vanessa graduated with Honors from Natal University in Business Administration and is presently employed by Novadex, a biomedical company, with her focus on investor relations. You won't be surprised to know that she loves traveling, also plays a mean game of tennis and loves attending theater.

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SOUTH AFRICAN SCENE

Naomi Rudick

The falling rand and the state of the economy have been at the center of concern in South Africa for the past few months. In July, in a bid to stabilize the rand, the Reserve Bank reassured investors in the forward exchange control on commercial banks had been removed. (In the forward cover market dollar-rand prices are fixed to avoid interim currency losses.) The Reserve Bank's earlier statement of its intention to start easing out of the market frightened investors into selling rands and buying dollars - a reaction which plunged the rand to its lowest level in 2 months, namely, R4,4150 to the dollar. Possibly adding to this monetary pessimism are rumors that Reserve Bank Governor, Chris Stals, plans to resign.

A trip to America in April by S.A. Finance Minister, Trevor Manuel, was described as "routine" by officials, but in effect it was popularly seen as a "rescue mission for the falling rand". Manuel, and former Finance Minister, Chris Liebenberg, met with top executives of the US Treasury, the Federal Reserve Bank, The World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund, as well as the main Wall Street bankers in New York.

In June a small milestone on the road to the total removal of exchange control regulations was reached when the Reserve Bank "stopped distinguishing A between foreign-exchange allowances for business and holiday trips." Now everyone will be allowed to take out R60,000 per year.

Previously allowances were R38,000 for business trips, and R25,000 for vacations. In yet another move, institutions are now allowed to invest more of their funds abroad.

On the positive side for the economy is the news that Armscor will be revitalized. At the Eurosatory arms exhibition in Paris in June - France, Switzerland, Britain, Spain and Australia ordered almost R1 billion worth of South African military hardware and other equipment. With the regrowth of the arms industry new jobs will be created. Co-operation agreements with the French government and some companies, will include the use by the French government and some companies, will include the use by the French navy of the Simonstown naval dockyard for the repair and maintenance of its fleet.

A deal with Malaysia provides for the joint manufacture and marketing of the Rooivalk attack helicopter. Other new deals include: purchase of the Chubby landmine by the French (also being considered by the US); the sale of anti-mine vehicles to the British contingent of NATO in Bosnia; upgrading the Spanish airforce's F1 Mirage jet fighters; and the sale of the S.A.-built Nyala personnel carrier to the United nations. In a deal worth R150 million, two S.A. companies will supply systems and components to British Aerospace for its latest Hawk advanced jet trainers.

While on the subject of arms - news concerning Botswana is the country's massive increase in defense spending. This is causing jitters in South Africa and Namibia. Botswana has bought a squadron of 13 F-5 fighter-bombers from Canada for \$50 million (US). This will put the country on a par with South African air capability. Also, a deal announced in January revealed Botswana's plans to spend \$63 million on 50 German Leopard tanks, 200 troop carriers, as well as diverse weaponry. They have also bought 36 British Scorpion tanks. Botswana's official line is that all these purchases are needed for border control and anti-poaching efforts! worried Namibia deplored any arms build-up in the region, and dispatched its president, Sam Nujoma, to Germany for high level talks. Because of Namibian protests, Germany is moving to block the sales of the ordered tanks - but the deal with Canada remains. Namibia complains that South Africa stripped all military equipment from the country at the time of Namibian independence, so it was no surprise when Namibia later announced that it had "signed a military co-operation agreement with Russia, which will include equipment, maintenance and training". One of the causes of the jitters may be the long-simmering tensions between Namibia and Botswana "over a tiny disputed island on the border between the countries".

A theme apparent in the news may be labeled "inexperience" - as some members of the government are still finding their way in their new roles. Health Minister, Nkosazana Zuma, outraged the country by allowing R14,2 million to be spent on an AIDS awareness play, "Sarafina 2". The European Union, which had donated millions to fight AIDS in South Africa was angered that so much of its money had been so wasted. Zuma's defense was that she had been

PLANTING A SUMMER HANGING BASKET

Create a hanging showpiece with colorful summer bedding plants.

You will need:

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| 20" wire basked | potting soil |
| moss | plastic saucer |
| lobelia | ivy-leaf geranium |
| petunia | upright fuchsia |
| gray-leaf | |

Bright Ideas

Vary the flowers and plants in your hanging basket to bring dramatic color to a patio or provide a warm welcome outside the front door.

Choose strong tones of red, pink and purple to stand out against a dark brick background.

- Variegated ivy trails through the base of the arrangement.
- Pin and purple petunias flow through the sides of the basket.
- Ivy-leaf geraniums fall over the edge of the basket on either side.
- Striking red begonias and impatiens grow upward from the center.

Country Color

Anything goes in this country-style basket. The key is to choose a wide variety of flowering plants.

- Magenta petunias and trailing fuchsias are the starting point at the base of the arrangement.
- Deep pink ivy-leaf geraniums are planted randomly for unexpected patches of color.
- Yellow French marigolds and upright fuchsias add height.
- Rock roses have lush foliage with blooms that will open on bright days.

Before you begin:

Hanging baskets are easy to arrange. Choose a variety of plants that will flourish and bloom at the same time during the year for the easiest possible upkeep.

Choosing Plants for Baskets

Before you buy plants, decide where the basket will hang. Sales people at garden centers can supply information on sun requirements and growth patterns and offer help with color combinations.

- Select plants according to the amount of sun they will receive. Plants that need light require four to six hours of sun a day.
- Choose a good mixture of shapes - several trailing plants, some bushy varieties and a couple of upright flowers.
- Select some plants with interesting foliage to break up the arrangement and make it eye-catching.
- Buy summer bedding plants early in the season to get the best selection and the healthiest plants.
- Purchase enough plants so they can be tightly packed into the basket. This will give a lush, full display once they begin to flower.

1. Water all plants thoroughly before you begin. Arrange the basket's chains to one side and begin to line the basket with moss. It usually comes tightly packed in a bag, so ease it apart before using.

2. Build up a layer of moss about 3" deep. Place an old

plastic saucer in the center of the basket on top of the moss. This will help to retain water. Cover the saucer with a 3"-deep layer of moist potting soil.

3. Select some small trailing plants, such as lobelia and soft, gray-leaved helichrysum. Remove them from their pots and push the heads through an opening in the hanging basket so the roots sit in the saucer.
4. Add more trailing plants, such as ivy-leaf geranium, ensuring that the roots of each plant are surrounded by fresh potting soil. Add soil on top and moss around the edges as plants are placed in the basket.
5. Add any upright plants or ones that will climb up the chains to the center of the basket. Again, make sure roots are well-covered with potting soil. When these are placed, fill in around the edge.
6. Use bushy plants or more trailing plants around the edge of the container. Space them evenly around the rim of the basket and pack their roots into the soil with your hands. Water the arrangements well.

\$\$Dollar Sense

Careful tending will prolong the life of your arrangement. Water once or even twice a day during hot spells. Feed the plants at least once a week with a liquid plant food and trim off dead blooms and leaves to make room for new growth.

Handy Hints

To prevent basket from tipping when you plant it, wedge it in a bucket. A little water or some rocks in the bottom of the bucket will keep it stable while you work.



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I often have to cater for vegetarians at Yom Tov, so there is a recipe for a rice dish that can be served with the turkey or as a main dish for the people who don't eat meat.

VEGETARIAN PAELLA

Perfect served with crusty bread and green salad
Serves 4-6

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 paprika
- 1 2oz long grain brown rice
- 1 1/2 pints stock
- 6 fl oz dry white wine
- 1 4oz tin tomatoes, plus juice - chopped
- 1 tbsp tomato puree
- 1 tsp. tarragon
- 1 tsp. basil
- 1 tsp. oregano
- 1 red pepper, roughly chopped
- 1 green pepper, roughly chopped
- 3 sticks celery, finely chopped
- 8 oz mushrooms, washed and sliced
- 2 oz mange tout, topped and tailed and cut into halves
- 4 oz frozen peas
- 2 oz cashew nut pieces
- salt and pepper
- parsley, lemon wedges and olives to garnish

1. Heat the oil and fry the onion and garlic until soft.
2. Add the paprika and rice and continue to cook for 4-5 minutes until the rice is transparent. Stir occasionally.
3. Add the stock, wine, tomatoes, tomato puree and herbs and simmer for 10-15 minutes.
4. Add the peppers, celery, mushrooms and mange tout and continue to cook for another 30 minutes until the rice is cooked.
5. Add the peas, cashew nuts and seasoning to taste.
6. Heat through and place on a large heated serving dish.
7. Sprinkle the parsley over the top and garnish with lemon wedges and olives.

Time: Preparation takes 30 minutes, cooking takes 45 minutes.



After a Yom Tov meal, meringues are always well appreciated. They are light and deliciously sweet. You can either make little meringues from the mixture or line it in a pie plate and fill it with fresh berries.

MERINGUES:

- 8 egg whites (at room temp.)
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons of vanilla
- pinch of salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons of vinegar
- 2 desert spoons of mazona

Beat egg whites well, slowly adding sugar and salt. Keep beating and slowly add vanilla and vinegar. Lastly beat in the mazona and beat till stiff. Spray Pam on bottom of pie plate and for small meringues spray baking tray and line with wax paper and spray over paper. For loose meringues place tablespoonfuls on baking tray otherwise place large spoonfuls around the edge of the pie plate. (not in center). Preheat oven to 400 degrees, turn down to 250 degrees and place in oven for 1 1/2 hours. Turn oven off and leave in overnight. For loose meringues store in airtight containers and for the pie fill just before going to eat.

"unaware" of major transactions taking place in her department. The play, commissioned by Zuma from writer Mbongeni Ngema, added fat to the fire by transmitting negative messages regarding AIDS: namely, that women are to blame, and that HIV is the result of promiscuity.

A different blunder, but same department, was the purchase from the U.S. of 90,000 female condoms (known as femidoms) at a cost of R500,000 (also funded from the European Union budget). These condoms were found to have passed their expiration date even before distribution. Health officials claimed that the American FDA had allocated the condoms as "having a short shelf life". The condoms were bought from Reality in the U.S. to train health care providers.

In an effort to cut spending and streamline the public service, the government offered voluntary retrenchment to civil servants. Unfortunately the whole exercise boomeranged when it produced a flood of applications from personnel who, fed up with affirmative action and tempted by more lucrative offers in the private sector, were eager to avail themselves of the offer. In one unspecified department, said to handle billions of rands, all directors and their deputies took up the offer! For the government finance department it was especially worrying as good finance people are hard to come by.

A group of white males in the Western Cape civil service staged a protest in drag against affirmative action as practiced by the provincial government. It seems that senior posts were advertised for groups other than white. In their humorous protest they said "We'll first sift applicants to make sure there are absolutely no blacks, women or disabled people before we even consider white males:.. On a serious level feelings are that "no matter what your performance is - if you're a white male you're disregarded". The protesters rejected discrimination because of their sex and skin color. The provincial government says it aims to achieve greater population representation than hitherto.

Lastly, Deputy-President (and Mandela's heir-apparent to the presidency), Thabo Mbeki's visit to Washington DC in July was overshadowed by Mandela's visit to Britain and France. Mbeki met with Vice-President Al Gore at the second sitting of the S.A.-U.S. Binational Commission to settle a dispute over sanctions-busting by Armscor during the apartheid years. The U.S. believe there is a substantial fine to be paid, but S.A. does not hold itself liable for the actions of a previous regime.

This and that.....

Pik Botha's wife, Helena, died at the end of April, aged 64. She'd been stricken with lower body paralysis since a freak fall in 1991. After the NP left the Government of National Unity, Pik announced his retirement from politics. he plans to "relax in the bush on a private farm, to be alone and watch the tiny world of insects, catch up on reading and listen to music".

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Professor Nic Olivier, political activist, parliamentarian, academic, and founder member of the bygone S.A. Bureau of Racial Affairs, died in July at age 77. He was a fierce fighter of Verwoerdian politics.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu stepped down as head of the Anglican Church in South Africa in June. He will be succeeded by the Right Reverend Njongonkulu Ndungane, reputedly a man of wide vision, and a wealth of organizational and leadership experience. Ndungane, a former member of the PanAfricanist Congress, was a political prisoner on Robben Island for 3 years until 1966.

S.A. Foreign Affairs Minister, Alfred Nzo, re-iterated S.A.'s solidarity with and support for Libya's refusal to release 3 suspects related to the 1988 Lockerbaie Pan Am airliner bombing. This has angered the West, and the U.S. in particular.

The Heritage Foundation complained that S.A. is the 6th biggest recipient of U.S. aid worldwide - but the country sided against the U.S. on 53% of votes in the UN last year. The foundation is urging Congress to withhold aid to countries that oppose America.

"The Star" reported in May that body parts of white children used for "muti" purposes fetch higher prices than those of their black counterparts. Police said street children are being lured to their deaths in this booming trade. A 38 year old man was arrested when he sold a pair of blue eyes to a detective. Eyes are said to fetch up to 43,000.

The future of downtown Johannesburg is uncertain, and the "drastic downscaling" of the distinguished Carlton Hotel will affect business in the Carlton Center and surrounding areas. Crime and muggings in the downtown area have contributed to the hotel's financial problems.

Shock, disappointment, and sadness were the reactions to the news that SCOPE magazine closed down. SCOPE was described as a national institution.

Actor Michael Caine will be playing the part of F. W. De Klerk in a TV series being shot in South Africa. The series explores the relationship between De Klerk and Mandela before and after Mandela's release from prison.

Lastly, a survey by the Sunday Times in England listed the following South Africans as amongst the country's richest:

Tony Tabatznik, said to be worth more than 200 million pounds, and runs Generics UK, the British branch of Amerpham, which was founded by his father in S.A. in 1947.

John Bredenkamp, who hails from Rhodesia, valued at 200 million. He has broad interests and none were specifically names.

Abe Jaffe, valued at 60 million. The Jaffe family owns 95% of Currie Motors.

Bill Venter, valued at 54 million, leading shareholder and non-executive director of Telematrix, an electronics company.

We should not forget South Africans, Gordon, Rupert, and Oppenheimer, all of whom run companies and own homes in the United Kingdom.

SENIORS

by Rose Stern

The 9th June was a happy day for the Seniors of SAJAC. It was an opportunity for most elderly people to get out into the country, without a hassle. Through the organization of the younger volunteers, who gave up their Sunday morning to drive us in vans to a very interesting nursery situated in a very mountainous area beyond Alpine, we were able to relax and enjoy the scenery beyond San Diego. This was also an opportunity to renew old friendships and acquaintances, and to share some experiences away from our homeland.

The shop was well stocked with soaps and toiletries made from herbs and it was an opportunity to take home some of these goodies. The herbal plants were very interesting and some were taken home to sit on kitchen window sills. Everyone brought their own lunch pack, and it was relaxing to sit under the trees, chat and to eat leisurely. We were all grateful to our drivers Sarah Trocki, Debbie Chalmers, Sandy Kodesh and Renee Frank, who cared for us and helped to make the hours so enjoyable.

HAPPY COOKING

Sandy Kodesh

When I think about catering for Yom Tov I think about turkey and realize what an ideal dish it is. In fact its very versatile. You can cook a small one for Shabbat dinner or a large one for a Yom Tov crowd. I would like to give you a recipe and some guide lines about choosing and presenting this very suitable dish.

When selecting your turkey always check to see you are buying a hen and not a tom turkey. The hen has more white meat and is a better bird to cook. I learned from a turkey expert that the secret to cooking turkey is to prepare it the night before and let it sit in the fridge with all the seasoning on it. Basting is also a very important part of the success. You must baste often and well. This produces a crisp outside with soft, juicy meat.

When all the cooking is finished and you are ready to serve it, the last ingredient is a long sharp knife and a person who knows the art of carving. I have a friend who is a master carver. He can make one turkey serve fifty people very easily and I am always happy when he is with us to finish off the success of the recipe. Here is the recipe and enjoy it:

Yom Tov Turkey

1 15lb turkey (size may vary)
4 sticks of celery
2 large carrots
1 whole onion
Rosemary
1 dessertspoon paprika
2 dessertspoons salt
half a teaspoon pepper
2 cups of tomato juice
4 cups of ginger ale
2 cups of stock
1/4 cup sherry

After cleaning the turkey, rub the inside with some of the salt, pepper, and paprika mixture and then place the vegetables and rosemary inside, place turkey in a large roasting dish and pour over all the other ingredients. Place in fridge over night. Next day heat oven to 400 degrees and place turkey uncovered in oven for 3 hours, turning and basting every half an hour, being very careful not to prick or break the skin. You can carve the turkey early and place the meat in the gravy and keep it covered.

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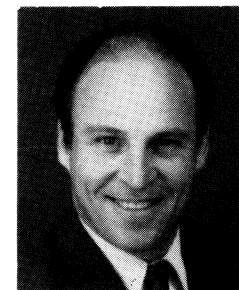
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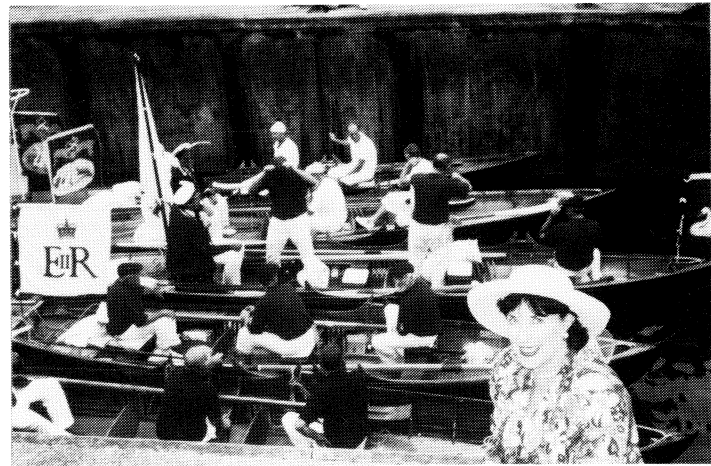
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chance of boredom setting in, one could always succumb to the summer sale madness where literally everything gets flogged on the High Streets from clothing to baby toys. The High Streets are full of frenetic shoppers jostling their way across town.

The great auction houses, notably Sotheby's and Christies were also enjoying spectacular success. It was an interesting experience to witness ancient reliquary being auctioned. The exquisite 1195 Thomas Beckett casket believed to have held the bones of St. Thomas a Beckett, the Archbishop of Canterbury, was sold for 4.18 million Pounds. There was controversy about it leaving Britain, but the purchaser rented and allowed the V & A Museum to acquire it. Other sales included Chagall and other important Impressionists ranging from 600,000 - 2 million pounds.

Another summer event in my calendar included lunch and a cricket match at the home of John Paul Getty in Buckinghamshire hosted by the Anglo/Irish Georgian Society. John Paul has his own cricket pitch and is an avid fan of the sport. Later he invited us to his newly built library which houses ancient and exquisite books, paintings and hand painted Bibles. Quite marvelous!

There was also an opportunity to experience another ancient tradition - that of 'Swanupping'. Once a year, during mid-July for 5 days along the Thames, the Queen's Swanmaster, dressed in scarlet, accompanied by his entourage and



the Vintner and Dyer Families, row their boats in convoy in a quest to catch the cygnets born along the River and to mark them. The marked swans belong to the Vintners and the Dyers, whilst the Queen's swans are unmarked. The colorful loyal toast to Her Majesty is drunk in a lock near Windsor.

Towards the end of July, the Royal Thames Yacht Club hosted pre-Cowes sailing weekend. It was a splendid affair sailing on the Solent followed by a memorable dinner at the Sir Max Aitkin Museum. The dinner was served in the wonderful atmosphere of a priceless collection of ancient marine oil paintings depicting various historical scenes collected during Sir Max's lifetime. After another day's sailing in unusually good weather, we attended a garden luncheon party in Hampshire.

Of course English theater needs no introduction. There is a surfeit of outstanding productions along with Museum openings, music and opera.

It is now almost the end of July as the social season slowly winds down. There is Cowes week to look forward to with its numerous social events, and a visit to Buckingham Palace before returning home.

I am still trying to catch my breath and reflect upon all the wonderful times. It is all rather magical, timeless and seemingly unreal. I can only look forward and ahead to next year when I hope to do it all again, as I have done for so many years.

Johnny Clegg and Juluka Jive with SAJAC of San Diego

by Michael Rudnick and Hillel Katzeff

Johnny Clegg and his band Juluka, South Africa's favorite white Zulu, paid a one-night visit to Humphrey's Concerts By The Bay on Tuesday August 6th. Prior to the concert was a special event in itself. The San Diego bay and city skyline formed a spectacular backdrop for the event: a braai (BBQ) that attracted about 250 ex-South Africans. A small contingent came down from Irvine, while a couple of die hard fans came from as far away as Australia (where Clegg is yet to tour) to see the show. The Braai was part of a welcome reception sponsored by SAJAC of San Diego and included a delicious catered rotisserie meal by Kevin Fisher of Rotisserie Affair.

Hillel Katzeff who organized the braai and discount ticket for the concert, welcomed and introduced Johnny Clegg to the crowd of fans and well-wishers. Although suffering from a bout of flu, Johnny Clegg, graciously thanked SAJAC and all those attending. He commented how organizations like SAJAC, consisting of expatriate South Africans, have popped up in towns and cities around the US, but none so together and hospitable as SAJAC San Diego. Hillel thanked the members of Juluka and presented Johnny Clegg and Siphos (a primary member of Juluka) with commemorative T-shirts as a token of SAJAC's appreciation.

The crowd strolled over to the concert venue located across the road at Humphrey's. A double treat was in store for aficionados of African music - now faddishly referred to as 'world beat'. King Sunny Ade, the king of African juju, opened for Clegg. Working with a sensationally fluid ensemble of some fourteen musicians, Ade fashioned complex, melodic tapestries that combined the sweetness of throbbing vocal harmonies with the

percussive pulse of hypnotic polyrhythms.

After a short intermission, Clegg appeared with a reincarnation of his earliest ensemble, the much-loved Juluka, and despite his flu, played a delightful retro-inspired set, pleasing the partisan crowd with the pared-down arrangements that contrasted strongly with Savuka's production-heavy pop-oriented sound. For true believers, it was an evening of countless pleasures, as Clegg explored the roots of his music with patience, passion and integrity.

But for most South Africans in attendance, Clegg was clearly the star of the show. The sometimes dramatic kinetic aspect of the Juluka presentation, although limited by the small stage at Humphrey's, still allowed the band to express themselves in spurts of exuberant, warmly-received dance. Partly due to the tight security which discouraged those eager to spring to their feet and jive to the music, the large South African contingent were content to appreciate the music from their seats. Although the aisles and walkways were filled on both sides with happy dancers.

In the end, Juluka came, saw and conquered. Stripped of superfluous synthesizers and tape-loops, the beautiful, old sound that Clegg originated is back. Still, Johnny and his musicians are looking ahead, producing a new album scheduled to be released in the US by December 1996.

Juluka is a musical gift from South Africa to the rest of the world. Born of an era when the authoritarian juggernaut threatened to crush the last gasp of artistic life out of a brutally repressed culture, its music has always been revolutionary. Now, the social issues that South Africans are grappling with are different, but no less monumental. Clegg has always found a musical way to express the political and human drama. Perhaps now, with South Africa experiencing the volatility and uncertainty of a society in the throes of a massive transition, it is time to listen harder than ever.

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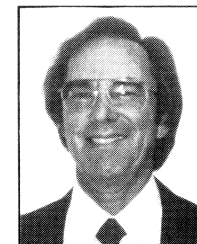
PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS - Mr. Ian Smulowitz, of San Diego, CA, attended the 1996 Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) Annual Meeting, June 9 to 13, in Anaheim, California.

Smulowitz, a 13-year MDRT member, was among approximately 5,000 Round Table members, special guests and speakers from more than 40 nations who were in attendance.

During the five-day meeting, about 100 professional, non-member and MDRT member speakers discussed subjects of vital concern to those in the life insurance industry. Experts in such areas as estate planning, taxes, business and law shared their knowledge during intense workshops and morning general sessions.

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Zero Coupon Bonds: The Power of compounded Investing

By Anthony B.J. Black

Few investments in today's marketplace are as effective in helping build wealth for the future as zero-coupon bonds (zeros). Whether you're structuring a college tuition savings program for a child or grandchild, planning for retirement, or saving for some other special event, zeros can help you achieve your goals.

What Is a Zero-Coupon Bond?

A zero-coupon bond is a bond that is issued at a discount from its par value (or face value). Zeros only pay interest with principal at maturity (or at the time the bond is called.) Unlike other types of bonds, interest on a zero is not paid directly to you on a semiannual basis, but is automatically reinvested or compounded at the rate that is stated when you buy it.

The combined power of these two features - their discounted price and automatic compounding - means that a relatively small investment can multiply many times in value by the time the bond matures. If you sell your bonds before maturity, however, the price you receive will reflect prevailing market prices, which may be higher or lower than the original purchase price. And, because these bonds do not pay interest until maturity, the prices tend to be more volatile than bonds that pay interest regularly.

With any type of investment, you need to plan carefully to make sure that you select the zero that matches your financial goals and safety requirements. Your financial consultant can be an important source of information.

Who Buys Zero-Coupon Bonds?

Parents and grandparents who are funding a child's education. Many investors find that zeros are tailor-made for funding a college education. You can either invest a relatively small amount of money today in maturities that correspond to the start of each school year or purchase zeros that mature on the date the child begins college, thus providing a lump sum that can be reinvested for current income.



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What Are the Features of Zeros?

A wide selection of zeros are available on the market today, allowing you the opportunity to tailor a program to meet your specific investment needs. Here are the features they share:

- Low dollar investment. *Zeros trade at a discount and therefore can be purchased with a relatively small initial investment. Investors purchase zeros for a fraction of their face value (typically \$1,000 per bond.)*
- Automatic dividend reinvestment. *Interest income is automatically reinvested, and compounds over the life of the security.*
- Assured reinvestment rate. *Allows you to lock in an interest rate that is not subject to interest rate fluctuations in the market (if you hold the bond to maturity.)*

• Varying degrees of credit quality. *You can select issues that best suit your safety and yield requirements.*

• Wide range of maturity dates. *By buying bonds that mature sequentially over a specified period of time, you can have funds available in targeted years.*

• Active secondary market. *There is an active secondary market for zero-coupon securities, thus allowing you to sell them prior to maturity.*

What Types of Zeros Can You Buy?

Taxable zeros available today in the market include:

- Treasury-backed zeros. *Combine the safety of US government obligations with the benefits of zero-coupon bonds. They represent ownership of a US government note or bond that has been stripped into two component parts - principal and interest.*
- Government agency zeros. *Issued by government-sponsored corporations or created from agency bonds.*
- Corporate zeros. *Issued by some of the nation's most financially sound corporations. Generally, corporate zeros offer investors higher yields than Treasury-backed zeros. Most corporate zeros are rated by the major rating agencies and their yields vary depending on these ratings.*

Band playing in the background.

Wimbledon followed with two weeks of exciting and unexpected new champions marred only by the persistent rain that just wouldn't stop.

The Henley Regatta's Steward's Enclosure and the Phyllis Court Club offered some exclusive and splendid viewing of the famous boat races and elegant fashion, again marred by wet weather that continued. Brandies and hot coffee helped one recover from the disappointment.

Following the main events, our very own distinguished Nelson Mandela's State visit to Buckingham Palace became the highlight of July. I watched the ceremony from Horseguards with 6000 other screaming fans. The atmosphere was electric as one of the greatest men of this century arrived with Princess Anne. He looked tall, elegant and dignified as he inspected the Foot Guards. After the ceremony he rode back in an open carriage with the Queen accompanied by other members of the Royal party surrounded by the Household Cavalry and Guards as the mounted band played 'Nkosi Sikelele Afrika'. I don't think there

was a dry eye in the audience! It was moving and dramatic.

At Buckingham Palace the Queen gave Mr. Mandela an eight volume set of Dr. Johnson's edition of Shakespeare. Mr. Mandela presented the Queen with a set of gold commemorative coins and a magnificently carved African chess set. The State Banquet at Buckingham Palace included 156 guests and they dined on sole, turkey, raspberries, accompanied by Louis Roedere champagne and 1993 Hamilton Russel Chardonnay.

The days followed a frenzied schedule of multiple honorary doctorates conferred on Mr. Mandela, banquets, meetings and simply walking the streets of London and talking to

people. The highlight of Mr. Mandela's visit was a trip to Brighton to greet the people who had helped to win his freedom. He received a rapturous welcome as the crowds waited patiently to cheer and shake hands with their greatest hero.

The carnival mood continued until Trafalgar Square where Mr. Mandela made his historic final stop on the balcony of South Africa House. It was a week to be remembered!

After this tremendous anticlimax in Britain, if there was any



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An Ideal Summer

By Audrey Hutchinson

London Letter: Chelsea, July, 1996

The English Social Season is an unparalleled trove of exciting and timeless happenings which take place in special order annually from June till August. Nowhere else can one experience this unique mix of richness of tradition, Royalty, formality and exquisite pageantry in such great abundance.

The first of such occasions was Trooping the Color to celebrate the Queen's 70th birthday. The ceremony was followed by the resplendent procession of Members of the Royal Family in open carriages accompanied by the Household Cavalry, Guards and Mounted Band as they proceeded down the Mall to Buckingham Palace. It was a bright, sunny day as the traditional RAF fly-past occurred at precisely 1 PM and the Royal Family waived from the Balcony.

The most elegant and formal of all occasions followed - Royal Ascot. I was delighted to be accompanied by friends in the Royal Enclosure. We chose Ladies' Day as always and enjoyed a wonderful champagne picnic in the carpark



the racing.

Following Ascot, it was time for the pre-Wimbledon Garden Party at The Hurlingham Club with top tennis played on the grass courts by Wimbledon participants. The Club is fashioned after a beautiful country home with 40 acres of landscaped gardens. It is customary to quaff Pimms whilst watching the tennis, or perhaps croquet or fencing and listening to the Royal

followed by some serious fashion gazing and racing. The men were beautifully and unashamedly attired in silk top hats and tails, whilst the women were spectacularly clad in exquisite hats and 'bank breaking' outfits. As is customary the magnificent Royal Procession made its way down the center of the course prior to the start of



LETTING GO - IT'S A NATURAL TRANSITION FOR PARENTS

Sandy Braff MFCC

Rona, a 35 year old mother of a 5 year old daughter, Gabi, and Julie a 48 year old mother of an 18 year old son, Alan, discovered how much they had in common during a conversation over coffee. They were discussing their mixed emotions as they prepared to launch their kids off to school. Gabi was off to kindergarten and Alan was preparing to enter his first year of college out of state. Natural transitions for both parents and children - yes, and often a time of both Joy and sorrow. In this article I would like to address the issue of LETTING GO as it relates to how we as parents adjust to our children's need and striving for independence.

"The work of adult life is not easy. As in childhood, each step presents not only new tasks of development but requires LETTING GO of techniques that worked before leading to greater expansion of one's own distinctiveness". (Gail Sheehy in her book "Passages".)

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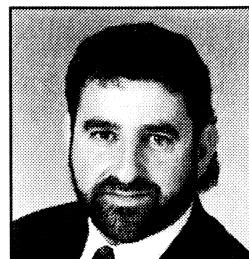
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TRANSITIONS

We are constantly facing crisis, challenges or transitions. They begin the moment we are born and continue until the day we die. As adults/parents some familiar challenges that many of us face, include: school, college, marriage, child-birth, parenting, divorce, as well as helping children move through their developmental stages. I'd like to focus on how we handle the parent-child relationship - in particular, when our child matures and leaves the nest. Rudolf Dreikurs MD, says in his book, *The Challenges of Parenthood*, that the loosening of the ties between child and parent is a natural and gradual process that begins very early, really with the weaning of the baby". As our children "slip away" and become involved with their peers, new activities, and individual interests, we may experience ourselves as becoming superfluous. This may be experienced as a crisis for some parents who may respond by becoming overbearing, overprotective and more controlling. It is difficult for some of us to accept the idea that our child is developing his/her own personality, values and requirements, and that this is a natural and desirable course of events. Establishing and maintaining a friendly relationship with our children based on mutual trust and respect will ensure healthy bonds as they become adults. It is as Rudolf Dreikers says: "For the child does not "grow up" at a fixed rate; he begins to grow away from his parents in his earliest infancy ..."

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So, how do we cope with this bittersweet experience of letting go of our children, and also maintain a strong connection? We must begin to redefine our attitudes and beliefs about the present task of parenthood, and recognize our feelings of vulnerability and loss. During these continuing transitions we can consciously choose to enter a stage of unique creativity. Initially we will feel disoriented and off balance. However, this can become a time when we search for replenishment, redirect our energies, redefine who we are and how we now function within and outside of the family. For some people, this may involve changing careers, or entering the work force for the first time or "stretching" ourselves in other areas that are rewarding. For many parents, it can become a time to redefine and even reinvent the marital relationship now that the children are no longer helpless and dependent. Remember that the task of parenthood is to raise self-sufficient children who will become contributing members of society. In other words, it is our function to do ourselves out of a job, to raise healthy independent children and to develop a mutually respectful relationship with our children. This does take time, so be patient with yourselves.

The Centennial Olympics in Atlanta

By Sarah Trocki

Everywhere around Hartsfield Airport, big, bold signs greeted you "Welcome to Atlanta", they screamed. And, like everyone else, young and old, I had Georgia on my mind.

I was fortunate to stand along the roadside amongst thousands of excited spectators to cheer the torch bearer that sped past en route to the Olympic Stadium - the atmosphere was electric!

The Olympic Games opened in a burst of pageantry and song. Children sang and danced, fireworks exploded. Airforce jets streaked overhead, outsized silhouettes of ancient Greek athletes were projected on curtains. On the field, dancers held up torches that spelled out "How y' all doin'?" Then, the traditional march of global brotherhood - more than 10,000 athletes paraded into the stadium. The mystery of who and how the caldron would be ignited was finally revealed - the great Muhammad Ali, former boxing medalist and world champion. What a stunning surprise!

The athletes came to Atlanta for the noblest of reasons - for the love of their sport, the thrill of competition, and the pride of representing their country in sport.

I was lucky enough to be able to attend several Olympic events. I marveled at the sheer logistics of moving 83,000 people in and out of the stadium without any delays. Yes, there were glitches initially, but these were addressed appropriately and expediently. The tragic bombing in Centennial Park cast a temporary shadow over Atlanta, but nothing could have battered the Spirit of the South. When you think of warm, think of the people not the temperature. Wherever one went, one encountered smiles and friendliness - this was Southern hospitality and charm at its best.

And so the competitive carnival continues, where human achievement and heartbreak reached a crescendo in a 17 day epic opera. If you weren't sitting in a stadium, witnessing feats of extraordinary athleticism, NBC/s Olympic coverage was a good second best. It was easy to remain glued to the television until the early hours of the morning. Watching their slick and brilliant filming of events, as well as their Kleenex-filling moments of packaged profiles.

The closing ceremony took place on a warm summer night, lit by cascades of fireworks and a mix of jubilation and poignancy. And, as the towering caldron slowly flickered out, centennial memories of the past 2 1/2 weeks wrapped up on a Sunday evening in a spectacular visual souvenir, which will be etched in everyone's memories for many years ahead.

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I would like to share a story about a client I worked with that may illustrate some of the ideas presented in this article. (Many details have been changed to protect confidentiality and this story is told with the client's permission.)

A single mother in her 40's had one son attending his first year at college and a daughter of 16 with whom she was having a difficult time. She had spent hours typing up agreements and tasks that her "rebellious" daughter was to perform and a curfew that she was to keep. All her attempts to control her daughter were unsuccessful. As we talked it became obvious that this mother had few interests in her life other than her mothering role, so that the idea of her daughter "leaving the nest" was a painful experience for her. We explored interests that she had, ideas about who she wanted to be in her life both as mother to her children and as a woman entering a transition in her life. She began to focus on her feelings, values, goals, expectations and the meaning of participating in life in a different way. She invited her daughter to be a part of discussions about chores, curfews, and her role in the house. She found a job. As her focus changed so too, did her relationship with her daughter and view of herself. Sounds easy, but it was a challenging experience that took her about 9-12 months to "complete". I say "complete" because, as Gail Sheehy says: "The whole idea about developmental change is that things can never be settled once and for all."

Jewish Day School Education

Now is the time to follow the South African example

By Michael D. Kessel

Headmaster, San Diego Jewish Academy

To develop an argument about the need for Jewish education in this journal would be like "taking coals to Newcastle." Most of the former South Africans are well aware of the achievements of the graduates of King David, Herzlia, Theodor Herzl, Carmel College and Carmel High as well as (more importantly), the commitment of such alumni to Judaism and the Jewish community in which they find themselves.

The many thousands who can count themselves as proud products of these illustrious educational institutions are living proof (now validated by much scientific evidence) that the more Jewish education a child receives, and the longer a child remains in full-time Jewish education, the greater the likelihood of that child remaining Jewish — whether that be religiously, zionistically, communally or by any other definition you may wish to choose.

The leading role played by graduates of full-time Day schools world-wide in the functioning of their local shuls, federations, schools, and communities is self-evident and no less noteworthy in San Diego. The pioneers of Jewish education would justifiably have been most proud of all this, tinged no doubt with some regret that this commitment,



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energy and drive is not benefiting the South African community of today on the scale it would have. Still the fact that it is benefiting Jewish communities world-wide is a comforting thought and must serve as an example to us about the future of our own Jewish community.

In so doing, one must point to two aspects — the first which one can only counter with warning arguments, and the second which one can counter by following the example of the aforementioned pioneers.

In the first case, there is the situation which almost automatically arises in a situation of relative freedom — in this case, that which exists in the western Diaspora, especially the United States. The "feeling comfortable" scenario has reduced the importance of providing a Jewish education on the priority list of many. It is good enough to attend public school and to go to 'cheder/afternoon school for the Jewish education. The more "integrated" the child becomes the better. The inherent danger in this line of thinking is self-evident and in accordance with what one sees in the national pattern — "rapid assimilation". One can only counter this school of thought by saying that no matter how good a public school or other private school education is, it (by its very nature) will not provide a child with that Jewish knowledge and those Jewish values on which the adult of the future will be able to make informed (and the stress is on the word, informed) decisions about his/her lifestyle. The child will not have the option to choose from a fully knowledgeable position and in that sense, parents are depriving them of their "freedom of choice" — surely something

which is at the core of a democratic upbringing.

The second issue is one where much more direct support is possible — if we follow the example of our pioneers. There are many young parents who have not succumbed to the "being comfortable" syndrome and realize what a crucial role a Jewish day school would play in the education of their children. For them there is no doubt in their minds, except that they genuinely do not have the means to meet the cost of such an education. Yes, our schools do have financial assistance programs, but this is still not enough for many. This is the crux of the matter, for in South Africa, the Sacks, the Greensteins, the Beares, the Goldschmidts, the Levys and the Osirins, to name but a few, would never have said "we pay enough tuition for our own children, why should we provide for others?" They said, "What can be done to make it possible for every child whose parents so wish, to attend a Day school?" Many continue their support even after their own children have graduated, while many who did not even have children were overwhelming in their generosity. What counted was the future of the Jewish community.

This is not a "South African" problem alone. Our Day schools are filled with children from many different "communities". It is clearly everyone's responsibility. But in the context of this powerful SAJAC constituency what a difference it would make, if in the spirit of those pioneers, a Foundation for Jewish Education was established to help all Day schools in the community. It does not matter whether parents choose Chabad, Beth Israel, Hebrew Day or the Academy. That is their democratic right, but think about the example we

the colors of the new South African flag with South Africa embroidered on it.) At various parts of the stadium one could see the new South African flag being shown wherever there was an athlete from the R.S.A. competing.

My highlight, apart from witnessing Olympic and world records, the men's 100 meters and 200 meters, was the finals of the men's 800 meters. A "Cleskop" young man, Hezekial Sepeng from the RSA had made it through to the finals. They had heats, then semi-finals and the finals a few days later. The final field consisted of world class runners and champions from various countries and world competitors. My initial thought was, well R.S.A. has a runner in the finals - good enough.

The starter gun set the field off and Sepeng was placed about half way in the close pack. Through to the first 400 meters he drops back but picks back from 2nd last to 3rd. He places at this stage on the inside of the track, two runners in front of him and two to his side - he is closed in. Onto the final 200 meters bend they are sprinting. Sepeng is being extended to hold his place as he now has more runners to his side trying to go upfront by passing on the outside. Sepeng is holding and right up with the front pack but cannot move up as he is bunched in. At the final 60 meters the field has opened out and he gives his "kick", moves to the outside and passes through a bunch of runners to move right up to the front. Although I was not seated at the finish line during this event, the crowd was in pandemonium. What a finish. Four runners had crossed the finish line in a world-class time - all breaking the Olympic record of 1.43 minutes. Then the huge screen flashes the results - Norway's runner 1st place 1.42.58 minutes, R.S.A. Hezekial Sepeng 2nd 1.42.74 minutes and Kenya 3rd 1.42.79 minutes. What a race, what excitement and emotion to have witnessed this great race, and I feel that had Sepeng not been boxed in, and with a little more experience, South Africa would have had a gold medal. The South African spectators had flags flying and Sepeng did a victory lap holding his flag up high.

The American runners had the crowds behind them on every event. The Olympic Stadium was catering to approximately 160,000 spectators between the morning and afternoon sessions. There were high tech video TV cameras on the sides of the track following the runners as well as one overhead the stadium suspended by two thin almost invisible wires crossing from the four corners of the rooftops. These all were able to give TV viewers as well as spectators great coverage and replays of the athlete, their strides, their emotions, the competition and the finishes. All this was shown during and after an event on two large screens in the stadium. Interesting to note that there was no advertising in the Olympic Stadium, no billboards or flags of any product or company. English and French were the two official languages for announcement and commentary.

Faster, higher, stronger, certainly was the goal the athletes from 196 countries participating in the Centennial Olympic Games strove to achieve.

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The Olympics

By Paul Shtein

When I was asked to write about the Olympics I asked what aspect should I record about my family's and my touring around surrounding areas, Nashville, Chattanooga, North West Georgia, Atlanta and its goings on or the games themselves. Merle suggested that I write about how I saw the Games with a view to ex South Africans and a bit about the Games themselves. Well this is easier said than done.

There certainly were many highlights and interesting aspects. We stayed approximately 45 minutes from the Olympic Stadium which was specially built in downtown Atlanta. To host the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games track and field events as well as Opening and Closing ceremonies. For anyone who has seen or been to Atlanta

this magnificent stadium is next to the Braves baseball stadium.

The transport was well organized and all around Atlanta there were park and rides especially constructed to ferry Olympic Games ticket holders to and from events.

We focused on track and field, as well as the finals in track cycling. The track cycling, which is extremely exciting, was at a venue approximately one hour outside Atlanta called Stone Mountain Park. This beautiful venue hosted the track cycling as well as the tennis competition.

At the beginning of the second week a bomb exploded at Centennial Park. This resulted in the temporary closure of the Park and an increase in security, which at times slowed traffic of spectators into the Olympic Stadium a little. There were quite a number of South Africans at the track and field events (visible by their hats in



would set with such a scheme or any other supportive project. And, what energy we would galvanize from the rest of the Jewish community in San Diego!! Yes, there are many other demands from the U.J.F. to the J.C.C. and much in-between and we dare not neglect those. We also have our own personal commitments to College education and daily life which cannot be over-looked but Day school education is what we, the former South African community really helped pioneer. Those pioneers should inspire those who care, and who have the means to provide future stability and leadership for San Diego and all other Jewish communities in the future.

LIORA NATELSON

We regretfully mourn the untimely passing of Liora Natelson, who featured in an article she submitted in the last issue of the SAJAC Reporter. (Summer 1996). Liora was the West Coast New Leadership Regional Director of Israel Bonds. The New Leadership Division Flourished under her professional leadership. She will be sorely missed. Deepest sympathy to her family.

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PLANE TALK ON BISECTED TRIANGULARS

By Leslie Herman

When I boarded the plane to fly from Johannesburg to Cape Town many years ago, nothing was further from my mind than stamp collecting. In those days before jet travel, it was a four-hour flight. Any idea that I may have had of sleeping during the journey, was quickly set aside when the man seated next to me appeared to be a compulsive talker.

He was a retired lawyer from a small town in the Eastern Cape province. By adroit questioning he quickly established that he had been at college with my brother-in-law. Now, not only having a captive audience but a duly accredited one, he proceeded to unburden himself of the following story.

After his retirement, he decided to spend more time on his hobby of stamp collecting, and joined the local Philatelic Society. An eminent stamp dealer, who was visiting the area, agreed to address the society on his soon to be published monologue on The Stamps of Southern Africa. He told them that he had been honored by being given access to the State Archives, to enable him to do the research. Something that was rarely, if ever granted.

Intrigued, my companion decided to make a more serious study of South African philatelic history himself. And found the distinctive Cape of Good Hope Triangular Stamps to be of the greatest interest.

These unique stamps were first issued in 1853, and were

designed and printed in Europe. In some years, mistakes in the printing or delays in shipping caused shortages of certain denominations. In such cases the postmasters were authorized to bisect the stamps down the center and use the stamps on the basis of half their value, so that a six-penny stamp would be converted to two three-penny stamps, or whatever was the rate for postage at that time. These bisected stamps are now much sought after, and some are extremely rare.

The following year the stamp dealer wrote the society to say that he had purchased an entire collection of stamps from the executors of a deceased estate and found some items of exceptional interest. Among these were three covers all stamped with bisected triangular stamps dated in the late 1850's. He considered them to be most unusual and probably unique. Covers, it appeared were stamped addressed envelopes bearing a postmark.

My traveling companion said he bought all three of them, and considered them to be the highlight of his now important collection of Cape stamps and covers.

Eighteen months before he told me the story, he wrote to Gibbons and Company, the internationally known stamp dealers in London, who expressed considerable interest in his collection. They gave such a high estimate of its value, that he decided that it would be sensible to sell half of the collection and keep the remainder. He would still be in possession of a first rate basic collection, while having the satisfaction of having made a lot of money out of an absorbing pastime.

Carefully packed, sent by registered post, separately insured, he sent his entire collection for appraisal and a firm offer. Not having heard from them after some months, he sent a cable telegraph asking for a reply. An apologetic answer

ISRAEL

By Caryn Shein

I have never been to Israel before and I can surely say that my first two and a half week experience there changed the way I view myself, the world, and the people around me. For a few months before my trip Dovid to Israel I continuously questioned the existence of G-D. I asked many people how they can believe in G-D, after all, there's no way of proving that He actually exists. The reason for their belief is that they took a 'leap of faith'. However, I still remained doubtful.

The first Friday I spent in Israel one rabbi took my group and I around the Old City. He talked to us about the way people live in the City. Where and how these people live is incredible. The buildings around them are ancient, full of history, mystery, and Jewishness.

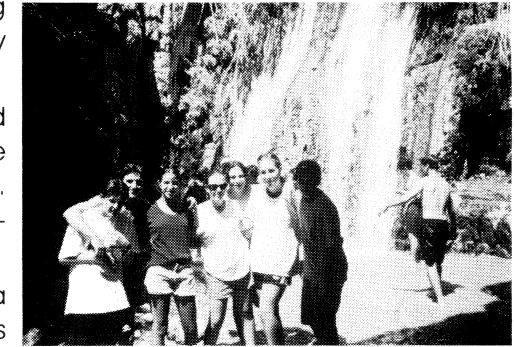
Before we went to visit the Wailing Wall, the Rabbi led a short Shabbat service on the roof of one of the City's buildings. After the service, he told us that the first time to the Wailing Wall will be the most memorable, and the feeling you will get from the Wall will never occur again.

As I was walking toward the Wall I felt a warm sensation in my stomach. This was a feeling of complete Jewishness. I then glanced at the people. I noticed the

MY VISIT TO ISRAEL

By Stacy Krasner

This experience that I have had in Israel was definitely unforgettable. Even though this was not my first time in Israel, this trip was just as meaningful as the first time, or even more. My experience with other Jewish, Israeli students in Misgav and visiting the Kotel again gave me an incredible feeling.



It made me feel special and that was a great feeling.

Being in a small group made the whole thing a lot more fun. I gained valuable information about Israel and the Jewish religion. Being Jewish made me

feel proud to be a Jew. This trip has taught and encouraged me to continue my practice of Judaism.

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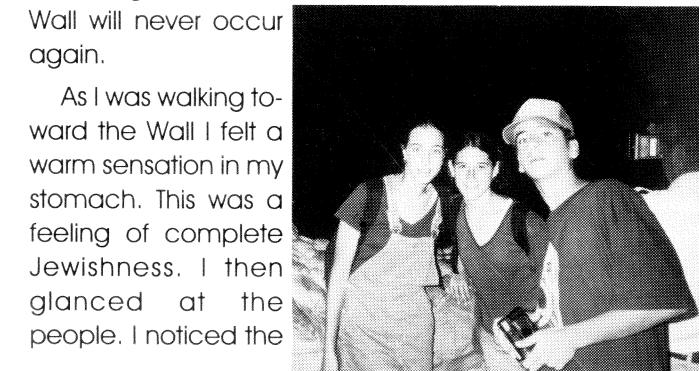
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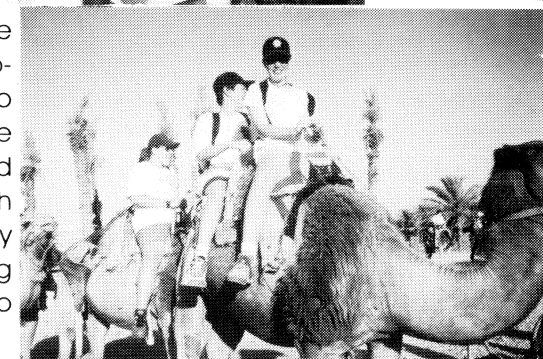
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black robes the men were wearing and the strong emotions they were putting into their prayers. For the first time in my life I felt extremely proud to be a part of the Jewish people. As I walked away from the Wall I did something I never thought I had in me to do. I took my 'leap of faith'.



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A GRANNY IS GORGES

By Gerald Kane

Whilst pursuing papers which I had brought from South Africa, I came across the enclosed "A Granny is Gorgess".

Many of our members will not only recall reading this extract from King David Primary School bulletin but might conceivably have contributed to it.

Whoever doubted it? Certainly not the young pupils of King David Primary School in Johannesburg. Here are some of the observations they had to make in the school's "I" bulletin

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- A granny is gorgess
- My granny can't stand us when we make a big noise and calls us baboons and wooligans.
- My granny has a heavy body, much too heavy for her legs.
- A granny cooks, bakes and doesn't work
- If your granny died you can't make another granny.
- A granny is a very very old lady who might have had children
- My granny is a panicker and when my grandpa drives my granny says watchout.
- Some granny's fussy like if you give them coffee they say they want tea.
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I have 10 years experience working as a therapist and having immigrated from South Africa, I am very familiar with the challenges of acculturation.

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arrived, explaining that his stamps were of great interest but as the most valuable item, the three covers, were so unusual and stamps of the early Cape being such a specialized field, they had delayed writing until they could discuss them with an acknowledged expert.

Therefore they had taken the liberty of approaching the Duke of Sutherland for his opinion. After examining them, the Duke said that he would prefer to discuss them privately with the owner on his next visit to South Africa. Evidently the Duke spent three months of the English winter in the Cape of Good Hope each year.

My plane companion said that he eventually met with the Duke at the Mount Nelson Hotel in Cape Town. The Duke was apologetic in that he was unable to recommend that the English dealer should purchase the Covers. It was more than probably that they were forgeries. He explained that the wooden date stamp blocks used in those days invariably showed some signs of wear after constant usage by postal officials.

In the three covers concerned, one bore the postmark Simonstown, the naval base in False Bay, another was posted in Mossel Bay, three hundred miles away, and the third was stamped in Cape Town itself. All of them showed identical wear marks low down on the right hand side although they bore the postmark of the different post offices around the perimeters. In his opinion this could not be coincidental.

He concluded that although the stamps were genuine, the cancellations were doubtful, to say the least. He suggested that some Cape Triangular stamps of the period may have been cut in half, and placed on genuine old addressed envelopes. Then an original wood block, conceivably from the archives or a museum was utilized, changing the names of the various postal offices by using original wooden stamp lettering that must have been available.

The Duke admitted that if he had seen only one cover at a time, he would have had no hesitation in giving is unqualified approval of its genuineness. It was only by comparing more than one at a time, that a forgery could be detected.

The method that he had outlined was only surmise, and he had not discussed it with Gibbons & Company nor would he put it in writing. Being a very old man, he did not want to be involved in any controversy or legal proceedings.

I was certainly impressed by the story, and naturally inquired what had transpired.

"Well" he said, "That is where I am placed in a difficult position, a moral quandary if you like".

"What do you mean?" I queried.

"I questioned the stamp expert who sold them to me. He said the allegation was patently ridiculous, and he would sue me if I even discussed it with anybody. As the Duke would not put anything in writing, and had said that he would not be prepared to enter into any argument, or give evidence if any litigation ensued, I decided to put the covers away for the time being".

Some time later, I was reminded on the story by seeing a paragraph on the front page of a newspaper reporting the death in England, of the Duke of Sutherland. The article mentioned his long association with the Cape of Good Hope and also his well known interest in philately.

It was at least a year before I got to Cape Town again, and was surprised while walking along Adderley Street to be hailed like a long lost friend by a man I did not recognize. He turned out to be my stamp-collecting ex-traveling companion and he offered to drive me back to my hotel in Sea Point.

After I had settled into the comfortable leather seat of his brand new low-slung foreign car I asked him about the latest developments in the stamp saga, saying that I had seen the newspaper report of the death of the Duke.

An enigmatic smile appeared on his lips, as he said —

"Although I was never convinced that the stamps were not genuine, I being a lawyer, decided I could not take any chance whatsoever in the matter. So I destroyed two of the covers, and kept only one".

"And then?" I asked just as we pulled up at my hotel.

"Well" he said, "Now there is an oil Billionaire in Bahrain, who owns the only Cape of Good Hope Bisected Triangular Stamp Cover dated 1858, estant".

"And you have the only 18 karat gold trimmed Maserati in Cape Town". I could not resist saying, as I thanked him for the lift.

His conscience did not seem to be troubling him at all. He certainly had not forged them himself, and no doubt in the most unlikely event of the matter ever being queried, he would refer the matter to the dealer who had sold the cover to him. As for me, I suppose a fair exchange is not robbery. Who am I to criticize?

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"Joker" on the Bus!

By Louis Levinsohn

Sunday May 5th - A beautiful warm and sunny morning. Just the right mood for a day of fun and laughter. We met at UTC, and left at about 10 am for an outing to Viejas. On arrival, we were welcomed by our hostess, Patti, who issued us with coupon's and vouchers for \$25 each.

Since gambling is very personal we all went our separate ways, but arranged to meet together for lunch. This we did. Not only enjoying a great lunch, but also sharing companionship and friendly chatter. We decided to leave at about 3 p.m. At the appointed time we boarded the bus. How cheerful it was to compare notes on the day's adventure!! On the bus Charlie Frank gave us a choice of listening to him sing or having a joke session. Knowing Charlie's voice from S.A. days, we settled for stories (sorry Charlie!). Well, Charlie set the tone.

We were in hysterics at his stories, and his enchanting way of telling them. What a hilarious trip back home. Those who did not attend, really missed something. Thanks to our charming and gracious hostess, Renee Frank, who did so much to make this function the success it was.

A New Way Of Life

By Joan Wasserman

I was tired of listening to people talk about dieting and failed weight loss, so together with two other SAJAC members I embarked on an adventure that has changed my life. Dr. Ilana Schraibman has developed a Health Management System (HMS) incorporating her expertise with a logical and balanced way of eating and behaving around food. The course spans eight weeks, and not only was it a great deal of fun, but a valuable learning experience.

Every person showed a loss over 10 pounds, and together with our new way of thinking, the weight is not likely to be regained. Changing patterns in one's life is not easy, but Ilana provided us with expert information, reading supplements, a nutritionist expertise, and a fantastic deal at the Aventine Sporting Club. The course was professionally managed and held in a suite on Prospect Street in La Jolla. Ilana was available any time, day and night. My reason for writing is not to advertise for Ilana but to give credit where credit is due - the program is a lifestyle change which ensures you keeping the weight off, and is not a temporary fix.

POEM

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.
It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.
We ask ourselves,
"who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous?"
Actually, who are you not to be?
You are a child of God.
Your playing small doesn't serve the world.
There's nothing enlightened about shrinking
so that other people won't feel insecure around you.
We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.
It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.
And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously
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As we are liberated from our own fear,
our presence automatically liberates others.

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Naturalization

by Hans M. Levi

Four years ago, in the month of June, Ilse and I became naturalized American citizens. As a senior I took my studies pretty seriously, and I collected, in addition to the prescribed questions and answers, all the material which I found helpful to pass the naturalization test. I compiled a reference booklet (unpublished) as a guide to become a more informed naturalized US citizen.

But what about all the paperwork. Like all you good people doing your share in the community of San Diego, I wish to do my bit as a volunteer to offer my services to anyone to complete the 6-page application form for naturalization. You and I will have the completed form checked by the authorities before mailing it.

I am only too happy to have found a way to show my gratitude to my adopted "homeland" in helping to achieve your goal by becoming a naturalized American citizen.

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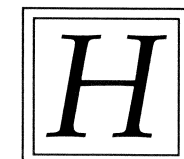
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On Bridge

By Valerie Elkon

Having recently joined the American Contract Bridge League I was interested to receive "The Bulletin" - a monthly publication which is full of good things for people who play this fascinating game at any level.

On pg. 105 of the June issue there's an article called "Competitive Bidding" by one Marty Bergen. He opens with the following quote by Ira Corn who is the founder of the Dallas Aces - "Bridge is a 52 card game. This simple statement is overlooked by many bridge players, all too often the bridge player thinks of the game as a 13 card game - the hand he holds."

So true! How often after some fiasco, we hear the plaintive "But partner, I had such a good hand!" This is a case of tunnel vision: The only way in which we can find out something about the unseen 39 cards is to listen carefully to what partner and your opponents are trying to convey with the limited vocabulary at their command.

Pat Harrington writes a column called "Play-n-learn". She asks two little questions -

1. Do we have a game? (or a slam or a part)
2. Do we have a fit? (What is your best denomination?)

To which I am tempted to reply, "yes frequently".



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She maintains that nervousness, poor memory, inexperience and the use of fancy bidding conventions often cause players to lose sight of what they're trying to accomplish and therefore they should remember to focus on those two questions and thus improve their bidding. The gist of the article deals with how one could reach the optimum contract.

Under the heading "Fundamentals" Philip Alder gives this advice: He says that if your suits are headed by Aces and Kings, you may overbid just a little but, if you have a mass of Queens and Jacks - underbid to some extent. I was amused to see him refer to said Queens and Jacks as "Quacks". I often think of Kings and Queens ask wings - which is not nearly as good. Of course Aces are above that sort of frivolity!

Mr. Alder brings up another important point. He says that once you have added your high card points, you should, of course, also consider distribution. As most books for beginners recommend adding points for shortages, he warns that this is not a good idea, as your singleton may be opposite your partners primary suit. Better to add extra points for length in a suit - 1 for every card beyond 4. Shortages are only good when you are assured of a sound trump fit.

There is a "special section for Intermediate players' with articles such as "The Professor and the Student", "Take a Second Look" etc., and of course, problems and discussions for the advanced player. Also there is detailed advice for those wishing to become Duplicate players.

The Bulletin carries plenty of adverts for Bride at Sea - cruises rejoicing in names such as "Bagpipes and Shamrocks", "Mediterranean Mosaic", "Caribbean Holiday" and a whole slew of others in which the most often used adjective is "exotic".

There are lists of recommended bridge books to order and details of Computer Bridge Programs.

So there's lots to read and learn.

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AN EVENING WITH ATHOL FUGARD

Brendan Gaylis



The future is over there: In Athol Fugard's "Valley Song," Max Wright plays the grandfather of an aspiring singer, portrayed by Akosua Busia

A most entertaining evening was had by about 140 SAJAC members who attended Athol Fugard's play, "Valley Song", at the La Jolla Playhouse in May.

The three character play was performed by two actors and revolved around the grandfather (Abraam Jonkers) and his granddaughter (Veronica). This 90 minute drama focused on Veronica's desire to leave her boring and degrading life as a karoo servant and move to Johannesburg to live out her "big dreams" as a pop singer. The third character, a playwright, is a prospective new owner of the farm on which Jonkers and Veronica live.

Despite non - South African origins, both actors gave a remarkable performance and Athol Fugard lived up to his reputation as a brilliant playwright.

The familiar accents, setting and underlying political tones were appreciated by the mostly South African audience. Hats off to the SAJAC organizers for promoting this event.

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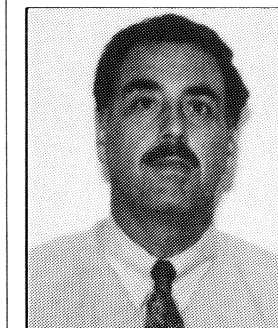
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Tanzania Safari

by Brian and Merle Datnow

Tanzania is the land of the safari superlative. Nearly one quarter of the nation's land is dedicated to game reserves and national parks. The concentration of wildlife is unparalleled and the hordes of tourists seen in the neighboring areas of Africa have not yet arrived to diminish the pristine experience of the beautiful green and gold landscapes set against the deep blue African sky. There are few villages, farms and unpaved roads in the Tanzania wilderness. Miles of vast open spaces and savannas are punctuated by giant baobab trees, acacias, kopjes, active and extinct volcanoes, escarpments and the imposing mass of Kilimanjaro.

Arusha is the starting point of most safaris. The major parks may be accessed by road or air. The



land approach is more tiring and time consuming as the distances are great and the road conditions poor. We chose the "fly-in safari". Flights from Arusha to the parks and between parks vary from twenty-five to forty-five minutes in modern well maintained and piloted small aircraft. Flying over the great herds of animals on the Serengeti is an indescribable experience reminiscent of scenes from "Out of Africa". Landings are made on remote grass runways often with animals grazing at the fringes.

The travelers are picked up at the runway by the camp manager, introduced to the guide/driver and immediately set off on a game drive in a four-wheeled drive vehicle with open roof (for optimal game viewing and photography). We had our own guide, however, there may be up to five people per vehicle (still comfortable and convenient). The guides are consummate professionals whose knowledge of the land,

animals and birds is encyclopedic. Their love for the wilderness is infectious and their narrative descriptions invoke awe and enthusiasm. Uncanny intuition coupled with skill, patience and experience allow them to track and locate the game.

The tented camps are surprisingly comfortable, convenient and always in a spectacular location. Each has eight guest tents accommodating up to sixteen guests, a central common dining room and lounge and various other tents for camp staff. Each tent has a sleeping area with attached bathroom and shower.

A typical day begins with an early morning wake-up with coffee delivered to your tent. Soon after, a hearty breakfast is served. The morning game drive begins shortly after breakfast. One may choose to return to the camp for lunch, then make a second drive later in the afternoon. We always chose to go out for the entire day, returning only in the evening. This allows for a longer excursion from the camp to more remote areas. The picnic lunches out in the middle of the plains, under the shade of a lone acacia or overlooking a river, with animals grazing nearby and no other humans in sight were serene. Upon return to camp, we showered and met at the lounge area for drinks and snacks as we watched the magnificent African sunsets. After dinner we sat around a fire, under millions of stars and learned more about the animals and the land from the camp managers, who are knowledgeable and dedicated conservationists.

Because each of the parks is unique, with different landscapes, flora and fauna, we elected to stay in four separate camps. The Serengeti (Masai for "open spaces") is arguably Africa's premier game park and the setting for the most awesome wildlife spectacle. Each year over one million wildebeest and a quarter of a million zebra make a circular migration across the plains to follow the rains and rich grazing. There are times when the land is a moving mass of horned and striped animals. Never-ending herds of clumsy wildebeest and sleek zebras with their young stretch as far as the eye can see. The predators and scavengers are always close at hand. We witnessed the drama of life and death. Lions, leopards and cheetahs, followed by hyenas, jackals

and vultures overhead, stalk the grazing and browsing animals and play out the daily ritual of survival.

Ngorogoro crater is an extinct volcano with steep sides and a floor area of about one hundred and twelve square miles. As a self-contained ecosystem with year-round water and grazing, the animals seldom leave. This is a microcosm of African wildlife with many species in a concentrated area, making game-viewing less than challenging. Even the endangered black rhino is there. The easily studied lion population has the luxury of plentiful prey, but are threatened by the negative genetic effects of inbreeding. The first sighting of Ngorogoro from the rim with the large herds and shimmering lake with flamingos, invokes the idea of the garden of Eden. This fantasy of biblical association is further promoted by the close proximity of Oldivai gorge, where the Leaky family excavated the remains of earliest man. Masai villagers, as they have for hundreds of years, live in symbiosis with animals of the crater as they are permitted to graze their cattle in the crater by day. Masai and tourists have to leave the floor of the crater in the evening and leave it to the animals. In distinct contrast to the Serengeti, where one can go a whole day without seeing another tourist vehicle, Ngorogoro can get relatively crowded because of its popularity and confined area.

Tarangire national park is a scenic gem in southern Masailand. The herds of elephants are legendary and remain in the park year round. Many other species migrate to distant areas during the dry season. Pockets of Tsetse flies may be bothersome but are not disease vectors.

Many of Tanzania's parks are closed during the rainy months of April and May. Visits to Tanzania and which parks to visit at particular times of the year, should be planned carefully to ensure optimal game viewing. The magnificent "migration" is a moving spectacle. The animals are concentrated in the southern Serengeti during December to March and then move north, finally crossing the Mara river into Kenya around July or August. Then the cycle begins again and they return to the south to bear their young. Consultation with knowledgeable people and careful planning are essential to optimize the safari experience.

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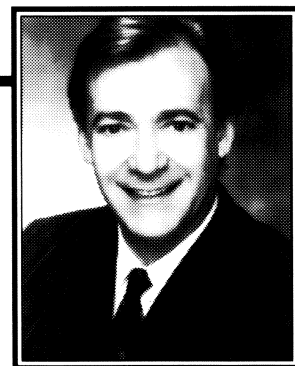
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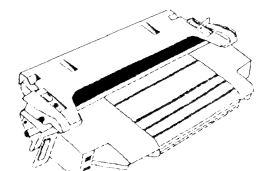
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