



Stories and adverts - Graphic December 1970



Jean Lomborg of Durban is “The Graphic” front page girl this week. A trade union secretary, Jean has among her other attributes the distinction of being the only qualified woman soccer referee in the city.

GANG WARFARE CAUSES CHAOS AT CURRIES

There were bloody scenes when violence broke out at a pop session at Curries Fountain on Saturday afternoon

Trouble started about 5 o'clock when a car load of hoologans arrived at the ground intend, apparently, on beating up a spectator who earlier was alleged to have been involved in a incident with one of them.

The raid that followed had all the trappings of a Chicago-type assassination squad out to get its victim. Only the tommy guns were missing.

Armed with knob-kerries, hoop-irons and knives, the gang set upon a man who left the ground and was on his way home.

The man attempyed to make a run for it but they fell on him, kicking, chopping and punching him.

He laid sprawled on the ground while the gang went about their bloody task.

Each time he attempted to get up he was struck down.

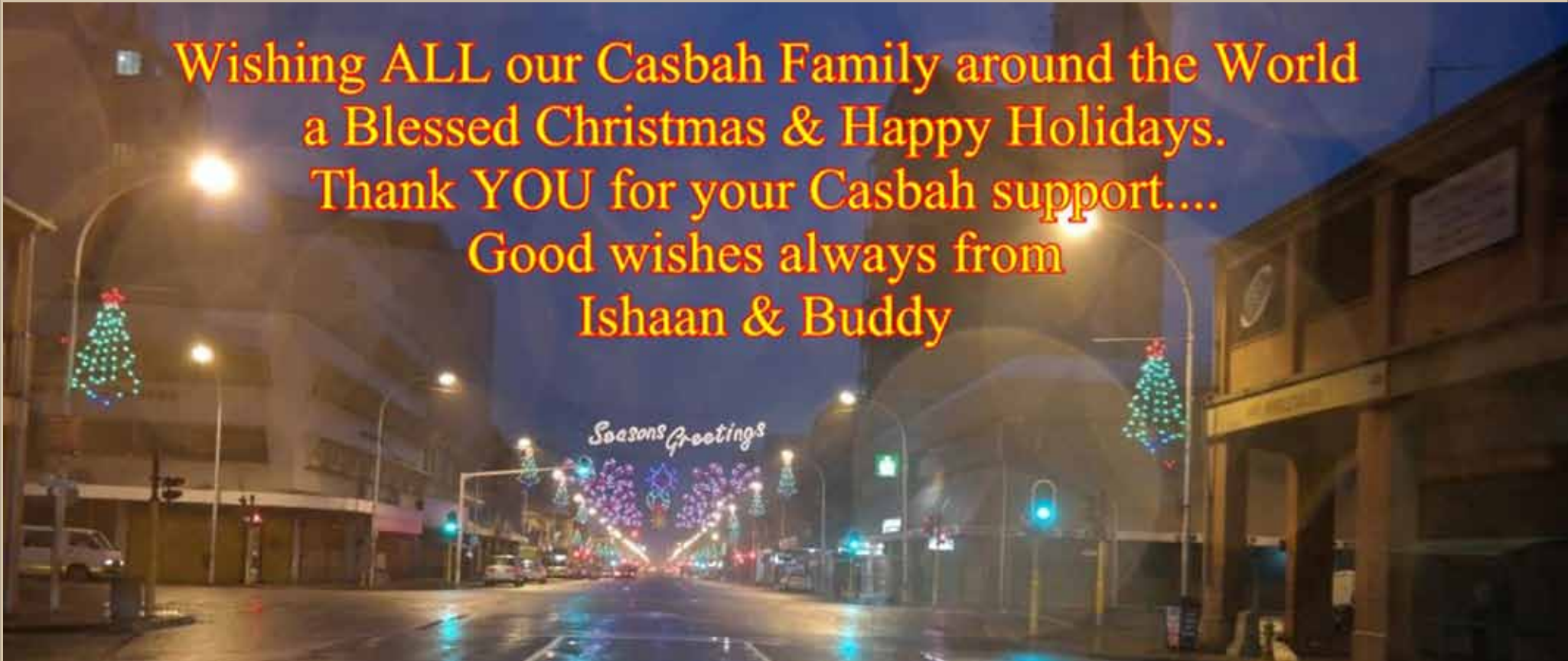
With blood streaming down his back he was left lying on the ground. The gang then jumped over the wall around the ground and entered the field.

They got hold od a spectator and began to hack him. The man was later taken to hospital with large wounds on his arms and legs.

Screaming mini-skirted girls, stampeded out of the ground causing pandemonium at the turnstiles.

After the gang had left the police arrived on the scene. It is not known if any arrests have been made.

Pandemonium



MEERS CHILDREN GRANTED PASSPORTS

Mrs. Fatima Meer's three children will join their mother in India, following the Government's decision to grant the children their passports this week.

Mrs. Meer, a lecturer in sociology at the University of Natal, is presently lecturing on Indian South Africans to post-graduate students at the University of Delhi.

Her three children, Rashid (14), Shamin (17) and Shehnaz (15) will leave Durban by on Monday to join their mother.

Mrs. Meer, a storring critic of the S.A. Government, received her passport recently after her first passport application was turned down 14 years ago.

All four passports are valid for a year and permits the Meers to visit India.

Soon after Christmas, Mrs. Meer will

read a paper at a convention of sociologists at Hyderabad and will then continue her series of lectures at universities of Benares, Uaipur, Jodphur and Chandinagar.

She will also be the guest of India's Centre of Advanced Study in Sociology, where her guest will be the internationally famous Professor M. N. Srinivas, at one time a professor in sociology at Oxford.

The children will return to Durban next month in time for school. Mrs. Meer expects to return in March



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Although it was announced this week that the Durban City Council and the Administrator of Natal, Mr. Ben Havemann, had approved of the scheme, "The Graphic" broke the story more than five months ago.

"The Graphic" announced in June this year that plans had already been drawn up for the resort and that the City Council was buying off land in the area.

The project is to be developed and financed entirely by Indians.

It will consist of a miniature golf course, a luxury restaurant, an amusement park, boating and swimming facilities and 50 holiday chalets.

COMPANY

Land surrounding the future resort has been zoned for blocks of flats. It is estimated that nearly 10,000 Indians would eventually be living in the area when it has been developed.

A company has been formed to promote the scheme. It consists of a syndicate of Indian business men, most of them at present engaged in commerce in Grey Street. There are at present 20 shareholders.

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NIGHT LIFE



Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Thaver seen dancing at a local nightspot on Saturday night.



Some of the models of Salon Mona Lisa who gave a stunning display of the latest hair-styles at the Pelican last week.



Jennie Francis is seen swinging at a local nightspot.



Farouk Khan and Miss. Radha Singh seen dancing at a local night spot



The Dukes Combo, the resident band at the Pelican, bid farewell to their fans on Saturday night. They will perform at the Greencat Restaurant which is at present being completed at Verulam.



Two hundred and twelve Indian students of the Springfield College of Education received their teachers' diplomas at a ceremony at the College last week.

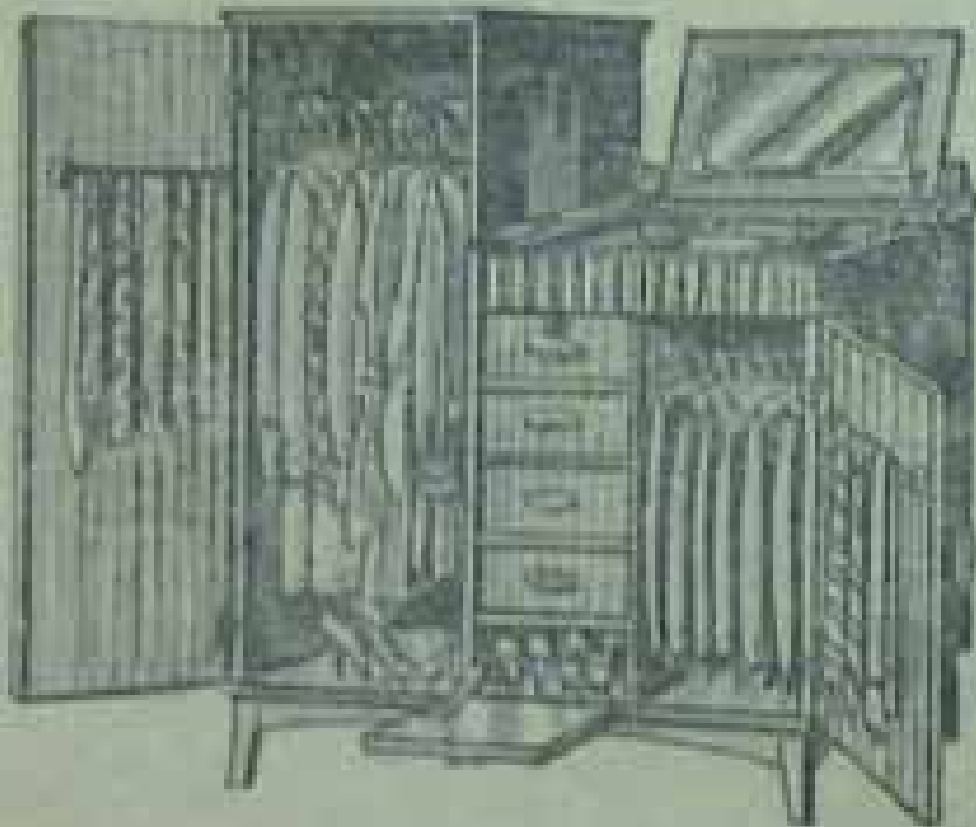
Professor F.I.D Hayward of the University of Natal was the guestspeaker.

Picture at left shows some of the students who graduated. They are from left, Miss Vena Saroj Pillay, Miss Mariam Seedat, Mrs Chinamma Soobramony and Miss Dayanithie Naidoo.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Scrooge

Scrooge is a 1970 musical film adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic 1843 story, A Christmas Carol. It was filmed in London, directed by Ronald Neame, and starred Albert Finney in the title role. The film's musical score was composed by Leslie Bricusse, and arranged and conducted by Ian Fraser. With eleven musical arrangements interspersed throughout (all retaining a traditional British air about them), the award-winning motion picture is a faithful musical retelling of the original.

Ebenezer Scrooge (Albert Finney) is a cold-hearted and greedy old miser whose only concern is money and profit and hates everything to do with Christmas. After Scrooge scares off a group of boys who were singing a carol outside his door his nephew Fred (Michael Medwin) arrives to invite him to Christmas dinner with his wife and friends. Scrooge though refuses. After Fred leaves Scrooge gives his clerk Bob Cratchit (David Collings) the next day off as it is Christmas but expects him back all the earlier the next morning. Bob meets his two children including Tiny Tim (Richard Beaumont) in the streets and they buy the food for their Christmas dinner. Scrooge meanwhile is surveyed by two other men (Derek Francis and Roy Kinnear) for a donation for the poor but Scrooge refuses, by supporting the prisons and workhouses and even says "if they rather die then they better do it and decrease the surplus population". On his way home Scrooge meets some of his clients including Tom Jenkins (Anton Rogers) and reminds them the debts they owe him. In a running gag Scrooge is stalked and being made fun of by the same urchins seen at the start of the film, calling him "Father Christmas".

Back home in Chambers Scrooge notices that the door-knocker has turned into the face of his seven year dead partner Jacob Marley (Alec Guinness) followed by a hearse passing him up the stairs. While eating some soup Scrooge hears bells ring before the ghost of Marley arrives in person covered in chains. Scrooge thinks it is just a hoax but sees reason after Marley frightens him. Marley tells Scrooge he wears the chain he made when alive on Earth and tells Scrooge he is close to suffering the same fate as him. After Marley shows Scrooge other ghosts suffering the same fate he returns him home and tells him he'll be haunted by three more spirits and the first will call at one.

As Marley said the Ghost of Christmas Past (Edith Evans) who is more like a Victorian upper-class woman arrives and takes Scrooge to witness his past. Scrooge sees the time he spent the holidays alone at school, until his sister Fan came to collect him. Scrooge then sees when he had a happier Christmas working for Mr. Fezziwig (Lawrence Naismith) and meeting his daughter Isabel (Suzzane Nevel). Despite the pair in love with each other Isabel years later leaves Scrooge after he became more engrossed to money and profit.

The Ghost of Christmas Present (Kenneth More) a jolly giant shows Scrooge the home of Bob Cratchit and his family. Scrooge sees that Tiny Tim is very ill and the spirit warns if the shadows of the future don't change the boy will die. They then pay a visit to Fred, his wife (Mary Peach) and friends at Fred's home where they toast Scrooge and play The Min-

ister's Cat. Finally the ghost leaves Scrooge but not before telling him life is too short.

The last of the ghosts the Ghost of Christmas yet to Come (Paddy Stone) shows Scrooge what will happen the following Christmas. Scrooge and the spirit witness Tom and the other citizens rejoice at Scrooge's future funeral (Scrooge comically thinks he is being treated like a celebrity). Scrooge discovers Tim had died and is shown his own future grave. The sprit reveals himself as a skeleton (possibly Death or the Grim Reaper). This causes Scrooge to fall into his "grave". In the bowels of Hell Scrooge reunites with Marley who has him tortured by having him wrapped in a huge chain by several devils. Scrooge yells for help and finds himself back in his room.

Scrooge discovers he has time to put things right and becomes a generous man. He buys a turkey and toys for the Cratchits, invites himself to dinner with Fred and his wife and even frees his clients from their debts much to their delight. Scrooge who dressed like Father Christmas thanks Marley for helping him and gets ready to dine with his family.



SONG LYRIC'S

Jingle Bells



Jingle bells, Jingle bells, Jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, Jingle bells, Jingle all the way
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Oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh

Dashing through the snow in a one-horse open sleigh
Over the fields we go, laughing all the way
Bells on bob-tails ring, making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight

Jingle bells, Jingle bells, Jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh
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A day or two ago, I thought I'd take a ride
And soon Miss Fanny Bright was seated at my side
The horse was lean and lank, misfortune seemed his lot
He got into and drifted back, and we, we've got upset

Jingle bells, Jingle bells, Jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh
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Recipe

Traditional Christmas cake



dessert recipes | serves 16

ingredients

- 600g raisins
- 200g currants
- 100g dried sour or glacé cherries
- 250g mixed dried fruits – try prunes, apricots, apples, pears – finely chopped
- 400ml booze, plus extra to ‘feed’ the cake (brandy, sherry, Tia Maria and rum all work well)
- 300g butter, at room temperature
- 200g dark brown sugar
- 1 lemon
- 4 eggs, at room temperature
- 2 tbsp treacle
- 300g plain flour
- ½ tsp ground ginger
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- A pinch of ground cloves
- 150g ground almonds
- 150g walnuts, chopped

1. The night before, place the dried fruit in a saucepan with the booze and bring to a simmer. Pour into a bowl, cool, cover and leave to soften.

2. The following day, preheat the oven to 150C/gas 2 and line the base and sides of a 23cm round tin or a 20cm square tin with a double layer of greaseproof paper. You’ll need the side lining to be a good 8cm higher than the tin.

3. If you’d like your cake to be particularly moist, blitz half the soaked fruit in a food processor to make a paste, and stir back into the rest of the fruit. In a large bowl, cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Grate in the zest of your lemon and beat in the eggs, one at a time. Mix in the treacle. Sift the flour and combine with the spices and ground almonds. Mix into the butter mixture, alternating with the soaked fruit. Finally, fold in the walnuts. Spoon the mixture into the lined tin and bake in the oven for about 3 hours. Check after 2½ hours and then every 20 minutes, or until a skewer comes out clean.

4. As soon as the cake comes out of the oven, brush with a little more booze. Leave to cool in the tin for 5 minutes and then remove, placing it directly onto a large sheet of tin foil. Wrap it up twice to retain the heat for as long as possible. After a few hours, remove the foil and wrap the cake up again in a double sheet of greaseproof paper and a double sheet of tin foil, making sure you can access the cake from the top. Store in an airtight container for 2–12 weeks. During this time, feed the cake the alcohol of your choice by gently pouring it over the top and rewrapping.



Miss Christine Arthur was chosen “Queen of the Year” at a contest in the city last night.

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COMMENTS FROM OUR FACEBOOK GROUP

Lets name building/flats and the name of the street.

Junaid Kajee: Cavalcade Mansions,Velvet Mansions,Carlisle Castle and APS

Essop Khan: Kismet Arcade

Pillay Aubrey: Grey court - cnr beatrice/grey st. ; Soni Mansions- Beatrice st. Valjees - Beatrice st.;Daya Mansions -beatrice st. ; zam-zam mansions-Lorne

Ishaan Blunden: H.M.A court in Brickfield Road, Victoria Heights in Victoria

Warren Abraham: I lived in Wembley court corner Lorne and Albert street

Hansu Bhikha: Santhok mansions Beatrice Street

Oriele Yon Hulley: My Dad's family are from Godfrey's Building in Leopold

Mahendri Raidoo: Crystal Court,Lodhia Court,Hawa Mansions,Lincoln Imtiaz Buckas Himalaya hotel grey street, mk bobby Naidoo Beatrice street, good hope centre queen street,

Jyothi Bhana: Mount Etna, Himalaya House in Warwick Avenue.

Cheryl Bissessor Bhana : I lived in Silvermount Bldgs. Ascot St.

Nazeera Shaik: E.M Paruk building.....corner of Warwick Avenue and Canongate freeway.....won't forget the sound of trucks zooming past at night....

Charmaine Minnie: Soni Mansions, Lakhani Court, Kajee Building, Universal

Wendy Akkers: Carlisle castle was home and where the family always gathered. Visited friends at Valjees buildings

Dawood Randeree: Naidoo building in Warwick ave

Moonira Moolla: Carlisle castle ... I lived there

Kamalesh Naran: Madressa Arcade, Grey Street

Praveena Singh: Grey Court, Beatrice Street

Selvan Pillaye: Mount Everest Prince Edward St. opp. SURAT HINDU.
Umesh Morar Victoria Walk , Jeena court , Premjee Mansion, All Victoria Street

Rashid Ally: Acorn Mansions, President Court in Acorn Road

Sally Taylor: yes Mount View has a lot of unforgettable memories for us .x

Mahomed Saleem Khan: A famous building I remember but forgot the name was in Queen Street, I know their use to be a club in one of the flats for adults playing cards, does anyone remember the name of the building. It still stand there today. Another building was where the Leader Newspaper use to be.

Mahomed Saleem Khan: Scala Building.

Ishaan Blunden: The Leader was in Goodhope Centre, in Queen Street

Brian George: Empire Court, daya Mansions and Madressa Manzil, Beatrice Steet.

Yunus Elias: Mahomed Saleem Khan. 13th floor , Goodhope centre.

Mariam Abrahams: Soni Mansion Breatrice street

Baldev Pranjivan: Mount Everest, Kismet Arcade, Bharat Hall C.N.R. House,Navjivan Mansion -Prince Edward Street

Ayesha Adam: Himalaya house, mt etna , mt everest, evergreen court, st johns building, patels building, market building.....all in etna lane

Buddy Govender: Coronation Building on Cross and Bond Street corner;

Valbro Mansions: in Victoria St; Godfreys Bldg in Leopold St.....Goodhope Centre in Queens St

Nish Govinden: Valjees Building

Ayesha Adam: Crystal court and lincoln mansions in lprne st, kunkoo court in carlisle, hattiahs building in prince edward st, victoria walk and victoria heights in victoria

Mahomed Saleem Khan: The buildings in Warwick Avenue next to the hardware yard and the one next to the engine garage opposite the taxi rank.

Suneal Singh: Vinay Court in Wills Road

Rashid Ally: Kajee Moosa in Warwick Avenue.

Rajan Padayachee: Velvet Mansions , Carlisle street. Ishaan lived in the next building. Lol

Rajan Padayachee: Anybody remember the fish and chips shop cnr Carlisle street and Albert Street. Manolo's ...Portuguese owner.

Vinod Bhana: Hi Nish The cafe with the soccer machine was New May Cafe run by Gops Ravjee

Leroy Francis: Rajan Padayachee, that was Frank's,they sold the best salt n vinegar slup chips.

Nadine Hudson: Valjee's Building on the corner of Beatrice St & Albert St.

Faisal-Zarina Abdoolla: Himalaya House Warwick Ave

Mukesh Ramnath: Valbro Chambers - Victoria Street....

Ayesha Adam: Victoria Walk in Victoria St

Mukesh Ramnath: Guys any one remember Pravina's had the best masala chips near Naaz Cinema.

Charmaine Snyman: kistmet buildings kismet arcade is it still there

Anita Johns: Kunkoo Court in Carlisle Str

Anita Johns: Lodhia Court in Lorne Street changed to Farah Court, Mount Etna in Ascot Street, Velvet Mansions in Prince Edward Street, Vinay Court in Wills Rd, Himalaya House in Warwick Avenue, Daya Mansions in Beatrice

Ayesha Adam: Atlas garage, bus depot ...Old Dutch Road and the pedestrian bridge over the railway line from Old Dutch Rd to Cross St.

Alan Reddy: Had a fishtank and bought all my stuff from Julies in Ajmeri arcade (1 flight up I think)

Leila Ally: @ Rajan..I remember the chip shop..they used to sell those fat chips. ...Kunkoo Court. .Carlisle Str

Most of us from the Casbah and surrounds all have nick-names.....what was/is yours and how did you come about getting it?

Cheryl Bissessor Bhana: At home in SA, Im known as SHEREEN.Im registered as CHERYL so most call me SHER , which I guess stands for both names! Lol

Nanda Soobben: My friends and team mates at Colleens called me Carlos..actually they still do when I meet them!

Sulochana Chilka Smith: Little lotta cos i was fat

Colette Steeneveldt: Colly is mine

Bilal Matias Luis Mariano: Friends called me Pora cause my dad was Portuguese.

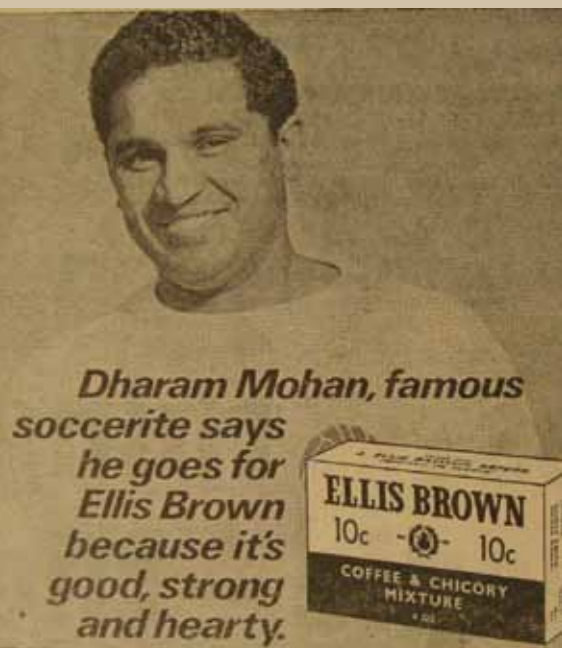
Peter Crowder: I gave a few names that stuck eg Flowers (Peter du Plessis) Wizzie (Eric Wisneth) Dees (Daryl Fynn) mine was Crow...lol

Mahomed Saleem Khan: Alcano - when I started smoking cigarettes I started with Alcano, not sure if that brand still exists. Later when I was done with schooling my friends called me Magua - not sure what it means but something to do not scared for a fight.

Pillay Aubrey: Aubrey Strawberry - I was called - coz it rhymes and I was a Sweet kid (so I am told) LoL !

Venice Van Der Ross: Niesie is mine to this day

Brian George: All my friends(Wilfred Gabriel, The Late Percy Gabriel, Noel Saunders, Cecil Daniels, Lionel charles, and I are called "Joe" in public,just to cause confusion..



Sibs Veerasamy: I still call BUDDY... BUDS,he calls me COOKIE. lol

Derrick Rodgers: what about the real out-landish ones like Tarzan(bioscope muscle); bush knife Bobby;Knox;Lemon..... lol

Peter Crowder: Bushman Billie,Action Bobby,Knobs,Gulam Boxer,Legs.

Peter Crowder: Legs Alexander,Tarzan Johnson, Spinner Egalhof, Giant was 4 feet tall, Skelly,Squaps (Frankie Lawler) lol

Zainul Aberdeen: Longy-Bees- Bones-Fingers- Rat-Viters-Blades-Porky-the Dogg- Nine- Lulu Boy-Gunns-Speedie-JoeTwice-Block-House-Chaps-Necks-Pipe-Chopper-Love Bite--

Lolly Moodliar: Lolly is actually my nickname. My correct name is mary leandre.. My mum said I looked like a lolipop when I was born

Vinesh Seeban: Langwaan, Popeye, Scully, Tracks, Nana boy, Jutland (obvious), Nosy (went for a nose

Derrick Rodgers I remember a Langwan to be the shortest in the group

Pamela Davids: Skinny-Bilinki, tweeky. sticks, bones, tin-lizzy & many more.

Nazeera Shaik: My dad was called Hawk....

Devan 'Mars' Chetty: I'm still stuck with 'Mars' which Wayne Abel dubbed me in standard 3 in St Anthony's in 1980!

Wayne Abel: Only a pleasure Devan 'Mars' Chetty. . That had to have come with a side order of mac 'n cheese right?

Salma Fredericks: Mine was Sally, my friends at St. Anthony's called me that and it stuck. So glad I reclaimed my name

Vino Naidoo: I'm stuck with the nick "Stars" which I got when I was around 10 or 12yrs old and got it from playing football and scoring lots goals. The name still sticks.

Buddy Govender: 'Buddy'.....after my grandfather Bud Gengan.....



Pillay Aubrey: To all our Family Friends on our Group - Best Wishes over the Festive Season and a Prosperous New Year to All - God Bless and take Special Care when you are on the Roads

Suraya Farren: Season's greetings to all.Wishing you peace and happiness for now and always.God Bless!

Cheryl Bissessor Bhana: May the spirit of Christmas be with you all throughout the coming year! God bless each and everyone of you with joy,peace and good cheer!

Sanosha Govender: Best wishes for the festive season, may your Christmas and new year be filled with peace, love and prosperity. Happy holidays everybody!

Mani Seetal: May your Christmas sparkle with moments of love, laughter and goodwill,May the closeness of friends, the comfort of home,and the unity of our nation, renew your spirits.May the joy and festivities continue to radiate in your lives,long after Christmas is gone. May your new year start on a cheerful note. And may the year ahead be full of contentment and joy. May you all be truly blessed!

Pooventhran Moodley: to the Casbah family and everybody else > season's greetings from namibia !!!

Shereen Bagwandin: To all my family and friends. May you have a memorable Christmas and a blessed New Year. May the Almighty shower each of you with His choicest blessings.

Charmaine Snyman: to all my family and friends including all the casbah family merry Christmas and a happy new year and take care

Reshaad Nassiep: To the Casbah family and all it's readers, a merry and safe Xmas and a wonderful New year to you all

Dawn Ellis: To my family & friends in South Africa, hope you all have a Merry Christmas & a Prosperous New Year. I miss you all so very much....Luv & hugs always.

Bhana Morar: Happy Birthday to my mum Sandhya Morar and brother Douglas. Wishing you the very best, in life's journey. Lots of love, Bhana Morar

Lingappen Naicker: to Buddy Govender & Ishaan Blunden & ur team, have a blessed festive season. thank you for the wonderful news. waiting for the 2014 editions almighty bless url.

Bing Kinsey:Best wishes for the festive season to all associated with Greystreetcasbah. May 2014 be an even greater year for this wonderful project. Bing Kinsey in OZ

Shiraz Omar:To All My Friends,Families and Comrades with Love Do Have A Blessed Christmas and A Wonderful New Year. God Bless.

Casbah Tribute to the late Mr Maniraj Singh

by Buddy Govender & Ishaan Blunden

Growing up in a football-loving and playing family, names of players and teams would often come up at the lunch or dinner table during the discussion between my Uncles Big Daddy Naidu, Crash Morgan, Sunny Morgan, Jumbo Paruk, my dad George and my grandmom Bella Abdie. Being a little boy, it was good manners to just listen and not 'chip in'! Although Aces Utd were our 'family' team and detailed discussion revolved around their exploits on the field, in the change rooms and on the dance floors, they often and, fondly talked about players from other teams that were greatly admired and respected for their skill by our family. It must be understood that the names mentioned above had seen it all in the 'old' SASL and were 'experts' on and off the field!

Maniraj Singh was one of those players that, although being the Captain of Ace's fiercest rivals, Avalon Athletics, was spoken about with fondness and respect. I often wondered who this person was and from the words used by our family, imagined him to be tall, upright and confident.....many years later when I did get the privilege to meet this man he was exactly as I imagined him to be.....tall, upright and confident.....indeed, the Captain in every sense of the word!

On a lovely Saturday afternoon on the 29 June 2013, Ishaan, my wife Farhana and I hosted a few of the SASL 'Legends' to my home for a lunch and get-together. This was the first time that some of these men had seen each other after many years and sadly it was the last time that most of us would see Maniraj again. He was in such good spirit and even brought along his blazer that he wore in the 1962 Avalon team photo that we had on display. Maniraj and his old team-mate Blondie Campbell sang an Avalon Athletics team song that they had not sung together since they were in the change room in Curries Fountain in 1962 – 51 years ago! That afternoon with the SASL 'Legends', has all been captured on HD DVD and is now priceless! I urged Maniraj to put on the blazer and stand next to the Avalon team photo so that I could take a photo of him. Years later yet the blazer still fitted him and, for a second I saw in his eye that he felt like he was the Captain again. That afternoon was unforgettable and Ishaan, Farhana and I are so grateful to have had this opportunity to have been a part of this wonderful and historic day.

Maniraj, knowing my involvement in Karate also mentioned to me that he had achieved a brown belt in Karate although no longer practicing – I was not surprised as he embodied the perfect characteristics of a Martial Artist. He was also a superb and champion athlete in his school days.... breaking and setting many records. He even went on to Captained the Natal High School Football team as well. He then represented the Natal Indian under 21 Football team but he shone in his role as Captain of the



great Avalon Athletics FC. He was a fantastic and cultured defender using his speed, strength, skill and strategic football brain to great advantage. Thousands would flock to Curries Fountain to watch this 'world class' football team comprising of great players like, Cedric 'Sugar Ray' Xulu, George Francis, Talfran Nkabinde, Hector Fynn, Selby Wanda, Moses Strydom, Dennis Groenewald, Denzil Easthorpe, Joey Chetty, Reginald Gabashe, Dharam Mohan, Stanley McTavish, Blondie Campbell and of course Maniraj Singh.....this great team was managed by the enigmatic Mr Danny Naidoo. What an assembly of cultured talent that would set the football world alight today! Maniraj was tasked with leading this team and he did that by contributing in every department and more.

Maniraj was an educator by profession and eventually became a school Principal. He played a huge part in the development and administration of school sports over the years. Such was the man, giving back to ensure progress.

Sadly, I was teaching Karate in Pretoria the weekend of his funeral (Sat 23 Nov 2013) and could not personally attend. However, the Fed Legends and Mr Vincent Pillay adequately represented me and my family. I was fortunate to have met this lovely man and indeed more privileged to have had lengthy and personal discussions with him. Our condolences go out to his wife and family. I can see him now still controlling the field of play and putting in his 110%.

Rest in eternal peace dear Maniraj, we will meet again sir.



Former SASL football 'LEGENDS' at my home yesterday (Sat 29 June 2013) where Ishaan and I recorded their wonderful stories of past matches and legendary teams, officials players.....what a gift to be associated with such fine gentlemen.....

Back L-R : Keith Nelson (FPL Referee), Mr Pillay, Maniraj Singh (Avalon Athletics), Ishaan Blunden, Vincent Pillay (Verulam Suburbs), me.....

Sitting L-R : Sewnarain Lall (Aces Utd), Vic Pillay (SASL Administrator), Sagren Naidoo (Aces Utd) and Blondie Campbell (Aces Utd and Avalon Athletics)

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The Cardinal City Football Club were awarded four trophies for winning various competitions which were conducted by the Asherville Football Association. Photographed at the presentation last week were (from left) Cardinals' captain P. Ramen and team members Jeff Shunmugam, John Manda and Jaya Valitham.



The Durban and Districts Darts Union held its annual cup presentation ball at a Durban hotel on Saturday night. Mr. Peter Clairevette, an official of the union, is seen presenting the league cup to Mr. S. Padayachee while players and supporters look on.

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Cape Ramblers by Syd Williams

Cape Ramblers was formed in 1960 and was the first professional club in Cape Town.

Known as the Peoples League, the SASL's popularity and its non racial policy made it a target for the South African Government. The league folded when the Apartheid government ensured that all the major playing fields were systematically allocated to sporting and municipal bodies that complied with The Separate Amenities Act. The SASL folded under the pressure and Cape Ramblers were disbanded

by Bennie Katz and Damador Bansda, employed a Scottish coach, Jock Samuels. The club drew vast crowds in Cape Town and despite resistance from the authorities, Ramblers proved that they could compete at a National level when they won the SASL knockout trophy in 1961. Cape Ramblers paved the way for professional clubs such as Cape Town Spurs and Glenville

The SASL was replaced with the all white NFL.

The picture was taken in 1961 before the game against Berea which Ramblers won 2-1



Caledonians (Callies) Football Club by Syd Williams

Caledonians (Callies) Football Club was formed in Pietermaritzburg in the 50's and went on to be one of the most successful soccer teams of its era, winning both league, knockout and Natal Cups. The core of the team was the DeLange family; Claude (Popeye), Gladstone (Shaddy), Mervyn (Dutch) and father Stanley Kenneth (SK) President of the club, and brother in law Dennis (Hassie) Harvey.

The core of this team went on to form a highly successful and controversial professional club called Lincoln City in the first Professional League known as South African Soccer League (SASL).

The controversy arose when all members of the team including officials were arrested and summoned to court for breaching the Mixed sport Laws of the apartheid era. This came about when Lincoln City fielded the first multiracial soccer team in South Africa. Included in the team lineup were Africans, Coloureds, Whites and Indians. This brought media attention to the SASL which included many famous teams like Cape Ramblers, Mother City, Aces United, Berea, Avalon Athletic, Stella, Maroka Swallows, Orlando Pirates and Maritzburg City. The only surviving member of this team is Mr Lawrence Thompson who now resides in Canada.



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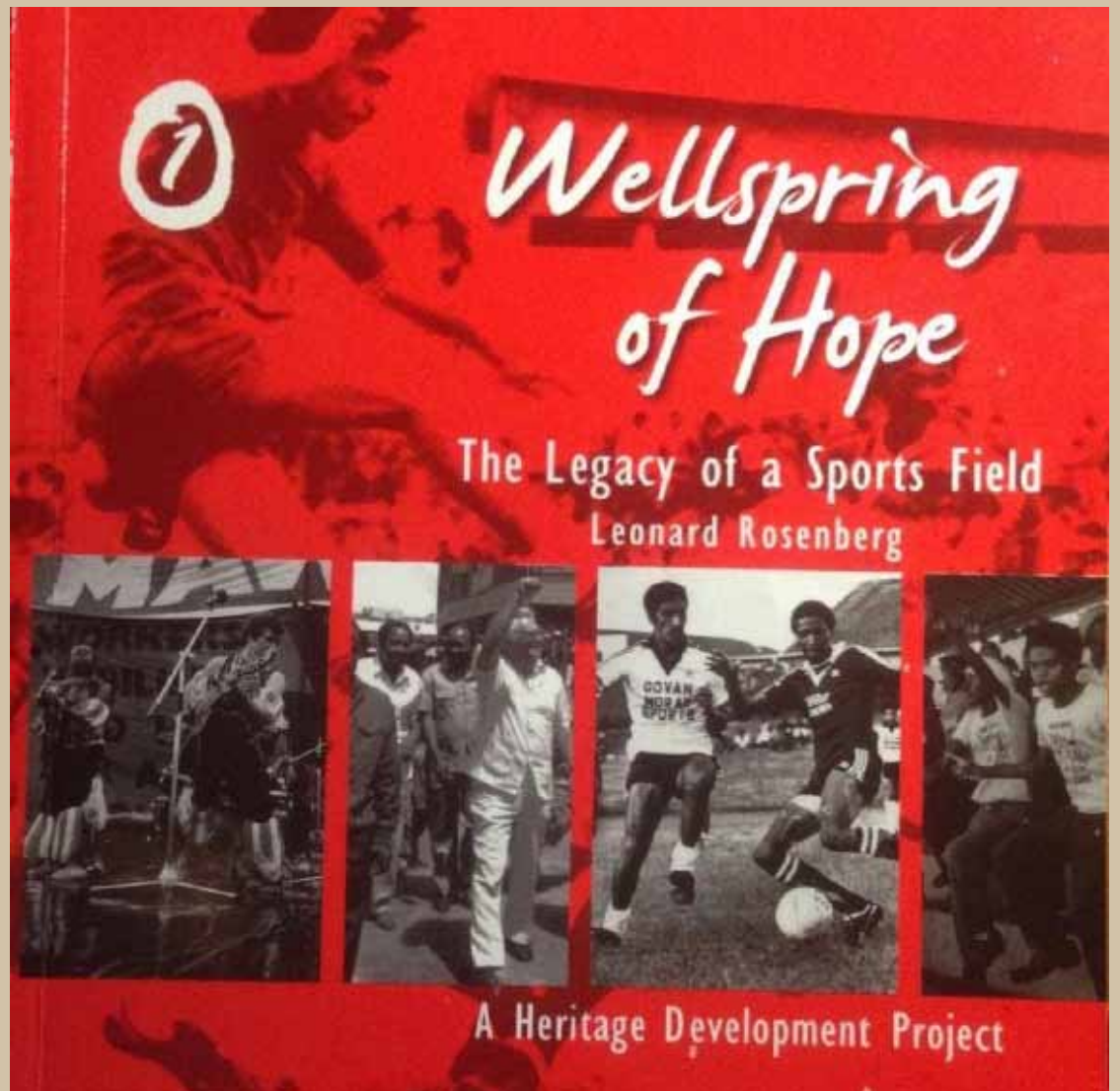
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