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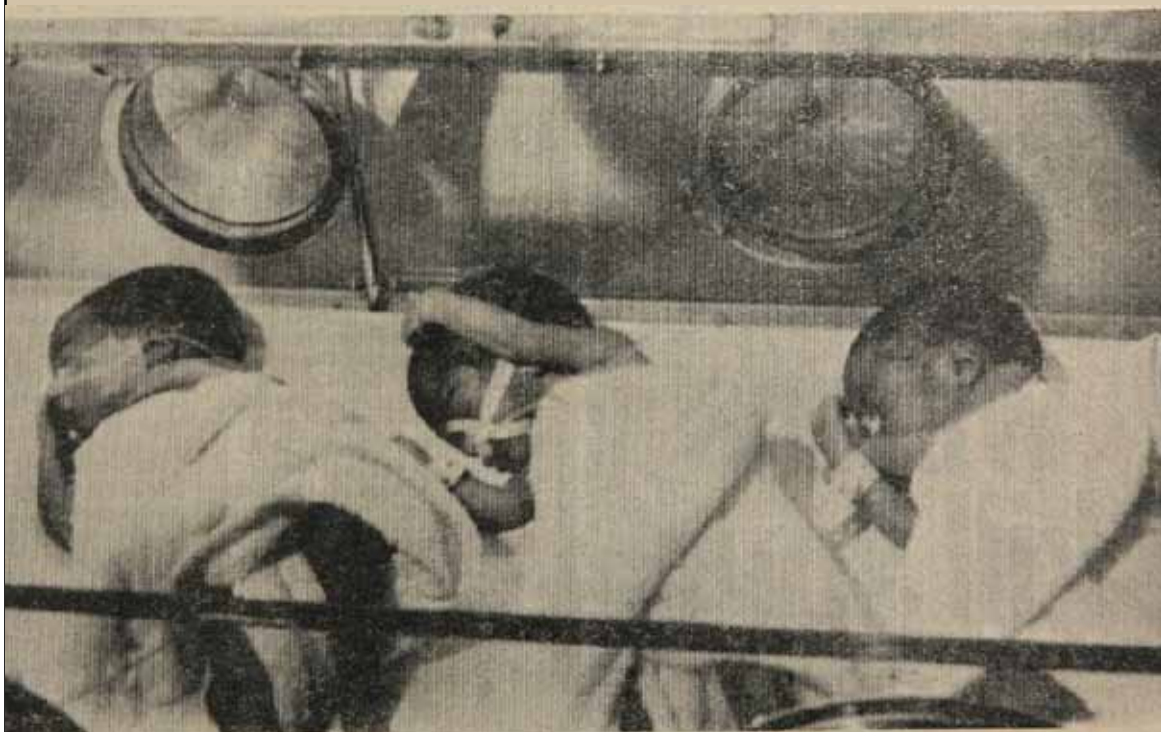
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Young Mum has Triplets

Leader' Reporter



St. Aidans First the Francis' triplets in an incubater

(Picture by Naney Ruthnum)

"An untimely gift but a very welcome one" is how Vasagie Francis, 22 reacted this week soon after giving birth to triplets at the St Aiden's Hospital in Durban.

Married fifteen months ago and living in Clairwood, Mrs Francis said she thought it was all a joke when an X-ray last Friday gave first indications of a multiple birth.

"My personal doctor gave me no hint and all I heard him say was that I would have a normal birth and there was no need for any undue alarm."

She and her husband had already decided on the name of their baby – Adrain John if it was a boy and Debra Antoinette if it was a girl.

With Triplets now, the Francis; have a problem "but we will sort it out soon enough" she said with a smile.

Nursing Sister Patricia Sit-hole stated that the births were normal. The first, weighed 3lbs. 2ozs. Was delivered at 4.25am. The second, weighing 3lbs. 4 ozs. Followed five minutes later and the third weighing 3lbs. 5 ozs. At 4.30am.

The triplets all boys are confined to an incubator and are receiving specialist attention. It is not known how long they will remain there.

According to a spokesman at the hospital this is the first set of triplets born at the hospital.

BLACK LIFE SAVING HERO INSULTED

'Leader' reporter

Minutes after lifesaver Moonsamy Vengetsamy had retrieved the body of Mrs Laura Berkow of La Lucia who drowned after leaping from the ill-fated Dakota which crashed into the sea near Isipingo last week, a White abused and insulted him.

It happened while Mr Vengetsamy, who is employed as a full time lifesaver, stood beside the body of Mrs Berkow while a White

doctor examined her.

Mr Vengetsamy said he was shocked at the attitude of the White who took offence at his presence. According to him the White was very vulgar and kept insulting him all because he had taken up a position next to the prostrate body of Mrs Berkow.

"The doctors who took control immediately I brought the body to shore had to finally ask

the man to leave and threatened to call the police", Mr Vengetsamy said.

It was mainly through the efforts of the lifesavers from the Tiger Rocks Indian Lifesavers Club that passengers from the Dakota were saved. When the plane crashed, a heavy swell threatened the lives of men, woman and children who jumped into the sea and Indian lifesavers who were the first on the scene, rescued all of them.

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Congress Property..... Parking lot to make way for new building

“Leader” Reporter

The future of the valuable vacant property in Prince Edward Street presently used as a parking lot will be decided on March 21 when trustees of the Gandhi Memorial Trust decide finally.

Mr H.H. Dhupelia, questions how the former Natal Indian Congress owned property could be put to use for the community's benefit in terms of the conditions originally agreed to when the property was transferred to the Trust.

According to estimates on present day value, the property could fetch R350,000. Mr Dhupelia said the trustees had decided on a building project but the form this would take would only be decided on March 21. Once the trustees had reached agreement, an architect would be commissioned and building operations are expected to commence later in the year.



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BIG CLIMB FOR HIGH RISE FLAT DWELLERS

‘Leader’ Reporter

The 10 storey Rajab Buildings in Queen Street, Durban, has been without a lift for almost two weeks – and tenants are at the end of their tether from climbing stairs.

Following a complaint, ‘The Leader’ spoke to several people who occupy either the flats or offices in the building which forms part of the arcade that runs from Queens Street through to Victoria Street.

A spokesman for the proprietors said they were powerless and could do nothing about getting the lift in service again. The matter has been handed over to the engineers and they alone could get the lift working. Although the residents talked freely about their plight they were reluctant to have their names quoted.

‘The Leader’ was told that the building had at one stage been served by two lifts – one at the rear of the building and the other near the Queen Street entrance. About three of four months ago the lift at the rear of the building became inoperative and has not been in service since. The main lift gave up about a fortnight ago forcing tenants to use the stairs. They claim that there has been a tardy response to their complaints.

Tenants told ‘The Leader’ of the hardships suf-

fered by several residents, particularly those that lived on the higher floors. “The are some among them who suffer from heart ailments or other infirmities which makes climbing several flights of stairs an arduous task” said one of the persons interviewed.

He told of the case of a tenant who lived on the tenth floor who took about 20 to 30minutes to climb the stairs to his flat. “Because of his health he had to pause at the top of each flight of stairs for two to three minutes so that the exertion does not take a strain on his heart. The physical effort of climbing the stairs is taxing even on the strength of those who are in reasonable health” he said.

Residents also complained of the lack of lighting on the stairs at night. People who live in the building have resorted to carrying torches or matches to light their way up the stairs when they returned to their flat after dark.

“A number of people have fallen in the dark and some have even injured themselves. One young man received head injuries in the fall” he added.

‘The Leader’ learnt that the owners had made an application to the Rent Board for a 50 per

cent increase in rentals. Board members had made an inspection in loco three months ago but as yet the Board had not given its findings.

The occupiers claim that the building which is about 30 years old and is in a deplorable condition. Doors and frames were crumbling, steel windows could not be opened because of rust, downpipes were loose or had fallen away, rooms were damp because of water seepage and plumbing needed attention.

Speaking on behalf of the owners, Mr Yusuf Lalla, said that because of excessive use the motor which drives the lift had burnt out. “It is not a matter of just changing a fuse or a wire which anybody could do. Only the elevator engineers are competent to do the job and they will just have to wait until it is completed.”

A spokesman for Schindler Lifts said that the motor was completely burnt out and was being rebuilt from the main shaft up. If there were no hitches he expected the lift to be in service before the weekend.

The tenants are keeping their fingers – and their toes – crossed!

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ZELMA IS QUEEN OF THE 'CASTLE'

Durban beauty Zelma Williams Walked off with the crown and some fabulous prizes in the national Castle Queen contest, one of the social highlights of the sports festival organized by the South African Sports Council for the Liquor and Catering Trades. Inserted (above right) is Miss Priscilla Suri, daughter of former sari queen, Mrs K. Suri, and (left) is Indurani Sylvester who were both chosen attendants in the contest held at the Himalaya Hotel last week.

SILVERGLEN SARI QUEEN



Shella Ramdin was crowned Silverglen Sari Queen at a contest held at the Pelican in Chatsworth by the Silverglen Social and Sporting Club. Flanking her are her attendants, Loshinee Reddy (Left) and Miss Lorraine Padayachee.

The Tech badminton championships drew a large entry and a large crowd to the Canegrowers' Hall. Miss N. Moodley, of Stanger (below extreme left) won the Most Improved Player award, S. Pragee and B. K. Metha who won the men's doubles are seen in the centre, while on the right are Joe Pillay and P. Govindsamy who won the mixed doubles event.



BADMINTON AWARDS



Bus Fare Shock

Leader Reporter'

CHATSWORTH commuters, who threw their weight behind the Indian bus operators in the long-drawn out fight against the SA Railways and have since seen the curtailment of train services to the vast, sprawling township, are in for another shock. This time it is from the people they had supported.

Mr S. Mansingh, secretary of the Durban Indian Bus Owner's Association disclosed that all fares would be upped by forty per cent,

in some cases, if a fare increase, now being sought, is granted by the Transportation Board.

Commuters, for instance, from Croftdene, Arena Park, Montford and Morton who pay eleven cents for the single journey to Durban will have to pay an extra seven cents. Other fares will increase from nine to thirteen cents (Havenside, Bayview, Westcliff and Mobeni Heights) and the fare from Clairwood Hospital to Durban will be 8 cents, an increase of two cents.

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MOVIE REVIEW

The Texas ChainSaw Massacre

The Texas Chain Saw Massacre was banned outright in several countries, and numerous theaters later stopped showing the film in response to complaints about its violence. While it initially drew a mixed reception from critics, it was enormously profitable, grossing over \$30 million at the domestic box office. It has since gained a reputation as one of the best horror films in cinema history. It is credited with originating several elements common in the slasher genre, including the use of power tools as murder weapons and the characterization of the killer as a large, hulking, faceless figure. The popularity of the film led to a franchise that continued the story of Leatherface and his family through sequels, remakes, one prequel, comic books and video games.

PLOT

Sally Hardesty (Marilyn Burns) and her paraplegic brother, Franklin (Paul A. Partain), travel with three friends, Jerry (Allen Danziger), Kirk (William Vail), and Pam (Teri McMinn), to visit the grave of the Hardestys' grandfather to investigate reports of vandalism and grave robbing. Afterwards they decide to visit the old Hardesty family homestead. Along the way they pick up a hitchhiker (Edwin Neal) who talks about his family who worked at the old slaughterhouse. He takes a Polaroid picture and demands money for it. When they refuse to pay, he burns the photo and slashes himself and Franklin with a straight razor. The group forces him out of the van and drive on. They stop at a gas station to refuel, but the proprietor (Jim Siedow) tells them that the pumps are empty.

They continue towards the homestead, intending to return to the gas station once it has received a fuel delivery. When they arrive, Franklin tells Kirk and Pam about a local swimming-hole and the couple head off to find it. They find the swimming-hole dried up but hear a generator running in the distance. They stumble upon a nearby house. Kirk calls out, asking for gas, while Pam waits on a swing in the yard. After Kirk receives no answer, he enters through the unlocked door, whereupon Leatherface (Gunnar Hansen) appears and kills him. Pam enters soon after and trips into a room filled with furniture made from human bones. She attempts to flee, but Leatherface catches her and impales her on a meathook then prepares to butcher Kirk. Jerry heads out to look for Pam and Kirk at sunset. He finds the couple's blanket outside the nearby house. He investigates and finds Pam, still alive, inside a freezer. Before he can react, Leatherface kills him and stuffs Pam back into the freezer.

With darkness falling, Sally and Franklin set out to find their friends. As they near the neighboring house and call out, Leatherface lunges from the

darkness and kills Franklin with a chainsaw. Sally runs toward the house and finds the desiccated remains of an elderly couple in an upstairs room. She escapes from Leatherface by jumping through a second-floor window and flees to the gas station. Leatherface disappears into the night. The proprietor calms her with offers of help, but then ties her up and forces her into his truck. He drives to the house, arriving at the same time as the hitchhiker, now revealed as Leatherface's brother. When the pair bring Sally inside, the hitchhiker recognizes her and taunts her.

The men torment the bound and gagged Sally while Leatherface, now dressed as a woman, serves dinner. Leatherface and the hitchhiker bring an old man, "Grandpa" (John Dugan), from upstairs to share the meal. During the night they decide that "Grandpa" (the best killer in the old slaughterhouse) should kill Sally. He tries to hit her with a hammer, but is too weak. In the ensuing confusion, she breaks free, leaps through a window, and escapes to the road. Leatherface and the hitchhiker give chase, but the latter is run down and killed by a passing semi-trailer truck. Armed with his chainsaw, Leatherface attacks the truck when the driver stops to help. The driver hits him in the face with a large wrench. Sally escapes in the back of a passing pickup truck as Leatherface waves the chainsaw above his head in frustration.



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Rock the boat, don't tip the boat over
Rock the boat, don't rock the boat baby
Rock the boat

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And your arms have held me safe from a rolling sea
There's always been a quiet place to harbor you and me

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We've been sailing with a cargo full of love and devotion

So I'd like to know where you got the notion
Said I'd like to know where you got the notion
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Rock the boat, don't rock the boat baby
Rock the boat

Up to now we sailed through every storm
And I've always had your tender lips to keep me warm
Oh I need to have the strength that flows from you
Don't let me drift away my dear, when love can see me through

Our love is like a ship on the ocean
We've been sailing with a cargo full of love and devotion

So I'd like to know where you got the notion
Said I'd like to know where you got the notion
So I'd like to know where you got the notion
Said I'd like to know where you got the notion

To rock the boat, don't rock the boat baby
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Rock the boat, don't rock the boat baby
Rock the boat, ooh

Rock the boat, rock on with yo bad self
Rock the boat, rock on with yo bad self
Rock the boat, rock on with yo bad self
Rock the boat, rock on with yo bad self

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Recipe

Masala Chai

(Indian Spiced Tea)

Servings:3-4

Ingredients:

- 2 cups water
- 3 -5 cloves
- 1 cinnamon stick, crushed
- 2 -3 cardamom pods, crushed
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons black tea leaves



Directions:

- 1 put the water on the stove and add spices, bring to boil.
- 2 cover and let simmer for few minutes.
- 3 add sugar and milk, stir.
- 4 bring back to just barely boiling (watch pot, milk will bubble over).
- 5 add tea leaves, cover pot, remove from heat.
- 6 steep for 5 minutes.
- 7 pour through filter to remove spices and tea leaves.

Green Coriander and Coconut Chutney Chutney

Green Coriander and Coconut Chutney Recipe <http://cdn-cache1-a.akamaihd.net/items/it/img/arrow-10x10.png> is a refreshing and simple to make chutney. The addition of coriander leaves along with fresh coconut along with green chillies and ginger makes this chutney super delicious. It makes for a delectable accompaniment to dishes such as samosas, and can even be used as a sandwich spread.

Ingredients

- 150 gms grated coconut
- 100 gms fresh coriander leaves
- 1 medium green chilli, chopped
- an inch piece of ginger chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds
- salt to taste
- juice from one lemon



Method

- Using a food processor, grind together the coconut, coriander, chilli, cumin seeds and salt, until the mixture has a texture that is fine and smooth.
- Transfer the Green Coriander and Coconut Chutney to a serving bowl, squeeze in the lemon juice and stir.
- Serve the Green Coriander and Coconut Chutney as a spread over a toast or along with tea time snacks.....

WIDOW UNVEILS PLAQUE AT ST. AIDENS HOSPITAL



Mr. C. N. Chetty, a well-known diamond merchant of Durban who was more famously known as 'Diamond Chetty' and traded both in Durban and Cape Town, bequeathed R5,000 to the St. Aidan's Hospital for the installation of equipment in an Intensive Care Unit. His widow, Mrs. Chetty is pictured above unveiling the plaque at last week's ceremony at the Hospital where an Intensive Care Unit has now been established. Looking on is Dr. K. M. Seedat, a doyen among members of the Indian medical profession and Dr. T. G. Armstrong, heart specialist at the Wentworth Hospital.

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COMMENTS FROM OUR FACEBOOK GROUP

Raj cinema - Prince Edward Street - 1983



Roger August: I owned a car like that{ Toyota SR5 - in 1984} colour was Green.

Reaz Moorad: The famous "Raj" famous for it's midnight screening of legendary movies...

Kirti Menon: Saturday 5 o'clock show with a serial western before the main feature and big boxes of popcorn and packets of chips

Buddy Govender: My Uncle Spooky was the doorman for many years and let many, many people in for FREE!!!!

Richard George van Wyk: Enter de dragon!!

Ishaan Blunden: Bruce lee, could not get tickets. The black market guys made a killing sell black market tickets

Veena Pillay: my friends father Raj Bodasing owned that cinema

Deon Vlotman: Jaws.On the big screen.

Ishaan Blunden: Jaws was at Shiraz Cinema.

Charmaine Minnie: Remember Young Aces having their fund raiser movie in 1974 here at Raj, Towering Inferno with Paul Newman,

Wesley Thaver: When Ster-Kinekor took over in the 80's they opened with the movie Ghandi .

Ravi Moodley: Did they ever show the James bond double feature :Russia with love / Goldfinger / or Thunderball ???

Veena Pillay: Yes

Ravi Govender: avalon avalon and later avalon gitanjali showed the 007 doubles as did shah jehan occasionally

Carl Pretorius: I remember my father taking my brother and I to see a double featue at Shah Jehan, and on the same day spoiling us by going to see Jaws at Shiraz at 5.15pm. We were ecstatic.

Kausalee Naidoo: also saw rocky horror show at the Raj.my neighbour worked at the Raj cinema,with the projector.trying to figre his name,he was married to Bettie

Saleem Buccas: guy's remember the Adelphi Cinema on Sparks Rd Overport...

William Green: I use to go to Adelphi cinema almost every week... use to be run by the late Dee Salot.

Kausalee Naidoo: Yes I remember,just went to a funeral there last week.It is now converted to a church

Sarita Shirley Jaichand: Dad used to take me after the auctions we went to.Box of caramels were my reward for being good at the auctions.

Bunny Ramjee: yes Saleem we lived in Sparks rd . in D and D Heights

Bunny Ramjee: Yes the Adelphi rocked . We lived in Dand D heights the matinee shows were the best and the Indian movies 20 cents

Selvin Subban: What happened to Gitanjali in Brickfield Road? Also a church?

Dawood Rasool: Remember the first time going there to see Enter the Dragon.

Dawood Rasool: I think Avalon Albert opened the Bond movies as they had an agreement with CIC Warner who distributed the Bond movies but I stand corrected.

Bunny Ramjee: JA I REMEMBER GITANJALI. YES OVER-PORT WAS THE HUB OF ONE STOP SHOPPING . IT WAS THE MALL IN THOSE DAYS . U COULD BUY CLOTHES BUNNIES HARDWARE CARPETS WATCH MOVIES AND ENTERTAIN YOUR CHICKS TOO

Deon Vlotman: The ouens smoked so much zol that even if you did not smoke you left the movies goofed.

Amarasen Naidoo: Uncle Spooky used to work at the Raj he used to let me and my brother in for free every saturday

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Staff late 60's

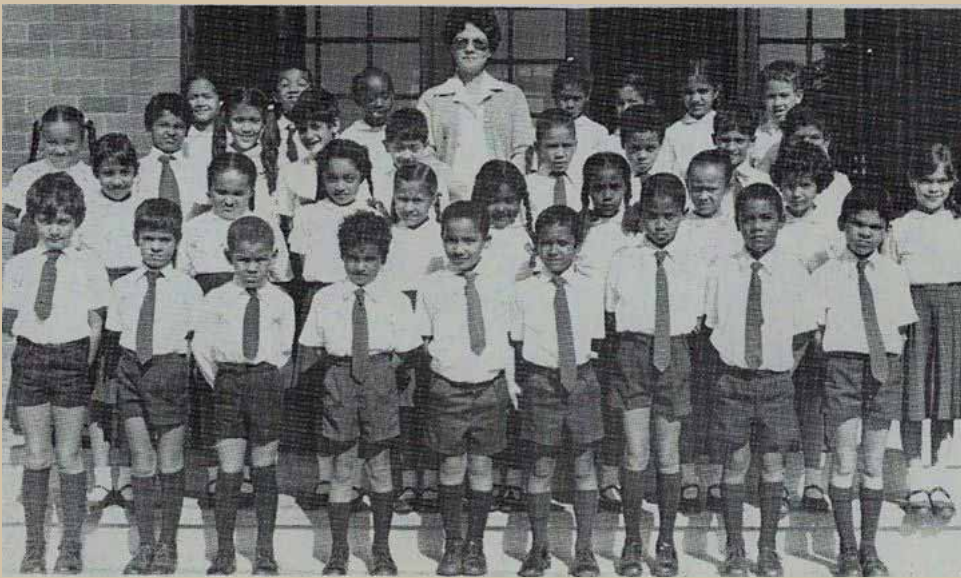


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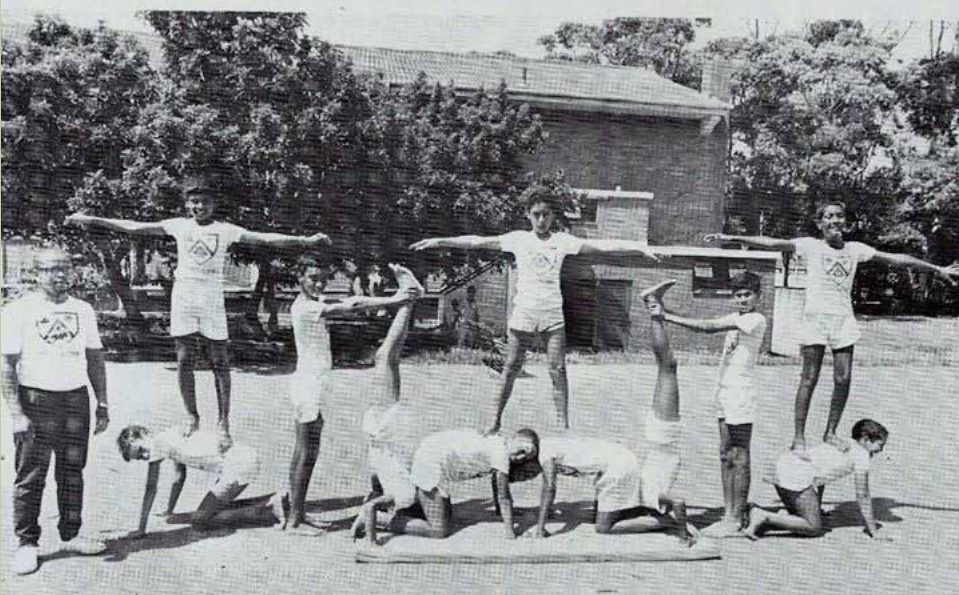


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WATCH out for 11 year old Enver Mall. Looks like he's made in the mould of a fine cricketer.

Playing for St Anthony's against Anjuman “B” in the Durban and District Primary Schools' League last week at Springfield. Enver had the bowlers at sixes and sevens with his masterly play as he went on to register the highest score yet recorded in the league — a fine 59 not out.

Besides, helping his side total 112 for 3 wickets (G. Lazarus made 20 and N. Daya was 16 not out). Enver took 3 wickets for 9 runs and Anjuman were 56 for 7 at the close of the 25 overs game. Daya who gave him much support with his undefeated 16 was also outstanding. He took 2 wickets for 14, as well. St Anthony's won this game by 56 runs.

In another game St Aidens were bowled out for 32 runs by Orient “A” who then declared at 36 for 5 to win by five wickets. St Aidens were all out in thirteen overs with I. Khan taking 3 wickets for 5 runs and Amin 3 wickets for 4 runs. Samim was the only batsman to make a decent score. He hit 16, half the side's total. I. Khan was 12 not out for Orient and K. Maistry took 3 wickets for 6 runs.

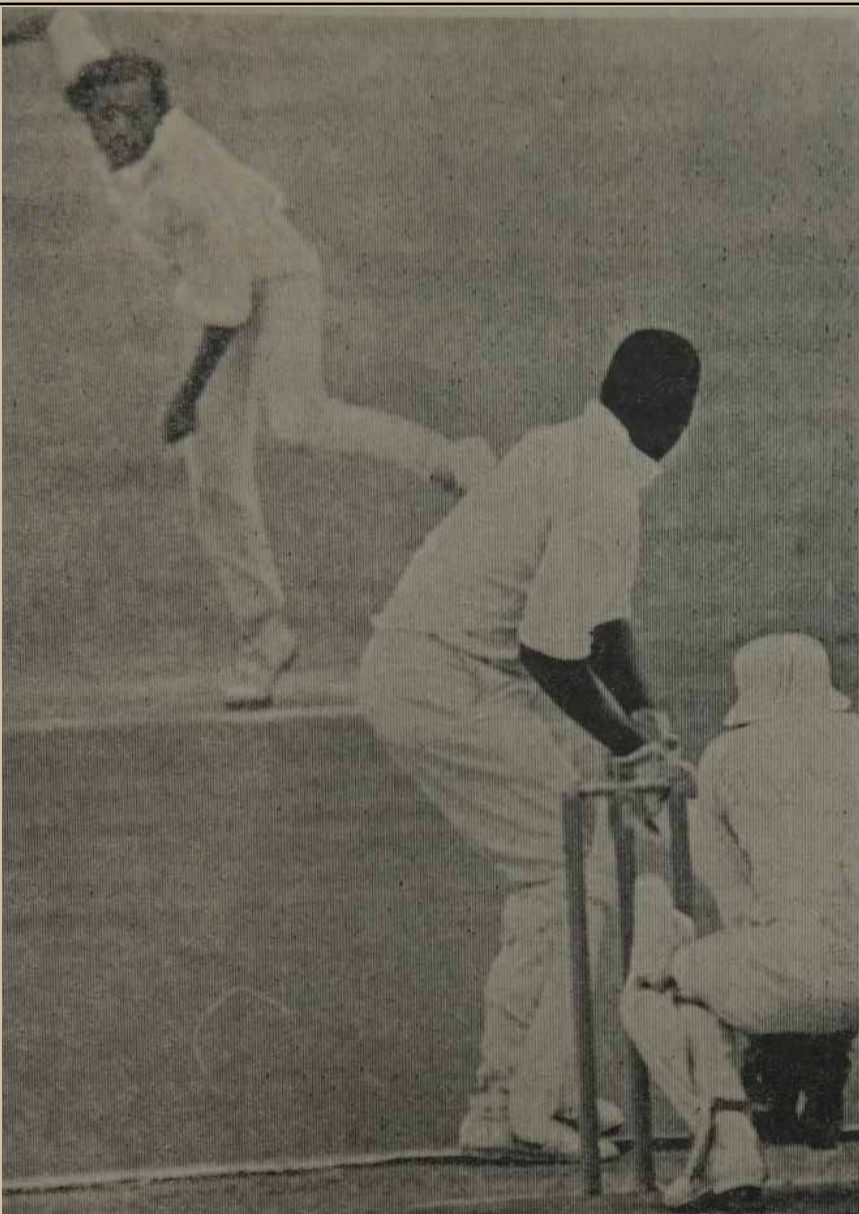
In another game Springfield Model defeated Anjuman “A” who made 42 for 7 with S. Tayob 13 and S. Abed on 9. Springfield replied with 4 for 6. Kevin hit 29. Vanker took 2 wickets for 11 and S. Tayob 2 for 13. Collin took 2 for 10.

The final of the league will be determined this Saturday. If Springfield Model beat Anjuman “B” they will win the league.

Natal Angling



Pictured above are members of the Natal squad which took part in the recent SA Angling Championships in Port Elizabeth and bagged the Mohan's Cup. There are (standing) left to right — L.R. Nair, Reggie Frank, J. Govender, Madhan Ramsern, M. Naicker (Seated) B.L. Ruthan, N.C. Naicker and Y.D. Pillay



K. Maclons of Western Province who hit an undefeated 75 faces Baboo Ebrahim in this action shot taken at Curries Fountain early this week. Natal ended the season with its victory with a 72-run win on the first innings.



CAPE TOWN SPURS: Standing (from left): Ralph Onkruidt, Terence Paulsen, James George, George van Niekerk, Danny Abrahams, Poonie Du Preez (manager), Mervyn Bam, Abubakar Solomons, Peter Sables, Doug Carlese, Theo Ford and Clive Daries.



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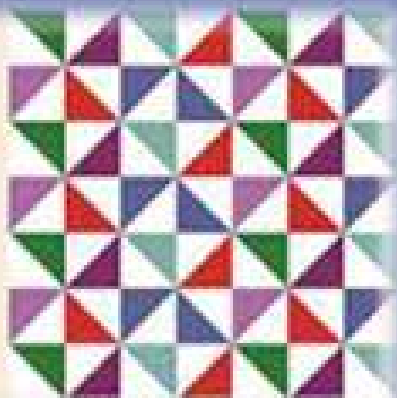
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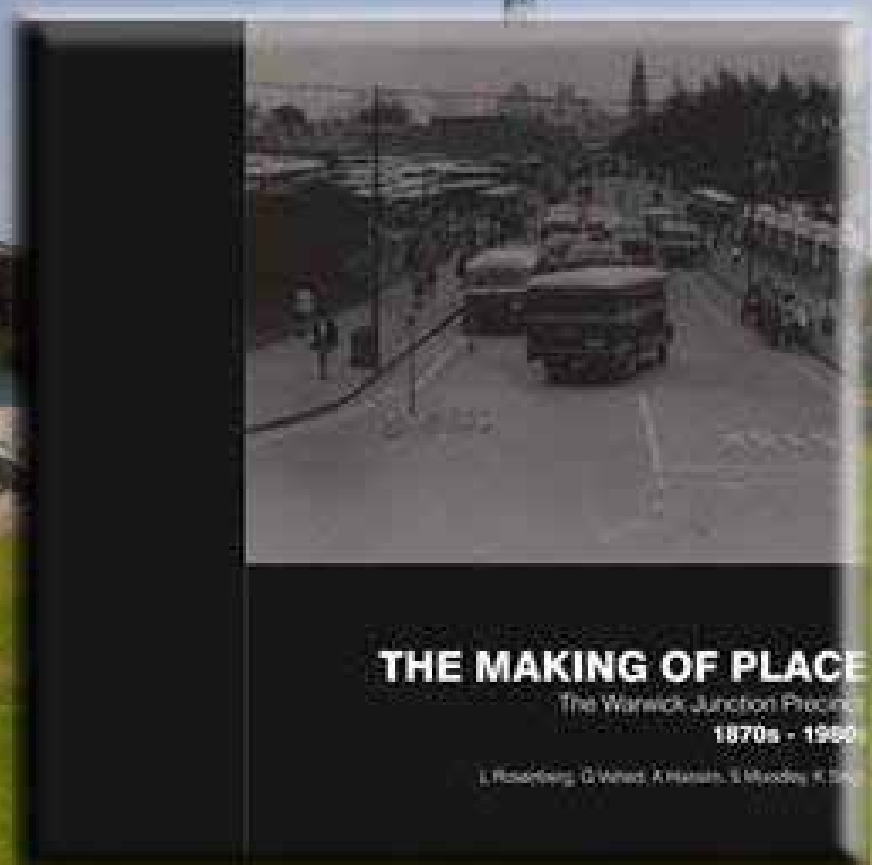


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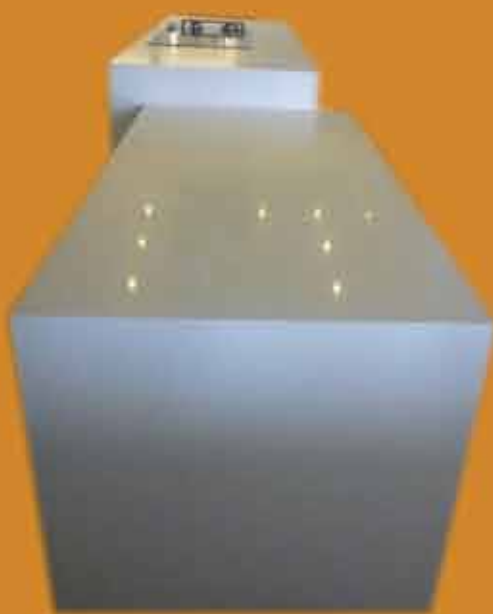
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