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Grey Street: Four Years is far too long



Mr. E. G. Hotchkiss, president of the Natal Chamber of Industries, Dr Alec Solomon, Rector of the Tech College, Mr. Dhupelia, Mr. Percy Thomas, retiring secretary of the Chamber and Mr. H. Lazarus photographed at the meeting

Four years is far too long a period in which to reach finality of the proclamation of the Grey Street complex for the ownership and occupation by Indians, said Mr H.H. Dhupelia, chairman of the Indian Division of the Natal Chamber of Industries.

He was moving the adoption of the annual report at the AGM held at the Sol Namara Hotel, Silverglen. The function was attended by the Minister of Indian Affairs, Sen. Owen Horwood, the Mayor of Durban, Cllr Ron Williams and other dignitaries. He said that after nearly 20 years of doubt and uncertainty, the Cabinet on the recommendation of the Group Areas Board, decided that this complex would be preserved for Indian ownership and occupation for commercial and light industrial usage, and that residential and educational usage would also be allowed to continue until alternative residential arrangements could be made for the displaced.

"But the Investigating Committee of the Group Areas Board sat in Durban on May 22, 1969, and here we are now four years later without the necessary proclamations having been published in the Gazette." He said.

"I know that the Government encountered certain legal difficulties; and that an amendment of the Act was necessary, but I do still seriously and urgently plead that four years is far too long a period in which to reach finality. Quite apart from the fact that such delays seriously retard the very desirable redevelopment of the area, in the meantime the whole area is seriously in need of improved civic and communal amenities. There is the additional factor that whilst these delays and uncertainties prevail, Government policy to grant autonomy to elect Indian local authorities and town boards to control their own areas cannot be implemented."



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BLIND 'ZAK' TO BE AN ADVOCATE



A 25 year old Durban man, who has been blind since babyhood, is on the verge of achieving his ambition to become an advocate and plead in the highest courts of the land.

Mohammed Zakeria Yacoob – just call me “ZaK” successfully passed his final exams for the LLB degree at the University of Durban Westville a few weeks ago. He already has a Bachelor of Arts degree, with English and private law as majors from the same university.

The Natal Society of Advocates will shortly consider Zak’s application for the four month pupillage – a form of advocate’s apprenticeship – after which he will be able to go into practice, provided he meets certain requirements in this period.

Zak spoke of his “fascination for the administration of justice,” which prompted him to study law after passing his matric with distinctions at the Arthur Blaxall School for the blind in Durban in 1966.

His articulate and confident manner – and a ready smile – give a good insight into how he overcame the handicap of blindness. “I’m quite sure I’ll be able to cope in court,” he says. “I will need a full-time competent assistant – my pair of eyes as it were – to refer to material for me and generally see for me, but I don’t think there are any problems that cannot be overcome. Lawyers I have spoken to have pointed out some of the pitfalls I may encounter – and lawyers are always cautious – but at the same time the majority have given me a great deal of encouragement.”

Zak studied for his exams using braille translations, when they were available, and making extensive use of tape recordings. His wife, whom he met while at university, and several friends read to him when tapes and braille books were not at hand. All his exam papers were typewritten.

Zak is an excellent touch-typist and a fluent reader in braille – as he proved by reading a passage from a braille magazine in Afrikaans, his fingers flicking along the pages as he translated a passage. Besides his degree-standard English, Zak speaks Afrikaans and Zulu.



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‘Welcome Back’ for Monty



After a period for 16 years of continuous banning's, in one form or another, Dr G.M. Naicker, the veteran political leader, is slowly feeling his way back into political and social involvement.

Since the story regarding the expiry of his banning orders first appeared in 'The Leader' last week, the former president of the Natal and South African Indian Congress, has received a stream of good wishes and callers from far and wide.

A hastily formed committee has organised a public reception for Dr Naicker at the Tamil Vedic hall on Friday at 8pm to 'celebrate his return to society after 16 years of banning's.'

A programme featuring some of South Africa's top stage artists has been arranged. The general public is invited to attend. Dr Naicker has played a leading part in the political struggle of the Black people since the forties when he and others succeeded in wresting control from the 'old guard.'

The Natal Indian Congress then represented a 'consortium of business' and membership was in the region of 1 000. Under his leadership, Congress became the organ of the masses and membership swelled to more than 45 000, all fully paid.



Mr. A. Rajbansi, of Southern Durban LAC fame, dancing with Mrs. Rajbansi at the sari queen ball. Judging from his public activities Mr. Rajbansi must have cast a critical eye on the aspirants for the title, to be sure.



The Ideal Outfitters Group, one of Durban's largest retail chain stores specialising in men's and ladies wear, became the first Black organisation to sponsor a Rand-a-run scheme for the Natal batsman scoring the highest total in the inter-provincial match against Western Province.

A cheque for R52 was presented to batsman Yacoob Omar (centre) who made the highest score in the first innings. Mr. Ismail Desai (right) and Mr. Solly Haffeejee made the presentation on behalf of the Ideal Group at the presentation ball held by the Natal Cricket Board of Control at the Green Cat, Verulam, recently.

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SOCIAL SCENE



Miss Margaret Naidoo (centre) who was chosen "May Queen" at the Annual ball organised by the St. John's Catholic Church at the Pelican last Saturday, photographed with her princesses, Miss Virginia Morgan and Miss Lynette Frank.



Mr. and Mrs. A. Lang having a gay time at Stanger's Punchbowl.



Mr. and Mrs. Amin Variawa photographed dancing at the Himalaya Hotel.



Mr. and Mrs. P. Cyster dancing to the music of the Calyos at the Paradise.



A lovely lass with a far-away look in her eyes photographed at a Durban nitespot.

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Durban's newest hotel Sol Namara



DURBAN'S newest hotel, the Sol Namara, in Silverglen, was officially opened last week by the Mayor of Durban, Mr. Ron Williams.

He made reference during the course of his speech to the fact that he as a White would not be able to return to the hotel and enjoy its amenities, except on rare occasions when he could by special permit.

Mr. Williams thought the situation was rather ano-

molous that he could go to the hotel one day and could not on another.

He found it distressing that he could not enjoy, and return, the hospitality of friends in an atmosphere as was to be found at the Sol Namara because of some out-date provisions in the Liquor Act.

Mr. Williams said he saw nothing wrong with the manner in which the various

races who were present had got on with one another.

"So why should it be different on any other occasion," he said.

He expressed the hope that that the day may not be too far off when the Act was brought up to date.

The photograph shows Mr. and Mrs. Williams with directors of the hotel (from left) Mr. J. N. Reddy, Mr. Herby Lazarus and Mr. S. Pillay.

Hundreds of family members and well-wishers



Hundreds of family members and well-wishers were on hand at Durban's Louis Botha Airport on Saturday morning to see the first batch of 36 delegates who will represent South African Hindu organisations at the 12th international Aryan Conference in Mauritius.

The scene was repeated in double measure on Tuesday morning when more than 500 people gathered at the airport to wish more than 60 persons in the second batch well on their flight. The delegates will represent 21 organisation, allied to the Arya Samaj movement, at the three day conference.

In the photo above Pandit Nardev Vedalankar (with garland) and Mr S. Chotal, leader of the delegation, are seen with members of the group who comprised the first batch.

HAPPY GRADUANDS!



Mariam Cassim who received a Teachers' diploma at the graduation ceremony held on the Westville campus on Saturday afternoon.



Vidyawathi Bridgemohan recipient of the Lower Secondary Teachers' Diploma, beaming after her graduation.



LEFT: Mr. Abdul Kader Hussein who was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree.



Mr. Reggie Rungasamy who obtained his law degree at the University of Durban-Westville with members of his family.



RIGHT: Suresh P. Nathoo, who obtained his B.Com. with distinction in accountancy, photographed after being capped at the graduation ceremony at the University of Durban-Westville.



For the first time since the opening of the university students who attended classes extra murally completed the requirements for the Bachelor of Commerce degree in a course lasting five years. Among the successful candidates were (from left) V. R. Naidoo, P. Reddy and S. Jagesar.

COMMENTS FROM OUR FACEBOOK GROUP

Who remembers getting their milk delivered to their doorstep?

Farida Bodhanya: Milk n juice,,

Ishaan Blunden: The best milk, with thick cream on the top and the best orange juice by Clover. People left coupon under the empty bottles. What memories.

Sandy James: Oh yes ishann the best milk ever I used to love rinsing the bottles and putting the coupons such good memories

Farida Bodhanya: Used the thick cream to make rotis, ,yummy

Faizal Sahib: The best of Clover. That was real milk and the orange juice was devine
The milk 'man' had their two piece outfits with the tyre soles,I think it was called mpatata.

George Jithoo: Prior to da coupons we used to leave cash in da bottles. Later on Guava juice was added to the options

Melvin Jacobs: goood old days

NG Amaidas: Oh yes ---- I remember. At 3 in the mng. The 'doodh waalas'----- wat happy times happy memories.

Raj Reddy: tells u how safe it was then as well . have you ever heard of the milkman being robbed

Lizellen D Davey: Oh yes the best milk & juice. If you forgot to put out your bottle you could hear the milkman coming way down the road & rush to put them out. Best days ever

Leila Ally: The best!

Arnold Ramchunder: We should pass the MILKMAN on our way from school.
Cant leave milk at the entrance anymore

Vincent Pillay: Days never to be repeated. We miss simple living.

Sandra Govender: I remember the Clover milk truck

Debra Phillips: I remember, we would always run to the door to collect the milk first so we could get the cream on the top. Just loved it. Best milk ever. So much has changed

Sheron Naidoo: and the bottled orange juice

Raj Reddy: u wud know the Mikman has arrived wen he turns the bottle around to remove the money from it .

Mahomed Gany: Used to be so efficient early morning open your front door and the milk bottle is on the door step

Glynis Isaacs Dorkin: OMG i do and orange juice as well it was the best

Nafiesa Daniels: We actually lived near the diary in Cape Town and use to go and buy our milk directly from them. Big silver containers and they used a long ladle to scoop the milk into whatever container/bottle you brought with you - yes those were the days
Tamara Balliram: Not just creamy milk, but freshly squeezed orange juice as well

Eshana Suleman: Oooh yes, we also got the chocolate milk delivered in these glass bottles.... loved it! My mum used to place a plastic coupon under the empty bottles...

Pam Maduray: I do it will nv happen again

Usha Nunan: I do, and we paid with cupons.

Rookaya Schrueder: Orange juice was the best

Lalitha Singh: Hope we could get those days back, putting the tokens inside the bottles and leaving them on the verandha,at night for the milk in the mornings and everything was never stolen or interfered, well we have to dream on now

Derrick Rodgers: yes Lalitha Singh, those are good memories- never ever gonna be repeated.somethings the younger generation would never believe

Surendra Naidoo: Life is so bad now that they would steal the milk and juice and coupons and even kill the milkman.....eish! such is life nowadays!

Roshnee Pillay: Clover Milk and Orange juice

Shaida Farida Khan: The best clover milk and orange juice , we used to leave the coupon under the bottle. The milk man was always on time .

Benaud Singh: This reminds me of all those old jokes about the milkman and the postman !!

Jayce Singh: And not forgetting the Madam, Benaud !

Avinash Samlall: Best freshly squeezed orange juice and delicious creamy milk

Indira Hira: used to leave milk coupons in the empty milk bottles over night for early morning delivery.

Madhav Vallabh: I just regret to think what our children and grandchil-dren are missing today

Normanlynn Charles: At my gran's flat in Bond Street loved it

Sharnaz Candice King: Here in the US the milk and juice tastes nothing like that, I really miss that taste

Diane Andipatin Preller: Remember it so clearly. Ours used to get it deliv-ered very early in the morning before we were awake. The coupon or the milk was never stolen.

Alesh Dadi: Another era in our lives. Will never see those days again.

Debra Phillips: So true Alesh Dadi

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The South African Tamil Federation is to establish its permanent headquarters in Chatsworth, it was announced at the fifth annual conference of the Federation held last weekend. Mr. J. N. Reddy (right), who officially opened the conference, is seen handing over the ground plans of the site to Mr. T. Vadiveloo, the president.



THERE was a large turn out of members of the South African Tourists' Overseas Guidance Club and interested persons at a 'Get-together' held at the Kajee Hall last Saturday. The formation of the club has been warmly welcomed

and many have expressed surprise that such an organisation was not formed earlier. Several prominent persons have offered to serve on this committee. The club would welcome suggestions from members of the community. Among the

suggestions put forward at the meeting was to arrange for the Chief Customs Officer in Durban to address the club. Photographed at the function were (from left) Mesdames C. Somers, K. Padayachee, C. Naicker, D. Moodley and A. Maistry.



Dr. Monty Naicker, one time president of the South African Indian Congress, was guest of honour at the annual awards presentation dance of the Durban Golf Club held at the Himalaya Hotel on Saturday. He was photographed (above left) dancing with Miss Singh. On the right, his former Congress colleague, Mr. J. N. Singh is seen dancing with Mrs. Singh.

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Berea chief Mr. Manna Govender extends a hand of welcome to Mr. Thaver (right) while pro league officials, Mr. S. K. Chetty and Mr. R. K. Naidoo look on.

The cry is now 'Up the Berea,' for Mr V.C. Thaver, former chairman of the Durban City Supporters Club. He has severed his ties with Norman Elliot's club and taken over the chairmanship of the Berea Supporters Club instead.

In doing so, Mr Thaver has opted for non-racialism in sport. For almost 15 years he has been an unshakable pillar of support at New Kingsmead stadium. No he is dedicating his efforts to improving soccer at Curries Fountain by helping Berea, particularly, climb to the position of strength – soccer-wise, money-wise and support-wise.

Explaining his decision to join the SAS-FPL team, Mr Thaver said his outlook took a dramatic 180 degree turn when he saw his 18 month old son trying to kick a ball.

"I was playing with him when I came to thinking what his future would be when he grew up to play soccer. I then realised where my future lay too." His next stop was to join the Berea Supporters' Club and his presence in the camp has sent

interest and enthusiasm soaring.

The spirit he has injected into the club within the short time he has been there is infectious and other clubs are making efforts to revive their supporters' club. SASFPL officials too are delighted at the news that Mr Thaver has joined Berea. Many are saying that it can only do non-racial pro soccer a world of good. Berea's Supporters, numbering about 1 000, are going all out to raise funds to help the club in whatever they can, even to the extent of buying top players, if need be.

Berea's new-look team of youngsters have made quite an impact of late and Mr Thaver predicts his team will end the season among the top three in the league. Recalling Berea's fine victory over Glenville last week he said soccer fans were in for a real treat this Sunday when Berea meets Verulam Suburbs who also vanquished Glenville.

"Fans who miss this match will kick themselves if they do," he said.

KARATE MAN FOR JAPAN



Karate enthusiast, Krishna Govender (alias Ronnie Palance), leaves Durban on May 23 for Japan to further his prowess in this branch of Martial Art. He is timing his departure so that he arrives in Tokyo for the world Karate championships.

Govender, who has been studying Karate for the last four years will undergo training at the school of Master Hanshi Yamaguchi Gogen, "The Cat" who is a 10th Dan Black Belt.

SKI RACE WINNER



Mangla Moonsamy, of the Durban Indian Surf Life Saving Club, won the first surf paddle-ski race from Ballito Bay to Durban beach on Sunday. He covered the 17 miles in three and a half hours, including a compulsory stop of 10 minutes at the Umhlanga Rocks River.

There were entries from DISLSC and Neptune Surf Life Saving Club. Lionel Augustine came in second. The Third entrant retired because of damage to his paddle.

A launch of the Surf Life Saving Association of South Africa accompanied the participants.

• The photograph shows Mr. Larry Bhagaioo (right) a representative of the United Tobacco Company, presenting the winner with a trophy donated by the UTC.

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by Rabi Gobind

After the shake-up of clubs' attitudes by the SASFPL and the announcement of relegation at the end of the season, Berea and Manning Rangers have begun a soccer revival in Durban. Both these clubs in recent matches have shown greater promise and talent than in the past and both these clubs had won their matches since.

The secret of their success rest largely in the fact that both sides brought in many new faces into their sides. This new blood instilled a new spirit in the teams and as a result interest has been re-awakened in pro soccer at Curries.

Since the very first 'revival game' by Berea the large Curries Fountain crowds have been witnessing some outstanding and exciting football. And now on Sunday the two 'veterans' of the SASFPL, Verulam Suburbs and Aces clash in yet another Mainstay fixture.

This Aces-Suburbs clash promises to be full of excitement as both sides are well served by talent and experience. On paper, Verulam Suburbs has the makings of a top-notch side, but as against Berea, they are inclined to become sluggish and unimaginative.

But one is sure, that boss Balu Parekh has already read the 'Riot Act' to his squad. A repetition of the debacle against Berea could spell real trouble for the players. Suburbs have laid out a lot of money on players. Mr Parekh has always insisted on the best players for his club and he is now demanding the best from his players.

Therefore, on Sunday, one can expect

fireworks from [players of the calibre of Charles Carey, Preston Julius, Ralph Hendricks and Vincent Pillay. The Suburbs frontline will most certainly be strengthened by the inclusion of Charlie Davids, the crack sharp-shooter from Durban South.

Charles Carey has to re-establish himself as one of the greatest wing-halves. This could be just the game for him to do that. The Verulam defence has the indomitable Burri Martin as their pivot. Take away Martin and you have taken away the heart of Suburbs.

Quietly-spoken, Ajam Majid, the Aces manager, will not say much. But he did promise that his side will also do to Suburbs what Berea did a few weeks back. But he went on, 'we will bang more goals.'

Whilst Aces have not made many new captures, they are busy tying up some loose ends in their team and have included a new find in Sunday's match. Aces have signed on Leonard Singh from Durban South. Singh who is only 18, is an attacking half back and he should fit in very easily into the Aces pattern of play.

Moffat Zuma is expected to lead the Aces' attack, and he should be ably assisted by goal-hungry forwards such as Irwin Dlamini, Dennis Peterson, Lionel Kyd and Rashid Moosa.

Aces will have former Southern Natal star, June Pillay in goal and the defence should come from Gany, Herbie and Lenny Ramsamy, Goldstone, Van der Plank and Earnest Larson.

Natal Junior Hockey off to Cape Town



The Natal junior hockey team, winners of the national championships for the past two years leave for Cape Town early in September for the next South African tournament, and are in desperately in need of funds. An official of the hockey association, Mrs Walker told 'The Leader' that the team would have to meet all their own expenses and an appeal has been launched to make the trip possible. Schools had been asked to contribute and business houses are also assisting.

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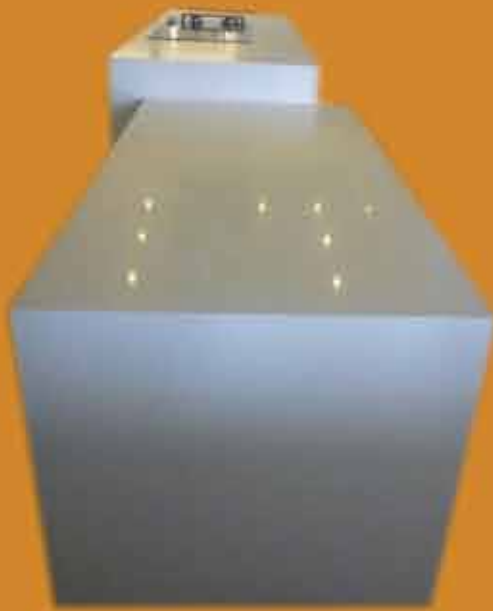




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