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THE LAST DAY FOR AFFECTED TENANTS

Their Get OUT day!



After several generations of living in the Pine Street and Cathedral Road area of the Grey Street complex, large numbers of Indian families left their homes and businesses to make way for road development.

They did not go voluntarily. They objected and protested. They challenged the 'get out' orders served on them in Court but the law upheld the notices and they had to leave. Their 'Get Out Day' was Tuesday, 4 January 1977.

They were told that their homes and businesses had to be demolished in the name of progress – in this case road development.

As a voteless and voiceless minority subjected to various discriminatory laws they had no say in the making of decisions affecting their hearth, homes and businesses.

The pictures on this page shows the last days of some of the people in the area.

The picture at the top left is not without some sense humour, possibly because of the hope. At least this businessman is able to say where he is



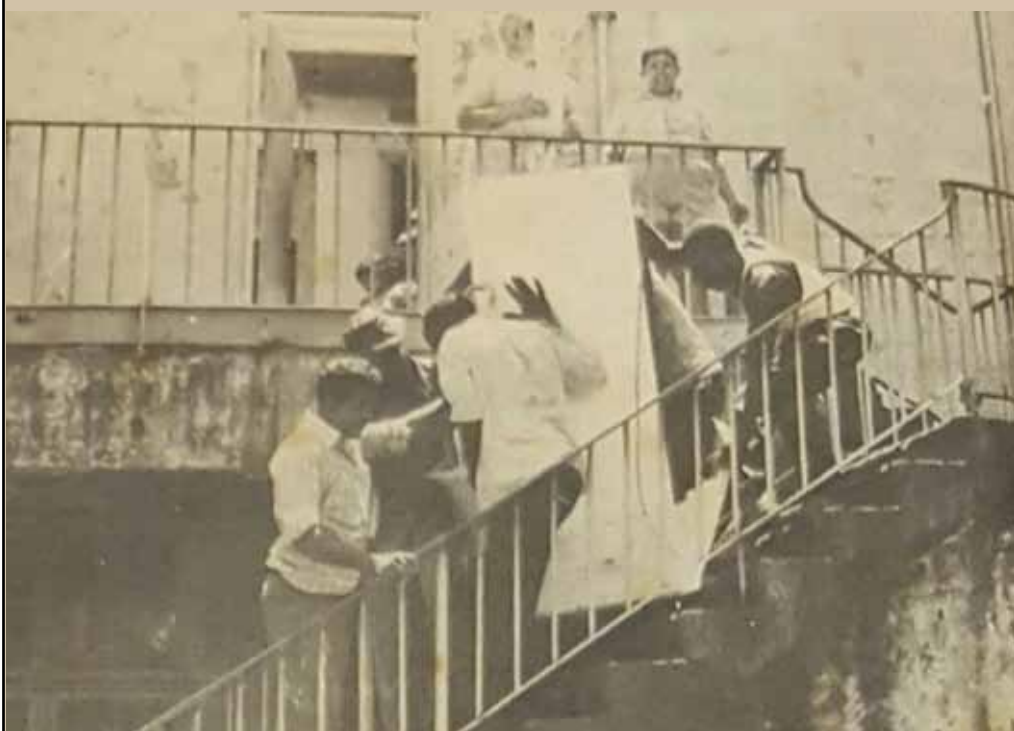
moving and so wish people a 'Merry Christmas'. His, of course, was on 'Freeway Sale'. He makes way for the construction of the freeway.

The picture at the bottom left shows the shambles to which Gem Shoe Stores were reduced to. The young lady leans disconsolately against a column in front of the shop where she has group up. The other young people in the picture do not understand what is happening.

The picture at the top right shows the lady of the house watching the cartage men taking the fridge down the steps.

The flat above the shops has been her home for as long as she remembers. Does she go to the semi-slums of Chatsworth or the sub-economic homes at Phoenix?

The picture at the bottom right shows some businessmen loading up their belongings and possessions in Cathedral Road, uprooted after several years of living and trading and is now going to be an uncertain future.



R120 000 FOR MARKET RENOVATIONS

The Durban Council is planning to spend R120 000.00 in redesigning the Squatters' Marekt after the farmers have been excluded from it to accommodate the standholders.

The statement was made to the meeting convened by the Natal Indian Agricultural Union on Sunday. The farmers claim that when they were first told that they would have to move, The Director of Markets told them that the whole market would be closed 'stage by stage'.

In view of this they were attracted by the offer of facilities and premises at Clairwood. They say they were told that they would be housed at the Bulk Sales Hall.

In November last year, however, they learnt that they were being transferred to 'temporary' facilities next to – and not inside the Bulk Sales Hall in Clairwood.

This was a complete breach of faith on the part of the City Council the farmers say.



The administrators of the 'Grey Street Casbah & Surrounds' FaceBook Group and founders of the 'The Casbah' eNewspaper, Ishaan Blunden (082 561 8730) and Buddy Govender (083 560 1213).

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We also have other related pages on FaceBook that we encourage you to join as well

'Grey Street Hits' – music and music videos from back in the day ...come have a party with us!

'The History of Non-Racial Soccer in South Africa' – Historical photos etc from the glory days

'Non Racial Sport in South Africa' – Acknowledging non-racial sports and personalities in SA

MEMBERSHIP TO ALL THE SITES ABOVE ARE FREE.....

TICKET SCRAMBLE AT LOUIS BOTHA

There were chaotic scenes at Durban's Louis Botha Airport last week when members of a tour group scrambled for their tickets and boarding passes just a few minutes before the scheduled departure of their flight.

More than 30 members of the tour party were booked to leave on the first leg of their overseas tour on a domestic flight from Durban to Johannesburg last Friday afternoon.

They were to leave on a conducted tour which would take them to India via Europe. Their bookings had been made through a local Durban travel agent by a religious organisation.

However, many members of the tour party did not receive their tickets or boarding passes timeously, and there was a scramble in the airport concourse as the travel documents were handed out.

Passengers whose names were being called out by a representative of the tour organisers found it difficult to hear above the noise in the departure lounge and this added to the confusion as the flight time drew near.

The entire departure lounge of the airport was filled to overflowing with the families and friends of the touring party who had gone to bid them farewell.

Members of the tour group, however received their tickets and boarding passes and were able to embark shortly before the plane took off.

An officers at the airport said that he had often seen tickets and passes being issued by travel agents at the airport, and could not understand why this practice had been adopted.

"It will definitely be far easier all round if the agents handed tickets to their clients prior to their arrival at the airport. Passengers can then check in individually when they arrive at the airport".

It was not possible to contact the organisers of the tour for their comment at the time of going to press.



A representative of the tour organisers holds up a boarding card as he calls out the name of a member of the tour party above the throng and the din in the departure lounge at Louis Botha airport.



A large group of family members and friends turned up to wish Mrs S. Pakkiri (centre) well on her tour abroad. The group was photographed in the concourse at the airport.



Among the passengers who embarked at Louis Botha Airport on the first leg of the tour overseas was Mrs M. Tommy (second from right). She was seen off by Mrs S. Manicom, Mrs M. Pillai, Mrs M. Kisten and Mrs R. Pillay.



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Night Spots around Durban



Ms. V. Esposito and Mr Aubrey Lotz live it up a little to the music of the band at the Himalaya Hotel last Saturday night.



“Dressed to kill” and having plenty of fun at the Himalaya Hotel last Saturday night was this duo photographed dancing to the music of the Blue Jewels in the Kilimanjaro ballroom.



Mr and Mrs Damjee and friend, Mrs Martin, enjoying a night out at the Omar Khayyam last weekend.



Miss Ann Pennington, of Sydenham, has a great time dancing to the music of the Blue Jewels at the Himalaya Hotel on Saturday night.

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Mr and Mrs K. P. Dunn, seen dancing to the music of the Magnum Force at the Hilltop last weekend.



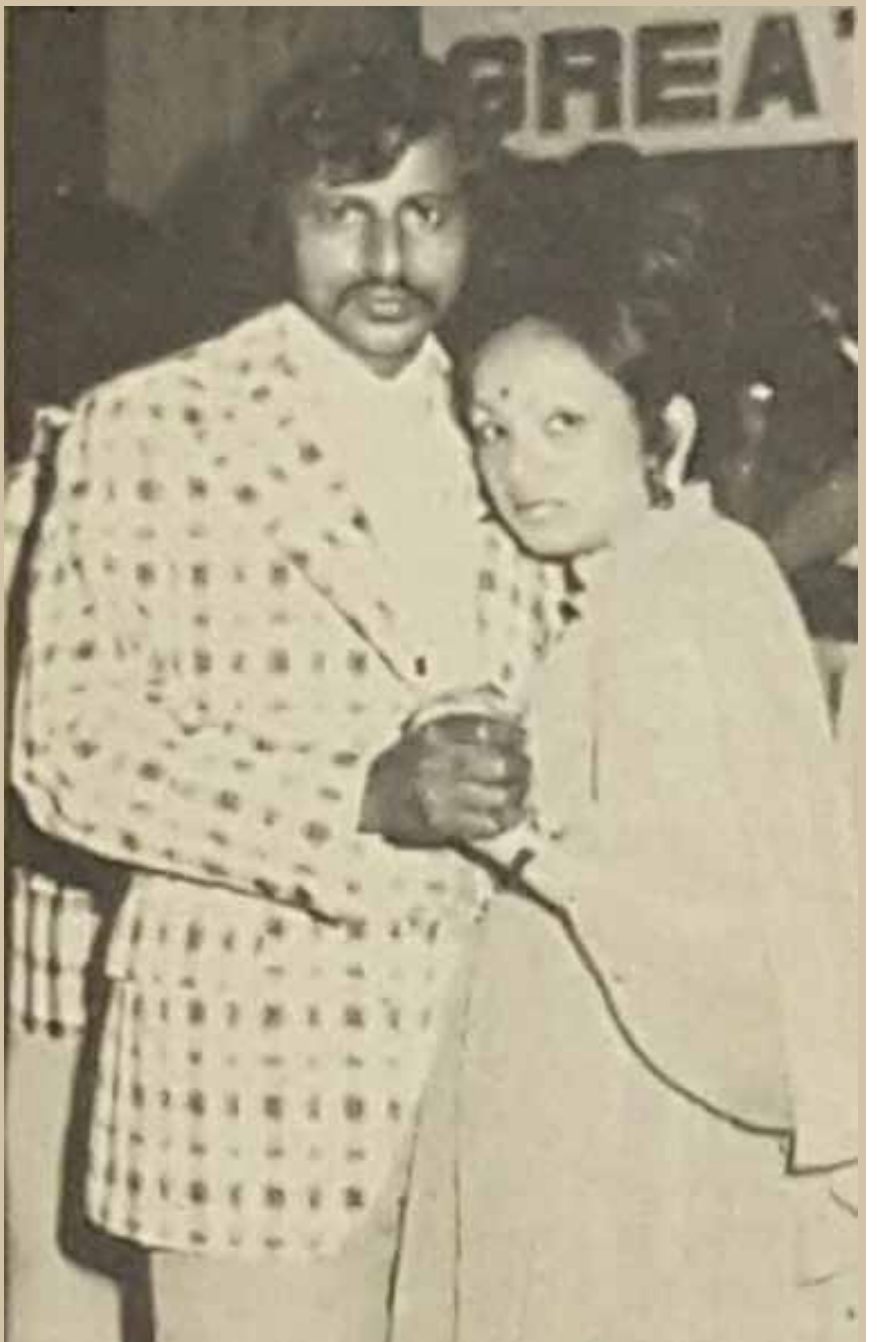
Mr Suresh Salid, partnered by Miss Sandra Naidoo, who were photographed on the dance floor at the Hilltop Restaurant last Saturday Night.



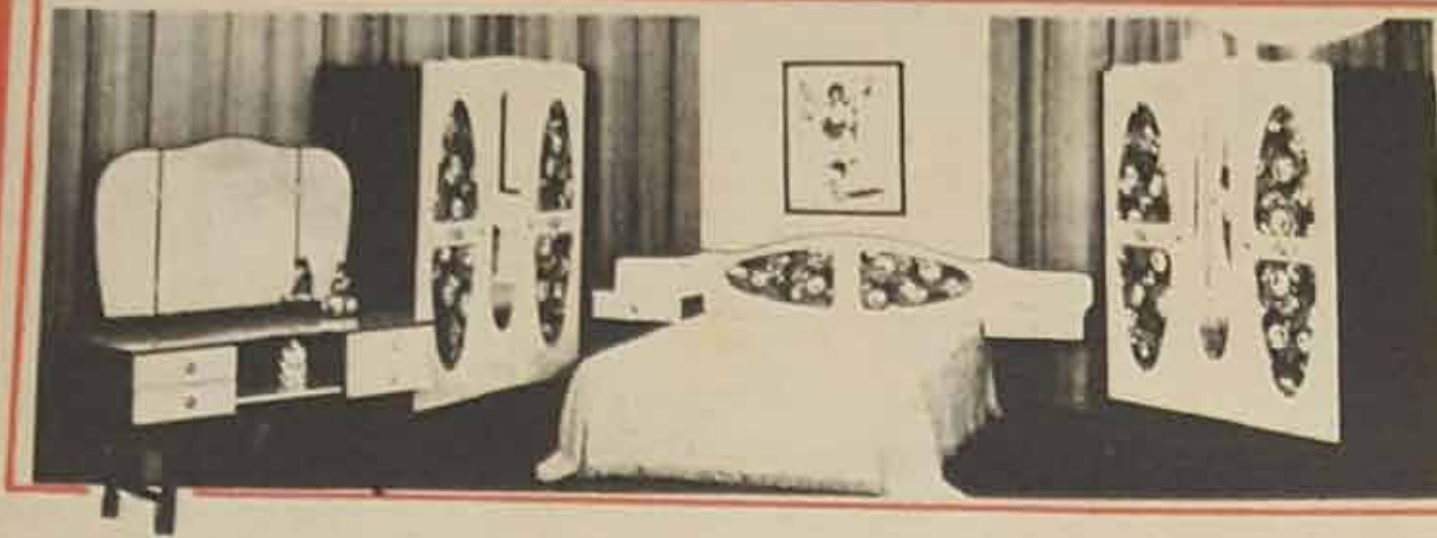
Mr and Mrs John Naicker and Mr and Mrs Logan Naicker who were photographed together at the Regal Restaurant last week.



A couple photographed dancing at the Himalaya on Saturday night.



Mr and Mrs Jay Govender of Chatsworth who were photographed among the happy crowd of night-spotters at the Himalaya Hotel where they danced the New year in on Friday night.



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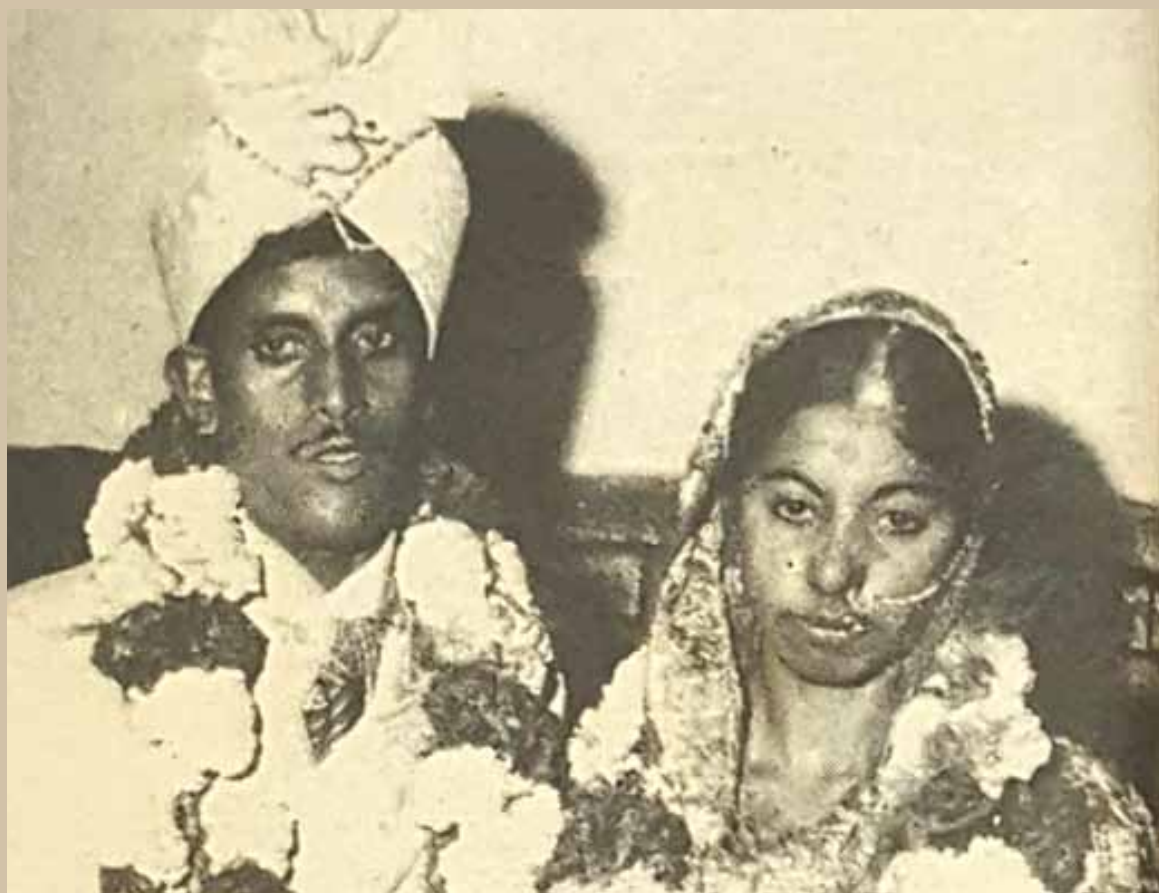


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WEDDING ALBUM



Sharma, made a beautiful bride when she married Devnarain at the Bharath Hall, Durban recently. Devnarain is the son of Mr and the late Mrs Palad, of Chatsworth, and Sharma, the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Dawlat, of Newlands. A large gathering of friends and relatives attended the ceremony.

Photo: TONY NAICKER



Lawrence, the eldest son of Mr and Mrs M. Niney, of 5 Rookwood Avenue, Overport, and Selvie, daughter of Mrs and the late Mr Soobramoney, of Smithfield Road, Kenville, who were married on 5 December 1976.

SENIOR PASS WAS 86%

The percentage pass in the Senior Certificate examination is 86% according to a statement on the 1976 Matric results released by the Director of Indian Education, Mr. G. Krog.

He disclosed that 4 198 full-time candidates entered for the Senior Certificate Examination. Of these 1 098 out of a possible 2 748 obtained matriculation exemption. 2 519 obtained the Senior Certificate. The percentage is 86.1%.

“It is of interest to note that candidates following technical courses have obtained matriculation exemption.”

At the time when he made the statement 46 results were still outstanding.

The top ten students in the 1976 Senior Certificate Examination of the Department of Indian Affairs are:

G.S Pillay (Clairwood High); S.R. Maharaj (Raisethorpe High); A. Bramdev (Stanger High); R. Jaganath (Clairwood High); A.H. Hoosen (Verulam High); N.E. Kadodia (Woodlands High); R.A. Mahomed (Lenasia High); R. Chanderdave (Woodlands High); V. Govender (Avoca High) and R.J. Maharaj (St. Oswald's High)

Of these the first eight got the 'A' aggregate symbols and the last two, 'B' symbols.

The girls in the pack are S.R. Mahara (A); N.E Kadodia (A) and R. Chanderdave (A).

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SASF VIEWPOINT ON CALLIES CARNIVAL

Commenting on the abandonment of the Goldtop Callies Soccer Tournament Mr Rama Reddy, the secretary of the South African Soccer Federation says:

“From press reports it is noted that the staging of the Durban F.A. Goldtop Callies Soccer Tournament has been abandoned. “If Mr Ebrahim Kara of Goldtop is fed up with SASF and its officials, then one cannot blame him as he doesn’t not know the true workings of the SASF or any of its units.

“Goldtop is entitled to sponsor events under the banner of the SASF, but it should not dictate how matters should be decided upon.

“There are numerous other business houses which sponsor activities of the SASF with far greater figures than Goldtop but they certainly don’t tell the Federation how to conduct its affairs.

“The Goldtop Callies Tournament which features 16 clubs and is not the only event of soccer activity conducted under the banners of the SASF. T

“The Federation has 10 units in its fold in addition to Professional soccer and hundreds of clubs are catered for.

“All matters are carefully assessed and decisions taken in the best interest of the entire organisation and membership.

The decision to entrust association to stage tournaments was taken for very good reasons. The Federation believes associations which generally cater for soccer should become actively involved in the staging of the events rather than individual clubs.

“The 20% levies imposed on the gate takings on National Interclub Tournaments are similar to the levies imposed on Units staging Interprovincial Tournaments. Further professional clubs also pay levies. If units and Pro Clubs are obliged to pay, why should organisers of Interclub tournaments fuss about paying”

The application to stage the 1977 tournament was granted at the last meeting of the Federation. The fact that Sporting Club D’Alberton Callies as well as Goldtop have found it convenient to issue statements and make certain allegations, the entire matter will be dealt with by the SASF at its next meeting.

A CHAMPION’S SMILE



A smile of victory from Ismail Chowglay of Cape Town after winning the Barlow National Natal Open and Amatuer Golf Championship held at the Kloof Country Club from December 20 to 23. Runner-up in the sudden-death play-off was local glofer “Papwa” Sewogulam. The Picture shows Mr Jean Macquet, branch manager of barlows Television Company, who made the Presentation, with Chowglay.



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Front Row Left to Right: Arshad Sheik, Aslam “Maharani Tiles” Sattar, Mr Navin (PE Teacher) Harijan, Shk Anwar (The Brat) Al Moolla, Mr Yusuf (English Teacher) Karodia, Ebrahim Vawda, Yusuf Mansoor, Cassim Latiff & Mackie Jagot.

Attended but not in the pic: Shk Hfz Qassim Paruk, ML Hfz Ashraf (Grey St Musjid) Peer, ML Shoayb Jheebhai, Dr ML Yunus Moosa, ML Hfz Nazir Khan, Goolam Hoosen Peerbhai, Aslam (Vaids Pharmacy) Vaid & Habibi Umar Farouk.

By sheer will power we've turned back the calendar to 1982. But the wizardry of 1982 brought us back intact and in fantastic health, spirit & love. The last time that we all were together in the same class was in the amazing awesome 80's, more specifically 1982. Remaining in touch remotely via digital media cannot justify the enormity of being together all over again in the same room, it is simply unexplainable. You have to experience this occasion to justify the incredible connectivity that we all the class of 80-82 have shared and maintained over the past 35yrs.

Such an occasion and humbleness can be best be described as unique. On 11th Feb 2017, we all gathered to hold an Orient Islamic High School reunion and the highlight which made the occasion that much special were 2 reasons. The 1st was to experience the continuity of our never ending lifelong relationships but the 2nd made this reunion all the more special. To be graced by the presence of our former teachers was an overwhelming and invaluable emotion so much so that we were overcome by their simplicity and humbleness. We were taken aback by their reactions to where we all have reached in our humble lives thus far. In short they were our mentors and provided us with the foundation of life. Living abroad is generally categorized as successful however there is nothing in this world which can define the friendship and togetherness that exists with the Class of 1982, wherever in the world you may be.

Rewinding the years and sharing our past and lifelong experiences, trials and successes was the main agenda during this reunion. Gradually, a trickle of memories became a flowing river, immersing in a flood of recollections albeit pleasant. Time has mercifully not erased any pleasant memories which we all share till this day. But the wizardry of 1982 kept us all intact. So when we gather next year my hope now is that we will all, still, be in the process of everlasting togetherness and that we will all still be sharing our latest life perceptions with one another.

God Bless You All My Beloved Colleagues and Teachers. It's been a true pleasure. Friendship is categorized as Family.

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