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NEWS

CAPE TOWN — At least four people drowned in separate incidents in False Bay and on the west coast at the Easter weekend, police have reported.

A south-easterly gale continued to roar across the Cape Peninsula on Sunday, injuring holiday-makers, shifting a house, blowing over caravans and toppling yachts.

The gale, which has caused damage estimated at thousands of rands, was described by officials as one of the "worst in living memory".

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## Botswana releases detained SA tourist

GABORONE — A South African tourist detained by the Botswana army early yesterday, has been released, government officials said.

The Deputy Commissioner of Police Norman Moleboge said Andrew James Atterbury was set free shortly after noon yesterday.

"He had been picked up by the army at Majale, a tourist camp which is part of the Mashatu nature reserve" in north-eastern Botswana, Mr Moleboge said.

"There were a few things the army was not happy about. They handed him over to police, and as a result of police questioning, Atterbury was released," he added, without elaborating.

Earlier yesterday South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha officially protested to Botswana, accusing the troops of abducting Mr Atterbury and also manhandling members of his party who were spending an Easter weekend at the camp.

Mr Botha said there was no legitimate reason for the action against Mr Atterbury, who was wearing a hat and pull-over which could have been mistaken for South African military dress.

Relations between Botswana and South Africa are tense following the raid by South African commandos on Gaborone last week. — Sapa-Reuter.

## FBI warns anti-SA activists of 'hit squads'

WASHINGTON — Anti-South African activists in the U.S. have been warned by the FBI that they may be the targets of alleged Pretoria hit squads, while French police believe the killers of the ANC's Paris representative may have moved to Britain.

The killing of Miss Dulcie September has lent credibility to the FBI's warnings, which started last year, a lawyer of anti-apartheid activists in Washington told United Press International.

UPI also reported that Jack Terrell, a former U.S.-based mercenary who trained Nicaraguan Contra rebels in 1984 and 1985 said in an interview that South African intelligence agents had asked him to form an eight-man hit team.

The activists said they were wary of FBI requests for personal interviews because they feared the agents' real intention was to gather information on their activities and pass it on to South Africa. One of the agents who contacted them was confirmed by the FBI as being an agent.

Britain was urged by a Labour Party MP at the weekend to threaten South Africa with a break in diplomatic relations following the alleged presence in London of a "South African death squad".

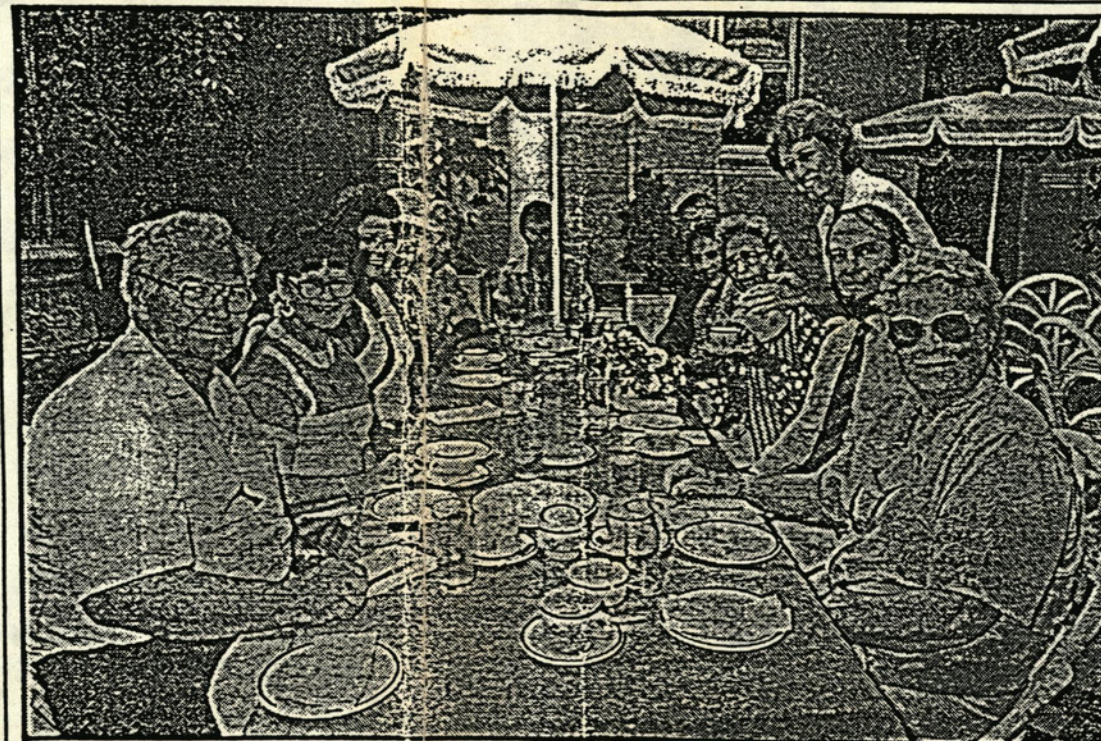
On Saturday, the French daily Le Monde said Western intelligence agencies in Paris were convinced that South African secret service agents were responsible for the murder. South Africa has denied involvement.

Labour MP Mr David Winnick said he believed the squad was plotting to kill leading ANC representatives in Britain and that he had requested the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, to summon the South African Ambassador to warn him that the existence of such squads would not be tolerated and could lead to a break in diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Mr Winnick also contacted the Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, urging him to provide top level security for ANC representatives in London.

In Paris, President Francois Mitterrand said Miss September's murder rekindled the question of economic sanctions against Pretoria, but he ruled out a break in diplomatic relations.

Mr Mitterrand was asked in an interview whether he suspected South African involvement in the March 29 killing. "I have had suspicions about the (South African) regime for a long time," Mr Mitterrand said. "But with regard to the assassination of Dulcie September, I can say nothing definite, even if my intuition tells me something else." — Sapa-AP.



A group of Americans visited the city yesterday as part of their own three-week fact-finding tour of the country. The group is pictured here having tea with the acting mayor, Mr Rob Haswell (second right), and his wife Mrs Penny Haswell (standing).

## Americans visit city on fact-finding tour of SA

Witness Reporter  
A GROUP of Americans, touring the country on a three-week fact-finding mission, visited the city yesterday.

The group — including businessmen, a television interviewer

and a radio company owner — met with the acting mayor, Mr Rob Haswell, and his wife Mrs Penny Haswell.

A spokesman said each member of the group was personally opposed to sanctions against South

Africa and wanted to see for themselves what the situation here was "really" like.

"We do not accept what our media tells us about South Africa. We plan to go back and give what we find maximum exposure."

## 'Oom Stoffel' Nienaber dies aged 69

Witness Reporter  
ONE of Natal's foremost proponents of Afrikaans culture and leading Afrikaans and Nederlands academic, Professor C. "Stoffel" Nienaber, died at his home on Sunday night at the age of 69.

Professor Nienaber held a doctorate in Nederlands grammar and literature from the Gemeentelijke Universiteit of Amsterdam, and a doctorate in litera-

ture from the University of Pretoria. "Oom Stoffel", as he was affectionately called, was the fourth member of the Nienaber family to become a professor. The others were Professor Gawie Nienaber (University of Natal), Professor P.J. Nienaber (Wits University) and Professor P.M. Nienaber (University of South Africa).

The present head of the department of Afrikaans and Nederlands, Professor Wilfred Jonckheere, said yesterday: "His death is a great loss to us in the department, in Natal, the country and the literary world."



Professor NIENABER

left Umdloti at about 11.30 am. They were about three miles out a sidestay snapped and the catamaran capsized. The boat came down and they were less than 100 metres from the shore. The boat was damaged and Mr Foord's boat was damaged.

Mr and Mrs Heyns left Mr and Mrs van Marken clinging to the partially submerged boat and were pulled back to shore to get help.

Witnesses to hit-and-run sought  
THE New Hanover police are seeking witnesses to a hit-and-run accident in which a pedestrian was killed on Wednesday last week.

The body of Mr John Nkonjane (36) was found on the side of the road, about three kilometres from New Hanover on Thursday.

Witnesses are asked to contact Lieutenant Brian Mitchell at 033522-17 at all hours. — WR.

Unofficial world ski record set  
VEREENIGING — American barefoot waterski champion Rick Powell set an unofficial world record at the international barefoot waterski series at the Riviera Aquatic Club yesterday.

Powell broke his own U.S. and Group 1 world trick record, set on Saturday, with an amazing 5 290 points.

Jason Neiman broke the SA and Group 2 world record in the slalom event with a score of 1 350 points. — Sapa.

Council to run holiday project  
THE Community Awareness Project of the Pietermaritzburg City Council will be running a school holiday programme in the Westgate Community Centre.

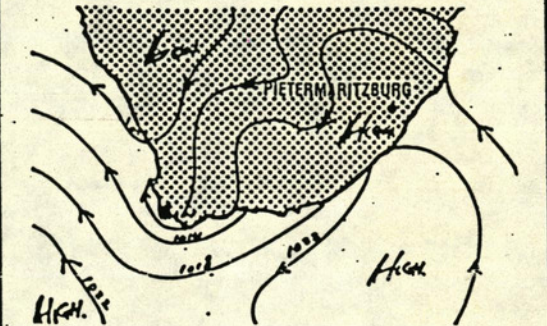
Activities commence today at 10 am with an international fancy dress competition. Thursday's programme will include a baking competition and a Miss Grange competition.

For further information contact Vicky Bundy at 67619. — WR.

# DIARY

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## Today's weather



The Indian Ocean high pressure system is moving eastwards and the weather will gradually start clearing from the south.

SUNRISE: 6.11 SUNSET: 5.51

Following is a forecast of the weather today from dawn until midnight:

Pietermaritzburg: Cloudy and cold with occasional rain clearing partially later.  
Natal Interior (includes Drakensberg): Cloudy and cold with occasional rain clearing partially later.  
Durban: Cloudy and warm with isolated showers, clearing partially in the south later. Wind: moderate south-easterly, becoming moderate easterly to south-easterly from early morning.

Coastal Belt, Port Edward to the Tugela River: Cloudy and warm with isolated showers, clearing partially in the south later. Wind: moderate south-easterly, becoming moderate easterly to south-easterly from early morning.

Rainfall in Pietermaritzburg for the 24-hour period ending 8 am yesterday, measured at Darvill: n/a

Average rainfall for month: n/a Actual rainfall for month to date: n/a

Moon phases: Last Quarter, April 9; New Moon, April 16; First Quarter, April 24; Full Moon, May 1.

Humidity at noon yesterday: Pietermaritzburg: n/a; Durban: 82 percent.  
Tides: high 5.03 am 11.14 am 5.20 pm 11.23 pm

## Supreme Court Roll

- Other rule nisi — return date:  
1. 549/88: I. Chelladu v Y. Chelladu.  
Default judgment:  
2. 529/88: Die Standaard Bank of Suid-Afrika Beperk teen W.H. van der Merwe.  
Opposed application:  
3. 757/88: Singh S.D. v B.  
Unopposed divorces:  
4. 615/88: Janssen A. v M.J.M.  
5. 600/88: Jupin L.C. v N.C.A.  
6. 2601/87: Merryweather P.H. v M.

## Local flight times

Departures to Johannesburg: Tues: 07h00 11h10 17h30 Arrivals from Johannesburg: Tues: 08h30 14h45 19h00

## Emergency numbers

- SAP Flying Squad ..... 10111 Rape Crisis ..... 56279  
Ambulance ..... 94-6666 F.A.M.S.A ..... 424945  
Fire ..... 421311 Country Fires ..... 67440  
Lifeline (24-hour service) ..... 94-4444  
Emergency Chemist ..... 24581 — Mon-Fri: 6 pm-9.30 pm;  
Sat: 3 pm-9.30 pm; Sun: 9 am-1 pm/3 pm-9.30 pm