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Editor's corner

Boat People and Beemers . . .

THERE'S a bit of a joke in Australia about South African immigrants. They're known as the Boat People. The term was coined in the 1970s when hordes of Vietnamese, desperate to escape war and the communist threat, crammed into leaky craft and headed for Australia. And although Australia continues to be a destination for desperate people, the term, is more tongue in cheek when referring to the South African variety.

South African "Boat People" are the ones who pitch up with yachts and Beemers all ready to go into their brave new world fully equipped.

There's nothing malicious in the way it's used, but it underscores the perception that South Africans have come from a privileged lifestyle and have brought their trappings with them.

Fair enough. Maybe many have, but they also have brought with them the work ethic and skills which got them their yachts and Beemers, and utilise them to great effect and benefit of their new home.

Fay and Peter Laue are boat people (small b, small p). Their love of the sea and adventure it promised set them on a more unusual emigration course. They headed for New Zealand but instead of sailing across the Indian Ocean, they decided to round the Cape, cross the Atlantic and sail through the Panama Canal. It was an eventful and rewarding experience.

Today they live on the Queensland Gold Coast after sailing there in their beloved Tehillah.

But one gets the feeling that deep blue water runs in their veins still.

A young bloke from Durban, and going by the name of Selwyn, is knocking the socks off the pop world in Australia.

Destined for great things, Selwyn, who's been snapped up by Sony, is about to release a new CD.

He was "discovered" whilst pushing trolleys at the supermarket he worked for in Perth, surely every teenager's dream come true.

Derek Selbo has the touch - for organising braais. Living in Florida, he decided one day to organise a braai in a local park and invited the few SAs around at that time to come along. A dab hand at making waare wors, his "jols" became quite popular, and before long had heaps of people pitching up for a taste of home. Moving base - to San Diego - he kept his Braai Connection social club going.

The Muller family had the biggest emigration dilemma. They could either go to the US - the land of the free - or to New Zealand - land of, as Fay Laue says in her article, 60 million sheep!

Marshall Muller tells why he thinks they made the right choice when they chose New Zealand.

This edition is somewhat late, and we apologise for that. Hopefully we'll be back on track for further editions. Much of that depends on you, our readers, who have emigrated and settled in new countries.

We need you write your own stories and by doing so, reassure people who might be thinking of emigrating that things DO work out.

- Tom Henshaw

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Peter and Fay (2nd and 3rd from left) with yachtie friends in Panama.

Dreamtime voyage!

Fay and Peter Laue set sail for New Zealand, and ultimately, Australia
- from Port Elizabeth but decided to go the long way round . . .

IT was early March 1996. “Tehillah”, our 45ft yacht, moored in “the friendly city” of Port Elizabeth, sank deeper into the water as we stocked her with provisions for an ocean voyage around the world!

Having decided to leave sunny South Africa, we planned to take the opportunity and embark on an adventure which would fulfil a lifetime dream - to sail our own yacht and experience blue water cruising.

We took our 20-year-old son, Jonathan, to the airport, tearfully bade him farewell and said we would see him in New Zealand in “about a year’s time”!

He had made the choice to fly on ahead as he was prone to bouts of seasickness. Promising to write from each port of call, we drove back to the PE Yacht club, enjoyed a farewell braai with our friends and set sail early the next morning.

The trip to Cape Town and around Cape Agulhas was fortunately uneventful as this stretch of ocean is regarded as amongst the roughest in the world.

As soon as favourable weather prevailed in Cape Town, we set sail for St Helena Island, in the mid-Atlantic Ocean, and watched as beautiful Table Mountain faded in the distance.

The trip to St Helena took us 18 days as, after first experiencing gale force winds, we were becalmed and spent days idly fishing, tuning into radio reports and talking to new yachtie friends over the radio “Net”.

The fishing was amazing and we caught many yellow tail and big-eyed tunny. From the leftover red meat, we prepared biltong, spicing the meat with pepper, soy sauce and coriander.

At night flying fish would land on our deck, and on one occasion a huge squid - which became a delicious calamari and rice breakfast!

We arrived at St Helena at midnight - a somewhat scary experience in unknown waters, in spite of our GPS and radar to guide us. It was a great feeling to have successfully crossed our first ocean.

We at last met and made friends with the many yachties we

had come to know over the radio and found the locals to be friendly and helpful.

After a few days of exploring Jamestown, including the prison where Napoleon died, we set sail for the coast of Brazil and the island of Fernando de Neronha.

The fishing was again plentiful and on many occasions we were accompanied by dolphins. These creatures definitely have a spiritual bond with humans and loved to play in the bow wave as we sailed along.

At night they, and the bow wave, would glow with phosphorescence. This phenomenon fascinated Peter — I would often catch him flushing the sea water toilet to light up the darkened cabin!

On many evenings at sea we were joined by birds, which squabbled amongst each other for a place on our radar and a good night’s rest.

After 15 days we reached Fernando. It was now very hot and the equator was only a few days’ sail to the North of us. Although we couldn’t speak a word of Portuguese, the locals befriended us and offered us lifts into the little village. From the cliffs over the bay, we observed Spinner dolphins, spiralling out of the waters below.

We reached Barbados, in the Caribbean, 15 days after setting sail from Fernando. It was a pleasant trip — except for a small hitch when Peter stuck his index finger into the wind generator while pulling in a huge Dorado! Panic set in while we examined the extent of his injury.

This was always a concern when far from help, but we applied plastic adhesive strips to seal the wound and administered antibiotics to avoid infection.

The medication did its work and in a few days Peter was ready to fish again!

After spending a few days in picture-postcard Barbados and getting to know the “Caribs”, with their fascinating accent, we sailed down the Grenadine Chain of islands before calling in to Trinidad - a vibrant bustling harbour city, famous for its

festivals and party loving folk.

The highlight of this leg of our trip was the famous Tobago Cays, where snorkelling was like entering a world beneath the sea.

We spent hours fascinated by the colourful underwater creatures and coral reefs.

In this area of the Caribbean we encountered many South African yachts, amongst them the PE yacht "Warrior" which was returning to SA from the Cape to Rio and Antigua yacht races.

Then it was Westward to Venezuela. Our first stop was Margarita Island with its turquoise green waters and white sandy beaches. Margarita lies within an easy day's sail to the South American mainland where we spent a week in Porta Le Cruz. The population there is very diverse with extreme opulence in the marina villas, but razor wired fences protecting the poorer homes as one gets closer to the city. The sight of stray and neglected animals roaming the streets was heartbreaking. Bus rides were an education with loud music blaring forth and locals chatting gregariously. Food and fuel were cheap and we enjoyed freshly squeezed fruit drinks in the now almost unbearable heat. It's amazing what one can purchase on the streets in Venezuelan cities - we were offered a python for only \$20.00. On reflection it would have been a good "watchdog" when we entered the more crime ridden areas of the Caribbean!

Saying goodbye to Venezuela, we headed for the ABC Islands in the Western Caribbean - Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao. Snorkelling in Bonaire was even better than Tobago Cays. We would dive off the yacht and hand-in-hand snorkel in the little boat harbour amongst curtains of small fish, sometimes seeing huge Barracudo along the way.

Our sail from Curacao to San Blas, near Panama, was rather unpleasant as short steep waves made the trip rather bumpy and we were always nervous of being "pooped" by waves breaking over the back of the boat. After 6 days at sea we entered the San Blas islands where the little Cuna Indians live. These friendly (female dominated) folk were persistent in selling their embroidered cloth to yachties and often arrived in dugout canoes fully laden with their wares. After spending a few days working on the yacht we sailed on to Colon, at the Eastern entrance of the Panama Canal, together with friends on an American yacht we met in the San Blas.

The transit through the Canal was an interesting experience. Yachts usually raft up (two by two) and transit in this fashion ahead or behind large ships. The whole process took us two days, during which we spent a night in the huge freshwater Gatun lake between the lock systems.

It was now early September, the Pacific Ocean (peaceful ocean?) lay ahead and we nervously anticipated the 8000 km of open sea, before our destination in the Marquesas. For the first two weeks at sea, life was wonderful — until our auto pilot broke down! This meant (to non-sailors) that we would have to hand steer the remaining two weeks all the way to Nuka Hiva in the Marquesas. (The auto pilot allows one to set a course and be automatically steered in the right direction!).

Finally, tired, weary and with callouses on our hands, we arrived in Nuka Hiva, where a friendly yacht crew ushered us in with lots of sympathy — promising to help us fix our auto helm. The islands of the Marquesas are spectacular and the Polynesians beautiful, honest and friendly. We enjoyed a good rest and met the amazing Daniel, an islander who makes all visiting yachties feel at home by offering hospitality and friendship, while expecting nothing in return. He acted as our guide and took us hiking around this magnificent island, where



Tehillah at anchor in Moorea, near Tahiti

he had lived most of his 67 years.

Then it was on to Tahiti, and the sophistication of Papeete. We moored in the centre of town and noticed beautiful women adorned with flowers in their hair - and a huge Polynesian on his motorbike, complete with flower behind ear! We enjoyed the local dancing and explored the museum with its wealth of Polynesian seafaring history. However, we limited our stay to two weeks, as everything (being French run) was hugely expensive.

From Tahiti it was a short sail to the famous islands of Moorea and Bora Bora - the former being the backdrop of many a famous film, including South Pacific.

The best sail of our voyage was from Bora Bora to Nuie, a 10 day trip with perfect weather, the autohelm working and lovely puffy trade wind clouds all the way. The island of Nuie is famous for its diving, blowholes and sea snakes.

From Nuie, it was across the International Date Line and on to Tonga, an island of flying foxes, tapa cloth and bustling markets.

With November and the cyclone season fast approaching we were keen to set sail on the eight day voyage to New Zealand. As we headed southwards, the weather became cooler and we unpacked our warmer clothing. After days at sea, one's nose becomes very sensitive to the smell of land - and a couple of days before our arrival, the distinct smell of animals convinced us that we were approaching the home of 60 million sheep!

It was with a feeling of relief and exhilaration that we finally dropped anchor in beautiful Opuia, Bay of Islands, New Zealand at midnight – and to the sound of the "Morepork" Owl, we toasted each other in the moonlight.

We lived and worked in Auckland for four years and explored magnificent New Zealand from Cape Reinga to the Bluff. A highlight of our stay was being caught up in the excitement of the "America's Cup". The Kiwis are arguably the world's most enthusiastic sailors and we had much in common with them. We also made many South African friends there and were sad to leave when Peter accepted a six-month contract in Melbourne, across the Tasman. Our son, had in the meantime, moved on to the Gold Coast of Australia.

After exploring cosmopolitan Melbourne and its surrounds, we are now in sunny Brisbane in beautiful Queensland. This area can best be described as "Pietermaritzburg by the sea" with its jacaranda trees, rolling white beaches and beautiful weather, including the odd afternoon thunderstorm!

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Superstar: Selwyn found success singing at the supermarket where he collected trolleys and sang at the checkout.

Fame's buggin' Selwyn!

Shy young man from Durban has Australian R&B fans shouting for more, reports TOM HENSHAW

A YOUNG South African is making Australians sit up and take note with his music. Selwyn (he only uses his first name) was recently snapped up by Epic records, the Australian arm of Sony, after they heard his demo CD *Buggin' Me*.

The 19-year-old from Sydenham, in Durban, is presently wrapping up production of his first album, tentatively titled *Be Yourself*, which is due for national and international release around the end of March..

Like all good stories, Selwyn's career took off after a music industry guy heard him singing his own songs whilst herding trolleys in a supermarket car park.

True, says his mum, Sharon. That's exactly how it happened.

Selwyn has always sung and written songs, from an early age. He came to the attention of South African music people before he moved to Australia..

He was offered a recording contract after being heard in a music competition, but would have had to move to Johannesburg.

Said Sharon: "I was dead against that. Everything came through for us to come over (to Australia) and I told him I couldn't leave him behind.

"I told him to pray hard and everything would happen for him."

Once in Australia, he found himself at a loose end.

Too old to start school, Sharon, a former manageress for Milady's and Truworhs, advised him to find work "in retail". He did, starting at the bottom as a trolley collector.

Although he hated the job, and despaired for his musical future, she urged him to stay with it.

Before long he was "promoted" to the checkout counter, where he became known as the "singing guy".

His break came when producer Audius approached him. Said he heard something different in Selwyn's voice.

They started working on a demo - *Buggin' Me*. Selwyn also made the final 12 of the *Popstar* program on national television, which had started out with 3000 hopefuls from around the nation.

In an article in the local newspaper, *The West Australian*, reporter Ara Jansen wrote: "One of the show's judges had taken a shine to him and he was put in touch with producers in Sydney.

Selwyn's demo fell into the hands of Paul Begaud and he arranged for Selwyn to fly to Sydney to audition for the A&R team of Sony Music Australia. Within a week the young singer had signed a world-wide deal with Hype Music and Sony Music.

Buggin' Me became the first fruits of Selwyn and Audius' recording, recently receiving national air time.

"The song is a lot about the experiences I have been through and how I feel about them," says Selwyn, who wears a gold 'Selwyn' necklace which his mum gave him for luck and strength.

"The other songs are different but about different experiences, infatuations and dreams."

"Teenagers will relate to my lyrics because they are as much about their life's experiences as about the love, pain and

happiness that's happened in my 19 years. I believe so much in the power of music, because I'd listen to R. Kelly, Jackson, New Edition or Jagged Edge and I could swear they were singing about my life.

"Craig David is an inspiration because he's so young but also because he's created his own stuff and come out with totally his own vibe.

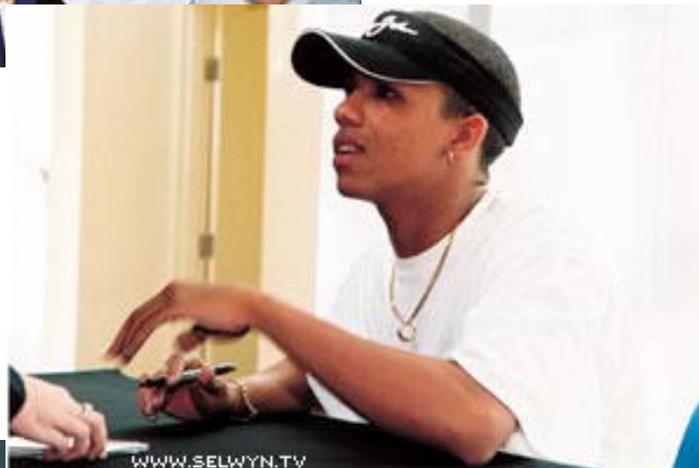
"That's what I tried to do with this song. It's got a pop and R&B mix but I think it's different if you listen to it."

Already Selwyn is starting to enjoy the fruits of his first single. Home in Perth recently, he went into the city only to have fans recognise him and ask him to sign copies of the single.

He says: "I'm 19 now and proud that I'm getting to do what I have always wanted."

"There were times when I didn't know if it was going to work. You doubt yourself but then one day I said to myself, 'I'm just going to give it a go

Below: Pictures from Selwyn's website - <http://www.selwyn.tv>. Top: fans with his album. Centre: Instore appearances are all-important. Bottom: Selwyn in relaxed mode.



That's Africa!

Sexy seducers prey on priests . . .

MALAWIAN women have been told to stop seducing Catholic priests in that country. Faced with mounting AIDS rates, the celibate seducees are seen as ideal targets for a night of safe passion.

Patricia Chikapa, Secretary for Catholic Women Organisation in Blantyre Archdiocese, said she was saddened that many women went to church with the sole intention of seducing priests

She urged them to get out of the habit, saying it was moral and spiritual suicide to think just because the priests had taken a vow of abstinence they were HIV free.

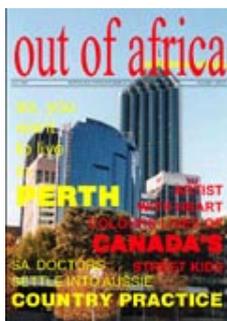
Speaking in Blantyre on November 30, Ms Chikapa told members of her organisation that lustful women should not assume any position of responsibility in the church or society.

Speaking at the same function, Catholic Women Organisation councillor Mary Clara Msewo also took a swipe at women who attended funerals just to show off.

"Funerals are places of sorrow. We should dress modestly when we go to such places."

She slammed female members of the Roman Catholic church who wore high-heeled shoes and applied make-up excessively at funerals.

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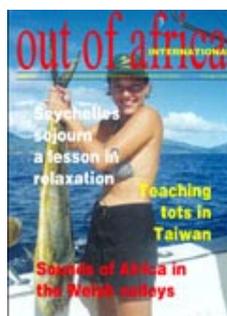
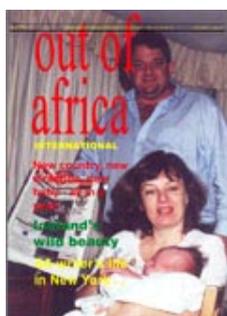
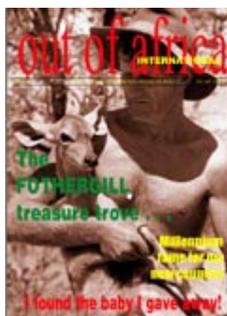


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Derek and daughter Cady on the tennis court.

Braai maestro!

Derek Selbo makes sure southern Africans in the US don't miss out on their traditional sausage sizzle - he organises get-togethers where wors and pap are the staple menu items

JOHANNESBURG-BORN Derek Selbo, self-confessed adventurer, loves braais. So much so, that he organises regular sizzles and lures South African and Zimbabwean expatriates to them.

Today, he lives in San Diego, California but his organisation, Braai-Connection, began in Orlando, Florida back in 1990.

When he first moved to Orlando, there were no more than 12 South African families in the area. One day Derek rounded them up for a braai and made boerewors and pap.

The gathering was so well received that the numbers swelled each year as more South Africans and Zimbabweans moved to Florida.

Eventually, more than 300 people came to each braai he held at local parks.

Now that he has moved to San Diego, he continues with Braai Connection events for the SA and Zimbabwean communities there and in Orange County and Orlando.

He plans to hold many more social events in the near future and can be contacted at: **braai_connection@hotmail.com** if you would like to receive an invitation to his next event.

As a child, Derek travelled widely, getting into a number of scrapes in places as varied as Rome ("escaped" the hotel room at the age of 8 and ended up in the basement nightclub) and Rio at the age of 12 where, under the watchful eyes of SAA staffers, he enjoyed the Rio Carnival during an unscheduled stopover on the way to the US.

After school - Highlands North High and Damelin College - he went to Hotel School at the Wit's Technicon. Derek is a



Middleman: Derek, with family friend Myra, left and his mum.

gourmet cook who loves to experiment in the kitchen.

Since the age of 16, his main goal had been to live in Cape Town.

After graduation, he worked as a trainee manager at Woolworth's in Hillbrow. From there he was promoted to the Killarney branch where he became the manager of the foods department.

Knowing that Woolworths head office was in Cape Town, Derek set his sights on being promoted to becoming a buyer at the corporate offices, which at that time were between Corporation and Mostert streets in the heart of Cape Town.

After a year he achieved this goal and bid farewell to family and friends as he made his way to the Cape.

Derek loved working at the corporate offices in the foods group as it gave him the opportunity to meet new friends; to travel throughout SA and SWA and to meet interesting people.

Four years later, the travel bug bit and Derek convinced a friend and colleague, Lindsay Sacks, to leave and spend a year backpacking and travelling around the world.

After much convincing, Lindsay agreed that no job in the world was worth more than the experiences one would have trekking around the globe.

They "did" Israel, the Greek isles and much of Europe before making their way to the US where Derek had many childhood pals.

Family friends in West Virginia helped them find a truck with a camper top mounted in the flatbed, which was to be their home for much of the next six months.

They toured the length and breadth of the country at one time almost freezing to death when a blizzard hit their camper while they were sleeping.

The last portion of their trip was Florida and while visiting ex-pat friends in Gainesville, Derek met and fell in love with a young American university student, Jody.

Her family lived in Orlando and Derek extended his stay to spend time with her.

He returned to South Africa, where Jody joined him.

A year later the two returned to the USA and were married about a year after.

Six years later they divorced and while Derek was eager to



Wavemaster: Derek and a mate once made the dangerous journey from mainland US to the Bahamas on jetskis.

move from Orlando to San Diego, he remained as he was the proud parent of a young daughter.

During the next few years he was employed as international training director for a company based in Orlando. His position meant that he was always travelling around the US, Canada and Hawaii on business.

After four years of constant business travel, Derek grew weary of it. He returned home where he founded a company in Orlando known as "The Knowledge Shop". He grew this company into a household name in Central Florida.

The company teaches hands-on, short-term classes on everything from computer programs to in-line skating, faux finishing and ballroom dancing.

He hired best selling authors to do seminars based on their books. The company was a big success and after 10 years he sold it.

This was now his opportunity to move to San Diego, which reminded him much of his beloved Cape Town.

Derek is currently working with friend

Troy in his computer based business.

The company known as RAIDking Technologies is in the business of selling RAID hardware.

Computer skills gained from taking classes in his own company prepared him for this career change. Derek is now national sales manager for RAIDking.

With his passion for fast moving water, Derek bought a Sea Doo wave-runner and soon learnt to ride it like a pro.

After a few months of riding on lakes and rivers, Derek soon longed for a new challenge. The most interesting was to take his wave-runner to the nearby ocean.

The thrill of the waves and the surf soon catapulted him to a new level of excitement in his new sport.

Derek and a few daredevil jet-ski friends took to jumping the 15-foot waves created when hurricanes brushed by the Florida coastline.

He never missed the opportunities and challenges of a single hurricane over a 5-year period.

After two near drownings in huge seas and a close shark encounter during Hurricane Floyd, Derek was ready for to try something new.

He teamed up with Abad, a friend he had met on an internet

news group dedicated to the sport of jet-skiing.

After several months of planning, Abad drove down from New Jersey and the two took their wave-runners to Pompano Beach near Ft. Lauderdale where they set off at dawn for the Bahamas on their jet-ski's.

The two made it despite all the dangers and obstacles they had to overcome. Upon arrival in the Bahamian outer island of Bimini, they were welcomed in amazement by the islanders and viewed as "madmen" by the boaters that had travelled from the USA in their large 100-foot motor yachts.

The return trip three days later across the deep Gulf Stream was hair-raising, to say the least, with high seas and tornadoes. But they survived the trip.

During his years Derek has been fortunate enough to meet several Presidents (Reagan, Bush and Clinton), plus Dr. Chris Barnard, the pioneer heart transplant surgeon and Gary Player with whose son, Wayne, he played golf as a youngster.

His greatest desire is to meet adventurer extraordinaire, Richard Branson of Virgin Record fame.

The US, says Derek, needs some adjusting to.

"After returning to the US from South Africa with my



Takeoff: Derek flies of the top of a wave.

fiancée, we moved in with her parents for a short while," says Derek

"This helped me to acclimatise to the vastly different culture. My first error was to go to Sears Department Store and ask the salesman: 'What is the top of your range washing machine?'. 'Language differences became immediately apparent as he reminded me that I would have to go to the kitchen department to find a 'top of the range' (a stove).

"Despite my stubborn refusal to talk like an American, one soon realises that in order to be understood you do have to adjust some of your vocabulary!"

He says there are cultural differences that southern Africans should be aware of also.

"Despite their outward friendliness, Americans have very different social habits," he says.

"For example, one does not arrive uninvited to an American friend's home and expect to be welcomed - if you did not first call and tell them you were coming. Very different from the way I grew up in SA."

Derek bemoans the drift away from cultural links by many South Africans who go to the US and says some of the friendliest people around are the Zimbabweans (Rhodesians).

"It seems they remain more true to their roots than South Africans emigrants do," he says.

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The new law required dual citizens to renounce one of their allegiances by January 6.

Just before the deadline, long queues had formed, particularly at the South African high commission in Harare. Scores of whites had queued and amongst them a number of blacks, who said they were holding places for their white bosses who were at home.

"I spent the night holding a place for my boss's turn," said one man who said he was a gardener in Mandara. Some said they had queued for more than two days.

During the last election in South Africa, many white "madams" reportedly sent their domestics along, cellphone in hand, to queue for them whilst they sat at home and waited for the call to say they could go along to the polling booth!

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Marshall, Jean, Lance, Brenda and Megan Muller, with the dog "Honey". The Mullers are happy with their new country, New Zealand.

Emigration dilemma

Marshall Muller tells why he chose to settle in New Zealand instead of the United States

IT WAS 1994. We had had enough and wanted to get out. To give the family a better statistical chance of hitting the emigration jackpot, I applied to NZ, Australia and as a very outside chance, the USA Emigration Lottery.

As you all know these bureaucratic processes take time - lots of time. My son (then 19) even accused me of being "the worlds worst emigrant" which did not do all that much for my self esteem.

Australia was soon ruled out due to a minor shortage of points, nonetheless one point makes all the difference between, "being in" or "being out".

Suddenly within the space of a week our NZ application came back positive and my USA Green Card Lottery entry hit the jackpot.

Firstly we were elated but soon realised that we were on the horns of a dilemma - we had to choose between two completely different countries, NZ or the USA. Complete opposites in almost every respect.

Our joy turned to consternation and frustration. The USA was the "land of the free", the land of opportunity, where an educated and professional person could readily achieve an excellent standard of living.

NZ was small, with a much lower standard of living than the USA. In NZ private companies and research institutions were much smaller, with the consequent lowering of one's career opportunities.

Our standard of living in Natal was nothing to write home about, so the choice of a new country with a potential to have

a good standard of living seemed quite important.

My wife, Jean, was a teacher in Forest Hills (near Kloof) and I was an analytical chemist at the CSIR in Durban, but with us both full time income earners we were sliding further and further into debt and could not make out financially on our combined salaries.

Weather was another factor that was taken into account, and the warm sunny climate of California seemed far superior to the colder wetter climate of NZ.

Letters were written to ex-SA friends in Denver Colorado, and to friends in Tauranga and Hamilton NZ requesting real information about schooling, violence, etc etc etc.

We got hold of newspapers from both countries, and also loaned articles and books from the USA embassy.

The comparison between the two countries didn't take long though. No one factor really persuaded us but probably the most important ones were violence, education, sport and not least of all, resident friends in our country of choice.

Rightly or wrongly, we made the choice to come to NZ in January 1996.

The friends in Tauranga (Rona and Graham Harris - ex-Durban) proved to be a major factor in helping us settle and they introduced us to many other South Africans who we drew on for emotional support.

I cannot thank them enough. We often wonder how we would have coped in the big ol' USA without a support system.

A South African support system is vital for any new

immigrant family until such time that the emotions have settled, then one can start making Kiwi friends.

We brought three children with us, one of 19, one of 18 and a half, and one of 9 years.

The older two had an emotionally draining first year in NZ, but this trauma was definitely lightened with the help and involvement in sports that they knew and understood.

Once again, I wonder what it would have been like with two emotionally charged (older) teenagers in the USA having to adapt to sports that were foreign to us. Their love for outdoor adventure sports made them realise that NZ was a good country to indulge in these activities, in the comfort of a safe and clean environment.

We are now all NZ citizens and are very happily settled, but I often used to wonder whether we made the right choice, USA or NZ.

The answer to this question came when I recently spent three weeks in California.

I realise that California does not represent the situation in all 52 states of the USA, but even if the other states were only a quarter "as bad" as California, then I feel vindicated that we made the correct choice.

The traffic situation in California is nothing short of chronic. I drove about two thousand miles on every type of road from six lane highways to tiny dirt roads, and on every single road I encountered a "crush" of cars.

The fast way of life continued into the nature reserves where people drove like madmen despite the animal warning signs and the fact that one is supposed to drive a bit slower and take in the scenery (which I must say was mostly spectacular).

The people pressure is relentless. Within a 100mile radius of most big and medium size cities the roads were in constant turmoil, with congestion a normal way of life. Auckland's worst traffic jam is trivial compared to every day traffic in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The American school violence is a well known and much publicised syndrome, but apart from that the general public is



Good citizens: The Mullers at their citizenship swearing-in ceremony. with their mayor.

confronted by an unrelenting crime wave.

The concern about violence was relayed to me first hand by several academics and scientists that I came into contact with.

For the past six years I had forgotten the feeling of stress associated with general crime, but my stay in California brought back all the paranoia of a violence-wracked society. I never want to live like that again.

The only sports reported in the newspapers and on TV were basketball, baseball and golf. Whilst there is nothing wrong with these sports the first two were never part of everyday culture in SA and I feel that the process of settling down after emigration would have been much harder on the family.

Even in NZ where the main sports are primarily the same as in SA, one feels a loss at not having the popular sporting icons (eg. Jonty Rhodes) to identify with.

Overall, I feel that we made the best of the two choices that we had at the time. NZ has proved to be a fantastic country for us, in terms of career, education, beauty/scenery, people and sport.

In contrast, I feel that if we had chosen the USA (especially California) we would have been subjected to similar pressures that we endured in SA.

The school violence in America is a problem that particularly worries me, and I feel it is the manifestation of a serious underlying social problem. A problem that I don't want my children to be part of.

NZ's small population and consequent low crime levels are certainly something in its favour in terms of a happy population.

Money cannot buy the rewards of a peaceful and low stressed society, and despite the lower standard of living in NZ, it is a far better choice than America for SA emigrants.

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The day I blew my Big Chance!

"There comes a tide in the events of men which taken at the flood leads on to fortune, omitted all the voyage of our lives is bound in shallows and in miseries"
(William Shakespeare)

I AM standing on small granite outcrop surrounded by fynbos and looking down towards the sea. I am utterly alone. There are no roads and no buildings. Just virgin land and hills. There is a gentle breeze wafting up from the sea and it cools me pleasantly in the bright sunshine.

I bend down and let the soil run through my fingers. Complex granite soils with sandstone and shale.

"These soils would drain well on gentle slopes," I think to myself.

"It's a pity the soils are so poor or this would make a good area to farm, perhaps for fruit trees."

I start to think that perhaps grapes would grow well here, but the thought dies almost as soon as it is born because surely, if the area was suitable, someone would have moved in by now?

I could have remembered the old winemaker's adage.

"Vines should grow where you can see the ocean but their roots must not be in the ocean."

I expect they mean that the gentle influences of the sea air are very useful but you wouldn't want to have grapes growing in sand dunes. Might make the wine a bit salty! "A bunch of long-haired Liverpudlians will never amount to anything."

Those are the immortal words of the gifted genius that refused to sign up the Beatles.

With the same degree of intuition I left the area, just having appreciated its beauty and the fact that landowners were selling hectares at bargain basement prices.

That was in 1974.

Standing at the same spot today I have the Newton Johnson winery right behind me and a large gravel road to my front.

Dave Johnson is a Cape Wine Master and produces wine so sought after overseas that he doesn't really bother to sell to Gauteng.

A little way down the gravel road is Sumaridge, the newest arrival to Hemel en Aarde, where Merlot, Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir already showing well and full of potential, are being produced. Another Cape Wine Master here, Greg De Bruyn, escaped architect.

I can almost see Tim Hamilton Russell beaming broadly when he started planting grapes here in 1976.

"Mine all mine!" must have entered his mind regularly.

Hamilton Russell Vineyards is one of the great success stories of the Cape, Tim's son, Anthony, is about to bring into production a second winery to make his Southern Right brand of wines.

Peter Finlayson, previously winemaker at Hamilton Russell, started up next door in 1990 and has met with the same sort of stellar recognition. Wines that are sought after everywhere.

In 1995 Storm Kreuzsch, yet another winemaker from Hamilton Russell, started up her own winery, WhaleHaven.

It's a little nearer to the sea and to the many tourists who now flood into this valley, and into Hermanus village, in search of whales and wine.

Barto Eksteen started the winery that now bears his name in 1996, quickly establishing a reputation for fine wines.

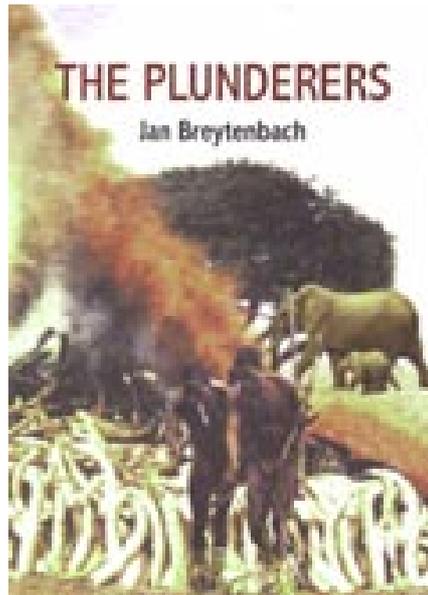
I now see seven ultra-successful wineries on the previously naked slopes that I did not have the vision to utilize myself.

Am I jealous? Do I regret not grasping the moment?
"Of course not," I reply, lying in my teeth.





BOOKSHELF



Military role in covert slaughter of wildlife

**THE PLUNDERERS, by Jan Breytenbach
(Covos Day Books)**

website: <http://www.covosdaybooks.co.za>

SOUTH AFRICA'S military presence in Angola during the 1970s and 80s was designed to support a rebel group sympathetic to the apartheid-era country.

While this overt operation brought with it the usual hopelessness and futility of war, it is the covert practices which Breytenbach describes in his latest effort.

The systematic slaughter of herds of elephant and rhino to tap into the lucrative ivory trade is appalling in itself.

Yet Breytenbach adds a darker seam to the trade with his exposure of the active role and compliance of members of the South African Government and military in the slaughter.

It is a riveting read and the sense of horror and frustration grows with each chapter.

He does, however, lighten the tone with his description of a group of bushman ("the true people of the earth") and their efforts to stop the slaughter.

However noble their intent, you are never left in doubt about the ultimate outcome.

- M.H.

Emigration - New Zealand



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Hello again from Auckland.

It's been a while since we last had anything substantial to pass on to you all, but there have recently been some positive changes to the immigration policy and changes to New Zealand Immigration Assistance also, so read on . . .

UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES:

Unemployment is currently at 5.2%. This is the lowest it has been for 13 years. (Department of Labour)

NEW ZEALAND ECONOMY AND GDP:

The New Zealand economy grew by 2.0 percent in the June 2001 quarter. The growth was driven by strong growth in manufacturing, construction, wholesale trade and transport and communications.

The only main sectors to show a fall in activity were agriculture, electricity, gas and water.

The outlook for the short term is for solid economic growth in the September 2001 quarter, but there is uncertainty further out.

However, the slowdown in the world economy, and the effects of the US terrorist attacks are likely to lower growth in the New Zealand economy in late 2001 and the first half of 2002.

NEW GOVERNMENT PROGRAMME FOR IMMIGRATION

(Effective 1 October 2001)

The new programme will focus on attracting "talent".

"Underpinning the programme is our desire to ensure that talent tops the list of residence approvals," said Lianne Dalziel, the minister of immigration.

The number of approvals will now be 45,000 per annum instead of 38,000.

There are now three streams for migrant approvals:

Skilled/Business Stream: 27,000 approvals annually
General skills Business.

Family Sponsored Stream: 14,500 approvals annually
Spouses/partners Dependent Children Parents Adult Children/
Siblings Family Quota (registration April 2002)

International/Humanitarian Stream:

3500 approvals annually Refugee Convention Status
Refugee Quota Samoan Quota Domestic Violence Policy
(from 1 July 2002) Refugee Family Policy.

Passmark: The passmark will be set quarterly, rather than weekly.

What's new for skilled or business migrants seeking residence?:

There will be 27,000 approvals each year in the Skilled/
Business stream.

Applying for residence for dependent family members:

Dependent Child: The definition of a dependent child is

now expanded to recognise financially dependent children up to and including 24 years of age.

Spouses and Partners - The number of spouses and partners that can be sponsored will be limited to two applications with at least five years between them in cases involving separation and divorce.

Sponsoring a less-dependent family member: New Zealanders wishing to sponsor less dependent relatives are responsible for providing accommodation and financial support for the first two years of the sponsored relative's residence in New Zealand. Sponsors will need to be resident in New Zealand for at least three years before they can sponsor less dependent relatives. The sponsorship undertaking will also be enforced so that, if appropriate, legal action will be taken to recover costs from sponsors who fail to honour their obligations.

Which less-dependent family members can be sponsored?:

Parents: If the majority or an equal number of siblings in one family live in New Zealand then the parents can apply for residence under what's called the "centre of gravity" principle. Children can also sponsor parents who are "alone in their home country". The definition of a parent is also now expanded to include grandparents, if the parents are deceased. If the parents are deceased, the definition now also includes legal guardians.

Married Siblings and Adult Children:

New Zealanders' married brothers or sisters or adult children (and their dependents), who have no other brothers or sisters or parents living in the same country are now eligible to be sponsored if they have an offer of employment in New Zealand.

Unmarried Siblings and Adult Children:

New Zealanders' adult brothers and sisters and adult children who are unmarried, have no children and no other siblings or parents living in the same country, now require an offer of employment in New Zealand in order to be sponsored.

Family members who do not qualify under any other residence category:

A Family Quota will be available for parents, grandparents, siblings and adult children of New Zealanders who do not qualify under any other residence category. The quota size will be announced each year.

In 2001/2002 there will be 250 places in this category.

Sponsors need to register for a place in the quota for their family member/s between 2 April to 30 April 2002.

Registration must be made in New Zealand. Applicants for Family Quota do not need a psychiatric or specialist health report to be eligible.

This along with other new categories in the International/
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Comment: Hello all, been in Oz for 9 months. Using my return ticket back to S A 8/12/01

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Loving it here! Would be great to

hear from someone here or anyone who knows me or knew me way back then.

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Comment: Living in Las Vegas, went to school in Estcourt and Nelspruit. Lived in Swaziland. Left SA in '88, lived in UK for 3.5 yrs and now the states. Anybody out there who thinks they know me, please e-mail me. Cheers.

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Comment: Thanks for a great site. Me and my wife, ex Joburg bullet-dodgers invite any fellow South Africans to get in touch with us by e-mail.

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Comment: Really cool magazine, really enjoyable. Been living in UAE for 8 years. Really safe place to bring up our three daughters. Hoping to hear from anyone out there who knows us, also anyone who doesn't, but would like to make contact, feel free. Our daughters, Kelly, Taryn & Jody are looking for any teenagers, SA or EX-SA to be email-pals (ages between 10 -18, m or f)

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