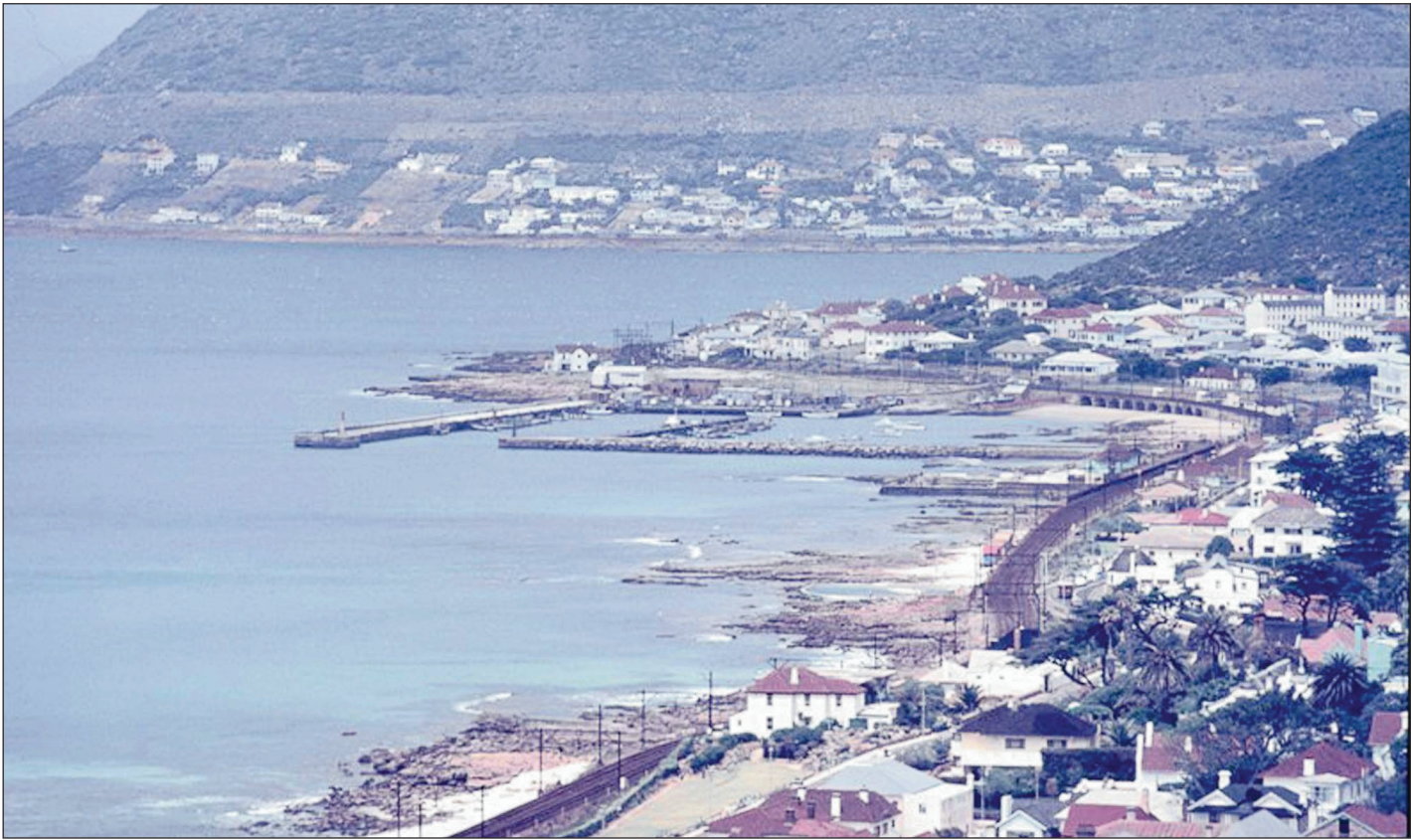


THEN & NOW



SEA VIEW: These comparative pictures of Kalk Bay, shot from Boyes Drive, point not only to some serious urbanisation over the 45 years between them, but also to a commitment to keep development on the mountain slopes well in check. The 'then' picture was taken in 1968 by Mark Perl, and submitted by his son David Perl. The 'now' picture was shot this week by Weekend Argus photographer Leon Lestrade. Note the railway line on the bottom left of both pictures, and the big white double-storey which is still standing firm on the edge of the sea today.
Send in pictures of old Cape Town, with any date and background information you have, to Box 56, Cape Town, 8000; to 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town, 8001; or to argpix@inl.co.za. Please mark them clearly for the Weekend Argus Picture Editor – Then and Now. If you would like your picture back, please include your address.

Two young legal eagles prove their points



STOKED: Olivia Habonimana, left, and Danielle Dallas reached the Schools Moot Court Competition finals. PICTURE: NEIL

Cape schoolgirl duo through to finals of moot court competition

REBECCA JACKMAN

A PAIR OF Immaculata High School girls have proved they're up there with the best, after beating the opposition to take top provincial honours in the South African National Schools Moot Court Competition.

Later this year Grade 11 pupils Olivia Habonimana, 17, and Danielle Dallas, 16, will head to the national finals in Pretoria, hoping to win again.

For their provincial win, the girls from the Wynberg convent had to enter two essays with opposing arguments, showcasing their knowledge of legisla-

tion. They had to study the constitution, the Schools Act, the Children's Act and the Promotion of Equality and Prevention of Unfair Discrimination Act.

From there, nine Western Cape teams were accepted to go through to an oral round, where the top four teams for the national contest were chosen. Not only did the Immaculata girls get into that top four, but also took first place in the province.

"It was so much pressure thinking we were not going to make it," Olivia said.

"We actually cried," Danielle added, saying she was

grateful for the inspiration and support they received from their teachers.

They are the first team from their school to enter the competition, now in its third year, and their teachers and fellow pupils couldn't be more proud of them.

The two girls "embrace challenges", said a proud Beverly McArthur, school co-ordinator for the competition who has been a teacher at the school for the past 30 years.

"They are committed, dedicated, goal-directed and so inspirational to other girls in the school," said McArthur.

The pupils are just as proud

of their head of department.

"She's a very encouraging person. She's more of a mother than a teacher. She always looks out for our best interests," Olivia said.

Olivia had plans to study journalism, but now wants to include law in her studies. As for Danielle, her love for Jane Austen has helped her to decide on a BA Law, while still majoring in English.

The girls faced strong competitors, and received compliments from the judges, with one saying that he would "think twice before taking (them) to court".

They also had a little help

with legal knowledge along the way from Matilda Smith, a former Immaculata pupil and now lecturer of final-year students at UCT's Law Clinic.

"I thought they were fantastic. They were incredibly responsive," Smith said.

"I was very pleasantly surprised with their level of engagement, the way they handled concepts, and how clearly they identified the pertinent issues.

"I did a little bit of coaching, but they put in a lot of work. It gave them a taste of what the real profession would be like."

The grand prize in the competition is a scholarship to

study law at any university in South Africa, but Olivia said their aim was not just to win, but also to enjoy the experience, and learn from it.

"That's already an achievement," she said.

McArthur said their win did come with a downside because they now faced the difficult task of raising the funds for the girls' travel costs.

She appealed to anyone who could help to give generously to ensure the girls represented the Western Cape proudly.

Olivia stressed: "It's not just for the school, it's for the province."

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Invite to all Eskom Energy Efficiency Suppliers and potential Suppliers

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Twist of the bizarre as gibbon takes to high wire



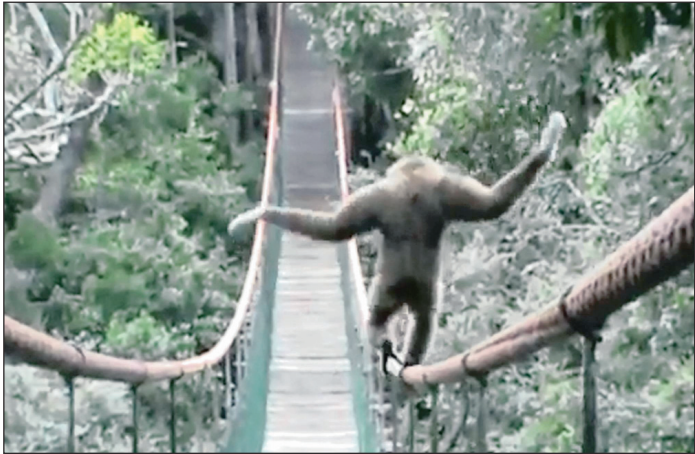
STAR ATTRACTION: Siam, the French gibbon. PICTURE: EWALD STANDER

JOHN HARVEY

A HILARIOUS YouTube clip of one of Monkeyland's prize gibbons performing a trapeze act – albeit very unsteadily – on a swing bridge at the popular Plettenberg Bay primate centre has gone viral, even attracting the attention of CBS News in the US this week.

In the clip, recently-acquired French gibbon Siam – so named because the old word for the countries that are now called Thailand, Cambodia, Burma and Vietnam are their natural distribution range – teeters on the brink of disaster before steadying herself.

CBS *The Feed* host Will Goodman wrote: "We've seen quite a few cases over time of people walking a tightrope and performing slacklining shows here on *The Feed*, and they're almost always a pleasure to watch. Some go incredibly right. Some go terribly wrong. Some aren't even done by peo-



BALANCING ACT: Siam tests her trapeze artist skills at Monkeyland in Plettenberg Bay. PICTURE: YOUTUBE

ple. The video is a case of the latter with a twist of bizarre thrown in. Take a look."

As much as fish out of water are, so is Siam in this video, flailing arms a la Patrick Swayze in that iconic scene from *Dirty Dancing* – showing

clearly how unaccustomed she is to life in the wilds of Africa. Monkeyland marketing manager Lara Mostert explains: "Siam came to us from the Le PAL (zoo) in France.

"As gibbons are a truly

monogamous species, it is not possible to keep unrelated groups or large groups of these animals in an enclosure. Siam was regarded as surplus as she would not be allowed to live with her parents after she reached sexual maturity."

The zoo and amusement park had offered the gibbon to Monkeyland because they wanted Siam to have a free-roaming life.

"They chose Monkeyland above other zoological parks after finding out what we do here, and that we have a lone surplus male (born in Bloemfontein) by the name of Atlas, who is 16 years old."

Mostert adds that the gibbons frequently walk the "tightrope" but it's rare to catch them in the act.

"One of our guides was lucky enough to film it. We had been following Siam to monitor her progress. The footage is from day one of her release." – Garden Route Media

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