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**Subject:** Keren, below is what I believe to be a satellite photograph. Blow it up.



Along with the photo sent to me there are several comments. The second one reads:

The Mad Hatter

Well written article. I remember your work from years ago. I certainly hope you will be gracing us with more of your writing. Your writing was actually instrumental in my awakening back around the time of 911.

Much thanks and respect.

The Mad Hatter

Do you know if you have met my Royal Mater-Mother, Zena Rosland Badash-Ash Gevisser Zulman and stepfather, Alan Zulman, the "Mad hatters"?

**And if you are still not exhausted after reading about those lively people meet...**

**F**ORMER South African modeling expert Zena Zulman collects hats. Her husband, Alan, has grown a pigtail. Both indulgences are the delightfully colourful predilections of an always elegantly dressed South African duo who, as a result, have been affectionately dubbed by friends and colleagues in the rag trade as "the odd couple."

"So what if they call us the odd couple," laughs Zena. "I'm having the time of my life. And I know that Alan is, too."

The attractive, brown-eyed, honey-blond who is visiting Durban from England, contends that there is something of the squirrel in practically every woman. Some of us collect dolls, she says. Others collect jewellery or china figurines while many more simply accumulate recipes and knitting patterns.

"I'm mad about hats. And I'm so glad my strict Jewish religious observance make it necessary for me to wear some sort of headcovering on every social and outdoor occasion. It gives me a wonderful excuse to indulge my mania."

In her home in Somerset, Zena has something like 60 or 70 headcoverings in widely varying shapes, sizes, colours and materials. These have been collected from all parts of the world.

# THE MAD HATTERS

By Eve Stuart



Zena collects hats wherever she goes... gold lame head-covering from London; gold and black patterned hat from California; blue cotton peaked cap from Brussels, Belgium.



Photographs by Terence Barrett

**Zena and Alan Zulman... hugging HIS pigtail is one way of getting attention!**

Some of the most exciting have been acquired over the last year, which for her has held "the divine experience of a second honeymoon."

"Don't I know it!" wails South African clothing tycoon husband, Alan. "She's got more hats than Joan Collins. I've just finished making a new cupboard in which to store them all."

**Z**ENA is the former Zena Gevisser, well-known throughout Southern Africa as the initiator of professional training schools for models in this area.

Like most big enterprises, Zena's schools had a small beginning. They started in 1947 with a simple course of lectures to help adult women in Durban overcome shyness. The response was so enthusiastic that she was soon encouraged to expand the course to include good housekeeping, fashion, beauty and attractive deportment.

The school in Durban appeared to fill a very definite need among women of all ages and it wasn't long before she was prevailed upon to open similar establishments in Pietermaritzburg, Ladysmith, Johannesburg, Cape Town, Windhoek and Salisbury (now Harare). There was

even one in Ekurhuleni in the old Congo! Zena had a regular slot in a women's radio series and she also wrote a column on beauty in an Afrikaans newspaper.

For the next 25 years or so thousands of students were trained by Zena. Some of them became top South African models and beauty queens. Among the latter was Shirley Coetzee—now Betty Gray—who won the Miss World Contest in 1968. Another signal success was Cecile Hamman, the first international model who, through Zena's agency, had the privilege of working for Royal couturier Norman Hartnell, and various other top fashion houses in Europe.

"But all that is in the past," Zena says. "I enjoyed those days and they're good to look back on. But today is what counts."

She bubbles vivaciously. "Do you know what I've discovered in the last year or so? It's that life doesn't begin at 40, as they say, but at 60! I'm nearly that age and I'm having an absolute ball!"

For the last two years she and Alan have been touring the world on what they happily describe as "an extended honeymoon." They were married in a romantic ceremony on the top of Mount Zion in Israel in May, 1984. It is a second marriage for both of them and their joy and happiness in one another is king

proof that love and marriage can be a good, if not better, second time around.

**A**LAN is a retired industrialist, co-founder of a giant national corporation now known as South African Clothing Industries.

He took early retirement because 19 years of building up the business was not without stress, which began to be injurious to his health.

"I decided I didn't want to be the richest man in the cemetery. I wanted to live and do all the things I've always dreamed of doing—tour the world, sit in new places, meet new people. I can say you this last year has been just magic."

To mark his "liberation" from the market place, Alan gave his pigtail 17 days gone by when Chinese men were into bondage they cut off their pigtail. Well, I've done the reverse. I'm liberal so I've grown a pigtail which, he adds with a roughish twinkle, "has been much admired by a good many ladies!"

"Mind you, there might be some who find my mania for hats and Alan's pigtail really odd; and the fact that we so often hold hands just for the sheer joy of feel together, but who cares? We're having the time of our lives and we both intend to live it up until we die!"

Living it up means traveling in 19 high summer years to faraway places with exotic names on exciting, but in that provide chances to widen their horizons and increase their knowledge of the world and its peoples. Living it means going out to meet life in all moods, phases and happenings; discovering the wonder and fascination of it all.

And of course, whenever she goes means, every now and then, a new hat. Zena.

But Alan doesn't mind. "What I bank," he says, "is the wife's got the most beautiful hat-ogenic face in the world." And does hat collecting excite him, too?

He roars with laughter. "I've a collection. But I'm no way in Zena's league. My dear, don't you think that a mad hatter in the family is quite enough?"

Below is a photo of them both with Dr. Ruth, formerly a sniper with the Hagannah headed by David Ben Gurion who was as close as it gets to my pogrom orphaned great maternal grandmother, Nechie Badash who in 1929 returned to England from Tel-Aviv, Israel where she was one of the early residents, to raise my highly shrewd-deceptive mother.



Be sure to let me know if you are having trouble blowing up that photo.

Pending your action or inaction I will hold off following up with President Bush to begin opening a dialogue on the implications for the Nazis having won World Oil War II.

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