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Stolen cattle recovered

STAFF REPORTER

The Grahamstown Stock Theft Unit recovered 13 cattle on Monday 26 March after a police officer was tipped off that a truck in Peddie was loading stolen cattle, South African Police Service spokesperson Captain Khaya Thonjeni said.

The officer, a constable in the child protection unit, stopped the truck as well as the bakkie escorting it. The bakkie driver was the buyer of the stolen cattle.

"Members of the Grahamstown Stock Theft Unit were alerted and responded," Thonjeni said. "Thirteen cattle were recovered, of which nine have already been positively identified."

Four men and a woman aged between 37 and 57, who sold the cattle, have been arrested.

They face 13 counts of stock theft and will appear in the Peddie Magistrate's Court.

Grahamstown Cluster Commander Brigadier David Kanuka said, "We have had several cases of stock theft reported."

"The suspects will face additional charges as our investigators probe this recovery further."

Meanwhile, as part of its continuing compliance operations, the stock theft unit yesterday also issued a fine of R5000 in terms of the Branding Act. This was for a farmer's failure to tattoo 122 sheep.

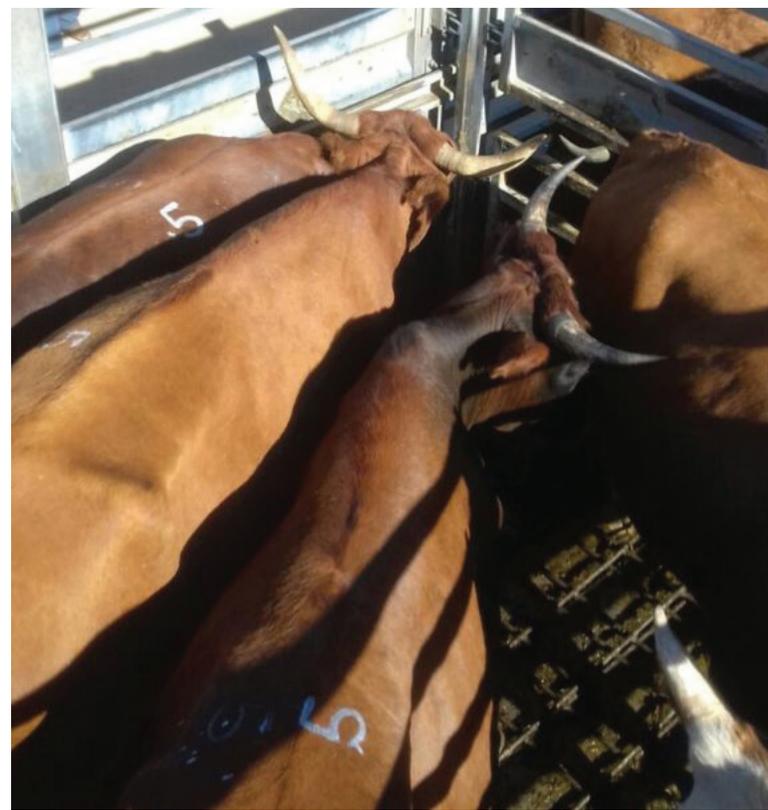
"Our operations focusing on stock theft are intensifying," Thonjeni said. "We are appealing to the community to report stock theft and stock owners to take responsibility and brand their stock. This assists the investigators to know who the stock belongs to when we have recoveries of this nature."

More about branding

According to Farmer's Weekly, there are two types of marks: a tattoo, which must not be bigger than 20mm at the widest and highest part, and a brand, which must be between 40mm and 100mm at the widest and highest part. Cattle must be marked by the age of six months (tattooed from one month or branded at six months).

The tattoo must be applied in the left or right ear; the brand can be applied on any clearly visible part, except the neck.

Goats, sheep and pigs must be tattooed at the age of one month in the left or right ear.



The Grahamstown Stock Theft Unit recovered 13 cattle being loaded onto a truck in Peddie. Photo: Supplied

Serial rapist sentenced in Grahamstown court

STAFF REPORTER

Judge Thami Beshe handed down sentence to one of South Africa's worst serial rapists, Lonwabo Solontsi after he had been found guilty on 39 counts of rape, seven counts of robbery, 14 counts of aggravated robbery, four counts of house-breaking with intent to rape and three counts of house-breaking with intent to rape and robbery.

Reporting on the sentencing, police spokesperson Captain Mali Govender said the offences had taken place between November 2010 and July 2015. Solontsi had two previous convictions for rape in cases that spanned three provinces - Western Cape, Eastern Cape and the North West Province. His victims were exclusively female, from age 11 to age 46.

The investigator had made an application for the cases to be centralised, which was approved.

In sentencing, Judge Thami Beshe noted the value of the hard work and commitment of the investigators, as well as the coordination of the DNA samples, Govender reported.

The Judge said she would have imposed 12 life sentences and a total of 706 years imprisonment. However, in handing down her judgment, she said, "The accused is declared a dangerous criminal."

"He is sentenced to undergo imprisonment for an indefinite period. It is ordered that he be brought before a court at the expiration of twenty five (25) years for consideration of his sentence in terms of Section 286 (B)(2)."

The accused's leave to appeal was dismissed.

Investigating officer Sergeant Sizwe Gaika said afterwards, "It was a very challenging case. I had the assistance of Advocate [Nickie] Turner every step of the way. I'm very happy with the outcome as all my hard work paid off."

Commenting on the sentencing, Eastern Cape Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant-General Liziwe Ntshinga said today, "Congratulations to the team of detectives from the Provincial Family Violence Child Protection and Sexual Offence Unit who worked long hours and made immeasurable sacrifices to ensure the successful conviction and sentencing of 29-year-old serial rapist Lonwabo Solontsi. You have ensured that this predator will not be back on the streets preying on innocent victims."

Belmont murder case on hold

By LINDANI DONNELI

A murder case following the discovery of a man's body in Belmont Valley last year has been postponed to next month.

Dirkie Fourie and Aphiwe Madinda were granted bail of R1000 each after their arrest on 2 February in connection with the alleged murder of Neil Gascott. Gascott's body was found floating in the Matyana River in Belmont Valley on 23 October 2017. In a statement at the time, police spokesperson Captain Mali Govender confirmed that police had received the report at 1.45pm that day.

"On their arrival at the scene, the members met four persons standing next to the road," Govender said. "Among them were two men who told the police members that they were friends of the deceased."

The police had retrieved the body, Govender said. "Initially, the members opened an inquest docket for a suspected drowning," Govender said. "However, after the doctor performed the post-mortem he was of the opinion that the deceased had been murdered, as there were injuries on the body."

The case in Regional Court A has been postponed to 14 April 2018.

While both suspects were granted bail, Madinda is in custody in connection with a different matter.

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High 03:10 15:28

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Temperature: Min 16°C Max 21°C
Tides: Low 09:55 22:03
High 03:45 16:03

SUNDAY
Partly cloudy. Light ENE breeze.
Temperature: Min 17°C Max 27°C
Tides: Low 10:27 22:34
High 04:18 16:36

MONDAY
Partly cloudy. Light SW breeze.
Temperature: Min 14°C Max 22°C
Tides: Low 10:57 23:03
High 04:49 17:07

TUESDAY
Partly cloudy. Moderate easterly breeze.
Temperature: Min 17°C Max 25°C
Tides: Low 11:27 23:32
High 05:19 17:37

WEDNESDAY
Partly cloudy. Light NNE breeze.
Temperature: Min 19°C Max 30°C
Tides: Low 11:55
High 05:48 18:06

THURSDAY
Partly cloudy. Light WSW breeze.
Temperature: Min 17°C Max 26°C
Tides: Low 00:01 12:24
High 06:16 18:35

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Rates go up by 9%

By SUE MACLENNAN

Revenue to support the municipality's development priorities and ensuring no Makana resident goes without water were highlighted as urgent in this week's special council meeting.

New tariffs were announced, an interview panel was named for the appointment of a new municipal manager and acting municipal manager Ted Pillay presented a situation report. Speaker Yandiswa Vara spoke of a new ethos within the municipality, with people at their stations and doing their jobs. She also reminded councillors that in the spirit of the "Thuma Mina" call by President Cyril Ramaphosa, they should lead the clean-up campaign that would see a blitz on rubbish in the first week of every month.

The meeting, in compliance with the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, was to table the draft Medium Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework (MTREF) for the next three years.

The report on the appointment of a municipal manager said the position had been advertised in December. The Council-appointed interview panel had recommended the post be readvertised. In this

week's council meeting the interview panel, led by the Mayor, was named.

Mayor Nomhle Gaga introduced the 2018/9 MTREF, in which employee related costs amount to 38% of the total expenditure budget of R446 368. The repairs and maintenance budget is at 5.4%. "Due to financial difficulties, correct provision for maintenance of infrastructure could not be catered for in the draft budget," the Mayor's report states.

Among other principles used to determine how the budget was compiled were the need to enhance the municipality's revenue base, and "the level of property rates and tariff increases to take into account the need to address maintenance and infrastructural backlogs".

Revised tariffs are based on the CPI and increases are tabled as follows:

- Rates 9%
- Water 6%
- Electricity 6.84 (as per NERSA's guidelines)
- Sewerage 6%
- Refuse 6%

Pillay was asked to summarise his report on the situation at Makana Local Municipality.

Pillay emphasised that the number one priority was making sure potable water was available to all residents in

Makana. Highlighting the ongoing drought in the region, Pillay vowed to have ongoing leaking infrastructure dealt with during April.

"If we don't attend to ongoing leaks, it sends the wrong message to the community," Pillay said.

He was also lobbying for drought relief funds, he said.

His second priority was to deal with sewage leaks that were a serious health hazard. Both sewage treatment plants (Belmont Valley and Mayfield) were in urgent need of upgrading.

"The future development of the municipality is constrained until these are functioning properly," Pillay said. He was meeting with the Minister of Water and Sanitation to lobby for funds for these upgrades.

"Funding on that scale can only come from that source," Pillay said.

Roads, refuse and the stabilisation of Makana's finances are Pillay's other priorities. "The challenges of Makana are complex. It is very evident as a result of poor decisions taken by the previous Council and a lack of decisive management on some of the issues that face the municipality has resulted in the challenges and problems being faced," Pillay said in his report.



A resident speaks at a community meeting hosted by the Grahamstown Residents Association in Nolutshando Hall, Joza, on Tuesday 27 March 2018. Community members raised various concerns including evictions from informal settlements, the lack of maintenance of grave sites, the lack of a home for the aged, brown sludge in the water, uneven distribution of black rubbish bags, sewage leaks and the need for traffic control at the corner of Albert Street and Dr Jacob Zuma Drive, where traffic lights have been out for months. Photo: Sue MacLennan

Cogta welcomes Mnquma arrests

STAFF REPORTER

The Eastern Cape's Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA) MEC, Fikile Xasa, has welcomed the arrest of 12 Mnquma Local Municipality officials on allegations of fraud, corruption and money laundering.

The officials, who are also

alleged to have flouted the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA), appeared in the Butterworth Magistrate Court on Tuesday.

They were released on warning and are set to appear in court again on 25 May 2018.

Xasa said law enforcement

agencies such as the Hawks are critical to fighting corruption and restoring law and order at municipalities.

He encouraged members of the public to continue to report acts of fraud and corruption to the Anti-Corruption Hotline 0800 701 701. - SAnews.gov.za

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Lindani Donyeli, Lindokuhle Jawa and Jason Maseko asked about the Easter weekend.



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Tower tip of the iceberg

By KATHRYN CLEARY

The crisis at Tower Psychiatric Hospital in Fort Beaufort could be a bigger problem than Life Esidimeni. South African Society of Psychiatry (SASOP) President Janse van Rensburg, told *Grocott's Mail* this week.

Following SASOP's media release on 22 March detailing findings of alleged human rights violations at Tower, *Grocott's Mail*, spoke to Van Rensburg.

The story so far

The media release came as a result of an announced visit by members of SASOP, Treatment Action Campaign, South African Federation of Mental Health and Rehab EL on 6 March. This was in light of claims made by former Tower psychiatrist, Dr Kiran Sukeri, published in *Rapport* newspaper on 4 March.

The media release included information concerning hospital records, the use of seclusion rooms and the standard of patient care.

A full report was then compiled by SASOP and submitted to the Department of Health on 19 March. The report outlines examples of alleged mismanagement and poor patient care. One example is of a patient who was meant to be in seclusion for two hours, but was allegedly in the room for seven days.

The report concludes with 15 recommendations to address issues faced by both Tower and the province.

SASOP's core findings at Tower include the lack of an efficient discharge programme, the alleged mismanagement and disorganisation of hospital records, and the inhumane use of seclusion rooms.

Detailed in SASOP's media release are two occurrences of intervention by the Department of Health at Tower.

Van Rensburg said that both these interventions were in the past two years, and related to "communication and relational issues" with the hospital's discharge policy. While staff had wanted to dis-

charge patients, management had disagreements.

"It relates to admission criteria," Van Rensburg stated. In order for patients to be admitted there must be available space. Tower is a 400-bed referral hospital that accepts patients from all over the province. Should the hospital be unable to admit patients, there is a severe backlog in access to treatment across the province.

"This is a whole and integrated problem," said Van Rensburg. "We need to look at the whole referral system in the Eastern Cape."

SASOP reported that they were shown handwritten and incomplete hospital records. "These were a bit concerning," stated Van Rensburg. "On 6 March [handwritten] books were the main source of information." SASOP and other visiting parties were told that management was working on an electronic system including spreadsheets but "were not able to refer to a source as yet" said Van Rensburg.

How many patients have died at Tower since 2010?

Sukeri claimed in *Rapport's* article on 4 March that there were severe inconsistencies in Tower's death registers since 2010 – including missing registers.

Originally the number of deaths from January 2013 through December 2017 was reported to be 25. SASOP's report states that after a missing register was "miraculously" found, "the numbers of deaths from Jan 2013 to Dec 2017 was found to be 63 and not 25 as initially reported to the MEC's office".

Sukeri's standing claim states a total number of 90 deaths from 2010 through January 2018.

This information has not yet been verified.

In an article previously published by News24, the Eastern Cape Department of Health spokesperson Sizwe Kupelo rubbished this claim. Kupelo stated that the revised figure from 2010 through 2017

"We have had the events at Life Esidimeni, which culminated in the deaths of hundreds of people, and we cannot allow that to be repeated in a facility such as this."

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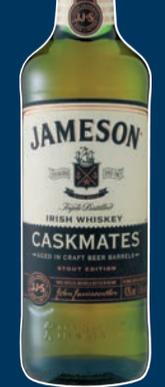
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LETTERS to the Editor and COLUMNS

GOOD IDEA

Significance of Good Friday, Easter Sunday

Why are Good Friday and the Resurrection Sunday of such fundamental importance to the children of God? What is so good about Good Friday and so significant about Easter Sunday?

The death of Christ on the cross—along with His bodily resurrection—is the paramount event of the Christian faith. It is what Christianity is based on. Indeed, it is the heart and essence of the Gospel, the Good news.

Why call the day on which our Saviour and Lord died, nailed to the cross, good? The good about Good Friday is this: He purchased our Redemption. His sacrificial and substitutionary death brought about reconciliation with God for those who trust in Jesus.

Jesus bore God's wrath against our sins, on our behalf, so that we can be forgiven and become the righteousness of God. In light, of the suffering of Jesus, it is still a good Friday, indeed, because of the results of His death for us.

For the glory of God! We also, celebrate His resurrection from the dead because death could not hold Him down. The grave couldn't contain Him. The sufficiency of His sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins was affirmed by His resurrection.

The claims He made, especially His claim to be the Son of God, during His earthly ministry, was validated and vindicated when He rose again. We celebrate this amazing truth, that He is forever alive and makes intercession for us at the right hand of the Father in heaven.

Now this is the Christian focus over the Easter weekend, namely Christ crucified and raised.

Pastor Gino Nel
The Bowker Street Baptist Church



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Eight young dancers from the Pixie Highland Dancing Studio in Grahamstown under the tutorage of Lana Pretorius participated in the East Coast Highland Dancing Festival over the 17-18 March weekend. The girls did quite well too, winning 11 gold medals, 10 silver, eight bronze medals, nine 4th place finishes as well as four section trophies. Photo: Supplied

Saving for retirement

RANDS & SENSE

Personal Finance for ordinary people
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Cashing in your pension or provident fund benefits when you change jobs is seldom the right thing to do. It would be wise to avoid doing so at all costs! Research undertaken by Old Mutual in 2017 showed that an increasing number of fund members planned to draw cash from their retirement savings if they changed jobs. Around 35% stated that they would do so compared to only 19% four years ago.

The study identified various reasons for this increase, including the current economic downturn, increased debt levels, an increase in the number of retrenchments and the tendency for people to change jobs more often.

The impact on the level of savings on those who accessed their retirement savings before retirement could be devastating.

The longer you delay saving for your retirement, the greater the percentage of your salary or income you will need to save in order to maintain your desired standard of living when you retire.

The same Old Mutual study showed that in order to achieve a retirement income of around 70% of your final salary (assuming that you retire at age 65), you would need to invest around 12% of your salary towards retirement savings if you start saving when you are 25 years old. If you delay saving and

only start when you are 35, you would have to save nearly 20% of your salary, and if you only start saving when you are 45, the amount increases to approximately 35%.

You do not usually have access to your retirement fund whilst you are working for a company, but if you were to resign, you would be faced with the decision as to what to do with the proceeds of your pension or provident fund. Depending on the length of time worked, this amount could have grown into a tidy sum of money.

While it may be tempting for you to access some of your retirement savings by thinking that you will replace what you have withdrawn at some stage in the future, not many people are able to do so.

This is especially relevant for those who already find themselves in a financial position where they need to access their retirement savings in order to survive.

National Treasury has recognised the devastating impact that this culture of "dis-saving" is having on the South African economy and is trying

to come up with ways to discourage this behaviour. These include measures such as imposing existing heavy tax penalties on early withdrawals of retirement savings and the compulsory preservation of retirement savings, but the latter measure has been rigorously opposed by certain trade unions.

Ideally, it is always wiser to start saving for your retirement as early as possible and avoid any temptation to touch what you have saved until you retire.

If you do resign from your job, you should seek the advice of an experienced Certified Financial Planner® to discuss how best to invest the proceeds of your retirement benefits. This may mean the difference between a comfortable retirement and being reliant on others for your survival when you stop working.

Light at the end

At national level, power utility Eskom appears to have shed some of the baggage that had previously made it the most toxic of all the state owned enterprises.

Just weeks after Cyril Ramaphosa took over as president, Eskom (with a new board and senior managers) has managed to borrow R33 billion over the past 30 days. Even as it needs another R70 billion just to repay some of its debts and is asking the Energy Regulator to allow it to over-charge us again, it seems like things are settling down. The lesson here is that stable politics (such as the calm after the fractious resignation of President Jacob Zuma) can be a powerful signal for an uptick in the economic confidence we need to create jobs.

Across the way in Port Elizabeth, it appears like coalition politics are there to stay – to the envy of some Grahamstown residents. The Democratic Alliance's Athol Trollip's mayorship appears to have been saved by a last-minute deal between his party and the Patriotic Alliance (PA). Julius Malema's EFF had vowed to oust Trollip in a no-confidence vote as punishment for the DA's refusal to support the constitutional amendment on land expropriation without compensation.

Because the EFF has effectively been holding the balance of power in the NMB council since the ANC's disastrous local government election result in 2016, it looked like Trollip's days were numbered. With the vote set for today (Thursday), it appears as if the DA might just be able to garner 60 votes with the Patriotic Alliance, which has just the one seat, the ACDP and COPE. While the ANC, EFF, UDM, AIC and United Front, also have 60 seats in the 120-member council, the Council Speaker is a DA member and casts the tiebreaker. The PA wrangled the deputy mayorship and a mayoral committee membership out of the DA for its single vote. However, Nelson Mandela Bay has demonstrated that coalition politics might be a viable prospect for South Africa, now and in the future.

In this week's Special Council Meeting, acting municipal manager Ted Pillay said in a bid to reduce expenditure, Makana's salary budget has been contained. He said positions have been frozen and the policy is to utilise existing staff to fill vacant positions. In addition, he said, "The overtime reduction is evident". No overtime is being paid to Makana staff except for urgent pipe bursts and other emergencies, he said. This may help property owners swallow the bitter pill of increases from 6% to 9% across municipal tariffs.

While the Mayor suggested praying to get people to pay up, setting a credible example is the most powerful persuader.

As we continue to report on further developments regarding Tower Psychiatric Hospital, a picture is emerging of deep and long-running systemic problems within our province's health care institutions. The psychiatry profession's national watchdog has warned these may be collectively worse than what emerged in the Life Esidimeni tragedy.

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Good fences, good neighbours

Good fences make good neighbours, goes the saying. A boundary on a residential property can make it more secure, give you privacy and keep your pets inside. In Grahamstown, it's also essential if you want to keep livestock out of your yard (or, if they're your animals, inside!).

Grocott's Mail looked at some of the more popular options for boundary walls and fences in Grahamstown and spoke to two supplier-installers about the pros and cons of each.

PRICE

"Brick is the most expensive option," says Linsley Bowles, whose Grahamstown construction company undertakes every type of wall or fencing. At a height of 1.8 metres (which is what you need for the best chance of keeping big dogs in), the before-VAT cost of the different options ranges from R550 a metre for welded mesh fencing to R1 900 a metre for a high-spec facebrick wall.

Price range per metre (before VAT) at a height of 1.8m, including installation

- Welded mesh R550
- Precast concrete R680-R960 depending on type and colour
- Palisade R1 700-R1 900 depending on the thickness of the metal (50mm wide x 2mm thick is the standard, with posts 76mm square)
- Facebrick R1 800-R1 900 depending on the thickness
- Steel palisade and pillars R2 500-R3 000 including the pillars

Ibayi Fencing in Port Elizabeth supplies ClearVu fencing (Betaview) at a cost of anything between R1 100 a metre for galvanised to R1 250 a metre for PVC coated as well.

"Your most basic fence is treated wooden posts with mesh fencing," says Ibayi's Bill Gray. The material for that could set you back as little as R300 a metre. Steel or concrete poles usually used in industrial premises, can send the price up another R150-R200 a metre.

"Add 500mm flat razor wire on top of that and you can add another R80 a metre," says Gray.

PRIVACY AND SAFETY

These two don't necessarily go together, according to the police. On the South African Police Service website www.saps.gov.za their section on safety awareness at home advises that a high fence around the house with lockable gates is much safer than a high wall due to the advantage of the improved visibility it provides.

"The primary aim of the fence is to make access/intrusion difficult and to allow dogs to move freely around the house," SAPS says.

On the other hand, a see-through fence has the disadvantage of making the household's movements visible to the outside world.

Hi-Tec Manager Andre Wille agrees that the advantages of visibility are debatable, however their evidence backs it as a preference.

"Many years ago we picked up a definite trend in a high, solid wall increasing the likelihood of a break-in," Wille said. "It happened to a number of our customers and it was too many to be a coincidence. The fact is, criminals can't be seen once they're in there."

There's also a certain psychological factor, he believes.

"A wall can create the impression that you've got something to hide – something to look after," Wille said. "It creates the impression that there's something of value inside."

The local experience is sup-

ported by criminologist Monique Marks's 2016 report in conjunction with Durban Metro Police and security companies came to the conclusion that walls were "policing nightmares".

"Walls prevent patrolling officers from knowing what is happening inside a property. This detracts from the value of patrols as a form of crime prevention and rapid response. Walls can also become a defence for criminals: they're given the freedom to conduct their activities without being seen from the street," Marks wrote. <https://www.iol.co.za/news/opinion/do-high-walls-make-sa-suburbanites-safer-2030784>

An option that's becoming popular in Grahamstown among those with the budget for it is a combination of pillars and palisade, Bowles says.

"It's brick structures with steel in between, so you have the combination of strength and visibility," he says. "It's ideal if you don't want to be blocked in, and it allows for movement of air." Galvanised steel can push the price as high as R3 000 a metre including the pillars.

"But you won't easily cut a hole in it like you can with a fence."

DOGS

While the SPCA uses 2m as a guide for how high a fence or wall should be to house a dog, they acknowledge this can vary.

"The breed, jumping/climbing ability and material used may affect this and each case should be judged based upon the individual animal," says Manager of the Grahamstown SPCA Mark Thomas.

Before re-homing any animal, the SPCA has strict boundary criteria.

"We inspect the walling or fencing of the entire property for any holes or gaps through



A dog peers over a wall as volunteers clean its living area at the Friends for Life Animal Rescue Shelter WAIANAE, Hawaii March 2009. Here in Grahamstown, the SPCA makes sure properties have proper fences or walls before allowing households to adopt animals. Photo: WikiCommons

which the animal could escape," Thomas said. "And we ensure that the walls or fences are sufficiently high so that the animal cannot jump or climb over."

However, Bill Gray, of Ibayi Fencing in Port Elizabeth, reckons if a dog really wants to climb a fence it will.

Palisade is no good for small dogs, Gray says. "Little dogs will get through the 120mm gap in the palisade. You can get by that problem by using welded mesh across the bottom to stop them getting through – or plastic mesh if your dog's not a chewer."

For dogs that are diggers, the long-term option is to plant the fence in a concrete beam.

"Otherwise you can use wire mesh and plant it 600mm into the ground," says Gray.

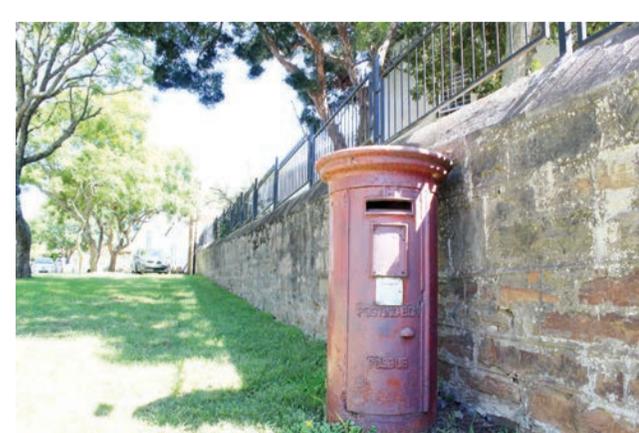
For jumpers and climbers, 1.8m is usually enough of a deterrent. Otherwise, you should fix 600mm of fencing on the top of a wall, angled in at 45%.



Mesh fencing topped with razor wire is the least expensive option, at around R500 a metre. Photos: Sue MacLennan



Brick is the most expensive option and can cost up to R1 900 a metre for high-spec facebrick.



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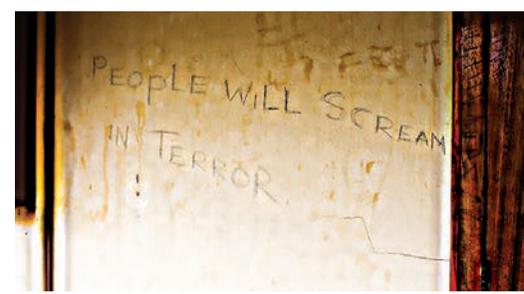
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'People will scream in terror' – disturbing writing on the walls of ward 6B at Tower Hospital in Fort Beaufort. Photo: Sue MacLennan

'Harm and human rights abuses'

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 was 63. SASOP's report states that this figure relates to the years 2013 through 2017. Should Tower receive an inquiry for any records, failure to provide such documentation could result in litigation. Van Rensburg said, "If there is incompleteness and discrepancies, [and] if there would be an inquiry" it would constitute litigation.

How do the seclusion rooms work?

With regards to the use of seclusion rooms, SASOP urged Tower management to halt the use of rooms with immediate effect on 6 March. "We were under the opinion that it would not be safe [to use those rooms]," stated Van Rensburg.

On 16 March, two *Grocott's Mail* journalists visited the hospital and reported that two of the seclusion rooms in ward 6B were empty, whereas at least one other was equipped with a mattress, linen and pillow. CEO Ntombizandile Ngcume told the journalists that "the patients that are there in the single rooms wanted to be there".

SASOP's full report goes further:

"These are very high-risk [areas] with inhumane conditions due to lack of ablution and access to a water source. The door is bolted from outside once the patient has been put inside the seclusion room and he/she has to rely on others to exit when requiring access to a toilet or a drinking water source."

In SASOP's press release van Rensburg stated that the rooms "seem to have already been precipitating incidents of harm to and human rights abuses of patients". "People don't die from psychiatric conditions", he told this *Grocott's Mail* journalist, but rather as a result of poor physical health.

Van Rensburg further highlighted a possible link between Tower's death numbers and poor maintenance of patients' physical health. He added that this possibility carried both medical and legal implications for management.

Could it be worse than Life Esidimeni?

Van Rensburg stated that SASOP visited Tower with the Life Esidimeni tragedy in mind. "We had to keep in mind questions like even if you knew you might have been punished, why didn't you do more?" According to Van Rensburg, the crisis at Tower hospital "is potentially a bigger problem" than Life Esidimeni. "Because it is occurring within a facility that has professional staff, not in NGOs without professional staff like Life Esidimeni." At this point SASOP has not found anyone to be deliberately responsible for the issues highlighted at Tower. SASOP further believes that overall, Tower management have good will towards patients.

The main cause of this crisis? Tower's shortage of professional staff.

Currently, the hospital does not have a psychiatrist and only has one medical doctor, the clinical manager. Public Service Accountability Monitor (PSAM) Director Jay Kruuse told *Grocott's Mail*, "The questions that need to be answered are: Who carries a responsibility? And have they carried that out? They either fulfil a responsibility or they don't. And, if the health service is compromised then they need to be investigated."

PSAM has called for a thorough investigation of Tower Hospital by the Public Protector, as well as the investigation of spokesperson Sizwe Kupelo.

"There is a glaring contrast between the position as stated by [Kupelo] and the views advanced by SASOP and other parties who have gone on record, including trade unions. The department must investigate those glaring contradictions, and [Kupelo] must be asked to appear before an inquiry to explain his position."

Kruuse added that information not only suggests the irresponsibility of public servants, but that they are "actively seeking to present a picture" that argues otherwise.

"We have had the events at Life Esidimeni, which culminated in the deaths of hundreds of people, and we cannot allow that to be repeated in a facility such as this."

• *Grocott's Mail* will continue to investigate and report on this story in conjunction with PSAM.

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My Garden



Nondala takes February!



Mbulelo Nondala with Sunnyside Garden Centre manager, Malcolm Southey. Mbulelo is seen here holding his tomato and lettuce plants.

Mbulelo Nondala, from the Zolani location, is the winner of February's "My Garden competition".

When he was a little boy, Mbulelo learnt about gardening from his father. Now he uses these skills to care for his own garden, planting mostly vegetables and watering the garden twice a week. He won himself a voucher worth R50 to spend on gardening materials at Sunnyside Garden Centre.

With the voucher, Mbulelo purchased a tray

of tomatoes and lettuce, which will add to his garden.

"My Garden competition" is an initiative between by Grocott's Mail and the Sunnyside Garden Centre, and has been running for the past two months. Malcolm Southey, owner of and manager at Sunnyside Garden Centre explains that the initiative is a way of appreciating and motivating gardeners in the Grahamstown region. – **Text and photo by Lindani Donyeli**

MEC Qoboshiyane visits Makana farmers

By MAKANA COMMUNICATIONS

Rural Development and Agrarian Reform MEC Mlibo Qoboshiyane encouraged farmers in Makana to be innovative and exploit local markets to sustain their farming activities.

Emerging farmers in Makana took full advantage of an opportunity meant for them to interact directly with Qoboshiyane during a visit meant specifically for Grahamstown emerging farmers on Tuesday. The MEC was in Grahamstown on Tuesday, 19 March to listen to their concerns.

During the visit the MEC was flanked by top departmental officials who were there to answer questions that were posed by the farmers. Some of the challenges raised by the farmers included rampant stock theft, lack of funding and support and the lack of water due to the drought.

The MEC was clear that he would do what he could to assist the farmers, but said he wouldn't commit to things that his department couldn't do. Qoboshiyane encouraged the farmers to step up their farming techniques and be innovative.

The MEC urged local farmers to think of local markets and work around their needs. He pointed out some positives in Makana, saying that the chicken abattoir in the indus-

trial area had potential to be a significant economic driver for farming in Makana.

He said the abattoir boasts state-of-the-art equipment and production houses which could house about 3 000 chickens per production cycle.

The farmers were generally pleased at the news that lease agreements were going to be extended by up to 30 years. The MEC said longer lease agreements would go a long way in helping farmers to secure funds from banks.

The MEC told the farmers that Eastern Cape Premier Phumulo Masualle had officially declared a state of disaster in the drought stricken province.

"Drought has been declared and all that's left to be done are calculations in terms of the available budget. After this meeting there must be clear guidelines as to what needs to be done in Makana," Qoboshiyane said.

Gcobani Dyantyi from the Makana Emerging Farmers Association said they had invited the MEC to Makana because of their challenges.

Dyantyi said one of their biggest challenges was the lack of water due to the drought.

"We have lost livestock as a result of this drought. It has impacted very negatively on us," he said. Dyantyi said their problems were exacer-

bated by the fact that their boreholes don't work and the low levels in nearby dams. Dyantyi also pointed out that agricultural development was non-existent in Makana.

"We only see things like processing and abattoirs on TV," he said, adding that stock theft was rife in Makana and very little is done about reported cases.

Councillor Ramie Xonxa who was chairing the event said farmers were important stakeholders of the municipality. "Agriculture creates jobs and chases away hunger. We need productive and sustainable farms," he said.

Makana Municipality's Agriculture and Rural Development Manager Phiwé Gqweta who was at the meeting with her team said it was a success for farmers in Makana. "The MEC outlined their programmes and emphasised the importance of them working together.

"He also encouraged them to treat farming as a business," she said. Gqweta said the presence of the MEC in Makana has injected confidence into the emerging farming community of Makana.

"They came out of that meeting very excited and highly motivated. Their misery was wiped out by specific agricultural activities that each and every farmer should be embarking on," she said.



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EAST CAPE WATERCOLOUR ASSOCIATION

9:30am at the Wesley Gardens Hall, Methodist Homes, Corner Swallow and Starling Crescents, Greenshields Park, Port Elizabeth. The East Cape Watercolour Association are holding an enjoyable morning on "Lets approach the SA Artists Big challenge ". Visitors welcome. Come draw or try painting (supplies available). Tea/coffee there after. Contact Sheree on 083 397 5410 or Les on 078 161 0719 for further details.

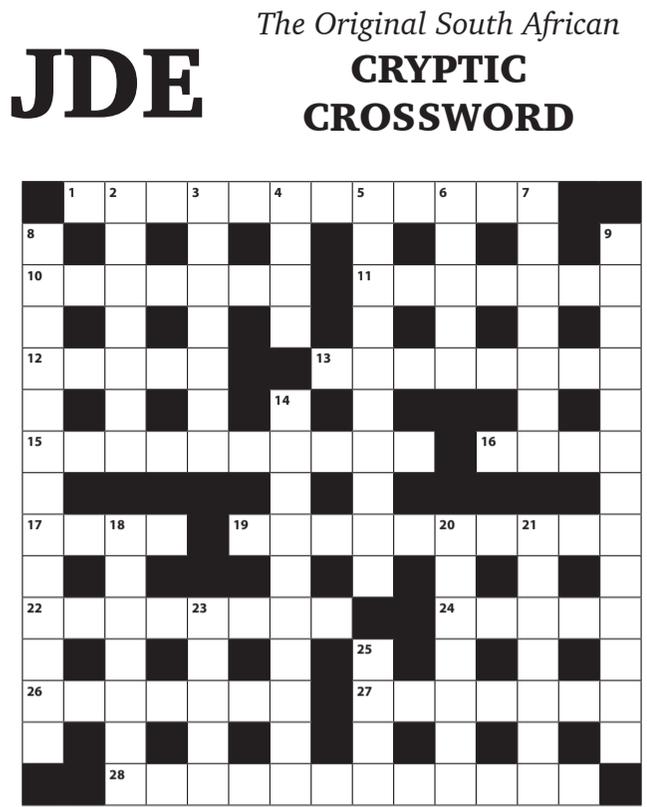
Sunday 8 April

JONNY LUCK LIVE
7pm at Slipstream Sports Bar. Singer/Songwriter Jonny Luck, from Cape Town, and the Coast Back East Tour. Specialising in his own style of Dark Folk Booze Blues, cultivated from years of barwork and hearthurt. This tour is promoting his debut album, *The Watering Hole Stories*, a collection of tales and truths from the bar counter.

Friday 13 April

MUSIC RECITAL WITH GOLDA SCHULTZ AND KURT HAUP
7:30pm at the Rhodes Theatre. The second concert is a Voice Recital with South African born International Soprano / Songbird, Golda Schultz and accompanist Kurt Jacques Haupt. Golda is also a Rhodes graduate. Entrance fee to concert: R100 adults, R60 concessions. There will be a Cheese and Wine reception (@ R50 pp) after the concert to meet the artists. Masterclasses in voice will be conducted on Saturday, 14 April 2018 from 10am to 4.30pm. Please contact Jo-Nette Lekay at 076 523 6464, if you would like to take part as a participant. Cost for non-Rhodes' students is R50pp.

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JDE 127

ACROSS

- 1 Sweetheart nurses come together for climbers (12)
- 10 ... feature is a special quality! (1,6)
- 11 Know scant idol to be out of bounds and impossible (2,3,2)
- 12 Put forward commendation but no tip (5)
- 13 Methane poo trenches have it in them to produce grapes (8)
- 15 Scientist is expected to begin to sterilise milk (10)
- 16 Home of backward news (4)
- 17 African 'thing' of one not being around (4)
- 19 Each wife present is all over the place (10)
- 22 Double helping of mincemeat for fellow player (8)
- 24 The super ones at Jeffrey's nevertheless change directions (5)
- 26 Indignity of barricade (7)
- 27 Small backbone not a curse (7)
- 28 Return business representative to Sienna, sadly (12)

DOWN

- 2 'Love changes everything' begins here? (7)
- 3 Furthest is about 10m east (7)
- 4 Ignore the odds - use party and be active (4)
- 5 Solicitors scan savers carelessly (10)
- 6 Cruel twist of fortune? (5)
- 7 Blue star first seen at dusk (7)
- 8 Taking former support and allowance which protected me (13)
- 9 Disputes deceive wanderer after time - sies! (13)
- 14 Investigator takes personal look (7,3)
- 18 Trade in cars (7)
- 20 Humour about you is lacking (7)
- 21 I lift ban and bash restriction (7)
- 23 Note rises and falls (5)
- 25 Ideologies miss problem (4)

Compiled by George Euvrard.

Crossword Solution for last week JDE 126



Sudoku

Complete this Sudoku correctly and drop it off at Grocott's Mail in the box at reception at AMM building, Upper Campus, and win a **R50 meal voucher**.

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	7						9	
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The winner for 23 March is Loretta Wessels



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6:30pm at Grahamstown Bowling Club. Duplicate Bridge. Contact Mary Birt on 083 657 0067.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING
7:30pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Learn Scottish Country Dancing in a friendly social setting. Beginners welcome. Contact Val Hodgson 046 622 2308

Tuesdays
SENIORS BRIDGE AND TEA
2pm at Christ Church Speke Street. Come and boost your weekly bridge. Join our 10 to 20 cheerful, friendly players. Cost R10 per person per week. Contact Maureen 046 622 5215.

Thursdays
GRAHAMSTOWN BRIDGE CLUB
1:30pm at Grahamstown Bowling Club. Duplicate Bridge. Contact Mary Birt 083 651 0067.

Bridge Results

Thursday 22 March			
Section A 4 Table 28 Board Howell Movement			
PAIR NAMES			
1. Maureen Clayton & Pat Shepherd	60.12%	5. Pair 8	47.02%
2. Val Buchner & Jenny Haswell	59.52%	6. Pair 5	46.43%
3. Peter Midlane & Mary Schudel	52.38%	7. Pair 2	45.83%
4. Pair 3	48.21%	8. Pair 3	36.90%
5. Pair 7	47.62%		
6. Pair 6	47.02%		
7. Pair 1	45.24%		
8. Pair 8	39.88%		
		Monday 26 March	
		5 Table 27 Board Howell Movement	
		PAIR NAMES	
		1. Jay Stauffer & Pat Shepherd	74.07%
		2. Peter Midlane & Mary Schudel	63.89%
		3. Val Buchner & Jenny Haswell	56.94%
		4. Jo Fitzhenry & Torquil Paterson	51.39%
		5. Maureen van Hille & Ern van Hille	50.00%
		6. Pair 9	48.15%
		7. Pair 8	44.44%
		8. Pair 4	38.43%
		9. Pair 5	37.50%
		10. Pair 3	35.19%
Section B			
1. Jenny Emslie & Merle Murray	60.71%		
2. Frank Kroon & Jenny Kroon	60.12%		
3. David Gain & Mary Godlonton	53.57%		
4. Pair 4	49.40%		



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Ford expands engine assembly operations at Struandale

STAFF REPORTER

Ford Motor Company of Southern Africa (FMC-SA) is expanding its operations at the Struandale Engine Plant in Port Elizabeth as part of a wide-ranging investment in its two South African plants. "We are delighted to confirm that, as part of the R3-billion investment announced in November 2017,

we are expanding both the capability and capacity of the Struandale Engine Plant for our current and future engine programmes," said Jacques Brent, President of Ford Middle East and Africa.

"The investment includes the installation of a sophisticated new assembly line for an all-new diesel engine programme that will, most nota-

bly, power the exciting new Ford Ranger Raptor when it is launched in 2019.

"At the same time, we are boosting capacity for the current Duratorq TDCi engine that is used in the Ford Ranger and Everest, with new derivatives and additional European markets being introduced for the local operations."

The new diesel engine as-

sembly hall is located in a revamped 3 868 m² section of the Struandale Engine Plant, and boasts Ford's latest, state-of-the-art manufacturing processes that guarantee the highest standards of workmanship, product quality and performance. Eight derivatives of the new engine will be assembled at the Struandale Engine Plant when produc-

tion officially commences in the fourth quarter of 2018. The new assembly line has an installed capacity of 120 000 engines per annum.

The current component machining and assembly lines for the Duratorq TDCi diesel engine, produced locally since 2011 for the Ford Ranger and Everest, are also being expanded.

"Our upgrades for the Duratorq TDCi programme adds incremental volumes, with 22 new four-cylinder engine derivatives to be exported to European markets, including for use in front-wheel drive Ford models," Brent said. "This introduces three significant new customers for the Struandale Engine Plant: Italy, Turkey and Russia."

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One of the new diesel engines that will be made in the new Struandale Engine Plant. Photo: Quickpic

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CROSSLEY GLYN residing at Salem Cross Road, Grahams-town buried on Wednesday the 28 March 2018.

DANIELS LIMAKATSO uhlala kwa 15 "B" Street, Grahamstown ungcwatywa ngoMvulo umhla we 02 April 2018.

MABONGO VUYISWA CYNTHIA uhlala kwa 142 Gwente Street, Port Alfred ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 31 March 2018.

DICKSON NONKULULEKO uhlala kwa 2151 Msimbithi Street, Port Alfred ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 31 March 2018.

MPATI NOMVUYO EVELYN uhlala eThembeni Loc, Ext 7, Grahamstown ungcwatywa ngoLwesibini umhla we 03 April 2018.

Birthday

ANDREW: To Stephen and Megan (nee Blanckenberg) a beautiful daughter, Philippa Lin, born 26 March 2018. All well. Proud grandparents Pete and Lin.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT

Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, PROTEA GROUP. Drinking problem – get help from us! Meetings 7.30pm, Monday night at the Princess Alice Girl Guide Hall, African Street, opp BP Garage.

In Memoriam

David Algernon Peterson (31/03/2010)

Eight years have passed and the poignant realization of your absence tears my soul apart. I know you are gone but in my heart there'll always be a special place for you. Love, always- Abby

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Contact information: phone: 046 6223233 – call this number for all emergencies too, a voice message will give you the on call number; email: spcaght@gmail.com

Thank you so very much to all who supported our Pick n Pay collection and to all those who have and are continuing to donate much needed food, blankets, Money etc. We really appreciate all the support and generosity and it is going a long way to helping all the animals who continue to come into our care and need our help.

Cats and Dogs: We have a large selection of Cats, kittens, Dogs and a couple of Puppies to adopt please visit the Grahamstown SPCA to meet them and for more information

Cat of the week Hi...My name is **Murphy.** I am a large tortoiseshell cat, with lots of love to give. I am a true lap cat, but also crave the outdoors. I enjoy my night prowls and love exercise despite my size. To meet me, please visit the Grahamstown SPCA or for more information call 046 622 3233.

Dog of the week: Hi, friends, my name is **Sayer.** I am a larger than life, playful and very friendly Dashund. I love attention and enjoy walks in the countryside. Despite having short legs, I love exercise and would make a good exercise partner. Please visit me at the Grahamstown SPCA or for more information call 046 622 3233.

Thank you very much to the Grahamstown community for your continued food donations. Blu Robin, Madhatter's Coffee Shop and Pam Golding Grahamstown are very kindly acting as pet-food drop off points.

Kennel Sponsorships are still available for only R850 for a year!! Thank you to Grahamstown Vets and Ikhala Vets for your continued support. We are very pleased with all the young people becoming involved with the Grahamstown SPCA, thank you all for all the help you give us and the time you spend with the animals. Thank you to DSG girls for coming up to the SPCA, walking and socialising the animals and for helping with dog dipping.

Please come and visit our thrift shop and you can also buy books in aid of the SPCA from Madhatters Coffee Shop in town and Noom Coffee Shop in the industrial area.

Look in our facebook 'Adoptions' photo albums, to see who has found their forever home. Visit our SPCA shop on site! All books only R20! Boarding fees: Dogs- XL R55; L R53; M R47; S R42; Puppy or Cats R39. We desperately need fundraising ideas. Please call 046 622 3233.

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4. EMPLOYMENT

Employment Offered



St Mary's R.C. Primary School
55 Albany Rd/ P.O Box 436
Grahamstown, 6139
Tel/Fax 046 6225187
Email school: 200100739@ecschoools.org.za
Email principal: Princip.al.200100739@ecschoools.org.za
Date: 26 March 2018
LSA ADVERTISEMENT
Applications are hereby invited for the following post at **St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School:**
LEARNER SUPPORT AGENT (LSA)
Contract period: 1 May 2018 – 30 March 2019
Stipend range: R1900 p/m

Requirements:

- Minimum of Grade 12 certificate and computer as added advantage
- Candidate must be unemployed, aged between 18-35
- Home Language and English/ Afrikaans
- Candidate must live within the proximity of the school
- Interpersonal and communication skills. (Public speaking)
- Basic knowledge of Sexual Reproductive Health including STI's, HIV/AIDS and TB
- Must be passionate about offering care and support to vulnerable children
- Must observe the rules and directives applicable at the school and subject to the policies, procedures and regulations of the school as well as those of the Eastern Cape Department of Education.

Applicants are required to submit a completed Z83 form obtainable from any government institution. Certified copies of required qualifications, ID and CV to be attached.

Applications must be hand delivered to: The Principal, St Mary's RC Primary School, 55 Albany Road, Grahamstown, 6139. No faxed applications will be accepted.

Enquiries: The School Principal
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8. LEGALS



In the Estate of the Late **BRIAN PATRICK GAYBBA, Identity No. 391031** 5023 082 born 31 October 1939, who died on 25 February 2018, of **BROOKSHAW HOME, DONKIN STREET, GRAHAMSTOWN, 6139,** married out of community of property

ESTATE NO: 000843/2018

Debtors and Creditors in the above Estate are hereby called upon to lodge their claims with and pay their debts to the undersigned within a period of thirty (30) days from 29 March 2018.

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ESTATE LATE

In the estate of the late: **Mthuthuzeli Patrick Matshoba, Identity number: 630310 5609 08 7**
Date of death: 14-4- 2014
Marital status: Divorced
Last address: 5 Atherstone Street, Grahamstown

Estate number: 20102/201

All persons having claims against the above estate are hereby called upon to file their claims with the under-mentioned within 30 days from the date of the publication hereof.

Name and address of agent of executor:

L. Keyter
PO Box 720
Grahamstown
6140
Tel: 046 6229401
Fax: 046 6223410

ESTATE LATE

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE **ZENA LORRAINE WEBB** BORN ON THE 4 TH OCTOBER 1923 who died on the 25 th JULY 2016 of **BROOKSHAW HOME 4, 11 DONKIN STREET, GRAHAMSTOWN** IDENTITY NUMBER: 231004 0020 08 4 UNMARRIED

ESTATE NO: 2442/2016

All persons having claims against the above Estate are required to lodge such claims with the undersigned within thirty (30) days from date of publication hereof.
DATED at GRAHAMSTOWN this 9 th day of March 2018

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(Ref: S G McNaughton/Tygue)

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ESTATE LATE

In the estate of the late:
Themba Cameron Sabani
Identity number: 590522
5734 08 1

Date of death: 17-10- 2006
Marital status: Divorced
Last address: 5420 Ext.
6, Rini

Estate number:
3740/2006

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ESTATE LATE

In the estate of the late:
Vincent Jadi, Identity
number: 520207 5756
08 7

Date of death: 6-11- 2017
Marital status: Divorced
Last address: 9 Jadi
Street, Grahamstown

Estate number:
3731/2017

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- Indoor Sports Centre - Ext 6
9am Youth and Sunday School
Services **10am** Morning Service
Pastor B.L. Kutu 082 828 6194

AGS/AFM EL SHADDAI (Former AOG Church, Blackbeard Street)

10am Morning Service
Pastor Pieter Swartz 082 414 7711
Elders: Dennis Goliath 073 272 8112
Ronnie Scheepers 083 610 2926

BODY OF CHRIST INTERNATIONAL

RAINBOW MINISTERIES - Makana Hall
9am Children Ministries
9.30am Intercession

10am Sunday Service
Apostolic MM Mngongo
071 906 4286

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10am: Sunday Service - Pastor:
Eugino Nel

CATHEDRAL OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

6am Sung Eucharist (AAPB)
9.30am Sung Eucharist (AAPB)

CHRIST CHURCH - Speke Street

8.30am Sunday: Holy Eucharist with
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9am Wednesday: Holy Communion
Vic Graham 076 098 5763

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9am Morning Service
Pastor Stewart 078 875 0319

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- Nombulelo Hall, Joza
10am - 12pm Sunday

Nceba Ngeju 073 653 2655

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10.30am Morning Service
5.30pm Evening Service
Pastor Apost NJL Williams
084 226 2457

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9.30am Morning Service
12.30pm isiXhosa Service
6.30pm Evening Service
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9.30am Dave Koch 084 470 2095 or
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Sole Memorial **10am** Afrikaans
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St. Mark's 6pm Afrikaans Service

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11am Eredienste Cannon Rocks
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International star comes home for Rhodes concert

STAFF REPORTER

Soprano Golda Schultz will perform in Grahamstown on 13 April. The Rhodes Graduate, who has established herself as an international opera star, will also conduct a masterclass for young singers.

Schultz has performed in the Metropolitan Opera house in New York, the Bayerische Staatsoper in Munich, Carnegie Hall in New York and Wigmore Hall in London.

She will also give masterclasses on Saturday 14 April from 10am to 4.30pm in the Beethoven Room at Rhodes University's Department of Music and Musicology. Rhodes University voice students will participate and non-students are invited to enrol. Non-Rhodes students will pay a fee of R50. If any singer would like to enrol for the masterclass, they should contact Voice lecturer, Jo-Nette Le Kay at



076 523 6464. Please indicate if you need an accompanist.

Schultz will perform in the Rhodes Theatre at 7.30pm on Friday 13 April 2018. She will be accompanied

by Kurt Haupt, from Cape Town. Bookings with Denetha Peters at 046 603 8490 or email music@ru.ac.za

Entrance: R100, concessions: R60

Celebrating the voices of Grahamstown – Masicule!

By AZLAN MAKALIMA

A two-day choral extravaganza, featuring South Africa's First Lady of song, brought joy in the Monument's Guy Butler Theatre this week. The fifth edition of the *Masicule – Let's Sing!* concert in Grahamstown, featured guest artist, Dr Sibongile Khumalo.

Khumalo is the most celebrated member of a musical dynasty marked by an extraordinary vocal gene-pool and passion for making music. In 1993, Khumalo won the Standard Bank Young Artist Award at the National Arts Festival. In 2009, she was honoured by Rhodes University, by being awarded a Doctor of Music *honoris causa*.

Masicule 2018 brought together nearly 1000 choristers from over 15 choirs on to one stage and the programme was directed by a local comedian Tsepiso Nzayo. The event opened with the Massed choral item Yele, yele, Masicule conducted by Loyiso 'Bhoki' Saki. It is a song that makes one feel the presence of heaven on earth.

Gospel choral items fol-

lowed, from a combined choir of Mary Waters, Kingswood College, Graeme College and the newly formed Grahamstown KWANTU Choir, singing *Sihamba noJesu* conducted by Kutlwano Kepadisa. Elijah Madiba's bass guitar accompanying Pristine, singing The Soil's *Ngeke siguze* was phenomenal. Nombulelo Secondary School and Eastcape Midlands College Choir set the theatre ablaze with an IsiXhosa Opera piece titled *Ambutho* by Bongani Magatyana, accompanied by Tamsyn Handsloo on piano.

Ntsiki Sishuba and the Masicule Voices gave the lively audience goosebumps with *Ave Maria* by Franz Schubert, conducted by Dr Hleze Kunju. Other items included Leopard's Voice singing *Our love don't have to change* by John Stephens and Dave Tozer, Grahamstown KWANTU Choir with *Wildsbok* by Renette Bouwer, #Official with *Baninzi* by The Soil, bass soloist Luvo Booi singing *Ngabe kwenzajani* by Qinisela Sibisi and the Sensation 6 with *Lizalis idinga lakho* by Reverend

Tiyo Soga. Khumalo appeared with the Masicule Voices singing *Paradise Road* by Patric van Blerk and Fransua Roos. The extraordinary Victoria Girls' High School Choir conducted by Sibusiso Mkhize raised the roof with *Tribute* and a spine-tingling version of Savuka's *Asimbonanga*.

Dr Sibongile Khumalo closed performances with the Grahamstown massed choir, singing a piece by her and Motsumi Makhene, titled Sabela' nd U ae kae by Joshua Pulumo Mohapeloa.

Just before we thought we were done for the night on Sunday, surprisingly, youngsters Xolisa Foley and Junaid Douglas duoded with the Grahamstown Massed Choir with *Happy* by Pharrell Williams.

To tilt my cap for the concert, the lighting was superb and we can never shy away from the arrangement by Gareth Walwyn. The band was from out of this world. The event was perfectly organised by the production team, and as for the rants, you will find them from Festival CEO Tony Lankester's Facebook profile.

High School wind band in Cathedral concert

STAFF REPORTER

A group of 30 top music students from Cape Town's DF Malan High School is currently touring the Eastern Cape and will be performing popular classical numbers on April 1 at the morning service at Grahamstown Cathedral (11am).

They will also give a concert at 4pm in the Cathedral where local talent will join forces with them. Ben Terry (cello), Aidan Reynolds

(flute) and Angela Volschenk (voice) will delight the audience with their young talent.

The audience is welcome to join in by singing along when the group performs well-known songs from the most popular Broadway musicals. The concert is free of charge.

The wind band is the core of DF Malan High School's extensive musical programme and has been in existence since 1985 and performs regularly at orchestra festi-

vals, Eisteddfods and public concerts in and around Cape Town.

Since 2014 the wind band has been under the experienced baton of Faan Malan. Faan and Kim Malan are currently developing and directing three orchestras at DF Malan. The wind band is currently touring the Garden Route and Eastern Cape, also performing at concerts in Knysna, Port Elizabeth and Oudtshoorn.

Kuphantse kwaqhum' inqindi e-JD Dlepu

NguCHRIS TOTOBELA

Ibingu mgqibelo omnandi kakhulu kubalandeli bebhola balapha ekhaya, nanjengoko onke amaqela alapha ekhaya ebesamkela amaqela angaphandle kwimidlalo ye-SAB league. Kumdlalo wokuqala i-Maru izihambele nje lula ibetha i-Young Pirates ngamanqaku amathathu kwelinye. Kowona mdlalo ubujongwe ngamehlo abomvu i-Eleven Attackers idibene ne-United Eleven. I-United ifunze edabini zisuka nje, yacinezela inkqunkqa ibuyelela kwiipali zeqela lalapha ekhaya logama lona belihleli nje emva libajongile lincwase ubaqubula bengacingelanga. I-Attackers ibirhabaxa kakhulu kubadlali be-United nto leyo ebangele ukuba uSompempe ahlale ebohlwaya oko, kwade omnye wabadlali bangasemva be-Attackers wohlwaywa kwindawo eyingozi kakhulu emva kokuba edlale kakubi

omnye wabadlali be-United. Iye yakhatywa kakhuhle kakhulu lo bhola ibekwa pha qelele kula pali ikude, yafika abadlali bangasemva be-Attackers bekobunzulu ubuthongo, yabethwa nje kakhuhle ngentloko ngukapteni we-United wangcangazela umnatha ebeka qela lakhe phambili ngo 1-0.

Lizamile iqela lasekhaya ukunkqonkqoza lifuna inqaku kodwa kwala tu kwade kwaphela isiqingatha sokuqala lisemva ngenqaku elinye eqandeni. Omabini lamaqela aqale isiqingatha sesibini ehlasela ngamandla. I-Attackers iye yenza iinguqu ifaka amalalela ayo, nto leyo ibangele ba umdlalo ukekelele ngakuyo, ithe yazuzwa imizamo yabo emva komdlalo omhle oqalwe esazulwini sebala, waphela usiza nenqaku emva kokugotywa kakhuhle kwebhola, ihamba phantsi ivela kwiphiko lase kunene yadibana nomfana ongena

lusini phambi kweepali wayibeka nje lula emnatheni elinganisa amanqaku, kushiyeke nje imizuzu elishumi uphele umdlalo. Kule mizuzu yokugqibela omabini amaqela ebefunza edabini ezama ukufaka inqaku lempumelelo kodwa ngelishwa zawa phantsi ezonzame nanjengoko uye waphela umdlalo ebambene ngo 1-1.

Umdlalo wesithathu phakathi kwe-Sakhulutsha ne-Golden Chiefs uye walibaziseka imizuzu engamashumi amabini anesihlanu emva kwengxakana ebiphakathi kooSompempe namagosa eqela lalapha ekhaya, eye yabangela kuphantse kuqhume inqindi phakathi komnye woosompempe abakhulu nomqeqeshi we-Sakhulutsha. Umdlalo uye waqhuba emva kwethutyana kodwa ke ngelishwa iqela lalapha ekhaya liye loyiswa ngamanqaku amane kwamabini.



Eleven United looking for support on attack. Photo: Xolisa Jodwana

49th Two Oceans marathon a go

STAFF REPORTER

While Cape Town is gearing up for a busy Easter holiday season, organisers of the Old Mutual Two Oceans Marathon have confirmed that they are ready for the 49th edition of the world's most beautiful marathon, scheduled to take place on Saturday 31 March.

Tackling The Water Crisis Challenge

Organising this year's marathon had its own unique set of challenges in the face of the severe drought and resultant water crisis in Cape Town and the Western Cape.

"Taking the lead from the City and Province's consistent messaging that Cape Town remains open for business, while remaining cognisant of the fact that the event makes a significant contribution to the Mother City in terms of job creation and charitable fundraising, with an overall economic impact of at least R675-million, there was no doubt that the show had to go on," said Carol Vosloo, Gener-

al Manager of the Two Oceans Marathon NPC.

"We spent a considerable amount of time finding alternative solutions to have zero impact on the City's municipal water supply."

Through a comprehensive action plan and implementing a range of water-saving and alternative water-sourcing initiatives, the event is essentially off the grid.

No municipal water will be used at any of the OMTOM events, and water for Race Day has been sourced from the Newlands Spring with an allocated and approved dispensation from relevant stakeholders, including the Department of Water and Sanitation.

In addition to the existing refreshment stations along the route, the Ultra Marathon will also have a number of hydration pack refill stations for self-sufficient athletes running with hydration packs.

Shower facilities have been removed from the finish line, taps and fixed showers at UCT

will not be accessible and chemical toilets will use recycled water only.

Countdown To Race Day Race Week kicked off on 28 March with the Old Mutual Two Oceans Marathon Expo at the Cape Town International Convention Centre. The Expo showcases the latest in sport and healthy lifestyle trends and is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Approximately 50 000 visitors walk through the OMTOM Expo's doors over the course of three days every year and it's also the only place where participants in the various OMTOM events can collect their race numbers.

Expo visitors also get the opportunity to listen to expert advice and meet high-profile runners and OMTOM legends at the Old Mutual Theatre of Advice supported by the Sport Science Institute of South Africa (SSISA).

For further information, visit: <http://www.grocotts.co.za/category/sport/>

Harcourts HERO OF THE WEEK

Dwayne Pharo; Abongile Klaas

By MATTHEW JENNINGS

The year has started well for Kingswood's Abongile Klaas (Grade 11) and Dwayne Pharo, who both participated in the SASA National High School Championships in Potchefstroom last weekend.

Pharo, a Grade 9 pupil at Kingswood, ran 10.9 in the 100m semi-final and won a silver medal in the final.

Klaas, a Grade 11 Kingswoodian, ran in the boys' U17 100m, and claimed a personal best 10.79. He however, failed to get past the heats.

"I was quite sad that I did not make it to the next round but also could not be happier that I had run in such a prestigious event," Klaas said after the Championships.

Added finals boy Pharo: "The experience was great, with a lot of great competition.

"I now know where I stand and what to work on; where I went wrong and where I can build my strengths and weaknesses."

Klaas intends to



Dwayne Pharo (Middle) with two other athletes at the National Champs. Photo: Supplied

continue his athletics at school, while still chasing bigger dreams. Pharo's goal is to become

a physiotherapist, continuing his sports career, through which he hopes to travel the world.

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Graeme Rugby Day:

The 20th edition of the Pam Golding Graeme Rugby Day took place over the past weekend. Here are the full results of the 1st XV matches that took place on the day:

- Pearson High 34-19 Muir College
- Union High 17-14 Cambridge High
- Brandwag High 43-27 Queen's College
- Dale College 14-13 Nico Malan High
- Selborne College 27-18 Marlow Agricultural
- St Andrew's College 22-14 Hudson Park
- Kingswood College 13-22 Framesby High
- Graeme College 5-34 Grey High

Human Rights Day Rugby:

The Oval played host to a number of rugby fixtures on Wednesday 21 March. Here are the full list of results from the Human Rights day fixtures:

- Mawas U/15 35-0 Nyaluza
- Mawas U/16 59-5 Nyaluza
- Eastern 22-17 Winter Rose

- Lily White 28-0 Swallows
- Wanderers 12-25 Old Collegiates

Kingswood College Co-Ed Hockey Festival:

Kingswood College hosted their annual U13 Co-Ed hockey festival last weekend. Here are the full results of Kingswood's matches:

Kingswood U13 (Girls):

- KC vs Holy Cross lost 0-1
- KC vs St George's drew 0-0
- KC vs DSG drew 0-0
- KC vs VP won 3-0

Kingswood U13 (Boys):

- KC vs Holy Cross lost 0-3
- KC vs Glenwood House drew 0-0
- KC vs St George's lost 0-1
- KC vs SAP 2 won 5-0
- KC vs Glenwood House won 1-0
- KC vs SAP 1 lost 0-2

Top Swimmer

Joshua Pamphilon of Graeme College took part in the Top 8 Gala in Port Elizabeth last week, winning several medals and races at the event. In addition to won five gold medals and a bronze, Pamphilon also won the prestigious Victor Ludorum award at the gala.

Commonwealth Squad

Nelson Mandela University's Eloise Webb will represent South Africa in the women's rugby sevens team at the Commonwealth Games in Australia from April 4. "One of my goals was just to grow as a player and learn as much as I possibly can. Every time you make the team to go to any tournament it is an achievement," said Webb. See full story at: <http://www.grocotts.co.za/category/sport/>

Squash Invitational

The SA Schools Closed Squash Tournament took place in Johannesburg last weekend, with DSG pupil Erin Powers taking part in the U14 division of the tournament. After facing up against the 2nd and 5th seeds, Powers finished in 7th overall, moving her up to 6th in the SA National age group rankings.

Surfing to PE

The African continent's most lucrative year of professional surfing will be launched in Port Elizabeth over the Easter weekend when competitors in the Volkswagen Nelson Mandela Bay Surf Pro take to the surf at Pollock Beach on Friday. In addition to the PE leg, the WSL will have 13 other tournaments across Africa in 2018.

Super Rugby

All South African rugby teams will see some intense action over the Easter weekend. The Sharks take on the Blues in Auckland early on Saturday morning, while the Bulls host the Stormers in a South African derby on Saturday evening. The last match of the weekend sees the Lions host the Crusaders on Easter Sunday.



A speedy breakthrough run from Kingswood, past Hudson players who struggle to regain possession of the ball, allowing Kingwood to score.
Photo: Jacqueline Holloway

EC's finest at Graeme rugby day

By MATTHEW JENNINGS

It was a glorious day for Graeme's annual rugby day which took place on Saturday 24 March. It marked the rugby day's 20th year and it went down very successfully. After an exciting morning of fixtures, the three local schools played throughout the afternoon.

St Andrew's got the action underway against Hudson Park High, who really brought the game to SAC. For the first few minutes, the action was tight but Hudson broke the deadlock through a converted try. St Andrew's kept threatening and eventually Christian Roebert went over the line to get SAC on the scoreboard, but it was Hudson who kept the lead, 7-5 at the break. In the second half, St

Andrew's went into the lead for the time in the game, through a penalty kick. Murray Wilson converted two very swift and well crafted tries, to take the final score to 22-14. Coach Andy Royle said post-match, "I am happy with the win and looking very forward to the upcoming season."

Kingswood kicked off against Framesby in the next match, coming off a strong 66-3 win against Muir College the previous weekend. Framesby pushed hard and heaped pressure on Kingswood early on as they scored a converted try. Anele Makongolo put Kingswood on the scoreboard through a penalty kick. However Framesby extended their lead to 19-3 after breaking Kingswood's defense to score two quick

tries. Kingswood bounced back after a lot of attacking play to score their first try of the day. Shortly after, Athi Galada burst over the try line in the corner after a magnificent run and good team play.

With the score at 19-13, Kingswood's hope for a comeback victory were dampened when Framesby converted a penalty, making the final score 22-13. Jonathan Mallet, coach of Kingswood 1st XV mentioned "struggling to execute what was practiced against a good Framesby side" but is looking forward to the upcoming season.

The main game of the day belonged to Graeme College and Grey High. Grey, attacking hard, found no way through a solid Graeme defence,

except over the poles as Grey's Matthew Easton put the team ahead, 3-0 in the first 10 minutes. Soon after, Grey scored two unconverted tries after a mountain of pressure was heaped on Graeme. Soon after, however, Graeme's Dylan Rielly put the home side on the board which took the score to 13-5. Graeme's hopes grew as they started to build momentum, but Grey stole the show as they extended the lead through three converted tries. Grey saw the game out to a final score of 34-5.

From the day throughout, it was a great success and there is plenty of enthusiasm in awaiting both the upcoming seasons of each team in Grahamstown and also, the 2019 Graeme rugby day.

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SQUASH:

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FRIDAY 30 MARCH

RUGBY:

- SEDRU Fixtures at the Oval: 09h30 Old Collegians vs Lily White; 10h50 Swallows vs Easterns; 11h10 Wanderers vs Winter Rose; 13h30 Easterns vs Lily White; 14h50 Old Collegians vs Winter Rose; 16h10 Wanderers vs Swallows
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MONDAY 2 APRIL

RUGBY:

- SEDRU Fixtures at the Oval: 13h30 5th place vs 6th place; 14h50 3rd place vs 4th place; 16h10 1st place vs 2nd place
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