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Rank road to 2019



DA Eastern Cape Premier Candidate Nqaba Bhanga and the DA's spokesperson on Basic Services Makashule Gana on Wednesday visited areas in Makhanda affected by poor sanitation. The delegation, accompanied by councillors and party officials, expressed outrage at the massive sewage leak pouring into the Matyana stream from below houses in Kwathatha, before speaking to residents in Sun City informal settlement, where the bucket system is in use. The settlement is built on a disused rubbish dump and so can't be formalised. The party also paid for tar for a team to fill potholes in Valley Road. Story on page 3. Photo: Sue Maclennan



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- Close all doors and windows before going on holiday

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29/11/2018 – 05/12/2018
 House Break-ins - 6
 Disturbances - 1
 Arrests - 3
 Armed Robbery - 1

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Community members attended an event at BB Zondani Hall to mark 16 days of Activism for No Violence against Women and Children on recently alongside NGOs and government departments including SASSA, Eastern Cape Social Development, Legal Aid South Africa, Hope, Health Department, SAPS, SANCO, Correctional Services, the Department of Education, the National Prosecuting Authority of South Africa, Makana Rape Survivors Support Group, Rhodes University and Makana Municipality. Nomaxabiso Maqungo, Sector Manager at SAPS, guided discussions about gender based violence. Photo: Lindani Donyeli

Let's keep our kids safe

CHILD WELFARE SA GRAHAMSTOWN



Christmas is a very exciting time and as parents, it's easy to get lost in the planning, shopping and need to make this a festive season to remember. But parents and guardians need to pay extra attention to their children's safety at this time of the year. Below are some tips provided by Child Welfare SA Grahamstown:

- **Shopping centres** are very busy at this time of year. While you may be in a rush to complete your shopping, be vigilant at all times. If you take your children, ensure you keep a close eye on them and do not, under any circumstances, leave them in the vehicle. Place them in the trolley if you can, or keep hold of their hand in crowded places. Keep an eye on them at all times and do not let them wander off. Kidnapping happens in small towns too.
- **Beaches, dams and swimming pools:** The hot festive season weather is a great time to visit our beautiful Eastern Cape beaches. However, parents need to ensure children of any age are supervised when swimming, that they swim within designated areas during a time when there are lifeguards on duty. New South African Bureau of Standards (SABS)

regulations soon to be law say any private swimming pool that can hold water deeper than 30cm must be surrounded by a child-proof fence, as well as fitted with a safety net or safety cover to a required standard (must be able to take the weight of a child plus a rescuer) installed by an accredited fitter. More from businessinsider.

- **Children at home:** If you are working this festive season, ensure someone you trust is looking after your children. Leaving children, especially young ones, at home without supervision is extremely risky. Children should not be allowed to play in the street and should be kept in their yard with adult supervision. Teenagers need to tell adults where they are going and when they will return. Supervised play dates at home is a great way to make holidays fun, while staying safe.
- **Strangers:** Teach children not to accept anything from people they do not know including gifts. Tell them that should they be approached by a stranger or feel unsafe around someone known to them, they should run away and scream to get the attention of people in the area. Also teach them never to go to secluded areas alone or even with friends without adult super-

vision. Children must know their home address and parent's cellphone number by memory and these numbers should only be given to people of authority such as police officers or lifeguards. Teach children emergency numbers and what to do in emergency situations.

- **Party season:** The festive season is filled with ceremonies and celebrations where people will be drinking. There should always be a sober adult supervising children and ensuring they are well cared for. If you are having a braai, keep children a safe distance away.
- Do not let them play around the fire. Also teach them about the danger of playing with matches and lighters. Teenagers should be made aware of the dangers of consuming alcohol, driving under the influence, driving without a licence, as well as the dangers of using drugs. Girls should know not to accept drinks from strangers.
- **Safety on the road:** Ensure children are buckled up with a safety belt and smaller children are in the appropriate car seats when travelling. There are many accidents on the roads during the busy festive time. Never drink and drive and always plan in advance a designated sober driver. Keep children off the roads as much as possible

by avoiding unnecessary trips.

- **Create a "My Helping Hand network"** with your child. A network is group of adults chosen and identified by your child who will provide them with support, assistance and if necessary protection.

Talk to your children about whom they can trust and whom they feel they can talk to if something does occur. Let them choose adults from a variety of environments to maximise access for your child.

Parents must have a close and open relationship with children. Children should feel comfortable telling you where they are going and with whom. It is great idea to let children draw the outline of their hand and write for each finger who will be accessible, listen, believe and take action if necessary. This is a good idea if you are going away, but also if you are staying at home.

- **Emergency numbers:** Communities need to familiarise themselves with Child Protection organisations so they know exactly where to report incidents. If your child goes missing, report it to the police. Give authorities as much information about your child as possible.

Place a list of emergency numbers of the police, ambulance, fire brigade and security company where it is visible at all times within your home.



WEATHER & TIDES

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FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER
 Partly cloudy. Light SW wind.
Temperature: Min 13°C Max 26°C
Tides: Low 09:31 21:59
 High 03:39 15:44

SATURDAY
 Rain. Light southerly wind.
Temperature: Min 10°C Max 22°C
Tides: Low 10:04 22:29
 High 04:13 16:16

SUNDAY
 Rain. Light southerly wind.
Temperature: Min 9°C Max 17°C
Tides: Low 10:36 22:59
 High 04:45 16:47

MONDAY
 Partly cloudy. Moderate easterly wind.
Temperature: Min 10°C Max 22°C
Tides: Low 11:09 23:30
 High 05:16 17:18

TUESDAY
 Partly cloudy. Light ENE wind.
Temperature: Min 11°C Max 30°C
Tides: Low 11:43
 High 05:48 17:49

WEDNESDAY
 Partly cloudy. Moderate SSW wind.
Temperature: Min 15°C Max 28°C
Tides: Low 00:02 12:20
 High 06:22 18:23

THURSDAY
 Partly cloudy. Light southerly wind.
Temperature: Min 11°C Max 24°C
Tides: Low 00:36 13:03
 High 07:01 19:02

FRIDAY
 Partly cloudy. Moderate easterly wind.
Temperature: Min 15°C Max 26°C
Tides: Low 01:14 13:57
 High 07:50 19:53

Temperatures and tides were correct at the time of going to press

Smelly trail to 2019

By SUE MACLENNAN

DA Premiership candidate Nqaba Bhanga's convoy caused a stir in Makhanda (Grahamstown) on Wednesday – led as it was by the colourful campaign minivan. Arriving later than scheduled because of a Nelson Mandela Bay council meeting that had continued to 3am that morning, local councillors wasted no time in taking him straight to two of the town's direst spots when it comes to poor sanitation.

Bhanga and DA spokesperson on Basic Services Makashule Gana started off in what should be a beautiful valley below Phumlani and Kwathatha. A torrent of sewage that local councillors said had been pouring from below one of the houses for the past 20 years brought shock and outrage.

"When you say this is a disturbing sight, it's not strong enough," Gana said. When you hear that it's been running for as long as 20 years, it speaks to the lack of political will and all the empty

promises.

"You cannot talk of a better life when sanitation is not being taken care of. It's not only the people living around here who are affected, it's everyone downstream as well.

"This is a serious hazard to the people living around here. What's happening here is a gross violation of their living conditions and it's time for them to enter into a contract with another political organisation."

Bhanga said, "The only present the people of Grahamstown have been given is a name. Symbolic names are important, but the lives of people need to change.

"Here, thousands of people marched in the streets for change – I was so encouraged that people stood up and said enough is enough. Grahamstown is broken like this because people took too much time to stand up and say 'this must come to a stop'.

The deputation moved on to Sun City informal settlement, which is built on a disused rubbish dump.



Nqaba talking to volunteers fixing potholes with tar sponsored by the DA. Photo: Supplied

The area, and any discussion of it, has become a political hot potato, occasioning two walkouts by the DA caucus in the Makana Council, and the Speaker calling armed police into the Council Chamber to

remove councillors Nhanha and Fargher.

The DA is still seeking to have debated a motion of question they submitted regarding the plight of the residents there.

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Makana councillor Xolani Madyo shows DA spokesperson on Basic Services Makashule Gana a massive sewage leak pouring into the Matyana stream from below houses in Kwathatha, on Wednesday 5 December. Gana and Premiership candidate Nqaba Bhanga visited areas in Makhanda affected by poor sanitation. Photo: Sue MacleNNan

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Water, potholes and black plastic bags

What is the first thing a reshuffled Makana Council leadership should pay attention to? **Lindani Donyeli** asked.



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Potholes.



MARTHA BESTER
UNEMPLOYED
Fix the roads.

Reaching out in health



Staff from the Health Department's Makana Subdistrict spent the day at the Extension 9 hall in Makana recently as part of the provincial department's Mandela-Castro Thuma Mina Community Wellness Programme. Taking an array of healthcare services into communities, the outreach programme aims to improve maternal and child outcomes, improve access to quality healthcare in the district, upscale HIV testing and treatment, develop systems to manage the knowledge and use of traditional medicines, prevent lifestyle diseases and encourage healthy lifestyles. Spokesperson Lwandile Sicwetsha said the programme would continue across seven locations in the Sarah Baartman district. Among the health professionals conducting screenings were (from left) Nontle Hewana – non-communicable diseases manager in Makana; Nozipho Maphuma – Mother and Child and Women's Health Manager; Ntshantsha Myani – Health Promoter; Nomthunzi Kanise – Acting Subdistrict Manager and Yolisa Manikivala – Community Liaison Officer for Nutrition. Photo: Sue MacLennan

Here's a flea in your ear

Ticks and fleas are still very much with us and it is important to make sure that your pets are protected from the serious risk of biliary. We have seen an alarming number of cases recently with dogs and cats suffering advanced stages of the disease where their survival rate is seriously diminished.

Please be responsible and treat your animals as a form of prevention. Dip baths are available for use at both the SPCA and Grahamstown Vets for this purpose as well as the off the shelf medication that can be sourced from Hoof and Hound, and the Veterinary practices in town.

SPCA TIP OF THE WEEK



Mark Thomas

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Professor Peter Mtuze is a member of the Cradock based Congress Choir. The surviving members are all over 70. Photo: Sue MacLennan

Songs honour Freedom veterans

By SUE MACLENNAN

Poet and academic Professor Peter Mtuze was among a small group of surviving members of the Cradock based Congress Choir who gave a nostalgic performance at the Albany Museum at the launch of the Songs of Freedom exhibition recently.

The exhibition in honour of composer, priest and activist Canon James Arthur Calata is the first phase of the Songs for Freedom project and comprises words and images. The second phase will entail the transcription of the music into notation from the audio recordings done by the surviving members of the Congress Choir.

Canon Calata, born in 1895, lived a very rich and diverse life and died in 1983 at the age of 88. Known as "JA" or Tatou, he was a seasoned politician of the African National Congress which he joined in

1930 and in which he served as the Secretary General and a Chaplain, among other positions.

Calata was also a prolific composer of church hymns and later revolutionary songs intended to conscientise communities in the Eastern Cape and also to raise funds for the African National Congress and community projects in Cradock, where Calata was based. Songs he composed include I-Apartheid, Amavolontiya, Uwelo lukaSisulu, USnini Mxokozeli, and many others.

Mtuzé, who lives in King William's Town, is one of the over-70s who benefited from their interactions with Calata.

His compositions dealt with the politics of the day and after he had taught the songs, he would destroy the musical scores to avoid being caught by the police with 'subversive information' in his possession.

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Thousands of police officers get promoted, posts regraded

Police Minister Bheki Cele and National Police Commissioner General Khehla Sitole have made good on their promise to promote over 69 000 police officers overdue for post regrades.

After tabling the South African Police Service's 2018/19 budget vote, Cele said 28 000 officers were to be promoted in the current financial year. The rest were to be promoted in the following two financial years.

In total, 69 219 members within grades five and seven were long overdue for progression considerations. Sitole has approved the promotion of 2 996 employees to posts advertised for promotion up to the level of colonel, with effect from 1 December 2018. - SA News



Local fish farmer Nick James lost thousands of fish worth nearly R100 000 this week. Photo: Supplied

Shock at fish deaths

By SUE MACLENNAN

Fish farmer Nick James has appealed to the SPCA's Farm Animal Protection Unit to intervene after he found thousands of rare fish dead in his facility this week. James believes the disaster is linked to Eskom loadshedding and says it has cost him close to R100 000 in loss of income.

James has four tunnels and three indoor hatcheries on a farm outside Makhanda (Grahamstown), where he breeds food-quality tilapia and Lake Malawi cichlids for sale to retailers and restaurants. He is the Tilapia Sector Representative in the Aquaculture Association of Southern Africa.

On Tuesday 4 December he woke up to find thousands of fish floating dead on the water's surface.

The specialised breeding and rearing facility has a three-phase generator that starts and stops automatically when there is a power cut.

"It has three-phase and low-

voltage protection," James said, explaining the extensive defences in place to prevent such disasters and care for the well-being of the fish. "But sensing low voltage takes a few seconds before it switches off the Eskom supply, otherwise with Eskom's variable voltage, it would be on-and-off hundreds of times a week.

"On Eskom start-up, we have two time delay units that mean different systems do not all start at the same time to prevent overload. However, if for several seconds on start-up, the Eskom voltage is so low, the pumps draw extra amperage and the trip switch will fail."

Typically, a swimming pool pump draws about 4 amperes, James explained.

"On start-up it will draw 12 amps for a second or so. Decrease the voltage, and this goes up accordingly, tripping the switch that would normally protect the pump."

The Lake Malawi fish are

much more fragile and sensitive to low oxygen than the tilapia, James said.

"We lost about half the Malawi cichlids that were adult size and ready for sale. We lost one tank of small tilapia (about 4 000 fish).

The fish take about a year to raise to that size and James estimates his loss of income as a result to be close to R100 000 - the Malawis R90 000 and the tilapia R7 000.

"Not having certain species like the fragile Malawis means we lose market share, and therefore customers who will not come back," James said. "The fish that died were the most rare, fragile, therefore expensive species. It will take another year to breed and replace these. By then the customers will have gone elsewhere."

James believes the variable voltage caused by Eskom loadshedding is to blame for the equipment failure, and also links poor maintenance of in-

frastructure by the utility to a recent destructive fire in the area.

"It is notable that the Eskom line in our entire area was condemned for replacement in 2012 (it was built prior to 1989)," James said. "Nothing has happened and in August this year yet another wooden Eskom pole on their high voltage line fell over because it was rotten and started a fire that burnt much of Featherstone Kloof on the Grahams-town Southern Commonage and our boundary.

"Several times, on our own property and also in Featherstone Kloof, the high voltage lines have fallen off their glass insulators due to rotting of the binding. This results in high voltage lines at face level just above the ground. You can imagine what happens when people/livestock touch these lines."

Grocott's Mail has not yet obtained Eskom's comment on the incident.

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Xa ufunda eligama lithi umzondo, livakala ngathi sisithutho kwezinye zeziduko zakwantu, kodwa akunjalo. Ngathi umntu uzakuthi ah, Mzondo zintshaba, mzondo nozwathi lakhe okanye mzond'onzongonzongo njalonjalo.

Kanti umzondo lona yintoni kanye? Umzondo sisinambuzane esithi xa sithe sahlala okanye sisabhabha nje ungekasiboni uve ivumba laso elingathandekiyo ngendlela le yokuba kubenzima ukulinyamezela ivumba elo. Kangangendlela elinga nyamezelekiyo ngalo elivumba ngenxa yokungaqheleki, umntu uye azive efuna nokukhupha okanye afune ukhlanza. Asivumba unokulinyamezela. Ungalinyamezela ivumba lokunuka kwekhwapha kodwa hayi ivumba lesinambuzane umzondo.

Abantwana belixesha bazalwa sele kwanqaba kakhulu ukubonwa kwesisinambuzane. Sona ngexa sixhaphakile sasingasoloko sibonakala rhoqo kodwa apho sithe sabonakala khona, wonke ubani uyasihesha ngenxa yevumba elo.

Xa umntu ethi afaniswe nevumba lesinambuzane kuthiwe unuka umzondo yazi ukuba akafunwa tu. Phofu ke ingekuba unelivumba qha usuke angathandwa ngulomntu okanye abobantu. Umntu okanye abantu abasuki bangamthandi umntu kungekho sizathu. Nokuba yena uyasazi isizathu kungenjalo akasazi kodwa imeko iba mandundu xa engasazi, lo uzibona ngathi unuka umzondo kwabo ebeqibele bemthanda naye ebathanda.

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LETTERS to the Editor and COLUMNS



The Pro Carmine choir performs at their annual Christmas Cheer concert in the intimate and acoustically awesome Christ Church last Friday night, 30 November. The Pro Carmine choir has been performing for close to four decades in and around Makhanda (Grahamstown), with at least two founder members, conductor Peter Breetzke and tenor John Jackson, among the impressive mix of community talent. As well as giving generously of their talent, the choir also fundraises for various local charities. Audiences at the Christmas Cheer concert have collectively been among the biggest contributors to the Grocott's Mail Christmas Cheer Fund, and this year they donated close to R3000 in appreciation of the choir's performance. The Christmas Cheer Fund is this year again in aid of Child Welfare SA Grahamstown's foster care programme. Photo: Sue MacLennan

Thanks for helping us care for Grahamstown's children

Child Welfare SA Grahamstown is writing to express our deepest thanks for the support of the Grahamstown community in the last year. All the contributions from small to large help to bridge the gap between the fortunate in life and the less fortunate.

All donations (whether it is business services, money contributions or clothing etc.) always go a long way in our organisation that is dedicated to put our best efforts to help vulnerable children in our community, improving their living conditions and assisting in providing essential social work

services to children and families.

We would also like to thank our loyal supporters and volunteers for their dedication and commitment to our cause, especially through tough economic times.

Thank you once again for all your continued support. Grahamstown/ Makhanda is a caring community.

We wish you all the best for this coming festive season. Please keep a watchful eye on your children this season!

Child Welfare SA Grahamstown staff and management team

New findings about babies exposed to HIV

Babies born to moms with HIV face higher risks even though they're HIV negative, write Amy Slogrove, Kathleen M Powis and Mary-Ann Davies

One of the most remarkable public health successes of the last decade in southern Africa has been the reduction in the number of babies born with HIV.

This was achieved through the provision of antiretroviral therapy to pregnant and breastfeeding women living with HIV. For example, the number of new HIV infections in children in South Africa has come down from a peak of 70 000 in 2003 to 13 000 in 2017.

Nevertheless, worldwide there are still an estimated 14.8 million children under the age of 15 who were born HIV uninfected but have been exposed to their mother's HIV during pregnancy.

The largest number of HIV-exposed but uninfected children – 3.2 million – are in South Africa.

A staggering 30% of pregnant women in South Africa have HIV. Their infants are exposed to both HIV and

antiretroviral drugs during pregnancy and breastfeeding. HIV-exposed but uninfected children don't have HIV, so what's the big deal?

It is a big deal because HIV-uninfected children born to mothers with HIV are prone to infections that are more severe, are at almost two times greater risk of dying before their first birthday, and are more likely to be born prematurely than children born to mothers without HIV.

In our recent study we set out to try and quantify the contribution of deaths in HIV-exposed but uninfected infants to the overall infant mortality rates in Botswana and South Africa.

What we found was that because children born to mothers with HIV make up almost 1 in every 4 infants in Botswana and South Africa, and because they die more often than children born to mothers without HIV – even when they are HIV-uninfected themselves

– this contributed to a higher infant mortality rate in both countries.

The risks

Even when they're not HIV infected, children born to women with HIV experience a complex package of detrimental exposures.

For example, HIV-exposed but uninfected infants are still more often born preterm or of low birth weight. This increases their risk for complications and death early in life.

They are also exposed to more infectious pathogens in the home such as tuberculosis.

There are other problems too. Breastfeeding has enormous nutritional and immunological benefits, but has often been avoided in infants born to women with HIV. Maternal access to antiretrovirals has made it safer but sustained breastfeeding is still low.

One study in South Africa showed that, irrespective of HIV-status, women

stopped breastfeeding their babies on average when the infants were eight weeks old.

On top of this, HIV-exposed infants more often have mothers who are unwell or who have died.

And HIV-affected households experience challenging socioeconomic circumstances that can make children more vulnerable.

These exposures in the first 1000 days of life can be detrimental to early childhood development and have life-long consequences.

In addition, infants born to women with HIV are subject to factors during pregnancy that unexposed infants aren't. These include exposure to HIV particles, that may make their immune systems develop differently.

And these infants are exposed to at least three antiretroviral drugs given to the mother during pregnancy.

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More research needed to determine the risks

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What the research found
To estimate the contribution of deaths in HIV-exposed but uninfected infants to the overall infant mortality rates we used previously published research comparing the mortality risk in HIV-exposed uninfected infants to risk of mortality in unexposed infants, as well as United Nations estimates of infant mortality in Botswana and South Africa.

In Botswana, HIV exposed uninfected infants accounted for 26% of the infant population but 42% of all infant deaths. Similarly, in South Africa HIV exposed uninfected infants accounted for 23% of the infant population but 38% of all infant deaths.

Putting this into actual numbers, this extra mortality in HIV exposed uninfected infants increased the overall HIV-uninfected infant mortality rate in both Botswana and South Africa from around 30 deaths per 1000 infants to 35 deaths per 1000 in the year 2013.

Botswana and South Africa have adopted the World Health Organisation's recommendation to provide lifelong antiretrovirals to all pregnant and breastfeeding women with HIV. But there's a lack of research comparing the mortality of HIV-exposed to unexposed infants under these new guidelines. Our calculations are therefore based on the year 2013, the most recent year before policy shifts in both countries. There is emerging evidence though of a persisting increase in mortality in HIV-exposed infants even with maternal antiretroviral therapy.

What next

With 1 in every 4 children in Botswana and South Africa being HIV and ARV-exposed,

robust systems need to be put in place to monitor the long-term safety of these exposures during pregnancy. Countries need to invest in research to understand why HIV-exposed children still have an increased risk of dying. And

countries need to ensure that routine child health interventions, such as immunisations and promotion of optimal durations of breastfeeding, are uniformly reaching HIV-exposed children.

Most critically, countries

like South Africa and Botswana with high HIV infection rates need to find responsible, transparent and accurate ways of sharing what is known and being done about the risks of HIV-exposure with HIV-affected families and involve them

in finding solutions.

• *Amy Slogrove: Senior lecturer in Paediatrics and Child Health, Stellenbosch University; Kathleen M. Powis: Assistant Professor, Harvard Medical School; Mary-Ann*

Davies: Associate Professor and Director of the Centre for Infectious Diseases Epidemiology and Research, University of Cape Town. This article is republished from theconversation.com under a Creative Commons license.



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Get your ID card to cast your vote

STAFF REPORTER

Cabinet has called on South Africans to ensure they have their green bar-coded ID book, smart ID card or temporary identity certificate in preparation for the 2019 elections.

In a statement on Thursday, Cabinet appealed to voters to verify their voting district and details at the Electoral Commission's voter registration weekend on 26 and 27 January 2019, when all the country's 22 932 voting stations will open from 8am to 5pm.

Citizens can also verify their registration information online at <https://www.elections.org.za/regweekend/>.

Electoral Commission (IEC) chairperson Glen Mashinini said the 2019 general elections would likely be held in May. President Cyril Ramaphosa is expected to announce the date in due course. – *SAnews.gov.za*

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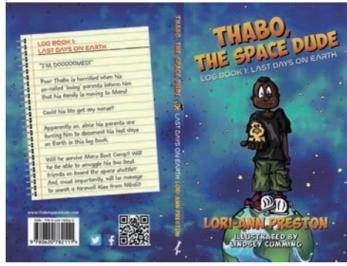
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Thabo the Space Dude

STAFF REPORTER

Lori-Ann Preston says it's the responses of her young readers (and sometimes their teachers!) that motivates her to keep writing.

Preston was recently in town to launch the fun, wacky and relevant *Thabo the Space Dude* and did a reading tour of several Makhanda (Grahamstown) schools.



In book one Poor Thabo is horrified when his so-called 'loving' parents inform him that his family is moving to Mars! Could his life get any worse?

Apparently so, since his parents are forcing him to document his last days on Earth in this log book.

Will he survive Mars Boot Camp? Will he be able to smuggle his two best friends on board the space shuttle? And, most importantly, will he manage to sneak a fare-

well kiss from Mbali?

In book two Thabo and his family have blasted off into space. Their destination is Mars!

How will he survive with no friends, no pizza, no milkshakes and no skateboard ramps?

How will this adventure turn out? Will the volcano on Mars be active? Will there be any water? Will there perhaps be any... dun... dun... duuuun... ALIENS?!

STAND A CHANCE TO WIN A THABO THE SPACE DUDE HAMPER!

To stand a chance of winning one of three Thabo the Space Dude hampers, answer the following question: **How far is Mars from Earth?** Send your answers to community@grocotts.co.za by midday on Monday 10 December. The first three correct entries are eligible for a hamper.

Visit the museum

Linda Dyani, the Albany Museum's Marketing and Communications Officer, encourages Makhanda (Grahamstown) families to visit their local museums these holidays. Here are some of the highlights to look out for:

History Museum: The Songs for Freedom exhibition officially opened on 23 November depicts the life and times of Canon Calata, also known as JA, or Tatou. The Anglican Priest and seasoned politician of the African National Congress (he joined the movement in 1930) was a prolific composer of church hymns. Surviving members of the Cradock based Congress Choir are assisting with a project to transcribe them before they are lost.

Natural Sciences Museum The AmaXhosa Kingdom exhibition showcases the Kings who have governed AmaXhosa nation from King Tshawe to the current reigning King Mpendulo Sigcawu, Aaah Zwelonke!

Traditional Fishing Methods in Africa exhibition Traditionally Africans have known that fish is a healthy diet, hence they used traditional technology to manufacture fishing equipment. Come and view fishing equipment

that was used in the last 200 years.

Xhosa Plants exhibition Did you know that *umemezi* and *umavumbuka* are traditional make-ups that Xhosa women applied to mark their age? They are used by women of different ages for different purposes and most importantly to beautify themselves. Did you know that *umnquma*, *intelezi*, *inqwebaba* are plants that Xhosa used as charms? *Impepho* and *nozithwana* are plants that are used for meditation.

Specially for Children The Blue Planet Gallery and The Children's Gallery are suitable for the whole family. The museum is open weekdays from 9am to 4.30pm and group tours can be arranged for weekends. *For the festive season, the museums close on 24 December and reopen on 2 January. For more information contact Linda Dyani: 046 622 2312 or L.dyani@am.org.za*

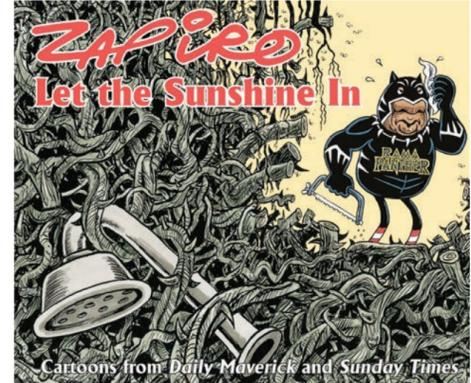


See exhibitions on traditional African Fishing methods, and African traditional plants at the Albany Museum these holidays. File Photos: Sue MacLennan

Visit the traditional fishing methods in Africa exhibition at the Albany Museum.

Dark strokes for dark times

Let the sunshine in: Zapiro Annual 2018
Jacana Media (November 2018)
R175
Reviewer: Sue MacLennan



In case you didn't get how catastrophic State Capture, Trump, US gun laws, the drought, the ANC's internal politics, listeriosis, Life Esidimemi, sanitation at rural schools (and rural schools in general), the witch hunt against Olympic gold medalist Caster Semenya and Malusi Gigaba's tourism-stopping visa requirements were, Zapiro is keen to remind you.

Frankly, the political analyst and cartoonist's annual gift to the nation this year feels like a knife in the gut, as he makes sure you feel the enormity of the Guptas' role in the collapse of our democracy, and the active complicity of the people trusted to protect it. It takes a really angry, straight-shooting person to turn Trump's infantile and depraved remark about shithole countries into the unforgettable image of the US president lighting his own farts.

Or to depict Malusi Gigaba, claiming at the Parliamentary inquiry into State Capture that he was used by the Guptas, as

a used condom. Or the EFF using burning South Africa's Constitution as a candle on top of their five-year celebration birthday cake.

If you hadn't lived through the past year in South Africa, you would think this furious pen (with just a few heartwarming or inspiring riproves) was making it up.

We know Zapiro isn't, and that the knife in the gut is what our nation has been dealt - as is suggested by the image of South Africa, as a young woman, lying on a table surrounded by vampires: they are all named of course, and are those centrally impli-

cated in State Capture. It's not family reading, this book, but then these days, neither is what's going on around us. Do get it - just to remind yourself of what went wrong, and how much needs to be done to fix it.

Jonathan Shapiro works as the editorial cartoonist for Daily Maverick - previously the Sunday Times and before that the Mail & Guardian, following a career that started with the Pretoria News in 2005 (then The Mercury, The Star, Cape Times, Cape Argus, the Sowetan).

He has published 22 best selling annuals.

Stand a chance to win a copy of Let the sunshine in: Zapiro Annual 2018

To be in the running for one of two copies of Let the sunshine in: Zapiro Annual 2018, send an email with ZAPIRO 2018 ANNUAL in the subject line. Address it to community@grocotts.co.za and in the body of the email put the answer to this question by midday on Monday 10 December 2018:

What is the name of the head of South Africa's National Prosecutions Authority? Please include your full name and all contact details, as well as your address.

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Project Name: Supply and Delivery of Chemicals
Tender No: MLM/2018-19/INFRA/002
Preference Points System: 80/20
N.B: Tender will be one envelope system
Date Advertised: 07 December 2018
Closing Date & Time: 21 December 2018

Bidders are required to submit the **following mandatory documents:**

- Bidders must submit a valide SARS Tax Status report **Issued with a Pin**
- Completed and signed declaration of interest MBD4, MBD 6.1, MBD 6.2, MBD 8 & MBD 9, **failure to submit will result in disqualification.**
- Billing clearance certificate/ lease agreement signed by both parties the lessor and the lessee, if expired extension of the lease must be attached or statement of municipal accounts not more than 3 months old must be attached to and be returned with the Tender documents, **failure to submit will result in disqualification.**
- Tenderers must be registered as a supplier/service provider on Makana Local Municipality supplier/service provider database and Central Supplier Database (CSD) proof of registration (Makana Database Confirmation Letter; CSD Registration report) on both databases must be submitted.
- Documents to be filled with black ink.
- Tender submitted are to hold good for a period of 90 days.
- CK / Company Registration Certificate or certified copy must be submitted, if a Sole Proprietor provide affidavit confirming ownership and failure will result in disqualification.
- BBBEE Certificate to be submitted or certified copy
- Certified copy of directors ID's
- MFEMA circular 90 will be applied

Criteria	Points
Company Profile	10
Company Experience in supply & Delivery of chemicals with reference letter	50
0-1 year 10 points	
1-2 year 30 points	
3 year upwards 50 points	
Financial Reference	30
Proof of Quality (Sample picture or brand product)	10
Total	100

Safety Requirements: Failure to provide the below will lead to disqualification

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- Service provider to submit the vehicle certificate for authorization to carry such chemicals.
- To provide a certificate of the personnel to handle the chemical.

LOCAL CONTENT is applicable, minimum threshold is 100%

Closing Date: Completed bid documents in sealed envelopes, clearly marked "MLM/2018-19/INFRA/002" should be deposited in the **Tender BOX** situated at **GROUND FLOOR** Makana Local Municipality: Finance Department at 86 High Street GRAHAMSTOWN not later than **21 December 2018 @ 12H00** where they will be opened in public- names of the bidders will be called out

Makana Local Municipality does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any bid and reserves the right to accept the whole or part of the bid. All Enquiries are to be directed to Project Manager-Mr. B. Soyizwapi Tel 046 603 6068; bsoyizwapi@makana.gov.za and all SCM queries are to be directed to Ms. T. Mvane 046 603 6222.

Issued by office of the Municipal Manager: Mr Mene **MR M. MENE MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

Buyel'Ekhaya Pan African Music Fest

STAFF REPORTER The annual Buyel'Ekhaya Festival will once again thrill East London crowds on 16 December at Buffalo Park Cricket Stadium. This year's programme of workshops, fashion and the music festival will be a treat for culture lovers celebrating the festive season. This year's lineup features legends, as well as the hottest hit makers across a variety of genres. Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Jonas Gwangwa, Zahara, Peddie-born Dumza Maswana, Busiswa, Shekhi-nah, Sun-El Musician, Moonchild Sanelly, Prince Kaybee and Mubi Dixon are all billed and now Port Elizabeth-born Vusi Nova, who is riding high on the charts with his smash hit 'As'phelelanga' has been added. TV personality Moshe Ndiki, who hails from East London, is set to MC the show. Buyel'Ekhaya was established in 2009 in East London with the vision of turning the Eastern Cape into the Cultural

Mecca of South Africa. With a mere 4 000 patrons in 2009, the festival has grown to a 22 000 capacity crowd. The 10th Annual Buyel'Ekhaya Pan African Music Festival celebrates all that is African, through a programme of activities from the Fashion Development Programme and Artist Development Programme to the festival on 16 December 2018. Since inception, the festival has hosted a mixture of emerging and established artists from the Eastern Cape, South Africa and the rest of Africa, in keeping with the spirit of inclusiveness and Pan-African ideals. It is no different this year. A music



workshop hosted by Buyel'Ekhaya yielded a crop of newcomers that will grace the festival too on 16 December. Nomahlubi Mazwai who conceived of and produced The Buyel'Ekhaya Festival says: "In 2016, we expanded a two-day programme, closing in on our vision to give full expression to the tenets of culture that form a central part of the African lifestyle, through song, dance and fashion. And this year this is what patrons can expect."

Mazwai continues: "There will be a fashion workshop on 12 December at Hemingways Mall at 12 noon. People can apply for the workshop by emailing info@buyelekhaya.co.za." Rising designers, who

took part in last year's fashion workshop, will showcase alongside big names at Hemingways Mall on Friday, 14 December when Gert-Johan Coetzee, Sonwabile Ndamase, Zimbabwe's Chimanye Nyasha (known as Zuvva) and Linda Sithole show off their creations. **Tickets:** Date: 16 December 2018 Venue: Buffalo Park Cricket Stadium Tickets: R250.00 Available from Shoprite, Checkers and Computicket nationwide Moshe Ndiki to MC the Festival on 16 December 2018 **Artists:** Vusi Nova, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Jonas Gwangwa, Zahara, Dumza Maswana, Busiswa, Shekhi-nah, Sun-El Musician, Moonchild Sanelly, Prince Kaybee and Mubi Dixon

Photography meets science in tribute

The Sentinels: Cranes of South Africa HPH Publishing (November 2018) RRP: R790 **STAFF REPORTER** In September 2013, photographer Daniel Dolpire set off on a passion-driven odyssey that would consume the next five years of his life. The Sentinels: Cranes of South Africa is the culmination of that epic journey. South Africa supports three crane species. The courtly Blue Crane occurs virtually nowhere else in the world and is the country's national bird. The majestic Wattleed Crane is among the most endangered birds in South Africa. The ornate Grey Crowned Crane is one of the most beautiful birds on earth but, worryingly, it seems to be decreasing across its broad African range even faster than the other two species. Daniel's photographic journey with cranes became an obsession as he realised the

importance of these birds as sentinels indicating the fragility of wetlands and water catchments. The Sentinels is a photographic commemoration celebrating the beauty and uniqueness of these remarkable birds. Daniel travelled through the heart of South Africa's "crane country", meticulously documenting these birds in their natural habitat. Sharing with us timeless and beautiful images of cranes at rest and in action as they go about their daily routines, he draws us deep into the private lives of these flagship species. Daniel said that the best time to photograph wildlife is in the early morning and late afternoon. So photographing cranes at roost sites always presented a problem as the

birds would typically fly off before the sun was up and come in to roost after the sun had set. Patience is undoubtedly the photographer's most valuable attribute, as getting the right images that can stretch over hours. The book also provides a map identifying the best places and times of year to see the cranes in South Africa. It describes how wetlands work and the last chapter describes the conservation project that the KwaZulu-Natal Crane Foundation is doing, namely, rearing the Wattleed Cranes in captivity. The long-term goal of the project is to reintroduce the captive-reared Wattleed Cranes into the wild to help bolster the numbers of the Critically Endangered species. Towards the end of the project, Daniel brought in local ornithologist David Allan to ensure that the volume was underpinned by a scientifically rigorous text. Daniel Dolpire is a seasoned photographer, having traveled extensively photographing the wildlife and scenery of Africa. Over the past five years his focus has changed from general wildlife photography to a challenging project of photographing the Cranes of South Africa. David Allan has been the Curator of Birds at the Durban Natural Science Museum for 22 years. Before this he worked for nearly a decade at the FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology and the Avian Demography Unit, both at the University of Cape Town. David is the author of several birding books and is a regular contributor to the magazines Africa - Birds and Birding and African Birdlife.



Stand a chance to win a double ticket

To be in the running for one of two double tickets for Buyel'Ekhaya, send an email with Buyel'Ekhaya Tickets in the subject line. Address it to community@grocotts.co.za and in the body of the email put your name, surname, contact number and the answer to this question by midday on Wednesday 12 December 2018:

Who will host the Buyel'Ekhaya Music Festival?

Stand a chance to win a copy of the book

To be in the running for one of two copies of The Sentinels: Cranes of South Africa, send an email with CRANES OF SOUTH AFRICA in the subject line. Address it to community@grocotts.co.za and in the body of the email put the answer to this question by midday on Monday 10 December 2018: What are the three crane species found in natural habitats in South Africa? Please include your full name and all contact details, as well as your address.

Timeshare report is out

STAFF REPORTER

The National Consumer Commission (NCC) has released the much-awaited report into the inquiry on consumer complaints on timeshare, which has called for a revised regulatory framework. The NCC

- which is the chief regulator of consumer-business interaction in South Africa - briefed reporters at the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) head office in Tshwane on Thursday. More at: bit.ly/GrocTimeshare



No Port Alfred R72 stop-go

STAFF REPORTER

There will be no stop-and-go sections on the R72, section 3, between Port Alfred and Great Fish River in the Eastern Cape, from 13 December until

9 January next year, SANRAL has announced.

The project, which was started in March 2015 is expected to finish in May next year and comprise the ma-

JOR rehabilitation of the R72 Section 3 and is located between Port Alfred at km -1.30 and the Great Fish River at km 27.50.

"This upgrade includes the construction of two 3.7-metre driving lanes, with auxiliary (climbing) lanes, and a surfaced shoulder on both sides of the new road.

The new geometric design of the road has made the upgraded road safer for motorists," said Mbulelo Peterson, SANRAL Southern Region Manager.

The completed work in the urban area of Port Alfred consist mostly of a new bitumen treated base resurfacing. An asphalt wearing course layer will complete the resurfacing.

The placing of the asphalt wearing course layer will start soon but will only be completed next year.

Traffic lines and markings will be painted after completion of the asphalt re-surfacing.

A small portion of climbing lane is outstanding from the Port Alfred Marina to the Port Alfred High School, but this should be complete before the contractor closes for the December holiday.

"Work is in progress at the new Port Alfred High School entrance. The construction of the Park Avenue intersection was delayed due to an unknown waterpipe that was damaged and will resume in the New Year."

Sidewalks, kerb storm water inlets and kerbs should be completed from Van Riebeeck Street to Main Street and sidewalks and kerbs in the section in front of the Marina should also be complete before the contractor shuts down from 13 December 2018 to 09 January 2019.

Any incomplete work in the urban and rural section will be made safe and maintained by an emergency team consisting of a Traffic Safety Officer accompanied by a skeleton team and in addition a small team selected by the contractor.

"Work on the rural section is in progress and the right hand carriage way is in an advanced stage of completion. Ancillary work like concrete side drains and other works are in progress.

"The completion of all work, will be dependent on weather conditions," Peterson said.

"Residents of Port Alfred and motorists travelling on the R72 between Port Alfred and the Fish River, during the December holiday period, are requested to please be aware of road signs, speed restrictions and other safety measures in place during this period."

Work is in progress at the new Port Alfred High School entrance. The construction of the Park Avenue intersection was delayed due to an unknown waterpipe that was damaged and will resume in the New Year.



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Makana Local Municipality invites all experienced and competent suitable service-providers that are fully equipped for the construction of the following project.

Project Name	Tender No	Preference Points System	Closing Date & Time	Date Advertised
Supply and Delivery of Stationery	MLM/001/BTO/2018-19	80/20	21 December 2018 @ 12h00	07 December 2018
Supply and Delivery of Equipment	MLM/002/BTO/2018-19	80/20	21 December 2018 @ 12h00	07 December 2018
Supply and Delivery of Engine/Grease/Brake Fluid	MLM/003/BTO/2018-19	80/20	21 December 2018 @ 12h00	07 December 2018
Supply and Delivery of Protective Clothes	MLM/004/BTO/2018-19	80/20	21 December 2018 @ 12h00	07 December 2018

Please note **ALL THE TENDERS ABOVE ARE TWO (2) YEARS TENDERS**

Bidders are required to submit **the following mandatory documents:**

- Founding Statement (CK / Company Registration Certificate) or certified copy must be submitted, if a sole proprietor provide affidavit confirming ownership
- Bidders must submit a valid SARS Tax status report **Issued with a Pin.**
- Completed and signed declaration of interest MBD4, MBD 6.1, MBD 6.2, MBD 8 & MBD 9, **Failure to submit will result in disqualification.**
- BBBEE Certificates original / certified copies must be submitted and failure to do so will result in loss of points.
- Original certified copy Directors/Owners/Partners Identity documents.
- Billing clearance certificate, lease agreement signed by both parties the lessor and the lessee, if expired extension of the lease must be attached or statement of municipal accounts not more than 3 months in arrears and must not be more than 3 months old, must be attached to and be returned with the tender documents, **Failure to submit will result in disqualification.**
- Tenderers must be registered as a supplier/service provider on Makana Local Municipality supplier/service provider database and Central Supplier Database (CSD) proof of registration (Makana Database Confirmation Letter; CSD Registration report) on both databases must be submitted
- Tenders which are late, incomplete, unsigned or submitted by fax or electronically, will not be accepted.
- Documents to be filled with black ink.
- Tenders submitted are to hold good for a period of 90 days.
- **MFMA circular 90 will be applied**

PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT NO 5, 2017 (PPPFA) POINTS WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS:-

Received Responsive proposals will be evaluated based on the following two stages, namely:

- Stage 1 – Functionality
- Stage 2 – Price and Preferential Points

A bidder that scores less than 70 points out of 100 in respect of "functionality" will be regarded as submitting a non – responsive quote and will be disqualified and will be not evaluated further ,i.e for price.

EVALUATION FOR FUNCTIONALITY

Functionality will be evaluated as shown in the table below

Criteria	Points
Company Profile	20
Company Experience with a reference Letter 0-1 Year 20 Points, 1-2 Year 30 Points, 3 Years 40 Points	40
Delivery Time Frame Within 7 working days is 20 points. After 7 working days is 10 points	20
Financial reference (recent Bank Statement)	20
TOTAL	100

LOCAL CONTENT is applicable, minimum threshold is 100 %

All Bid documents will be available at Makana Finance offices upon payment of R 400.00 Vat Inclusive non -refundable cash fee for each tender document and is payable to Makana Municipality cashiers only.

Closing Date: Completed bid documents in sealed envelopes, **clearly marked relevant tender name and tender number as specified above for each tender** the bidder is tendering for should be deposited in the **tender box** situated at **ground floor Makana Local Municipality: Finance Department at 86 High Street Grahamstown not later than 21 December 2018 @ 12H00** where functionality envelope will be opened in public.

Makana Local Municipality does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any bid and reserves the right to accept the whole or part of the bid. All

Enquiries are to be directed to Project Manager Ms N. Nayika for all stores related bids Tel 046 6036005 ;for Engine, Oil tender queries are to be directed to S Masoma (workshop person) Tel 046603 6083 and for ALL SCM related queries are to be directed to Ms.T.Mvane

Issued by office of the Municipal Manager: Mr. M Mene

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SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER
MONUMENT MOVIE CLUB
5pm at the Oliver Schreiner Theatre, Monument. 5pm: *The Lego Movie*. 7.30pm: *Book Club*. Tuckshop, popcorn and bar available. To book tickets in advance call 046 603 1103 or email movies@nationalartsfestival.co.za

SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER
ANNUAL MANLEY FLATS CHRISTMAS DAY
11am at the Manley Flats Cricket Club. Catering: Adults - Steak and Salad (R80 p/p), Kids (2-12) Boerie Roll (R30 p/p). For the kids: Father Christmas visit, jumping castle, pony rides and snake demonstration. RSVP: Craig 076 312 3514 or Lester 083 792 9700.

THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER
THE FARM BOX CHRISTMAS CHARITY MARKET
5pm to 9pm at The Farm Box. The FarmBox will be opening their FarmYard for a Christmas Charity Market on Thursday 13 December 2018 between 5pm and 9pm. Ten percent of all takings will be donated to charities of the traders choice. On sale will be food stalls, genuine pine Christmas trees, face

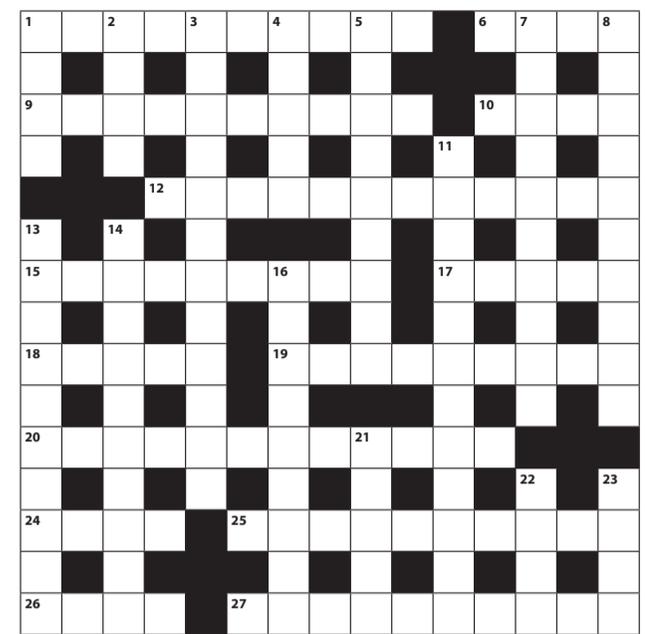
painting, photographs of family and children, other family activities, plants, flowers and various hand made gifts and arts. Contact: 071 912 0236

FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER
MONUMENT MOVIE CLUB SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TREAT
6pm at Olive Schreiner Theatre, Monument. Royal Ballet (UK) performance of *The Nutcracker*. Tuckshop, popcorn and bar available. To book tickets in advance call 046 603 1103 or email movies@nationalartsfestival.co.za

SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER
MONUMENT MOVIE CLUB SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TREAT
10am at Olive Schreiner Theatre, Monument. Royal Ballet (UK) performance of *La Bayadere*. Tuckshop, popcorn and bar available. To book tickets in advance call 046 603 1103 or email movies@nationalartsfestival.co.za

TRINITY TENORS
3pm at Trinity Church Hall, Hill Street. Sisa and Sibusiso will be singing 'Love Changes Everything' and many more favourites. Cost is R40.

The Original South African
JDE CRYPTIC CROSSWORD



JDE 163

- ACROSS**
- 1 Snack, drink and small quick sleep (10)
 - 6 High point came about (4)
 - 9 Rolls about, ship with tin oars flaying around (10)
 - 10 Oh dear, come back and stay (4)
 - 12 Spiralling stops team in first glider (12)
 - 15 Town to keep green initially (9)
 - 17 Malema ill-equipped to hold the message (5)
 - 18 Ja-nee, it's time for energy, girl (5)
 - 19 Men, be less about groups (9)
 - 20 Weakening cattle must return before the French chaps enter medical section (12)
 - 24 Spins for ministers (4)
 - 25 Can be put down to a writer protecting a shambolic lab (10)
 - 26 Regularly agree - Rome was the start (4)
 - 27 Guides American man to bring compiler back (10)

- DOWN**
- 1 Uber came up to hotel for music-maker (4)
 - 2 Swear that fruit is on view at last (4)
 - 3 Lack of commitments? Daughter is devoted to commitments (12)
 - 4 Like a mask of deception (5)
 - 5 Tarts and cake made for strikers (9)
 - 7 Changing Chair on Board is generous (10)
 - 8 Mark, for example, stranger hanging round composer (10)
 - 11 Check distance to cover - arrest can be fixed (12)
 - 13 Giant joker becomes writer (6,4)
 - 14 Drink loudly, filling break in animal complaint (5,5)
 - 16 Supports various ills found in forest (9)
 - 21 Beg Rembrandt to keep back blend (5)
 - 22 For starters, angrily boot useless technicians into touch (4)
 - 23 Every point in current affairs (4)

Compiled by George Euvrard

Crossword Solution for last week JDE 162




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Grahamstown Weekly What's On

Mondays
GRAHAMSTOWN BRIDGE
6.30pm at Grahamstown Bowling Club. Duplicate Bridge. Contact Sheila Hicks 083 442 3322 .

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 Sheila Hicks 083 442 3322 .



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See more events on our online calendar at <http://www.grocotts.co.za/grocotts-mail-diary/>

Sudoku

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

4	1						9	
			5					2
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	6	3	7					
	9							8
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7			6	1				
5					3			
	3						6	4

Name: _____

Contact Details: _____

Winner for 30 November is Muriel De Bruyn



Bridge Results

Grahamstown Bridge Club Thursday Pairs 2018
6 Table 21 Board Mitchell Movement
NORTH/SOUTH

1. Mary Schudel & Peter Midlane	60.83%
2. Maureen van Hille & Margaret Banks	60.42%
3. Maureen Clayton & Pat Shepherd	53.33%
4. Pair 4	47.08%
5. Pair 6	42.50%
6. Pair 5	35.83%

EAST/WEST

1. Sheila Hicks & Ern van Hille	65.00%
2. Ilva Benyon & Dave Gain	52.50%
3. Val Buchner & Jenny Haswell	50.83%
4. Pair 7	49.58%
5. Pair 12	47.50%
6. Pair 8	34.58%

Monday 3 December 2018
3½ Table 21 Board Howell Movement
PAIR NAMES

1. Jenny Kroon & Frank Kroon	58.33%
2. Maureen van Hille & Ernie van Hille	55.56%
3= Dave Gain & Margaret Banks	52.78%
3= Jenny Haswell & Ellen Starke	52.78%
5. Pair 6	47.22%
6. Pair 7	44.44%
7. Pair 5	38.89%

Ten tips for a safer holiday trip

STAFF REPORTER

To help you enjoy a safe and hassle-free holiday with your loved ones, here are safety tips and checks to prepare your vehicle for the trip.

1. Tyre Pressure & tread
Making sure your tyre pressure is correct is critical for safety as well as avoiding a blowout. Always use a tyre gauge rather than relying on having a "look-see". Pay special heed to the dashboard tyre-pressure warning light if present. Low tyre pressures waste fuel.

Take your car in to have the tyre tread checked on all four tyres to make sure they are not too worn or unevenly worn.

2. Lights

Turn on your lights when you're in a garage or aimed at a wall or ask a friend or family member to walk around your car while you test the lights. Test all your lights, indicators, brake lights, and fog lights one by one.

3. Wipers and Demisters

Wipers tend to wear quickly. Test both front and rear wipers, squirt washer fluid to make sure your wipers clean the glass clearly. Make sure your demisters are working as a sudden mist-up can be dangerous.

4. Dashboard Warning lights

When you turn on the ignition, all warning lights should flash on momentarily. As soon as you note a warning light that stays on, get it checked immediately by a professional.

5. Steering

If you feel like you are having a tug-o-war with the steering wheel to keep your car tracking in a straight line, or the steering wheel vibrates too much, your steering needs to be inspected by a professional.

6. Battery

A dead battery means your car won't start, possibly leaving you stranded in an unsafe place or situation. Car batteries usually need replacing every few years, sometimes sooner. If your starter sounds sluggish, it's either corrosion or a dying battery – either way, get it checked!

7. Fluids

Although car fluids are typically checked during routine services, make sure you check

these from time to time, including windshield washer fluid, brake fluid, transmission fluid, coolant, and oil.

8. Spare wheel

Make sure you have a spare tyre, jack, and wheel spanner, and that they are all working properly. You probably haven't used your spare for a while, so check the tyre pressure before setting off.

9. Brakes and clutch

Always check the state of your brake pads by how your vehicle reacts to braking when driving; and if it pulls to either side. If your brakes sound like they're squeaking and scratchy or they're shuddering, get them changed. It's unsafe to drive a vehicle that cannot be controlled under braking.

10. Roadside assistance

Lastly, make sure you're signed up with a good roadside assistance to help prevent being stranded in bad weather or the middle of nowhere.

• *Tips supplied by Hugo Grobler, National Franchise Manager at Auto Care Diagnostics, (ACD).*



Vincent Jeggels congratulates Ian and Lizelle Doyle, winners of a lucky draw at BUCO (old Penynpinchers) this week. The couple won a 2500-litre EcoTank. BUCO (Penynpinchers) is running a weekly mystery draw for customers who pay cash for items at the store. Photo: Sue MacLennan

Environmental internships up for grabs

STAFF REPORTER

The Department of Environmental Affairs is inviting young South African graduates aged between 18 and 35 years, who have a keen interest in environmental careers, to apply for a two-year internship programme that will run between 2019 and 2021.

The programme will commence on 1 April 2019 and will run for 24 months. Successful candidates will receive a stipend of R5 000 per month. Applications close on

21 December 2018.

According to the department, the internship programmes will expose the qualified yet inexperienced graduates to real work experience, with an aim to bridge the gap between academic study and competent performance in the workplace. The successful applicants will be placed in various branches within the department, where they will receive practical and relevant work experience.

The department's Head of

Communications and spokesperson, Albi Modise, encouraged inexperienced and unemployed graduates to participate in the programme, which is part of the department's contribution towards the building of a just society that lives in harmony with its environment.

The programme provides many career choices including environmental law, environmental impact assessments, marine science, oceanography, botany and zoology.

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2013 HILUX DC 3.0 D-4D RB RAIDER (S03)	R259 900.00
2012 HILUX DC 2.7 VVTi RB RAIDER (S23)	R199 900.00
2012 FORTUNER 3.0 D-4D 4X4	R309 900.00
2012 FORTUNER 3.0 D-4D 4X4 A/T	R309 900.00
2012 FORTUNER 2.5 D-4D RB	R229 900.00
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2010 KB300 D-TEQ LX E/CAB 4X4 P/U S/C	R159 900.00
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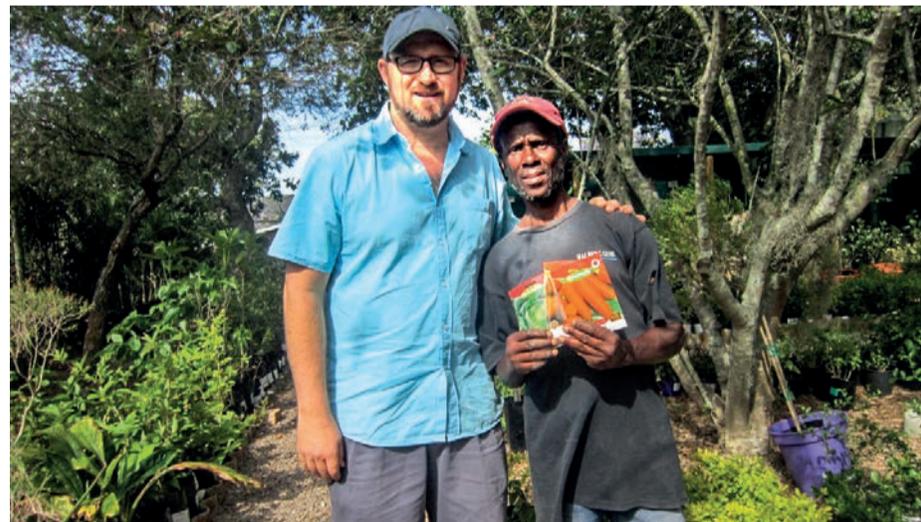
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My Garden

My hope in my hands



Sunnyside Nursery owner Malcolm Southey congratulates Mnimzi Bastile whose winning garden earned him the prize of some packets of seeds.

Mnimzi Bastile is grateful to Sunnyside Garden Centre for seeds they gave him as his prize for his being named the garden of the month. Bastile says he's definitely going to plant more. *Grocott's Mail* is working hand in hand with Sunnyside Garden Centre to help the communities of Grahamstown become more self sufficient by growing their own food. Sunnyside encourages those who plant on their piece of land - no matter how small - by giving seeds to one family every month. – Text and photo: Lindani Donyeli



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Grocotts Mail

7 December 2018

1. PERSONAL

Birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy 65th birthday to **KATIE APPOLLIS** on the 9th december, with lots of love, Preston, Nicolena, Melanie, Sylvester, Christeice and all five grandchildren.

Death

DICKINSON: In loving memory of Lindsay who passed away on 20 November in Port Elizabeth. We will treasure the memories we have of the happy times in the band. Till we meet again. Lew, Don and Lol.

LIANNE CORAL MCGREGOR or Craig Doone Farm. Died: 28/11/2018. Fare thee well. Beloved mother and grandmother.

Memorial Service

A RUGBY MEMORIAL SERVICE for the late **NTSIKA DAMBUZA** will be held on Saturday 8 December at 1pm in the Assembly of God Church next to Oval Main Entrance. All clubs are invited to attend. His funeral service on Saturday will start at 7am at his Extension 4 home and 9am at the Methodist Church in Joza next to the Post Office.

Funeral



SITHEMBELE TANA Uhlala kwa 221 Glenmore Location, Peddie, ungcwatywa ngomgqibelo umhla we 08 December 2018. Funeral will be conducted at Ethiopian Church, Extension 9, Grahamstown
AKHONA MTHOMHLE MANI Uhlala kwa 10163 Nqawana Street, Vukani Location, Grahamstown, ungcwatywa ngomgqibelo umhla we 08 December 2018. Funeral will be conducted at B.B Zondani Hall, Grahamstown.
Izihlobo nosapho sithi kuni thuthuzelekani ningamlahli uThixo. Olokugqibela utshaba oluyakubhangiswa kukufa.
1 Korinte 15 verse 26

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MAKINANA MABHOYI GIVEN uhlala kwa 261A Ncane Street, Grahamstown ungcwatywa ngolwesihlanu umhla we 07 December 2018.
MAFANI NONTUTHUZELO JUDY uhlala kwa 20 "E" Street, Grahamstown ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 08 December 2018.

SOBANTI-THUTANI ZANYIWE NOBANDLA uhlala kwa 10 Gala Street, Ext 9, Joza Loc, Grahamstown ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 08 December 2018.

NONXUBA LULAMILE PININI MICHAEL uhlala kwa 4155, Ext 7, Joza Loc, Grahamstown, ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 08 December 2018.
GCWADI NTSOMBI uhlala kwa 1730 Ereyini, Marselle, ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 08 December 2018.

MTSHIZANA OLWETHU uhlala kwa 258 Baskiti Street, Marselle, ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 08 December 2018.

CHIMI SOLITINI uhlala kwa 752 Booi Street, Marselle, ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 08 December 2018.

MDWAYI NOSITHILE uhlala kwa 2681 Ray Street, Port Alfred, ungcwatywa ngoMgqibelo umhla we 08 December 2018.

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.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the **Kasouga Trust and Erf Holder's Association** will be held in the **James Ford Hall** at **6.30pm** on **27 December 2018.**

Call our mobile number
076 733 1770



1. Biological father of **Magopeni Likhona** whose identity and whereabouts are unknown to the maternal family is requested to contact: **Mr S Ntoni - Social Worker from Department of Social Development Port Alfred 046 604 2100** regarding his child.

2. Biological father of **Ziphezihle Payi** whose identity and whereabouts are unknown to the maternal family is requested to contact: **Mr S Ntoni - Social Worker from Department of Social Development Port Alfred 046 604 2100** regarding his child.

3. Biological father of **Phiwokuhle Kofi** whose identity and whereabouts are unknown to the maternal family is requested to contact: **Mr S Ntoni - Social Worker from Department of Social Development Port Alfred 046 604 2100** regarding his child.

4. Biological Mother and Biological Father of **Zono Anathi** whose whereabouts are unknown to the maternal family is requested to contact: **Mr S Ntoni - Social Worker from Department of Social Development Port Alfred 046 604 2100** regarding their child.

5. Biological Mother and Biological Father of **Zono Akhona** whose whereabouts are unknown to the maternal family is requested to contact: **Mr S Ntoni - Social Worker from Department of Social Development Port Alfred 046 604 2100** regarding their child.

6. Biological Mother and Biological Father of **Zono Avenathi** whose whereabouts are unknown to the maternal family is requested to contact: **Mr S Ntoni - Social Worker from Department of Social Development Port Alfred 046 604 2100** regarding their child.

7. Biological mother of **Malibongwe Qenene** whose whereabouts are unknown to the maternal family is requested to contact: **Mr S Ntoni - Social Worker from Department of Social Development Port Alfred 046 604 2100** regarding their child.

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8. Biological father of **Siyamthanda Mavuso** whose identity and whereabouts are unknown to the family is requested to contact: **Mr S Ntoni - Social Worker from Department of Social Development Port Alfred 046 604 2100** regarding their child.

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12. Biological father of **Ozward May** whose identity and whereabouts are unknown to the maternal family is requested to contact: **Mr S Ntoni - Social Worker from Department of Social Development Port Alfred 046 604 2100** regarding their child.

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14. Biological father of **Anelisa Kosani** whose identity and whereabouts are unknown to the maternal family is requested to contact: **Mr S Ntoni - Social Worker from Department of Social Development Port Alfred 046 604 2100** regarding their child.

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17. Biological father of **Teboho Joseph Nombola** whose identity and whereabouts are unknown to the maternal family is requested to contact: **Mr S Ntoni - Social Worker from Department of Social Development Port Alfred 046 604 2100** regarding their child.

18. Biological father of **Yonela Fani** whose identity and whereabouts are unknown to the maternal family is requested to contact: **Ms M Kilani - Social Worker from Department of Social Development Port Alfred 046 604 2100** regarding his child.

19. Biological mother and father of **Luphumlo James** whose whereabouts are unknown to the paternal family is requested to contact: **MC Mzinyati - Social Worker from Department of Social Development Port Alfred 046 604 2100** regarding their child.

20. Biological mother and father of **Kamvelihle James** whose whereabouts are unknown to the paternal family is requested to contact: **MC Mzinyati - Social Worker from Department of Social Development Port Alfred 046 604 2100** regarding their child.

21. Biological mother and father of **Liyanda Tembeni** whose whereabouts are unknown to the paternal family is requested to contact: **Mr C Mzinyati - Social Worker from Department of Social Development Port Alfred 046 604 2100** regarding their child.

22. Biological father of **Siphehile Gqugula** whose whereabouts are unknown to the maternal family is requested to contact: **Mr C Mzinyati - Social Worker from Department of Social Development Port Alfred 046 604 2100** regarding his child.

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25. Biological father of **Enzokuhle Ndolo** whose whereabouts are unknown to the maternal family is requested to contact: **Mr C Mzinyati - Social Worker from Department of Social Development Port Alfred 046 604 2100** regarding his child.

26. Biological father of **Yonela Lose** whose whereabouts are unknown to the maternal family is requested to contact: **Mr C Mzinyati - Social Worker from Department of Social Development Port Alfred 046 604 2100** regarding his child.

Found

DID YOU LOSE A BIG BUNCH OF KEYS on a ribbon last month in upper Hill Street? If so, please contact 046 603 7111 or 076 733 1770 or email community@grocotts.co.za and give a description and when you think you lost them.

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Please visit our facebook page (SPCA Grahamstown) for full write-ups about all our animals looking for homes - including pictures. (Photo albums: Dogs/ Cats ready for adoption).

Thank you to all who continue to support your SPCA, we are really struggling financially to keep going in the difficult economic climate and every donation helps. We really appreciate all the donations of food blankets and voluntary support we have received and continue to receive, which helps us continue to support all the animals who need us. From all the animals here at the SPCA and those we have yet to help and assist thank you so very much for caring.

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 Fig, I am an affectionate, loving and Tabby cat. I enjoy cuddle time and lots of love and affection. There are lots of cats and kittens, who are all looking for homes too and so if you are looking for a cat or kitten, please visit me and all the other cats and kittens looking for a home at the Grahamstown SPCA or call 046 622 3233 for more information.



Dog of the week: Our names are Lucky and Lucy, we are very playful and loving puppies with a real passion for life. We are desperately seeking a loving home and need someone who has as much energy and love of exercise as us to be our lifelong companions. To meet us and all the other dogs and puppies looking for homes, Please come visit at the Grahamstown SPCA or call 046 622 3233 for more information about me and my friends.

* 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.

* Thank you to Ikhala Vets and Grahamstown 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 all the volunteers for coming up to the SPCA, walking and socialising the animals.

* Please continue to support us by buying 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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NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN DECEASED ESTATES

In the Estate of the late: Surname: **MADIKIZELA**
 First Names: **TEMBILE THEODOR**
 Estate Number: **353/2007/GT**
 Identity/Passport Number **620616 5150 084**
 Date of death: **1/05/2006**
 Last address: **16 Maggs Street Amalinda East London**

All persons having claims against the above mentioned estate are required to lodge their claims with the undersigned within 30 days after the date of publication hereof.

NCUMISA AMANDA POLISA PETELA
 PO Box 2164 Margate 4275

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In the Estate of the late: Surname: **MADIKIZELA**
 First Names: **VATHISWA**
 Estate Number: **2936/2012/GT**
 Identity/Passport Number **01028 0199 087**
 Date of death: **28/08/2012**
 Last address: **30 Maggs Street Amalinda East London**

All persons having claims against the above mentioned estate are required to lodge their claims with the undersigned within 30 days after the date of publication hereof.

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ESTATE LATE

ESTATE LATE:
GAYNOR ISABEL FERREIRA
 Identity No. **440920 0400**
082 of Nutwood Farm, East London Road, Grahamstown, 6139, who died on the **14th September 2016**

ESTATE NO: 3567/2016

The First and Final Liquidation and Distribution Account in the above Estate will lie for inspection at the Office of the master of the High Court, Grahamstown, for a period of 21 days from date of publication of this Notice.

Dated at **Grahamstown** this **29th** day of **November 2018**

JD HAYDOCK ATTORNEY
 Attorney for Executor
 Room 4, Eskom Building
 110 High Street
 Grahamstown 6139

ESTATE LATE

In the Estate of the late **OLIVE VIVIANNE DICKASON**, Identity Number **310601 0025**
080 of 25 Donkin Street, Grahamstown, who died on **1 MAY 2018**.

Estate No. **1874/2018**

All persons having claims against the above Estate are required to lodge such claims with the undersigned within thirty days from date of publication hereof.

Dated at **GRAHAMSTOWN** this **21st** day of **NOVEMBER 2018**

WHITESIDES
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 GRAHAMSTOWN
 (Mr Nunn/AF/C10844)

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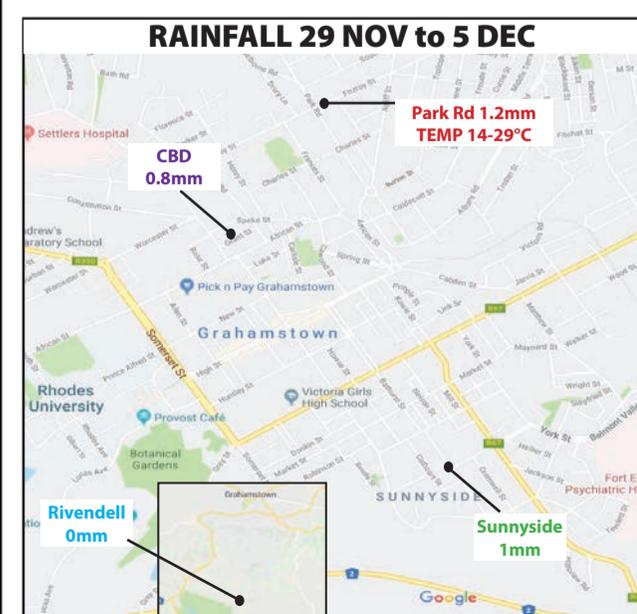
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GROCOTT'S MAIL
 Please take note that **Friday 14 December** will be our last edition for the year. The first edition for the new year will be on **11 January 2019**. Wishing all our readers a **Happy and Safe Festive Season**.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND

20 000	CONTRIBUTIONS:
19 000	R150 - Hartzenberg
18 000	R3 700 - GBS
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16 000	R200 - Labaschagne
15 000	R500 - Beard
14 000	R1 000 - Anonymous
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11 000	The Grocott's Mail Christmas Cheer Fund is dedicated to Child Welfare which will put the money to good use at Ikhaya Losizo Cluster Foster Home in Joza. The centre is home to around 20 vulnerable and orphaned children, and provides daytime care for around another 60. Funds raised through the Christmas Cheer Fund will be used to by uniforms and other school necessities for the children in the new school year. Any surplus will go towards a fence to prevent residents dumping rubbish in the adjacent thoroughfare.
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The Sophia Stars enjoyed a successful season for both of their junior sides, as the U13 and U15 sides took home their respective Makana LFA titles. Photo: Supplied

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Big haul for local swimmers

STAFF REPORTER

A number of St Andrew's College and Diocesan School for Girls swimmers qualified to participate in the Nelson Mandela Bay Aquatics Championships over the weekend of 1-2 December. The swimmers came back with many accolades and Qualification times. Junior National qualification times were swum by Joss Hempel and Oliva Lange (St Andrew's).

Lange won Gold in the 200m Breaststroke, as well as Bronze in the 50m and 100m Breaststroke. Cameron Rafferty won Bronze in the 50m Breaststroke, while Scott Ritchie won Bronze in the 50m freestyle.

Three DSG Juniors including Jenna Foster, Cara Meldrum and Wendy-Mae Turner as well as five DSG Senior swimmers, Cally Still, Emma Podesta, Toni Rafferty, Courtney Repinz and Shaelyn Walker also

took part in the weekend. Toni Rafferty (17 and over) won seven Championship titles in the 50m, 100m and 200m Freestyle; 50m and 100m Butterfly; 50m and 100m Backstroke. She swam three Senior National One Youth and Four Junior National qualification times. Emma Podesta (15-16 years) won Gold in the 50m Backstroke, silver in the 100m and 200m backstroke, and bronze in the 50m and 100m butterfly. Podesta also swam a SA Youth and Junior National Qualification time in the 100m Backstroke.

Courtney Repinz (15-16) won silver in the 50m Backstroke and bronze medals in the 100m Backstroke 100m Freestyle and 200m Freestyle, also swimming Junior Qualifying times in the 100m Backstroke and 200m Freestyle. Shaelyn Walker (14 years) won bronze medals in the 200m Backstroke and 1 500m Freestyle.



Toni Rafferty of DSG with her seven championship title trophies she earned at the NMB Aquatics champs. Photo: Supplied

EP Rural fall to Boland in high-pressure battle

By CHESLEY DANIELS

Poor batting and costly mistakes in the field cost the Eastern Province Rural Cricket Team against a spirited Boland side in Worcester on Saturday 1 December. EP went down by a crushing 157 runs in their Cricket South Africa Rural South Section fixture.

EP have now won two and lost two and are still within a very good chance to end in the top 5 of their section in or-

der to qualify for the CSA Rural Week in Makhanda (Grahamstown) in February 2019. Five of each section (South & North) will to qualify for the Week that will consist of ten teams.

Boland won the toss and decided to bat and made good use of the pitch early on. They posted a decent 263/6 in their allotted 50 overs.

The Eastern Cape side were flat footed in the field, dropping

five catches.

The bowlers also put themselves under severe pressure as they bowled both sides of the wicket, allowing the Boland batsmen to make good use of their opportunities. A brilliant 140-run fourth wicket partnership between Wade Abraham (107) and Tiaan Kannemeyer (68) laid a perfect foundation for their side. Patrick Jetha (26*) and Vivian Adams (27) also batted

aggressively towards the end of the innings. Cole Wessels (2/51 (10)), veteran Melville Daniels (1/24 (10)), Ruwayne Brooks (1/35 (7)) and Marquin Tom Loutz (1/56 (10)) were amongst the wicket-takers for EP.

EP delivered a bad start to their run-chase and were under pressure throughout their innings. Their batsmen failed to absorb the pressure and lost wickets at regular inter-

Win a surf lesson!

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"It's about having a good experience as opposed to getting people in and out the water," Dave says.

Instructors remain in the water with learners at Shaka Surf School, which caters for all ages and abilities. Photo: Shaka Surf School Instructors are in the water with learners – either standing in the shallows with the beginners and younger kids – or out on a board with the more advanced surfers, guiding them on to the face of the wave. While Surfing SA's safety guidelines stipulate one instructor to six learners, Shaka works on 1:3 or even 1:2. "Plus we're physically in the water, not standing on the shore. We pride ourselves on being professional," Dave says.

"It's important to work within a person's abilities and experience," he says. "With the little kids we hold on

to their boards until they're ready for us to let go."

The school uses softboards in line with International Surfing Association (ISA) standards: "With softboards you don't get injured by the board."

All equipment is supplied – boards and wetsuits. All you need to bring is sunscreen and a bottle of drinking water. Instruction packages are cheaper than single lessons, with a substantial discount for five or more lessons.

"December's a good time to learn to surf," Dave says. "The surf's quite small."

The school will offer lessons at both Port Alfred and Kenton these December holidays – with Cuan based at Kenton's Blue-Flag main beach and Dave at his local, East Beach. To book a lesson, call him at 082 335 4764 or Facebook message at Shaka Surf School @East.Beach.surfing99 or DM @shaka_surfschool.

Special offer for one lucky Grocott's Mail reader and a friend!

Shaka Surf School is offering one free lesson for a *Grocott's Mail* reader plus a half-price lesson for a friend or family member. To be in the running, send an email with SHAKA SURF SCHOOL in the subject line. Address it to community@grocotts.co.za and in the body of the email put the answer to this question by midday on Monday 10 December 2018: When is the next Spring Tide (ie the highest and lowest) in Port Alfred?

Please note:

- The prize is for the lesson only and does not include any other costs or transport.
- The prize is not transferable.
- The lesson will on a day and at a time suitable for both Shaka Surf School and the main prizewinner.
- The half-price lesson is intended for a friend or family member of the free lesson winner and must be taken at the same time as the prizewinner's lesson.
- The lesson is given under the terms and conditions stipulated by Shaka Surf School, and at a venue determined by the surf school.

KNOW THE SCORE

Parkrun #219

The 219th edition of the Makhanda (Grahamstown) Parkrun took place on Saturday 1 December. These were the fastest finishers from the day:

1. Douglas Wood - 21:35 (M)
2. Sarah Raubenheimer - 23:04 (F)
3. Ryan Bruton - 23:35 (M)
4. Sheldon Kilroe - 24:53 (M)
5. Adam Weeks - 25:16 (M)
6. Unknown - Information not provided
7. Unknown - Information not provided
8. Matthew Paper - 25:57 (M)
9. Hein Burger - 27:12 (M)

10. Amani Tupanjanin Clase - 28:56 (M)
11. Claudius Goremasandu - 29:09 (M)
12. Blake Brody - 29:20 (M)
13. Unknown - Information not provided
14. Allayne Guest - 29:53 (M)
15. Steve Craigie - 30:18 (M)
16. Unknown - Information not provided
17. Ryan Blandin de Chalain - 30:59 (M)
18. Lisa Marie Spencer - 31:14 (F)
19. Billy Morgan - 31:40 (M)
20. Peter Stockwell - 31:44 (M)

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HIGHLIGHTS

Springboks
Springbok Women's Sevens coach, Paul Delport, congratulated his squad for their performances in the International Invitational Emirates Airline Dubai Sevens after solid wins en route to the final, where they were beaten 31-5 by Japan. Delport said the efforts earlier on Friday 30 November, where the South Africans edged Tribe Sevens - an Australian invitational team - and then beat Japan's Academy side, was proof that the decision to blood six new players at the event was the correct one.

Wheelchair Basketball
The Senior National Men's Wheelchair Basketball team reigned supreme in the first edition of the Lwini Cup hosted in Angola from 29 of November to 1 of December 2018. South Africa put on masterclass performances to lifting the prestigious trophy in Luanda. The Sasol AmaWheelaboys defeated both Angola teams and Switzerland to win the tournament. The tournament was part of the team's preparations for next year's IWBF and Paralympics qualifiers.

World Surf League
South African Steven Sawyer (ZAF) has won the 2018 World Surf League (WSL) World Longboard Championship at the Taiwan Open of Surfing, defeating longboarding legend Kai Sallas (HAW) in clean, one metre waves at Jinzun Harbour in Taitung, Taiwan. The 24-year-old from Jeffreys Bay posted excellent heat totals in all three heats, including a near perfect 9.50 (out of 10) single wave score in the semi-finals, the highest of the entire event. Sawyer went one better than his runner-up finish at the 2016 World Longboard Championship.

Pro14
Teams from the Guinness Pro14 will once again enjoy two bye weekends over the next two weeks, before the final round of competition for 2018 will take place on the weekend of 21-23 December. The Isuzu Southern Kings and the Toyota Cheetahs will not be in action again until 2 February, when they take one another in their derby encounter in round 12 of the 2018/2019 season.

SA Rugby
SA Rugby unveiled on Tuesday how Accenture South Africa will champion the federation's digital acceleration ambitions as the proud official digital partner to the South African Rugby Union and the Springboks. "To many South Africans, rugby is more than just a game. It's a sport that evokes powerful emotions and has the power to unite the nation," said Vukani Mngxati, Chief Executive Officer for Accenture Africa.



Top local U18 surfer Andrew Laverge in action during a competition off East Pier, Port Alfred, in June 2018. Photo: Simon Pamphilon

Hang ten with the pros

STAFF REPORTER
If you're thinking about something active to do as a family these holidays, why not try surfing? Shaka Surf School offers surf lessons for all ages and stages -5 years old to 65 and more, beginner to advanced - and encourages family groups. It's a family business run by Dave McGregor and his sons Cuan and Kye. All have national surfing titles behind their names - two SA Longboard Champs titles each for Dave



and Kye and one for Cuan. A veteran journalist, two years ago Dave made the move from the keyboard to the surfboard. Although he's still called on as a freelancer as an experienced writer and photographer, he's glad to have finally committed to the ocean. "My kids are fourth-generation surfers," Dave says. "I've been surfing since I was 5 - so for 45 years. It's so nice to be able to share that experience and I'm blessed able to turn my

passion into my business." The school has been operating full-time for the past two years, but Dave has been coaching part-time for much longer. He says he gets the biggest kick from having people walk up to him and say, "You taught us to surf five years ago - thanks!" "It's lekker when kids are on the water and passionate about it," Dave says. "That's when I feel like I've achieved something - when a kid has their own board and they're riding it." Dave says surfing can be a great

family activity. "It's not like other sports where you stand on touch-line and shout for your kid to score - you're out there on the waves with them." His own boys need no motivation to wake up early: "In our house, everybody gets up at 5 to go and surf." Safety first is Shaka Surf School's grounding principle, so while they aim for a morning session and an afternoon session in a day, if conditions aren't right, they won't take surfers out.

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New Year's Cup 2018-19

The third edition of the New Year's Cup will take place from 16-31 December at the JD Dlepu Stadium in Makhanda (Grahamstown), in celebration of the holiday season and the fight against drugs.

Several Makhanda teams will be taking part in this year's New Year's Cup, namely the Santos, Newseekers, City Pirates, Grahamstown United, Jacaranda Aces, Sakhulutsha, Mighty Chiefs and Maru.

The winners of the tournament will receive a grand prize of R100 000 as well as a full set of new kit, along with their trophy and medals. Second- and third-place teams will receive R50 000 and R25 000 respectively, alongside their medals and full kit, while the fourth place team will receive R20 000 and full kit. Additionally, all 32 final teams will be provided with 10 match and practice balls per team.

The organisers of this year's event will be aided by a number of sponsors, including Mercedes Benz (Official Sponsor), the South African Football Association (SAFA), La Liga, the Eastern Province Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture (DSRAC), the South African Defence Force and new sponsor, Coca Cola.