

Healthcare suffering from 'lack of resources, poor service delivery'

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Health workers demand an end to failing services

HUNDREDS of doctors, nurses and health care workers, took to the streets of Durban on Friday in an effort to raise awareness on what they see is poor service delivery and insufficient resources in government hospitals.

The protestors marched from Botha's Park to Durban City Hall and handed over a memorandum which includes, among other things, the shortage of specialist doctors, shortage of posts for intern doctors, lack of medicine, insufficient medical equipment and poor infrastructure.

Dr Mvuyisi Mzukwa, South African Medical Association (SAMA) KZN Coastal Branch chairperson said the protest march was aimed at creating



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public awareness of the poor state of public healthcare in the province.

"Through this awareness we hope to gain support from the public as we demand an end to the rapidly deteriorating delivery of healthcare services in our province. This situation is getting worse every day.

As healthcare professionals we are duty bound to do something about it. This situation cannot continue without

meaningful intervention. The branch is alarmed by the Provincial Health Department's decision to unilaterally change the conditions of employment of all doctors by freezing critical posts, creating unfunded posts, keeping some doctors unemployed, and introducing a new commuted overtime policy without adequate consultation," Mzukwa said.

Subsequent to the introduction of the new policy, the union held a number of meetings with health officials demanding changes. A consultative process began with the National Department of Health, but the Provincial Health Department betrayed the process by commencing threatening workshops to

enforce the unilateral implementation of the new policy. "We have noticed a sharp deterioration in healthcare at hospitals and clinics in the province over the years. Indications of this include shortages of medicines, collapsing infrastructure, broken equipment and inadequate provision of staff. This has led to a situation where access to healthcare services and patient dignity is compromised daily," said Mzukwa.

The Health and Other Service Personnel Trade Union of South Africa (Hospersa) General Secretary Noel Desfontaines said: "We support the doctors' plea for the filling of critical posts which is affecting service delivery and contributing to the high medi-

colegal claims. Doctors are also human and need to be supported with adequate human capacity so they do not burn-out from working long hours with limited resources," said Desfontaines.

The staff shortage in KZN has hit cancer patients the worst. It is reported that there is only one oncologist in the whole of Durban and in the South Coast area. There is also only one urologist in the whole region, with only a single part-time specialist supervising the complicated treatment of more than 400 diabetic children. Hospital security was also raised as an issue as guards at the hospitals are not properly trained to deal with patients in a hospital environment.

Illegal occupants take over derelict hospital buildings

THE illegal occupation of derelict buildings within the King Dinizulu Hospital Complex (KDHC) in Durban and subsequent complaints from neighbouring residents, has forced the DA to appeal to KZN Health MEC, Sibongiseni Dhlomo, to act immediately by enforcing stricter security measures within the hospital complex.

The matter was raised in the provincial legislature last week by the opposition party when it tabled a motion calling for strengthened security after an increased presence of the illegal occupation of buildings at the hospital complex allegedly by drug dealers and sex workers who have moved into the abandoned and derelict former nurses' hostel on the property.

Residents in the vicinity who have been plagued by an increase in noise, litter and higher than usual level of criminal activity, together with ward councillor Chris Pappas, approached the hospital management to raise their concerns, but the problem persists.

Pappas said the DA had received volumes of correspondence and a petition regarding the matter. "This includes 129 signatures of residents in the area which we forwarded to the DoH, but no official acknowledge-

ment of receipt has been received," he said, adding the MEC would be held accountable.

Dr Imran Keeka MPL, DA KZN Spokesperson on Health, said the DA had also been led to believe that security guards posted at the building were allowing free passage to anyone, rather than preventing trespassers from accessing the facility.

"This necessitates, as an immediate step, an increase and improvement in security services at the derelict building. It is clear that the MEC has been sitting on his hands and has not acted upon the grievances received from the community. This problem has been in existence since at least February, with residents claiming that the problems began as far back as late 2016," said Keeka.

Keeka said, as the custodian of healthcare in KZN, the DA expected the MEC to take full responsibility for the situation and enforce stricter security measures, to ensure that the hospital complex was restored to its former state.

"We expect the MEC to work with the infrastructure department, the Department of Justice and SAPS to immediately solve the root of this ongoing problem of illegal occupation of unused buildings," said Keeka.

Hands on hygiene education



Charles Hugo Primary School principal, Timothy Whitby, with Nasreen Khaliva, Salosh Naidoo, Faeza Emmanuel and Saloshni Beetham from Ahmed Al-Kadi Hospital, with three of the children from the school who won prizes on the day, Mhlengi Hlongwane, Dana Knock and Ayanda Sibibi.

Children taught good hand hygiene

STAFF from the new Ahmed Al-Kadi Private Hospital took the message of healthy hand hygiene to three schools in the area last week, in commemoration of World Hand Hygiene Day on 5 May.

According to Sr Saloshni Beetham, in a major global effort to improve hand hygiene in health care led by the World Health Organisation (WHO), the annual global campaign was launched in 2009 to support health-care workers.

The WHO sets the standards for hand hygiene and encourages health professions to engage in interactive activities with their communities on the day throughout the world.

The WHO is running a competition where health organisations can submit a video or posters relating to the projects they completed on World Hand Hygiene Day.

Staff at the Ahmed Al-Kadi Hospital submitted a video from their visits to the various schools in Sydenham.

The staff put together a dance with an African theme which focused on the eight steps of hand hygiene. The video, along with posters from each department at the hospital, will be submitted to the competition.

"Our song brings it down to the level of the community and we hope the children at the schools we visited were inspired to take what they learnt home to teach their families about proper hand hygiene," said Saloshni.

She said the KZN Medical Specialist Network was also running a competition, and the hospital would also be entering their video into this.

Clean hands vital for infection control

ACCORDING to the World Health Organisation (WHO), adequate hand hygiene can reduce the risk for healthcare associated infections (HAIs) and has the potential to save 8 million lives each year in hospitals alone.

However, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that, on average, health care providers perform hand hygiene practices less than half of the time that they should.

To raise awareness among healthcare professionals about the critical importance of hand hygiene in improving patient outcomes, McCord Provincial Eye Hospital hosted a hand hygiene awareness campaign, to celebrate World Hand Hygiene Day last Friday.

The Public Relations Officer of the hospital, Zodwa Mbatha, said the campaign highlighted *Five Moments for Hand Hygiene* which aims to ensure that every healthcare worker washes their hands before and after touching a patient, before clean or antiseptic procedures, after touching a patients' surroundings and after any body fluid exposure.

Need to know

- For hand washing to be effective, you can't use water alone but must use soap.
- Wash hands before eating, feeding babies, playing with or feeding pets, preparing food and after visits to the bathroom

"Today's campaign programme included dissemination of guidance materials and a workshop on hand hygiene. Visiting various departments for judging displays and hand washing techniques. Health care workers and the general public need to be made aware about the importance of hand hygiene," she said.

WHO estimates that one out of every 10 patients contracts an infection while receiving medical care. Moreover, up to 32% of patients undergoing surgery develop a postoperative infection, 51% of which are resistant to antibiotics.

To prevent further spread of antibiotic resistance, the health body is urging policymakers to make infection prevention and hand hygiene a national policy priority. The organization is also calling on health care facilities and leaders in infection control to implement WHO's core components for infection prevention.

"Effective hand washing could help prevent the spread of colds and flu," she said, and encouraged the community to speak up for their health and advised them not to be afraid to ask nurses to wash their hands before touching them.

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Shop staff robbed

ARMED robbers held up staff at a Sydenham business and fled with cash and cellphones early on Monday night.

Blue Security community and media liaison officer Andreas Mathios said a gang of four armed men entered the shop in Randles Road and held up staff at gunpoint at around 5.50pm.

"The gang fled with an undisclosed sum of cash and cellphones," he said.

Sydenham SAPS attended the scene of the crime.

Free digital training

MUSGRAVE Library invites the public to attend a free digital skills training workshop on Thursday 18 May at Musgrave Library, 397 Che Guevara Road, Glenwood (Glenwood Village Centre), from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

The workshop is presented by Bizfarm and Brilliant Web. All welcome.

Contact Morag Wilkinson at the Musgrave Library on 031 201 6646 or email: Morag.wilkinson@durban.gov.za.



New exhibition for Phansi

PHANSI Goes Phezulu Gallery invites the public to view the exhibition *Magical Msinga*, featuring coloured pencil drawings of the Msinga landscape by Jannie Van Heerden, from Wednesday, 10 May.

There will be a walk-about with the artist on Saturday, 13 May at 10am.

The art will be supplemented by the work of Msinga artists who work in leather, clay, beads, wood, wire, string and other material.

The museum is at 500 Esther Roberts Road, Glenwood. Contact 031 206 2889. Visit: www.phansi.com.

Iconic sports stadium falling into dishevelled state

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Lack of maintenance could cost millions

DURBAN'S landmark Moses Mabhida Stadium has forever changed the skyline and become a proud monument and reminder of the success of the 2010 soccer world cup and offers a hub of activities for visitors and locals alike.

Now however, there is concern that a lack of maintenance may well jeopardise the stadium's iconic status.

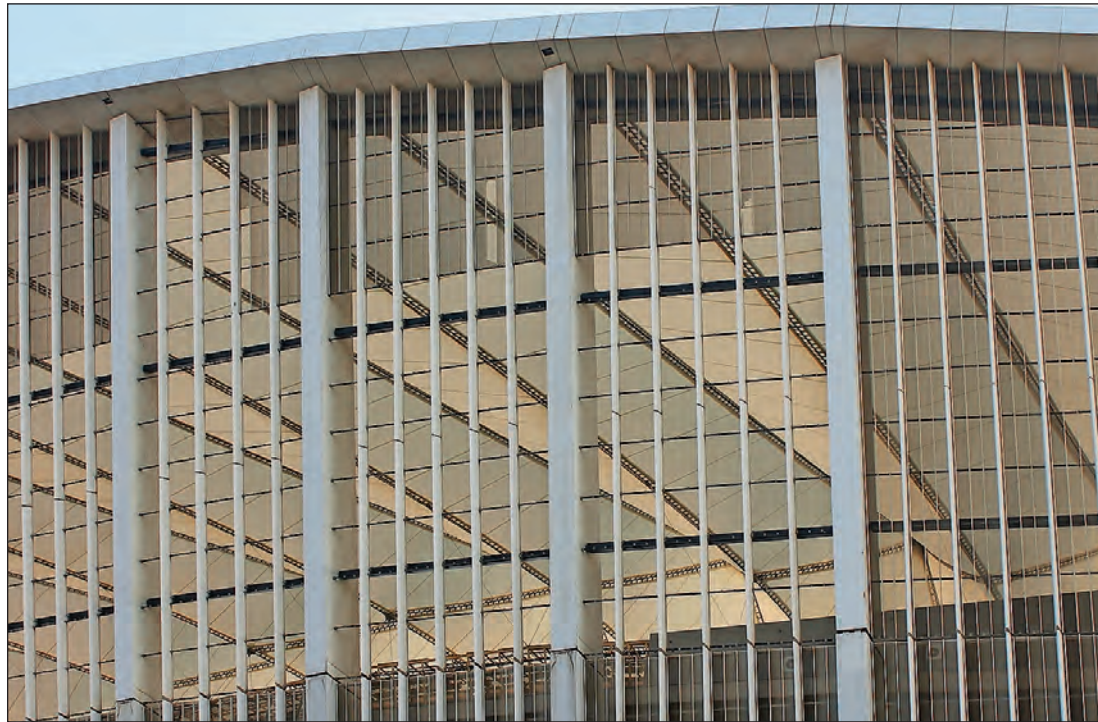
A close up look at the stadium shows evidence of neglect and wear and tear, and unless the City moves urgently to repair the damage, it is going to face a repair costing tens of millions of Rands if left unattended.

Local ward councillor Martin Meyer this week raised his concerns over the lack of maintenance.

"The condition of the stadium is concerning. Panels have fallen off the structure, the paint is peeling off the arch, the sky car is out of order and parts have to be ordered, so there is a hold-up and recently, soccer players complained about the quality of the pitch. We can't allow this very expensive city asset to go down the drain," he said.

Meyer said in 2015 there was talk of putting the stadium under the management of the International Convention Centre, which he said he supported. However, the process was delayed by the Community and Emergency Services Committee until after the elections.

"At a Council meeting in February this year, it was brought forward to allow the city manager to negotiate for the stadium to come under the City's management along with other stadiums



Panels are falling off the stadium and are not being replaced.



Ward 27 councillor Martin Meyer shows the sign stating the sky car at Moses Mabhida Stadium is closed for maintenance.



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in eThekweni, however no decision has been made," he said.

According to Meyer, the management of the stadium has been in limbo

for two years and the result of this is evident.

"As a direct result, there has been no maintenance of the stadium, there is no clear plan and we don't even know what budget is available for the upkeep of the stadium, so nothing is happening."

He said the stadium is beautiful and well-situated and should be a major tourist attraction.

"There was talk of this stadium being the best in the country as it could be used not only as a soccer stadium, but as a shopping centre, however, a lot of the commercial space is empty.

"It is disappointing that the sky car was not operational at a time when international delegates were in town for the World Economic Forum," said Meyer.

He said the stadium was already costing the City millions of Rands a month to run, and he felt if small maintenance jobs were not done when required, the City would end up spending tens of millions of Rands to fix it, money the City does not have.

"The stadium has become an icon of Durban, but like the City, it is looking shabby and falling apart," he said.

Forum marches against powerful elite

THE People's Economic Forum marched from Durban City Hall to the International Convention Centre on Wednesday, 3 May, where 2000 selected business and business economic elites were meeting for the World Economic Forum (WEF) on Africa.

The People's Economic Forum, said delegates at the WEF, would be shaping policies, negotiating trade deals and making investment decisions to benefit themselves at the expense of all citizens. "With South Africa among the most unequal countries in the world due to overwhelming power by rich elites and multinational corporations, we must support a genuine radical economic transformation which rejects corporate-centric mega-projects, pro-rich economic policies and anti-environmental deals," said Desmond D'Sa from the Forum.

He said the march was an opportunity for people who are opposed to state capture, corruption and looting of state resources by political and economic elites, to gather.

"The purpose of the march is for people, organisations, communities, movements and campaigns to demonstrate their dissatisfaction with corruption and looting in South Africa, in the rest of Africa and across the world, by self-interested and self-serving political and business elites," said Alice Thompson from the Forum.

The march was also an opportunity for people to show their support for a government and economy that serves the needs and interests of people rather than a privileged few. "Lastly, the purpose of the march is so that we, the African people who are not invited to attend WEF on Africa and influence the policies that affect our everyday lives, to show our power and have our own meeting on the streets of Africa," said D'Sa.

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Cycling community rallies to assist hit-and-run victim

THE life of Durban cyclist, Siya-bonga Njiva, was turned upside down on Sunday, 7 May, when he was injured in a hit-and-run incident as he was crossing Anton Lembede (Smith) Street at about 9pm.

The driver of the vehicle stopped and got out, looked at where Siya was lying and fled the scene on foot. The vehicle has been impounded by police. Siya was taken to Addington Hospital with serious injuries including four breaks in his right leg and a break on his right elbow. He will have to undergo surgery for pins to be inserted in his broken leg. Now an appeal is being made to the Durban cycling community to support Siya by donating into a trust account that will be used for his rehabilitation costs.

According to Shaun Peschl from Peschlsports, Siya is one of the country's top semi-professional cyclists who also plays a huge role in developing younger athletes in the city's Go Durban Cycle Academy. "Our concern is that if the operation is not done in the next few days, this could ultimately affect Siya long term in his profession which will be a great loss for us in the cycling industry, especially for the younger kids who look up



Siya Njiva puts on a brave face as he lies in hospital after being badly injured in a hit and run accident on Sunday.

to him as a role model," said Shaun.

The Siya Njiva Trust Account is in the process of being set up for the riding community to donate to his rehab process which is going to take a long time.

"My husband Chris and I have stood in the wings and watched and supported Siya's development over the years. His main passion has always been to give back to the community. It has been a privilege to witness him achieve his goals," said Maureen Rudham, who appealed to the community to support the worthy cause.

Siya is currently employed

Help Siya

ANYONE interested in contributing to The Siya Njiva Trust Account can contact Shaun Peschl on 083 453 6207.

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full-time with Shaun, and undertakes MTB training and coaching for private clients. He was promoted to head coach of the Durban Green Corridor Academy by Shaun Perchel and currently runs the development programme for disadvantaged children in the Inanda area.

Siya started trail building at Giba Gorge in 2006 and was first employed as a track builder and trail guide for cyclists from 2008 until March 2009. He then worked for Ian Wilson at Single Track Minded and continued to work as a trail guide for Ian's AMA Angels ladies mountain biking group. It was during that

time that he developed his skills in bike maintenance. In 2008 he worked part-time for Cycle Lab and was employed as one of their maintenance team at the Sani2C 2009.

On 28 December 2009 he accompanied Ian on a guided bike trail/tour down the South Coast where he guided and supported guests with cleaning and being a porter. He encouraged the weak riders and helped them through each day.

In July 2011 he was sponsored by Imana Foods to ride the Imana Wild Ride (a four day event along the Wild Coast). It was 'a dream come true' for Siya, and without a doubt the highlight of his MTB career was being awarded an Exxaro Development Academy bursary that enabled him to enter and complete ABSA Cape Epic 2012 and 2013. In 2014/2015 he was sponsored by Kargo Express Road Freight Distributors and was a member of their professional riding team.

He is a top cyclist for Peschlsports, one of the top professional cycling teams and development programmes in South Africa, which has sent athletes to Olympic Games and world championships over the last 10 years.

Women's race to hit Durban

THE streets of Durban will come alive with excitement on Sunday, 16 July when thousands of women join forces and 'Run For Life' at the much anticipated TotalSports Women's Race in support of PinkDrive.

Nike has joined the TotalSports Women's Race as an official technical race partner and each entrant will receive a magnificent fitted Nike T-shirt, an exclusive finisher's bracelet, en-route entertainment and an exhilarating live performance by a well-known South African artist.

The event will start at Kings Park Athletics Track. Entry fee is R120 for the 10km (licensed runner) and R130 for unlicensed runners (temporary license included).

The 5km will cost R80. Enter online at www.totalsports.womensrace.com.

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Recent crime statistics show a steady rise

CARJACKING, robbery at home and robbery at non-residential premises statistics all saw large increases, with incidents of vehicle hijacking seeing the biggest increase across all crime categories.

This was revealed in a recent crime statistic report, released by the SAPS for the period April 2016 – December 2016. Since the start of this year, a number of jewellery shops, one second-hand store and cellphone stores in some of the city's busiest centres have fallen victim to crime. Most recently, a gang of five hammer-wielding gunmen stormed The Workshop – in the CBD – early on Saturday morning and broke into a clothing store. Blue Security operations manager Brian Jackson said two of them were wearing balaclavas.

"The armed robbers walked into the mall and pointed their firearms at security guards on site before using a hammer to smash their way into a clothing store. They smashed the front door down and grabbed clothing and cash before fleeing the scene," Jackson said.

Last month, a gang reportedly used a similar modus operandi to break into a shop in the Southway Mall in Seaview and stole tens of thousands of rands worth of goods. Numerous jewellery shops at the Pearls Mall in Umhlanga, Cash Crusaders, in the Atrium, Watches Unlimited and MTN – both at Musgrave Centre – as well as NWJ at Westwood Mall were also reportedly robbed last month.

In March, Mayuri Jewellers in Chatsworth Centre was hit and in January,

three stores – including Natal Wholesale Jewellers (NWJ) in Musgrave Centre, Osiniq Jewels at the Hilton Hotel and Cajee at Gateway – were targeted. In the wake of a string of brazen armed robberies, the Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry is expected to convene a multi-stakeholder meeting to address the issue of crime in the city's commercial hubs.

Chief executive of the chamber Dumile Cele says that the prevalence of this type of crime was of serious concern to the business community. "It has highly negative effects on doing business in those areas," Cele said, "Crime infested areas are a deterrent to consumers who naturally avoid shopping in areas where they do not feel safe," Cele said.

Bulwer ambassador praised for a job well done

NKANYISO Aubrey Magwaza, one of the Bulwer Community Improvement Project's (BCIP) community ambassadors, has been praised for his hard work and for being elected Ambassador of the Month.

Aubrey was commended for calling for the police during a recent armed robbery in the Bulwer area during which he had been locked in a liquor fridge.

"It was on a Sunday at around 1.15pm and I was loading a customer's car when someone tapped me on the shoulder and called me inside. I said I was busy, but he pulled out a gun and took me inside. People were lying on the floor and I saw guys taking money out of the tills. I was put in a liquor fridge along with staff and customers. I managed to call Heather on my radio to say there was an armed robbery," he said.

Aubrey and the others were let out of the fridge by a customer who had gone into the shop after the armed robbers fled.

He was also praised for assisting in the arrest of a mugger in the area last Wednesday.

"A schoolboy was walking and talking on his cellphone when this guy came up, grabbed his cellphone and ran. A business owner saw it happen and followed the thief and asked me to hold him after he was caught as he had to go off to a meet-



One of the BCIP directors, Mike Kingston with Nkanyiso Magwaza, Ambassador of the Month.

ing. I called for assistance and held him until the police arrived to arrest him," he said.

Heather said this showed that the ambassadors were doing much more than keeping cars in the area safe and cleaning the pavements in Helen Joseph Road.

"They're the eyes and ears on the road and are definitely making a difference. I hope more businesses come on board so we can get more ambassadors on the road with more radios," she said.

If any businesses or residents want to join the BCIP, they should contact Heather on 074 203 2792.

Stakeholders join forces against crime

THE Mayville Community Policing Forum (CPF) recently coordinated a 'show of force' initiative that was supported by the South African Police Service (SAPS) and private security companies in an effort to demonstrate the determination that all stakeholders have in the fight against crime in the Mayville community.

The convoy started at 8.30pm, and involved all stakeholders patrolling the streets of Mayville for three hours. Fidelity ADT Community Development Manager, Dan Maharaj, thanked the local CPF for the opportunity to get involved in the

initiative and encouraged residents to support their local neighbourhood watch.

"Convoys of this nature are a wonderful way to create crime awareness in a specific suburb and showcase the power of stakeholder collaboration. I urge residents to support their local CPF's and NHWs.

"By attending community meetings, reading emails and voting when called to do so, you can show support for those who have stepped up and are working towards a security solution for you and your loved ones," he said.

Driver killed in Durban crash

THE driver of a vehicle was killed and three others injured after the vehicle they were in left the N3 near Old Dutch Road on Sunday afternoon and collided with a concrete wall in central Durban. Rescue Care Operations Director, Garrith Jamieson said Just after 11:30am on Sunday morning paramedics responded to the collision on the N3.

"On their assessment it was found that the driver, a male believed to be in his thirties, had sustained major injuries and had passed away before paramedics' arrival. He was declared deceased on the scene. Three passengers were stabilised at the scene before being transported to a nearby hospital," Jamieson said.

Jamieson said at the time of reporting, the exact cause of the collision was unknown.



The scene of a fatal crash in Durban on Sunday.

Municipality warns of banking hoax

THE public is urged to be aware of a fraudulent two-page letter being circulated notifying customers of alleged changes to the city's banking details.

According to eThekweni Municipality's Head of Communications, Tozi Mthethwa, the first page bears the incorrect municipal logo with an unknown address while the second page is a letter allegedly signed by ABSA bank.

The two page letter instructs cus-

tomers to make all payments for their municipal accounts into a new ABSA account, effective from 1 April 2017. It further states that the previous municipal account is reserved only for Forex and international clients, which is incorrect.

Mthethwa said as of 1 October 2015, eThekweni Municipality had moved all its accounts from Standard Bank to Nedbank and all municipal bills issued to customers have the correct banking

details at the bottom of the page.

"The Municipality is currently investigating the source of this fraudulent letter. We appeal to customers who may have received this letter to take it to their closest Sizakala Customer Care centre or to report it to the municipality's City Integrity and Investigations Unit," she said.

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Great deals were available to customers throughout the weekend that saw in store Dj for the day, Dj Clint, pumping up the birthday tunes and doing a live radio broadcast in store for customers and listeners.

"Customers loved the cake cutting ceremony with Allan, as it made them feel extra part of the day and our Birthday celebration," said PRO Lindsay Starkey.

Vickesh Munobahal, Shoba Regnath, Kerry Naidoo, Emmaline Govender & Geetha Gokul

Sherwin Mudumuthu with Mr & Mrs Govender.

Preggie with Solent prize winner Christopher.

DJ Clint with Denver Naicker.

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Garbage trucks arrive too early

EDITOR - I read with interest your article titled 'Ignorance over refuse collection is a load of rubbish' in Berea Mail, 5 May.

I feel the Council is to blame as garbage trucks arrive too early to collect the rubbish and we are forced to put the rubbish out the day before in case we miss them.

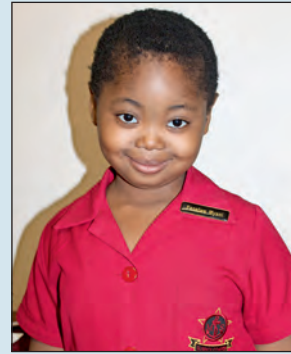
Danny Durban

Special mums deserve a special day

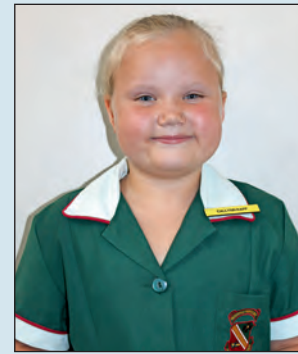
THE truth is out ... Mother's are hardworking, caring and deserve a special day like Mother's Day where they can be spoilt and just relax.

That's the opinion of learners at Maris Stella

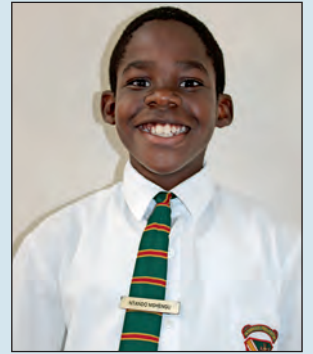
and Glenwood Preparatory School who told us why they love their moms, why they feel mothers deserve a special day and what they plan on doing on the day to spoil their moms.



Fanelwe Myeni (Grade 1)
I love my mom because she says I'm special and she's also very special to me. On Mother's Day I give her very pretty things. She deserves a special day because she's really kind to me and loves me very much.



Callynn Kapp (Grade 1)
My mom deserves a special day because she looks after us and she loves us. I make lots of stuff for her and I want to make a giant strawberry out of paper for her for Mother's Day.



Ntando Mshengu (Grade 5)
I love my mom because she is special and helps me in everything I do. On Mother's Day I'm going to make her breakfast in bed. She needs a special day because she needs a special day to relax.

317 Currie Road

Appeal hearing has far reaching consequences

EDITOR - On the 29 June 2015, the Honourable Madam Justice Steyn handed down a judgment in case 12052/2014 in the High Court of South Africa – KZN Local Division where she found for the applicant, Tayob Nazeer Aboobaker and 5 others and against the 1st and 2nd respondents being Serengeti Rise Body Corporate and the eThekweni Municipality.

The judgment arose from the application heard on 14 May 2015 in which the development at 317 Currie Road, Durban was found to be illegal. In her judgment, Justice Steyn ruled, "In light of this finding this Court considers the following relief as just and equitable and is ordered that;

1. The development on the property situate at 317 Currie Road that exceeds GR1 zoning

be demolished

2. The respondents to pay the costs of this application, jointly and severally, such costs to include the costs of two counsel where so employed.

As was expected, the first respondent appealed this judgment but what was not expected was that the eThekweni Municipality would join this appeal despite all that came out in the trial. The municipality is there to serve the people of Durban and by no stretch of the imagination can this action be seen to be doing that.

The municipality and the council, allowed their planning committee, chaired at the time by a councillor, who has since been gaoled for murder and who admitted involvement in corrupt activities to rezone this property and allow this monstrosity to be built when it would clearly, nega-

tively affect the values of neighbouring properties. Nobody from the City has ever answered the question of why they took that action in favour of one developer over the interests of the people of Durban.

This week 10 May, in Bloemfontein, five appeal court judges will review this judgment. The legal teams are gathered. Advocate Kemp J Kemp SC will lead the charge in asking the appeal court to uphold this judgment that has far reaching consequences for every citizen in this City. The alternative is too horrendous to visualize because it will open the door for greedy developers, with the assistance of uncaring politicians, to ride roughshod over the ratepayers of Durban."

Kevin Dunkley and Cheryl Johnson Save Our Berea

'Our transport system is appalling'

EDITOR - I have travelled with the 6:30am city bus from Umbilo Monday to Friday for the past 5 years. I know the route.

On Thursday, 3 May, the bus reaches Aliwal Street when the driver for the week informs me

that he's not going to the Workshop, but going straight down West street because he needs to get airtime from the BP garage.

When I protested he told me not to waste his time because he has to go back to Umbilo. In that

direction?

Our transport system is appalling and these drivers forget that they are providing a service, they are not doing us a favour.

D. A. Stevens Umbilo



Alitash Kalonji (Grade 3)
I think my mom's special because whenever I'm sad or down, she's always there to help me, and whenever I get bad news, she always tells me it's ok and she always helps me get up if I get hurt. If something is difficult and

I can't do it, she tells me to never give up and she will help me do it again. She deserves a special day like Mother's Day because she is always working very hard and I think she deserves a big, nice holiday.



Chad Lane (Grade 3)
My mom deserves a special day on Mother's Day because she does all the hard work, she makes our beds, she makes us food, she buys presents for us. I plan to make her a nice meal in the morning in bed, and I'll do her plants, and we'll make her a fun day.



Neha Saroop (Grade 3)
I love my mom because she makes the best macaroni and cheese and whenever I'm sad she always cheers me up and says 'don't worry, everything is going to be alright'. I think she deserves a holiday because she works very hard for me to go to a wonderful school.



Bianca Rich (Grade 7)
I love my mom because she helps me to be organised and do well with my school work. She's probably half the reason why I have so many achievement badges at school! On Mother's Day I'm going to wake up early and make her a cappuccino, toast, eggs and bacon.



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Jes Foord and Glenwood High boys with bags donated last year.

School supports handbag project for rape survivors

GLENWOOD High School is throwing its support behind the Jes Foord Handbag Project once again this year as part of its Old Boys' Weekend celebrations at the end of May.

The handbags will be handed over to the Jes Foord Foundation on Friday 26 May 2017 during assembly. Last year the Glenwood family pulled together and collected more than 100 bags for rape survivors.

The school has appealed to the community to assist with the project by donating new or used handbags containing items that can assist a rape victim during the initial reporting process at the police station. These items include a facecloth, soap, deo-

dorant spray and new underwear.

The project not only delivers handbags for women, but backpacks for men and children, as women are not the only rape victims. Each handbag received will be packed with the items.

"Obviously it would be greatly appreciated if people could hand in a bag with a few items, but an empty handbag is of great help as well. Should you wish to donate a bulk of certain items and not individual bags, you are most welcome to do so," said Hannelie Erasmus from Glenwood High.

For children, the school packs a Kiddi-pack, which is in high demand. Items needed for these packs are an A4 sized fabric drawstring bag, or small back

pack, panties/underpants, a pack of tissues or wet wipes, soap and facecloth, sanitary pad, a notebook, blue ball point pen, colouring pencils/crayons, and a teddy or small soft toy for comfort.

For the rape comfort bags, the items needed include a face cloth, panties (small, medium or large), sanitary towels, soap (liquid or bar), some body lotion (small), toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, deodorant, a small pack of tissues, a kind note with words of comfort/care, and a bag to place the items in.

If you'd like to help by either donating a bag or items, you can drop off your donation at the Glenwood High School reception for attention: Marketing.

Learning through play

IT is said that the jobs of the future have not yet been invented and that we are heading into an innovation-based economy. South Africans need to become innovators and not just end-users of products and technology. Manor Gardens Primary school learners were exposed to the world of science and technology on Friday when the KZN Science Centre presented a special morning of experiments and fun at the school.

The special visit by the KZN Science Centre was part of the prize won by Grade 7 learner, David Dingane, who came second in the inaugural Mind Blown Tournament held at the Sahara Stadium last December. Sixteen schools from the Durban area participated in the tournament with the winning schools receiving cash prizes. Dingane said he enjoys science and when he grows up, wants to be an IT specialist.

MindBlown is a 100% locally produced collectable card game from concept to creation by Berea-based edu-tech company, Rebel Rabble. MindBlown aims to prepare young people for an innovation-based economy by sparking curiosity in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths. The game has attracted rave reviews from local innovators and education specialists who hail it as a breakthrough in boosting curiosity among learners.

Isobel Sobey, the educator who runs the Mind Blown club at the school said she noticed a visible excitement in her learners since they started playing



Manor Gardens Primary School's young scientists David Dingane and Tharshey Govender.

the game. They were exploring topics such as the solar system, animal kingdom, finding wow facts and other interesting bits of information.

"The learners look forward to Thursday afternoons – which is our club day. It's a fun afternoon with lots of facts and discussion. We have exceptional learners who think differently and the game strategy encourages learners to find unusual facts," Sobey said.

This year's tournament is expected to be bigger than ever. The huge interest in the tournament has prompted the organisers to establish a Berea league. All schools in Berea, Glenwood, Musgrave, Morningside and surrounds are encouraged to attend the launch of the Berea league on Thursday, 18 May from 2 pm to 3.30 pm at Manor Gardens Primary, 95 Dale Road, Berea. Schools are requested to send a minimum of 4 learners and 1 educator from Grades 5-10. The launch will include a demonstration of the game and a mini-tournament with some prizes to be won.

Students urged to sign agreement to avoid NSFAS funding retraction

THE National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) is calling on the 63 558 students who received funding and have not yet signed their loan agreement forms (LAFs) and schedules of particulars (SOP), to do so at their respective universities and TVET colleges as soon as possible, or before May 31, 2017. Affected students could possibly

face retraction of NSFAS funding if they fail to honour their funding obligation, although they are approved for the 2017 funding.

NSFAS spokesperson, Kagisho Mamabolo said no loan advance will be made unless the Loan Agreement has been signed.

"It is our responsibility, as

stated in the National Credit Act 34 of 2005, that prior to entering into any credit agreement with a consumer, we must conduct a detailed financial assessment on behalf of the client. Now that we have done that, we are appealing to the students to do their part and sign the agreements for their own benefit. No credit agreement can be concluded without

the signing of the agreement form and acceptance of the terms and conditions thereof," he said.

"We ensure that our students understand the risks, costs and obligations created by the financial assistance they are receiving. Signing of agreement is compulsory and common practice for any institution that provides financial assistance in

SA", added Mamabolo.

NSFAS will not process any tuition payments for students who have not signed their agreements. All funded students are obliged to acknowledge that they understand the terms and conditions and the amount of funding stipulated. Funded students who are eligible for financial assistance will continue to

receive funding (automatically) until they complete their studies, provided they achieve the 50% pass mark.

To sign a LAF/ SOP, a student can visit the NSFAS website – www.nsfas.org.za, click on the SIGN YOUR LAF/SOP link, then enter an ID number into the search engine. Then details will appear on the screen.



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It is important to her that girls understand that their value is not derived from external validation but from achieving their own set of goals and knowing that they are loved.

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THE South African Military History Society meets on Thursday, 11 May at the Murray Theatre, 1st floor Civil Engineering Building, UKZN Howard College Campus, at 7pm for 7.30pm.

The speakers will be Dr Mark Coghlan of KZN Museum Services, who will speak about *Moscow tram-stop: A South African Twist*. The second talk will be given by well-known historian, Robin Smith, who will present his talk about a battle of the Anglo Boer War, *5th Victorian Rifles - Disaster at Wilmansrust - Redemption at Geelhoutboom*.

All are welcome. Contact Roy Bowman on 084 951 2921 or Graeme Fuller on 082 659 5213.

DURBAN Senior Social Club will meet on the third Wednesday of the month, 17 May, at Berea Congregational Church, Pardy Gardens Road, off Musgrave Road, Durban, at 9am for 9.30am.

Guest speaker, Janice Bennecke, will give a talk on her survival and experience of cancer. Janice is the KZN administrator of PinkDrive.

All welcome. Cost is R10 for members and R15 for visitors, which includes tea/coffee

DIARY DATES

Old Girls' reunion

MARIS Stella Old Girls' Association will host a reunion cocktail party on Friday, 12 May at Maris Stella at 6.30pm for 7pm.

Cost is R150 including a welcome drink, or buy 10 tickets for R1000. A cash bar will be available.

Contact Maris Stella on 031 209 9426 or chudson@marisstella.co.za.

has invited the group to visit his home at 122+126 Julia Road in Overport. He will supply tea and coffee and the committee will take eats. Charge R20.

Contact Naomi Stapersma on 031 465 7358, 072 103 9591 or raywake@telkomsa.net.

THE SA Writers' Circle will host a one-day writing workshop entitled *Rocky Horrors Rewritten* on Saturday, 27 May at German Club, Barham Road, Westville, from 8.30am to 3pm.

The workshop explores the cult of the Rocky Horror Picture Show and challenges writers to examine its impact as science fiction, fantasy, horror, comedy, romance or tragedy.

Cost (including lunch and teas) is R180. To book, email: brigitta.sawc@gmail.com.

DURBAN Quakers meet each Sunday, and on the first Sunday of each month, before meeting for worship, an introduction will be given to the way Quakers do things. Anyone is welcome.

Contact Mark on 082 907 7364 or Geoff on 031 201 4079 or 031 373 5609. Visit: <http://www.quakers.co.za/>

and refreshments.

Contact Mona on 031 701 9516.

PHRENAID presents a free talk on *Five simple ways to improve Brain Health* on Saturday, 20 May at Westville Methodist Church, 38 Jan Hofmeyr Road, Westville from 2pm to 4pm. Pen, paper and tea will be provided. All welcome.

Contact Lyn on 084 645 2844 or visit: www.Phrenaid.co.za.

GARDEN and House Plant Club will meet on Saturday, 20 May at 2.15pm.

Frank Edwards will speak on Guerrilla Gardening and

Art expo explores African identities

TO commemorate Africa month, African Art Centre invited selected artists to participate in an exhibition themed *I Am An African*.

Africa month is an opportunity to celebrate the arts and culture of our country and continent. KwaZulu-Natal is naturally a distinctive thread in the works on display, featuring artists such as Sifiso Ka-Mkame, Jabulani Cele, Zakhele Hlabisa, Sabastein Pillay, Welcome Danca, Sibusiso Duma, Joseph Manana and Major Ndlovu, among others.

This exhibition hopes to create colourful awareness of various social and cultural identities and simultaneously provoke thinking about what it means to be African. It touches on unresolved questions pertinent to our society, the challenge of xenophobia for example.

"Establishing acceptance, tolerance, cooperation and unity among our respective cultures and communities is crucial for the growth of Africa, and for our lives as Africans. That is the spirit which under-

lies the invitation to a group of artists to participate in the *I Am An African* exhibition," said Magdalene Reddy, Director of the African Art Centre.

The public can expect to see works in a range of mediums from oils to watercolours to pencil drawings. The exhibition will be opened on Thursday 11 May at the African Art Centre, 94 Florida Road, Durban.

Contact the African Art Centre on 031 303 4634 or africanartcentre@afri-art.co.za.



Gugu, Beauty Cele, Neliswa Mabaso and Happy Ndwandwe. PHOTOS: Rudy Nkadima

Crepuscule play dazzles audiences



Latoya Goldstone and Charlene Moodley-Bezuidenhout.



Bheki and Lulama Mthombeni.

THE first time I came across the word *Crepuscule*, was from the song *Crepuscule With Nellie* by the Thelonious Monk, which was recorded in 1957. At first I thought he made it up until I got an invite from the Playhouse Company about its new stages season, which included *Crepuscule*, a stage work based on the real-life story of Drum Magazine icon Can Themba.

The play is believed to be an interpretation of Themba's real life love affair with a white woman during the 1950s, a time when such relations were considered taboo. The play asks a range of pertinent and contemporary socio-political questions. Themba and Hart's illicit relationship across the apartheid 'colour bar' serves as a means to unpack just how much of our identity is formed by our environment and how much is shaped by our choices as individuals.

The Durban season has already sold out three performances. The cast includes *Crepuscule* stars Nat Ramabulana as Can Themba, with Kate Liquorish as his romantic partner. Lerato Mvelase plays Baby/Kleinboy, Nhlanhla Mahlangu is Stan, Matthew Lotter plays Malcolm, and Thami Ngoma plays Ous Le-thabo/Mama Dora/Sis Pretty.

Crepuscule means twilight or dusk. It is that period of not quite dark and not quite light but right after sunset. *Crepuscule* is a time of partial darkness, just like the current social-political climate in this country. The production is very entertaining, creative, original and thought provoking and leaves us with the universal message that love conquers all.



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Where to get your groove on



Shane Strachan of Catlike Thieves will perform at Crusaders on Sunday.

● **CATCH** live music at uShaka Marine World's Wahooz on the Promenade Restaurant this weekend. The lineup, starting at lunchtime, includes The Meditators on Saturday, 12 May and Warren Brothers (country band) on Sunday, 14 May.

Contact uShaka Marine World during office hours on 031 328 8000.

● **SPOIL** mum on Mother's Day, 14 May, with a laid back afternoon of good music and good food at Northwood Crusaders Sports Club weekly Sol Sunday Sessions.

Performing this week from noon is singer-songwriter John Ellis of Tree63, Shane Strachan of Catlike Thieves, and Rusty Red – a Durban blues guitarist and vocalist.

Entrance is free and there is plenty of parking and seating. Children welcome.

Crusaders is at 10 Ranleigh Crescent in Durban North. Contact 031 563 0824.

● **ENJOY** live music at the Windsor Tennis Club, James Henderson Road, Glenwood, every week.

Play tennis from 4pm to 6pm, then grab a boerewors roll or toasted sandwich and a drink and listen to some great music every Monday.

You can enjoy the sounds of Chloe Clark on 15 May.

Entrance is R50, and music is from 6pm to 9pm.

Contact Roland on 082 499 8636 or email roland@stansell.za.net.

UNWIND

Gin festival mixes food, drink, music

HERE'S some great news for G&T drinkers! KZN will host the first Fitch & Leeds Gin and Tonic festival at the picturesque Chris Saunders Park in Umhlanga on Saturday, 3 June from 11am till 8pm and Berea Mail has three double tickets to giveaway!

Billed as one of the most anticipated festivals to make its mark on Durban shores, the Fitch & Leeds Gin and Tonic festival offers a combination of lifestyle elements, bringing together food, music and the biggest variety of gin that Durban has ever seen. It's the ideal spot to sit back and chill with your mates and enjoy one of life's pleasures, sipping on a chilled G&T in beautiful surroundings.

Upon arrival, festival goers will receive a limited edition branded glass and a "Rate Your Gin booklet".

You can use this handy little booklet as a guide through the festival, and as you rate each gin, get your booklet stamped. Hand in your completed booklet to the office on site and you could stand to win some amazing prizes.

For the gin enthusiasts and those just in for the fun of it, choose between a Gin & Tonic taster or a perfect serve Gin & Tonic, poured by a mixologist and then relax on the lawns to enjoy some local music from some of South Africa's favourite musicians.

"We are really excited to be partnered with the internationally award-winning Fitch & Leeds range of bespoke mixers. Fitch & Leeds is the ultimate in mixers. Delicately carbonated, finely balanced and infused with the world's finest flavours," commented the organiser's Rowan Clelland and Jared Wilson.

Limited tickets are available at a cost of R130 per person at www.webtickets.co.za. This event is strictly over 18. Drink responsibly.

Win tickets

THREE lucky Berea Mail readers can each win double tickets to the Fitch & Leeds Gin and Tonic festival at Chris Saunders Park in Umhlanga on Saturday, 3 June. To put yourself in line to win, just enter your contact details including email address and telephone number on the competition form online at bereamail.co.za. The competition closes at midnight on 31 May 2017. Winners will be contacted and will receive official Tickets from the festival organisers via email.



Kirsten Sayers (clarinet) musician with the KZN Philharmonic Orchestra, with her pupil, Rachel Luyt (saxophone).

Talented youngsters take centre stage

BUDDING music and vocal students will get their turn to shine in the Young Performers' Concert at the Playhouse Drama theatre on Saturday, 20 May at 7pm.

The once-off concert is organised by the KZN Philharmonic Orchestra and the South African Society of Music Teachers and will showcase the solo skills of 15 of the most promising young KZN orchestral performers and vocalists in a variety concert type format performing an eclectic repertoire of classical highlights, opera arias, and even crossover opera/pop.

The concert features the KZN Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Naum Rousine. It is a red letter day for many of the orchestra players, who have the opportunity of performing publicly with their music students.

"For many of the young performers, this is a hugely significant opportunity for them as it is their first opportunity to perform with a professional orchestra, and it is often the springboard to their future musical careers," said Bongani Tembe, Chief Executive and Artistic Director of the KZN Philharmonic.

Tickets are R40 for adults and R25 for school learners and students, available through Computicket at www.computicket.com or 0861 915 8000 or at Shoprite Checkers Money Market Counters.

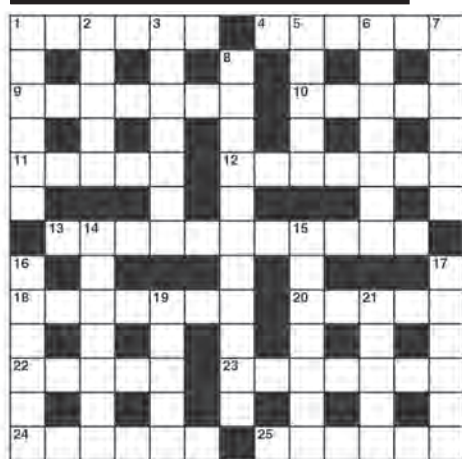
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NO 19

40 MINUTE PUZZLE



Across

- 1 Show the flag? (6)
- 4 Bar girl has nothing on (6)
- 9 From which to make the draw (7)
- 10 Give free medical attention? (5)
- 11 Inclined to be fast it's said (5)
- 12 Mad rage can lead to slaughter (7)
- 13 Competent crew showing polite behaviour (4,7)
- 18 Letters to be mailed to a remote settlement? (7)
- 20 Planter doing a job that could be worse (5)
- 22 Doctor works treating eyes perhaps (5)
- 23 An instrument of Eve's downfall (7)
- 24 Knock out some facts about an aircraft (6)
- 25 Their function is to secure quiet in class (6)

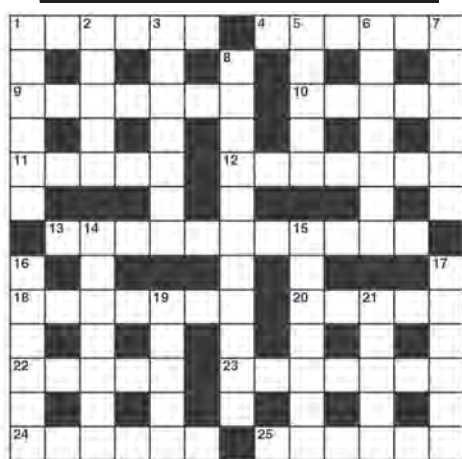
Down

- 1 Rising can be very difficult (6)
- 2 Decline to meet a composer (5)
- 3 Went round to put a name on the list (7)
- 5 Table put to very good use (5)
- 6 Outdoor writer bursting into love song (4-3)
- 7 Little Margaret is after fruit and spice (6)
- 8 It's clear-cut as a decisive trial (7,4)
- 14 Determined to see what the future holds (7)
- 15 It joins another for a breather (7)
- 16 Being wealthy was charged (6)
- 17 Note deserter is not charged (6)
- 19 A charge on collection (5)
- 21 Expresses regret in a little footnote (5)

Solutions to Crossword No 18 (40 minutes)

Across: 1 Hideous, 5 Aspic, 8 After a fashion, 9 Serai, 10 Rampage, 11 Writhe, 12 Spread, 15 Dearest, 17 Roost, 19 Whipping posts, 20 Renal, 21 Satisfy.
Down: 1 Heaps, 2 Determination, 3 Ogreish, 4 Safari, 5 Assam, 6 Private houses, 7 Contend, 11 Widower, 13 Parapet, 14 Atones, 16 Expel, 18 Testy.

20 MINUTE PUZZLE



Across

- 1 Bad-tempered (6)
- 4 Ridiculous (6)
- 9 A setback (7)
- 10 Intersect (5)
- 11 Treacherous (5)
- 12 In succession (7)
- 13 The wrong way round (4,2,5)
- 18 Money saved for the future (4,3)
- 20 Style of dress (3-2)
- 22 Mature (5)
- 23 Disappoint (3,4)
- 24 Disposition (6)
- 25 Capital of New South Wales (6)

Down

- 1 Bottle for wine at table (6)
- 2 Blacksmith's block (5)
- 3 Frenzied (7)
- 5 Cured meat from pig (5)
- 6 Idealistic (7)
- 7 Intention (6)
- 8 Kindly generous nature (5,2,4)
- 14 Physical attack (7)
- 15 With justice (7)
- 16 To no avail (2,4)
- 17 In full view (6)
- 19 Register as competitor (5)
- 21 Prickle (5)

Solutions to Crossword No 18 (20 minutes)

Across: 1 Cypress, 5 Proud, 8 In all weathers, 9 Bleep, 10 Candour, 11 Confer, 12 Scythe, 15 Achieve, 17 Event, 19 Miscellaneous, 20 Dandy, 21 Rapidly.
Down: 1 Climb, 2 Place in the sun, 3 Eclipse, 4 Speech, 5 Put on, 6 One for the road, 7 Deserve, 11 Charmed, 13 Clean up, 14 Feeler, 16 Elegy, 18 Tasty.

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If you have a window that is unoccupied in any room, consider using it for setting up space where you can work while enjoying natural light and a view of the world outside.

A small desk up against a window, or in the area in front of bay windows are ideal home office spaces. While sitting at the desk the window on the world creates an illusion of having far more space than the home might have.

Just beware of being too distracted by what is outside the window while trying to focus on work.



A home office, a place to work away from the rush and stress of the daily commute is a luxury many homemakers would like, but often feel they can't attain.

Many fear a dedicated home office would take up too much space in the home, but the reality is that it is possible to have a stylish home office or study without having to give up an extra room or take up too much of the precious

real estate in your home.

The truth is, even if you aren't a business owner or someone who works from home regularly, having a dedicated space for household admin, or homework for the younger members of your household is a great idea and helps keep work-related clutter away from the rest of your home. Here are some tips and tricks to create a workspace in any home.

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by the numbers

Dr Anton Tantner, a history lecturer from the University of Vienna once said, "without irony, it is possible to call the house number one of the most important innovations of the era of Enlightenment, a century that was virtually possessed by order and classification."

Tantner's work on the history house numbering might seem very academic, but it does highlight the importance placed on house numbering and the universality of the development of methods to identify houses and homesteads around the world, almost simultaneously, if not in a parallel manner of development.

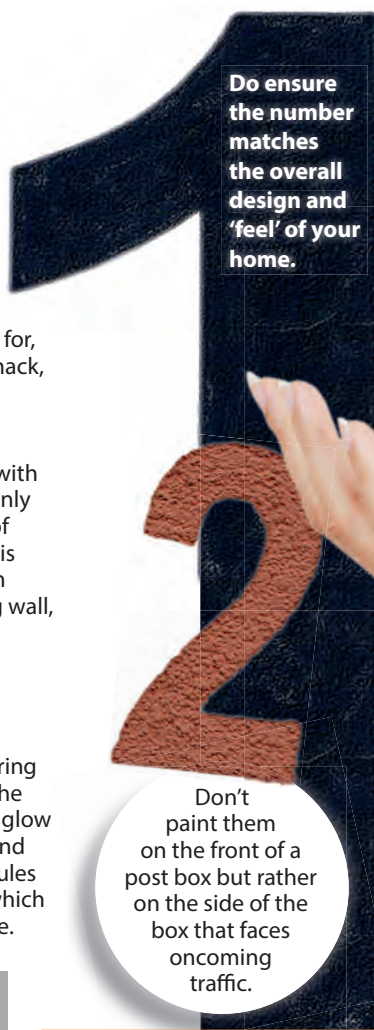
It occurs for hundreds of years and even features in traditional myths and legends in the stories told in various cultures. Even today, as road names are changed, and suburbs grow and shrink with urban sprawl, gentrification, and development,

the display of a number outside your home to show people which house is yours is something most people strive for, whether they live in a humble shack, or a mansion.

Even businesses use the numbering of their premises to reinforce their company brand, with some taking great pride in not only the number but also the name of the road in which their building is situated, proudly displaying it an elegant font on their road facing wall, gate, or signage.

As with other types of home decoration and adornment, the home numbering methods and fashions have changed over the years, from rudimentary numbering painted onto doors or walls, to the high tech digital signs and even glow in the dark signs that can be found today. If you follow a few basic rules you can have a house number which is both functional and decorative.

Dos and don'ts for house numbering



Don't paint them on the front of a post box but rather on the side of the box that faces oncoming traffic.



Do make sure that you house numbers are not obscured by trees, overgrown shrubs or other objects such as parked cars by displaying them clearly on the house (at eye level or higher), on the post box and even the kerb, so if one number becomes obstructed the others will still be visible.



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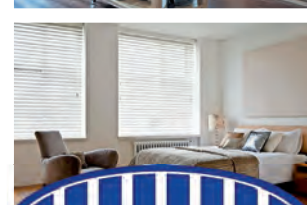
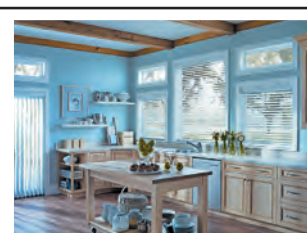
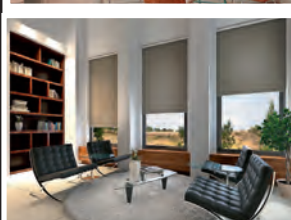
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Do choose solid materials. Most house numbers come in all-weather finishes and are sealed with lacquer or glaze.



Do keep your house number in good nick following basic maintenance and repairs when needed.



Don't hang numbers too close to a light source that might outshine or overshadow them or opt for brass or bronze numbers if you can help it as they tend to become 'invisible' no matter what kind of light shines on them due to them blending in with any background.



Tips to make your numbers stand out

Stencil them onto a wall in reflective paint or commission a graffiti artist to paint a mural which incorporates your address.

Numbers don't have to be horizontal, consider running them vertically, or in a stepped pattern, especially if your numbering at road level indicates the entrance to a home upstairs.

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Catio culture for communal living

With increased horror stories on WhatsApp and Facebook groups of cats being stolen, many cat owners have taken to keeping their furkids indoors.

However, cats love to roam outside where they can breathe fresh air and experience the sights, sounds and stimulation of the natural world. Of course, garden owners sometimes don't enjoy the destruction cats cause to the fauna, yet another reason why some cat-people prefer their purrfect companions to stay indoors. Unlike dogs though, cats can't be walked in a nearby park, and take a very dim view of being put on a leash or harness.

The creative solutions flat dwellers devised allow house cats to enjoy the outdoor air and sunlight in a custom made safe space.

Creative methods allowing cats to enjoy fresh air while living in cities has become a bit of a trend globally and the term "Catio" a combination of the words "cat" and "patio" was coined to describe these enclosed feline spaces.

In the suburbs, they sometimes take the form of a screened-in porch or deck rather than the cage-like window boxes it all started off with.

A small garden or patio can also serve as a perfect catio if you are able to secure it so the feline can't escape into the big wide world.

Cats are notoriously difficult to keep from wandering. While dogs can be left in a fenced garden safely, cats aren't as easily confined by fences and gates since they can navigate even the highest fence, and climb over walls by way of trees.

Advice from an expert

You can probably find most of the things you need to build your own DIY catio at your local hardware or home improvement store. Check out the web for many free plans and tips on how to build these for your own cat. Or speak to people like the Animal Anti-Cruelty League's Judi Gibson for tips on what works best. Their facility at Artesia Farm in Hammarsdale has a large outdoor area which is an enclosed cat haven,

basically a large scale catio.

Judi knows cats and their proclivities very well working as closely as she does with a large range of feline rescue animals of all ages and running a luxury cat hotel to cater for cats when their families go away. "Cat enclosures are great to keep your cats safe, so often cats are stolen or harmed while out wandering," she said.

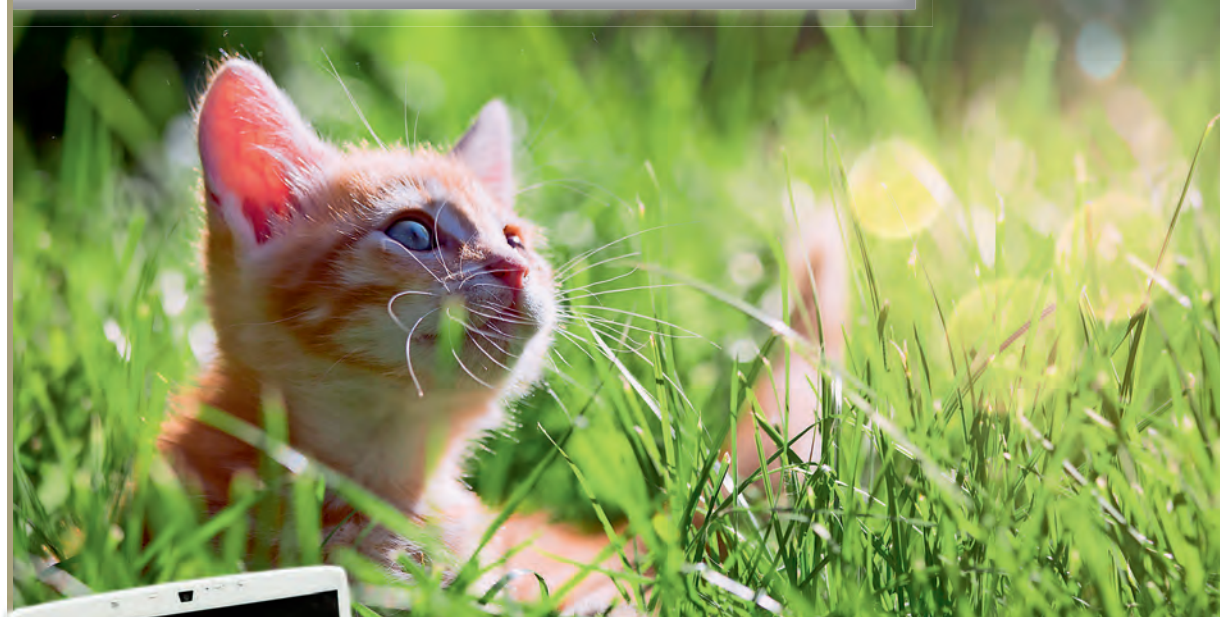
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A website dedicated to catio spaces (catiospaces.com) has plenty of examples and even plans to give you advice for building a catio in your own home. While it isn't local to South Africa, it has resources with free tips to help anyone create the perfect catio for their feline friends.

One happy 11-year-old catio convert said her cat, Mars enjoys making a dash for the door because he likes to go outside "even though he's not supposed to".

The cat-loving family were very relieved when they saw how happy Mars was in his safe and secure catio space which allowed him the enjoyment of the outdoors and all the stimulation it affords without putting the local wildlife, and his own life at risk. His catio was built off the side of the house and Mars is able to access it through the cat door several times a day, regardless of the weather.

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Honda's edgier Civic moves ahead

Late last year Honda launched their tenth-generation Civic, and as is the norm these days, it's a little bigger than the model it succeeds.

The Japanese manufacturer has sold 23 million Civics since 1972, and what started as a small affordable entry-level hatch has grown into a range of compact luxury cars that are good enough to compete against the premium German products in terms of quality.

The car sent to me for evaluation was the 1.5 Sport CVT sedan that, at R430,000 is the second-most dear of the four sedans on offer.

The two top models share a perky new 127kW/220Nm 1,498cc four-cylinder turbo engine, while the remaining two derivatives, the 1.8 Comfort and 1.8T Elegance, make do with Honda's naturally aspirated 1.8 litre VTEC four-cylinder motor that doles out a

more subdued 104kW and 174Nm. There is unfortunately but a single gearbox available in the Honda sedans - a CVT, or continuously-variable transmission. More on that later.

The Civic is much more aggressively styled than its predecessor, looking almost like a coupé, and I found it very appealing. There are lots of sharp edges and creases, and the Sport version has a fairly low front spoiler which didn't bother me, and a very business-like rear boot spoiler that did because it's out of place on this car.

The interior is tidily laid out and well screwed and glued using quality black leather with matte-silver and piano-black trim. The digital display isn't irritatingly in-your-face, and there's plenty of interior space. That's a jolly good thing, because Honda's discontinued their Accord range in South Africa and obviously hopes that the Civic will help



fill the gap in their product line.

The Civic also comes with a full box of electronic communications, safety and comfort gubbins. This really sticks it to the German manufacturers who'd make their cars' tyre valve caps available only as expensive options if they thought they could get away with it.

The Civic would be a joy to drive, were it not for the CVT transmission,

but I must admit to a personal bias against these boxes because they are so akin to the droning transmissions found in 125cc scooters. The Honda's has seven artificial steps to make it mimic a conventional seven-speed auto, and it's very smooth, but the whole point of a CVT is that the engine stays in the torque band while the gearbox whines its way through an infinite number of ratios to keep it there.

Interestingly, I carted a good friend and ex-race driver, Mike Egan, who builds superb high performance cars and generally thinks anything with less than 300kW on tap needs to be cured with a V8 transplant, up to Camper-down. He surprised me by commenting on how classy the car was and particularly how smoothly the transmission shifted. "The kind of person who buys a car like this will probably love it," he said in response to my gripes. He has a

point, but I reckon more people would like and buy the car if it came with a six-speed manual or a conventional auto gearbox sans the built-in bulldust.

The Civic's 1.5-litre turbo engine is superb. The peak torque of 220Nm is on tap all the way from 1,750 to 5,500rpm and that's enough to get you up to 100km/h any time you have around eight seconds to spare.

Top speed is claimed to be 200km/h, which is largely academic on public roads these days, but the car's main attribute is just how good it feels on the road.

The ride is supple but firm, there's very little road or wind noise, the switchgear feels as well as looks solid, and everything feels very well put together. The only setback in my view is the transmission.

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Winning options for Focus range including new diesel engine

Ford has introduced a number of exterior and interior features to its Focus range while also introducing a new diesel engine.

Derived from the ST and offered only on the mid-range Trend hatchback, the optional (R19,984) styling pack consist of a model specific colour coded bodykit, tilt and sliding electric sunroof, boot spoiler, multi-spoke 17-inch alloy wheels, active bi-xenon headlights with daytime running LEDs, dual-zone climate control, heated and folding mirrors and rear privacy glass.

The Driver Assistance Pack (R17,089), which is available on four and five-door Trend models, not only features Advanced Active Park Assist, Lane Departure Warning, reverse camera and Lane Keep Assist, but also Ford's upgraded SYNC3 infotainment system with satellite navigation.

At the sharp end, rear parking sensors are now fitted as standard on both the ST1, ST3 and RS, with a reverse camera debuting on the ST3.

A 10-speaker sound system with subwoofer and SYNC3 can are options on the ST3 and RS.

Underneath the bonnet, the Focus retains its range of three and four-cylinder EcoBoost engines, with the biggest shake-up being the addition of a new 1.5 TDCi diesel engine in place of the long serving 1.6 TDCi.

Essentially the same unit recently launched in the revised Transit Connect, the new oil burner produces 88kW and 270Nm, and is linked exclusively to a six-speed manual gearbox.

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Volkswagen Amarok

Now available with V6 power

By Charl Bosch

Right from its launch in 2010, the Volkswagen Amarok became the most talked about bakkie in South Africa and one which managed to split the opinions of a nation.

VW has sold 29,000 units locally these past seven years and recently gave the Amarok a mid-life facelift while also adding the long awaited 3.0-litre V6 TDI engine to the range.

In line with the old adage of "If it ain't broke, don't fix it", differentiating the Amarok from its pre-facelift sibling takes a keen eye with the Walter de Silva-penned design now benefiting from a restyled front bumper with redesigned fog-lights, new grille and a LED third-brake light. Higher spec models also boast smoked tail-light clusters, while wheel sizes range from 17 to 20 inches.

Volkswagen has revised the local model range with the Comfortline replacing the Trendline as the new entry-level offering, followed by the Highline, the new Highline Plus and the Extreme in place of the previous Ultimate.

The biggest changes are inside with a completely new dashboard more akin to that of the latest Passat, with the previous audio system making way for a brand new 6.3-inch touchscreen in either Composition Media or Discover Pro guise.

Aside from including USB and Aux inputs, both systems also feature a new digital voice enhancement function, which amplifies the driver's voice through the hands-free microphone without requiring him to face passengers seated in the back.

With bakkie safety becoming more and more important, the Amarok has kept up with the times with a revised version of its Post Collision Warning and Electronic Stability Control, which are both standard across the range. Hill Decent Control and VW's trademark Off-Road ABS system are fitted to all-wheel drive models too.

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With the popularity of automatic transmissions in the leisure bakkie segment continuing to grow, self-shifters accounted for 81 percent of Amarok sales last year; VW has expanded availability of its eight-speed torque-converter auto to now include eight models, with the transmission also being the sole option on the 3.0 TDI. The brand has also discontinued all single cab Amarok versions.

The much debated four-cylinder engines in the line-up are unchanged with outputs of 103kW/340Nm and 132kW/420Nm respectively, but the new 3.0 TDI V6 now meets the demand for a bigger engine and essentially uses the same engine in various Audi and Porsche models, producing 165kW/550Nm with an over-boost function adding 15kW and 30Nm for ten seconds.

These power outputs take the Amarok above the Ford Ranger

3.2 TDCI as the most powerful diesel bakkie on sale in South Africa.

Volkswagen claims the V6 Amarok will hit 100km/h from standstill in 8.0 seconds, before topping out at 193km/h while sipping diesel at a rate of 9l/100km.

Having undertaken the first part of the local Amarok launch route from Bloemfontein to Clocolan in a BiTDI, stepping into the V6 felt no different until the loud pedal was mashed to the floor. Instant and accompanied by a pronounced turbo whistle, the surge of power was relentless and seemingly never ending as the speedo touched the national speed limit.

Most notable though was the complete lack of any engine or road noise from inside the cab, with another standout being the seamless manner in which the eight-speed 'box goes about its business. In spite of our spe-

cific V6 being fitted with paddle shifters, the 'box accomplished its task with such aplomb that it was left in Drive for most of the time.

Another eyebrow raiser with the launch of the automatic gearbox in 2014, was the lack of a low-range gearbox on all-wheel drive models in favour of a very low first gear. Presented with a challenging off-road course in the grounds of the Prynnsberg Estate, the Amarok made light work of the myriads of rocks, sand and water, only coming into contact with Mother Earth by virtue of its mud flaps.

While it has succeeded in upping the power stakes, the deciding factor in the success of the Volkswagen Amarok V6 TDI rests on whether buyers are prepared to stomach the lofty SUV price tag for its added grunt. Although sure to sell, it remains to be seen what effect it will have come the monthly sales figures.

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BAIC enters South Africa with new D20

HAVING announced an investment of R11-billion last year to produce vehicles at the Coega Industrial Development Zone outside Port Elizabeth from 2018, Chinese state-owned automaker, Beijing Automobile International Corporation (BAIC), has launched its foray into the local market with the new D20 sedan and hatchback.

Marketed under the Senova name in China, the D20 draws similarities with the first generation Mercedes-Benz B-class externally, no doubt thanks to its partnership with the three-pointed star, and, according to

BAIC, rides on the same platform as the Smart ForFour.

Initially, the D20 range will consist of five models with a choice of two trim levels, two petrol engines and either a five-speed manual or four-speed automatic gearbox.

Starting the line-up off, in hatchback only and Comfort trim you can choose between a 1.3-litre mill developing 75kW and 128Nm of torque, or a bigger 1.5 with 85kW and 148Nm. These models are only available with a manual gearbox. Standard equipment includes dual front airbags, rain sense wipers on the 1.5, auto-on headlights, electric windows,

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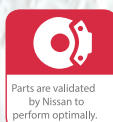
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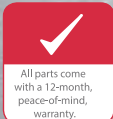
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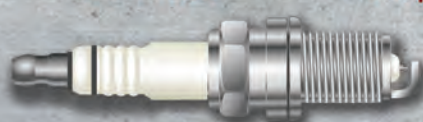
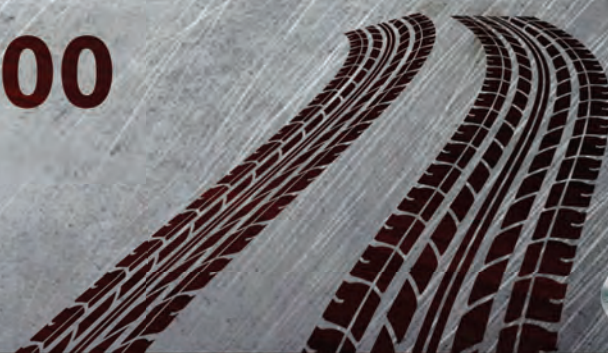

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South Coast Bike Fest was a blast



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The inaugural South Coast Bike Fest in Margate attracted more than 60,000 visitors with the organisers declaring it the biggest annual biking event in South Africa.

The festival included great bands and various motorcycle trade stands, as well as motorcycle racing at Dezzi Raceway and a mass ride for all the bikers. The highlight of the festival was undoubtedly the Classic Motorcycle Club of Natal's stand. A collection of rare vintage and veteran motorcycles as well as a cross section of classic road bikes was beautifully displayed throughout the weekend, attracting a great deal of attention and loads of compliments.

Although crowd support was disappointing at Dezzi Raceway the motorcycle participants, including riders of historic motorcycles for the first time at this venue, had a great day out on the track.



Wheeling it down the straight...just one of many enjoying the Dezzi track.



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Ramini 'waddles' for penguins



Ramini Naidoo will take on the 7th Annual Penguin Promises Waddle.

AFTER 17 years in the office, Durban's Ramini Naidoo is ready to set off on a 120km journey on foot with a few of her colleagues to raise environmental awareness.

Starting at sunrise on Monday, 8 May, she plans to walk from Gansbaai through Kleinmond, Gordons Bay, Muizenberg until she reaches the Boulders Beach penguin colony in Simons Town on 14 May.

Since joining the South African Association for Marine Biological Research (SAAM-BR) in 2001, Ramini has supported the work of both the Oceanographic Research Institute (ORI) scientists and uShaka Sea World educators who work hand in hand investigating and disseminating information.

Now it is her turn to go out into the field and share her love and commitment to the marine environment by walking an average of 20 kilometers a day for six consecutive days.

"Working with the scientists and educators has really inspired me in so many ways. Being a part of their everyday activities I've learnt so much and have been so inspired working with these amazing passionate people and am proud to be part of marine conservation in South Africa," said Ramini.

'...my colleague assured me it is no more than 240 000 steps'

- Ramini Naidoo quips about the daunting challenge ahead of her

She said although she was a little nervous as she wondered whether she would be able to keep up with the younger members on the team, her two children Schanice and Bevan reminded her that she was indeed both mentally and physically capable of achieving whatever she set out to do.

"I have been preparing for the walk which my colleague assured me is no more than 240 000 steps, by walking along the promenade in the evenings, line dancing and occasionally jogging.

"Along the route we plan to visit a number of primary schools, penguin colonies, environmental organizations and inspire both the locals and visitors we meet along our journey. I hope to encourage them through the Penguin Promises campaign to embrace environmentally sustainable lifestyle choices," said Ramini.

Ramini said by simply taking small steps towards living with the planet in mind, we quickly grow into the habit of doing the right thing.

"I always say no thank you to plastic straws, take my own reusable bag to the supermarket, reduce my electricity consumption and try wherever I can to reduce the amount of water I use," she said.

Lowering our carbon footprint is not only good for penguins but good for people as well. To make a promise visit: ipromise@penguinpromises.com.

Women wowed at breakfast



Guests who supported a fundraising breakfast event in aid of Essenwood Retirement Home recently, enjoyed a delicious three course breakfast and a talk by engineer Matthew Jones who regaled them with his experiences on the Great South African Bake Off. Seen above are Vicki McGeary, Angela Kightley, Janet Burgess and Linda Downie.



Sarah Pudifin-Jones, Lynne Neilson and Matthew Jones.

Directors Dorothy Henry, Susan Cousins and Betty Hotchkiss.



Take a nature hike

GET outdoors and explore some of our natural resources with members of the Durban Ramblers Hiking Club this weekend.

On Saturday, 13 May, Durban Ramblers Hiking Club will hike at the Crowned Eagle Conservancy (Gillitts).

Meet and park at 1.45pm at the Gillitts Post Office (Corner 15 Old Main and Clifton Roads).

Something different in a guided walk through the privately owned Crowned Eagle Conservancy taking in the indigenous flora and fauna (some endangered) and areas of historical interest. This would be a great hike for beginners. Photographers and birdwatchers could also enjoy this hike.

Grade 1 (easy).

Contact the hike leader, Philip on 082 417 0204.

On Sunday, 14 May, the group will walk from Mitchell Park to Point (Durban).

Meet at 7.30am at Mitchell Park (Nimmo Road parking area).

Walk from Mitchell Park to the Point and back, stopping for coffee and snacks along the way.

Grade 3; distance is ±22km.

Contact the hike leader, Jenny Rooks on 084 952 0622.

Contact www.durbanramblers.co.za or visit Facebook: Durban Ramblers Hiking Club.



Morne Van Rensburg dotting down over the whitewash. PHOTO: Jarrod Swift

GLENWOOD High School's Green Machine thrashed Kearsney College in a clash of schoolboy rugby at the weekend.

A tough task awaited Glenwood as they headed up to Botha's Hill to play a Kearsney outfit that has showed good promise so far this season. Glenwood were put under pressure in the first five minutes with Kearsney having most of the possession.

Glenwood began to string strong phases together and it was outside centre Conan Le Fleur who broke the Kearsney line to score in the corner. Winger Morne van Rensburg stepped up to add

the extra points giving Glenwood a 7-0 lead. Not long after Glenwood's right winger Morne van Rensburg went over for Glenwood just next to the uprights, Van Rensburg converted his own try 14-0 to Glenwood.

Glenwood looked deadly with ball in hand and it was blindside flanker Renaku Brynard who dotted down, Van Rensburg added the extras to bring the score to 21-0 to Glenwood.

Ten minutes of back and forth play between the teams resulted in a piece of brilliance between the forwards and backs which Rynardt Jonker finished off in the corner. Van

Rensburg stepped up and slotting his fourth to give the Green Machine a 28-0 half time lead.

In the second half, left winger Janus Hendrikz went over in the first set play. Van Rensburg added the extras giving Glenwood a 35-0 lead.

Glenwood's lock forward Edward Laubscher was the next to go over after a strong run breaking Kearsney's defensive line with ease to go over the whitewash. Van Rensburg added the extras once again extending Glenwood's lead to 42-0.

Scrumhalf Jaden Hendrikse was the next to get on the scoreboard. Hendrikse converted his own try taking

Glenwood lead out to 49-0. Eight man George Luzolo was next to rumble over with 10 minutes remaining. Hendrikse missed the first kick of the game hooking it left of the uprights making the score 54-0 to Glenwood.

Kearsney got their first points of the game when outside centre James Sutherland went over and converted his own try 54-7.

Reserve flyhalf Connor Allan put the last nail in the coffin for Kearsney with a fantastic try in the corner. Hendrikse was unable to add the extras.

The Green Machine marched on with a convincing win over Kearsney 59-7.

DHS savours 10-try victory

DURBAN High School won convincingly against Clifton College in an exciting rugby match at Riverside on Saturday.

The game proved to be a very one sided affair that saw DHS turn up the heat and run in 10 tries, resulting in a final score of 67-14.

The game started well for the home team as they drew first blood for a well-executed try. However, after DHS weathered the initial gusto from Clifton, they were then able to assert their authority with three quick-fire tries. The first half saw the DHS 'horseflies' lose focus occasionally as they surrendered possession too easily and conceded two tries, ending the first half with a score of 29-14.

The second half saw a better team performance from DHS which resulted in a complete shut out of the opposition. The team combined explosive running with some sublime offloads on the day. This was exemplified through the flankers Asande Mnguni and Kamvelihle Fatyela which resulted in tries for both of them.

Craven week winger, Tonderai Ndudzo, also stood out crashing over for his hat-trick on the day.



DHS's Tonderai Ndudzo in possession of the ball. PHOTO: Tim Whitfield/Sports Wrighte

Gymnasts prepare for KZN qualifiers

LOCAL young gymnasts are preparing, under the guidance of their coach, Jennifer Khwela, for KZN qualifiers in Pietermaritzburg on 20 May.

The group of eight girls from Central Gymnastics Club in Durban have been putting in hours of training four days a week. Jennifer said the girls need a certain average to qualify for KZN and need to work hard to prepare.

"I am very proud of the girls as they have put their all into preparing. The qualifiers are held every year and there are three competitions for the levels 1-3, before they go to Johannesburg for the mini-nationals or zones in June. The level 4 gymnasts then go on to the nationals, or the gym games in Johannesburg in October. I'm feeling very positive they will do well," said Jennifer.

Jennifer believes in instill-

ing in each of her gymnasts a work ethic that motivates them to work hard.

"Gymnastics takes time and patience. It took me 10 years to get my first gold medal overseas. The girls are doing so well and I want them to go far," she said.

"I used to do gymnastics in PE and my talent was noted at the age of nine. I was watching gymnastics in the 2000 Olympic Games and decided to try it out as a sport.

"My gran and two coaches also encouraged me to continue when it got too much for me," she said.

Jennifer was a gymnast for 13 years and travelled to 13 countries to take part in World Cups for gymnastics, in the UK, Luxemborg and Germany.

"I want my girls to experience that!" she said.

She said the sport was her career until she was injured.

"I lost interest in the sport after I recovered, but was still passionate about it, so I decided to start coaching. I first coached at eThekweni Gymnastics and started coaching at Central Gymnastics Club in February last year," she said.

The club is a non-profit organisation and does its best to support the gymnasts. Sponsors are needed to help finance the girls' travels to events.

If anyone can help support the club, contact Jennifer on 071 104 1647 or email: jmkhwela@gmail.com.

Coach, Jennifer Khwela (right) with her young gymnasts, (back) Sanelisiwe Ximba, Tiarah Copman, Snesipho Mbonambi, Emily Impson, (middle) Olinda Mbanjwa, Mzuzu Mhlongo, Siphehle Mazibuko and Ntobi Duma.



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Jethro Brophy-Tintinger with the trophy he won at the EMC Youth Regatta.

Teen sailor on course for success

GLENWOOD sailor, Jethro Brophy-Tintinger, has had a busy few weeks going from one sailing competition to the next and proving himself under extreme conditions and with different boats.

He was the skipper of the Point Yacht Club Team that won the inaugural Ethekeeni Maritime Cluster Regatta - the first in what is hoped will become an annual event to foster growth and interest in Youth sailing locally and nationally.

All teams were on the one-design L26 yacht which produced some excellent sailing. A team from the Cape and sailors from Germany gave added interest to the event.

In the Hobie 14 Regatta held off Durban's beachfront with winds of 30 knots at times over the Easter weekend, he persevered, finishing as 1st Youth, keeping up with the internationally-classed adults, finishing 6th overall.

On the weekend of 29 and 30 April, Jethro had to use technique to sail in the lightest of winds, finishing 2nd in the Laser class of the Richards Bay leg of the SA Sailing Open KZN Grand Slam.

All of the events are part of the preparations for his trip to Noordwijk on Zee in the Netherlands during the July school holidays where he will team up with a Dutch sailor in the Hobie16 Open European Championships.

Cold spell puts yacht club's bash on ice

DUE to the wet, cold and very windy weather moving up the coast, the Point Yacht Club has postponed its *Band on the Bay* event which was to take place this weekend, to Saturday 20 May.

The event is being hosted to mark the club's milestone 125 year anniversary.

With its rich history, the yacht club has seen many a character pass through with a number of Olympic sailors donning the club's colours, and more recently, a number of youth sailors being selected to represent the country.

The festivities get underway at 4pm. The entrance fee is R80 per person, which also gets you a free beer or cider. Parking is R20 for the evening, situated in the club's parking area.

Soccer teams urged to support CHOC tourney

CHOC (Childhood Cancer Foundation) will host its annual 7-a-side soccer tournament at Tills Crescent Grounds, Sydenham, on 16 June from 8am to 5pm.

Soccer players are encouraged to enter to help 'keep more than hope alive' for the youngsters CHOC supports.

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