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Agricultural project for the north

Stephané Bothma

Feasibility studies are being done into the establishment of an agricultural project aimed at sustainable small-scale farming and creating jobs in the northern corridor of Tshwane.

Last week, the Tshwane metro introduced its first multi-million rand Agropolitan Village, the Tshwane Food and Energy Centre (TFEC) in the far east of the metro.

"The City Sustainability Unit, a technical unit in the Office of the executive mayor, is currently in the process of doing feasibility studies into replicating the TFEC concept in the north of Tshwane," mayoral spokesman Blessing Manale said on Wednesday.

The sustainability unit had managed the establishment process of the Agropolitan Village in the east from design to implementation.

"It is a mayoral flagship project that will assist the city in its transition towards being a low carbon, resource efficient and climate resilient city," Manale said.

"Should the feasibility studies support the creation of such a village in the north, it would be able to produce and sell agricultural produce, generate its own renewable energy and provide jobs to the low income inhabitants living in under-utilised agricultural areas classified as highly socially vulnerable, such as Hammanskraal" he said.

The project introduced last week was a complete agricultural village located on a

200ha plot belonging to Tshwane.

Tshwane executive mayor Kgosietso Ramokgopa said the design of the village aimed to achieve the multiple objectives of sustainable urban food production, renewable energy generation, SMME development, poverty reduction, employment creation, water use efficiency/optimisation, sustainable human settlements and local economic development.

The primary production at the TFEC consists of:

- 25 farms – each a Pty Ltd company;
- Combined chicken production from 60 000 chickens;
- Combined vegetable production from 7 200 m² of tunnels; and a
- Central farm to manage bulk-buying bulk-selling, quality and quantity control and synchronised production and sales.

The secondary production at the TFEC consists of a vegetable processing facility, seedling production, an abattoir, hatchery among others.

The mayor said that the risks of farming were well known and included high risks of failure due to climate, input and market vagaries and the inability to respond quickly enough as well as a lack of economies of scale resulting in unprofitable farming.

"Thus the approach to the agricultural village has been to mitigate these risks by establishing a central 'demonstration' farm that both serves as an active farm for livestock production, as well as a business support hub delivering agricultural exten-

sion services to 25 small-scale farmers.

"Each farmer had been supplied with vegetable tunnels and chicken coops and would manage these individually with the aim of becoming commercially viable.

"However, the benefits of economies of scale will be achieved through collective ownership of and access to an abattoir, hatchery, vegetable processing, seedling production, crop farming and feed mill

facilities," he said.

"This is not just a farming project – there are many different aspects to the project – and one can thus develop a whole range of skills that can be carried over into new ventures."

He said the TFEC had striven for self-sufficiency in both supplying the necessary infrastructure to make use of rainwater, groundwater and renewable energy.

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Lang pad van pyn na boom byna lewe eis

Corlia Kruger

Dit gaan weke of selfs maande kos vir 'n man om te herstel nadat 'n boomtak in die Moot op sy motor geval het.

"My gebreekte ribbes is weer geheg, maar ek sukses nog met my kop en nek wat geslaan bly," vertel Manie van den Berg (58).

Hy het naelskraap aan die dood ontkom.

Meer as 'n maand nadat hy uit die wrak gesmy is, praat hy oor sy nagmerrie-ondervinding.

"Ek is gister weer uit die hospitaal ontslaan na ek 'n tweede keer opgeneem is."

Van den Berg onthou hoe hy op 22 Februarie op pad huis toe was, toe 'n boomtak op sy motor se dak en voorruit val.

"Dit was omstreeks 19:00 en ek was op pad huis toe in Gezina van Villieria af. 'n Tak van 'n boom langs die pad het afgebreuk, en ek het so half in die vallende tak ingery," vertel hy.

Van den Berg onthou net die ongelooflike

pyn toe 'n deel van die tak wat sy voorruit gebreek het, hom in die sy deurboor het.

"Die reuse-boomtak het die motor se dak ingeduik en as ek nie na my linkerhand toe geleun het nie, het die dak my kop dalk ook beseer." Van den Berg sê daar was geen geluid of ander waarskuwing voor die tak op sy voertuig geval het nie.

"Ek het net die slag gehoor toe die tak my tref."

'n Motoris agter Van den Berg het ook skade gely. Die man het nooddienste na die toneel ontvol waard Van den Berg in sy voertuig vasgepen was.

"Ek kon nie asem kry nie. Die tak het op my bors gedruk en ek kon nie beweeg met die stuk wat deur my lyf gesteek het nie."

Van den Berg sê nooddienste op die toneel het die voertuig soos 'n blik oopgesny om hom te bevry.

"Ek is na Montana private hospitaal gebring, waar ek vir agt dae in die waakeenheid was," sê hy. Van den Berg meen sy pad na herstel is 'n lang een.

"Ek het steeds pyn waaroor ek sterk medikasie moet gebruik."

Van den Berg sê die boomtak is reeds vroeër deur inwoners as 'n gevaa uitgewys.

"In 'n Pretknermer van die Tshwane-metro was blybaar vroeër daar om takke van bone naby 'n kragkas af te snij," vertel hy.

"Maar die werker het glo volgens inwoners geweier om die einste tak af te snij wat nog sulke ongelukke toe voorkom."

Van den Berg sê hy is in die proses om regstatte te doen en eis dat die metro soortgelyke gevare in woonbuurte verwijder om nog sulke ongelukke toe voorkom.

"Dit gaan heel waarskynlik weke neem voor ek kan terugkeer werk toe."

"Die werwels in my nek is nog baie seer en dit maak dit moeilik om te bestuur."

Die metro het teen druktyd geen terugvoer verskaf nie.

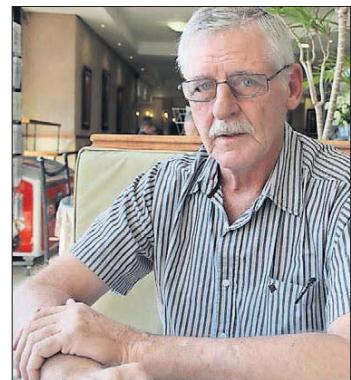


Wrak na boomtak op motor val.

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Wrak na boomtak op motor val.



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Vierjarige verloor dalk vingerpunte

Corlia Kruger

'n Ouer in Pretoria-Noord sê haar dogter kan die punte van twee vingers verloor nadat 'n betonmuur op haar hand gevallen het.

Maritz Bouwer vertel onstoe van 'n betonmuur om die erf van haar verhuurder, wat volgens haar wankelrig was.

Bouwer sê sy was een van talle huurders wat 'n Wendy-huis op 'n erf in die noorde gehuur het.

"Ons het die eienaar byna nooit gesien nie en moes gereeld deur sy seuns werk om met hom te kommunikeer," sê Bouwer.

"Vir twee jaar reeds het ons gepleit en gesoebat dat hy die betonmuur om die erf herstel."

Bouwer sê 'n gedeelte van die muur was afgebreuk en het al lank gedreig om om te val.

"Ons het die kinders maar sover

as moontlik probeer weghou van die muur."

Verlede maand, sê Bouwer, het haar vierjarige dogtertjie naby die muur gespeel, toe 'n gedeelte van die muur inmekaa geval het.

"Kinders aan die ander kant van die muur, moes die deel van die muur omgestamp het, wat toe op haar vingertjies gevallen het."

Bouwer het haar kind na Steve Biko akademiese hospitaal gehaal, maar die skade was reeds gedoen.

"Met verloop van tyd het die vingertjies swart geword en dit lyk of die punt van haar middelvinger reeds begin afval," vertel Bouwer.

"Hulle monitor die handjie weekliks by die hospitaal om te sien of hulle die een vinger sal kan red."

Bouwer het 'n dag na die voorval verhuis en gaan voort met regstapte teen die perseleenaar.



Vingerpunte van die vierjarige dogtertjie van die noorde.

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Gelowige vroue het Saterdag by kerksondermure in Centurion byeengeskot vir die *Dankie, Here*-produksie in samewerking met Radiokansel. Die geleentheid is vir die eerste keer gratis aangebied en 700 vroue regoor Gauteng het dit bygewoon. Die tema was aktueel. Om dankie te sê is soms makliker gesê as gedaan, dink jy terwyl jy weer moet lees hoe politici die land deur die modder sleep. Op die foto is Jean Lung, Jana Marx en Stephanie Conradie.

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Neglected parks are an eyesore and unsafe

Corlia Kruger

A neglected, overgrown park and poor service delivery are irking residents in the north of Pretoria.

The park on Rivea Street, Doornpoort, was as recently as 2010 a source of pride in the spirit of the Soccer World Cup.

Now it is forgotten and being taken over by tall grass and waste not being thrown in dustbins.

DA councillor Arnold van Niekerk, who previously represented the ward, said the park was once the pride of Doornpoort 3.

"Irrigation systems were installed and as I believe, Ghana was one of the main donors who invested money to get this park ready for the World Cup."

A cast of a soccer ball and monument to the sporting event still graces the park which has now become home to criminals, according to residents.

"The crime rate increases in surrounding areas when there is a park or open field with tall grass which criminals can use as cover when they scout homes to rob," said Hannes Coetzee, current councillor for ward 96.



Overgrown park in Doornpoort.

Coetzee arranged a meeting for Doornpoort residents last week to discuss their concerns.

Neglected parks and service delivery in the area and dysfunctional streetlights topped the list of concerns.

Coetzee said some of the streetlights had been out of order for the past five months.

"Community policing forums (CPF) report a lot more house robberies and burglaries in these areas as opposed to residential areas that are well-lit."

Coetzee said neglected parks and open areas also provided shelter to evildoers.

"This park is supposed to be used for recreation and playground for our children, but even adults are afraid to cross the park for fear of being ambushed by criminals hiding in the tall grass."

Coetzee sent a letter to the Tshwane metro listing his concerns.

"All we ask of the metro is that it maintains our public parks and repairs the streetlights we have reported as dysfunctional," a Doornpoort resident told *Rekord* during a meeting at the park last week.

The Tshwane metro is yet to respond to a request for comment.



Doornpoort residents and ward councillors meet to discuss neglected parks in the area.



Louis Botha and Hannes Coetzee (DA ward councillors) in the neglected Doornpoort park.

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Police warn against scam

Reitumetse Mahope

Police have warned about a scam doing the rounds after a case was reported in Rosebank, Johannesburg in January.

Hawks spokesperson Brigadier Hangwani Mulaudzi said in a statement that fraudsters send their victims an SMS stating a case had been opened against them, when they respond, the fraudsters try to extort money from them.

“ A victim received a SMS stating that an SAPS case had been opened against them.

"A victim received an SMS stating that an SAPS case had been opened against them and that they had to contact a Constable Ballyoi on 060-800-8148. Other random names and different contact numbers were also given," said Mulaudzi.

The victims were then informed that a warrant of arrest had been issued against them for a traffic violation and that they needed to make a deposit into an FNB account number 62017066201 or Absa account number 4054021171 to settle the matter.

Other incidents have been reported in Western Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo and the Free State.

People were urged to rather report receipt of such an SMS to the police instead of responding to it.





Koerantuitknipsels van vorige berigte oor Billy Vos.



Billy Vos (62).

Plakker kry na baie jare uiteindelik sy eie blyplek

Corlia Kruger

Inwoners in Pretoria-Noord en Wolmer sal hom dalk nog onthou of selfs ken as die bekende "plakker" in die noorde wat vroeër jare met perde sy bestaan gemaak het.

Billy Vos (62) sê na soveel jare sonder 'n dak oor sy kop of plekkie wat hy sy eie kan noem, het die departement van behuising uiteindelik aan hom die goeie nuus gebring dat hy en sy vrou binnekort 'n woning van hul eie sal hê.

In 1998 het Vos koerantopskrifte gehaal as die plakker in die noorde wat van erf tot erf geswerf het en lank selfs in die veld gebly het.

Vos het bekend geword nadat hy 'n klompie perde in die hande gekry

het, hulle makgemaak het en teen 'n klein fook ritte aan kinders gebied het.

Hy het maandeliks tussen R600 en R800 verdien wat hy meesel gebruik het om sy diere te versorg.

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In 2005 het hy genoeg geld gespaar om 'n klein huisie in Wolmer te huur.

Vos moes sy perde opgee maar het toe sy eie "kwekery" uit sy huurtuin begin. Hy het lank 'n bestaan gemaak deur aarbeie, blomkool en eksotiese blomme aan inwoners in die noorde te verkoop.

"Om te bedel vir geld en klere is iets wat ek nog nooit gedoen het of sal doen nie," sê hy.

"'n Mens moet werk om te bestaan," sê Vos.

In 2007 het Vos saam met ander inwoners in Wolmer betog toe die stadsraad geëis het sowat 200 huurseenhede opgegee moes word aan nuwe eienaars om swart ekonomiese bemagtiging te bevorder.

Met die hulp van AfriForum, die burgerregte-inisiatief van Solidariteit, was die optog 'n sukses en kon die huurdiers hul wonings behou.

"Ek en my vrou, Linda ontvang staatspensioen en ons het by die departement van behuising vir 'n munisipale huis in Wolmer aansoek gedoen."

Vos en sy vrou sou op 20 April by hul by eerste permanente woning intrek.

Victim recovers after being shot

Eliot Mahlase

The Pretoria North man shot and wounded in a robbery last week says he is recovering well from his injury.

"I refused to give them my laptop and money and a fight ensued.

"I was shot in the back," he told *Rekord* last week from his hospital bed.

He asked to remain anonymous.

The robbery took place outside his house in Leon Street, Tileba, north of Pretoria.

"I was just on my way from the bank when I parked my car in front of the gate.

"As I was taking out my laptop bag, a strange vehicle with three occupants approached me," he said.

"Two men got out and one pointed a firearm at me.

"He instructed me to give him money and my

laptop."

He resisted and was shot in the process.

"The three men eventually took my money and laptop before fleeing the scene," the man said.

Family members heard the shots and rushed to his aid.

The man was taken to hospital where he spent four days in the intensive care unit.

"I got out of hospital on Friday, but I'm still recovering and taking medication for the pain in my back," the man told *Rekord* on Wednesday morning.

Miraculously the bullet had missed his vital organs.

"I'll be returning to the hospital on 24 May for a checkup, but I'm doing much better now."

Pretoria North police spokesperson Lieutenant Rebecca Phathane previously said the three robbers were still on the run.

No arrests have yet been made.



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Gang member arrested for kidnapping

Rorisang Kgosana

The man linked to a kidnapping syndicate was expected to appear in Polokwane Magistrate's Court on Thursday. He was recently arrested in Wonderpark, Pretoria North after a Limpopo woman was kidnapped outside her uncle's house last month.

Anisah Moosa (35) was grabbed in Nirvana by three armed men on

15 March. They forced her into the back seat of her silver Audi and drove off. The family then received ransom demands.

Hawks spokesperson Brigadier Hangwani Mulaudzi said one of the kidnappers was arrested in Wonderpark last Thursday.

Various police units investigated the case and Moosa was safely returned home three days later.

According to the Moosa family spokesperson, Yusuf Abramjee, three police officers were shot and injured before Anisha was freed.

"We thank the Hawks and police for working around the clock. Let us now allow the law to take its course. We remain confident that the remaining gang members will be arrested," and added that Moosa was doing well.



Dog walk held to raise money for the SPCA

Hundreds of people turned up with their dogs of different sizes and shapes to support a dog walk held to raise money for the SPCA. The dog walk, organised by ERA Real Estate was held at Hedianga Farm in Olympus on Sunday. SPCA manager, Korky Levanon said the objective of the dog walk was to help combat animal cruelty, abandonment and neglect. In the photo is Seth Peiser taking part in the dog walk.

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In diesselfde koerant word daar egter oor vertel van die massiewe storm in die ooste van Afrika wat bome ontwortel en dakke afgevai het, maar ook broodno-

dige reën gebring het vir die leë damme. Hulle moes die storm hê om water vir hul damme te kry.

Die is hoe ons aan die wêreld rondom ons moet en kan dink. Die storm gaan dalk nie dadelik wyl nie, maar kan reën bring... met net een noodsaklike byvoeging.

Ons sal deel van God se reën moet wees. Daar is soveel verhale hieroor.

Een persoon ry in 'n straat af en klaar oor al die rommel langs die pad (perfekte storm), die volgende een sien dit en betaal 'n groepie werklose mans en vroue 'n weeklikse geldjie om dit skoon te hou (die reën).

Een lees die koerant en praat neerholland van die swak gehalte van onderwys in

sommige townships (perfekte storm) terwyl 'n afgetredie onderwyseres 'n paar van haar vriendinne bymekaa maak en gratis naskoolse klasse gaan aanbied (reën.)

Vele klaar oor die swak diens deur die polisie (perfekte storm). 'n Gemeente nabij 'n prominente polisiestasie besluit in dié tyd om die wat daar werk elke week te gaan seën met 'n pakkie beskuit (reën.)

Die tweetoringkerk in Bloemfontein was vroeger die kerk van prominente en voorstaande. Staatspresidente het daar aanbid.

Nou het die verval van die middestad die gebied ingehal (perfekte storm).

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word *Towers of Hope*, met 'n uitreikhart.

Romeine 8:28 beloof: "Ons weet dat God alles ten goede laat meewerk vir dié wat Hom liefhet."

Glo dit. God wil deur die perfekte storm ons vol maak.

Die reën val reeds. Stap uit. Gaan roep jou bure om saam met jou in die reën te staan en skep damme vir die reën.

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Mosque will make no change

To people praising the mosque in Centurion, Good day,

Why do some people feel that the mosque that will be built in Centurion will serve as a 'bridge' between Christians and Muslims?

Why do some people feel a bridge needs to be built?

People with different religions, different

cultures and much more have lived next to each other for decades. What's new?

I think this is creating sensation and attention towards something so irrelevant.

It is great that the mosque will be built, good job. But I do not think it is going to change as much as people think it will.

Anonymous Centurion resident

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What has to happen in your life for you to turn out as a murder suspect?

Is there anyone that can explain how a man that came from a good family, a healthy background (or so it seems), became a murderer suspect?

Sincerely, *Concerned for our youth*

By Tina Cowley

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I would like to express my immense disappointment in the Tshwane metro with this whole grave stone switching debacle.

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People were laid to rest there, their families spent hundreds, if not thousands of rand on these

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Corlia Kruger

Na 70 jaar as getroude paar kan Steve en Sarie le Roux nie die lewe sonder mekaar voorstel nie.

Soos vinkel en koljander is die een soos die ander.

En na sovele jare is hulle steeds soos tortelduiwe wat nie kan ophou om vir mekaar te koer nooit.

In die sitkamer van hul huis in Karen-park sit Steve (93) en Sarie (87) styl bymekaa om hul liefdesverhaal te vertel.

Sarie, gebore as 'n Fourie, sê sy het in Vryburg in Noordwes op 'n plaas grootgeword. Steve is in Brits gebore en getoë.

"Soos die Here dit wou hé, het beide van ons in Boksburg skoolgegaan waar ons later sou ontmoet," vertel Sarie.

Steve was in die weermag. In die Tweede Wêreldoorlog was hy in beheer van die vervoer en versending van troepe na Italië en Egipte.

In 1946, 'n jaar na die einde van die oorlog, het Steve haar vir die eerste keer gesien en nooit weer weggekyk nie.

"Op die dag van sy verjaardag, in Februarie, het ons ontmoet. Hy het my uitgewys aan my vriend en gesê:

"Met daardie meisie gaan ek"



Steve en Sarie le Roux.

"trou,'" vertel Sarie met 'n vonkel in haar oë as sy na Steve kyk.

Sy sê daar was dadelik 'n vonk tussen hulle. "Ons het net 'n aanvoeling vir mekaar gehad. Ons het 'n maand na ons ontmoeting op 22 Maart verloof geraak en is op 18 April getroud."

Die paartjie was geseënd met twee kinders en spog nou met ses kleinkinders, sewe agterkleinkinders en een agter-agter-kleinkind.

Saam met die goeie jare, sê Sarie, het hulle mekaar ook bygestaan in moeiliker tye. "Ons het ons seun jare gelede verloor. Dit was maar 'n harde slag vir albei van ons."

Sy sê met Steve aan haar sy kan sy steeds bly opstaan en voortgaan al raak die waters soms diep.

"Dit is vir my verskriklik moeilik sonder hom," sê sy en Steve druk haar stywer teen teen sy sy.

"Hy het 'n ruk gelede 'n hartaanval oorleef. Dit was die moeilikste tyd vir my met hom in die hospitaal."

Die egaapar lees saans saam hul Bybel voor hulle bid en Sarie sê hulle volg die dokter se raad om Steve rustig te hou.

Steve lag verleë wanneer Sarie hom op die vingers tik omdat hy soms alleen en vinnig na die posbus in hul afstreeoord stap.

Die egaapar sê die geheim van hul suksesvolle huwelik, is om saam takies in die huis te verrig en om respek vir mekaar te handhaaf.

"Hy help my om die wasgoed op die draad te hang en sal die skottelgoed afdroog as ek klaar gewas het," sê Sarie.

"Sy is die volmaakte huisvrou enhou my baie gelukkig," sê Steve.

Hy plant vir sy Sarie kleurvolle blomme in hul tuin en sê somer bly hul gunsteling seisoen van die jaar.

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Stephané Bothma

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Leriba Hotel and Spa owner Peet du Preez and singing sensation Helena Hettema.
Photo: Alicia Lewis



Stephani and Leon Naudé.

was a culinary taste sensation with steak tartare, succulent lamb shank and dreamy crème brûlée accompanied by the best wines available. It was an evening of entertainment with legend Helena Hettema at the five star Hemingway's Restaurant at Leriba Lodge in Centurion.

With the *joie de vivre* she is known for and a voice that transports the listener to heavenly destinations, Hettema on Thursday had the audience on their feet, begging for more.

The cabaret and stage sensation's show – performed and choreographed to suit the ambiance of Hemingway's perfectly – offered something of everything.

The audience was treated by the haunting songs of the Sparrow of Paris, Edith Piaf, to the funky

sounds of Karen Zoid and the touching music of Jacques Brel to beautiful songs Hettema had written herself.

Hettema also shared details of her fascinating career between songs which created an intimacy not often experienced.

Hemingway's executive chef, Lindes de Jager, as always prepared a delightful three-course meal while attentive serving staff were at hand to meet every need of the diners.

Hettema's performance was one of three shows the much-loved artist will perform at Hemingway's this year.

She will be on stage again at the award-winning restaurant on 9 June and 4 August.

For reservations, which include a welcoming drink, a magnificent three-course meal and a show that should not be missed, contact Leriba Hotel and Spa.



Helena Hettema.
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Why are you a cut above your competitors? I pride myself on outstanding service and top quality products and with my experience in the industry, I think the combination puts me slightly above the rest.

Where do you see your business in five years' time? As we all do, I would like to see my business succeed and become a local hotspot.

Any advice for a start-up in the restaurant business? Lots of effort and time.



How do you ensure that your business thrives despite tough economic times? You have to continue preparing excellent high quality food and make sure the standard of your service does not deteriorate at all.

How has marketing and advertising helped your business? I am part and parcel of Sinoville as I have not only put my money where my mouth is by purchasing a business in this suburb, but I also reside in the suburb where most of my customers live or work. To me it only makes sense to make use of the local advertising media which is read by my friends, neighbours and other residents in the north of Pretoria.



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Any advice for a start-up in your line of business? Ensure that you have a reputable landlord and that your business premises is situated in a prime location. In addition, concentrate on a sensible tenant mix and have a feasible marketing budget.



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Color Run fun coming up

Danielle Garrett

With less than a month to go, color runners can look forward to a jam-packed race this year.

The Color Run in Pretoria experienced tremendous success in 2015, making the organisers, partners, participants and many more even more excited for the colourful race in 2016.

With a sensational new venue and with sponsor Capitec Bank on board, thousands of color runners can expect rainbows of joy for the entire day.

The happiest 5km run in Gauteng will be taking place at Loftus Versfeld on 14 May at 13:00.

Capitec will be donating R10 from every ticket sold to a deserving school in the area, as identified by charity partner,

Adopt-A-School.

Motshegofadiwa Primary School was the lucky recipient of R83 200 raised by ticket sales in 2015.

As with every other year, "Fun Raising" entries are welcome.

If you are a school or charity, send an email to hello@thecolorrun.co.za for your unique "Fun Raiser" code, for each ticket sold under your code.

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Do not miss out on this delightful and colourful opportunity.

Remember, Rekord newspaper, official partner of the Color Run in Pretoria, has tickets to give away.

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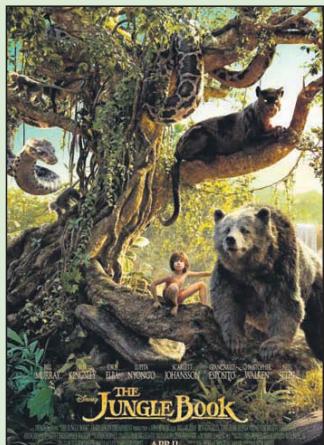
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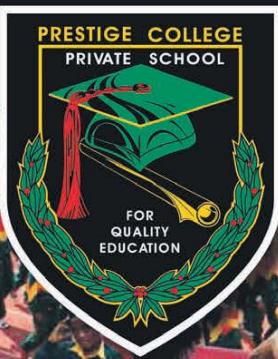
Disney's new action movie-version of *The Jungle Book* starts showing in 2D and 3D at Nu Metro Menlyn Park and Woodlands in Pretoria (along with other Nu Metro cinemas nationwide) from 15 April.

It will also be showing in the Scene Xtreme-cinema at Menlyn Park Nu Metro – featuring crystal clear 3D visuals, projected with RealD's precision white screen-technology onto a large format screen, along with superb Dolby 7.1 surround sound.

Directed by Jon Favreau (best known for his work on Iron Man), *The Jungle Book* tells the story of Mowgli – a man-cub raised in the jungle by a family of wolves.

Stand a chance to win two tickets for *The Jungle Book* in cinemas. To enter the competition, fill out the application form on the Rekord websites.





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Saving on buying cost

Buying a home directly from the developer suits first-time buyers and others without cash for transfer duties and other transaction costs.

But there are some important details to keep in mind, says Shaun Rademeyer, CEO of BetterLife Home Loans.

One of the most appealing aspects of buying an off-plan or newly-built home is that tax is built into the sales price, in the form of VAT.

"For anyone buying a property priced at more than R750 000 this means a considerable saving."

"When it comes to up-front expenses, there is no transfer duty payable," Rademeyer says.

There may be savings even for those buying lower-priced homes, because developers will often cover bond registration costs and transfer legal fees as a purchase incentive.

In new developments it is often a case of *the price you see is the price you pay*.

Further benefits include moving into a new home and a planned community that most likely offers excellent security measures and communal amenities.



"On top of that, off-plan buyers are often able to customise the layout and finishes of their new homes to suit their personal preferences."

However, buying off plan does present some hurdles. In most cases buyers have to base their decisions on two-dimensional visual materials such as building plans and architects' drawings, as opposed to actually

seeing the physical home that is on offer.

"In addition, off-plan buyers must make sure they sign two sales agreements – one for the purchase of the land, and a second for the

purchase of the home that is to be built on that land, so that payments to the builder or developer can be linked to building progress and completion," he says.

"Indeed, the building contract in any off-plan purchase should contain details of every item and specification agreed to with the builder or developer – including price, floor plan, wiring, plumbing, fixtures, fittings and even paint specifications, as well as a completion date."

Property market trends

It is no secret that the current economic climate is tough and interest rates are predicted to continue climbing.

Higher interest rates inevitably impact on every sector in the economy, including the property sector, but what exactly are the real effects on a flourishing area such as Pretoria East for instance and how can buyers and sellers equip themselves under the current circumstances to make the best decisions possible?

Gerhard van der Linde, Seeff's managing director in Pretoria East, says despite the unfavourable market conditions, all areas in the east of Pretoria remain sought-after.

"Although all price classes enjoy some degree of demand, the most popular price range is for property priced below R2.5 million in Garsfontein, Faerie Glen, Morelet Park and Equestria."

He says homes in security complexes and higher density homes, especially the Menlyn area, are selling fast.

Despite constant sales, financial institutions and their strict lending criteria still remain one of the biggest hurdles.

Most banks have a very conservative approach to financing and find more reasons not to lend money than the reverse. Around 40% of applications are rejected.

On a positive note, a new development such as Menlyn Maine has a very favourable impact on the adjacent areas and is regarded as Pretoria's own Sandton.

Stock levels in the area have dropped by about 20% since last year, due to the stagnant economy.

The most important reason for this is that many sellers have decided to hold on to what they have as opposed to upgrading. As a result sales volumes have also declined by around 5%.

Van der Linde says sellers need to be especially mindful that prices are under pressure and the time for unreasonable price expectations are over.

When a seller attaches unrealistic price tags to a property, it stays on the market an average of 145 days.

When realistically priced, it can often be sold within 30 days. It does not mean that the property is priced too low, but rather that buyers recognise its value after comparing it to similar properties in the area.

Seeff Pretoria East sells 92% of properties on its portfolio at asking price, so it is vital that properties are correctly priced from the get-go.

Prices in the east have grown by 9.67% compared to last year.



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Our local rowers in top form

South Africa's top rowers made their mark the past weekend in the finals of the World Cup Rowing Regatta in Varese, Italy.

They walked away with two gold medals and two bronze ones.

In what should be no surprise, the stalwarts of South African rowing, James Thompson and John Smith from the Tuks high performance centre (hpc) won the gold medal in the men's lightweight double sculls final.

“So far so good for our season, but we still have a long way to go if we stay in the same combination.”

The decision made by Roger Barrow, national rowing coach based at the Tuks/hpc, to change the women's pair crew paid dividends.

Kate Christowitz and Lee-Ann Persse were victorious in the women's final.

Kirsten McCann and Ursula Grobler, who won the bronze medal at last year's World Championships, were third in the women's lightweight double sculls final.

Lawrence Brittan and Shaun Keeling won a bronze medal in the men's pair final.

Coming into the final sprint of the men's lightweight double sculls final Thompson and Smith had a slight lead, with both Ireland and the Netherlands within striking distance of the leading crew.

When Ireland upped their stroke rate, so



SA's two winning rowing crews in Italy. From left are James Thompson, Lee-Ann Persse, Kate Christowitz and John Smith. **Photo: Supplied**

did South Africa. These two crews crossed the line almost together with the South Africans doing just enough to ensure the victory.

Thompson is quite realistic about their victory.

“It is always good to be in a leading position at the beginning of the season even though not all the big crews are here,” he said.

“We're very pleased with the way we started this season but the fact that we have learned a lot during these past three days of racing is even more important.”

Now it was back to the grindstone, smiled Thompson.

In the women's pair final Italy's Allesandra Patelli and Sara Bertolasi had a slight lead at the start, but Persse and Christowitz did some catching up.

The Italians continued to challenge the South Africans until the end of the race, but could not overtake them.

South Africa crossed the line first, with an elated Patelli and Bertolasi finishing second.

“So far so good for our season, but we still have a long way to go if we stay in the same combination.”

“From now on we take every day as it comes,” said Christowitz.

The men's pair final turned out to be

a tough challenge between the crews of Britain, the Dutch and South Africa.

The Brits won, the Dutch were second and South Africa came third.

Roel Braas and Mitchel Steenman, who finished fourth at last year's World Rowing Championships, got away the quickest.

But Great Britain's Matthew Tarrant and Nathaniel Reilly-O'Donnell did a push that took them into the lead and they kept up the effort to stay ahead.

When the final 500m came into view, the Brits simply refused to let their lead slip and they won in 6:40.06, with the Dutch second and South Africa third.

Golfer keeps up with studies

Being South Africa's top senior amateur golf player is not always only about sinking the crucial puts.

Over the weekend, 18-year-old Marco Steyn was part of the junior squad who celebrated an 18th consecutive victory for South Africa in the 2016 All-Africa Junior Golf Challenge in Tunisia.

Barely 48 hours later, back in South Africa, Steyn was trying to understand the intricacies of maths. It was 19:00 but for him it is not uncommon to study at odd hours.

When he is not playing golf, he usually attends extra maths and science classes during weekends. According to the grade 12 pupil from TuksSport High School, he always takes his textbooks with him when playing a tournament. Having completed his round he takes time out to study.

“Playing good golf and getting good marks in my matric exams are equally important,” said Steyn.

The fact that Steyn is currently SA's top amateur golf player should be no surprise.

During a meeting with the coaches of the Tuks Golf Academy last year he set himself two goals.

One was to become number one in South Africa and the second was to qualify for the South African team to play at the World Championships in Mexico in August. He has already achieved the first of his goals.

Steyn ascribes his rise to the top to the fact that he consistently plays good golf.

So far this year he won the Free State Open; lost in the semi-finals of the SA Amateur Match Play; was third in the Northern Amateur Stroke Play; third in the Northern Amateur Match Play and tied fourth in the Cape Province Open.

He also won the Leopard Creek Trophy, which is the only local u.19 tournament he

has played so far. Steyn does not hesitate to credit the coaches of Tuks Golf Academy for his success.

“My mom met up with Llewellyn van Leeuwen, the Academy's head coach, and introduced me to him when I was just five years old.

“In grade 9, when I went to the TuksSport High School, I was playing from a three handicap. Because of the advice I received from the academy's coaches, it did not take me long to improve on that.”

“One of the most important lessons I have learned from Theo Bezuidenhout, sports psychologist, is not to get angry when you play a bad shot.”



Marco Steyn in action.
Photo: Reg Caldecott

Abundant titles for locals

Local athletes in the colours of Gauteng North dominated the weekend's senior athletics championships and brought home several titles.

Henricho Bruintjies produced a stunning upset from Friday night to close day one of the ASA Senior Championships in style at Coetzenburg stadium in Stellenbosch.

Bruintjies clocked 10.17 seconds to win the national men's 100m title, 0.04 ahead of training partner and SA record holder,

Akani Simbine, who appeared to be limping after the race.

“The only thing I wanted was to come here and take the title,” Bruintjies said.

“I have not been on the podium for a while, and for me the time was not important. It is all about the title. My target is to make the title mine when I defend it next year,” he concluded.

Former World Championships bronze medallist, LJ van Zyl proved he was still a force in the men's 400m hurdles, drawing clear of former training partner Cornel Fredericks down the home straight to secure victory in 49.34.

It was the 100th time in his career that Van Zyl had dipped under 49.50, as he



Henricho Bruintjies (480) beats Akani Simbine (522) in the men's 100m final during day one of the 2016 National Track and Field championships at Coetzenburg.

Photo: Roger Sedres/ASA

said. “It is my first race, so I just wanted to break the ice, but I'm very happy with my achievement.”

Defending champion Stephen Mokoka won a tactical men's 5 000m race after closing the gap on early leader Elroy Gelant and winning a sprint finish in 13:40.81.

After starting quickly in the women's 5 000m final, Irvette van Zyl struggled with a stomach bug, and though she slowed in the second half, set a personal best of 16:02.63 to earn the gold medal.

Tuks are 2016 Young Guns champs

Tuks outmuscled the University of Johannesburg (UJ) 47-24 at UJ stadium to win the Varsity Cup Young Guns final last week.

Conditions were perfect on Tuesday in Johannesburg, as Tuks met UJ for the 2016 Young Guns Final.

Tuks were off to a perfect start when Jordan Holgate crashed through beneath the posts for their first score of the match.

UJ soon equalised with a try of their own in the 11th minute, by number eight, Morne Moos. The score was 8-8 going into the 20th minute strategy break.

In the 32nd minute Tuks possession counted as they scored their second try of the match. Flyhalf Christo Hamman broke through the UJ defence.

Hamman scored his second and Tuks third just minutes later, sending his team into halftime with a 21-8 lead.

Tuks used their wings well and enjoyed most of the possession again in the opening minutes of the second half.

They spent a lot of time in UJ's 22 and pressure told as three unanswered tries put Tuks 39-8 ahead with 26 minutes to play.

UJ eventually managed to get their hands on the ball and great distribution to the backline set up the pacey Odwa Nkunjana for a try. Replacement Tristan Eve scored an opportunistic try after a bit of quick thinking at the lineout and Tuks were suddenly on the back foot, but still leading



Tuks players celebrate after being crowned Varsity Cup Young Guns champions.

Photo: SASPA

39-24. But a try by replacement hooker Johan Grobbelaar in the 72nd minute put the result beyond doubt. Tuks were too strong

for UJ, winning the Young Guns Final 47-24. Tuks big lock Hendre Stassen was Man of the Match.

African champs silver can put Piontek on road to Rio

Zack Piontek (Tuks/hpc) might be on his way to the Olympic Games in Rio after he won a silver medal at the African Championship in Tunis, Tunisia.

With this performance he has most probably achieved his goal of representing South Africa at the Olympic Games in Rio.

Before the championships, Piontek was ranked 24th in the u.90kg category. His international ranking will certainly be higher on the rankings that will be released later this week.

Only the top 22 judokas in any category will automatically qualify to compete in Rio.

However, because a country is allowed to enter only one judoka per category there is a good chance that a judoka with a rank-

ing slightly lower than 22nd may qualify. The end of May is the cut-off for the Olympic qualification.

Piontek is slightly disappointed that he was not able to win the gold medal in Tunisia. It was the second time in two years that he lost in the final of the African Championships.

"Winning the title was a major goal for 2016, but I have no excuses. I gave it my best, but the better man won."

"Our category actually played out exactly according to the way we were ranked. I was ranked second and lost in the final to Abderra Benamadi from Algeria who was ranked number one," said the 2014 Commonwealth Champion.

"The positive I can take from my performance is that it most likely gave

me enough international ranking points to compete in Rio. But I will only know for certain on 31 May."

Piontek described his semi-final fight against Egypt's Hatem Abd El Akher as a tough encounter.

"Abd El Akher won the African title in 2013 and 2014. Unfortunately for him he was side-lined by an injury and was only able to start competing again at the end of last year.

I have to be honest. Beating Abd El Akher was special because the last time we fought was in 2013 and he won. It was payback time for me" he said.

"Benamadi beat me in the final because he was able to counter most of my attacks. There was a moment when I thought I might win."



Zack Piontek.

Marais picks an exciting squad for Aussie tour

Bulls head coach, Nollis Marais, has selected a squad for their Australian tour that is the perfect blend of youth and experience.

The majority of the squad has already seen action in this year's Super Rugby competition with Hanro Liebenberg and Dries Swanepoel returning from Currie Cup and Varsity Cup duties respectively.

The players are hungry to continue their winning ways this year and will be eager to return to South Africa with vital away log points.

The Bulls will enjoy a busy this weekend and they will play three matches Down Under against the Western Force (29 April), Brumbies (6 May) and the Waratahs (14 May) before returning to Loftus Versfeld to face the Stormers on 21 May.

The Bulls' touring squad are: Forwards: Trevor Nyakane, Lizo Gqoboka, Pierre Schoeman, Marcel van der Merwe, Werner Kruger, Adriaan Strauss (captain), Bandise Maku, Jaco Visagie, Jason Jenkins, Marvin Orié, RG Snyman, Lappies Labuschagne, Jannes Kirsten, Arno Botha, Roelof Smit and Hanro Liebenberg.

Backs: Piet van Zyl, Rudi Paige, Francois Brummer, Tian Schoeman, Jan Serfontein, Jess Kriel, Daniel Kriel, Dries Swanepoel, Jamba Ulengo, Travis Ismaiel and SP Marais.

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Bulls beat the Reds and miss out on bonus

Koos Venter

Although the Bulls easily beat the Reds from Brisbane on Saturday at Loftus Versfeld with 41-22, they could not manage to earn a bonus point.

It was the Reds who scored first. After they had an impressive start, right wing Chris Feauai-Sautia went over in the right corner.

This came after the visitors easily had the Bulls in reverse gear in the first scrum of the afternoon.

A few phases later the ball went neatly along their backs to where Feauai-Sautia dived over without a defender in his way.

Only in the 10 minutes before halftime it looked as if the Bulls engine finally warmed up. After good interplay between forwards and backs, Marcel van der Merwe was enabled to drive over and score.

A few minutes later it was Adriaan Strauss to burst over with great power, when the Bulls took the ball through several phases.

Shortly before halftime, Reds flanker Liam Gill showed his kicking talent when he succeeded with a neat drop goal to bring the score to 17-8 at halftime.

After the break it seemed the Bulls would continue where they left off in the last 10 minutes of the first half.

They brilliantly attacked and after a few

promising movements the try of the day followed.

Jan Serfontein's perfect kick in the proverbial box was picked up by Jessie Kriel.

He passed to Brummer, who again passed to Lappies Labuschagne, who ran about 25 meters before he dived over.

Just when it appeared that the Bulls were in control of the game, their problem of losing focus kicked in again.

The Reds took the initiative for about 20 minutes. After two superb tries by Samu Kerevi it would seem the Bulls not only lost focus but also initiative.

Only when Travis Ismaiel scored a lovely try halfway through the second half, the Bulls could breathe again.

Piet van Zyl's try 10 minutes before the final whistle, set the outcome of the match beyond doubt, but they had to score once more for the bonus point.

However, the home team could not manage to do so despite several lost opportunities.

Bulls blistering young right wing Travis Ismaiel scored one of his side's five tries against the Reds.

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Carltonbekerreeks skop af sonder twee ou staatmakers

Koos Venter

Klubrugby in Bloubulland is alweer onder druk, nadat die eens gesogte Carltonbekerliga verlede week afgeskop het sonder twee staatmakers van die afgeloep seisoene.

Die Oostelikes/Eagles klub het eers aansoek gedoen om vir 'n tyd lank afgeskif na die Eersteliga (deesdae die Carltonbeker B-liga), maar hul probleme het nie opgehou nie.

Daarna het hulle tydelik met Harlequins saamgesmel, hoewel hulle by die Blou Bulle rugbyunie (BBRU) aansoek gedoen het om vir 'n jaar 'op ys geplaas te word'.

Of dié klub weer sal hervry sonder hul eie velde en klubgeriewe is te betwyfel.

Kort op Oostelikes/Eagles se hakke het die Tshwane Universiteit van Tegnologie (TUT) ook vrywillig aansoek gedoen om na die laer liga (Carltonbeker B-liga) af te skif.

Dié klub ly veral onder die politieke onrus op hul kampusse en hul rugby het die afgeloep paar seisoene drasties aferuitgegaan.

Intussen is die Dragons van die noorde (Montana-omgewing) se verhaal danrem 'n bietjie goeie nuus vir klubrugby in Pretoria.

Dié klub het die Eersteliga vir etlike seisoene oorheers en einde verlede seisoen uiteindelik aansoek gedoen om na die Carltonliga bevorder te word.

Die klub word oral geloof vir die professionele wyse waarop hulle bestuur word en



Die Dragons uit die noorde van Pretoria is vanjaar die nuweling in die Blou Bulle se Carltonbeker liga.

Foto: Facebook

hulle behoort ook later vanjaar na hul nuwe klubfasiliteit in Montana te verhuise, waar hulle oor 'n eie klubhuis en veldel sal beskik.

Intussen is die Impala-klub van Rustenburg ook weer toegelaat om vanjaar teen spanne in die Carltonliga te speel.

Dié klub, wat enkele seisoene gelede nog die nasionale klubkampioen was, versterk ten minste die opposisie vir plaaslike

klubs.

Anders as verlede jaar sal al die ander Carltonbekerklubs vanjaar verplig word om teen Impala te speel en hulle sal op die puntelyste as een van die sewe Carltonbekerklubs haanteer word.

Tog sal hulle nie kan kwalifiseer om die Carltonbeker te wen nie.

Hulle sal steeds teen die beste plaaslike

span kan uitspeel om die Platinumbeker, wat afsonderlik van die Carltonbeker staan.

Daar bly dus net ses klubs oor wat vir die Carltonbeker kompeteer.

Dit is (in alfabetiese volgorde) Centurion, Dragons, Harlequins, Naka Bulle, Polisie en Tukkies.

'n Verbete stryd kan vanjaar tussen die top vier spanne in die reeks verwag word.

Hulle is Centurion, Naka Bulle, Polisie en Tukkies.

Centurion het reeds hul stem dik gemaak deur Polisie in die eerste ronde met 29-23 te klop, terwyl Naka Bulle vir Tukkies harde bene laat kou het in die tweede ronde.

Tukkies het net-net met 23-20 gewen.

Die manne van die Moot het in die eerste ronde vir Harlequins met 48-8 afgeslag.

Die Dragons het hul veldtog die afgelope naweek met 'n oorwinning van 27-16 teen Harlequins begin.

Eerskomende naweek speel die twee ou aartsvalde, Tukkies en Polisie teen mekaar, terwyl Centurion gasheer sal speel vir Naka Bulle.

Die Dragons reis na Rustenburg om teen Impala te speel.



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