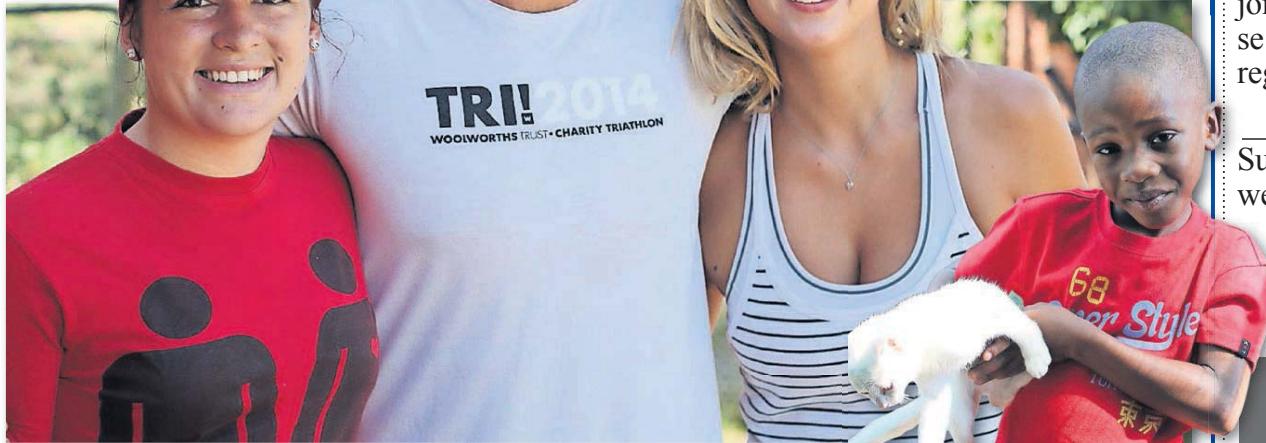


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Chelsea and Dylan Hayes and Devon Taylor helped to install shade netting.

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Centurion volunteers help animals to cool down

Centurion people from all walks of life have faced the recent heatwave and have joined forces to help those who needed it most, the dogs and cats at the SPCA. In the past weeks, volunteers have taken time out to provide loving animals at the Centurion SPCA with whatever they could to help them cool down.

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Matthew Masemola holding one of the kittens up for adoption.

Moot-polisieman doodgeskiet

Corlia Kruger

'n Senior polisie-offisier van die Moot is Maandag koelbloedig by sy eie huis doodgeskiet.

Die Valke sê luitenant-kolonel Renier Lourens Logois (51) is die aand dood aangetref. Alles daarop dat hy in 'n rooftog om die lewe gebring is.

Logois, hoof van ondersteuningsdienste by Leote-polisiestasie (Winterveldt), het in Ritondale, Moot gewoon.

Ondersoekbeambtes het 14 patroondopsies op die toneel gevind. Logois se Toyota Corolla was weg en die vermoede is dat die rowers die voertuig gebruik het om te vlug.

Nog 'n polisieman, konstabel Mbuisela James Concoshi, is Maandag vermoor. Hy is in Welkom in die Vrystaat dood op die agtersitplek van sy motor gekry.

Concoshi (34), wat lid was van Welkom-polisie se misdaadvorkomingseenheid, se voertuig is op die pad tussen Riebeeckstad en Thabong gevind.

Alles daarop dat hy verwurg is. Daar was ook wonde aan sy kop.

Beide moordake word behartig deur die Valke se prioriteitsmisdaad-taakspan, wat spesialiseer in die ondersoek van polisie-moorde.

'n Taakspan volg reeds leidrade op wat kan lei tot die inhegtenisneming van die

verdagte rowers en moordenaars.

Die nasionale hoof van die Valke, luitenant-generaal Mthandazo Ntlemeza, het die skuldiges in 'n nuusverklaring gewaarsku dat hul name reeds aangebring is op die lys van mees gesoekte misdadigers.

Hy sê die verdagtes sal nie vir lank hul vryheid geniet nie en voorspel dat die Valke se taakspan hul binnekort sal opspoer en aankeer.

"Ons het voorheen gesê dat die moord van 'n polisiebeambte 'n verklaring van oorlog teen die staat is," sê Ntlemeza.

"Moord op 'n polisiebeambte is 'n ernstige dreigement teen die sekuriteit van ons land, en ons sal nooit toelaat dat koelbloei-

dige misdadigers oproer veroorsaak nie.

"Ons is op die spoor van die misdadigers – en ons sál hulle vind. Ons is vasbeslote om hulle uit die samelewing te verwyder."

Vroeër het Rekord berig oor twee ander polisiebeambtes wat binne enkele maande vermoor is.

In Augustus verlede jaar is konstabel Ronald Baloyi van Laudium-polisie in Atteridgeville doodgeskiet.

Twee mense, 'n man en 'n vrou, is kort daarna in hegenenis geneem.

Kaptein Kenneth Poortman van Pretoria is kort voor die nuwe jaar vermoor en vier verdagtes is aangekeer.



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Vermoorde jongman se ma praat reguit

Corlia Kruger

'n Vermoorde jong man van Eersterust se ma het verlede week openhartig gepraat oor haar hartseer.

"Hy was die beste seun waarvoor 'n ma kon vra. Hy het nie verdien om só doodgemaak te word nie," sê Tertia Lawrence oor haar seun Ruben.

"Hy het nooit teruggepraat nie, was altyd eerbiedig en gehoorsaam. Daardie aand voor sy suster geskiet."

Die 23-jarige Ruben is die Sondagoggend van 3 Januarie doodgeskiet. Twee mans het hulself die volgende dag in verband met die moord aan die politie in Eersterust oorgegee.

Die mense van Eersterust het intussen 'n petitie opgestel waarin hulle eis dat borgtog aan die twee geweier word.

Ruben se 18-jarige suster Wynona het verlede Donderdag vertel wat gebeur het.

"Dit was so rondom 04:00 die Sondagoggend toe dit gebeur het," vertel sy.

Sy, haar broer, hul neef en 'n vriendin is Saterdagdaan saam na 'n kuiperplek. Daarna het die beweerde skut die groep na sy huis genooi.

"Ons het nie lank gebleb nie. Die mense het nie eintlik met ons gepraat nie en toe sê Ruben ons moet maar ry," sê Wynona.

Sy sê hul neef het bestuur en Ruben het voor in die passasiersstip gesit.

Die Fiat Palio met die vier insittendes het op die Hans Coverdalepad gery toe 'n rooi Hyundai Atos agter hulle verskyn.



Ruben Lawrence.

"Ek voel toe ewe skielik hoe 'n kar van agter in ons vasry," vertel Wynona.

Dit was vir die groep duidelik dat ander bestuurder dit opsetlik gedoen het.

"Ruben het uit die kar geklim om te hoor wat gaan aan."

Wynona sê die man in die Hyundai en 'n vriend het Ruben daarvan beskuldig dat hy gedeel het.

"Hulle het hom daarvan beskuldig dat hy R6 000 gedeel het en toe haal die een 'n geweer uit en skiet my broer."

Nadat hy vier skote afgetrek het, het die man met die vuurwapen gesê hy het "die verkeerde man geskiet," vertel Wynona.

Die man en sy vriend het van die toneel weggevlug en Ruben is na Ma-melodi hospital geplaas. Hy is kort na die skietery dood verklaar.

Ruben is op 9 Januarie begrawe.

'n Moord-dossier is by Eersterust-polisiekantoor geopen.

Die twee verdagtes, vergezel van 'n regstervantewoordiger, het hulself die volgende dag by die polisiekantoor oorgegee.

Albei is in hegtenis geneem en sou Maandag weer in dié hof verskyn het.

'n Gemeenskapsleier in Eersterust sê inwoners is erg omgekrap oor die moord.

"Ruben was werklik 'n goeie seun en het respekte vir alm al gehad. Hy was nie soos ander jeug by dwelms betrokke nie en was baie geheeg aan sy gesin," vertel sy.

"Hy was 'n onskuldige kind, doodgemaak, sonder rede – en ons wil hê geregtigheid moet geskied."



Workers were demanding a R10 000 wage increase.

Photo: David Matsena

#OutsourcingMustFall continues

Rorisang Kgosana

Protests against outsourcing of staff at several universities continued on Monday.

Thousands of people marched to the Union Buildings as the #OutsourcingMustFall campaign mobilised for the second week.

The march was joined by workers from University of Pretoria (UP), Unisa, Tshwane University of Technology, Tshwane South College and medical university Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences university.

This affected university activities at several campuses.

First-year students were turned back from registering after universities such as UP, Unisa and Tshwane University of Technology shut their gates last week amid protests by workers.

Workers, including security guards, cleaners and catering staff, submitted memoranda to university management demanding immediate permanent employment of workers, a R10 000 minimum wage and full benefits.

The Workers and Socialist Party

(WASP), said cleaners at universities and colleges were paid as little as R2 000 per month. Outsourced security guards earned a minimum wage of R4 500 a month as compared to permanent security guards at government departments who were paid R13 500 per month.

Leader of the #OutsourcingMustFall campaign, Austin Mofya, said universities still had to respond, but negotiations were ongoing at UP.

"We are intending to write an urgent letter to respond to us before the week ends. The mission is not to suspend the strike until we have met with them [university management] for a positive response regarding our memoranda," he told *Rekord*.

UP spokesperson Anna-Retha Bouwer said negotiations continued on Saturday but no agreement was reached.

"The university tabled a proposed phased approach to the insourcing of services linked to the expiry of existing contracts and in the interim, has agreed to a 'top-up' of existing salaries.

This is in line with similar agreements at several other universities such as Wits and UJ. Regrettably, this was rejected by the worker representatives and student representatives."

She said the university remained closed due to the protest action and continued threats of intimidation and violence.

"Online registration continues and we are communicating directly with parents and students," Bouwer said.

Unisa reopened on Monday after a week-long shutdown at the Sunnyside and Muckleneuk campuses last week.

"The campuses and service centres that were closed to safeguard lives and property have been reopened. Unisa staff, students and stakeholders of the university are now able to access all campuses freely," spokesperson Martin Ramothsela said on Monday.

Economic Freedom Fighters student command leader Mpho Morolana said the protests would continue.

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Rusplek langs die pad, 'n stryd om oorlewing

Corlia Kruger

Dit is elke aand 'n kommer – op watter sy-paadjie gaan hulle vanaand hul koppe neerlê.

Wanneer die twee broers, Nicolaas (55) en Paul Els (59), gelukkig is vind hulle soms plek onder 'n stukkie afdak by 'n winkelstrum of een van die motorhandelaars in Gezina.

Die son se skade is duidelik op die broers se welle wat soos dun leer aan hul lywe kleef. Hul gesigte het lank vergeet hoe om te lag en ouderdom het die duidelik sy tol geëis.

"Ons mag nie eintlik hier wees nie," sê Paul en sy oë flits senuagtig na die kantoor van die motorhandelaar waar hul tans sit.

Paul skuif met moeite na 'n koeltokol en hy kners op sy tandé wanneer 'n spier aan sy linker trek.

Dit is duidelik dat hy in pyn is.

Die haweloese man se hemp makeer 'n paar knope en 'n lang sny, toegekram met 'n ry blink steke, is sigbaar op sy maag.

Nicolaas begin eerste praat en vertel oor die voorval verlede week waarin hy byna sy ouboet verloor het.

"Ons is die Vrydag Pretoria-Noord toe. Ons het teruggestap na Gezina en was net daar onder die brug in Onderstopoort toe ons aangeval is," sê hy.

Die broers, met die bietjie besittings wat hulle saamdra, is deur twee onbekende mans genader.

"Ek neem aan hulle was ook haweloos," sê Nicolaas.

Die verdagte mans het sonder waarskuwing die ouer broer oorval. Paul onthou hoe een van die mans hom van agter af gegryp het en die punt van 'n mes sy lyf deurboor.

"Hulle het ons sakke met ons klere gegryp en 'n kombers, en toe die pad gevat," vertel Nicolaas.

Met net die klere aan hul lywe is die broers daar gelaat. Paul het bloeind langs die pad neergesak en Nicolaas het desperaat hulp vir sy broer gesoek.

"Gelukkig na 'n ruk het 'n Tshwane-metrovoertuig verbygekom en gestop," sê Nicolaas.

"Hulle het die ambulans gebel en Paul is Steve Biko-hospitaal toe geneem."

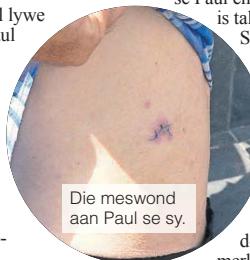
Die meswond was diep genoeg om Paul se nie te beskaf. By die hospitaal is hy onmiddellik in die teater opgeneem.

"Hulle moes my milt verwyder en my nier weer toewerk," vertel Paul met nog 'n pynlike trek op sy gesig.

Hy lig dan sy hemp op en wys die krammetjies waarmee sy maag geheg is, wat soos 'n treinstoor van sy bors tot onder sy naeltjie loop.

"Die dokters het my heeltemal oopgesny," vertel hy en wys dan die kleiner meswond wat netjies toegewerk is.

'n Paar dae na die operasie is Paul weer



Die meswond aan Paul se sy.



Ilona Fortein (middel) saam met Paul en Nicolaas Els.

terug op straat saam met sy broer.

Die aanval was 'n terugslag wat albei geraak het. Paul kan nie verloop nie en is afhanglik van sy jonger broer.

"Gelukkig is Paul darem oud genoeg volgende jaar om sy 'oumens-pensioen' te ontvang," sê Nicolaas. Elke dag is 'n stryd om oorlewing. Daar is geen verskering vir die broers dat hulle moëre sal kos hé nie.

"Ons is gesê om Vrydag hier pad te gee," sê Paul en kyk weer om na die kantoor. Daar is talle ander motorhandelaars in Ben Swartstraat waar ander haweloese mense ook snags lêplek soek.

Soggens as die ondernemings begin sake doen, moet die haweloese padgegee en begin hul taak vir die dag om kos te soek of te bedel.

Na Paul se onlangse besering, kruip die broers by 'n motorhandelaar weg. Wanneer hulle deur kliente van werknemers opgevind word, word hulle weggejaag.

Hierdie lewe op straat, vertel die broers, was nooit 'n keuse nie. Vroër jare het hulle by hul moeder gebly.

Armoede was deel van hul kinderjare. In 'n huis met 12 kinders, het die broers geleer om met min tevred te wees.

Van die broers en susters kon ondanks hul omstandighede werk kry. Die twee broers, sonder kwalifikasies, is werkloos gelaat.

"Na ons ma se dood, het ons oudste broer die klein munisipale huisie verkoop en die geld onder ons kinders verdeel," sê Nicolaas.

Die broers het kontak verloor met meeste van hul broers en susters, maar bly steeds

geheg aan dié wat hul nog af en toe sien.

Sowat vyf jaar gelede, met versleutende omstandighede, het die broers iemand ontmoet wat hul lewens baie verander het.

Ilona Fortein, 'n 58-jarige engel sonder vlerke, het die Els broers in 2011 leer ken. Sy is tans 'n inwoner in Gezina en haar huurhuis is skaars 'n blok van die straat af waar die broers en ander haweloese mense bly.

Fortein is een van die min mense in die gemeenskap wat haar hand uitgereik het na

minderbevoordele mense in haar omgewing.

Die voormalige onderwyses is bekend onderveral kinders wat by haar woning aanklop, waar sy hulle Woensdae en Donderdae kos gee.

"Ek sal graag elke dag vir die mense wil kos gee en vir hulle ook veilige slaapplek bied," sê Fortein wat daagliks die swaarkry in haar gemeenskap waarnem.

Fortein dra water en kos aan en sien tans na 35 mense in haar omgewing om.



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Cellphone giants battle to curb WhatsApp

Gopolang Chawane

Social media application WhatsApp could soon be regulated if MTN and other networks have their way.

Last Wednesday cellular phone network giant MTN said it wanted messaging services such as WhatsApp, Telegram, and Snap Chat to be regulated by government because other networks had to comply with licensing conditions yet they did not.

MTN's Chris Maroleng reportedly said network providers were constantly being forced to compete with these services, even though these services were not regulated.

He said cellular phone networks lost millions in revenue because consumers opted to use the social application services instead of the network provided short-message-service (SMS).

"Competitors who do not create jobs in this country, who do not pay taxes in South Africa and do not invest in the infrastructure for these services to be provided must be held accountable," said Maroleng.

This follows Parliament's portfolio com-

mittee on telecommunications and postal services confirmation of a scheduled a hearing for 26 January, into the possible regulation of over-the-top (OTT) services.

OTT services including some of Google's messaging services, Skype and WhatsApp, allow users to send messages and make calls over internet at a lower cost than traditional voice calls.

All4women online magazine were plan-

ning a petition opposing the regulation of the OTT services to be sent to chairperson of the portfolio committee on telecommunications and postal services, Mmamoloko Kubayi and the Minister of Communications Faith Muthambi and the Presidency.



Cellular phone network giants want popular messaging services regulated.

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Twee gevange na diefstal in Eersterust

Tshegofatso Ngobeni

Twee mans is verlede Donderdagmiddag in Eersterust in hegtenis geneem nadat hulle 'n winkelieenaar met 'n speelgoed-vuurwapen beroof het.

Polisievoerder Sersant Sam Shabambo sê volgens ooggetuies het drie mans die winkelieenaar in St. Josephstraat aangehou en sigarette en geld van hom geëis.

Hulle het ook werkneemers van die winkel gyselaar gehou en daarna gevlug met die goedere wat hulle gebuit het.

Die winkelieenaar het sy alarm geaktiveer en die polisie is ontbind terwyl inwoners die diewe agternamesit het.

Een van hulle is nabig die Fred Margadie Primary School ingehaal en 'n speelgoed-vuurwapen is afgeneem. Die polisie het een van die ander twee mans in hegtenis geneem.

"Die man wat ons aangekeer het, het 'n sak vol sigarette by hom gehad. Die derde rower het daarin geslaag om weg te kom maar ons hoop om hom spoedig aan te keer," sê Shabambo.

Die twee mans wat in hegtenis geneem is, sal binnekort in die Pretorialanddroshof verskyn.



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Pretoria se superheld werk vir alle kulture

Yolanda Barnard

'n Superheld het die afgelope week sy verskyning op sosiale media gemaak en hy laat nie net inwoners gons nie, maar beplan om hard te veg vir die behoud van Afrikaans en die Afrikaner kultuur.

Hy is die geheimisinnige figuur op die voorpunt van die onlangse aktie om van Pretoria se ou straatname te laai herleef, maar is nie verlede week saam met vyf jongmense toegesluit toe hulle nuwe straatnaamboorde in die stad opgeset het nie.

Hy het superkrakte (wat nogal goed vergelyk met Superman), hy het superspoed (wat Speedy Gonzales soos 'n skilpad sal laat lyk) en boonop is hy nie bang om houe na die regering uit te deel nie.

Hy is die AfriForum-man...

Die jeugorganisasie van die burgerrege-organisasie AfriForum was verlede week herhaalde kere in die nuus nadat hy "sy erfenis teruggevat het" en die nuwe Kerkstraat-name met ou bordjies gaan vervang het.

Die AfriForum-man het tydens die studente-protesaksie sy debuut as superheld gemaak.

Vrydagoggend het hy sy verskyning in Zambesiylaan gemaak om steun te werf vir die naam Kerkstraat.

"Ek is geskep om weer hoop aan mense te gee," vertel die held.

"Ek het nie bonatuurlike krakte soos die X-men nie. My krakte is gegebon op swier intellek en moed om nie net dinge te aanvaar soos dit is nie, maar om 'n verskil in die land te maak."

"Ek is die gesig van ons erfenis. Die Afrikaner-erfenis," vertel hy waar hy in sy superhelduitrusting in die Afrikaanse liedjietuin by die Voortrekkermonument sit.

Morné Mostert, nasionale koördineerdeer van AfriForum Jeug, sê dat die AfriForum-man die breinkind van die studente was.

"Net 'n handjievol mense weet wie hy is, maar ons gaan sy identiteit geheim hou."

"Die AfriForum-man moet iets soortgelyks aan Captain America wees wat hoop vir alle Suid-Afrikaners kan bring. Hy is 'n figuur wat moet opstaan vir die burgerrege van alle mense."

"Sy superkrakte is sy spoed om mense weer blymekaar te bring en sy brute krag om die druk van die regering te kan hanter.

"En om weg te hardloop vir die regering," het die AfriForum-man lekker gelag.

Mostert sê hy wil dit duidelik maak dat alle groepse se kultuur belangrik is.

"Ons bly by ons standpunt dat die regering een kultuurgroep se regte bevorde ten koste van 'n ander. Daar was nie deursigtigheid met die verandering van die straatname nie."

Die AfriForum-man gaan die gesig word van dienslewing- en regeringvoorsburgers en die jeug gaan eersdaags weer die strate invaar om die nuwe bordjies met ou straatname onder die nuwes vas te maak.

"Die eerste projek het ons sowat R15 000 uit die sak gejaag. Volgende week gaan die jeugleiers besluit oor die projekte wat ons die jaar gaan aanpak," sê Mostert.

"En ek is nie bang vir die Tshwane-metro of die regering nie."



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• Teken en skilderkuns vir volwassenes en kinders, 10jr en ouer. Oggend-, middag- en aandklas. Elmarie 012-663-9895 / 082-682-6011.

• Kunsklasse, Moreleta Park. The Collection. Oggendklasse, Dinsdae en Donderdae, Maartjie 083-327-0118, marietjie.vanstaden@gmail.com

Markets and Charity

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Buy or sell, which is first for a move?

With the competitive environment in today's real estate market, some homeowners who have decided to find another property may ask if it is best to first sell their existing property, or find another home before they sell their current one.

Adrian Goslett, regional director and CEO of RE/MAX of Southern Africa, says with high demand and low inventory, buyers need to move quickly when they find a property they really want.

For some, this may mean putting in an offer while they still own another property.

"The answer to whether homeowners should look to buy first and sell their current property later, or sell before looking at other homes will largely depend on their personal circumstances."

Goslett offers the following considerations:

Finance

Only a small percentage of buyers are able to purchase a property with cash, while most are reliant on banks to obtain the necessary finance.

What this means is that home buyers who are upgrading to a larger or more expensive home may need the equity from the sale of their current home as a deposit.

"Where the sale of the owner's current home needs to happen first, they could sell

the property and then negotiate with the new owners to rent the property back from them until they find a new place.

"This will depend on how eager the new owner is to move into the new home and the previous owner will be required to pay occupational rent."

Another option for the seller is to find temporary accommodation with family or friends or a short-term rental.

Sellers who would like an advance on their home equity can opt to have the money bridged before the sale of the home is concluded. It is important the buyer takes the time to find the right home fitting their criteria.

With stock shortages, a reality in today's market, it could take more time than initially anticipated. "Perhaps the optimum decision would be for homeowners to stay in their current home while looking for another property. They could then make an offer to purchase their next home subject to the sale of their current home." This way they have time to do their research and find the perfect home.

Local market conditions

While there are external factors that impact the property market in general, most areas will be uniquely affected by their individual circumstances. Aspects such as the



type of home, price range and availability of other similar homes in the area will all have an impact on the sale of the property.

"A real estate professional will be a valuable source of information when it comes to researching the specific factors that influence the property market in a particular area and provide the homeowner with insight."

Risk and emotion

Regardless of whether the homeowner decides each option brings with it an element of risk. For this reason, homeowners must ask themselves whether it would be better to sell first and possibly not have accommodation to go to or buy first and have two bonds to pay until the one home is sold.

Top three questions to ask rental agents

The benefits of using a rental agent to place tenants in any buy-to-let investment are numerous, from assisting with the vetting of prospective tenants and monthly rental collections to pre and post occupation inspections and property management services if they are contracted to manage the maintenance of the rental property.

However, not just any rental agent will do the job well, so how can you make sure that the rental agent you are using is the right one for you and your property? Chris Renecle, MD of Renprop, says as with any investment decision, the landlord needs to scrutinise the rental agent and property management company carefully before they appoint.

"The rental agent and property management company are essentially controlling the day-to-day operations of your asset and are therefore responsible for protecting your investment. The appointment of this service provider(s) is therefore not one that should be made lightly."

So just how do landlords know whether or not they are appointing the right agent or company for the job? Renecle says as a starting point, landlords should interview a number of rental agents and property management companies before making the final decision as to who to appoint for the job.

As a part of this process, there are three top questions that a rental agent should to be asked:

Are you a rental specialist?

"Many estate agencies are offering rentals

as a part of their service offering these days as the rental markets in many parts of the country have grown considerably over the past 18 months.

The northern suburbs of Johannesburg are a prime example of this. However, a landlord should always ensure that the rental agent they choose to work with is properly qualified to assist them," he says.

During the interview process, the landlord asks all prospective rental agents about their experience in the rental market, how many years they have been operating as a rental

agent, what qualifications they have and what governing bodies they are members of. Should property management services be part of the mandate, the same questions relating to the management of assets should be asked.

How do you vet potential tenants and handle late or non payment of rent?

The most critical aspect of letting out property is ensuring a reliable tenant is placed. Therefore, the most important thing to establish is how a rental agent vets potential tenants.

"This is the most critical part of the process, because a bad tenant is exceptionally difficult to get rid of, and will end up costing the landlord a lot of time, money and frustration."

However, even though a tenant has been thoroughly vetted, things can still go wrong and they can fall behind in their monthly payments.

"That is why it is also important to establish how the rental agent handles late or



non-payment of the rental amount." Landlords would also do well to establish the arrears rate of the agency, as this will give them a good indication of how efficient their collections department is.

What happens if I need legal assistance relating to the rental property?

It should go without saying that all leases and other legal documents should be prepared by an attorney, and a reputable rental agent will make use of a standard lease agreement that has been drafted by an attorney.

However, what happens if a legal notice needs to be served on a tenant? Rental agents are not qualified to handle legal matters relating to the letting of a property, or provide any legal advice in respect of this, but should have a relationship with a well-known attorney.

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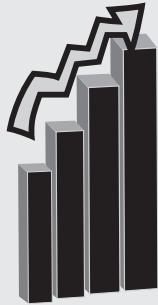
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Opwindende 2016 vir Naka Bulle



Anthony Beswick, wat verlede seisoen as Naka Bulle se speler van die jaar aangewys is, sal volgens alle aanduidings in 2016 weer besikbaar wees vir die manne van die klub. Hier ontvang hy verlede jaar sy prys van die klub se dinamiese voorstuur, Ian Herbst.

Foto: Marinus van der Wath

klub dat hy gereed is om weer silwerware vir die trofeeëks te begin versamel.

'n Woordvoerder van die klub het aan *Rekord* gesê dat hulle geen verliese gely het wat topspelers betref nie. Dit beteken dat sterre soos die opwindende agterspeler, Anthony Beswick, en die jong losskakkelaar-generaal, Jean Grobler, albei weer in die Naka-trui in aksie sal wees.

Met Van der Wath se aanstelling as direkteur van rugby is die planne ook gereed om al die vertonings van klub se spanne te verbeter.

Dis veral die eerste span, wat onder die wakende oog van Van der Wath en sy adjudante, Martin Knoetze en Anthony Oberholzer, gebrei sal word, wat vanjaar na groot hoogte gaan mik.

By die junior spanne sal Bierman Smit en Morné Human, twee manne wat hul ook bewys het met die prestasie van Naka Bulle se 0.20 span in 2015, die leisels neem.

Verlede jaar se 0.20 span van die klub is uiteindelik as die Blou Bulle se kampioen gekroon, nadat die span in een seisoen drie keer met Tukkies afgeraken het.

Naka Bulle se eerste span speel reeds op 30 Januarie 'n oefenwedstryd teen Tukkies se Varsitybekerspan, waarna die Asspol reeks op Saterdag 13 Februarie sal afskop.

Die bepalings maak voorsiening vir tuiswedstryde vir Naka op 13 en 20 Februarie teen onderskeidelik Harlequins en Rustenburg Impala, terwyl hulle weg sal speel teen UJ op 27 Februarie.

'n Oefenkamp in die Waterberg-omgewing, wat 'n oefenwedstryd teen die Nylstroom klub insluit, word ook beplan.

Alle huidige en voornemende spelers word genooi om die klub se oefeninge op Maandae, Woensdae en Donderdae by te woon.

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Young players learn from rugby's finest

The Investec international rugby academy provided SA's young rugby players and coaches with another opportunity to learn from international and SA rugby icons during the December holiday.

Following the academy's successful July holiday courses, it returned in December to offer high performance rugby training to all levels of the country's rugby fraternity by former professional rugby players and coaches.

Among the line-up of coaches were former Rugby World Cup players Marius Hurter (1995), Werner Swanepoel (1999), Louis Koen (2003) and Butch James (2007 and 2011), former Springbok assistant coach Dick Muir, former British Lions coach Andy Keast, former Wallabies kicking coach Braam van Straaten, former Springbok assistant coach and current Sharks coach Gary Gold, former Sharks coach Grant Bashford, former Sharks assistant coach Brad Mcleod-Henderson, former Scottish player John Allan, and All-Blacks, Chiefs and Blues technical advisor Nico le Roux.

Boys also enjoyed learning from former Springboks Gobani Bobo, Ian MacDonald, Brent Russell and most capped South African rugby player Jacques Botes and local coaches Ryan Strudwick and Greg Miller.

Behind-the-scenes training was also a feature of the Investec international rugby academy and specialists such as Mark Steele (former Springbok conditioning coach), Dr Peet du Toit (neurological and physiological testing), and Tim Goodenough (meta-coach) taught the physical and mental aspects of rugby.

According to former Springbok Brent Russell, the Investec international rugby academy is a great concept for former players.



Former Springbok player Werner Swanepoel (right) spent time sharing his expertise with local players at the Investec international rugby academy last week at St Charles College in Pietermaritzburg. Pictured with Swanepoel is Steyn van der Spuy (Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool Pretoria).

"The academy allows retired players an opportunity to give back to the game of rugby. Rugby is in our blood and to be able to share with youngsters, and make a difference, gives us great satisfaction," said Russell.

The academy's week-long courses offer a rare opportunity for players and coaches to learn from local and international rugby icons. The rewards for coaches are testament to the service of the academy.

"My favourite part of the academy is seeing the end product after a hard week; seeing

the boys applying some of the lessons they have learned during the course," says current Lions coach, Johan Ackermann.

Former Springbok Butch James said his favourite part of coaching at the academy was the reward of seeing the boys put into practice what coaches had taught them, and the smile on their faces when this improved their game.

"During such a week, you are able to see the difference in an individual's confidence and abilities. It can only have a positive effect in one's development," says Russell.

Valke is gereed vir 2016 aksie

Koos Venter

Die Silver Valke-rugbyklub wil vanjaar met hul groot terugbondsaksie begin en spelers van dié klub is reeds hard aan die oefen vir die lang seisoen wat voorlê.

Die klub se seisoen begin amptelik op 30 Januarie met 'n vriendskaplike wedstryd teen Harlequins van Krugersdorp.

Daarna skui die fokus na die Fly kompetisie, wat nou bekend is vir die groot pryse wat op die spel is vir deelnemende spanne.

Dié kompetisie vind in Februarie plaas. In Maart is die Silver Valke betrokke by die bekende ruby-administrateur, Jan de Bruyn, se nuwe "Viernasies"-toernooi.

Die amptelike Blou Bulle-ligas begin in April en die manne van Silverton wil teen daardie tyd gereed wees om weer hul stem in die Eersteliga dik te maak. Die klub het beslis planne om goed genoeg in dié liga te vaar, sodat hulle weer 'n kans kan kry om terug te skuiif na die Carltonliga, waar hulle 'n paar seisoene gelede een van die top spanne was.



Spelers en bestuurslede van die Silver Valke-rugbyklub is oorgehaal om in die 2016 seisoen weer hul stem dik te maak in al die kompetisies waarin hul betrokke sal wees.

Alle spelers wat belangstel om hul rugby in 'n gemoedelike familie-atmosfeer by 'n klub met puik geriewe te speel, is welkom om by die Silver Valke aan te sluit.

Oefeninge het reeds begin en vind plaas op Maandae en Woensdae vanaf 18:00.

Die klub se adres is Roestoffstraat 220, Silverton. Ter geldinsameling bied die Silver Valke op 29 Maart 'n reuse manne-aand aan.

Sprekers soos die Leeus se afrigter, Johan Ackerman, asook die skyrwyer en motieverder, Mayan Subrayan, sal by hierdie

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Four Pta officials on duty in the 2016 Australian Open

Other than South African tennis stars Kevin Anderson and Raven Klaasen flying the Rainbow nation flag at the first Grand Slam of 2016, four South African tennis officials – all from Pretoria – will be representing the country in Melbourne at the Australian Open which starts next week.

Tennis South Africa's (TSA) Technical Manager Iain Smith, Africa's highest ranked tennis official who heads the officiating programme at TSA, is presently in Melbourne to do Review Officiating duty there.

"Being appointed to officiate at the Australian Open is a big responsibility, but an appointment that is very much appreciated and an honour to accept.

"Working any of the Grand Slams even

once is an accomplishment as being part of the games is a wonderful experience and a privilege" said Smith

Smith is joined by three other South African officials, all Pretoria based, namely George Phiri, Charles Mehlapa and Pieter Hoeksma who will have line and chair umpiring duties for the Grand Slam.

Mehlapa who has been based in Australia for a number of years, was nominated through the Tennis Australian officiating system but recently moved back to South Africa.

Phiri said that tennis officiating is his first love and passion and to officiate in the game at the highest level is a true honour for him.

"Only after arriving at the Australian

Open site for my seventh Australian Open I realised once again how privileged I am to be part of this amazing event.

"After so many years I still get goose-bumps when walking on court and always a little nervous for those close calls. I am really looking forward to the next three weeks of awesome tennis experiences" beamed Hoeksma. Tennis South African President and acting Chief Executive Officer, Gavin Crookes said; "My best wishes go to the four officials all the best as they head to Melbourne to work at the opening Grand Slam of 2016. I know they will do themselves, South Africa and the game proud."

The Australian Open takes place in Australia Melbourne from 18 to 31 January.



George Phiri is one of the local officials who will work at the Australian Open tennis tournament this year.

Shange sets personal best time in Canberra race ahead of 2016 Rio

Lebogang Shange (hpc/Nike), South Africa's race walking ace, immediately continued his quest to seriously challenge the stopwatch every time he competes.

Over the weekend, at an international training camp in Canberra that was attended by some of the world's best 20km race walkers, he clocked a time of 41 minutes and 2 seconds in a 10 000m track race organised by the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS). It was his first race in 2016.

Shange, who finished third in the race, was justly proud of his performance.

"It is my best time in a 10 000m track race. It is exciting to be able to set such a fast time so early in the season. I am certainly learning a lot by training with some of the best race walkers," he said.

Canada's Ben Thorne, who won a bronze medal at last year's World Championships, won the 10 000m race.

Shange's time was merely 28 seconds slower than the South African record (40:32.78) set by Chris Britz in 1995.

Britz, Shange's coach, confidently predicts that it will be only a matter of time before the hpc athlete will improve on his record. It might even be towards the end of the training camp.

It is interesting to note that Shange is currently the national record holder in all the distances in which he competes except the 10 000m track event.

He will begin to compete over 30 and 50 kilometres at a later stage.

Shange's first serious race will be on 21 February when he will compete in Aus-

tralia's National 20km Championships in Adelaide.

Britz wants Shange to change his race strategy. Last year Shange mostly started out conservatively and then accelerated towards the end of the race.

Using this strategy he set a new South African record and finished 11th at the World Championships in Beijing.

"This race strategy is all well and good if



Lebogang Shange training at the Tuks Sports Campus.
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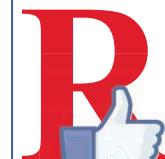
you are merely racing to get a top ten finish, but any athlete who wants to have a realistic chance of medalling at the Olympic Games in Rio will have to race from the front," said Britz.

"It is, therefore, important that Lebogang gets used to doing so. He might 'overcook' it once or twice by starting off too fast but he has proven that he is able to learn from

his mistakes." Britz said racing conditions in Rio would be as tough as it was during the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. Russia's Valeriy Borchin won in 1:19:01.

The winning time in Rio would be around 1 hour 20 minutes.

"Our goal is for Lebogang to finish in the top five and, if he has a good race, he could even challenge to win bronze."



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Cricket clash in Centurion all about pride

Eliot Mahlase

Despite losing the series to England, the Proteas will look to salvage pride when they take on England in their final test match in Centurion on Friday.

The last test match at SuperSport Park involving the South African cricket team was back in 2014 against the West Indies.

The locals will surely look to fill up the stadium to watch some of their heroes even though things have been tough for AB de Villiers and co.

Though the outcome is of academic interest, the Proteas are hoping to get their first test match win in eight attempts. To do this in Centurion will surely be a bonus.

Under the captaincy of Graeme Smith, the Proteas went to England in 2012 and claimed an away series 2-0 which saw them named the number one test side thus pushing the English off the throne. The team has been almost untouchable on top until re-

cently when they lost an away test series to India. Many blamed the demons in the pitch for the horrific showings but the Indian team and management thought otherwise.

When the England tour arose, many predicted South Africa to top England, especially with the return of fast bowler Dale Steyn. The series, however, began on a dark note when Steyn got injured at the start of England's second innings, which initially decided the match.

The Proteas went on to lose by an emphatic 241 runs.

Rain had the last laugh in the second test match in Cape Town which was evenly contested and could have gone either way.

If the second test papered over poor batting, then the third test exposed the Proteas' poor batting ability, which saw them all out for 83 in the second innings with a lead of just 73.

A loss at the Wanderers did not just see the Proteas lose their second test series in a



Proteas Captain AB de Villiers will look for a win when South Africa play England in their last test match in Centurion from Friday.

Photo: GB Jordaan

row, but it also saw them lose their number one place in the ICC rankings.

Perhaps the loss of two of the best bowlers

(Vernon Philander and Steyn) had an impact in them leaking runs but their batting performance leaves much to be desired.

Wenda trains with Danish star

For any athlete who hopes to make the Olympic final in Rio, the challenge during the next few months will be to find a way to get that little bit faster.

This is the reason why Wenda Nel (Tuks/hpc), South Africa's foremost women's 400-hurdler, is currently training with Denmark's Sara Petersen in Stellenbosch.

At the final of the World championships in Beijing last year, Petersen finished fourth in a time of 54.20s, with Nel seventh in 54.94s. More important is the fact that the Danish athlete

ran her best time of 53.99s at the Diamond League Meeting in Paris last year. Petersen also became the first Danish athlete to win a Diamond League race last year when she won in Lausanne.

Nel improved her best time when she won in 54.37s at the World Championships meeting in Beijing.

However, for her to have a realistic chance to a medal at the Games in Rio, she needs to improve her best time to something closer to 54.00s or even faster.

It should be no surprise, therefore, that she jumped at the opportunity to train with Petersen for a week.

"Training together has so far been an interesting experience for both of us. The way Sara trains is quite different from the way I am used to, and naturally the opposite is also true. Through our respective coaches we have come to a kind of compromise on

how we were going to train. I have definitely learned something from Sara and her coach, which will stand me in good stead this season and hopefully she can say the same," said the Nike athlete.

"In Pretoria, I train mostly with male athletes, therefore it is nice to train with somebody who runs more or less the same times that I do for a change. We try to push each other to the limit on the track."

Nel's first race for the season will be at the SA championships in Stellenbosch. If she wins in the final, it will be the sixth time she wins the SA 400-hurdles title.

She is not quite sure yet where and when she will be racing internationally, but there is a good chance it will be at the first Diamond League meeting in Doha on 6 May.

"If everything goes according to plan, I hope to compete in about eight to 10 races before the Games in Rio." Asked what she plans to do to improve her best time, Nel said she would definitely try to improve her start.

"In most races I am a bit slow out of the starting blocks. I think I can also work towards improving my speed over the last two hurdles. My biggest challenge will be to try to change my stride pattern between the hurdles to 15 steps. On average that is the stride pattern of most of the international athletes. Because I am shorter I tend to take more," she said.



The SPAR Lantern race is one of the few night races in Gauteng, and the entire route is lit by lanterns.

SPAR presents lantern race

The annual SPAR Lantern race once again promises an unforgettable running experience in the safe farm atmosphere of the Irene ARC campus.

This is sure to set the perfect romantic tone in the week leading up to Valentine's Day.

The lantern-lit route has been quoted in Tom Cottrell's *Runners Guide* as being the "only true blue romantic run".

"SPAR is really excited to be a part of the lantern race again in 2016. SPAR North Rand is known for supporting sport – and running in particular – in the region and we pride ourselves on helping build local races into running events that are highlights on the local running calendar," said SPAR North Rand marketing director, Jerome Jacobs.

"Our title event, SPAR Women's challenge has become the largest road event

in the country while the Lantern race has become the best supported 10km night race in South Africa for the past seven years, attracting almost 4 000 runners."

The SPAR Lantern race takes place on 10 February at the Agricultural Research Council Irene campus and offers both the 10km route and a 5km fun run.

There will be cash prizes awarded to the top runners as well as loads of SPAR grocery hamper spot giveaways. The first 10 men, 10 women and all category winners receive gold medals and the next 100 finishers will be given silver medals.

The first 3 000 to finish the 5km and 10km route will receive bronze medals. Walkers are welcome but race organisers have warned participants that this year's route is not wheelchair friendly.

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Wenda Nel (right) and Denmark's Sara Petersen on the athletics track in Stellenbosch.

Photo: Ole Kvist