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Leerlinge vier hul resultate

Die matriekgroep van 2013 het Dinsdag verheug nadat die Minister van Onderwys die resultate uiteindelik bekend gemaak het. Francois en Christel Blomerus, Zehann Burger en Leander Wolmarans van Hoërskool Oos-Moot kon nie wag om hul resultate by die skool af te haal nie. Lees die volle berig op bladsy 3.

Residential war continues

“The issue of squatters in Pretoria continues. However, Judge Neil Tuchten noted that they cannot be kicked off land without alternative areas to live in.”

Ané Roux

The Tshwane metro's woes regarding illegal squatters on open spaces of land of the metro are set to continue, according to law experts.

Lawyers for Human Rights' (LHR) Louise du Plessis said in a recent media statement that unless the metro urgently allocated land to migrants to the city, the problem of illegal occupation would continue to escalate this year.

Du Plessis assisted various communities that had been evicted from land they occupied last year, only to see them return to it some time later.

She said that because of the influx of people into the city, and the shortage and high cost of formal housing, people could not be accommodated in formal areas and started to put up informal structures on open land instead.

According to news reports, Judge Neil Tuchten remarked that courts ought to be careful in evicting the homeless if they did not have somewhere else for them to go.

The metro maintains it is providing housing in the form of RDP houses, but the

waiting lists are long and many have been waiting for years for a home of their own.

“Until city officials realise that people who migrate to the city need land where they can settle informally, this problem will not go away,” Du Plessis warned, anticipating that the courts would again be called on to intervene.

“The metro may say ‘evict these people’, but the Constitutional Court has made it clear that these people must receive help,” she said. Pretoria east resident, Johan Muller, told *Rekord* that he was determined to have the issue of illegal squatters properly addressed. “I have been fighting the issue of squatters on the border of my property for the past two years. Money is being spent on street name changes while the poor continue to live in squalor. In the east, I pay some of the highest rates and taxes to live next to a squatter camp. I will not stand for it.”

Marie Johnson, who lives in a private estate close to the Pretoria East cemetery, added to the sentiments of Muller.

“Next to my estate is a growing squatter camp and despite calls to the police and the ward councillor, very little is being done to control the influx and activities of the people

living there. The news that our problems with squatters will continue is not good.”

Pieter Smalman, who lives in Wingate Park, told *Rekord* that he had to spend large amounts of money on security upgrades while the squatters lived on an open property

along Solomon Mahlangu Drive.

“Since their removal at the end of last year, crime has noticeably gone down. Squatters are a very definite social and security problem, I hope we can make sure they do not make a return.”

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System stops corruption

Rorisang Kgosana

A new system has been put in place by the Tshwane Licensing Department in an attempt to stop corruption and fraud during learner's licence tests, the Tshwane metro police recently said.

This is after a Licensing Department official in Pretoria was dismissed late last year for writing a learner's licence test on behalf of a candidate.

"Unlike the previous manual system, this new system is computerised and can only be accessed by the candidate writing the test, or managers that mark the test," said Tshwane metro police spokesperson, Senior Superintendent Isaac Mahamba.

Mahamba stated that candidates would receive a password for the computer system when booking their licence test and that this password could only be used by the candidate on the set test date.

"An outsider cannot access the system, as it requests information such as personal details and passwords that are only known by the candidate. The only other person that can log in on behalf of a candidate is a Licensing Department official," he said. With the new system, police were able to arrest Maria Bambo, a Licensing Department official, after she wrote a learner's licence test on behalf of a candidate for a fixed fee.

"Bambo's manager noted an irregularity, as the candidate somehow completed the learner's licence test sooner than other candidates. The candidate was then confronted and confessed that Bambo wrote it on his behalf for a fee. Bambo, who faced charges of fraud and corruption, was released on bail shortly after her arrest in August. We then started with internal disciplinary actions and she was dismissed in November," Mahamba said.



The new learner's licence testing system may mean the end of fraud and corruption.



E-toll tariff inconsistency

Rorisang Kgosana

The Department of Transport announced that it has noted the e-toll tariff error, where the *Government Gazette* in Afrikaans stated different e-toll tariff rates to the English version, and said it would be fixed.

"We wish to state that the mistake in question will not affect the validity of the legislation and that the Department of Transport and Sanral are currently correcting the mistake. A revised version will soon be published," the department said in a statement.

This came after the Justice Project South Africa announced that the e-tolling tariff published in the *Government Gazette* contained different e-toll charges in the English and Afrikaans versions. According to the English version, the Barbet e-toll gantry on the N1 charges alternative e-toll users R17,40, but the Afrikaans version states a fee of R5,80. "Both of the tariff notices were signed by the acting director general of the Department of Transport and there-

fore carried equal and conflicting weights. Sanral and the Department of Transport have been uncooperative towards our requests for clarity on the enforcement process, instead referring us to the regulations," said Justice Project SA chairperson, Howard Dembovsky.

Dembovsky said Sanral and the Department of Transport should cease the levying and collection of e-tolls until the matter was corrected. "Our attorneys addressed correspondence to the minister of transport, calling upon her to immediately repeal the offending Tariff Gazette," he said.

Meanwhile, the Department of Transport also slammed an SMS claiming that Sanral and the police are setting up illegal roadblocks and forcing people to buy e-tags as a hoax. Departmental spokesperson, Tiyani Rikhotso, said the message was fake.

"Sanral and the Department of Transport have no agreement with traffic authorities to either force people to register for e-tolling or to check whether or not they have an e-tag."

New Year's fireworks a traumatising experience for pets

Laetitia Velleman

Many pet owners started the new year off scrambling about trying to find their lost dogs following the illegal use of fireworks in and around Pretoria. Traumatized dogs scratched through fences and broke windows trying to get away from the loud bangs surrounding them.

Debbie and Theo van Stryp from the Moot area tried giving their dogs calming medicine. "Our poor dogs were left in a state of panic. We gave them calming medicine, but it did not help much. On the first day of the new year, our animals had to suffer through the side effects of the medicine all because of people who waste their money on fireworks. It is ridiculous."

Joanne Esterhuysen said she spent several days trying to calm a house full of frantic animals. "I looked after a few people's pets over the festive season. One of the dogs broke through our palisade fence and a gate to try and get away from the noise. He was badly injured, as the fence cut through his skin. It sounded like World War III outside," Esterhuysen said.

Esterhuysen also said that the fireworks were extremely bad this Christmas Eve. "People shot crackers throughout the week.

I even heard fireworks going off on the Wednesday evening after New Year's Day. The skin on the dogs' noses was torn, as they tried to break through their kennels."

The Tshwane metro police executed the festive season's operations by focusing on businesses selling fireworks and the illegal use thereof.

Rick Allan, the Tshwane SPCA's managing director, said that the Tshwane SPCA received a complaint from the public regarding alleged illegal firework activity in Mountain View and Eersterust. "We reported this incident to the metro, who will investigate the matter. Animal safety, however, falls under our jurisdiction and we will investigate matters in terms of the Animal Protection Act if possible animal cruelty took place," Allan said.

On the SPCA's Facebook page many people posted cases of missing dogs, most of whom went missing on New Year's Eve or Wednesday. According to Korky Levanon from the Tshwane SPCA, they have received 120 reports since Thursday of stray animals that have been taken in by the community. "Luckily some of these pets had microchips and they were quickly taken back to their owners," Levanon said the SPCA took in 20 strays on Friday alone.

"There is usually a two-day delay before people lodge a complaint because they are either on holiday or they think the SPCA is closed," Allan said. "It is horrendous how many stray animals were found."

Levanon confirmed that by Tuesday, 15 pets had been safely returned to their owners.

Fireworks can cause many problems for animals as they can be traumatised, run away, or get themselves caught in small areas. "Animals are very sensitive towards sound. Dogs have seven times more acute hearing than humans and cats are even more sensitive," Allan said.

"The main factor is fear. The sound triggers a fight or flight response. Most animals get stuck in small areas when they try to get away from the noise, which can sometimes be a fatal situation," he said.

The Tshwane metro police started by-law operations to crack down on dealers selling fireworks illegally. According to these by-laws, any person who wants to sell fireworks from their business premises must have a licence from the SAPS Explosives Unit as well as a certificate of registration from the chief fire officer. No fireworks may be



Many dogs injured themselves and others went missing in an effort to get away from fireworks.

sold in public places or from trailers, this includes street traders.

The metro police is also working closely with other law enforcement agencies to regulate the sale and use of fireworks. Businesses selling fireworks without a certificate of registration will receive a spot fine of R2 500 with an additional fine for any other fire safety violations found. Those who want to use fireworks for private or professional displays must apply at the offices of the chief fire officer for permission. This will ensure that fireworks are used in a safe manner and will not constitute a fire hazard.

Superintendent Isaac Mahamba, metro police spokesperson, said the metro police received numerous calls from the public about the illegal trade or use of fireworks, but no arrests were made. "The metro police

is still investigating these complaints. These complaints could not be attended to on New Year's Eve as most officers were deployed to Soshanguve, where a riot took place." By Monday the metro police still had not made any arrests in this regard, Mahamba said.

The Tshwane metro advises the public that all matters relating to dead animals lying in the street and open public places should be reported to the municipal Environmental Health Services one-stop centre on 012-358-4656. In the case of impounded animals that may have been classified as strays, the metro has appointed a service provider who can be contacted at 012-328-2893 to check whether the animal has been impounded. All matters relating to cruelty to animals remain the responsibility of the SPCA.

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Matrieks hou makietie

Natalie Grobler

Derduisende matrikulante het Dinsdag gejubel en gejuig nadat die Minister van Onderwys, Angie Motshekga, die finale matriekresultate bekend gemaak het.

Die top 20 matrikulante landswyd, waarvan drie Pretorianers is, is ook tydens 'n onthut in Sandton bekendgemaak.

Siphelele Sithole van Makhosini School in Soshanguve, Wini-Louise Myburgh van Afrikaans Hoër Meisieskool in Brooklyn en Thabang Manamela van die Prinshof Skool het as die top drie matriekleerlinge van Pretoria uitgesonder.

Myburgh het ook as landswye top Wiskunde-leerling weggestap.

"Ek wens die Klas van 2013 geluk toe as die beste klas sedert die begin van demokrasie, en moedig elke leerling aan om verder as hul voorgangers te presteer en die beste van hoër onderwys, die werksplek en in hul algemene bydraes tot die samelewing te maak," het Motshekga gesê. Sy het gesê nadat 562 122 voltydse matrikulante hul laaste eksamen geskryf het, die 78,2% slaagsyfer

met 4,3% in vergelyking met 2012 gestyg het.

"Toe die matrikulante van vandag, in 1995 gebore is, was die nasionale matriek-slaagsyfer 53, 4% in vergelyking met vandag se verstommende syfer. Ons mikpunt vir 2014 was 75%, maar ons het ons teiken met 'n jaar oortref," het sy gesê.

Gauteng het 'n 87% slaagsyfer bereik in vergelyking met 2012 se 83,9%. Dus het Gauteng 'n 3,1% verbetering geniet.

'n Totaal van 85 122 Gauteng-matrieks het vanjaar geslaag. Teenoor verlede jaar, het 17,42% meer leerlinge met universiteitsvystelling geslaag en kan dus by tersiële opleidingsinstansies inskryf.

Pablo Mamonyane van Hoërskool Akasia het universiteitstoelating gekry en gaan hierdie jaar politiek by Tukkies studeer.

"Ek wil eendag 'n minister word. Maar intussen gaan ek eers vir 'n rukkie werk voor my studies begin."

Callon Locke ook van Hoërskool Akasia Hoërskool het onderskeidings vir Afrikaans, Wiskunde, Lewensoriëntering en Biologie gekry.



'n Groep van matriekleerlinge van Hoërskool Akasia was baie opgewonde en heelwat verlig nadat hulle uiteindelik hul matriekuitslae Dinsdag ontvang het. Foto: Amelia de Ridder

Bewustelose vrou in motor gekry

Natalie Grobler

Die vinnige optrede van die gemeenskap het gesorg dat 'n bewustelose vrou se familie opgespoor word.

Die 57-jarige vrou, bekend as Pamela Gildenhuys, is Donderdagoggend bewusteloos in haar motor in Codonialaan opgemerk. Die oorsaak van haar toestand is tans nog onbekend.

'n Motorwag het die vrou in haar motor gesien en dadelik hulp ontbied.

"Ons het haar deur oopgebreek, maar sy was in 'n baie ernstige toestand. My seun het noodhulp toegepas waarna sy na die Steve Biko Akademiese-hospitaal vervoer is," het Annetta Mulder, 'n nabye winkeleienaar, gesê.

Mulder kon geen identifikasie aan die vrou vind nie en het dus 'n boodskap op die bekende Facebook-blad, *Eks van die Moot*, geplaas in die hoop om enige familieleden of vriende op te spoor.

Die boodskap het soos 'n veldbrand versprei en binne ure het 'n dominee, wat verkies om anoniem te bly, haar met die onbekende vrou se besonderhede gekontak.

Volgens Mulder het die dominee haar kontakbesonderhede ook deur dié blad bekom.

"Ek is dankbaar teenoor alle rolspelers wat dit moontlik gemaak het om die vrou se kennis op te spoor. Dit was inderdaad goeie Moot-spanwerk," het Mulder gesê.

Gildenhuys is tans in 'n kritieke toestand in die Steve Biko Akademiese-hospitaal.



Sowat 19 passasiers is tydens 'n taxiongeluk op die hoek van Paul Kruger- en Boomstrate beseer.

Ongeluksyfers bly styg

Elaine Strauss

Die feestyd is gewoonlik die besigste tyd van die jaar vir verkeersbeamptes en volgens 'n verslag wat op die Gauteng Departement van Gemeenskapsveiligheid se Facebook-blad verskyn het, was reeds 250 slagoffers teen 17 Desember in ongelukke betrokke gewees. In onlangse nuusberigte is daar reeds ongeveer 1 200 noodlottige padongelukke aangemeld.

Volgens 'n lid van die Padverkeer-bestuursorganisasie, wat verkies om anoniem te bly, gaan die amptelike statistieke deur die loop van die week bekend gemaak geword.

Intussen het Best Care-ambulansdienste hul hande verlate naweek vol gehad met verskeie ongelukke wat regoor Pretoria plaasgevind het.

Xander Loubser, woordvoerder van Best Care, het gesê dat drie kinders en hul ouers in 'n kop-aan-kop botsing in Paul Krugerstraat betrokke was.

"Die twee voertuie, waarvan een voertuig drie manlike insittendes gehad

het, het teen mekaar gebots en al agt pasiënte is na verskeie hospitale vervoer. Daar was geen noodlottige besering nie, maar een kind is in die Eugene Marais-hospitaal opgeneem vir verdere observasie," het Loubser gesê.

Sowat 19 passasiers is verlede Sater-

“Padongelukke het weer die feesseisoen sy tol geëis op ons land se paaie, ondanks verskerpte optrede.

dagaand tydens 'n botsing tussen twee taxis op die hoek van Paul Kruger- en Boomstraat beseer.

Loubser het gesê 17 het ligte beserings opgedoen terwyl twee redelik ernstig beseer was. Hulle is na 'n nabygeleë hospitaal vervoer vir verdere behandeling.



More than 70 people were arrested during a series of roadblocks.

Eersterust police clamp down

A total of 76 people were arrested during a series of roadblocks and crime prevention operations by the Eersterust police this festive season. According to Constable Sam Shibambo, spokesperson for the Eersterust police, the aim of the operations was to create a safe and secure environment for all the residents of Eersterust.

More than 40 of those arrested were arrested for liquor-related offences. "The other half were arrested for road traffic offences as well as on drug-related charges," Shibambo said.

He added that all the suspects had already appeared in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court. In another, unrelated incident, a suspect was arrested for the possession of a

suspected hijacked vehicle.

The police also launched a surprise raid for all wanted suspects in the area during late December. A man in his late thirties wanted for armed robbery was traced to a house in Delphinium Street. Upon seeing the police, the man and his accomplice fled on foot. The police, however, managed to arrest him and in the process recovered the vehicle that he allegedly used during a robbery. "The preliminary investigation revealed that the vehicle was hijacked in Pretoria West during December 2013," Shibambo said. The suspect has already appeared in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court on charges of possession of suspected stolen property and armed robbery.



Lede van die gemeenskap het gehelp om 'n vrou se familie deur 'n sosiale netwerk op te spoor.

New year's new arrivals

Natalie Grobler

As the clock struck 00:00, a new year with new challenges dawned.

Some set new goals, others made New Year's resolutions, while yet others took on the most challenging task of them all, parenthood.

Instead of partying the night away with friends and family, excited family members and eager parents waited for the arrival of their little bundles of joy.

Gauteng welcomed almost 200 newborns into 2014.

Rekord managed to get a sneak peak of some of these new arrivals.



Thato Pale was born on New Year's Day at the Steve Biko Academic Hospital.



Skylar Barlow was born on New Year's Day at the Mediclinic Kloof Hospital.



Ethan Benoliel made his arrival at 11:35 at Mediclinic Muelmed.



Baby Takalani arrived at 10:00 at Mediclinic Muelmed on New Year's Day.



Isel Rademan weighed in at 3,33kg at the Netcare Pretoria East Hospital.



Thalefo Naape made his arrival at the Steve Biko Academic Hospital.

Hospital exemplifies the festive spirit

Natalie Grobler

Children at the Louis Botha Children's Home in Queenswood celebrated an extra jolly festive season thanks to a local hospital surprising them with a donation of gifts. The Louis Botha Children's Home has serviced the community since 1918 as a non-profit organisation that looks after the welfare of abused children.

These children are removed from their parents and placed in the care of the home by the Children's Court due to abandonment, neglect, emotional or physical abuse.

Their primary purpose is to provide the children with clothing, housing, schooling, food, security and stability. In addition, they aim to provide the children with the neces-

sary therapy, life skills and emotional support they need in order to become responsible adults and curb the cycle of abuse.

The home currently cares for 100 children between the ages of 7 and 18 years. The children are divided into groups of 12 and each group lives in separate houses under the supervision of house parents.

"The staff at Mediclinic Muelmed all contributed towards the gifts, which were donated during a special visit from representatives of the hospital to the home during December. Fedics, Muelmed's catering contractor, also contributed by spoiling the children with lunch during the visit," Trish Wolmarans, spokesperson for Muelmed said.

She said that the Christmas spirit was definitely in the air and that staff members

were truly touched by the children's excitement on the day.

"To see their faces lighting up was just an amazing experience and we were happy that we could make a difference in the lives of these less fortunate children during the holiday season."

To cover the running costs of the two children's homes, the marketing team has the giant task of raising R25 620 000 annually, which boils down to R218 per child per day. Only 38% of this amount is subsidised by the government. "By supporting the Louis Botha Children's Homes you will give back to the community by supporting an institution that is effectively administered and motivated to help children reach their full potential," Wolmarans said.



A local hospital donated gifts and treated the children from the Louis Botha Children's Home to a Christmas lunch.

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Laurie and Liz Ibbott from Villieria recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

50 years and going strong

Natalie Grobler

The road that leads to a happy marriage is not only paved with joy and happiness, but hardships and challenges; it needs to be built on a firm foundation. It sees the ugly but chooses to love. Liz and Laurie Ibbott met and fell in love over 50 years ago and since they tied the knot in 1963 in Rhodesia, their life has been filled with love, laughter, joy, trials and tribulations.

They have walked side by side for 50 years and will hopefully continue to do so for many years to come. The happy couple, who have been living in Villieria for the past 33 years, met at the British South

African Police in Zimbabwe, where Laurie worked in the Criminal Investigation Department and Liz in the Fingerprint Department.

Now, 50 years down the line, they celebrate their marriage with their two daughters as well as four grandchildren.

Laurie described his wife as a beautifully radiant, wonderful woman. He said the winning recipe for a happy marriage was luck, love, humour, compromise and negotiation.

"Both spouses should be extremely patient with each other and both must be good at bickering. It is also important to jump for joy and acquire survival tactics when the children leave home," he joked.

Al die nuus oor die mooi Desember-babas

Elaine Strauss

Met Arno Jordaan se seun, Milan, en Karlien van Jaarsveld en Derick Hougaard se tweeling, Eliah en Daniël se geboortes etlike dae uitmekaar verlede maand, is almal nuuskie-rig om te sien hoe die kleingoed lyk.

Arno Jordaan het op sy Facebook-blad beloof om binnekort foto's van klein Milan te plaas, maar met klein Eliah en Daniël nog in die hospitaal, sal die land nog 'n rukkie geduldig moet wag.

Ronel Brink, Karlien van Jaarsveld se ma, het aan *Rekord* gesê: "Ons is baie dankbaar, hulle is gesond en ons het niks om oor te kla nie." Sy het ook op die dag van die geboorte op Facebook gespog met die woorde: "Baie dankie vir al die mooi boodskappe. Dit gaan baie goed met mamma Karlien en babas. Hulle is pragtig!!! Pappa Derick Hougaard is so vrek oulik, hy pas hulle drie op soos goud!" 'n Dag later het die trotse ouma selfs



Derick Hougaard op pad om sy seuns te ontmoet.

vertel dat sy klein Daniël se handjie kon vashou. "Ag, hulle is so klein maar baie sterk! Karlien, jy is vir ons almal so bitter spesiaal... Jou hart is SO mooi! Lekker verjaar! 28! Baie



Arno Jordaan, oomblikke voor hy pa geword het.

geluk," het Brink op Karlien se verjaarsdag gesê.

Selfs mamma Karlien kon nie haar opgewondenheid oor haar bulletjies se koms

wegsteek nie. "Hulle is perfek! Eliah 1,95kg. Gebore 11:33. Daniël 1,7kg. Gebore 11:35. God is groot en genadig!" het sy aan die wêreld verkondig waarna sy haar aanhangers vir hul ondersteuning bedank het.

Met klein Milan se geboorte etlike dae tevore, kon pappa Arno Jordaan ook nie lank die nuus stilhou nie. "Baie dankie vir al die mooi wense! vir almal wie nie gehoor het nie, Milan Jordaan is gister gebore 12:17! Hy's 'n bulletjie 3,3kg!"

Die trotse pa was egter nie te besig om vir Karlien en Derick geluk te wens nie. "So bly vir ons vriende Karlien van Jaarsveld Derick Hougaard wie se tweeling nouten gebore is! Milan kannie (sic) wag vir sy maaitjies nie! Ek deel binnekort foto's van Milan, hou maar die *page* dop!"

Boodskappe van gelukwensing asook goeie wense het die afgelope naweek steeds ingestroom vir beide die Jordaan- en die Hougaard-gesin.

Readers' 2013 highlights

Amelia de Ridder

The last year seems to have been an eventful year filled with many new opportunities for readers in Pretoria East.



Anthony Tchobanov: "My highlight for 2013 was probably when I started work in May. I finished school the year before last and this is my first job. It has been fun. I have, however, not given much thought to what I will be doing this year."



Claudia Dos Reis: "Career-wise, 2013 was a great year. I was appointed as a manager at a retail store in Witbank and within three months I was offered another job as assistant manager at a bigger retail store in Pretoria. It was a special year as I also sent my daughter off to grade R and we had to buy her school uniform and books. This year, I will start my studies in business management."

Rekord recently spoke to a few local people and asked them what their highlights and most treasured memories for 2013 were.

Here is what they said:



Stephanie van der Walt: "My highlight for 2013 was when I started working as a sales assistant in December after I had been looking for a job for a while. My long-term goal is to open my own restaurant and I will be starting my studies in hospitality management in February."



Sarah Mahoro: "I went back to school last year and I will be finishing my marketing course at the Tshwane University of Technology this year. My little boy, Letlotlo (meaning Treasure) also started brushing his own teeth in 2013."



Angelique Gerber beoog om eendag haar eie stunts in films te doen.



Pieter Koen sê: 'You only live once'.

Drome en doelwitte van jou gunstelingsterre vir 2014

Elaine Strauss

Die jaar 2014 is amptelik hier en een van die gewildste tradisies dié tyd van die jaar is natuurlik nuwejaarsvoornemens. *Rekord* het met 'n paar van Pretoria se gunstelingsterre gesels om te hoor wat hul voornemens vir 2014 is.

Angelique Gerber:

Heel bo aan haar lysie van nuwejaarsvoornemens is om nader aan die Here te kom en Sy hart beter te verstaan. "Ek wil ook meer tyd alleen spandeer om die ware ek beter te leer ken. En ek wil minder omgee oor ander se opinies en eg wees aan myself," vertel die *Boer Soek 'n Vrou*-aanbieder.

In September gaan Angelique vir agt weke na Los Angeles om 'n filmkursus aan die New York Film Academy te voltooi en sy spot dat sy seker een of ander tyd sal moet begin spaar.

Die fietse aktrise sal ook graag wil begin dans en stel veral in kontemporêre dans belang. Sy wil haar lyf fiks en gesond hou deur meer op *callisthenics* te fokus, waar jy met jou eie liggaamsgewig oefen en ook *parkour* ('n Sportsoort waarin deelnemers vinnig oor hindernisse probeer kom). Die plan is om die *parkour*- en *callisthenics*-oefeninge te kombineer en sodoende my eie waaghals-toertjies op filmstelle te kan doen.

Mathys Roets:

Dié geliefde Afrikaanse sanger het 'n hele lys van dinge wat hy nog wil doen. "Ek wil graag groot dinge vanjaar in 'n groot manier doen en alles wat ek aanpak moet 'n verskil maak, ongeag of dit my musiek of persoon-

like doelwitte is," vertel Mathys. Vandat hy 'n rolstoel geskik vir padwedloope aangeskaf het, is hy ook baie meer avontuurlustig en het groot planne vir 2014. Mathys beplan om vir die Cape Argus-fietstoer en Two Oceans-marathon te begin voorberei en wil ook al die grondpasse wat hy moontlik in Suid-Afrika kan vind, met sy rolstoel aandurf. "Ek wil eintlik net my lewe leef en op my musiek konsentreer sodat ek ten minste een maal per maand 'n nuwe liedjie kry om te gebruik, 'n liedjie wat 'ek' is."

Liza Brönnér:

Suid-Afrika se *Liefing* se nuutste album *Jy het my gevind* het onlangs op die winkelrakke verskyn en Liza vertel dat sy graag in 2014 met haar album op soveel moontlik plattelandse dorpie wil gaan kuier. "Ek wil kyk of ek nie dalk nog 'n teaterproduksie en 'n bietjie televisiewerk kan aanpak nie," vertel sy. Die blonde sangeres wil ook meer oefen en betrokke raak by liefdadigheidswerk. "Hierdie jaar wil ek my bes doen om almal onvoorwaardelik lief te hê soos wat die Bybel ons leer."

Pieter Koen:

Die *Skud jou biscuit*-sanger se lewensfilosofie was nog altyd dat mens net een keer leef en die jaar wil hy sorg dat hy die beste maak van wat ook al gebeur. Hy wil die jaar met ywer aanpak en die beste maak van als.

"Ek wil nie weer op die skaal klim nie en ook probeer onthou dat daar vir almal 'n plekkie onder die son is," sê hy.

Koen meen na 'n moeilike 2013 moet hy die opdraandes sowel as die afdraandes van die lewe in positiewe lig sien.

Editorial comment

In these early days of 2014, one is almost filled with a feeling of *deja vu*. Issues that concerned us at the start of 2013 are still with us and continue to fill our newspapers and our minds.

The festive season is usually the time when crowds flock to the malls and keep the tills jingling.

It is also the time of financial hangoovers.

People spend far more than their budgets allow and January and February are usually bleak months when consumers have to start paying back on their credit cards and other newly acquired debts.

What makes the start of 2014 even worse is the petrol price that increased on 1 January and the spectre of the e-tolling system that started late last year.

Further to this is rising food prices and a weaker rand.

Fuel prices rose to an all-time high on New Year's Day.

The price of petrol was bumped up by 30c/l, but if the rand remains at the level it was last week that increase will look tame by comparison to the 95-octane price, which could break the R14/l barrier for the first time.

The petrol price could rise by as much as 50c/l next month and diesel by more than 30c/l, according to data from the Central Energy Fund for the first week of the year.

The rand fell last week to its lowest level against the dollar in nearly five years.

The currency was trading at about R10,65 to the dollar on Friday. And uncertainty about the impact of monetary policies in the

US still dampens the rand's prospects of appreciating in the coming months.

Road Carnage:

Many families are entering the New Year with deep sadness after having lost a loved one in the road carnage that reached record highs this year.

This is in spite of the numerous warnings from road traffic authorities and others to drive carefully and not to drink and drive.

Education:

January is also the time for the matric results, which will be the subject of endless debate throughout the month.

Thousands of successful candidates who last year wrote the grade 12 national certificate will face the bleak prospect of finding any type of meaningful employment.

Only about a quarter of the more than 700 000 pupils who wrote the exam qualified for degree studies at a university.

Only one in four of the pupils who earn a matric exemption will go on to finish their

degree within the minimum time. As in previous years, much emphasis has been placed on the national pass rate, as if this is the only criteria to judge the success of the SA school system.

Professor Jonathan Jansen wrote a column in a Sunday newspaper saying that the education authorities hope we are ignorant and that we will, like them, compartmentalise this data in isolation of reality.

These authorities will not tell us that these pass rates are still calculated at a base of 30% in some subjects and 40% in others.

The reality is that if one removes the top 20% of schools from the national averages, a very dark picture emerges.

Yet in spite of these gloom and doom prospects, it is in human nature to push on and persevere, and we wish all our readers an exceptionally good and successful new year.



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Community interferes

The Coetzee family in Rietfontein writes:

At long last, after two years of hard work, we decided to go on a well-deserved holiday with our family.

During our long-awaited holiday, we received an unexpected call from a Tshwane metro police officer, Leon Venter, who informed us that our house had been broken into.

He was off duty during the break-in, but still decided to take action. Good word Leon, we are very proud of you.

During the arrest, some members of the

community told him to leave the suspect alone. The officers were forced to let the suspect go due to the involvement of our own community.

Did you think that the police officers were there to harass some innocent bystander?

No, the officer caught the suspect not only breaking into my house and stealing my goods, but he also stole also my neighbour's belongings.

Do you realise that because of your actions a thief is back on the streets and not behind bars where he belongs?

Angered by the car guards

Gill Fourie writes:

I had a terrible experience when I went to have my Christmas gifts wrapped recently.

I would like to warn the public not to leave their vehicles unattended at shopping centres.

The car guards saw me putting my shopping in my vehicle before I returned to the shops.

When I returned to my vehicle, I found

that it had been broken into.

The thieves stole everything out of my boot but the car guards saw nothing. Yet they are always eager to show you where to park and get upset when you do not give them anything.

I feel that the malls must rather get professional people to look after the vehicles.

I would also like to thank the Wonderboom police for their quick response.

Resessie keer ons kopers nie

Valerie skryf:

Dit is vir my opvallend hoe besig die winkelsentrums tydens die Kerstyd was, ten spyte van die sogenaamde resessie waarin die wêreld verkeer.

Ma's en pa's loop met waentjies propvol geskenke deur die winkelsentrums.

Dis verstaanbaar dat 'n mens in hierdie tyd wil gee, maar as 'n mens na die winkels se omset hierdie tyd van die jaar kyk, wonder ek hoe baie monde gevoed kon word.

Self ná Kersfees het mense na die winkels gestroom.

In Makro het dit my bygeval dat sommige mense sommer met drie waentjies by die kassier gestaan het. Dit is vir my skrikwekkend hoe baie geld Suid-Afrikaners kan uitgeef, ten spyte van dié se armoede-syfer.

Ek verkwalik die mensdom vir die vrywillige werk wat in die feesseisoen toeneem. Mense is gretig om liedadighedsorganisasies te help dié tyd van die jaar. Maar wat

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Headlines that haunt

Newspapers are weird and wonderful institutions.

They can inform, delight, entertain and drive one mad, but when things go wrong, they really go wrong.

Take the following newspaper headlines that appeared in actual international newspapers, for example.

They were the result of headline writers who wanted to write headlines that were provocative, teasing and entertaining, but their best intentions came to naught when faced with the printer's devil.

- Squad helps dog bite victim
- Iraqi head seeks arms
- Two Soviet ships collide, one dies
- Grandmother of eight makes hole in one
- Astronaut takes blame for gas in spacecraft
- Panda mating fails, vet takes over
- Drunk gets nine months in violin

case

- Miners refuse to work after death
- Woman falls in hospital, calls ambulance
- Rain would ease drought
- Tiger Woods goes limp - pulls out after nine holes
- Queen Mary having bottom scraped
- Army vehicle missing after being painted with camouflage
- Federal agents raid gun shop, find weapons
- Homicide victims rarely tell police
- Meeting on open meetings is closed
- Midget sues, cites belittling remarks
- Slowdown continues to accelerate
- Fire destroys crematorium
- Joyce Hooker named Lay Person of the Year
- Antique stripper to display wares at store
- Robbers holds up Albert's Hosiery
- Juvenile court to try shooting defendant
- Town to drop school bus when overpass is ready
- Man held over giant LA bush fire

Faith climbs ladders

If you want to rise to the top, you can't be afraid to climb the ladder. Climbing the ladder happens step by step and you need to hold on to the ladder. You need to focus on going higher, but be sure your ladder is well grounded and standing against the right wall.

In the late 1970s I had the honour of leading a group of sportsmen called Sportsmen in Action for Christ. John van Reenen, the 2,1m, 121kg giant was part of the group.

He set a world discus record in 1975 of 68,48m. In sharing his testimony he used to say: "I climbed the ladder of success right to the top, only to find out that the ladder was against the wrong wall."

He said that only when he found Christ as his Saviour, that then and only then, did he find true contentment and success in life.

There are three things you can be sure of in this life:

1. You are going to die, but you do not know when.
2. You are going to pay income tax.
3. You can be sure of having eternal life in Christ Jesus.

1 John 5:12 in the Amplified Bible: He who possesses the Son has that life; he who does not possess the Son of God does not have that life. Matthew 16:26 says, For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

When we don't know Christ, we make choices as though this life is all we have.

Yet in reality, this life is only the introduction to eternity. How we live this brief span of time, however, determines our eternal state.

Pinch of Salt

Fred Boshoff



- Judge to rule on nude beach
- Eye drops off shelf
- Dealers will hear car talk at noon
- Milk drinkers are turning to powder
- Two sisters united after 18 years at checkout counter
- Quarter of a million Chinese live on water
- Enraged cow kills farmer with an axe
- Red tape holds up bridge
- Complaints about NBA referees turning ugly

Faith

Nevil Norden



Even the highest social, civic or sporting honors cannot earn or give us this eternal life. Sporting success or any form of success is great, yet it has no eternal value.

John van Reenen's testimony challenged many young people to work towards success, yet never at the cost of their souls.

Skop só jou naweke af by die Boeremark

Mercia Rand

Die Boeremark by die Pionier-museum in Silverton is 'n uitstekende manier om die naweek vroeg-vroeg af te skop.

Dié bekende mark bied meer as net bekostigbare en vars plaasprodukte. Dit het oor die jare uitgebrei en enige handge-

maakte artikels, kuns en snuisterye kan deesdae hier aangekoop word.

Besoekers is reeds Saterdag om 05:00 by die mark om heel eerste te smul aan 'n koppie moerkoffie, vetkoek, kailings en pap, pannekoek en ander watertand-geregte van regoor die wêreld. Die mark eindig om 09:30.



Anna-Carien, Joseph en Noelle Oost-huysen saam met Louis Naudé sorg vir heerlike koffie.



Theo en Petro du Preez het hul 39e huweliksherdenking by die Boeremark gevier.



Die lowergroen bome by die Pionier-museum bied 'n heerlike koel omgewing vir die Boeremark.



Francois, Wynand en Paul Bijlmer.



Keyav en Suren Moodley.



Kaname Admire en Paul Petros verkoop handgemaakte kunswerke.



Leon Mhene is 'n ou hand by die Boeremark.

Cyclists ride for Stander

Ané Roux

A jubilant mood filled the air on Friday evening as Pretorian cyclists gathered to pay their respects to fellow cyclist Burry Stander, who was tragically killed last year when he was hit by a minibus while cycling.

The cyclists gathered in Groenkloof

almost exactly a year after the tragic accident and called on all motorists to respect cyclists as fellow road users.

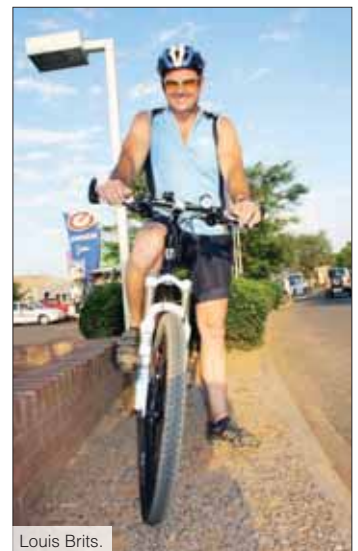
The procession started at Groenkloof Plaza and the cyclists completed their ride at Fort Klapperkop, where a moment of silence was held in memory of Stander and fellow cyclists who lost their lives on South African roads during the past year.



Dries Schoombee with Tinus van Deventer and Evan Andreou.



Jaco Hoffmann and Gerhard Buitendag.



Louis Brits.



Kobie Marais.



Schalk Prinsloo preparing to ride for Stander and to raise awareness.



AJ and Melissa Pretorius.

CITY

BUZZ

Du Toit sing vir PDSA

Ane Roux

Vier hierdie jaar Valentynsdag met die strelende klanke van Jannie du Toit by die Pierneefteater op 14 Februarie.

Die geleentheid is ten bate van

die NCPDSA (National Council for Persons with Physical Disabilities) fondsinamelingsprojek en musiek liefhebbers kan uitsien na Clinton Zerk op die klavier en Susan Mouton op die tjello. Die geleentheid begin om 19:00.



Jannie du Toit sing harte warm op Valentynsdag.

Die fliek waarvoor almal wag

Elaine Strauss

Die skindertonge klap nou al vir maande oor 'n skelm verhouding tussen Ivan Botha en Donnalee Roberts en aanhangers wat nie kan wag om die vonke tussen dié twee in die film te sien spat nie, kan solank hul tande in die *Pad na Jou Hart* roman sink.

Dié boek, gebaseer op die film met dieselfde titel, het begin as 'n idee van Ivan Botha en Donnalee Roberts, wat die hoofrolle in die film vertolk, en is deur die immer gewilde Francois Bloemhof geskryf. Bloemhof is veral bekend vir sy speurverhale en rillers, maar dié lekkerlees roman sal jou beslis alles behalwe bang maak.



Die hoofkarakters van *Pad na jou hart*, Basson (Ivan Botha) en Amory (Donnalee Roberts).

Beautiful keepsake for all

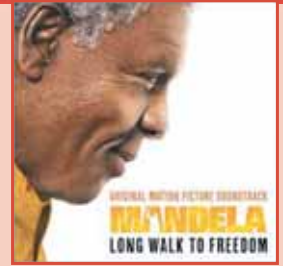
Elaine Strauss

Fans of the long-awaited film *Mandela: Long Walk To Freedom* can finally enjoy some Madiba love in the comfort of their own homes.

The soundtrack to the film is finally here and listeners can enjoy their favourite artists, including greats like U2, Bob Marley and the Manhattan Brothers.

The hit song *Ordinary Love*, written and performed by the pop group U2, had many moviegoers in tears and is also featured on the iconic album.

Other artists on the soundtrack include the Wailers, the Havana Swingers as well as various cast members of the film.



The *Mandela: Long Walk To Freedom* soundtrack is now available in stores.

Described as eclectic and moving, this soundtrack provides a means to honour Madiba and is a must for fans of the film.



Die Heuwels Fantasties se nuutste album is nou op die rakke.

Trippel die rock vir jou musiekraak

Elaine Strauss

Aanhangers van die Heuwels Fantasties kan nou 'n dubbel-dosis lekker geniet met die groep se nuutste album, *Wens jy was hier Deluxe*, wat onlangs die winkelrakke getref het.

Die album spog met vyf splin-

ternuwe liedjies en sluit ook die *Die Live op Paul Cluver* konsert-DVD wat by die Bloekompos Amphiteater op die Paul-Cluverlandgoed opgeneem is, in.

Kyk gerus uit vir die bonustrefers *Afrikaan* saam met Mandoza en *Toks en Tjops* met Bok van Blerk en Robbie Wessels.

What's on

Naastediens

• Don't wait! CAD (Christians Against Drugs) is there for you. It is a support group that will never let you down. Visit us on Monday evenings at 19:00 at the Stablis Rehabilitation Centre in Môregloed. I'm waiting for your call. Linda 082-570-1291.

• Guardian Angels is a non-profit organisation taking care of the elderly in the Pretoria Moot area. If you have a heart for the elderly, it is in need of volunteers. Margy 083-962-4343.

Religion

• Antipas Gereformeerde Baptiste Gemeente (Queenswood) Woord-gefundeerd, Christus-gefokus en Godgesentreerd. Sondae 10:00. www.antipaspres.org.za

toria.org.za.

Markte

• New food/craft market, R100 p/weekend, busy Pick n Pay centre. SMS 076-939-7300.

• Plaasmark met lekker kos, vermaak en veilige omgewing. Elke eerste Saterdag van die maand. 07:00 – 14:00. Mansfieldlaan 624, Eloffsdal. Ingang gratis, uitstallers welkom. Jasmyn 072-343-5698.

• Montana Zesty Food Market now at Ilala Palm. Every Saturday 08:00 – 14:00. C/o Dr Swanepoel Drive and Derde Road. Martin 084-529-5010.

Clubs

• Stroke support group Pretoria meets Tuesdays at 10:00 in Watterkloof Glen. Socialising op-

portunities for stroke survivors and the physically challenged and their families. Make new friends and have fun with others like you. 084-270-4507.

• Jacaranda Fly Fishing Club meets on first and third Tuesday of the month at 19:00 at the Zwartkop Country Club, Old Johannesburg Road. Cynthia 083-263-9929.

• Die Pretoria Parkinson-ondersteuningsgroep vergader op 9 Januarie om 10:00 by die Constantia Park Baptistekerk, Rudolphstraat, Constantiapark. Die spreker is Isolde Swanepoel van Family Life. Nuwe belangstellendes is baie welkom. Elsa 082-442-3638.

• Toastmasters International invites you to join Pretoria Tshwane TM. They meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday in Queenswood. Alet 081-355-

3352.

• Moms and tots group every Tuesday at 10:00 at the Willows Methodist Church, Meerlust Street, Willow Glen. Join us for a cup of tea and a chat – all moms with babies and toddlers welcome. 012-807-2752.

• Alleenlopers met integriteit bo 70. Moenie censaam wees nie. Kom kuier saam. Sonja 072-311-7222.

• Alle enkellopers bo 45 met hoër morele waardes. Ons kom maandeliks bymekaar om lekker saam te kuier. Hennie 073-859-1010.

• Pretoria Sailing Club. Organised club racing is held every weekend. New members are welcome. Sail training is available for children from age 8 and adults wishing to learn how to sail. 012-660-2016 / 081-866-8831.

Ontspanning

• Wat maak Valentynsaand meer romanties as 'n liefdesrit na die oostelike deel van die Pretoria-riase platteland op 'n dubbel-dekpartybus met musiek, hartlike dans en smaaklike ete? Hierdie unieke aand se pret skop af om 18:00 op 14 Februarie. Die program sluit in drankies en versersings, 'n rit deur die Mooikloofuitbreidings, 'n ete, dans en kuier by die Tiegerpoort-landgoed. Alleenlopers welkom. Gaste word versoek om in rooi gewaad aan te trek aangesien rooi simbolies is van

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Reunion

• Hoërskool Eldoraing vier hul 40e bestaansjaar in 2014 en is op soek na alle oud-leerlinge se kontakligting asook die jaar waarin jy matriek geskryf het. Stuur jou inligting na epalin@mweb.co.za of adriaan.goosen@gmail.com.



Higher income needed

According to the latest statistics from BetterBond Home Loans, SA's biggest mortgage origination group, homebuyers in SA now need to earn a gross monthly income of around R30 000 to buy an average home costing some R952 000.

The BetterBond figures also show that 64% of buyers currently have to pay a deposit in order to secure a home loan, and that the average deposit required for a home priced at R952 000 is around R99 000 – or 10,4%.

"This puts the average home loan required to buy such a home at R853 000, and the average monthly bond repayment at just over R7 400," said BetterBond CEO Shaun Rademeyer. "Now in the days before the National Credit Act, when the simple rule of thumb was that your monthly bond repayment should not exceed 30% of your gross salary, that would have meant that a gross salary of R24 700 was enough. But in terms of the act, banks are obliged to try to stop consumers from becoming over-indebted. So when they consider a home loan application they must now also take into account your existing debt commitments and regular monthly expenses and see if there is enough disposable income left over to comfortably cover the monthly bond repayment."

"And because of the high household debt levels in this country, and the continually rising cost of food, transport, utilities, healthcare and education, most prospective homebuyers need to have higher earnings. This is in order to ensure that there will be a big enough amount 'free and clear' every month to cover their bond instalment."

Things are a little easier for first-time buyers, said Rademeyer, with the average home price in this sector of the market having risen by just R27 000 in the past 12 months and deposit requirements having shrunk considerably to between about 6% and 10%.

"What is more, about two-thirds of the 100% bonds that are being granted are going to buyers at the affordable end of the market, where most buyers tend to be first-timers."

In any case, he noted, the banks' still-strict lending criteria do not appear to have put much of a damper on the demand for home finance – or in fact on the banks' willingness to lend to qualifying applicants. The BetterBond statistics show a 3,75% year-on-year increase in November in the number of home loan applications received and, even more significant, a 14% increase year-on-year in the number of applications formally granted (that is, approved and taken up by the borrowers).

The figures also reveal a 10,5% year-on-year drop in November in BetterBond's initial decline rate. That is the percentage of applications declined by the first lending institution to which they are submitted. It also reveals a 15% year-on-year increase in the ratio of applications declined by one bank but approved by at least one other.

This took the group's average approval ratio to 76% in November, which means that it is securing a bond approval for at least three out of every four of its applicants. The statistics reveal that about 80% of these approvals are taken up by borrowers and converted to formal grants.

Know your boundaries

With new housing development and the sale of stands in gated communities starting to pick up again, buyers must make sure they have accurate information regarding boundaries, beacons and stand numbers.

Berry Everitt, MD of the Chas Everitt International property group, said most property sale agreements contain a clause saying the buyer has familiarised himself with the location and extent of the land he is buying, but that very few buyers do in fact really 'walk the boundaries' before they sign.

"And while that may not be a problem when the stand they are buying is in an established suburb and visibly defined by the boundary walls or fences around other properties, it could turn into a major headache in a new estate or township." When such developments are launched, he said, the developers or their agents usually do

erect clear stand markers, but as time goes on, these may well be moved or lost as a result of construction work, which will leave the site plan as the only indication of where stands lie and their boundaries fall.

"At which stage it is often all too easy to mistake one piece of vacant land for the one next door, or to visualise a stand being bigger than it really is, or to write the wrong stand number on a sale agreement."

Writing in the *Property Signposts* newsletter, Everitt noted that no reputable estate agent would, however, try to sell land under such conditions, and that consumers who do not want to end up owning the wrong stand should not buy in such circumstances either.

"They should insist that the seller enables them to see clearly what they are buying – even if it means calling in a surveyor to erect new beacons."




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dose of health and happiness topped with
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Follow your dream!

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Ex Affies schoolboy and Titans cricket star, AB de Villiers, became the third South African to top both the ICC Test and ODI Batting rankings in the latest list released last month.

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Koos Venter

With their recent series wins over Pakistan and India, the Proteas strengthened their position as the best test cricket team in the world.

One big challenge remains for Graeme Smith and his men in the current season though; the coming tour of the 'new' Australian team, which will visit South Africa shortly after their success against England in the recent Ashes series.

It is no secret that Australia's cricket team struggled for a year or two after the retirement of a number of superstars that formed the backbone of their team for many years. Their recent performance against England in the Ashes series showed, however, that this former world number one team is ready to fight back and recapture the top spot in the world rankings.

The Aussies will start their tour to South

Africa on 5 February with a four-day warm-up game against a South African XI. Cricket lovers in Pretoria will then have the privilege to see the first test in a series of three at SuperSport Park in Centurion from 12 to 16 February. The second test will be played in Port Elizabeth from 20 to 24 February and the third and last test is scheduled for Newlands in Cape Town from 1 to 5 March.

No one-day test will be played on this tour, but Australia will conclude their tour with a series of three T20 games against the Proteas. The first game will take place at St George's Park in Port Elizabeth on 9 March. The second game will be played in Durban on 12 March and the tour will end with their last T20 game at SuperSport Park in Centurion again on 14 March.

Pretorians can, therefore, look forward to plenty of international cricket action before the end of the current season.

Tennis fever in the city

Tennis fever has hit the country's capital, as over 500 tennis players from across the country arrive in Pretoria to participate in the Dunlop Open, which takes place from 8-12 January. All finals will be played at the Groenkloof Tennis Stadium on Sunday, 12 January.

The annual tournament is one of Gauteng North's premier tennis events and is part of the national Key Health Series, making it one of the most prestigious tennis events in the country. One of the strongest line-ups of players has confirmed their entry for the 2014 event.

Boys and girls in the under 10, 12, 14 and 16 age categories will compete in singles and doubles events in different tennis clubs throughout Pretoria and at the Gauteng North Tennis Association's headquarters in Groen-

kloof. There will also be a men's and women's event for players over the age of 16. Clark Coetzee, the president of Gauteng North Tennis, said the association is ready to deliver a great event. "We are excited to be hosting another edition of the tournament. The tournament has proven to be a success in the past and together with our sponsors, we are looking to make this our flagship tournament of the year."

Super-Brands marketing director, Steve Gallienne, said his company is happy to be part of the tournament. "We are delighted to be associated with an event boasting the cream of South Africa's up-and-coming tennis players. As one of the world's leading brands, we continue to commit ourselves to the development of tennis in our country, especially at grass-roots level," he said.

Krieketsterre besoek skool

Laerskool Mayville was onlangs bevoorreg om deur twee van die Titans en die Proteas se ster krieketspelers besoek te word. Albie Morkel en Jacques Rudolph, asook die verteenwoordigers van die borge Momentum, het die skool besoek om met leerlinge te gesels. Die kinders het die geleentheid gehad om aan die spelers vrae vra oor hul loopbane as Titans- en Protea-spelers.

Leerlinge kon ook handtekeninge kry en vir foto's saam met dié twee sterre poseer. As blyk van waardering vir hul besoek is

'n spesiale toekenning aan die twee krieketsterre oorhandig deur onderskeidelik die kapteins van die skool se o.9-krieketspan (Jacques Erasmus) en ook die o.13-span (Coenraad Pretorius).

Hierdie twee spanne was verlede jaar die kriekettrots van Laerskool Mayville. Die o.9-span het Laerskool Tygerpoort in die kwart eindstryd van die liga gewen, terwyl hulle in die halfeindstryd met Laerskool Bakenkop afgereken het. In die eindstryd het hulle Laerskool Tuine geklop om die Pretoria-stadsbeker vir mediumskole te wen.



Laerskool Mayville se o.13 krieketspan en hul bestuur poseer trots saam met twee van die beste krieketspelers in Suid-Afrika, Jacques Rudolph en Albie Morkel.

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Aussies back in full force

Kan Bulls wéér sukses behaal?

Koos Venter

As gevolg van die Blou Bulle se swak vertoning in verlede jaar se Curriebekerreeks, beskou die meeste ondersteuners van die Bulle 2013 as 'n mislukte seisoen.

Ondersteuners van die Blou Bulle en die Bulls is egter oor die afgelope dekade bederf met al die sukses wat spanne op Loftus Versfeld behaal het en daarom vergeet hulle maklik dat die Bulls in 2013 tweede op die algehele puntelyst geëindig het en direk vir die halfeindstryd gekwalifiseer het.

Dit was eers aan die einde van die SuperRugby-seisoen dat 'n gros senior spelers die unie verlaat het om hul heil oorsee te soek, terwyl beserings aan sterre soos Pierre Spies, Arno Botha, Deon Stegmann en Francois Hougaard en nasionale diens by die Springbokke deur Flip van der Merwe, Jan Serfontein, JJ Engelbrecht en Bjorn Basson ook 'n invloed op die Blou Bulle se Curriebeker-aanslag gehad het.

Ons staan egter op die drumpel van 'n splinternuwe SuperRugby-seisoen en dit gons reeds in Pretoria oor die Bulle se kans in vanjaar se reeks. Dit bly 'n feit dat die unie 17 top spelers sedert Augustus 2013 verloor het. Onder hulle tel nie minder nie as agt Springbokke. Daarenteen het hulle reeds voor die Curriebeker-seisoen 'n paar sterre by die Southern Kings oorgeneem, terwyl die enigste hoëprofiel aanwinst uit 'n ander provinsie vir die SuperRugby-toernooi Piet van Zyl, skrumskakel van die Cheetahs is.

Wat bly dus oor en hoe lyk die spelers waarmee die Bulle se bestuur die nuwe SuperRugby-seisoen wil aanpak?

Wel, ná harde werk op Loftus Versfeld vóór die rustyd oor die Kersseisoen, is daar 'n groep van 37 spelers aangewys wat hierdie week gaan deelneem aan 'n oefenkamp by Sun City in Noordwes. Daar sal die manne se fiksheid waarskynlik getoets word



Die Bulls se kookwater skrumskakel, Francois Hougaard, het nie verlede jaar 'n baie goeie seisoen beleef nie. Hy is uiteindelik beseer en kon vir maande nie rugby speel nie. Ondersteuners van die Bulls sal hoop dat Hougaard vanjaar sy beste vorm sal herwin, aangesien hy 'n sleutelspeeler in die SuperRugby-seisoen behoort te wees.

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en dan kan die voorbereiding vir die nuwe seisoen in alle erns begin. Die voorlopige SuperRugby-groep is: Stutte: Morné Mellett, Dean Greyling, Frik Kirsten, Werner Kruger, Marcel van der Merwe. Hakers: Callie Visagie, Bandise Maku, Bongani Mbonambi. Slotte: Flip van der Merwe, Paul Willemsse, Grant Hattingh, David Bulbring. Losvoorspelers: Deon Stegmann, Wiaan Liebenberg, Arno Botha, Jacques Engelbrecht, Jacques

du Plessis, Pierre Spies, Jono Ross. Skrumskakels: Francois Hougaard, Piet van Zyl, Rudy Paige. Losskakels: Louis Fouché, André Pollard. Senters: Jan Serfontein, Waylon Murray, JJ Engelbrecht, William Small-Smith. Vleuels: Bjorn Basson, Akona Ndungane, Sampie Mastriët, Travis Ismael. Heelagters: Jurgen Visser, Jesse Kriel, Clayton Blommetjies. Veelsydige agterspelers: Ryan Nell, Ulrich Beyers.

Bad start for Titans in Ram Slam T20 series

The Unlimited Titans are the joint champions of the Momentum One-day Series and the current defending champions in the Sunfoil Four-day Series.

They were also the champions in the Ram Slam T20 Challenge two seasons ago, but last season they surrendered the title to the Highveld Lions.

If The Unlimited Titans, therefore, want to become the first team to write their name on all three of the major trophies in the same season in these local series, they will have to start pulling up their socks. The Ram Slam T20 Challenge started the past weekend with a feast of T20 cricket at Newlands in Cape Town, where all six South African franchises were in action. It formed part of the cricket festival in the Cape, which was organised to make up for the Capetonians' loss after the Indian cricket tour was shortened, which resulted in them missing out on a test match.

The Titans were involved early on Sunday in the first game of the day, when they had the privilege to open the local T20 cricket season with their game against the Dolphins.

The Unlimited Titans captain, Henry Davids, won the toss and chose to field first. Initially it went very well with the Titans in

the field. Wickets fell with regularity and at the end of the eighth innings, the fourth batsman of the Dolphins was already back at the pavilion, while the men from Durban only had 37 runs on the scoreboard.

Unfortunately it was the end of the success of The Unlimited Titans' bowlers, because Vaughn van Jaarsveld (82 from 56 balls) and Kaya Zondo (41 from 33 balls) came together for a very useful and undefeated partnership of 117 runs from 72 balls. These two men maintained an average run rate of 9,75 per over and brought the Dolphins' total to 154 runs when their 20 overs ran out.

To bat at a rate of 7,75 runs per over for victory was, on the face of it, not asking too much from The Unlimited Titans. After all, they had men like Davids, Jacques Rudolph, Heino Kuhn, Farhaan Behardien, Faf du Plessis, Albie Morkel and David Wiese in their line-up.

Unfortunately, most of these stars eventually failed and it was only Du Plessis (24 off 21 balls), Behardien (19 of 20 bales) and Wiese (42 from 24 balls) who could feel satisfied with their contribution. Thanks to excellent bowling by men like Kyle Abbott, Craig Alexander and Daryn Smit, The Unlimited Titans were indeed limited to just



As usual, David Wiese tried his best at the end of the Titans' innings against the Dolphins to save the game with his 42 runs off 24 balls, but it was too little too late.

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146 runs in their 20 overs while they lost seven wickets in the process.

The Unlimited Titans must, therefore, wake up very quickly if they dream of playing in the final of this tournament in about a month's time on 9 February. Their next game is this week (9 January) at SuperSport Park in Centurion. Meanwhile, the Titans are at the bottom of the standings in the four-day Sunfoil Series after the first four games were completed. The champion team

in this series is not determined at the end with a semi-final and a final. The team with the most league points after a double round robin will be the winner. The Titans have much hard work ahead in the six games to come if they want to defend the title successfully. This series will continue directly after the completion of the Ram Slam T20 Challenge in February and the last game will be played between the Titans and the Warriors between 3 and 6 April in Centurion.