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Is Pretoria the suicide capital?

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Amelia de Ridder

Another teen suicide at the weekend has raised the spectre of Pretoria becoming known as the suicide capital of South Africa.

Not only had twelve suicides gripped the emotions of communities across the city, but the fact that five of them were children has put special emphasis on this tragic phenomenon.

Local experts are of the opinion that there are several aspects that may lead to suicides being committed at certain times and places.

One of these, says professor Marlize Syman of the Revelation Kidz, could be that a person identifies himself with the method of a recent suicide incident which he or she will then apply. "There are also other aspects such as territorial and time-bound spirits that can 'stick' to the next person if they were to be 'open' to these spirits. Because the person is already wrestling with a state of mind such as depression, it is easy for these spirits to cling to a person and allow them to become suicidal."

In the latest suicide a 17-year-old girl hung herself in her bedroom at her adoptive parents' house on a plot in Onderstepoort, north of Pretoria on Saturday morning. Kyla Bothma was found hanging by a

Kyla Bothma was found hanging by a scarf from the ceiling of her bedroom by her adoptive father at around 09:00. Her adoptive mother, Linda Bothma said:

Her adoptive mother, Linda Bothma said: "She told my husband that her phone had fell and the screen was broken. He told her

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not to worry and that we would buy her a new one. When my husband arrived home 20 minutes later, he found her lifeless body in her room." Linda said her husband tried to resusci-

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tate Kyla and rushed her to the Steve Biko Academic Hospital, but she was declared dead on arrival. This follows less than three weeks after

This follows less than three weeks after 12-year-old Marnus Vorster hung himself with his school jersey in a room at the Reformed School Dirk Postma on 3 November. Two months ago, a 14-year-old pupil

of Eldoraigne shot herself in front of her younger brother in a park in Centurion shortly after a 17-year-old pupil of Eersterust also committed suicide. Other suicides the past year include a

Other suicides the past year include a 68-year-old man that jumped to his death from the second floor of the Unitas Hospital in November. In October, a naked man jumped from the roof of the Eersterust police station. August saw the suicide deaths of three people including a 38-year-old man that poisoned himself in Doornpoort, north of Pretoria. This followed shortly after a 44-year-

This followed shortly after a 44-yearold lecturer jumped to his death through a window on the 21st floor of a building on the University of Pretoria's main campus. A 20-year-old student jumped through the same window three weeks later.

A security guard also committed a public suicide by jumping from the second floor of the Menlyn Park Shopping Centre in June.

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The Colour Run, a great success

Fun and laughter was the order of the day when thousands of Pretorians descended on the Union Buildings on Saturday to take part in the Color Run. Fun brought the entire rainbow nation together regardless of age, race or sex as people from all over Pretoria shared a bright and colourful day. The thousands of people at the event did not seem to bother themselves with how far they had to go or how steep the road was, all that mattered was how much colour they could get onto themselves from top to bottom. The licence holder for Color run Africa, Leon Swanepoel, said the day was a huge success. "The Color Run initially started in America two years ago where it has grown nationwide. Next week we will be in Durban and there are still some other places where we will share this unique event." Little Milan Visser (5) loved all the different colours.



Couple followed home and robbed of money

Leandi van der Walt

A married couple from the north of Pretoria were followed home from a shopping centre in Montana Park and robbed by four armed men after withdrawing money at an ATM, police said on Monday,

Police spokesperson Mirna von Benecke said the couple withdrew a large amount of money at an ATM at a local shopping centre in Montana Park on Friday.

Von Benecke could not give the name of the shopping centre.

Four armed men apparently followed

the couple to their house in Doornpoort. Once the couple was home, they made their way into the house and demanded the cash.

Holding the couple at gunpoint, they searched for more items to steal. Von Benecke said the men took two

The four men left quickly once they had taken what they wanted. Von Benecke said nobody had been

large sum of cash.

arrested and the police investigation was continuing.

laptops, the couple's cellphones and the

Car dealership assistant shot during armed

Leandi van der Walt

Police are still on the hunt for three men after a car dealership sales assistant in the north of Pretoria was shot and wounded when he tried to stop a robbery last week Wednesday

Harry Mphokane was being treated for a leg wound at the Montana hospital, community policing forum spokesman Neels Marais said on Thursday.

The robbery took place while three customers were in the process of buying a car cash, when the criminals hit.

As the armed robbers were making their escape, Mphokane tried to stop one of them by taking his firearm. A struggle occured.

Marais said the three customers had withdrawn money at the Kolonnade Shopping Centre to buy a car at the dealership. Three armed robbers apparently followed them from the bank into the business.

As the sale of the car was being concluded, the robbers held the sales assistant and the three men at gunpoint, demanding the cash they had withdrawn.

Marais said the man with the money hesitated at first, but complied when the gun was held against his head.

The robbers also took three different sets of car keys which was on a desk in the dealership.

"As the armed robbers were making their escape, Mphokane tried to stop one

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of them by taking his firearm. A struggle ensued.

"After a while the robber regained control over the firearm and shot Mphokane in the right leg."

The robber jumped into a get-away car that sped off. Marais said Mphokane was rushed to hospital.

Police spokesperson Mirna von Benecke confirmed the shooting and robbery and said nobody had been arrested yet. She said the matter was still under police investigation and robberies similar

to this are on the rise as the festive season approaches.

Missing man's body found in dam

Natalie Grobler

A man's decomposing body was found in Roodeplaat dam on Sunday after he went missing about a week ago.

According to a reliable source, the man vas dropped off by his friend last week Monday as he wanted to do some fishing. Using a canoe, he apparently dropped illegal nets in the dam to catch fish

When the man had not returned home by Tuesday, he was reported missing.

It is believed the man's canoe cap-

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sized in a thunderstorm last week and he drowned.

According to the source, the police K9 Search and Rescue unit and others had been searching for the man since last week. During the search, police found the illegal nets in the dam and removed them, but there was still no sight of the missing man.

"Someone spotted the man on Sunday night just after 19:00 and informed the police," the source said.

The man's body was removed early on

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Keep candles close in coming weeks

Stephané Bothma

No power outages were experienced since suburbs in the north of Pretoria were hard-hit by planned electricity cuts over the weekend – a situation exacerbated by Eskom, having been forced to increase load shedding to a stage 2-schedule.

However, do not moth-ball candles, gas appliances and generators yet as the electricity giant could not, at the time of going to print, confirm how long they would be able to keep load shedding at bay.

Most areas in the north of the capital experienced planned and pre-announced two-hour power cuts over the weekend with some suburbs being more affected than others. The exact time of electricity cuts were regularly updated, not only by Tshwane metro, but also by Eskom.

Most large businesses said they had generators to ensure no inconvenience to shoppers, but smaller operations and some restaurants said their kitchens were mostly installed with gas, and although coffee machines and smaller appliances could not be used, main meals could be prepared.

"Fortunately Kolonnade Retail Park was not affected by load shedding on the weekend," said centre spokesman Ina Kotze. She said although it was frustrating for both centre management, customers and shop owners, there was not much anyone could do.

Kotze added most of the large national food and grocery chain stores were equipped with generators although all stores could not have that luxury.

On Friday Eskom said power systems on Friday Eskom said power systems were 'extremely constrained' due to unforeseen technical problems and depleted water reserves at stations using water to generate electricity, and announced a stage 1 load shedding schedule which the Tshwane metro had immediately posted on its website. However, on Sunday, the power utility declared a power emergency for large industrial customers, requiring them to urgently reduce electricity usage by 10% and in addition, declared a stage 2-schedule load shedding. This saw several areas in the east experiencing power cuts from midday on Sunday to 22:00.

The Tshwane website immediately posted the additional cuts which, according to many *Rekord* readers, had been of immense assistance to plan Sunday meals and other activities.

Tshwane metro spokesman Lindela Mashigo welcomed the fact that residents commended the municipality on its regular and accurate updates of when to expect load shedding.

But, he added, the relatively painless power cuts had been a reciprocal engagement, with residents also bringing their side.

"The city applauds the broader community of Tshwane which has heeded our messages whenever we signaled that power supply is constrained," he said.

He said the metro would strive to even further advance communications with its primary clients - the residents - as they believed there was room for improvement.

Mashego urged the community to visit the Tshwane website for load shedding schedules on the hyperlink: http://www. tshwane.gov.za/Services/Electricity/Pages/ LoadShedding.aspx

According to Eskom, it had been in the process of securing supplies for Monday and Tuesday this week, as depleted diesel reserves that fire up open-cycle gas turbines at some power stations, created a possibility of more load shedding.

"The risk of load shedding on Monday and Tuesday was medium to low. This is due to steady progress made in building reserves to limit the risk of load shedding this week," Eskom stated.

It urged office workers and residential consumers to save electricity.



Unite for Mandela

The Union Buildings was abuzz on Saturday as thousands of people gathered to celebrate Nelson Mandela's legacy through the Unite4Mandela sports day and Katlego, Keabetswe and Maggie Maluleka enjoyed the fun. The Minister of Sport, Fekile Mbalula, said he was happy with the outcome of the day. At the award ceremony for the winners of the run and ride, he congratulated all the winners and everyone who took part in the race. "You are all a bunch of winners, congratulations to you all." Many artists and celebrities also took part in the run and concert at the end of the run.

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Stephané Bothma

A mother and her boyfriend listened without any visible emotion as doctor after doctor since last week described one injury after another - some old and some fresh Baby L, who is wheelchair-bound and braindamaged after allegedly being severely abused

Baby L was two years old at the time of the alleged abuse which, according to testimony, was so severe that it left her in a vegetative state.

The 20-year-old mother and her 37-yearold boyfriend, who lived in Amandasig at the time of the alleged abuse, are facing charges of attempted murder and child abuse in the Gauteng North high court.

They both pleaded not guilty, with the mother claiming her daughter had been in the care of her boyfriend and the boyfriend claiming that the baby girl had fallen down a flight of stairs and off a washing machine.

This week the court heard from a domestic worker that although Baby L's mother had been "too tired" to give the little girl much attention, she had treated the child 'decently"

Beatrice McKenzie, employed by Baby L's mother at the time of the alleged crimes testified that when the accused had been in her presence, they had taken good care of the baby and that the boyfriend had treated Baby L as his own. McKenzie had often taken care of the girl when the accused were out.

Although she had noticed bruises on the child's arm and thigh at one stage, the mother had told her it had been caused when the little girl was playing. McKenzie however warned the mother that she would report her should she witness the child being hit.

The identities of the accused cannot be revealed to protect Baby L who is currently being kept in a place of safety. She cannot talk, is in a wheelchair, is being tube-fed and would never be able to live a normal life as she would need round-the-clock care.

The prosecution claimed that although the little girl had been taken to hospital after sustaining serious head injuries and a brain scan had been done, the couple had left the Steve Biko hospital with Baby L without waiting to discuss the results with the doctor. Three days later, after suffering a seizure. Baby L had again been rushed to hospital



Baby I's mother and lawyer leave the court.

where she remained for months before being

taken to a place of safety. Dr Paul Stevens, one of the doctors who had treated the little girl at Steve Biko on December 30 last year, testified before Judge Nico Coetzee and said he had seen the child again recently when brought to the hospital for a check-up. Stevens said communication was impossible as there was no coherent response and her life expectancy depended on the standard of care she would receive. Dr Stevens was adamant that Baby L's

injuries were inconsistent with someone falling off a washing machine, although he admitted they could perhaps be consistent with someone falling down a very steep staircase. However, he said severe force had been used to cause some of her injuries.

Injuries were to her pancreas, a bruised kidney and she had blood in her stomach an indication of an older injury, the court heard. She also had an older injury of a broken pelvis and fluid in her lungs. The trial continues.

The Agricultural rezoning is killing development

Du P Martins

Several hundred residents of the newly incorporated Eklawenimi and Rietfontein agricultural holdings find themselves sinking deeper into debt each month, after the Tshwane metro has declared their properties no longer being agricultural holdings, but residential areas.

Frank Hamm (78) and his wife Barbara, of Rietfontein Landbouhoewevereniging, are two pensioners living on a four hectare

smallholding and earning a meagre R2 520 pension between the two of them, but are expected to pay the metro R2 720 monthly in rates and taxes.

This all came about with the new revaluation and rezoning policy the metro council adopted in 2012, which kicked in on 1 July 2013. "Since then I owe the metro an accu-mulated R60 000 in rates and taxes. Adding to this is the monthly financial charges amounting to R358,87. What I do not understand is that neighbours of mine having



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twice the size of the property which I have, only pay R580 per month," Hamm said. He is one example of hundreds of people who were caught in a 'catch 22' situation

with the metro's revaluation of properties. Hamm said prior to the revaluation, he could just about come by, since his property rates and taxes were then only R400 per month. He said when the metro unilaterally reclassi-fied his agricultural holding as a residential property, the metro did not even bother to visit his premises to ascertain first-hand whether his property should be reclassified as a residential property.

"My property has always been an agricul-tural holding. In fact, right now there's even lucerne planted on the property. I have made numerous pleas to the metro to reclassify this as an agricultural holding again, but to no avail," Hamm said.

He has also approached Dayalan Pillay, the executive director revenue management of the metro, explaining that he was financially unable to pay the rates which the mu-nicipality was asking. "Firstly, he refused to

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see me. When his secretary advised him he better come out of his office and see me he came out. When I explained the situation to him he said: 'take us to court' and turned his back on me and walked away. When I tried to apply for a pensioner rebate I was told that I first had to pay the R60 000 before it could be considered," he said.

Dayalan Pillay was recently dismissed from the metro and *Rekord* got hold of Subesh Pillay, MMC responsible for economic development and planning in the metro, who said he would not comment on the issue but was quite happy to have a look at Hamm's account and see if it were pos-sible to assist the client. "I tried to sell my property but with the high rates and taxes on it, no buyers are interested. So now I'm in the situation that the outstanding balance is increasing enormously monthly, I cannot afford the monthly rates and taxes and I am just sinking deeper and deeper into debt with no solution to solve my problem. Taking up Dayalan Pillay on his suggestion that I should sue them, is also not an option, since it is obvious that I cannot afford a lawver." Rekord wanted to know from the coun-

cillor of the area how many people were affected in the same way as Hamm.

Lex Middelberg said there were several hundred who were in the same boat as Hamm but many were ignoring the high taxation and not paying, although some are paying. "My ward is on the urban edge. This is where development takes place. This is where plots are converted into developments. Since 2011 development has virtually stopped, which means developers now sit with vacant stands they cannot get rid of."

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Mail disruptions stamped o

Stephané Bothma

Most residents in the east had full mailboxes since last week as Tshwane Mail, one of the biggest sorting centres in the country, be-came fully operational again even though a minor portion of workers were still striking.

Santa Claus will also have less headaches to get gifts and cards to deserving recipients as SA Post Office (Sapo) spokesman Johan Kruger on Monday said there would be no disruptions in postal services over the festive period.

However, the mail sorting centre at OR Tambo International Airport, where all overseas mail gets processed, was not fully operational yet and delays in mail from overseas could therefore still be experienced.

The post office's courier service has been operating for the past months and will continue over the Christmas period, Kruger told Rekord

Tshwane Mail, one of the sorting centres hit hardest by the four-month long strike by workers which paralysed postal services in the capital, was currently 100% staffed and

operational, Sapo announced last week. The giant parastatal on Thursday reached an agreement with two of the three unions representing employees, while the Commu-nications Workers' Union was holding out for a 7,5% increase, backdated to April 2014 a demand Sapo said it just did not have the financial capacity to meet.

"As of Thursday, 673 employees repre-senting only 4% of the employees who be-long to the bargaining unit had not reported for duty," Simo Lushaba, appointed as leader of an intervention team to bring the crippling strike to a halt, said. He urged all employees to return to work

by Monday. "Failure to heed this call will result in the implementation of human resources dis-

missal procedures with effect from Monday 24 November," he said. The impact of the strike on Sapo's operations was significantly reduced and

mail was flowing again as employees were returning to work in large numbers, he said.

Lushaba has been tasked by Telecommu-nications and Postal Services Minister Siyabonga Cwele to lead the intervention aimed at obtaining a sustainable solution for labour relations problems at the postal giant, which is experiencing serious financial difficulties. Lushaba said the Polokwane and Welkom

mail sorting centres had also resumed work while the Germiston and the Johannesburg International sorting centres (at OR Tambo International Airport) were not as yet back to full capacity even though mail had begun to flow from these centres

"We are witnessing increasing numbers of employees returning to work each day and would like to thank the minister and all affected stakeholders for their role in this encouraging development," he said. "The on-going seasonal labour unrest of

Sapo is really an unacceptable development as the post office serves a critical role in economic development." Lushaba expressed regret at the impact the strike had on customers and said Sapo was intent on remodel-ling its operations to meet the standards of a 21st century company.



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Guards assaulted by thieves

Leandi van der Walt

No arrests have been made after five security guards narrowly escaped death when they were assaulted with knives and knop-kieries in Wonderboom last week.

Community policing forum (CPF) crime prevention officer Piet Retief told *Rekord* that the security guards were on duty behind Hoërskool Wonderboom on Thursday evening. They were at the gate of a new reservoir where the northern

and Moot areas join. The guards told Retief they had been attacked by eight men who had tied them up, stole their wallets and cell phones and beat them repeatedly with knives and knop-kieries.

Retief said they suspected the men were cable thieves who were planning to steal power cables at the reservoir.

Wonderboom South CPF were first on the scene and called Sinoville police as well as Sinoville CPF on the radio.

Retief said CPF members from the two regions, as well as the police started to search the area for the suspected cable thieves, and Wonderboom South CPF called out a helicopter to assist.

The helicopter spotted the men twice but could not manage to track them down. The two CPF-groups and police chased the men for about seven kilometres. Sinoville police spokesperson Mirna von Benecke said nobody had been arrested yet and the case was still under police investigation.

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Emergency vehicles neglected in vacant lot

Elaine Strauss

An apparent scrapyard of Gauteng Emergency Medical Services (GEMS) in a parking lot in Belvedere Street, Pretoria has recently drawn public attention.

The unpaved parking lot that borders Netcare Femina Hospital in central Pretoria has roughly 30 parked emergency vehicles on site, mostly ambulances, that have been there for a while by the looks of it, with doors and hoods open and slowly deteriorating. Eugene Henningse, a resident from the

Eugene Henningse, a resident from the east of Pretoria who drives past the lot from time to time, said he first noticed these vehicles a year ago.

"I was driving past the lot last year November and I noticed the emergency vehicles just standing there. I didn't think too much of it at first, but in March I drove past the lot again and the number of vehicles had increased. When I drove past there a week ago the whole lot had been filled with seemingly abandoned vehicles."

When *Rekord* visited the scene, roughly 30 vehicles were in the lot, parked so close to each other that there was barely room to walk between them. Bird droppings, leaves and seeds from nearby trees covered the deteriorating vehicles, which seemed left to rust.

It appeared that several of the vehicles had been in minor collisions, leaving dents and some with missing bumpers, but nothing seemed to be wrecked beyond repair.

"We are constantly hearing that there are not enough emergency vehicles in Pretoria and the surrounding areas when terrible accidents occur, but here these vehicles keep piling up and other than their dirty exterior from standing in this lot for so long, there appears to be nothing wrong with them," Hennings said.

According to GEMS spokesperson Sipho Sithole, the vehicles in the parking lot have been inspected and found that they are no longer suitable for the transportation of patients and needed to be disposed of.

"Gauteng Emergency Medical Services is a 24-hour service provider that operates its vehicles around the clock (24 hours a day) on a daily basis. The objective is to transport the ill and injured to hospitals. Due to the shortage of vehicles an ambulance is being utilized around the clock according to demand.

The high usage of these vehicles shortens the life span of ambulance as it wears within a short time. The life span of an ambulance is 250 000 Km. It should be kept in mind that the normal life-span of a vehicle is 120 000 km and a three/five years period," Sithole said.

According to him, most of the vehicles standing there are vehicles that have more than 300 000km, their life to date exceeded the purchased price, the vehicles are constantly at merchants, they are more than eight years old, some are accident damaged that have been written off and the vehicles are uneconomical to maintain.



Tshwane ward committee membership invalid

Du P Martins

Tshwane ward committee members have been notified their membership was invalid because they had been elected unconstitutionally. The speaker of the Tshwane metro, Aubry Morakane Mosupyoe, Tuesday notified all unconstitutionally elected ward committee members about this.

Blessing Manale, spokesperson for Tshwane metro mayor Kgosientso Ramokgopa, confirmed these notices were mailed to everybody involved with ward committees in one way or another.

The Constitutional Court upheld judge Fourie's verdict on 12 November that the ward committee members' elections had been unconstitutional. Earlier the metro had hoped the court would rule in its favour. Judge Dawie Fourie's order ruled the original mode of

ful and unconstitutional. Despite this order, the city continued to pay ward committee members a monthly salary. The amount paid up to date was R47 250 000.

According to the Municipal Financial Management Act (MFA) this amount will now have to be paid back.

Lex Middelberg, who initiated the first

court case against the Tshwane metro's illegally elected ward committee members,

said the Constitutional Court's verdict is pointing the way to recoup the lost money. "We are directing a letter to the Auditor General informing him of the fact that the final appeal has failed. He declined to com-

Agosientso He declined to comment on judgement last year as the issue of the status of ward committee membership was still

in the balance. Now the Auditor General

must express himself about the cost which have been incurred since January 2012, relating to the election cost and monthly amount of R1000 per committee member which had been paid to committee members. This brings us to the total amount of R47 250000 till the end of October 2014," Middelberg said.

He remarked that the city would have to recover that money from committee members, and that was unlikely to happen, which meant the money which cannot be recovered, would have to be recouped in terms of the MSA section 32 as unauthorised expenditure from the political office bearers. They are mayor Kgosientso Ramokgopa, the municipal manager and the accounting officer of the city, Jason Ngobeni and the speaker Aubry Mosupyoe.

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Metro denies blowing R15m on takeaway food

Du P Martins

The Tswane metro reacted strongly to the allegation that R15 million had been misspent in a single month on takeaway food for overtime workers.

There was in fact R4.3 million spent on food parcels for those working overtime since August last year, the metro stated.

In a statement on Wednesday, on the Tswane metro's website – several hours after the first enquiries were made by the media about the alleged R15 million - the metro said it would like to express its shock and disappointment at the "sensational and outlandish" allegations published about R15 million spent in August 2013 on takeaways for municipal employees.

"The allegations are devoid of any truth and are malicious and deliberately spread to discredit the management of the city and to mislead the public.

"It is unfortunate that the public representative would shamelessly stoop this low by making such reprehensible allegations without bothering to establish the facts," it stated.

"The R15 million is the three-year budgeted amount and not a monthly expenditure, as has been reported in the media.

"The actual expenditure between August 2013 to date is R4 308 656.20. The threeyear R15 million tender is effective from August 2013 to July 2016.

August 2013 to July 2016. "Food parcels are only issued if an employee who is on "standby" is called out to perform duties for a period longer than four hours continuously and if the employee has missed a meal during that time period. "The reason for this is because the employee cannot be expected to take time off to purchase food while attending to a power failure.

"The food parcel is basically a ration packet that contains non-perishable products to ensure a long shelve life since it is purchased in bulk and only drawn from the store if and when required. The packets are only issued for unplanned overtime (power failures and other emergency overtime) and only if a meal is missed," the metro stated. The provision of food parcels to energy and electricity technicians was part of council policy arising from negotiations between the employer and labour unions. "An employee who is on 'standby' is expected to be reachable at any given time and be within the proximity of 30km radius from the workplace," the statement read.

Councillor Bronwyn Engelbrecht, member of the DA's IMPAC oversight committee who first became aware of the amount spent on food, reacted strongly to the metro's statement.

"It is obvious and expected that the city will deny the allegations. However, we have physical proof. We are in possession of the document of the R15 million tender which was awarded and according to the information we have, the tender was awarded in August 2013," she said.

"If those allegations, are not true, then the municipality must provide IMPAC, the public account committee, with the correct information because that information was provided by a city official. "At the IMPAC committee meeting we

"At the IMPAC committee meeting we were informed, after questioning the acting city manager, that standby food was takeaway food for overtime staff

away food for overtime staff. "So if they now change their tune, they





are in contravention of the truth and they are lying to the public. "I would like them to show us the stores where the standby food are stored. So if that is true, let us investigate to find out where these parcels of food are," she said.



The annual toy run, takes place on Sunday, 30 November.

Helping those less fortunate

Leandi van der Walt

The annual toy run, during which toys and toiletries are collected for less fortunate children, takes place on Sunday, 30 November.

According to Shirley Esperey, a representative of the nonprofit charity organisation Bikers That Care, the event kicks off at 08:30 on Sunday morning at the Kolonnade Retail Park (KRP) in the north of Pretoria.

The bikers meet at KRP and head towards the Carousel Casino, where the main event takes place. The toy run has been held at the Carousel Casino for the past six years. Esperey said the toys and toiletries collected would go to children and others in need. The run also aims to help children that have been taken to places of safety. The event, organised by Bikers That Care, will be supported by other groups, including KRP, Pick n Pay northern region, the Carousel Casino and Bakwena. The toy run is one of the largest charity events in South Africa, with 22 cities participating and about 135 000 toys and toiletries collected each year. Onderwys, op sy beste

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Editorial comment

Imagine if, for 16 days, there was no rape, no child abuse. The 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children campaign challenges South Africans to declare a truce on violence against women and children - and, ultimately, to make it a permanent one.

For the 13th year, South Africa is taking part in the global 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children campaign, which started on Sunday (25 Novem-ber) International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women through to International Human Rights Day on 10 December.

South Africa is still home to high levels of violence against its women and children,

despite a world-renowned Constitution and a legislative overhaul that safeguards women and children's rights.

Despite a commitment to child rights and a significant increase in childfocused policies, laws and programmes, much remains to

be done to fulfil children's rights in South Africa.

One organisation doing sterling work in the research of and reporting on child abuse in South Africa is the Children's Institute at the University of Cape Town (UCT).

The institute aims to harness the collective academic capability at UCT to promote enquiry, to build capacity through teaching and training, and to present evidence to guide the development of policies, laws and interventions for children. In positioning itself as an independent broker of evidence, the institute provides information to those who are advocating on behalf of children, and engages in own evidence-based advocacy.

OPINION

It recently published a report on child violence in SA. The South African Child Gauge is a book that explores what is needed to improve the lives of children in South Africa, published in partnership with the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), the programme to support pro-poor policy development in the presidency, World Vision South Africa, the FNB Fund, and the Safety and Violence Initiative of UCT.

According to the report, two million children in South Africa live in shacks; more than half live in poverty; six million live in a household in which no one is employed; one-third of children have no access to water on site; one third of children have no basic sanitation; about 800 000 are orphans; and about 2.5 million go hungry.

It also reported that 15% of children are

neglected by their parents; 74% of all child homicides involve children under the age of five, and half of these are due to babies being dumped before they are a week old; almost half of South African pupils say they have seen violence in their community; one in five

high school pupils has experienced violence at school; and at least 10% of child murders involve sexual assault. The SA Institute of Race Relations

Mienke Steytler said the institute thought there might be a correlation in South Africa between rising crime rates and growing youth unemployment. She said in South Africa 2,575 million people between the ages of 15 and 24 were not at school, university or at work. The unemployment rate of young people, including those not looking for work, is 67.2%.



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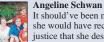
A video showing a nanny beating and kicking a baby in Uganda has sparked outrage among Rekord readers. Here are some of their views:





Ag nee, ek wens ek het dit eerder nie gekyk nie. Ek het twee kleindogters en ek kan nie vir 'n oomblik dink dat iemand dit aan 'n kind kan

doen nie. Dis afgryslik ontstellend. Mag sy haar beurt kry oor en oor.

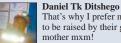


It should've been my child she would have received the justice that she deserves! Jail is too mind a punishment for rubbish like this.



Ek verstaan die dogtertjie se pa het haar bietjie ge-oriënteer. Ding sit in 'n rolstoel en

word met pype gevoer. Ek sou natuurlik seker gemaak het sy sien nie weer sonlig nie



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That's why I prefer my child to be raised by their grand-

mother mxm!



Ek bid vir die klein dingetjie wat so seerkry ... my hart is stukkend

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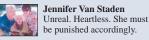
Bokkie De Villiers



Ek dink al die ouers wat van nannies gebruik maak moet vandag kameras in hulle huise hê. Sterkte aan die kind.



Lucille Oberholzer When I watched it I started to cry.



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Good news to inspire local change

Lerato Magongwa grew up in Limpopo in a place called Lebowakgomo. As the only child of a single parent, Lerato (which means "love") grew up under difficult circumstances which often led him to

question the purpose of his existence. "Nothing really had any meaning at all and I can clearly remember times when I thought suicide would be the only way out. To make things even worse I was born with only one kidney. Every winter I would have to be hospitalised and doctors said that a donor would have to be found before I reach the age of 21 or I would die." He lost all interest in the future as he believed that he was not going to live long anyway. "I struggled through school and did not

make matric – finally just sitting around doing nothing and waiting for the end." Magongwa came to Pretoria in 2004

sarching for a job. He met someone who introduced him to Doxa Deo. "At the Inner City Campus (ICC) I heard about PopUp - a place where I could study for almost free. I decided to give this place a try and see if it could give me hope for the future. For me enrolling at PopUp was simply just to do a skills programme so that I could go out and look for a job, but I got more, much more than that. I became a born again child of God and He started a transformation in my life that stretched far beyond what I could ever have im-agined. "After successfully completing the computer and office administration skills programme, Magongwa received his certificate at an unforgettable certificate ceremony at PopUp.

"I couldn't believe it, it was amazing. I realised, however, that God had not only restored hope in my life for the future by affording me the opportunity to become



Lerato Magongwa

a PA or an Office Administrator but also to be a City Changer," he said. "After receiv-ing my certificate I did not immediately find a job but thought that I would like to share what God has done for me with others and I decided to volunteer in the PopUp computer class helping the students with their work.

This opened up a whole new life to me – life of sharing the hope I found in God with others. It was an incredible experience!" While still busy with the voluntary work, Magongwa found full-time appointment.

The doctors said I needed a kidney transplant before the age of 21 or I was go-ing to die. That did not happen – God gave me a heart transplant and now I am really ALIVE!"

Rekord in conjunction with PopUp and Rekord in conjunction with Popup and the City Changers Foundation, Groot FM 90.5, Maroela Media and *Finesse Tydskrif* will focus on publishing GOOD NEWS stories leading up to the festive season.

So what is Good News?

The theme for this feel good month is *Inspire Change* and if you ever had the opportunity to help others and inspire change or was at the receiving end, take part, get involved and send us your good news stories to mariettevn@ *rekord.co.za* – we would love to spread positive energy throughout South . Africa.





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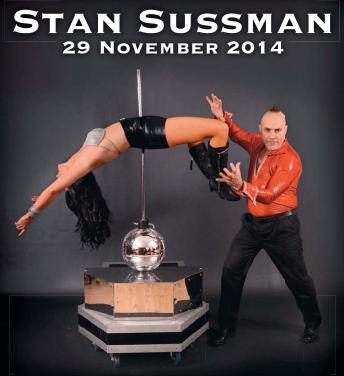




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The Give Love Concert, showcasing the talents of some of South Africa's young artists and organised by CAP43Entertainment, was held on Saturday.

The concert, which was held at the Vic-tory Life Church in Annlin, featured the talents of artists Cjay, Talita Turvey, Jan Curtain and the band *Onbeskaamd*.

According to one of the organisers, Christel Meyer, the Give Love Concert is

the finale of the Give Love Project, a project to help the next generation of South African



Alouise Peens, Garinde van Schalkwyk, Naas Hefer, Stass and Riaan Hefer from Onbeskaamd.



Henriette and Willem du Toit

artists, uplift the community and showing the community where they can make a difference in our country. "Our vision for this project was to positively impact on the community by identifying needs, raising money and creating opportunities for the public to reach those needs and change the situation," Meyer said.

Štass, band member of *Onbeskaamd*, said the band was thrilled to be a part of such a wonderful project that gives back to the community. A part of the day's ticket sales will be going towards funding similar outreaches and benefiting charity organisations.



Sophie Curtain with Elaine and Normy Sutherland-Clark



Jan Curtain and CJav





Honouring Nelson Mandela with sports day

Nthabiseng Madumo

Thousands of people from all over the country gathered at the Union Buildings on Saturday to celebrate Nelson Mandela's legacy through the Unite4Mandela sports day. The day kicked off with a 5km, 9,4km and 27km run, which was in honour if Mandela spending 27 years in prison, and a 67km cycle ride, for the 67 years Mandela

spent fighting for liberation.

The department of arts and culture in partnership with the department of sport and recreation were pleased with the attendance. The event is part of the campaign UNITE 2.0, One Man, One Nation, One Celebration in honour of the late former President Nelson Mandela's unwavering commitment to justice, equality, non-racialism, nationbuilding and fight for social cohesion.



Mandisa and Lebo Molefe



Unite4Mandela runners at the starting point.

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Aantreklike en gebruikers vriendelike A Re Yengstasies met ikoniese kenmerke word regoor Tshwane aangebring. Hierdie nuwe toevoegings tot die Stad Tshwane se landskap wat voortdurend verander maak ons trots. Dit is maklik om te verstaan hoe Tshwane aangewys is as die Beste Stad om te Woon in 2014!

Hierdie strukture word deur ikoniese grafiese tekens ondersteun om ons **A Re Yeng**-stasies maklik te identifiseer. Die nuwe landmerke, ontwerp om uniek en funksioneel te wees, vier werklik die rykdom en diversiteit waarvoor ons stad staan.

Twee stasies is op aanvraag ontwerp en gebou om beide funksionele en omgewings oorwegings aan te spreek.

Die kenmerkende retro-stasieontwerp met sy sinnebeeldige voorstelling van trems dui op 'n tydlose kwaliteit wat in die verlede gewortel is, maar ook 'n moderne en innoverende visie vir die toekoms aangryp. Hierdie kragtige konsep is gekies as die primêre stasiemodel vir **A Re Yeng** en sal langs 'n groot deel van die roete gebruik word.

Die **A Re Yeng**-projek en konsep bewaarheid 'n ideale oplossing vir die middestad van Tshwane, veral op die Paul Krugerseksie van die roete, waar die stasies die historiesryke omgewing van hul ligging respekteer en weerspieël. Hierdie suksesvolle verbintenis tussen oud en nuut gebruik deursigtige materiaal wat nie die uitsig van die erfenis en historiese geboue langs Paul Krugerstraat belemmer nie. Die eenvoud van die struktuur kompeteer nie met die uitgebreide historiese geboue in die omgewing nie, wat dus toelaat dat passasiers visueel betrokke raak met die historiese agtergrond waarbinne die stasies geleë is.

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Die goedgekeurd stasiename wat deur die Stad Tshwane goedgekeur is, weerspieël nie net geografiese elemente en politieke staatmakers nie, maar ook die ryk en diverse kulturele, natuurlike, godsdienstige, etniese en historiese erfenis van Tshwane. Die 51 name op die hoof **A Re Yeng**-roete tussen die middestad en Mamelodi is maklik om te onthou, plaaslik van toepassing, maklik om uit te spreek en trots Suid-Afrikaans. Raak vertroud met die **A Re Yeng** stasiename. Jy kan selfs die gratis Wi-Fi op die busse gebruik om die vername mense na wie die stasies vernoem is na te vors.

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between three or four different charities. to make a difference in our community,'

Barwise said. Akasia Golf Club golf professional

Hilliard du Plessis said, "SPAR is a very

important part of the community and we are honoured to be a part of this charity event, to be able to give back to our community."

The winners in the five categories were Marnis Leeb, Ruan Venter, Jamie van der

Merwe, Hennie Buitendag and Ricky Sham.

Players were also treated to a variety of prizes during a raffle at the prize-giving.

Elaine Strauss

Nina Park SPAR recently held a charity golf day at Akasia Golf Club, to thank residents for their continuous support of the store. According to Schalk Barwise, manager of Nina Park SPAR and organiser of the event, the total amount raised on the day still needs to be confirmed and the donations finalised.

"We have not yet decided towards which charity we would like to make the donation, but we would like to divide the total amount



Schalk Barwise and winner Hennie Buitendag





Danie van der Linde, Jacques van der Westhuizen and Wynand van Coller



George Thomas, Francois Roets, Pierre Rynners and Bossie Boshoff



Schalk Barwise and Hilliard du Plessis.



Celebrate festive fashion with latest GET IT

Natashia Slabbert

It's all about celebrating the festive holidays in the latest issue of *GET1T*, Pretoria's own glossy magazine that features insightful fashion tips, must-know beauty secrets and scrumptious recipes for FREE.

The inspiring holiday issue, available throughout the capital city, hits shelves from this week.

The summery Dec/Jan issue features everything from exclusive interviews with local personalities to top Christmas décor trends, delicious festive recipes and great gift ideas. Cover star Tebogo Modjadji-Kekana, a

Cover star Tebogo Modjadji-Kekana, a princess from the Balobedu tribe and a Mrs United Nation South Africa finalist, talks about royalty and why she's got her sight set firmly on the Mrs UN SA crown.

On the fashion pages, we take a look at how to choose the right swimsuit for your shape so you can look fabulous while at the beach. In the finance department we share five top tips that will help you keep your bank balance in good shape throughout the holidays, while the travel pages feature seven fantastic reasons to head to the coast.

For all this and more, don't miss the latest issue of *GET IT*, that distributes 25 000 copies throughout Pretoria every month.

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Henk Pretorius talks about film

Amelia de Ridder

Henk Pretorius, local writer, producer and director, hopes to take the South African and international film industry by storm with his latest feature film *Leading Lady* - due for release this month.

Leading Lady is a story about an idealistic British drama school teacher, Jodi Rutherford (Katie McGrath), who persuades an initially reserved and rather dour South African farmer, Kobus Willemse (Bok van Blerk), to prepare her for the role of an Afrikaans war heroine in a major film. In return, Jodi undertakes to organise and direct the annual concert on the Willemse farm.

Jodi's interaction with the quirky small-town citizens and stubborn Kobus, teaches her there is more to life than "lights, camera, action!" Or is there?

Henk (32), a product of Afrikaans Hoër Seunskool and Hoërskool Waterkloof is well-known for many acclaimed local films including the *Bakgat* trilogy, *Fanie Fourie's Lobola, Hoofmeisie* and *Wolwedans in die Skemer*. He is also the co-founder of Dark Matter Studios, a successful production company based in the United Kingdom and SA.

Days before the release of *Lead-ing Lady, Rekord* spoke to Pretorius about the film, what it was like work-ing with a stellar cast and to have his film recognised internationally.

1. Henk, you wrote and directed South Africa's first film trilogy, the teen comedy box-office hit **Bakgat**. You also co-wrote and directed **Fanie Fourie's Lobola** that has won three local and international awards. How



Henk Pretorius

does Leading Lady compare to these films?

Leading Lady is much gentler than Bakgat 1 and 2 and more audiencefriendly than Fanie Fourie's Lobola. Audiences have complimented Fanie Fourie's Lobola for dealing with the complex cultural clashes when an Afrikaans man falls in love with a Zulu woman, in quite a light and accessible way. Leading Lady deals thematically with a coming of age story that ultimately tells the intimate story of Jodi Rutherford's journey of self actualisation.

2. Why did you decide to produce *Leading Lady*?

My business partner, Llewelynn Greeff, and I wanted to produce a film with the built-in potential to cross international borders. *Leading Lady's* cross continental aspect really allowed for that and we asked Tina Kruger to write the script with me. To produce a film in South Africa with some international talent that we could sell to territories around the globe seemed like a great idea to us. 3. Why, in your opinion, should anyone watch this film?

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In my opinion, you should watch *Leading Lady*, because I have watched it at least a hundred times and I still enjoy it.

4. What is your favourite scene in Leading Lady?

Leading Lady's very first scene draws you into the story. When that happens you stop thinking of the film as a collection of scenes and rather as a journey where you need every piece of the puzzle to make complete sense of the story. I therefore have no ultimate favourite scene, yet it's definitely my favourite movie I have directed up to now.

5. What was it like working with local actors Bok van Blerk and Brümilda van Rensburg?

Bok van Blerk is a very honest performer and brings a lot of integrity to a role. He was super professional and was willing to really work with me and make this one of his most intimate performances up to date. I am really proud of his work in *Leading Lady*.



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The Spark, along with the rest of the

Chevrolet small car line-up, also attracts the youngest buyers to the brand. This year, sales of Chevrolet's small cars have increased more than 9% for car buyers under the age of 35. In 2014, the Spark was the only vehicle in the entry-level segment to earn the IIHS Top Safety Pick award. Lightweight, high-strength steel constitutes more than 62% of the Spark's underbody and 42% of its upper body. It is also used in the roof bow and B-pillars.





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Since then it has been tough going with banks increasing their scrutiny of applicants, tightening their lending procedures and offering fewer, smaller home loans.

Based on new data released by home loan originator BetterBond it seems this situation is changing with the latest bank policies painting a rosier picture. The banks are willing to lend. "It's certainly been harder for buyers to obtain home loans over the past few years and we're very excited to see that banks are starting to ease up on their lending policies," said Bruce Swain, MD of Leapfrog Property Group.

"We need their support to boost the market that's been struggling in recent times."

Employed Standard Bank clients can now get a new 100% loan on a property of up to R3.5 million and an 80% loan on more expensive properties with the loan term ranging up to 30 years.

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get a 100% loan on properties up to R1.5m and 90% for properties between R1.5 and R2.5 million, or an 80% loan on real estate selling for R2.5 million or higher over the same period. The loan terms for new, selfemployed existing Standard Bank clients are the same for employed clients. *Absa*

Employed Absa clients can apply for up to a 100% loan for a property of R2 million or less; up to 90% on a property valued at over R2 million and up to 85% on a purchase over R3 million. The terms remain the same for non-Absa clients except for a purchase price of R3 million or more in which case they can apply for a loan of up to 75%. Self-employed clients (both Absa and non-Absa clients) can apply for loans of up to 85% on a purchase price less than R3 million and 75% should the price be R3 million or more. All loans have a maximum term of 30 years.

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salaried FNB and non-FNB transactional clients with a maximum loan term of 20 years. Applicants can apply for 100% loans on properties with a purchase price of R2.5 million or less; 95% loans for properties between R2.5 to R3 million and 90% loans on R3 million purchase prices or higher. Self-employed buyers can apply for loans up to 95% on properties priced at R3 million or less while 90% loans are available for purchases over R3 million. *Nedbank*

Nedbank does not consider non-Nebank clients but offers the following loans to clients up to a term of 25 years. A 90-100% loan on a purchase price of R1.5 million or less; a loan of 90% up to R3 million; or 80% over R3 million. Self-employed clients with a primary business relationship with Nedbank will also be considered.

Buyer Advice: "While it may now be easier to obtain a home loan, and we certainly encourage people to invest in residential property. I would like to caution potential buyers to take all the additional costs into account as well, from the transfer duty to the monthly municipal rates. It is important to ensure they will be able to afford the property in the longterm," warned Swain.





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Titles Act for the body corporate to write off

levy arrears and facilitate the sale of the unit

in such cases," says Andrew Schaefer, man-

aging director of leading national property

What happens when the levy and bond ar-rears on a sectional title unit total more than the property's value?

There is no provision in the Sectional



management company Trafalgar, "but they are occurring more and more often, especially in inner city blocks of flats where there has been no strong body corporate or group of trustees to prevent levy arrears getting out

of hand, and a solution needs to be found. Ideally, he says, what should happen when an owner gets into arrears with the levies and won't or can't pay the outstanding amount the body corporate, should obtain a debt judgment and sale in execution order, so that the unit can be attached by the sheriff and auctioned off to a new owner at a price that at least covers the levy debt and whatever bond amount may be outstanding at that time.

"Alternatively, if the bids at the auction are not high enough to accomplish this, the bank holding the bond is supposed to take the unit into possession and try to resell it at a later stage – after paying the outstanding levy so the body corporate can issue a levy clearance certificate."

However, Schaefer notes, it appears that in most such cases this does not happen, with the result the body corporate is left with an unsold unit (on which the levy arrears continue to mount) that cannot be transferred to a new, levy-paying owner

"Sectional title budgets are worked out on the basis of all owners paying their levies, and when some don't, the body corporate can quickly experience cash flow pressure with defaulting owners being subsidised by those who do keep up to date with their levy payments.

'And a unit that has become 'dead wood' as outlined above will obviously compound this problem, which is why we believe it is preferable for the body corporate itself to become the owner of the unit, upgrade it and then either sell it to a new owner who does pay levies, or rent it out and get income from it in that way."

This can be achieved if the body corporate has sufficient money available to purchase the unit at the sale in execution and settle the outstanding bond to the satisfac-tion of the bank involved. "Unlocking this difficulty is obviously complex, with many conflicting interests among the parties involved. But at the same time, the grow-ing number of inner city units with market values less than their combined levy and bond arrears is a major challenge and risk to all the owners in those schemes."



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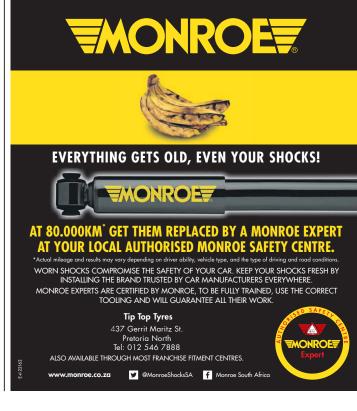
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- By handing in the completed entry form together with payment at the CMA office in Pietermaritzburg: 18 Connaught Road, Scottsville. Runners may register before completing a qualifying marathon (minimum qualifying distance of 42.2km run in under five hours) which must be run between 1 August 2014 and 3 May 2015. Qualifying details must be submitted to the CMA by 5 May 2015. The 90th race of the world's biggest and

oldest ultra-marathon will be an 'up-run', start-ing at the Durban City Hall and ending at the Oval Cricket Stadium in Pietermaritzburg.

The substitution entry window period will be from 1 - 21 April 2015



SPORI Register for the Comrades

Koos Venter

Die paleisrevolusie op Loftus Versfeld is verlede week gedeeltelik geslaagd uitgevoer toe Louis Nel ná vier-en-'n-half jaar as president van die Blou Bulle Rugby-unie (BBRU) onttroon is. Nel is deur die sakeman en voorsitter van Polisie rugbyklub, Gert Wessels, in 'n taai stryd om die presidentskap getroef.

REKORI

Getrou aan die geskiedenis van die rugbypolitiek in Loftus Versfeld se raadsale was daar ongelukkig ook slagoffers in hierdie stryd. Om van die beleërde Nel ontslae te raak, moes daar agter die skerms kompromieë aangegaan word en in die proses het die Carltonbekerklubs se kandidaat vir die pos van adjunk-president in die slag gebly.

adjunk-president in die slag gebly. Willem Strauss, wat gesien is as die man met die regte rugby-CV om amateurrugby by die Blou Bulle dramaties te vernuwe, is geoffer in die skaakspel van rugbypolitiek sodat daar eerstens van Nel ontslae geraak kon word. In die proses is daar geskiedenis gemaak toe Henry Adendorff, voorsitter van die Dragons rugbyklub in die noorde van Pretoria, die eerste adjunk-president geword het wat nie uit die geledere van die Carltonbekerklubs kom nie.

Adendorff is een van die jonger manne wat by die sage betrokke was, maar hy het glo die rugby politiek soos 'n veteraan gespeel om homself in die stoel van adjunk-president verkies te kry. Hy was aanvanklik in die Nelkamp, maar het na verneem word 'n paar keer sy mantel na die wind gedraai en uiteindelik saam met manne onder sy invloed teen Nel gedraai in die presidentsverkiesing, in ruil vir die "guns" om dan as die adjunk-president in Tshwane verkies te word.

Strauss was die groot verloorder in hierdie proses, maar die uiteinde van die verkiesing kan dalk in die toekoms wrang vrugte voortbring, veral wat die toekoms van Carltonbeker-rugby betref. Volgens sommige waarnemers is die belangrike punt van hierdie gebeure egter die feit dat daar weer iemand in die presidentstoel sit wat waarlik die belange van klub- en amateurrugby op die hart dra.

van klub- en amateurrugby op die hart dra. Wessels het homself al in die verlede bewys as 'n rugbyman in murg en been met 'n passie vir klub- en amateurrugby en met hom aan die stuur sal daar beslis vorentoe beweeg kan word. Die feit dat hy 'n gesiene en uiters suksesvolle sakeman is, het boonop twee voordele. Eerstens kan die rugbypubliek verseker wees dat Wessels nie daar is ter wille van homself nie, aangesien hy beslis nie nodig het om geleenthede in rugby te soek om homself te bevoordeel nie. Daarbenewens kan dit net goed wees vir die BBRU as iemand wat die unie se belange op die hart dra ook in 'n sterk posisie op die direksie van



Bowls is played on informal level in the Rhino Poles Bowls Business League.

Gordyn sak oor speler se loopbaan

Koos Venter

Een van die heel grootste geeste in die moderne Suid-Afrikaanse rugby-era het die afgelope naweek aangekondig dat hy nie weer in die groen-en-goud gesien sal word nie

in die groen-en-goud gesien sal word nie. Ná 85 toetse in die Springboktrui, het Bakkies Botha besluit om halt te roep en verklaar dat hy verheug is om die spel op internasionale vlak op sy eie terme vaarwel te roep.

te roep. "Ek tob al oor hierdie besluit sedert ek my weens 'n besering aan die vorige wêreldbekertoernooi moes onttrek," het Botha die afgelope naweek gesê. Maar hy wou nie op daardie ongelukkige noot groet nie.

Bakkies sê hy is dankbaar vir die geleentheid wat hy gekry het om die afgelope twee seisoene weer deel van die Springbokspan te wees. Hoewel hy net 'n skadu is van die speler wat hy aan die einde van die vorige dekade was, het hy die afgelope twee seisoene steeds 'n belangrike rol gespeel in die Springbokgroep.

Hy kon mentor wees vir jong Turke soos Eben Etsebeth en Lood de Jager, wat albei geoormerk is om in die toekoms Botha se plek as die "harde man" onder die Springbok voorspelers in te neem.

Die 35-jarige John Phillip (Bakkies)

Botha kan met reg beskou word as een van die suksesvolste rugbyspelers in die geskiedenis van professionele rugby in Suid-Afrika. Saam met Victor Matfield, hou hy die wêreldrekord vir die meeste toetse as 'n slotkombinasie. Dié twee veterane het al 63 keer saam as slotpaar in die Springbokskrum gesak.

Botha het elke moontlike trofee ingepalm wat 'n professionele speler in Suid-Afrika kan wen, terwyl hy in Europa ook goue medaljes in twee van die belangrikste toernooie verower het. Sedert 2001 het Botha die Vodacombeker,

Sedert 2001 het Botha die Vodacombeker, die Curriebeker (verskeie), die Super Rugby trofee (twee keer), die Drienasies Trofee, 'n reeksoorwinning teen die Britse en Ierse Leeus en die Wêreldbeker gewen. Aan die einde van 2011 het hy in Frank-

Aan die einde van 2011 het hy in Frankryk vir Toulon gaan speel en saam met dié klub het Botha ook sukses gesmaak in die Heinekenbeker (Top Europese klubs) en in die Franse Top14 liga.

Hoewel Botha in sy loopbaan soms omstrede was en daarvoor bekend was dat hy geen genade getoon of verwag het nie, is hy onder sy vriende bekend as 'n ware spanman en 'n rustige persoon.

Sy liefde vir die Bosveld is bekend en hy het al gesê hy kan nie wag om sy lewe as die Blou Bulle Maatskappy is. Hoewel Wessels lank reeds op die maatskappy se direksie dien, sal sy posisie as president broodnodige balans verskaf, wat skynbaar nie die afgelope jare teenwoordig was nie.

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Nel se posisie is na dese ook interessant. Hy is vir jare nie meer aktief betrokke by enige klub of vereniging nie en sy nederlaag teen Wessels beteken dat hy nou heeltemal in die rugbywoestyn is. Hy sal eers weer iewers op voetsoolvlak betrokke moet raak as hy hoop om sy loopbaan as rugby-administrateur weer op te bou.

Hoewel Strauss uiteraard teleurgesteld en ontnugter behoort te wees met die ongenaakbare deel van rugbypolitiek waarmee hy te doen gekry het sedert hy twee jaar gelede aktief by klubrugby betrokke geraak het, was hy nie moedeloos of negatief toe *Rekord* verlede week met hom gesels het nie.

Volgens Strauss het hy steeds hoop om sy progressiewe planne vir klubrugby te implementeer en hoop hy om goeie samewerking daarvoor te kry van die nuwe topbestuur. Strauss is steeds 'n adjunk-president van

die unie en sy kennis en ervaring as sportpromotor en rugby-entrepreneur kan goud werd wees vir die BBRU.

- Henry van Aswegen is op dieselfde vergadering verkies as die adjunk-president uit die Limpopo streek.



Die bekende sakeman en deurwinterde rugby-administrateur, Gert Wessels, is verlede week as die Blou Bulle Rugby-unie se nuwe president verkies.

Unique bowling league

The Rhino Poles Bowls Business League kicked off at Pretoria Municipals Bowling Club recently. This prestigious event plays host to 38 teams from businesses across Pretoria.

Besides the team of the sponsor, Rhino Poles, there are also teams from businesses such as Brewers, Livingstone's, Fast Forward Finance, Mechem, Ryncor and Denel Systems. This shows the true variety of businesses involved.

Only non-affiliated/non-bowlers are allowed to enter this tournament, as it is all about introducing the game of bowls to those who have never played, with an eye on gaining new members to the bowls fraternity. Each team has a designated coach/manager, who is there to help the non-bowlers. The tournament is played in a festive

The tournament is played in a festive spirit with music in the background and spot prizes for various accomplishments by the non-bowlers. It is all about having fun, relaxing, growing the game and mixing with others.

The final tournament for this year is scheduled for 26 November. The series will be continued with the next Rhino Poles Bowls Business League starting on Wednesday, 4 February 2015. Enquiries: Marius Engelbrecht on 082-821-5217.

Die legendariese Bakkies Botha met die Curriebeker aan die einde van sy laaste eindstryd in dié toernooi in 2009. Botha het die afgelope naweek sy uittrede van internasionale rugby aangekondig. Foto: Backpagepix

boer voort te sit wanneer hy aan die einde van die huidige Europese seisoen finaal sy rugbystewels ophang nie. Bakkies Botha sal onthou word as 'n ware

Bakkies Botha sal onthou word as 'n war rugbylegende en hy is inderdaad reeds 'n legende in sy eie leeftyd. Wat mense ookal van hom dink, niemand sal kan ontken dat dié reus van 'n man daarin geslaag het om as klipharde rugbyspeler een van die kultusfigure van dié sport in die wêreld te word nie.