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Through my eyes

“You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say.” Martin Luther King Jr



by Kasia Yoko

So many stories, running around inside my head. It has been a while since I allowed my thoughts to see the light of day. 2024 has arrived and with all sorts of unbounded enthusiasm, I rejoice at a new year filled with all the optimism and enthusiasm I can muster. Ha! Ha! How false does that sound? Sooo... false but it is what it is and I continue to stick to this narrative. Please continue reading. I guess I am trying to imagine the world without the faces of the bombed and displaced. The world where we are all nurtured and soothed by a loving community and society. A world where neighbour helps neighbour; and we never betray on one another as a principle of trust and mutual respect. And so because this is so clearly missing from our lives, we have to somehow encourage our imaginations to conjure up a story of hope and eternal

cheerfulness. In common reality, we really do not have a hope in hell of achieving any peace of mind. If we continue to watch the global news propaganda and listen to the political, economical, and medical agendas shoved at us from every angle. Our only hope of a half decent life is to make reality up. I hope this does not offend anyone reading this. Having written this column for thirty years, I have always tried to be optimistic and positively charged, in recent times, I'm fining it hard. I looked at life through my pink shaded lenses and I was comfortable with the narrative I had created. Often times making myself cry to achieve my objective of creating a feel good column. But it has become increasingly hard to fake the storyline and I hope and pray it's only the shifting of some

tectonic plates and the start of the age of the Kali Yuga that's causing these drastic changes to our civilisation, and not the effects of social media, fast food deliveries, 5G and the filth that is lurking in our oceans, drinking water and the food we consume. Is it just me, or has human life become ever so strained and complicated? Having an inquisitive nature, I am always seeking people's moods and picking up on human vibrations. From my humble observations, things globally are complicated. Having returned from a seven week extended holiday in Europe, I can honestly say, it's funky out there and yes we can all hide behind the veil of, "You're imagining it." And "You're projecting..." "Oh please, you're watching too much Tick-Tock." No, it is really happening. The world has gone slightly bonkers and I'm

just going to pretend that all is well this side. I hope you're all hanging in there. Keeping strong and riding out this storm of uncertainty. Arthur Schopenhauer believed the fundamental nature of reality isn't rational or orderly, its driven by indifferent, irrational force he called the 'will'. A seemingly blind, incessant striving underlying all our existence. He believed that the 'will' was the aimless, ceaseless source of all suffering, driving us to forever amend our desires and our unattainable aspirations. This same 'will' allows us to be stuck in this pathetic cycle of relentless suffering. Voltaire once observed, "The most courageous decision that you can make each day is to be in a good mood." And that is going to be my 2024 resolution... lets keep it less real.

Dear Ed,

Re: Ethekwini's Water Woes

The BIBLE records that the 3 wisemen followed the star that led them to the CHRIST -child lying in the manger in the stable at Bethlehem. They offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. From early 2023 and to date the 3 "unwise " men of Ethekwini Municipality followed the "disas-star"that led to residents and businesses being without water for days and even weeks at a time with resultant hardship, misery, inconvenience, untold suffering and much frustration. The 3 I refer to are the 3 nincompoop Ms. viz Mayor Mxolisi Kaunda, Municipal Manager Musa {TB} Mbhele and Msweli (Ednick), the Water and Sanitation Head. In addition, the serious matter is aggravated by daily water shedding in various parts of the city e.g. in my suburb of Brindhaven we have water supply shut off daily from

about 4 pm to 4 am the next day. In other areas the water pressure is low and water flows in annoying slow drips. Then there is the other fiasco where water is shut off completely g for extended periods and City water tankers are not supplying water. Remember that in about 2022 our neighbours Tongaat did not have water for a year or more. The water woes adversely affect most parts of the city. This is not a new problem but has been ongoing for many years. As a retired highly competent staff of the city in City Administration and Secretariat Dept -and doubling as the city's Bylaws and Tariffs Officer for 18 years (at no added cost to the city) - I know first hand of 2 shocking facts, as reported to Council at various times by the Water Head. First is that water of vast quantities is lost -about 30 plus %- due mainly to leaks in pipes caused by aged infrastructure and poor or no maintenance. Second is that no water meter readings take place in

certain parts of the city. Note the city is vast and the east, west, south and north borders are the Indian Ocean, Mpumalanga Township, Umkomaas and Frasers respectively. It is a crying shame that residents and businesses have to be subject to such woes that are deemed an "atrocitiy". Yes it is a disgrace and reflects on the ineptitude and gross shortcomings of the city's failed leadership. Yet they continue unashamedly bragging and even gloss over or sugar coat failures and weaknesses. The provision of effective and timeous service delivery is a local authority's primary function, as required by the RSA Constitution primarily – Chapter 2 re the Bill of Rights refers- and other pertinent legislation. Provision of good quality water for consumption and cooking etc. Is a basic right and yet this is denied us in contravention of legal requirements. On the one hand the water problems are not easy and quick issues to resolve. But on the other hand they are not insurmountable. In a holistic approach what are required are the following:

- An acknowledgement by the city of its dismal failure to attend to this issue
- A sincere apology by the city to its residents and businesses for the resultant hardship, misery etc.
- A sincere and serious resolve by the city to give this matter urgent attention, especially identifying and formulating short, medium and long term strategies and interventions

The lack or paucity of finances is offered as lame excuses for inaction or not fully solving matters. This is just hogwash. Required finances can be made available by vote transfers. Additionally the provincial and national government coffers could source needed funds, provided relevant legislation is utilized and proper motivation provided. So who's fooling who? The other excuse given is that Supply Chain Management takes a long time to reach finality. This too is baloney as legislation provides for exceptions and exemptions, especially where time is of the essence and an emergency exists as following normal process will aggravate matters and perpetuate the undesirable circumstances. The pathetic, delinquent, dithering and defaulting city is culprit in chief in this inhumane matter. Even one's pets and gardens, especially vegetable ones, are subject to sufferance.

Relevant authorities/ organizations must take good note of the city's water shenanigans and take necessary actions to call the city to order and action. These include the Office of the Presidency, KZN Premiers office, KZN COGTA, Public Protectors Office, Human Rights Commission and pertinent others. The watershed 2024 national elections should have a negative effect on the ANC that EThekwni Municipality and KZN Provincial Government dominate as the water woes should water down the total ANC votes as people finally awake and realise belatedly how shoddy and uncaring the ruling party has been, particularly regarding the water crisis. Batho Pele {People First}, is a government principle and professed requirement. This has unfortunately been totally ignored, so consequences must follow. Rip van Winkel awoke from deep slumber after many years. When will EThekwni awake and do what is right by its peoples. Better late than never should suffice! It is common knowledge that the city's problems are many and diverse. Below is a sampling of the plethora of issues:

- Poor leadership/incompetent staff / ineffective councilors/ nepotism/cronyism/ political deployment that has " short-changed' the city/ potholes /overgrowth/crime and grime/ CCTV cameras not operational/ faulty street lighting and robots/ lack of paper in libraries for photocopying and printing thus hampering students especially/ no consequence management - so staff act with impunity/ fraud by employees and past and sitting councilors in obtaining low cost housing that was meant for the poor and thus needy families are denied such accommodation/ wasted and fruitless expenditure/ not prioritising issues/ abuse of overtime/ use of council property for private use, especially municipal vehicles/ going AWOL during working hours/ over -elaborate catering for meetings- this should be curtailed and only tea/coffee and biscuits and water provided. In my many years at Council I can verify that the only contribution of some councilors and officials was gobbling up the free food. Re prioritising it is noted that the Mayor went overseas recently to sell the city while the water crisis worsened. Well Nero fiddled while Rome was burning so Cllr Kaunda acted similarly.

A panel of 3 external persons was recently appointed to assist the Water Dept to function effectively. This is a waste of time and money.

It may shock one to note that when the ex City Manager on this panel commenced duty, I sent him a full 1 page e-mail on day 1 of his duty congratulating him and giving him some of my views. He sent me a 3 lines "thank you " e-mail that had 2 spelling errors. Ironically I included in the mail concerns at water wastage and my bold assertions that "I am not a yes man or a bender" and though small in the food chain, I had a lot to offer the city over and above my required functions. Surely it is high time for a Commission of Inquiry to be established to look into the city's shenanigans. It should be chaired by a competent sitting or retired judge or a local government expert as a second choice. The initial option to appoint a Panel of Experts in local government to assist the leadership to run the city competently was done, but the uncaring ANC in Ethekwini thwarted this. The second option was for the city to be placed under administration. Many are punting for this but to me this too would not be adequate. } A commission will expose the rot, faults and failures and make suitable findings to plot the way forward. Durban (Ethekwini) can no longer be allowed to be a laughing stock. It must be restored to its former pristine glory and locals and visitors from Mzansi, Africa and further a field can enjoys the many offerings that the city has and lives in peace and safety and operates businesses successfully. Tourism and investment, especially by overseas companies, must be prioritised. This will go a long way to bolster Durban and bring enormous revenue and create much needed employment. Thanks to the benevolent individuals and organizations for providing water free to the community, especially the poor, frail, aged, sick, and lacking transport. May God bless you all and reward your philanthropy and magnanimity. You are a GOD-sent. May GOD save Ethekwini and its peoples, businesses and associates, especially with suitable remedial actions, effective and timeous service delivery being paramount? May the city acquire new, competent and dynamic leadership with out of the box and strategic thinking, who would take it forward appropriately? Then Durban, the gateway to Africa and beyond, can be the envy of the other metros here in South Africa and elsewhere.

Kind regards
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A Decade Of Power Struggle

As we enter the year of our Lord 2024, we can reflect on a year of uncertainty ahead. With continued load-shedding, life for any South African is tangled in anxious anticipation and as more and more people opt to work from home. The increased load shedding we have experienced in recent years has brought many South African businesses and families to their knees.

The latest Power Availability Statistics (PAS) compiled by independent energy analyst Pieter Jordaan, shows that at the end of week 33 of the year (ending 18 August 2023), South Africa has experienced a combined total of 1,296 blackout hours – equivalent to 54 full days of no power.

For context on just how bad that is, between 2014 and 2022, the country experienced the equivalent of 53 days of blackout hours combined, making 2023 worse than the last decade for load shedding.

South Africans are tired and resentful that the excessive load shedding and the continuous power failures are mostly due to incompetence and unmaintained infrastructure.

In his letter, recently penned to the media, financial compliance expert Paul Nel says South African consumers of electricity have been overcharged by R1.375 trillion in electricity tariffs over the past 15 years. He believes this has contributed to South Africa's failing municipalities. Nel, the Director of Prisma CRRM, which specialises in financial compliance of large operational, capital expenditure, and infrastructure projects, says this conclusion is drawn from analysis of Eskom's Annual Financial Statements from 2008 to 2023.

He said, "An analysis of Eskom's Annual Financial Statements over the past 15 years, ended March 2023, relating to the increase of funding resources for Eskom – presumably required for the 'new build' 3 power stations, Medupi, Kusile and Ingula as well as the procurement of renewable energy sold at losses and other inefficiencies."

He continued, "It reflects how the public was milked. Municipalities, Eskom's major clients, are bounded by legislation

not to increase their revenue and operational expenditure by more than the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The ANC government, NERSA, COGTA, Treasury and municipal Councillors are all responsible for the dire situation of unaffordable tariff increases by not restricting tariff increases with CPI."

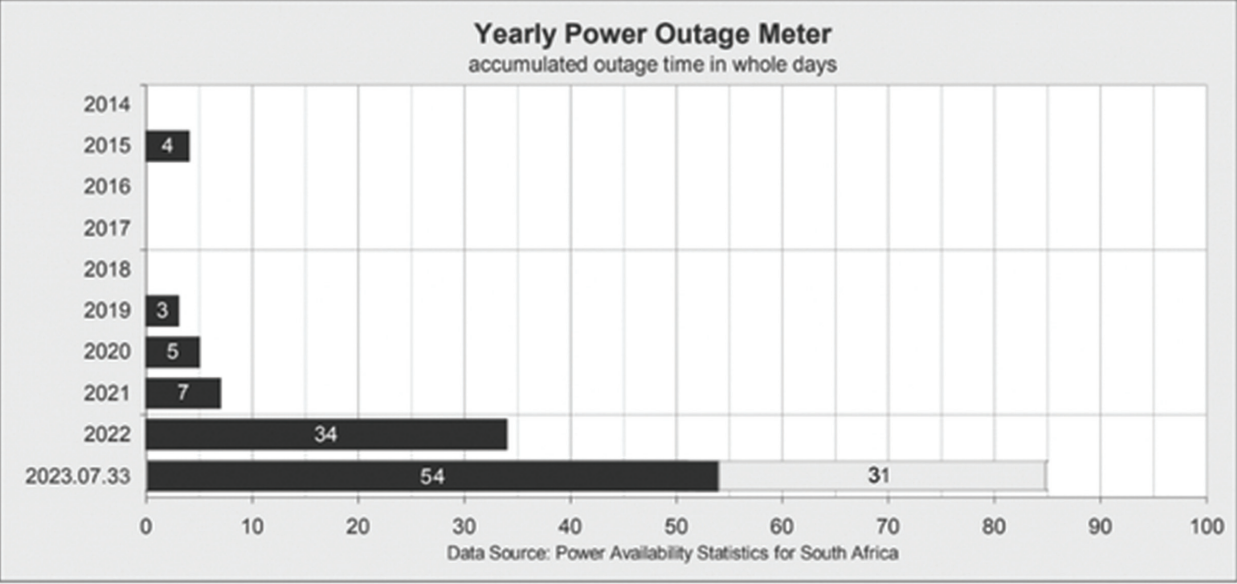
"This had contributed to unaffordable and collapsing public and municipal services; infrastructure; lack of private sector investment and high unemployment. Eskom's electricity sales increases were much higher than Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases over the 15 - year period ended 31 March 2023."

"Consumers were overcharged with R1.375 trillion in electricity tariffs – that is only the electricity increases above CPI. Eskom's borrowings increased with R373.3 billion and government equity (our tax money donated for Eskom) increased with R241.6 billion. In total, Eskom received R1,989 trillion above inflation in sales, additional debt, and equity over the 15 - year period, despite selling less units of electricity over same period." Concluded Nel.

Nel shares examples of irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure – and calls for further investigations to ensure all guilty parties are held legally responsible to recover all Eskom payments not in compliance with legislation and Eskom contracts.

While politicians have talked up the current performance of the power utility and sparked hope for a better power situation heading into 2024, the reality is that power output is still far from hitting previous levels, let alone improving enough to meet demand.

Here is the link to Nel's letter to the media <https://www.biznews.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Letter-to-media-Eskom-squandered-R2-trillion-15-01-2024.pdf>



Seen above; Yearly Power Outage meter - accumulated outage time in whole days

South African crowned as the new UFC Middleweight Champion

Earlier this month, Dricus "Stillknocks" du Plessis became the country's first Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) title holder, after wrestling the middleweight belt away from the formidable American Sean Strickland. Sport, Arts and Culture Minister Zizi Kodwa has congratulated mixed martial artist, Dricus du Plessis, for winning the (UFC) Middleweight title.

It was a tight fight that the judges scored 47-48, 48-47 and 48-47 in the South African's favour.

"Du Plessis has flown the South

African flag high with his performances in the UFC. I congratulate him on the remarkable achievement of being the first South African to be crowned UFC Champion. It has been particularly special to see South Africans unite in their diversity to support their own, as Du Plessis made history. This once again shows the power of South Africans when uniting and supporting their own. Let us carry this spirit, as South Africans continue to make history on global platforms in sport, arts and culture," Kodwa said.



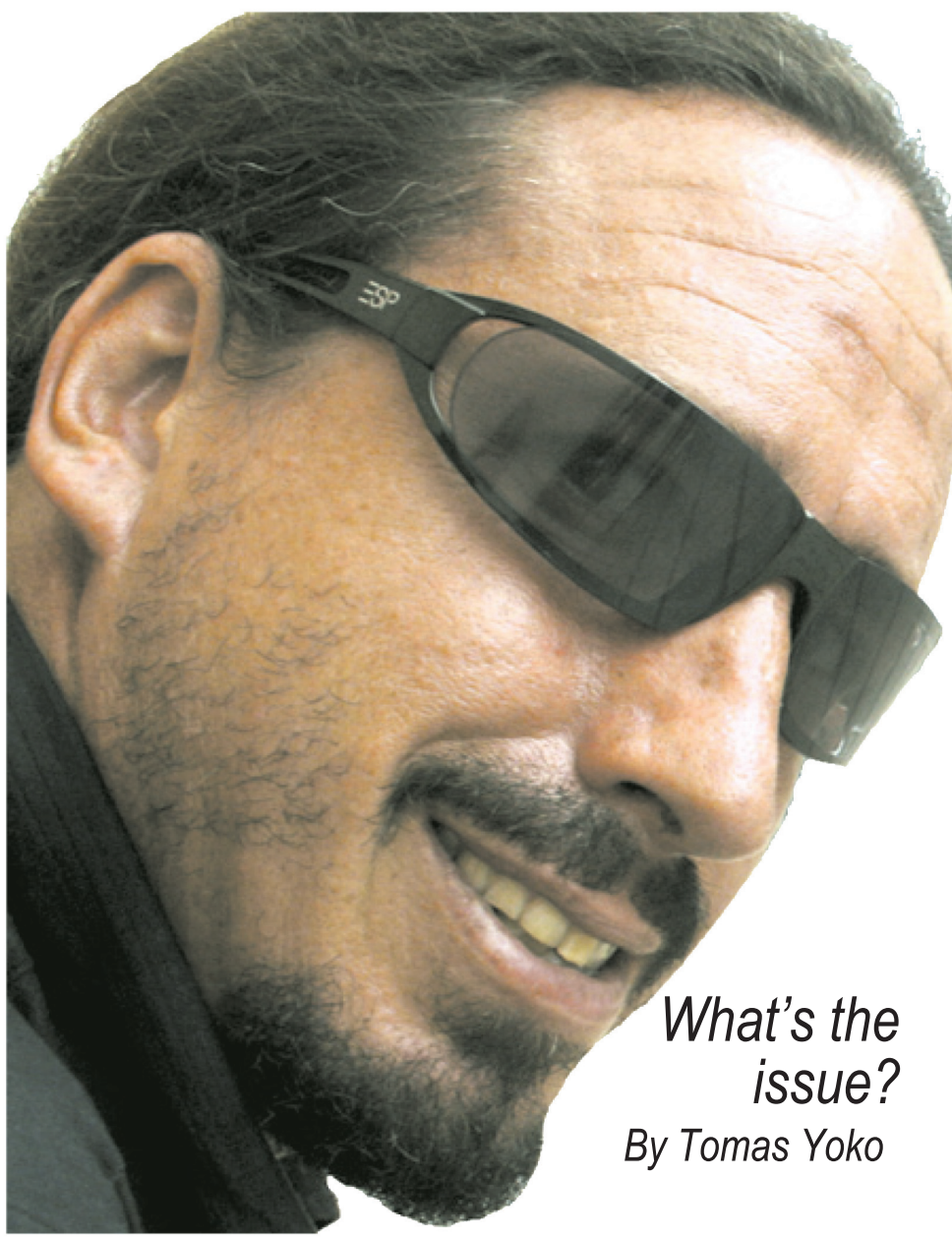
In MMA circles the 27-year-old Dricus Du Plessis is known as Stillknocks for his powerful left hook

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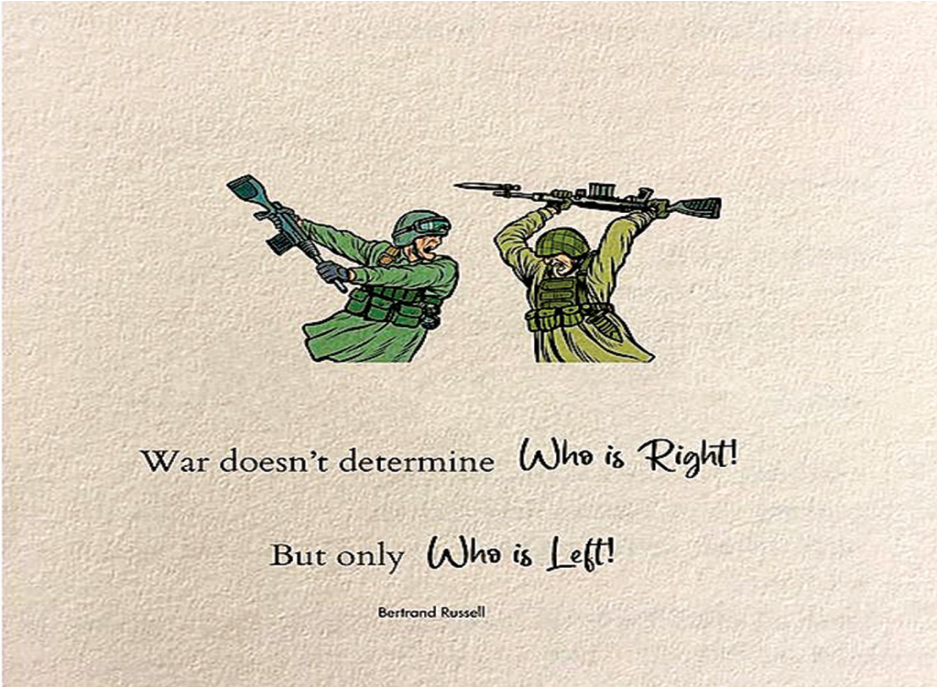
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What's the
issue?
By Tomas Yoko



As the bombs continue to rain down on the innocent women and children of Gaza, Ursula von der Leyen turns her seeing eye on Africa with a questionable comment regarding Europe and Africa's interests being more aligned than ever before. Laughable really, with Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso announcing their immediate withdrawal from ECOWAS, citing a distrust in the organization, almost pointing at it and jeering "Western Puppet Organization" while giggling not so quietly. The illegal and harmful sanctions that ECOWAS placed on

these nations may have something to do with their perspective. If it quacks like a duck, walks like a duck, well then you know America could be at the start of a civil war with the Texan state receiving support from dozens of Republican Governors for its defiance against the illegal immigration crisis on USA's southern border. Is this the start of a civil war? And if so, is it orchestrated as a stumbling block for the elections that are looming in the US? Anything is possible in the USA these days.

Just ahead of the Africa Energy Indaba, the Financial Compliance expert Paul Nel dropped the bombshell news that South African consumers have been overcharged one trillion, three hundred and seventy five million Rands and some change, one point three seven five TRILLION Rand, for electricity. This in the face of PetroSA refusing Eskom a preferential rate for the diesel and insisting on up front payment. It just can't go on, it is scientifically impossible for it to go on and on in this fashion.

Some good has to come of the BRICKS meeting happening right now in Moscow. We need action, the talk around Ukraine now is that because it has not sued for peace as yet, it

could lose its right to exist as a nation state and so it will be divided up between Belarus, Romania, Hungary, Poland and Russia.

Ancient borders have criss crossed these lands and it will have all been for nothing but a few hundred billion Dollars to be shared amongst those who do not need it at all.

War mongers are baying for a nuclear confrontation in the Middle East, "Hit them hard!" they tweet with such vigour from their armchairs. A strike on Iran is all it would take to ignite the third world war.

As it is we're sitting on the brink and some so called leaders are still throwing stones. While the sons and daughters of innocent people are slain in an effort to achieve what exactly?

With rumours of busloads of children getting into the wrong people's hands bouncing around the social networks, amongst the stories of 'the UFO's are coming' and Disease X, there has to be an alarm bell ringing somewhere after the World Economic Forum declared Misinformation and Disinformation as one of the world's most pressing crises. Trust me, it's up there near the top.

Expect some Orwellian attempts at further power grabs and possible curbing of your free speech. Who needs free speech.



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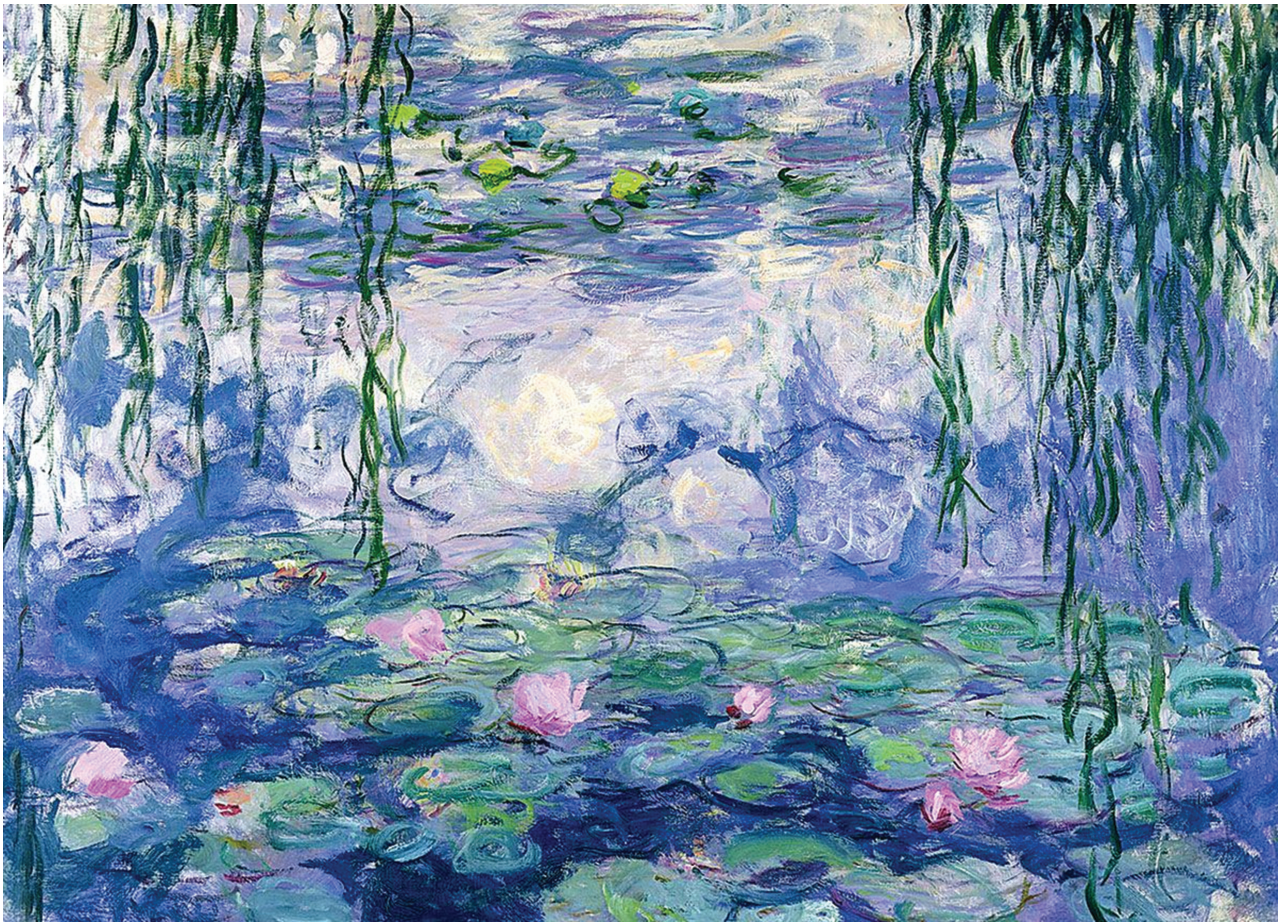
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The Colour of Water

By Jo Rushby from Ikes Books



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Water lilies by Claude Monet

There is a madness about December. We try and restrain ourselves but somehow the silliness envelops us. The malls tingle, the bells jingle, and we feel the urge to stock up. Long forgotten are the months of exercise, diets, yoga. It is a slow build-up. A bunch of litchis. How can one not. The bobbled fruit stare at you with a redness that puts Trump to shame. The ice-cream that flows over the cone with a thin layer of caramel and dotted with nuts cannot be resisted. And then the mince pies. Bought for Xmas, but gobbled on the way home. The finale. Lunch on Xmas day. Yorkshire pudding. The thick sauce dripping into slices of roast, veganism forgotten for a day.

January. It's 6am on the beachfront. Bodies squeezed into fresh lycra pump and bend, sweat and froth. Gyms are full, the promenade is busier than ever. The month

of resolutions – a fresh start, no drinking for a month, maybe longer, Veganuary. Work harder, work less, travel more. Read more books! The stress of excess.

Resolutions. The cliched slogans; 'no gain without pain'. The determination is palpable/the midriff inflatable. Everything is an oxymoron. Cigarettes vape into smoke. Red wine with zero alcohol. Soya boerewors. Coffee without caffeine. Milk without fat.

But then as we slip into February, like politicians after an election, the resolutions are tweaked, diluted and finally abandoned altogether. Yoga mats stand lonely. Like the hair-line, the promenade thins. Our mantra becomes;

Eet-sum mor in the trolley/Alcohol to make us jolly/Hedonism is not a folly

Still. There is something about the year's turning, as RS Thomas would have it: 'the new grass shall purge you in its flame'. It presents us with that numerical calendar record which is held so dear, the disciplining sense of a new day, a new year, a fresh you. Always, an anticipation that one will become more than its' parts.

My own new year hobby is watercolours. There is something about a brush in your hand, the blush of colours, the sense of capturing a moment, the joy of discovering creativity. Forever. One thinks of Monet. Painting the same scene over and over. New ways of seeing emerge. The water lilies painted at dusk are so different from the dawn. The Rouen Cathedral provides new revelations.

Monet makes us realise that to capture a landscape in the colour of water is to know how fragile and changeable life is.

Street Lit Books Read books! Donate books!



JJ Madwe and Richard Nzima, two of the book vendors working with The Denis Hurley Centre's innovative Street Bookseller project. Pic: Illa Thompson

The Denis Hurley Centre is a proactive NGO based in Durban which cares for the city's poor and marginalised. One of their flagship entrepreneurship projects is Street Lit which helps a team of homeless and formerly homeless rehabilitated men and women earn a basic income from selling good second-hand donated books at venues around town.

The Denis Hurley Centre are looking for places to sell their fabulous books. If you have a safe, legal, busy, public place for one of our vendors to sell books, please let us know! Also – if you have fabulous second-hand books needing a home – they would love

to hear from you!

You will find the book vendors: Alvin Dube & Donel Tanbeni at the KZNSA Gallery; David Sithole – outside municipal satellite container library alongside Workshop; David Jones – Berea Centre; Bulelo Sigabi – Davenport Square, Eric Badise – Durban Botanic Gardens Visitors Centre; Richard Nzima & Khanyisile Cele – Pick n Pay Hyper by the Sea; Vusi Meyiwa – Bluff Towers; Elijah Tlatsi – alongside Denis Hurley Centre; Xolani Gamede – Umlazi Mega City; Anele Nyembezi around the taxi ranks; Qhawe Mbatha – Bridge City. Look out for our bright lime green branding!

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A Window Onto
Nature's World
A SHARED REVELATION
AND NEW YEAR'S
RESOLUTIONS 2024



By Environmentalist and Green
Campaigner Jill Theunissen

Christmas and the New Year Festive season have been celebrated to the accompaniment of thunderstorms crashing, heavy rainfall splashing into torrents, and strong winds lashing the Coast and inland. Amidst all this climatic fury a circulating video reveals the unique electricity within our garden Petunia and no doubt our indigenous species such as Asystasia gangetica (Creeping Foxglove), Strelitzia reginae (Crane Flower) and bright orange Clivia clusters. The Petunia rooted to the ground presents a small negative charge, but higher up the stem the electric charge is greater and creates a charge with an electric energy field around the flower, invisible to the human eye. This produces a high-pitched sound not audible to the human ear. Bees have a positive charge, but friction during flight causes them to loose electrons. When the bee approaches the flower the sound around the flower changes, and when the bee lands the two fields cancel out each other. Simultaneously, there is an amazing reaction with the negatively charged pollen jumping across to the positively charged bee. The flower

without its pollen has a changed electrical field which is picked up by the next visiting bee who receives the negative signal and avoids the plant. Amazing! Pollination achieved by our bees and insects will ensure an on-going abundance of fruits and seeds produced for birds, bats, mammals and our informal gatherers. Natural and uncontaminated cultivation provides a resource not only for food, but for Health-giving herbal remedies, many handed down through the ages for the benefit of mankind.

In our commercially driven world Audit formality to review the year's success with Profit and Loss Assessments is conducted by the qualified Accountant with high remuneration for his analysis performance. In agriculture the dairy farmer achieves assessment through official monthly Milk Recording and Butter-fat Analysis. For commercial Forestry the growing timber's Site Quality is rated by readings giving the number of trees per hectare, the height, and average growth at chest height. Alas where are the Annual Audit

Procedures, to protect our Natural Environment and "Green Habitat"- for the benefit of all? Positive steps during 2023 need recognition. For example, the laying of new pipelines for Sewer and Stormwater at Umdhloti, at last provide functioning facilities, with Indigenous Rehabilitation completed. Alas 2022 Flood Damage in many areas awaits Repair and Rehabilitation, with ongoing increase in damage and related costs. Our Roadways and bridges have collapsed, potholes abound, we suffer on-going Power Outages and many communities are crying out for a potable Water Supply. Tourism has suffered due to E.coli levels of extreme concern, present in flowing water and unacceptable evacuation recorded into the ocean.

Our Resolutions for 2024 rest with FOUR BASIC ELEMENTS, namely, the Quality of our Soil and Air, Controls relevant to Fire Protection and Extreme Attention to the Quality and supply of POTABLE WATER. Dr. Anthony Turton's WARNINGS with regard to the WATER CRISIS appear to fail on the deaf ears of Leadership. The El Nino

cycle will ensure the arrival of the next drought when like frogs, we will surely croak in vain, around a dried up lily pond or perhaps the Hazelmere Dam!

Urgent qualified Environmental Audit and focus is required on a Site Specific" basis to identify the conservation of the Garden, Complex, Estate or Public Area. To include Soil Quality Improvement incorporating top-grade organic compost and additives, up-grading Biodiversity of indigenous species to entertain trees for shade, flowering shrubs for birds and bees, grasses, groundcovers to reduce erosion and new succulents for the next drought.

An Air pollution audit to reduce contamination. A mandate for Stormwater CAPTURE and CONTROLS and Rehabilitation offering a qualified Team Approach with a minimum 10-year proven track record of success is essential to meet the needs of "Climate Change". Finally, urgent appointment of a WATER CRISIS Team of top experts, to bring in "The Fresh Water Scheme of 2024" to be a legal priority and bring clean water to every home..

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Models Zonya & Nilisha owned the runway in their sexy 1960's 'Hot Pants' in traditional West African Prints, sequenced cowl neck tops and sensual flowing chiffon wrap dresses



Brand Ambassador of Khanya Designs, Mauritius, Sanjhiana Appadoo wearing, Harem Pants paired with Shweshwe Corsets and custom-made crocheted bikini tops



The Ancestral Collection. The collection marks the power of storytelling through clothing, the harmonious amalgamation of heritage, and the forging of new narratives. Ancestral images, sourced from the archives of Aapravasi Ghat dating back to the early 1800s and our 1860 Heritage Foundation. Artist Mr Sanjiven from Guruarts Mauritius has shared his personal captures of elders from the Port Louis marketplace



Nilisha Naidoo adorned in a contemporary Kaftan showcasing a traditional woman from the Port Louis Market. A Picture by Sanjiven Guruarts, Mauritius

Verushka's Khanya Designs honours our vibrant heritage

In a celebration of cultural fusion and heritage preservation, Khanya Designs, has recently launched a collaborative collection that pays homage to the ancestral roots of Mauritius and South Africa. The collection comprises of the 1960's 'Hot Pants' in traditional West African Prints, sequenced cowl neck tops and sensual flowing chiffon wrap dresses. For ultimate comfort the Harem Pants makes a comeback, paired with Shweshwe Corsets and custom-made crocheted bikini tops. The peal of the Indian Ocean, Mauritius has inspired the chic, comfortable flowing dresses in their colour, texture, design, and pattern.

The Showstopper, an opulent 1008 piece, draped as a regal gown of fabrics from every corner of Africa. The garment and Model represented Great Mother Africa. The source of all existence, abundance, life, death, pain and joy. The embodiment of Earth, Water, Fire, Air and Space. From Her bleeding body comes power, resilience, compassion, and deep love. She is whole and enjoys Her creation via our experiences of Her.

Khanya Designs is a pioneering slow fashion range founded by Verushka Pather, a well-known Classical Bharata Natyam Dancer from Durban. Her design company is

dedicated to preserving ancestral heritage through clothing. With a commitment to sustainable practices, cultural fusion, and community empowerment. Khanya Designs is reshaping the fashion landscape by telling stories through every weave.

The most poignant of all is, The Ancestral Collection. This magnanimous creation marks the power of storytelling through clothing, the harmonious amalgamation of heritage, and the forging of new narratives for the future. Ancestral images were sourced from the archives of Aapravasi Ghat dating back to the early 1800s and our 1860 Heritage Foundation. A soulful Artist Mr Sanjiven from Guruarts Mauritius has shared his personal captures of elders from the Port Louis marketplace. The vibrant cultures of Indentured Countries on the African Continent are a historical confluence, flowing from our past to present and future.

"This historical union arrives in the exotic, contemporary Kaftan, complemented by a flowing silhouette, gracefully enveloping the wearer's body." Said Verushka, "Not an ordinary Kaftan from Turkey, Persia, India, or Africa. But Souls of our ancestral history permeates our media today, sharing Their hopes, dreams, pain, and sorrow. We honour

our Ancestors, their lives, resilience and dedication to provide a better life for us."

The Indian diaspora is an international phenomenon, with a presence in more than 100 countries globally. The different histories of this very diverse Indian diaspora started their international journey with the greatest migration in history. And almost 200 years of personal experience in social and cultural change, political development and ethnicity and advancement in hybrid cultures.

Khanya embraces and showcases the ancestral heritage that forms the foundation of both Mauritius and South Africa. By weaving together, cultural motifs, colours, and craftsmanship passed down through generations. The slow fashion range becomes a living tapestry of shared history.

The Rise of the Diaspora is the powerful voices of children and grandchildren born from Indenture who have remained true to their ancestral heritage, keeping their forefather's traditions alive. By travelling the world and dancing on holy grounds, opulent stages and telling tales of 5000 years ago. Pastimes of Vrindavan, Lord Shiva's majestic Tandava in Chidambaram, and the trials of a family in Ayodhya. Why not tell the tales of our living Gods, our ancestors of 185-200 years ago. Authors, Musicians,

Playwrights, Movie Directors, and Historians have all captured the essence of Their lives. As a dancer and designer, Verushka Pather has now translated these understandings and appreciation of their lives onto fabrics and garments.

Celebrating the past with honour, in meticulously crafted garments, each piece becomes a vessel of memory and tradition. The collection encapsulates the essence of the past, reimagined for the contemporary world. It is a celebration of the resilience and diversity of the people who shaped the cultural landscapes of these two nations. Khanya Designs is crossing boundaries and translating diaspora understandings into the fluidity of movement and real-life indented experiences on canvas and cloth.

Khanya Designs are deeply grateful to Mr Satyendra Peerthum respected Historian and Curator of Aapravasi Ghat the highly committed, Mr Selvan Naidoo Historian, Curator and Director of 1860 Heritage Centre and Artist Sanjiven Guruarts from Guruarts - Uncommon Inspirations for sharing their personal creations and research, has brought the Ancestral Collection alive. From translating movement to dance, now History to garments. I wear my Past!



The Power of Women - Verushka Pather, Nonkanyiso Conco, Carol Ofori, the coming together of women for fashion, leads to the awakening for the Love of God, Friendship, Respect and abundance of joy

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By: Andreas Wassenaar



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The wonderful thing about a new year is that it brings a sense of hope and optimism that things are on the up and the future looks a little brighter. For the property market the Reserve Bank's Monetary Policy Committee, who meet every two months, decided to keep the key repo rate unchanged on 26th January 2024 which means that the commercial banks have kept their prime lending rates unchanged at 11.75%.

If you are burdened under the weight of high monthly interest payments hold on a bit longer – the interest rate cycle should reverse at the March or May 2024 scheduled meetings. As property practitioners, we understand the direct link between the cost of money and the demand for property. We therefore keep our eyes fixed on the Producer Price Index (PPI) and the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as these measures of inflation in our economy dictate the movement of interest rates. The good news is that PPI measured 4% in December 2023 down from 4.6% in November and 5.8% in October.

This trend is important as PPI supports and drives CPI. Our CPI inflation was measured at 5.1% in December down from 5.5% in November and 5.9% in October. With this trend continuing there is a high probability of the beginning of interest rate relief in March this year.

FNB's detailed Property Barometer report indicates a marginal recovery of house prices in December showing growth of 0.8% in December up from the annual low of 0.5% recorded in Oct 2023. To give you an idea of how bad 2023 was for House price growth rates we must go back to 2008/2009 to find worse trading conditions. As a reminder, at the time of the Global Financial Crisis, only negative growth rates were recorded for 15 consecutive months between May 2008 and July 2009 with the highest negative growth rate being -5.8% in September 2008. In the same way that winters always feel colder than anything experienced before our most recent property market downturn feels like the worst ever but the data suggests otherwise and the indicators are all pointing towards an improvement.

The most common reasons for selling are recorded by FNB in their report and unsurprisingly the current top reason is "Downscaling due to financial pressure" at 24.7% of all sellers. The next biggest is "Downscaling with lifestyle" at 21.4% which is often the most pervasive reason for a sale. Relocating, Upgrading and Changing Family Structure are all important reasons for a sale and are recorded as being 10.9%, 10.1% and 10.8% of sales respectively. Emigration remains stubbornly high at 8.2% and is as high as 12.5% for the recorded upper end of the market. The average time for a property to be on the market is currently 81 days but this is not the case for the upper end of the market. For homes over R10m, the time on the market in our North Coast area is typically well more than 180 days and can sometimes be measured in years.

For now, we have one of the most exciting buyer's markets in over a decade and an excellent opportunity for those who have been thinking of investing to commit to a property that offers compelling value.



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Legal Talk



Fawzia Khan

Relocating A Minor Child Abroad: When The Non Relocating Parent Refuses To Provide Consent

A couple who were in a relationship but never married had a daughter together now aged 12 years. The mother who had since married decided to relocate with her family to Nairobi, as she received a job offer in Kenya.

The father of the minor child refused to consent to the relocation which resulted in the mother turning to the court for assistance. In her papers the mother said that she merely wanted the court to make an order dispensing with the need for the father to provide consent to relocation, but still preserving some of his parental rights and duties to the child.

She argued that the father's opposition to the application was not bona fide, saying that he did not provide substance on merits to justify his refusal to consent to the relocation. She said that the father was never an active parent in the child's life, his contact with her has been sporadic often he needed to be reminded of his duty as a parent.

The father lived in Dubai and exercised contact on only limited occasions. The mother said that she carried the full financial responsibility for the minor child since 2021. The father stopped paying maintenance for the child, saying his business suffered following the pandemic.

In her application, the mother also asked for a punitive cost order to be made against the father saying he had no bona fide reason to withhold consent and could not show that it was not in the best interest of the minor child to relocate with her family to Kenya.

The father denied these arguments. He said that he was concerned that the mother was using her husband to replace him as a parent and that she denied him the opportunities to bond with his daughter. He felt Kenya was a dangerous place which put the child at risk of harm.

The court looked at the impact of the relocation had on the mother and the father and the relationship between each of the parties

and the child and concluded that there was no evidence suggesting the child was unwilling to relocate with her mother.

As the court remains the upper guardian of all minor children, it had to consider whether the minor's relocation was in her best interest. After weighing all the evidence and submissions made, found that it was in the child's best interests that she be allowed to relocate with her mother, stepdad and half sister to Kenya.

It ordered that the mother could remove the child from South Africa to relocate to Kenya and that the rule requiring the father's consent to do so be dispensed with. The court also ordered the father to pay the mother's costs for bringing the application to court.

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Travel with us to far away places...Poland

Part1

By Kasia & Tomas Yoko



One of my favourite moments, my neighbour Stasiu going about his daily business, he is a local stone mason

This was the first serious holiday since 2020. Since life changed forever, so much so that nothing will ever be the same again. We were longing to see our sons who for the past couple of years have been living and working in Europe.

We saved and scraped and might have even sold a kidney to afford such an extravagance but we managed to save enough to escape Africa and venture into a winter wonder world, that seems to carry on as normal.

For everyone who has gone abroad lately, whether on holiday or on business, you will know the pain of traveling with our hugely undervalued Rand. When you consider 5 Euros (R100) for a cup of coffee in Malta or 15 Euros (R300) for a plain cheese sandwich, you know how bad things are. But being seasoned travelers that we are, we decided to stop converting world, our expenditure and rather invest in a fancy flask to keep us hydrated with the best teas and coffees made in the comfort of our kitchen, and the sandwiches were also homemade, honestly we saved thousands (Rands).

Once you stop converting and make a few adjustments to your spending, Europe is an incredible destination to visit but if truth be told, December and January are peak tourist times and you will be sharing your holiday destination with millions of other travelers.

We landed in Krakow, Poland on a cold and wet afternoon. It felt like the middle of the night, it gets

dark by 4pm and on overcast winter days its stays dark the whole day. The roads were still easy and without the usual winter holiday traffic. We were swiftly whisked to our winter home nestled in the obscure village of Gliczarow Gorny.

The house, which is mostly unoccupied, was warmed by our neighbours. The fridge was stocked with all our favourite goodies, thanks to our firstborn Damian, who has been living in Poland for over two years and thriving in his new profession as an English Lecturer in an international school in the small town of Kety.

Poland offers a wonderful opportunity to South Africa travellers as it still has its own currency, and exchanging at 4,7 to 1 beats 20 to 1 anytime. Public transport is pretty comprehensive and very affordable. From the log cabin in the foothills of the Tatra mountains we had our breath stolen from our chests every morning when we drew the curtains. From crystal clear sunny days, blanketed in a thick layer of puffy white snow, to dark low clouds blethering thick wads of fluffy snow all over everything. The views of the mountains covered in snow are mesmerising.

Our village of Gliczarow Gorny is close to the world famous town of Zakopane, home to the Gorals, highlanders of the Polish sort.

This region offers a literal winter wonderland, ski slopes with equipment rental shops are dotted all over the mountainside. Some ski resorts have slopes of over two

kilometres with a selection of gradients to choose from. Hiking and mountain biking is huge in the region and they also hold the World Ski Jumping tournament in the town. A very festive occasion.

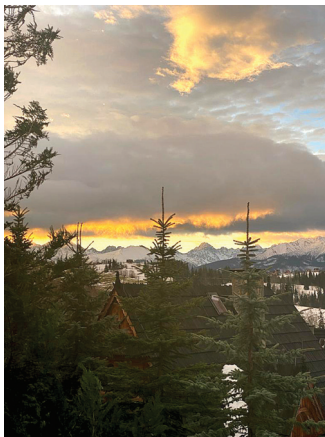
From cultural tourism to food tourism to a dream ski holiday, Poland delivers on a very deep level, string quartets in the restaurants and horse drawn sleighs in the snow dappled forest. The head gets giddy with romanticism and the mind swims in the first hand historical evidence of hundreds of years of culture.

Then there is the cold, we got it as low as minus sixteen degrees Celsius. That is very cold, however all the buildings and vehicles are equipped for it and a good coat and a pair of long johns will go a long way to keeping warm outdoors in freezing conditions.

The ski slopes stay open well into the night, fully lit up with music piped all the way down the slope. Restaurants with huge log fires at the door and warm cozy seating indoors will serve up delicious spicy gleuhwein or tea spiked with vodka, to take the edge off the ice.

This is a holiday for the whole family, there is so much to discover and do and experience and the friendly Polish people all try their best, with their limited English, to make your stay extraordinary.

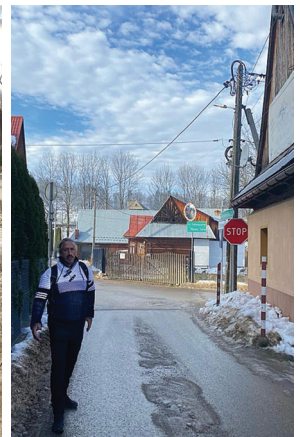
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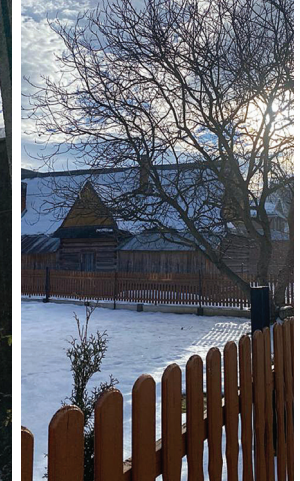
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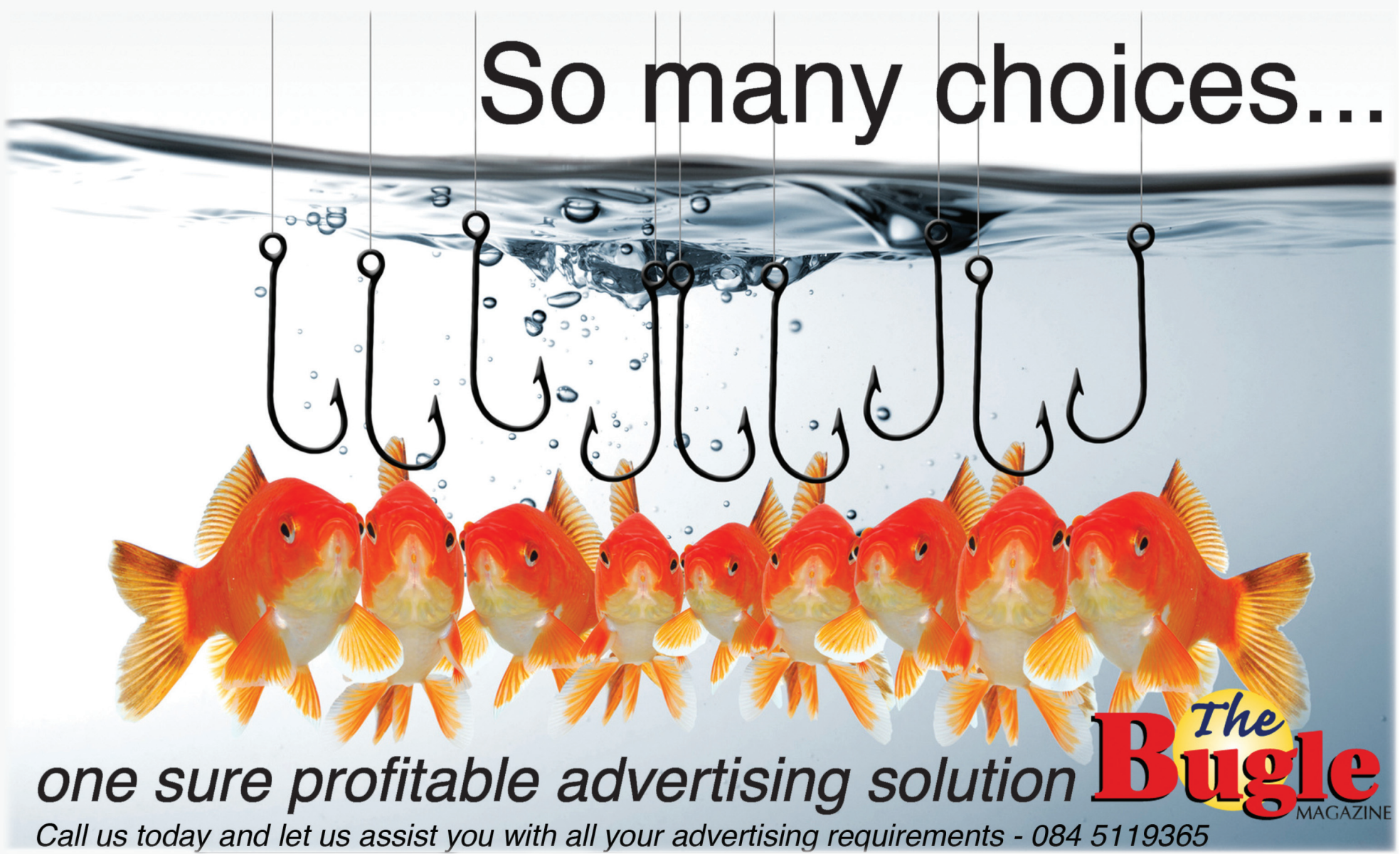


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IN THE STARS



Aries March 21 - April 19

You're gaining a greater perspective of your roles and responsibilities as the sun moves through your chart's house of legacy and fame beginning December 21. This is a time to recognize, claim, and respect your title! Friendship and celebration comes with the full moon in Leo.



Taurus April 20 - May 20

Acknowledge your success, and your roots. While you are showing up in the world and being recognized for your achievements, be grateful for your roots, your home base, and the invisible past.



Gemini May 21 - June 20

Nothing can stop the power of your mind! It's a transformative time as Capricorn season activates your chart's house of death and rebirth. Relationships become more serious as you learn more about what other people.



Cancer June 21 - July 22

Relationships are evolving this month, Cancer! You're focused on your relationships, able to see yourself through others' eyes. It's time for connection and for maintaining your relationships, dear Cancer.



Leo July 23 - August 22

Celebrate your success Leo! This time of year connects you to your habits and lifestyle. It's easier to do your chores and consider which habits you'd like to quit or maintain over the coming year.



Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22

Explore your senses and accept uncertainty. You have an effortlessly unique and creative outlook. You and your friends or romantic partners can enthusiastically dedicate yourselves to the long-term relationships.



Libra Sept 23 - October 22

You've changed and you'll continue to, Libra! The place you call home and your roots are an important part of the story. The stars are connecting you with your relationships to your siblings, roommates, and neighbours.



Scorpio October 23 - Nov 21

Aquarius season, which began on January 20, connects you to your roots. Themes of home and family are your focus. New moon will bring you pleasure, like your hobbies and friendships.



Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21

You're gaining a better understanding of people during Aquarius season. During this period the sun moves through your chart's house of communication, tuning you into your ideas and the ways you express them.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

Your awareness of the emotional world helps you articulate yourself in a way that is caring and compassionate. You can talk about your own feelings or impressions more easily.



Aquarius Jan 20 - Feb 18

You're defining your ideas and speaking your truth, but try to avoid playing psychological games as Mercury meets with Pluto. You could be in contact with some powerful and loaded rhetoric.



Pisces Feb 19 - March 20

It's a time to go off the grid and get in touch with unresolved thoughts or feelings, before a new year of life is ushered in with Pisces season. You're able to communicate your ideals in a way that's direct and objective. You can define your politics and ideals with gravity and specificity.

Looking for that special place to hang your hat - Look at this beauty...



This property has two levels of living space, with ocean views on three sides on the upper level and dune views on three sides on the lower level

The home of former African Bank CEO Leon Kirkinis in Rooi Els, Western Cape is currently on the market for R75 million. Property.Co.Za said that the four-bedroom property – known as Die Punt – is situated on 10,400 sqm of private land within the Kogelberg nature reserve, with views of the mountains, beaches, boulders, and sea views.

It has two levels of living space, with ocean views on three sides on the upper level and dune views on three sides on the lower level.

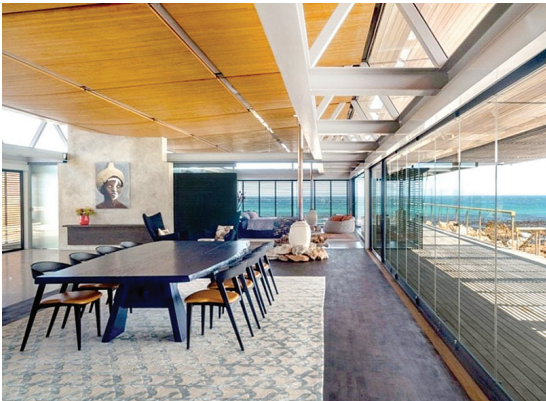
Approximately 800 square

meter of living space featuring natural stone and concrete floors. A well-appointed open kitchen with Smeg appliances and wine fridges. LED / Halogen lights with dimmers, automated blinds, Vola, Danish designer tabs, Cedar wood tops and ceilings. A library adorned with reclaimed wood from a 1720 Constantia farmhouse. Three free-standing ceramic Japanese-style fireplaces and a wine cellar.

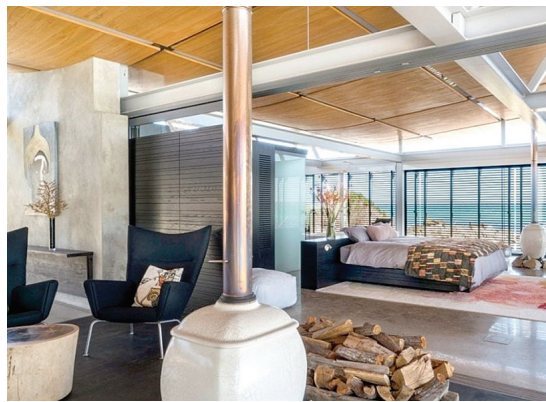
It also features a Grapa wooden deck and ceilings, a saltwater pool, and frameless sliding doors, allowing for “seamless indoor-outdoor living,” Property.Co.Za



The kitchen comes with Smeg appliances and wine fridges



The library is adorned with reclaimed wood from reclaimed wood from a 1720 Constantia farmhouse



There are also three free-standing ceramic Japanese-style fireplaces and a wine cellar



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Missing Cat in Sheffield beach

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The Outlander is based on an all-new platform which has facilitated the inclusion of a variety of new technologies, including the latest generation four-wheel drive systems, the ability to accept a hybrid drivetrain as well as improvements in quality in every area.

“With cutting edge features, improved quality and rally bred performance built into its DNA, the bigger bolder, next generation Outlander is nothing short of revolutionary for our iconic brand,” says Jeffrey Allison, General Manager: Marketing at Mitsubishi Motors South Africa (MMSA). Since its global launch the all-new Outlander has received a wide variety of awards including the 2022 iF design award, the 2022 Australian Good Design Award, a five star rating in the Japan New Car Assessment Program, Technology Car of the Year in the 2021-2022 Japan Car of the Year awards and most recently Money’s Best for safety award in the Plug-In Hybrid SUV category and it is now ready to make its impact on Africa.

Contact Nathi at CMH Mitsubishi Ballito, for a chance to test drive this awesome new model. You can find their showroom at 3 – 5 Moffat Drive, Ballito where you can meet the Outlander in the flesh.

Hyundai Starts 2024 WRC Season With Rallye Monte-Carlo Victory



Caption: Deserved winners Martijn Wydaeghe and Thierry Neuville took their Hyundai i20 N Rally1 Hybrid to a well deserved win in Monte Carlo for the start of the 2024 WRC Season.

Thierry Neuville and Martijn Wydaeghe have taken an exceptional victory at Rallye Monte-Carlo, the first round of the 2024 FIA World Rally Championship.

The Belgian Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team crew made the perfect start to their season after a thrilling battle for victory across 17 demanding stages. Across four days of intense competition, with twists and turns that mirrored the mountainous roads of the rally, Neuville/Wydaeghe demonstrated impressive form and emphatically set out their intentions for the year ahead.

Sunday closed an epic edition of Rallye Monte-Carlo with three final stages. A final day flourish from the Belgians saw them claim a clean sweep of stage wins. By topping the classification on Saturday, Sunday and the Power Stage, the crew brought home the maximum points on offer from the event. Neuville’s win marks his second in Rallye Monte-Carlo and his 20th with Hyundai Motorsport.

Their team-mates Ott Tänak and Martin Järveoja finished fourth overall in their first event back in Hyundai Motorsport colours. Early engine issues hampered the crew’s overall result, however there were plentiful signs of things to come in Monte-Carlo. As well as a joint stage win on Saturday, the Estonians claimed four additional points with fourth place in the Super Sunday leader board and one point for their Power Stage efforts.

Andreas Mikkelsen and Torstein Eriksen ended a weekend of steady progression with clean runs through the final three stages to confirm sixth place. The Norwegian crew was improving step-by-step throughout the weekend in their first outing in the Hyundai i20 N Rally1 Hybrid, and now turn their focus to continuing their learning in their next event.

Neuville tops the drivers’ standings with a six-point advantage, while there is just one point separating the top two in the manufacturers’ fight heading into Sweden.

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The KwaZulu-Natal Sharks Board Maritime Centre of Excellence (KZNSB) was established in 1964, strives to be a leader in environmentally sensitive protection of bathers against sharks and capacity building in the maritime sector.

KZNSB safeguards 37 beaches on the KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) coastline with shark safety gear owned and maintained by the KZNSB. The organisation positions itself as "The Only Organisation of Its Kind in the World. The organisation has achieved distinguished accomplishments in its existence, defining the organisations successes towards achieving its' mission.

KZNSB offers a dynamic audio -visual presentation. Although the 26 minutes presentation is designed to entertain, it is also educational, providing information on subjects such as the sensory biology of sharks and their role as top predators in the marine environment. The show is followed by a shark dissection where you can see the internal anatomy of one of the ocean's most feared predators. "SHARK"

SHOW TIMES Tuesday to Thursday: 09h00am and 14h00pm, First Sunday of the month: 14:00pm

BOAT TRIPS

There are also boat trips to venture out to sea to watch the shark safety gear off Durban's Golden Mile. Boat trips lasting for an estimated two hours, leave Wilson's Wharf at 06:30 and they include opportunistic viewing of marine life including seabirds and get to see the beautiful, magnificent Moses Mabhida Stadium.

SHARK MUSEUM They get a chance to view the large variety of life-like replicas of sharks, as well as other marine animals.

CURIO SHOP You can browse around the Curio Shop where a treasure chest of unusual and stylish gifts awaits you, including handcrafted ornaments, T-shirts, Caps, leather goods and jewellery and shark tooth necklaces etc.

VENUE HIRE

The KwaZulu-Natal Sharks Board Maritime Centre of Excellence is in the affluent residential, commercial and resort town of Umhlanga in the north of Durban. This venue is not too far from the King Shaka International Airport. The venue offers a versatile auditorium of 19m x 19m that can accommodate. Reception/ party seating and Minimum of 160 guests and maximum 300 guests. Presentations: Seating cinema style up to 300 people. The hall hire comes standard with:

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