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Big Easy joins R10 Billion Zimbali Lakes Development



Exciting news from Zimbali Lakes development as Ernie Els partners with IFA Hotels & Resorts for a signature golf course, Els Performance Golf Academy, and a Big Easy Bar & Grill. The partnership underscores economic recovery, with investments signaling a promising future. With this collaboration, Zimbali Lakes becomes a beacon of opportunity and growth in South Africa's landscape. Seen above Ernie Els with Wayne Krambeck, Piet Pieters, Nico Van Rensburg and Howick Oosthuizen

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No Parking!



My Parents

Through my eyes



by Kasia Yoko

“We must become something we have never been and for which our education and experience and environment have ill-prepared us. We must become bigger than we have been: more courageous, greater in spirit, larger in outlook. We must become members of a new race, overcoming petty prejudice, owing our ultimate allegiance not to nations but to our fellow men within the human community.” - Emperor Haile Selassie aka. JAH RASTAFARI at United Nations 1963

My heart is shattered, having lived in Ballito for over three decades and enjoying all that this piece of paradise has to offer. I have been blessed to have had my parents live with me or near me for most of that time. I count my blessings each and every day, maybe this is why this is so painful for me. About two months ago my parents’ house burned down, or should I say part of my parents’ house burned. It was the most important part where my mom lived, thankfully no one got injured and the house is thankfully being rebuilt, credits to an insurance policy. However, the build is taking a huge toll on my parents, they lost so much, so much that the insurance will never repay. Photo albums, wedding dresses, christening clothes passed through generations, legal documents and banking files. Its been hard on my elderly parents especially on my father. I shall leave it there. Anyone who has gone through this ordeal will understand the magnitude of this tragedy,

now conceive being in your eighties and having to rebuild your life through the ashes. So, imagine my utter heartbreak when their neighbour put up ‘No Parking’ signs on municipal verge, attempting to stop us from parking on the pavement in front of this house. This behaviour is beyond comprehension. Because the parking in front of my parents is occupied by a skip and building rubble we can no longer park on my parents’ property, we have no choice but to use the pavement in front of this house. But what is most disturbing is that the neighbours’ house does not face the pavement, there is a high wooded wall blocking the sight of the pavement and they never uses the pavement. It is truly beyond comprehension why someone who lives in such material opulence and splendour would try to prevent their neighbours from using a facility that is not even theirs to facilitate. What is wrong with people and how do we deal with this antisocial behaviour?

We certainly do not want to fight, we have so many challenges that we are facing at the moment. Exhausted by the rebuild and moral fatigue, but we cannot stay silent, we are not going to turn a blind eye to bullies. Its all about being a good Samaritan, nothing more. The Good Samaritan law has its roots in the biblical story of the Good Samaritan, the book of Luke, chapter 10, which highlights the moral duty to help those in need. This principle has been incorporated into our modern legal system to protect individuals who offer help during emergencies, ensuring the are not penalized for their actions. This law is crucial because it encourages ordinary people to lend a helping hand without fear of legal consequences. It promotes culture of compassion, unity, and mutual aid within communities. Being prepared to aid our neighbors in times of crisis not, only saves lives but also strengthens the bonds that hold society together, by supporting individuals who step up to help. Be that somebody.

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Dear Ed,

Re: ANC 2024 Election Posters

The ANC street pole type 2024 election poster has a upper body picture of its president Cyril M Ramaphosa with a huge smile and the words “Let’s do more, together”. I respectfully submit that the word “, together “is just a falsity implying inclusivity-a kind of spin doctoring and election ploy to attract the masses.

Given 3 l-o-n-g decades of a proven track record of dismal, abysmal and non-timeous service delivery and other ruling party shenanigans and gross underperformance, I further submit that the undermentioned would be more appropriate and reflect the factual position: viz.

“Let’s do more of the following:-

- thieving and manipulating
- lying and hoodwinking
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- openly and unashamedly lining comrades’ pockets
- pathetic, unacceptable and non-timeous service delivery
- denying citizens basic human rights -in contravention of the RSA Constitution (Act 108 of 1996) and avoiding statutory obligations
- taking the electorate for a ride
- squandering the hard earned rates, taxes, charges and levies of citizens and businesses and incurring fruitless and wasteful expenditure

In John 8:32 (BIBLE) JESUS CHRIST proclaimed that one shall know the truth and it (the truth) will set one free. So dear ANC let the above truths of your falsehood and gross deficiencies cause you to have a serious introspection and hopefully come to your senses and liberate you. You can fool some of the people some of the time but not all of the people all of the time. May the people of Mzansi know real freedom post the 29 May 2024 national and provincial elections where for the first time one has to complete 3 ballot papers. Floreat Mzansi – may South Africa prosper.

Kind regards
Simon T Dehal
Verulam

Zimbali Lakes Teams Up With ‘The Big Easy’



The Zimbali Lakes team; Nico Van Rensburg – Director Els for Autism Foundation, Piet Pieters – Ernie Els Group, Dave McGregor Sales & Marketing Manager Zimbali Lakes, Elliott Nkosi Director IFA Hotels & Resorts, Ernie Els , Werner Burger CEO IFA Hotels & Resorts, Wayne Krambeck Snr Vice President Zimbali Lakes, Howick Oosthuizen – Project Manager Zimbali Lakes, Herman Bosman - Novo Quantity Surveyor, Robbie Marshall- Golf Data and Gary Wage – Golf Data



Ernie Els’ latest venture, a beacon of hope and opportunity on KZN’s North Coast

The recent announcement of Ernie Els’ partnership with Zimbali Lakes and IFA Hotels & Resorts to bring multiple brands to this illustrious development, marks a significant milestone for the region. The deal, which includes the establishment of an Ernie Els Signature Golf Course and The Big Easy Bar & Grill, is not merely about luxury and leisure. It represents a strategic move that leverages Els’ international stature and his commitment to sustainable development.

Furthermore, the Ernie Els Performance Golf Academy, integrated within the Zimbali Lakes Sports Centre, promises to be a cradle for future golf talent. With plans for high-end student accommodation and a focus on top-tier education and private schools in the vicinity, the academy is well-positioned to attract budding golfers from around the globe.

Els, who is also involved in the Ernie Els Centre for Autism based in Gauteng, said there was an opportunity to help people in KZN. “We raised money and built an autism centre in the US, who knows what we can do here.

We are only starting with the possibilities and with the help of everybody here we can really get something going right here at Zimbali Lakes,” he said.

Wayne Krambeck, who is the senior vice-president of operations at Zimbali Lakes and a PGA golfer, said there are only two Els Performance Golf Academies in the world and this will be the third.

“That’s going to bring an international clientele to us because there are going to be juniors from all over the world who will want to come here. We know that there is a huge interest in that,” he said.

The commitment to excellence, innovation, and community engagement shared by the Ernie Els Group and Zimbali Lakes is a testament to their vision for a vibrant, sustainable community.

This collaboration is more than just a business venture; it is a commitment to the economic and social rejuvenation of the North Coast. With Ernie Els laying down roots here, both literally and figuratively, Zimbali Lakes is set to become a beacon of hope and prosperity for the region.



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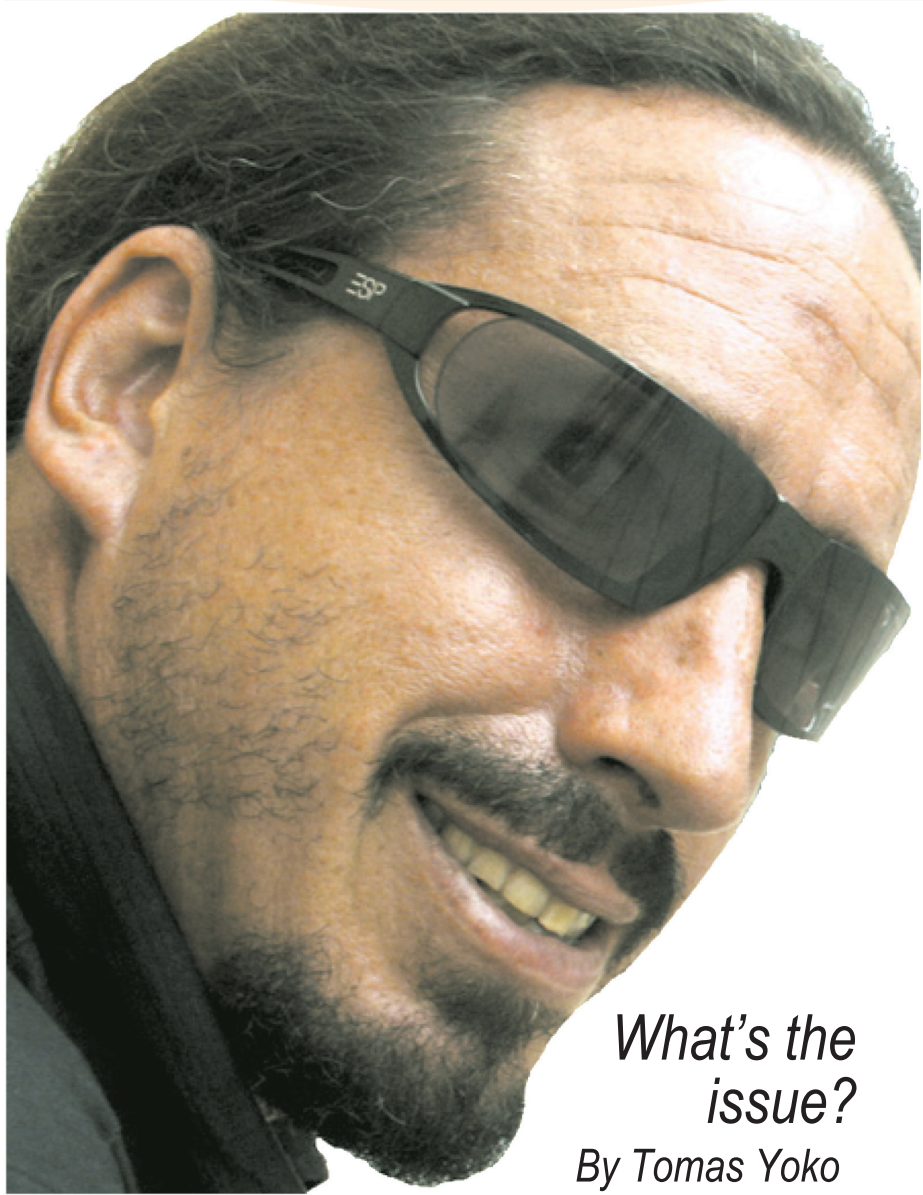
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by Truman Capote



What's the issue?
By Tomas Yoko

...Here at home it is just over a month to go to national elections and the tensions are really high amongst some people, while other are totally oblivious to the fact there will elections next month...

Fellow humans it seems clear to me that our leadership, the collective lot of them, have all lost the plot. The global crisis of psychotic politicians using their positions of power, (positions granted to them by 'we the people') to profit from the misery of war, seems like a runaway train.

The pathetic attempts from Western officials to manipulate the facts under our noses, in a desperate scramble for some moral high ground, leaves me sad and mad at the same time.

The Biden administration's decision to bankroll genocide in Gaza, continue the slaughter of soldiers in Ukraine and ignite a third conflict zone in Taiwan, is so devoid of any rational perspective as to attract the label of Pure Evil, without being theatrical or even overstating the situation.

So many opinions out there and so many alluding to Biden having no say in his presidency at all. The Deep State, Swamp monsters are having to come out from behind the covers every so slightly, but they have been seen and cannot be unseen.

The persecution of Donald Trump with a weaponized DOJ and a totally captured media seems

to be ramping up the antics in an ever more desperate drive to beat the deadline of the next election.

The madness of the Middle East pushing the world to the brink of a nuclear disaster, the insatiable greed of the Military Industrial Complex, a nauseating spectacle. Geriatric Biden thought he had

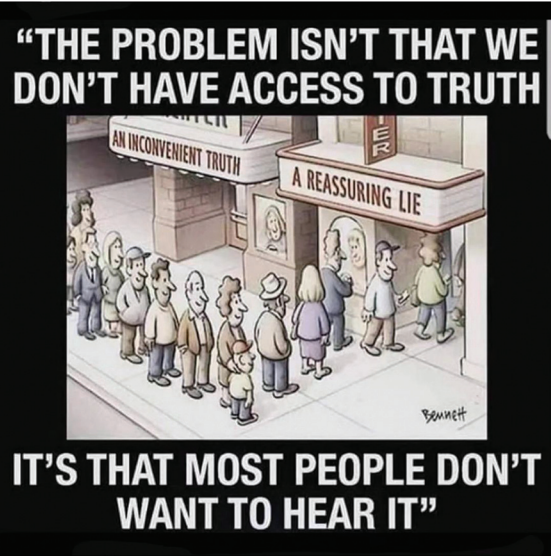
month to go to national elections and the tensions are really high amongst some people, while other are totally oblivious to the fact there will elections next month.

Jacob's party got the go-ahead from the courts to use his name of choice for his new party, even the logo was not repealed. Here we go.

The Little Rocket Man is launching rockets like it is Diwali, he is not happy, not as happy as he was when Trump shook his hand and calmed him right down.

As an indicator to the madness we are dealing with, French President's mother, er sorry wife, Brigitte Macron can't seem to dodge the accusations that she was born a man. After successfully suing two women for the allegations in 2023, the rumour just keeps raising its ugly head.

As our Free Speech is languishing in Balmarsh Prison, Julian Assange has been given no confidence from his persecutors in the USA, ignoring please now even from Australian Parliament. How far will they go?



Bibi under his control, only to find out that Bibi doesn't listen to Joe.

We can all give thanks to the Lord that Iran's leader, Seyyed Ali Hosseini Khamenei is a level headed leader who seems to be exercising restraint. Time will tell how much of it he really has.

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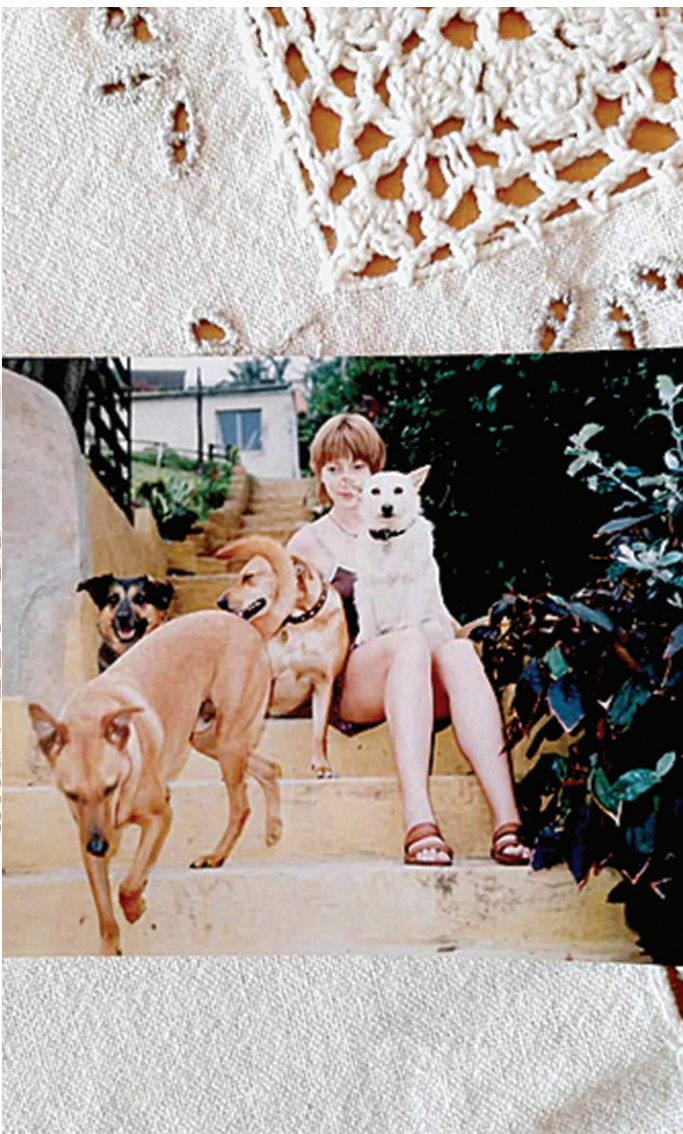
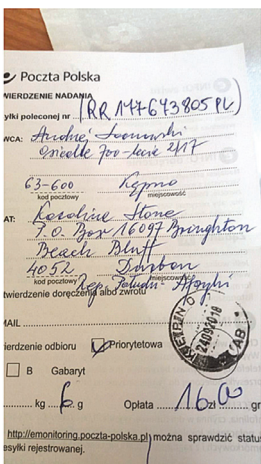
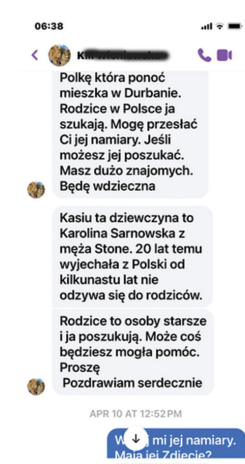
"I don't know much about being a millionaire, but I'll bet I'd be darling at it," by Dorothy Parker

Help us find some answers for parents of Carolina Stone who use to reside in Brighton Beach South Coast

By Kasia Yoko

Public Assistance Is Needed

Help us Find a Missing Daughter



This is the latest photo of Carolina Stone

Help us find answers for a family that are seeking closure

A Polish national contacted The Bugle through Facebook Messenger requesting help to locate a Polish National who moved to South Africa about 20 years ago. Her maiden name is Carolina Across. The parents are elderly and not in very good health want to find their daughter sooner rather than later. It is believed that Carolina has since married and is now Carolina Stone (maybe Caroline Stone).

The family have tried finding their daughter through the Polish Embassy, however they were told that their daughter wants nothing to do with them. What is truly strange and unexplainable is that there was never a dispute or any disagreement between the daughter and her parents so the parents suspect foul play and want to make sure that their daughter really does not want anything to do with

them. They need to hear it from her. If you know Carolina Stone, or if you are Carolina Stone, please contact The Bugle on 084 511 9365. We would like to send some news to the parents who are heartbroken and mortally concerned about the well of their lost daughter. Please note that if Carolina wants to stay out of her parent's life, we will fully accept that and will not pursue the matter any further.

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By Kasia Yoko

Guava Chutney - a Perfect Condiment for Any Occasion



Nothing beats fresh ingredients for any dish

I love cheese platters. They are one thing that always make every occasion a memorable one. A sweet and sour chutney is a perfect condiment for any cheese platter and the guava chutney is simply delectable.

Autumn is time for guavas the Verulam market is filled with the aromatic scents of the guava fruit and they are ripe for eating. While most enjoy guava fruit raw, here is another way to enjoy guava fruit as a condiment and an edition to any meal.

I was fortunate enough to find these small China guavas, which are so extraordinary in flavour and are fabulous ingredient for this recipe. However using normal guavas is also perfectly fine.

Ingredients:

2 cups of guava, diced and seeded
3 fresh hot chillies
5-6 cloves of garlic

10-12 curry leaves
1/4 teaspoon methi powder
1 Tbsp chillie powder
2 Tbsp honey
1 Tbsp apple cider vinegar
1Tbsp sesame oil
1/2 teaspoon salt

Directions:

Heat the oil in a heavy saucepan add all the dry spices and curry leaves, toast until golden brown and fragrant.

Keep heat on low-medium, toss chopped guava, green chillies and garlic. Add salt, mix well, cover and cook for 10min until guava is soft but not mushy.

Add the honey and vinegar and cook for further 2-3 min until all nicely incorporated.

Taste your chutney and add more seasoning to your liking. Remove from the stove and cool. Store in glass jar in the fridge. Perfect for up to 10 days in the fridge.



It is thought that coffee originated in Ethiopia and dating back to the ninth century. Since then, coffee continues to be an integral part of the Ethiopian culture. There's a common saying among Ethiopians, "coffee is our bread," which shows just how ingrained coffee is in Ethiopian life. The Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony is one of the most important social customs in Ethiopia. Each household may participate in coffee ceremony as much as three times a day and offers an opportunity to be hospitable and welcoming to family, neighbours, and friends. It's considered the most important social occasion in some regions and is a sign of respect and friendship to be invited to coffee. Usually, the host, who is typically a woman, prepares the coffee, which is a high honour. This honour usually belongs to the matriarch of the household. In preparation for coffee ceremony, leaves and flowers are placed where the coffee is brewed.

Coffee with Mimi - A Taste of Tradition

by Kasia Yoko

As the sun began its slow descent behind the horizon, and our five-hour journey comes to an end, I find myself once again at Senke Bekle's quaint Ethiopian restaurant. Known affectionately as Mimi to all who frequent her establishment, she is not just a friend but a purveyor of tradition and culture in the vibrant border town of Mangusi. Stepping into the warm embrace of Mimi's restaurant, the familiar aroma of freshly roasting coffee beans enveloped me, carrying with it the promise of warmth, friendship and conversation. The walls adorned with traditional Ethiopian posters and colourful images of people and places told stories of a distant land,

a testament to Mimi's pride in her heritage. Seated at a small plastic table, I watch as Mimi moves gracefully behind the counter, her hands moving with practiced precision as she prepares the traditional Ethiopian pancake, injera, and an array of toppings that cater to both vegetarians and meat lovers alike. But it was her coffee that held a special place in the hearts of her patrons. The brewing of coffee is not just a mundane task for Mimi; it is a sacred ritual passed down through generations. From the careful selection of the finest Ethiopian beans to the intricate process of roasting and grinding, each step

was imbued with meaning and tradition. And when the rich, aromatic brew finally filled the air, it was as if time itself stood still, inviting all who partook to savour the moment. As I took my first sip of Mimi's coffee, I felt a sense of connection to something greater than myself. It was more than just a beverage; it was a symbol of community and shared heritage. And as Mimi joined me at the table, her eyes sparkled with pride and warmth. We talked long into the evening, sharing stories of our lives and dreams for the future. In Mimi's presence, time seemed to lose its urgency, and for a brief moment, the world outside faded into

insignificance. As I bid farewell to Mimi and her restaurant that night, I carried with me not just the lingering taste of her coffee but a renewed appreciation for the power of tradition and the bonds that unite us all. And though the journey ahead may be fraught with uncertainty, I knew that as long as Mimi's coffee continued to flow, I would always find a home in her corner of the world. Make sure that you pop in to see Mimi at her restaurant, situated near Boxer Cash and Carry close to South African and Mozambican border in the town of Manguzi, and don't forget to tell her that, 'Kasia sent you'.

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Maputaland – a place of the most powerful traditional healers and Sangomas

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She gathers roots, leaves, animal bones and herbs, each possessing its own mystical properties. These natural treasures, combined with her innate intuition, form the cornerstone of her healing practice. Ntombi Kondlazi is one of many traditional healers that continue to weave her magic, offering healing and solace to all who sought her wisdom near the ocean's edge. For in her hands, the roots, bones, and powders of the earth are not mere tools, but vessels through which the power of love and compassion flows endlessly forth.



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A copy of the proposed bylaw will be available for inspection at the **Civic Building**, 14 Chief Albert Luthuli Street, Kwa Dukuza and on the municipal website, www.kwadukuza.gov.za from **Wednesday, 22 April 2024**. Representations in relation to the proposed amendment to the bylaw must be lodged with the undersigned in writing by no later than **Monday, 20 May 2024** to municipalmanager@kwadukuza.gov.za | pamelag@kwadukuza.gov.za | shireeng@kwadukuza.gov.za to P.O. Box 72 Kwa Dukuza 4450.

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By: Andreas Wassenaar

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Does it make sense to delay property-related purchase decisions until after the anticipated general election planned for 29th May 2024? What impact, if any, does the political landscape have on the trends of the property market? These are all very good and frequently asked questions.

As South Africans, we are astutely aware of the integration of politics and economics and how hard it is for a city, region or even country to excel without the active support and engagement of the various political agencies and influencers.

As a KZN resident, we have witnessed how impactful extreme events such as the politically inspired and ignited riots we experienced in July 2021 were. We also, soon afterwards began to understand the impact of extreme weather on property prices as Umdloti was particularly ravaged by the floods in April and May 2022. Had the local authorities had the ability to quickly respond to the devastation of this event the impact would have been contained.

Their failure, however, made us all aware of the level of dysfunction and lack of maintenance that has been evident for so many years. And yet, even with so much stacked against us, South Africans remain remarkably resilient and able to bounce back from potentially devastating events.

People have voted with their feet and migrated en-masse to those areas, such as the Western Cape, that have demonstrated a high level of municipal and security management. This demand has supported property prices while in areas such as KZN and Gauteng, which have not experienced the same levels of demand, property prices have retreated.

Whatever the outcome of the final ballot count after the May election, the underlying economic drivers are what ultimately lead to demand for properties. We must accept that the political landscape does impact the economic performance of the country and the future expectations of home buyers, but that being equal and in the absence of any further extreme events, the interest rate cycle and ability of local authorities to function and perform their basic tasks is what will drive demand for specific suburbs and regions.

The North Coast of KZN is fortunately dominated by large private estates which have largely privatised the security and supply of services and in doing so at least built in a level of resistance to municipal services that stop working. Other areas that rely completely on the municipal supply of water and electricity have found these services badly compromised and hard to cope with.

While there remains a level of uncertainty, astute property investors will take the opportunity to negotiate lower prices, which may firm up post-election. Many South Africans who have been through the past few election cycles will most likely that a view that it will be business as usual from June onwards and that what matters is the cost of money and the ability to raise mortgage finance. With the interest rate cycle predicted to edge downward in the second half of this year we can be reasonably confident that demand for property will increase regardless of the election outcome.

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The Difference Between “Insubordination” And “Insolence” In The Workplace

In the workplace all employees are expected to obey the rules imposed on them by their employer and to treat their employer (and co-workers) with respect. Refusing to obey the employment rules undermines the employer’s authority. A worker who behaves in this manner would most likely face a misconduct charge of insubordination or insolence.

Whilst both insubordination and insolence has the effect of defiance of the employer’s authority, our courts have recognised that there are differences between the two, especially since one is considered more serious than the other.

So let’s unpack the differences between insolence and insubordination. Insubordination is when an employee refuses or fails to follow a lawful and reasonable instruction from his employer [or person in authority]. Insubordination is seen as “resistance to or defiance of authority; disobedience, and refusal to obey an order of a superior”.

The court will need to be convinced the insubordination was serious, wilful and deliberate and that the employer must produce the proof of such defiance of an instruction. Insolence is when an employee behaves in a disrespectful, cheeky or rude manner towards the employer [or person in authority] or is insulting or contemptuous towards the employer.

An employee who tore up the notes of the chairman at a disciplinary enquiry was found by the Court to have committed an act “gross insubordination”. The Court said that it had the effect of disregarding the employers’ authority and made a mockery of its disciplinary procedure and that his dismissal was substantively fair.

In another case, an employee who refused

to attend to her allocated tasks until her employer attended to her complaints [where she felt she was being treated unfairly], was found guilty of gross insubordination and the Court said that she was clearly in the wrong in her defiance of obeying a lawful instruction.

An employee was previously cautioned by her employer for shouting and screaming at her co-workers was charged with insubordination for raising her voice to the MD of her department in a passageway and within earshot of staff after the MD had instructed her not to address him in that way.

At the arbitration hearing she was found guilty of gross insubordination and dismissed. She successfully challenged the finding in the Labour Court. The Court did not find evidence of gross insolence or gross insubordination and thus set aside the sanction of dismissal.

It said that to dismiss the employee in that case was incongruent and unfair especially as the employer’s own code of conduct recommended a written warning for the first offence of insolence, and a final written warning for the second and dismissal was only recommended for the third offence of insolence.

Thus although an employee can be both insolent and insubordinate at the same time, he or she can be insolent without necessarily being insubordinate. A mere disrespect for the employer will not necessarily equate to disobedience or an outright challenge to authority.

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Verulam Market Home Of Integrity And Great Value

In the heart of KwaZulu-Natal lies Verulam, a town rich with history and culture, and at its centre lies the bustling Verulam Market of Wick Street. For generations, this market has been a vibrant hub of activity, connecting people from all walks of life.

The market's origins trace back eight decades, to a time when traders would gather under the shade of sprawling trees, to barter and exchange goods. Over time, what began as a simple gathering grew into a thriving marketplace, attracting vendors and customers from far and wide.

At dawn, the market springs to life as vendors

set up their stalls, arranging colourful fruits, vegetables, spices, and flowers in a dazzling display. The air is filled with the aroma of fresh fruit and burning incense and the sounds of bargaining and laughter.

Among the vendors are descendants of those who first traded in the market; their families entrenched in its history. Old-timers share tales of bygone days, of how the market weathered storms, political upheavals, and economic shifts, remaining a constant in the lives of the community.

Beyond its role as a commercial centre, the Verulam Market is a meeting place, a space where

friendships are forged and stories exchanged. It's where neighbours catch up on gossip, where elders dispense wisdom to the younger generation, and where newcomers are welcomed with open arms.

Over the years, the market has witnessed moments of joy and sorrow, resilience and renewal. It has adapted to changing times, embracing the new world while staying true to its roots.

The spirit of the market lingers, a reminder of the enduring bonds that tie the people of Verulam together. For in this vibrant marketplace, the past, present, and future converge, weaving a tapestry of community, culture, and tradition.



The view from my bed Sunset walks Our Cosy Casita Lake adventures

Escape to Tranquility at Kosi Bay Casitas

by Kasia Yoko

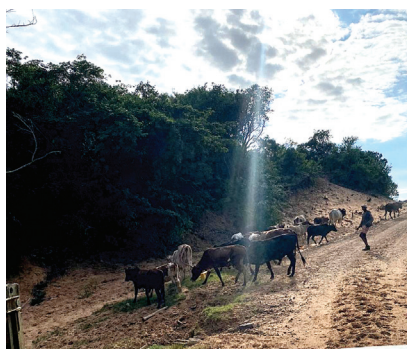
Nestled amidst the serene beauty of Kosi Bay in Manguzi, Kosi Bay Casitas offers a refuge from the chaos of everyday life. Run by the warm-hearted, nature loving couple, Johdi O'Brien and Ray Jackson, along with their four charming fur babies, Mila, Lokey, Cha-Cha and Bela, this cosy holiday accommodation beckons to travellers seeking solace and adventure alike.

Situated just a stone's throw away from the UNESCO World Heritage site, Kosi Bay Casitas serves as an ideal base for exploring the wonders of the region. From thrilling hippo watching excursions to leisurely boat rides, visitors are treated to a myriad of activities that showcase the area's natural splendour. Witness the breath-taking spectacle of Kosi Mouth and immerse yourself in the tranquility of the three pristine lakes that dot the landscape.

For nature enthusiasts, Kosi Bay Casitas is a haven of biodiversity. The property boasts a picturesque lily pond and is home to magnificent palm nut vultures, offering guests a glimpse into the rich tapestry of the local ecosystem. Whether you're an avid birder or simply enjoy basking in the beauty of the natural world, there's something here to

captivate every soul.

In addition to its stunning surroundings, Kosi Bay Casitas pampers guests with delectable cuisine crafted by local chef Zodwa.



Enjoy local sights and sounds

Indulge in a feast of wholesome dishes served amidst the tranquil ambiance of the swimming pool, shaded by the majestic Waterberry trees. Each bite is a celebration of the region's culinary heritage, showcasing the freshest ingredients

and traditional flavours that define local tastes.

But perhaps the true magic of Kosi Bay Casitas lies in its ability to transport guests to a place of serenity and peace. Literally, they offer boat tours of the lakes with regular hippo sightings and flocks of flamencos. Here, time seems to slow down, allowing weary souls to rejuvenate amidst the beauty of nature. Whether you're lounging by the pool, exploring the surrounding wilderness, or simply unwinding in the comfort of your casita, every moment spent here is imbued with a sense of tranquility that lingers long after you've departed.

So, if you're yearning for an escape from the hustle and bustle of modern life, look no further than Kosi Bay Casitas. With its enchanting surroundings, warm hospitality, and endless opportunities for adventure, it's the perfect destination for those seeking solace in the embrace of nature.

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Alpine Motors' - BYD - Electric Vehicle Expose

By: Tomas Yoko



The amazing new DOLPHIN from BYD Umhlanga, Pinetown and Ballito, is making waves at the BYD Dealership near you

Alpine Motors' BYD dealerships from Pinetown, Umhlanga and Ballito are presenting a unique window into the amazing world of Electric Vehicles, with a Family Day event at their State-Of-The-Art BYD Dealership in Umhlanga. Set for the 11th of May, from 8am to 3pm, these three dealerships jointly invite you to explore the feature filled world of

EV's. The star of the show is expected to be the amazing BYD SEAL, a model that seems to have been sent back from the future, capable of achieving zero to 100kmph in under four seconds. However the other possible star of the show might just be the amazing new DOLPHIN model. Capable of a

range of 427 kilometres and The DOLPHIN is crammed with cutting edge technologies and coming from one of the World's leading EV manufacturers has the Blade Battery System, one of the safest batteries in the world. On the engine, or powertrain, BYD say it better than I can, "BYD has exceptional vertical integration

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there is so much to discover about them, diarise their Family Day on the 11th of May and bring your friends and family to 15 Meridian Drive, Umhlanga Ridge. And if you can't wait, then visit any one of their dealerships in Pinetown, Umhlanga or Ballito and take the new ATTO 3 for a test drive. It is a whole new world of motoring waiting for you.

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"Mist to mist, drops to drops. For water thou art, and unto water shalt thou return." by Kamand Kojouri





It's not just about performance; it's about style too. The Puma's sleek exterior and spacious interior make it a head-turner wherever you go. Call 087 723 9278 for more info

I found the new Ford Puma to be a marvel of automotive engineering that's got me buzzing like a hyperactive bee in a field of wildflowers. I drove the ST Vignale derivative, the Puma is available in a Titanium spec level as well. Both derivatives are powered by Ford's tried and tested 1.0 litre, three-cylinder EcoBoost motor.

The Puma impressed me with its enthusiastic acceleration and precise handling, the seven-speed dual clutch automatic transmission added to the spirited performance. The 92 kilowatts and 170 Newton meters of torque is

deftly controlled by five selectable drive modes for different driving conditions. From Normal to Eco, Slippery, Trail and Sport, the Ford Puma really turns on the Compact Crossover SUV versatility.

Equipped with an array of cutting-edge features, the Puma ensures both driver and passenger comfort and safety. Advanced driver-assist technologies like lane-keeping assist and cruise control provided peace of mind during long journeys, while the SYNC infotainment system kept everyone connected and entertained.

The list of features and tech is long and goes a long way

to justifying the price point of the Puma, like the hands-free power liftgate. Ford have crammed this model with so many luxury specifications I could get very used to driving this car.

Overall, the Ford Puma sets a new standard in the compact crossover segment, offering a compelling combination of style, performance, and practicality. Whether commuting to work or embarking on a weekend adventure, it proves to be a capable companion for any journey.

Take a Puma for a test drive, contact CMH Ford Ballito on 087 723 9278 right away.

Driving the New Ford Puma

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Well, I must endure the presence of a few caterpillars if I wish to become acquainted with the butterflies." by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry



The stock run out of a legend, the Nissan NP200 is the last of the one ton bakkies to be made in SA. Get yours on 031 576 5300

The End of a Legend – Nissan NP200 Runout

Early Days Globally Nissan has a longstanding heritage in the commercial vehicle market that dates back to 1932. The Nissan brand presence in the LCV market has been built over the last seven decades and today Nissan boasts the most comprehensive commercial vehicle line-up in South Africa. The previous Nissan half-ton Bakkie (the famous Nissan 1400) is a living legend. Highly versatile and functional, it proved to be the most hardworking and affordable half-tonner on the market. The Nissan NP200 range

picked up where its predecessor left off, and brought a youthful energy to the line-up.

The NP200 boasts the biggest interior cabin space in its class with an additional storage area (300l) behind the seats. Extensive storage capacity includes glove box, door bins and drink holders under the central console. High quality aesthetics offer you the luxury and styling of passenger vehicles without compromising on the practicality and versatility that is consistent with a bakkie. High quality trim, impressive

levels of equipment and instrumentation combine comfort with safety and performance. Driver-friendly technology features include an air conditioner, power steering, audio system and central locking.

The sad news is that the Nissan NP200 is rolling out. There are only a few NP200 bakkies left, Nissan stopped production in March. So contact Nissan Umhlanga and get the legendary NP200 half ton bakkie. Call them on 031 576 5300 or visit them at 2 – 11 Sunset Close, Umhlanga.



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point the limited edition Triton GLX is fitted with an extensive list of standard safety equipment including ABS brakes with EBD as well as Isofix child seat anchors. Occupant safety is ensured by a high-impact safety structure and airbags for the driver and front passenger. The Triton GLX double cab is covered by a three-year/100 000km manufacturer's warranty as standard. A five-year/90 000km service plan and five-year/unlimited roadside assistance ensures peace of mind and cost-effective motoring. With these extras, valued at around R56 000, this is an excellent deal. Claim your Triton GLX at CMH Mitsubishi Ballito, 35 Moffat Drive, Ballito.

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IN THE STARS



Aries March 21 - April 19

May will be a dynamic month for Aries. With Mercury, the planet of communication, in your sign at the beginning of the month, you will feel an increased need to express yourself.



Taurus April 20 - May 20

For bulls, May will be a month of personal growth and material progress. With the Sun in your sign until May 20, you will feel strong and full of energy. Venus, your ruling planet, enhancing your sense of beauty and comfort.



Gemini May 21 - June 20

Gemini, you will experience mixed feelings in May. Mercury, your ruling planet, will be moving retrograde, which may bring some confusion to your communication channels. Be patient and double check all information.



Cancer June 21 - July 22

Cancer, May brings a focus on your social circle and friendships. With Venus and Mercury in your friendship sector, you may want to expand your social ties or get involved in new group activities.



Leo July 23 - August 22

May for Leos brings a focus on career and public life. With the Sun in your tenth house career sector, there will be opportunities for promotion or recognition of your work. But be careful, not to be misunderstood.



Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22

Virgos will focus on education and travel in May. With Mercury, your ruling planet, retrograde through your travel sector, be careful when planning trips or learning new things. Delays or incorrect information are possible.



Libra Sept 23 - October 22

For Libras, May will emphasize financial and intimate matters. With Venus, your ruling planet, moving through your sector of shared finances, you may be thinking about consolidating debt.



Scorpio October 23 - Nov 21

Scorpios will be focused on interpersonal relationships in May. With Venus and Mercury in your partnership sector, you can expect important conversations with loved ones or business partners.



Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21

May will focus on your health and work routines. With the energy of the Sun in your health sector, you may be motivated to start a new exercise or diet regimen. Venus in this sector adds a desire for harmony.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

For Capricorns, May will be a month of fun, creativity and romance. With the Sun in your fifth house sector, also illuminated by Venus and Mercury, you may feel an increased desire to express yourself through creative projects.



Aquarius Jan 20 - Feb 18

May brings them a focus on home and family. With Venus and the Sun in your home sector, you may want to focus on improving your living space or spend more time with family members.



Pisces Feb 19 - March 20

The focus will be on communication, short trips and learning. With many planets in your sector communications you may find new ways of expressing yourself or learn new skills.

A Window Onto Nature's World



By Environmentalist and Green Campaigner Jill Theunissen

Earth Day on 22nd April enables Scientific Societies and highly regarded community members to acclaim where there has been evidence of successful activities, raise concerns where our Water Supply woes continue without end, and present a Global picture regarding "Climate Change" with heating recorded in the oceans causing depletion of sea life and habitat loss. The pendulum of our weather cycles reflect the El Nino current, with the El Nina variant which are responsible for our periods of heavy rainfall followed by drought years. Beyond

The Celebration Of Earth Day With On-going Challenges

our northern borders Zimbabwe and Zambia are being crippled by drought with catastrophic loss of crops and livestock. The cost of life-saving food importation is expected to run into billions. Conversely, South Africa has announced the "Wettest April" in 59 years of records. The negative impact is that the Harvest season maybe "bogged" down with maturing crops rotting in sodden fields and vehicles unable to enter. Where there is scarcity in the market-place inevitably prices will rise to the consumers. Once again this highlights the needs for communities at all levels to become self-sufficient with home produce becoming a priority. Where grasslands are saturated burning of Fire Breaks will be delayed.

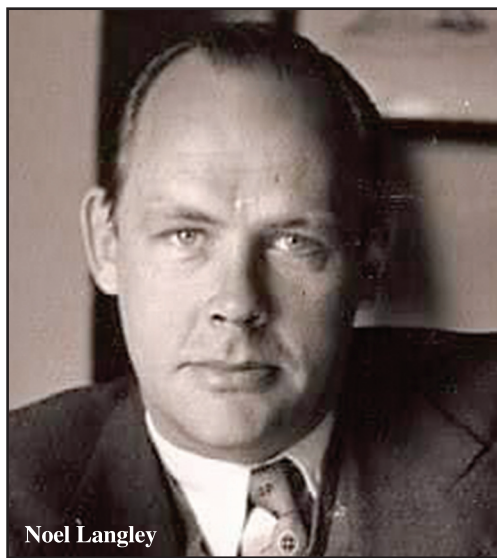
It is evident, with reference to Town Planning that large communities have been allowed access to extensive areas without adequate infrastructure for Potable Water, Sewer controls or areas of "Commonage" for cultivation and home produce. Skills training is essential to enable these communities to be responsible for Repair work including leaks, piping replacement and removal of blockages. Then increase implementation and management of Stormwater Capture into Rainwater Tanks for "grey water" usage. The "Commonage" area would offer employment opportunities, with the regular gardeners being entitled to remuneration on sale of the produce at their Saturday Market. An Allotment system, with annual crop rotation would enable year-round production. The purchase of all necessary commodities, including implements, fuel, composts, dolomitic lime, seeds or seedlings for food production and the Rehabilitation of "Wind-

breaks" banks and slopes to be without VAT.

The incidence of Global Warming has been attributed to the increase in the atmosphere of Carbon dioxide, Methan and other gases which accrue to man-made activities. A recent media illustration referred to Methane which occurs naturally in our bogs and Wetlands with a Global estimated figure of 194 Mt, then Agriculture 141 Mt, Energy 135 Mt and Waste 73 Mt giving a total of 394 Mt. "Plastic" is a target issue with RECYCLING and strict regulations necessary to avoid increased production, particularly where throw-away societies accumulate vast quantities without adequate waste collection. Waste and pollution contaminants increase disease, once again with direct and costly impact on our economic growth.

Dire Water problems arise in the Mining Industry where water percolates through the rocks and over exposed surfaces with iron pyrite (foods gold) combining to form sulphuric acid. The occurrence of "acid mine water" (AMD) requires careful and expert extraction and treatment which is very costly. The contamination levels in the Oliphants River record the lack of management and care.

For the Final celebration for "Earth Day" we hold the cup high for our amazing Biodiversity throughout all provinces. Our variety of indigenous trees, woody species, array of shrubs with seasonal flowering ambience, succulents, bulbs, grasses and low growing groundcovers, with the unique Vynbos species adorning the Cape Landscape. A realm where Wildlife cohabits in harmony. The Challenge is to create Awareness, adopt proven Methodology and ensure "Duty of Care" for OUR EARTH FOR ALL.



Noel Langley

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the screenplay for the world renowned film, The Wizard of Oz was written by Noel Langley, who is a DHS Old Boy.

Noel Langley was the son of Aubrey Samuel Langley, who was the 4th Head Master of DHS and the man who introduced Rugby to School.

After School, Noel graduated from the University of Natal and then left South African shores for London, whilst he moved once more after this to Hollywood. It was here in Hollywood that Noel accepted a 7 year contract as a screenwriter for MGM Studios. The rest is history.





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"Rocks in my path? I keep them all. With them I shall build my castle," by Nemo Nox



3rd spot in Croatia Rally, but good points for Hyundai

A dramatic closing day at the Croatia Rally, round four of the 2024 FIA World Rally Championship (WRC) season, has seen Hyundai Motorsport's Thierry Neuville and Martijn Wydaeghe finish on the podium in third position.

Sunday brought a number of twists in the story of the rally as crews tackled four tricky final stages – Trako??an - Vrbno (SS17/19, 13.15km) and Zagorska Sela – Kumrovec (SS18/20, 14.24km), the latter of which proved to be fateful during the first attempt.

The rally-long fight for the lead of continued into the third day of the event. Sadly, Neuville and Wydaeghe's victory charge ended after a mistake on SS18 caused their Hyundai i20 N Rally1 Hybrid to slide off the road, losing them over 20 seconds, and they dropped down to third place.

It was a bittersweet conclusion to Croatia for the Belgians, who had demonstrated rally-winning potential for the majority of the event, topping the standings for 15 of the 20 tarmac stages. However, despite nursing damage to their car, Neuville and Wydaeghe managed to finish with 19 points and remain in the lead of the drivers' and co-drivers' championships.

The improved pace of the Hyundai i20 N Rally1 Hybrid on tarmac was also evident in the performance

of Ott Tänak and Martin Järveoja on Sunday, with the Estonians locked in a close battle in the Super Sunday standings. In the eventful SS18, which featured "a bit more than a moment" for the #8 crew, Tänak and Järveoja scored their first stage win of the rally. They finished second in the Sunday points and fourth overall to be the second highest-scoring crew in Croatia.

Meanwhile Andreas Mikkelsen and Torstein Eriksen continued their learning curve on the tricky and dirty roads, where they often struggled to find the confidence they needed to push to the limit. It was a promising finish to the Croatia Rally for the pair, who finished fourth in the Super Sunday standings and sixth overall.

The battle in the manufacturers' championship continues to be tight, with Hyundai Motorsport now trailing by seven points. WRC now heads to Portugal for the first of seven gravel events, where the team hopes to show the strong pace of the Hyundai i20 N Rally1 Hybrid on this surface once again.

The Croatia Rally was a fitting tribute to Craig Breen, encapsulating what he loved most about rallying. The entire Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team has channeled one of his most iconic sayings this weekend: "Don't forget to enjoy it, don't forget to have fun. Life is too short."



The Hyundai i20 N Rally1 Hybrid airborne again, making it to the podium even after crashing into a tree. Rally de Portugal marks a return to gravel from 9 to 12 May for the fifth round of the FIA World Rally Championship

Hyundai IONIQ 5 N to compete for electric production SUV/crossover record at Pikes Peak Hill Climb



IONIQ 5 N has been tested in extreme temperatures and locations and developed and tuned specifically at the Nürburgring Nordschleife for enhanced racetrack capability

Hyundai is bound to spark a lot of excitement at the 102nd running of the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb (PPIHC) in America on 23 June 2024 when two 471 kW Hyundai IONIQ 5 N cars will go after the Electric Production SUV/Crossover record as part of a four-car effort.

"We are returning to the mountain stronger than we have left it, with a class leading electric SUV in the form of IONIQ 5 N," said Till Wartenberg, head of N Brand and Motorsport. "Hyundai has a history of proving new technologies and products at Pikes Peak, going all the way back to 1992 and the IONIQ 5 N brings that concept to high performance electric cars. The production spec IONIQ 5 N will demonstrate what customers can expect from their vehicles."

The drivers of the IONIQ 5 N vehicles going for the Electric Production SUV/Crossover record at Pikes Peak in Colorado are Paul Dallenbach and Ron Zaras. Dallenbach is an eleven-time PPIHC winner and set an overall record in 1993. Zaras is a PPIHC rookie and the newest team member.

"As a lifelong fan of rallying, the Pikes Peak

International Hill Climb has been a bucket list event to take part in from the first time I watched the film 'Climb Dance' on a 56k Internet connection," said Zaras. "So, competing here for my first time ever in the IONIQ 5 N – with the support of the excellent teams at Hyundai – is an incredible honour."

In addition, Hyundai will debut a modified specification IONIQ 5 N to compete at PPIHC prior to the ADAC RAVENOL 24h Nürburgring on May 30. Two of these additional IONIQ 5 N models will be driven by Dani Sordo and Robin Shute. Shute is a four-time overall winner and King of the Mountain title holder at Pikes Peak. Sordo is a Spanish World Rally Championship driver for Hyundai Motorsport.

Hyundai chose to pursue the PPIHC Electric Production SUV/Crossover record with a IONIQ 5 N because it embodies the racetrack capability of every N performance vehicle.

In every other way, the IONIQ 5 N being prepared for Pikes Peak is a standard IONIQ 5 N. In the future, the red paint will be swapped with a new eye-catching Hyundai N livery.

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"There is only one thing that makes a dream impossible to achieve; the fear of failure."

by Paulo Coelho





Excitement of community as Recycling Centre was Launched at Dakota Beach



EARTH DAY 2024 WAS CELEBRATED BY LAUNCHING RECYCLING CENTRE AT DAKOTA BEACH

The KwaZulu Natal Sharks Board is the only organisation of its kind in the world. KwaZulu-Natal Maritime Centre of Excellence is the leader in bather protection against shark attacks maintains safety shark gear from Richard Bay to Port Edward.

They also do activities such as shark dissection shows which is an effort to bring science to learners and visitors in an informal setting, KZN Sharks Board has made a shark dissection part of the whole learning experience, and they also have Early Morning Boat Trips where that take visitors to experience the KZN Sharks Board operations staff servicing shark safety gear.

Earth Day celebrated by Beach Clean-up Initiative Project and by the Launch of Recycling Centre undertaken in partnership

by Nkwazi News, DSW, Coca Cola Beverages Unilever, Polyco, KZN Sharks Board, Parks, and Umgeni Water.

This is one of the initiatives that these organisations had to do to educate community in the area about the importance of environmental protection against pollution which is the results of irresponsible dumping by our communities which end up harming our marine life and environment. This has been one of the successful cleaning campaigns at Dakota beach as this will also create job opportunities for the communities around the Dakota Beach who will benefit from the Recycling Centre which was launched by Nkwazi News.

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