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Ten designers still Riding the Wave



Ten of KZN's brightest young fashionistas remain on course for the most prestigious title in student fashion after a glittering show at the Gateway Theatre of Shopping on Wednesday evening. The semi-final showcase for the semi-finalists in the Hollywoodbets Durban July Young Designer Award presented by Durban Fashion Fair ended with 10 student designers being selected to move into the final rounds of judging. The student designers will show off their creations alongside the Durban Fashion Fair Rising Stars and the HDJ Invited Designers at Gateway Theatre of Shopping; and then again in front of thousands of spectators at the race day on July 6, where all the winners of the various fashion competitions will be announced. The student finalists are vying for a share of R100 000 worth of bursaries from the Hollywood Foundation for the top three students, as well as other valuable prizes



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Through my eyes Awakening to Our True Saviour



by Kasia Yoko

The world as we know it is changing, and for many, the changes are not for the better. Every day, we wake up to the realization that no one is coming to save us. The promises of politicians and leaders ring hollow in the face of the harsh realities we face. It's in this context that many are turning back to faith, finding solace and strength in the knowledge that only God can save humanity from the encroaching darkness.

Our governments, once seen as the protectors and providers of our freedoms, now appear driven by forces that seek to enslave rather than liberate. Policies and laws that were supposed to ensure our well-being now seem designed to control and confine us. It's as if a malevolent hand is orchestrating a new world order, tightening its grip on our sovereign freedom.

The evidence is all around us. Surveillance technologies invade our privacy, economic systems trap us in debt, and social structures increasingly dictate how we should think and act. We are becoming cogs in a machine, losing our individuality and autonomy. But amid this growing despair, there is a resurgence of faith, a renewed interest in the divine power that transcends human machinations. This awakening is not just

about religious rituals or dogma; it's about a deep, personal connection with God. People are beginning to understand that true salvation doesn't come from external authorities but from within. By placing our trust in God, we reclaim our power and our freedom.

God is not just a figurehead to be worshipped but the ultimate power of attorney in our lives, guiding us through the tumultuous seas of contemporary existence.

The struggle against the new world order is not merely political or economic; it is fundamentally

spiritual. It is a battle for the soul of humanity, a fight to retain our God-given freedom against the forces that seek to strip it away. In this struggle, we must deny the false promises of those who would enslave us and instead embrace the liberating truth of God's love and justice.

To resist this new world order, we must first empower ourselves with faith. This means more than just prayer and worship; it means living in a way that reflects God's principles. It means acting with integrity, standing up for truth, and caring for our neighbours. It means rejecting the fear and division sown by those who seek to control us and instead fostering communities built on love and mutual respect.

In these challenging times, it is easy to feel isolated and powerless. But remember, we are never truly alone. God is with us, and through Him, we have the strength to overcome any adversity. By turning to God, we can break free from the chains of the new world order and reclaim our sovereign freedom. It is time to let God be our guide, our strength, and our saviour. Only then can we hope to create a world that reflects His divine will, a world where true freedom and justice prevail.



Dear Ed,

Re: **DOCTORATES**

A doctorate is the highest post matric academic qualification and generally requires 6 years of full time intensive study to complete, with extensive research being undertaken. It is evaluated as M plus 6 vertical, M plus 3 vertical being for a 3 year post matric degree or diploma.

On rare occasions deserving persons are awarded honorary doctorates for good reason/s, without any studying, on account of their significant contribution to society or exceptional prowess in a particular

field. There is a recent disturbing trend for honorary doctorates to be awarded by certain local and overseas dubious, fly by night, shady, bogus and non-accredited institutions. This is unacceptable and needs to be stopped immediately. It makes a mockery of the aforementioned exceptional awarding. What is more disturbing is that certain local and overseas institutions, of the negative descriptions referred to above and purporting to be Christian higher learning institutions in the form of Bible colleges or universities, are awarding doctorates to "celebrity pastors". This is nonsensical and an utter disgrace. Such doctorates must

be "handed in", burnt and destroyed, as they are an insult to right-minded persons.

Is it not high time that the state and accredited and acceptable local and international higher learning authorities, including in religious spheres, need to be involved in the awarding of honorary doctorates so that this malpractice is eliminated. Remember years back "Dr" Pallo Jordan, an ANC heavyweight, masqueraded as a doctor of philosophy and last year the lunatic Matthew Lani purported to be a medical doctor. The latter was just a bogus attention seeker using social media to delude people. Unfortunately

some of the masses are gullible and lack discernment, the latter being 1 of the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit of GOD.

A sound education, including post matric qualifications, is a key to advancement and greater opportunities for the future. However sham doctorates and sham institutions have no place in a civilized society. They make no positive contribution to the coveted pursuit of higher learning and excellence. Yes much dedication, sacrifice and required funding are needed to advance one education-wise and especially the younger generation must focus on this so that they, their families and

society in general can benefit and have an improved life.

For information, Dr Ramesh Richard who hailed from India and has double doctorates -in theology and science - jokingly referred to persons with doctorates (Ph D art exhibition at La Lucia Mall) as having Permanent Head Damage. Mike Sutcliffe, my old highly competent City Manager boss at City Hall, Durban has an academic doctorate and last year was awarded an honorary doctorate for significant contribution to society.

Simon T Dehal Verulam

Dear Ed,

As an inquisitive being I hope someone out there can help me with these questions. Only honest answers please.

- 1- What does an Egyptian pyramid doing on a US dollar bill?
- 2- Why did 56 countries sign a treaty not to venture into Antarctica?
- 3- Why do planes never fly over Antarctica?
- 4- How did NASA "lose" the footage of the moon, probably one of the most important moments for humanity?
- 5- If Neil Armstrong was the first to set foot on the moon, who was holding the camera?
- 6- Why have we never gone back to the moon?
- 7- If monkeys evolved into people, why are monkeys still monkeys?
- 8- How does 95% of "garbage" DNA exist? Who decided this is actually "garbage"?
- 9- How were giant, symmetrical, detailed, sacred and geometrically solid structures such as cathedrals and parliament buildings created by people who lived in wooden huts, rode horse-drawn carriages and had no machines or lasers?
- 10- How is this same pre-Luvian

architecture found all over the world?

11- Why are there images in ancient Egyptian art that appear to depict "spaceships"?

12- Why are remains and images of giant human beings found? And why are giants mentioned in several ancient writings of cultures distant from each other, including the Bible?

13- Why are there images of mushrooms in all ancient Christian art? And why is daddy dressing like giant mushrooms Amanita Muscaria?

15- Why do ancient Egyptian artworks represent pine trees and is it a coincidence that even the pineal gland looks like a pine?

16- Why are there depictions of dragons all over the world and in different cultures, thousands of years apart and is also mentioned in the Bible?

17- Why is there so much blatantly demonic symbolism in the music and entertainment industry?

18- Why most video games revolve around killing?

There are so many things that just don't add up anymore and I think we should question more.

**Kind regards
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North Coast Artists chairperson, Guy McGowan showing off one of his beautiful seascape paintings

North Coast Artists Exhibition at La Lucia Mall

KwaZulu-Natal art group, North Coast Artists, is busy getting ready for their bi-annual exhibition, taking place at La Lucia Mall from Wednesday 26th June until Sunday 7th July.

Local artist, Guy McGowan, who is the NCA's group's new chairperson, says that he is very excited at the prospect, with 48 exhibitors taking part. "For many years now we have, twice a year, been showcasing our work at La Lucia Mall, and each time we seem to offer a higher standard of art on display. All the artworks are very well priced, and with such a wonderful variety of talents, there is a flavour for everyone's taste!"

A percentage of the exhibition's proceeds goes to the Animal Anti-Cruelty League (AACL) and a fabulous acrylic painting of a Spotted Hyena, donated by NCA member, Graham Hardman, is being raffled in aid of the AACL.

Our vibrant North Coast Artists group meets on the second Saturday of every month at St Luke's church hall in Glenashley, which always includes a guest demonstrating artist and a social break with scrumptious teatime fare and lots of chit-chat. You are welcome to email northcoastartistskzn@gmail.com if you are interested in joining our dynamic group.



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Sandfields and Fairbreeze Residents Rebuild After Tornado Devastation



"We've lost a lot, but we haven't lost each other," he said. "The community is strong, and we will rebuild."

Residents of Sandfields and Fairbreeze are coming together to rebuild their lives after a devastating tornado claimed 11 lives earlier this month. The tornado, which struck with little warning, left a path of destruction, tearing apart homes, uprooting trees, and damaging essential infrastructure. In the face of such tragedy, the community's resilience and solidarity have become a beacon of hope.

Emergency services and local authorities have been working tirelessly to clear debris and restore essential services. Power and water supply have been intermittently restored in some areas, thanks to the round-the-clock efforts of utility workers. However, many residents remain without basic necessities, relying on community centers and temporary shelters for support.

One of the hardest-hit areas, Sandfields, saw entire blocks reduced to rubble. Seggie Naidoo, a long-time resident, described the scene as "utter devastation." His home, like many others, was destroyed, but Naidoo remains hopeful. "We've lost a lot, but we haven't lost each other," he said. "The community is strong, and we will rebuild."

In Fairbreeze, the local school has been transformed into a relief center, providing food, clothing, and medical assistance to those in need. Volunteers

from neighbouring towns have flocked to the area, offering their time and resources. Local businesses have also pitched in, donating supplies and funds to aid in the recovery effort.

Among the volunteers is Sarah Miller, who traveled from Durban to help. "Seeing the destruction first hand is heart-wrenching, but the spirit of the people here is incredible," she said. "Everyone is doing their part, whether it's cooking meals, sorting donations, or just offering a shoulder to cry on."

Fundraising efforts are also underway, with various community organizations and local government bodies working to secure financial aid for rebuilding. A benefit concert is scheduled for next weekend, aiming to raise significant funds to support those who have lost their homes.

Despite the enormous challenges ahead, the residents of Sandfields and Fairbreeze remain optimistic. The sense of community and the outpouring of support have strengthened their resolve. As reconstruction plans take shape, the people are determined to rebuild not just their homes, but also their lives. Through collective effort and unwavering spirit, Sandfields and Fairbreeze are slowly rising from the ashes of tragedy, ready to face the future together.

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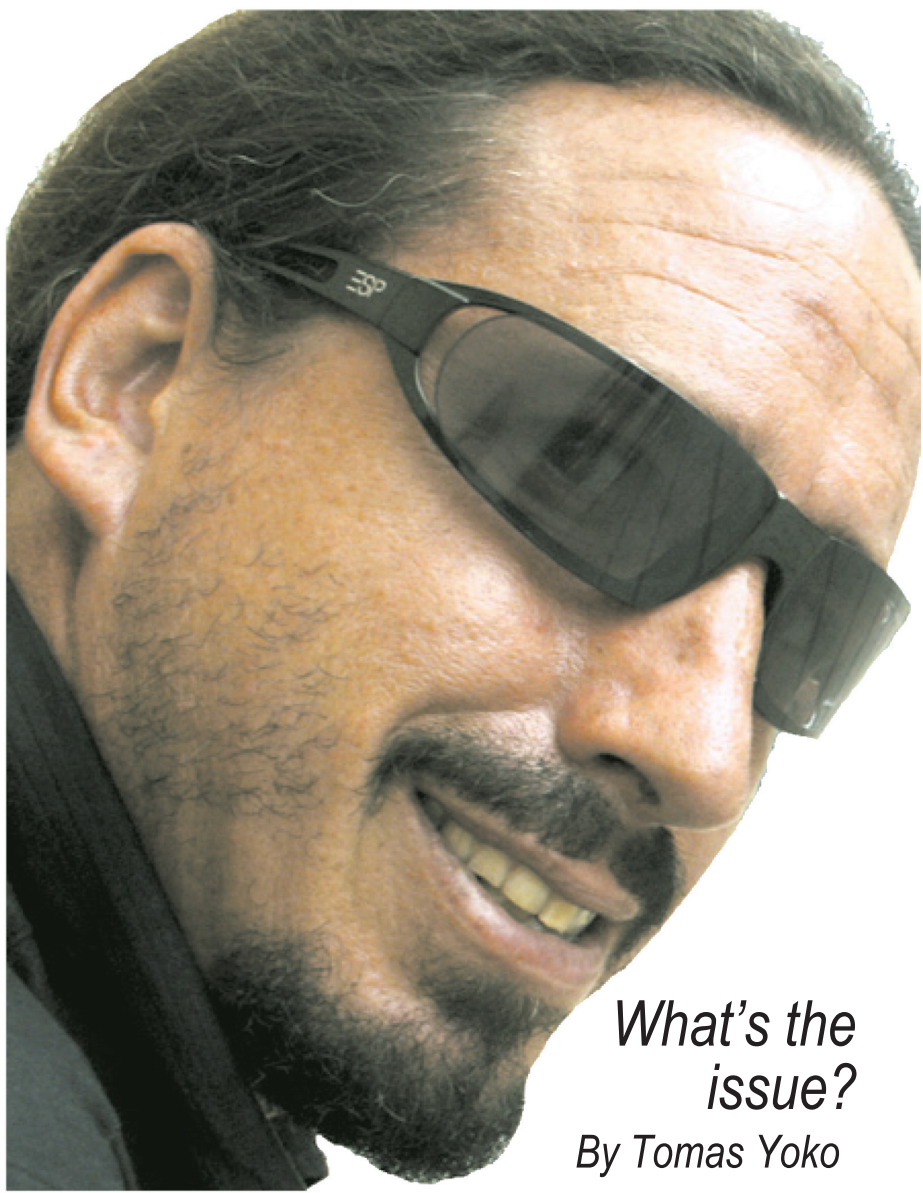
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"Anybody can sympathise with the sufferings of a friend, but it requires a very fine nature to sympathise with a friend's success." by Oscar Wilde



What's the issue?
By Tomas Yoko

“...they are prepared to drive us into an atomic war or even World War III...”

Get your tin foil hat ready you may need it just now. We are in the midst of so many electoral processes, what with India, one of the World's largest populations, having just completed the process. Our beloved country, trying to wriggle free from the clutches of destructive systemic corruption, only to have some of the political parties candidates described as, “a list of criminal acolytes, many who have lost their fortunes.”

There are many who would love to keep the gravy train running, however we the people deserve better. Not to say that we will get it, but there is a movement, a shift, it feels global, it feels as if the people are rising, taking back the power from overbearing political will that has its main interest in filling the coffers of the elite few.

Kenya held elections and the European Union held their rather complex elections. Ursula von der Lying-b-l-tch hasn't snatched the top job for a second term as yet. There is a God after all. The wave of correction was strong as the results sent some lefties heads spinning.

Rishi Rich, the British Prime Minister called a snap election, he might be running away from

the impending nuclear war with Russia, let someone else deal with that, or he might be grabbing at his last chance to win an election. Who knows?

Micro Macroni, the French dude, also called a snap after realising that he was not as popular as he thought. Those

are orchestrating endless wars on four fronts – Ukraine, Israel, Taiwan and now the Korean peninsula.

The threat of nuclear war will boost the publics willingness to spend more billions on arms and armaments. Now is a good time to reach for that tin foil hat. And it is a real threat. Putin has had enough of the American lies and deceit. Biden is losing ground so fast America will never be the same again. With the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia not renewing the OPEC agreement, the implications for the Dollar are significant. It seems as though Trump can't come soon enough, or that the puppet masters of the US are hell bent on

stopping Trump, so much so that they are prepared to drive us into an atomic war or even World War III.

Putin is preparing for it, NATO is preparing for it and now the EU is rumoured to be getting in line, as they do, and also prepping for a disaster war.

Still all this in the face of growing dissent from the masses. We the people seem to have had enough interference, lies and deceit, and are pushing back. Interesting.



farmers are winning.

Then there is the impending American election. If you haven't noticed that the front runner, Sniffy Joe Biden, is not only being mocked for pooping his pants and displaying heart wrenching dementia and serious cognitive decline, so bad that he is literally being led around by his 'handlers' and having fingers pointed at him for using chemical stimulants to be able to finish his speech. It would seem that rumours of Barak Obommer and the swamp elite



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By Jo Rushby from Ikes Books and Collectables, Durban

The Joy of Nip and Tuck

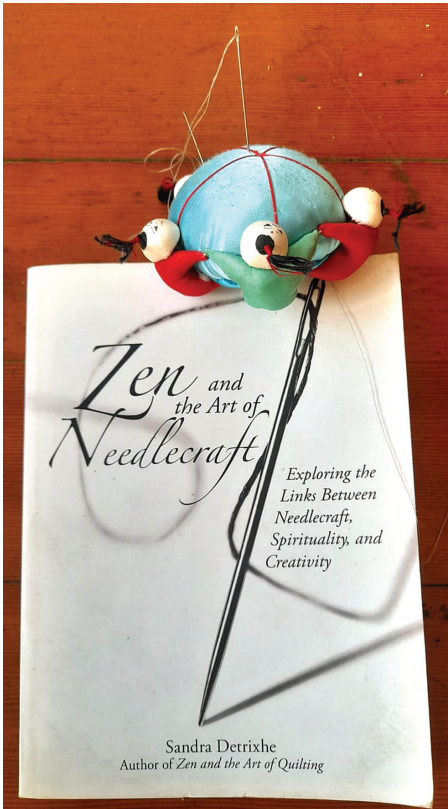
I was rummaging in a charity shop. Full to bursting with clothes, worn once, a button missing here, a rent as slight as Twiggy there. It's indicative of our throw-away society.... we wear, tear and disappear. In a pile of socks and polka dots, a cardigan. Soft to the touch. I know my wool and could sense that this had come from deep in the Scottish Highlands where sheep are fed on haggis and single malt whisky and are kept warm with kilts. But as I adjusted my specs, I saw the cardigan was replete with more holes than the road that takes you into KwaDukuza. Its' time zipped up. Decades. How does Detrixhe put it: 'With a shock, we

become acutely aware of the passage of time, in ourselves as well as our clothes.'

I was determined to rescue this timeless gem. In throwing things away, we throw away memories that we can touch and feel.

So, every morning, I sit in my comfortable nook that catches the sun, coffee in hand, and nip and tuck each tiny cavity. Like Florence Nightingale, suturing sores, closing deep wounds. You see cardigans were born out of blood. The name comes from General James Thomas Brudenell, the 7th Earl of Cardigan who wore it at the Battle of Balaclava. It was a battle that entered the history books through Tennyson's 'Charge of the Light Brigade':

When can their glory fade?
O the wild charge they made!



All the world wondered.
Honour the charge they made!
Honour the Light Brigade,
Noble six hundred!

Far from the blood of battlefields, we can commit to ensuring that the glory of things past never fades. There is something uniquely satisfying about mending, a kind of Zen meditation. It is also a way to cajole us into darning rather than dumping, to heal rather than hurt. It reminds us that perfection is not absolutely necessary.

Surrendering to the timelessness and patience of mending can bring a sense of calm and quietness, a process. "If the universe is all one, as the Buddhists say, you and the project are part of the same and the separation is only imagined."

I must go now. I have a balaclava to mend.

Tyrone The Rising Star

Tyrone Schaper is the latest rising star in the boxing world and he trains and teaches at Domination Fitness and Fight Gym in Durban North. Known for his relentless work ethic and tenacity, Tyrone quickly rose through the ranks, earning respect in both local and international circuits. His early career was marked by a series of knockout victories, showcasing his formidable striking power. Tyrone is currently ranked second in KZN and 5th in SA in the Light Heavyweight Boxing Division.

Beyond his physical prowess, Tyrone's fighting career has been deeply influenced by his spirituality. Drawing strength and focus from his faith, he often speaks about the importance of mental and spiritual balance in achieving greatness. This holistic approach has not only enhanced his performance but also inspired many of

his peers and followers.

Currently, Tyrone has been given a three fight contract in the "White Buffalo" tournament, a prestigious event drawing top-tier talent from around the country. In this competition, his reputation precedes him; he's seen as a top contender for the championship.

Outside the ring, Tyrone is a mentor at Domination Gym, where he trains the next generation of fighters. His Kids Classes are growing and the gym just installed new boxing ring. Tyrone's influence extends beyond his physical prowess; he's known for his sportsmanship, spiritual guidance, and dedication to the martial arts community. As the tournament progresses, all eyes are on Tyrone Schaper, a true embodiment of grit and determination, poised to etch his name among the legends of the sport.



Tyrone Schaper is the latest rising star in the boxing world

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Technically, store brought patha is much smaller and round but who wants to get technical?



My deconstructed method might upset some of my readers, but trust me it works and it was delicious



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Queen Latifa - Verulam Market

Puri Patha Recipe

Lets get technical here...

By Kasia Yoko

Ingredients: For the Patha (stuffed leaves):

- 1 bunch of large, fresh aMa dumbe (taro) leaves
- 500 gr dry chickpeas, which you grind to coarse flour
- 2 tablespoons rice flour
- 1 Cup Maas/Yoghurt/fresh banana mash
- 3 medium grated potato raw
- 3 medium grated red onion raw
- 4 medium grated tomatoes raw
- 3 TBSN Wet methi Masala powder
- 1 teaspoon red chili powder
- 1 handful fresh coriander
- 1 handful fresh green onion
- 1 teaspoon garam masala
- 1 TBSN garlic herb spice
- 1 TBSN grated ginger
- 1 TBSN minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons tamarind paste
- 1 TBSN baking powder
- Salt to taste

For the Puri:

- 1 cups white wheat flour
- 1 cup semolina
- 1 cup maas
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon oil
- Water to knead the dough
- Oil for deep frying (I used peanut oil)

Directions on how to prepare the Patha:

Wash the ama dumbe leaves thoroughly, remove the veins from the leaves. Please try to take out as many veins as you can, as they can be painful when swallowed. Pat dry the leaves and put one side.
In a mixing bowl, combine all your ingredients into a wet paste.

How to assemble the patha:

Place the leaf facedown on a flat surface.
Spread a thin layer of the paste evenly over the leaf.
Place another leaf on top and spread the mixture again. Repeat until all leaves are layered with the mixture. I did nine layers and mine were thicker than the store brought ones.
Roll the layered leaves tightly into a log. Secure the roll with a string if needed.
Steam the roll for about up to 2 hours or until firm. Remove from the steamer and let it cool.
Once cooled, slice the roll into pieces.

Prepare the Puri Dough:

In a large mixing bowl, combine the flours and salt.
Add oil and maas mix it into the flour. Add water if needed.
Cover the dough and let it rest for 15-20 minutes.

Fry the Puri Patha:

- 1. Heat oil in a deep frying pan over medium-high heat.
- 2. Fry each puri until golden brown and crisp on both sides.
- 3. Remove with a slotted spoon and drain on paper towels.

Serving:

I found the patha to be the perfect vegetarian burger patty, so I used two puris with all my favourite toppings on top of my patha. It is one of the most delicious dishes that I have tasted in a long time. Come on, try it and see how simple it truly is. If I can do it, so can you.



Oh how I love this... always have, but never knew how to make it. Recently I came across Queen Latifa at the Verulam market and she showed me the way. If you want to know step by step method how Latifa does hers, go to my Tik-Tok account and check her explaining the process.
Don't be afraid to try it. It is super simple to do. And when it came to rolling it up into a ?Swiss Roll?, that was the easiest part, just make sure that your paste is not watery and is thicker consistency as humus.



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The Mercedes-Benz Club of South Africa AGM



The Mercedes-Benz Club of South Africa held its 39th AGM and national gathering in and around Durban

The Mercedes-Benz Club of South Africa (or MBCSA) held its 39th AGM (annual general meeting) and national gathering in and around Durban on the weekend of 14 to 16 June 2024.

As the only recognised club by Mercedes-Benz Classic International, the enthusiast owners association also enjoys kind support from Mercedes-Benz South Africa and its network of dealers; this most recent AGM being hosted at the amazing Umhlanga brand centre of the prestigious German brand.

Mercedes-Benz Umhlanga not only welcomed dozens of club members for

Friday's AGM formalities, they also hosted associated supplier stands and a club regalia desk, while providing the use of a new GLA 200 AMG Line as well as an airport shuttle service. The very impressive multi-level showrooms of Mercedes-Benz Umhlanga were also interspersed with beautiful classic vehicles carrying the three-pointed star.

Over the years it has become MBCSA tradition to host the AGM in a different region, of which the club currently has six: Central Region (including the Northern Cape), Eastern Cape, KwaZulu Natal, Northern Region (including Gauteng),

Southern Cape and Western Cape.

A further tradition is the extended weekend action added onto each AGM as "the National Gathering"; usually held each year somewhere between April and June. Each region takes great pride in showcasing their best venues, latest restaurants and most scenic drives when their turn rolls around every six years. These experiences are mixed with fancy dress parties, gymkhanas, road rallies and other fun activities, usually culminating in a gala dinner on the last night, where prize giving meets special recognition and a charity auction.

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The Next-Generation Ford Ranger Platinum represents the pinnacle of the Ranger line-up. A heady amount of luxury in an uncompromising double cab 4X4 bakkie

By: Tomas Yoko

The Next-Generation Ford Ranger Platinum delivers on our expectations and adds a lot of 'extra', as it marries performance, luxury, and stature in a way that makes even the most discerning motorist want to weep with joy.

First, let's talk performance. The Ranger Platinum roars to life with a 3.0-liter V6 turbo-diesel engine, delivering a heart-pounding 184kW of power and a colossal 600Nm of torque.

This isn't just a 4X4 truck; it's a symphony of power and precision, effortlessly conquering any terrain. Whether you're darting through city traffic or navigating rugged off-road trails, the Ranger Platinum responds with surprising agility, overcoming almost any obstacle with its brute strength.

As I slid into the driver's seat I was transported to a realm of luxury that rivals high-end sedans. The interior is a masterclass in opulence, featuring premium leather seats, ambient lighting, and a panoramic sunroof that bathes the cabin in natural light. The advanced infotainment system, with its 12-inch touchscreen and SYNC 4A technology, ensures you remain connected and entertained.

Ford has outdone themselves with the suspension, a meticulously engineered system that manages to produce a refined ride with robust durability. The Ranger Platinum boasts a Watt's Link rear suspension, providing superior stability and handling, especially when towing or carrying heavy loads. Speaking of towing, Pro Trailer Back-up Assist with Trailer Reverse Guidance is also standard. This setup ensures that every drive is smooth, controlled, and remarkably comfortable, regardless of the road's condition.

In terms of stature, the Ranger Platinum stands tall and proud, with a design that commands respect and admiration. The bold grille, sleek lines and Matrix LED lights create an imposing presence.

The Ford Ranger Platinum is not just a vehicle; it's a statement of power, luxury, and sophistication. If you're seeking the ultimate 4X4 double cab driving experience, look no further.

J-Bay Classic Firing Away



Sean Holmes of South Africa surfs in Heat 1 of the Bonus Round at the J-Bay Classic, June 2024 at Jeffreys Bay. (Photo by Pierre Tostee / World Surf League)

The World Surf League (WSL) J-Bay Classic Presented by Corona Specialty was called on in pumping conditions. After waiting for more favourable winds, the Supertubes lineup cleaned up considerably to run the Bonus Round in six-to-eight foot waves.

After completing the Twin Fin and Thruster Rounds, competitors can choose whether they want to surf the Bonus Round with a twin fin or thruster surfboard. Each surfer's best score from the Bonus Round will be doubled and added to their total (out of a possible 40) to determine the overall Leaderboard. The top four men and women on the Leaderboard will advance to Finals Day.

While there won't be a live broadcast, fans will be able to follow updates on the WSL J-Bay Classic presented by Corona on the @wsl and @jbayclassicsocial media channels and catch up on all the best highlights from the day on WorldSurfLeague.com.

The J-Bay Classic presented by Corona holds a competition window from Friday, June 14 through Sunday, June 23.

The J-Bay Classic presented by Corona is proudly supported by Corona, Kouga Municipality, Eastern Cape Provincial Government, House of Mandela, The Freedom Project, Red Bull, Sealand, Grit and Surfing South Africa.



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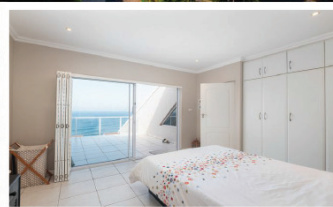
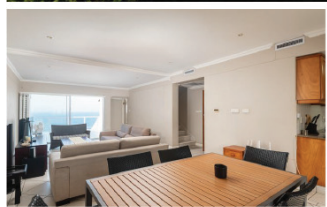
Property Talk

By: Andreas Wassenaar

Hope and anticipation are fueling business and consumer confidence



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What is that I hear? Is it a collective sigh of relief for those supporting the newly formed government of national unity and coalition structure that has been put in place for KZN. With the 80 seats available in KZN split 39-41 this is as close as you get between two opposing political views being split down the middle.

The financial markets re-bounded and Rand exchange rate surged ahead once this news broke. The threat of amending the constitution and undermining property rights, which are the very foundation of a free-market economy, were very real and evident. The newly elected representatives now have an incredible opportunity to make a difference and put South Africans first. We expect far better financial discipline and control and improvements in service delivery. This hope and anticipation are fueling business and consumer confidence, which is all important when people make long-term investment decisions like buying a home.

Even in the absence of immediate interest rate relief the property market is expected to surge ahead. It cannot be long before we experience the first interest rate cut which will reverse the trend line and indicate a near term future of lower interest rates.

This will start to ignite general economic activity and in particular mortgage bond extensions as affordability levels improve. There is an excitement in the air which is translating into more people committing to property purchases. As estate agents we have never been more ready for an improvement.

As a seller it is all good news, and we may even see the switch from a buyer's market to a seller's market in the near future. KZN has received a series of unfortunate events since Covid that has weighed heavily on the demand for real estate. With the holiday season soon to start, the seduction of our perfect winter weather and the beauty of our coastline will predictably entice our up-country visitors to consider investing.

The value proposition of our Dolphin Coast properties is so compelling at the moment with some areas at least 30-40% undervalued. If you are a buyer and have been considering your timing of an investment, now would be the last window of opportunity to lock-in the competitive pricing.

For sellers it offers the opportunity to prep their home for sale. Showroom condition is what buyers expect and demand. This takes a bit of capital investment to get a property to the ideal presentation state, but will pay dividends in terms of buyer interest and eventual price point achieved. The best news for sellers is that Seeff are offering a R1m cash prize to a seller who sells through a Seeff agent on a sole mandate, regardless of the price of the property. This is a first for our property industry and likely to get attention in the market.

LEGAL TALK

by Fawzia Khan





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Certain sections of the Divorce Act found invalid and unconstitutional

Sweeping changes are set to impact on marriages which are registered out of community of property by an Ante-nuptial Contract. The Constitutional Court has declared certain sections of the Divorce Act to be invalid and inconsistent with the Constitution of South Africa.

This came about in two different judgments dealing with out of community of property marital regimes. The Matrimonial Property Act (MPA) came into effect on 1 November 1984. It set out the different marital regimes which a couple could choose, namely they could get married "in community of property" (where both their estates are regarded as a joint indivisible estate) or an "out of community property" marriage, (with or without the accrual system).

In a "without the accrual system" there's no calculation to decide on what the value of assets was which was amassed during the marriage. "With the accrual system" is where the parties place a value of their estate at the commencement of the marriage. When the marriage ends either on death of a spouse or on divorce, a specific calculation is done to see who has amassed more assets during the marriage.

The spouse whose estate has grown more has to share a portion of that growth with the other spouse (with the lesser value). So how does that affect the ruling of invalidity of the Divorce Act? Well, previously a court could use its discretion to order that a spouse redistribute and transfer some or a part of the assets to the other party.

But the court could only do so provided that the marriage was concluded prior to 1 November 1984. The Concourt found this to be inconsistent with the Constitution and invalid as it excluded marriages entered into on or after the commencement of the Matrimonial Property Act. The other case which went to the Concourt dealt with the fact that the Section 7(3) redistribution only applied to couples getting a divorce and not on the death of a spouse. The Concourt also found this exclusion to be invalid and unconstitutional. The declaration of the invalidity of both is suspended for 24 months to allow Parliament to remedy the matter. The rulings will not be applied to previous court order but will affect all matters where section 7(3) issues are being litigated, until Parliament corrects and formalises the position. If you are about to get married, it's always a good idea to obtain proper legal advice from a professional well versed in the law so that you are fully appraised of the risks and benefits of a particular marital regime and can make an informed choice on what works best for you.

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The Haval Jolion Pro Breaks Cover

If cars are reinventing how South Africa drives, then the all-new Haval Jolion PRO is about to revolutionise how you see your motoring future. The New Jolion PRO takes all the solid, dependable and high value traits that its vehicles are famous for and blends them into a stylish sporty new era.

“Our New Jolion brings all the typical Haval premium cabin finishes, connectivity and safety technologies, but it sets itself apart in a sporty new look” GWM South Africa Chief Operations Officer Conrad Groenewald explains. “New Jolion brings two options to market. The updated version of the current platform under the “City” branding and an all-new product under the “Pro” series. We aim to appeal to more customers in the growing small SUV

segment”.

At first glance, you’d likely believe that the New Haval Jolion PRO is a smart new German coupé SUV. You would be wrong on its origins of course, but the New Jolion PRO certainly is a smart new coupé SUV.

Now available in a versatile five-model range, the New Haval Jolion PRO comes in a trio of 1.5L turbocharged options in the base model Premium, stepping up to the Super Luxury, and the Ultra Luxury. There is also a more powerful 1.5T S Ultra Luxury, while the range is topped by the self-charging petrol-electric Ultra Luxury model.

Contact Haval Umhlanga on 031 576 1500 or Cell: 072 306 9168 for more information.



A most contemporary hexagonal grille with fourteen chrome tipped vertical bar and a proud, yet discreet Haval badge announces the New Haval Jolion PRO in grand style



The Mitsubishi Triton with Shogun treatment is a limited edition offer from CMH Mitsubishi Ballito, contact Nathi on 078 772 7968

Mitsubishi Triton Gets Shogun Status

Mitsubishi Ballito are showcasing their evergreen Triton, which has been given the Shogun treatment, encompassing a variety of unique touches and additional functional equipment. This limited-edition model is sure to appeal to enthusiasts while continuing to offer excellent value.

Based on the Triton 4x4 Automatic the Shogun is distinguished by a black front bumper garnish, head light covers as well as matt black front fog light covers. Up top the roof rails are finished in a matching dark hue while a bespoke Shogun sports bar presides over the load bin which is finished with a tonneau cover and tailgate lock. The rear lights feature similar matt black covers and a tow bar is fitted as standard. A matching nudge bar is available as an optional extra.

The bespoke treatment continues to the interior where the Triton Shogun features a leather steering wheel, parking brake and floor console finished with black and red stitching. The leather seats

and door trim have also been treated to red leather stitching.

The Triton’s off-road capability is underpinned by Mitsubishi’s legendary Super Select II 4WD system that ensures surefooted driving across any surface. When traversing slippery terrain, the system transfers power to the wheels with grip instantaneously.

Doing duty under the bonnet is Mitsubishi’s tried and tested 2.4L DOHC MIVEC diesel engine. Offering 133kW at 3 500r/min and 430Nm at 2 500r/min it is mated to a smooth shifting six-speed automatic transmission that features Intelligent Shift Control.

As with the entire Triton range, the Triton Shogun is covered by Mitsubishi’s manufacturer’s warranty of three years or 100 000km, a five-year/90 000km service plan and five-year/unlimited mileage roadside assistance. Service intervals are every 10 000km.

Contact Nathi on 078 772 7968 for more information on this amazing bakkie.

Two New Contenders From Mercedes-Benz

By: Tomas Yoko



The new Mercedes-Benz models in the E-Class and the new CLE derivative take motoring luxury and advancement to the next level

Fresh on the mid-range luxury saloon scene is the brand new E-Class model, accompanied by the enigmatic new Mercedes-Benz CLE Coupe.

The launch for these two amazing new models was held at the Mercedes-Benz Lifestyle Centre in Umhlanga. A select group of journalists were invited to experience the new models and after an eye-popping presentation we were ensconced in the sensory overloading interiors of the new E-Class and CLE.

The new CLE is an amazing union of the best of the C-Class and the E-Class combined in a sleek sensuous expression of movement and elegance.

Driving the new models was the closest to flying first class I have ever come in a motorcar. The 4MATIC all-wheel drive of the CLE 300 and the 9G-TRONIC transmission produced a most sublime experience, one I can only compare to flying.

The new Mercedes-Benz E-Class really takes things to the next level, an

example of which is the new Active Ambient Lighting with Sound Visualisation system that uses sound resonating transducers in the optional Burmester® 4D surround sound system, to send vibrations through the seats in tune with the music, and flash or flow the ambient lighting to the beat as well.

This is just an example of the lengths Mercedes-Benz have gone to in their pursuits of excellence.

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IN THE STARS



Aries March 21 - April 19

July will be a time of new beginnings and fresh opportunities for Aries. Your energy will be at its peak, allowing you to tackle new projects with a lot of enthusiasm. You may be faced with a challenge that will require your full attention, but you will easily overcome all obstacles.



Taurus April 20 - May 20

For bulls, July will be a month of stability and peace. Your practicality and tenacity will help you arrange your financial affairs and plan for the future. This is a great time for investments and long-term plans.



Gemini May 21 - June 20

In July, Gemini, you will be full of creative energy and innovative ideas. Your curiosity and intellectual sharpness will bring you success in both your personal and professional life.



Cancer June 21 - July 22

Cancer, your month will be full of emotional depth and introspection. This is the time to work on yourself and reflect on your life goals. Family relationships will be in the foreground, so spend more time with loved ones.



Leo July 23 - August 22

Leos, you will shine like the sun in July. Your charisma and self-confidence will attract many people around you, which will open the door to new opportunities. This is the right time for a promotion or starting a new project.



Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22

In July, Virgos, you will be focused on details and organization. This is a good time to arrange home and business matters. Your diligence and accuracy will be noticed and rewarded.



Libra Sept 23 - October 22

Libras will be looking for a balance between work and free time in July. Your ability to resolve conflicts diplomatically will come in handy. In love, relationships will improve if you are ready to compromise.



Scorpio October 23 - Nov 21

Trust your intuition. With everything going on in the world, it's easy to lose perspective. Follow your instincts when it comes to what really matters most, which is close friends and family. This is the time to rise and shine. Be Brave!



Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21

Sagittarius, you will enjoy adventures and exploring new places in July. This is a great time to travel and learn about new cultures. Your curiosity will bring new knowledge and experience that will benefit you in the future.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

In July, Capricorns, you will be focused on your career and achieving your goals. Your diligence and discipline will bear fruit, bringing you recognition and promotion.



Aquarius Jan 20 - Feb 18

Aquarians, you will be full of new ideas and innovations in July. This is a great time to start new projects and collaborate with others. Your sociability will attract many, which will bring you new friends and business partners.



Pisces Feb 19 - March 20

Pisces, you will experience a period of spiritual growth and introspection in July. This is the perfect time to meditate and connect with your inner self. In love, relationships will deepen.

A Window Onto Nature's World



By Environmentalist and Green Campaigner Jill Theunissen

Long, long ago in the Neolithic Age before 2200 BC our forebearers, the Hunter-Gatherers, roamed the Forests, Hillsides and Valleys gathering fruits, nuts, roots and capturing wild game for nourishment and survival. A transformation took place with the era of agropastoral activities when the land became utilised for crops, and grasslands hosted the early herds of domestic livestock!

Optimising All Opportunity For Quality Food-crop Production

Present-day Global "Climate Change" records Flood Conditions eroding topsoil and collapsing, sloping terrain; previous Mono cultivation has left a legacy of very poor Soil Quality over extensive hectareage, combined with an apparent lack of Local Agricultural Planning to achieve optimum Land Utilisation by the Authorities and Departments concerned. The International Soil Conference held recently in Nairobi highlighted the political misconception that extensive hectareage is the "Ideal", over-looking the Smallholding Producers in close proximity to the market and Home Growers, who are committed to quality production to put FOOL) on the TABLE. Research has revealed an alarming situation in sub-Saharan Africa where on average Farmers apply 22kgs of fertilizer per hectare, as opposed to the World average of 146 kgs per hectare. The lack of fertilizer not only negates "quality of yield", but is counter-productive to achieving International competition. Focus to urgently implement fertilizer "subsidization" to the smaller growers would reduce Market and Retail price escalation to the consumers.

For the Home Owner a Layout Plan should allow for a Vegetable garden, placement for fruit Trees, if selected, and space for a herb garden if required for culinary benefits. A simple Layout Plan may allow

separate beds of approximately 5.0 M x 2.0 M for each variety, with a 50cm walkway in between. A line of five beds will need about 16.0 x 6.0 M = 96.0 M sq. If two lines, then add 108.0 M sq. with a total area of 204.0 M sq. A List of Vegetables is an important step to allow year-round cultivation and to put QUALITY FOOD ON THE TABLE.

For Health and Diet allow a wide range to include the leafy green vegetables, cabbages, Kale, Spinach, Lettuces, Broccoli and Brussel sprouts. Root species to include Carrots. Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Parsnips, and Onions. Asparagus, Leeks and Celery need specific depth of planting to permit growth with white stem portion mature when lifting.

Both Capsicum and Aubergine need extra space to achieve a bushy form and bear large fruits. Bush beans and peas offer easy crops with these legumes adding nitrogen back into the bed with each rotation. Pumpkins and Butternut of spreading habit are best grown separately, while Tomatoes, Cucumbers and Runner beans require a trellis or structure to bear an abundant crop! Start the planting with good quality seedlings in straight lines, within the prepared Beds. Regular weeding and watering is necessary until the crop reaches maturity, but may depend on weather conditions. Success!



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This marks a seventh win for Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team in Sardinia



Ott Tänak snatched victory on the final stage of the event by just two tenths of a second

Rally Italia Sardegna delivers another win for Hyundai

Hyundai Motorsport celebrated a fantastic finish to Rally Italia Sardegna, the sixth round of the FIA World Rally Championship season (WRC), where Ott Tänak snatched victory on the final stage of the event by just two tenths of a second.

The Estonian had been gaining on rally leader Sébastien Ogier throughout the day as their intense battle continued, yet it appeared the gap was insurmountable heading into the Power Stage. However, this unpredictable rally held one final surprise: a puncture for Ogier saw the advantage swing back to Tänak when it mattered most. The incredible result matches the 2011 Jordan Rally for the closest-ever finish in WRC history and marks a seventh win for Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team in Sardinia.

It is also Hyundai Motorsport's second consecutive double podium finish, with Dani Sordo/Cándido Carrera joining their team-mates

after safely bringing their Hyundai i20 N Rally1 Hybrid home in third. Meanwhile, Thierry Neuville/Martijn Wydaeghe topped the Super Sunday standings in a superb recovery from their Saturday frustrations.

Sunday featured two special stages, each run twice on the day: Cala Flumini (SS13/15, 12.55 km) and Sassari-Argentiera (SS14/16, 7.10 km). The Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team was quick out the blocks: once again, Neuville refused to let the disadvantage of being first on the road hamper his mission to score maximum points. Two stage wins in the morning loop established the Belgian at the top of the Super Sunday standings.

Nest up, Rally Poland will make its highly anticipated return to the WRC calendar from 27 to 30 June on the fast gravel roads that last featured in 2017, when Thierry Neuville led a Hyundai Motorsport 1-2 finish.



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SARDINE RUN 2024

On Friday, 07 June 2024, there were signs of sardines coming into KZN waters. This was repeated on Saturday, 08 June 2024, but at first light on Sunday, 09 June 2024, the sardines were as far north as Hibberdene in the early morning. Sardines could be spotted all along the Port Shepstone beachfront with an abundance of gamefish present. Local anglers were catching kingfish, queen mackerel, shad, and various other fish preying upon the sardines. Spinner sharks were breaching and spinning in the air. This kaleidoscope of activity has carried on throughout the day on Sunday, 09 June 2024, and once again on Monday, 10 June 2024. The weather is looking good for the rest of the week, and the surf size drops off so netting should be relatively easy. The best advice is to capitalize on the opportunity that the sardines are here and make the best of the viewing. Although the weather will remain good for the next few days, the opportunity of viewing the sardines may not be as good as the present moment.

On Sunday, 9 June 2024, there were 7 nettings of sardines, and the first crates were sold at R 700.00. On Monday, 10 June 2024, there have been numerous nettings stretching from Ramsgate on the Lower South Coast through to Umgababa on the Upper South Coast. The starting price for the sardines was R 500.00 per crate.

We have removed all Sharks Board Safety Gear from Port Edward through to Isipingo, and bathing is banned along the south coast now. All signage is in place, and the local authorities have been advised. Today, we are going to remove the Sharks Board Safety Gear from Anstey's and Brighton Beaches. The bathing at these two beaches will also be banned.

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