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MAGAZINE

Mandela Day Joy at The Baby Home



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By Kasia Yoko
Through My Eyes



We live in a world that feels more broken with each passing day. A world where cruelty wears an ordinary face—where mothers lose their minds and harm their children, where traffickers prey on the desperation of the poor, and where human life is treated with less value than a currency that can be moved with the click of a button.

But perhaps one of the greatest violations of our time is the erosion of trust.

It happens quietly, and it happens often. A phone rings. A voice you think you know pleads for help. A WhatsApp from a “relative” tells a believable story. A stranger online offers a promise too sweet to ignore. And just like that, a person—kind-hearted, hopeful, maybe lonely—is pulled into the machinery of deceit.

Scammers are no longer just con artists—they are sophisticated manipulators, feeding off the vulnerable and the trusting. And let’s be honest: we want to trust. We want to believe that a cousin is in trouble, that a stranger is honest, that people are good. Because to live suspiciously every minute is exhausting. Because it goes against the very fabric of who we are meant to be—connected, kind, and open to one another.

But this world... this world makes fools of us for hoping. Every day, people are losing

their life savings through fake marketplace ads, romance scams, fake investment opportunities, and even heartbreaking schemes that target the elderly. And it’s not stupidity that gets them—it’s love. It’s generosity. It’s that last flicker of belief in humanity they’ve held onto.

The true evil of our age is not some great satanic force. It is far more ordinary. It is lazy minds, moral indifference, and the chilling rise of empathy-free living. The devil, in our time, is not a myth. He’s a mediocre man with a Wi-Fi connection and no conscience.

And we—so many of us—are tired. Distracted. Isolated. Wanting to believe that good is still out there. That’s why people fall for it. Not because they are foolish. But because they are human.

And so we must walk the line now, carefully. We must teach ourselves to pause before we act, to question before we believe, to slow down before we give. We must warn each other. Hold space for those who’ve been hurt. And remember that behind every scam story is someone who trusted, who loved, who believed.

This is the world we live in.

But we don’t have to live in it blindly. Stay gentle. Stay aware. And remind yourself—

compassion is still sacred. But now, it must walk hand in hand with caution.

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Dear Ed,

Re: 2025 World Club Soccer Cup Competition

The recent World Club Men’s Soccer Competition in its revised format with 8 groups and 4 teams in each held recently in the USA was a resounding success. Teams came from 6 continents.

Well done to Chelsea of London who won

the coveted title with a thrashing of 2025 Champions League winners PSG winning 3-0. Man of the match Cole Palmer scored a great brace and had an assist also. He had PSG’s Donnaruma clutching fresh air. Chelsea had won the cup in 2021 in the old format.

The downside was that many matches were played in very hot and uncomfortable weather and took a toll on the players.

What a pleasure it was to see old masters such as Messi of Inter Maimi and Di Maria

of Benfica play along with budding young diamonds such as Doue of PSG, Gule of Real Madrid and Dalep of Chelsea.

Sundowns of South Africa did us and Africa proud winning many new fans internationally with their Afro-Brazilian flair. May they reach the knock out stage next time.

Simon T Dehal Verulam

Dear Ed,

Re: Ongoing Air Pollution Crisis in Durban North

Despite interventions from concerned members of the Provincial Legislature, environmental health officials, and various departments, Durban North continues to suffer under a nightly and early morning blanket of thick, toxic smoke. The stench is unbearable, the pollution visible—and yet, there seems to be no real action plan in place to address the source of this hazard: the smouldering fire on Gum Tree Road.

This issue has persisted for far too long, with no effective resolution in sight. Residents are desperate. Many of us have

reached out directly to the Mayor of eThekweni, pleading for immediate action to extinguish the fire and restore clean air to our neighbourhoods. So far, we are still waiting.

We are calling on health inspectors and environmental enforcement authorities to step in and protect our community. We have small children, elderly citizens, and beloved pets who are forced to breathe in these harmful fumes every night. It is not only an environmental crisis—it is a public health emergency.

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Over R1 Billion In Unspent Grants Earmarked For Infrastructure Upgrades

The Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry NPC is deeply concerned about the unspent grants earmarked for infrastructure upgrades amounting to over R1 billion. With eThekweni Municipality’s ongoing service delivery challenges, this not only reflects poor governance within the municipality but also represents significant missed opportunities to create a more enabling environment for businesses to thrive.

Durban’s water and sanitation system is under severe strain, with much of its infrastructure, such as pipelines and treatment facilities, ageing and deteriorating. The growing water demand continues to place additional pressure on the system. Furthermore, poor management of the City’s stormwater networks is increasing the City’s vulnerability to flooding. These challenges have become a serious concern for businesses, many of which are experiencing operational downtime and have been forced to explore alternative options to sustain their operations.

Despite these challenges and the urgent need to upgrade deteriorating infrastructure, the capital budget is on a declining trajectory. According to the Durban EDGE (2025), National Treasury guidelines indicate that 20% of the total budget should be allocated to capital

infrastructure expenditure.

As organised business, we recognise that infrastructure plays a critical role in sustaining business confidence, fostering rapid economic growth and investment in Durban. The Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry NPC believes that efforts should be focused on:

1. Improving the regulatory framework
2. Regular maintenance, refurbishment, and replacement of critical infrastructure.
3. Increasing infrastructure investment through private-public partnerships
4. Non-Revenue water reduction

The Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry NPC together with private sector is committed to working with the City to address the infrastructure challenges. There needs to be accountability and transparency. Failing to spend allocated grants efficiently has the potential to lead to further deterioration of infrastructure, which will have far-reaching implications for our economy. Therefore, eThekweni Municipality is urged to review its bureaucratic systems, fast-track priority infrastructure projects urgently, and actively involve the business sector to ensure that available funding is utilised efficiently and effectively for the benefit of the City and Business.

"They don't wear masks or carry weapons — today's scamsters wear charm, carry smiles, and sell lies wrapped in false promises. Beware the predator dressed as a helper." By Kasia Yoko



We all have such fond memories of, Beachway Volkswagen, a trusted name in Durban's automotive scene back in the day, which has since evolved into the vibrant, professional presence we now know as Bidvest McCarthy Volkswagen Durban. For years, the dealership operated from 40 Monty Naicker Street, increasing its reputation for friendly service, fair deals, and genuine care for its customers.

Now, the dealership is turning the page with 57 years of community service with a major move to a state-of-the-art dealership at 200 Stalwart Simelane Street, opposite the ICC, located in one of Durban's most respected and accessible precincts. This relocation isn't just about upgrading the address—it's about reaffirming their commitment to excellence and customer service at every level. Their new dealership sets a fresh

benchmark for what Durban drivers can expect. With a world-class workshop, an extensive parts and spares department, and a striking new-car showroom, the facility has been purpose-built to deliver an experience as modern and reliable as the Volkswagen brand itself. However, while the building may be new, the soul of the dealership remains unchanged. The same dedicated team of professionals, under the spirited

leadership of Dealer Principal Shane Naidu and Sales Manager Angelo Valayatham, are renowned for crafting tailored finance, insurance, and trade-in packages, and continue to serve both long-time loyal customers and first-time buyers. Whether you're seeking a city-smart Polo or a family-ready Tiguan, the team is equipped to help you find your perfect fit. To mark this exciting new beginning, you're invited to 200 Simelane Street,

to celebrate with Bidvest McCarthy VW Durban's team on Saturday, 2nd August, for a fun filled event from 9 AM to 3 PM where you can test drive awesome new models and try out their golf simulator. Come experience family-friendly Volkswagen energy at the future of Volkswagen in Durban! Call them on 031 367 6767 or speak to Angelo on 083 566 5667 for more info. Visit www.durban.mccarthyvw.co.za/

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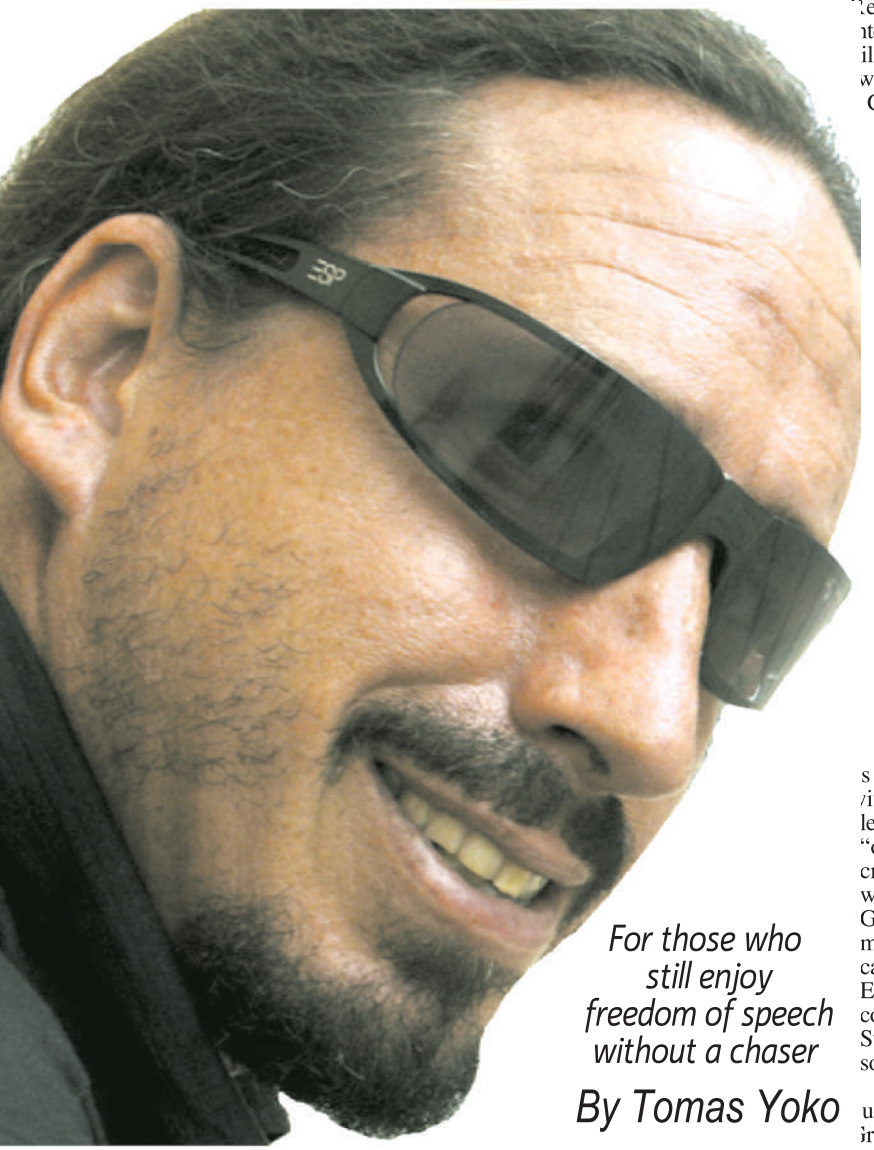
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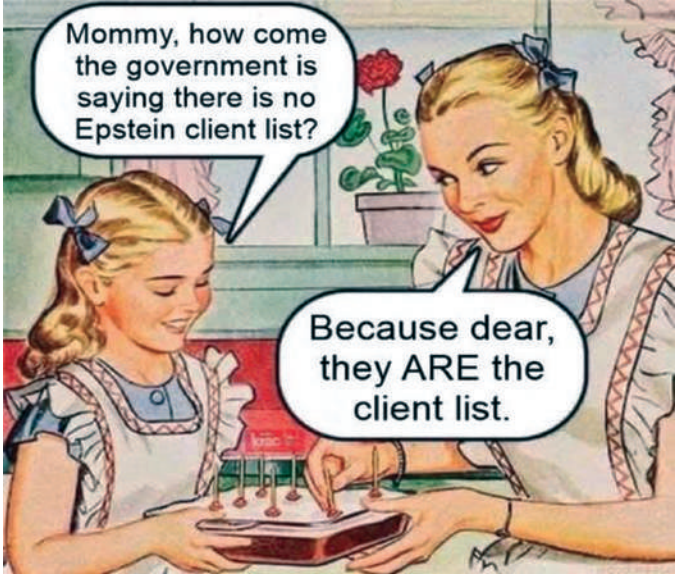
For those who
still enjoy
freedom of speech
without a chaser
By Tomas Yoko

Remember Jeffrey Epstein? The international financier who “allegedly” killed himself in a high-security prison with more security cameras than a Sun City blackjack table. At first the cameras had failed, then there was uninterrupted hours with missing minutes, or um . . . His client list, once promised to be the political reckoning of the century, has mysteriously dissolved into the same black hole as public trust for the Trump administration. How terribly convenient. Not. Dare ye mention spying for Mossad or Israel.

Meanwhile, back home, South Africa’s top cops seem to be auditioning for a Netflix docuseries., Murder, Blue Lights Combat gear & Backroom Deals. The SAPS is rotting from the top down, with allegations of high-ranking officials entangled in political assassinations and mafia-style racketeering. President Ramaphosa seems less concerned about the decay than about not upsetting the balance of dysfunction. At this point, the only background checks being done are by hitmen.

But don’t worry—the real threat is a Zimbabwean crossing the Limpopo with a torn passport. Our borders are less a “secure perimeter” and more an “optional suggestion,” while actual criminals stroll through OR Tambo with diplomatic immunity and R60,000 Gucci belts. And Trump just pulled a move to export the worst criminals he can gather, the worst, sending them to Eswatini, for those who don’t follow country name changes, that’s formerly Swaziland, we will need good policing somewhere along the line.

In Europe there’s international uffoonery: U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham, never one to miss a chance to



play global pyromaniac, is openly calling for the U.S. to bomb Russia. Yes, bomb them. America so brazenly controlled by Israel. Because nothing says “we want peace” quite like escalating a war between two nuclear powers. That should do wonders for the price of bread. Germany’s Major General Christian Freuding is hell bent on bombing Moscow, urging various military targets they should bomb, in his opinion, “Use long-range air warfare assets to strike aircraft and airfields before they are used. Also, target weapons production facilities.” He is reported to having spewed from his mouth. The Bilderberg Group just met in Sweden, I wonder what they decided to do with us?

France, not to be outdone, is whispering sweet nothings about “stabilising Africa,” which loosely translates to: we need your resources and we’re not asking nicely anymore.

Re-colonisation never really went out of fashion—it just got better PR. Ebrahim Traore is showing the way and the cross hairs of oppression are on his back. Even his fellow African leaders are wobbling in their support for him. They killed Gadhafi for less.

Moving quickly on from there to the blood-soaked stain on our human conscience that is the genocide saga in Gaza. After months of relentless bombardment, famine, and gleeful war profiteering, even the West’s PR departments are struggling to keep up. The public is beginning to notice Israel creating death camps. There are marches, boycotts, tribunals, but the governments? They’re still stuck on “deeply concerned.” That’s diplomatic code for: “We’re watching, but please continue.” As Bibi rubs his hands with genocidal glee and Trump tries hard not to applaud.

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Speaker, Dr Nombuso Mthethwa



Speaker, Hayley Wylie



Speaker, Rakhi Beekrum

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and relationships to her energy, confidence, and success in business.

Expect real conversations, practical takeaways, and a safe space to ask the questions you’ve always wanted to. Because when women understand their bodies, they show up stronger—in life and in leadership.

DATE: Thursday, 7th of August 2025

VENUE: Hellenic Community Centre (6 High Grove, Umgeni Park, Durban.

TIME: Breakfast served from 08:00am, meeting to start promptly at 08:30 until 10:30am

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For More information contact the KZNWIB Administrator, Nicci Hosking, on info@kznwib.co.za

Spreading Mandela Day Joy at The Baby Home



Jo Teunissen (Founder of The Baby Home Durban North) and Dr Cebi Sibisi (Founder of Dr Cebi Dermatology)

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To top off the visit, the little ones were treated to a beautiful new wooden outdoor play set, which has already become a firm favourite with the boys, and a wooden swing set, which is set to be installed next week.

“We had such a lovely visit from Dr Cebi Sibisi and her wonderful team,” said Jo Teunissen, Founder of The Baby Home. “They came through with loads of essential goodies for our babies and gifted us the most amazing outdoor play equipment. We just know our little guys are going to have the best time with it all. Thank you so much, Dr Cebi and team – your love, care and support mean the world to us and our little ones.”

Dr Cebi Sibisi, founder of Dr Cebi Dermatology, said: “It was a privilege to spend time with Jo and her incredible team. We admire the wonderful work they do to provide these little ones with such love and security. It’s an honour to be able to support them in any way we can, and to help bless these beautiful babies with a little joy and care.”

The Baby Home Durban North is part of The Peace Agency, a registered NPO and public benefit organisation. As a registered Place of Safety, the home provides 24/7 care for orphaned, abandoned, and adoptable babies and toddlers – including children with special needs – until they can be placed with forever families or long-term care solutions.

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Na zdrowie!

"A good recipe isn't just measured in cups and spoons — it's seasoned with memory, stirred with love, and served with a story." By Kasia Yoko

The Future of AI is Local

Introducing Siza AI: South Africa's first email-driven AI gateway



Durban-based tech developer, Jeeten (Jay) Bhoora

A proudly South African innovation is set to change the way people across the country and beyond access and engage with artificial intelligence. Introducing Siza AI, Africa's first fully email-powered AI gateway, designed specifically to serve everyday South Africans, no matter where they are or what device they use.

Built by Durban-based tech developer, Jeeten (Jay) Bhoora, Siza AI marks a major leap forward in inclusive digital transformation. Unlike conventional AI platforms that rely on fast internet, smartphone apps, or user logins, Siza is entirely accessible through email, the most widely used and universally understood digital tool on the continent.

"If you can send an email, you can use Siza," says Bhoora. "You don't need an app or a credit card. That's what makes it powerful. It meets people where they are, not where the tech world expects them to be."

True to its name, Siza means "assist" in isiZulu. The platform is purpose-built to empower, educate, and support South Africans. It responds in multiple local languages, including English, isiZulu, Xhosa, Afrikaans, Hindi, Telugu, Gujarati and others, making it a tool that truly speaks to the people it's built for.

Whether it's helping a learner understand a maths concept in their home language, offering affordable insight into body corporate law, or guiding a small business owner through the Companies Act, Siza AI delivers clear, accurate responses in under a minute.

With global concerns about AI replacing jobs, Bhoora is determined to flip the narrative. "In South Africa, AI can actually bridge gaps in education, in access to information, and in productivity," he explains. "Siza isn't about replacing people. It's about removing the barriers that hold them back."

Nowhere is this more critical than in education. "With one of the highest

unemployment rates in the world, the future doesn't feel like a promise for many young South Africans, rather a burden," says Bhoora. "But if we want to tackle unemployment, we must go deeper. We must go to the root. And that root is education."

South Africa's learners face many challenges: under-resourced schools, a shortage of qualified educators, and learning materials often written in languages many learners don't speak at home. "For too long, brilliance has been held back by barriers like these," says Bhoora. "Siza was born to break these barriers."

Through tutor@siza.email, learners can receive bilingual explanations in subjects like mathematics and science for free, helping them grasp complex concepts in both their home language and English.

"It's not just about passing exams," Bhoora adds. "It's about building confidence, giving clarity, and helping learners find their voice. When we unlock education, we unlock employment, innovation, dignity, and hope."

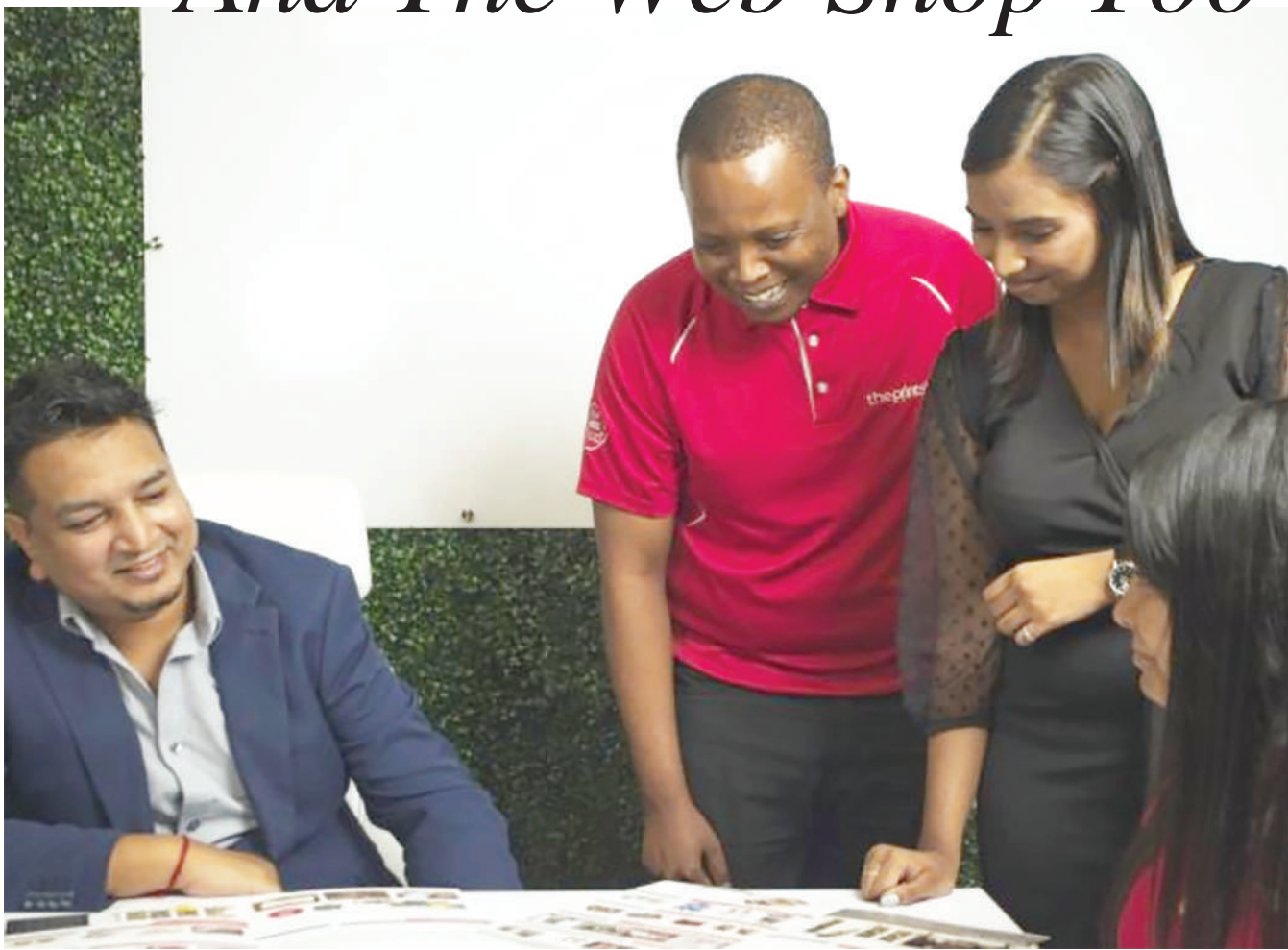
Siza AI has begun partnering with NGOs such as UrGlobal, founded by Luleka Mkuzo, to introduce AI literacy into under-resourced schools. Bhoora envisions a future where learners aren't just passive users of tech, but active architects of their own digital futures.

The platform also offers dedicated email AIs for other everyday needs. These tools are just the beginning. Bhoora's vision is to develop specialised email AIs for key areas of South African life, including labour law, business compliance, and public services to empower people with practical, affordable knowledge that helps them move forward with confidence.

Siza AI is not just a tech innovation, it's a vision of what inclusive, homegrown technology can achieve when built with people in mind. It's a statement of belief in South Africa's potential.

THE PRINT SHOP WINS AGAIN

And The Web Shop Too



Yash Panday consults with team members on the intricacies of a print job, The Print Shop, www.theprintshop.co.za and now sister company The Web Shop, www.thewebshop.co.za have been embraced by the community with their consistent first place awards in the Best of Durban

Under the ever steady leadership of the enigmatic Yash (Yasheen) Panday, The Print Shop in Durban has once again claimed the title of Best Print Shop in Durban, continuing its remarkable winning streak in the esteemed Best of Durban Readers' Choice Awards, the name has become synonymous with excellence in local printing. Thanks to his visionary ethos and unwavering passion, Panday and his talented team continue to deliver toptier service, exceptional print quality, and inventive solutions—from acrylic art to banners, mugs, business cards, and corporate signage.

This year, Panday tapped into his expertise and added another feather to his crown: his

newly established digital venture, The Web Shop, which also won its category in the Best of Durban awards—Best Web Design Company in Durban—further cementing his reputation as not only a print guru but also a digital trailblazer with the best web shop in Durban, www.thewebshop.co.za and the best print shop in Durban, www.theprintshop.co.za, where together these sister firms form a seamless branding duo—print and digital under one trusted umbrella. Yash was also featured in the ECR FNB Future50, recognising his corporate trailblazing endeavours.

It feels almost cheeky to say "third time

lucky," given how many consecutive wins have been chalked up by Yash and his group, but here we are, and frankly, who's counting? With such a committed team and rock solid community support, it's no wonder The Print Shop is a household favourite. And with The Web Shop's rapid ascent, you can be sure that something even bigger is brewing in Yash's Durban North empire.

So here's to Yash and the crew: your tried and trusted brands are showing us all what consistency, creativity, and good humour can achieve. Your community trusts you. Durban votes—and you win. Big things ahead, and we can't wait to see what's next.



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Property Talk

By:
Andreas Wassenaar

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It appears that the residential rental market is bouncing back after several years of poor performance. According to Payprop's insightful Q1 2025 rental index report the South African rental market demonstrated significant strength in the first quarter of 2025, with year-on-year rental growth reaching a near eight-year high of 5.6%. This surge pushed the national average rent to R9,132. In a positive sign for landlords, the percentage of tenants in arrears fell to a record-low of 17.0%, although the average amount owed by these tenants remained steady at 77.1% of a month's rent. However, an analysis of provincial data from the Payprop Rental Index for Q1 2025 reveals distinctly different performances across the country's key economic hubs: the Western Cape, Gauteng, and KwaZulu-Natal.

Provincial Snapshots: Western Cape is the clear leader in the residential rental market with demand outstripping supply. The Western Cape continues to dominate the market, commanding the country's highest average rent at R11,285, supported by robust year-on-year growth of 9.6%. The province is also home to the most reliable tenants, with the lowest percentage of arrears in South Africa at 13.7%. Tenants in arrears here also owe the least, at just 60.2% of their rent.

Gauteng is best described as a rental market under pressure. In stark contrast to the Western Cape, Gauteng's rental market is experiencing a slowdown. The province recorded year-on-year growth of only 2.9%, the second-lowest rate nationally. While its average rent of R9,201 is still the country's third-highest, this position is now precarious. On a brighter note, Gauteng's arrears rate is the second-lowest in the country at 15.6%. However, those tenants who are in arrears owe a substantial 86.0% of their rent, the second-highest figure in SA.

KwaZulu-Natal is stable and poised to rise. KwaZulu-Natal's rental market is stable and on the verge of a significant upward shift. The province posted 4.5% year-on-year growth, a strong recovery from the previous year. Its average rent climbed to R9,170, now only R31 behind Gauteng. Given its higher growth rate, KZN is on track to overtake Gauteng in the provincial rankings. The arrears rate in KZN stands at 19.4%—the third-highest in the country, but a five-year low for the province. These tenants owe a below-average 73.5% of their rent. For those investors who have been considering a property purchase along the vibrant KZN North Coast, now is the golden window to invest while prices remain relatively low.

In conclusion, the first quarter of 2025 highlights a thriving national rental market led decisively by the Western Cape in both rental prices and tenant reliability. Gauteng's long-standing market dominance is fading due to slow growth, creating a clear opportunity for a steadily performing KwaZulu-Natal to advance in the provincial rankings.

LEGAL TALK

by Fawzia Khan



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‘When a man is asked to put his signature to a document, he cannot fail to realize that he is called upon to signify his assent to whatever words appear above his signature. The party who seeks relief must convince the Court that he was misled as to the words to which he was thus signifying his assent. In each case, this must be decided on all the evidence led in that particular case.’

These words were quoted by the judge when it delivered its judgment in the Gauteng High Court on 18 July 2025, in a divorce case in which a man disputed understanding the contents of a document which he had earlier signed.

After being served with a divorce summons by his wife, the man then signed the settlement agreement, but later on changed his mind saying that at the time he signed it, he did not know what it was he signed. The term Caveat Scriptor is a Latin term which essentially serves as a caution to a drafter of a document or to the person signing a document, that their signature to the document carries with it binding legal consequences.

In this case the court heard that when the wife served the divorce summons on her husband, she also included a settlement agreement which she and two witnesses had signed and dated on 21 February 2022. About 3 weeks later she served the divorce summons on her husband. On 25 March 2022, the husband also signed the settlement agreement, together with two witnesses and couriered the settlement agreement to his wife. In April 2022 he again signed a copy of the

same agreement at his wife's lawyers offices and in the presence of two witnesses. A few months later however, the husband delivered a notice to defend the divorce action, saying that he did not realize he had signed a settlement agreement and thought he had signed an acknowledgement of receipt of the divorce summons.

The wife disputed this and the matter went on to trial. The husband's version was that he was not trained or educated in the law and he said that there was no discussion with him regarding forfeiting his interest in the parties' immovable property. During cross-examination, the husband conceded that he signed the agreement a second time.

The court found that even though the husband might not be educated in the law, as a consulting engineer, he was not an ignorant, unschooled person and that there could be no ambiguity about the contents of what he had signed.

The court said he did not plead any fraud, or misrepresentation, or undue duress at the time he signed the document nor was there any evidence that indicated that he was misled. The court was satisfied that the wife had successfully proved the existence of a written settlement agreement between the parties and granted the divorce incorporating the settlement agreement which was signed by the parties.

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By Tomas Yoko

Renault Duster 4x2

A French Accent with a Gritty Local Dialect



The new Renault Duster adapts to the South African way of life with such ease, seen here passing an obstacle with aplomb

There's something delightfully cheeky about the new Renault Duster—especially in two-wheel drive. It arrives dressed like it just flew in from Nice, but wastes no time getting its tyres dirty. And I mean that literally.

I took the Duster into soft, sandy stretches that would've had lesser crossovers digging their own graves. Add to that a couple of impromptu detours over war-zone-level road repairs, and what did the Duster do? It shrugged. Raised ground clearance, a feisty little engine, and that light, unbothered chassis made short work of terrain that usually separates the pretenders from the proper stuff.

You can almost hear it purring, "is that all you've got?"

And while it's busy outperforming expectations, it also looks the part. Renault's given the Duster a sharp, modern makeover—still chunky and rugged, but now with a dose of French sophistication. It's the kind of design that wouldn't look out of place parked outside a bakery in Lyon... or a bush pub outside Upington.

Let's be clear: this isn't a toy, and it's not trying to be a Land Cruiser. But it gets the job done, looks good doing it, and costs less than the monthly groceries for a family of five.

Bravo, Renault. The Duster 4x2 is proof that capability doesn't always need four driven wheels—or a badge from Stuttgart. And yes, for those who crave even more go-anywhere gusto, the AWD Duster is out there—and I've driven it too. Trust me, it's every bit as rugged as it sounds. But it's this front-wheel-drive version that proves just how clever and composed Renault's engineering really is.



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

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

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