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Through my eyes

by Kasia Yoko

“When you’ve stared loss in the face, every sunrise becomes a sacred victory.”

Lately, death has been far too close. I’ve lost a dear friend to cancer. Just last month, two of my immediate neighbours passed away on the same day, both to the same cruel disease.

It feels as if cancer has moved into our lives uninvited, taking up too much space, too much air, too much of our hope. I am shaken, heartbroken, and, above all, deeply saddened by how many lives this disease continues to claim each day.

Cancer is not a statistic, in South Africa alone, more than 100,000 people are diagnosed with cancer every year. Those numbers - reported by the National Cancer Registry - are not just figures on an

annual report, they are mothers, fathers, sisters, sons, and friends. They are the people we love.

Beyond the physical pain and emotional wreckage lies another reality that is rarely spoken about: the cost of survival.

Treatment is brutally expensive - often surpassing R1 million a year when advanced therapies are needed. For the 84% of South Africans who do not have medical aid, that figure may as well be a death sentence. Even for those who do, the system is not built for compassion. It’s built for numbers.

It’s so hard to keep the mind of “What if?...” narrative in my mind. What if I get sick? What if? I use a lot of willpower to stay off those

thoughts; I refuse to let fear take root. I have seen enough loss to know that life is too fragile to live in half-measures.

The only sane response to such devastation is gratitude - fierce, unrelenting gratitude for every single breathe, every shared smile, every ordinary miracle that still greets us each morning.

So I choose to live, just for today, for this very moment - not cautiously, not conditionally, but wholly.

I choose to marvel at the sun spilling over the ocean. I choose to sit longer with the people I love, to say yes to small joys, and to find beauty even in the cracks of an imperfect world. Because if cancer

has taught me anything, it’s that we cannot wait for life to become easy or fair before we start living.

“Let us not be paralysed by fear of what might come.” My bestie recently advised. “Let’s, instead, live so fully that even loss cannot erase our presence.”

May we honour those we’ve lost not with tears alone, but with courage - by waking up each day determined to live the kind of life that reminds others what it means to be truly alive.

Fly high and surf hard Tommy Osborne. Thank you for our time around my kitchen table and those sweaty Padel games we shared, you will be missed by everyone at The Royal Quarter.

We cannot outlive death - but we can outshine it.

Dear Editor,

Re: Are We Ready for the Season?

As the December holidays draw near, our town is gearing up for what is traditionally the busiest time of year. While the festive season brings a welcome boost to local businesses and a lively atmosphere that many of us enjoy, it also raises some serious concerns about our town’s readiness to handle the inevitable surge of visitors.

Even during quieter months, we can all see that our infrastructure is already under pressure. Roads are congested, waste management services are stretched thin, and our water

and sewage systems often seem to be operating at full capacity.

Add thousands of holidaymakers to the mix, and one has to wonder — are we genuinely prepared for the additional load?

The influx of tourists is, of course, essential for our economy. Many livelihoods depend on it, from restaurants and guesthouses to shops and service providers. Yet it’s also fair to ask whether enough planning has been done to ensure the experience is positive for everyone — both residents and visitors. Are our beaches and public spaces being maintained? Are traffic and safety measures in place? Do we have enough staff and

resources to cope with the seasonal demand?

Preparing for the holiday rush should not just be about welcoming visitors but also about protecting the quality of life for those who live here year-round. A thriving tourism season depends on a well-functioning town, not one that buckles under pressure.

It’s not about complaining; it’s about caring enough to ask the right questions before the chaos begins. Let’s make sure we’re ready — not just for the season, but for a sustainable future.

Kind regards,
Warren Kloeter
Durban

Dear Ed,

Re: THE ZULU MONARCHY

Following the death of Zulu Monarch King Goodwill Zwelithini, one his sons Prince Misizulu ascended the throne. This occurred after customs, traditions and tribal law were taken cognizance of, noting that all of these are pivotal to the succession issue.

There was dissension in some quarters regarding the decision. Even court challenges were launched concerning the heir to the throne, particularly those made by Misizulu’s siblings Simakade and Mbonisi.

Recently the Supreme Court of Appeal overruled the 2023 Pretoria High Court judgment that set aside Misizulu’s recognition as monarch by President C

Ramaphosa. It is hoped that now that this contentious matter has been settled legally unity will prevail.

To this end King Misizulu has called for a meeting (Isibaya) of relevant persons, primarily those of the Zulu royal household, especially to report on this issue and call for a truce and dispel lingering animosity, strife and divisions -ie to smoke the peace pipe and foster unity and oneness. This is said to take place on 2025-10-29 at the royal palace in beautiful Pongola.

The King’s endeavours in his connection are lauded. May it have positive outcomes. It is hoped that it will be well attended and peace, unity, love and reconciliation will result.

Regards
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Champions, Currents, and the Spirit of Durban

Under a moody, rain-washed African sky, the 2025 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships reached a stirring crescendo off Durban’s golden coastline. The ocean was anything but forgiving, yet it became the stage for moments of pure grit and glory.

Home-grown hero Kira Bester defended her senior women’s SS1 world title in an emotional, fearless performance — a race she dedicated to her late coach. On the men’s side, Australian stalwart Cory Hill carved through the chaotic swells with trademark precision to clinch his fourth world crown, proving that age and experience still have the final word when the surf gets serious.

In the mixed doubles, South Africa’s Matthew Fenn and Saskia Hockly turned bronze into gold with a thunderous victory on home waters — a storybook finish for the host nation. And if the

medal board proved anything, it’s that ocean racing has truly gone global: the men’s top five represented five nations — Australia, France, Portugal, South Africa, and Germany — while the women’s top three hailed from RSA, New Zealand, and the UK.

Adding a touch of horsepower to the weekend, CMH Ford Ballito partnered proudly with Durban Surf Lifesaving as the official vehicle sponsor, supplying three Ford vehicles to keep the event rolling smoothly. “Supporting local talent and world-class athletes is what drives us, both on the road and out on the water,” says Mathew Buck, Dealer Principal at CMH Ford Ballito.

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GWM Haval Ballito: A New Hero Rolls Into Town

By Tomas Yoko



The TANK has arrived in Ballito, with the opening of the brand new GWM Haval Ballito showroom, the TANK along with the H6, the P500, and all the latest models of your dreams



Come and take a look, and you'll see it for yourself: GWM Ballito isn't just open for business — it's open for the future

Ballito's motoring landscape just received a major upgrade at 8 Moffat Drive, with the opening of the new GWM Haval Ballito dealership — a state-of-the-art facility powered by the trusted hand of NMI DSM, the same group that represents the prestigious Mercedes-Benz marque. When a name like that gets behind a brand, you know it means business.

From the moment you step into their brand-new showroom, it's clear this isn't just another dealership — it's a statement of intent. The space gleams with precision and purpose, showcasing the complete Haval, GWM, and Tank range under one sleek roof. From full-electric innovations to clever hybrids and robust diesel or

petrol derivatives, this lineup covers every modern motoring desire. Whether you're after the refined comfort of a Haval SUV, the rugged versatility of a GWM bakkie, or the imposing presence of a Tank off-roader, there's something here to quicken every pulse and suit every pocket, and Sales Manager Shane Moodley has amazing opening deals for you.

But it's not just the cars that impress — it's the confidence behind them. With NMI DSM's renowned service ethic and decades of customer trust, the Ballito dealership brings world-class professionalism to the North Coast's fast-growing motoring scene.

Add to that GWM's unbeatable value proposition — a rare blend

of technology, quality, and price — and you have a combination that's hard to ignore. The future of motoring is evolving fast, and in Ballito, it now wears a bold new badge.

Come and take a look, and you'll see it for yourself: GWM Ballito isn't just open for business — it's open for the future. Speaking of which, they are having a Jamboree Opening event on Saturday 8th of November, a fun festive day for the whole family. From 10 o'clock until 2pm there will be refreshments, entertainment, and test drives with amazing deals on all models. At 8 Moffat Drive. Call them for more information and to arrange a test drive on 032 300 0000. Can't forget that number...

Thank You For Your Love — A Memoir of Survival by Mireille Barnard, A Tale of Deep Sorrow and Endurance

By Kasia Yoko

There are books you read that leave you shaken to the core, Mireille Barnard's book, *Thank You For Your Love — A Memoir of Survival*, is one of those rare works that will keep you up at night.

I have known Mireille for many years. I've seen her rage at the world, cry into her tea at my kitchen table, and still, somehow, find the strength to be a professional and responsible member of our community. We call her 'Our little Peach' because her tales and her escapades are always sweet and juicy. She does not hide her scars; she wears them like medals from a war she never volunteered to fight in.

This memoir is a raw, at times awkwardly uncomfortable read. It's not dressed up with pretty words or false hope. It's a walk through the fire — child sexual abuse, rape, broken relationships, brutal death and a long, clawing climb out of self-destruction. But it's also a love letter to resilience, to motherhood, to the power of plants, and to the divine intelligence that lives in the wild places of our hearts.

From the Wild Coast to the wildness within, Mireille tells her story with a forceful voice, possessed only by people who have gone to the edge of sanity and were able to come back to tell their side of the story. And still, it's not the story of a victim; it's the story of a woman who refused to let her pain define her — instead she turned it into prayer, medicine, and purpose.

Today, Mireille stands firmly in her truth, raising three children on her own, grounded in gratitude and grace. She has turned her trauma into testimony, her silence into a song of a victor.

'Thank You For Your Love' isn't an easy read — but then again, healing seldom is. It's a mirror for every soul who's ever walked through the dark and wondered if they would make it out alive. Mireille shows us that love — messy, stubborn, and unconditional — is always waiting on the other side.

Today, Mireille is raising her young children in Ballito, grounded and grateful. Her shared journey reminds us that healing is not a single moment — it's a lifelong

conversation with your soul.

'Thank You For Your Love' is a book for anyone who has faced themselves in the dark and chose, somehow, to keep going. It's not about survival alone. It's

about remembering that love — quiet, steady, and unbroken — is always there, waiting to be noticed.

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Local author Mireille Barnard

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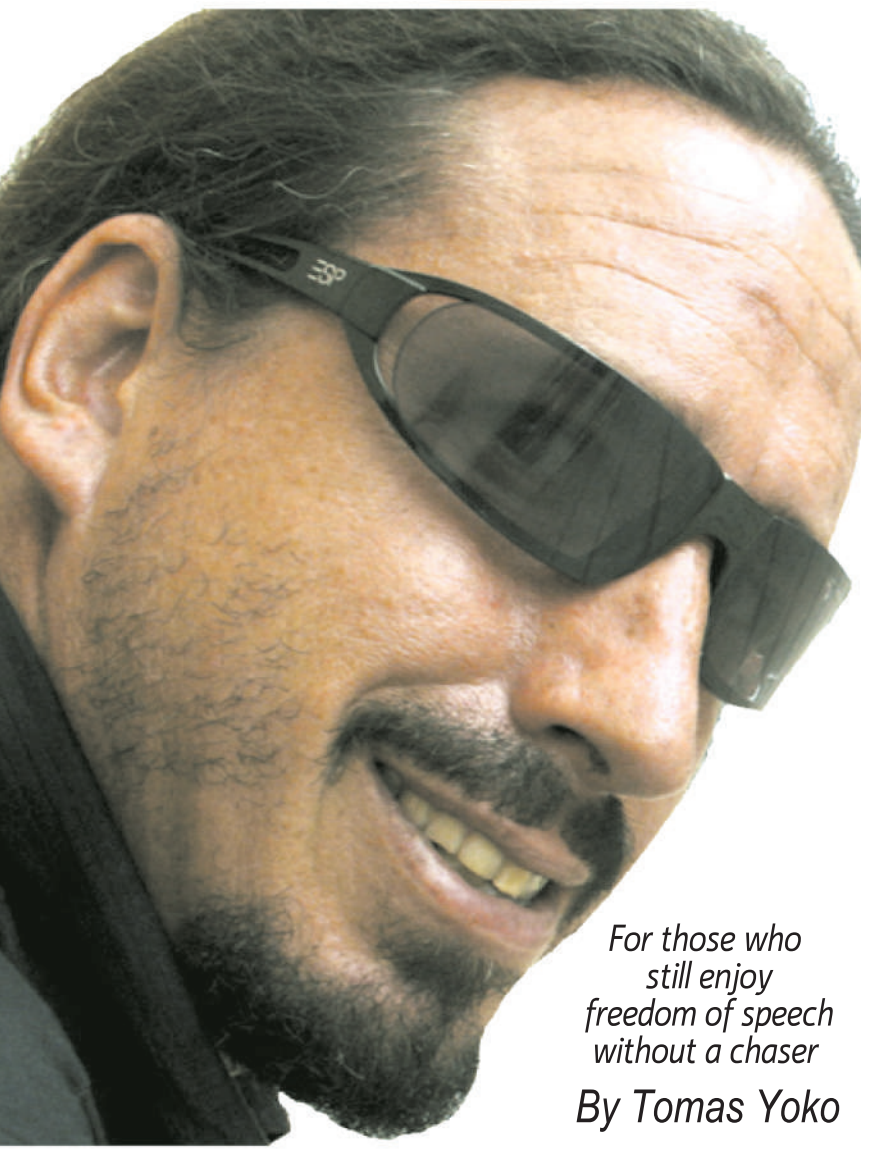
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For those who
still enjoy
freedom of speech
without a chaser
By Tomas Yoko

At home, our country is a masterclass in disappearing acts. Commissions of enquiry vanish faster than promises in a cabinet meeting, leaving the people to marvel at the bureaucratic sleight of hand. The SAPS, that once-proud institution, now flounders amid a theatre of corruption, moral bankruptcy, and leadership so twisted it makes pretzels look straight. Our police and politicians are locked in a dance that could be mistaken for governance, if only it weren't so tragically choreographed by greed.

Once upon a time, the invaders would have to conquer their rivals before raping their women. Today, in modern England, all it seems you need is a chequebook capable of buying the Prime Minister and a handful of pliable mayors, and suddenly the rules are as malleable as the public's outrage. Morality has been outsourced, and the price of civility is evidently negotiable. Sadiq is facing a tsunami of backlash against his inaction and repeated denials.

Beyond our borders, the moral compass spins just as wildly. Gaza's latest "ceasefire" is less a truce than it is a poorly disguised land grab. This paper has more holes than Swiss cheese. Diplomacy has been replaced by press releases that read like adverts for self-interest, and one wonders if any serious actors still bother with the subtlety of ethics. Even the phrase "ceasefire" now carries the faintest aroma of smoke and mirrors — and the occasional burnt toast of failed negotiations.

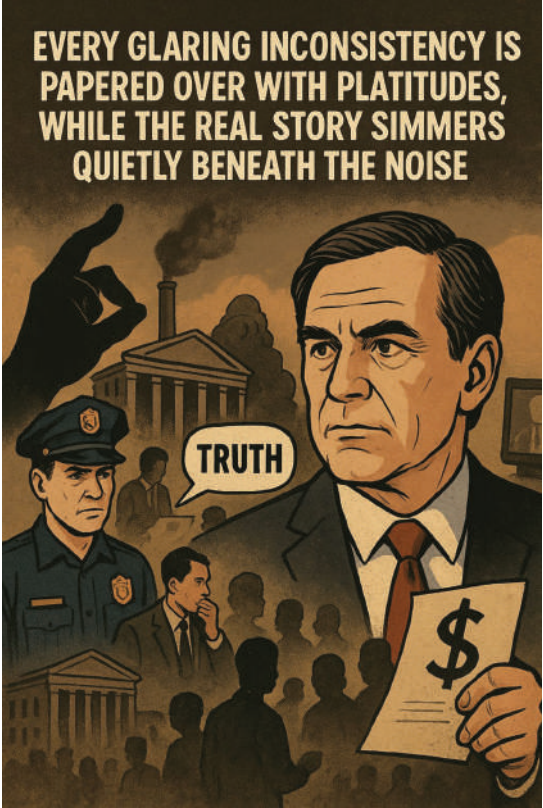
And then there's Charlie. In a world glittering with evidence, the official narrative of his public execution reads like a bedtime story for adults who refuse to wake up. One would need a brain the size of a peanut to swallow it whole — or

perhaps a talent for selective disbelief that could win awards if it were less tragic. Every glaring inconsistency is papered over with platitudes, while the real story simmers quietly beneath the noise. In this theatre, truth is an extra in a play written by spin doctors, and the audience applauds out of habit, or maybe just for lack of a better punchline. Independent broadcasters like Tucker Carlson, Candace Owen and Ian Carroll are revealing the truth under a hail of censorship and abusive attack that show the hand of the puppet master for all to see.

In Europe, the war mongers are willing to burn down the house so that they can rule over the ashes. Germany wants four hundred billion euros worth of military weapons, while Ursula fond of lying is leading the whole alliance into the Kiev trapdoor of self-annihilation. Trump a total disappointment in the whole saga, but if you look back far enough

into history, you will see the pattern, almost clearly.

The lesson, if there is one, is simple: keep your eyes open, your wits sharper, and your sense of irony intact. Otherwise, you might just wake up one morning to find that reality itself has been quietly purchased, edited, and released as a limited edition lie — a show so convincingly staged, the punchlines sneak up on you while the villains



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"The secret of getting ahead is getting started." By Mark Twain



Where temples rise, people follow, anywhere, every generation, time immemorial



A group of ladies just ahead. I follow them like a kid, skipping goat-like in the shimmer of their saris

In the mountains. The mist lifts. Spirits soar. The car purrs

Telegraph poles flash past in my head like drums; one two, buckle my shoe; tik tok sang the mynah bird trespassing on my thoughts. A rhythmic embrace, a flutter of the heart; one buzzard, two griffons, a crow swoops. An eagle soaring way beyond my dreams.

I sign the register, greetings of namaste, vanakam. Shoes off, feet in the soil. Where temples rise, people follow, anywhere, every generation, time immemorial.

The Drakensberg. On a slinky, turvy road to the top, there is a sign. Turn. A group of ladies just ahead. I follow them like a kid, skipping goat-like in the shimmer of their saris. I thought I could surreptitiously follow their lead to the Gods. They were going to the loo. But after a wee moment they were out again and the dance could go on. Belief in relief.

The sign said no shoes inside the circle. I wasn't sure which circle, whether to go clockwise or anti-clockwise, no-one really seemed to mind. It doesn't matter which way you go, just be who you are... there's no set pattern, the milk, the fruit, the circle will hold. Shiva doesn't differentiate.

I find the ground beneath my feet in this world of nature, whilst noticing the vultures circling overhead, acting as guards to Shiva. Hanuman stood. Still. Hanuman chalisa, ganesha, I start to get into the rhythm. Through all my travails, I realise this soaring feeling has never left me, this beauty, this belief in kindness, a need for community of spirituality.

As I walked gently away, the universal



By Jo Rushby from Ikes Books and Collectables, Durban

prayer of peace singing in my head, I thought of the women who had journeyed for over four hours to pray at the feet of Shiva. Now they were sharing some sandwiches. So many decades they had spent together. Still, they talked and supported each other with a child-like reverence.

There is so much in the world to tear us apart. Atomise. Individualise. But in this moment, on the sharp edge of the mountain, these elderly women, their limbs frail, had the most enduring of connective tissues, friendship.



Mayor Cyril Xaba has proudly welcomed the launch of the R3.5 billion Beachwood Coastal Estate, calling it a historic milestone for the city

Beachwood Coastal Estate Launched

Durban North's skyline is about to change — and with it, the promise of a brighter future for eThekweni.

Mayor Cyril Xaba has proudly welcomed the launch of the R3.5 billion Beachwood Coastal Estate, calling it a historic milestone for the city. This isn't just another development; it's a statement — that Durban is alive with opportunity, open for business, and ready to grow.

Beachwood Coastal Estate stands among eThekweni's flagship catalytic projects — part of a powerful R217 billion investment drive that will reshape the city over the next five years.

What begins as bricks and cranes will soon translate into livelihoods and lasting impact. The project will create 1 500 temporary jobs during construction and 2 500 permanent ones once complete.

Today, its rates contribution sits at R3.6 million a year. When finished, that figure will soar to nearly R100 million — money that flows back into the community, the streets, and the people of Durban.

Beachwood isn't just development. It's progress — a sign that eThekweni's heart still beats strong with ambition, resilience, and vision.



Emma Dunk, Tina Cartwright, Nicci Hosking and Benni Thompson



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Tanya Fleischer (KZNWIB Vice-Chairperson), Fiona McCarthy and Keri Miller (PlayZN) and Tilanie Grote (KZNWIB Chairperson)



Nicky Lillywhite, Robyn Goldschmidt and Penny Moon

KZN Women in Business Celebrates 30 Years of Connection and Growth

KZN Women in Business (KZNWIB) marked its 30th birthday in style on 23 October with an unforgettable rooftop celebration at Elephant & Co., Pavilion Shopping Centre. Hosted by the dynamic Keri Miller from Radio PlayZN, the evening sparkled with glamour, laughter, and friendship as guests

embraced the "black with a splash of colour" theme. Attendees enjoyed welcome drinks, a beautifully curated three-course dinner, and a night filled with fun, laughter, games, and fabulous prizes. The milestone event celebrated three decades of connecting, supporting, and developing women

in business across KwaZulu-Natal. From small business owners to corporate leaders, KZNWIB continues to champion women's growth and success, making it one of the province's most enduring and inspiring business networks. For more information, visit www.kznwib.co.za or email info@kznwib.co.za

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Knedle z Brzoskwinia , Polish Peach Dumplings

By Kasia Yoko

There are recipes that taste like memory , and this one is exactly that. Knedle z brzoskwinia (Polish peach dumplings) is my childhood on a plate. Soft, delicate dough hugging a piece of ripe, golden peach , warm, fragrant, and sweet enough to make you close your eyes and smile.

In Poland, these little dumplings are made with whatever fruit the season offers: plums in early autumn, strawberries in spring, and peaches when summer is at its golden peak. They are comfort food with sunshine in every bite. My mother would make them on long, lazy afternoons, and we eat them straight from the pot, dusted with sugar and a drizzle of breadcrumbs, which were lovingly toasted in the melted butter.

They are perfect for a light summer lunch, a weekend treat, or packed for a beach picnic , served warm or cool, they are simply irresistible.

Ingredients: (12 dumplings)

500g potatoes, peeled and cooked
1 egg
150g all-purpose flour (plus extra for dusting)
A pinch of salt
6 ripe peaches, halved and pitted
2 tablespoons sugar (optional, for sprinkling inside the peaches)

To serve:

Melted butter
Brown or white sugar
A sprinkle of cinnamon and/or toasted breadcrumbs (optional)

Method:

1. Mash the potatoes until smooth and allow them to cool completely.
2. On a floured surface, mix the mashed potatoes with the egg, flour, and a pinch of salt. Knead gently until the dough comes

together , soft, not sticky.

3. Divide the dough into 12 pieces. Flatten each one into a small circle, place half a peach (or a slice, if large) in the center, sprinkle with a touch of sugar, and seal it gently, forming a smooth ball.

4. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a gentle boil. Drop in the dumplings, a few at a time. When they rise to the surface, cook for another 15-20 minutes, then lift them out with a slotted spoon.

5. Serve warm, drizzled with melted butter and sprinkled with sugar and cinnamon or go all the way with the breadcrumbs gently fried in butter sprinkled gently with sugar.

My personal tip:

These dumplings taste divine the next day too, chilled, sliced in half, and kissed with a bit of cream and honey.

Here to summer feasting one peachy dumpling at a time!



Shaping these little babies is half the fun... it's like playing with playdoh





SA's acclaimed musical couple, Nduduzo Makhathini and Omagugu — pianist, composer, vocalist, and kindred spirits

Gregory Porter, the GRAMMY Award-winning jazz icon

A Night of Soul and Spirit: Gregory Porter Live in Durban

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When Gregory Porter takes the stage, the air changes. His baritone carries both the ache and hope of the human heart — and this November, South Africa will feel it once again. The GRAMMY Award-winning jazz icon returns for his Love Is King SA 2025 Tour, a celebration of music that heals, humbles, and unites.

And for Durban audiences, the evening comes with something truly special. Sharing the stage at the Durban International Convention Centre on Saturday, 15 November, will be South Africa's acclaimed musical couple, Nduduzo Makhathini and Omagugu — pianist, composer, vocalist, and kindred spirits in both art and life.

Both born and raised in KwaZulu-Natal, Nduduzo and Omagugu's story is a melody of collaboration, love, and lifelong artistry. Married for over a decade, their partnership began on stage and grew into something that transcends music — a creative union rooted in rhythm, faith, and ancestral connection.

Omagugu studied at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Tshwane University of Technology, and later completed her Honours in Music at the University of Fort Hare. Nduduzo followed a similar academic path, completing his undergraduate studies at UKZN and earning both his Master's and PhD at Stellenbosch University.

Between them, they've performed across continents — from New York's Winter Jazz Fest and Switzerland's Avo Session, to Mauritius' Mam Jazz Festival, Joy of Jazz, and the Cape Town International Jazz Festival. This year alone, they returned from two European tours and shared a standout performance with DJ Black Coffee at CTIJF.

Gregory Porter's deep, soulful voice has long been a balm for the world — a sound that bridges generations and genres, from jazz to gospel to soul. Known for his signature cap and timeless grace, Porter returns to South Africa after his 2023 sold-out tour left audiences in tears and standing ovations.

Tickets are available at Showtime.co.za and Ticketmaster.co.za. (Tickets from unauthorised sites will not be honoured.)

C&H Group : Ballito's Bright New Power Move

By Tomas Yoko



C and H Group launched their Ballito offices with a little fanfare, seen above from left to right are Mike Hoffman and Managing Partner Russell Carter, ready to offer you the power of AI in business development

There's something quietly electric happening in the heart of old Ballito town. Perched in a sleek penthouse suite with sea-views that stretch for days, C&H Group, headed up by Russell Carter, has officially opened its doors — and let's just say, they're talking telephone numbers. Big ones.

The dynamic team starts with Russell Carter, Managing Partner — strategist of hidden value and AI-driven capital. Then there's Mike Hoffman, Partner and deal-origination specialist with a keen nose for opportunity. Redford Muir is a Non-Executive Director and the CFO, a financial governance guru. Lurinda Stander is their Non-Executive Director & COO, the operations and manufacturing trail-blazer. Tracey Richardson joins the team as Delivery Analyst — entrepreneur turned executive support dynamo. Devon Hasenbroek, Associate, provides delivery-focused coordinator bridging strategy to execution. Mark Battrick, Associate, is their logistics and supply-chain tech translator. Ryan Meyer, Senior Associate — Global, is a deal originator with a track record for spotting the hidden gems. And last but by no means least, Claudia Henkel,

Associate and client-engagement specialist with brand gravitas.

This isn't another co-working space or consulting start-up. It's a launch pad for growth, fuelled by AI-driven business structuring and Capital backing. The mood is one of pure momentum, the kind that makes you believe the North Coast just got its own Silicon-Beach moment.

Inside, it's all glass, light and focus. Conversations move from strategy to scalability in a heartbeat. You get the sense that this team doesn't plan small — they engineer expansion. Their model marries technology and capital in a way that feels refreshingly modern yet rooted in real-world understanding.

For Ballito's entrepreneurs, this isn't just another office launch; it's an open invitation to think bigger. With C&H Group, the blueprint for business has evolved — and from where they're sitting, high above the town with the ocean stretching out forever, it looks like the sky's no longer the limit. If you are interested in how they can help your business in every way, email them on ryan@thinkcandh.com

My Perspective: How Clients Have Sought Value and Precision from C&H Group

"True precision in advisory begins where insight meets accountability."

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Having spent the past decade in alternative lending, I've learned that real value is rarely about access to capital alone, it's about clarity, direction, and disciplined execution. That understanding shapes how I view the relationships we build at C&H Group, and how our clients consistently seek value and precision through our Advisory Pillar. Every engagement begins with a simple but powerful question: How can we bring structure and

where insight meets execution, and where experience becomes foresight. Clients value our ability to distil complexity into actionable clarity — translating data, market signals, and financial dynamics into strategies that are both ambitious and achievable. Our role is to act as a steady compass, ensuring that decisions are guided by evidence, not impulse. My background in alternative lending has reinforced how essential this precision is. In that world, outcomes depend on discipline on balancing opportunity with risk, and vision with structure. The same holds true in our

advisory work. Whether guiding organizational change, improving performance, or redefining growth strategy, our focus is always on ensuring that intent and execution move in perfect alignment.

At times, the depth of our advisory work naturally extends into other areas of the firm. Our Digital and Capital pillars provide complementary strength—digital insights enhance strategic foresight, and capital expertise ensures financial alignment—but these are extensions of a foundation built on clear, analytical, and accountable advisory practice.

What clients consistently tell us they value most is our ability to listen, interpret, and respond with precision. They see in C&H Group not just a consultancy, but a partner that understands the rhythm of their business—one that can balance ambition with realism, challenge with support, and analysis with action.

Ultimately, what defines our advisory ethos is discipline: the discipline to understand before advising, to measure before recommending, and to execute with purpose. Precision, for us, is not about perfection it's about intentional clarity.



Ryan Meyer, Senior Associate – Global, is a deal originator with a track record for spotting the hidden gems



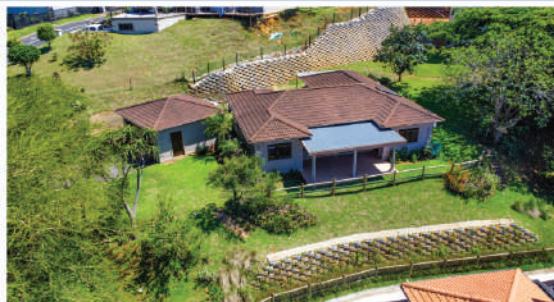
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As the winter chill begins to fade and spring breathes new life into our beautiful North Coast, the property market here is also awakening. With 30 years of experience in the property sector, I'm excited to share what I'm seeing, what it means for you, and where I believe the smart opportunities lie.

Market Snapshot: In recent months, we've observed inventory growth with a series of new listings in our high-trade estates and suburbs. Sellers are entering the market, encouraged by improving buyer sentiment and a surge of buyer activity.

Buyers are demonstrating some meaningful trends: 1. Local families seeking lifestyle upgrades (moving to estates with high-end amenities, coastal or specific lifestyle offerings such as golf, beach or farm-type). 2. Investors are returning, drawn by improved rental yields and holiday letting potential. 3. Out-of-province buyers seeking coastal second homes, often attracted by the North Coast's relative affordability and natural appeal. The allure of Ballito as a highly desirable holiday destination with its incredible beaches, warm ocean and dramatic landscape remains as strong as ever.

Clear signs of recovery are everywhere — more enquiries with more viewings converting into written offers. As spring gives way to summer, I expect this momentum to intensify.

Why Spring Matters: Spring is more than just a season change outdoors. For real estate, it signals fresh new beginnings: gardens flourish, homes look brighter, daylight lingers longer — all of which boost curb appeal and buyer mood. Established North Coast Estates and suburbs come alive visually, which helps when listings look their best. In my view, sellers who prepare now — by decluttering, servicing gardens, and refreshing paint — position themselves ahead of the pack.

What Buyers Should Know: If you've been waiting for a chance to secure a property on the North Coast, this may well be it. Timing is critical: early spring often offers less competition than the later summer rush (holiday season). With interest rates stabilising and more choice becoming available, motivation among buyers will grow. My advice: get your finance pre-approved, prioritise your must-haves, and engage an experienced local realtor who knows the micro-markets here. An agent can save a buyer hundreds of hours and smooth the path to property ownership.

What Sellers Should Do: For sellers, sculpting the first impression buyers will have of their property matters. This makes presentation key. Homes perceived as immaculately maintained, clean and uncluttered will command significantly stronger results. Next, align your pricing and value proposition with current comparable sales — price is what somebody pays, but value is what they get. Sellers should select their marketing partner wisely. Consider detailed marketing plans using all established media channels. At Seeff Zimbali & North Coast, we're combining community roots with modern tools and a commitment to excellence to make sure the homes we represent are showcased at the highest level.

The North Coast real estate market is awakening. Whether you are buying, selling or investing, now is the time to engage, prepare and act. As we head deeper into spring and then summer, the uptrend is likely to accelerate — and you want to be ready. Here's to spring, to fresh opportunities, and to smart property decisions.

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Game-Changer for Families: Constitutional Court Reshapes Parental Leave

In October 2025, the Constitutional Court delivered its judgment in a landmark case which challenged South Africa's maternity and parental leave laws under the Basic Conditions of Employment Act (BCEA) and Unemployment Insurance Act (UIA) saying both those Acts were unfairly discriminatory.

The case will transform how South African workplaces handle parental leave — ensuring that every parent, regardless of gender or how they became a parent, can equally care for their child. The applicants Werner and Ika van Wyk, along with Sonke Gender Justice and the Commission for Gender Equality argued that the current system treats parents differently based on their gender and the way they become parents (birth, adoption, or surrogacy). Under the BCEA:

* A mother giving birth gets four months' maternity leave.

* A father or partner gets 10 days' parental leave.

* Adoptive and surrogate parents get different combinations of leave depending on who is the "primary caregiver."

The applicants said this system reinforces gender stereotypes, assumes women are the default caregivers, and fails to recognise diverse families, thus violating section 9

(equality) and section 10 (human dignity) of the Constitution. The legal challenge at play was that the applicants wanted the Constitutional Court to declare that the BCEA and UIA unfairly discriminate against parents based on sex, gender, and family structure; and that all parents biological, adoptive, or via surrogacy should have equal parental leave rights. They also wanted the UIF benefits linked to these leaves to be adjusted accordingly.

The Minister of Employment and Labour opposed the application, arguing that maternity leave serves a biological purpose linked to pregnancy and recovery, not only childcare, and that differences were therefore justifiable. The Constitutional Court delivered a groundbreaking judgment, holding that the current leave framework is unconstitutional and discriminatory.

The Court found that the BCEA's distinction between "maternity leave" and "parental leave" unfairly stereotypes women as primary caregivers and men as secondary. It also said that Act ignores modern family structures, including adoptive parents, and families formed through surrogacy. The system undermines gender equality and human dignity, as it denies fathers and non-birthing

parents the same opportunity to bond and care for their children.

The Court ruled that all parents must be entitled to at least four months of parental leave, to be shared between the parents as they choose. This approach promotes equality, flexibility, and family autonomy. The Court suspended the declaration of invalidity for two years, giving Parliament time to amend the BCEA and UIA. In the meantime, it ordered an interim reading-in to ensure equal treatment of parents.

The significance of the ruling is that it hailed as a landmark victory for gender equality and family rights in South Africa. The judgment modernises the concept of "parenthood" beyond traditional gender roles and recognises diverse families and shared caregiving. The case is set to transform how South African workplaces handle parental leave — ensuring that every parent, regardless of gender or how they became a parent, can equally care for their child.

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Audi Q7 55 TFSI Black Edition: A Symphony in Motion

By Tomas Yoko



The enigmatic Audi Q7 TFSI, is a glimpse of what it means to go beyond, to excel

Some vehicles don't merely traverse the road — they command it. The Audi Q7 55 TFSI Black Edition is one of those. Draped in Ascari Blue Metallic, it's a sculpture in motion, a rolling reminder that luxury can still stir the soul. Beneath its blue skin, Audi's 2.995cc turbocharged V6 engine delivered 250kW and 500Nm, converting my every intent into effortless momentum. Zero to 100km/h in 5.6 seconds isn't just quick for a seven-seater, it's secretly defiant. The 8-speed Tiptronic

transmission shifts with the kind of poise usually reserved for orchestras and world leaders. The cabin is like a sanctuary and command centre in one. Valcona leather with the Audi S embossed, sport seats that held me like confidence itself, and a heads-up display that makes glancing down feel old-fashioned. Audi's HD Matrix laser lighting cut through even the darkest load shedding night like it was coded to reveal perfection, while the adaptive cruise control and pre sense systems

redefine the idea of anticipation, or was it intuition? This Q7 is engineering elevated to art — a seamless balance of performance, technology, and restraint. With a fuel tank that outlasts impatience and luggage space that mocks compromise, the Q7 remains both a grand tourer and a family diplomat. Progress need not be loud or boastful. It can be the quiet hum of an Audi gliding past, reminding everyone else that excellence still exists.



Chery's new Tiggo 7 Pro Plug-in Hybrid has arrived, a 1.5-litre turbo engine teamed with an electric motor shouldn't feel this lively

Chery Tiggo 7 Pro Plug-in Hybrid: Shockingly Good

By: Tomas Yoko

Chery's new Tiggo 7 Pro Plug-in Hybrid arrives with all the subtlety of a caffeine shot to your morning commute. A 1.5-litre turbo engine teamed with an electric motor shouldn't feel this lively — yet it darts off the line like it's late for its own launch. Acceleration is instant, smooth, and just smug enough to make a few "premium" rivals reconsider their price tags. Inside, Chery's clearly been doing its homework. The cabin feels smart and surprisingly refined, with soft-touch finishes, neat stitching, and tech that behaves like it actually wants to help. The dual screens are

crisp and uncluttered, the connectivity works, and even the voice commands don't confuse "play music" with "please mute." Progress, indeed. For urban dwellers, the plug-in range will handle school runs, grocery hops, and the odd guilt-free dash to the office. Out on the open road, it shifts from eco-warrior to relaxed cruiser, sipping fuel like a polite guest does a martini at a posh cocktail party. Chery's reputation may still be catching up with its ambition, but this Tiggo 7 Pro PHEV doesn't just talk a big game — it backs it with polish, pace, and proper intent.

HAVAL H6: China's Power Play Goes Premium

By Tomas Yoko



The awesome offering that is the H6, and there's more, call 032 300 0000 to test drive or buy one

There are moments in motoring when you realise the game has shifted. Driving the new Haval H6 in South Africa is one of them. It's not a whisper of progress — it's a thunderclap. From the moment I slid behind the wheel, the H6 felt less like a budget upstart and more like a confident heavyweight contender. The cabin's a revelation: clean lines, soft-touch surfaces, and an infotainment system that no longer requires an IT degree to operate. It's plush, properly quiet, and—dare I

say—elegant. But you won't be going anywhere until you buckle up, this H6 safety feature really appealed to me. Out on the road, the 2.0-litre turbo punches well above its weight, with acceleration that catches you mid-thought. It's brisk, linear, and free of the usual lag that plagues turbocharged wannabes. The steering is composed, the chassis settled, and the ride quality borders on European refinement. I started to wonder whether the badge on the nose had been swapped as a prank.

And then there's the tech. Adaptive cruise, lane-keeping, and a suite of driver aids that would once have lived on a brochure for twice the money. This isn't a value-for-money story anymore — it's a quality-for-less revolution. The H6 doesn't feel like China trying to catch up. It feels like everyone else is suddenly behind. And now the H6 is available from GWM Ballito. Take one for a test drive and experience something impressive. Call them on 032 300 0000.



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ROAD REPORT: Honda Elevate – A Legacy Rises

By Tomas Yoko

Honda's new Elevate is the brand's fresh face in the ever-growing compact SUV arena — and it's one that arrives with a quiet confidence. It's built on the same trustworthy DNA that made the Ballade a household name across South Africa, but with a stance that says it's ready to climb higher, literally and figuratively.

Under the bonnet lies Honda's proven 1.5-litre i-VTEC engine, good for the kind of smooth, unflustered performance that makes daily driving feel effortless. It's no dragster, but it's eager, refined and, importantly, light on fuel — averaging around 6.5L/100 km. Whether you're dodging potholes in Durban traffic or chasing horizons up the Midlands, the Elevate makes it all feel easy.

Inside, Honda has done what Honda does best — practical comfort with a splash of tech. The cabin feels open and smartly designed, with soft-touch surfaces and a clean dash layout. The 8-inch infotainment system plays nicely with both Android Auto and Apple CarPlay, keeping things connected without any fuss.

And while the Elevate's styling leans toward the understated, there's a rugged honesty to its design. It's not trying too hard; it simply looks ready for the road ahead.

Honda backs the Elevate with a 5-year/200,000 km warranty, a 4-year/60,000 km service plan, and 3 years of roadside assistance — proof that reliability still runs deep in the brand's veins.

In short, the Elevate feels like the modern Ballade's adventurous cousin — dependable, efficient, and quietly confident. It's a Honda through and through, and that's something South Africans have trusted for decades. Take a Honda Elevate for a drive with CMH Honda Umhlanga and experience this compact SUV. Call them on 031 580 7900 for details.



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Ford Territory - Where Big Value Meets Smart SUV

By: Tomas Yoko



When Ford stepped into the compact SUV ring with their Ford Territory, they already had the SAGMJ Car-Of-The-Year 1st and 2nd place titles in the bag. With heritage like that the Ford Territory can only deliver a value proposition that rivals its competitors. At the heart of the Territory is Ford's 1.8-litre turbocharged EcoBoost engine that provides 138 kW of power and 318 Nm of torque, paired seamlessly with a seven-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission. Producing a very capable power delivery that produces a drive that is refined, confident, and lively on and off the tar. Ford's interior treatment for the Territory again seems to exceed in its class. With seemingly genuine space and functionality its competitors can only envy. Ford were generous with the tech they put into the Territory, from a large touchscreen with wireless Apple CarPlay/Android Auto smartphone integration to multiple

USB ports and driver-assistance features across the range. When you tally it all up, the Ford Territory makes a compelling choice of compact SUVs.. The mix of smart tech, generous cabin space, and a price tag that doesn't make your wallet flinch is a rare combination these days. CMH Ford Ballito have an offer on a brand new Ford Territory Ambiente 1.8 7AT from just R5 999 per month. T's&C's of course. For anyone on the North Coast, or anywhere else in South Africa, who wants a proper SUV without paying badge-tax, the Territory hits a sweet spot. With consumption figures as low as 7 litres per 100 kilometres and Simply put, if you're shopping for an SUV that's roomy, tech-savvy, and backed by a solid dealer network, but you'd rather not spend into the luxury leagues, then the Ford Territory from CMH Ford Ballito deserves a long, hard look. Call them on 087 723 9278 or visit their awesome showroom at 35 - 37 Moffat Drive, Ballito.

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