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## Residents furious at municipality

Residents of Tickerline village in Greater Tzaneen are accusing the local municipality and the roads and transport department of failing to fix the water drainage system that floods the area during heavy rainfalls. They say the open drainage system alongside the main road poses a serious threat to local residents. A local business man, Lazarus Mampema said the drainage system floods the area when it rains, making it difficult for residents to reach the main road to get transport to town. "The area is cut off from the rest of the country due to flooding during heavy rainfalls," he said. He said that in case of the recent serious

incident, a woman was recently swept away by overflow from the open drainage system as she tried to reach the main road. Mampema said they felt they were under house arrest during heavy rainfalls as they cannot cross the road. Mampema said businesses in the area are also affected as they are not accessible during rainy days. He said the situation has remained unchanged for a long time. Municipal spokesperson, Chidya Ngweni said the municipality is engaging the provincial Department of Roads and Transport to see how best they can address the problem as a matter of urgency.

## Escapee captured after community involvement

A tip off led to the arrest of a murder suspect from Bulobedu South, who escaped from Mankweng Hospital in Polokwane two weeks ago.

The suspect, Jan Mampela (31) of Khatyana village, who escaped whilst under police guard in the hospital, was re-arrested at Mampela village in Bulobedu South last week. Mampela was admitted for treatment at Mankweng Hospital after he was shot in both legs during a police chase.

Tzaneen Police Spokesperson, Captain Mphahlele Mphahlele, confirmed that Mampela was re-arrested in the early hours of Friday, following a tip off from members of the community. He said investigations into how Mampela escaped whilst under police guard is continuing.

Mampela and his alleged accomplice, Vincent Mokoale, were arrested for the murder of an elderly woman two weeks ago. According to allegations, the two broke into

the house of Rosina Mokoale (76), milled and then hanged her.

Mphahlele said the prisoner was alone in her house when the incident occurred.

He said a passerby heard her screaming for help at about 1:00 pm. Help was obtained and the suspects were caught trying to escape through a window.

Mampela was apprehended by members of the community and handed over to the police.

Mampela was arrested later after being shot twice for ignoring police warnings to cease and desist.

The two suspects appeared in the Bulobedu magistrate's court last week on charges of murder, and were remanded in custody until Friday, April 3.

Mampela faces an additional charge of escaping from police custody.

Mphahlele commended the community for their efforts in helping the police to re-capture the escapee.



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Missing David Kamohle.

## Man still missing after five years

POLICE in Kibeni are still searching for a 28 year old man who has been missing for the past five years.

David Kamohle, from Dan village in the Greater Tzaneen area, went missing on the night of June 23, 2003.

His friends and family have tried to look for him, but with no luck. According to Police 5 spokesperson in Kibeni, Sub-Magistrate Kamohle had his home at around 2002 and told his family that he was going to visit his brother who lives in Mafikgaba settlement near

Dan village.

Normally an over-keen swimmer.

According to Magajati, his brother also told police that Kamohle never contacted him on the day of his disappearance.

Family members suspect that Kamohle may have been abducted.

Anyone with information regarding this case should please contact Kamohle's mother, Gertrude Kamohle, on 071 361 3912 or Inspector Inge Magajati on 07001 020 9300. Alternatively Fax 0711 321 8032.

## Girl, 10, found dead in field

Police in Mafema are investigating the death of a 10 year old girl from Mafema village in Bagerwallo outside Tzaneen, who was found lying unconscious with her face covered with a plastic bag in a field opposite her house. Silvia Mafema was found by a passerby who screamed for help, attracting a woman who identified herself as the mother of the child.

The police said the child was rushed to a local hospital by her mother and was announced dead few minutes from arrival.

The incident occurred last week Thursday at around 16:00.

Ingen for Magajati from Mafema police said it is still not known if the child was raped and what could have caused her death.

He said the police are waiting for the post-mortem results to reveal the cause of death.

Magajati said at the moment no arrest have been made. They are conducting an inquiry.

"A 18 year old man was stabbed here and died inside a lovers' triangle.

According to the police, it was alleged that Mafema Leroy Magajati (18) was walking home with his girlfriend aged 17, when he was attacked by the woman's ex-boyfriend, Manding Mafema (19) and two of his friends, Justice Mafema (19) and Ivan Thabela (20).

It is alleged that Mafema attacked speak to the woman but she refused.

As Magajati stopped in to rescue his girlfriend he was allegedly attacked and stabbed twice in the neck by Thabela.

Ingen for Mafema said a case of murder has been opened and the three suspects will appear in court today.

## Villagers urged to take care

Provincial Commissioner, Calvin Seega, spokesperson of Mafema in Babalaba outside Tzaneen with his door to door crime awareness campaign last week.

The community of Mafema arrived in numbers to hear what the Provincial Commissioner had to say for them.

Seega addressed issues affecting the community, such as murder and assault, and most

importantly, rape, as it is the most reported crime in the area.

He advised parents to stop allowing their children to walk around at night and returned them to know where their children are at all times. He urged community members to speak and report any illegal activities that are taking place in their area.

Community members were also given an

opportunity to ask questions, which were clearly answered by Seega.

Provincial Spokesperson for SAPS, Justice Superintendent Mafema Mafema, said that the crime awareness campaign is a provincial event where local and provincial police visit communities which are most affected by crime with the aim of assisting in reducing the crime rate.



MPS, Provincial Police hand gave a great performance for the crowd



# IOM and USAID announce HIV prevention and care for farm workers

The International Organization for Migration (IOM)'s regional office for Southern Africa and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) launched a new programme to reduce HIV vulnerability of farm workers in the province last week.

The IOM/USAID EpiGenetics Project is funded by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) to address the high levels of unsafe sexual behaviour among farm workers, as revealed by IOM's recent in-depth study.

The study's main findings include extremely low condom usage during casual sex and high levels of multiple, concurrent sexual partners. This report guided the development of an HIV prevention outreach programme for the high risk farm workers population.

The IOM/USAID EpiGenetics Project, which means "believe" in isiXhosa, targets 20 000

seasonal, temporary and permanent farm workers - including discriminated and undocumented migrant workers.

The three-year project involves USAID/PEPFAR funding of more than R20 million to increase the logistical capacity of its implementing partners: AgriLink, CHOCOS and the Handprint Training Unit.

"HIV prevention efforts often focus purely on needs of men, and fail to consider interrelated factors that affect people's vulnerability to the AIDS virus. This unique programme uses USAID EpiGenetics Project to address the contextual issues such as workplace policies, improving life skills, financial literacy and promoting healthy recreational activities," said Lela Hildebrandt, IOM PHANAMA's regional Project Manager.

"Our prevention programme doesn't fit all people's needs. Farm workers face higher risks

of getting and spreading HIV than many other groups. Our prevention efforts tackle these vulnerabilities, including alcohol abuse, that arise from many factors related to poverty and the transitional lifestyle of migrant workers," added USAID's Southern Africa Director, Dr Catherine Dea.

The project will develop a network of stakeholders working specifically on HIV related issues to reduce the high incidence and impact of AIDS on farm workers, their families and their communities. Partnerships are encouraged among local, provincial, and national government agencies, as well as between public and private entities.

IOM/USAID EpiGenetics Intervention Activities include "Tackling discriminatory gender dynamics and prejudices through the training of male role models as gender advocates.

"Promoting peer led education and referrals to relevant services and support."

"Facilitating access to health services, including prevention, counselling and testing, longer-term care and treatment."

"Integrating locally tailored Social and Behavioural Change Communication programmes that are developed and disseminated by local Change Agents."

"Developing and implementing interventions that address some of the contextual factors that impact on HIV vulnerability, such as improving life skills, financial literacy and promoting recreational activities."

"Creating a conducive environment by strengthening workplace policies and programs."

For more information, contact Dabne Gibson@iom-usaid.net or digibon@iom-usaid.net



Greater Lelapa Municipality ward committee members also attended a training workshop aimed at building their capacity. The Ward Committee is a representative structure of the community and plays a critical role in helping and informing the municipality about the needs, aspirations, potentials and problems of the community. The training is also aimed at enhancing public participation in municipal projects and activities.

**Are you a community hero?**  
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Eligibility: South African residents who have been registered as members of a community organisation for at least 12 months.

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Entries: Open from 15 March 2008 to 15 May 2008. Entries should be submitted to: Jan Community Awards, PO Box 1000, Johannesburg 2000.

For more information, visit [www.jancommunityawards.co.za](http://www.jancommunityawards.co.za) or call 011 461 1111.

## Do you have what it takes?

SW Model Management is looking for men and women between the ages of 1 and 28 to enter the most glamorous event of the year, "Face of SW Model Management". The contest is open to everyone and boasts huge prizes. The winners of each category will receive a one year contract to appear on all promotional bill boards, banners, business cards, letterheads and all marketing material.

Contestants selected for the final will battle it out at Tloaneen Show Ground on April 4.

Spinning new star, Dirk van Wyngaard, will be announcing the audience during the evening.

For further enquiries or to enter, contact Willem on 072 320 1414 or locate on 076 014 6166.

# Lillian worth a million

For many years, a precision has taken it upon herself to supply a better quality of life for her family.

Lillian Mafela (67), of Kqapano Township, supplements her social grant by harvesting marula fruits, not to learn here, but to make atchala, which she bottles and sells.

The grandmother of 10 also makes and sells beewax, traditional wine, wedding garments, school uniforms, curtains, sheet covers, and advanced hand-made crafts.

Ms Mafela, an Lillian is more commonly known, was invited by Tshepo and her husband Lisoqiso (71) to showcase her special skills at a food exhibition in France in 2006.

"Many people think that only some mangoes can be used to make atchala. I use marula fruits to make my atchala, and my customers love it," she said.

She said she has survived through initiative and entrepreneurship ever since her husband died in 1980, leaving her with six young children.

Without any formal education, the school-leaver was forced to sell fruit and vegetables in the streets to make ends meet.

"With the little money I received, I was able to buy food, clothes and pay my children's school fees. I wanted them to have a solid foundation in life," she said.

She also saved some of the money to open a savings account, and in the mid 80's, she bought a sewing machine and started making and selling clothes from home.

Soon she was awarded a tender to make school uniforms and uniforms for nurses at the local Kqapano Hospital.

"I was able to enter my local township into a modest night school structure," she said with a smile.

Today Mafela employs five people, and has secured tertiary education for six members of her family. Her family now includes three babies, two nurses, and an IT specialist.

She has won many awards for producing lasting hand-made crafts using gum, marula pits, and waste material like egg crates.

She also runs a catering company, but it is her marula atchala that has made her a household name.

"The first time I made the atchala, it was just an experiment. However, when I gave it to my kids and neighbours to taste, they said it was delicious. I never looked back," she said.

Mafela sells her products from home and it is also available in local spaza shops. Her bottled atchala has also been a feature of the annual Matsiela Festival, which takes place in Phalaborwa earlier this year.

"I believe in self-employment," she said. "People don't have to live by their fathers' ways; they can start their own businesses."

"It is all about using the resources around you. You must also be determined, dedicated and disciplined. And you must never lose hope," she said.



Lillian Mafela samples her own marula atchala.

# Tzaneen enterprise wins international award

Tzaneen-based Small Enterprise Foundation (SEF), was recently awarded the Innovation Award by the International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW).

The foundation received the award for its outstanding contribution in empowering women from the poorest households of South Africa through micro-enterprises and sustainable small businesses.

The award took place at Union Station in Washington D.C. on the eve of International Women's Day, March 4.

It was attended by congressional representatives, members of the diplomatic corps and the media, to name but a few.

The 2009 Champions for Change Awards were co-chaired by His Excellency Thabo Mbeki, Minister of Finance, and the Ambassador of Rwanda, and Cheryl Elias, wife of former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair.

ICRW calls for substantial investments in poorer women as economic actors who spur global economic growth, and celebrated local leaders, who have been trailblazers toward that goal.

"The economic collapse hits women in

developing countries the hardest," said ICRW President Corita Rao Gupta. "Yet never before has the world been so united in taking advantage of the potential economic potential of women in developing countries."

"Investing in women requires both vision and innovation," she added. "It's about world leaders - from business, government, service and other communities - follow the example of these two women, we can take our 40 years of evidence and build programs and services that improve economies and people's lives everywhere," said Rao Gupta.

The honored SEF and Gaidimoa Sachs-Gaidimoa Sachs, 50,000 Women won the Vision Award, and the many other global leaders, for their ongoing work to improve the economic livelihoods of women, particularly during today's unprecedented economic crisis.

"We provide a key opportunity to put underemployed women at the forefront of global economic change," says Elias, who also serves on the ICRW Leadership Council.

SEF President and Founder, Julia De Vos, who accepted the Innovation Award with Lufuno Makhango, SEF's Acting Project Manager of Intervention with Microfinance for AGIS and Gender Equity (IMAGE), said: "Over your women have shown again and again how, when given the chance, they are able to face all of the challenges that life throws at them, overcome them, and ensure that their families are provided for and advance from strength to strength."

"In these times when it seems that the foundation on which we have based our understanding of how the economy works has dissolved before our eyes, we will do well to recognize the risk that has not been shared, the success of our only who, when given the opportunity, will ensure that society does not collapse," she said added.

# COPE still aims to win!!!

The Congress Of The People (COP) recently held a rally to launch their election strategy, which include popularizing the party in far-flung rural areas putting them on the map to possibly become the next ruling party in South Africa.

The newly formed party said their loss at the recent Greater Tzaneen Municipality (GTM) by-elections to the ANC on National Congress (ANC) was a huge step in the process.

"We have achieved a membership of about 600,000 in three months but the party has been in existence," said COP's Ward 21 coordinator, Elias Mafela.

Mafela was speaking at the COP rally that was held at the Tzaneen multi-purpose

centre in Mshoalana outside Tzaneen last Sunday. The rally was attended by the party's provincial, regional and local leadership.

"We are going to strengthen our campaign strategies which will include going to the far-flung rural areas where we could not reach before," he said.

Mafela said the problem with the recent by-elections which were held in Bhebebe where COP only got 247 votes, while the ANC won 3285 votes, was catalyzed by the fact that many people who could have voted for COP did not have access to voting stations.

"We are launching more voting stations so that people won't have to travel long distances to cast their votes," said Mafela.



COP members, register for the meeting that was held at Tzaneen recently



ICRW President Corita Rao Gupta with award recipients Julia de Vos (Managing Director, SEF) and Lufuno Makhango, (Acting Project Manager of IMAGE)

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## Supersport wins soccer tournament

Supersport beat Juventus 2:1 in the final of the Botswana Progressive Football Association soccer tournament at Makhlasopeta on Saturday.

Daniel Masetla was the hero of the Supersport supporters after scoring the two winning goals, whilst Juventus' goal came from Theo Kgama.

In the semi-finals of the tournament, Su-

persport narrowly defeated Black Angus 2:1, whilst Juventus edged out Kapiti by one goal to nil.

For their efforts, Supersport pocketed R200 prize money whilst runners-up Juventus walked away R100 richer.

Black Angus received R200 for coming third whilst the consolation prize of R100 went to Kapiti.



Botswana Progressive Football Association soccer tournament champions, Supersport.



Tournament runners-up, Juventus.

## Weekend soccer results

Botswana Soccer Development League weekend results, Saturday: "Leeds United 0, Lelephela United 2; "Mokhotlong Runers 4, Mafalutana Arsenal 0; "Mokhotlong Young Chiefs 1, Mafalutana United 2; "Mafalutana 2, Tlokweng Royal Cosmos 0; "Tlokweng New Castle 0, Sekopelo Mafalutana 2.

Sunday: "Tlokweng New Castle 1, Mafalutana Young Eagles 0; "Mafalutana Zebras 3, Mafalutana Happy Boys 2; "Tlokweng Mafalutana 1, "Mafalutana City Royals 1; "Mafalutana Shining Stars 1, Mafalutana Mighty Cosmos 1; "Mafalutana Mafalutana 2, "Tlokweng Case 2.

## FNB's 2010 FIFA World Cup Ticketing tips when?

You have from 1pm on 20 February '09 until 11 March '09 to apply for tickets.

The success of your application won't be affected by the date that you applied, but as FNB branches are extra busy with banking customers at month-end, we recommend that you don't leave it 'til the last minute.

### Where?

You can get your application form from any FNB branch. FNB has partnered with FIFA in order to offer FIFA a nation-wide network of outlets, to give the widest possible access to tickets to our core bank community.

Alternatively, tickets are available on-line at [www.fifa.com](http://www.fifa.com).

### Quick tip!

If an FNB branch has run out of forms, ask when they will have more forms and go back! Don't panic, all applications will have the same standing no matter when they were submitted as long as it's before 11 March.

### How it works!

Collect a Ticket Application Form from any FNB Branch. Carefully read the form and then complete it according to the match and ticket category you want. Give the completed form to a teller or service consultant at the FNB Branch. Pay the total value of your ticket application to the teller.

You will be issued with a PIN linked FNB Visa Gift Card/Money Prepaid Card. At this stage your payment will have been "loaded" and "locked" onto your card pending the outcome of your application.

Wait for news on a sms confirming the status of your application (successful, partially successful or unsuccessful). Getting your tickets if your application is successful. The funds on your card will be electronically transferred to FIFA's account.

Collect your tickets from FIFA's ticketing desks starting from 10 April 2010 if you are successful.

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This may still appear a bit complicated, but it's for a good reason. The application process meets international best practice standards to ensure that the distribution of tickets is as fair as possible.

With all these large events, organisers and fans partners have to take certain steps to prevent hoarding and illegal sales of "second-hand" tickets.

With your ticket in hand, enjoy 2010 the worldcup soccer.



## Impumbelelo's 2010 Sustainability Awards coming to Limpopo

The Impumbelelo Innovations Award 2010 is kicking off their 2010 SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS road show in Polokwane March 19, final stop of the South of Africa Conference & Centre of Arts.

Impumbelelo, in its 13th year, is presenting its 2010 SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS programme to the public innovators in the of Limpopo province.

The 2010 SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS is an incentive for government, business, and civil society to think creatively and innovatively about how we can become "greener" in all aspects of our lives. Members of the public, involved in "greening" the social development services, are invited to attend and find out about the Impumbelelo Innovations Award 2010 and how to become part of the 2010 SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS.

Impumbelelo, having awarded 2nd exceptional public service projects since 1999, Impumbelelo recognizes the FIFA World Cup as an ideal platform to promote new thinking around sustainable development and poverty reduction. 2010 provides South Africans with the opportunity to change the way we live, produce, and consume.

Invites you take positive measures to change the way we live, we shall compare the abilities of future generations to meet their needs.

The 2010 SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS seeks to unearth and reward projects that are doing just this.

As one of the poorest provinces in SA, the Limpopo province is one often classified in jeopardy to the end of South Africa, which being nonetheless is home to some of the country's many pockets of excellence. Impumbelelo's busy into the region is to encourage more people to be creative about solving problems that relate to the environment, and to make it the exceptional project drives to apply for one of the much-coveted award of South Africa needs to know about how Limpopo green projects have gotten it right by applying to the 2010 Sustainability Awards.

For more information please contact Tsepo Mubvumba on 021 681 1763 or 083 987 3019.

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