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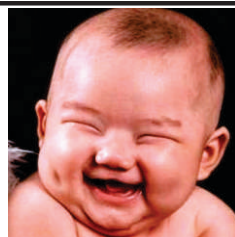


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Die 80-jarige oom van Springs, 'n gholfspeler gaan vir sy mediese ondersoek. Die dokter is verstom.

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"Ek speel gholf. Ek staan op voor sonop, speel 18 putjies en drink twee glase wyn."

"Interessant. Hoe oud was jou pa toe hy dood is?"

"Wie sê my pa is dood?"

Die dokter is verstom. "Jy is 80, en jou pa leef nog?!"

Hoe oud is hy?"

"Hy is 100. Hy het vanoggend nog saam met my gespeel. Toe het hy op die nudiste strand gaan stap en twee glase wyn gedrink. Hy is 'n Italianer en hy speel gholf."

"Wel," se die dokter, "en hoe oud was jou oupa toe hy dood is?"

"Wie sê my oupa is dood?"

"Wat!? En hoe oud is hy?"

"Hy is 118."

"Hy het seker ook vanoggend saam met julle gholf gespeel?"

"Nee, hy het dit nie

vanoggend gemaak nie. Hy trou vandag. Die dokter is teen hierdie tyd op die punt om van sy kop af te raak.

"Trou? Hoekom wil iemand wat 118 is trou?"

"Wie sê hy wou?"

My blonde buurvrou huil snot en trane by my vandag. Sy sê sy spaar nou al so lank om Sun City toe te gaan eendag ..toe gaan sy gister en toe sy naby kom sien sy 'n groot bord "Sun City left", toe moet sy al die pad weer terug kom!

Eendag merk die dominee 'n klein seuntjie in die voorportaal van die kerk op wat aandagtig na 'n groot gedenkplaat teen die muur staan en kyk. Dit was oortrek met name en daar was klein landsvlaggies weerskante. Toe loop die dominee nader, kom staan langs die seuntjie, en se saggies: "Goeiemore my seun."

"More, Dominee," sê hy,

met sy oe nog vasgenael op die plaat. "Dominee, wat is dit hierdie?" vra hy. Die dominee antwoord: "Wel, my seun, dit is 'n gedenkplaat vir al die jongmanne wat in diens gesterf het."

In doodse stilte en met groot eerbied staan die twee voor die plaat en staar na die name. Uiteindelik, in 'n skaars hoorbare stemmetjie en bewend van vrees vra die seuntjie: "Watter diens, Dominee? Die oggend- of die aanddiens?"

Liewe Vader Krismis, Ek skryf maar nou al vir jou want, al weet ek jy bestaan nie, kan jy dalk meer aan my probleme doen as die meeste mense hier. My lysie is nogal lank, maar ek gaan die jaar soet(erig) wees. Eerste op my lysie is 'n bietjie krag. Nie die soort wat die lyf mee werk nie, maar die soort waarmee die TV werk. As jy dalk 'n nuwe yskas en 'n 'laptop'

kan ingooi, sal dit gaaf wees, want myne is op hulle laaste bene met al die raaiselagtige elektriese toevoer.

Die tweede is 'n slim, regverdige en betrokke president. Dit is dalk 'n bietjie veel gevra, maar kyk maar hoe ver jy kan kom. 'n Paar bevoegde ministers sal 'n bonus wees. Ek hoor jy gebruik nie juis die teerpad nie, maar as jou helpers dalk iewers 'n bietjie aftyd het, kan hulle dalk so 'n paar van die slaggate kom opvul? Ek weet nie of dit juis tel onder 'n geskenk nie, maar dit sal 'n glimlag op duisende se gesigte sit.

En moenie bekommerd wees oor al die diefwering en alarms nie, die polisie is klaar so besig, oormoeg en onderbetaal dat hulle jou nie sal pla nie. (10111 werk ook nie meer nie.)

Vir die res van my familie kan jy maar net brandstof gee, want "my oom het nie eens meer 'n tenk vol diesel nie". As jy nie kans sien vir my lysie nie, stuur maar kontant. Maak asseblief net seker van die adres, want dinge (plekname) het weer verander vandat jy laas hier was.

Dankie en groete vir jou helpers.

Gammatt en Meraai op hulle 1ste date. Geld is min so hulle doen window shopping. In een winkel sien Meraai " Kodak Verichrome " Sy vra " Wat's daai? Hy wil haar impress en sê dis goeters wst mense koop. Sy " Wat maak hulle daarmee? Gammatt kyk so. Hy sien Apteek/ Chemist. Hy dink toe voorbehoedmiddels en sê " Hulle gebruik dit om nie kinders te kry nie. Sy " Dis grand koop vi ons oek. Hy's skaars binne toe val hy gat oor kop by die deur uit. Sy " wat dan nou. Hy " nee ek vra vir Kodak Verichrome toe vra die man wats die size van my Brownie. Toe wys ek hom.

Juffrou aan klas:"Kan iemand my se wat 'n vroedvrou is of wat sy doen?"

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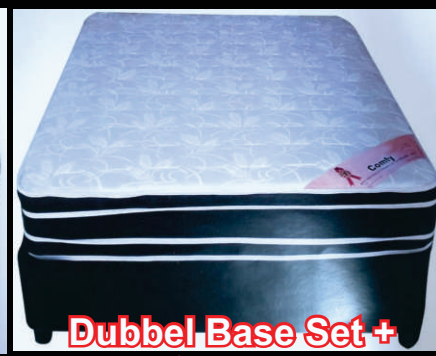
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As 8 Billionth Person Is Born, Here's How Africa Will Shape Future Of World's Population

In mid-November 2022 the eight billionth person will be born, according to the United Nations. In its analysis of this milestone, the UN makes two key observations. The first is that the global population has been expanding at its slowest rate since 1950. The growth rate dropped below 1% in 2020, a trend that is likely to continue. The second is that the growth in population has been due to the gradual increase in human lifespan owing to improvements in public health, nutrition, personal hygiene and medicine. It's also the result of high and persistent levels of fertility in some countries. According to the UN, just eight countries are expected to be behind 50% of the population growth over the next 30 years. Five are in Africa: the Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Nigeria and Tanzania. Demographers Akanni Akinyemi, Jacques Emina and Esther Dungumaro unpack these dynamics.

What's the significance of the eight billionth birth? It raises concerns – scientists estimate that Earth's maximum carrying capacity is between nine billion and 10 billion people.

Appreciating these numbers requires an understanding of the distribution and demographic structure of the population. Where are these people across regions, countries, and rural and urban geographies?

There is a potential upside to growing populations. It's known as a demographic dividend. Population growth can be a blessing, spurring economic growth from shifts in a population's age structure. This is a prospect if working-age people have good health, quality education, decent employment and a lower proportion of young dependants.

But realising this dividend depends on a host of things. They include the structure of the population by age, level of education and skills, and living conditions, as well as the distribution of available resources. The consequences of population growth are socioeconomic, political and environmental. Some of them can be negative. How these unfold is determined by the characteristics of the population and its distribution. Why are birth rates so high in five African countries? The major factors driving population growth in these countries include low contraceptive use, high

adolescent fertility rates and a prevalence of polygamous marriages. There's also the low education status of women, low to poor investment in children's education, and factors related to religion and ideas.

The use of modern contraceptives is generally low across sub-Saharan Africa. The overall prevalence is 22%. In the Democratic Republic of Congo, however, the uptake of short-acting contraceptives is at 8.1%. In Nigeria, it is at 10.5%. The uptake in Ethiopia is 25%, in Tanzania it's 27.1% and in Egypt 43%.

For long-acting family planning methods, apart from Egypt with over 20% uptake, the other four countries driving population growth in the region recorded very poor uptake. This low uptake will logically lead to a population explosion.

Some of the factors associated with high contraceptive use in Africa are women's education, exposure to news and mass media, good economic status and urban residency.

The adolescent fertility rate in sub-Saharan Africa – while showing a downward trend – is still relatively high. The adolescent fertility rate captures the number of births per 1,000 girls aged 15 to 19. In sub-Saharan Africa, it stands at an average of 98 births per 1,000 girls.

There is a wide variation in this rate across the five countries: from 52 in Egypt and 62 in Ethiopia to 102 in Nigeria, 114 in Tanzania and 119 in the DRC.

Outside the continent, the adolescent fertility rate is 21 in Asia and the Pacific, and 26 in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. In the US, it's at 15, five in France and 42 globally.

The adolescent fertility rate has huge implications for population growth because of the number of years between the start of childbearing and the end of a woman's reproductive age. A high fertility rate in this age group also has a negative influence on the health, economic and educational potential of women and their children.

Another factor driving population growth in these five African countries is polygamous marriage. Women in polygamous unions living in rural areas with low socio-economic status are likely to have higher



fertility rates than women in other areas.

Polygamy is illegal in the DRC. Nevertheless, it's common. About 36% of married women in Nigeria, one-quarter of married women in rural Tanzania and 11% of those in Ethiopia are in polygamous marriages.

Finally, a woman's education status has a significant impact on fertility. For instance, in Tanzania, women with no formal education have as many as 3.3 more children than women with secondary or tertiary education.

Are rising populations a cause for major concern in these countries? Yes.

One of the biggest concerns is the scale of these countries' development. The World Bank classifies the DRC among the five poorest nations in the world, with nearly 64% of the population living on less than US\$2.15 a day. One in six of sub-Saharan Africa's poorest people is found in the DRC.

In Nigeria, about 40% of the population lives below the poverty line. The west African nation also faces issues of insecurity, poor infrastructure and high unemployment.

Steady population growth in these five countries will exert further stress on already inadequate infrastructure and services. Also, the age structure of the populations of these five countries reflects high levels of dependency. The population of young people who aren't in the labour force and that of older people is far higher than of those in their prime ages (18 to 64) who are gainfully employed.

There is also a potential shortage of working-age people with high skills compared with the population of those who depend on them for survival in these five countries. This is because these countries have a very youthful population. The median age ranges from 17 in

the DRC to 17.7 in Tanzania and 18.8 in Nigeria. There is also the prospect of many young people living in unfavourable socioeconomic realities and poverty.

In most countries, population growth is the slowest since 1950. Why? Most countries, particularly in America, Asia, Europe, Oceania and North Africa, have completed the fertility transition. In other words, they are experiencing below-replacement fertility levels – fewer than two children are being born per woman.

The main drivers of low fertility include the increased use of modern contraceptives, increased age at first marriage and higher numbers of educated women.

What should the next steps be for African countries with high fertility rates? Government policies and programmes need to take into account population growth and align interventions with sustainable use and access to resources.

Governments at regional, national and sub-national levels also need to invest in infrastructure and education. They need to create employment if they are to benefit from a growing population. There is also need to continue investing in family planning.

The age structure of the population is also of concern. The expected growth in population numbers is likely to increase the concentration of young people and those of prime ages. With limited socio-economic opportunities for young people, countries are more likely to be subject to the forces of international migration.

The proportion of older people is also likely to increase in the five countries in focus. This increases the need for investment in social security, infrastructure and innovative support for older people. Unfortunately, issues around older people have not gained prominence on the continent.

Kolomela's Social Responsibility Shines in amongst Poverty and Hardship

Regular stakeholder days presents a platform for Kumba Iron Ore's Kolomela mine to engage with our local community and give feedback on pertinent social issues affecting the mine or the community. In September the mine held another of its stakeholder days with a stringent focus on monitoring and evaluation. The third stakeholder day for the year, was marked by robust discussions. Top ten Risks and negative impacts as per our impact assessments were presented with current controls the mine has in place to manage these. Stakeholders were requested to give input with regards to the effectiveness of the controls or to make suggestions on improvements. Previous inputs given by stakeholders, that are now

current controls, were shared to show that we took them into consideration. For example, the increased pressure on traffic and road safety, which remains a serious concern, Kolomela has supported with vehicles for additional traffic officers as per input given during a previous stakeholder day.

Communities in the Tsantsabane municipal area faced severe water shortages over the last months. To address this, the Kolomela mine, through the Tsantsabane Integrated Water Provision Programme supplies water tankers to replenish cisterns in vulnerable communities. Furthermore, the programme includes the installation of 1,714 prepaid water meters in Postdene, drilling of three boreholes, and the co-funding of the construction of a new waste water

treatment plant.

Sports is an important tool to foster social cohesion and to keep youngsters from social ills. Kolomela remains a primary sponsor of local football team, Hungry Lions, which aspires to sustain its place and remain competitive in the National First Division. For the first three quarters of the year, the mine bolstered the team's logistics to enable match attendance. Additionally, the mine sponsored Hungry Lions with a cash injection to ensure it attracts top talent and achieve good results.

Kumba is now opening the Ariba Discovery platform, a cloud based, global marketplace system that connects host-community companies with our buyers and allows them to find out more about the available

opportunities.

The Corporate Affairs team in Postmasburg has an open door policy to enhance transparency and responsiveness to social issues. Community members that would like to raise issues anonymously were encouraged to do so via the confidential Your Voice hotline. Incident and grievance management procedures are there to build long-term relationship with communities and to address risks proactively. In order to maintain strong relationships with our stakeholders, community members are encouraged to raise any concerns on the Your Voice Channel with Jo-Anne De Bruin on 066 489 1107 or on email: jo-anne.debruin@angloamerican.com, suggestions on improvements on the current procedure is also welcome.



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Perspektief

Dink mooi na oor jou storie en die perspektief. Soms wil 'n storie nie werk wanneer 'n mens 'n derdepersoonsverteller gebruik nie, maar werk uitstekend wanneer 'n mens dieselfde storie via 'n eerstepersoonsverteller vertel.

Onthou dat die alomteenwoordigeverteller as oudmodies beskou word en deesdae amper nooit gebruik word nie.

Die tweedepersoonsverteller vind 'n mens amper net in literêre fiksie.

Indien jy van 'n derdepersoonsverteller gebruik maak, onthou dat 'n mens jou fokaliseerders moet beperk anders gaan jy die leser verwar. Daar is verskillende opinies rakende die hoeveelheid, maar 3 – 5 is beslis voldoende.

My gunsteling vertelperspektief?

Ek hou van beide eerste- en derdepersoon, maar toe ek 'n tiener was, het ek 'n boek toegemaak as dit in die eerste persoon geskryf was. Intussen het ek die lig gesien en ek geniet stories vertel via beide die eerste- en derdepersoonsverteller, maar ek ken 'n paar mense wat nie van 'n eerstepersoonsverteller hou nie. Miskien weens my eie vooroordeel as tiener het ek al Sweepslag, Sindikaat en Spel vanuit 'n derdepersoonsperspektief geskryf.

Word skryffiks

Atlete het 'n vaste roetine en oefen elke dag. Net so verloor jou brein 'spierkrag' indien jy nie elke dag skryf nie. Indien jy elke dag op dieselfde tyd kan skryf, wonderlik, maar indien nie, skryf net waar en wanneer jy kan.

Ek weet van skrywers wat op hulle selfone skryf wanneer hulle nie naby 'n rekenaar is nie.

Self het ek al in my motor voor die skool in die passasiersitplek met my skootrekenaar op my skoot gesit en skryf.

Vraelys

Maak seker dat jy 'n lysie het sodat jy jouself 'n paar vrae rakende jou storie kan vra.

Jy kan sekere van hierdie vrae ook in jou karakterbeplanning inbou om seker te maak dat jy nie plot- en ander gapings in jou storie het nie. Indien jy belangstel, gaan kyk op my webblad onder hulpbronne na my karakterkaart.

Alle besluite wat jou karakter neem, moet gemotiveerd wees.

Watter tipe vrae moet jy jouself afvra?

Wat wil my karakter hê en hoekom? Wat is sy/haar motief? Is daar voldoende hekkies in my karakter se pad? "Raise the stakes!"

Wat is my karakter se grootste vrees en hoekom? Motief? Dra die perspektief by tot die tipe storie wat ek vertel?

Gaan kyk gerus na my vorige plasing oor perspektief, maar onthou ook dat 'n tiener se perspektief baie verskil van die van 'n volwassene. Jy dink dalk nie so nie, maar dit is wel die geval. My protagoniste in Sweepslag, Sindikaat en Spel se perspektief word deur beide hulle omstandighede en ouderdomme beïnvloed.

Dra elke toneel in nou storie by tot óf karakterisering óf plot? Indien nie, kan jy dit skrap, want dan is dit bloot ink op papier.

Het jy al 'n storie gelees en dele gevluglees of sommer net omgeblaai sonder om die teks te lees? Ek het dit al baie gedoen.

Raak van daardie dele wat nie tot die plot of karakterisering bydra nie, ontslae.

Ja, jy het dalk 'n unieke uitdrukking juis in daardie deel, maar soos Stephen King sê: "Kill your darlings."

Wys jy of vertel jy? Wanneer jy vertel, is dit gemotiveerd? Skryf klaar en redigeer daarna Tydens die skryf van my heel eerste manuskrip het ek elke keer nadat ek iets geskryf het, dit redigeer — en toe agtergekom dat ek glad nie vorder nie. Die redigering het my só besig gehou dat ek my storie stilgestaan het en dit later gevoel het of ek in modder vasgeval het. Die wiele het gedraai, maar niks het gebeur nie.

Uiteindelik het ek besluit om die manuskrip klaar te skryf en dan te redigeer. Dit het vir my veel beter gewerk.

Terloops, daar is heelwat skrywers wat dit so doen, maar op die ou einde moet jy doen wat vir jou werk.

Almal in die skryfbedryf het destyds van die waarde van redigering gepraat, maar dit behels veel meer as slegs taalkundige korrektheid. Dis altyd goed om 'n betaleser te kry om jou manuskrip te lees en kommentaar te lewer. Moenie iemand vra wat nie kritiese vrae sal stel nie. Op die Internet is hope betalesers te vinde. Die heel beste is natuurlik (veral betreffende jou eerste manuskrip!) om 'n manuskriptontwikkelaar te betaal vir kommentaar, maar indien dit nie vir jou 'n opsie is nie, kry vir jou 'n goeie en eerlike betaleser of meer. Lekker skryf!

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Facing The High Seas: Why South Africa’s Upgraded Ports Will Need A High-tech Security Strategy

South Africa’s maritime infrastructure and ports are on a journey of revitalisation and expansion. In July this year, the Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) announced it will invest at least R16 billion in port infrastructure development over the next seven years, including ports in Cape Town, Saldanha, and Mossel Bay.[1] The investment will cover a range of functions, including breakwater extensions and the construction of new berths, all part of efforts to prioritise capital projects and prepare the facilities for the future.

Meanwhile, the TNPA has also initiated a preliminary process for the development of a new deep-water port at Boegoebaai in the Northern Cape, an area identified as a hub for the production and export of green hydrogen.[2] The authority aims to have the new port operational by 2026 and hopes it will serve as the first step in realising South Africa’s green hydrogen strategy.

With projects such as Boegoebaai and investments at ports across the region, pertinent questions must be asked about the security and efficiency challenges this critical infrastructure faces. When it comes to such an essential partnership between the public and private sectors, only world-leading logistics and technology solutions will do.

South Africa’s shipping potential
With its roots in shipping dating

back centuries, South Africa has always enjoyed a significant position in the global shipping trade to effectively capitalise on its exports. Situated on one of the busiest international sea routes, the country’s ports have demonstrated real potential. Between 2017 and 2018, the Port of Richard’s Bay achieved a milestone in handling over 100 million tons of cargo, while Cape Town, South Africa’s second biggest seaport, has a strategic location as a hub terminal for cargo to South America and the Far East.[3]

Especially where the proposed Boegoebaai port is concerned, ports and the shipping sector itself play an important role in South Africa reaching new frontiers in economic growth and our ability to tap into new markets. For example, the development of zero-carbon fuels infrastructure, such as green hydrogen, to serve South Africa’s shipping sector could yield up to R29.2 billion in onshore infrastructure by 2030.[4] Herein lies a substantial opportunity to further the country’s economic ambitions and, not inconsequentially, position the country as a global producer of zero-carbon fuels. It is only right that comprehensive steps be taken to safeguard the infrastructure that helps move this valuable industry.

The challenges we face

For all their apparent potential, South Africa’s ports are under threat. Currently they rank

among some of the lowest performing in the world.[5] Issues related to equipment, such as reliability and availability, have been identified as key problems.[6] Crime and corruption have contributed to the neglect of critical infrastructure such as roads and rail networks, which in turn can impact a port’s ability to operate. Port facilities also fall victim to crimes such as theft and vandalism.

It might be banal to say everything is connected, but, where economic activity is concerned, everything is connected, and South Africa’s ports need to take a holistic approach to their security strategies. They need to mitigate a variety of risks, and that calls for a variety of solutions, including network surveillance, proactive monitoring, and access control.

A toolbox of solutions

From a cargo standpoint, IP-based surveillance technology can help improve efficiency by giving officials a way to remotely monitor data, such as container identification and rail car numbers, rather than having to check them in person.[7] Officials can also conduct remote inspections and check cargo for any damage, thus minimising liability and ensuring personnel safety. This is important to consider when we’re talking about a fuel of the future like green hydrogen. Multi-sensor cameras that offer wide-angle coverage and are

equipped with manoeuvring functions like pan, tilt, and zoom can ensure perimeter security while minimising blind spots. Built with all kinds of environments in mind, 24/7 coverage is guaranteed thanks to thermal functionality. Capable of outputting high-resolution video, cameras allow officials to identify specific details of intruders and incidents that take place.

Ports are busy sites with multiple entities engaging in various activities while entering and exiting at all times of the day. Achieving access control starts with enabling every point of entry with products such as intercoms (both video and audio-enabled), and software-driven solutions such as license plate recognition and RFID readers.[8]

These solutions offer an additional benefit: scalability. Modern surveillance and monitoring systems are built to accommodate any maritime environment while offering the same level of security as other critical infrastructure.

By partnering with a trusted vendor who can provide wholesale support pre, during, and post-installation, South African ports can be transformed into trade and transport powerhouses made up of different stakeholders all working together at an assured level of safety and efficiency to grow the economy. - **Engineering News**

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Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus Leads To Deaths Of Domesticated And Wild Rabbits In The Northern Cape.



The Northern Cape Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land Reform, can confirm that the high mortalities of domesticated and wild rabbits in the Namakwa District have been associated with rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus (RHDV). The RHDV is a highly contagious and fatal disease of

both domestic and wild European rabbits, which is found in many parts of the world, but has not been previously diagnosed in South Africa.

The virus is not on the list of controlled diseases; however, it is an exotic disease and a World Organization of Animal Health notifiable sickness.

This came after our veterinary unit received reports from farmers that wild rabbits were dying in large numbers around the area of Sutherland in the Namakwa District of the Northern Cape. Further investigations revealed that farmers in the area experienced large numbers of wild rabbit mortalities.

Since October 2022, the outbreaks of RHDV have spread from Sutherland to Springbok, about 300km west of the current outbreak and recently, mortalities have been reported in Augrabies. So far about 944 rabbits (294 domestic and 650 wild) are reported to have died on 85 Northern Cape farms.

RHDV spreads very rapidly and has a mortality rate of 80%. The high mortality rate, rapid spread and per acute deaths are of particular concern as the affected district is the stronghold of the critically endangered Riverine rabbit species. The virus is stable in the environment and can be spread by direct contact or via any

mechanical vector such as biting insects, scavengers, birds, importation of infected rabbit meat and even humans.

The origin of the disease in the province is unknown and the investigation in collaboration with the Endangered Wildlife Trust is ongoing.

RHDV remains classified as an exotic animal disease in South Africa and suspect cases should be reported to the nearest state veterinary office. Meat and other products from wild or domestic rabbits that died from RHDV during, and outbreak should not be processed, transported, or sold. Dead rabbits must be removed immediately and discarded in a safe manner such as deep burial. Burial must be deep enough to discourage scavenging by wildlife. The community is thus encouraged to maintain strict biosecurity measures on their properties to prevent introduction of the disease. - **Issued by the Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Rural Development and Land**



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‘Racist’ Liebenberg Faces Music

The SA Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) has confirmed that it will prosecute diamond dealer Louis Liebenberg for his alleged racist remarks.

It also appears that Liebenberg’s diamond trading concept is collapsing, after he himself announced that payments to his so-called partners were being temporarily stopped.

Moreover, although the SA Reserve Bank declined to comment, the publication understands that the overall regulator of banking transactions is conducting its own investigation into Liebenberg’s schemes.

City Press reported on Liebenberg’s remarks last month.

In several recordings, he was heard referring to black people as “monkeys” and using the K-word repeatedly.

Eric Mokonyama, acting chief operating officer of the SAHRC, told City Press’ sister newspaper Rapport that the commission had decided to charge Liebenberg in the equality court.

Shortly afterwards, the DA’s Veronica van Dyk also charged Liebenberg in the equality court.

In another week of high drama, anguished employees of Liebenberg in the Kempton Park offices of his company, Tariomix, told the publication they feared the worst.

“We’re all stressed and don’t know what to do,” said one employee.

Liebenberg apparently pays his employees good salaries, but, according to sources, he imposes

strict rules of confidentiality on them, including requiring them to take an oath of secrecy regarding what they see, hear or do in his offices.

The employee said:
We aren’t allowed to say anything or post anything on Facebook or WhatsApp.

In the past week, the publication has been bombarded by worried investors (or “JV [joint venture] partners”, as Liebenberg refers to them) who are very concerned about the money they transferred to Liebenberg and his codirector, Ronelle Kleynhans.

This was after Liebenberg announced on Facebook that he would no longer make payments for packages bought before October 15.

In numerous direct broadcasts on Facebook, he threatened his critics and demanded that his supporters invest R12 million a day.

He said:
Then we’ll break even.
Asked by the publication how he would spend R12 million a day, Liebenberg remained silent.

The worried investors who contacted the publication had sunk several million rands into Liebenberg’s scheme.

“Why worry about how many people buy in to pay out? We’re paying each other!” said one distraught individual who lost his job because of the Covid-19 lockdowns and invested a lot of the money he received from the Unemployment Insurance Fund into Liebenberg’s scheme.

“I feel bad,” he said. “I persuaded an old lady, a pensioner who lives in the same street as me, to invest R810 000 with Louis. Now she’s going to lose everything.”
Liebenberg uses the company’s



Liebenberg rebutted claims he was a racist and said the k-word was used in a heated private conversation. Photo: Tebogo Letsie/City Press

online platform, AE Switch, for his so-called “trading wallets” which, according to investors, are used to buy in. “Reward wallets” are those into which investors’ returns are paid.

Ian Jansen, chief operating officer of AE Switch, says the company has no control over what customers such as Liebenberg do on its platform, or over the relationship between a business owner and his clients.

Liebenberg’s investors are also upset about his mining operations in Namaqualand.

“Louis uses our money to buy mines and permits, but we’re not shareholders in the mines. Those mines are going to mean nothing to JV partners. They’re separate companies. Only Louis and the shareholders will make money from them. We just provide his capital to get hold of them,” says one

investor.

The publication sent detailed questions to Liebenberg and his lawyer, Walter Niedinger.

Liebenberg responded:

I said you must get in your old car and come and interview me. You’re carrying out orders from your puppet masters. Every statement you make is devoid of all truth. Walter Niedinger and Advocate Jaap Cilliers are busy with an application against Media24 and laying criminal complaints against every journalist working there. I’ll say no more now because we’ll speak through the court. And I have no investors. F**k, you’re so stupid! You want to report on things you know nothing about.

Liebenberg is financing former president Jacob Zuma’s prosecution of News24 journalist Karyn Maughan and public prosecutor Advocate Billy Downer. - **Citypress**

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First Public Lecture On The Life And Times Of Kgosi Luka Jantjie

On 16 November 2022, Sol Plaatje University's (SPU) School of Humanities hosted its first public lecture on the life and times of Kgosi Luka Jantjie. The public lecture was held at the SPU Central Campus Library Auditorium and guests joined online to commemorate this oft-forgotten hero.

Kgosi Luka Jantjie was a 19th century Batlhaping chief who fought colonial forces to protect his people and preserve their lands, before being killed in battle in 1897. The lecture was presented by Professor Kevin Shillington, author of the biography, Luka Jantjie: Resistance Hero of the South African Frontier.

SPU Vice-Chancellor and Principal Prof Andrew Crouch welcomed and thanked guests, students, staff, and members of the family of Kgosi Luka Jantjie for their attendance at the Luka Jantjie public lecture. "It is an honour to host Professor Kevin Shillington at SPU on such an auspicious occasion. Prof Shillington played an important role in naming the administrative building on the SPU North

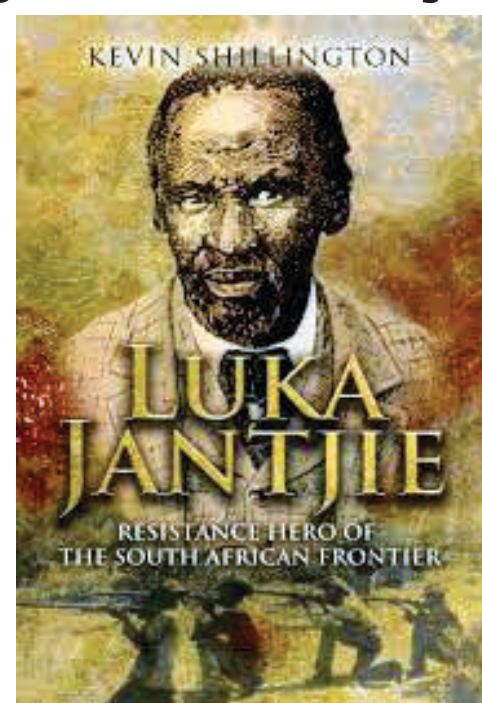
Campus after Kgosi Luka Jantjie." It is befitting to name one of our buildings after Luka Jantjie who a hero in the fight against colonial forces in the Northern Cape.

In his introduction of Prof Shillington, SPU's Acting Head of School of Humanities, Dr Cobus Rademeyer explained that Prof Shillington was first introduced to African history as a young graduate from Trinity College, Dublin, when he taught at a secondary school in Zambia. "He went on to take an MA and PhD at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) at the University of London, which led to his teaching and training history teachers at the University of Botswana. It was his Botswana students who inspired him to write his best-selling History of Africa, now in its fourth edition. I regard the work of Prof Shillington as vital for research purposes in South African history, which is why his books are still used today in institutions of higher learning. I hope this lecture will be informative and thought-provoking for you as his books were for me when I read them as a student."

Prof Shillington delivered a

thought-provoking and informative lecture on the history of Kgosi Luka Jantjie: "He was the first independent African ruler to lose his land to the new colonialists, who promptly annexed the diamond fields. His outspokenness against the hypocrisy of colonial 'justice' earned him the epithet: 'a wild fellow who hates the English'. As the son of an early Christian convert, Luka was brought up to respect peace and non-violence; his boycott of rural trading stores in the early 1890s was perhaps the earliest use of non-violent resistance in colonial South Africa. His steady refusal to bow to colonial demands of subservience intensified the enmity of local colonists determined to 'teach him a lesson'."

Prof Shillington added that while many of his people succumbed to colonial pressures, Luka was twice forced to take up arms to defend himself and his people from colonial attacks. "His life ended in a dramatic and heroic last stand in the ancestral sanctuary of the Langberg mountain-range, and the tragic consequences of his death stretched far into the next century.



Luka Jantjie was not a natural hero, one who flaunted heroic deeds or indulged in heroic rhetoric. Rather, he had heroism thrust upon him."

Kgosi Luka Jantjie was a traditional African leader who sought, through his life and leadership, to demonstrate an alternative to the racism that confronted him. The life of Kgosi Luka Jantjie truly stands out as one of the greatest heroes of the Northern Cape.

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Pit Toilets Still Used in 4500 Schools in South Africa Affecting Water Table

The 2022 theme for World Toilet Day on 19 November is “making the invisible visible” as the focus is on sewage spills into groundwater. In South Africa, sewage pollution is anything but invisible and in the past year, much has been said and written about it.

Since 2013, the United Nations observes World Toilet Day each year as a campaign for ensuring that people have access to safe and reliable sanitation in accordance with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6, to have water and sanitation for all by 2030.

Besides creating awareness on sanitation, the purpose of this day is also to focus on the overflows and leaks from pipes and poor wastewater treatment works that result in untreated human waste being pumped into rivers, streams, oceans and groundwater causing harm to human and ecosystem health.

South Africa’s performance on SDG 6 is rather poor and it is quite probable that the country will not meet its SDG targets in water and sanitation by 2030. In previous reports to the United Nations on SDG 6, South Africa appears to be doing well with “95% of the population using safely managed drinking water services” and “83% in 2018 (StatsSA, 2019) of its population using safely managed sanitation services”.

However, government’s own admission suggests that there are still approximately 2.8 million households (17%) without access to improved sanitation services and almost 280,791 households that practice open defecation (Department of Water and Sanitation Report to Parliament, 2021/2022).

In 2018, it was estimated that

there were 4,500 schools still using pit latrines. That number is now sitting at almost 1,000 but the ongoing challenge for many of these schools is a lack of access to water.

The way government defines access and safely managed sanitation must be explored. Many of these sanitation services are shared or communal toilets that have additional challenges such as safety, no water, poor hygiene and crime.

The 83% of people using “safe” sanitation services must be further unpacked. In cases of communal toilets and pit latrines, these should not be included in the government’s report to the UN on its SDG target. The reality is the government is really struggling to provide toilets to schools and poor communities.

Not only is there a lack of toilets for people to use but the management of wastewater is in a dire state in the country. It is a fact that billions of litres of sewage and wastewater are spilling into rivers and oceans every day from industrial, pharmaceutical and hospital wastewater. The contaminants associated with the wastewater can contain excessive nutrients, pharmaceutical remains, trace metals, and pathogens such as viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites.

Poor wastewater treatment is not a stand-alone issue — it has to be viewed in conjunction with SDG 2 to end hunger and build food sovereignty. There is a known and established link between irrigation water quality and food safety, especially products that are consumed raw.

The consumption of food crops that have been irrigated with

contaminated water could pose a health risk and increase foodborne outbreaks such as gastro-enteric illnesses or hepatitis A. E coli in irrigation water is a good indicator of an increased risk of contracting a waterborne disease.

Given that more than 60% of wastewater treatment works are in a poor to critical state, it must be assumed that much of this contamination is ending up in our fresh water and affecting our food.

Contaminated water will have a direct impact on human health and food supplies as this same polluted water is being used for irrigation in the agricultural sector. While the agricultural sector can be a cause of water pollution (pesticides, loss of soil, waterlogging land — and an article for another day), it can also become a casualty of water pollution. Contaminated and untreated wastewater can contaminate crops and transmit disease to consumers and farmworkers. The crops that can be affected include grapes, maize, citrus, most vegetables and pecan nuts.

Small-scale and emerging farmers rely on these polluted rivers and streams and do not have the means to purify the water before using it. In 2011, high levels of E coli in Europe resulted in 49 fatalities and left thousands seriously ill. The potential risk can also affect jobs and the economy, as Spain lost more than €200-million per week and 70,000 jobs were under threat.

South Africa cannot afford to have a similar situation.

In 2019, Prof Friedo JW Herbig wrote that the lack of action on effluent and sewage pollution should be treated as a conservation crime. A non-

governmental organisation, Gariep Watch, has been doing research and water testing on the Orange River and covers almost 800km of the river. According to the organisation, the Department of Water and Sanitation stopped monitoring in 2014 and the Gariep Watch water quality information is now believed to be the only reliable water quality data available in the catchments in which they operate.

Gariep Watch believes that self-governance of water is going to become the norm. The high levels of pollution that they have found have resulted in Gariep Watch laying criminal charges against municipal managers of five towns along the river where wastewater is not being properly treated or discharged.

The organisation has used citizen science and water quality monitoring information to build a case against the municipal managers and to hold them accountable. We will watch this space because if they win, there may be a lot more municipal managers being charged around the country.

Laying criminal charges and going to court is only one way and usually the last resort for many activists to hold people accountable. It is a costly exercise and time-consuming. Could WaterCAN’s aim to build a network of activist citizen science be the groundwork to ensure better control over our water resources? Whatever the choices, we have to rise up and protest against water injustice.

In terms of the SDGs, South Africa’s government cannot be allowed to get away with telling the world lies and claiming easy victories. It has failed the people and will not meet its SDG targets by 2030. - **Daily Maverick**



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Two Kimberley Jewelry Store Robbers Arrested On Sunday

Two suspects who robbed a jewellery store in Kimberley on Sunday, 20 November, were arrested.

Jewellery worth more than R400 000 was found in their possession.

The two suspects are also linked to other robberies in the Northern Cape and Free State, said Capt. Olebogeng Tawana, police spokesperson.

The suspects, aged 24 and 35 years, were apprehended after they fled the scene. The vehicle they used in the commission of the crime, as well as a firearm, were confiscated.

Tawana said the suspects are linked to a spate of business and armed robberies in the Northern Cape and Free State.

He said a collaborated multi-disciplinary law enforcement team,



which included the Eyes and Ears initiative (E2), SAPIS/Syntell Agri, Kimberley Flying Squad, Free State Flying Squad and Northern Cape Provincial Organised Crime Detectives all contributed to the arrest of the suspects.

They are expected to appear in the Bloemfontein Magistrate's Court on Tuesday, 22 November, and will later be transferred to appear in the Kimberley Magistrate's Court on a charge of business robbery

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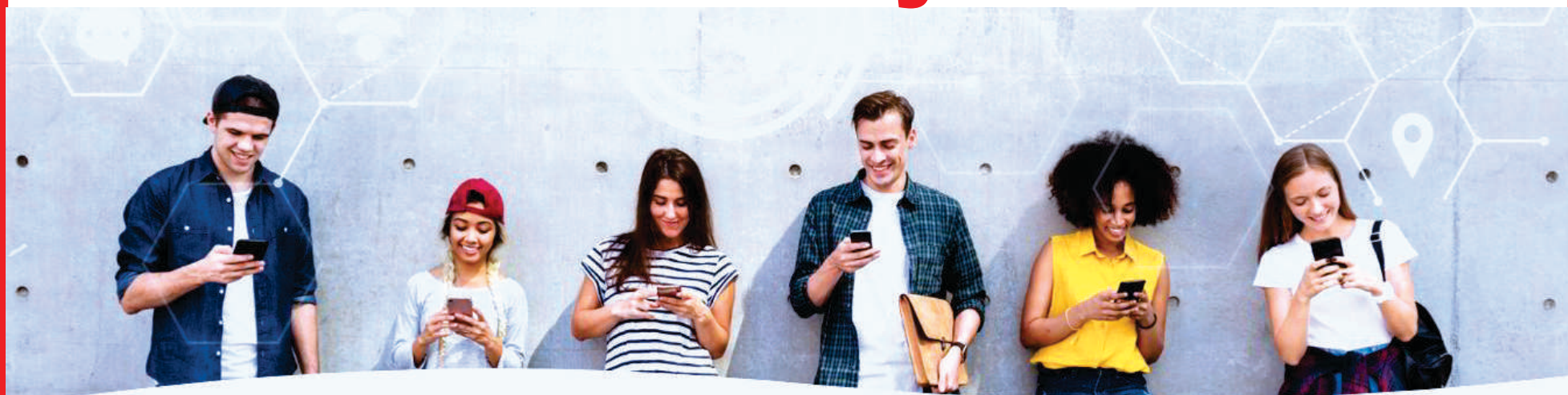
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Reigning Miss Wheelchair Sa Calls For Inclusive Society

South Africa is currently marking Disability Rights Awareness Month with the theme “Empowering Persons with Disabilities through resourceful, sustainable and safe environments”.

Eyewitness News caught up with Miss Wheelchair SA - Tamelyn Bock, to talk about what disability awareness means to her.

Bock was born with Spinal Muscular Atrophy - a genetic condition that affects the nerves and weakens the muscle. The condition led to her losing the ability to walk at the age of eight. She now uses a wheelchair as an assistive device.

“Disability Awareness month means knowing, accepting, and acknowledging individuals with various disabilities. Raising awareness and improving the quality of life for people with disabilities,” said Bock. She says she has focused on changing the negative perspectives society has towards disabled women, and breaking stereotypes and barriers. “Society can be more mindful and familiarise itself with the various invisible disabilities and provide more support,” said Brock to Eyewitness News.

She adds that she would like to see transportation and working environments accessible for disabled individuals, as well as permanent employment opportunities disabled people.

“Public transportation simply doesn’t cater for individuals with disabilities and if one needs to use public transportation it is extremely uncomfortable. I would like to see all public transportation be accessible and to cater at least two wheelchair users at a time.”, said Bock.

This is disability inclusion - making sure that adequate policies and practices are in effect in a community or organisation.

Bock, who hails from the small town of Nababeep in the Northern Cape, recently represented South Africa at Miss Wheelchair World in Mexico. “The other contestants were very humble and strong in character. I learned that every one of them is a fighter and wants to change the world,” said Brock of the competition. Bock said she was disappointed that she wasn’t given the same recognition and opportunities as Miss SA.



Miss Wheelchair SA, Tamelyn Bock. Picture: tamelyn_bock_misswheelchair_sa/ Instagram.

“Some of the barriers I faced was a bit of discrimination. I don’t feel I received the same treatment as Miss SA, I think that was a huge barrier for me. Not being treated equally, being treated with the same respect and dignity, and not receiving the same opportunities. That was heartbreaking for me.”, she said. To represent South Africa on the world stage, Miss Wheelchair SA had to organise her own fundraising campaign, through Back a Buddy, and it was through the donation of R50 000 from Nababeep copper producer, Copper 360, and contributions from others that

ensured she represented South Africa at Miss Wheelchair World.

“Fundraising played a fundamental role to reach the world stage. Various companies and individuals assisted me with funding. And I am so grateful for each one that contributed,” said Bock.

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Launching The Sutherland Observatory

The establishment of the Sutherland site was a joint venture between the South African Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and the Science Research Council of Great Britain (SRC). The two governments began cost-sharing negotiations in 1968, with the outcome coming to fruition in 1970. A site in Sutherland was then founded to relocate the research facilities of the Royal Observatory Cape of Good Hope and the Republic Observatory. The advisory committee of the newly established South African Astronomical Observatory comprised equal nominees from both entities with the executive chairman coming from the South African CSIR. Their main responsibility was to advise the Observatory on operations. Both the Royal Observatory in Cape Town and the Republic Observatory in Johannesburg were challenged by city lights and air pollution as a result of developments around their observing sites hence the move to Sutherland. The Royal Observatory's situation was worsened by the erection of a football stadium with night-time games blasting its floodlights, making it impossible for any astronomy observations to be done.

When Sir Richard Woolley became director of the newly formed South African Astronomical Observatory on 1 January 1972, his main task was to hire a new workforce and to ensure that the Sutherland station was operational, and his personal interest was continuing his research. True to intentions and plans, it took only two years for the Sutherland site to be operational, from its founding in March 1970, to building the following year, and then to the handover of the site by contractors in September 1972. The first telescope to arrive was the 0.5m from the Republic Observatory, Johannesburg. The telescope began observing in August 1972. Later in November 1972, the 1m telescope from the Royal Observatory Cape of Good Hope was added into the fold.

The launch of the Sutherland Observatory on 15 March 1973 was deemed a "very scientific occasion" by the Minister of Planning and the Environment, J.J. Loots. The importance of the event mainly hinged on the new purpose of the Observatory in research and the development of astronomy in the country. During

his speech the Prime Minister of the Republic of South Africa, B.J. Voster said, "We are anxious to develop South African interest in astronomy and astrophysics because we believe that research into abstract science is healthy and indeed vital to the progress of our universities." He continued to say that the South African government had entered into an agreement with the British Science Research Council to encourage overseas astronomers to come to South Africa for work because of the belief that, "the presence of men of highest scientific eminence such as our guests today is of utmost benefit not only to astronomy but to all other sciences and to the universities and the nation as a whole."

Light pollution was a terrible affliction for the Royal Observatory in Cape Town, and some of its projects were halted as a result. With the newly established site in Sutherland, a resumption of photoelectric photometry became a possibility and it was included among the new research focus areas. What was lacking in Cape Town was the reliable determination of magnitudes and colours of faint stars; the promise of dark skies in Sutherland revived the interest. New instrument techniques were going to be added to advance these plans and to achieve the desired outcomes. Among these techniques was electronographic photometry, whose purpose was to provide much-needed efficiency in resolving magnitudes and colours of faint stars.

According to Dr. Ian Glass, "The electronographic imaging technique looked very promising for a few years around the late 1960s and 1970s. One kind of tube called the McGee "Spectracon" was used for taking spectra and another kind, the "McMullan Camera", was used for imaging clusters where photometry of several objects was needed. Several observatories tried them out with modest success. At the time, photography was the normal method for making images." Photographic photometry was added as a complementary technique that would advance the study of much larger areas of the sky at any given time. A spectrograph was fitted on the 1m reflector to provide radial velocity measurements of stars (measuring the pace at which an object is moving away or



Sir Richard Woolley and Prime Minister B.J. Voster

towards Earth). This instrument was used on bright moon days when photometry work was impossible. Historically, the Royal Observatory was one of the first Observatories in the Southern Hemisphere to do spectroscopic studies but had to stop when its 61cm refractor was used for other work. While the Sutherland station rekindled old research pursuits, time allocation was of great importance to ensure the site did not become a white elephant. Part of the observation time was to be allocated to South African Astronomical Observatory staff, while the remaining portion would be given to astronomers sponsored by the British Science Research Council as well as the South African Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. At the time of the launch some expressions of interest in time allocation had been received from Northern Hemisphere astronomers. These requests gave the partners the confidence and the nod they most needed to

consider the site viable and worthy.

While South Africa had many observatories in different cities, there was a lack of significant impact on astronomy development at universities except for the University of Cape Town (UCT). It was then hoped that just like UCT, which had already made substantial use of the Sutherland Observatory, other universities would in time develop an interest in Sutherland. To accomplish Prime Minister B.J. Voster's aspirations, the new Observatory had plans to open up new frontiers of research to postgraduate university students with the intention that the research would trickle down to undergraduate work as well. Overall the worth of the site depended on its envisioned role in developing astronomy and its positive contribution to reigniting scientific curiosity among the younger generation. - **Edited by Christian Hettlage**



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Motivation For A 1.0 M (40-inch) Telescope

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It was decided that the 1.0m telescope would be suitable for



photo-electric photometry. Photo-electric photometry was the latest feat in modern astronomy and it came with the promise of solving many astronomical problems. Observing in the ultra-violet region had been demonstrated elsewhere in the world (such as in the US and in France) as an astrophysical desirability at the time – but the current refractor telescopes at the Royal Observatory Cape of Good Hope

were incapable.

The 1.0m telescope, once purchased, arrived in Cape Town as expected on 8 September 1963. The plan was to use it for photoelectric photometry at the Cassegrain focus. We asked Dr. Lisa Crause who has worked extensively on telescope instrumentation to describe what a Cassegrain instrument was and she said, "A Cassegrain is a reflective telescope design in

which the light comes to a focus behind the primary mirror. Light first hits the parabolic primary mirror (at the bottom of the telescope tube), then a hyperbolic secondary (up at the top). Thereafter the light bounces back from the secondary and goes through a central hole in the primary, where it reaches focus behind the back of the primary – that is known as the Cassegrain focus." The instrument would immediately be set up for observing a reliable standard sequence of faint stars in different parts of the Magellanic Clouds as well as other objects in the southern sky. The incredible work done by the SAAO astronomers as well as the British Science Research Council sponsored visitors led to follow-up observations in Australia and the UK. The SAAO 1.0m played a significant role in the discovery of the ring system around Uranus. Additionally, the 1.0m telescope concluded a debate about the existence of Charon as Pluto's moon. The observations proved that Charon was a single solid body with no massive gaseous envelope – this too was a topic of debate among astronomers.

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toe gaan dit eers jolig. Toe op 'n dag besef die knaap hy sal moet huistoe gaan vir die vakansie en ou Boel kan nie 'n woord praat of lees nie en hy laat toe maar vir ou Boel uitsit. By die huis aangekom wag sy pa vir hom op die stasie. Heel angstig om 'n gesprek met ou Boel aan te knoop. "Nou waar is ou Boel dan?" vra hy toe sy seun alleen afklim van die trein af. "Pa sal my nou nie glo nie," antwoord sy seun, "maar gisteroggend terwyl ek ons goedjies inpak sit ou Boel op die rusbank en koerant lees. Skielik vra hy vir my "Willem kuier jou pa nog skelm by daai rookop buurvrou van julle?" "So 'n blerrie liegbek hond!" antwoord sy pa, "ek hoop jy het hom laat uitsit voor hy dalk by jou ma kan stories aandra!"

Die engel kom by Jan, "Ek is gestuur uit die Hemel om die boodskape te bring

wie hierdie jaar sterf," sê die engel aan Jan. Jan vra die engel nou hoekom kom jy tot by my. Die engel haal sy lysie uit en wys dit vir Jan. Jan sien sy naam is eerste op die lys. Jan sê aan die engel u kom so van ver af om my die boodskap te bring oor nag tog by my dan kan jy môre verder gaan om jou boodskape te voltooi. Die engel stem toe in. Jan maak die engel lekker dronk, hulle het sommer lekker gekuier. Terwyl die engel aan die slaap raak, vat Jan die lysie maak sy naam dood en skryf dit laaste op die blaaie. Die volgende dag sê die engel aan Jan dankie vir gisteraand, ek het dit baie geniet. Omdat jy so gasvry was het ek besluit om nie meer die van lysie van bo af te werk nie ek gaan van onder af begin.

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in die storie, hy haak kliphard af: "Tho 'n blikthem!" (Die dominee het blykbaar so gelag hy kon nie verder preek nie. Hy moes een van die ouderlinge vra om net af te sluit, en het na die tyd vir die ouers gevra om asseblief nie die kind te dissiplineer nie, want hy was die enigste een wat regtig geluister het!)

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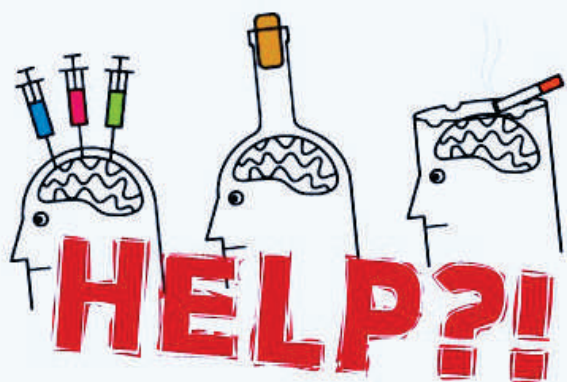


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One of the greatest and most influential physicists of all time, Albert Einstein, once said, “We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.” This is exactly the proposed solution that is still governing the mineral economy in South Africa. The problem, which included the Nation’s greatest era of segregation, was created during the Mining Revolution in the 1800s and the people who created the problem remain in power with the same mindset which hinders any evolution from problem to solution.

Anglo-American is a British-listed multinational mining company with headquarters in London, England. They operate under the slogan: “Re-imagining mining to improve people’s lives”, the fault in this operation lies in that the possibility of enforcing a progressive notion like that will remain flawed. The statement in itself exposes its invalidity as it speaks in the present tense meaning that it is in full effect, however, people’s lives are not improving. It, therefore, proves the fact that one cannot re-imagine anything without a change in mindset. It cannot be said that the very mindset that laid the foundation for the economic divide of a nation will somehow lead to the economic freedom of that same nation.

The Mineral Revolution in South Africa started when diamonds were discovered in Kimberley, Northern Cape in 1867. The Revolution was aggravated when gold was found on the

Witwatersrand, Gauteng in 1886. At this time, independence was already lost by African Kingdoms which led to the colonialist rule of African land by the British. It becomes mind-boggling when we are faced with the reality that history has been rigged to continuously repeat itself as we realize that the very same people who took land that did not belong to them still maintain ownership. This then begs the question as to how they intend on improving the lives of the people to whom they had caused ruin. It is nonsensical to establish pride in ownership over something that is not yours, it is further malicious to then condition the minds of the true owners into thinking that they must buy back what is inherently theirs, to begin with.

This way of thinking may very well be seen as discarding the entire concept of colonisation which to a certain degree did initiate the expansion of the economy of the continent. However, to what extent can we argue that the necessity of the expansion was not entirely based on a deeply rooted need to soothe the egos of power-hungry white supremacists? It is shocking to see how apart from the malicious enforcement to appease the injustices of the past still allows for malicious compliance on the part of the people who were at the receiving end of these injustices. The futuristic notion of “re-imagining mining” cannot continue to be sustained by foundations of the past, otherwise we will remain in the paradoxical

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loop of traveling back to the future.

Maintaining governance over a population of people to whom you are not an inhabitant yourself leads to the perception of an aggressive cultural insensitivity. Domination of a system that you do not understand, has never been done. Flaws in operation will always come to light through arising conflicts; dismantlement of communities and a general imbalance in the functioning of society. The tunnel vision that develops in the conquest to attain wealth will result in thinking that you need only keep your eyes on the prize and explain later. This, in turn, will cause those in power to dismiss the intricacies involved in the functioning of the societies which they wish to dominate. In South Africa, these intricacies involve cultural dynamics that require a high level of understanding to function.

In a recent engagement between a branch of Anglo-American Kumba Iron Ore and various business forums from the host community in which they operate, the CEO of Anglo American Kumba Iron Ore received a heavy blowback reaction from the community. Communities that have already been subdivided into different business forums were given the platform in Kathu to raise their grievances and along

with their different forums comes a variation of grievances. If there had been any level of understanding from the Anglo-American group, it would have been considered that sending a young black/African female, said with all due respect to her capacity as CEO, to address the grievances of aggressively cultured older black/African male business forum leaders had no other route than to end in disaster. Many South African traditions (Black/African; those considered “coloured”; Islam etc.) are still approaching the mentality of eradicating traditional thinking of male supremacy and until the time that such a point will be reached, to obtain effective communication, we must remain sensitive to the fact that we are not there yet.

Hence why it is very difficult to see the possibility of accomplishing the re-imagination of mining to improve the lives of the people in the governance of this notion is failing to at the very least understand the dynamics amongst those people. So, if it is so boldly stated that the lives of people are being improved yet it is not visible in daily living, one must contemplate the selectiveness of the improvement and then seek to find what is required to qualify to benefit. This ultimately tosses us back into the loop.

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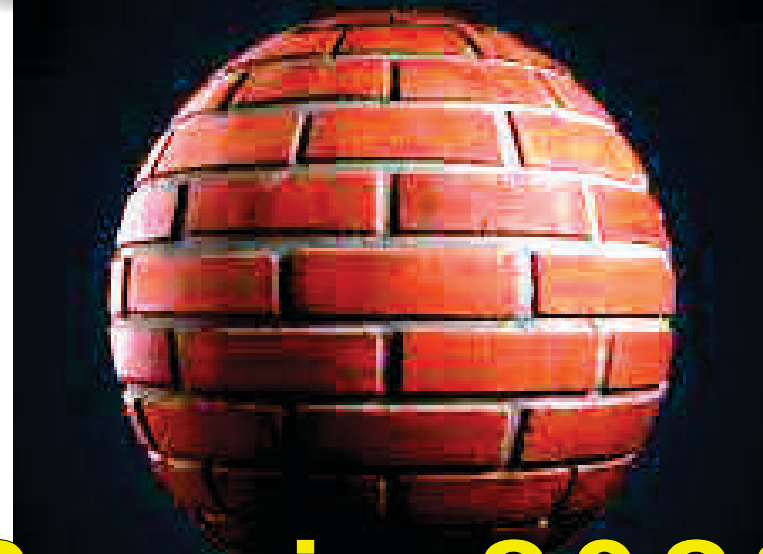
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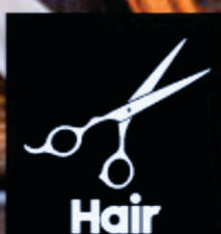
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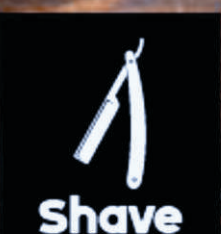


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Upington Dragons Sluit Jaar Op 'n Hoë Noot Af

Upington Dragons Krieket Klub was die afgelope naweek 19 November 2022 betrokke in hul laaste 40 overs liga wedstryd teen die nuwelinge Paballelo Krieket Klub. Dit was 'n goeie dag vir Upington Dragons wat besluit het om eerste te kolf en 'n totaal van 328/7 aangeteken. Die onderkaptein van Upington Dragons Granville de Wee het voorgebou op laas naweek die 12 November 2022 se vertoning en het uitgeblink met die kolfwerk waar hy 58 lopies geslaan het van net 26 balle. Die kaptein Llewellyn Olivier het 50 lopies geslaan en dit maak hom tans die nommer een kolwer in die ZFM Distrik met 'n totaal van 256 lopies wat hy altesaam in die ZFM Krieket se 40 over liga geslaan het.

Met 'n berg wat voor Paballelo lê het hulle vol selfvertroue die tweede innings begin met die kolf, maar die bowlers van Upington Dragons het iets anders in gedagte gehad en die kolwer van Paballelo beperk tot 63/10 in die 20ste overs van die 2de innings.

Brendon Julies het 03 paaltjies laat kantel in sy 08 overs wat hom ook tans die voorste bowler maak in die ZFM 40 over liga met 'n totaal van 19 paaltjies. Keenan Daries het Brendon Julies mooi bygestaan en laat kantel 02 paaltjies. Upington Dragons wen die wedstryd met 265 lopies.

Upington Dragons gaan 'n breek vat vir die kers seisoen wat op hande is maar sal middel Januarie 2023 terug wees waar hulle gaan voorberei vir die T20 liga wat begin Februarie 2023.

Die bestuur van Upington Dragons Krieket Klub wil hul ondersteuners bedank vir die getroue ondersteuning as ook hul borge: Inter Tekens, DJR Civils, Kekkel en Kraai.

Upington Dragons wil die ander spanne sterkte toe wens met wedstryde wat nog oor is in die liga en bedank vir die kompeterende gees wat die wedstryde gespeel was



Agter (LNR):Granville de Wee, Desmond Magosie, Antonio September

Middel: Keenan Daries, Shaïda Matthys (Voorsitter), Royden (DJR Civils), Llewellyn Olivier (Kaptein), Brendon Julies, Christo Freeman
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The Moon-lit Cheeses Of The Karoo Highlands

To reach Langbaken from the R63 between Carnarvon and Williston, turn left onto the Bakensklip road. After 15 km, turn right at the grader, then left at the windsock. The windsock has been all but annihilated by the wind after which it is named, but I spot it in the nick of time. A few kilometres on I spy the white corbelled house Francy Schoeman had told me to look out for.

It's not every day you meet someone at a corbelled house, an architectonic distinction of this part of the Karoo Highlands, or Hoogland, of the Northern Cape, a world of Hantam and extreme temperatures, hellish hot in summer and cold as hell in midwinter. In this otherworldly terrain, Francy Schoeman makes some of the country's finest cheeses. The corbelled houses were built by trekboers from the slate you find everywhere on these ancient lands, and being inside one is a marvel once you look up. It looks as though it could collapse and bury you forever in a flash of architectural vengeance, yet the interlaced slates, much in the style of a dry stone wall, have remained intact for the many generations who have stood or slept beneath its roof.

Langbaken cheeses had found me at a food festival outside Cradock in the autumn before the early cold swooped in, and soon found their way into my Karoo kitchen. Now there is a new haul of them, but this time I trekked all the way to Langbaken to find them and to meet their maker. Their names captivated me – Karoo Crumble, Karoo Sunset, Karoo Blue – but their textures and flavours had me swooning.

The Karoo, just as it lends itself to the fine meat of sheep, has a way with cheese as well. It seems to belong. People who find themselves living on its vast plains turn their minds to the craft of food, and cheese making is one of the finest crafts. Not everyone has a way with it, but Francy Schoeman does. When the Zimbabwe-born Francy fell in love with Peter Schoeman and found herself leaving Greyton and moving to a farm in the stinking hot Karoo Highlands near Williston in 2010, an area so in touch with the greater universe that strange masts point to the sky not far away from Langbaken looking for signs of life other than our own, her mind turned to cheese.

Langbaken has been in Peter's family since the late 1800s and it was his turn to steer it forward, but Francy needed to do something worthwhile with her now remote days. She did a two-

day course in cheese making at the Elsenburg Dairy Lab in Stellenbosch and taught herself the rest. "Trial and error is always best," she says simply.

Her cheeses are unpasteurised. "All the best cheeses in the world are made from raw milk," Francy says. "That's why they have so much more flavour and are so unique." This doesn't mean that the best cheeses win the major international awards for cheese, as in many instances being unpasteurised disqualifies them.

In her cheesemaking room with its strange raw dairy smell is a shelf full of 20 wheels of Karoo Crumble she made that morning after the daily cheese routine churned into action at 4am. I can't believe that these wheels didn't exist when I woke up this morning in Carnarvon to drive to Langbaken. She churns out (literally) that many wheels of cheese every second day, sometimes the Crumble, other Karoo Sunset, on other days a different recipe. That one day's production amounted to about 50 kg. They're wetly white, their colour to change with time and temperature. Karoo Crumble is her flagship and has won the most awards.

She takes me into the drying room where they go after brining, serried on shelf after shelf on many walls. It's a wonderland of cheese wheels. A cheese cave of controlled temperature, well below the maximum of 18°C but generally below 15°C. There are thick wheels and slim ones, in varying hues depending on their age. The size has a lot to do with the ripening of a cheese, smaller wheels will ripen quicker. They're coated with what she calls cheese paint, or cheese coating, a white paste that looks like wood glue that prevents the cheeses from drying out. Every wheel is dated with food colouring.

One batch of her Williston cheeses is coated with paprika, a rusty-red beauty. There's Karoo Swiss, in the Emmentaler style, and Karoo Blue. She chooses not to call them Cheddar, Gouda etc, preferring simple Karoo names. She shows me the Stout Willis which is a variation of the paprika-coated Williston but washed instead with Peter's home-brewed stout.

Producing the milk that makes the cheese is Francy's single herd of Jersey cows. Langbaken cheese began its story with just two. Long before the crack of dawn, strong hands are carrying heavy buckets of milk around for the new cheeses to find life. Helping Francy is "Koos Kaas", real name



To get to Langbaken, turn right at the tractor, left at the windsock, and look for the white corbelled house. (Photos and composite image by Tony Jackman)

John Feris, an able and wise assistant who joins us at lunch time to take over from Francy. "Like Koos Kombuis," the young man says with the confidence of an older and wiser man. He jokingly tells Francy that he'll give her Saturday off as she needs a break and he's not doing anything else. When I ask her if he has a job title she says simply, "Just Koos Kaas."

It was the lockdown that spurred the business and saw it grow quickly. Not because business was brisk during those truncated times, it wasn't at all, but because they were able to build up stock. They kept production going but, with the market suddenly impenetrable, everything they produced stayed put and aged. A ready market swallowed it all up when the lockdown ended, and now Langbaken is in great demand.

Their main distributor is Wild Peacock in Stellenbosch. They're not in the supermarkets, and nor does Francy wish them to be.



Francy Schoeman and John Feris (Koos Kaas) in the cheese cave at Langbaken. (Photo: Tony Jackman)

"We're too small," Francy says, quickly adding, "but chefs love us." One example is on the degustation menu at Epice in Franschoek; called Ages and Degrees of Langbaken, it's a sensuously thrilling cheese course.

The cheeses of Langbaken seem blessed by the moon that shines over langbaken and its endeavours. Now, again, they bless my Karoo kitchen. DM/TGIFood

Langbaken Cheese is on Instagram @langbakencheese

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Green Scorpions Focused on Arrests of Foreign Nationals

The protection of the environment is now more important than ever, especially because of the devastating effects of climate change on the lives of people.

That is why the South African constitution enshrines the right of all to an environment that is not harmful to our health and well being and which encourages the sustainable use of natural resources.

These rights have been taken a step further through the introduction of a number of environmental laws and policies that provide for the effective management and conservation of the environment.

This includes legislation governing air quality, waste management, biodiversity, conservation, climate change and programmes aimed at

ridding our country of alien and invasive species and providing ecosystem services and managing natural resources.

The 2021/22 national environmental compliance and enforcement report indicates that there has been an increase in environmental incidents in the last year, resulting in devastating impacts on the environment. This brings into question the environmental compliance profile of the sources of these problems.

Because of this, a cohesive and complex government intervention is required. This includes designing an "all of government enforcement model" informed by lessons learnt from past experiences which considers resources

available within all government institutions to deal with different but mutually beneficial points.

Why is conserving the environment so important? The environment is the foundation on which all life is built. Remove one part and another collapses. Thus the critical need to protect wetlands, rivers, mountains, our rich floral kingdom and our wildlife.

Those protectors are the Environmental Management Inspectorate, or Green Scorpions, as they are popularly known.

The Green Scorpions are government officials from national, provincial and local government, including the parks authorities, who are responsible

for compliance and enforcement activities related to environmental legislation. Sadly, the 2021/22 environmental compliance and enforcement report shows a decrease of more than 5% in the number of national and provincial inspectors from 3,158 in the 2020/21 financial year to 2,995.

The latest environmental compliance report shows that criminal investigations of environmental crimes has increased by 7.6% in the 2021/22 financial year, with 952 criminal dockets registered. A total of 1,091 admission of guilt fines to the value of R408,730 were paid – an increase of 6.6% – while 838 people were arrested.

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Why One Woman Wants More People To Go Big Game Hunting

Emma Stander believes that big game hunting needs an influx of women. She says it would boost the hunting business – and that it’s up to her to share the reality and beauty of hunting to attract them.

The 19-year-old, who lives in the Northern Cape province of South Africa, says: “I think the main thing that puts women off hunting is the idea that it’s blood, guts, not showering for five days, completely tired and covered in smoke and ash. But that’s not the reality. Of course it can be the reality, but it generally isn’t. We have to create a better picture of hunting to make people see that it’s actually something beautiful.”

Emma Sander has been hunting since she was a child. She says her first hunting experience was at a farm with her family. She says: “We see a Blesbok standing about 120 metres away, facing us. I tap on the on the car’s roof and say, ‘Let me get out – I’m going to shoot this thing’. So, I get down with my dad’s .30-06, and the PH [professional hunter] puts me on the sticks and I shoot. It drops

and we get there, we take out the stomach, smear my face full of blood and take some wonderful photos with the fading light.”

Throughout Emma’s life hunting has been a constant passion, especially with her father. It’s a holiday.

She says: “It’s packing the vehicle, making sure everything’s there, and then waking up at the crack of dawn, making a fire, cooking water for coffee, heading out, coming back for lunch, and then heading out again. It’s very systematic – and it’s freedom.”

Emma says it’s a great way to experience nature, everything it has to offer and to have fun.

For Emma there is nothing like the exhilaration of hunting. She says: “Being in nature and experiencing everything it has to offer first-hand is amazing. You don’t truly appreciate the power of a thunderstorm until you’re stuck outside with a rifle, hiding under a bush, or an electrical storm when the hair on your head literally rises up and

everyone tells you to climb under the vehicles.”

Emma enjoys the cold in the mornings, hot afternoons, the blazing sun and the wind. She says: “When it kicks up, it’s just – there’s no other way to experience it than if you’re going out hunting four days in a row and it’s all you know.”

In Emma’s family she is the only woman who hunts. She says: “At the time, my mother and sister came along as well. They did not enjoy it. My sister kept shouting whenever we got close to the animals, and they’d run away. So now I’m the only woman in my family that hunts.”

Emma admits hunting can appear to be a man’s world, because of its reputation for being physically challenging.

She says: “It’s very physical. You have to walk long distances, handle heavy vehicles and heavy animals.”

She believes there is a niche for women professional hunters, because they take a different approach. She says: “We notice

the details. Some clients just want to shoot the animal and be done with. But other clients – they enjoy the details. They enjoy it when you take them out and you show them flowers, insects, and birds”

Emma’s advice for women who want to try hunting is believe in yourself and know you can do anything, if you put your mind to it. She says: “When we’re growing up, we’re taught some limitations. We aren’t as strong, we aren’t as forceful. And yes, physically, I’m not as strong as most men and I’m not as fast either. But if a woman wants to become a hunter there’s absolutely nothing that’s going to stop her. She just has to work a little bit harder to get there. Some of the stuff that we do like with the mechanical things, it’s going to take a little bit more effort and you’re going to work a bit harder.”

Emma honed her skills at the Northern Cape Professional Hunting School. For more on their courses, working with African wildlife, visit NCPH.co.za - **Fieldsports Channel**



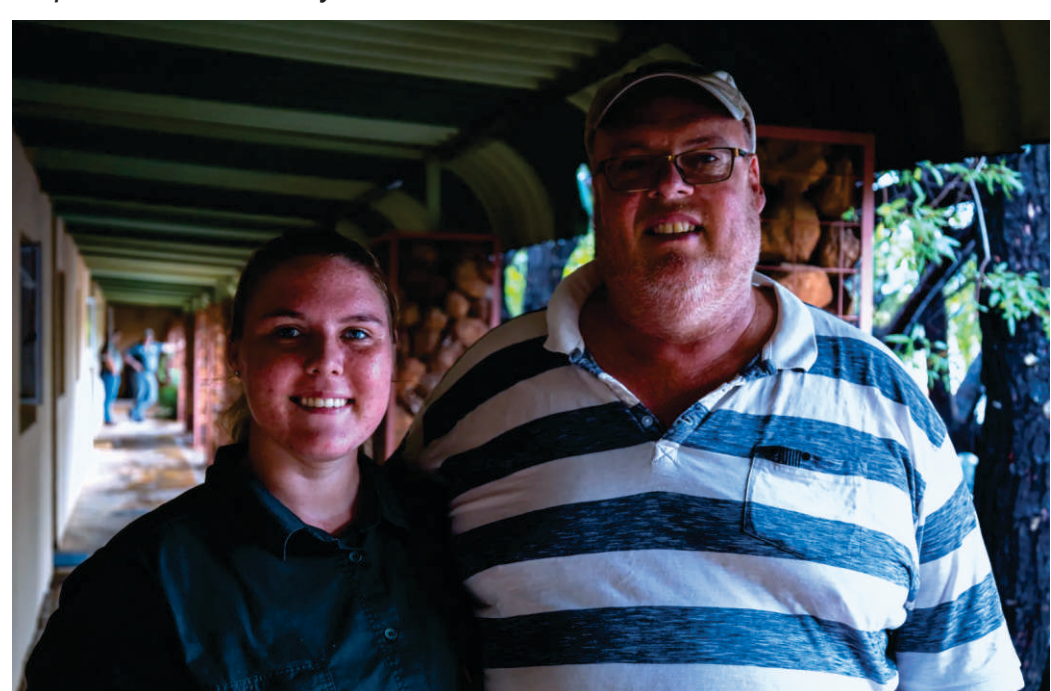
Blesbok: Emma Sander's first hunting experience



South African hunter Emma Sander says hunting is the best way to experience the beauty of nature



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