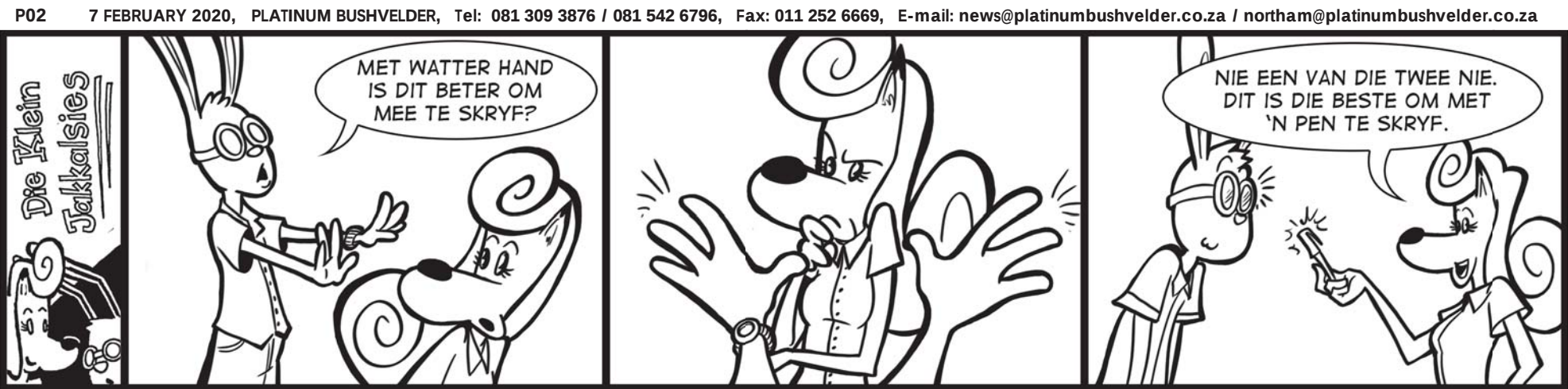




INFANTS' BODIES FOUND FLOATING IN POOL

Makhado – Limpopo provincial commissioner lieutenant general Nneke Ledwaba urged parents and guardians to make sure that they know where their children are at all times in order to avoid drowning accidents. Three children, aged three to four years old, were found floating in a swimming pool at Tshituni Tsha Fhasi village near Makhado on Friday 31 January. Police spokesperson colonel Moatshe Ngoepe said the three toddlers were playing when they wandered off and gained entrance to the premises where the pool is located. "Meanwhile, the older brother of one of the children noticed that they were gone and decided to go look for them. He then made the horrific discovery of the three children unconsciously floating in the swimming pool and immediately alerted his mother," said Ngoepe. The children were rushed to the local clinic but unfortunately, they were declared dead on arrival.



TLM'S 'GREEN BINS' INITIATIVE

Thabazimbi – The Thabazimbi Local Municipality (TLM) 'Green Bins' initiative is on the quest to achieving a cleaner and greener environment. The municipality is reaching out to all businesses operating within its jurisdiction to assist in the widespread waste challenge facing the town by distributing refuse bins to businesses for public use. Distribution of these bins commenced on Friday 31 January as two bins were distributed at Vodacom Chatz Connect Thabazimbi and Engen Thabazimbi respectively. TLM is urging to businesses to join and participate in this programme.



TLM solid waste supervisor Ofentse Tlhoka and Vodacom Chatz Connect Thabazimbi owner Estie Steenkamp.

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PLAVEISEL – INTERLOCKERS (KLEUR OF GRYS)
KLEISTENE
SAND EN KLIP

REPORT CRIME TO STOP CRIME

South Africa - A crime statistic only becomes one once it has been reported to South African Police Service (SAPS). The papers and social channels are full of reports of ATM fraud, cell phones being snatched while people are waiting for Ubers and other opportunistic crimes and yet only a small percentage of these crimes are reported. "A large number of crimes simply go unreported because of the nature of the crime or because of a lack of confidence in the system," says Fidelity ADT national marketing and communications manager Charnel Hattingh. Hattingh says selective reporting of crime is problematic as it contributes to the dissemination of misinformation around crime, rather than accurate and contextualised information which the SAPS and private security companies can then work on to apprehend suspects. "No matter how big or small or how insignificant you feel the crime is, it needs to be reported. If the suspects are apprehended at a later date, there is often no charge as there has been no complainant or case number to attach it to!" said Hattingh.

- Here are seven key reasons to report a crime:
- It helps with establishing crime trends and provides authorities with invaluable information on how to best allocate resources.
 - If a car registration vehicle is reported the SAPS can immediately start tracking the vehicle and carry out stop and search intercepts.
 - It helps in understanding both motive and modus of the crime and how crime prevention strategies are being deployed.
 - It ensures suspects can be sent to jail once they have

been finally apprehended – without a complainant and case number, there is no case.

- It helps the community to better understand and respond to safety issues.
- It can lead to more arrests as your crime could be a critical link to another similar crime and could result in an arrest.

SAPS say many people who get their cell phones snatched while outside waiting for a lift, forget to report the crime at a later stage. "Understandably, you do not want to get stranded on the side of the road without a phone, so you still jump into your ride and go home. That is fine but you need to report the incident once you are safe and in possession of another phone or go to the police station with a friend," said Hattingh. "A community approach to fighting crime is essential and always pays dividends leading to safer communities. It starts with a commitment from residents to report crimes accurately and a follow-up commitment from SAPS and other influencers in the sector, like the private security industry, to follow up on all leads and react proactively to trends and incidents to reduce crime levels," concluded Hattingh.

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INCREASE IN FESTIVE SEASON ROAD FATALITIES

Limpopo – Limpopo is one of only two provinces in South Africa which experienced an increase in the number of road fatalities during the 2019 to 2020 festive period. Statistics released by minister of transport Fikile Mablula show that from Sunday 1 December 2019 to Wednesday 15 January, Limpopo and Gauteng recorded more road fatalities when compared to the same period during the previous year. Limpopo experienced a 12% increase while Gauteng recorded 1%. This is a step in the wrong direction

for Limpopo, which had experienced a decrease in the number of road fatalities during the 2019 Easter period. The transport minister said while the rest of the provinces had experienced a reduction in fatalities during the festive season, the department had nonetheless made inroads in clamping down on criminal activities in Limpopo. He said: "Three vehicle testing stations in Limpopo were shut down as a result of the anti-corruption investigations undertaken to eliminate the fraudulent issuing of vehicle roadworthy certificates."



Motorists are advised to ensure their vehicles are roadworthy.

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