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PLEASE BRING BACK OUR DOGS

Magda Stewart

Thabazimbi – Kennel manager at Thabazimbi Animal Rescue (TAR) Magda Stewart, is very worried about their dogs that disappeared from TAR's premises on Saturday 5 March.

"We have taken care of our four-legged children and we need to know that they are OK. They deserve a loving home. Why have you taken them?"

Shortly after arriving at TAR's kennels on Saturday morning, Stewart noticed that all the dogs in the back row of the kennels were missing. TAR's team pleads with the community to come forward with any information about the missing dogs:

- Sheba, a three-year-old female Alsatian
- Lily, a one-year-old female terrier crossing
- two five-month-old yorkie-terrier crossings (male and female) and
- Jackie, an eight-month-old female Jack Russel.

A case of theft was opened at SAPS. Please contact Tania at 084 885 6487 if you have any information about the incident. You may do so anonymously. All we want is for our four-legged babies to be returned safely.

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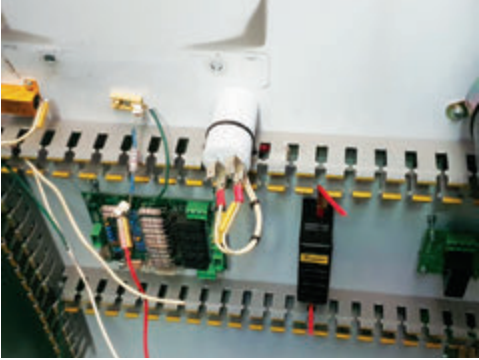
CABLE THEFT TRIGGERS ELECTRICITY OUTAGES

Thabazimbi – The Thabazimbi Local Municipality (TLM) has apologised for electricity outages experienced in many areas due to cable theft. The municipality said theft of cable on Sunday 6 March sparked power outages in parts of Thabazimbi town, Thaba Mall, Thabazimbi CBD, industrial area, Thabazimbi Hospital, SASSA, Thaba Junction, Regorogile extensions 5 and 6, Hammerkop, Koraalboom and other areas. “Updates will be communicated regularly as technicians provide further information. The TLM apologises for the inconvenience

caused,” the municipality said in a statement. Chief executive officer of Dinare Security, Kobus Malan, expressed how the power outages were negatively affecting businesses. “It makes it very difficult for us all, we incur costs to help as volunteers on cable theft scenes. This has an immediate effect on the whole town. Not only are we as the community of Thabazimbi struggling with water, we are now also struggling with electricity, not only due to load shedding, but also cable theft,” he said. Malan urged community members to support

initiatives aimed at rooting out crime. “In my opinion the community can assist if they join their CPF sector. Having more vehicles and increased visibility might prevent the perpetrators from having the chance to steal the cables. We are dealing with a syndicate. They know exactly where to cut the cables and they are also aware of the surroundings and vehicle movement.” None of the copper thieves have been apprehended yet.

Anyone able to assist is requested to contact Ann Elise on 063 837 4942.



Cable theft...



Be vigilant!

Northam – A community member spotted suspicious men lurking around the vehicles of customers at a local shopping centre on Friday 25 February. She was waiting in her car when she saw the one man using a mirror to look into cars and then signalling his partners to rob them while he distracts them. Once she spotted the man, she swiftly closed her window and told her grandchild to make sure her handbag is not visible. This did not deter the man and he still came to her window and attempted to distract her, but thanks to her vigilance she was prepared and did not fall victim to the criminals. She would like to warn other community members to be on alert when in town.



Placing an obituary

Announcing the death of a family member is a time-honoured tradition as life should be celebrated and never forgotten. To help you to celebrate the life of your loved one and share details about the upcoming funeral, place an obituary in our newspaper, free of charge. You can include the date of death, details about their life and surviving family members. You can also write a special message, a poem or a prayer. Please include a photo and the date, time and place of the memorial service.

If you would like to place an obituary in *Platinum Weekly / Platinum Bushvelder*, send the information via WhatsApp to 072 482 6871 or email news@platinumweekly.co.za / news@platinumbushvelder.co.za.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS NOTICE: UPDATE ON PROGRESS AGAINST THE APPROVED AIR QUALITY OFFSET PLAN AT MORTIMER SMELTER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN TERMS OF REGULATION 41 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REGULATIONS (2014) AS PROMULGATED UNDER THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998) [AS AMENDED] (NEMA), THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: AIR QUALITY ACT, 2004 (ACT NO. 39 OF 2004) [AS AMENDED] AND THE AIR QUALITY OFFSETS GUIDELINE (GN. 333)

BACKGROUND: Anglo American Platinum (AAP) has been granted postponement on the 2020 Minimum Emission Standards by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) and one of the conditions requires AAP to develop and implement an Air Quality Offset Plan for the Mortimer Smelter. The Mortimer Smelter operation is located within the north western limb of the Bushveld Complex, with the main objective to process wet concentrate from the Amandelbult and Mogalakwena concentrators to produce crushed, slow-cooled, Sulphur-deficient Nickel-Copper matte rich in Platinum Group Metals (PGMs) for despatch and further processing at Rustenburg Base Metals Refiners (RBMR) and Precious Metals Refinery (PMR). The Mortimer Smelter is situated approximately 15km west of the town of Northam, on the border between the Limpopo and North West Provinces, South Africa. The affected properties will include portions of the following:

- Turfbult 404 KQ

On 7 December 2020, a Public Open Day was held at the Siyanda Recreation Club, which was followed by a virtual session in the afternoon, providing Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) the opportunity to find out more about the off-set plans and provide comments. A second round of this Public Open Day is planned in order to inform I&AP's of the progress on the implementation of the off-set projects by focusing on outcome of the baseline activities undertaken and next steps planned as part of intervention pilot testing roll-out.

Public Open Day
Information on the outcome of the baseline studies and proposed air quality improvement interventions to be piloted will be available during the Public Open day at the Numine Hall from 12:00 – 17:00 on **23 March 2022**. Representatives from AAP and the EAP will also be available at the venue for any questions, comments, or concerns.

Virtual Public Meeting
All Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are also invited to attend a virtual public meeting on **23 March 2022** from 17:00 to 18:00 on Microsoft Teams. A technical presentation will be presented on the progress and next steps on the implementation of the approved air quality off-set plan. Should you be interested to attend or know of someone who would be interested to attend the Virtual Public Meeting, Mrs. Louisa Thuynsma can be contacted via any of the abovementioned contact details to provide a link with meeting particulars.

If you are aware of any other parties that may be interested in this project, please feel free to pass this information on to them or alternatively provide us with their contact details.

Any comments (fax, post or email) on the progress of the Air Quality Offset Programme Plan can be sent to ENVASS within 30 calendar days (excluding public holidays) of publication of this notification (i.e. by no later than **11 April 2022**). All comments must be directed to Mrs Louisa Thuynsma by any of the following methods:

- Written submission to 394 Tram Street, New Muckleneuk, Pretoria, 0181
- Email addressed to Mrs Louisa Thuynsma: louise@envass.co.za
- Faxing of written comments to 012 460 3071.

Louisa Thuynsma
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Three-car crash on Setaria Rd

Setaria/ Thabazimbi – Early on Tuesday morning, 8 March shortly after 5am, a Hyundai i20 and Toyota sedan crashed head-on on the Setaria Rd leading to Thabazimbi. “Just as they collided, a VW Golf, unable to stop quickly enough, ploughed into the accident scene,” said Thabazimbi Fire & Rescue director Pierre Loots. “Although all three vehicles were in a bad shape, we are glad to report that no serious injuries were recorded,” Loots added.

Collision on the R510

Thabazimbi – On Monday morning just after 5am, 7 March, a red VW Polo and a silver Toyota Yaris collided on the R510 between Northam and Amandelbult. According to Thabazimbi Fire & Rescue director Pierre Loots, the occupants of both vehicles sustained no injuries.



Petrol price continues to rise, War ain’t cheap

SA – Motorists face yet another fuel hike with the expected R2/ litre increase expected in April. The massive fuel increases announced by the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) has serious and immediate effects on the poor and a negative impact on inflation. “These increases will certainly impact every single South African given the reliance the country has on fuels for transportation, manufacturing and in the agricultural sector,” notes the Automobile Association (AA) of South Africa. “The increases for March are mainly attributable to rising international petroleum prices as a result of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and would have been more severe had the Rand not stabilised against the US Dollar in the last few weeks.” The AA says the outlook for April remains unclear but and Russia’s military action in Ukraine could push international oil prices higher which will again impact locally.

- **André Thomashausen, emeritus professor of international law at Unisa, has warned that in a worst-case scenario, South Africans could expect to pay as much as R40 for a litre of petrol... Depending the ongoing peace talks with Russia.**

Daily petrol price data from the Central Energy Fund (CEF) shows South Africa was currently on track for a petrol price hike of between R1.88 and R1.93 at the end of March, although this could still climb further if global oil prices continue to climb. South Africans already pay more than R21 per litre of petrol inland after the energy department announced a R1.46 per litre increase that kicked in on 2 March 2022. Motorists who live inland will pay R1,281 to fill up a 60-litre tank with 93 unleaded — R87.60 more than in February.

Have your say / Sê jou sê

Poll: Do you think that white lies are sometimes justifiable?

All lies don’t get told with malicious intent and being brutally honest might in some cases create unpleasantness. But a lie is a lie no matter how big or small... Yea or nay?



No, morally I don’t think that it is alright to lie at all.

Chris Botha



Yes, I would rather tell a white lie than hurt someone for no reason.

Lucy Mokoena

PUBLIC POLL: THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Poll: Do you think that white lies are sometimes justifiable? **NO 86% YES 14%**

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The Lord Helps His Troubled People

A Psalm of David when he fled from Absalom his son.

1 Lord, how they have increased who trouble me! Many are they who rise up against me.
2 Many are they who say of me, “There is no help for him in God.” Selah
3 But You, O Lord, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head.
4 I cried to the Lord with my voice, And He heard me from His holy hill. Selah
5 I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord sustained me.
6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set themselves against me all around.
7 Arise, O Lord; Save me, O my God! For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly.
8 Salvation belongs to the Lord. Your blessing is upon Your people. Selah

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Saturday	12 MAR 2022	30°C - 19°C	5%
Sunday	13 MAR 2022	31°C - 19°C	4%
Monday	14 MAR 2022	32°C - 18°C	32%

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POLL

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They say a leopard can't change its spots, but everyone deserves a second chance... right?

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- Yes, I think people can change.
- No, I don't think people can change.
- **The reason for your answer.**
- A recent photo of yourself (optional) – that we can publish with your answer.
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- Wales 22:00 French
- Saturday 12 March
- Italy 16:15 Scotland**
- England 18:45 Ireland

G'nite m'Lords and Ladies...

A group of children are running along a wide, reddish-brown dirt path in a park. In the foreground, a boy in a dark blue t-shirt and shorts is running towards the camera. Behind him, several other children in various casual clothes are also running. The path is bordered by green grass and trees in the background.

Thabazimbi – Nasionale Boeremark Dag
het op Saterdag 5 Maart plaasgevind.
Thaba Fire & Rescue het dié dag gevier
deur 'n fondsinsameling, pret en spanbou
dag te hou by Pondok. Dit was ook die
ideale geleentheid vir bewusmaking en
hul het dit gedoen deur die gemeenskap
bietjie meer touwys te maak oor wat hul
organisasie alles doen.
Daar is verskeie demonstrasies gedoen
soos hoe om te reageer as jy by 'n
ongelukstoneel kom of indien daar 'n vuur
uitbreek. Die groot pret vir die dag was
natuurlik die boeresport waar die jongspan

aan kompetisies soos een-been-spring en eier-hardloop kon deelneem. Terwyl die jongspan baljaar het, het die ouergardes proe-proe tussen die stalletjies deur beweeg. As 'n spesiale item op die spyskaart het Thaba Fire & Rescue skaapburgers verkoop, en dit het beslis nie teleurgestel nie!

Om verder by te dra tot hul gemeenskap het hul ook vir Solidariteit Helpende Hand geleentheid gegee om fondse in te samel. En net as 'n laaste verrassing het Thaba Fire & Rescue se Pierre Loots gereël dat 'n helikopter ook 'n draai kom maak!