



# NW faces R200m budget deficit

**Dipatlisiso di supa fa Kobeta e le ena Kgosi ya Baphalane**

**RAMOKOKASTAD** — Le fa tiro ya go tlhomiwa ga ga Kgosi Augustine Kobeta Ramokoka simologile ka maikutlo a a kwa tlase, ka ntsha ya matshosetsi a go tweng a ne a dirwa ke balatedi bangwe ba ga Rre Bosman Ramokoka, pheletsong go ne ga lela megolokwane le meduduetso fa a ne a tlhomiwa semmuso mo bogosing.

Tiro ya go tlhomiwa ga gagwe, e ne e tsenwe ke Tonakgolo Popo Molefe, moemedi wa Kgatlathemolao ya Bokone Bophirima Rre Peter Magano, baemedi ba Ntlo ya Baeteledipele ba Setso, dikgosi le dikgosana go tswa mo kgaolong ya Mankwe.

Bothata jwa bogosi jwa Baphalane bo simologile dingwaga di le mmalawa tse di fetileng morago ga gore go thokege bonnete jwa gore tota ke mang kgosi ya Baphalane.

### Etegela

Kgang eno, e ne ya etegela ka ngwaga 1987 morago ga gore puso ya pele ya Bophuthatswana, ka fa tlase ga ga Kgosi Lucas Mangope, e ntsho Kobeta mo bogosing mme e tlhomo Bosman Ramokoka.

Ka ngwaga wa 1994, go ne ga simolola ga tlhagelela

### KA LORATO MOTHIBI

maphata a mabedi mo motseong ono wa Ramokokastad.

Lephata lengwe le ne le rata gore Bosman a buse fa le lengwe le ne le batla gore Bosman a tswa mo bogosing jo ba neng ba bolela fa e se jwa gagwe.

Go ne ga tsoga ntwaga e mathlo mahibidu mo e bileng puso ya Bokone Bophirima e neng ya tlhoma Khomišene ya Mabiletsa go batlisa ka ga kgang eno ya bogosi jwa Baphalane.

Khomišene ya Mabiletsa e ne ya buisana le bothle ba losika ba ba amanang le bogosi jwa Baphalane, ga lebelelwa dikwalo tsa matsalo, tsa kolobetso, tsa manyalo le go bona mabilla a ba ba tsamaileng go netefatsa dintlha ka botlalo.

Morago ga dipatlisiso tse, go fitlhetsewa fa

**MAFIKENG** — Current indications suggested an overall budget deficit for the North West of R200 million. This was attributable to a shortfall in the Department of Education, said Finance MEC Martin Kuscus at a special sitting of the Legislature on Tuesday, *Alex Motseoa* reports.

Help would be sought from the National Parliament. However Mr Kuscus warned that resources at national level had been stifled by the many demands on government. Mr Kuscus said failure to address the issue would impact on the provincial government 1997/98 budget.

"The problem of funding education was identified during the course of the financial year. Initially the amount was in excess of R350 million. Treasury, in conjunction with the department, managed to scale down this amount to its current anticipated level through vigorous cost-saving exercises," said Mr Kuscus.

He said since the approval of the budget in May 28 1996 there were certain issues unknown to them and this impacted on the estimates of expenditure and revenue projections. "This can be ascribed

to the shifting of funds and functions from National departments to provincial ones, roll overs of capital projects and funds earmarked for special projects and change in legislation regarding revenue," he said.

Mr Kuscus said the revised expenditure level for 1996/7 was R7,573 billion compared to R6,907 billion of the approved budget, which means the revised expenditure level was R666 million or 9.6 percent more than the originally approved budget. He indicated that the bulk of the increase was caused by the 1996/7 salary adjustments of R393,18 million and funds rolled over from national departments for functions transferred to the province.

On the revised revenue estimate, Mr Kuscus said National transfers formed the bulk of Provincial Revenue which was



The MEC for Finance and Economic Affairs Mr Martin Kuscus.

from October 1996 which decreased the province's original levies of 15 percent to three percent.

He disclosed to members of the Provincial Legislature that an amount of R23.8 million was rolled over from 1995/6 into the current financial year for capital projects and other specifically earmarked functions.

Mr Kuscus said RDP funds were adjusted to R182.47 million against the original figure of R140.59 million. On the budget deficit the MEC told members that governments throughout the world strive for a balanced budget and South Africa was no exception.

revised to R6,936 billion against the original budget of R6,310 billion. Own revenue had been revised to R418.9 million against an approved budget of R444.6 million and was R25.7 million or 5.8 percent less than the approved budget. He described the shortfall as being attributed to the introduction of VAT at 14 percent on casino revenues by the National Minister of Finance with effect

**Mongwe wa lesika la bogosi o abela Kgosi Kobeta Ramokoka sepele le thebe go femela morafe ka tsona e le sekao sa fa a tlhomiwe semmuso mo bogosing jwa Baphalane kwa Ramokastad**



Pic: Jacob Choou



**Kgosi kobeta Ramokoka a patilwe ke Mohumagadi wa gagwe Matshidiso.**

# Kobeta Ramokoka o kokometse setilo sa bogosi

KA LORATO MOTHBI

**R**AMOKOKASTAD — Kgosi e e sa tswang go ihongwa mo setilong mo bokhutlong jwa beke Kgosi Augustine Kobeta Ramokoka a re o rapela Modimo gore o mo thuse mo go eteleleng pele morafe wa gagwe morago ga dikgotlhang tse di kileng tsa aparela motse wa gagwe.

Kgosi Kobeta Ramokoka o buile seno morago ga go tlhomiwa semmuso mo bogosing. Tiro ya go tlhomiwa ga gagwe, e ne e tsenetswe ke magkologolo a baagi go tswa mo tikologong ya kgaolo ya Mankwe le baetelelopele go tswa mo pusong ya Bokone Bophirima.

O boletse fa e le thapelo fela e e ka thusang morafe wa Baphalane gore ba dire

mmogo go thabolola motse wa bona.

Fa a ne a eme Bakwena ba ga Phalane ka lefoko Modufasetilo wa Ntlo ya Baetelelopele ba Setso mo Bokone Bophirima, Kgosi Victor Suping o boletse fa dinako tseno e le tse dikgosi di tshwanetwang ke go nna boa bo nthla.

O tlhalositse fa bogologolo dikgosi di ne di tsaya ditshwetso di le tsoi mme tsa gompieno tsa temokraso di batla gore dikgosi di tseye ditshwetso le merafe ya tsona.

Tonakgolo ya porofense ya Bokone Bophirima Rre Simon Popo Molefe ena o ne a boletse fa batho ba ba neng ba senyediwa matlo ka nako ya ntwae e neng e larile mono ba ne ba baakanyediwa matlo ano ke puso.

O tlhalositse fa gape puso e tlile go duela Rre Bosman Ramokoka le fa a ne a beetswe thoko mo tirong ya gagwe go tloga ngogola ka kgwedi ya Lwetse.

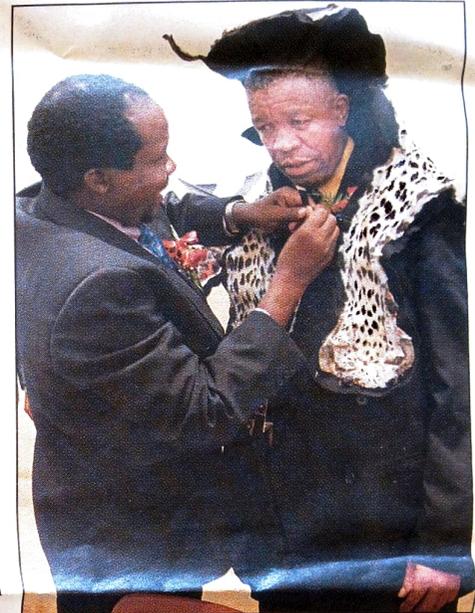
Rre Molefe o ne a ititse fa gape puso ya Bokone Bophirima e tlile go baltisana kgang ya magosi gonno go na le magosi a a beilweng mo bogosing mme e se dikgosi ka tsalo.

Le fa tiro e simologile ka mowa o o kwa tlase ka fa tlase ga thokomelo e gagametseng

ya sepodisi, gona Kgosi Kobeta Ramokoka o kokometse setilo sa bogosi jwa Baphalane.

Potso ke gore a le fa Khomišene ya Mabiletsa e

ntshitse bopaki jo bo tletseng ka bogosi jwa Baphalane, a gona go sa ntse go na le batho ba ba leng kgatthanong le gore Kobeta a bo a thomilwe mo bogosing.



**Kgosi Kobeta Ramokoka a apesiwa seaparo sa Nkwe ke Rangwanaagwe Dingwamaje Ramokoka.**

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## Dipatlisiso di supa fa Kobeta...

E tswa tsebing ya 1

Kobeta Ramokoka e le ena kgosi ya Baphalane. Ka nako ya moletlo wa go thomiwa ga gagwe mo bekeng e e fetileng go ne go laleditswe le mokwadi wa dibuka yo gape a dirileng dipatlisiso tsa bogosi jwa

Baphalane Rre D Motlhamme. Fa a neela Baphalane tholego ya bona go tloga ka ngwaga wa 1897, gore ba ntile le dikgosi di le tse go fitha ga jaana le gore go ne ga tsalwa bo mangaga go na fa go thagelelang leina la ga Bosman Ramokoka gona.

Go utlwa fa e rile beke pele ga moletlo wa go thoma Kobeta mo bogosing go ntile le matshosetsi a gore bonewe ba tile go thakathakanya moletlo oo. Ka lesego go ne ga se ke ga thagelela sepe sa matshosetsi ao.

# Mangope on R50 000 bail

**T**HE former president of Bophuthatswana Chief Lucas Manyane Mangope was last week released on R50 000 bail

at the Mmabatho Magistrate's Court.

Mr Mangope appeared before Senior Magistrate Pius Maseng on 208 counts of fraud,

BY SEITSANG KEOGOTSITSE

theft and the contravention of Exchange Control Regulations.

The case was remanded to the Mmabatho Supreme Court

for March 10. Bail conditions are as follows:

- That the accused attend Court on each day which the case has been postponed to and at the time and place stipulated during the postponement or adjournment until the case is disposed of;

- That the accused does not communicate or consult with State witnesses listed in the indictment except as specifically agreed to and arranged between his legal representatives and the Attorney General or his representative to whom this case has been assigned;

- That in the event of the accused travelling abroad (beyond the borders of South Africa) he notifies the investigating officer at least seven days prior to such trip being undertaken;

- That the accused refrain from dealing with any investments, insurance policies and banking accounts in the name of Motswedi Tribal Authority which includes (but not limited to): the current account, the savings accounts and the call deposit

accounts.

The above is subject only to Mr Mangope paying the money or proceeds referred to above into the Bahurutshe-Boo-Manyane Tribal Authority Account held at the Administrator Lehurutshe.

Members of the Christian Democratic Party which Mr Mangope leads, sung hymns and prayed after the bail conditions were read.

Mr Mangope was accused of wrongfully and unlawfully misappropriating public funds as well as self enrichment through the use of tax payers monies to the detriment of the people of Bophuthatswana.

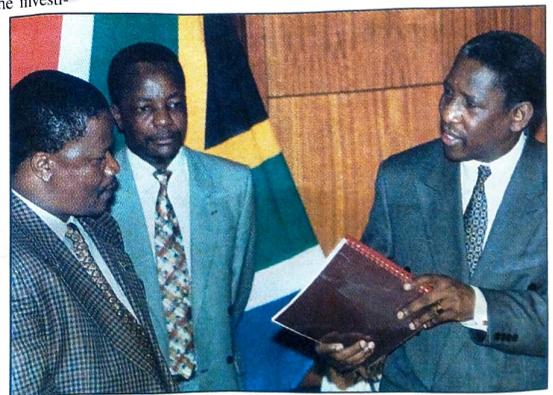
He was also accused of appropriating millions of Rands of mining royalties belonging to the people of Masebudule in the Lehurutshe District.

He was further accused of

several crimes of theft and or alternatively fraud by wrongfully and unlawfully stealing the monies being the proceeds of the cheque payments by Marico Chrome and the interest accruing thereon, of the properties of the Bahurutshe-Boo-Manyane Tribe.

All the charges emanated from the investigations of the Skweyiya Commission of Inquiry appointed by the North West government to investigate the corruption and embezzlement of tax payers monies to the detriment of the people of the former Bophuthatswana, for the sake of clean governance.

**Adv Louis Skweyiya (right) presenting the Commission's report to MEC Tolo at the end of the enquiry last year.**



## Belani case continues

BY STAFF REPORTER

**M**AFIKENG — The trial in which a former head of the Murder and Robbery Squad Captain Raymond Zebi Belani and nine other men are charged with a total of 19 counts of robbery, kidnapping, malicious damage to property and indecent assault, last week heard how armed men ordered the staff of the Bophuthatswana Building Society (BBS) in Mafikeng was told to lie down inside the bank before taking about R180 000 in 1995.

A state witness Mrs Mmatlala Josephine Tsome, who is a supervisor at BBS was giving evidence before the Judge-president Mr Justice M W Friedman on count 16 and 17 in which the defendants are Zebi Raymond Belani, Tony Baloyi, Donald Motlaloie, Mojalefa Johnson Mashomeng and Kgotsotse Kelepie.

The accused are alleged to have assaulted Mrs Tsome, robbed her and forcefully took R180 000 in cash, took her wrist watch, gold chain and necklace.

The incident happened on December 9 1995 in Mafikeng. Mrs Tsome who was being led in her evidence-in-chief by the Attorney General Mr J J Smit SC, told the court that on the day in question she was on duty. Normally, they open in the morning at 7h55. After the bank was opened one of the employees by the name of Mothobi entered. She said she noticed Mothobi falling down and behind him was a man with a firearm.

"I also laid down," said Mrs Tsome.

According to the witness, the man with the firearm grabbed Mothobi by the collar asking him to show him where the manager was. Mothobi told the man with the firearm that the manager was not present.

"They came to where I was lying. He kicked me on the thigh saying that I should produce the keys," said the witness.

She said as she went to

show the man the keys and the room where the money was, she was escorted at gunpoint.

Other members of the staff were lying down.

When they got into the room where the keys and money were, the man swore at her.

"He took the money and after taking it he wanted the toilet keys," the witness continued.

Tsome said as she went towards the toilet the same man demanded her wrist watch and she handed it to him. He also took her necklace. When they reached the toilet the man pushed her inside and ordered other staff members into the toilet but did not lock the door.

When cross examined by Advocate Kabelo Seabe on behalf of Tony Baloyi, accused No 2, Mrs Tsome said she saw two people, one short and the other one short and dark-skinned. She saw many others on the way towards the toilet. However she could not identify any of those people.

# MEC agree with stakeholders on restructuring

**MAFIKENG** — The goal of the North West Government to operate in a co-ordinated and focused way took a different direction when the department of Tourism and Environmental Affairs rededicated itself to efficient delivery, said Mrs Edna Molewa, MEC for the department last week.

Speaking at a meeting at the Convention Centre of approximately 340 members from all stakeholders from her department, Mrs Molewa referred to the outcome of the department's joint strategic workshop held at Bakgatla Gate in November last year. She said the newly developed structure comprised Tourism, Environmental Management and the Nature Conservation.

She said the working team had agreed to rationalise the activities carried out by the three core functional structures under the department. She said consensus reached on

the key functional areas would impact on the capacity of the Department to deliver on government promises.

The positive outcome of the restructuring process, according to Mrs Molewa, was the realisation of a complete organisational structure that would not threaten posts required to fulfill the Department's responsibilities towards their employees. This therefore meant that none of the staff would lose their jobs.

BY B R MASENG

Mrs Molewa said the decision did not guarantee all employees present positions. They would be sent into the process. She looked into in the process. She explained that retrenchments and retrenchment packages would be entertained only after serious consideration.

Otherwise, what happened was that the department had been operating with a staff of approximately 872 which had now been extended to 1401 posts. The structure included the Ga-Rankuwa and Belvoir Park hotel schools whose functions were to continue until management at National level gave an indication of what would happen to those institutions.



MEC for Tourism and Environmental Affairs Mrs Edna Molewa with Mr Montshiwa Tihale, DDG of Tourism and Environmental Affairs.

## Taxi driver killed in cold blood

BY PAUL NTLATLENG

**TEMBA** — A taxi driver was shot and killed in cold blood by unknown assailants near the Carousel Hotel in Hammanskraal last Saturday in what was seen as renewed taxi violence.

Murder and Robbery Unit spokesperson Inspector Jerry Mokoto said police had launched a massive man hunt for the suspects who shot a member belonging to the Letlhabile Taxi Organisation (LTO).

Inspector Mokoto said the victim was on his way to collect passengers from the Carousel hotel. He died instantly.

Police made an appeal to all parties involved in the taxi industry to try to settle their differences amicably and not to resort to violence.

Although peace initiatives had been held in the past to resolve the taxi feud the killing did not stop, he said.

Police are appealing to anyone with information about the attack or any incidents of taxi violence, to report to Crime Stop at 0800 11 12 13.

## Baagi ba Dinokana ba re ga ba batle Kgosi Moilola

**LEHURUTSHE** — Go Lbonala bothata jwa bogosi Boo Moilola kwa Dinokana bo raraanla pele, le mororo puso le Ntlo ya Bogosi di leka go bo rarabolola.

Kgosi Monnamere Moilola o ne a bona go le mosola gore e re mafatla a baagi ba motse wa Dinokana a sa ntsa a le kwa godimo, ka jaaka ba ne ba re ba tile go mmelesetsa mo motse, a ba sutele fa bothata jwa bogosi bo sa ntsa bo rarabolola.

Bangwe ba baagi ba latofatsa Kgosi Moilola ka go re ga se mong wa bogosi Boo Moilola, bangwe bona ba baagi ba go se na boam-boitse fa go se na boam-boitse bope ka nthla eno. Go lemosoga fa baagi ba sa tshwaragana ka mogopolo mo temeng eno.

### Dikantoro

Go na le puo ya gore Kgosi Moilola ga se mong wa bogosi. Bangwe ba baagi ba ba re mo bekeng e e fetileng ba tswala dikantoro tsa morafe le go folosa folaga ya naga, ba re kgosi e ba tswela ka motse. Bangwe bona ba re ba le kgathano le seno, ba re ga se ka fa thulaganyong

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Maikaelelo a baagi a go re ba ntshe kgosi ka motse le kwa ntlong e ba reng ke ya morafe, a ne a itaya sefologolese gone ba fitlhetse a setse a dule ka ntlo eno. Legale ba ne ba tsaya ditshwetso tsa gore ba bule dikantoro le go letla ditiro tsa morafe go tswela.

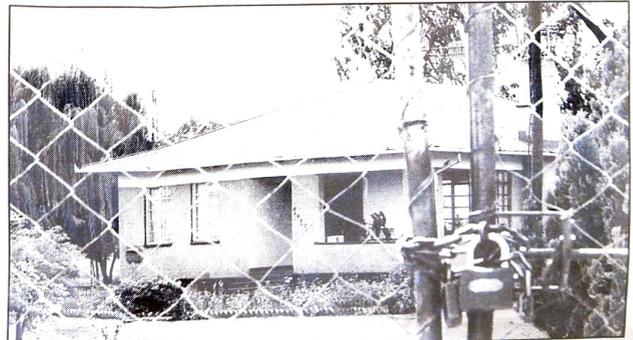
Rre Robert Mafora, e leng mongwe wa kemedi ya baagi, o ne a tlhalosa fa Kgosi Moilola e le kgosi ya Bahurutshe, mme a re mokgwa o a

tlhomilweng ka ona ga ba o itumelele. Bangwe ba latofatsa kgosi ka go re o paleitse ke go laola le go busa sentle mo motse gone ba re dilo di le dintsi di senyegile ka nako ya puso ya gagwe.

Maemo a ne a batla a tswa mo tlong magareng ga morafe le kemedi ya bona fa bangwe ba bona ba ne ba pateletsa go ya kwa ntlong ya kgosi. Legale go ne ga boa ga siama fa kemedi ya morafe e ne e sa inyalanye le seo.

**Ntlo e go tweng Kgosi Moilola a tswa mo go yona.**

Pics: Christian Byrt



## SANCO NW to be launched

BY DITHAKO NAKEDI

**TLHABANE** — Hundreds of people are expected to attend the official launching of the South African National Civic Organisation (SANCO) North West here on Sunday.

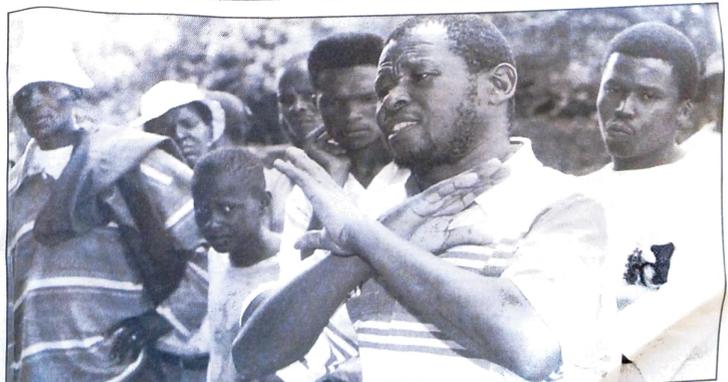
According to SANCO's coordinator in the North West, Steve Chauke, the organisation's National President Mlungisi Hlongwane is expected to deliver the keynote address.

Mr Hlongwane is expected to propose solutions concerning the solving of long standing problems between the chiefs, tribal councils and SANCO in the North West rural areas. He is also expected to unveil their clear work plan concerning development in the rural North West.

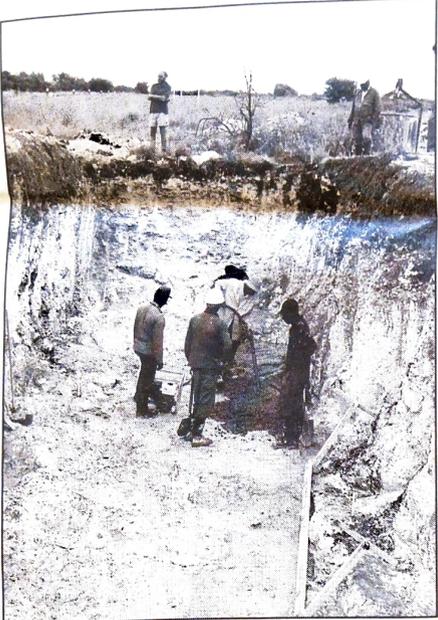
Amongst some of the aims of the organisation, is to form links with the provincial government and the organisation's local structures, to help make the Masakhane and the Reconstruction and Development projects work and to liaise with the grassroots.



Bonthabongwe jwa baagi ba buisana le borara jwa sepodisi.



Rre Dithong Lefutswe a latola gore ga ba batle Kgosi Moilola.



Workers levelling the concrete for the new bridge.



Mayor of Mafikeng Mr Magwetyana pouring the concrete to mark the start of the new bridge. Pics: Jacob Cheu

### Egg-ceptional entrepreneur

BY T R MOHAJANE

**B**OSPLAAS is a tiny village in Moretele situated a stone's throw from the Babelegi Industrial area near Temba township. A village comprising large plots, which are seldom productively utilised by their owners, it has an egg-producing project run by a woman.

A dusty bumpy road which turns to the left of the main road at the Mphebatho crossroads leads to four massive well-constructed 20 x 9 m chicken sheds which accommodates thousands of chickens.

Soft spoken Mrs Mantsei Mahape an ex-teacher who employs ten people, produces a thousand eggs daily. It all began in 1993 when she acquired two chicken sheds as an experiment to see whether the business would be viable or not.

"In 1995 the demand became so high that I had no option but to expand the project by adding two more

chicken sheds," said Mrs Mahape.

This mother of three who could easily be mistaken for one of the workers, deals with shops and other institutions.

She explained that before packaging was done, eggs were sized by a grading machine.

Asked whether she ever encountered problems with diseases, Mrs Mahape elaborated that a common disease to which the Ambalink chickens were prone was stress.

They are sensitive to noise and easily disturbed. She highlighted the fact that the best remedy in the event of stress was stress pack, a vitamin-based remedy.

Mrs Mahape who is married to Bushy, a Director of Institute of Education at the University of North West intends to expand her project with five more chicken sheds this year.

### Two escapees arrested

BY DITHAKO NAKEDI

**G**A-RANKUWA — Police here have announced a major breakthrough in tracking down some of the awaiting trialists who escaped from the local police station cell last week.

The spokesperson for the local Murder and Robbery Unit confirmed the re-arrest of two of the trialists who were regarded as extremely dangerous to the community, was a result of direct information from members of the public.

He said that through information from the two, William Madonsela and Dolph Mpye were tracked to Segwelan where they were arrested in their sleep.

The police have praised the members of the public for helping to fight crime and also confirmed nine others were still on the run.

# Second rail bridge for Mafikeng

**M**AFIKENG — A second rail bridge has been started here which is expected to enhance traffic flow through the city and stimulate industrial and commercial development. The bridge will provide the link between the northern and southern parts of Mafikeng.

Speaking at the occasion, the Mayor of Mafikeng Mr Mandla Magwetyana said his council had engaged in several development projects around the town. He said the cost of the bridge amounted to R1,6 million and was expected to be completed in July this year. He said the other bridge on First Street was nearing completion

at a total cost of R2,1 million.

Mr Magwetyana said other projects included the upgrading of roads at Second Street, over the bridge up to the Mangope High Way. He said the council had started with the servicing of the Mafikeng Aerodrome commercial sites near Dada Motors at a cost of R5 million for the provision of water, roads and electricity.

Other projects included the upgrading of Sefalana Park, situated between Kgomangwe house and the BopTV flats. He said other services which were upgraded were

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water, sewerage and roads with a total expenditure of R1,8 million which also included the upgrading of the Molathwa Road which intersected with Sekame Road.

"Another major project which the council approved is low cost housing in the Imperial Reserve, which will be developed by Long Homes at a cost of R10 million. The developers have already started with the first show houses which are almost completed," he said.

The Mayor also spoke about the Molopo River Basin, which he said was a special integrated Presidential Project Programme, which he said, would be financed by funds from RDP. The cost of the project is estimated at R13 million and it includes the upgrading of the stormwater drains in the Mafikeng CBD and the provision of hawkker stalls.

Concerning the Montshiwa two-roomed houses, he said, they were special Mayoral projects which were intended to be upgraded, because they had long been neglected.

### Fifty four students receive diploma in agriculture

By DORCAS MONAISA

**P**OTCHEFSTROOM — The College of Agriculture here awarded diploma to 54 students last week. The majority of the recipients were men with only five women.

The Potchefstroom Agricultural College has a long history of service to agriculture. The college was initiated in 1902 by Lord Milner. An estimated 2000 diplomas had been awarded to date.

Speaking at the ceremony, the deputy Director General of the Department of Agriculture in the North West province,

Prof M M Bakane-Tuoane said as far as the language medium of the college was concerned, the department recognised the right to individuals to be served in the language of their

preference as guaranteed in the Constitution. It was recognised that by far the majority of the students enrolled at the college was Afrikaans speaking. This year the college admitted 15 black students.

Furthermore, she said

equally so, in terms of constitutional rights, students with an English language background should be accommodated. The college had always accommodated the English

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Prof Bakane-Tuoane in the middle with women graduates, from left is Linda Joubert, Cecilia Strydom, Mariana Botha, Amelia Jacobs and Sussana Uys.

Pics: Otukile Mosimanegape



**L**AUGHTER, mirth-celebration is life's salve and cushion to life's hard knocks! We South Africans - "People of the South" as Dali Tambo's programme aptly describes us, are fond of laughter, mirth and merrymaking. In fact like after a pleasant dream, we refuse to let go. We refuse to let go the euphoria and face, may tackle reality!

More than small children who like a bit of prissie and certainly need it for nurturing and building self confidence. We South Africans enjoy, and overdo it, patting ourselves on the back.

Let's pat ourselves again on the back for a New Constitution! Yes we deserve the accolades - self-administered. If not, who will blow our trumpet? What get's me it seems we only stop at patting ourselves on the back. Do we reflect the profound meeting and implications of the "wonderful craft work"? What impact on our lives, will this latest achievement (New Constitution) have on our lives?

Are we willing to cut our "conduct suit according to the constitution cloth", if I may borrow from idiomatic language? Do we really regard this "New Order/Constitution" as a supreme and sanctified writ or just another Pandora's box?

## My Opinion Laugh's (Life's) like that



By JOE SEREMANE

Ask all these questions not out of malice but out of concern having in mind the realities of our past and current experiences. Take this: the worst transgressors of human rights are those who wield power. Very few leaders have contradicted this assertion throughout human history! Check it out!

Loyalists and zealot patriots honour a Constitution only as a sales gimmick to rally gullible voter-masses. How many of us so-called activists operate as though we never, mouth things such as democracy, human rights and a constitution-cum Bill of Rights? How many of our acts and general behaviour indicate that we uphold all these commendable concepts and documents? Am I going over board - not on your life! I ask, you respond!

"We down here" have considered what they up there" have done? What does this Constitution mean to us? We

are told that's what a Constitution should do: the Constitution is to defend our rights as citizens. Easier said than done? Time; time and practice alone will tell!

Do the citizens feel trapped and betrayed on crucial issues that affect their lives? Does the Constitution allocate the citizens' burden on burning issues such as the unpopular Death Penalty in the face of rampant slaughter of innocent, law abiding citizens. Can or should outlaws

enjoy the same protection as innocent and law abiding citizens? I think here of car hijackers and lunatic bombers and even serial rapist killers who snuff out human life as though the very Constitution does not protect their rights to life!

**Does the Constitution protect hard-working and honest salary/wage earners from being bled to an economic death by Governments slapping exorbitant taxation?**

with close onto 45% Income Tax. Not and you name them. Seems we live in one big

labour soviet earning rations in the form of what you can manage to save of your 55% post taxation?

Will the Constitution help to protect simple working-class citizens from White-collar parasites in the Private Sector-banking and general commerce, including crafty corrupt Public Servants and administrators? I learn white collar crooks manipulate fraudulently the bank savings of hard working Mr & Mrs Citizen. What about the rip off of citizens on the altar of Hire Purchase, mortgage bonds - the unending and ever increasing "interest on arrears and separately, on the principal debt? Will the Constitution free the unknowing simple citizens of the subtle eternal indebtedness and bondage to "Legitimate Business Practice" - so they say!

The Constitution belongs not to the government of the day or a particular party but to the Country; to the Nation! It is the Joint Property of all citizens. If that be the case it means society has the responsibility of making a Constitution real and working. The entire citizenry must uphold and honour the Constitution. Both rulers and ruled must act in such a way as not to violate or contradict the Constitution. Each sector, rulers and ruled, have certain responsibilities regarding the constitution.

The Government has the on-going responsibility of publicising and honouring the Constitution. The forums that preceded the writing of the Constitution countrywide should continue and be sustained. Much as the CA listened to public inputs, the government has to listen continuously to the public inputs whether the Constitution or some of its clauses are realistically working lower down here on the ground. It is government business to write the Constitution in the hearts and minds of citizens. It is also obligatory, I believe, that citizens point out and even lobby to eject any aspect of the Constitution that negatively impacts on their lives.

Somebody must listen or be made (democratically) to listen!

Yes, democracy and Constitution are sweet potatoes that can be inconveniently hot to handle - "Warm potato"! The Constitution can also be likened to a bee giving forth both honey and a deadly sting if one is not careful.

Before I conclude, one should not forget the great celebration and pomp that takes place in the citadel of laws - Parliament. You listen to great oratory here but is there substance in tackling the various problems that face simple Mr and Mrs Citizen besides plans, promises and pronouncement of strategic blue prints that are said to be solutions to eradicate existing and ongoing problems?

Sounds so much like a lad and lass wishing to have a white wedding blessed in church. They attend after the consummation of marriage at the altar they forget even the word and meaning of Church. Politicians on approaching elections "consult and interact vigorously with the voters after elections the voters are just expendable pawns if not fodder. Hard words? Not at all, just unsweet true reality.

We do these things. We promise in the most flowery political gobbledegook but rarely translate these sweet promises into tangible or visible "life products"! Yes, we citizens cup our hands and expect manna from on high Parliament. We are gullible, gulping any and everything by "our leaders". We shun questioning vigorously. Our reluctance nourishes the notion that it is "treason to reason" with those whom we voted into power.

With the foregoing the New Constitution will instantly be turned into a relic and paper tiger even unwanted and worthless in an archive worth its salt.

Knowing, understanding and acting according to the Constitution is the only prescription to make it work and worth celebrating. Dreams alone do not make wealth and happiness.

## Dirk Uys on trial in 'Truth Omissions'



**Mafikeng** - Soccer, rugby and cricket have been regarded as capable of bringing the rainbow nation of South Africa together.

Pieter Dirk Uys, a South African stand up comedian, has proved that art is even more capable of bringing South Africans together to laugh at their own mistakes and flops. Residents could not contain themselves as they watched Uys change from one character to another and all this done with great skill. Just when one thought he was excellent as P W Botha then he changed to Pik Botha and before you knew it, he was President Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. His ability to make a joke out of serious human violation committed during the apartheid era left the audience at a loss for

The bald headed Dirk Uys as President Mandela's ex-wife, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela.

By TIDIMALO MANYAAPELO

words. Most, especially those who saw him for the first time could not understand how someone could think so quickly when, as Evita Bezuidenhout, 'she' invited questions from the audience. 'She' had ready answers for all the questions and that indicated how talented Uys was.

### Non-racial

Abel Kgwathisi of Skhwe Promotions says he's all out to build a better image of show business by bringing more and more non-racial shows to Mafikeng. It was the second time he had brought Uys here and his first show 'You ANC Nothing Yet' had even greater support.

"Mafikeng people have never really been exposed to drama and theatre. All they were fed was music with most of the shows ending with violent acts," says Kgwathisi.

It will take time for those who attended the show to forget Uys who put himself on trial in 'Truth Omissions'.

"The truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help us Madiba!"

## Students receive diplomas

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speaking student as far as possible. All the notes used in the college were currently translated into English. She stressed that there was no truth in statements that it was a policy for the Potchefstroom College of Agriculture to be changed into an English institution.

Prof Bakane-Tuane told the graduates that inflation and rising production costs were the order of the day. It was a vicious cycle that severely affects the farming industry which was so very vulnerable to the unpredictable vagaries of nature. The farmer of the future including those who have just qualified

would have to ensure that his own actions do not aggravate all the complex factors that have to be handled in the production process and the financial and management processes.

"In the light of expected future demands, maximum and effective training would have to be given to prospective farmers over the broad spectrum and maximum use would have to be made of such training. The Potchefstroom College of Agriculture would have to contribute its share to this training and the development of agriculture in the North West province and to the Republic of South Africa," she added.

# Mirror

North West

## Batlhaping chiefs unshaken in their request for referendum

**T**he sooner we realise that in dealing with people in villages that are being controlled by institutions of traditional leadership, there is bound to be proper consultation with the traditional leadership the less problems we are going to face. If we could keep that in mind then it would save us a lot of unnecessary confrontation in future. The institution of traditional leadership runs deeper than most of us imagine and it is rooted in the culture of the people.

We are saying this, reflecting on recent developments affecting the people of the areas of Taung and Kudumane on disputes over the shifting of borders. We focus on this with reference to the outcome of the meeting of premiers of the North West and Northern Cape provinces with the traditional leaders of the Batlhaping tribe in Taung. The manner in which this issue was handled right from the beginning proved beyond doubt that there was not enough consultation when the ruling party — ANC leadership in the affected provinces of North West and Northern Cape — decided on their submission to the Khehla Shubane Commission that the two regions be ceded to the Northern Cape province.

Premier Popo Molefe acknowledged this in his meeting with the Batlhaping chiefs in Mmabatho when they reached an "in principle agreement" that the chiefs and their tribes be given a chance to make submissions to the Commission. "In the light of this concern I have already requested the Commission to consider an extension to the hearing to enable the chiefs on behalf of their tribes to prepare thoroughly to ensure that there is maximum participation by all stakeholders," Premier Molefe said in a statement following a meeting with the Batlhaping chiefs.

The proposal in the ANC submission, we would like to believe, was not made without taking due consideration of some of the important factors such as the economic viability of the move and the effects the change over will have on the lives of the people affected.

But considering the pros and cons of the whole matter in totality, without taking due regard of the input of the people affected, remain a futile exercise since the will of the people forms the vital core around which an informed decision can be taken.

The ANC leaderships of the two affected provinces need to be congratulated, however, for their swift action in calming down what nearly placed the province in a bad light, and at the same time addressing the concerns of the Batlhaping chiefs, Makuroane, Motlabane and Motlhabi who jointly raised objection to the short notice given to different stakeholders to prepare for their submission to the Khehla Shubane Commission. They agreed in their meeting with Premiers Popo Molefe and Manne Dipico that the respective chiefs and their subjects reserved the right to make their independent submission to the Commission, and that the life span of the Commission be extended to give them chance to canvas the views of their subjects.

Over and above the issues that were addressed at the meeting of the two premiers and chiefs, even though the chiefs pledged their support and cooperation with the Khehla Shubane Commission, they however expressed their strong feeling that the only way the border disputes in Taung and Kudumane could be resolved was through an open referendum which, they believe, is a proper way of giving every individual a platform to express his or her view. This is the option they indicated they would put forward in their respective submissions to the Commission.

## Under Fire

**T**he African elephant evokes more outrage and sympathy from the uninformed than possibly any other environmental cause.

Perhaps the close family units, the "gentle giant" image, or the horror pictures on television of annual culling evoke emotions, normally reserved for starving children or the clubbing of baby seals.

But the fact is the African elephant disaster can be attributed to a combination of well-known factors. The frivolous consumption of thousands of tons of ivory by northern and far eastern societies; the Hong Kong ivory barons who exploited loopholes in international trade regulations; corrupt government officials; poverty-stricken poachers; complacent overpaid conservationists, all conspired to engineer the spectacular decline in the continent's elephant populations.

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES) Appendix I listing of the African elephant proved to be a resounding success in countries which demonstrated the political will to implement the ban on trade in elephant products.

But in South Africa the poaching holocaust continued. It was driven by the brutal military forces that claimed the lives of tens of thousands of Africa's elephants as a sideshow to their armed crusades. It was these forces, encouraged and supported by the competing ideologies of east and west, that were responsible for so much damage that was inflicted on Africa.

After a week in South Africa and Zimbabwe, the two countries leading the campaign to overturn the ban, a "panel of experts" concluded that both countries could downlist their elephants to Appendix II of CITES two years after the ban on international trade in elephant products.

What the panel overlooked were the military forces that provided the dominant force behind illegal trading in the region.

The war in Mozambique turned that country's game parks into ecological deserts.

Angola and Mozambique were once home to well over 100 000 elephants. But years of civil war reduced them to relic populations living in a state of siege.

Military involvement in poaching and smuggling was like a disease that neutralised enforcement capability and infected a nation with an ill-

## African elephants in the front line

**T**he elephants in Southern Africa have been under fire in the front line of regional conflicts which raged for over two decades. Alan Thornton, chairman of the Environmental Investigation Agency, says the damage which has been inflicted by ruthless military operations is immeasurable. Magnus McKenzie looks at the sensitivities and sensibilities of the ongoing debate.

ness inevitably fatal to them.

If Zimbabwe and South Africa had committed the same energy and resources to cracking down on military poaching and smuggling as they did to their misinformation campaign against Appendix I around about 1992, their elephant populations and those of adjacent countries would not be facing the threats they do today.

OK, so the question must be: If the elephant populations are as decimated as the IFA says, then why is it necessary to continue with annual culls or indeed experiment, as Zimbabwe has done, with contraception?

Obviously in the national parks such as Hwange in Zimbabwe or the Kruger here in South Africa, the elephant populations must be kept within the limits to which these environments can sustain them. Elephants are by nature destructive and have a habit of tearing down whole

them. It is a never-ending cycle which has resulted in most of Southern Africa's elephant populations being confined to game reserves. Result? They run out of space and so the whole vicious circle begins again.

By its very nature, culling is abhorrent to not only the environmental protection agencies but to the people who carry out the slaughter. Few game rangers will admit to enjoying a cull. They hate it but see it as necessary if the surviving populations are to be saved. Of course the agony of culling is underlined when calves are killed but, with elephants living in social, matriarchal societies, the youngsters would be unable to fend for themselves and would surely die slow, agonising deaths through either starvation or neglect.

Yes, we have become more civilised in our approach to the elephant problem and thankfully we have the ability to experiment with more humane

In his book, *Elephant Hunting in East Equatorial Africa*, Arthur H Neumann wrote (in 1898) "she was facing me, her great ears stretched out or slowly flapping. I could only see her head and my object was to get a temple shot ... I was not more than ten paces from the one in front of me. I should say, and meditated the advisability of putting my bullet right into her eye (which I felt I could do), but being uncertain whether such a shot would be fatal from my position and feeling that my reputation as a hunter, with both my own men and the natives of the country, (my italics) would be blasted at the outset should I make a failure of my first chance at an elephant, I waited until my arms ached... I instantly put a ball between the eye and the ear, dropping her like a stone... following carefully I came upon two more... I gave her a shot in the chest and as she turned to run, the second barrel. Following again I saw her down not more than fifty yards on. I thought it wise to give her a shot in the back with my "cripple stopper" - rifle carried for this purpose."

Neumann goes on to describe how he shot another three elephants, one of which he wounded and decided against following up because... "I was taken off her spur by two small cows which ran past on my left, at one of which I got a snap shot but failed to kill. I ought not to have shot at them but the ivory hunter is bound to endeavour to make as much hay as possible when he does get a little sunshine."

Later he describes how his men took the tails of the elephants for souvenirs, cut out the hearts and discovered, "the ivory was rather small even for a cow; still it was not bad for a beginning."

These incidents occur in the second chapter of the book. In following chapters Neumann brags about the hundreds of elephants he killed, some of them tuskleless, some of them pregnant with calf. At no time does he pause to reflect upon what he and many others of his type were doing.

Of course our mores have changed since Victorian days and we no longer indulge in this kind of senseless slaughter, do we?

The point is, elephants today need to be protected and their numbers controlled. We no longer have access to "sportsmen" like Neumann to do it for us. There has to be a way to control numbers other than those already employed.

The problem is, no-one has yet come up with a solution.



trees just to reach the succulent leaves at the top. They leave a trail of shattered tree trunks and broken branches behind them as they go about their daily business of fuelling their massive bodies. But they have been doing that successfully for thousands of years without interference from man and without too radically upsetting the delicate balance of the environment. Why can't they be left to continue?

The answer of course is man. As we require more and more space, both for living and for agriculture, so we encroach upon traditional elephant territory. We build fences and squeeze them into ever-shrinking areas where they are unable to find enough food to sustain themselves and their families. They begin to raid crops and we begin to kill

solutions. However, we have not yet come up with a solution which would please everyone, environmentalists, professionals and of course, the elephants themselves.

About 150 years ago (yes, as little as that), elephants roamed freely across the plains of Africa but with the coming of the white man hunting of these beasts gradually altered from small-scale killing both for sustenance and ivory, to mass slaughter for ivory and sport.

Many of the so-called "Great White Hunters," like Frederick Selous, boasted of their kills through writings which sold like hot cakes in the capitals of the Western world. These men were lauded and treated like heroes (in some cases still are) as news of their "brave" exploits filtered through.

# R1,5 million swimming pool for Huhudi

**HUHUDI** — A R1,5 million Swimming pool was officially opened here by the Mayor of Vryburg Mr Hoffman Galeng.

By ALEX MOTSEOAKGOSI

The pool, erected by a company called Lumay Pools has changing rooms, fencing, and paving. This is one of the projects initiated by this community in order to uplift their living standards. According to the Mayor, the project was proposed in 1991 to the Town

Council which decided on August 26 1993 to identify a site to erect a pool.

"This will help to keep our children off the streets. Our communities were denied access to recreational facilities

in the past," he said. He added even though there were another three swimming pools in the Vryburg area, this would relieve pressure on the other ones. He called on the community to continue using other pools as had been the case. "This pool is not meant for Huhudi residents only but also for people from Coleridge and Vryburg," Mr Galeng said.

Twenty local people were employed by Lumay Pools as labourers and one was appointed project manager.

Mr Galeng said his council was busy with other developmental projects such as the erection of Netball Courts, 3km of tar road, razor wire fencing of the graveyard and the erection of 430 houses.

"Meanwhile, Eskom Lichtenburg has donated two soccer poles, a ball and First Aide Kit to Gaetsho High School in Boikhutso township, to the value of R4 300.

"We need to create a spirit of teamwork between ourselves and the community, this is possible through sports," said Mr Gert Van Zyl, Customer Services Manager.

The Principal of the school, Mr Mokgethi Ntshoe said they wanted to develop their sports ground into a fully fledged sports complex.

He appealed to the business community to donate funds to the school in order to make this a reality. The complex would include tennis, netball and volleyball courts and athletic tracks.



The Mayor of Vryburg, Mr Hoffman Galeng.



Huhudi youth demonstrating their swimming skills during the opening of the swimming pool.

## Lekala la ANC le tlhonga kwa Skeerpoort

KA M PUTUKA

**SKEERPOORT** — Mokhuduthamaga wa Lefapha la Merero ya Bojanala le Tikelologo mo porofenseng ya Bokone Bophirima Mohumagadi Edna Molewa a re ka ntsha ya maemo a sepolotiki le go nna

gona ga puso e e kopanetsweng, makoko a sepolotiki a tshwanelwa ke go tlhoma makala a ona mo metseng e e farologaneng go akarediwa le kwa dipolalasang.

Mohumagadi Molewa o boletse seno fa go ne go tlhomiwa semmuso kala ya mokgatlho wa African National Congress kwa dipolalasang tsa Skeerpoort, use di neng di itsege maloba e le tsa basweu ba majelathoko. O boletse balatedi ba ANC ba ba neng ba feta lekgolo gore ba itse bothokwa jwa molaotheo le ditshwanelo tsa bona.

O ba lemositse fa ba tshwanelwa ke go itse thata molaotheo ka e le ona o tla ba kgontshang go itse le go lwanela ditshwanelo tsa bona, segolo thata thokego ya matlo, dikolo le ditlilinki mo motseng. Gape ba tla kgona go rarabolola le go lwantsha mathata a ba rakanang le ona a go tshwana le a bathapi ba ba leng bodipa go fetoga le go amogela diphetogo.

O tswelitse ka go bolela fa molao wa ga jaana o le kgathlanong le kgetholo go tshwana le wa maloba. O gateletse gore ba se ka ba tshoga sepe fa ba le mo mokgatlhong wa ANC, ka e le ona

o kgaratlheng dingwaga di le dintsi go fedisa kgatelelo le tshotlego ya bantsho.

E rile fa a garela lemosa batlamoleletlong ka ga bothokwa jwa lefelo la bona la Skeerpoort. Mohumagadi Molewa o rile ke lefelo le baagi ba ka le dirisang go tlhabolola le go ngoka bojanala. A re seo se ka thusa ka go tlhola ditiro, fela tsotlhe tseo di ka direga fela fa go kana le tirisano mmogo le boradipolase. Segolo thata fa go tshageditswa molaotheo le ditshwanelo tsa batho.

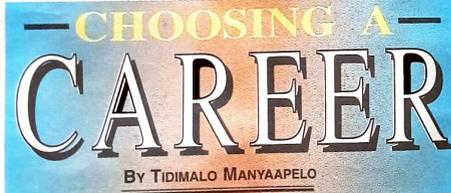
Tlhom semmuso ya lekala la ANC e ne e tseletswa gape ke ditokololo tsa palamente go akarediwa le Mmusokgotla Rre Jerry Thibedi yo o eng a amogela le go tlhoma lekala semmuso.

Ditokololo tsa khuduthamaga ya lekala ke tse di late-lang, modulasetilo -Mohumagadi Dineo Anna Matamane; Motlatsamodulasetilo - Rre Snowball Mashigo; mokwaledi - Rre Sello David Mokhara; motsholamatlotlo - Mme Nkele Patricia Mashigo. Ditokololo tse dingwe ke Gopolang Isaac Kgosana; Kgomotso Vivian Mashigo; Anna Malope; Phineas Mathe; Welhemina Marothodi; Abram Mthombeni le Joe Ncube.

## Interior décor could inspire your creative mind

**T**HE old idea of only the rich being able to afford professional consultants to do their homes has almost fallen away. More and more people, including blacks, are starting to realise the importance of a professional interior decorator.

The exercise, according to experts, is usually economical as the client is often advised



not to buy new furniture when old pieces could be revamped and given a new look. Anyone with a creative

mind and an eye for colour and coordination can think of becoming an interior decorator. The creativity referred to may include painting a window that offered a dreary view, giving it cupboard doors and using it as a place to store dishes. Some even go to the extent of draping linen cloths from the ceiling and decorating them with golden envelope fasteners. One can go on and on.

There are schools in the country which offer courses, and most decor magazines often provide information on short courses offered by some institutions.

One can also study through correspondence and this, according to Melinda Michau, an interior consultant in Mafikeng, is easy when you are creative and determined to learn. Correspondence courses include both theory and practical work.

"It has all to do with having the ability to visualise what the end result will look like and

**The arrangement of the curtains by Melinda Michau gives the bedroom a new look.**



## Anti drug and alcohol committee launched

By M J TAFFA

**TAUNG** — Pastor John Parsons of Taung District Drugs and Alcohol Concern Committee says it is very essential that all people should join hands in fighting drug abuse which he referred to as "evil substance". He was speaking at the launching of the committee.

The government should be approached with the view of proposing amendments which would curb the excessive use of these substances, he said. Communities should be given the opportunity to stand together and work together to

fight this abuse, said Pastor Parsons.

Pastor Parsons said it was necessary to look at a preventive educational approach aimed at children at schools.

The MEC for Safety and Security Mr Satish Roopa who also spoke at the occasion said drugs and alcohol were evil substances that should be uprooted at all cost. He added that communities should be invited to interact with the government in order to curb the abuse of alcohol

and drugs, and also engage government support to these programmes.

The MEC said there should be talks with younger people especially at schools so that when they reach adulthood they should be able to take sober decisions about their attitude toward life.

Elected to serve in the committee were chairperson - Rev M Morokane, deputy chairperson - Mrs K Marinthwane; secretary - Ms Joyce Moloto; deputy secretary - Mr A Towee and the treasurer - Mrs D Kujane.

## Banka Tlhabololo ya Borwa jwa Afrika e ema RDP nokeng

**OPPERMAN** — Banka ya Tlhabololo ya Borwa jwa Afrika e abetse bagagi ba motse ono tsheke ya diranta di le dikete di le 75, e le go ema nokeng lenaneo la puso la Kagoseswa le Tlhabololo (RDP).

Madi ano go ya ka mongwe wa baagi, yo gape e leng modulasetilo wa diporojeke tsa ditlhabololo mo motse ono Mohumagadi Josephine Mokgobi, a tile go dirisediwa go aga sekolo sa tlhokomelo ya bana ba bannyi, ba go simolola ka ba dikgwedi di le tharo go fitlha go dingwaga di le tharo.

Mo puisanong le mmegagang wa North West Mirror Mohumagadi Mokgobi o rile ga se lekgetho la nthla ba abelwa madi a maikaelelo a ona e leng go tlhabolola motse. O rile mokgatho wa Rotary go tswa Johannesburg o kile wa ba abela madi a a sa tlhalosang gore e ne e le bokae, ona e le a go aga kago e gareng ga tse dingwe e akaretsang sekolo sa

KA JUNIAH BUSANG

Tshimologo (Pre-school), laeborari le lefelo la go dira dilwana tsa setso.

Mohumagadi Mokgobi o tswelsete ka go re ga jaana sekolo se na le bana ba le 25 ba ba kwaditsweng, ka batlhokomedu ba le babedi. O rile ngwana mongwe le mongwe o duela madi a a kana ka diranta di le 30 ka kgwedi. Madi ano a dirisediwa go reka dijo.

O boletse fa dikago tsa sekolo di tswelsete pele e bile se le gaufi le tikwatikwe ya thuto eo. O rile ba lemogile fa bothokatiro bo oketsegile mo motse wa bona ke ka lebaka leo go dirisiwang baagi ba motse go aga kago eo. Bontsi jwa baagi bo itumeletse porojeke ya kago ya sekolo gonne bontsi bo bone ditiro jaaka e le ketseto ya puso gore lenaneo la Kagoseswa le Tlhabololo le diragadiwe go tlhabolola matshelo a batho.

## Setheo sa Mmabana se sekaseka kamano ya sona le baagi

**LEHURUTSHE** — Ka nthla ya kgolo ya ditirelo tsa setheo sa Mmabana mono go fithelela mafelo a tshwana le toropo ya Zeerust ka bophara le Madikwe, lephata la bogokaganyi la setheo seno le no mo bekgeng e e fetileng le rulagantse khonferense ya bothle.

Maikaelelo magolo a khonferense eno e ne e le go netefatsa gore setheo seno se fithelela seo setshaba se se solofetseng go tswa mo go sona. Bao ba neng ba thologetse khonferense eno ba ne ba akaretsa badiredi ba setshaba, bao ba amanang le Lenaneo la Kagoseswa le Tlhabololo, borakgwebo le magosi.

Mo puong ya gagwe Motsamaisikakaretso wa lephata la bogokaganyi mo setheong seno, Mohumagadi Memorie Herholdt o kaile fa

BY TIDIMALO MANYAAPELO

Mmabana e simolotse ka ditirelo tsa yona mo nakong e e fetileng ntle le go rerisa setshaba se e se direlang. O rile seno se tshwanetse go fetoga go kgontsha Mmabana go akaretsa ditso le dingwao tsothle tse di gona gore merafe yotlhe e kgone go itumelela maungo a setheo.

Go ne ga tshwarwa dipuisano tse gareng ga tsona, go neng go sekaseka kgonagalo ya gore Mmabana e dirisane le ditlhopha tse dingwe tsa botaki go tswa mo merafeng. Go ne gape go tshothwa nthla ya dituelo, go lebelletsewe le gore setheo se ka tswelela pele jang.

Mohumagadi Z T Baartman, Motlatsamokaedi wa setheo sa Mmabana Lehurutshe o rile toro ya

## Community art facilities on the cards

BY TIDIMALO MANYAAPELO

**VRYBURG** — The North West government is in the process of building community art centres which should benefit mostly rural communities with no infrastructure and facilities, says MEC for Education, Arts and Culture, Sports and Recreation, Mrs Mamokoena Gaoretelewe during the official opening of Tsietsi Matubako's first art exhibition held here last week.

She added such art structures would require human resources in the form of artists of Matubako's calibre who should play a major role to ensure the success of such structures. She said it was vital that such community centres be accessible to all communities so they could serve their purpose of developing communities.

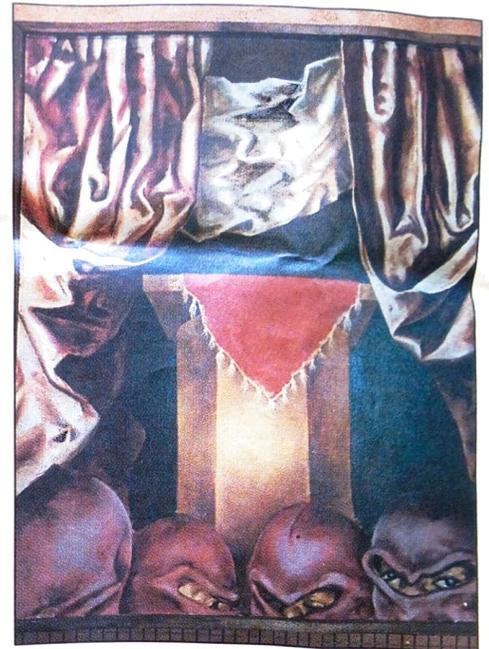
Mrs Gaoretelewe was responding to a call by the Mayor of Vryburg, Mr Hoffman Galeng who said the government should do something to ensure that Matubako was not lost to other provinces or countries due to poverty in the town. Mr Galeng also urged business communities and all other people with resources to assist Matubako so he could produce more art.

He said Matubako was an asset which the province and the people of Vryburg could not afford to lose, adding that it was discouraging to see talent perishing in the townships. He praised Matubako's parents for producing such a talented youngster against all odds. Matubako's father is unemployed while his mother works in a furniture store.

Mr Galeng told Matubako



MEC Gaoretelewe promised the Vryburg community that its talent would be fully utilised.



"The Pulpit". Who does it belong to? He doesn't know whether it was prediction or coincidence but this painting preceded the 1993 St Peters Church Massacre in Port Elizabeth. PICS: Jacob Choeu

not to fail the youngsters of Vryburg as they looked up to him.

Matubako's artistic talent does not only end with paint-

ing and drawing. He is also a guitarist and actor who leads Inkedama Cultural Group which entertained the audience at the official opening.

## MMABATHO

Police are investigating the death of 52-year-old Otukile Modibedi of Motlhabeng village near Mafikeng. According to information received, the deceased died as a result of injuries sustained after being stoned by an unknown suspect while relaxing with his lover.

The incident is said to have happened a few days ago but that the deceased never sought medical help and as a result died later of injuries to his head. Four rape cases were reported to the police last weekend. Two of them were reported at Mafikeng police station and one each at Lomanyaneng and Ganyesa police stations.

In the first case reported to Mafikeng police station, a woman was accosted by eight men while on her way from a hotel outside Slurry and raped. In the second case, a 30-year-old Mabopane woman was raped by an unknown suspect from whom she had asked for directions after getting lost while on her way to attend a funeral in Mafikeng. No arrest has been made.

In Ganyesa, a 24-year-old woman was attacked by three suspects known to her while on her way to visit her boyfriend. Three suspects who are all scholars then had sexual intercourse with her without her consent. All three

## Crime REPORT

BY BUTLER MATLAPENG

have been arrested.

In Lomanyaneng, a woman alleges she was raped by a man who offered her a lift home. According to the complainant, the suspect instead took her to his place and proposed to make love to her and that when she refused, he raped her. The suspect, Michael Modukanele has been arrested.

Three robbery cases were reported to the police. One case each was reported to Mmabatho, Mafikeng and Itsoseng. In the Mmabatho case, a woman from Motlhabeng village was allegedly robbed of her wrist watch and rings valued at R2 160, while in Mafikeng a suspect was arrested after robbing a woman of her necklace valued at R3 000.

In Itsoseng, a complainant alleges that he was robbed of R1 400 and clothing by two men who had alighted from the same taxi at Bethel village.

Still in Itsoseng, police are investigating a case of armed robbery after a bakery delivery van was robbed by two men who had threatened the

driver with firearms.

According to the driver, rocks were placed on the road at Springbokpan and when he stopped to remove them, the robbers emerged from the bushes and robbed him of R2 753 in cash. The robbers then disappeared into the bushes.

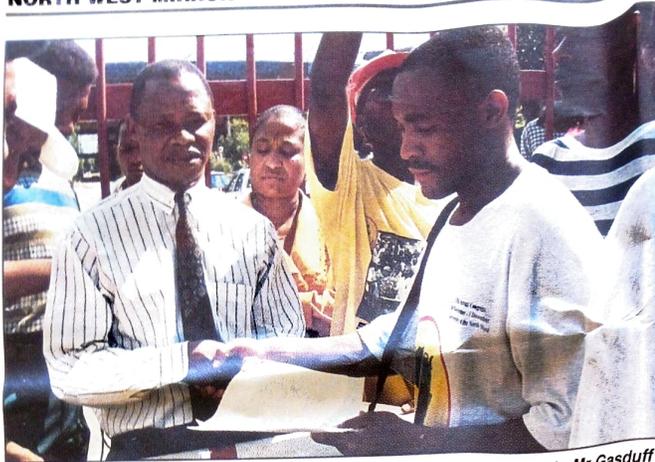
In another case, Mafikeng police are looking for four armed suspects who attempted to rob the local branch of Volkskas bank. During the attempted robbery, two policemen who responded to an alarm were robbed of their service pistols. The police, the bank manager and three cleaners were then held hostage. The robbers escaped without any money from the bank.

Two cases of motor vehicle theft are presently under investigation at Mafikeng police station. In the first case, the complainant suspects that his vehicle, a 1400 Nissan bakkie was stolen by using duplicate keys. In the second case, the vehicle was stolen from the driveway. No arrests have been made.

The police in Batharos in Kudumane district have opened an inquest docket after 17-year-old Tsholofelo Marane drowned in the local dam. Two housebreaking cases were reported to the Mafikeng police after both houses were allegedly broken into when the owners were in Pretoria.



PIC: Memorie Herholdt



Chairperson of SASCO Mr Solomon Theta submits a memorandum to Mr Gasduff Mompel, looking on is chairperson of Marapyane Students Representative Council.



SASCO and SRC's members toyi-toying in front of Garona building.

Pics: Ghukilo Mosimanegape

# Students submit memorandum of demands

**MAFIKENG** — The Education Forum of North West comprising joint Student Representative Councils of colleges, the South African Democratic Teachers Union (SADTU) and the South African Students Congress marched on the Department of Education at Garona government building to submit a memorandum of demands here on Monday.

The Marapyane College of Education vice-president of SRC and chairperson of Sasco Mr Solomon Thena read a memorandum and handed it over to the Deputy Director Teacher Education Directorate, Mr Gastuff Mompel who received it on behalf of the Department of Education in the province.

The forum wishes to make it known to the public, University of North West and government that they are dissatisfied with the appalling conditions of education in the North West, particularly at colleges affiliated to University of North West.

"The education forum convened a college summit at Mankwe Christian College on

BY TOLLY SEAKATSIE

February 1 1997 and resolved as follows:

"The institute of education at the University of North West be dismantled and be amalgamated with the faculty of education with immediate effect. Students of college of education affiliated to this university be allowed to carry courses from one level to the other and even be allowed to supplement at all levels with immediate effect and this must include all students who failed some courses during the 1996 examinations.

"The broad transformation forum be established at colleges as a matter of urgency to accelerate the process of trans-

forming colleges. The current council at some colleges are not democratic and representative of stakeholders at colleges. All the colleges affiliated to the University of North West have representative on the senate of the university. The government must intervene in the improvement of tertiary funding. Government commit itself to accrediting affiliated colleges to higher university diploma in education to enable college students to complete their degrees within a duration of four years. Students welfare and living conditions be improved as a matter of urgency," Thena added.

Mr Mompel in his response to the memorandum, promised the students that he would refer the matter to the Department of Education and promised to sit down with all the parties involved to discuss some serious academic problems and they would take this matter and act with immediate effect.

## Bagolo, itseng fa nama ya kgapeletsa e thuba pitsa!

**HUHUDI** — Go na le ba ba sa ntseng ba retelelwa ke go amogela gore go na le ditiro tse dingwe tse bana ba bona ba ka atlegang mo go tsona ntle le ditiro tsa borutabana, bongaka le tse dingwe tse di kaiwang e le tsa maemo.

Mohumagadi Sadisadi Matubako ena e ne ya re go lemoga fa morwae Tsietsi a na le neo ya botaki a se ke a okoka go mo romela kwa sekolong se segolo go ya go oketsa kiiso ya gagwe. Mohumagadi Matubako a re o dumela fa ntswanyana e nwa mabotobotong mme a re go letla ngwana go ithutela seo a se ratang ke sengwe sa bothokwa.

A re ena maikaelelo a gagwe e ne e le go naya morwae yo o esi boswa jo ope a ka

KA TIDIMALO MANYAAPELO

se keng a bo mo amoga jwa thuto mme ya re fa a lemoga talente ya gagwe, a mo rotloetsa le go mo ema nokeng mo ditlholong tsa gagwe.

Gompieno Sadisadi o motlotlo ka morwae yo botaki jwa gagwe bo itsegeng le kwa moseja ga mawale. Mo bekeng e e fetileng Tsietsi o ne a tlotlomatsa baagi ba Vryburg le tikologo fa a ne a dirile dipontsho tsa tiro ya gagwe ya botaki kwa Collage Gallery gona kwa Vryburg.

"Fa ngwana a ithuta gongwe a dira tiro e e mo pelong ya gagwe, motsadi ka nna pelotshewe gonne a itse gore ngwana yoo o tla ithuta ka pelo ya gagwe yothle ka nthla ya fa a tla bo a ithuta sengwe se a se ratang," go buile jalo Mohumagadi Matubako.

O rile kgakololo ya gagwe go batsadi ke gore ba se ke ba itshwenya ka go eletsa go bona bana ba bona ba dira ditiro tse go tweng ke tsa maemo. A re fa ngwana a ithopetse tiro e a tla thlolang a kgamathetse fa a e dira, o tshwanetse go letlwa gonne e le se a se ratang. O tswelotse ka go re le go thoka madi tota ga go a tshwanela go

thibela batsadi go letla bana go ithuta.

Bontsi jwa dibui kwa pelo semmusong ya dipontsho bo kaile fa Tsietsi e le sekantshwana se baagi ba ipelang ka sona. O tlotlomalediswe go bo a se pelotshethla gonne a ikaelela go thusa baswa ba ba eletsang go ithuta go taka. O na gape le sethlopha sa baswa se se binang mmino wa setso e bile gape se diragatsa metshameko ya serala. A re maikaelelo a gagwe ka sethlopha seno, ke go ntsha baswa mo mebileng le go ba itsa go kgathwa ke botagwa le diritibatsi.

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## Court hears how BBS robbery was planned

A POLICE officer who participated in the alleged robbery of the Bophutha-tswana Building Society (BBS) involving about R180 000 last week told the provincial Division of the Supreme court of Bophuthatswana that the meeting to plan the robbery took place at the home of the former police Captain Zehi Raymond Belani.

Belani headed the Murder and Robbery Squad before he was arrested.

Inspector Edward Msindo Nkuna of the Child Protection Unit was giving evidence before Judge-President Mr Justice M W Friedman in the trial in which 10 men are facing 19 counts of robbery, kidnapping, malicious damage to property and indecent assault.

Giving evidence on count

BY STAFF REPORTER

16 in which the defendants are: Raymond Belani, Tony Baloyi, Donald Motalaote, Mojalefa Johnson Mashomeng and Kgotsa Kelepele.

Nkuna told the court how after the alleged robbery at BBS in Mafikeng they proceeded to the home of Tong Baloyi at Unit 12 where they counted the money which totalled about R180 000.

Nkuna said after counting, each, including himself, got an amount of R10 000.

Nkuna under cross examination by Advocate Viviers on behalf of Belani, agreed that he was the instigator of the plan.

He told the court at one stage they went to Unit 12 to the home of the woman who was the supervisor of BBS.

He said, when they got to the house, they found the rest of the group who were driving a red Uno were already knocking on the door.

"The woman did not open, we left and stopped on the road to plan how to get in," he said.

Inspector Nkuna said Belani had a handset radio and through it he heard that the police were looking for the red Uno whose owner had been left naked in Majemantsho.

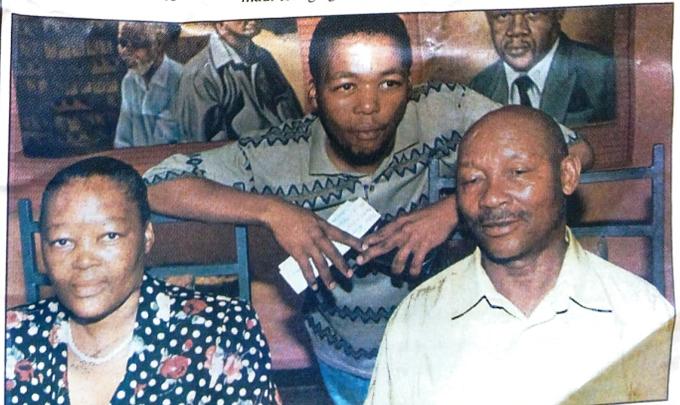
Belani said: "We must go and dump the Uno there."

He said they then returned to Baloyi's place, where they agreed to disperse and try again on Saturday.

He told the court that Baloyi had taken Kgomasiso.

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**Ba ba ntseng fa fatshe ke Moh. Sadisadi le Fre Abe Matubako, batsadi ba ba motlotlo ba ga Tsietsi yo o emeng fa morago ga bona.** Pic: Jacob Choau





These students felt relieved after they were given a school by the governing body of Coligny primary school.

## New role for Coligny Primary School

By ALEX MOTSEOKGOSI

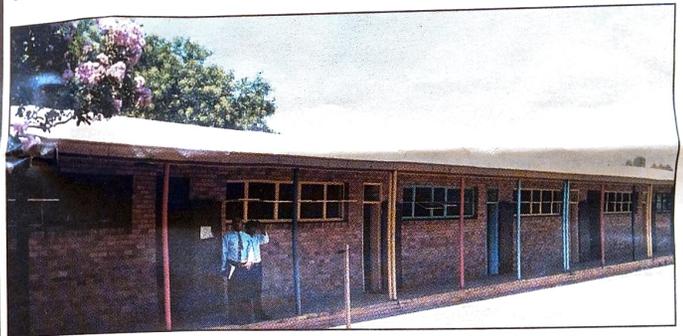
**COLIGNY** — About 800 pupils of Matlape Primary School will have a chance to study under conditions conducive to learning unlike in past years.

This comes after the governing bodies of the Coligny Primary and High Schools decided to handover a school which was formerly used by white pupils of the primary school. According to the principal of Matlape Primary, Mr David Monare, negotiations started last year in April when they realised that Coligny Primary had a small enrolment. Matlape Primary, which is in the township had 3 000 pupils and the only way to share the resources was to use a platoon system (whereby students attend classes in shifts). This inconvenienced both pupils and teachers.

Mr Monare expressed his gratitude at the move made by the governing bodies. He said despite this move, the school still had 180 extra students and had a carrying capacity of 1 200. The Chairperson of the Parents-Teacher Association of Matlape, Mr Stanny Mnyakana appealed to the business community to help with donations as they could not rely on government alone for maintenance of sporting and other facilities.

He said they would apply to the Department of Education for registration of the school after getting a new name from the community.

BELOW: A block of classrooms of the Coligny Primary school which was handed over to Matlape the Primary school pupils.



## Tebbutt Commission calls for co-operation

By SEITSANG KEGOTITSE

THE Tebbutt Commission says it cannot fulfill its mandate in the enquiry into the incidents that led to violence in the former Bophuthatswana between March 7-11 1994 and the resulting deaths unless information is forthcoming from the public.

The Commission, appointed by President Nelson Mandela on June 7 1996, appealed to members of the public, especially relatives, friends, co-workers, fellow students or employers to come forward and give information as to how, when and why the deaths occurred.

In the past year in an interview with the Mirror, the Secretary for the Tebbutt Commission Mr John Bacon allayed people's fears by asking them not to be scared as the commission was investigating deaths, not looting. The commission will go into session at the Chambers of Traditional Leaders at the Old Parliament Building on February 19.

The commission requests people to assist with informa-

tion on the death of the following people:

- Precious Kgalalelo Mpho Mocwadira who died at Tshepong Hospital in Klerksdorp on March 17 1994. It was alleged that she was injured during the uprising. It was not known how she sustained the injuries which caused her death and also with whom she was with during that time.

- Frank Zoza allegedly died at Tshepong Hospital in Klerksdorp. No particulars were available at the hospital or that such a patient was ever treated at the hospital. It was not known who reported the matter to the Lawyers for Human Rights at Mafikeng.

- N Molotsi allegedly died and apparently was from Montshiwa Township. No particulars of the cause of death and of the alleged deceased was known.

- A person only known as Mohapi allegedly died of a gunshot wound sustained during the uprising. It was not known how that person sustained the injury and also where that person stayed or

worked.

- L Batswana allegedly died during the uprising. No particulars of the cause of death and of the alleged deceased were known.

- Obakeng Molope allegedly died during the uprising. No particulars of the cause of death and of the alleged deceased were known.

- Anna Bereng allegedly died during the uprising. It was alleged that the deceased's sister was Betty Bereng. No particulars of the cause of death and of the alleged deceased as well as the whereabouts of Betty Bereng were known.

The widow of the late Francois Willem Janse van Rensburg, Adriana Johanna, previously of 12 Oliehouth Street, Swartklip is requested to contact the commission in respect of the inquiry into the circumstances of the death of her husband.

The secretary of the commission Mr John Bacon can be contacted at the Supreme Court in Mmabatho during office hours or cellular number 083 272 5190 or at fax number (0140) 21471. Their postal address is:

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## BBS robbery...

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Phinda and Qani to town.

"When I arrived at Tony Baloyi's place, he had already taken them to town," he said.

The witness said he drove to town in a white police van. Belani had parked the Astra he was using between FNB and BBS.

Nkuna said he parked his van opposite BBS. Baloyi, Kgomoiso and Phinda had parked on the bus rank

straight to BBS.

While they were there, BBS opened, and they entered.

"I went in to call them out, I sent them to Belani and arranged to meet at Cook's Lake," Nkuna said.

Nkuna said at Cook's Lake they planned how they could get into the bank before it closed.

He was sent to BBS for the second time as the first plan had failed.

## Angry community expels tribal councillors

By PAUL NTLATLENG

**BAPONG** — Eight tribal councillors of the Bapo ba Mogale have been expelled by hundreds of angry residents after a protest march following allegations of maladministration and embezzlement of public funds.

Police had their hands full in trying to control the masses who forcefully invaded the office and removed the councillors from offices and took away the keys.

The Bapong, Segwelane and Wonderkop communities handed over a memorandum of demands to a District Councillor. Mr Anthony Dingiswayo to be passed on to the District Council. They demanded, among other things, the lease contract between the tribal authority and the Eastern Platinum Mine be reviewed; the legitimacy of granite at Segwelane and Wonderkop villages to be investigated; the mine to introduce school bursaries to local children and reinstatement of Chief Bob Mogale with immediate effect.

The chief was deposed by the councillors alleging that he was incapable because of ill-health. Trouble started some nine months ago when the communities suspected irregularities in the running of the Eastern Platinum Mine

affairs where it was alleged a new mining shaft was being planned at Segwelane village without prior consultation with the community.

The communities lashed out at the mine management for this. They also alleged the mine was not ploughing anything into the development of their villages as was expected.

## Abortion Act in force

**MAFIKENG** — The Termination of Pregnancy Act or simply abortion, which promotes the reproductive rights and freedom of choice for every woman to choose whether to have a safe legal termination of pregnancy came to effect on February 1. The majority of women welcomed it because it took into consideration individual beliefs.

Vryburg Hospital was one of the North West hospitals which were selected to conduct abortions and which had facilities where the procedure could be done, and which had doctors who supported the Act.

According to one matron at the hospital Mrs Tlhabanelo, clients were already flocking to the hos-

pital seeking termination of pregnancy.

The new Act allows a woman to terminate pregnancy upon request during the first 12 weeks of gestation. From the 13th up to and including the 20th week of gestation after the doctor has consulted the pregnant woman and all are of the opinion that the continued pregnancy would pose a risk of injury to the woman's physical and mental health, termination can be carried out.

Other considerations were if the foetus would suffer from a severe physical or mental abnormality or if the pregnancy resulted from rape or incest or if there was suspicion it could affect the social or economic circumstances of the women.

The South African Football Association held a soccer indaba over the weekend where a number of decisions were taken regarding soccer here following the Sticks Morewa saga. One of these was to appoint Molefi Oliphant as honorary president until next year's elections. The position of chief executive officer was also decided upon.

We have had this matter dominating the news for the couple of months and one would have expected a sigh of relief from all of us at the realisation that a settlement had been reached.

Not me and definitely not most of those who have used soccer since following nail-headed attempts at normalising things which in the end emerged as which-hunts whose victims are but the tip of an iceberg whose components include syndicates capable of destroying everything worked for over the years.

And true to form, as we thought we were about to see a clean-up of soccer for once and for all, the signs that we were about to go back to square one, so to speak, became apparent.

The first sign of past mistakes ironically came from the man who in more ways than one has been responsible for the present shake-up in soccer, Jomo Sono himself. When Sono quit from

the position of technical manager of Bafana Bafana sometime ago, I believed him when he said "he did not want to be "used" for other people's financial gain at the expense of soccer. It was a principle I believed he should hold.

According to recent reports Jomo has been approached to take his old job back and has agreed albeit on certain conditions. For one thing the main things Jomo had been fighting against was the kind of favourable involvement ASI was enjoying in SA soccer. There was also the A-Team stig-



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ma which brought him to a collision on many occasions with Kaizer Motaung and Sticks Morewa.

The fact that now Sono has decided to go back and that only Morewa has been removed will make many think if it was not a personal thing against the man from Potchefstroom which kept the "Black Prince" from a job he is best suited for.

It is the case we can only wait until somebody else crosses the "Troublemaker's" path before he abandons "national duty" again. A sad case indeed.

Then there is the case of Mr Kaizer Motaung who has seen fit to tell the Minister of Sports (sic) Steve Tshwete to "leave soccer alone and

stick to politics". When I first saw the report I did not believe the man had been quoted correctly. But he has not denied anything and we take it he said it.

Mr Motaung has been in soccer for a long time and his contribution to the game of billions can be matched by few. His Kaizer Chiefs is a shining example of what South Africans are able to achieve.

For Mr Motaung to say Tshwete must stay out of soccer and stick to politics however sounds like a father being told to suck to his job of providing for the family and forget about his son who missed school several times and the daughter who is reported to be doing drugs. It is a mindset which, if it is true, makes for a sad case indeed.

And then there is the hypocrisy of those who worked under Morewa and his "policies" but who have decided to stay on even after the Pickard Commission which must have exercised a great form of refrain from the temptation of calling for their sacking as well. Theirs is the kind of behaviour which says "the boss is right only until he is proved wrong by others except us".

We don't want to sound unduly negative, but the recent spate of events an indeed utterances seem to suggest that the fight is far from over. And what a sad day for South African soccer it would indeed be if the above proved to be true.

## Is it back to square one for South African soccer?

KLEINTJIE KRAAI

# Boxing promoters under fire

**M**ABOPANE — A prominent local boxing personality, Jimmy Joubert, who also owns the only boxing club here, this week attacked boxing promoters for their alleged indifference to promoting the sport in the province and the surrounding areas.

Joubert said in an interview with the Mirror it would take painful soul-searching before he could understand why in so many boxing tournaments at the Morula Sun or the Carousel not a single boxer from the region appeared in the fixtures.

By DITHAKO NAKEDI

He said that he had tried hard to make himself known to the top ranking boxing officials through the media and by writing letters but found it difficult to understand why he was always left out when there was a tournament, especially local ones.

He said his club used to have more than 50 boxers, 10 of whom were professionals but today he had only about 30 fighters with only four professionals, after most of his charges lost confidence in the club because of lack of fights.

Joubert still has in his stable the once-popular John

Nkuna who built his name through showing skill and professionalism in the super welterweight division. He has a record of seven wins, one loss and one draw in his nine outings.

The club also has other three boxers who have not had fight since turning professional two years ago. Joubert who is confident things will improve, said he has made an appointment with the boxing board in Johannesburg to turn at least ten amateurs into professional during turning competitions in March. The closing date for the entries will be on the second week of March and sparring will be held on the 21st of the same month.



Bright prospect... Former Olympian Hawk Makepula (Right) is seen here during the Commonwealth boxing tournament in Mmabatho. Makepula has since turned professional and now fights under the banner of The Carousel. He has been joined by Lawrence Ngobeni who fights as the "Morula Sun Kid".

# Here comes the Morula Sun Kid

**M**ABOPANE — South African junior welterweight boxing champion Lawrence Ngobeni has secured a major scoop. The 24-year-old unbeaten champion who defended his title against Transvaal champion Innocent Ndlovu on the "Morula Sun/Branco Universal

By KLEINTJIE KRAAI

Productions Boxing Explosion" card here on Sunday will be the first local boxer to appear in the colours of the popular casino resort north of Pretoria.

Ngobeni, (13-0-8 stoppages) joins an elite group of top fighters like the International Boxing

Federation flyweight champion Vuyani "The Carousel Kid" Bungu and former Olympian Hawk Makepula who fight under the banner of The Carousel.

Ngobeni expressed his excitement at being associated with the name of Morula Sun and promised to wear their colours with pride.

"Watch out, here comes the Morula Sun Kid," he said.



The MEC for Education, Sports and Recreation in the North West Mrs Mamokoena Gaoretelelwe last week officially opened the Popo Molefe stadium in Fochville. With her in the picture is the Chief Executive Officer of the Anglo American Chairman's Fund Mrs Margie Keeton whose body donated R422 500 towards the building of the stadium.

To mark the opening of the stadium a match was played between Detroit Spinners and L M Sweepers.



## Molopo District Football Assoc. Fixture: First Round

### Match No. 2: 15 February

K K H Defenders v/s	Gunners	Koikoi	15h00
Junior Birds v/s	Maf. Rovers	Jnr Birds	15h00
Naughty Boys v/s	H Owners	N Boys	15h00
Soccer Students v/s	Super Eagles	M Swallows	15h00

### 16 February

Happy Hearts v/s	D Darkies	Dithakong	15h00
Mighty Greens v/s	Mont. Swallows	Darkies	15h00
RDS Liverpool v/s	Rietf Rangers	M Swallows	15h00
United Chiefs v/s	M P Rangers	H Owners	15h00

# Big names for Sun City Data

**SUN CITY** — The Gary Player Country Club golf course here is synonymous with one of the richest golfing tournaments in the world, the twelve-year-old Nedbank Million Dollar Challenge which over the years has attracted the biggest names in the world of golf to this country.

This has tended to distract from the other tournaments hosted throughout the year by this resort one of which is the Dimension Data Pro-Am, a

tournament which by virtue of it being part of the European Tour has to be regarded as bigger than the Million Dollar at least in status.

The tournament which starts here on Thursday February 11 is one of the tournaments in which points are given to players to determine their Sony Ranking positions and the R2.7 million prize money at stake also determines the order

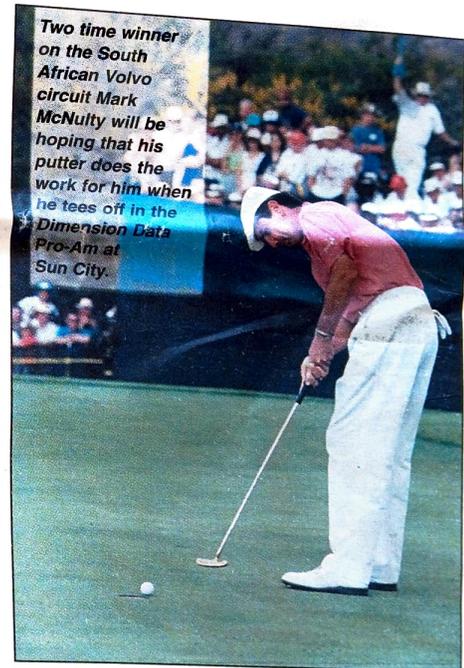
of merit.

That, however, is only part of the importance by which this tournament has come to be judged in the three years since inception. The quality of players who take part in this tournament has grown in the past two years which has seen most players who campaign in the European tour making the trip here for the tournament.



### Top golfers

Names such as Constano Rocca, Zimbabwean Mark McNulty, American based South African Fulton Allem, Wayne Riley, Ian Woosnam, David Frost have been confirmed and will be in the starting line-up. The local challenge will be led by Retief Goosen, and Wayne Westener. Ernie Els who took part in the South African Open last week could not take part in this tournament because of overseas commitments but has promised that it will be one of the considerations for his schedule next year.



## Canons level cricket series

**MAFIKENG** — Bails flew and runs were made in abundance when the Sports and Recreation team played against the Canon Cricket team at the International School of South Africa last week.

Gavin Bremner, Canon batsman and Recreation bowler Pater Kotsane, provided the relatively large crowd with thrills as they made it a personal battle between the two of them. Also entertaining was Adele Lowies (man of the match), G Bremner (best bowler), Deon van der Berg (batsman of the day). Sports and Recreation were beaten by two runs.

By JAMES MADRAS

Canon captain Schalk Coetzee said after Recreation's defeat that they had played well and that with more practice they could become a force in cricket. "They have improved a lot since we played against them last year," he said.

The Director of Sports and Recreation Thabiso Mokoena said cricket was growing as a sport amongst the majority of the people of South Africa and that it was good to see that people here were making good use of the opportunities coming their way.

The match was the second of a three match series the third which will be played in

Potchefstroom on February 22. The first match was won by Recreation.

"The Third match will determine the overall winner of the series which makes for a very interesting last match," said Mokoena.

He warned Canons that they would come out smoking in the third game in order to make sure the series was clinched.

The Potchefstroom game will be played either at the North West Cricket Pitch or Potchefstroom Boys High.

*The Canon Cricket team which won the second series match against the Sports and Recreation team.*



## USSASA Athletics championships for Odi

By KLEINTJIE KRAAI

**ODI STADIUM** — The United Schools Sports Association of South Africa (USSASA) will host the Eskom Electro-wise USSASA secondary schools athletics championships here on April 12.

In announcing the decision to host the championships USSASA media officer Jackie Maila said the venue had been confirmed as suitable for an athletics championship of this magnitude following an inspection by the technical director of Athletics South Africa,

Brigadier Paal Pretorius. Also in the inspection team was Eunice Forbes who is a specialist in synthetic tracks and Heismz Daus, an expert also in synthetic tracks from Germany.

This will be the first time that the USSASA Athletics Championship will be staged in a traditionally black area since the organisation's establishment in 1994.

"The 80 000 sitting capacity Odi stadium was never utilised to the fullest and the staging of this event here as well as others in the future

will benefit the local community both economically and entertainment-wise," said Maila.

It was also announced that the department of sports and recreation would invest thousands of rands in upgrading the stadium and its surroundings which includes the parking area which would be turned into a cricket field. This would be done with financial assistance from surrounding businesses.

The hosts will be USSASA North West and committees have been set up to prepare for a successful event.