



Blood Bath

Rustenburg/ Thlabane – This article was compiled minutes before going to press on Thursday evening, and there was no time to contact any related/ involved parties to the case. The details and photos were given by a community member who wishes to stay anonymous.

“The most horrific river of blood was flowing from a drain immediately downhill from Rainbow Chicken,” he said. “I immediately called Epol, but to no avail... Nobody could help me.” He also added, “The community working in that area says it has been like that for weeks and nobody does anything about it.” Apparently the river of crimson coloured water is gushing from what appears to be a manhole on the pavement, and they [community] tried to stop it by placing a board with a rock on top of the hole.

This gruesome scene is located in Thlabane (near Ziniaville), Mangan Street (between Cobalt and Brons Streets). The liquid is bright red, smells rotten and like iron (classic of blood), and contains small amounts of feathers and white tissue. The river is so wide that vehicles in that lane end up driving through it, and thereby also

carry particles of that blood elsewhere. Furthermore, the river directly blocks one of the Rainbow Chicken’s entrances, as well as the main Epol entrance, thus all the trucks making deliveries to other cities spread this pathogen carrying biological waste. “This could pose a very serious health risk, and can be spread easily. It should be taken very seriously, and VERY SOON!” he continued to say. “I am highly disgusted and shocked by this, especially since it is ‘in-your-face’ and cannot be side-stepped, even if you want to.”



Wolmarans’ Appeal Hearing on Monday

Rustenburg – By the end of Monday November 7, former Rustenburg Mayor Mathew Wolmarans will know whether his appeal for bail has been successful or not. Wolmarans is one of four people who have been implicated in the 2009 murder of Moss Phakoe, who at the time of his death was a councillor in the Rustenburg Local Municipality.

The hearing will be heard at the Rustenburg Regional Court, which is likely to be packed by scores of people who are eager to see for themselves how the high-profile case will progress. The Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), which has been closely monitoring the case and is opposed to any form of bail, thanked the police for carrying out their investigations. In a statement, the labour

body also warned corrupt government employees. “Had you not persistently marched to police stations demanding justice, this case could have long ago collapsed. We must also thank the police for their sterling work in finding those who were behind this criminal act,” they stated.

“The ANC must be liberated from such elements,” was added. Moss Phakoe was gunned down on March 14, 2009 at the driveway of his home in Rustenburg after returning from an ANC 2009 election campaign. The incident occurred two days after Phakoe handed over documents containing allegations of corruption at the Rustenburg Local Municipality to the then Minister of Cooperative Governance, Sicelo Shiceka.

Mother charged with child neglect

Verdwaal – A 27-year-old pregnant mother, who allegedly neglected four young children who were reported missing to the Police from their home in Verdwaal near Lichtenburg, North West on Monday, 24 October, has been charged with child negligence. The charge follows the police’s investigations after the 27-year-old left four children all by themselves and left for a Bethlehem farm near Lichtenburg in the area of Itsoseng which is 10 km away from Verdwaal where she was staying with the toddlers.

Two children Onkarabile Mmupele (2) and Nkune Mmupele (6) – out of four that went missing – were found at a Bethlehem farm and unfortunately were certified dead on scene. According to police, the children were following their mother after she left them on Monday morning and returned Tuesday to an empty house. It is alleged that the cause of the two children’s death might have been caused by hunger and dehydration while soaring heat temperatures on Tuesday may also have contributed as there were no visible injuries on the corpses of the toddlers. The mother has confirmed that she will not be able to carry the burial costs for the two kids as the family does not have money. Not one single person of the family is employed at this stage. Police is still searching for the other two kids that went missing, Sebengu Mmupele (9) who was wearing a green tracksuit and Mmapule Mmupele (7) who wore a pink tracksuit.

You can contact Warrant officer Lebogang Mokgothu on 018 338 0000 or 082 416 0764 if you have any information that could help us trace the kids, or 10111.

Traffic officers join strike season

Rustenburg – The Rustenburg Local Municipality is threatening to descend heavily on traffic officers working within the Department of Public Safety, who are striking for better wages. The strike – which has been ongoing for over a week now – has affected service delivery, especially at the Department of Public Safety where work completely came to a halt in some sections.

In a statement obtained by Platinum Weekly, the Rustenburg Municipal Manager – Dr. Maletse Mako – apologised to residents and assured them that appropriate actions will be taken to resolve the industrial action. “Management has constantly engaged with the unions on issues affecting them and the general welfare of employees,” reads part of the statement. However, there have been persistent and relentless endeavours by some of the employees not to adhere to the agreements and the legislative procedural requirements as

stipulated in the SALGA Bargaining Council to address their concerns. We have been left with no option but to take disciplinary action against the employees involved in illegal work stoppages... We appeal to the public to bear with us during this period,” adds the statement.





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