



MISSING



Vryburg / Potchefstroom – 37-year-old David Maamogoa has been missing since July 1997. He used to reside in Goulan Street, Huhudi, Vryburg. Anyone with any information in this regard is requested to contact the investigating officer, D/Const R. Bulanga of Potchefstroom Detective Service on the following numbers 018-299 7446 or 078-495 7731.

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Potchefstroom - The Potchefstroom FCS Unit is looking for a man who might be able to assist them in an investigation. The man wears a coloured beanie, with what is believed to be a long black wig. He is clean shaven and speaks Afrikaans with a coarse voice. Anyone with any information in this regard is requested to contact the investigating officer, D/W/O C Coetsee on 018-299 7326.

Farmers learn about Permaculture

Rustenburg/ Phokeng – Tlholego Learning Centre and Eco Village is conducting an International Permaculture Design Certification Course that will run from 27 November – 10 December 2011 as part of efforts to ensure that farmers are aware of environmentally friendly agricultural methods. A total of 45 participants are currently attending the two week Internationally recognised Permaculture Design Course at the Tlholego Eco Village, which is situated on the R52 Koster Road. Participants from as far afield as Swaziland, Cape Town, Zimbabwe, Limpopo, Kwa-Zulu Natal, Eastern Cape, Gauteng and North West are taking part in the training course.

CMP 7 conference, which is being held in Durban. “We are happy that we are running this training course at a time when the whole of South Africa is focused on the conference on climate change that is taking place in Durban because the two are linked. Essentially, the training is all about making farmers aware of some practices and methods that are environmentally friendly. We are happy that there are a number of participants from a lot of areas, some from outside the country,” Stephne said.



The Royal Bafokeng Platinum Mine has sponsored 26 members from four Bafokeng villages – Chaneng, Mafenya, Rasimone and Robega – for training as well as ‘The Mystery Farmers’, who are a great example of enthusiastic young emerging farmers. Speaking to Platinum Weekly, Stephne Fain – the Programme Director of Tlholego Learning Centre and Eco village – said the training is appropriate as it coincides with the COP 17/

The Permaculture Design Course (PDC) is based on the internationally recognised 72 hour Permaculture Design Curriculum and fulfils the requirements for a Permaculture design certificate which is endorsed by the International Permaculture Institute of Australia. Successful completion of this PDC gives you copyright of the term permaculture to use in your business and home activities.

For more information, contact Stephne Fain (Programme Director Tlholego Learning Centre and Eco Village) on 072 118 7357.

Carols by Candlelight

Rustenburg Rusoord – a non-profit organization – hosted a successful Carols by Candlelight picnic on 4 December 2011 which was aimed at raising funds for their old age home.

said Suzan Oosthuizen, one of the organizers of the event. “Next year we want to make it bigger and better. It will be held on the first Sunday of December and we will try and raise more money for the Christmas lunch that we will provide for the aged,” she added.

The event – which was held at Impala Sports Ground in Fatima Bhayat Street – was successful in raising a lot of money which will all be channelled towards the upkeep of the elderly.

Entrance for the event was pegged at R5 for children and a gift and R10 for adults.

“It went wonderfully and we would like to thank the public, artists and everyone who was part of the event for making sure that it is a success,”

For more information or if you would like to donate, please call Suzan on 014 592 9218.

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Klerksdorp – Klerksdorp Police are looking for the 37 year old Pieter Willem Schalk Van Heerden, according to the information received Pieter left his home without any clothes since the 16 April 1999 and he never returned. If anyone has knowledge of this missing person please contact Sergeant Sam Smit from Klerksdorp Police station on: 018-464503 or 082 24160812 fax: 018-4645023

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North West – A warrant of arrest has been issued for Thabiso Legoale on charges of housebreaking and armed robbery. Anyone with information in this regard is requested to contact the investigating officer, D/Sgt Molokwane of Madikwe Detective Service on 014-553 9017 or 076-401 6687.

Info Bill – Yay or Nay?

State Security Minister Siyabonga Cwele again defended the Protection of State Information Bill and argued the intention was not to gag the media. Cwele said the controversial bill was not about regulating journalists. The National Assembly passed the bill in November, amid calls for a public interest clause. Cwele said such a clause would weaken the efficacy of the bill. “It is not about punishing the journalists. It is about the information which may be in the public domain and that there will be no recourse. If you can find a solution to that, how do we ensure that the sensitive information cannot be disclosed,” the minister said.

ship implications thought to have died with apartheid. “The DA has not given up. Far from it. We have fought against the bill since its inception and we will keep on fighting. This legislation has no place in a free and democratic South Africa,” Zille said.

He further defended the ANC and argued public consultations were conducted which informed the amendments to the bill. “Anything, really, if it is valid, we will always consider it. We have been engaging. When we started the bill, the previous version of the bill, we were quite far apart,” he said. Meanwhile, Democratic Alliance (DA) leader Helen Zille committed her party on Thursday to fight the Protection of State Information Bill on several fronts. “Black Tuesday”, when the bill was approved by the National Assembly, would one day be seen as a turning point in South Africa’s democracy, she told a media briefing at Parliament. “Whatever happens in the months ahead, Tuesday will be remembered as the day that the ANC voted against media freedom, a cornerstone of our democracy.” Some people had resigned themselves to a future under the act, with the censor-

Among other things, she had asked President Jacob Zuma for an urgent meeting to discuss the immediate as well as the far-reaching implications of the bill for South Africa. “News of the vote in the National Assembly has been covered worldwide. Human Rights Watch, for example, described it as ‘a blow to freedom of expression and democratic accountability’,” she said.

The response of the international currency markets was immediate. The rand slumped to a 30-month low, which analysts attributed to growing international reservations about South Africa’s future. In the meantime, in just 48 hours, approximately 10 000 people have sent an e-mail to President Jacob Zuma from AfriForum’s webpage www.thebillstopshere.co.za to voice their protest against the controversial Protection of State Information Bill. The 10 000 mark was surpassed at 15:45 the same day, said Ernst Roets, Deputy CEO of AfriForum.

be just the beginning of the campaign. The overwhelming response shows how strongly the public are opposed to the Bill and how out of touch the ruling party is with the public’s frustrations over this issue.” Roets urged people to visit the webpage at www.thebillstopshere.co.za and to raise awareness through social media. People can also text the word “STOP” to 38655 to make a donation to the legal costs for a Constitutional Court application, should the Bill be signed by the President. The e-mail addressed to the State President reads as follows: “I, the undersigned South African citizen, would hereby like to state my concern with the so-called Protection of State Information Bill. I am of the opinion that the Bill in its current form will be detrimental to accountability and effective governance in South Africa, that it will have a negative impact on the fight against corruption, and that it will severely curtail the role of the media as a watchdog of society. I hereby request that you prevent this Bill from becoming a law by refraining from signing it.”

The e-mail petition is part of AfriForum’s five-point plan to stop the Bill from being enacted. The plan can also be found on the webpage.

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