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Reporate cut down 25 basis points

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The Reserve Bank has reduced the repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.25% in line with market expectation. Announcing the decision on Thursday (16 January), South African Reserve Bank Governor Lesetja Kganyago noted that the domestic economic outlook remained fragile.

"Despite a rebound in local GDP in the second quarter of 2019, GDP contracted in the third expected to show some positive growth," he said.

Despite this, he said, the Monetary Policy Committee of the SA unanimously decided to reduce the repurchase rate by 25 basis points.

Kganyago said, however, monetary policy actions will continue to s on anchoring inflation expectations near the midpoint of the inflation target range in the interest of balanced and sustainable growth.

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Fake tender advert warning, NW Health

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The North West Health Department has distanced itself from a fake fumigation tender advert circulating on social media.

The advertised tender for fumigation, supposedly for a certain health facility in the province, is littered with spelling and grammatical errors.

"Social media users have been left to believe the officials of

the department are incompetent. The advert is damaging to the image of department. "The North West Health MEC, Madoda Sambatha, has called

on law enforcement agencies to pursue such scammers and bring them to book," the department said.

The department reminded the public that all tenders below R2 million are done at the district, and below R500 000 at facility level. Sambatha warned young people, especially matriculants and those looking for jobs, to be vigilant against scams related to the intake of nursing students and advertisement of jobs in the health facilities.

No registration fee required for NSFAS qualifying students

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Higher Education, Science and Technology Minister, Blade Nzimande, says all National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) qualifying students do not have to pay upfront registration fees at universities or colleges.

"The fact that for the first time NSFAS is able to say you qualify, it means therefore, when you go to register when you've been accepted, you've got proof to say, 'I don't have to pay registration'.

Nzimande said that NSFAS has received a record-

breaking number of applications by the closing date of 30 November 2019, with more than 543 268 firsttime applications (prior year 428 929), received from applicants across the country, with majority of the applications online via the myNSFAS portal.

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Brand new 2020 Blank Space Art competition kicks off

RUSTENBURG HERALD - RUSTENBURG - It is 2020, the once called "new" millennium is already 20 years old and once again we're at the beginning of a brand new year. Rustenburg Herald/Bonus invites all art enthusiasts to take part in this year's Blank Space Art competition which is presented by Rustenburg Herald/Bonus in collaboration with Pick 'n Pay Beyers Naudé and Greystone Crossing.

Once again prize-money of R1 000 is up for grabs at both stores respectively every month with an additional grand prize of shopping vouchers to the tune of R10 000 at each of the participating stores towards the end of this year. Withing the next week or so, our readers will be introduced to the two overall winners of the 2019 Blank Space Art competition when the presentation of the prizes takes place. Keep watching

Rustenburg Herald and Bonus. To be next in line to win, you have to do is to use the Blank Space provided every week in the Rustenburg Herald and create your ORIGINAL artwork on it or attach your art work to it. Remember no photo copies are allowed. You can use any medium, chalk, pen or pencil, paint, glass, ceramic, wood, plastic or whatever you can think of. There is no entry fee and your can post/enter your art at any participating store of Pick n Pav (Grevstone Crossing or Lifestyle Square in Beyers Naudé Avenue).

You may enter as many ORIGINAL art works as you wish. A closing date for the competition will be announced soon. Let's get those entries rolling in...



One of our first entries for the 2020 Blank Space Art competition - the artist is Kinglsey Chidawati.



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Father, grandparents in court for sexual abuse

BONUS - RUSTENBURG – A grandfather and grandmother will join their son-in-law in the dock when the son-in-law appears in court again on charges of rape and sexual abuse. The alleged victims are aged eight and ten.

During June 2019 the grandmother of two children reported to the SAPS in Rustenburg that her son-in-law allegedly raped and sexually abused her two grandchildren. The suspect, a 43-year old male was arrested and since appeared in the Rustenburg Magistrate's Court. The case was remanded several times, and is scheduled for another court appearance on 21 January 2020. The suspect was not granted bail.

During the ongoing investigation in this case, it was determined that the grandparents have been aware of the ongoing rape and sexual molestation since 2013, but did not report it. Subsequently, the court issued warrants of arrest for the grandparents during December 2019 and they were arrested on 31 December. The suspects briefly appeared in court on 2 January 2020 and their case was remanded until 31 January. In terms of the Act on Sexual Offences, the grandparents were expected to immediately report these crimes of rape and sexual abuse once they became aware of it. "Their failure to report these crimes, constitutes a criminal offence in terms of the law, as there is a legal obligation to report sexual offences against minors

when a member of the public becomes aware of this. The grandparents and parents were living together since 2013 in Randfontein. They moved to Rustenburg where they also lived together in East End for some time,"explained police liaison officer, capt Elsabé Augoustides.

According to information, the biological mother of the children left the suspect during June 2019 and moved in with another man. The children brought these incidents of rape and sexual abuse to the attention of the mother's new friend and he insisted it be reported to the SAPS. It was only then, during June 2019, that the grandmother also reported it to the Police in Rustenburg. The grandparents received bail of R 1000 each and will re-appear.

The Cluster Commander of Rustenburg, Maj Genl Arthur Adams condemned the incidents which he said were allegedly committed by the people who were supposed to protect them. He warned the public that they have a legal obligation to report acts of sexual exploitation of children immediately when they become aware - or otherwise face prosecution themselves.

Fifteen-year-old attacked by crocodile

BONUS - SWARTRUGGENS - A fifteen-year-old girl was attacked and apparently, quite severely bitten by a crocodile along the banks of the Elands River just outside Swartruggens towards Lindleyspoort Dam last Wednesday.

The girl's injuries were largely flesh wounds and is not life threatening. The shocked girl – Hesmarie van Loggerenberg - was treated on site and rushed to a Rustenburg Hospital where her wounds have been attended to and where she has made good progress since the incident. Here wounds are nonetheless, quite severe. Hesmarie's left leg was quite seriously injured and she is in a lot of pain caused by deep flesh wounds. She was undoubtedly very lucky to have escaped with her life, thanks to people who

didn't hesitate to jump into the river to help her. People have been warned to be careful and to be on the lookout for crocodiles when they are close to the river banks in the region. A report of another young girl being attacked by a crocodile during the course of last week, could not be confirmed before our going to print. Crocodiles are not uncommon in the South African interior during the height of the rainy season. The crocodile that attacked Hesmarie, is rumoured to have escaped from a crocodile farm in the region.





BONUS - BOITEKONG - A police Constable has been arrested and has already appeared in Court for the alleged conspiracy to Commit Rhino Poaching.

During a Crime Intelligence Operation in the evening of Tuesday (14 January), members of the Provincial Organised Crime intercepted four suspects, who were allegedly in the process of poaching rhinos at a Game Lodge in Boitekong, near Rustenburg.

According to information received from Provincial Police Spokesperson, Colonel Adéle Myburgh, the suspects, upon realising that they were cornered, three of them disappeared into thick bushes, police managed to arrest a 33-year-old suspect, who was the driver of the vehicle, a VW Polo.

"Upon further investigation, the suspect was identified as being a police Constable.

Amukelani Nkuna appeared before the Tlhabane Magistrates Court on Thursday (16 January) for the alleged conspiracy to Commit Rhino Poaching. He will remain in custody until his next court appearance on Friday (24 January)," said Myburgh. Furthermore the suspects are possibly linked to more cases of rhino poaching reported in Pilanesberg and more arrests are eminent. The North West Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant General Sello Kwena, congratulated the team for the arrest. He said that it is disappointing when a police member is arrested for the alleged conspiracy to commit a crime, but that unlawful and corrupt conduct will not be tolerated.



Sibanye completes Marikana restructuring, cuts 1142 jobs

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The Mining Group Sibanye-Stillwater said last week that it had completed the restructuring of its Marikana operations. In the process 1142 workers lost their jobs.

The company had announced in September from Lonmin earlier that year.



Sibanye CEO Neal Froneman. (Photo: Mining Weekly)

Several measures were adopted to reduce 2019 that 5270 jobs were at risk at the loss- the number of job losses, with 166 employees making Marikana platinum mine it acquired transferred to other operations. About 1612 were granted voluntary separation packages and another 53 opted to retire. "Approximately 1142 employees were ultimately retrenched and contractors were reduced by 1709," the company said in a statement on Thursday (16 January). Sibanye-Stillwater took control of the Marikana platinum mine as part of its acquisition of Lonmin, which was completed in June. "We are pleased with the outcome of the consultations with stakeholders, which the majority of the Marikana workforce for the projects continue to be profitable on a despite the necessary closure of some end a much longer period." The company said its three-month average period. The country's of life shafts, resulted in the preservation of Shaft 1B and a sweeping and vamping project depressed mining sector which operates some a number of jobs," said Sibanye CEO Neal would continue with limited operations until of world's oldest mines has been shedding Froneman. Froneman said the headcount the end of December 2020. The decision to jobs in recent years, as the economy battles reduction would lead to a "more sustainable keep operations going for the period resulted to attract growth, with the unemployment rate business which will secure employment for in the preservation of 329 jobs, provided that currently at 29.1%.

Body of 13-year-old boy discovered near Brits

BONUS- RUSTENBURG - Police divers, who were part of a search, discovered the body of Enock Mpianzi (13) on Friday (17 January) at about 09:45, about 3 km from where he was allegedly last seen on Wednesday (15 January), in the Crocodile river in Assem (Beestekraal), close to Brits.

According to provincial police spokesperson Colonel Adéle Myburgh Mpianzi was reported as missing on Thursday (16 January) and police immediately activated a search team consisting of police divers and K9 (Dog Unit), who searched until it became dark. The search continued until the morning until his body was recovered.

Initial information indicated that he was participating in a team building exercise,

where learners were divided into groups to build rafts and then placed them in the river, to drift about 100-150 meters downstream. The water current was strong and at some stage the learners went under water as they were drifting. During roll call by the teachers, it was realised that Mpianzi was missing.

A case of inquest is under investigation by police to determine the cause and circumstances surrounding his death.



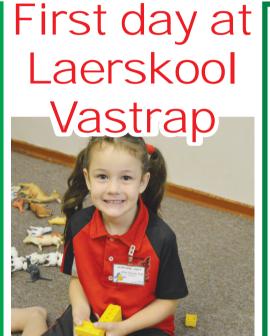
Elricho Plaatijes and Duncan Breedt with Teacher Trudie Killian on their first day at Laerskool



Angelica Gardner and Siyabonga Malangabi with Teacher Anneke Basson at Laerskool David Brink

Teacher Drienie Kruger and her class at Laerskool Vastrap on their first day at school: Maggie Bekker, Kiara-Lee Blignaut, Marizaan Corbett, Logan Diedericks, Divan Dodds, Abi du Preez, Wiahan Els, Danica Geyer, Mia Ihrck, Henrico Lange, Rocco le Roux, Luna Lewis, Kayleigh Mogodiri, Miguel Nel, Cheri Niemand, Emily

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Alissa van der Walt on her first day at Laerskool





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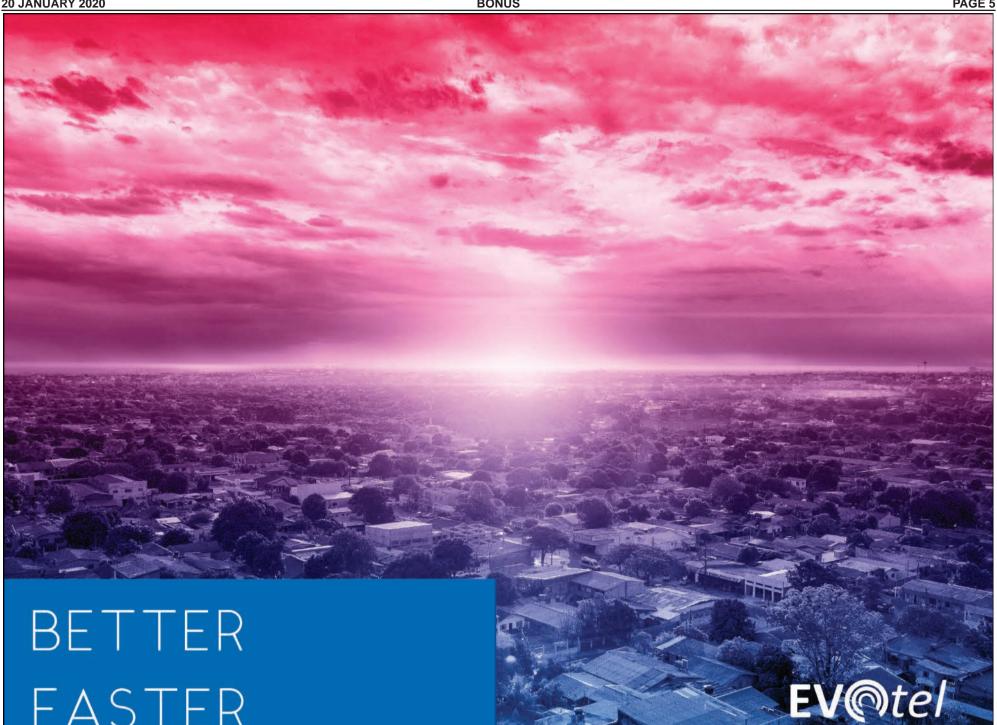


Johandré Heyneke on his first day at Laerskool Rustenburg.



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Ricardo Fourie came first in the 60m as well as first in the 80m for boys U/8 at the Interhouse Athletics Meeting of Laerskool Rustenburg on Friday 17 Januarie 2020.

Welcome at Wysneusie



Welcome to Teacher Angie du Plessis ("Otjie Potjie" class - 18-24 months) at Wysneusie Preschool.



Welcome to Teacher Lucinda Swanepoel ("Miertjie" class - 3-4 year old) at Wysneusie Preschool.









Michiel van Deventer, Minke Lombard, Pieter Nel and Johan Bossou completed the 15km Chris Vosloo Memorial run.



The much-anticipated Puma School of Speed Series will host five action packed meets between 22 January 2020 and 29 February 2020. Headed by the World's Fastest Man, Usain Bolt, the Puma School of Speed Series was launched in 2016 with the goal of identifying exceptional young South African athletes who believe that their future is #ForeverFaster. (Photo Credit: Tobias Ginsberg)

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Track and field stars will start the new year running with the much-anticipated PUMA School of Speed Series hosting five action packed meets between 22 January 2020 and 29 February 2020.

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Puma School of Speed #1 on Wednesday "We recently welcomed five junior track 22 January 2020 at Dal Josaphat Athletics and field stars, Garrick Rees, Miandi Van Stadium (Paarl); Puma School of Speed #2 Staden, Kayla van der Bergh, Dalan Oliphant on Saturday 25 January 2020 at Ruimsig and Lehlogonolo Ramokgopa as Puma Future Athletics Stadium (Johannesburg); Puma Stars for the duration of 2020," says Puma School of Speed #3 on Monday 27 January 2020 at PUK McArthur Athletics Stadium "These five athletes caught our attention (Potchefstroom); Puma School of Speed #4 after the 2019 Puma School of Speed Series. on Saturday 8 February 2020 at University of In addition to representing the brand, they Mpumalanga (Mbombela/Nelspruit); Puma will have access to Puma's elite running School of Speed #5 on Saturday 29 February ambassadors who will be on hand ready to 2020 at Bestmed Tuks Athletics Stadium



Eileen Shannon, Carin Pienaar and Jaco Pienaar completed the 15km Chris Vosloo Memorial run.



Mosese Motswaedi and Josia Senne of Run Walk for Life completed the Chris Vosloo Memorial run.



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Superhero Sunday: Hope it gets better

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Watching Sunday's matches in the Vodacom Superhero clashes, one try from Cornal Hendricks - who had a horrible could easily forget that most of these players were involved with South Africa's successful World Cup campaign.

'Old hands' making rookie mistakes, horrendous handling errors, ill-discipline and disheveled setplays were on display. Yes, there were moments of brilliance - but most of these came from a couple of exciting new additions. However, it is rather typical for a pre-season game and not too much should probably be read into the performances of the four teams. The respective coaches have their jobs cut out for them - with no serious red lights flashing.

In the first match of the day the Sharks took to the field against the Stormers, losing the game 19-21.

The Sharks showed positive signs that they were planning on switching back to the old Natal way of playing the game - attacking, attacking and some more attacking.

They also showed a willingness to be adventurous in a tightly fought game. Stormers coach John Dobson can also be kind of pleased with the performance of his team, specially with that of their own breakdown specialist, Nama Xaba. Siya Kolisi, playing in the unfamiliar position of No 8, showed what he could do as a carrier from that position and Herschel Jantjies, while walking away with the man of the match award, might have left the FNB Stadium feeling that he has some work to do on some of the basics of playing his position, particularly his passing.

In the second game of the day the Lions and the Bulls clashed. The game was sloppy in large parts, but nonetheless entertaining. The Lions' new signing, Duncan Matthews is definitely a player to watch. This former Bull is undoubtedly build for speed and comfort. Hopefully the very talented Tyrone Green will also see more play during the coming Super Rugby season. In the Bulls' camp, coach Pote Human must be very excited about their new acquisition, Divan Rossouw. Other teams should take note with caution regarding the abilities of this strong speedster. The Lions were unfortunate to lose the game 35-40 when they were on the brink of taking the game with 35-33. A perfect poacher

match up to that point - stole the game from the clutches of the Lions.

In a nutshell, all coaches can be satisfied that their teams performed reasonably well and that certain boxes were ticked - but there was also major reminders of where there is still work to do.

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- Lions vs Jaguares: 2 February 01:00
- Stormers vs Bulls: 8 February 17:15
- Lions vs Stormers: 15 February 15:05



Fans came out in their scores to enjoy a day of pre-season rugby at the FNB Stadium in Soweto for Vodacom Superhero Sunday. (Photo: SARugby.co.za)

Yet another Dan for Kancho Albert

Taking South African Karate and Martial arts to the highest level and obtaining yet another Dan Grading, Kancho Albert Venter recently visited Australia to train with Kancho Allen Bainbridge. Australia is one of the nine alliances connected to TSKKIA. Kancho Allen Bainbridge, a 60 vear veteran of Karate and a 50 vear affiliated member of KUGB was the Chief Grading Officer. For more information on this and other TSKKIA events contact TSKKIA Head Quarters at 082 463 1073, email: tskkia@gmail.com or visit the website at www.tskkia.co.za.

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