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Rare disease turns boy's life upside down

Reece Trumpelmann (11) was diagnosed with Gorlin-Goltz Syndrome in February. The disorder makes the Bapsfontein resident more susceptible to several forms of cancer, and he already has skin cancer. Read story on page 4

Water cuts expected

The water supply in much of Benoni remained stable on Monday night, contrary to a schedule released by the metro, saying water rationing would be implemented on that date. Council announced the water rationing measures in a bid to save water and to relieve pressure on the Vaal Dam, which is nearing crisis levels. Erik van Dijk takes a closer look at developments. **Read story on page 2**

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Charities receive golf day cheques

A cheque for R43 020 is handed over to Animal Lovers Project Swing (Alps). The funds were raised during the Benoni City Times Buco Rietpan Charity Golf Day, held at Ebotse Links recently. Seen here are (from left): Heila Brophy (City Times sales manager), Kevin van der List (City Times editor), Cassandra Barbosa (Alps founder) and Christo de Klerk (Buco Rietpan manager).

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A cheque of R43 020 is handed over to LifeLine Ekurhuleni. The funds were raised during the Benoni City Times Buco Rietpan Charity Golf Day, held at Ebotse Links recently. Seen here are (from left): Heila Brophy (City Times sales manager), Kevin van der List (City Times editor), Patricia Kekana (LifeLine), Gary Chapman (LifeLine) and Christo de Klerk (Buco Rietpan manager).

Water cuts planned across Ekurhuleni

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Despite warnings from the metro saying water rationing would start in Benoni on Monday night, numerous comments on Facebook the next day indicated the water supply remained stable.

Residents from at least Northvilla, Rynfield, Morehill, Farrarmere and Northmead took to social media saying the water supply in their areas remained on during the night.

The metro previously sent out a press release informing residents of water rationing, and attached was a schedule for

According to the statement, the metro was due to start with water rationing measures from November 7, in an effort to save water.

According to Themba Gadebe, the metro

spokesperson, the city has no choice but to take this step, as voluntary water saving measures by residents have averaged a savings rate of about 3.5 per cent a week, a far cry from the required 15 per cent.

"Recent rains have not significantly improved water levels. The country needs good rainfall for an extended period to come out of the drought of recent years," said Gadebe.

"Water rationing measures will initially be implemented from 9pm to 5am, starting from Monday, November 7.

"This means that there will be no water during this period in the affected areas. If these measures do not achieve the required 15 per cent, the metro will ration water during the day as well."

Gadebe was asked why much of Benoni did not experience water cuts on Monday night, as per the schedule, though at

the time of going to print, he had not responded.

According to the schedule, Benoni will be rationed as follows:

- Etwatwa: Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays
- Daveyton and Chief Albert Luthuli Park: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays
- Rest of Benoni: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Ekurhuleni announced water restrictions in September and further said it would start levying penalties for excessive water consumption as from October.

In terms of the restrictions, businesses were required to reduce their water consumption by 15 per cent of their average annual consumption, and households were not to exceed 25kl consumption per month.

'So far, about 3 000 business units and 41 000 households have exceeded their allocated water usage. Penalties levied during the month of October amounted to R1.7-million," said Gadebe.

FOLLOW-UP

"The metro urges residents to continue adhering to water restrictions and to implement water saving measures.

'Restrictions include no watering of gardens during the day, no use of hosepipes and no filling of swimming pools.'

Water saving measures include fixing leaking pipes, taking five-minute showers instead of taking a bath and using a cup to brush teeth.

Residents are also encouraged to report any water leakages or pipe bursts to the call centre, on 086 054 3000.

Gadebe said the metro is improving measures to respond timeously to water loss in public areas.

For any enquiries pertaining to water rationing and restrictions, and to report individuals who continue to disregard the current interventions, members of the public may use the following email: savewater@ekurhuleni.gov.za



Residents are able to recycle

Residents in Mackenzie Park can now recycle their waste paper using the green Ronnie bags.

According to Donna-Mari Noble, communications manager at Mpact Recycling, over 950 households in the suburb were supplied with detailed brochures, calendars and green Ronnie bags recently.

"The bags were distributed on Thursday, October 20," Noble said.

"The Ronnie bag programme is a weekly programme, which means that the bags will be collected every Thursday from the Mackenzie Park area.

"Bags are to be put onto the pavement by 7am each morning and will be collected during the course of the day." Mpact Recycling already

collects its Ronnie bags from most areas in Benoni, and Noble said parts of Benoni Agricultural Holdings will also be targeted in November.

For more information or to check the schedule for your area, visit www. mpactrecycling.co.za or call 080 002 2112.







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IN BRIEF SNIPPETS

Remembrance Day services to be held

At least three Remembrance Day services will be held in Benoni this week. Benoni High School will host one at the school, at noon, on Friday.

Another will be held at St Dunstan's College, at 10am for 10.15am, on the

People attending the one at St Dunstan's must RSVP to Joy Cousins on 011 749 1900.

Sunday will see a parade at the Reveille Shellhole, at 1 Moth Road.

People who would like to attend the Reveille event must be there by 10am at

This parade will see an historical address by Mike Strathern about the history of Remembrance Day.

Attend CPF AGM

The Benoni CPF will hold its annual general meeting (AGM) on November

The meeting is open to all residents, businesses, NGOs, NPOs, security companies, religious groups, sports groups, services clubs, and any other stakeholders who may have an interest in the fight against crime in the Benoni Police Precinct.

The AGM will be held at Kingsway Secondary School, on the corner of Duduzile and Phumula streets, Kingsway, at 6pm for 6.30pm.

For more information, contact Marinda Beukes on 082 920 1548.

Three injured in two-vehicle crash

A two-vehicle collision caused three people to sustain moderate injuries in Benoni South on November 3.

The incident happened on the corner of Liverpool Road and Bolton Street, at about 11.40am.

ER24 spokesperson Kelly Burchell said two males were injured in one of the vehicles.

The driver of the second vehicle also sustained injuries.

All three patients, who are believed to be in their 30s, were transported to hospital.

Two hurt in crash

Two people sustained minor injuries in an accident on the N12 highway on November 3.

The accident happened close to Atlas Road, in the traffic lanes travelling towards Johannesburg, just

ER24 paramedic Liam Hardy said four light motor vehicles were involved in the crash.

Hardy said of the four people involved, two sustained minor injuries.

Two of the patients were transported to the Life the Glynnwood Hospital.

Missing fathers wanted

The Department of Social Development's Daveyton branch is searching for the following parents:

•The father of Tinyiko Glory Ndlovu, born on March 3, 2001.

The mother of the child is Nomsa

•Father of Angie Mthombeni, born on August 22, 2008. The mother of the child is Basizeni Betty Mthombeni.

Attempts to find the fathers have been made, but have been unsuccessful.

Anyone with information can contact Adolph Rathobotha on 011 748 7600.

Looking to empower women

Penelope Masilela

The beautiful, smart and talented Shané Naidoo is due to make her second comeback on the runway at Miss South Africa 2017.

The Farrarmere resident is one of 26 semi-finalists vying for the coveted title, to be crowned at the Sun City Superbowl in March.

She said she entered the pageant again this year, because she feels her Miss South Africa journey isn't

"I still have an impact to make in my community and country," she said.

Naidoo said she wants to be Miss South Africa 2017 because she's confident that she'll make a real and tangible difference in the lives of many young South Africans.

The 24-year-old is passionate about youth development and women empowerment through

"Being a female engineer, I understand first-hand how women are often underrated and unrecognised," Naidoo

"I want the challenges that I have overcome and the lessons I've learnt to serve as an inspiration to the youth, so they can be inspired to live up to their full potential.

"Being crowned Miss South Africa will give me an opportunity to reach out to the community and spread a positive message to the youth," she said.

"I want 2017 to be the year that we shatter those glass ceilings and break the stereotypes - and stigma that still surround women today.'

The former Benoni High School learner prides herself in being graceful, compassionate and enthusiastic.

"I have a love for South

Africa and our people; and I would be proud to be an ambassador for our diverse country," she added.

South Africa is more than the glitz and glam.

Contestants attend workshops aimed at developing themselves in

"I've gained an abundance of knowledge and I look forward to implementing everything that I've learnt in the



workshops in the weeks to

Farrarmere resident Shané Naidoo is once again a semi-finalist for Miss South Africa 2017.

A sneak peek into Benoni's charity shops

Choosing your local charity shop as a Christmas shopping destination is a win-win.

Leading up to Christmas, the City Times will publish the locations of local charity shops

to help you save money, but more importantly - help local organisations.

To do this, we are calling on all Benoni-based charity shops to submit the following

SPCA Cheer Fund donations continue

Donations for the Benoni SPCA Cheer Fund have surpassed the R5 000 mark and are ongoing.

These people donated to the SPCA from the last week in October to November 7:

- Hershik (100)
- Tee (food)
- Mrs Thomas (400). In memory of the Thomas cats
- Cylee Nel (200). In memory of Smokes.

Anyone who donates to the SPCA and wants their donations to be published in the City Times, can email their name and the amount of the donation to sheinar@caxton.co.za

Each week, the previous week's contributions will be published.

The society is welcoming children and young adults between the ages of six and 18 years old, for an SPCA tour at a fee of R150 per person.

This money will be placed in the Cheer Fund and will be used to build a veterinary clinic on the premises.

The tour will be held every second Friday, from 2.30pm to 3.30pm, from October to January

Tour dates are: November 25, December 9 and 23 and January 6 and 20.

According to SPCA manager Vicky Finnemore, each person will receive a goodie-bag and an educational tour of the premises, at 3 Klein Street, Lakefield.

All the participants will be photographed during each tour and published in the City Times.

Entry fees are payable to the SPCA, with the child's name and surname, by the Wednesday prior to the Friday of the tour date.

information, which will be published:

- •Name of the organisation
- Shop's address
- Operating hours
- Contact details for each charity shop.

This information can be emailed to sheinar@caxton.

The following charity shops have already sent their details:

•Benoni SPCA Address: 3 Klein Street, Lakefield.

Operating hours: Every day, from 9am to 2pm.

Contact: 011 894 2814/5

•The Greater Benoni Child Welfare

Address: 1 Third Avenue, Northmead.

Operating hours: Mondays to Thursdays, 10am to 2pm. Contact: 011 849 5241

Hospice East Rand

Address: 216 Kemston Avenue, Western Extension. Operating hours: Saturdays, from 9am to 4pm.

Contact: 011 421 6292 Address: 17 Waterson Street, Rynfield.

Operating hours: Saturdays, from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Contact: 011 425 3970





Chimes regarded as the best establishment

George William Eaton built the Chimes Tavern in 1889 on the one and only claim he had left from the Chimes Gold Mine, number 335. The law at that time prohibited the holding of a liquor licence, but Eaton got around this by converting claim number 335 to a diggers' claim. The Chimes was built of wood and iron, as most of the buildings were at that time. Part of the original wall still remains today, behind a wooden partition in the foyer. Even though there were other hotels in the area, the Chimes was regarded as the best known establishment. It was frequented mostly by miners and - from gossip heard miners would get their wages each week, slap their pay packet on the counter and tell the barman to keep the food and drinks coming until there was no money left. The Chimes was sold several times, from Eaton to Morris Lasser Pessen, Mr and Mrs Hosiassohn, Mr and Mrs Knopf and Mr Koensgsfest, Jack Silbert and Ester (who changed the name to Transvaal Hotel) and Major Ron Howie and his wife (who called it the Chimes Tavern). In 1978 Mr Randy J Eurelle took over. In 1989 the Chimes celebrated its 100th birthday, with the Eurelle family still owning it. The tavern is situated on Van Ryn Road. Information supplied by Glynis Cox Millett-Clay.

Family fights illness

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Erik van Dijk

An 11-year-old boy from Nest Park can't go to school and has to constantly wear protective clothing to prevent worsening the effects of his skin cancer.

Reece Trumpelmann was diagnosed with Gorlin-Goltz Syndrome in February, and has been in the waiting rooms of numerous medical specialists and has undergone two operations, since then.

The disorder makes the Bapsfontein resident more susceptible to several forms of cancer.

Reece has to apply sun screen cream several times per day, and he has to wear special ultraviolet light-resistant clothing most of the

"In December we had a jumping castle here, and while the children were playing, another boy accidentally bumped into Reece, knocking him on his jaw," said his mother Marsha.

"Immediately there was a bump on his jaw, but we didn't think much of it.

"When we took him to a doctor, she said she couldn't help; he had to see a specialist.

'We took him to the Steve Biko Academic Hospital, where he was diagnosed with Gorlin-Goltz, and we were told the knock to his jaw had caused a tumour to grow.'

Since then the 11-year-old has had trouble with tumours developing on his jaw, eating away at the bone.

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up garage and carport.

"He's had two major operations to his jaw so far and has to go in again soon," his mother

Most of the manifestations of the disorder, including skin cancer, skin pits, skeletal abnormalities, jaw tumours and more have been observed in Reece.

She added: "Luckily he does not have a brain tumour, and we are still waiting to see whether his heart is affected, but the syndrome makes him susceptible to both."

Marsha noted Reece also needs a special diet and has to wear special shoes, to counter the effects of scoliosis, which is also a manifestation of the disease.

"There is no cure and he can't receive any chemo-therapy or radiation, because it can cause or worsen any cancer in his body, rather

At the moment, the family is waiting for the results of a genetics test, which will determine whether Reece has both strains of Gorlin-Goltz, or only one.

"If it's only one, the symptoms can be slowed with treatment," his mother explained.

"He's a very good boy and stays positive. "He has adapted well to it all. Going to a hospital, especially as often as he has to, is not nice, but he does it anyway.

Marsha said he hasn't been to school this

"Between the dangers of it and the time he has to spend with doctors or at the hospital, he simply can't go to school," she explained.

He can't take part in sport and many nights Marsha has to stay awake with her son when he can't sleep due to the pain.

"The tumours are far more aggressive than they should be," Marsha said.

Based on his documents, a doctor in the USA said it is the worst case she's ever seen; and she deals with this disease on a daily basis."

The nature of the disorder has also taken its toll on the family, including Marsha, Reece's father Bjorn and his sisters, Abigail (17) and Savannah (16) Trumpelmann.

Despite the new pressures created by Reece's diagnosis, Marsha and her children were prominently seen and involved in helping the community of Nest Park after it was hit by a tornado in July.

Reece has been treated at the Steve Biko Academic and Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic hospitals since his diagnosis in February.

His mother said she has been looking into the possibility of taking Reece to the USA, where treatment of Gorlin-Goltz is more extensive than in South Africa.

Marsha said the doctors in the USA will be able to save Reece's jaw, irrespective of the genetics test's results. The family was caught by surprise and did not have a medical aid scheme when Reece was diagnosed.

"We are looking at getting one, but it will be expensive due to his condition," she added.

The family will host a Christmas-themed fund-raiser for Reece in December, the details of which will be made available later.

For more information or to help Reece, contact the City Times on erikd@caxton.co.za









Co-founder of Moon Clothing SA, Maxine Tromp, is straight out of Benoni and shares her passion for fashion with fellow Benonians through her clothing

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Maxine Tromp is a fashionista who cofounded Moon Clothing SA.

The Pretoria Road-based business allows her to share her passion for fashion with others

BCT: Why did you choose to invest in Benoni?

MT: Benoni is where I was born and raised. My best memories include the Bunny Park castle, Korsman's Famous Ice-cream dates, Homestead Dam braais, Northmead Square movie nights and the best times at the Keg, in Lakefield.

Living in Benoni has contributed to who we are today; we are like our own little hip and happening village.

Benoni was cool way before Charlize Theron became famous.

BCT: Tell us about yourself?

MT: I am the daughter to Nichola and David and older sister to Damian Tromp.

I attended Arbor Primary School in Grade One, but moved to St Dominic's Convent in Grade Two, where I completed my school career in 2007.

I completed my degree in branding and visual communications at Vega School of Art

My final month internship was carried out at Elle Magazine in Rosebank (2009), where my passion for fashion blossomed.

I keep fit with a personal trainer on a weekly basis, consider drinking red wine a hobby (ha...ha) and I'm also a social media fanatic. BCT: You're 26 years old and you live in Goedeburg; tell us about your decision to establish Moon?

MT: I started my own clothing brand in 2013 with my mother.

We started sourcing clothes from overseas to house under our own label.

Since then, we have also locally manufactured some original Moon clothing items and will continue to do so.

BCT: Tell us about your successes and challenges in establishing the business?

MT: Every company has its challenges. For us, I would say getting stock ready for every season is essential.

Lots of planning and time is put into the manufacturing and buying process.

We are always evolving and make an effort to keep up to date with the times. We love the hype we get around our brand

and when customers are happy, we are

BCT: What are your plans for your career and dreams?

MT: Manufacturing locally has always been something we have been working towards. Once we fully manufacture locally, we will be able to showcase at the South African Fashion Week (SAFW) pop-up shops. Walking on the runway is a huge opportunity and a future goal which we are striving

We are also looking to open a new shop in the near future.

We will continue bringing new quirky items into our Moon store and within the next five years, we wish to be a sought-after player in the local SA fashion scene.

The next spotlight is on... Tell us who to feature next. Email suggestions to benonicitytimes@caxton.co.za

A focus on safety and security ahead of the festive season

Several entities gathered at Lakeside Mall on Saturday morning to share safety and security information with shoppers ahead of the festive season.

The SAPS, EMPD, Fidelity Security Group and Capitec Bank were seated at entrance five of the mall, to answer questions from the public.

Booklets were also handed out at the doors of each entrance, for those who didn't approach the stands for further information. Several tips were given.

As you shop

- Don't carry large sums of
- Try to use bank cards when purchasing.
- Don't carry your cellphone and wallet in your back pocket
- Ensure that you have all your belongings before leaving a store.
- Report suspicious people, behaviour or situations to the mall security.
- Don't leave valuables in trolleys and be careful of scams where strangers stand in passageways and offer you discounts on goods found in

In the parking lot

- Roll up the windows and lock your car doors.
- Check the doors by hand after locking with a remote.
- Don't leave valuables in the
- Be aware of your surroundings and have your keys

out and ready when approaching your vehicle.

• Don't linger once getting into your car and never leave children or animals unattended in

"Park near other cars and ensure that your car is locked after pressing the button, because jams can happen despite the car making a noise - when in fact, the doors aren't locked," said Fidelity Security Group operations manager Anrich du Preez.

Safety tip on bags

- Don't give your bag to anyone who approaches you.
- Always zip your bag, never leave it unattended and minimise the items you carry in your
- When loading a vehicle, place your bag inside the car, on the

Be careful at ATMs

- Never make large cash withdrawals.
- If you see somebody suspicious lingering around an ATM, walk away.
- If anything suspicious happens, cancel the request and
- Never leave your receipts in the machine, and if you are bumped or distracted while using an ATM, cancel your transaction; make sure you have the right bank card and leave.

"Using credit cards ensures safety, because Capitec's cards have a chip and pin," said Capitec service consultant, Lempe Lekubu.



SAPS's Const Zunickha Essakjee (left) and Const Happiness Vilakazi stand with the EMPD's Const Shadrack Ndwalane.

Losing a child in a mall

- Ask a mall security guard to
- Produce a photograph of your
- Try to remember if your child tried to go somewhere or spoke to someone. Always label your child's clothing with a reachable contact detail.

"If at all possible, leave small children at home with a trusted babysitter," said Capt Nomsa Sekele, the Benoni SAPS spokesperson.

"Never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to restrooms.

"Teach your child to go to a shop clerk and ask for help, in case your child is separated

- Do's and don'ts on escalators
- Step on and off carefully Hold the handrails and hand
- of any child with you Always face forward Never sit down and always
- keep hands, feet and clothing clear of moving parts.

Some emergency numbers are: EMPD Call Centre: 011 999

- Fire and Emergency Services: 011 458 0911
- Municipality Customer Care: 011 999 6322
- Emergency: 10 111 • Ambulance: 10 177

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Backlog issue littered with questions

A statement by the South African Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) has disputed the notion that the workers are to blame for the current delay in waste removal in Benoni.

Lindani Sibiya, a spokesperson on behalf of Samwu, said the workers were never deliberately working slowly to increase their overtime pay.

In a previous article, Clr Jacques Meiring (Ward 27) was quoted as saying: "We've been told workers were deliberately

working slowly, to increase their overtime pay.'

"Now, the department has stopped hat, meaning everyone has to stop working at normal knock-off time.

"This is causing a massive backlog issue."

Sibiya said the municipal employees could not previously finish their work on time, because of a lack of manpower and trucks.

"They then said we have to stop work at 3.30pm exactly, but they did not present a plan to prevent a backlog from developing," Sibiya said.

"There is no strike, it boils down to miscommunication between the workers and management."

Clr André du Plessis (Ward 23) previously said there is a strike at the Benoni Depot and, on November 7, he said it was still ongoing, as far as he knew.

Du Plessis said the workers do not want to call it a strike, but it is a cessation of work.

According to Clr Kabelo Mahonko (Ward 24), many

FOLLOW-UP

areas in her ward are still skipped or collected too late.

There is no flow to the collection, and then people start dumping their rubbish in open spaces," she said on November

Sibiya said: "We are waiting for management to come back to us with a date for a meeting, to discuss the issue around the current backlogs developing in Benoni.







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Recycling - the wise way to save Earth

So you've just finished your box of muesli.

You have two options: bin the box or recycle it. Let's say you bin it. What then?

Well, your empty box ends up in one of the growing, toxic landfills near you.

Your other option is to recycle it, an action defined by the National Waste Management Strategy document as "the separation at source of recyclable materials from the general waste stream and the reuse of these materials. The objectives of recycling are to save resources as well as reduce the environmental impact of waste by reducing the amount of waste disposed at landfills."

The good news is that between 60 per cent and 75 per cent of all manufactured waste can be usefully recycled, and here's how starting your own recycling

initiative at home or at the office can help our planet:

 Recycling saves landfill space. With landfills in South Africa reaching their maximum capacity, recycling should be a top



priority for each and every South African, especially given that recycling just one tonne of paper saves three cubic metres of landfill space. And once an existing landfill has reached its capacity, new

ones are set up at huge cost to tax payers, and closer to your own neighbourhood than before.

Recycling reduces

greenhouse gas emissions. According to a US survey, landfills are the largest human-caused producers of methane, a significant greenhouse gas that is 20 times more potent in trapping heat in the atmosphere than carbon dioxide. Since methane has a lifespan of just nine to 15 years, reducing methane emissions is thought to be an effective way of reducing climate warming in a relatively short period of time. In 2009, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 25 million metric tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions were eliminated through the recycling of more than seven million tonnes of metals.

• Recycling spares our



Recycle as much as possible.

natural resources. Recycling reduces deforestation and saves the natural resources used to provide materials for paper, glass containers and aluminium cans. In fact, it has been estimated that recycling half the world's paper would prevent the harvesting of 81 000 square kilometres of forestland.

 Recycling saves energy. When we send our recyclables to landfills, raw materials must be obtained to replace them. This is done through energy-intensive processes. Recycling reduces the need for new materials, resulting in energy savings like these; one recycled tin

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saves enough energy to power a television for three hours, while one recycled glass bottle saves enough energy to power a computer for 25 minutes.

• Recycling saves money. On a government level, landfill space costs money, but offers no monetary return on investment. On an individual or corporate level, recycling significantly reduces your general waste, in turn reducing your waste disposal costs to landfills. Since recyclables have a value, disposing of your recyclables will always be cheaper than disposing of waste to landfills. In other

words, the cost of setting up a recycling initiative can be offset by a saving in your general waste disposal.

 Recycling provides employment. Recycling provides employment for millions of people worldwide. In South Africa especially, where 60 per cent of our unemployed citizens don't have matric, we need a large number of low-skill jobs. So increasing the recycling industry in South Africa would directly and positively impact on these people's chances of finding employment.

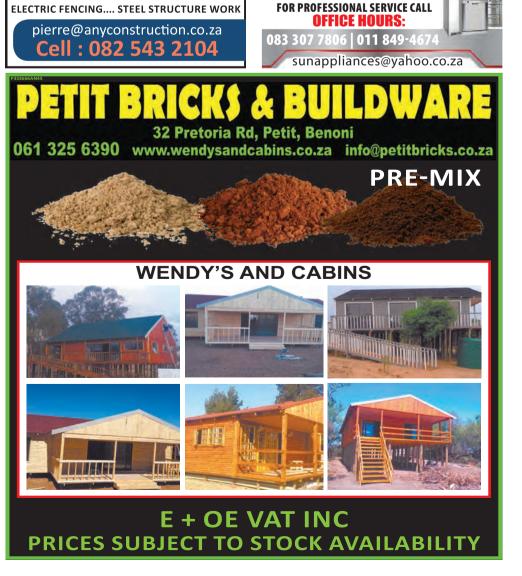
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Heart of gold at 90

Sheina Razack

Daphne Marsh was born in Benoni and celebrated her 90th birthday at the Benoni Country Club on Friday night (November 4).

She became a member of the Benoni Country Club in 1952 - she is still a member there and was an avid golfer for 35 years.

Marsh lives on her own in Northmead.

Daphne met her husband, Terence Marsh, in 1944 and they married in 1945.

Terence died five years ago.

Together they had two children: Cuan and Trevor Marsh.

Daphne had a hairdressing business, but gave it up to spend more time with her children.

She has five grandchildren: Camy Lopez, Terence, Lee-Ann, Nicholas and Jordan Marsh - and four great-grandchildren: Kaitlin Lopez, Taryn, Kayden and Skyla Marsh.

"Daphne is a most wonderful and amazing lady, who values her family highly; family is everything to her," said her granddaughter, Lee-Ann Marsh.

'She has a love for animals, socialising with friends, enjoys family outings and going to the Benoni Country Club for socials with friends."

The Marsh family said she is known to have a heart of gold and is a true woman, who always dresses beautifully.

'She really is the queen of her family and we are blessed to have her in our lives." Lee-Ann added.

Marsh is also a fan of opera music and enjoys watching sport.



Birthday girl Daphne Marsh stands with local entertainer Don Mackay, at her 90th birthday party.

Licensing officers released on bail

The 12 licensing officers arrested for fraud and corruption will again appear in the Benoni Magistrate's Court on January 27.

They were released on bail on October 25.

The Hawks made seven of the arrests at the Benoni Licensing Department on October 18, while the other five went on the run, but were arrested the same day, near the Benoni Traffic Department.

This came after a year-long countrywide anti-corruption operation by the National Traffic Anti-Corruption Unit.

Operation Crocodile was aimed at clamping down on rogue traffic licensing officials selling driver's licences and learner's licences at traffic departments.

The 12 officials have been charged with fraud and corruption.

Hawks spokesperson Captain S'fiso Nyakane said the 12 had allegedly pocketed thousands of rand by selling licences to people who had either failed their tests or were desperate to obtain a driver's licence but had not undergone driving tests.

"Seven of the suspects were arrested while on duty and the

FOLLOW-UP

runners were arrested near the Benoni Traffic Department," said Nyakane.

He said such greed by government officials could not be tolerated.

"How many people are driving with illegal driver's licences on our roads?" he asked.

"How many people have lost their lives because of greedy government officials who want a quick buck [while] disregarding the safety of road users?'





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Benonians respond to help disadvantaged

Benonians have been responsive to the plea for help from Audrey Todd, of Care and Share.

"I am very happy and appreciate all the help we are getting," Todd said.

She added that they have received many sweets and Vienna sausages and can now tick these off the list of things they still need for the Christmas party they are planning for orphans from Putfontein informal settlements.

They have also received white T-shirts for the children, who have increased to 120 in number, but are still in need of cool drinks, long rolls, small

packets of chips, tomato sauce, margarine, serviettes and cake boxes in which to put the children's food.

Benoni High School pupils will be assisting Todd and her staff on the day.

"We are getting many people who want to volunteer on that day, but, unfortunately, there are people who've already been assigned," she said.

The party will be held from 1.30pm to 4pm on December 3, at the Putfontein Police Station, to celebrate and shower love on the children. To assist, contact Todd on 079 852 3218 or Chris Venter on 081 519 9070.

Stitch together support

Kids Haven is requesting help to have their sewing machines serviced.

The organisation hosts a once-a-week sewing group at the centre, for community members.

They received a donation of six sewing machines at around 2003, but only three are currently working.

'We would appreciate it so much if anyone in the BCT community would assist us

to service all six machines, including the three that are not working, so that our sewing group can be even more productive," said Susan Daly, of Kids Haven.

"Kids Haven is a registered PBO and can provide a tax receipt for the value of the donation to get us working optimally again.'

For more information, contact Daly on 083 442 7717, or email to sued@kidshaven.co.za

Voice your opinion

Members of the community are reminded about the public participation meeting, hosted by the Ekurhuleni metro, regarding the possible sale or lease of the property on which the Benoni Country Club (BCC) is situated.

The meeting will be held on the night of Tuesday, November 22, at 7pm, in the main hall at BCC - to gauge the public's opinion on the possible development of the

land.

Public comments and recommendations on the possible sale or lease of the property must be in writing and sent to the official, James Geldard (Benoni Customer Care Centre), by Thursday, December 1.

Emails can be sent to james. geldard@ekurhulei.gov.za, or delivered to Room 124, 47 Elston Avenue at the Benoni Customer Care Centre.



WEATHER

Gale force reaches Benoni

Clive Webber

Eight days in October reached 30°C

Graph One shows:

- •Temperatures: 30 minute averages through all days (red) and dew point (green).
- •Wind Speed: Daily averages
- •Wind Direction: (yellow). •Atmospheric pressure (barometer): For every half-hour

Daily temperature changes plus total daily rainfall.

Weather highlights

Temperatures and rainfall: Eight days reached a maximum temperature of 30°C or over.

Most of the rain for the month fell in the second half of the month (Graph Two), with the monthly total of 56.4mm being much better than October last year (total of 27.2mm), but still noticeably less than the

WEATHER MAN

Clive Webber

(Table One). Winds: The month was windier (Table One) than last

mm

year October, when the average wind speed was 4.8km/h.

Wind speed reached moderate October 22

| Graph Two shows: | | long-term average of 72.6mm | | | gale force on | | | |
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| Table 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Month: OCTOBER 2016 | | Reading | Date | Time | Units | | | |
| Temperatures | Highest | 33.7 | 31 | 14:00 | °C | | | |
| | Lowest | 2.8 | 4 | 06:30 | °C | | | |
| | Month ave. | 18.8 | | | °C | | | |
| Wind Speed | Highest | 51.5 | 22 | 22:30 | Km/h | | | |
| | Month ave. | 5.2 | - 1 | | Km/h | | | |
| Wind Direction | | N | | | | | | |
| Rainfall/Precipitation | Month Total | 56.4 | | | mm | | | |
| | No of not days >0.2mm | 10 | | | mm | | | |

Dates & Times for: Sunrise, Sunset & Lunar Phases for November

Highest daily ppt.

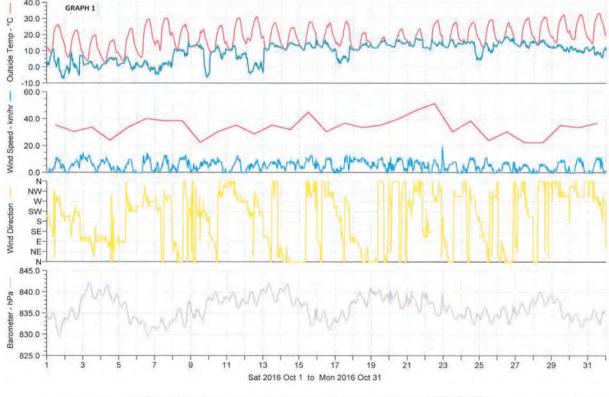
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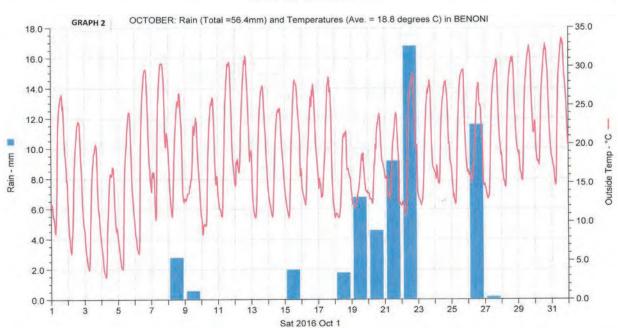
| Date | Sunrise | Sunset | Length of Day | Lunar Phase | Comments |
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| 1 | 05:21 | 18:20 | 12h59 | New Moon | |
| 7 | | | | First Quarter | |
| 14 | | | | Full Moon | |
| 21 | 05:11 | 18:34 | 13h23 | Last Quarter | |
| 29 | | | 1 1 1 1 1 1 | New Moon | |
| 30 | 05:10 | 18:41 | 13h31 | | |

18.8

72.6

NB: The length of daylight increases by 32 minutes during the month.





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What tips do you have for people for them not to over spend this festive season?



THOKOANE

Daveyton: People must have a budget. Instead of buying gifts, people should make gifts. This is a cost-effective way of spoiling somebody this festive season.



MASEKO

Tsakane: Instead of eating at a restaurant, people should cook at home. You can also save money by stopping yourself from buying expensive gifts.



Sotshintsi

Tsakane: Spend quality time with family. Instead of attending parties, create your own entertainment at home. This works out a lot cheaper.



GRIMLEY

Brentwood Park: Planning is key. Accurate budgeting, taking advantage of specials and living within your means is important.



RIDLAND

Boksburg: Don't buy a Christmas tree; rather make your own Christmas decorations. Make sure that you spend more time with your family.

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Own up to accident

"Concerned citizen" writes:

On Monday, October 3 at 4.50am, my wife was driving to Planet Fitness for her morning workout.

She has been witness to numerous speedsters who ignore the red traffic light and cross the approaching intersection from the bridge side on Main Road, causing her to brake or wait to check that they do stop at that

A person driving a darkcoloured Land Rover SUV skipped the light at high speed.

My wife did not see the driver - they were driving that fast.

With the car being dark in colour, she collided with this motorist, causing the SUV to swerve uncontrollably.

It turned out to be a blatant hit-and-run case.

Fortunately for cameras, we were able to see the incident and suggest that the offender come forward and own up and no further charges will be laid against

It is shocking how guilt can overpower a person's rationale.

I could have had a wife trapped in her car and fatally injured, and this irresponsible person would have driven away.

I wonder how this person would feel if their loved one was in my wife's situation.

Please warn readers not to take traffic lights that are green as being safe to cross, but to still look left, right and left again.

Thank you for your help

and supported us,

Danie and Engela write:

My wife and I were involved in an accident on Pretoria Road, on the corner of Pretoria and Vlei roads, on Sunday, October 30.

We wish to convey our thanks and appreciation

to all the motorists and

God bless you all! bystanders who assisted especially Rina who prayed and the EMPD for the for us and the woman who professional but humane brought my wife water to manner with which they

You all are heroes in our

A special thanks to ER24 approached and dealt with

Water department lauded; drivers said to have no regard

"Cambridge Street resident" writes:

This is a letter congratulating the water department on a job well done.

A huge water leak occurred on Tuesday November 1 on Cambridge Street, Farrarmere.

The road looked more like a river.

The phone at the call centre was answered quickly and within an hour the call

had been responded to; and the water switched off.

That evening the workers were there past 10pm and were back the next morning at 7.15am.

Our water was restored around 7pm, but the guys still carried on working through the rain and thunderstorm until around 10pm the second night.

They said they would be back in two days to check - and they were, so now we are just waiting for the huge hole on the pavement to be filled.

However, there were inconsiderate road users during the time the road was flooded.

They sped along splashing the CMS guys, workers and thrifty residents who were collecting the leaking water in buckets with absolutely no regard - and some were on their cellphones - a big thumbs down to you!

Councillor cares about suburb's wastage late into the night

Soula Foord writes:

On Sunday morning (October 30) I reported a leak in Western Extension, which was escalated by our councillor, Sinethemba Matiwane.

At 8pm that evening, I took a drive around the neighbourhood to see if there were any traumatised dogs running in the streets due to the awful big-bang fireworks.

I found our councillor standing at the water leak, very busy on his phone.

I stopped and said: "Themba, leave it for tonight, go home, they will come tomorrow morning," to which he replied: "No, this is fresh drinking water, they have to come tonight."

The Ekurhuleni team arrived and had to dig quite far to reach the problem,

which was sorted at almost 2am; and the councillor went home.

A few weeks ago, he had a massive leak fixed near the Dunswart Bridge, which people had been complaining about for a

My deep gratitude for his hard work, dedication and respect for this precious

CC needs to be saved

Ivor McCulloch writes:

A few months ago I approached the previous mayor "to save our Benoni Country Club" - I had no reply.

Now, as a senior member of BCC, I approach you, and beg you to set aside this ridiculous notion of

robbing the community of their only sanctuary, which, after all, was a gift to the community.

I implore both you and the developer(s) to visit the club on a weekend and to witness what you want to take away from the community.

We all know the

inadequacies of council infrastructure.

To propose a new development is pure lunacy. A wise prophet once said:

"The failure of mankind has

been greed!" Please let us not waste any more time or funds to prove

this point yet again.

Community to the rescue

"Anonymous" writes:

We all love to moan and complain how terrible society has become, but on Friday, October 21 members from my community showed that people do still care.

I took a dizzy turn while at PNA at the new centre on Pretoria Road and the car guards, a young man and Rynpark staff came to my

It is heartening to know that people do still care about those around them and I would sincerely like to thank those who helped me.

Suburb is on the mend

Mary Goby writes:

Western Extension decided to have a Halloween Walk in Russel Street, starting at Grapes Pub and Restaurant and venturing up to the urban market.

There were a lot of businesses and residents who stepped up to the plate

and donated sweets and prizes.

We are again very thankful to the CPF for being there, coordinating this and marshaling to protect the children on the walk.

Next year we want to make it bigger and get everyone involved; it was such a great feeling to have the residents and businesses join forces to bring back the community feeling.

Our children were safe and enjoyed themselves tremendously.

Watch this space, as Western Extension has lots of plans to do more activities in the area.

Your reactions online

Flying squad honoured

Bonginkosi Tshabalala Gift Bobo: Big up, Benoni Flying Squad is working hard. Siyabonga, God bless you, amen.

Taxi driver hit with wheel spanner in **Northmead**

Karen Chalmers: It was very scary and the guy didn't deserve it. He was an innocent driver.













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WHAT THE EXPERTS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT DAILY BEAUTY REGIMES

Beautiful and youthful skin

The Aesthetic Centre beauty salon, in Northmead, offers a wide variety of dermatological and anti-ageing treatments that will leave you and your skin feeling good.

Deep skin hydration:

The centre uses Restylane boosters, which are offered as a course of treatments.

These boosters are for a wide variety of skin types and can be used by both men and women to nourish and beautify the

Before the vital skin treatment begins, a numbing cream is applied to the skin which takes about 45 minutes to have its full effect.

Jacqui Stanley, of the anti-aging centre, said: "The treatment involves hydrating micro-injections of a gel-like substance called Hyaluronic Acid into the skin."

She added the substance is readily available in your body, but diminishes as you age.

"It is vital, because it hydrates your skin and increases its firmness and radiance."



The Visia Complexion Analysis scans the skin and then provides an extensive report of its appearance while documenting improvements.

To apply the Restylane booster, a vital injector is used, which injects a fixed dose of the Hyaruloric Acid at a standard

Stanley said the injection sites

stimulate the fibroblasts in the skin, which, in turn, encourage an increase of collagen in the skin - and this is when the magic

"Collagen has an anti-ageing

effect which improves skin texture, the size of your pores as well as pigmentation," said Jacqui.

After the injection there is likely to be some bruising from the needles, that may last from three days to a week; a small price to pay for the lasting glow you gain.

A note from Dr Jenny Irvine of the centre

It is recommended to have this treatment for three consecutive months and then a follow-up maintenance treatment of the same nature to ensure that optimal results are achieved and your skin is left looking and feeling glamorous.

And then there's the Visia Complexion Analysis device, which provides a complete report of your progress.

This device scans your face and, through images, reveals all the areas that have improved, like wrinkles, spots, smoothness, UV spots, the amount of superficial pigmentation and red areas which indicate the overall health of the skin. MM



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Diabetics: know what to eat

Knowing what to eat can be confusing for a diabetic.

Everywhere you turn, there is news about what is or isn't good for you.

But a few basic tips have weathered the fad diets, and have withstood the test of time.

There is no end in sight to the debate as to whether grains help you lose weight, or if they promote weight gain.

Even more importantly, do they help or hinder blood glucose management?

One thing is for sure, if you are going to eat grain foods, pick the ones that are the most nutritious.

Choose whole grains. Whole grains are rich in vitamins, minerals, phytochemicals and fibre.

Reading labels is essential for this food group to make sure you are making the best choices.

Every time you choose to eat a starchy food, make it count.

Leave the processed white flour-based products, especially the ones with added sugar, on the shelves or use them only for special occasion treats.

Finding whole grain foods can be a challenge.

Some foods only contain a small amount of whole grain but will say it contains whole grain on the front of the package.

For all cereals and grains, read the ingredient list and look for the following sources of whole grains as the first ingredient:

Bulgur (cracked wheat)



Diabetics need to eat a healthy diet. Reading labels is essential for diabetics.

- · Whole wheat flour
- Whole oats or oatmeal Whole grain corn or corn
- meal
 - Popcorn • Brown rice
 - Whole rye



Popcorn is whole grain.

- Whole grain barley
- · Wild rice.

Foods high in protein such as fish, chicken, meats, soy products and cheese, are all called protein foods. You may also hear them referred to as meats or meat substitutes.

The best choices are:

- Plant-based proteins
- Fish and seafood
- Chicken and other poultry
- Cheese and eggs.

People with diabetes are at high risk for heart disease and limiting your saturated fat can help lower your risk of having a heart attack or stroke.

Foods containing saturated fat include:

- High-fat meats like regular ground beef, hot dogs, sausage, bacon and spare ribs
- High-fat dairy products such as full-fat cheese, cream, ice cream, whole milk, two per cent milk and sour cream
- Butter
- Cream sauces
- Gravy made with meat drippings
- Coconut and coconut oil Poultry skin.
- ☐ Information obtained from the American Diabetics Association



As a diabetic regular physical activity is important for your overall health and

Diabetics must exercise regularly

Regardless of the type of diabetes you have, regular physical activity is important for your overall health and wellness.

With type one, it's important to balance your insulin doses with the food you eat and the activity that you do, even if you are just doing house or yard work.

Planning ahead and knowing your body's typical blood glucose response to exercise can help you keep your blood glucose from going too low or too high.

Your blood glucose response to exercise will vary depending on:

- Your blood glucose level before starting activity
- The intensity of the activity
- The length of time you are active
- Changes you've made to insulin doses.

Sometimes people experience a drop in blood glucose during or after exercise, so it is very important to monitor your blood glucose, take proper precautions, and be prepared to treat hypoglycaemia (low blood glucose).

To learn how different types of activity affect you, you should frequently check your blood glucose before, during, and after an exercise session.

Put a trial and error system into place. For example, increased activity may mean that you need to lower your insulin dose or eat some extra carbohydrates before exercising to keep your blood glucose in a safe range.

Some activities may cause your blood glucose to drop quickly while others do

If your blood glucose levels are trending down before a workout, have a pre-exercise snack.

Always carry a carbohydrate food or drink (like juice or glucose tabs) that will quickly raise your blood glucose.

It may take a while to figure out what works best for you.

If your blood glucose level is less than 100 mg/dl before you start your activity, try having a small carbohydrate snack (about 15 grams) to increase your blood glucose and reduce your risk for hypoglycaemia.

This is especially important if you anticipate that your body's circulating insulin levels will be higher during the time you exercise and if you will be exercising for longer than 30 minutes.

If you use an insulin pump, you may be able to avoid adding an extra snack by lowering your basal insulin rate during the activity.

If you have repeated problems with your blood glucose dropping during or after exercise, consult your doctor.

☐ Information obtained from the American Diabetes Association

Diabetic patients can benefit from an eye test

Diabetes can dramatically affect one's vision, and is one of the most common causes of preventable blindness in South Africa. Diabetes affects about 2.28 million South Africans, and many more are still undiagnosed.

Diabetes leads to secondary eye complications such as diabetic retinopathy, cataracts and glaucoma, which contribute to more than 55% of vision loss cases. Diabetic eye screening can detect retinopathy early - before you notice any changes to your vision. Mrs Johannette Fraser, an optometrist in Rynfield, Benoni has a special

interest in diabetes and how it affects the eye, since both her parents are diabetic nationts. Mrs Fraser also has a certificate of advanced from the New England College of Optometry in Boston in Diabetic Eye Care Management.

Diabetic retinopathy occurs when diabetes affects the small blood vessels, damaging the retina which is found in the back of the eye. This damage to the blood vessels can cause the vessels to leak or become blocked, which then affects your sight.

Eye screening is a key part of diabetic health care. When diabetic retinopathy is caught early, treatment is effective at reducing or preventing damage to your sight. Most patients do not have any symptoms of diabetic retinopathy until they notice significant changes to their vision and often it is too late and damage has already been done. Another unknown issue is that at the stage of first diagnosing diabetes, 3 out of 10 patients already have undetected diabetic retinopathy.

Mrs Fraser's practice, Optimal Optics, has started a diabetic retinopathy awareness campaign in order to assist patients with monitoring, managing and preventing this sight threatening condition. For the Month of November, which is Diabetic Awareness month. Optimal Optics is running a promotion where you get 50% off on all frames when doing an eye test and updating your spectacles.

Optimal Optics is situated at 79 Pretoria Road, Rynfield, Benoni. For more information call 011 425-0077 and make sure you don't let diabetes ruin your vision.







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lan your life to minimise interruptions

Certain key practices will make life easier for everyone in the family when it comes to study time and study organisation.

However, some of them may require an adjustment for other members of the family.

Turn off the television. Make a house rule, depending on the location of the TV, that when it is study time, it is "no TV" time. A TV that is on will draw youngsters like bees to honey.

Certain rules should be set about the family phone during study hours. The more people in the household, the more restrictions on long and unnecessary phone calls are needed.

Designate specific areas for homework and studying. Possibilities include the child's room or the kitchen or dining room table. Eliminate as much distraction as possible.

Since many young people will study in their own rooms, function becomes more important than beauty. Most desks for young people really don't have sufficient space to spread out materials. A table that allows for all necessary supplies such as pencils, pens, paper, books, and other essentials

works extremely well. Consider placing a bulletin board in your child's room. Encourage the use of a small book or pad for writing down assignments so that there is no confusion about when certain assignments must be turned in to the teacher. Keeping general supplies on hand is important. Check with your child about their

Regularity is a key factor in academic success. Try to organise the household so that supper is served at a standard time, and once it and family discussions are over, it's time to crack the books. If the student doesn't have other commitments and gets home reasonably early from school, some homework can be done before supper.

Consider your child's developmental level when setting the amount of time dedicated to homework. While high school students can focus for over an hour, Grade Ones are unlikely to last more than 15 minutes on a single task. Allow your child to take breaks, perhaps as a reward for finishing a section of the work.

Teach your child that studying is more than just doing



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homework assignments. One of the most misunderstood aspects of schoolwork is the difference between studying and doing homework assignments. Encourage your child to do things

 Take notes when reading a chapter.

- Learn to skim material.
- · Learn to use study tables and

charts.

 Learn to summarise what they have read in their own words. · Learn to make their own

flashcards for quick review. Note-taking is a critical skill and should be developed. Many students don't know how to take notes in those classes that require them. Some feel they have to write down every word the teacher

says. Others have wisely realised the value of an outline form of note-taking. A home dictionary is essential, but if it is kept on a shelf to gather dust, it won't do anyone any good. Keep it in an accessible place and let your child see you refer to it from time to time. If the family dictionary is kept in the living room and the child studies in their room, get an inexpensive dictionary for their exclusive use.

Help your child to feel confident for tests. Taking tests can be a traumatic experience for some students. Explain to your child that cramming the night before a test is not productive. Better to get a good night's sleep. Students also need to be reminded that when taking a test, they should thoroughly and carefully read the directions before they haphazardly start to answer their test papers. They should be advised to skip over questions for which they don't know the answers. They can always return to those if there's time. Good advice for any student before taking a test: take a deep breath, relax, and dive in. Always bring an extra pencil just in case.

☐ Information obtained from www.childdevelopmentinfo.com

Children's activities that won't break the bank

The festive season is upon us and this is the one time of the year where children are at home for an extended period of time.

Planning fun activities that don't involve the mall will help keep children entertained without breaking the bank. Find free story reading sessions

Find out from your local library or any book lounge in your city, if they host free story reading sessions. Some libraries and book lounges also provide additional activities for the children, allowing you some free time to enjoy a quick catch-up with a friend while the kids listen to fairy-tales.

Ride, explore or picnic in the

A picnic in the park is the best way for you to catch-up on much-needed reading while the children stretch their legs

Stock up on DVDs and board

You won't always have the luxury of taking the children out of the house. On days like these it's best to hire their favourite block busters and pop them into the DVD for their own special "home cinema" day.

You could also borrow board games that will still stimulate their minds.









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ENTERTAINMENT

WHAT'S ON? DIARISE THESE DATES

November 11

Remembrance Day service, Benoni High School, Dalrymple Street, Northmead, noon (Office: 011 849 4129)

Remembrance Day service, St Dunstan's College, Rynfield, 10am for 10.15am, must RSVP (Joy Cousins 011 749 1900)

November 12

All Souls Church car boot and book sale, 42 O'Reilly Merry Street, Northmead, 8am until 1pm (Betty Chard 082 455 6752)

• Benoni Lions Club, diabetes and other blood testing, corner of Sixth Avenue and Second Street, Northmead, 9am until noon (David Featherston 082 457 8211)

November 13

Hospice East Rand Adventure Foodie Road Trip. Each vehicle will be charged to participate and the road trip will be completed in four East Rand towns, starts at 218 Kemston Avenue, Western Extension, 9am (Laura Kirsten 083 274 5288 or email to laura@hospiceeastrand.co.za)

 Uncle Tim's Art, Craft and Antique Market, Uncle Tim's Cabin, High Road, Brentwood Park, 9am until 3pm (Marietjie Pienaar 083 310 6138 or 010 590 8003)

 Remembrance Day Parade, Mike Strathern (93) will deliver an address on the history of Remembrance Day, Reveille Shellhole, 1 Moth Road, 10am (Garth Tighe 074 215 4442)

November 17

Diabetic Support Group meeting, 5 Ninth Avenue, Northmead, 6pm (Louise Choate 082 783 4792)

November 19

Hospice East Rand Tree of Memories,

Welsh Male Voice Choir and St Dunstan's College Choir to perform, Northfield Methodist Church, Aerodrome Drive, 7pm (Maureen Vosloo 011 422 1531)

November 22

Benoni CFP annual general meeting, Kingsway Secondary School, corner of Duduzile and Phumula streets, Kingsway, 6pm for 6.30pm (Marinda Beukes 082 920 1548)

November 23

East Rand Bird Club meeting, topic: "Expedition to Ayanganna tepui, Guyane, South America", guest speaker Mark Robbins, Benoni Library Auditorium, 7.30pm (Awie Coetzee 083 677 7097)

November 25

Uncle Tim's Christmas Night Market, Uncle Tim's Cabin, High Road, Brentwood Park, 6pm until 9pm (Marietjie Pienaar 083 310 6138 or 010 590 8003)

November 26

Bunny Park Craft Market, Pretoria Road, Rynfield, 9am until 2.30pm (Janine Richardson 072 713 3332)

November 27

Lemongrass Christmas Market, art and crafts, Christmas gift items on sale, Santa and children's entertainment, supports LifeLine Ekurhuleni, Benoni Host Lions Club and Sector Four CPF, 38 Russel Street, Western Extension, 10am until 3pm (Ivonne Taylor 083 284 4777)

November 29 to December 3

Norfest Christmas Market, more than 120 stalls, vintage car show, carols by candlelight, petting zoo and book sale, Northfield Methodist Church, corner

Aerodrome Drive and Webb Street, 9am (Jenine Pretorius 010 140 0210)

December 3

The Greater Benoni Child Welfare Christmas Market, arts and craft stalls, food stalls, stalls still available for a fee, book before November 18, 1 Third Avenue, Northmead, 10am until 4pm (Office: 011 849 5241)

December 9 and 10

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November 12

East Rand Business Women, Gala Brunch, dress code "Tea with the Queen", Birchwood Hotel, Boksburg, 9am (Glynis Holdsworth 082 901 2813)

November 16

Hospice East Rand has tickets for the Pantomime "Robin Hood", at the Joburg Theatre. Ticket price includes transport, bus departs from 218 Kemston Avenue, Western Extension, 9am (Laura Kirsten 083 274 5288)

November 25

Hospice East Rand comedy evening with Mel Miller, Ryan Whittal and Craig Caldwell, cash bar and burgers on sale, East Rand Italian Club, 74 Middle Road, Bartlett, Boksburg, 7.30pm for 8pm (Laura Kirsten 083 274 5288 or laura@hospiceeastrand.co.za)

December 3

Bokkie Park Craft Market, Southvale Road, Boksburg, 9am until 2.30pm (Janine Richardson 072 713 3332)

December 6

Methodist Homes - Eddy House one-day trip to the Walter Sisulu National Botanical Garden, Roodepoort, fee charged per person, excluding lunch. Depart from 133 Ampthill Avenue, 8.30am (Estelle Boshoff 011 421 2712)

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November 10

Accomplished South African guitarist Dan Patlansky, who was voted Male Artist of the Year 2015, will perform at the The Green Craft Bar, at 7pm.

Patlansky was also voted number four of 10 Best Rock Guitarists In The World by Total Guitar Magazine in December 2015, as well as one of the Top 20 Blues Rock Artists by Blues Magazine.

An entrance fee will be charged.

OUT AND ABOUT

Families celebrated Halloween at Pug Rescue SA on October 29. There were fun activities for children, with prizes for the best or scariest dog, the scariest couple and the scariest dog and owner. There was also a lot of food, drink and live entertainment on the day. The event served as a fund-raiser for the organisation. Rory (back, left) and Sharleen Williamson. Front: Kai Williamson (5).



Amy Novick (left) with Luke the pug, Malcolm Gaw and Aimee Zermatten.



Trefon (left) and Natasha Deftereos.



Malcolm Gaw (left), Georgette Brook with Pickle the pug, Audrey Kohl with Elle the pug and Wilfred Kohl.



Ella Sundelson (left), Jessie Catz, Ruby Mendelowitz and Hannah Berger.







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Angel voices join Drakensberg choir

Khutso Maphatsoe

Two Grade Five brothers from Farrarmere Primary School will next year further their schooling careers at the Drakensberg Boys Choir School.

Jonathan and Matthew Frattaroli auditioned for the school in September and are set to start there in January.

The twins recently received half-colours for cultural activities at the school.

According to their mother, Shirley Frattaroli, the idea of the boys singing came about when she had a discussion with them about doing other activities apart from sport.

'They decided they were going to join the choir at school," she said.

René Gouws, the choir conductor, was impressed with the twins and encouraged them to audition for the Drakensberg Boys Choir School.

The boys emphasised their love for singing in their choir at Farrarmere Primary School, and now they will be singing for the Drakensberg Boys Choir

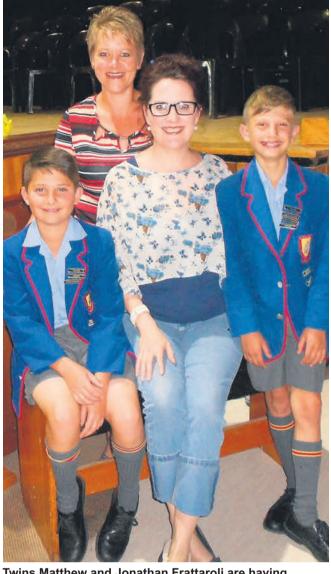
Frattaroli said that, of 1 600 auditions, the boys were among 30 selected to be in the choir.

According to the Drakensberg Boys Choir School, the twins are the only two who were chosen from Benoni for the year

Asked what they are most looking forward to, the 11-year-old twins said they are excited about participating in sporting activities, apart from the

"I'm very excited because we get to go overseas," said Jonathan.

Matthew added: "I'm excited about making new



Twins Matthew and Jonathan Frattaroli are having a ball in their school choir. They are seen with the school's René Gouws (back). Seen in front (from left) are: Matthew Frattaroli, Surita McWilliams and Jonathan Frattaroli.

friends."

They said they are not scared of moving far from home and look forward to the new experience.

"I'm excited; it is a fantastic opportunity, but I am sad they won't be with me," said Shirley.

According to Shirley, the twins received a rave response from the learners at Farrarmere Primary School when it was announced that they would be joining the boys choir.

"Choir has become very cool, the perception has changed," said Shirley.

"Now that the Drakensberg Boys Choir School has performed at the school, choir has become accepted, whereas, before, it was questionable.'

Shirley mentioned that the outcome of the changed mindset towards the cultural subject has led to Gouws being excited about the future of the Farrarmere Primary School Choir.



Benoni Christian School shows off equestrian skills

Zodwa Malherbe, a Grade Five pupil at Benoni Christian School, was recently awarded full sports colours for her performance in equestrian. She is seen with the school's principal, Alpheus



Ashton shares its news

The Ashton Junior College u-11 softball boys' team won the league for 2016. The players were due to participate in the Gauteng Championships, in Pretoria, at Crafford Stadium, on October 22. They are, back (from left): Joshua Classen, Cameron Hart, Matthew Smith, David Sanni and Aiden McAllister. Front: Omolemo Tlhoaele, Liam St.Clair-Hall, Admos Ndlovu, Nipho Ndlovu and Aayush Sharma.



These Ashton International College pupils are the senior prefect group selected for 2017. They are, back (from left): Calvin Borrageiro, Chad Bamford, Devon Erasmus, Siya Manentsa, Alex Gould and Kade Wood. Third row: Paul Raistrick (head boy), Tshepi Modiba (deputy head girl), Deepesh Kalan, Michael de Lange (deputy head boy), Jordan Delport and Bernard Khoury. Second row: Danielle Seebacher, Ashley Woolley (SRC chairperson), Taylor Labuschagne, Ashlyn Sequeira, Richelle Laing and Tatenda Potera. Front row: Rashmika Kalan, Daniela la Rosa, Alexis Taylor, Nikkara Padayachee, Ageel Sookaria and Michelle Erasmus (head girl).



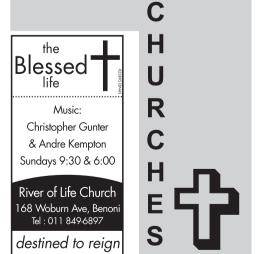
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Conradie's Ebotse 'rite of passage'

Pretoria amateur golfer Ruan Conradie called his wire-to-wire victory in the Race to Q-School's fifth event, at Ebotse Links, from Monday, October 31, to Wednesday, November 2, "a real rite of passage".

"I've won a lot of golf tournaments, but I've never led a tournament from start to finish," said the two-time IGT Tour

"And I've never led a tournament going into a final round, either.

"I feel like I've turned a huge corner after pulling this off."

The 21-year-old, from Wingate Park, fired rounds of 67 and 68 to start the final round with a five stroke lead over Tristen Strydom, Englishman Greg Blainey and amateur Andrew Carlsson.

Although he was unable to repeat the pyrotechnics of his first two trips around the links-style layout, Conradie kept ahead of the pack in the blustery conditions.

Jonathan Waschefort carded a 69 to take second on six-under par.

The Pretoria professional shared the low round of the day honours with former IGT Tour champion Coert Groenewald,



Ruan Conradie with the Race to Q-School fifth event trophy. Photo: CJ du Plooy

Damian Naicker and 15-year-old Benoni amateur Jayden Schaper, who mixed five birdies with a double bogey to finish 11th, at two-over 218.



Medals aplenty for Dan Triangle

The Dan Triangle Karate Club's Benoni members, instructed by sensei Chris Anthony, competed in the BKI Inter-club championships recently at the Brakpan Indoor Sport Centre. Clubs from Benoni, Boksburg, Brakpan, Pretoria and Springs took part in the event. The Dan Triangle's clubs won 37 gold medals, 25 silver and 20 bronze medals.



Olympian visits Rynfield

Benoni-born swimmer Douglas Erasmus, who represented South Africa at the Rio Olympics, recently visited Rynfield Primary School to share his story and experiences with the pupils ahead of the school's inter-house gala. Erasmus encouraged the youngsters to "Dream. Believe. Achieve". Rynfield Primary School principal Lynette Cuthbertson, Erasmus and Grant Wright (Rynfield Primary School sport coordinator) are spotted at the gala.



Fouche raises his bat

The City Times just loves keeping a watchful eye on emerging young cricket prospects from local clubs. A youngster who is one for the future is Benoni Northerns Junior Cricket Club's Evan Fouche, who notched up a score of 101 runs not out, for the club's u-12 Super League side in a match versus Alberton Cricket Club on Saturday October 27.



Mosia climbs up the ranks

Bruce Mosia (17, left), a long time member of the Dan Triangle Karate Club, trained by sensei Chris Anthony (right), graded to Sho Dan (first dan black belt) recently in Parktown North, at the national grading. He was graded by shihan Malcolm Dorfman (eighth dan) and his grading panel. Mosia started learning karate with Anthony at the age of six.



Broughton bags third overall

Justin Broughton of Northmead finished first in the final round of the South African National Cross-Country Motorcycle Championships in Westonaria recently, in the Master Class. This meant that Broughton (Sherco Racing SA) finished third overall in the championship for the year.

Hearts in mouths as Northerns win by a single

Logan Greer

The Eastern Premier League clash between Benoni Northerns Cricket Club's (BNCC) Premier XI and old adversaries Kempton Park, on Sunday, November 6, can best be described as a club cricket classic.

The teams' first meeting of the season, at Northern Areas, will especially be long remembered by those who don the Benoni Northerns badge on their chest.

Tight until the very last delivery, the encounter dished up all the ingredients of an epic battle.

Cruising along in the Eastern Cricket Union's elite competition, Kempton (who represented the union at last season's National Club Championships, in Pretoria, after defeating BNCC in a play-off final at Sahara Park Willowmoore), eventually saw their unbeaten start to the 2016/2017 campaign ended by a single run.

BNCC skipper Kurt Francis lost the toss and had his team put in to bat by his opposite number, Johan Fourie, on a cloudy Sunday morning.

Fourie's call showed early signs of being the right one, with opening bowler Kofi Apea-Adu doing damage up front

He claimed the wickets of the BNCC Top Three (Ernest Kemm, Matthew Wright and Rhenier Jordaan) in an excellent opening spell.

At 36/3 Northerns desperately needed a good partnership and they provided just that, with a patient stand from Regardt Verster and Daniel van der Berg.

The duo put on 84 runs together, before the latter was removed for 42 runs (from 61 balls) in the 34th over.

Francis would join Verster at the wicket, but would be caught for 10, with Mark Robey the next batsman in.

Verster (68 runs off 104 balls) continued with his calm knock, until his wicket was claimed via a spectacular catch at fine leg by Marius Lubbe, off the bowling of Gavin Ralph.

Robey made use of the final overs in swashbuckling fashion.

The number-seven batsman blasted 41 from 30 deliveries (four sixes),



Benoni Northerns Cricket Club's (BNCC) Premier XI batsman, Mark Robey, plays a reverse sweep during his important innings with the willow, in his team's one-run victory versus rivals Kempton Park, on Sunday.

before he was caught going for another six, and built an all important 54-run partnership with Lee Cothill (20 not out).

A defendable target of 228 was set, with BNCC finishing their 50-over innings on 227/9.

They were dealt a massive blow early into their bowling innings, when opening bowler Cothill was forced off the field with a torn hamstring muscle.

Anton Lubbe (54 runs from 45 balls) and Kempton captain Fourie gave their team a strong start before the former was removed LBW by left-arm spinner Kemm with 73 runs on the board.

When the wickets of Wesley Marshall, Fourie, Jurie Snyman and Louis Geldenhuys fell, BNCC were in with a sniff until Ryno van der Merwe (36 runs) and Lubbe (47 runs from 44 balls) put together a steady stand that got their team ever closer to the target.

When van der Merwe and then Brandon Harwood were dismissed in succession by Verster, Northerns' tails were up.

The dangerous Lubbe was soon removed by van den Berg and the final two overs were set for an incredible nail-biting drama.

BNCC paceman Lance Humphrey produced a gem of a 48th over, with just four runs conceded, meaning that Kempton's Apea-Adu and Sarel Myburgh found themselves needing 15 runs from the last over, which was to be bowled by van den Berg.

Van den Berg's first ball of the over went for two runs, his second a dot ball, his third a big six from Apea-Adu, his fourth a dot ball and his fifth went for three runs.

Four runs would be needed off the final ball for Kempton to get the victory.

Myburgh pushed the ball into the offside for two runs and was run out going for a third run by Robey.

This meant that BNCC would win by a single run.

Skipper Francis praised his team for an excellent effort with both bat and ball.

"Our goal total before we even went in with the bat was 230, so, to get 227 on a slow wicket and outfield was good," he said.

BNCC coach Nicolaos Moragemos, a former Kempton Park player, said that the day started off with mixed emotions, with his old club facing his new.

"It was a proper nail-biter and I couldn't be prouder of the players for showing character and heart," he added.

The team will play their first away match in five weeks, when they travel to Brakpan to play United Cricket

• Meanwhile, Twayne Stewart's Promotion XI crushed local rivals Actonville by 167 runs, at Lords Cricket Grounds, on Sunday.



R268 000 raised at Els for Autism fund-raiser

Several attractive items of Ernie Els memorabilia were auctioned off and a total of R268 000 was raised at the annual Els for Autism Fund-raiser Golf Day held at Ebotse Links on October 27. The winners at these events will be going through to the national finals and thereafter, finalists will be awarded a spot in the SA Open in January 2017. Seen here are Ebotse event ambassador Peps Pretorius (from left), Els for Autism events manager Nico van Rensburg and Wayne Willmore (far right, of Compleat Golfer Magazine) stand next to an Ernie Els cut-out.

SPORT RESULTS HOW DID YOU FARE?

Athletics

•Benoni Northerns Athletic Club (BNAC), time trial, Tuesday, November 1: Men 4km: 1 Emmanuel Magakwe 13:21, 3 Wesley Woest 15:34, 4 Justin Brown 15:53, 5 Gavin Oosthuizen 15:55. Men 8km: 1= Mpho Pilusa 35:56, 1= Sipho Dumakude 35:56, 2= Brian Hopkinson 38:41, 2= Ian Brown 38:41. Women 4km: 1 Christel Kershaw 19:19, 2 Adele David 20:02, 3 Christine Manga 22:47, 4 Lynette Hickley 25:17, 5 Megan Melcaffe 26:55. Juniors 2km: 1 Kevin Hickley 8:15, 2 Carl Goosen 8:24, 3 Taine Chard 8:37, 4 Bronwyn Nel 9:04, 5 Luke Spencer 9:18. Walkers 4km: 1 Carol Selolo 31:55, 2= Sue Holden 32:03, 2= Sarel Smith 32:03, 3 John Gillbee 33:00, 4 Heather Salinger 33:16. **Bridge**

•Benoni Bridge Club, club competitions, Wednesday, November 2: 1 Jack Rutter and Mike Potgieter 63.10%, 2 Ian Lowdon and Margaret O'Neil 61.90%, 3 Annette Venter and Giulio Cecchi 58.33%. Handicap winners: Geoff Paxton and Jerome McCarthy. Monthly ascendency winner: Peter Croall. More results can be found at www.benoni.vze.

•Benoni Northerns Bridge Club, club competitions, Tuesday, November 1: 1 Bill Wilkie and John Rennie 67.50, 2 Bridie Bullen-Smith and Paul van der Wal 66.25%, 3 Roy Havward and Ian Lowdon 51.25. Thursday, November 3: 1 Pat Eve and Rose Neave 73.18, 2 Margaret O'Neil and

Ann Schreiber 61.36%, 3 Roy Hayward and Ian Lowden 53.75%.

Golf

•The Lake Club Benoni, weekly prize-winners, Thursday, November 3, IPS: 1 A Vortsman 36 points oco, 2 B Granger 36 points oco, 3 D Tod 34 points oco. Friday, November 4, IPS: 1 H Landsberg 41 points, 2 S Royce 38 points. Best front nine: N de Villiers 18 points, best back nine: K O'Hare 21 points oco. Saturday, November 5, BBS Swan Lake Summer: Morning field: 1 B du Preez and B Schrueder 46 points oco, 2 S Coetzer and J Gallagher 46 points oco, 3 D and C Lindsay 45 points oco. Afternoon field: 1 L Meyer and B Ferguson 46 points, 2 B Granger and K Pretorius 43 points oco. Women's field: 1 M Becker and M Victor 24 points, 2 L Delaere and J Rutherford 20 points oco. Sunday, November 6, Betterball Bogev Plus: 1 J Habib and G Wright +10, 2 J Monteiro and B Sanders +9.

•Benoni Country Club, club competitions, Saturday, November 5, BBS: Morning field: 1 E Fletcher and A MacArthur 46, 2 A Cosgrove and M Liebenburg 46, 3 D Homan and A Du Preez Jnr 45. Afternoon field: 1 M Shanley and L Trollip 44, 2 M Wyper and E Brough 44. Women's field, Three-ball Alliance Waltz: 1 M de Kock, S Andrew and K Traube 71. Sunday, November 6, BBS: 1 M Whittington and A Schoeman 49 points, 2 D Vorster and C Grobler 47 points, 3 G Bartram and G Hart 46 points.



Actonville Spurs Cricket Club's Jacques Nel bowls in the match against CBC Old Boys on Sunday.

Actonville fall short by 20

After a strong start to their 2016/2017 Eastern Premier League campaign, Actonville Spurs Cricket Club (ASCC) suffered their second loss of the season away to CBC Old Boys in Boksburg.

The team fell short by 20 runs on Sunday, November 6, in what was their sixth away game on the trot for coach Thomas Pekane's men.

Actonville skipper Kyle Degambur won the toss and decided to field on what proved to be a batsmen-friendly wicket.

CBC's openers enjoyed a fantastic start and Actonville missed a few tricks in the field, missing the mark with a few good run-out opportunities.

The ever-dangerous left-handed batsman Wesley Coulentianos (135 runs) played a major role in the CBC innings, with good support from Casey Arnold, who scored 58

CBC Old Boys ended their innings on 295/7.

Actonville's Ridwaan Daya was the best of the team's bowlers, with figures of 4/35.

ASCC started the chase with three overs deducted, due to slow over rates with the ball, and lost two quick wickets early in their batting innings.

A couple of close decisions went

against the away team, but a few good partnerships kept Actonville in the game till the end.

Despite valiant efforts from talented youngster Mekyle Pillay (63 runs), who achieved his first half-century in the Premier League, and reliable captain Degambur (59 runs), they just couldn't reach the target set by their hosts and fell short by 20 runs.

Ruan Liebisch 4/47 was the best of the CBC bowlers.

ASCC make their first appearance at home this season on Sunday, November 13, when they welcome Kempton Park Cricket Club to Lords Cricket Grounds.

WOODS & JACKS BOWLS DRAWS

Northmead Bowling Club -

Saturday League teams, Saturday, November 12: Men: Premier B vs Modderfontein at Boksburg: B Lamprecht, L De Villiers, J Busby and I Tinniswood. K Butler, J Waugh, T De Freitas and M Logan. Division Four vs Alberton at Northmead: A Hart, M Patterson, N Dolley and D Jones. S Kennon, L Smook, D Liebenberg and C Adamson. Women: Premier B vs Lake

Club Benoni at Edenvale: W Richardson, C Emmerich, M Cousins and S James. P Smook, E Wilson, M Goode and S Hill. Division One A vs Springs Town at Kleinfontein: M O'Neil, J Saunders, S Viljoen and S Hartle. M Weimers, L Adamson, A Ebersohn and N Rutherford. Twilight bowls will take place on Friday, November 11, starting at 5pm at Northmead Bowling Club. All bowlers are welcome.





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Night race 'glows' on despite storm delay

Logan Green

After two years of clear skies, it was only a matter of time before weather once again impacted on the Rowlin National Glow Run.

A big Highveld storm hit Benoni in the late afternoon/ early evening on Wednesday, November 2 and kept a number of prospective runners at bay.

The race, organised by Benoni Northerns Athletic Club (BNAC), was delayed by 15 minutes as organisers waited for the threat posed by lightning to ease down.

When the races commenced, it was Nedbank Running Club's Tumelo

the finish line first in the 15km

He finished in a time of 50 minutes and 12 seconds followed by Emmanuel Magakwe (temporary licence), with a time of 51 minutes and one second.

Best Ngwenya (Nedbank) rounded off the Top Three open men finishers in the 15km race, with a time of 52 minutes and 44

In the women's 15km, it was Rockies runner Tshifiwa Malobola who came in first with a time of 63 minutes and 35 seconds.

Natalie Dixon (Telkom) was the second woman runner across the



Dustin Grace (left), Brad Barker and Bradley Foley.



Nedbank Running Club's Tumelo Mahlangu, who won the 15km race in 2014 and came in second last year, again reclaimed the title of winner this year, with a time of 50 minutes and 12 seconds.

followed by Natalee Leysath (temporary licence) with a time of 88 minutes and 24 seconds.

Tembisa Athletics Club dominated the Top Three in the men's 10km race with Paulus Radebe coming in first by seven seconds, in a time of 33 minutes and one second.

He was followed by club mates Ryan Mphahlehle and Phenyo Chidi, who both clocked in at 33 minutes and eight seconds.

Enie Manzini (City of Ekurhuleni) was the first woman home in the 10km race with a time of 42 minutes and 10 seconds, followed by Ommolisa Moyo (Tembisa), who placed second in a time of 44 minutes and 50 seconds; and Odendale Moyo (also

Tembisa) with a time of 45 minutes and 58 seconds.

BNAC's race organiser Jan Jordaan said: "When staging an event like the Rowlin National Glow Run, you have to accept that nature will always play a role.

"In the last two years, we had the best weather ever.

"The race itself was a huge success and we have received lots of compliments.

"Unfortunately, we did not get the turnout that we expected due to the storm, but our country needs the rain and whenever it comes. we must be thankful."

For more photos of this event visit our website www.benonicitytimes.co.za

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Bradley back to face Senegal with Bafana

SuperSport United striker and Benoni High School old boy, Bradley Grobler (28), is back in the Bafana Bafana set-up after a long absence.

He has been included in national men's football coach Shakes Mashaba's team for the must-win 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Senegal at Polokwane's Peter Mokaba Stadium this Saturday (November 12). Bafana have to beat a team that includes in-form Liverpool winger Sadio Mane, in order to move to the top spot in Group D. Bafana have been weak in the goals department and striker Grobler is hoping to make his return to the national team count, if given the chance. "It is always amazing to play for your country," he said. "To be back is good and I feel that the call-up has come at a great time in my career."



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Renault's budget Kwid released

> SEAN NURSE

THE BUDGET segment is important during these tough economic times as we've seen with the sales figures for vehicles such as the Datsun Go, the Volkswagen Polo Vivo and the Toyota Etios remain strong. Renault has a budget offering of sorts with the Sandero but has decided to release an even cheaper car, the Indian-built Kwid, which I had a go in recently.

→ THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

Before I start with the specifics of the car I have to address the rather large pachyderm in the room and that is safety. Renault weren't secretive about the fact that the Kwid received a one-star Euro NCAP safety rating. The brand also mentioned that both models on offer will feature one airbag and no ABS brakes upfront.

This is rather concerning for me, firstly because there is allegedly a three-star safety-rated Kwid on the way which is far more acceptable and secondly because people simply don't seem to care and will purchase the vehicle in any case. Before you consider me a spoilt motoring journalist hear me

out. It is difficult for me to recommend a vehicle that many people will be buying/receiving as their first car when I know that in an accident in the car would not provide the necessary protection.

I have heard arguments stating that older used vehicles are also unsafe and that these are what most people can afford. I respect these opinions and only bring up the vehicle's safety rating so that potential buyers can make an informed decision while simultaneously sharing my opinion on the topic.

→ DESIGN INSIDE AND OUT

The Kwid receives some of the brand's new styling accents, with a large diamond-shaped logo and C-shaped headlights up front while in side profile the small wheels, raised ride height and black bumper cladding give the vehicle a sort of miniature crossover look. At the rear it looks like a modern city car with rounded tail lamps and attractive surfacing.

Inside is typical of a budget car with hard plastics, basic seats and only the essentials. The Dynamique models certainly look more upmarket with an infotainment system while both models benefit

from a good airconditioning system.

→ BETTER THAN BUDGET SPEC

We know that price in this segment is essential and as you'll find, the top-spec Kwid is well-specified with seven-inch MediaNav touch screen display with Bluetooth, USB, AUX compatibility which is certainly unique within the budget sphere. Both models also get electric windows up front, the aforementioned driver's airbag and central locking. This is basic motoring, and at the price, you can't really expect much more.

→ PRACTICALITY AND DRIVING IMPRESSION

The Kwid is certainly not going to munch up luggage, but for a small car, I feel that a 300 litre boot is commendable. The car also features 180mm of ground clearance and tiny 155-section 13-inch tyres which makes the vehicle okay for low speed driving over our rather bumpy roads. However, the fun stops when you hit the freeway and exceed 100km/h. The car begins to feel unsettled, especially over undulations and in windy conditions while the steering remains very vague. I would like to feel that I am fairly experienced in terms of driving and I simply did not feel comfortable at speed in

the Kwid. I am sure larger tyres and perhaps a slight drop in ride height will remedy these issues.

→ UNDER THE HOOD

The Kwid is powered by a naturally aspirated 999cc motor mated to a five-speed manual gearbox. The small motor produces 50kW/91Nm and will consume a claimed 4.7 litres/100km. The consumption that my driving partner and I achieved at the launch was higher than the claim which meant limited driving range from the 28 litre fuel tank. Our test drive took place in Durban, where the Kwid felt adequate in terms of power, but I feel that at altitude this car may feel sluggish with the associated power loss.

→ SERVICE PLAN AND WARRANTY

The Kwid models do not come with a service plan but will have a five-year/150 000km mechanical warranty while the brand has offered a year's worth of comprehensive insurance with the purchase of one of these vehicles.

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Suzuki ups the ante with new Baleno

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THE SUZUKI Swift has long been the car of choice for those looking for a reliable, fun and economical little runabout. The only issue is the part about it being little. I have a friend who has one and we struggle to get four people and our luggage inside.

To fix this little problem, Suzuki has introduced the all-new Baleno into our market. I just about crash landed in the windy city of Port Elizabeth to get a closer look at this new model.

→ WHAT IS A BALENO?

To be honest, I don't actually know. What I do know is that it is built in India, it is also larger, more practical and an overall more sensible car than its Swift sibling.

Suzuki says the car features a new liquid flow design language which itself is interesting, as I cannot recall the brand having ever stuck to a set design language. However, I'm glad they have because the Baleno, although not jaw dropping, is not an eye sore.

I do like the subtle elements like the front chrome detailing which continues on into the top of the headlights. The sculpted accent lines along the sides serve to underline the streamlined shape.

It might be the Witbank in me talking, but I also like the chrome spoiler located below the rear window. The designers and engineers have paid special attention to making the car as aerodynamic as possible which helps aid fuel economy.

My spell behind the wheel was mostly in the upper spec GLX, which featured the chrome detailing as well as front fog lamps and LED daytime running lights.

→ INTERIOR HOSPITALITY

The first think I noticed when getting into the car was the fact that the seats are really soft and comfortable. Other features include a neat and clutter free dashboard with a Pioneer infotainment system that plays DVDs, has Bluetooth, AUX and a USB port.

Below this is a neat climate control system finished in silver which makes it stand out. The GLX also has keyless entry and keyless start.

The instrument cluster is also different from other models in that it has a small colour TFT display between the dials.

Here you will find trip information, fuel usage as well as a power and torque meter for when you want to tell your passengers how much power you are using I suppose.

I found the interior to be quite roomy, especially at the rear. The boot is narrow but deep and will consume 355 litres of luggage.

→ THE DRIVE

The Baleno is built on a new platform which focuses on lightweight construction. This ensures that the engine's enthusiasm is put to the best possible use. Despite its size gain over the Swift, the Baleno is 110 kg lighter with fuel consumption

PICTURE: SUZUKI SA

being pegged at 5.1 litres/100 km.

Under the bonnet lies an eager 1.4 litre fourcylinder engine which develops 68kW/130Nm. It is not the most powerful thing in the world and even at the coast, I found myself having to work the five-speed manual gearbox a bit.

The Baleno is offered in two specification grades. The more affordable GL comes with the manual gearbox only, while the GLX can be ordered with either the manual or a four-speed automatic. The former is generously kitted out with the GLX further building on it.

On some twisty roads the Baleno really impresses. Suzuki have shown before that they know a thing or two about making small cars fun, and the Baleno is no exception. Granted, the steering is a bit too light which doesn't inspire that much confidence through the corners, but it eats up the miles on the highway with little fuss.

→ VERDICT

After spending time with the delightful Baleno, it is clear that Suzuki are on the up. The car feels more premium than I was expecting and the build quality is notable. The engine, although happy to rev, might suffer up at the reef.

One of the biggest improvements though is the platform on which it is based. The engineers have managed to deliver a rigid chassis which is light weight and which benefits the car as well as the driving experience.

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A FEW weeks ago, Autodealer Editor Sean Nurse travelled to Germany to drive the latest incarnation of the Porsche Cayman. They sure do look similar to the ones they replaced, however both cars now share the same turbocharged four cylinder engines.

Finally, it was my turn to not only try out this new era for the Porsche brand, but to also drive a Porsche, something I have never done before.

I will be honest with you, I don't quite know what this new number naming thing is. Sure the 911 is the most iconic number within the stable, but I'm was not sure about 718. As I was to discover though, the number is actually quite an important one.

In the early 1950s and 1960s, Porsche's racing cars carried the name 718. These cars took over the racing world winning many of illustrious events, such as the Targa Florio and the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

Now with the history lesson dealt, I have decided to focus on what it is like to drive a Porsche as Sean had mentioned the specifics of the car previously. I have heard so much about how driver focused a Porsche is and how intuitive it feels, that I got really excited. There was also a sense of trepidation as I feared that feeling might vanish the minute I turned the key.

Thankfully, the launch took place in Cape Town so the driving roads were sorted. I arrived at Porsche Centre Cape Town and was greeted by the 718 Cayman, Cayman S, Boxster and Boxster S. The non-S cars feature a 2.0-litre turbocharged flat four-cylinder making 220kW/380Nm and the S versions have a 2.5-litre flat-four turbo with 257 kW / 420 Nm.

I grabbed the keys to the Boxster and since the sun was shining, decided to lower the roof and enjoy the Cape air. Both cars look good, mature and the slight enhancements such as the wider front end and a more muscular appearance are worth noting. At the rear, I really am fond of the high gloss black strip with its integrated Porsche lettering just below the mechanical wing housing.

Out on the road, cocooned in a cabin of precision, I immediately experienced what everyone has been on about. The Boxster doesn't feel as if it has been built, it feels as if it has been engineered, a telepathic tool used to give you sublime experience behind the wheel.

So many cars these days try and exclude you from the driving experience. Not so with the Porsche. You hear everything, feel every bump (sometimes a bit too many) and you know what the wheels are doing at any given time because the steering is near perfect.

The Sversions do have more pace than the non-S cars due to having more power, however it takes a keen driver to notice. Both cars really do immerse you in the driving experience, especially when the road gets twisty.

Porsche offers numerous performance enhancements for the cars, things such as Active Suspension Management, driving mode selection as well as a button that, much like in racing, when pushed gives you an extra dosage of boost for a few seconds. This helps when you need to overtake lesser cars in your way. There is also a newly developed exhaust system which guarantees a passionate sound experience. Opt for the sports exhaust and I guarantee you will be heard long before you are

Overall, my first experience of a Porsche was a very good one to say the least. As for being a driver's car, these entry level Porsches are fantastic. They might be small but the boot space up front is big enough for two stuffed gym bags. They are also easy to drive and once in Normal Mode, the exhilarating drama is all but gone, making it perfect for the work commute.

I will say that the options list is pretty long and expensive. I would have also liked to have seen an auto-dim rear view mirror, something one would expect from a car a few thousand Rand shy of a million bucks.

Despite some of the niggles, the somewhat bumpy ride and the manual seats, driving a Porsche is a special occasion. Something that I learnt from this experience is that you don't actually drive a Porsche, you wear it.

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Hyundai Tucson: Car of The Year finalist

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THE Hyundai Tucson has enjoyed huge success over the past few years, especially when it carried the iX35 badge. The company decided to rename the car when they gave it a complete overhaul not so long ago.

We liked the changes and it turns out that the judges of the South African Car of The Year awards shared our thoughts, as the Tucson has been nominated as a finalist.

So what does the new Tucson offer that would sway the judges in its favour? Well, we decided to take a closer look at some aspects of the car that we really like.

First and foremost, the all-new Tucson design concept incorporates a sleek, urban style combined with elements of typical SUV ruggedness. The front is dominated by a hexagonal grille, which connects with the LED headlamps to create a distinctive identity.

At the rear, the Tucson's personality is reinforced by strong horizontal lines flowing from the wheel arches. The combination lamps and reflectors are stretched to the body edges to further underline the bold proportions, with the rear skid plate and twin exhaust adding a sporty touch.

→ INSIDE

New soft-touch, high-quality materials have

been introduced across the cabin surfaces. This in turn creates a refined cabin ambience. The new horizontal layout of the centre console conveys the car's elegance while increasing the feeling of

According to Hyundai, the interior has undergone extensive ergonomic testing to ensure ease of use and a "pleasant and sensuous experience". There are also a number of clever convenience and connectivity features which add refinement to the cabin and enhance the on-board experience.

→ PRACTICALITY

With all the seats upright, the luggage area is 1 030 mm wide, 889 mm deep and 806 mm tall, delivering up to a substantial 513-litres of capacity.

This increases to a maximum of 1 503-litres with the rear seats folded.

Practicality is boosted by a lower boot-sill height, two-level boot floor and a storable cargo screen. It also offers 1 900 kg of braked towing capacity, which means that it beats out key rivals from Ford, Chevrolet, Renault and Nissan.

→ THE ENGINE

Under the bonnet of our test unit which we had a few months ago, was a 1.6-litre turbo engine. The engine works well in the SUV application, with 130 kW / 265Nm providing more than enough in the way of overtaking ability and straight line grunt. It will get you to 100 km/h in 9.2 seconds.







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DRIVE WITH A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

Dear Editor

Make driving a feel-good experience! Think of now to make other drivers appreciative of your actions. It costs very little other than intention

Road etiquette, consideration and vigilance goes together. All it requires is a change in attitude. This can however be challenging at times, especially with other drivers who still have to learn the art and appear to have an agenda of their own. But it helps to remember that they are demonstrating to you the value of your knowledge.

Such change in attitude benefits one's general disposition, personal safety and that of others With practice, a peaceful alertness will become the norm when travelling. A quick mental assessment of one's emotional state before driving is good practice.

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NON-FUNCTION ROBOTS NEEDS JUSTIFICATION

Dear Editor

I would appreciate an explanation for the following. While growing up and having been driving since the early 1960's, I cannot understand as to why robots are continually out of order.

When robots were out of order back then, which was a rarity, it was mostly due to a power failure. In

these cases, a traffic officer would be on duty very quickly and the robot repaired virtually immediately.

Nowadays, robots are repeatedly out and at times are blamed on the rain (it did rain in the past without affecting the functioning of robots) and are out for days on end which I cannot understand.

So, maybe someone out there can try to explain this problem to me so I can understand, as it is beyond my comprehension at this stage.

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Toyota Auris goes straight to the point

> CHARL BOSCH

TAKING overfrom where your predecessor left off isn't the easiest thing in the world to do, especially if he or she has built up a solid reputation many found hard to fault... take our new Public Protector for example.

In pretty much the same vein, the Toyota Auris faced an uphill battle when it replaced the RunX as the brand's compact family hatch some ten years ago.

Despite being based on the same underpinnings as the E150 generation Corolla, as well as being bigger and offering more grunt than the RunX, the Auris, its name being derived from the Latin word aurum meaning gold, somehow never got close to matching its forbearer's popularity, with the introduction of an extensive facelift in 2010 seemingly doing little.

Now into its second generation and following a mid-life refreshment last year, the Auris had the chance to show why it deserves to follow in the wheel tracks of the RunX when a rather striking Metallic Blue 1.6 Xi recently arrived for a few days.

The bane of many a motoring scribe has been the touchy subject of Toyota's often conservative styling language, with little in the way of flair or interesting touches compared to some of its rivals.

As part of the facelift, the Auris received a redesigned front end with a downwards flowing bonnet meeting a much thinner grille embossed with a chrome Toyota badge, new headlights, a slightly revised front bumper and clear lens rear taillight clusters.

Being the second tier model in the Auris range above the entry-level 1.3 X, the Xi also receives extensive colour coding on the door handles, bumpers and mirrors, a boot spoiler, sporty 16-inch alloy wheels and indicators integrated into the mirrors.

While hardly a design classic, the somewhat disapproving drop snout appearance is a world away from the previous model's bland facade, although it still has some way to go to match the flamboyance of the new Renault Mégane or the understated classiness of the Volkswagen Golf.

Step inside, the Xi interior resonates more on the functional side with easy to make out switches and good quality plastics used on the dash. However, although the piano key black finish on the waterfall dash and on the door handles lends a sporty finish, the use of faux carbon inserts on the passenger side could have been substituted with more durable plastics.

Although some buyers adverse to the trend of touchscreen infotainment displays would appreciate the Xi's touch button setup with a rather cool looking blue backlighting hue, they are likely to be less than impressed with space in the rear.

Popping the driver's seat into my preferred position, very little in the way of legroom remained to accommodate my 1.84 m frame in comfort despite acceptable levels of head room. No complaints were however attributed to space in the front with boot space also being commendable at 360 litres.

In addition, the storing of valuables is taken care of by means of a cubby underneath the HVAC controls, deep door pockets with a bottle holder each, a compartment between the front seats which doubles up as an armrest, and two cupholders on the centre console.

Expected to be the volume seller in the Auris range, standard spec is somewhat on the spartan side compared to rivals from Honda or Opel, but nonetheless includes a four-speaker sound system with Bluetooth, Aux and USB, leather wrapped

steering wheel with volume controls, electric windows all around, height adjustable steering wheel, electric mirrors, auto lock / unlock doors, six airbags and ABS with EBD.

In spite of the subtle upgrades having benefitted the Auris aesthetically, where it really should have made a bigger impact is underneath the bonnet. Instead of the 1.2 litre turbocharged engine used in Europe, the Xi uses Toyota's stalwart normally aspirated 1.6 developing 97 kW and 160 Nm of torque.

It might sound strong on paper compared to the Ford Focus 1.0 litre EcoBoost's 92 kW and the Mazda3 1.6's 77 kW, but at altitude at least, it simply feels underpowered and has to be revved to maintain forward momentum.

This means constant shifting of the six-speed

manual box which, despite featuring a slick action, is hampered by a much too high clutch bite point, resulting in the Auris being easy to stall on pull away or at the lights.

As part of the refresh, Toyota have also fettled with the Auris' suspension and mapping of the electric power steering for enhanced levels of feedback. The end result is a comfortable and well dampened ride with good levels of feedback through the wheel.

Confining very much to the usual Toyota mantra of "doing exactly what it says on the tin", the Auris 1.6 Xi makes for a competent and honest package devoid of any unnecessary fireworks. While our reservations on the lack of power remains, it is unlikely to face the greater percentage of buyers who value simplicity over the complexity of small displacement turbo engines.



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Buying a bike: Things to consider



"I will admit, growing up I had my fair share of 'oopsies' on motorbikes, from the almost weekly fall at the motocross track to the few times I took a tumble on my little CBR 150. Often, minor accidents in a car leave us shaken but physically fine, however, a minor fall on a bike can be seriously painful and even life threatening." - Sean Nurse

RECENTLY, I reignited my passion for modes of transportation of the two-wheeled persuasion. I tested a few BMW motorcycles and realised what I have been missing out on for a few years.

Then, BMW offered me an F 800 R for a few months and I have to say, it has changed my commute to work and various meetings in the best way possible, while also providing me with something to do over weekends when I have a bit of spare time.

As I stated in my road test, the F 800 R is an ideal bike for those wanting to upgrade from a smaller commuter bike to something more powerful, but not as intimidating as a large adventure bike or as violent as a superbike while still being light on fuel.

Riding a bike that I feel suits my needs has inspired me to provide all budding motorcyclists with a list of things to consider before taking the

→ HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN RIDING FOR?

This is possibly the most important aspect of motorcycle ownership. Experience on the road is invaluable in a car and an absolute necessity on

Approaching the daily commute or even a weekend ride on a motorcycle takes constant concentration. Many people in cars drive to work as second nature. I know sometimes I'm so caught-up in the news or music that I hardly remember my commute, and this is simply not possible on a bike as you need to be vigilant all the time. If anything, my time spent on these Bavarian bikes has made me a better driver

in a car.

→ THE DANGERS ARE REAL

I will admit, growing up I had my fair share of 'oopsies' on motorbikes, from the almost weekly fall at the motocross track to the few times I took a tumble on my little CBR 150. Often, minor accidents in a car leave us shaken but physically fine, however, a minor fall on a bike can be seriously painful and even life threatening.

The old adage 'it's not you, it's the other drivers out there' is often used when loved ones explain why they'd prefer you to avoid a owning a motorcycle rings true, but only to a certain extent. Some motorcycle accidents are the result of negligent car/truck/taxi drivers and even pedestrians, but in my experience, I have also seen a number of accidents caused by reckless speeding on motorbikes.

→ THE SIZE OF THE MOTORCYCLE'S ENGINE IS ALSO IMPORTANT

If you're new to motorcycling make sure you start off small and gradually upgrade from there. A 250 cc or 300 cc commuter bike is a perfect starting point before moving to bikes 600 cc and larger. Then, after you feel comfortable, perhaps move on to something bigger and more powerful.

→ WHAT ARE YOU USING IT FOR?

If you're looking for a bike that you need to use on a daily basis, you'll want a more up-right riding position, a comfortable seat, respectable fuel consumption and a reasonable amount of torque. Trust me, I commuted for four years on a superbike and my back hated life while the lack of

Owning a motorcycle is like having superpowers, it may provide freedom and power, but there is a great deal of responsibility involved.

a fuel gauge really frustrated me.

Also consider your height and weight when selecting a bike that will suit you. If you're a Hobbit like me, then remember that taller bikes present a problem. If you're after a weekend toy then

consider an adventure bike or a superbike, depending on the application and mileage that you'll be travelling.

→ HAVE THE APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT

I am not asking a beginner to go and buy full racing leathers here, but having a solid helmet from a reputable manufacturer, a pair of motorcycle gloves and a decent jacket is a start. That way, if you're involved in a minor incident your chances of injury are reduced.

As with the bike itself, the gear must suit the supplication, so consider your riding requirements and have a well-established motorcycle store recommend the appropriate equipment for your specific riding needs.

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