

A tour to Durban

By: *Tiisetso Mokoena*

St Margaret SSS is trying by all means to expose and entertain its learners under those unfavourable and unbearable conditions. Most learners are coming from poor families which are unable even to pay little donation needed by the school. A grade 11 and 12 Life Orientation teacher Miss Masepe, organized a tour to Durban early in January and informed both parents and learners. Each learner was expected to pay R550-00 in preparation for this tour. This money was going to cover accommodation, meals and transport.

Only 22 learners managed to pay that amount and two quantum were organized to transport learners from school to Durban and back. The tour started on Friday 20th of August and they came back on Sunday late. On Saturday 21st, learners were taken to Moses Mabhida stadium where they were shown outside the stadium and were told to pay R20 in order to be shown inside. Only educators got inside and were shown everything including the different types of grass, the drainage systems etc. From there they were taken to Sun Coast (gamblers and games) where they played those different games and also watched people swimming and surfers.

During lunch time they were taken to Meat Junction where they had a totally different meal of steamed bread (ujeqe), pap, braai meat, wors and ox livers and soft drinks. After that they went to the beach where they swam until they got tired and went back to their rooms to sleep.

On Sunday 22nd they had breakfast and they went to the beach to enjoy themselves and they didn't want to come back early. They proposed that we should leave Durban at 6:00p.m. Since the tour was organized for them and they paid for it, EDUCATORS felt that they should do as learners wished because they didn't give them any problems and they behaved like learners not like rascals.

Three learners were seen in Durban firstly at Moses Mabhida stadium, Sun Coast and at Impala flats who did not join the school tour. Those learners were Phindela Xolani and Moqhobi Lehlonolo. On our arrival at Impala flats on Saturday late Tsukulu Kgolwang was seen carrying a bottle in a brown paper.

When we were about to sleep, a security called Mrs. Mongoato to enquire about them and she explained that they didn't come with other school kids, they came all-by-themselves and security took them.

Fresh food management

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By: *Mothibinyane High School*

Mothibinyane High School – School newspaper team interviewed Mr. Jacob "Levy" Tsubane, a fresh food manager at Shoprite (Mafikeng). He started working at Shoprite in 1996. He makes sure that whatever his shop produces and sells is of good quality.

The fresh food manager of shoprite gets approached by different non-profit organizations. They have recently been approached by Phakama Disabled Project which caters for disabled children and adults for support. They distribute to orphans with HIV/AIDS, bedridden and old people from different surrounding villages. Organisations like these usually ask for nutritional support, involving donations of food from the franchise.

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Photo: *Jacob Tsubane*

Cancer the most killer disease

By: *Leteane High School*

The Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSA) in collaboration with Motswedding FM held an awareness campaign at The Crossing in Mafikeng to make the public aware of the most killer disease, breast cancer and other cancers.

Kebone Setshedi, the regional manager of CANSA said that since October is declared a breast cancer month, their purpose is to raise funds for the Association to educate people.

"Some donate money by shaving while others paint their hair," said Setshedi.

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She further stated that they are targeting both women and men because men have to be able to support their spouses, sisters etc.

A short beautiful woman dark in complexion, named Bonolo Mosimane, has her hair painted green. In an interview, she disclosed that she is a breast cancer survivor. "I had continuous headache and dizziness. After a number of tests and check up, the doctor discovered cancerous lumps in my breast. Here I stand, my hair colour signifying 'breast cancer survivor.'"

Her message to the audience is; "To the survivors, accept it, talk about it

and make people around you aware of your status so that when anything happens, should not be a shock to them.

If you don't know your status, check yourself by using your fingers to feel lumps in your breasts and armpits. Detected earlier, you can survive longer".

Bahedile Selogilwe of Motswedding FM said, "Motswedding is part of the campaign because of our slogan 'Broadcasting for total citizen empowerment.' We have a lot of educational programmes that are aimed at empowering our listeners".

Half cow, half human strange indeed

By: *Yonela Mbangwa*

Two weeks back at Mzongwana location, a cow gave birth to a calf that was half-human. It is alleged that the owner of the cow saw that it wanted to give birth on that particular day and he followed it to the bush so that the cow should be safe. It is alleged that he saw it giving birth and then was shocked when seeing a strange calf.

It is said that the police went to the scene to witness a bizarre sight. They also went there with an intention of protecting the owner of the cow from suspicions of witchcraft by the community as some were already accusing the owner for bestiality.

The half-human, half cow only survived a few minutes and passed on. It is now kept at Maluti Agriculture office

where some further investigations are to be conducted.



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