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Iconic traditional healer laid to rest



Internationally renowned traditional healer, Professor Conrad Tsiane, who died after a short illness, was laid to rest on Saturday 9 October at Kloppe Village in Moutse West, Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality.

Tsiane died on 30 September at the age of 59. He was also a businessman and politician who served as Mayor of Moutse TLC and speaker of Greater Marble Hall Municipality, later known as Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality.

His funeral service was attended by Minister of Basic Education Angie Motshekga, MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure Namane Dickson Masemola, the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality Cllr Stanley Ramaila and traditional healers from different parts of the country. He was described as a selfless leader who will be remembered with his marvellous knowledge of African medicine, dating back from 1987 when he started working as traditional health practitioner.

Born on 13 June 1962 at Ga-Seleka Village, in Waterberg District, Limpopo Province, Tsiane was also an academic who was conferred with different qualifications from various institutions. In August 2020, The Los Angeles University honoured Professor Tsiane with a Masters' Degree in Entrepreneurship, Doctoral Degree in Cultural Communications and a Prof Degree in African Medicine and Philosophy. The LA University honoured Tsiane in a highly esteemed graduation ceremony attended by Basic Education Minister Angie Motshekga, American delegate, traditional leaders, tra-

ditional healers, professors, doctors, various government departments' representatives and community members. Earlier this year, Tsiane revealed to the Dispatch that he was going to receive another doctoral degree from one of the universities in the country. "The plan is still in the pipeline and more information about the name of the university, faculty and qualification will be divulged once the agreement is sealed. What I can say is that it is a degree in relation to indigenous medicine," he said at the time. Unfortunately, he passed away just before he can receive the degree from that university. The iconic Professor Tsiane was the founder of Mpelele Scholarship Trust that has already produced a number of graduates from his community. He served as leader of ANC in Sekhukhune Region and has participated in the amalgamation of Moutse and Hlogotlou Lepelle TLC. Tsiane was also a big supporter of the South African national soccer team and well-known to the South African Football Association (SAFA). He used to travel with BafanaBafana during their important matches even when playing outside the country.

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Mogau Moropa (Seated), was crowned Queen Miss Graceful Pageant at the Tafelkop AFM Church on Saturday 2 October.

Miss Graceful Pageant winners crowned

Nineteen eager finalist from different parts of Tafelkop Village and surroundings took it to the stage at the Tafelkop AFM Church, to compete for the first annual coveted titles in Miss Graceful Pageant, held on Saturday 2 October. The competition was open for models from ages of 13 to 19 and pre-teens from 6 to 12 years of age. Mogau Moropa, was crowned Queen Miss Graceful Pageant, Lebogang Monashana scooped the first runner-up and Amogelang Mmatladi became second runner-up. In the pre-teens category, Promise Lekubu was crowned Queen Miss Graceful Pageant Tumiso Moropa scooped the first runner-up title while Kgaogelo Mgiba became second runner-up. ...story continue on page 8.

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Police search for suspects involved in spate of ATM bombings

The investigating team of the police in Limpopo seeks information that can assist in apprehending the suspects involved in a string of ATM bombings, allegedly committed in different parts of Sekhukhune District since January 2021. According to the police, during the ongoing investigations, it was revealed that Syco Mashifane aged 46, from Maserumule Park outside Jane Furse, can assist the police with information regarding several ATM bombings in Limpopo. "The police are calling upon Mashifane to avail himself at the nearest police station as it believed he will be able to assist in the ongoing investigations. It is believed that he is in Mamelodi, Gauteng Province," Mojapelo said. He said anyone with information that can lead to the arrest of the suspects or who knows the whereabouts of Syco Mashifane, may

contact Detectives Sergeant Phaladi Makola on 082 749 2233 or Lieutenant Colonel Richard Boshomane on 079 894 5501, the Crime Stop number 0860010111 or the nearest police station. "Callers may opt to remain anonymous and any information received will be treated with strict confidentiality. The police investigations are still continuing," Mojapelo said.

The police are calling upon Syco Mashifane to come forward to assist with investigation regarding a spate of ATM bombings.



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Education Department opens late online registration

The Limpopo Department of Education has opened the process of late online registration, for learners admission in public schools for the 2022 academic year. The registration opened from Tuesday 5 October until midnight of Friday, 29 October 2021. This is after online registration was initially opened on 3 June and closed on 6 August 2021. Department Spokesperson, Tidimalo Chuene, said online registration was introduced for the first time in the province this year as a pilot project in selected schools. "Observations of data from the process strongly suggest that there are many learners who are still not yet registered. It is on this note that the department is opening the process up again for late online registration. The list of participating schools is available on the departmental website," Chuene said. She added that walk-in registration at schools for children who will be going to school for the first time or moving to a new school next year was open from 17 May 2021. "The process closed on 30 July 2021 and now schools are finalising on placements for communication to parents and guardians," she said. Chuene urged parents who will be making use of the online registration to visit www.edu.limpopo.gov.za and click on 'Online Registration System', on the green and white tab on the left side of the screen, under 'About Us', to access the link for late online learner registration for the 2022 academic year. "Enquiries about online learners' admission should be directed to the officials in the Sekhukhune East: M Seema on 082 953 1576. In Sekhukhune South, enquiries should be directed to N Nape on 082 954 1688, during working hours," she said.

Minister Mchunu opens upgraded Flag Boshielo Water Treatment Plant

The Minister of Water and Sanitation, Senzo Mchunu, unveiled the refurbished Flag Boshielo Water Treatment Plant to deal with the impact of drought in villages of Ephraim Mogale and other neighbouring local municipalities. Accompanied by the Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality Cllr Stanley Ramaila, Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality Mayor Cllr David Mothogoane and Chairperson of Lepelle Northern Water (LNW) Dr Ndweni Mphephu, Mchunu launched the refurbished plant on Saturday 9 October. The project is one of many water infrastructure projects implemented by the Department of Water and Sanitation to increase the capacity that will meet the demands of the communities it serves. Through its entity, Lepelle Northern Water Board, the Water and Sanitation Department increased the capacity Flag Boshielo Water Treatment Plant from 12 megalitres per day to 20 megalitres. The newly refurbished plant is set to supply water to 156 villages in Ephraim Mogale, Elias Motswaledi, Lepelle-Nkupi and Makhuduthamaga Local Municipalities. The upgraded plant will be beneficial for villages such as Elandsdraal, Mbuzini, Moratela, Dichoeung, Tsimanyane, Phethwane, Mafisheng, Letebejane, Mogalatsane, Setlaboswana, kolokotela, Malope, Mphane, Rakgoadi, Mohlotsi, Phokwane, Mabintane, and others. The project created employment for 57 local people and will supply water to 28 185 households in various local municipalities of Sekhukhune.

Help to locate missing elderly woman

The police in Nebo have launched a search operation, following the disappearance of an elderly woman who went missing since Thursday 23 September 2021. The victim, Magajane Anna Mapadimeng (85), was last seen at his home in Eenkantaan Village in Nebo outside Jane Furse. "It is alleged that the victim was last seen outside her house in early hours of Thursday 23 September 2021, at about 03:00. At the time of her disappearance, the victim was reportedly wearing a black shirt with a black cap," said Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, Warrant Officer Marobo Seabela. Seabela said the police have conducted search operation at friends, relatives and surrounding areas with no success. "Anyone with information that can assist to locate the missing elderly woman is requested to call Captain Mogawane on 082 573 4672, the crime stop number on 0860010111, nearest police station or please make use MySAPSApp," he said. Seabela said police investigation and search operations to try and locate the victim are still continuing.



The police appeal to the public to assist with the whereabouts of the missing elderly citizen, Magajane Anna Mapadimeng (85), who disappeared since Thursday 23 September 2021 at Eenkantaan Village outside Jane Furse.

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A genuine part, also known as an OEM (original Equipment Manufacturer) is a car component that was installed in your vehicle

When it comes to parts that aren't made by a vehicle's original manufacturer, you're likely to hear two terms: "generic" and "aftermarket." These technically mean the same thing — parts made by a third party — but have very different connotations. Aftermarket parts are typically thought of as an upgrade, something used to enhance a car's performance beyond market standards; generic parts are simply intended to replace OEM parts and provide acceptable quality. As you're considering replacement part options, it's a good idea to keep this difference in mind.

The greatest advantage of generic parts, of course, is that they're generally priced lower than OEM parts. You'll probably also get bet-

The biggest advantage of paying for OEM car parts is that you can rely on the consistency that comes along with a certain brand. When you use Lexus repair parts as part of your Lexus service, you know you'll be getting the highest possible quality. You should keep in mind, however, that auto repair shops sometimes give quotes assuming that you'll want generic parts, and some insurance companies will even require that you pay the difference if you want OEM

So while the old adage “you get what you pay for” is often true, it could also be said that you pay a lot for a name. While price will determine the decision to some, to others the name will most definitely matter. Ultimately, as a difference in quality cannot be definitively proven, it’s up to each person themselves to decide which matters more to them, name or price.

The French crossover SUV, which was launched in SA earlier this year, also took top honours in the Compact Family Category. The Peugeot 2008 is SA's 2021 Car of the Year, as voted for by the SA Guild of Motoring Journalists.

The French crossover SUV was launched here earlier this year and has been lauded for its extrovert styling, utility and charisma. Apart from the overall award the 2008 claimed the Compact Family Category. Second place overall went to the Toyota Hilux Double Cab, which also won the Double Cab category. Third place was claimed by the BMW 4 Series which also won the Premium category.

The annual SA Car of the Year trophy has been awarded since 1986 and this year, due to Covid-19, was the first time the competition did not feature a juror evaluation event. An online scoring system was used instead.

Budget Category: Toyota Starlet
Compact Category: Hyundai Venue
Compact Family Category: Peugeot 2008
SUV

Family Category: Audi A4
Premium Category: BMW 4 Series

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 Adventure Category: Toyota Land Cruiser Prado
 Double Cab Category: Toyota Hilux Double Cab
 Performance Category: Porsche 911 Turbo S
 New Energy Category: Porsche Taycan
 Motor Enthusiast's Choice: Mercedes-Benz E-Class
 Jurors Excellence Award: Peugeot 2008 SUV

Suzuki South Africa earns top 3 market position for September 2021

Suzuki South Africa confirms that it has achieved a top three market position for September 2021. The Japanese manufacturer confirms that it has broken its previous record by more than 600 units. In total, 3 134 new vehicle sales were secured.

This is the first time that Suzuki has broken through the 3 000-unit mark in one month. To put it in perspective, the manufacturer set a new record of 1 577 units in July 2019 and broke through the 2 000-unit barrier in October 2020 with a record of 2 032 units. October's sales record did not last long. In February 2021, Suzuki hit a new record of 2 142 units and a month later, in March 2021, it sold 2 397 units. Less than 12 months after selling more than 2 000 units in one month, the brand shot up to over 3 000 units, despite the effects of a global pandemic and local sales disruptions.

"We are ecstatic about the national sales results," says Henno Havenga, manager for auto dealer sales at Suzuki Auto. "Virtually every vehicle we were able to deliver to a dealer found a new owner and dealers report many more customers queueing up for passenger vehicle, SUV or Super Carry commercial vehicle."

With total sales of over 3 000 units, Suzuki now represents 7,2 per cent of the South African market, the company's highest share to date. If one removes the 82 Super Carry units sold in September, then the firm represents 10,3 per cent of the passenger vehicle market.

Suzuki sold over 1 200 new vehicles for rental and government fleets as well. This exceeds its previous fleet sales record by over 50 per cent.

In this month, Suzuki delivered 935 new Swift models and 504 S-Pressos. The Vitara Brezza found 455 new owners while the Ertiga sold 387 units.



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more than a year now. Congratulations Kamogelo and enjoy the R500. Do you also want to win the R500, All you need to do is take the Dispatch (the largest community newspaper in Sekhukhune), and take a picture with it and place it on our Face book page. Tag all your friends for added chances and see. Every month a winner will be drawn on the last day. Our competition for October is already on the way and everybody is welcome to enter.



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ROAD TEST: Toyota Starlet vs. Suzuki Baleno

A cursory glance at these two cars could justifiably have you saying "but they are identical", and you would be right. However, Suzuki's original Baleno has been around since 2015 and with the ink drying on the paperwork for Suzuki-Toyota's alliance only last year, it's safe to assume Toyota had little influence in the design and development of the Starlet. So, what you are looking at is essentially two Balenos.

Platform sharing is nothing new and without it, manufacturers simply wouldn't have the means to develop the vast array of cars offered today. The Lamborghini Huracán and Audi's R8.

The VW Touareg, Audi Q7, Porsche Cayenne, Bentley Bentayga and Lamborghini's Urus. They're all totally different cars but their base architecture is largely the same. With the Starlet and Baleno, however, there are fewer degrees of separation. They are identical, except for their badges and some minor, but important, details which we'll get to shortly.

We've been quite taken with the Baleno in the past. The GL model may have come a close second to the Polo Vivo 1.4 Comfortline in our October 2018 comparative test, but it nonetheless impressed with its nimble road manners and spacious cabin.

It was a similar story when we ran one in our long-term fleet for a full year (June 2018) and covered more than 22 000 km. In the end, we summed it up as having "established itself as a hard-working, budget-beating hatch that can withstand more than you'd expect. An excellent daily commuter."

Now, much the same can be said of the latest inclusion to the stable of Toyota South Africa Motors (TSAM).

Both cars offer a solid driving experience and in true Far Eastern fashion, the engine is happy to be revved to the limit while still serving up sufficient mid-range torque. The gear lever slips easily between the five ratios and if you drive with a careful throttle foot, you'll likely see the average fuel consumption occasionally dipping below the 6,00 L/100 km mark. Just to make

sure, we performance tested both these cars to see if there were any possible differences between them... or compared with the Balenos we've tested before. Our Racelogic test equipment indicated the same results between them, as well as from our original Baleno test. The new Baleno and Starlet even came fitted with identical tyres, which explains the consistent braking times we achieved.

Both ride very well and their handling is predictable, with greater front-end grip than we'd expected from an entry-level hatchback. Also keep in mind that for the price, it is a relatively spacious car, both fore and aft. The cabin fittings possess a good level of perceived quality, suggesting they'll hold up well to many years of use. In both cars, the touchscreen offers all the basic convenience features, as well as all-important Android Auto and Apple CarPlay connectivity.

At the time of writing the Toyota Starlet 1.4 XR retailed at R269 000, while the Suzuki Baleno 1.4 GLX had a R10 000 advantage with its R259 900 sticker. However, the Toyota

does offer an in-car Wi-Fi hotspot with a complimentary 15 GB package; surely an attractive offering for younger buyers, as is the MyToyota App which enables them to manage certain details about their car. It has to be said, the Starlet's shorter service plan and warranty are less inviting to buyers seeking greater peace of mind compared to the Baleno.

That said, a delve into the parts pricing basket makes for some interesting reading. Although some parts are similarly priced, others are vastly different. In the end, the total parts basket prices are incredibly close, though. All of these minor differences matter little, as Toyota has sold no fewer than 1 102 units during its first full month on the market (October 2020) versus just 51 Suzuki Balenos. We have to wonder why all these buyers haven't been knocking on Suzuki's door. After all, it has offered an identical car for five years. Brand loyalty and Toyota's vast dealership network are the likely reasons.



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Sekhukhune United lifts GladAfrica Championship trophy

The promoted National First Division (NFD) champions, Sekhukhune United FC, has finally lifted the GladAfrica Championship trophy, months following a court battle with Royal AM FC, to determine who will be promoted to the top flight of football in the country.

Babina Noko, as they are affectionately known by their supporters, were handed-over the 2020/2021 trophy and medals on Wednesday 6 October to be officially crowned champions. The hand-over was done following a long wait since the first division league ended in May 2021. The trophy and awards presentation took place at the Supersport Studios in Randburg. Club Chairman, Simon Malatji, said the team management, players and supporters have been waiting for this moment and they are happy that it finally arrived. "We wish to express our gratitude to the players and the technical team for the wonderful effort of achieving the most important milestone by winning the GladAfrica Championship in the maiden season. It was an honour to have participated in the Glad Africa Championship League and having achieved this result

under the difficulties of Covid-19 pandemic," said Malatji. He indicated that the promotion and trophy hand-over is a historical achievement to the community of Sekhukhune at large, not forgetting his majesty the late Kgoshi ThulareThulare III of the Bapedi Kingdom in the area. "I am certain that he is celebrating this achievement with us. May his soul continue to rest in peace," he said. The chairman emphasized that he is delighted that the team has now officially gained recognition to be at the upper league. "I am so happy for everyone in the Babina Noko's family, we all deserve this honour. Over and above, we wish to thank our wonderful fans for the loyal support throughout the season. Let the same motto prevail, 'Mphiri o tee aolle'," he said. Sekhukhune United defender, Sello Motsepe, said he was happy after a long-overdue wait. "I have been waiting for this moment to finally get an opportunity to lift our trophy and get our medals. We are happy collective as a team. The management is happy and everyone is happy," he said. Babina Noko goalkeeper, Tapuwa Kapini, said this was the moment they were waiting for and thanked the chairman for given him the opportunity to play for the team. "The villages of Sekhukhune have been waiting for this trophy we are so happy and excited to have it," he said. Kapini added that the players had put all effort since the first game until the last match they played. "People may say whatever they want, we deserve it because we worked so hard for it. We thank the coaches and everyone who was involved in the Babina Noko family. We can't wait to go to Sekhukhune to showcase the trophy," he said.



Sekhukhune United players celebrating with the GladAfrica Championship trophy during the official hand-over at the Supersport Studios in Randburg.

Miss Graceful Pageant winners crowned



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Event organizer, Thelma Makofane, told the Dispatch Newspaper that the purpose of the pageant is to uplift confidence in young girls to become proud young adults in future. The top3 winners in the competition walked away with R3500 cash, crowns and flowers.

Pre-teens category winners, Promise Lekubu Queen Miss Graceful Pageant, Tumiso Moropa first runner-up and Kgaogelo Mgiba, second runner-up.

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12V 8 AMP	PSD008	R1199

MARBLE HALL MIDAS
ADDRESS: 117 MAIN ROAD,
MARBLE HALL
TEL: 087 806 1923

GROBLERSDAL MIDAS
ADDRESS: 104 CNR MARK & NOORD
STR, GROBLERSDAL
TEL: 013 110 2596

POWER BUILD

GROBLERSDAL 10 Hereford Street Robbin 079 479 6149

R2899-00
Sgl Steel Door

R7699-00
Dbl Steel Doors

R700-00
Steel Doors
with Mortice lock LD

R255-00
Steel Door Frame
LD
M/D - R295
H/D - R337

R999-00
Brookhill
Maidenwood
Natural Oak
Folkstone Grey
Black cherry
2750x1830x16 mm Boards

R410-00
Chip Board
2750x1830x16 mm

R1250-00
Counter
Tops Assorted
3600x600x32 mm

R650-00
FX White Board
2750x1830x16 mm

R1899-00
77 pce.
Tool Box

R389-00
Wheelbarrow
Light Duty

R749-00
Wheelbarrow
Heavy Duty

LASHER