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Attendants and Brian Baloyi Family Foundation board members at the launch. Photo: Nduduzo Nxumalo.

Spiderman tackles cancer

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Former Bafana Bafana and Kaizer Chiefs goalkeeper, Brian 'Spiderman' Baloyi launched the Brian Baloyi Family Foundation.

Speaking at the launch at Altrec Sports Complex, Baloyi said, "The idea of this foundation we are launching today was born in 2009, a short while after my wife [Phungi] was diagnosed with cancer.

The foundation was mainly focused on working with those living with cancer. "This foundation will not only focus on sports development but also on things like education and career expos to help every

youngster find their career path. "We will also work with the different community-based and sports organisations to ensure that we deal with issues of community interest and help our youngsters in townships and rural areas all over

the country." Among those in attendance were former player and captain of SuperSport United FC Thabo September who lauded Baloyi for his initiative to give back to the community.

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Two women robbed at gunpoint; guards recover victims' items

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Two men accused of armed robbery of two women were remanded in custody by the Alexandra Magistrates' Court pending further investigation.

They appeared before the magistrate for the incident which occurred at midday 10 August in Glen Austin, Midrand.

The state prosecutor presented the police docket in court. It is alleged that the two

suspects were driving a Toyota Etios when they gave the victims a lift. Before arriving at the destination, one of them drew a gun and threatened the victims. He took their handbags containing two cell phones before they dropped them off on the roadside. The victims waved down a truck driver who relayed the incident to a mobile security guard who then alerted his colleagues as he and the victims followed the accused. They found the men's vehicle parked on a gravel road and the guard

parked his vehicle facing them. As he approached their vehicle, the two also got out and walked towards him. The guard drew his gun and ordered them back to their vehicle just as his backup arrived and helped to arrest them. A gun suspected to have been used in the robbery was recovered from the vehicle together with the victims' handbags, phones and other contents which were then handed over to the police. Ownership of the vehicle wasn't specified.



Alexandra Police Station spokesperson Captain Stephen Malatji. Photo: Leseho Manala

Carjackers causing mayhem in Alex

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Police at Alexandra Police Station are investigating the hijacking of two vehicles and the theft of a third one.

Police spokesperson Captain Stephen Malatji said the first incident involving a female motorist from Kelvin occurred at 8am on 24 August at a robot-controlled intersection on Lenin Drive and Laduma Street, East Bank.

Two suspects who crossed the road in front of her Honda Jazz with registration number FS 78LM GP turned on her at gunpoint and ordered her to get out of the vehicle. They drove away in the vehicle towards Alexandra leaving her stranded on the roadside until she was assisted by onlookers to report the incident.

The second hijacking occurred at the intersection of 2nd and Alfred Nzo avenues at 5am on 26 August and involved a metered taxi driver from Vooslorus who was driving a silver Toyota Corolla Quest with registration number FY 65KS GP. He was called to pick up customers and take them to Sandton. On arrival, three people walked away and two others got into the front and back passenger seats of his vehicle. When the victim asked for confirmation of their destination one of them said they were going to Wendywood. When the victim stopped the vehicle to change the information on his navigation system, the passenger in the back drew a gun and pressed it against the victim's head and the one in front held him by his shirt. The victim freed himself, opened the door and ran away. The suspects drove away in the vehicle. Inside were the victim's two cellphones worth R2 400, his driver's licence and bank cards.

Meanwhile, another motorist's vehicle, a blue VW Golf with registration number DM 45VH GP and worth R30 000, was stolen from his place between the morning and evening on 22 August. He left it locked and parked in a secure and lockable driveway on his way to work but found it missing upon his return.

Details: Alexandra Police Station
011 321 7621.

Two sisters and two minors fall victim to rape spree

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The Alexandra Police Station is investigating the alleged rape of two sisters and two minors in three separate incidents.

According to police spokesperson Captain Stephen Malatji, the first incident on an 11-year-old girl occurred at an Ext 8 home on 18 August. It was committed by a known suspect who was arrested. A relative saw the victim in a picture with the suspect on someone's phone. At first, the victim downplayed the picture but later admitted to having had sex with the suspect on other occasions. Her relatives approached the suspect who ran away but he was later arrested for statutory rape.

The other two victims were sisters who were allegedly raped by a taxi driver and his companion. They were rescued by a woman and her boyfriend from a shack in which they were locked up by the suspects

in Ext 7. The two waved down a Toyota Avanza taxi in Balfour at midnight on 20 August after leaving their friend's place, on their way to Roodepoort. The driver charged them R200 which they paid.

He then deviated from the road to a bushy area. The suspects closed the vehicle's window.

'A relative saw the victim in a picture with the suspect on someone's phone'

One of them forced himself between the victims while holding a gun and a knife. He undressed and ordered them to conduct oral sex with him. The driver ordered one of them to get out of the vehicle and on to the ground where he raped her without a condom at knifepoint. Afterwards, the

suspects drove with them to the shack where they left them locked inside until police were called by the rescuers who responded to their screams. It wasn't specified if any arrests were made.

The second victim of alleged statutory rape was a 15-year-old girl.

The incident occurred at 5pm on 24 August at a suspect's home in 1st Street, Wynberg.

A complainant and relative to the girl, who lives in the same street as the suspect, questioned her when she came home the following morning. At first, she claimed to have slept at a friend's place. After he slapped her, she changed her story and told him that she had spent the night with the suspect who was her boyfriend and that they had had sex on two previous occasions.

It was not specified whether the suspect was arrested.

Details: Alexandra Police Station
011 321 7600.



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Missing girl back at school

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The saga of a 14-year-old girl who was found three weeks after disappearing from her father's custody and her school has ended in a temporary agreement.

The matter, reported recently in *Alex News*, has partially ended with her returning to Pholoso Junior Secondary School on 31 August after a temporary truce between her father Eseuvao Namarogolo and mother Juliet Madinane and facilitated by Elizabeth Mokwena of Victim Empowerment Unit at the Alexandra Police Station.

Mokwena said a referral letter from social workers at the unit supported her return to school while the matter was being probed further.

The teenager is supposed to write her final Grade 7 examinations in a few weeks time. She was found in Orange Farm, south of Joburg with her mother who alleged the child came to her voluntarily. The mother claimed that Namarogolo who lives in Organic Market, Kew was harsh to her and the child and, she was unaware that her daughter had been reported missing.

Mokwena said, "Matters of children's rights should never be compromised especially where a court has determined a child's custody."

In this instance, custody of the child was granted to the father after the mother abandoned her three days after birth."

In previous articles, reference was made to a non-profit organisation which had supported the father's



Elizabeth Mokwena of the Victim Empowerment Unit at Alex Police Station. Photo: Leseho Manala

application for the child's custody in 2006, the Children's Court granting the custody in July 2015 and, the father's keenness to ensure the child's education as her safeguard against a bleak future. During her absence, he bought her a new school uniform, stationery and clothes to encourage her to return to school.

Mokwena said the agreement would see the child stay temporarily with a third party under conditions agreed to by the father while the matter was probed further and if required, will go through the courts. Details: Victim Empowerment Unit 011 321 7621.



Ward-based outreach team on a clinic safety campaign.

Health dept on patient safety

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The Gauteng Provincial Department of Health is intensifying its campaign to ensure the safety of patients and health facilities in Alexandra.

The exercise is conducted by ward-based outreach teams on their Friday jaunts into the community to engage residents on health-related matters. Spokesperson Sandile Gwayi said the campaign is in the interest of residents following a spate of crimes at the facilities including the brutal killing of a patient ... at the Alex Healthcare Centre (Masakane) by a mob and an earlier robbery and theft of computers also at the centre.

This he said paralyses service provision to the residents and affects staff morale. "The facilities are for the community in partnership with the department which provides

the personnel, medicines and services. "Residents should use their knowledge of their internal dynamics to curb crime which affects them when computers with their own records are stolen and mobs invade and kill at important public facilities."

He said they also found out that some of the disruptions were caused by outsiders who preferred local facilities for their quality and reliable services. "Others come for ulterior motives which residents should prevent through vigilance and orderliness when attending the facilities."

He further encouraged the residents to go to clinics nearer to their homes to avoid congestions. "All clinics provide the same services except for the centre which is a referral facility open 24/7. "Crowding at a preferred clinic hours before it opens results in unnecessary queues, stress and tension which is passed on to innocent staff who have to arrange

daily rosters, retrieve files and prioritise urgent cases first."

He urged those on chronic treatment to avoid the queues by using the telemedicine ATMs at Alex Plaza which are open day and night.

Gwayi admitted to staff shortage as a contributing challenge saying the department was in the process of training and recruiting personnel to ensure full complements at the facilities. "It's a national challenge including the provision of some essential equipment – please be patient."

The centre manager Sister Ellen Masupa urged the residents to engage the teams, who, she said also provide instant advice on various health and social matters.

"We have noted that some children miss out on immunisation, others do not attend school and don't have birth certificates."

Details: Sandile Gwayi 082 926 0161.

Volunteers get their hands dirty in blitz against grime and decay for health's sake

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Concerned Alex residents engaged in a 10-day war against grime and decay in the country's oldest township.

In groups, they volunteered their time cleaning up the streets which are filled with all forms of rubbish that piles up daily.

The exercise dubbed the *Bottle Ke Botho* (healthy living) programme promotes environmental health and is sponsored by the provincial Department of Agriculture.

"Despite the negative tag of

environmental decay, rat-infested and grime-laden streets and alleys in the township, our effort is not futile," said resident Norman Lengwati.

"We want it to off on others and create awareness on health, hygiene and the importance of environmental management, clean air, soil and rivers for our future generations."

The exercise also adds to the monthly volunteer clean-up campaign, A Re Sebetseng, initiated by Joburg City Mayor Herman Mashaba. "All of them [campaigns] are to promote environmental health and change

attitudes on public health through concerted education and practical evidence for those who see us cleaning the streets," added Lengwati.

Another resident, Dikeledi Makgata commended the department which gave them branded overalls, gloves, rakes and refuse bags. "We all should be exemplary to our children in caring for our environment," she said.

"Lack of refuse bins shouldn't be an excuse for rampant dumping which occurs instantly after the streets are cleaned and at night for those who don't want to be seen

doing so."

Fellow resident, Mmabotse Makgata attributed the dumping to deliberate and negligent action by those who are not historically and emotionally attached to the township. "Despite those who are ignorant of the value of environmental health and management, others say they don't care as they have rural homes to care about.

"They say the work should be left for employed cleaners," she said.

The volunteers urged for collaboration among all users of public spaces and facilities

such as taxi ranks to help create consciousness on the importance of environmental health. They also cleaned up the police station precinct and were commended for the effort by police officers.

"The station is a public space which should be exemplary all round and 24/7," Lengwati said as they walked into the station to talk to the commander about a regular cleaning partnership and the hauling away of scrap vehicles left in the parking lot. The vehicles were said to be a breeding ground for rats.

Details: Mmabotse Makgata 073 247 5648.

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Warm gift from Jewish women's organisation

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The Union of Jewish Women, Johannesburg donated 80 blankets to the children of Alexandra Lutheran Church Children's aftercare centre and elders who live in 3rd Avenue and Selbourne Street.

According to Hazel Bonner, a member of the Union of Jewish Women, 13 of the blankets were donated by the organisation's members while the other 67 were donated by the 67 Blankets for Mandela organisation.

"Our organisation members made the blankets and some were donated by the 67 Blankets for Mandela non-

profit organisation," said Bonner. "We come here every week to help these children and provide meals for them. We believe in giving and lend help to those who are in need of something."

The manager of the centre Lydia Makhoba, thanked Bonner for always helping them without expecting anything in return.

"We are really thankful to God for Hazel and her team with this wonderful gift of blankets they brought today," she said.

"They come here every Tuesday to help children not only with meals but with their school work as well. They are indeed a blessing."



Children of Alexandra Lutheran Church Children's aftercare centre with the blankets donated by the Union of Jewish Women. Photo: Nduduzo Nxumalo.



Molobanyane Garden Cooperative member, Violet Mabaso. Photo: Leseho Manala

Violet blooms bright

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A member of a gardening cooperative is living her dream of feeding the nation after she was allocated additional land in Eikenhof, South of Joburg.

Violet Mabaso's 'never give up' spirit is paying off through her Molobanyane Cooperative. Her resilience and exemplary commitment to gardening drawn from her background in the nation's agriculture heartland of Limpopo Province saw her team up with other co-ops in tilling small allotments of land given to them by Joburg City Council at the one-hectare Lenin Garden in Tsutsumani.

The resilience started with them clearing boulders, rubble, trees and grass from a former dumpsite and assisted by the council to convert the place into an enviable productive garden, proving that determination is the foundation for success.

Mabaso now produces impressive varieties of organic vegetables and herbs for a huge domestic and surrounding market of restaurants and supermarkets in affluent Sandton, Wendywood and other areas.

Her commitment earned her praises from the council, provincial government and, the National Department of Small Business Development. They bestowed her accolades and invited her to parliament as an exemplary symbol of the success of the cooperative model and to network with others of like mind. Mabaso is now expecting promises of financial and advisory support made by the department to materialise as she prepares to expand work to the new one-hectare allocation of her own at the 288-hectare farm.

"Knowing the government's slowness

and as an entrepreneur, its promises will find me ahead," Mabaso said.

"One ought to use their potential, physical and mental resilience to be independent, self-reliant, ward off poverty, misery and crime."

She now wants to venture into food processing, starting with the Thai Curry Paste made from her variety of herbs which she delivers to Thai and other restaurants. She added that the soils are virgin fertile, loamy and suitable for all types of plants.

"Council policy also allows for the expansion to help maintain food production and resilience against hunger while exposing productive models on self-sufficiency to others.

She used her profit to acquire necessary implements to ensure the new site is ready for production before the rainy season. "It's my greatest opportunity to secure myself, my family, create employment and provide food while doing what I like best."

She also bought a Wendy house with electric connections which will be transported to the site. It has a separate bedroom and additional room to prepare, pack and refrigerate her produce and plan her work during the night. "I hope to help change the mindset of others who I may find struggling to believe in their potential for success from the land."

Mabaso will also draw in support from students at the University of Joburg who will test and ensure the soil quality is good and the water is not contaminated.

"Also, there are many investors who are keen to partner with equipment, any project they see with potential for success particularly in food production and security."

Details: Violet Mabaso 083 517 6087.

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Youth through the career expo

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Alex youth thronged Alex Stadium recently for opportunities other than sports which will better their lives.

This was at the annual Career Expo by youth NPO Bokamoso which saw them mingle, get advice and enrol for opportunities ranging from education, technical skills training, vocational and others.

Morongwa Motswi of the NPO said the day's event was a platform for local and provincial stakeholders in the public, private and NPO sectors to expose the opportunities to the youth who are prospective employees, managers, and future owners and employers of companies. "They should be exposed to the opportunities for gainful employment in order to reduce crime and empower them as positive citizens," Motswi said.

Her colleague, Palesa Mpiti, said about 350 expected participants turned up, an improvement over last year and an indicator of the value of the event. Among the stakeholders were departments of labour, social development, economic development, local government, Independent Electoral Commission, I-Tec Varsity, I-College, NPOs – Harambee, Adapt, Sonke Gender Justice, Sanca and legal firm, ENSAfrica. Mpiti said another benefit from the collective partnership were placements and access to bursaries



Youth receive advice at career expo by NPO Bokamoso at Alex Stadium. Photo: Leseho Manala

by the youth. "We intend hosting the event for three days to a week in response to the increasing demand including by youth from as far as Tembisa and Soweto."

Neo Moahlodi, one of the organisers, said the occasion fulfilled its objective of bringing services to the people. "It's a networking opportunity for the youth, many of whom don't know how, where and when to access the opportunities despite qualifications at a tertiary level."

Moahlodi urged them to use knowledge gained for their personal growth and to seek funding for their own businesses and to be employers.

Bheki Langa of the law firm commended the opportunity saying it enabled them to disseminate information on

consumer rights, legal aspects in small business development, partnerships for advising and support services like drafting business plans, registration of companies, accessing funding and job preparedness. "Also, we advised the elderly on the importance of wills."

Bokamoso which operates from Wynberg hopes to have a satellite within Alex to cater for those who can't afford transport costs. "We want them to also benefit from our training programmes on computers, plumbing, forklift operation, beauty therapy, deco and events management and call-centre operation which have seen many engaged in the public and private sectors," Mpiti said. Details: Bokamoso 079 442 9921.



Jacqui Baxter of Introstat, Skeen Primary School deputy principal Kate Makola, and Angela Naude and Lydia Shezi of Introstat with the donated multi-purpose printer. Photo: Leseho Manala

Skeen primary is equipped

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Skeen Primary School received an essential multi-function printer.

The donation from Linbro Park-based IT company Introstat cemented the relationship between the two and between the company and its employees after they were asked for suggestions on important needs in their areas. Employee and shareholder who lives in Tsutsumani, Lydia Shezi said the donation was part of the company's giving back to the community.

"We are happy to be part of the community's development and will also appreciate business development relationships with the community in the interest of our children's education," Shezi said.

Acknowledging the donation, learner Hope Modimela said the

printer would enhance efficiency with staff no longer having to go elsewhere to get photocopies done.

"We will safeguard it for longevity," added deputy principal Kate Makola.

According to Jacqui Baxter and Angela Naude of the company, the donation was a logical extension of its charitable work. "We donated a stocked movable book trolley to Nokuthula School for physically challenged pupils three years ago, participated in university and skills-related development projects for youth and contributed to the NPO Habitat for Humanity's housing and vegetable gardening projects in Ivory Park and Soweto respectively," Baxter said. Naude said they also had donated a soccer kit to a township team. Details: Skeen Primary School 011 264 6753.

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Black Prince is on a mission

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Ford South Africa has teamed up with the legendary player, coach and club owner, Jomo 'Black Prince' Sono, and provided him with a new 4x4 vehicle to use in the search for a new number 10 as a Ford brand ambassador.

Sono is acknowledged as one of the most popular and respected South African soccer players of all time, including having a strong association with Orlando Pirates, which Ford currently supports as the official vehicle sponsor.

Aside from his stint with the Buccaneers early in his career in the 70s, Sono went on to play on the international stage, including stints at clubs in the United States and Canada, before returning to SA and setting up his own club, Jomo Cosmos.

Notably, Sono's famous Buccaneers number 10 was retired by Pirates in honour of his legacy – one of only four shirt numbers to have been retired in the club's esteemed 81-year history.

"It is a privilege and honour to welcome football icon Jomo Sono to the Ford family, as he has played such an integral part in the development of the sport in South Africa," said Conrad Groenewald, director of marketing, sales and service for South Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa.

Besides being one of the sport's most recognisable personalities, Sono has also played a crucial role in identifying and recruiting some of the country's best players over the years who have gone on to represent local teams, Bafana Bafana, and top European clubs.

'Invest, don't export talent'

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If South Africa wants to excel and be counted as one of the best sporting countries in the world, it has to start by investing in sporting infrastructure, especially in formerly disadvantaged areas and schools.

These were the thoughts of Highveld Lions batsman Omphile Ramela during the KFC Mini-cricket Festival at Highlands North Boys' High School on Spring Day which saw more than 800 children of various Gauteng schools take part.

The Soweto Meadowlands-born Ramela, himself a product of mini-cricket, said it was imperative that "we should start by investing in infrastructure for all our sporting codes and more so in the previously disadvantaged communities and schools".

"This thing of exporting talent from the township to private schools in the hope that it will swell the ranks of our outstanding sportsmen and women who can take on the world will never work," he said.

"How many bursaries can be offered by one school or cricketing body for that matter to nurture talented young cricketers? We need to invest in and develop the sporting infrastructure in those communities and schools rather than exporting talent. It's not all the talent that will be exported and this means that some of the talents will tend to fall to waste



The Editor of Alex News, Sipho Siso, poses for a picture with Highveld Lions ace batsman Omphile Ramela at the KFC Mini-cricket Festival in Highlands North. Photo: Zanele Siso/Zanephoto

in-between the cracks."

Ramela pointed out that he was not against the offering of bursaries to talented sportsmen and women but only felt that this tended to run short of the targets needed to swell the country's sporting ranks.

He was one of those who was scouted for his cricketing skills and "exported" from Soweto's Tshireletso Primary School (later Tshwelelang Junior Secondary) to St Peter's Preparatory School in Rivonia and eventually found himself at St John's College in Houghton, where he matriculated in 2006.

"The problem we have is that most of our schools in townships are dysfunctional sporting-wise and also only manage to scrape

through on the academic front. The government needs to come to the party to help our children and communities by building holistic schools where our children can learn and play sport at the same time."

Asked for his advice for aspiring cricketers, Ramela urged the youngsters to have fun, enjoy what they do but above all, they should work hard, read their school books, develop a love for reading and writing and have incredible listening skills in class.

Ramela is himself a well-read cricketer who holds a BA degree in politics, philosophy and economics, two honours and master's degrees in economics and philosophy and a master's degree in economics.

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KFC puts spring into cricket

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Aspiring young cricketers from Alex primary schools joined their counterparts from various schools in Gauteng as they welcomed spring with fun-filled games of cricket at Highlands North Boys' High School.

More than 30 children between the ages of seven to 12 years old, mainly from a well-known cricket-playing school in Alexandra, Skeen Primary School, and a sprinkle of them from MC Weiler and Ikage were bussed from Alex Cricket Oval in Altrec to form part of more than 800 who participated.

Besides being the number one cricketing school, Skeen is also a keen football-playing school and are the champions of the Discovery Alex Primary Schools Cup 2017, which they successfully defended after winning it in 2016.

Head of the Alex entourage, Margaret Marutha, a teacher at Skeen Primary who is also a coordinator of cricket for Alex schools, said 34 children comprising boys and girls who belong to the Alexandra Cricket Club participated in the coaching clinic of the KFC Mini-Cricket Festival.

They were accompanied by six teachers from the various schools in the township. "I am delighted we were invited again for these cricket development sessions which contribute a lot to the improvement of our game back in the township," said Marutha.

"It is by no fluke that we're the best cricketing school in the township and I would like to thank the organisers of the KFC Mini-Cricket for giving us the opportunity once again to hone our skills and ensure we continue to be the best cricketing school in our community."



A batsman in the making. Kamogelo Tshose shows his skills. Photos: Zanele Siso/Zanephoto



Kamogelo Tshose's colleagues look on as he hits one for six.



Some of the Alex cricketing children pose for a photograph at the end of the festival. With them are their teachers and coaches, Kgomotso Matintela and Kagiso Nkosi.