Anna-Mart verwerf honneurs

Anna-Mart Strydom, oudleerling van Hoërskool Middelburg, het haar honneurs graad verwerf in rekenaar geïntegreerde onderwys aan die Universiteit van Pretoria. Haar ouers is trots op haar en wens haar alle voorspoed toe vir haar meesters.

In honour of Eric

Sid Sidersky:
Honouring Eric Dorner's death is truly about honouring his life.

We can despair over what may have been, but must rather revel and reflect in what was and celebrate his life.

He was a gentleman and mensch of the highest order.

We will miss him more than words can express.

Rest in peace our friend.

• Mr Sidersky and Mr Dorner were partners since 2003 at the well-known Bezhoek Private Nature Reserve just outside Middelburg.

Mr Dorner sustained electrical burn wounds about a month ago outside his house in Bedfordview and was in the intensive care unit of the Milpark Hospital's Burn Unit.

He passed away on Friday night.

Mr Eric Dorner.

Quiet Time

Danie de Kock

I read the other day that the world population will soon pass the eight billion mark. These last couple of months I've been overwhelmed by the thought that God knows each one of us by name. He knows your name! We are not merely a number in His sight, He knows every single detail of our lives.

You can never run/hide from Him. Adam and Eve tried and up until today people still try. You cannot! He knows your thoughts. He knows your words, even before you utter them. God knows your name. In Psalm 139, we read that he wrote down our story even before we lived one day.

This personal God wants to stand in a personal relationship with you. This is the story of the cross. With arms wide open, He is inviting you today; come to Me. He knows your name.

Journey with Jesus.

Bring jou Wit Olifante na veiling

Die Lewe in Liefde-organisasie en Mannaprojek hou op 19 November 'n gemeenskapsveiling in die kerksaal van die Hervormde Kerk, Noord gemeente.

Johan Ackermann (Remax Invictus) sal die afslaer wees.

Me. Judy van Deventer (Lewe in Liefde) sê mense kan al op 18 Novemer die artikels wat hulle wil laat opveil na die saal toe neem.

"Enigiets is welkom! Van teepotte tot oupa se bank!"

Persone wat artikels wil laat opveil, moet 'n minimum prys maak, waarna daar dan 15% bygevoeg sal word vir verdeling tussen die twee organisasies.

Me. Van Deventer doen 'n beroep op die gemeenskap om die veiling te ondersteun. "Jy kan dalk net 'n paar geskenkies vir Kersfees raakloop!"

Vir meer inligting of as jy nou reeds 'n paar artikels wil skenk of bring, bel me. Van Deventer by

Me. Judy van Deventer by 'n paar van die artikels wat op 19 November opgeveil gaan word.

My Beurt

Sjani Campher

Ek wens ek kon die berig, of potgooi of radio-onderhoud opspoor, wat vertel het van wetenskaplikes wat nou die dag 'n frekwensie in die ruimte opgetel het van 'n radioboodskap vanuit die tweede wêreldoorlog.

Om te dink dat 'n gesprek wat byna 80 jaar gelede op 'n radio uitgesaai is nogsteeds in die heelal rond sweef spreek baie oor die krag van die woord.

En dis maklik om te glo...as 'n gelowige.

Christene en Moslems glo natuurlik dat die aarde geskape is deur God of Allah se woord. Die Nuwe Testament vertel van Christus se wonderwerke wat Hy uitgespreek het.

Boeddhiste glo in die krag van manifestasie.

Sielkundiges glo in *positive affirmations*, soos die Engelse sou sê.

So gebeur dit dat ek myself die eendag vang vloek uitspreek toe ek kwaad is.

Om by Cowen Ntulistraat af te ry op 'n Vrydagmiddag, maandeinde, dryf ons tot die uiterste.

Ek het agter gekom dat, as die nare woorde wat by my mond uitloop se sade eers in die grond moes val, kon niks mooi of gesond daaruit groei nie.

Toe onderneem ek om eerder seën uit te spreek wanneer die woede by my opsteek.

Na so twee weke daarvan kon ek nie bepaal of dit die mens se lewe werklik verryk nie, maar ek kon wel die verskil in my eie gesindheid raaksien.

Ek het minder kwaad geraak en meer hoop gehad.

En as mens werklik glo in die krag van die Woord, is ek seker dat my woorde van seën iewers ontvang is.

Nou wonder ek as almal sou onderneem om eerder seën uit te spreek as vloek? Want as almal om jou geseën is, is jy ook.

COMMENT KOMMENTAAR

It was like something out of an American action film. A senior municipal official on her way to work early in the morning. Because she gets around in a wheelchair, she makes use of a female driver.

Suddenly the vehicle is blocked, and a group of men, dressed in police uniforms, surround her vehicle.

The two women are bundled into another car.

The men, who posed as policemen, are kidnappers.

Days later, they demand R5 million.

This is not a movie, this is reality.

It happened on our doorstep.

The events are reminiscent of a drug cartel's actions in Mexico and not in a rural town like Middelburg.

The kidnapping is shocking.

What is more shocking are the statistics on kidnappings.

In the first six months of 2022, there were already 90 kidnappings per month in Mpumalanga, the second highest in the country.

Gauteng had 277 kidnappings per month, increasing to 579, according to quarterly crime statistics.

What is more worrying is that the South African Police do not have the capacity to solve this specialised crime.

The fact that the Nkangala District Municipality's Maggie Skhosana and her driver, Gugu Mtsweni, have not been located after a week, shows this.

That her wheelchair was thrown away by the side of the road by the kidnappers also shows that they are callous thugs.

With private investigator Mike Bolhuis and his team involved, there is hope that the two women will be reunited with their families.

The question remains: who is next?

Save these dates

Elke Vrydag
•Die Hospicevereniging bak pannekoek by hul kantoor in Kogelstraat. R6 per pannekoek. Bestellings by sr. Judy Toüa by 083 231 5831 of bel die kantoor by 013 243 6713.

29 Oktober
•Mannaprojek blikskud by Farm Inn en Food Lovers Market. Dawn van Baalen 082 337 5902.

•St Joseph Catholic Church yearly Peri-Peri Evening. R1 500 per table of eight persons. Bookings at 082 985 3956.

•Mid Hartklop bied aan: Dirk van der Westhuizen. 18:00. R170 per persoon, kinders (o/12) R70. Lizette 071 254 5443, Zillika 082 560 7223.

4 November
•(4-6 November) Woord in Aksie mannekamp. R450 per persoon vir hele naweek. Kameeldrift Pretoria. Vervoer word onderling gereël. Inligting op Middelburg4Jesus Facebookblad, Marcél 02 448 2556, Charlene 072 885 9404.

5 November
•SAVF Maatskaplike Dienste blikskud by Farm Inn en Kanonkop Spar. Dawn van Baalen 082 337 5902.

•The Gorge Trail Run & MTB Series. Buffalo Gorge. Ryk Diepraam 083 528 9586, email: info@buffalogorge.co.za, website: www.buffalogorge.co.za.

8 November
•Ouklip VLU vergader by St John's Presbiteriaanse Kerksaal. Bhimy Damanestraat. 09:00. Afsluiting. Dawn 082 337 5902.

9 November
•Hendrina VLU vergader by Hendrina NG Kerk. Hannie Smit 082 345 8180.

Inwoner/Doring van die week

Inwoner van die week: Bernice du Plessis, die bestuurder van die SAVF Tehuis vir Bejaardes, wat so hard werk om die lewens te verbeter van die mense in hulle sorg. Terwyl die inwoners van die SAFV hulle goue jare deurbring, werk Bernice en haar span hard agter die skerms waar verskeie projekte geïmplementeer word om die inwoners meer gemaklik te maak. Bernice het 'n passie en liefde vir die mense in haar sorg. Bernice, kom haal gerus jou Hobo's Cafe eetbewys ter waarde van R250 by die *Middelburg Observer* redaksiekantoor.

Doring van die week: Die gemeenskap is geskok oor die ontvoering van die Nkangala distriks-munisipale bestuurder wat op ons voorstoep plaasgevind het. Die gebeure is so onwerklik soos 'n fliek van 'n dwelmkartel, en tog is dit die realiteit wat ons inwoners mee saam leef.

Waak met besemstok langs bed

Reinette Raubenheimer:
Ons lewe in 'n chaotiese, histeriese tyd... die trane hardloop marathonne oor my gesig... lag-trane...en rou-trane...

Ek huil oor wetsgehoorsame burgers wat in tronke bly en kriminele wat die Vryheid van Suid-Afrika ontvang het. Die amptelike seremonie moet nog net plaasvind.

Ek huil want dis deure, trellidoors, alarms en "beams", slotte... sleutels wat ek nou in 'n aparte sak dra... ek moet als saamdra want ek het myself al uitgesluit..

Ek bly in 'n klein veilige kompleks. Net 10 eenhede. Ek was in 'n kort tydjie die derde slagoffer. Die gemoedere en senuwees is soos 'n styfgespande snaar onder al die inwoners. Elkeen is gewapen. Ek het 'n besemstok langs my bed en 'n ou swaard van my pa. Elkeen is paraat. Elkeen hou dop. Ons is gerat. Gewapen.

....en so begin die werkers rustig kap om vir my 'n paneel uit te haal...vroeg op 'n Woensdagoggend op 12 Oktober. Die volgende oomblik, wilde weste. Alle hel breek los. 'n Skoot klap... sny deur die kompleks soos 'n vegvliegtuig. Die werkers soek dekking. Ek vries! Dan die stem van 'n sersant majoor! My buurvrou wat my wou beskerm teen nog 'n traumatiese inbraak.

Nodeloos om te sê. Babelse verwarring! Om die paranoia te verduidelik is moeilik, die manne is suur. Ek deel gegeurde water uit vir die skok, maar besef gou vuil Coke sou beter gewerk het.

Buurvrou, ek waardeer jou uit my hart! Ek troos en bedank, maar woorde is leeg. Trane van skok en trauma duidelik op haar gesig. Tydens die vorige inbraak het sy die kriminele op heter daad betrap en vrou-alleen aangedurf. 'n Dapper vrou, my hart huil vir haar en vir elke slagoffer in hierdie eens mooi en vry land.

Terug in my kamer gryp ek die foon vir e-pos na die *Middelburg Observer*. Trane marathon steeds...die komie...die bitter...die verlange na my vrye gees...

•Baie dankie aan Edrick van Jaarsveld, JJ Fourie en die hele span tegnikuste van MidAlarms, wat so vinnig die installering van 'n alarm gedoen het. Dankie aan die vrou by skakelbord wat so flink reageer op seine.

Ek waardeer jul so baie. Lekker om te weet ons dorp se besighede doen hul werk met trots.

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PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project is located approximately 15km west of Hendrina, within the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, in the Nkangala District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province. The Hendrina Power Station is located approximately 17km northwest of Hendrina, near Pullens Hope.

The grid connection infrastructure will be located on the following properties:

- Portion 0 of Farm 162 Eskom.
- Portion 11 of Farm 162 Hendrina Power Station;
- Portion 8 of Farm 154 Boschmanskop;
- Portion 18, Portion 1, Portion 13, Portion 14, and Portion 2 of Farm 151 Roodepoort;
- Portion 1 of Farm 158 Aberdeen;
- Portion 1 of Farm 25 Broodsneyersplaats;
- Portion 37, Portion 17, Portion 12, and Portion 2 of Farm 153 Driefontein;
- Portion 0 of Farm 186 Gloria;
- Portion 4 and Portion 3 of Farm 185 Hartebeestkuil;

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Copies of the draft basic assessment reports can be obtained on the SiVEST website at: https://www.sivest.com/za/download or emailed on request. The comment period for the draft BA report will run from **28 October 2022 to 27 November 2022.**

POPIA, you hereby declare and confirm that you, as an I&AP providing information, consent for your information to be gathered, stored and distributed for the purpose of this project.

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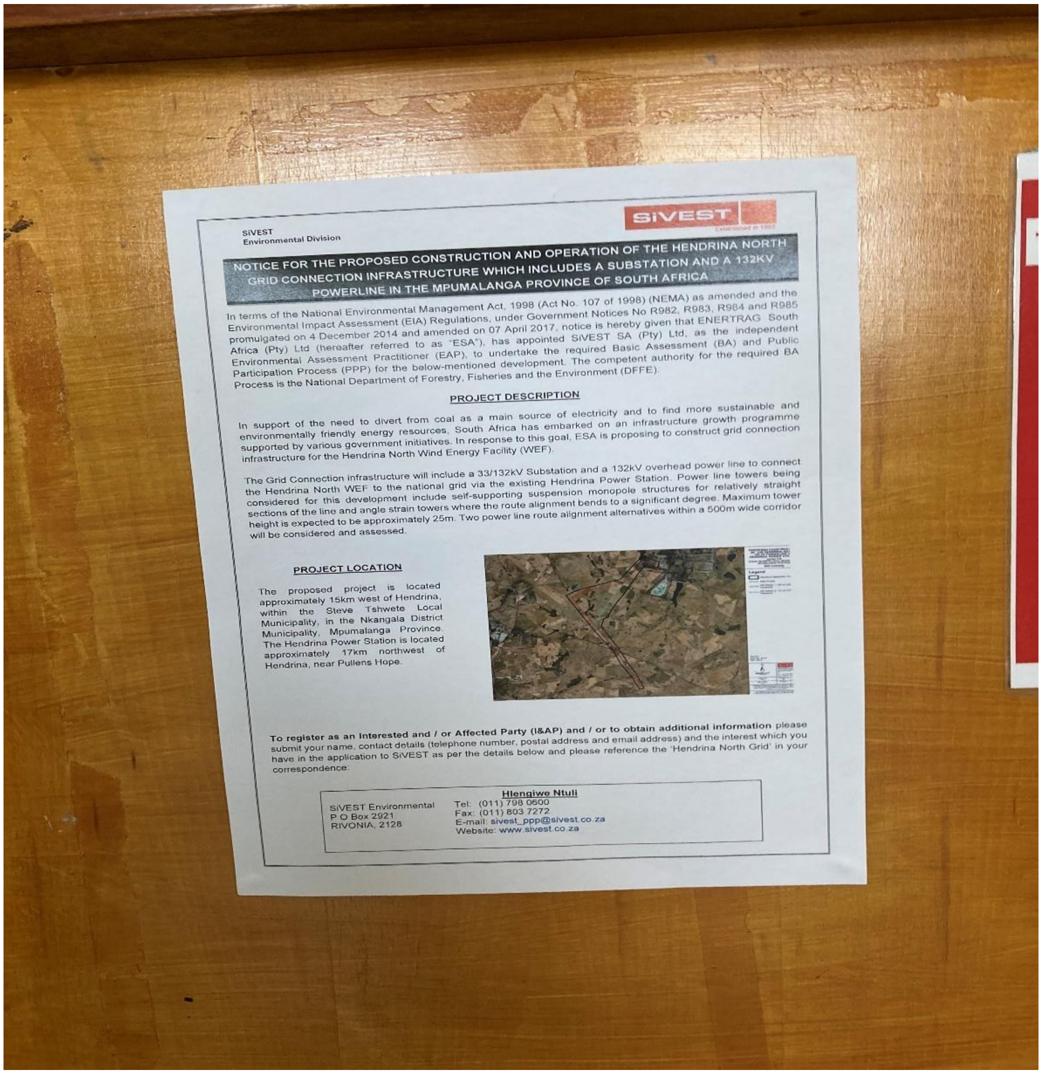
Poster: Hendrina Power Station



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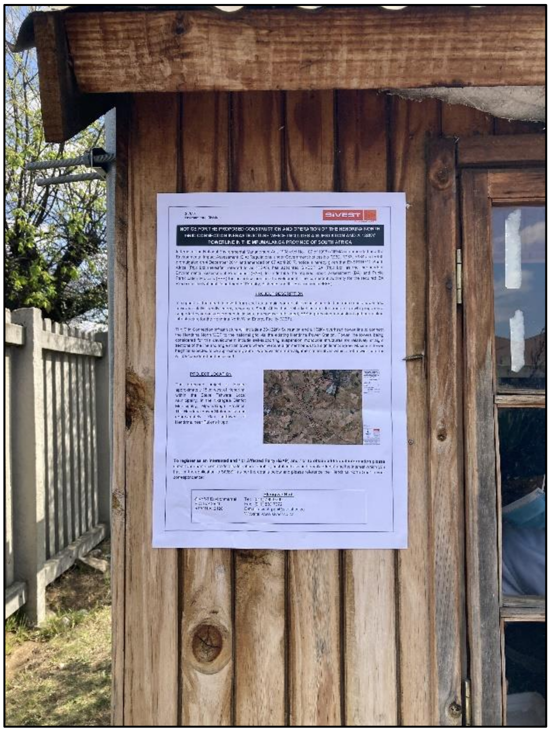

Hendrina Municipality

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Solomon Kulushi Mahlangu Street

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Steve Tshwete Local Municipality

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KENNISGEWING VIR DIE BEOOGDE OPRIGTING EN BEDRYF VAN DIE HENDRINA-NOORD ROOSTERKONNEKSIE-INFRASTRUKTUUR MET INSLUITING VAN 'N SUBSTASIE EN 'N 132 KV KRAGLYN IN SUID-AFRIKA SE MPUMALANGAPROVINSIE

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PROJEKBESKRYWING

Ter stawing van die nodigheid om weg te beweeg van steenkool as 'n hoofbron van elektrisiteit en om meer volhoubare en omgewingsvriendelike energiehulpbronne te kry, het Suid-Afrika 'n program vir die ontwikkeling van infrastruktuur van stapel gestuur wat deur verskeie staatsinisiatiewe ondersteun word. In antwoord op hierdie doelwit, beoog ESA die oprigting van roosterkonneksie-infrastruktuur vir die Hendrina-Noord Windkragaanleg (WEF).

Die roosterkonneksie-infrastruktuur sal 'n 33/132 kV substasie en 'n 132 kV oorhoofse kraglyn insluit om die Hendrina-Noord WEF via die bestaande Hendrina Kragstasie met die nasionale kragnet te verbind. Kraglynmaste wat vir hierdie ontwikkeling oorweeg word, sluit in vrystaande suspensie enkelmasstrukture vir betreklik reguit dele van die lyn en hoektrekmaste waar die roetebelyning tot 'n beduidende mate kronkel. Die maksimum mashoogte sal na verwagting sowat 25 m wees. Twee alternatiewe kraglynroetebelynings in 'n korridor met 'n breedte van 500 m, sal oorweeg en geëvalueer word.

PROJEKLIGGING

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