

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION, WASTE MANAGEMENT LICENCE AND WATER USE LICENCE

IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR A MINING RIGHT AND MINING PERMITS FOR THE WEST WITS PROJECT GAUTENG PROVINCE

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MASSIVE RISK, LOW REWARD!



These boys fix potholes on a busy road.

Photo by Mzamani Mathye

Kids risk lives for a few coins

By **MZAMANI MATHYE**
WHERE some people see a need for better service delivery, two boys see an opportunity to make some extra cash.

The boys, aged 10 and 12, from Qaza Village outside Malamulele, Limpopo, fix potholes in their spare time.

Some motorists appreciate the gesture and give them a bit of spare change for the effort.

However, not everyone is impressed by the boys' work.

Motorist James Khosa (45) said the boys demand money instead of asking for it.

"These kids make me angry. Every time I drive on this road they stop me and demand money," said James.

"Judging by their behaviour, you'd swear I was a government official who hired them to fix the potholes. "I fear for their lives as well.

"One day they are going to be run over by a crazy motorist."

When the SunTeam drove to the village on Tuesday, the boys were collecting soil from the roadside to fill the gaping potholes.

One of the boys told *Daily Sun* they came up with the plan to make some pocket money at the beginning of the year.

"Some good motorists stop and give us their spare change, but others shout at us and drive by without giving us a cent."

Asked if they knew it was dangerous to stand in the middle of the road, he said: "When we realise that a car isn't going to stop we move out of the way."

They vowed to continue despite the risk.

One of the boys' mums said she was not aware her son had been risking his life to make pocket money.

She vowed to make sure he never returned to the road.

Limpopo transport spokesman Matome Moremi blasted the kids' reckless behaviour.

"We appeal to the parents to monitor their kids and stop them from playing on the road," he said.

Moremi encouraged residents to report potholes to the public works department.

A bumper crop for dedicated farmers!



Some of the farmers and an agricultural officer Eric Ramaano with the harvest they say is the best in years.
Photo by Armando Chikhudo

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THE feared African army worm outbreak left many maize farmers crying, but farmers in Lwamondo, Thohoyandou, Limpopo are expecting a bumper crop.

About 2 000 subsistence farmers who work under the umbrella of the Lwamondo Dry Land Farmers, said they were expecting one of their biggest harvests ever.

The farmers met at the local agricultural extension officer Eric Ramaano's offices to celebrate.

The group's chairman, Naledzani Mamphitha (73) said they had many challenges like getting finance to buy seeds, pesticides, fertiliser and to hire tractors. But the threat of an outbreak of army worm was the worst.

"We used our grants to finance our farming and we feared all our money would go down the drain," he said.

"God has been so wonderful. The outbreak didn't affect us and we now have one

of our best harvests in years.

"Had it not been for Eric Ramaano we would be crying like the others but he encouraged us to buy the most improved maize and it worked to our advantage."

Mamphitha said that they would be grateful if government could assist them to produce more. "We also want government to build a mill for us because we are charged a lot at the local mill."

He said he it was worrying that only elderly women and men were still involved in farming and that it appeared there was no succession plan in the community.

Ramaano, the local agricultural officer who has been with the community for more than 30 years, said he was happy to work with such dedicated farmers.

"When there are new developments in farming we share and they adjust," he said.

"I'm happy their harvest is the best this year, despite the odds."



A smooth-talking conman made off with the Dobsonville Gardens resident's ring.

All that glitters.....

Enver Wessels

Your wedding day is a very special occasion which newly weds cherish forever. The exchange of vows and the slipping on of the wedding rings is a symbolic gesture of the eternity they pledge to spend with each other. Most husbands fear losing their wedding bands and if misplaced, they go into a frenzy trying to find where they may have lost it.

A Dobsonville Gardens man recalled how he was swindled of his wedding band in October last year. According to the victim, he was enjoying a day in front of his television when a man he surmised to be about 30 years old, knocked on his door and asked to be let in. He introduced himself as Tshepo and explained that he was in the business of exchanging old jewelry like watches, bracelets, rings, earrings and chains in exchange for household items. The young man assured his victim that he would not leave with the jewelry, but that he would take a photo and give the man one household item as a gift.

The scamster noticed the ring on his victim's finger and insisted on weighing it with a small electronic scale he was carrying. After weighing the ring, he enquired how

long it was in the home-owner's possession, to which the victim said that he owned it for more than ten years.

The scale spewed out a number, which was 22, according to the victim and Tshepo informed him that the ring was made of brass and gold plated and therefore did not match the required standard.

After this exchange, the con artist offered to clean that inside of the ring by dipping it into a solution he claimed to be Mercury. After this "cleaning" the ring took on a brownish colour, which alarmed the victim.

An apologetic Tshepo said that he would call his boss who said that they would leave a "gift" and have a closer look at the ring at their Maponya Mall offices. The men exchanged telephone numbers and the scam artist left with the ring.

When he did not receive any word after sending texts to Tshepo's number, the alarmed victim tried contacting the charlatan repeatedly, with no success. He has since lodged a case of theft at the Dobsonville Police Station and said, "I would be glad if the law could apprehend the culprits and make the community aware of this operation."

Respect is earned through financial independence

Mandlakayise Hlatshwayo

@MansionPlatinum

Avon continues to support women-not only with their products, but by creating an avenue a passage for them to earn money as well.

Some of the company's representatives were in Diepkloof to help the unemployed youth join their Avon team to earn extra

money in the midst of heretofore unseen unemployment levels.

Being an unemployed young woman can be daunting, especially when your basic needs are supplied for by someone else who may be harbouring their own motives, so many young women escape their clutches through entrepreneurship or volunteering.

Avon is the leading social selling beauty company which has independent sales representatives across the country. The company also proudly supports efforts to end breast cancer and domestic violence.

Most times in Soweto domestic violence may be worsened by the fact that women look to men for provision, however, Avon has granted an employment opportunity to women like Mpho Hlongwane whose job it is to recruit more representatives for the company.

Hlongwane asserted that her job was giving her independence and the opportunity to fend for herself so she does not rely on anyone to prove even her most basic needs. She said, "Working for Avon has been a good experience and it has been working out fine for me since I'm on my way to gaining my financial independence."

Hlongwane and colleague Uteng Liburu shared the same sentiment about the opportunity which has been made available to the youth. Liburu said, "We get to travel and meet people from across the spectrum while generating an income. We could not have asked for a better chance."



Uteng Liburu and Mpho Hlongwane are intent on gaining their financial independence.

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