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Snoek Netshifhethe at the Brooklyn hospital after he was assaulted. See page

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Atteridgeville cop to be investigated for bribery and assault



Snoek Netshifhethe shows his scars after he was assaulted. Inset (Snoek Netshifhethe (39) who was allegedly assaulted by the Atteridgeville police officer).

When a man from Brazzaville informal settlement requested a receipt for the RS00 that he paid over to an Atteridgeville policeman, he claims he was badly beaten by the police officer. Snock Netshiftethe (39) from Brazzaville informal settlement claims that the policeman had arrested him on March 13 for selling counterfeit cigarettes at the settlement which resulted in him spending the night in the jail of the Atteridgeville Police Station.

"The next morning, a policeman by the surname of Khumalo asked me for R1700. I

told him I did not have that kind of mone The policeman then asked me to call my family for the money. When I told him none of them would have that amount on them. he suggested I ask my family in court for R500 instead. I was desperate to get out of jail so I agreed to the lesser amount." Snoek said that the policeman then went into the court room and asked his brother to pay R500 to have Snoek released. When the policeman re-entered the holding cell where Snoek was, he released Snoek without him appearing in court, Snoek exclaimed. When he got outside, Snoek said that his brother told him that the policeman had not given him a receipt for the R500. Snoek said, "I went back to the police station because I wanted the receipt for the money that was paid to cop and I also wanted a list of counterfeit cigarettes so that I would be more aware the next time. When I asked Khumalo for the receipt for the money, he was so furious with me that he took me back into the holding cell, sprayed my eyes with pepper spray and then assaulted me with me with a stick. He also kicked me and beat me with his fist. Snoek continued that said Khumalo left him inside the cell for a while and when he returned, another policeman entered the cell with him. Snoek was asked to apologise to Khumalo by the new policeman, which he did out of absolute fear. Only then did the two policemen release him.

Snock said that his brother took him to the Brooklyn hospital because he had trouble breathing after the beating. He was treated for his injuries and then discharged.



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"On March 16, I went to the Atteridgeville police station to open a case of assault and corruption against the police officer who assaulted me. I was given a case number and the police told me they will investigate the matter," said an exasperated Snoek.



When the *Tshwane Sun* contacted the Atteridgeville police, a spokesperson said that an investigation would be conducted to determine if there was any truth to the allegations and if so steps would be taken because no one was above the law.

The "Mother of all Protests" to be unleashed

'Coalition against Xenophobia' plans to unleash "the mother of all protests" in the Pretoria and Johannesburg metropolitans after President Jacob Zuma refused to accept their memorandum.

The organisation which comprises of both, foreign nationals and locals who reject xenophobia, claimed that the president had refused to accept their memorandum because 'Coalition against Xenophobia' was not part of the ANC.

Chairperson of the Coalition against Xenophobia, Themba Nealo furiously stated, "We are going to occupy all highways in Pretoria and Johannesburg to compel the President to listen to our grievances and address the issues detailed in our memorandum".

The 'Coalition against Xenophobia' marched to the Union Building on March 9 to submit a memorandum urging government to intensify their fight against xenophobia in South Africa.
Themba told the Tshwane Sun, "We
marched to the Union Building to hand over
a memorandum to President Jacob Zuma so
that he would address issues such as the
monopolization of public works and other
municipal projects in townships geared at
job creation as these issues usually result in
xenophobic attacks and we as an
organisation would like to prevent this from
happening."

Another issue raised by Themba in the memorandum was that people were being excluded from jobs if they were not cardcarrying members of the ANC. He added, "We want the government to

He added, "we want the government to actively fight drug trafficking in the country as it is taking place on huge scales at airports and harbours."

'Coalition against Xenophobia' places the responsibility of tackling drug trafficking in the country, on the shoulders of the President.

Themba said "Most of the police officers are embroiled in crime. This is an issue that must be addressed as it impacts on our faith in the police."

He also touched on other burning issues such as RDP houses, "We want the government to address the issues of the backlog in the allocation of RDP houses because most people have applied for houses in 1996. If all these issues are addressed by the government they would appease the community and lay to bed the issues of xenophobia." He added further, "We were hoping that the President would take action to address these issues to prevent further xenophobic attacks.' He lambasted those who labelled people based on isolated incidents saying, "We cannot paint all people with the same brush.

Themba said that his organisation wanted the government to take crime fighting seriously and to educate people to



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An entire generation of young South Africans are not in employment, education or training, and have been left behind by an ANC government that refuses to rescue them. Together, they make up almost two thirds of South Africa's population of 9 million who are without work, the DA said. Democratic Alliance Leader Mmusi Maimane visited the Atteridgeville Community Hall and the Flavious Mareka High School on March 11, and addressed residents on his party's mission to rescue the unemployed youth in South Africa. The launch of this "rescue mission" was also attended by Member of Parliament Sej Motau, Gauteng Leader John Moody

amongst others Maimane said that the rescue of this lost generation was a challenge and this is why the DA has made this its greatest mission. "We will free young South Africans to take their destiny into their

and MMC for Housing Mandla Nkomo

own hands, to be owners of wealth and capital, to climb the ladder of opportunity, and to succeed," he told the community. He added that the DA's rescue mission would be twofold. "Firstly, we will build skills for job seekers through free technical training to all matrics. We plan to introduce opportunity vouchers which young people can use to subsidise university or TVET college fees, provide seed capital for a micro-enterprise, or to act as a state guarantee on a bank loan to establish a micro-enterprise. He further stated, "Teacher training

colleges and the re-introduction of teacher training colleges will ensure teaching excellence. Principals and teachers will be held accountable for the high drop-out rates in school. We also plan on bridging the gap through the creation of better education, training and internship options This will be done by investing heavily in government internship programmes and introducing a comprehensive Youth Wage

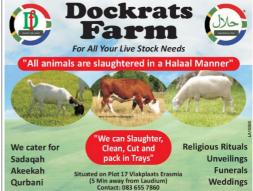
Subsidy which will incentivise the young, low-skilled jobseekers."

The DA plans, through various avenues, to expand the financial support to the National Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) so that it offers comprehensive support to the poorest students. The missing middle, who cannot secure funding or bank loans, will receive support proportional to their family income. Work experience and upscaling the existing Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) will offer temporary employment and skills training to more young people." Maimane said adding that economic growth that creates

jobs accelerates investment He concluded by saying, "If a well-run, honest government that consistently delivers services and maintains infrastructure is in place then businesses will tend to invest in the city and employ its residents. People will then commence supporting small businesses. The DA's plans to start a jobs and justice fund will provide sound advice, training and financial support to entrepreneurs together with the access capital needed to start and grow businesses, thereby creating jobs.



Mmusi Maimane with other DA officials, in Atteridgeville





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Long grass at cemeteries leaves residents enraged

Saulsville and Atteridgeville cemeteries are becoming a true reflection that symbolizes the Amazon jungle with residents insisting that the council sort the overgrown grass out at both the competies.

The residents claim that these two cometeries especially the one which is adjacent to Phatudi High School and the one next to the Attlyn shopping Centre are in such a bad state because the council is no longer sending workers to cut grass at these resting places for their loved ones. A resident residing next to the Saulsville Cemetry, Tsholofelo Msiza told the Tshwane Sun that the Saulsville Cemetry looks disgusting as the grass is even longer than normal human height. The community is urging the councillor to do

something about the overgrowing grass that is fast becoming a home for criminals targeting the local community," Msiza exclaimed.

Tsholofelo added "The council has crected a gate and a long fence to stop people from crossing between the cemeteries. However, the cemetery adjacent to Phatudi High has not been attended to. "Msiza said since last year this cemetery has been looking like a jungle and the council doesn't seem to care to clean the cemetery but what was most frustrating about this matter is that the cemetery which is on Church Street, Cnr DF Malan is clean because at this cemetery, more whites were buried. Could this be a racial thing?" Msiza asked

Other community members echoed Msiza's sentiments claiming that council is ignoring to clean these two cemeteries in Saulsville and Atteridgeville because black people are buried at there. We are also calling on the council to erect a tap at the Saulsville Cemetery. The council has to also erect a long fence at the Saulsville

Cemetery adjacent to the Phatudi High School to stop people from crossing between the cemetery and school in order to get to their



destination.

We are also calling on the council to erect toilets at the Saulsville Cemetery because residents struggle to answer the call of nature when they are visiting their loved ones who are buried at the Saulsville cemetery" Msiza concluded, furiously. Attempts to get a comment from the ward 68 councillor, Joyce Ngobeni, proved fruitless at the time of going to press.

The residents of Phomolong informal settlement are urging the council and government to build a police station in their area or at least bring back the mobile police station which was helping them in the past, as crime continues to escalate in the area.

The residents of the informal settlement claim that they are struggling to report crime in their area. They are forced to travel to their closest police station, which is in Atteridgeville, to report any criminal activities in their area. The residents also claim that the Atteridgeville police station is very far for them and they cannot afford to get to the station any longer. A resident from Phomolong Informal Settlement, Peter Maseko, told the Tshwane Sun that they used to have a mobile police station, to report anything relating to crime in the area, which was very convenient for them, but this mobile police station ceases to exist. They have no idea as to why this mobile police station

Cry for a new police station

was closed down, the resident said. Residents are urging the government to build a new police station next to Phomolong informal settlement, so that it can help reduce crime in areas such as Brazzaville and Phomolong informal settlements. Maseko further added that the residents of Phomolong informal settlement and Brazzaville informal settlement have to travel to the Atteridgeville police station even just to certify documents or to make affidavits. This travel cost is getting too high, especially for the many unemployed residents living in the Brazzaville informal settlement.

He added that they were very concerned about the high levels of crime in the area and a police station could bring a massive difference. "We are also calling on the Atteridgeville police to patrol our area as criminals are preying on the residents going to work early in the morning. Many other people are being robbed in our area. We are also calling on the council to take this matter seriously.

"The other frustrating matter is that there is a police station, which was built next to the Saulsville train station, which is now being vandalized and gone to waste. Had this police station been errected in our area, it would have made a colossal difference," Maseko said.

Maseko said if a new police station could not be built, then at least the mobile police station should be brought back, as it was better than not having a police station at all. "When it comes to service delivery, as residents of informal settlements, we are struggling. The government is failing us."

he said in dismay.

Another resident, Maria Masemolasaid,
said most of the crimes were emanating
from the Brazzaville and Phomolong
informal settlements. These places have a
high rate of murder incidents. The majority
of these murders are caused by criminals
who rob people at night. It is time the
government starts taking this matter of
building a police station seriously.
She added "Why doesn't the government
build a small police station at Extension 6,
which will benefit residents of Extension
6, 7 and other surrounding informal
settlements?"

Atteridgeville police spokesperson, Captain Thomas Mufumadi, said he would address the issue of erecting a police station at the informal settlement, with the station commissioner, at the soonest.



























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Successful Waste Management SMMEs are keeping Atteridgeville clean

New GX SMMEs take over the household waste collection service in Atterideeville, Lotus Gardens and Olievenhouthosch from L. February 2017

New GX Enviro, a specialist waste management service provider, was contracted by the City of Tshwane to run a business incubation model that saw six SMMEs being trained on how to run their own waste management operation. Five of the six SMMEs formed a consortium called Go Green Renewable Energy. The sixth formed a company called Batsumi Batsha.

SMMEs were taught about all aspects of running a waste management business. The compactor trucks – which were new at the beginning of the contract and cost approximately R1.3m each – were handed over to the SMMEs, at no cost, at the end of the three year period (being the 1" of February 2015). For the following two years (1 February 2015 to 31 January 2017) the SMMEs subcontracted to New GX Enviro and

provided the waste household waste collection service to the formal households in Atteridgeville and to all the households in Lotus Gardens and Olivenhoutbosch. The distribution and subsequent collection of plastic bags to the households in Mshenguville, the clearing of illegal dumps and the litter picking of the main roads was done by New GX Enviro with their staff and equipment.

As of 1 February 2017, Go Green
Renewable Energy ('Go Green') and
Batsumi Batsha ('Batsumi') have taken
over the household waste collection for
the formal and informal households in
all of Atteridgeville, Olievenhoutbosch
and Lotus Gardens and now employ 69
people from their service areas.
The transition of the household
collection service to Go Green and
Batsumi has been extremely smooth as
they have the skills, experience and
resources to succeed.

This exemplary partnership between the City of Tshwane and New GX Enviro has succeeded in developing a model that brings multiple parties together in a manner that is mutually beneficial. The benefits include:

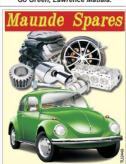
 Business incubation – SMMEs are being given the opportunity to own their own businesses with on-the-ground training and solid support structures in place:

place; 2. Job creation – many local jobs have been created, not only for the SMMEs but also for the people they employ as general workers, drivers, administrators, mechanics, supervisors, etc, etc.;

3. Promoting the township economy – with New GX Enviro, Go Green and Batsumi using local suppliers and services where economically viable; and 4. Environmental impact – the areas that are being serviced are clean: providing an important health benefit to residents. Go Green and Batsumi are a fine example of what it is possible to achieve when hard work, the right attitude and desire are met by an opportunity and willing partners in the form of the City of Tshwane and New GX Enviro.



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New GX Enviro has successfully operated in Atteridgeville since 2012 and has incubated 6 SMMEs from Atteridgeville, Lotus Gardens and Olivenhoutbosch into stand-alone waste collection entities who now provide the waste collection service in these areas.

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Students invited to pursue a career in Information Technology

pursue studies in Information Technology or students with IT qualifications are welcome to apply to ioin Earl Mondhlane of Netmarks Technologies.

Earl Mondhlane said, "I used to sell icecream at the age of fourteen, where I saved the profit I made to buy myself a second-hand computer."

That resulted in me teaching myself how to fix and operate computers at that tender age. The was then able to move from selling ice-creams to fixing computers in and around the community."

Earl continued that he had set clear goals for financial success for himself early in his life which is why, by the age of 20 he managed to start his first computer business in his mother's garage in Atteridgeville. The computer company which he founded then is now called Netmarks Technologies and it has

resulted in him employing over 100 young people. Mondhlane is young businessman who is empowering young black individuals

He added that Netmarks Technologies has created employment for young people in different townships around Tshwane. "We also take in students who are studying IT for in-house training and if grade 12 pupils are interested in the field, we mentor them too. Those who show a potential for IT are then absorbed into the company. "The Learnership Programme is geared at empowering young people from different institutions. Due to the enormous unemployment rate in our country, our company has decided to empower learners in the form of Learnerships and Internships as our way of giving back to the community. Many of the learners end up employed by Netmarks Technologies and others are helped to get placements."



Members of Netmarks Technologies

Earl said that potential students and people who were interested in either the learnership programmes and/or internship were welcome to contact Mr. Nkateko Baloyi on 012 772 4983. Alternatively they can also email on

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tive and Social ensioners invited

to learn skills, stay healthy and socialise with others in their age

Martha Hlongwane, Project Manager of Bophirima for the Elderly Centre said, "Our organization specializes in keeping pensioners busy during the day. We provide two meals per day and we meet daily. Pensioners are taught to

Pensioners are invited to join a centre exercise to keep themselves fit and they are taught skills such as singing, sewing, gardening and soccer. Pensioners are also taught to grow vegetables to keep their minds busy and it helps with their meals too.

We are doing this because we have realized that many pensioners are suffering from depression as a result of them doing nothing of value at their

homes. Our organization focuses on making sure that pensioners are well taken care of," added Martha Pensioners are also being educated on their rights so that when they are abused at their homes they know what to do This is a problem that the organisation is addressing as well, according to Martha

"Since the pensioners joined our

organization they are much happier as they are no longer suffering from stress and they no longer complain about aches and pains in their bodies because the activities they got helped them stay fit." Matha exclaimed.

Martha asked that interested pensioners who wish to join contact her on 073 1922 551.

he Lives of the Blind

It was purely by accident that the plight of the blind in the Atteridgeville community was brought to light. Mmapula Lefifi, an administrator at Aga Sechaba Community Project said that the Gauteng Department of Social Development, in partnership with Godisang

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Development, had brought to their organisation the Jobs-Seeking Center Program. This programme is run by departments across Gauteng and has been instrumental in allowing them to interact with a large number of individuals across an array of backgrounds in the community Through this interaction, they met with the visually impaired members in the community and have realized that there is a dire need for assistance. The Aga Sechaba Community Project calls

gather donations to enable them to help these sightless people who are struggling as there is a lack of specialized job opportunities available to them Mmapula said, "After understanding the challenges faced by the visually impaired in the community, Aga Sechaba initiated an upliftment programme to help them to: · access information regarding programs they may be interested in,

on residents and businesses to help them to

- · provide advice on their various fields of interest and
- · help with the supplication of other institutions
- · Lefifi said was saddened by the daily challenges faced by the people with sight

Visually impaired residents are appealing for help. disabilities which includes lack of proper their plight. Until then, we appeal to the

walking sticks, a lack of knowledge of Braille, lack of computer literacy, and the lack of facilities where they can meet for their physical activities that include music practice and group meetings. Mmapula added, "These visually impaired individuals wish to form a non governmental organisation so they will be able to netition the government to address

community and businesses to help us to raise funds so that we may be able to address a few of their immediate challenges.

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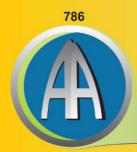
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the country has contributed to the extensive use of drugs and alcohol, as well as escalated crime statistics... but soon this will be a thing of the past. From Jesus-to-Joseph Sports and Development (FJ-to-JS&D) is coming to the rescue of the South African youth. From Jesus-to-Joseph Sports and Development founder, Joseph Mbatha told the Tshwane Sun that South Africa is not progressing at its full potential in both, sports and economics. South Africa has immense talent but the country is not profiting from it in terms of sport. I believe that a lack of discipline plays a huge role in poor performance statistics in the world of sport

He added that FJ-to-JS&D will be launched in all provinces to discover hidden talents All FJ-to-J S&D teams formed countrywide will be taught more about discipline. In every province, we will try ensure that children are taken off the streets and kept busy with sporting activities. The good thing is that we can accommodate every young person, both male and female as we have a varied number of activities. It will also create job opportunities since we need a management team and sporting officials in all provinces. We have already employed 18 people in Gauteng.
FJ-to-JS&D spokesperson, Calvin Maluleka said they are confident

that their vision, to take the South African sports to another level, will be accomplished because of their dedicated team. "This is an attainable vision; we are looking forward to working with the provincial government to ensure that our work becomes easier. We are also calling on sponsors to be a part of our vision by supporting us financially," said Maluleka optimistically.

He added that every academy will have 8 sports teams this year. the number of teams will probably increase next year when ensuring that no one is left out. "As we have mentioned, we want to accommodate everybody. We are planning to create many teams but because we are starting from scratch this year, we will only start with 8 teams in every province" concluded Maluleka. For more information on when FJ-to-J S & D will come your area,



Youth who are taking part in Joseph to Jesus Sport programme contact their offices in Johannesburg on 010 214 0671 or visit their website www.fjtojsd.co.za.

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