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When 24-year-old Thato Mojewa of Mmakaunyane village took her 6-yearold son to the local Community Health Centre (CHC), she hoped for better health conditions!

On January 26, Grade 3, Itumeleng Mojewa suffered from swelling below-the-belt when his mother decided to consult the health officials at CHC

While waiting for assistance, Itumeleng had a nature's call ... he went to relieve himself at the clinic's public toilets. However, upon his return he was crying and bleeding from

clinic premises

According to his mother, Thato Mojewa, the boy told her that some bricks had allegedly fallen atop his head.

Mojewa said: "I went to investigate and found that about 12 bricks had fallen inside the toilet cubicle. I then reported the incident to a stuff nurse. Without undergoing an X-Ray to check the severity

of the injury, the nurses washed wound and dressed it. I was shocked when I was told to go home. Due to internal pains, my son did not sleep a wink that night. I had to wait until the next morning because the CHC operates during office hours only and offer no services after hours. However, when morning came, Itumeleng wanted to go to school. After an hour or so, his class teacher phoned to advise me to fetch him immediately from school because he could

no longer withstand the pain.' Mojewa told the Tshwane Sun that she took her son back to the centre where the nurses wrote a transfer letter to take the boy to

Mabopane based Odi hospital. The unemployed mother requested them to arrange an ambulance for her son because she had no money for transportation costs to the Odi hospital. However, her plea fell

upon deaf ears. "I took my son home and spent the weekend nursing for his wounds. Although, up till now he still complains of headaches Concerning the initial ailment of swelling, the nurses said that they do not know such kind of diseases. As a parent, I felt that our CHC is useless. It would be much better if the department proposes the closure of the

took her 6-year-old son, Itumeleng, to th

local Community Health Centre (CHC),

hoping for better health conditions. centre before someone is killed by collapsing toilet cubicles. The nurses show no compassion while performing their daily

duties," concluded the irate Mojewa

Overloaded bins promote illegal dumping

Neglected waste bins gave rise to the illegal dumping site situated along the Khubamelo Road in Mmaunyane Village, north of Tshwane, It has vexed both residents and kids from the day-care centre to the local primary schools. According to

residents, the ward councilor, Salome Mathato has been informed of this health hazard since November last year. They claim that she is dragging her feet in addressing the matter to the council. The unbearable stench coming from the site is causing havoc. A concerned resident. Bafedile Mocheko said that the council stopped the services of waste removal last year.

"We are planning to take the matter to the streets... burning and barricading all main roads with tyres and stones. We do believe that protesting is the only

language that politicians understand. We have people who are asthmatic; it is difficult for them to withstand the hazardous consequences of dumping. It seems our ward councilor is not prepared to listen to the residents," said Mocheko furiously

The newly established political party, Agenda To Citizenary Governor (ACG), leader and a PR councilor in Moretele, Governor Shangy Mbekwa said in his statement: "Most municipal officials are very much incompetent. Many ANC

deployed employees in Moretele local municipality have no clue of what is expected from them in their respective positions. This led to the lack of service delivery. The accused ward councilor, Salome Mathato and others are not residents of the village and that is why they don't care about the environment while their ward committees can't even write or take minutes. This municipality is really a disaster and a nightmare to the Mmakaunyane community.

While the City of Tshwane Metro spokesperson, Lindela Mashigo has urged residents to report any illegal dumping

customercareregion6@tshwane.gov.za or better still contact them on 012-358-9999. "We also advise our residents to make use of the dump or landfill site provisioned by the city and refrain from dumping illegally as it has a negative effect on the environment," said Mashigo.



Yet another lover buried in a shallow grave in Hammanskra

appeared before the Moretele Magistrate's Court for bail application on February 16.

The case was postponed to February 21 while both suspects remained in iail.

The deceased, Selaclo Lekalakala (61 years old) was a government employee set to retire this year. He was reported missing by his alleged murderous wife at the Temba Police Station on January 16.

According to Temba Police Communication Officer, Constable Herman Moremi, the deceased was killed by his 37-year-old wife. Fikile Mongwe and her co-accused, 21year-old, Innocent Pilosa nyatsi (sidekick boyfriend) on December 30 last year at Ramotse Section of Hammanskraal.

"Since then, the woman had been on the run but on January 25, a witness who was with the duo when the incident occurred came to the police station to report the matter He told the police that the wife's new boyfriend was his friend; who had called



d, 21-year-old, Innocent Pilosa nyatsi and buried in allow grave in the bushes.

him on December 31, asking him to help him carry a load of rubbish to bury in the bush. He helped the couple carry the load at night, oblivious of it being Lekakala's body. The following night, he realised that they were actually burying a body. They dug a

shallow hole and left the body there. They returned the next evening to dig a deeper hole. The accomplice has turned State witness. The body was exhumed on the morning of January 26," said Moremi. Moremi added that just a few hours after Lekalakala's body was exhumed by the police, the woman handed herself over to the Temba police, admitting to the allegation.

The deceased's neighbours told the Tshwane Sun that the accused had recently married Lekalakala after having worked for him as a housekeeper since the death of his first wife in 2014.

This is by far the second incident that occurred in the Hammanskraal area for the month of January. Similarly, a 37-year-old James Thabo Dube was arrested for killing of his 37-year-old girlfriend, Itumeleng Elizabeth Molefe of Stinkwater,

Hammanskraal whose body he had buried in a shallow grave in their garden.

scaven

Unemployment and poverty are leaving many residents with no choice but to scavenge for survival.

A landfill site in Hammanskraal has turned into a hive of daily activity, starting in the morning until late afternoon when it closes. Multitudes of people gather there, waiting for the municipality's and private-owned trucks to off-load garbage. The multitude, armed with refuse bags, brave the unbearable stench from the heaps of trash in search of recyclable materials such as cans, bottles and cardboard.

The recyclable material is then sorted out and stuffed into large polythene sacks. It is exchanged for cash at recycling companies One of the women who earn a living from scavenging is Thembi Skosana of Marokolong Section in Hammanskraal. Skosana told the *Tshwane Sun* that she has

been making a living from scavenging for more than a decade now.

"I started scavenging after the father of my (3) children passed away. It works for me because I am able to put bread on the table for my family as well as nay for electricity and municipality bills. My children are wn up and saddled with unemployment I do not make a lot of money but at least I can clothe my children. I am not happy with the working conditions but I do not have alternate means to earn a living. Poverty has left many families, countrywide, with no choice but to scavenge every day," said Skosana.

Tshwane resident, Sana Mabena told the Tshwane Sun that during 2010, Frans Dekker made a proposal to the municipality regarding the dumping strategy which was aimed to address the challenges faced by people living off dumping sites.

The dumping strategy requires Tshwane citizens to use different rubbish bins for

different waste products. It specifically entailed using separate bins for glass, paper and tin materials to make it easy for the scavengers to collect the required materials.

'If strategy was adopted and implemented it could have improved the working conditions at all the dumping sites in Tshwane. There would have been no need for these poor people to sift through heaps of rubbish for recyclable materials. I do believe that it would have improved their working conditions and helped them grow as entrepreneurs. I am much concerned about the health of people living off dumping sites. The conditions at our dumping sites put scavengers' health at risk They sift through trash with bare hands and no masks for protective measures. This exposes them to a host of illnesses, concluded Mabena

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Angry residents burn North-West's MEC's house!

The five Moeka residents arrested for allegedly torching the house of the North-West's Education MEC, Sello Lehari are out on bail.

They appeared before the Moretele Magistrate's court on January 30 and were granted R500 bail each and are due to appear in court again, on April 19. Enraged residents torched a home and two

bakkies belonging to former Moretele mayor and now North-West's

Education MEC, Sello Lehari. In the village, several homes belong to senior ANC members. According to the residents. the problem started on January 27, following the newly elected mayor, Andries

Monaheng's failure to honour his promise to intervene in their water crisis. The residents demanded clean drinking water in the village.

Mayor Monaheng had addressed the residents a week before the incident and had promised to provide three buses to accompany him to negotiate with the Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality on their behalf to provide water. Instead, he sent a minibus and failed to come through as promised. Attempts by the residents to contact him telephonically have failed because his phone was switched off. This angered community members then started the protest, blocking the main road in the village. It started with protesting... barricading the main road with stones and burning tyres. The situation took a drastic turn after 21-year-old, Thulani Sithole, was shot by a group of people. The residents had a suspicion that the perpetrators were sent by the owners of private water tankers who benefited from the areas' water crisis, to intimidate residents. It is alleged that among the perpetrators (shooters), they identified one of them as MEC Lehari's security guard.

guard. Thulani Sithole's brother, Alfred, who was among the group of residents barricading the main road, described the horror of seeing his brother in such a state.

"I was just a few metres away from him when a group of people randomly opened fire.

As we took cover... I saw him fall to the ground. I tried to crawl to him while bullets flew and amid the screams of frightened people - I heard someone scream Thulani is dead!!

I then ran home to get a blanket to cover his body but when I returned, I found that he was still breathing, heavily. I wrapped him in the blanket and frantically flagged down a taxi to rush him to a nearby clinic. He just slumped in my arms and passed away upon our arrival at the clinic," said Alfred.

He was laid to rest on February 4, at the local cementry

Shangy Mbekwa, leader of Agenda to Citizenry Governors and councillor in the Moretele local municipality told the Tshwane Sun that the armed shooters kidnapped another community member and beat him severely before handing him over to the police. The injured man was detained and admitted for medical treatment under the police guard.

One of the community leaders Mateo hiding. Hlongwane, whose house was also torched is now in hiding.

His wife, Kgopolang Masilo said; "I was asleep when five men knocked loudly on the door. They demanded to know where my husband was. When I open the door, they ransacked the house and then ordered my children and I to get out of the house because they planned to burn the house down. I asked them to get my ID document before the set



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the house alight," she said.

Sello Lehari blamed outside forces for the torching incidents and not the community of Moeka Village

"I wish to highlight that my family lived in the Moeka Village for many years. I don't understand why the residents burnt my home down while they are aware that I am no longer the mayor. I had a suspicion that it was caused by jealous people who oppose the ruling party because the majority of the

people arrested are members of the EFF," aid Lehari

Tshwane North Police Cluster spokesman. Constable Herman Moremi confirmed that one person was shot dead and that a number of houses, including that of the MEC, had been torched during the protest. Cases of murder and public violence have been opened and the investigation is underway



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At the tender age 11, Gali entered a music competition organized by the Tshwane University of Technology. The competition was open for gospel groups and solos. Gali entered as solo and left the crowd in awe. However, due to her age being below the bar, she could not to commence with the competition. "Papa Naledi, the TUT radio presenter, decided to help me by introducing me to one of Mzansi's popular musicians, Condry Ziqubu. In 2005, I recorded my first album under Condry Ziqubu Productions titled 'Galaletsang' and at that time I was only 13 years old. It opened doors for my career because within a short period of time, I was featured on SABC's gospel programme, 'Its Gospel Time' hosted by the queen of gospel music, Rebecca Malope; and being on air interviews with Radio Pulpit and many other radio stations across South Africa. I believe that my success is a result of my humbleness and my faith in the Almighty God... He continues to shower me with blessings through my dear mother, Neo and Reuben Lekoloane (manager) who render the support needed to pursue my career in music," said Gali gratefully.



Young gospel singer, Gali's back with a hit album.

Deejay deluxe...that's DJ Samora!

Tshwane based DJ, Samora Bernard wants to create the kind of mixes that send fans spinning to the dance floor. DJ Samora has been marketing his label at numerous local events, all around Tshwane townships.

To ensure future recognition, he offers to serve as deejay deluxe at local clubs, bashes, weddings, parties, community and even government events all around northern Tshwane.

According to Samora, the differentiating factors: is that he plays strictly South African music and that he uses his vinyl to mix local kwaito and house music. He drives the crowd into a frenzy with his work.

"My popularity among the northern Tshwane music lovers is due to the fact that as a committed deejay, I ensure that I conduct research. For example, the average ages of patrons at the various venues. When it concerns the music I play, I can tell you that I always choose it very carefully... specifically for the event in question. This is very important for me, and I certainly do not choose vulgar music because I respect my audience. I grew up listening to kwaito music during the Boom Shake ara. I used to listen to tracks like It is about time!...and at that time, you could not walk down a street without hearing that track. This played a big role in motivating me," he said with a broad smile.

Despite the fact that Boom Shaka was Samora's favourite band; DJ Fresh and DJ Christos, who also inspired Samora's passion, dominated the deejaying scene in 1998.

"After I started deejaying gigs, I knew that I would never be as good as DJ Fresh or DJ Christos... but I did not want to be a carbon copy (an imitation), I longed to exhibit own style. I worked with the late Floyd 'Da Great' Sizane, whose beats I combined for my some of my house music projects. I have proved that I am good at what I do. My popularity has soared in Kasi because I can make everyone wanna dance! Including all the gogos...even if they have to use a walking stick to do so," concluded Samora proudly.





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The talented Natalia told the *Tshwane Sun* that the message she wants to convey through her album is that as human beings, we should respect one another... get involved in social issues and stand up for what is right. In 2008, Natalia entered literary scene

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In 2010, she shared the stage with Lebo Mashile, Pitika Ntuli, Tu Nokwe and Gcina Mhlophe at the Poetry Africa event in Durban.

Recently, Jimmy Dludlu featured her poem *Bread and Sugar* in his album *Tonota*.

Natalia, who works as a librarian at the University of South Africa in Pretoria, has also performed with the likes of Ntsiki Mazwai, Thandiswa Mazwai, Sibongile Khumalo, Simphiwe Dana, Sipho "Hotstix" Mabuse and Sello Galane

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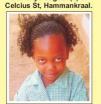
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The teams consist of players from 6 primary schools and 4 high schools in and around the Hammanskraal area. Hole said: "The ultimate focus for these

In the past, cricket was regarded as a hubs and RPC programmes is to provide the schools with access to facilities, broaden the game of cricket among black communities, develop quality black African cricketers and also support the Cricket South Africa transformation agenda."

Hammanskraal Cricket Club head coach, Ikgomotseng Mothoa told the Tshwane Sun that many of the young cricketers are facing major challenges that often lead to them giving up on the sport because only 15% of the parents on my team are full-time employees, 45% being part-time employees and the remaining 40% are unemployed without any form income.

"About 80% of our kids have single parents which is the main circumstance leading many players to quit playing cricket and look for jobs in order to provide for their families. We are currently looking for sponsors to

provide cricket gear and tournament transportation. We welcome any kind of donation with both hands," said Mothoa.

The Hammanskraal cricket hub office can be found at the Mandela Sport Complex, opposite the Hammanskraal Railway Station.

Youngsters' who wish to join the cricket team can visit the hub during office hours, five days a week



the training session at Hammanskraal cricket hub



One of the Hammanskraal Cricket coach teaches a young boy how to catch the ball.



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