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Message from:
Tanya Stone

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Pinelands Rotary Club



BREAKING NEWS:

The coronavirus lockdown will continue until the end of April

President Ramaphosa, in his address to the Nation tonight, has extended the lockdown for a further two weeks.

How would we cope without the internet?

We now depend on it to do our jobs, to study at home, and to see other people.
The internet is an amazing vast of connections, information, and our primary sort of entertainment.
Without the internet it would be hard for businesses to operate.
And we're using it a lot.

I guess we have taken technology for granted. For many, it is now virtually impossible to imagine life without the internet.

Seriously...think about it!

Planes can fly without the internet, and trains and buses would continue to run, but boy, take away the internet and it would be catastrophic!

I wish you all a wonderful Easter Weekend!

First of all, Pinelands Rotary Club news,
then COVID-19 updates, news and articles follow

Take care and stay safe

Tanya

News Rotary Club of Pinelands



Pinelands is on Zoom!!

Our first Zoom meeting was held on Monday 6th April.

It was great to touch base with members and listen to their stories about what they are up to during the lockdown.

We did have a few laughs as one member's wife issued him with a long list of household chores to complete.

It was business as usual during our meeting.

We shall be meeting every Monday from now on.

OPPIE KOPPIE PRE-SCHOOL



OPPIE KOPPIE PRE-SCHOOL Early childhood development facility in Prince Alfred Hamlet

Oppie Koppie is one of Pinelands RC's on-going projects.
We have supported the establishment for many years now.

Please see the appeal for funding to assist the children during the
COVID-19 crisis.

Dear Family, Friends, Colleagues and Associates

As you are aware, the Vuya Foundation (Non-Profit Organisation) cares for 150 children at a creche in Prince Alfred's Hamlet from Mondays to Fridays. This Early Childhood Development (ECD) facility not only provides the basis of their education it also cares for these children by providing them with a balanced meal three times a day, looks after their physical wellbeing and security while affording the parents an opportunity to find gainful employment. The creche is in a rural area where employment is in a farming community and mostly seasonal which means that financial income is limited and often insufficient.

The Foundation's continued responsibility is to meet its financial commitments of paying teachers throughout the year, meet the utilities commitments of electricity, water, sewerage and waste disposal on a monthly basis. Generally it is a challenge to meet the commitments with the current parent contribution and needless to say that the current pandemic of Covid-19 makes meeting the financial commitments even harder. Even though the creche is also on lockdown, President Ramaphosa has asked that all employers commit to pay salaries and that is exactly what we will do.

It is with this in mind that I would like to appeal to you for a small regular monthly contribution or a once-off payment to the Vuya Foundation to further the course of contributing to the upliftment of a community in need and to forge ahead in creating a better educated society in this rural town of Prince Alfred's Hamlet in the Western Cape of South Africa.

I attach the website link for your viewing and look forward to your favourable response.

Your monthly donation of not more than R100 or a once-off donation can be made in one of the following ways:

A direct deposit into the Vuya Foundation Bank account.

Vuya Foundation

Absa Bank

Century City

Cheque Account

Account No: 4077518632

Reference - Your name and contact no.

Email proof of payment for capturing purpose:
avril@vuyainvest.co.za or pa@vuyainvest.co.za

Via our website - www.vuyafoundation.co.za

Click on the donate button and complete accordingly to navigate.

Via our crowdfunding page on the BackaBuddy site.
Click on the link below to support us.

<https://www.backabuddy.co.za/champion/project/pe>

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further assistance

I take this opportunity to thank you in advance and look forward to a long association.

Regards

Dez Jansen

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Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak situation
THURSDAY 9th APRIL 2020
At 21h00

PLEASE NOTE: Figures are time of publish and fluctuate constantly

1,576,4966

Confirmed cases

Updated : 9th April 2020

93,596

Confirmed deaths

Updated : 9th April 2020

209

**Countries, areas or territories
with cases**

Updated : 9th April 2020

348,191

Recovered

Updated : 9th April 2020

UPDATE

SOUTH AFRICA

Thursday 9th April 2020

South Africa now has **1,845** confirmed cases.

South African statistics from Worldometer on COVID-19

1,845

Positive Cases Identified

95

Recovered

18

Deaths

63,000+

Tests conducted

NEWS

SOUTH AFRICA

'I am deeply sorry for my actions': Ndabeni-Abrahams breaks silence

By Sthembile Cele
TimesLIVE



South Africans have expressed mixed reactions to communications and digital technologies minister Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams' apology for breaking lockdown regulations.

On Wednesday, Ndabeni-Abrahams was put on special leave for two months, one of them without pay, after a picture of her surfaced on social media visiting former deputy higher education minister Mduzuzi Manana during the lockdown. The now-deleted picture showed Ndabeni-Abrahams, who Manana described as a friend, seated at the table having a meal on Sunday.

"It was great to host a former colleague and dear sister Cde Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams on her way back from executing critical and essential services," the caption read.

Soon after the picture went viral, Ndabeni-Abrahams was slammed for her actions and was taken to task by President Cyril Ramaphosa.

Ramaphosa expressed his disapproval of the minister's actions, saying she had undermined the requirement that all citizens stay at home during the lockdown.

"None of us — not least a member of the National Executive — should undermine our national effort to save lives in this very serious situation. I am satisfied that Minister Ndabeni-Abrahams appreciates the seriousness of what she has done and that no-one is above the law."

In her apology, Ndabeni-Abrahams asked South Africans to find it in their hearts to forgive.

In the video recording, she also admitted that having lunch with a group of people at the invitation of Manana was breaking the lockdown regulations.

"I regret the incident and am deeply sorry for my actions. I hope that the president and you South Africans will find it in your hearts to forgive me."

"The president has put me on special leave. I undertake to abide by the conditions of the leave," she said.

However, despite the apology by the minister, many, online, said they wanted more action to be taken against her for violating the lockdown regulations.

Covid-19 lockdown: 42-year-old arrested selling drugs, six pack of Hunters for R200

By Cape Argus
Staff Reporter



"The bottles of alcohol had labels stuck on them indicating inflated prices for each item. These items and a cash amount of R5250 was confiscated."

Cape Town - A joint operation between the South African Police Services (SAPS) and City of Cape Town law enforcement officers lead to the arrest of a 42-year-old suspect on Wednesday for selling booze and drugs during lockdown.

On April 8, in a joint operation, SAPS and City of Cape Town's Law Enforcement Advancement Program (LEAP) officers, acting on information received went to an address in Buh-Rein Estate, Kraaifontein.

"It was suspected the occupants were dealing in alcohol during the lockdown period," said Wayne Dyason, Law Enforcement inspector.

"Upon arrival at the address the officers found a stash of alcohol, cigarettes and drugs which included cocaine and mandrax. The bottles of alcohol had labels stuck on them indicating inflated prices for each item. These items and a cash amount of R5 250 was confiscated."

SAPS arrested the suspect for dealing in drugs and alcohol and possession of drugs.

Community Safety MEC Albert Fritz has also urged all "members of the public who are aware of the illegal sale of alcohol to immediately report such".

Essential baby items, clothing can be sold in lockdown: Dlamini-Zuma

By Iavan Pijoos
TimesLIVE



Baby clothing was not listed as 'essential' under the original lockdown regulations, which have since been amended.

Essential baby items and clothing may now be sold in stores during the 21-day lockdown, the department of co-operative governance and traditional affairs (Cogta) said on Thursday.

"Following requests for clarification, we confirm that this provision includes baby clothes, blankets, towels and other essential accessories for newborns, infants and toddlers up to 36 months old," said minister Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma

"To ensure the effectiveness of the lockdown in containing the spread of Covid-19, all stores that are currently permitted to remain open for the sale of other essential goods, including supermarkets, may therefore sell these products."

"Hospitals and clinics may directly procure these products as necessary to provide for the infants in their care," she added.

'Lockdown ends April 16 ... but I didn't mention which year,' jokes

Ramaphosa
By Qaanitah Hunter
Dispatch Live



President Cyril Ramaphosa said the government had yet to decide whether it would extend the lockdown beyond next Thursday.

President Cyril Ramaphosa became a walking meme this week when he joked that while people expected the lockdown to end on April 16, he didn't say what year that would be.

A meme circulating on social media contains a picture of an emotional woman pointing at Ramaphosa saying "you said 16 April" in reference to the end of the nationwide lockdown.

Ramaphosa, laughing, replies: "I didn't mention which year".

Clapping and cheers echo through city as Capetonians thank SA's essential staff

By Aljoscha Kohlstock
News24

At 20:00 sharp, almost like clockwork, appreciative cheers and clapping can be heard across many a neighbourhood in South Africa, as South Africans give their thanks to those working on the frontlines during the lockdown.

News24 was there when residents of Sea Point, Cape Town cheered on medical, law enforcement and other essential services staff, who tirelessly provide much-needed help in times of uncertainty.

"It's an amazing show of solidarity of all the residents to all of our frontline workers, the doctors, the nurses, the pharmacy staff, our people in food, all of the shops that we go to for our groceries and that," resident Brenton Loubser told News24 while standing in his front garden.

The cheering continued for a couple of minutes before residents headed back inside their flats. "For a few minutes you tend to forget about the seriousness of everything and it's almost an amazing show of human solidarity and real support for those people that are fighting for us on the front line," Loubser added.

In a recording of a video conference the president held at Rand Water on Tuesday, Ramaphosa gave life to the meme when he said: "Some people are saying the 16th of April (the lockdown will end) but when we announced it I didn't say what year it would end."

The entire teleconference broke out in laughter. Presidency insiders said the president was definitely making reference to the meme which he had also seen.

On a serious note, Ramaphosa later told journalists that the government was yet to decide whether the 21-day lockdown would end next Thursday.

The president was making the point that he wants water distribution to be ramped up even beyond the end of the lockdown.

"And I don't know when the lockdown will end," the president said.

Health experts denounce growing Covid-19 stigma

By Sipokazi Fokazi and Philani Nombembe



In the battle to defeat Covid-19, a young Khayelitsha mother and her family have an unwelcome secondary fight on their hands — against the stigma growing around people infected with the virus.

After the 25-year-old tested positive eight days ago, becoming the first coronavirus victim in Cape Town's largest township, her landlady asked her to leave. Then a flood of hateful social media posts and voice notes began circulating.

The mother of one had been treated like “someone with leprosy”, said a family spokesperson. “After she informed the landlady about the outcome of her test, a department of health vehicle came to pick them up on Sunday. Neighbours stood outside watching. It was a spectacle. The landlady showed uneasiness. She wanted her out of her premises.”

Rumours that the young mother had been paid “to spread the virus” proliferated after she and her child were taken into isolation.

“It is worse than the stigma that was attached to HIV/Aids,” said the family spokesperson. “I am praying for her safety as there is so much anger out there.”

Infectious disease experts called for calm and compassion this week, arguing that stigmatising Covid-19 could fuel the spread of the virus because victims would do their best to conceal their condition.

Linda-Gail Bekker, head of the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre at the University of Cape Town, warned that excluding people based on their illness could harm treatment programmes, as it did with HIV/Aids.

“Stigma drives people underground, affects their mental wellbeing and makes our efforts to reach, test and treat everyone so much harder,” said Bekker. “This is an airborne disease like colds and flu. We don't blame people who have these diseases, we normally feel sorry for them.”

Treatment Action Campaign chair Sibongile Tshabalala said there was an impression that Covid-19 only affects people who have travelled outside the country. “I see the ignorance every day in the township,” she said.

She added: “One of the biggest reasons people stop or refuse to take antiretroviral treatment is stigma. Sadly, Covid-19 will most likely affect more people who have TB and HIV, including those who are not on treatment or do not know their status.

Leigh-Ann Snyman, patient-support manager with Doctors Without Borders, called for compassion instead of shaming for those infected with Covid-19.

Stigma is often found where fear exists. Stigma also thrives where misinformation runs unchecked.” “It is crucial that the blaming of patients who bear no fault at all be clearly and strongly denounced, and that a culture of compassion is encouraged instead.”

Stormers cross into musical realm with iconic Clegg song

By Michael Jansen

IOL



The Stormers players pictured during recording of their 'The Crossing' video.

CAPE TOWN – The Stormers have been employing the power of music following every match this season not only as a unifying tool and to lift team spirit, but also to celebrate one of the country's icons of the music industry.

The legendary Johnny Clegg, best known as the co-founder of the bands Juluka and Savuka, passed away in July 2019 after a long struggle with pancreatic cancer.

Coach John Dobson and his team found a connection with one of Clegg's compositions and decided to sing 'The Crossing' after every match they play during the Super Rugby season.

“Music and singing are integral to team spirit, so necessary in rugby – choosing to learn the song of an iconic South African, taking our players out of their comfort zones and encouraging them to celebrate our diversity through music has been incredibly powerful,” said Dobson in a preamble to the video.

The team released the video on Wednesday to encourage South Africans as the country enters the final week on the current three-week Covid-19 enforced lockdown.

Local artists who appear in the video include Zolani Mahola, Francois van Coke, Paxton Fielies, Amy Jones, RJ Benjamin, Chad Saaiman, James Stewart, Chantal Stanfield, Heinrich Frans, Marc Lottering and Amy Tjasink. Josh Hawkes, Dan Shout and Mornay Hoffmeister provided the instrumental accompaniment.

Prepare for the goosebumps.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bk6YzRp8fsY>

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE WORLD



UK

Newspaper headlines: PM's intensive care move dominates front pages

By BBC News Staff



The main story across all of the papers is Boris Johnson's move to intensive care late on Monday evening.

In the words of the Daily Mail, the drastic step was taken because the stricken prime minister was struggling to breathe. According to the Daily Mirror, there are concerns that he could have pneumonia.

The Times says the deterioration in Mr Johnson's condition was rapid. It quotes sources at St Thomas's Hospital near Westminster who say he needed four litres of oxygen - below the normal threshold in intensive care of 15 litres. The prime minister, it adds, has not been intubated, where a tube is inserted into the windpipe before ventilation.

The Daily Telegraph says Carrie Symonds, Mr Johnson's partner, who is pregnant, is thought to have been unable to visit him since he was admitted to hospital. The Times says she is thought to be staying in Camberwell, south London with their dog, Dilyn.

US - New York

CBS News



The number of coronavirus cases in New York state alone approached 150,000 on Wednesday, surpassing Spain for the most infections anywhere in the world, even as authorities warned the state's official death tally may understate the true toll.

New York governor Andrew Cuomo expressed cautious optimism about signs that the state is flattening the curve of coronavirus cases.

CHINA

After 76-day lockdown, people leave Wuhan as airport reopens

By TimesLive Multimedia



The Wuhan Tianhe International Airport resumed domestic passenger flights early in the morning on Wednesday after the 11-week lockdown in central China's Wuhan was lifted.

The reopening of the airport marks an important milestone as life returns to normal in the city, which bore the brunt of the novel coronavirus disease (Covid-19) epidemic in China.

The first flight since the city's lockdown was lifted departed from Wuhan at 7.25am on Wednesday, bound for Sanya in south China's Hainan province, with most of the 48 passengers on board travelling for work-related reasons.

More than 10,000 travellers have left Wuhan by plane. China is still maintaining strict screening protocols even though the lockdown has been lifted.

Cuomo warns New Yorkers to not relax their social distancing measures, even after some encouraging coronavirus numbers: "We can't handle the worst-case scenarios. We can't even handle the moderate-case scenarios."

However, the governor warned that the state's progress could be undone if social distancing practices are relaxed too quickly.

"Remember, the 1918 Spanish flu came in three waves," Cuomo said. "We're on the first wave. Everybody is assuming, well, once we get through this, we're done. I wouldn't be so quick to assume that. This virus has been ahead of us from day one."

New York recorded 799 deaths from coronavirus yesterday, bringing the state's total death toll to 7,067. Cuomo said the state would be bringing in additional funeral directors to help deal with the surge of deaths.

As the state mourns the loss of several thousand New Yorkers, there are also signs that social distancing is flattening the curve.

SPAIN

"We have reached the peak" of the pandemic, says Spain's PM

By *CNN's Vasco Cotovio in London and Ingrid Formanek in Madrid*



Spain will soon start the process of de-escalation of the current lockdown measures in place to mitigate the novel coronavirus pandemic in the country, Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said today, as he asked Parliament to approve his request to extend the country's state of emergency until April 26.

"We have reached the peak and now the de-escalation begins," Sanchez told a nearly empty Spanish Parliament Thursday, as most lawmakers are working from home.

He cautioned however, that return to normal life would be "gradual", in line with the severity of the current health crisis. "The climb has been difficult, as the descent will also be."

"We are facing the biggest threat to the planet's public health since the flu of 1918," Sanchez said, explaining that the resumption of normal activity would only happen in phases. "The last thing we should allow is a step backwards because that would be more than a setback" but "it would be a rebound", for the virus.

The head of the Spanish government went on to say that "Europe cannot afford to look the other way," when it comes to the novel coronavirus and called on MPs to unite and advocate for a united European response to the crisis. "The European Union is in danger if there is no solidarity against the virus."

The Spanish Prime Minister told opposition MPs that his government is "working on a plan" to slowly bring the country back into some form of "normality" but warned: "We can't even know what kind of normality we're returning to."

Spain has been the world's second most heavily affected country by the coronavirus pandemic so far, after the US. Almost 150,000 confirmed cases of the virus have been detected and the death toll currently stands at 14,792.

FRANCE

France reported some positive coronavirus-linked data on Wednesday, with the increase of hospital death fatalities slowing again, but the presidential palace said nonetheless the national lockdown aimed at containing the disease would be extended.

By *Reuters*
DAILY MAVERICK

The lockdown, that took effect on March 17 and has already been extended once, will now go beyond April 15, a move that was widely expected.

French President Emmanuel Macron will address the nation regarding the new coronavirus situation on Monday evening, the presidential palace added.

Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Edouard Philippe said the lockdown had helped contain the spread of the coronavirus but stressed the time to lift the restrictions had not yet come.

The number of people who died from coronavirus infections in French hospitals climbed by 8% in a day – versus 9% on Tuesday and 10% on Monday – to a cumulative total of 7,632, state health agency director Jerome Salomon told a news conference.

But he added the day's figures were incomplete because, due to technical issues, authorities were not able to register nursing homes data, which account for more than 30% of total fatalities.

The total death toll, including Tuesday's nursing homes' figures, is up 5% at 10,869.

Salomon also pointed out that the rate of new admissions in ICU units, almost flat at 0.2%, decelerated for a ninth consecutive day.

"It's an important indicator. But the pressure on hospitals remains extremely high," he said.

EarthCrimes: Digging dung during a global crisis

By *Sam Sole for amaBhungane*
Daily Maverick

'Our Burning Planet'

It is said that one should never let a crisis go to waste. That may seem heartless, but the Covid-19 pandemic is both a warning and an opportunity.

It is a warning that the world is interconnected in ways that we cannot unravel.

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Bored? Hungry? Tired of the kids?

We have got you covered during the lockdown

By News24

SPECIAL HUB

<p>Entertainment Movies, Series and live shows to watch during lockdown.</p> <p>Cooking Recipes and tips for dishes with pantry ingredients.</p> <p>Healthy Living Stay active and healthy during lockdown.</p> <p>For the Kids Keep the kids busy with fun activities.</p>	<p>Digital Travelling Explore the world from your couch.</p> <p>Documentaries Original News24 documentaries to watch during lockdown.</p> <p>Podcasts Listen to News24's exclusive podcasts.</p> <p>Sport Highlights and fun quizzes for sports lovers</p>
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Click on the link for everything!

<https://specialprojects.news24.com/coronavirus/lockdown-activities/index.html>

PLEASE

STAY HOME. SAVE LIVES.

Help stop coronavirus

STAY home as much as you can
KEEP a safe distance
WASH hands often
COVER your cough
SICK? Call ahead

Coronavirus Letter To Humanity

*The earth whispered but you did not hear.
The earth spoke but you did not listen
The earth screamed but you turned her off.*

And so I was born...

*I was not born to punish you..
I was born to awaken you..*

The earth cried out for help...

*Massive flooding. But you didn't listen.
Burning fires. But you didn't listen.
Strong hurricanes. But you didn't listen.
Terrifying Tornadoes. But you didn't listen.*

You still don't listen to the earth when.

*Ocean animals are dying due to pollutants in the waters.
Glaciers melting at an alarming rate.
Severe drought.*

You didn't listen to how much negativity the earth is receiving.

*Non-stop wars.
Non-stop greed.*

*You just kept going on with your life..
No matter how much hate there was..
No matter how many killings daily..
It was more important to get that latest iPhone than worry about what
the earth was trying to tell you..*

*But now I am here.
And I've made the world stop on its tracks.*

*I've made YOU finally listen.
I've made you take refuge.
I've made you stop thinking about materialistic things..*

*Now you are like the earth...
You are only worried about YOUR survival.*

How does that feel?

*I give you fever.. as the fires burn on earth.
I give you respiratory issues.. as pollution fill the earth air.
I give you weakness as the earth weakens every day.*

*I took away your comforts..
Your outings.
The things you would use to forget about the planet and its pain.
And I made the world stop...
And now...*

*China has better air quality.. Skies are clear blue because factories are
not spewing pollution unto the earth's air.
The water in Venice is clean and dolphins are being seen. Because the
gondola boats that pollute the water are not being used.*

*YOU are having to take time to reflect on what is important in your life.
Again I am not here to punish you.. I am here to Awaken you...
When all this is over and I am gone... Please remember these moments..*

Listen to the earth.
Listen to your soul.
Stop Polluting the earth.
Stop Fighting among each other.
Stop caring about materialistic things.
And start loving your neighbours.
Start caring about the earth and all its creatures.
Start believing in a Creator.

Because next time I may come back even stronger....

*Signed,
Coronavirus*

Author Unknown