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Surgeon breaks boundaries

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Gogos' girls

Atholton Primary School Grade 4 girls, Thandekile Tembe, Nandile Kubheka, Taylor Poole and Cikiswa Vilakazi entertain guests at Grandparents' Day.

PHOTO: Janet Brits

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Diary Dates

WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER

Hirsch's Umhlanga will host a free cooking demo at 10am cooking dishes from around the world. RSVP to Warren on 084 513 0911 or warren@hirschs.co.za

THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER

C and A art is hosting an oil workshop with Rene Rutgers at a cost of R270. This includes tea and

lunch. Rene will be painting flowers. RSVP to 031 561 7635.

SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER

A special pre-Christmas fête will be held at Waterfall Gardens Retirement Village, Yellowwood Drive, Waterfall from 9.30am to 1pm. There will be plenty of stalls selling a variety of gifts and raffles with lovely home-made items. Visitors can view art by local artists and relax with tea and eats in the garden or wots or bacon and egg rolls.

WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER

The Durban North Sai Centre invites all to The Advent of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. The celebration is at the Italian Club, Fairways, Durban North. It starts at 6.30pm but people are asked to be seated by 6.15pm. Contact Sharona Sewnarian on 083 799 8854.

THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER to SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER

Art Giver's art exhibition in aid of SPCA at La Lucia Mall on the first floor in the passageway outside @Home. There will be lucky draw prizes with paintings by Mark Schwartz and Judy Wentzel and vouchers from Bargain Books and Heavenly Therapy Wellness Centre. The exhibition is weekdays from 9am to 6pm and weekends from 9am to 5pm. Call Pat on 084 985 9161 or Christina on 083 466 8774.

FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER

Northwood School invites everyone to the Northwood Knight Market from 5pm to 10pm. There will be face painting, a jumping castle, live music and a helicopter flip (must be pre-booked). To book a ride in the helicopter or to book a stall contact Lesley Sherriff on 031 563 6501 (ext.

302) or email marketing@nwood.co.za

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Christmas bargain hunt at the SPCA. 2 Willowfield Crescent, Springfield Park from 8am to 12.30pm. Come and have a browse for Christmas decorations and gifts. There is also a special nursery section which offers garden accessories and a selection of plants, shrubs and seedlings. Coffee Cats Café will be open for refreshments, and for the children there are sweets from Santa. Contact Lauren on 031 579 6546.

SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER

Crawford College La Lucia is hosting its Christmas Concert. Tickets are R50 and all the funds are going to St Luke's Home of Healing in Ballito for the mentally and physically challenged. Call 031 562 0050 to reserve a seat.

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

PHASE 1 OF THE PROPOSED CORNUBIA MIXED USE PHASED DEVELOPMENT, MT EDGEcombe, ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE



KZN DAEA REF NO: DM/0189/08



Notice is hereby given in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations published in Government Notice No. R543 to No. R546 of 2010, in terms of Section 10(2) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No 107 of 1998), of the Environmental Authorisation (ROD) by the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Rural Development (KZN DAEA&RD) received on the 9th November 2011 to authorise the initiative by Tonga Hulett Developments and eThekweni Municipality to develop Phase 1 of the Cornubia Mixed Use Phased Development situated in Mt Edgecombe, KwaZulu-Natal.

NOTICE OF APPEAL PROCESS

In accordance with sub-regulation 10(2) of the EIA Regulations, GNR 543, June 2010, all interested and affected parties are hereby notified of the decision by the KZN DAEA&RD to authorise this application and your attention is hereby drawn to the fact that an appeal may be lodged against the decision in terms of Chapter 7 of the EIA Regulations, GNR 543, June 2010.

In accordance with the provisions of sub-regulation 60(1) of the EIA Regulations, GNR 542, June 2010, a notice of intention to appeal must be lodged with the KwaZulu-Natal MEC of the Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Rural Development, within twenty (20) days of the date of this decision (09/11/2011).

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

Breaking boundaries in the medical world

By Lauren Anthony

WHEN her five-year-old dream of becoming Tinkerbell was deemed unrealistic, Effingham's Ronisha Sathiram (31) set her sights on becoming a doctor, which she did with aplomb. In May of this year, Ronisha was the first woman to qualify as a urological surgeon in KwaZulu-Natal.

"Surgery is still a male dominated profession and urology, especially, is the last male stronghold. There are only about six women urologists in South Africa, probably because it's sometimes viewed as a sort of 'male gynaecologist' which it isn't," explained Ronisha. After matriculating from Effingham Secondary School, Ronisha attended UKZN where she completed her five-year medical degree followed by a year of internship, which she described as 'nerve wracking' and a year of

community service in Matatielle.

When asked about her time spent in Matatielle she said, "I saved a lot of money because there wasn't much to spend it on!"

Ronisha then began her general surgery and, after 18 months, she specialised in urology. "It was the first specialisation I was exposed to and was immediately interested. It covers such a wide scope as we do endoscopic, laparoscopic and open surgery as well as cosmetic and functional procedures."

She works at Albert Luthuli Hospital from 8am to 5pm. "We work after hours if there's an emergency as well as doing on-call duty which goes on through the night," said Ronisha. She also volunteers in her free time. "Since I was small I was taught to be community-minded."

When not tending to patients, Ronisha spends time with her beloved dogs, reads and writes psychological science fiction.



Ronisha Sathiram