

Country shows it cares for fire victims and donating

WHAT A bitter-sweet week we had as a nation. Devastating fires in the Knysna area. Homes were destroyed, seven people lost their lives and many were displaced.

But as a nation we pulled together and relief aid was sent in. Once again, our firefighters come out as the heroes of the day. Around 1106 men relentlessly fought the fire that was around a 100km fire line between Sedgefield and Plettenberg Bay.

Coca-Cola, Pick n Pay, the Zakah Fund, and many other companies came to the rescue. The general public contributed as well.

In spite of all the political circus acts we have recently had to endure, our nation should never be underestimated.

We stand united. We came together and did what we could to help those people who lost everything in the fire. I am so proudly South African.

To many women, sanitary pads are just another commodity needed on a monthly basis. Not so long ago it was never spoken about and treated as if it was shameful.

But thanks to women like Lynette Saltzman, chief executive at Dis-Chem, awareness is in full force.

Dis-Chem embarked on a pad drive to prevent girls missing school during that time of the month. With the help of a donation by Heart FM, Heidi Edson, Sun International CSI group manager, handed out packs in a Philippi settlement last year. No target has been set for this year's drive, which starts on June 16.

Danny's Diary



By Danny Oosthuizen

I kindly ask the public to support this drive! The city council is all geared up in support of the homeless this winter.

Yes, this city council is world class!

Donations of blankets, rain jackets, food, etc are in full force. StreetScapes vegetable garden is producing winter veg and the public is welcome to pop in and harvest your own crop, so to speak.

SouperTroopers, the monthly social gathering of homeless people had a setback as they no longer could use the services of the Dining Rooms once a month on a Sunday. They are now frantically looking for a suitable venue. I firmly believe that it will all work out in the end. Funny when something works it must always be derailed by petty nonsense.

JP Smith is a man of his word. Prog-

ress with our land in Culemborg is way ahead of schedule. Some homeless people also received an Extended Public Works Programme six-month work contract. It is so rewarding when everybody engages in constructive dialogue so that a positive outcome can be achieved.

I still have an issue I have no idea what to do about it: the pigeons on Grand Parade. Artificial hair fibres wrap around some of the birds' feet, cutting circulation off. The end result is that they lose their feet! I am so fed-up with the local hair stylists that do not pick up unused hair.

It is such a cruel thing to the birds. These birds really suffer. Does anybody out there have a solution?

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