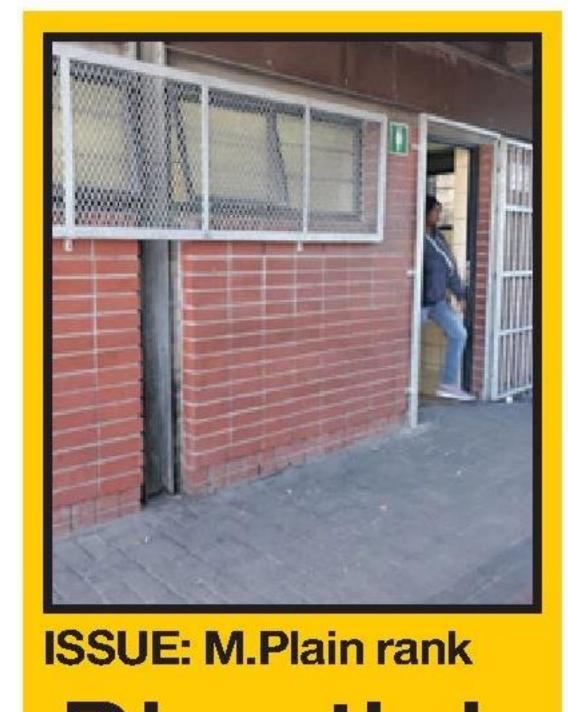
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are shut STORY AND PICTURE BY

ANGRY taxi drivers and their gaatjies from Mitchells Plain say they are sick

of doing the City of Cape

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Town's work to keep the rank clean after the toilets were closed. For the past three weeks, along with commuters, they were forced to relieve themselves against walls and on open

A 38-year-old female regulator, who asked not

fields.

to be named, says they have been working in a "pigsty" for three weeks because the City's cleaning contracts came to an end. "We just arrived one day to find all the toilets around the rank were

closed. They put up the

blue (portable) toilets but

they were never cleaned."

Daily Voice the filthy toi-

Taxi drivers showed the

lets surrounded by dammetjies urine. The regulator says with the bus strike, the taxi rank is filled with thousands of people every day, adding to the problem.

"But even the toilets

at the bus station were

locked and so people

were just doing their busi-

ness everywhere. They only came today [yesterday] to open the toilets again, but the drivers and the *gaatjies* are now working between trips to clean up the mess." City spokesperson, Priya Reddy, says the toilets were shut on 1 May

after the cleaning con-

tract came to an end on

"Expanded Pub-

30 April.

lic Works Programme (EPWP) workers should be available to continue delivering service to the sites. In the interim, the local councillor's office has made temporary workers available and they are currently assisting with cleaning operations. "Information was

shared by word of mouth and resulted in many of the traders volunteering to keep some toilets operational." This material has been copied under a

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