

Pity the fishermen ignored the no fishing signs

POLITICS

Leadership in private sector companies is very decisive and strong and takes no nonsense from unions. Retrenchments, for example in Massmart, Cell C, MultiChoice and others, have gone ahead within the ambit of the law and with little interference from politicians. If there is no money, then that's it – unlike what's currently happening with SAA. South Africa must learn from countries where the politicians have no say in public administration and parastatals.

SAA. With a struggling economy, you should be happy if you are employed. SAA should give employees an ultimatum. Zero increase and no retrenchments for now, or the 5.9% increase and retrenchment of 900 employees. Unions are only concerned about their reduced numbers from whom they collect their fees.

Municipalities underspend on



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public works – an understatement of the year, if not decades. Unless something is done about it there is no value in reporting. All communities see is the ongoing glitz and glamour of waste and squander. Then, of course, the big failing in simple maintenance of roads and stormwater drainage systems, among other things, smacks only of arrogance. Perhaps they know not what they do after all.

EDUCATION

Regarding CSE, perhaps one solution could be to separate the sexes for these lessons so that children feel comfortable asking questions of their teachers (of the

same sex) instead of lessons being disrupted by children who are embarrassed by the content or those who wish to push the envelope in a co-ed class.

School bullying has escalated into violence, murder, sexual misconduct, gangsterism, dealing in drugs and alcohol, and more, and there are no sustainable plans to eradicate these atrocities. Now we have sex education (CSE) for Grades 4 to 12, which is like adding fuel to the fire. Parents need to consider establishing an alternative body to stand up for their rights because the current ones are not working very well. | **Norman Pillay**

The sex education fight is totally unnecessary. All you have to do for that particular subject is separate boys and girls into separate classrooms with separate teachers. | **Mike.**

The Department of Education

should wake up. It baffles the mind why they want to bring in sex education for young children. May I suggest we scrap that idea and replace it with a subject like first aid, progressing to paramedic advanced levels. This will be more beneficial to South Africans having a generation knowing first aid. Rather have them saving lives than making lives. | **JGV**

ODDS AND ENDS

Two Durban women shot dead at stop street: how daring the criminals are, how inefficient our justice system is! | **B B**

The two young Isipingo women were taken away mercilessly in what was a botched hijacking this week. As the festive season looms and with soaring costs, unemployment and retrenchment, many in suburbs are subjected to anxiety and fear over the protection of belongings. Do you risk your life for that R500, R15k home theatre system in a home invasion or R200k vehicle outside

your driveway? Cry the beloved country with lurking criminals and crisis upon crisis. | **Shameema Omar**

The glory days are back in Durban. The newly constructed extension of the Point Beach promenade was opened to the public on November 16 – significantly, on the day the first Indentured Indians landed at Addington Beach. Sadly, fisherman blatantly ignored the NO FISHING signs at the entrance of the harbour despite being asked to leave by security. Transnet must fence this area to avoid this nuisance continuing or post security at the entrance to bar these fishermen, who will surely bring the promenade into disrepute. | **Sagie Naidoo**

Seems the four teams that will qualify for next season's Champions League is almost a certainty. Sorry Manchester United, Europa League awaits you again if you lucky to qualify. Ha ha ha, the glory days are back at the theatre of horrors. | **Mike**