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No Drop in Street Crime, says victims

Members of the public have challenged polices claims that there has been a massive drop in pickpocketing, mugging and street violence in recent weeks.

Challenging the claim by Major Manilall of the SAP, that there has been a drop in street crime since the arrest of 32 thugs a few weeks ago, members of the police including three recent victims of street crime said either the police were ignorant or trying to mislead the public.

They pointed out that almost every day there were several reports of muggings, thefts and pickpocketing and the situation appears to be getting worse as was evident from the fact that in just one day – this Monday – there has been three incidents in the Queens Street area alone.

In the first incident a businessman, Mr M.V. Mohommed, was robbed of R7 000 on the steps of Barclays Bank where he was going to make a deposit. According to Mr Mohommed's son, the incident occurred at about 8.45am under the very nose of the security guard who was unable to stop his father from being accosted by the robber.

In the second incident, 'Leader' reporter Rafiq Rohan was robbed of his entire salary while walking down Albert Street. The pickpockets appeared to be thoroughly professionalas he only realised he had been robbed shortly after two men had bumped him and then ran off.

The third incident occurred when a young Durban man, Mr Dilip Daya was walking through Lockhat Arcade and was accosted by two men who demanded his money. As Mr Daya broke loose from hi assailants' grasp in a bid to escape he was stabbed in his arm and leg by the thug who then took the money from his pocket. Commenting on the police claims, Mr Rohan said neither the security guards employed by the businessmen in parts of the Grey Street complex nor the police seem to be effective in combating street crime.

"I am angry not only at the fact that all my hard earned money was stolen but also because the police have failed to provide adequate protection. Since it was the end of the month and the start of a peak holiday period surely there should have been extra police patrols in central town?"

Thugs and pickpockets appear to be roaming the area at will and scores of people are being robbed in broad daylight in full view of the public. "When I was robbed there was not a single policeman in sight" he added.

He said he did not even bother to report the incident to the police because he felt that they would not be able to do anything as it appeared they were more interested in patrolling African townships than protecting the man on the street.

He brushed aside claims that the public was negligent and invited street robberies and attacks, saying that as a taxpayer they expected adequate protection. He also blamed the economic recession, which left hundreds of people without jobs for the increase in crime, including pickpocketing, mugging and robberies with violence.



'Mr Hassim Mohommed who was robbed outside the bank in Queen Street. A City Policeman gave chase and managed to catch the thief and recover the sum of R7 648 which was snatched from right under the nose of security guards outside the bank.'

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As expected, Durban's main attraction – the seaside - has already been besieged by the weary traveller and the hard working factory and office workers making god of the much deserved break.

Although weather conditions were so bad with gale-force winds rocking Durban on Tuesday's public holidays, the beaches were packed. Sunbathers were lashed by the stinging windswept sands and picnickers understood why sandwiches are so named! Bathers must be warned. The surf can be a killer and should not be taken for granted. Swim in areas demarcated by the lifeguards. They know best and their instructions should be heeded at all times.

This festive season comes but once a year so make the most of it. But remember, too, that the beaches will still be there next year and the year thereafter so don't overdo it.

Perhaps, if we are all lucky, by then all beaches will be open to all races so there will even be more space for this overcrowded season.



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The gorgeous lovelies attired in frothy chiffon and sensuous silk and satin creations sashayed around the dance floor. Max Factor eyelashes highlighted the subtle though well-matched shades of pink, purple, blue and red eye-shadow depending on the colour of the evening gown, of course.

Everyone waited with bated breath for the winner to be announced. Would it be Donna Summer of Natasja Kinski?

Laadees...and..gentlemen! The winner izzzz....international model...Miss Marrria Turner!!

Marcia Turner, tears welling up in her eyes – just enough so that the mascara didn't start running propelled herself forward, arms outstretched grabbed the judges and declared coyly, 'This is the happiest day of my life!' Her two equally glamorous princesses, Natasja and Donna glowed seductively, clutching on tightly to their bouquets of flowers.

In the wings Miss Ashanti, Miss Sophia-Shireen, Miss Chloe and Miss Anita in her flashy though trashy red number, managed to put on a brave smile at times but, when nobody was watching them, dropped the smile and glared bitchily at the winner and her two princesses.

For a moment there I saw Miss Anita look down at her well-padded bust and then shake her head. Has she pondered ripping out the contents and hurling it into the broadly grinning lip gloss mouth of Miss Turner?

Phew! Thank God she changed her mind. The thought of wigs being pulled off – especially Miss Donna Summer's spiky spiky number that could prove lethal as a weapon – eyelashes littering the place and bust-padding hurtling through the air was undaunting.

The 'girls' however must be complimented for all the effort they put into their appearance and well-rehearsed routine.

Miss Natasja, in particular, her dress was 'too die for' dahlings! She had a slinky green number with a strategically placed gold sash just below her hips. Her back was daringly though dashingly bare.

She guided her feline form carefully through the strains of the seductive music, smiled coquettishly at the judges. Donna Summer's entrance was more spectacular. She more than proved why she is the current holder of the 'Miss Docks' title. She wore the microest mini she could lay her hands on. She 'played' the audience who screamed for more!

However, the night belonged to Miss Turner. Her appearance and outfits were of the 'slits and tits' variety – in the mould of Pamela Barnes, nee Ewing, nee Grayston. She was the archetype beauty queen and quite rightly so is the deserved title holder of the Club Lipstick 'Drag Queen.'



The restaurant at the ocean terminal has undergone an image change and has been renamed Seafood Paradise by the management who hosted a party last week to launch the renovated restaurant. In the picture are proprietor Mr and Mrs Athie Naidoo with guests Ricky and Pramala.



Ashwin Trikamjee, FPL supremo with lovely FPL queen, Colleen McKenzie after the crowning at the Himalaya Hotel last friday. They pose with the much-coveted KO trophy.

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Fathima Ally, a contestant in the Butterworth's Airport '86 Miss Personality contest parades before the judges in the December heats held last Saturday.



A group of nitellfers seen at the popular Club Manhattan last weekend.



Miss Vanisha Jayishwari of Phoenix, was chosen November Girl at the Gaysands Restaurant last Saturday night. Vanisha is now a finalist in the 1986 "Girl of the Year" contest which will be held on 27 December.



Lyndon, Queenie, Niel and Debbie who were seen at a fashion evening held last Friday night at Club Manhattan.



Contestants in the Miss Personality '86 contest at Airport 3 (from left) Sudeishini (the eventual winner) with Razia, Saras, Fathima and Selvie.

NITE LIFE



Louise Wilfred gets a session on the dance floor at Club Lipstick, assisted by friends Chiedza v.d. Poel, Anastasia Dunn, Tony Parker and Claudia Louw.



Amongst the large crowd at the Hotel Savera's supper club at the Club Images on Sunday were (from left, rear), Mrs and Mr E. Moodley and children Kuben and Pooven and (front) Mr and Mrs G.R. Moodley and Sharon and Deva.

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KO LOVELIES OK: Colleen McKenzie who was crowned the queen for FPL's cup final gala last weekend, seen with her equally lovely princesses, Priscilla Duarte (left) and Colleen Roberts, while being crowned by Mrs Needha Royeppen, wife of the league's PRO, Mr Mike Royeppen. Photo: Kevin Joseph.



Seeing double? No. It's just sisters Pam and Hanusha in matching outfits photographed at the Butterworth Hotel.



Although the Chayennes have had a change in the group recently, the band continues to make great music. This long surviving and popular group are appearing at Q's during the festive season. Seen in the picture are (from left) Babs Frank(guitar), Vincent Marinus(vocals), Errol Earl(bass) and band leader Lance Saunders (keyboards).



Dukes Combo, the Durban band with wide-spread fame, continue to weave musical magic at the Belgica. Leader Dee Sharma (right) is seen with Gabriel Joseph (trumpet/vocals), Dereck Murugan (bass guitar), Mark Pillay (rhythm/vocals) and Martin Sigamoney.

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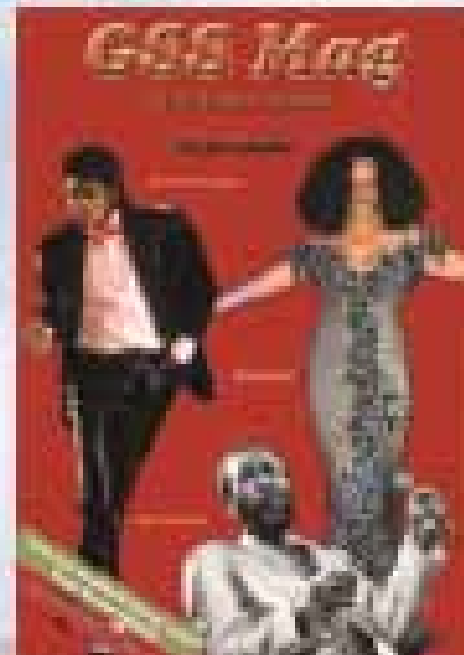
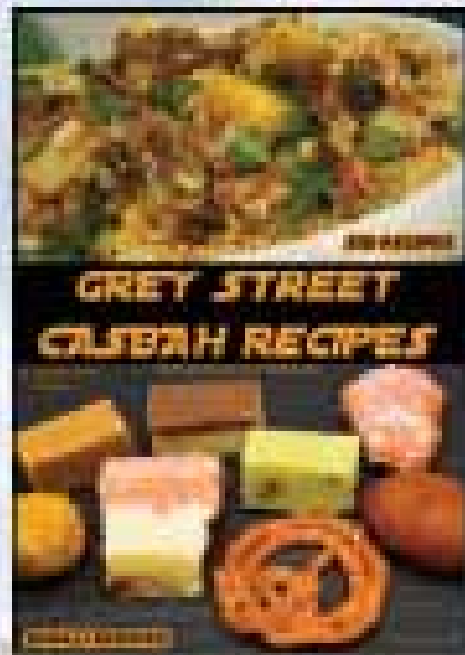
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Young Aces' Player is DFA Star

Malcolm Linderboom, the Young Aces star was declared Durban Football Association's 'Player of the Year' and he was awarded the Yacoob Dhai floating trophy.

Jomo Sandile of Teenagers FC was declared the u18 'Player of the Year' and he received the Prince Sports floating trophy.

Mr Mohamed Hassan of Atlanta Chiefs was declared the Manager of the Year, whilst Mrs Debba won the President's Trophy for being declared the 'Sportsperson of the Year.'

Mr K. Kasiram of Cherrians was declared the 'referee of the year' whilst Fabion Msomi of Newtown FC was declared the 'Most Improved Referee of the Year.'



Lincoln City, this years Isipingo and Districts Football Association's "A" division league champions. Standing (left to right) Mr S. Perisamy (Supporter), Bull Govender, Sayed Cassim, Ravi Munsamy (captain) Ben Govender, Lites Gounden, Chris Govender, Ganny Govender (secretary). (Seated) Daniel Govender (manager), Fareed Salot, Ricky Govender, Vasu Govender, Ashwin Deenadayal, Baboo Naidoo and Bob Govender (First aider) and mascot Mark Gounden.



Players of the Mt. Edgecombe FA who were selected for inter-district competition, show off their awards presented to them at the presentation function of the association held at the La Mercy Beach Hotel last weekend.



'Pictured here is the captain of Eagles FC receiving the Raymond Govender Memorial Shield from Mr Cyril Ndwandwe, the deputy president of Sonakwazsbo'

And R10,000 for Derek



It's a happy moment for Derek Naidoo (second from right) winner of the R10,000 prize in the FPL's fund raising competition. He is seen being congratulated by Mike Royeppen, the League's PRO, while treasurer Gaff Osman holds up the cheque and president Ashwin Trikamjee looks on approvingly.

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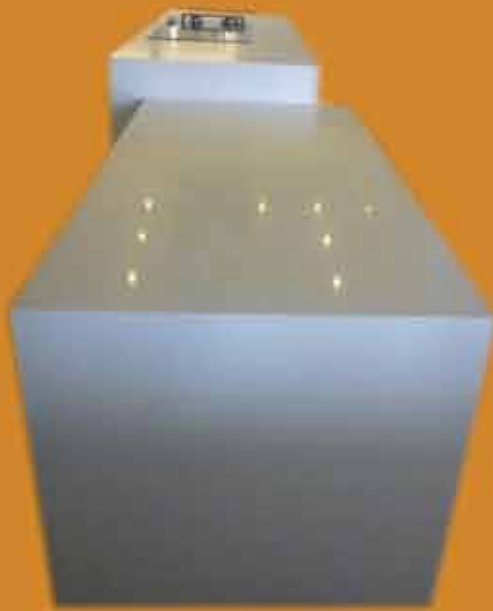




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