

Editorial Column

The continual publishing by some media today the world over about mostly negative news is becoming too much for many.

It has become a complete turnoff ... so much so that many stop watching the news on TV that regurgitates bad things over and over ...

Social media also repeats things ad nauseum... No one must not ignore, one must write about bad things to inform the public... so that something can hopefully be done about it... My point and that of some of my readers is that one does not need to regurgitate daily and hourly about the bad news and put one's opinion on it...

A case in point is the GMSA is pulling out of the country. Have seen two articles in the past week with headline and intro "This is bad for South Africa".

The original press release from GMSA did not say it is bad about for South Africa. That is the journalist's perspective and opinion. Why cannot one wait and see what the future hold, moreover let the readers make up their own minds.

The negative report "that this is bad for

South Africa" is causing more harm than good....

And many social media publishers - and even some top newspaper scribes have become "spinners"... adding their opinion to everything...

Perhaps I am old school but I was taught by top Editors I worked under that journalists don't add their opinions to articles. "Just get the facts and stick with that" was their motto. "Readers do not care about journo's emotions. They just want honest reporting."

Journalists in the old schools were taught that journalists had to remain neutral in the affairs of life. But today you can easily find a sentence similar to the following in some publication... "Fishes have gone up and this is bad for South Africa".

The last part of the sentence is not a fact, though it could be; it is merely the journo's take of the situation. It would be better perhaps to say it may be bad for South Africa, but better still would be to get quotes from top business leaders who say it will be bad. Maybe it is the negative times we live in that makes people harm more on the bad. But the trouble probably really is that bad news sells more newspapers and newspapers are finding it hard to survive.

For example, I can write an article about a



murder and it will get thousands of clicks and readers... I can also write about a fantastic development that will offer many jobs. This positive news article will receive far less clicks and readers than the murder story.

Times they are a changing... but I prefer to try to publish more positive articles, whether I sell more newspapers or not.

At night time... Keep happy and well... And wrap up warm in the impending cold front.
Bw, The Editor

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The child simplicity is the greatest agency in bringing this full and complete realisation, the child simplicity that recognises its true relations with the Father's life.

"There are people I know who have come into such a conscious realisation of their oneness with this infinite life, this spirit of infinite peace, that their lives are fairly bubbling over with joy" - Ralph Waldo Trine

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT NOTICE

Notice is given, in terms of the EIA regulations published in Government Notice No. 9382 under Section 39-44 of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998) of the intent to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment (i.e. Listing Notice 1- G.N. R394) of the intent to carry out the above-mentioned activity.

Project title: Residential development application of JGL Boerdery (Pty) Ltd near Karasdorp on Portions 275, 276, 70 and 32, as well as the Remaining Estate of Portion 13 and the Remaining Estate of Portion 12 of the farm Eerste River no. 626, Registration Division: Humansdorp, Eastern Cape Province.

Project description: The development of approximately 10 residential stands along an existing gully course located on Portion 275 and Portion 70 of the farm Eerste River 626. The proposed residential development will entail the development of approximately 5 residential stands on Portion 275 of the farm Eerste River 626, with an additional 4 residential stands on Portion 70 of the farm Eerste River 626. The domestic water required for the proposed development will be abstracted from borehole "BH6" on Portion 32 of the farm Eerste River 626. This pipeline will cross an unnamed non-perennial watercourse on the Remaining Estate of Portion 13 of the farm Eerste River 626.

Size of site: The site will be 736.8063m² in extent
Proprietor: JGL Boerdery (Pty) Ltd
ECOP/CI/N/1&M/18-2017
Coordinates: 34° 24'48.81"S, 24°14'23.18"E; 34° 3'50.47"S, 24°13'55.52"E; 34° 4'17.36"S, 24°13'32.38"E; 34° 4'16.68"S, 24°13'42.33"E; 34° 4'25.77"S, 24°13'42.16"E; 34° 4'28.83"S, 24°13'59.04"E; 34° 4'14.17"S, 24°14.20"E

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New Kougou Municipal Manager

Word Puzzle

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