

THREATS

Yemeni peace laureate to address conference

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AS THE global community faces incessant threats to peace and stability – and there is more violence within communities in South Africa – the voices at a Peace Dialogue and Youth Conference taking place this weekend should be amplified.

Nobel Peace Laureate Tawakkol Karman, a human rights activist, journalist and politician from Yemen, will be a keynote speaker at the Power of Peace Dialogue in Cape Town today.

The 7th Annual PeaceJam South Africa Youth Leadership Conference will start today and runs until Sunday. It is hosted by Mentoring PeaceBuilders South Africa, an affiliate of the PeaceJam Foundation.

At the age of 32, Karman is the youngest Nobel Peace Laureate as well as the first Arab woman and the second Muslim woman to receive the prestigious recognition.

The 2011 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Karman in recognition of



TAWAKKOL Karman, 2011 Nobel Peace Prize winner.

her “non-violent struggle for democracy” and advocating for women’s rights in Yemen.

During the Arab Spring, referred to at the time as “The Mother of the Revolution” and in the face of increasing threats made to her life, Karman led peaceful protests for democracy and freedom of speech in Yemen.

She is also the founder of Women Journalists Without Chains and was imprisoned and persecuted as a result

of her active engagement, according to a Nobel Prize statement.

A Power of Peace Dialogue, in partnership with the Desmond & Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation, will start at 6pm today at the Old Granary Building, Buitenkant Street, Cape Town.

The dialogue session will take the form of a panel discussion and will include Karman, PeaceJam Foundation vice-president Lauren Coffaro, Desmond & Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation CEO Janet Jobson, Mosaic Training Services and Healing Centre for Women executive director Tarisai Mchuchu-Mac Millan, and community leader and advocate Talethia Edwards.

The Peace Conference tomorrow and Sunday is expected to see hundreds of young people, aged between 14 and 24 years, who are interested in becoming agents of positive change in their communities and world gathering at the Chrysalis Academy in Cape Town.

Approximately 400 learners from 19 different high schools and youth organisations, along with over 50 uni-

versity mentors, will attend.

Mentoring PeaceBuilders South Africa NPC is a non-profit organisation that aims to create a culture of peace by empowering young people to become leaders and peacemakers.

The organisation is part of the PeaceJam Foundation, a global movement of 14 Noble Peace Laureates who mentor young people to change the world through service and education.

“The world is in need of new ideas and approaches and this new generation of young people is uniquely qualified to understand and address the complex problems of violence facing humanity.

“Our Youth Peacebuilding Conferences and Lectures offer engaging and safe spaces to nurture young people and help them realise their potential to tackle issues head-on,” Mentoring PeaceBuilders South Africa NPC co-founder and director Earl Mentor said.

Tickets for the Peace Dialogue can be purchased at R150 via Quicket: <https://qkt.io/QVTLZH>

FIREFIGHTING

City team off to ‘Destroy’ the competition

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THE City of Cape Town’s vehicle extrication team of specialised fire and rescue officials has left for Lanzarote Island, Spain, to compete in the World Rescue Extrication Competition.

Fondly known as the Cape Town Destroyers, the team were the only South Africans to be invited to compete against other top extricators from around the world in the international competition from October 16 to 21.

According to the City, although team members are stationed at different firehouses, they have been training throughout the year, sharpening their skills by working through exercises simulating possible scenarios in the three categories they will compete in.

City of Cape Town safety and security Mayco member JP Smith said the team comprises highly-skilled extrication specialist firefighters, trained at rescuing victims from trapped motor vehicle accidents.

“Often, during horrific motor vehicle collisions where victims are trapped and getting them to hospital becomes critical, it is a race against time and every second counts.

“Exposure to new extrication techniques is another investment in knowledge and skills, which allows quicker extrication of trapped victims in horrific motor vehicle accidents.

“The challenge will be tough as this is the stage for the world’s best rescuers. The team will be learning from the teams from the other countries and be exposed to new methods of working,



THE City of Cape Town’s vehicle extrication team.

new equipment on the market and utilising these tools in the pits when doing the scenarios,” Smith said.

The nine-person team boasts 176 years of experience between them.

On their return, the team members take on the roles of trainers and mentors in the latest techniques to the rest of the firefighters.

“This allows the service to up-skill all its firefighters to render a more clinical extrication rescue to trapped victims.

“With more vehicles on our roads,

motorists are exposed daily to the possibility of being involved in an accident.

“Should this happen, rest assured, there is a fire and rescue service that can deal with such incidents.”

The Cape Destroyers team members are Station Commander Morne Haskell, stationed at Goodwood Fire Station, Station Commander Warren Sam, stationed at Goodwood Fire Station, and Station Commander Vignel Cloete, stationed at Strand Fire Station. Senior Firefighter Alvin Kaliza is

stationed at Goodwood Fire Station, Senior Firefighter Michael Gardiner is stationed at Strand Fire Station, Firefighter Robert Stamatiad is stationed at Lakeside, and Firefighter Gershwin Cloete is stationed at Sir Lowry’s Pass Fire Station.

Firefighter Keenan Walters is stationed at Milnerton Fire Station, as well as district head of operations Arlene Wehr.

“We wish the Cape Town Destroyers well and know they will make us proud,” said Smith said.

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REQUIEM

Jazzart Dance Theatre turns 50 with tribute

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CAPE Town’s oldest contemporary dance company, the Jazzart Dance Theatre, is gearing up to present the *Requiem* by Mozart, with an added twist at the Artscape this weekend.

According to the prolific company, the show, which will be in celebration of the Jazzart Dance Theatre’s 50-year birthday, will be a tribute to Mozart’s masterfully crafted funeral mass chosen for its beautiful musical exploration of human mortality.

For the special twist, the company revealed that the *Requiem* would be paired with a South African response piece set to Neo Muyanga’s new commission, *After Tears: After a Requiem* to become *Requiem Journeys of the Soul*.

Jazzart Dance Theatre artistic director Dane Hurst said the unique production was recently commissioned by Opera North in the UK and brought to life by an exceptionally talented creative team.

Hurst, a distinguished guest choreographer and former artistic director of Phoenix Dance Theatre, who will be leading the



JAZZART Dance Theatre celebrates its 50th birthday.

charge, said he was excited to share the new production with Cape Town’s music, dance and theatre enthusiasts.

“*Journeys of the Soul*’s initial performance in May/June enthralled audiences in the UK and was met with resounding acclaim. Now the city of Cape Town, known for its rich cultural tapestry, is set to embrace this musical masterpiece.

“For Muyanga and Mozart to be aligned next to each other is incredible. I am at the same time excited and humbled to be staging this in front of our home audience after its international debut and hope that it resonates as much here as it has elsewhere,” Hurst said.

The music of *After Tears: After a Requiem* will be delivered by the Cape Philharmonic Orchestra in collaboration with Cape Town Opera, with a special dance performance by the Phoenix Dance Theatre and the Jazzart Dance Theatre company.

For ticket information visit: www.computicket.co.za

EMPOWER

Calls to address sexual grooming

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THE Governing Body Foundation (GBF) made a call for schooling societies to have more open conversations regarding sexual grooming, in an attempt to curb incidents of sexual assault at schools.

Sexual grooming involves adults in positions of authority exploiting their relationships with minors for sexual purposes.

The foundation, which was founded to support and empower governing bodies in South African schools, said that it wanted to emphasise the urgency of addressing the issue and taking collective action to safeguard the welfare of children.

GBF spokesperson Anthea Cereseto said schooling communities needed to have more open dialogues about sexual grooming to increase awareness of protection measures that could be instituted for the safety and well-being of all students in educational institutions.

“The foundation has recognised the need to shed light on sexual grooming, because it poses a significant threat to young individuals in various educational settings. We want to raise awareness and encourage proactive measures to protect children and teenagers.”

Cereseto said the foundation has identified key points that include understanding the issue: complex tactics; preventive measures; challenging



EDUCATION

Free online maths classes add value for final exams

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AWQAF SA will be offering its annual free maths workshops to assist Grade 10, 11, and 12 pupils in reducing anxiety and feeling better prepared to tackle their end-of-year examinations.

The charitable endowment (Awqaf) receiving organisation has been offering the free workshops since 2016, striving to improve the national maths pass rate.

The free sessions are offered in association with the Department of Basic Education, ISkill and the K-Way Institute SA.

Facilitated by Mohammed Khota from the K-Way Institute SA, the mathematics workshops will cover pure maths.

Last year, around 13000 participants registered for the workshops. Sessions are hosted on the Awqaf SA’s YouTube and Facebook platforms, allowing participants to easily access the videos at any time, once the workshops have been completed.

The Grade 12 maths workshops will take place tomorrow, and cover maths paper 1. A second session will be held to cover maths paper 2 on Sunday.

Workshops for Grade 10, covering maths paper 1, will take place on October 28, and maths paper 2 is to be covered the next day.

Grade 11 maths workshops, covering maths paper 1, will be held on November 4 and maths paper 2 the next day.

Awqaf SA project manager Hasanain Abdullah said: “These workshops have helped many learners who have been struggling with mathematics.

“Their marks have improved significantly. We had one learner who scored 18% in June and as a result of attending our workshop scored 85% in the finals.

“Good marks in mathematics qualifies them for bursaries and scholarships. This also opens up the doors for career prospects in IT, Medicine and Accounting.”

All workshops take place from 9am to 3pm and registration is essential. More information can be found at <https://awqafsa.org.za/mathsworkshopfinal/>



SEA POINT
City Improvement District

Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Sea Point City Improvement District NPC (SPCID) will be hosting an AGM. All stakeholders are invited to a review of the past financial year’s activities and planning for 2024/25.

Date: 8 November 2023
Time: 10h30
Venue: Protea Hotel Marriott Arthurs Road Sea Point

Resolutions presented at the Members meeting can only be voted on by bona fide members of the SPCID. This membership is available free of charge to all owners of non-residential and/or residential property within the SPCID footprint, but they must be registered before 1 November 2023.

A Special Resolution will be required for the amendment of the new Memorandum of Incorporation (MOI) as contemplated in Section 16(5)(a) of the Companies Act, Act 71 of 2008.

For further information, documentation and how to register go to www.seapointcid.co.za, e-mail wayne@seapointcid.co.za or call 021 434 1234.