

MY VIEW

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* Finally there's some action in Centenary Road. The roadworks have created some chaos as motorists drive on pavements and a service road, but hopefully the contractor will pull finger and get the job done as soon as possible. And let's hope and pray that the work justifies what he is paid for!

* It was with a heavy heart I learnt last week Thursday that a son of the late Mr AK Panchbhaya passed away in Nelspruit after an almost lifelong illness. The doyen of journalists, the likes of which we will never see in our lifetime, 'Mookie' Panchbhaya devoted his life to writing, research and caring for his son who was physically challenged. 'Mookie' passed away in Nelspruit at the home of his in-laws and there was great concern as to who would continue to care for his bedridden son. Fortunately, family members rallied and kept junior Panchbhaya

comfortable until he too was called by our Creator. May he be granted the highest abode in Paradise next to his famous and distinguished father.

* A man phoned me last week and took umbrage to comments I made about the deputy manager of water affairs carrying the can for a string of water managers in the uThukela Municipality. His argument was that not even the deputy manager has the necessary qualifications for holding that post. What bugged me was the man refused to identify himself on the phone after he called me on a 'hidden' number. His other bone of contention was that uThukela did not follow correct procedures when appointing people to respective posts. There may be some truth in that conjecture, but I would have respected his balls if he had identified himself. People who communicate under a nom de plume have no

space in my life.

* Similarly, I abhorred the letter writer in last week's Gazette who did not have the genitals to identify himself / herself in squealing about not being accepted on an emergency chat group in Ladysmith and cited democratic rights and so forth. The writer then had the gall to have a dig about the dangers and ramifications if a member of a Community Policing Forum gets killed or kills during a patrol. The CPF groups in our town are served by a handful of volunteers who voluntarily avail themselves to act as the ears and eyes of the community to bring crime down in their respective communities. There are committed members from all walks of life, including professional people who devote a few hours every month to keep crime off our streets and to affect drug dealers as well. Their role is

non-confrontational and they report any suspicious movement to the SAPS for the intervention of law enforcement agencies. Making unwarranted and / or unsubstantiated statements in the media is mischief making and using the newspaper to throw out toys from the baby cot to get even for being told to push off and stay off.

* On a regular basis, I have heaped praise on the municipal road marking team and they deserve that for the manner in which they execute their duties. However, one has to question the type of paint they use.

Within a few days, not weeks or months, the paint wears off like it was never re-painted. Is the municipality purchasing sub-standard paint as a cost saving exercise?

* Changing the name of our local municipality from Emnambithi/Ladysmith to Alfred Duma Municipality

was a democratic decision. However, the logo as an emblem of our new municipality leaves much to be desired.

* The Town Hall clock was a pet topic in this column for many years. The tick-tock of the clock has been haphazard. In fact, even 2017 was heralded in minus the midnight gongs. It's like the 'powers that be' don't give a 'continental' about time.

* Next week, our town will be festooned by red and white as far as the eye can see.

It will be St Valentine's Day on Tuesday and little Cupid will be under immense pressure to ensure the love arrow hits the right heart as an expression of love.

I trust Cupid has sorted his eyesight as well as his love arrow and has engaged in some target practice. His hitting the wrong target last year cost me too much trauma.

LAUGHING TIMES

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Warning: This column may be considered offensive by some readers!

* News from NAHAB: We, the National Association of Husbands and Boyfriends (NAHAB), wish to announce a three-day strike which will commence on Monday, February 13, 2017, and end on Thursday, February 16, 2017. Notice is

hereby given that our mobile phones and land-line numbers will not be working during the said strike. Our relationship commitments will commence on Friday, February 17, 2017. We apologise for any inconvenience the strike may cause our wives or girlfriends during our strike action. Viva Nahab, Viva.

* Cheating on your husband doesn't mean you don't love the guy. It's like using another charger to charge your phone because your original is at home and you cannot allow your phone battery to die off completely.

* A bosom buddy sent the following naughty but true facts: **NAKED TRUTH:** We all love to spend lots of money buying new clothes, but we never realise that the best moments in life are enjoyed without clothes! **ALTERATION:** Having a cold drink on a hot day with a few friends is nice, but having a hot friend on a cold night after a few drinks is priceless. **BREAKING NEWS:** Condoms don't guarantee safe sex anymore. A friend was wearing one when he was shot dead by the woman's husband! **CHOICE:** Arguing over a girl's breast size is like choosing between a cold beer, bottled water or a chilled soft drink. Men may state their preferences, but will grab whatever is available. **ANTI-GRAVITY:** Why did Newton commit suicide? Because he saw a completely naked girl and observed something going up in his pants against his own laws of gravity! **MEATBALL:** Vegetarian women are sometimes silent during lovemaking because they are in a state of shock that a piece of meat can generate so much pleasure. **BLOW JOB:** This is the only job

in the world that can't be included in your CV, despite years of experience and a number of references. **EXPLANATION:** Bio teacher: "Girls, the size of a penis should be about 6cm for successful penetration. Girl: "Ma'am how about 15cm?" Teacher: "I was talking about necessity, not luxury." **VIAGRA:** All medicines have side effects. Only Viagra has front effects. **BURNING LOVE:** This is when you reach out for Vaseline in the dark and you pick Vicks by mistake.

* Three surgeons are sitting in a hospital canteen discussing which people are their favourite to operate on. The first surgeon looks at the other two and tells them that his favourite patients are school admin clerks. The other two then ask him to explain why. "Well," he begins, "I like them because their insides are always filed away in alphabetical order." The other two slowly nod in agreement. "My favourite patients are electricians," the second blurts out. "Why?" the others ask in tandem. "All of their innards are grouped together and colour coded." All three nod before all eyes fall on the third surgeon. The third muses for a moment before he says, "Lawyers." "Lawyers?" the other two ask incredulously. "Yes, they're heartless, gutless and spineless, so it's really easy to work on them!"



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