

Perjury accused guilty

Larry Bentley

A WOMAN who falsely reported her alleged rape and kidnapping, appeared in the Empangeni Magistrate's Court on Monday and was found guilty of defeating the ends of justice.

She was also found guilty of contravening the provisions of the Commissioners of Oaths Act.

Sindisiwe Rebecca Buthelezi (34) pleaded guilty and was convicted on both counts.

She will remain in police custody until her sentencing on 18 November.

The case arose from her reporting to the Durban police that on 10 October she was taken by someone promising her a job in Isipingo.

The person did not turn off into Isipingo, but proceeded towards Umzinto where she was allegedly dropped off with three other men.

She claimed these men took her and two other women to an unknown area where she was repeatedly raped by five men and forced to cook heads of human beings.

Her boyfriend was traced by the Richards Bay Organised Crime Unit in Empangeni.

He revealed that the woman was with him on the days she claimed the incident occurred.

Music trivia evening

Dave Savides

IF you fancy your knowledge of songs of all genre and you enjoy a night of fun and laughter, this one's for you.

The Rotary Club of Richards Bay has planned a 'Music Trivia Evening' for 27 November, where teams will compete in a 'Noot Vir Noot'-type contest of musical knowledge.

'It is not a singing competition, but a test of musical memory and unlocking those lyrics,' said organiser Arthur Gray.

'Tables of 10 form a team and get the chance at a variety of quiz questions.'

All proceeds are in aid of CANSA and teams can be made up on the night, so individuals can also be included.

Cost is R50 per person. Bring your own picnic basket and there will be a cash bar.

The event takes place at the Zululand Multi Sports Club at Alkantstrand, starting at 7pm.

Contact Diane on 035 7891511 or 082 9245069.



New kid on the block

PHOTOS: EARL BAILLACHE

Earl Baillache

'I AM a baby White Rhino. I'm five months old and I weigh 170kg.

'I need some help from you kind humans - I need you to find me a name.'

That is the 'request' from the latest member of the Thula Thula Exclusive Private Game Reserve family, being professionally cared for by specialist handler Elaine Mowbray and ranger Pieter le Roux.

He requires 24 hour attention, although a lot of that is spent snoozing.

Two months after Thula Thula's White Rhino Heidi was tragically killed by poachers, the reserve has welcomed the five month-old 'toddler'.

Relocated to Thula Thula on 25 October, the boisterous youngster arrived after a 14 hour long trip from Limpopo.

He has since settled well into his new environment.

Thula Thula acquired the rhino from the Moholoholo Rehab Centre in Limpopo after the one-day old calf was found alone and badly dehydrated in a Free State game reserve.

It is not known whether his mom died in childbirth, abandoned him (thinking he wouldn't survive) or was scared off by predators.

Elaine, who hails from the UK, was working at Moholoholo when he was brought in and looked after him.

After his move, Thula Thula's Françoise Anthony hired her to care for him until he is old enough to be released into the wild.

'We do not believe in keeping



The baby rhino has started eating grass to supplement his milk diet

captive animals,' said owner Lawrence Anthony.

'For us the only good cage is an empty cage and this youngster is destined for a happy life in the wild.'

At the moment a search is on to

find him a girlfriend of similar age, as this will cut down on human interaction, get him used to his species and aid his release. Moholoholo Animal Rehabilitation Centre, a non-profit organisation, is dedicated to the re-

Thula Thula Exclusive Private Game Reserve currently boasts 18 elephant, 50 giraffe, 20 buffalo, leopards and plenty of hyena, zebra and about 350 different species of birds.

The game reserve has successfully released an eagle, bush-pig and serval cat back into the wild.

Next week, CROW plans to release a bush baby there.

Moholoholo and the Centre for Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) are working closely with Thula Thula to release rehabilitated animals back into the 4500 ha game reserve.



'I love this - it puts me to sleep'

habilitation of abandoned and injured wildlife and their re-introduction into their natural environments.



'OK, tummy is full, now for a snooze!'



'Me with Pieter le Roux and Elaine Mowbray'

Thula Thula Exclusive Private Game Lodge

Thula Thula Exclusive Private Game Lodge is giving away a two-night stay at their incredible Elephant Safari Lodge and a signed copy of the latest book 'The Elephant Whisperer' by Lawrence Anthony, to the person who can come up with a unique and original name for their baby rhino.

Please email your name suggestions to : thula@netactive.co.za attention Françoise.

