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From the Editor's desk

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Wow, someone mistook me for Paloma in Big Brother Africa! All Stars! I am sure you might guess, that I am referring to DWA Paloma, the Zambian Housemate. I was not surprised, because we do share one common feature, but let me assure you, we have different characters.

Let me dwell a bit on what happened on 30 July 2010, some people were flushed with cash and the rotary clubhouse was the place to be. Brother Junior from the street talk, you are a world class DJ. Sorry I missed the dance, we want more!!! I am cultured in this field and still trust my dancing shoes. [Read More](#)

generations to meet their needs". Development must be economical, socially and environmentally sustainable. Environment plays an integral role in development. Orangeround leaders took a decision to conserve the environment by pledging to plant 1000 trees in Orangeround, as we celebrate International Arbor day on 8 October 2010. This exercise will only be realized with community contributions. Please stand up and make a difference by planting a tree on that day and if you have extra trees, please donate to your neighbours and friends to realize this big dream. Furthermore, we would like to know your feelings.

Local Authority Functions and Operations

The Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) announced that the Regional and Local Council elections will take place on the 26th and 27th of November 2010. This is the first time for both elections to be held simultaneously and it might cause some confusion amongst voters. Fortunately, the ECN has lined up a series of voter education campaigns to clarify the differences and modalities of the two elections.

Allow me to clarify the different mandates of both Councils.

Namibia is a unitary state and administratively it is divided into three tiers namely central, regional and local government.

Central Government: Headed by the President and there are two houses of Parliament - The National Assembly and National Council.

Regional Government: Namibia is divided into thirteen

DR. THOMAS WILSON is the Executive President of Paloma & congratulations for being elected as the new SAAC Chairman.

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Be Aware of Water Quality - Water is life

By Lisa T. Hurlings, Laboratory and GrubHub Services Manager

Quality can be defined as the degree of compliance to specifications for a given task or activity. As for water quality, the quality is a function of the dissolved and suspended particulates as described in the previous article on water purification.

The aim of water treatment is to reduce the concentration of organisms and other pollutants that are detrimental to health. Water quality treatment deals with how effective the treatment process has been in filtering out the unwanted elements in the product water or potable water as commonly known.

WATER ACT (ACT 510) 1995, AS AMENDED

The Water Act requires that all water used for human consumption should meet minimum standards in terms of the content of metals, pesticides, toxic gases, pathogens and the frequency of sampling for the tests. Weekly tests should also be divided into two: chemical and biological tests. The chemical test is used to determine the concentration of harmful chemicals in water such as mercury, lead and others. The biological test is for examining the presence of microorganisms, especially the E. coli bacterium.

LABORATORY SAMPLING

We use two laboratories to carry out tests on samples collected in Cape Town town. Some water and sewage laboratories usually do the tests on the samples sent by plane to meet the deadline. These labs are licensed by the relevant authorities to carry out these tests to protect the health of the Meridian population. Sampling is done by the Health and Environment Office in Paarl/Kaibabie and the Plant Operator, Mafra/Bellville.

STANDARDS

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has issued global standards for water-potability. Most countries in the world have adopted these standards with some amendments to make them local culture standards. Classification of water is as in the table below to help guide Water Act guidelines.

Chemical Classification

- Class A ... Water with an excellent quality
- Class B ... Water with acceptable quality
- Class C ... Water with a low health risk
- Class D ... Water with a high health risk or water unsuitable for human consumption.

Bacteriological Classification

- Class A ... Water which a bacteriological quality very safe
- Class B ... Water which is bacteriologically still suitable for human consumption
- Class C ... Water which is bacteriologically risky for human consumption, requiring immediate remedial action
- Class D ... Water which is bacteriologically unsuitable for human consumption



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Health Perspective

By TF Mahida

This article is an article that appeared in *Meridian's Digest*. Daughters' parents' food poisoning of 2006/2007; we need to bring to you, a series of topics related to food poisoning. The topics will address the following: What is food poisoning, causes, symptoms and treatment. The following article will concentrate only on the first topic: poisoning.

FOOD POISONING DISCUSS

Food poisoning is a common, usually mild, but sometimes deadly illness. Typical symptoms include nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramping and diarrhea that occur suddenly (within 48 hours) after consuming contaminated food or drink. Depending on the contaminant, there could be bloody stools, dehydration and nervous system changes may follow. These symptoms may affect one person or a group of people who ate the same food (all of us at a restaurant).

Generally, a single illness associated with the leading causes of death. It is estimated that in the USA, food poisoning causes about 76,000 cases, 320,000 hospitalizations, and up to 3,000 deaths each year. One of the most common food infections, *Escherichia coli* (E. coli) accounts for 21 percent of medical consultations each year.

In America, it is estimated that food poisoning is an underreported. One of the major reasons for this is the use of self-diagnosis and integrated surveillance and notification systems and since many foodborne illnesses are not being properly reported to a doctor. Currently, legislation requires that food poisoning is notifiable only if two or more cases are observed by the same doctor at least facility. Furthermore, there are at present no guidelines for medical practitioners to follow an reported cases of food poisoning and to determine the causative agent. As a result, many food poisoning cases are undiagnosed, leaving patients unwell.

A further indicator is the fact that other related diseases which are foodborne-related (such as cholera, typhoid, toxemia coli, and brucellosis) can also affect humans through other routes such as water, animal, animal, insect, animal and animal products, etc. Apart from not being an effective mechanism to determine the role of food in the spread of these diseases, the current measures for foodborne-related diseases in the country is virtually unaware of other emerging foodborne-related diseases that are not notifiable (such as *Salmonella*, *Yersinia*, *Shigella* and *Shigella*), which are not notifiable.

We need to encourage food poisoning reports as early as how doctors, family caregivers and can be identified very early to the public. The right contact a disease by simply reading or to be in a good up-to-date news.

YOUR HEALTH IS YOUR WEALTH

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GrubHub.com is the only provider in the world of a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week, women's dignity center. The center is located in the heart of the city and is open to all women who need help with their dignity.

The lady said she is very proud to be a GrubHub.com woman's dignity.

Oranjemund Pre Primary School @ 50!

OPPS - 50 YEARS IN EXISTENCE: By Dieter Meyer

2010 marks the 50th year of existence of our pre primary school known as OPPS (Oranjemund Pre Primary School).

The Oranjemund Pre Primary School began in 1960 when Mrs Paddy Wessels started providing morning care for the children of working mothers. This was held in three classrooms in a park in the middle of town (where the current pre school is still housed). The personnel were unqualified and the quality of care was entirely dependant upon the initiative of the caregivers as it was a private enterprise.

In 1974 the Personnel Manager, whose wife had a great interest in pre-school education, asked Mrs Sue Coryers to establish a Nursery School. CDM provided four new classrooms, employed qualified teachers, enclosed the buildings with a fence and gave the Principal the necessary means to buy equipment for indoor and outdoor play.

In 1979 another wing was added to accommodate four more classrooms and also a landscaped, enclosed playground for the children. Subsequently there were eleven classes operating on an open plan, integrated day programme.

Grade 0 was moved to the Primary School in 1991 and the children who are 5 years old on 31 December now go to Grade 1 for a formal pre-school year. This altered the composition of the Pre Primary School to such an extent that the number of classes was reduced to six and the former East Wing became home to the Ellard Crèche. The entire unit was renamed "Oranjemund Educare Centre". With the advent of outsourcing in January 1999, the Crèche was privatized and the position of Principal became redundant.

Today the Ellard Crèche stands empty and the Pre Primary School is a vibrant, exciting centre of learning for the youngsters in our town. The school follows a structured open plan system based on sound early childhood educational principles, the teachers are all well qualified and the children get a wonderful start to learning.

The 50th year of existence was celebrated with a superbly organized carnival on 7 August. The staff and PTA members can really be recommended on putting up an excellent celebration to mark the occasion.



August Highlights



The Millennium Dance Insert by: H. Ngongo Jnr.

On the 30th of July, young and old Oorjansvanders fluxed into the Rotary Club House for a dance. The aim of the event was to raise money for Rotary community projects such as to fix up the tennis courts behind the Power Station, actually convert them into a basketball court for the youth of our town. Rotary is all about "service above self".

The event was very successful and many people gave us feedback, and requested we do it again. However, the fundraiser would not have been successful if it was not for our sponsors of the likes of SPAR, Desert Tavern, Flamingo's, The Players club, Spangriet guesthouse and Oorjansvander Printing Works CC.

We thank the community for coming and supporting the event.

The Wedding Day 'Dhango'

14 August was a joyful day for 200 guests who witnessed the wedding of Titus Phillipus and Annelise Mulamba. A colourful reception was held at the Rac club. The party was memorable with delicious food, pleasant music and plenty to drink. At the occasion the single people were encouraged to make plans to follow suit. The underlying message was that love is about trust and respect and LOVE conquers everything. "Ohele-Oshiponga"



Golf Tournament: Report by Tony Goosen

The 58th International Orange River Classic golf tournament took place over the weekend of 21st and 22nd August.

Some excellent scores were recorded during the weekend with both Llewellyn Husselmann and Francois (Jaco) Oorjans posting scores of 84 nett.

The competition winner is the person with the lowest total nett score over the two days. We thought we would be playing in the rain on Sunday morning, but the weather cleared into an almost Spring clarity.

The Net prize winners in order were:

Francois Oorjans	138
Nick Coetser	142
Wilmlem Wermans	144
Hugo Kerner	147
Richard Burnett	147
Johan Husselmann	148
Gavin van der Horst	151
Llewellyn Husselmann	151



Nearest-Home prize went to James Alexander, Riaan van Schaalky, Wilmlem Wermans and Gavin van der Horst.

Francois Oorjans won the prize for the Straightest Drive.

Sale of Vacant Houses

Namdeb Diamond Corporation hereby invites interested parties to submit tender bids for the purchase of identified vacant accommodation units in Oorjansvander.

Closing date: **Friday, 17th September 2020 at 16:00**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

03 September	Spring Lunch @ Paddock Coffee Shoppe
04 September	Cheese & Wine - Spring Dance
11 September	Paddock Coffee Shoppe
08-10 October	Oorjansvander & Karoo Regional Cultural Festival
08 October	Paddock Coffee Shoppe
28 October	Halloween Party at the Hockey Club
15 November	Riding Club AGM
27 November	Hockey Club Year end function and AGM
01 December	Christmas streetmarket & Human Rights Day
04 December	Paddock Coffee Shoppe

Land Surveyors in Town

Oorjansvander Residents are hereby informed of the presence of 3 teams of Land Surveyors appointed by the ministry of Regional, Local Government, Housing and Rural Development. The teams are surveyed 3 extensions (noted as 102, 103 and 104) and their extensions include the following addresses: 102: 102, 103 and 104. 103: 103, 104 and 105. 104: 104, 105 and 106. The surveyors are kindly requested to give your cooperation when the teams enter your property for the survey. The surveyors are kindly requested to give your cooperation when the teams enter your property for the survey. The surveyors are kindly requested to give your cooperation when the teams enter your property for the survey.