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Paddy the pig is exiled to a small hamlet

Own Correspondent
DURBAN — Paddy Pigganora, the average of Hildy Crescent, has been given 15 hours to quit Klood, his home in a small farm hamlet.

Flower-patch Paddy, who loves television and chocolate-chip yogurt, was bought as a small piglet by unimpaired Mrs Dulce Nelson-Palmer for her grand-daughter, Vikki (8) and Tarryn (7).
"But," said a surprised Mrs Nelson-Palmer, "my son would not have him in their home so I have had to keep him along with my three dogs and eight cats. He has grown up with the dogs and thinks he is one of them."
That is, of course, when he is not doing spring lamb impressions, gambling in the sand heap, jumping in the air and squealing with pleasure.
"It is hysterically funny to see," said his proud owner.
At first, regular baths with the very best toilet soap, rubdowns with baby lotion to prevent sunburn and yogurt and grapes and snoozes on the living room carpet kept Paddy content.
The Town Clerk of Klood, Mr Hercules Hattingh, said his telephone never stopped ringing with complaints about "that darned pig."

Blast rocks Bloemfontein

Own Correspondent
A POWERFUL blast heard over a large area brought central Bloemfontein to a standstill at lunch-time today.

Lunch-hour crowds attracted by the blast saw a car parked next to a fabric outlet burst into flames after apparently exploding.
Early reports indicate no one was injured. The blast blew apart the roof of a private parking bay and shattered windows of a nearby block of flats, spreading shards of glass over a wide area.
Uniformed police and explosives experts from the Security Police would not comment on the possible cause of the blast. It is understood it may have been a bomb.

Story of tearoom bed, mating lions in crimen injuria case

CAPETOWN — A senior inspector at the Department of Transport went for a swim with his senior clerical assistant during a lunch break, and returned to find a picture of two mating lions on his desk, a Cape Town magistrate was told today.
The picture, Mr Quintus Paulus Botha claimed, had been placed on his desk by two other inspectors to embarrass him and the clerk, Mrs Linda Jane Brouzard.
The two inspectors, Mr Johan Cronje (35), of Bellville, and Mr Andries Soter (26), of Bellville, pleaded not guilty to a charge of crimen injuria.
The State alleges that the men placed the picture of the two lions on Mr Botha's desk on December 3 last year.
It also alleges that they wrote "quess who?" on the male lion and "Mrs X" on the female, in addition to the printed words: "Down a lion, feet satisfied."
Mr Botha, a married man, told the court he had immediately thought that the picture referred to his relationship with Mrs Brouzard.
He said they were "very good friends" but denied they had been having an "affair."
The picture suggests that I had committed an indecent act with a woman in my office," Mr Botha said.
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State to probe fuel blend claim

Staff Reporter
THE Department of Mineral and Energy Affairs is investigating claims that petrol companies are adding up to 24 percent alcohol to Transvaal premium motor fuel, causing damage to carburetors and cars' petrol pumps.



Veterinary nurse Anneli Bartsch with Tappel. The crossbow bolt wound can clearly be seen.

"We are very worried about this," Dr A. J. Nothing, deputy director of energy planning of the department said today. "The best protection for the consumer is to look for petrol pumps bearing the logo of the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS)."
The Automobile Association is conducting its own tests on different petrol blends and on carburetors of cars that have been running on alcohol-blended fuel for several years.
The South African Coordinating Council sent a letter of complaint to the Department of Mineral and Energy Affairs a week ago, Mr Lauer was Mr Lauer, chief professional officer of the council said today.
"We see this as a very serious fault," he said.
"This is something beyond the control of the consumer. Various garages in Pretoria have had up to five cars a day to repair because of this problem."
"This is costing motorists R200 to R300 a time to repair. And it is an amount they haven't budgeted for. The cars involved are expensive."

Tappel the cat felled by crossbow bolt

Staff Reporter
IN the second case of its kind in Pretoria suburbs an animal has been wounded by a high-powered crossbow bolt.
A domestic cat was shot this week by a first-year Technician student after it had apparently been preying on birds in his garden.
It was, however, a close shave with death for Tappel from 1199 Dickinson Avenue.

Two months ago a Doberman Pinscher was shot in the shoulder with a bolt. Attached to it was a three-limbed animal hunting net which ripped the dog's shoulder muscles and tore a nerve.
Crossbows are available over the counter in many ammunition shops in the city. The only legislation controlling their sale is that the buyer must be over 16.

Brighter jobs outlook for public servants

ANDRE MEYEROWITZ
Political Correspondent
CAPE TOWN — A major step in revamping the public service has been announced in Parliament by the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr F. W. de Klerk.
Each department of state is to have greater independence from July 1 as part of a new managerial philosophy.
For the average man-behind-the-desk, the changes are good news in terms of climbing the career ladder.
Departments themselves will have say in their personnel evaluation, incentives, transfers and promotion.
When public servants have grievances on these points, their

boards will not be able to pass the buck to an all-embracing Public Service Commission.
Mr de Klerk told Parliament heads would have the power to create positions and fill vacancies up to one level below that of director, instead of the present level of administrative officer.
Mr de Klerk said: "That represents nearly 60 percent of the posts in a department."
The commission would still have to make recommendations, however in respect of directors, chief directors, deputy directors, general and district general, who formed the management cadre of the service.
The new deal means that special attention will be given to identifying management potential among public servants as well as developing expertise and ability.

Life's like that

Vatican moves to make Gandhi a saint following film

Pretoria News Foreign Service
ROME — A group of Vatican experts are reported to have started to make Mahatma Gandhi a saint.
If the Roman Catholic Church bows to the increasing pressure and agrees to begin the canonisation process, it would be the first time in its history that a non-Christian would be on the road to sainthood.
One supporter, Theobaldus admitted yesterday that much of the interest had been aroused by the Gopaswamin film about Gandhi's life.
He added: "But it's a pity that the film distorts the enormous respect Gandhi had for Jesus Christ, his sermon on the mount and the message of the gospels."
Another Vatican source — citing the present Pope's own words — said: "Christians are impressed by Gandhi's life and work."

Porpoises shield fisherman from sharks

JACKSONVILLE (Florida) — A man whose boat capsized in the Atlantic Ocean said he was shielded from sharks while he swam for nearly 12 hours to shore because he stayed inside a group of feeding porpoises.
"Porpoises were all around me — they stayed right beside me," said Mr Jeffrey Barry (26), adding that he saw sharks and that they avoided the marine mammals.
He was hospitalised for treatment of dehydration after he stumbled ashore at Amelia Island, 17 miles from his boat, but more resilient out there.
Barry said in a telephone interview from his room at Memorial Medical Centre.
Barry went fishing in Nassau Sound, south of Amelia Island. The outboard motor on his boat cut out, his anchor line broke and his boat was swamped in the surf, he said.
The tide carried him to within 8 km of the shore and he said he spent almost 24 hours in the water. — Sapa-AP.

Tripper returns the favour — and saves master's life

Pretoria News Foreign Service
LONDON — Tripper, a Welsh collie saved from being put down when he was bought for five pence, has saved his master's life when he raised the alarm after 27-year-old Mr Jim Ring had an epileptic fit on a lonely beach.
The dog raced the half kilometre down Three Chimps Bay, near Swansea, and attracted the attention of a party of holidaymakers.
An RAF Sea King helicopter was called and Mr Ring was whisked on board.
But the rescue helicopter was not without more drama. For when Tripper saw the helicopter which his master awoke, he plunged into the waves in a bid to follow and had to be dragged from the water.
"Tripper and Jim have been inseparable pals for nine years," said Mrs Joyce Wright, Jim's mother.

City blast victims buried

Staff Reporter
ANOTHER two victims killed in the bloody Friday car bomb blast were buried with full military honours in Pretoria today.
Lt-Colonel Anton Nel (22), who left his wife Yvonne and a daughter 18 months, was buried from the Ned Geref Kerk, Voortrekkerhoogte.
Flt-Sergeant Kobas Ras was buried from the Apostolic Faith Mission Church in Fredericksburg, Pretoria West.
Another two victims of the bomb blast will be buried with full military honours tomorrow.
Commandant Izak Jacobs Henning (32), will be buried at 11 am from the Ned Geref Kerk, Voortrekkerhoogte, and Commandant Johan de Villiers

A great week ahead for TV sports fans

KATE DYALL, Television Reporter
THE SABC has a bonanza week in store for sports enthusiasts.
Tonight, most if not all of the TV English programmes will make way for the FA Cup Final replay, beginning at 8:30 pm South African time.
Viewers are promised full live coverage of the match — whatever the time duration.
English Radio will also cover the match in full.
On Tuesday, Republic Day, "Sport '83" starts at 10 am, instead of the normal 2:30 pm, and runs until the start of the children's programme at 3:27 pm.
Much of the time will be used for live coverage of the Comrades Marathon. The SABC might have a few additional surprises up their sleeve, but at this stage they are keeping mum about their plans.
On June 1, TV 2 and 3 will carry a live telecast of the British Home Union soccer match between England and Scotland, from 2:30 pm, and on Saturday June 4, those two channels will screen an edited version of the Comrades from about 2:30 pm.

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