

beating the Aussies while South Africa were rampant against Argentina last week.

With Percy Montgomery earning his 100th cap tomorrow, we hope that the Boks help him celebrate in style.

to because of the ears and used the negative experience as motivation to become the greatest Olympian yet.

Without wishing to annoy him yet further (but if it motivates him to win yet more

to do well in the Olympics in 2016.

If your kid has big ears or bigger teeth, get them into a pool asap. Your country needs big ears.

Noddy, please let him go.

DFA 10 years ago

ANC heads may roll in reshuffling, which could even see a new town clerk for Kimberley as well as the city's first-ever female mayor. The first head that is expected to roll before the end of this month is chairman of the Diamantveld District Council, Ziek Mngolo, who stands to lose a package of R200 000 a year.

Thought for the Day

"FOR it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God . . ." – Ephesians 2:8,9

"GRACE is given to heal the spiritually sick, not to decorate spiritual heroes" – Martin Luther

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Heads up, heroes!

SIR – I was appalled at the article about the three senior staff members from the Department of Tourism, Environment and Nature Conservation who have been suspended by Government.

Normally people are suspended due to inability to perform or dishonesty. Not for doing their job and doing it well! The message we're getting from Government is that not everyone is allowed to speak out about their beliefs.

To me it sounds like this is the

reason why these three were suspended. They are fighting to preserve nature. It is a nice thank you to the people who are responsible for the successful breeding of the flamingos. Wow, 9 000 chicks have hatched on the island!

Sounds to me like these three should be getting congratulations not stay at home while an investigation is being carried out. Pathetic!

I urge the three staff members not to be demotivated and carry on fighting. Without them what will happen to the flamingos?

And to the people who approved

the property development, please open your eyes and look at the land surrounding Kimberley that could be used for development – far away from the dam.

What also amazes me is that Government is obviously not getting the feedback from the people.

What is becoming of the land, people chopping ancient trees down for security, sewerage pipes spilling over in a nature conservation dam?

In a few years, we'll have no flamingos, no trees to filter the air – but don't worry, there will be plenty of developments all over the place.

We can start a new section of tourism, no more flamingo routes, we'll have the "development route".

Heads up suspended staff members, let's see if there is any justice in the world. If there is you'll be back at your posts working the miracles like in the past.

And before anyone wastes ink writing about it, my being against the development, is not racism. I'm colour blind, my anger is purely in support of nature

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mind-boggling and frightening in this strife-torn world.

Naturally, we all would prefer to see what's coming.

disagree, you have half the world to answer to. Thank you Sergeant Pepper and your lonely hearts club band.

Anyway, as I was saying, I don't know if I agree or disagree with the idea of gaming as

Today we ask if playing *Need for Speed* is a sport. Have we gone too far? It's going to be virtually impossible for London to improve on Beijing, but at the same time I have to wonder how virtual London will be.

Government is beginning to put an end to apartheid."

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NEW hope has been given to the West End Club after earlier indications that the club would close its doors at the end of this month. The Kimberley City Council agreed earlier this week to foot the club's salary bill, which amounts to around R10 000 a month, for three months.

Thought for the Day

"LOVE one another deeply, from the heart." – 1 Peter 1:22

THE BEST way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once. – Pastor Andrew

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Wrong men fired

SIR – I have just read in the DFA the article concerning the suspension of the three officials from the Department of Tourism, Environment and Nature Conservation and words cannot begin to express my disgust at the fate of these three gentlemen meted out by officials of the department.

These men have:

- excelled at creating a world first for Kimberley;
- gone beyond the call of duty to preserve nature (yes, God gave us

nature to protect);

- taken the project of the flamingos and made it a study which scientists throughout the world are watching.

They have been doing good work, but now they are suspended. Yet:

- a policeman driving under the influence of alcohol with a semi-naked woman in his car, can continue working;
- the malfunctioning of sewerage plants, due to lack of planning by officials, but these officials continue working in their cosy offices;

- the pathetic services of the Department of Health with even more pitiable excuses are the order of the day, but nothing gets done to any staff member;

- the violent meetings and power struggles while the ANC fights for power of a Committee depicts persons who will have no scruples in getting what they want, irrespective of what is right or wrong and they will be future leaders.

This seems to be acceptable, but three officials fighting for a world first for Kimberley are suspended.

It is time the Premier tells the

officials of the departments to stop playing politics; do their work and maybe, just maybe, Kimberley can be a city to be admired again.

Mrs Dipuo, please help these men!

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