

# Nominate that special someone

ROMITA HANUMAN

THE City Star awards are here again. And nominations close on 26 June, so you better start selecting your lucky nominees for 2009.

The event will take place on 4 September at a glittering ceremony at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre.

The categories are as follows:

- Woman Achiever
- Heroes
- City Managers Award for Best Department
- People's Person
- Community Outreach
- Best Team

- Best Leader
  - Most Innovative idea
- Daniel Govender, of the City's Special Programmes Unit, was excited about this event and encouraged Municipal staff to continue doing a good job.

"Putting people first is what it's all about. Good service is to be encouraged everywhere if we want to please our customers, encourage our tourists and make sure our visitors return.

"Response for nominations has been satisfactory thus far, but I am expecting a better response this year."

Exciting prizes are up for grabs, should your candidate

be selected as a City Star.

Cash, crystal trophies, a computer course and VIP treatment make up the prizes, each valued at an impressive R20 000.

The main sponsors are Standard Bank and Oval International.

To nominate a City Star, fill out the form which can be found elsewhere on this page, or from a Municipal office and post it to.

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PO BOX 5588  
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Alternatively, fax the form to 031 306 4603.

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## SMMEs get IT savvy

MACK MAKHATHINI

THE City's Business Support and Markets Unit presented digital literacy certificates to 38 small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs) at a function held at Olwandle Suite Hotel recently.

Thomas Mketelwa, Senior Manager of the City's Skills Development Unit, said the digital literacy skills programme was intended to help small business people learn to use computer technology with confidence.

Mketelwa said: "The owner of this hotel is also a product of eThekwin's Skills Development programmes. I feel honoured to be hosted by the people whom I have assisted and worked with."

The Olwandle is owned by husband-and-wife team, Babo and Siza Hadebe.

Business Support and



**WELL DONE:** Lindani Dlomo, of SEDA eThekwin; Nonhlanhla Diya, one of the certificate recipients; and Robin Erwin, Chief Executive of SmartXchange

Markets Unit Head Philip Sithole said they coordinated a number of programmes aimed at developing small businesses, including SMMÉ fairs.

Sbu Shabalala, Chief Executive of Johannesburg Stock Exchange-listed company ADAPTI, gave a speech on the importance of information technology in running a business.

"Everyone should be able to use a computer. I have been an SMME for five years and now the company has grown because this is where we

wanted to be. We want to be among the best in the country and we will get there," he said.

He said the certificates that presented to the graduates were licences for them to drive into the digital world. "It is up to you how far you want to go."

A graduate, Siza Madonsela, said he was grateful to the Municipality for the training.

"It has helped a lot in improving our computer literacy. I encourage other SMMÉs to improve their skills so their businesses can develop."

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## City Stars 2009



### Nomination form

Show your appreciation to those who are "working for change" by nominating them as CityStars. They could win wonderful prizes because of their good service and your nomination.

Name of CityStar:.....

His or her service number (where possible):.....

His or her service unit or department (where possible):.....

Choose one of the following categories for nomination (place a tick in the star):

- Heroes
- Community Outreach
- People's Person
- Woman Achiever
- Best Team
- Most Innovative Idea
- Best Leader
- Best Department

I nominate this person/dept, because: (attach a page if necessary)

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My Name: .....

My Telephone Number: .....

Send this form to: CityStars, Special Programmes Department,  
City Hall Basement, West Street, Durban 4001

or: PO Box 1014, Durban 4000

You can also telephone us to make a nomination on one of the following telephone numbers: (031) 311 2076 or you can fax us at (031) 311 2171

E-mail: macolin@durban.gov.za

**The closing date for nominations is Friday 26 June 2009**

Only employees of the eThekwin Municipal Council are eligible for nomination

### METRO REPORTER

PUPILS from five South Durban Basin high schools have completed a life skills programme.

Non-governmental organisation, We Help Our Children, trained 35 Grade 12 pupils in peer mentorship, with the support of the City's South Durban Basin Area Based Management. Pupils were taught how to establish projects in their schools.

## Life skills training

Project Manager Karl Linderboom, said: "Peer mentorship increases moral regeneration and positive growth among adolescents."

Sasha Roopen, Head Girl at Merebank Secondary, said: "The programme ... provided the skills for me to

assist my fellow pupils to deal with issues at our school, no matter their background."

Schools represented were Wentworth Secondary, Merebank Secondary, PR Pather, Grosvenor Girls, and Fairvale.

Eurakha Singh, South Durban Basin Social Development Manager, said: "I am pleased the pupils have responded well. I look forward to seeing them making a difference in the lives of their peers."

## STREET RENAMING – HONOURING OUR HEROES

Gen. Joseph Nduli Street (Formerly Russell Street)

JOSEPH "Mpisi" Nduli, activist, political analyst, ANC organiser and UMkhonto WeSizwe (MK) commander, was born on 1 January 1940 in Mayakhulu, near Stanger.

Nduli's shy persona belied his bravery; an unselfish cadre, he dedicated his life to the cause of liberation.

He joined the ANC's armed wing in 1961, and received training in Egypt, the former Soviet Union and Algeria.

"We didn't spend a lot of time with him as a family in exile," said Nduli's wife Sylvia.

"However, we understood the situation and found innovative ways to spend quality time. He was a great father and family man, who

As part of an ongoing series, **Derrick Dlamini** profiles the people behind the new street names



JOSEPH 'MPISI' NDULI

always put other people's interests before his own." A member of MK's Luthuli Detachment, Nduli fought in Zimbabwe, before crossing

the Limpopo into South Africa in 1967 during the Wankie/Sipolilo Campaign against combined Rhodesian and South African forces.

The ANC later deployed him to Swaziland to recruit and train cadres for infiltration into South Africa.

In 1975 he was kidnapped by security forces on the Swaziland-South African border and sentenced to 15 years on Robben Island.

"That was the most painful and difficult era of our life. I couldn't attend his trial as I was a political refugee then. "My first visit to him in Robben Island was in 1989,"

Sylvia said. The family returned to South Africa from Swaziland in 1991, a year after Nduli was released from Robben Island.

He was appointed Southern Natal Regional Organiser and the first chairman of the ANC Durban Central branch.

He was later appointed organiser of the ANC Durban North region.

Sylvia, also a renowned underground organiser, believes the past should not be forgotten. "We commend our Council for ensuring our beloved ones, who played a part in our liberation, no matter how small or big, are not forgotten."

"We hope that someday those who still oppose this noble initiative will comprehend that a nation that respects and honours its



CURNICK NDLOVU

past is a nation that prospers."

Nduli was assassinated in 1995, and his body dumped near his home in Avoca.

**Curnick Ndlovu Highway** (Formerly KwaMashu Highway)

CURNICK Ndlovu was born in Matatiele in 1932.

His parents moved to Durban's uMkhumbane settlement in 1941.

It was the squalid conditions there that prompted him to become involved in politics at the age of 20, in 1953, at the height of the Defiance Campaign.

A unifier, leader and non-racist, he fought for better living conditions in prison.

He played a pivotal role in uniting political prisoners on Robben Island. He also recruited comrades from the Black Consciousness Movement, some of whom are prominent leaders in the ANC and government today.

He worked with other prominent ANC leaders like Chief Albert Luthuli, Dr Monty Naicker, Dr Yusuf Dadoo, Moses Kotane, Govan Mbeki and Ruth First. Ndlovu died in 2002.