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Swazi MTN lacks competition. It never had, actually. They are never under any pressure to give their customers the best. They are complacent and mediocrity is their middle name.

The company is literally taking Swazis for a costly ride. Their forced loyalty is peered on by MTN. To many, Swazi MTN is a scam.

The public is scammed almost every day. Or, if not scammed, at the very least someone tries to scam the public. Usually more than once a

day.

It becomes difficult to assess government's commitment to save its people from the guillotine called Swazi MTN because some are huge beneficiaries and shareholders to be precise.

The latest scam to come from Swazi MTN is the recently announced data price changes. First it was the shylocking services they are running where they borrow customers' airtime and force them to pay it back with interest.

We will not ask if they have a licence to compete with shylocks, only that Swazi MTN lends out airtime that simple translates to money when the customer loads it back with interest.

Now, as usual, MTN shoved down its customers' swollen throats the new data prices where customers saw their bundles grow legs in a twinkling of an eye.

They were scammed money.

All this is done under the strength of the bottomless monopoly that MTN enjoys. Never mind that the gates have been opened for other service providers.

This is the time the nation has to come together and lobby business people and companies to consider venturing into this field to give MTN a run for the money it is stealing from the vulnerable public daily, nightly and monthly.

The withdrawal of the new data prices as you will read on page 3 is a clear sign that we are being toyed around with because we have nowhere to go.

Instead of investing in high-tech technology MTN is always willing to spend on trivial things like Bushfire and Joyous Celebration stokvels. The company got rid of engineers who could be assisting in this mess. The CEO is more worried about savings to make his SA bosses happy at our expense. We seriously need a new cellphone service provider. Anyone interested can be assured of overwhelming support. From MTN to EMPTY N, literally.

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Soccer player gets E4.5 million compensation

By Linda Jele
High Court

A soccer player who was amputated after being shot by police and wrongfully arrested for robbery has won E4.5 million as compensation.

Thandokwakhe Zulu from the Shiselweni region was shot by police officers from Nhlanguano after he was suspected to have committed a robbery in town.

He had to be amputated after spending about nine months in prison and the charges were later withdrawn.

He instructed Advocate Mduduzi 'Tsotsi' Mabila to file a lawsuit before the High Court seeking E5 million as compensation from government.

High Court Principal Judge Stanley Maphalala ruled that Zulu should be paid E4 589 595 and further directed government to provide him with a new artificial leg every two years.

The judge had last year ruled that government and the National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula were liable to pay the compensation.

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CLAIM	AMOUNT
General damages	E800 000
Loss of income (Accrued)	E641 911
Prospective loss of income	E1 147 684
Unlawful arrest	E2 million
TOTAL	E4 589 595 plus artificial leg every two years

Zulu, the court was told had been working as a carpenter in Durban South Africa when he was shot and he used to earn E2 360 per month.

In his arguments, Mabila stated that Zulu had been treated in an inhumane manner by the police after he had been shot. It had been testified that he was tortured by the police after the injury, which reportedly included poking of his wound and was only taken to hospital after about three days of the shooting.

Mabila informed the court that such treatment was against the country's constitution which prohibits inhumane and degrading

treatments.

He had urged the court to grant E1 million in respect of the damages.

The attorney general's office argued that the damages should be equalled to those previously granted by courts. The judge said Zulu never provided expert evidence on the appropriate amount to be paid as general damages.

Ordered

The court ordered that government should pay E800 000, not the E1 million Zulu had prayed for.

Government gave the court a report compiled by Clemens, Murfin R Rolland Consulting Actuaries on the loss of income

which stated that the value of accrued loss of income for Zulu was E641 911 and E1 147 684 in respect of prospective loss of income.

With no qualms from Zulu's legal representative with the report, the judge ordered compensation as per its recommendations.

The court was also told that before he was injured and arrested Zulu was a footballer and jogger. He, however, could not continue engaging in his recreational and sporting activities, therefore deserved to be compensated.

The court was also told that in these modern days engaging in sports is no longer a recreational activity, but a health necessity.

The court ordered that government should be given a quotation of a prosthesis. Dr DL Ragoo, compiled a medico-legal report and stated that a good light weight prosthesis was worth about E120 000. The court ruled that government should provide Zulu with one every two years.

In respect of unlawful arrest and detention, Mabila submitted that Zulu had spent nine months in prison but the trial never took off because there was no evidence



RULES: High Court Principal Judge Stanley Maphalala.

linking him to the crime.

He further submitted that the crown kept on postponing the trial and said the key witness had died, but failed to submit any written statement the witness recorded before death. Zulu had asked to be paid E2 million as compensation, but the crown had opposed the amount and suggested E1 million.

The court granted him E2 million.

"I wish to comment in passing that the manner in which plaintiff (Zulu) was treated was shoddy and should not be tolerated in our constitutional dispensation. Plaintiff was treated in an inhumane and degrading manner by our constitution," he said. He said the constitution guaranteed fundamental rights and freedoms under section 14 (1).

Blessee (17) stole clothes worth E20 000, E3 000 cash

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza
Mbabane

THE 17 years old blessee who is alleged to have stolen from her blesser in Matsapha is said to have made away with items worth over E20 000 and E3 000 cash.

This happened in Matsapha, where the girl took the items after the blesser who works for SEC took the blessee from a drinking hole to his house to 'finish off' things.

The blesser took advantage of the situation at home as the wife was away for the weekend.

Upon arrival at the house, the blesser is said to have passed out after being 'blessed' by the blessee with bedroom delicacies. The blessee took advantage of the situation and helped herself to the blesser's wife expensive designer clothes.

*Sisi Dlamini (not her real name) is said to have stolen clothing and shoes by various designers such as Christian Louboutin, Christian Dior, Yves Saint Laurent, Chloe, Fendi, Dolce and Gabbana, Chanel, DKNY, Versace, Armani, Nike and Puma, as well as Victoria Secret's underwear.

Most of the items were shoes and perfumes, as stated by the wife of the blesser. She is said to have stolen a perfume by Jennifer Lopez, Giorgio

Armani, Rihanna and another one only known as Alien. "I came home to an empty closet and it was clear that she had the time in the world to choose whatever clothing and perfume she liked, as she took the stuff that I treasured the most too," *Nandipha Phiri, the wife to the blesser said in an interview. She stated that she was at her parental home when her husband decided to be a blesser and brought another woman into their bed.

"It's one thing to heal from infidelity but being robbed of your most prized possessions at the comfort of your own bedroom is another punch in the face, I am devastated," she said.

She added that she keeps her perfumes in the dressing table of the bedroom she shares with her husband, and when she went home to visit her ailing mother, she did not think of hiding them, as their son was left home with her husband.

"I came back to an empty house, as I suspect the two were out to search for this girl, and the shock I got when I checked my closet was unexplainable," she said in pain.

It is said that she also stole cash to the amount of E3 000 from the blesser's wallet.

The girl is nowhere to be found, after her parental home in Mahlabatsini, where she resides was visited, in search for the stolen items.

Pastor invites sperm donor wife for sex

By Linda Jele
High Court

THE pastor, whose wife wants a sperm donor, has refuted the allegations that he refused to have sex with her.

In fact, he has invited his estranged wife to return to their bedroom so that he can prove her wrong.

Dumisani Dlodlu and his wife Philisiwe are currently not staying together and she instituted court proceedings to divorce him.

One of the reasons she has cited as grounds for divorce was that Dlodlu denied her sex.

However, he has denied this and invited her to return to their matrimonial home so that he could perform his bedroom duties as her husband.

This is contained in Dlodlu's court papers responding to Mamba's papers calling for divorce.

The papers were filed by Dlodlu's lawyer Justice Mavuso from law firm Justice Mavuso and Company.

Philisiwe claimed that they had been living as husband and wife until 2007 when they went on separation. She said the marriage broke down, partly because she

was denied conjugal rights by her husband.

"Defendant wishes to state that he has never refused plaintiff conjugal rights as alleged or at all. As a matter of fact, he will pray that the plaintiff restores, so that he can render conjugal rights and prove her wrong," Dlodlu stated in his plea.

In her divorce papers, Philisiwe had claimed that she left their matrimonial home in 2007 and accused her husband of failing to support her. She accused him for refusing to seek employment.

Denied

He has denied her allegations and claimed that his wife never deserted their home in 2007, but it happened in 2012. He claimed that she wilfully deserted their matrimonial home.

He claimed that she had previously deserted their home on various occasions since 2009 and returned later. In 2012, she left for good, he claimed.

Dlodlu claimed that Mamba was responsible for the breakdown of their marriage and never made attempts to save it. "Defendant wishes to state that,

when the parties got married, he was self employed. Between the date of the parties' marriage and the plaintiff's desertion in December 2012, the last tender won by defendant was in 2008. From December 2013, to date, defendant has won three tenders, spanning," read the papers.

He further claimed that he was able to support her at the time they stayed together.

He also submitted that he was still able to support his fully employed wife.

"Defendant wishes to add that if this is a ground for divorce, the vow requiring that spouses support each other in good and bad times, in rain and in sunny weather, should be excluded," he stated in the plea.

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He submitted that there was no ground warranting the court to grant her an order divorcing him.

He stated that his wife should restore conjugal rights, in compliance with her vows. The matter is pending before the Mbabane Magistrate's Court.

Public WINS against MTN

COVER STORY

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya
Zulwini

THE people have spoken. Following a huge and deafening public outcry for the recently announced controversial new data price changes, monopoly proud Swazi MTN has decided to withdraw

This is effective from today. "Following feedback from customers and consultation with the Swaziland Communication Commission (Regulator) Swazi MTN would like to advise her val-

● **Swazi MTN would like to advise her valued customers that the recently announced price changes are being withdrawn with effect from tomorrow (today)**

ued customers that the recently announced price changes are being withdrawn with effect from tomorrow (today)," said soft-spoken Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Lumphondvo.

Lumphondvo addressing a press conference held at Swazi MTN headquarters, Mahlalekhukhwini House said the company has decided to revert to the old pricing system as is inclusive of promotions that were still valid.

"Receiving feedback from our valued customers is important to us

and as a customer-centric company that listens, we have heard our customers, and noted their concerns," he said in a flattering jab aimed at disgusted customers.

Mentioned

Lumphondvo mentioned that the company will eventually review its prices as it happens in any other business. However, the difference is that they would do their best to provide extensive awareness so that their customers have time to adjust.

He said the company will contin-



Y'ELLO: MTN Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Lumphondvo. (Pic: Nozipho Sibiya)

ue to review its products and services to ensure that customers derive value in-line with the best practice in mobile telecommunica-

tions.

Going forward, he said the company commits to engage their valued customers through extensive campaigns in the process of rolling out new products, and services.

"We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience caused by this change," he said.

MTN customers have been enraged by the new product complaining that they were never given time or lectured on what was to happen given the change.

They complained about bundles getting exhausted in no time something which was costly. What infuriated customers was the response they got from the company when they initially complained about this.

Customers held the view that the new prices were higher than what bundles cost. They described this as daylight robbery. They called for its scrapping.

...Expect no refunds, thathile thathile

MANDLA Lumphondvo said as far as he knew data bundles were never lost during the process thus customers should expect no refund at all.

"Instead customers were failing to check their balance using the given codes," he said putting the blame squarely on the cheated members of the public.

He said when customers checked their balances, they were advised to dial *686# or *567#, scroll down on the screen and press the # key to view the next page that kept on displaying the rest the balances whether daily, 3 days, weekly, monthly or 45 days.

He only apologised for the

inconvenience caused during the implementation of the new price changes. Some frustrated MTN customers are said to have resorted to using vulgar language aimed at the 922 attendants.

Lumphondvo said he didn't get such concerns from the 922 attendants. He said they only noted that the customers had difficulty accessing the call centre due to the high volume of calls they experienced during the roll out of the new data bundles. "In future our customers can access the services via free SMS to 1010, via email, feedback.SZ@mtn.com, WhatsApp 76061923 and 76061925 which is not free.

What facebookers had to say

Facebook user 1

Dear MTN Swaziland
For 18 years, there have been complaints on your prices and customer service delivery in general. We know that you are a monopoly (a shocking fact at this day and age) in this country and for that reason; you take advantage of the Swazi people.

I am starting to believe that your mission statement is "Provide sh... service whilst ripping off Swazis". I seriously need to check your mission statement.

Facebook user 2

Atsi emakhasimende a MTN losiphetse ngensila angiwabutele kutsi nguliphi lilanga lelingalunga kutsi kube ne march leya le emahovisi akhona lase Zulwini, e

Mashayesakeni house.

Facebook user 3

MTN Swaziland has done it again!! Plain exploitation of the helpless poor Swazi people who don't even have a voice to defend themselves. Ngilila nani shem, as for me, that's my Cue..Time to go!!

Facebook user 3

Do these people running Swazi MTN ever think before doing anything for us. I'm forced to sing the same song with almost everyone
#MTNmustFall

Facebook user 4

I have lost more than E150 value of airtime and data since Friday and they do not have answers for me except that I must close my internet

applications and I'm like what the f... I have not used internet app since Saturday but my airtime continues to disappear.

Suckers are paying Nigeria Debt at our expense.
#MTNmustFall

Facebook user 5

Aw-kepcha MTN Swaziland usen-tani? What the f... is this. #mtn-mustfall Their banner itsi they have E4.99 data bundles which will be E10, but akatsengeki. K why ke madata abo akalelwe malanga. They are trying to say funa siwasebentise ngekhan? #mtn-mustfall Nemali lebhukiwe ayi-sawatsengi ma bundle. Call rates abo adulile. Incumbi yetfu we are leaving below the poverty line.
#mtnmustfall

PM clarifies King's message

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya
Zulwini

PRIME Minister Sibusiso Dlamini was called to clarify the King's message he brought to the House of Assembly last week. Parliamentary Chief Whip MP Mbalekelwa Ndwandwe made the request after it became apparent the King's message was likely to be subjected to different interpretations.

This followed a submission by Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini who wanted clarification on whether MP Sitezi Dlamini wanted the king to be thanked for commanding them to proceed with only government business, leaving the other duties they have which included playing oversight role and legislation.

The Mhlangatane MP Ndwandwe said he did not believe that the king's message meant that they would have to abandon their other legislative duties.

When the PM was given an opportunity to clarify the statement, he said he would do so not as a messenger anymore but as



CLARITY: Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini.

member of the House.

He said the king instructed MPs to continue working, emphasising that when His Majesty said they must work, especially on government business, he did not mean that the other duties assigned to parliamentarians should be abandoned.

MP Sitezi also clarified that he did not mean other duties should be abdicated when he motivated his motion. Eventually, parliament business proceeded smoothly and cabinet ministers were able to table Bills and regulations until the House was adjourned until tomorrow.

SPEAKER ADVISED TO PUT HIS HOUSE IN ORDER

Long-serving Siphofaneni MP Gundwane Gamedze strongly warned Speaker Themba Msibi to put his house in order, especially now that the King has spoken.

MP Gamedze said when His Majesty instructed them to get down to business, no member would oppose that.

MP Gamedze said it should be noted that the King's instructions were directed not only to the members but

to Msibi as well. Gamedze thanked his colleagues for attending the sitting, saying it was an indication that they heeded His Majesty's command.

Sitting

He said during the last sitting, Msibi demonstrated some improvement with regards to giving the House and members some respect and implored him to continue from them.

Gamedze also strongly warned those who had the tendency to visit the

palace only to backstab others.

He said such news eventually reached the public domain and those who paddled the lies end-up being exposed.

He thanked his Dvokodweni counterpart for moving such a motion. While most MPs were eager to debate the motion, Lobamba MP Michael Masilela moved a motion to stop the debate and he was supported by Matsenjani South MP.

MP Johane threatens to sort colleagues

MBABANE West MP Johane Shongwe threatened to cross the floor and sort some of his colleagues who were booing and laughing when he sought to address the speaker.

MP Shongwe told the MPs across the floor that he had both his feet in order and could easily reach for them.

He wondered why they were concerned with him because they were not presiding and the speaker was there to provide answers to his concerns.

This was during the intense discussion of a motion by MP Masilela to stop the debate of the motion to thank the king's message. Speaker Msibi had asked MP Shongwe to explain the



LIVID: Mbabane West MP Johane Shongwe.

Standing Order that he was using to seek recognition. Before Shongwe could respond to that, his colleagues were laughing at him, provoking him to react with anger.

Msibi must thank his lucky stars

SPEAKER Themba Msibi was told to thank his stars for surviving the axe that MPs were wielding, aiming at to chopping him off from his position.

Mbabane West MP Johane Shongwe said he had only one message for Msibi that he must thank his lucky stars.

No doubt

There was no doubt that MP Shongwe was making this statement in reference Msibi's apparent survival from being moved from his position courtesy of the King's command.

In response, Msibi told Shongwe that indeed lucky was always on his side and dwelled on him abundantly.

PRINCESS GCAMANI'S LAST DAY OF LOBOLA



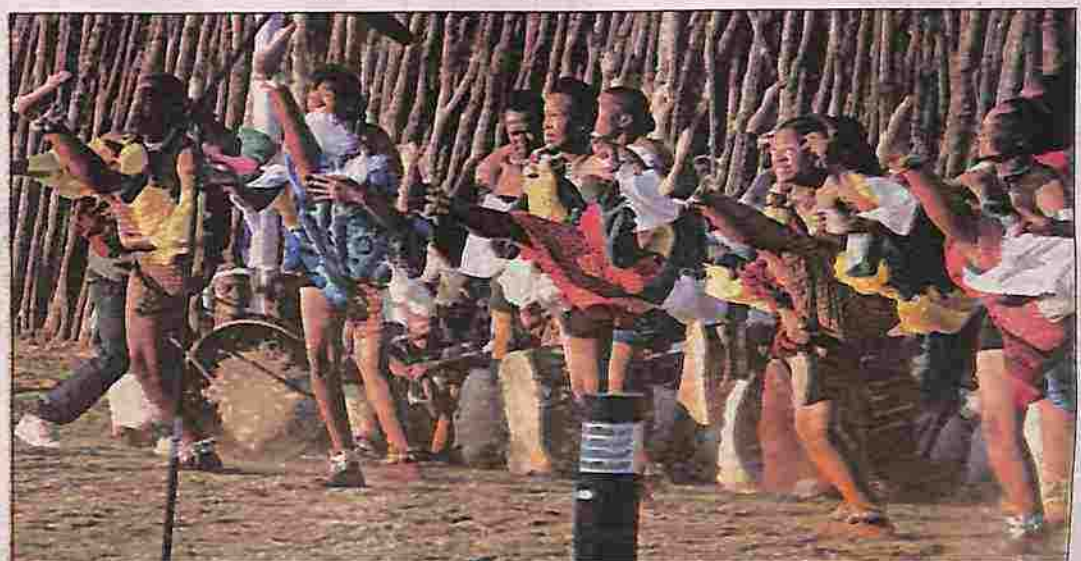
IT'S A HAPPY DAY: His Majesty King Mswati III, Batjele Sengwayo and Prince Tshekedi in a jovial mood during the last day of the lobola ceremony for Princess Gcamani at Ludzidzini on Sunday.



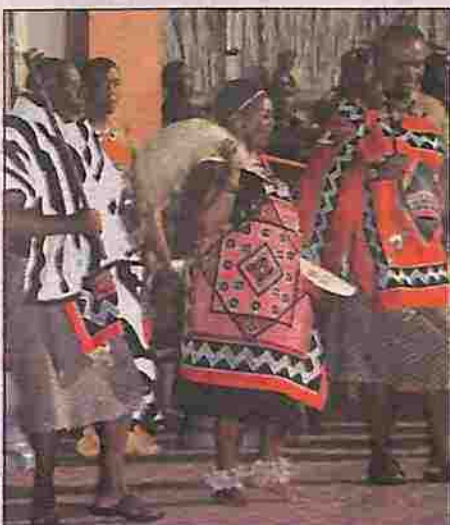
FAREWELL: Bayeni singing and dancing. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



LOMANGCEVEZA: Indlovukazi following the proceedings.



SWAZI CULTURE: Imbali from the three security forces dancing during the ceremony.



BAYETHE: His Majesty being joined by Princess Gcamani and Batjele Sengwayo in dancing. **(MIDDLE) FALLING:** KaMkhweli sibhaca team entertaining them. **(RIGHT PIC) TRIO:** Princess Gcamani and other relatives doing kud-lalisela for sibhaca dancers.



FOR THE LOVE OF THE SWAZI CULTURE: Buckswood School pupils led by Principal Giles Sutton among the spectators.

(R) STILL STRONG: Leader of Lushikishini sibhaca team Zakhele Shongwe in the dancing arena.



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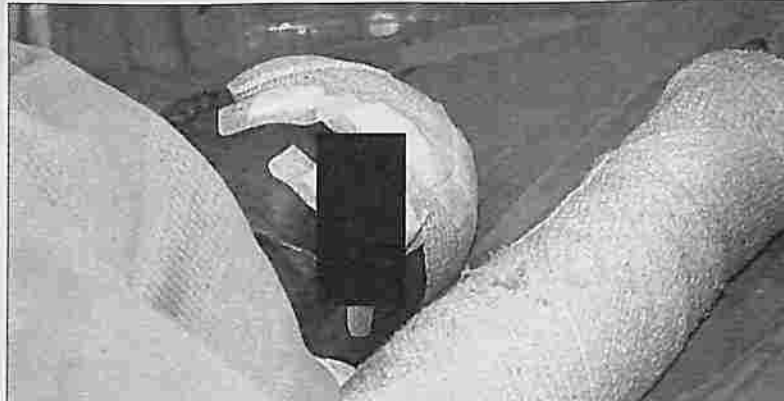
Stories by Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

A young woman is lucky to be alive after two vicious dogs pounced on her while on her way to the shops at Ngwane Park in Manzini last Friday evening.

Themba Maphosa (26) sustained serious injuries mostly on her face, head and left arm. Her gabella (the place above her nose and the eyes) was ripped open, leaving a deep open wound.

When attacked by the dogs Maphosa was on her way to a nearby shop at around 6pm. Maphosa resides at Logoba but on the said day she had visited a friend at Ngwane Park only to be met by such a gruesome experience. It is said Maphosa was talking on her cellphone when she passed the Fakudze homestead where the vicious dogs are said to have pounced on her while she was walking down the street. The Fakudze homestead is said to be known for its vicious dogs and it is said the gate leading to the homestead is always locked save for that fateful day. According to Maphosa's uncle, Gcina Masilela, eyewitnesses said everything happened so fast.

"They said one minute the dogs were



IN BAD CONDITION: Themba Maphosa lying in hospital.
(Pic: Gugu Simelane)

inside the compound and the next they had jumped on her and brought her to the ground biting mercilessly. Screams from her and the dogs' snarling sounds drew the attention of people who came to help her. It is said it took quite some time for the dogs to finally lose their grip on her even after severe beating from the Good Samaritans. Infact, eye witnesses said the people who tried to help her risked their own lives because the dogs were ruthless as they tried to attack the Good Samaritans while they were helping my niece," he said. Masilela said the same people who saved her from the

dogs quickly organised a car that took her to Raleigh Rifkin Memorial Hospital. He said when he got to RFM at around 8pm he found his niece being bandaged and had already been seen by the police. "It was such a sorry sight; seeing her like that just brought tears to my eyes. I have never seen such facial damage in my life," he said. Masilela further said due to the severity of the damage caused by the attack Maphosa was transferred to Mbabane Government Hospital the very same evening, where it was said she had a minor operation at the hospital's theatre.

Dog owner hides his identity from family

GCINA Masilela, an uncle to Themba Maphosa, said he was very disappointed that Simile Fakudze, the owner of the dogs that viciously attacked his niece, hid his identity when he and one companion went to check on Maphosa at Mbabane Government Hospital on Saturday.

Masilela said while he was at the hospital two men came to pass their sympathy to Maphosa's family. They said they were sent by the Fakudze family from Ngwane Park to apologise on what had happened to their daughter.

"I told the men that it was better if we could meet at a more proper place than the hospital, and I promised to call them to confirm the time and venue.

Explained

I explained to them that since my mother, Maphosa's grandmother, was currently in the hospital looking after her granddaughter I would gather other elders so we could address the issue," he said.

Masilela said later that day he called Fakudze whom he still did not know was the owner of the dogs and told him to meet him and his family at Logoba, but Fakudze sounded reluctant saying he was at Mankayane and could not make it to the meeting, which he had agreed to come to once notified of the time and venue.

After investigations on who Fakudze actually was, Masilela said he was actually disappointed to learn that he was the owner of the dogs. "I had expected that he would have owned up, instead he decided to hide his identity to the family when we first met at the hospital," Masilela said.

I WILL TAKE CARE OF HOSPITAL BILLS – DOGS' OWNER

SIMILE Fakudze, the owner of the two dogs that attacked Themba Maphosa, says he is prepared to take care of all the expenses that will be incurred while Maphosa undergoes treatment at the hospital.

Fakudze said the incident was quite saddening and he took full responsibility of it. "When we went to apologise to the family at the hospital on Saturday I committed myself to taking care of all the expenses. I have been cooperating with the family ever since the incident," he said.

Maphosa's uncle, however refuted this saying it was news to him that the Fakudze family had undertaken to pay all the hospital expenses.

Communicate

"Who did he communicate that with, this is news to me, when they were here on Saturday they never mentioned anything with regard to paying bills, all they said was that they wanted to apologise nothing else.

When I called him about them coming to meet the family members, he did not speak of paying expenses, I am sure he said that because he was talking to news reporters," he said.

Later in the day, Fakudze's lawyer Muzikayise Motsa of Motsa Mavuso attorneys called the news reporter investigating the incident and re-assured that his client would be taking full



NO REPORT: Deputy Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.

charge of the expenses that would be incurred.

When contacted to find out if the two dogs had been killed as per norm after attacking and almost killing a person, the police said they were not aware of the incident. Deputy Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said: "I have tried to confirm the incident with our officers in Manzini and the matter has not been registered".

Accountants down tools, petition govt

By Linda Jele
Mbabane

CLOSE to 70 government accountants yesterday downed tools and went to deliver a petition to the accountant general's offices.

The accountants, through their association the Swaziland National Association of Government Accounting Personnel (SNAGAP) were complaining that the AG was failing to comply with a court order issued by the Industrial Court.

They complained that the court had ordered that government should send some accountants to attend a bridging course and further convert them to the schemes of service for the accountancy and stores cadre.

The parties had agreed that the conversion shall have been done by May 1, 2016, but it

never happened. The accountants it had been stated, were performing certain duties, but were never paid for that, which required that they attend the course at SIMPA.

The accountants converged at the treasury building at around 8am and danced until at around 9:30am when they were addressed by the deputy accountant general Elizabeth Matsebula.

Stated

Matsebula stated that the reason they delayed converting the said officers was due to certain procedures that had to be complied with by different sectors.

For example, she said they had agreed with the executive to agree on the list to be converted to prevent complaints.

She provided the accountants with the list and promised that the process would now be expedited.

You have a month to find new lawyers – Judge

By Linda Jele
High Court

HIGH Court Judge Mbutfo Mamba has given police officer Busta Vilakati and his two co-accused with close to a month to find themselves new attorneys.

This follows the judge's decision to ban Vilakati, Mandla Vilakati and Sibusiso Sikita's attorneys Veli Ndzinisa and Muzi Simelane after they last week failed to show up in court. The court did not accept explanations for their failure to appear in court for their clients.

Busta and Mandla had instructed Simelane while Sikita was represented by Ndzinisa.

Absence

They had not shown up and the judge did not take their absence kindly. He directed that they should never set foot in his court until further notice. He also directed the suspects to have instructed new attorneys by yesterday when the matter returned.

However, when the matter was called yesterday, the three stated that they had still not been able to get new attorneys.

Busta said he and Mandla had already paid their lawyer in full and did not have money at the moment to instruct a new attorney.

He said they needed more time to raise enough money to get another attorney. Sikita on the other hand, had told the court that he had informed his lawyer that he needed more time to



GET NEW LAWYER: High Court Judge Mbutfo Mamba.

raise the money demanded to settle his fee in full.

The matter was postponed to August 2 and 3, 2016.

The three are charged together with Mthokozisi Mkhathshwa and Banele Maseko. Mkhathshwa and Busta are police officers. They were charged for possession of dagga.

The judge had said it was in the interest of justice to have the matter finalised because two of the accused were police officers.

He said there was need to expedite their trial so that the public could determine whether they should continue to have confidence in the officers or not.

NAPSAWU to sign for govt's 17% offer

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

NATIONAL Public Service and Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU) members have given its executive the go ahead to sign for the 17% offered by government as opposed to the 18%.

In a meeting held at Manzini National Library yesterday the members agreed in unison that the 17% was not that bad hence the executive should sign for it. They made it clear that even though they were taking the offer they wanted certain clauses attached to it, including the considerations of when the remaining 1% would be considered.

NAPSAWU General Secretary Celumusa Tembe told the members about government's offer, saying he agreed on the notch to notch recommendation. He said since they had said they wanted 18% and 40% they did just that and government went and came back telling them it had no money.

The General Secretary stated that fearing what the workers were capable of doing once they take to the streets government came up with a better offer and agreed to accept the notch to notch agreement and said in the recommendation of 40% and 18% it will bring it down by 6.19%, not that government is taking down 6.19 percent but part of the recommendation.

Tembe said as unions they were rushing against time since they have only two days before they meet with government again for the negotiations. He told the members that they had not signed anything yet but if they were given the go

money.

Grade E Remuneration				Recommended		18% Notch One			17% Notch to Notch		
Grade	Notch	2015/2016	Monthly	% Monthly	Annual	% Per Notch	Affected Empl.	Actual Cash	% Per Notch	Salary Difference	New Salary
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	2	E 199,320.00	16,610.00	19	19,731.00	15	2	2,546.25	18	2,823.70	19,433.70
	3	E 205,644.00	17,137.00	19	20,322.92	12	15	2,019.25	17	2,913.29	20,050.29
	4	E 212,174.00	17,681.17	18	20,932.58	8	20	1,475.08	17	3,005.80	20,586.97
	5	E 218,929.00	18,244.08	18	21,560.58	5	52	912.17	17	3,101.49	21,345.58
E2	1	E 234,215.00	19,517.92	14	22,254.42	14	118	2,736.50	13	3,318.05	22,835.96
	2	E 235,446.00	19,620.50	17	22,922.00	13	55	2,633.92	16	3,335.49	22,955.99
	3	E 241,576.00	20,131.33	17	23,609.67	11	53	2,123.08	16	3,422.33	23,553.66
	4	E 247,868.00	20,655.67	18	24,318.00	8	62	1,598.75	17	3,511.46	24,167.13
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TAKING DEAL: Some of the workers who attended the mass meeting at the Manzini National Library. (Pic: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)

ahead by their members they would do so. Tembe informed the members that the advantage with this offer was that it mainly affected the salaries and pensions for workers were also included there. He said

even if one can be given a huge amount of allowance it does not go to the pension fund. The general secretary stated that the government made it clear that it cannot afford money for allowances. He

said such was bad because even as things stood their travelling allowance was at 0.17 cents per kilometre instead of the 0.75 cents per kilometre as stipulated by the gazette. He said this was not fair

NOTCH DOES NOT APPLY ON THOSE MOVING TO NEW GRADES

NATIONAL Public Service and Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU) members have thanked government for not tempering with the notches.

They said even though the offer was not what they asked for, it was not that bad. However, the members were quick to point out that they must treat the negotiations with caution as government has a tendency of not living up to its promises.

The workers said they would remind government about the 1% that has been taken away from the 18%. They stated that it was sad that they were told about belt tightening some time back and they complied only to find that they were the only ones who continued to do so while parliamentarians went back to earning high wages and lived lavishly.

Workers were also told that the agreement would not apply on those moving to new grades. Members were told that with the salary increments it also meant that their subscription to their union would increase. It was suggested that members might have to add E5 more which did not go down well with the members. The general secretary reminded the members that they have a lot of cases pending which needed money.

considering that there were people getting millions for travelling allowances. Tembe said they would come back and inform their members on what they agreed on pertaining allowances.

Civil servants accept offer but...

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

DESPITE the reported possible agreement between government and unions representing workers in the negotiations table, civil servants based in Siteki insists that they will sabotage the anticipated SADC Summit if government fails to meet all their demands.

Workers who affiliate to National Public Service and Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU) have urged their executive leaders to consider leading them to the streets if government does not make a clear consideration on allowances which include housing and over-time.

The workers made these assertions during their meeting held at the multi-purpose hall belonging to the ministry of education and training yesterday.

The meeting was meant for the union to report back to the civil servants.

Chairperson of the Siteki branch, Sizolwethu Masina said the executive must give govern-

ment a period of at least 30 days to table 'reasonable' adjustments to allowances.

He said the workers were of the view that the current offer of 17 percent was not completely satisfactory as per their demands. Masina said the Siteki based workers were therefore urging the union leaders to sign the current offer only on condition that government addresses the issue of allowances before August 6, 2016.

Sentiment

Masina's sentiment on the report was also shared by a majority of the workers who stated that they would be compelled to go to the streets in protest against government after the stated period elapses. This would subsequently mean that workers will be on the streets when the country hosts the SADC meeting next month.

Meanwhile, unions and government are expected to endorse the 17 percent agreement tomorrow.

The Siteki based workers have urged their union leaders to compel government to at least make an affidavit addressing the issue of allowances on the same day.

CBS TO EDUCATE PUBLIC ON NEW COINS

Stories by Nomfundo Sifundza
Mbabane

IN a bid to sensitise the public on the introduction of the new released coins, the Central Bank of Swaziland will be conducting roadshows all over the country.

The bank will be going out to inform the public to spend, deposit or return coins dated 2014 and earlier to any Swazi Post Office before August 31, 2016 for exchange because old coins will no longer be accepted in the market from September 1, 2016.

Central Bank's Head of Strategy and Communications Zithulele Gina explained the need for new coins in the market, saying "this is an unusual change, that we cannot deny but it is expected to yield positive results for the economy at large". Gina added that it is a mandated standard to change money periodically, because as coins are in circulation, they lose weight and their shiny effect fades away". He further highlighted coin specifics in the fact that coins have different diameter, weight and material which has had serious repercussions to retailers and processors of coins in the industry. These new coins have been designed to meet all four key objectives the bank strives to achieve when issuing currency which are: currency should be

CBS Caters for the visually impaired

THE new coins produced by the Central Bank of Swaziland are formed in such a way that even the visually impaired are able to tell the amount by simply rubbing through the edges.

These new coins vary in size and the edges differ in the spaces in between. For instance, 10c is the smallest, 20c slightly bigger and 50c being largest in

issued economically, currency should be aesthetically pleasing, currency should be secure against that of neighbouring countries and currency should be secure against counterfeiting.

Central Bank has partnered with Swaziland Post and telecommunications Corporation (SPTC) with the aim of recollecting old coins which date from 2013 to earlier years. "The public is encouraged to visit any post office to exchange their old coins. Though there is no commission for doing so, the value you submit for change is the exact value you will get." Members of the business community, including banks are urged to work with the public and ensure that when giving out change, only the new series of coins dated 2015 should be issued to their customers.

Individuals with old coins after August 31, 2016 can only return them directly to

lower denominations. E1 is the smallest in the higher denomination, with E2 being slightly larger and E5 being the largest.

All coins in the lower denomination have smooth edges and those in the higher denominations have slightly serrated edges making it easy for the next person to determine the amount in their hand.

the Central Bank offices for exchange. The financial institution's partnership with SPTC is also going to address the public outcry on the new coins being rejected by public phones on every attempt to make a call.

Gina explained that changing to the new coins was in agreement with SPTC, with the motive that once the coins are in full circulation, they (SPTC) would configure their machines to accept the new coins. He further affirmed that more on this partnership would be discussed during the course of the roadshows and so the public is invited to attend when the bank heads to their nearest location.

Today, all roads lead to Matata for the first of 13 other roadshows and the people of this area should look forward to win promotional items in the form of piggy banks and t-shirts to mention but a few. The roadshow starts at 10:00am.

PHINEAS TELLS TEACHERS TO FIGHT FOR WELFARE

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

MINISTER of Education and Training Phineas Magagula, a former president of the teachers' union, has encouraged teachers to come to the negotiating table and fight for their welfare.

The minister made these remarks during a workshop for teachers aimed at equipping them with counselling knowledge, not only on HIV and AIDS matters, but also on life challenges at Esibayeni lodge on Sunday. "If you are sick and tired you cannot teach effectively," the minister said.

He further asked the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) executive to come to the negotiation table to pressure government on the issue of medical aid for all teachers in the country.

Preferred

Magagula stated that they once negotiated the public service pension fund and the government of that time gave them whatever he preferred.

He said this was the reason they decided to have their own scheme. "So, ladies and gentlemen I would

... encourages SNAT executive team to come to the negotiation table to discuss Medical Aid for all teachers



MEETING: SNAT President, Freedom Dlamini and the Minister of Education greeting each other during the launch of the workshop. (Pic Sifiso Nhlabatsi)

suggest that you come to one negotiation table and talk about the medical aid scheme for all the teachers in the kingdom," Magagula stated, adding that he believes by doing so teachers would be helped because the wellness of teachers was a priority to the ministry.

Magagula emphasised the need for

teachers to keep healthy and physically fit, saying tiredness was contagious.

Assured

Members of SNAT concurred with the minister and assured him that the organisation was doing something indeed as a clinic which caters for teachers; has been opened at Sokhamlilo Building.

The minister joined SNAT members in the singing of 'Nkosi Sikelel' i Africa' at the end of the day's event and revealed that even though he was invited at short notice he attended the launch because of his undying love for teachers.

Magagula revealed that his visit was not even on the government calendar, which is why he was not with his Principal Secretary Pat Muir.

... E16m to upgrade Ngwane, William Pitcher to universities

MINISTER of Education and Training, Phineas Magagula has revealed that about E16 million has been set aside for upgrading colleges into university status.

Magagula said the ministry needs support from teachers as it has embarked on a very big project that will see colleges upgraded into independent universities.

The minister stated that, at first they considered integrating the institutions with the University Of Swaziland Faculty Of Education but had since changed plans and would now make them independent universities. He said around 16 million has been set aside for Ngwane College and William Pitcher to be upgraded into independent universities.

Magagula said as a ministry they want every child, especially those that completed Form Five and got good grades, to be pushed into the classroom and be taught for four years. He also revealed that next month the intake at the Swaziland College of Technology (SCOT) would be geared to be in-line with the new programme aimed at making SCOT a university of Science and Technology.

He said this new development does not mean that diploma programmes would be phased out. Magagula said he has noted that at William Pitcher there were 58 lecturers and among those 38 of them have already completed their Master's Degrees while eight are working on PHD's.

Teachers equipped with counselling skills

WITH the country ranked among one of those with the highest HIV and AIDS prevalence rates, teachers are currently engaged in a workshop that will equip them with counselling skills, not only on HIV and AIDS matters but also on life challenges.

The workshop, hosted by Art for AIDS: Henprikus Bervoets, from Canada, was officially launched by

the Education Minister, Phineas Magagula at Esibayeni Lodge on Sunday.

Art for AIDS International is a Canadian charity that encourages young people, through art and education, to play an active and creative role in the global AIDS response. Bervoets and the minister of education are said to have bumped into each other during one of the minister's trips overseas.

NOTICE



ROAD CUTTING ON LOBAMBA/ LANGENI ROAD NEXT TO MANZANA HOT SPRINGS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EZULWINI SEWERAGE SYSTEM

The public is informed of temporary traffic interruption due to road cutting on the Lobamba/ Langeni Road next to Manzana Hot Springs, as from the 11th of July 2016. This is to facilitate construction works for the 21km gravity sewer pipeline that will service the Ezulwini- Matsapha corridor.

The contractor will endeavour to mitigate the inconvenience caused and to provide adequate signage for deviation routes. Road users are requested to adhere to all traffic control measures that will be in place.

Kindly direct any queries and or request for clarification to nomahlubi.matiwane@swsc.co.sz



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Public Notice

CHANGES IN DATA PACKAGE OFFERINGS BY SWAZI MTN LIMITED
IMPLEMENTED ON THE 1ST JULY 2016

BACKGROUND - SWAZI MTN LIMITED

1. On the 1st July 2016, Swazi MTN Limited (MTN) implemented changes in their data package offerings to consumers. It has been submitted by MTN that the change in the new data offering added value to the consumer and there was no change in the price for the service. The Commission has considered the submissions by MTN, in particular issues under the requirement to notify the regulator of any changes in product and pricing as well notice to the consumers.
2. The Commission considers the changes implemented by MTN to have significant impact to the pattern in which consumers enjoyed the service offering.

SUMMARY OF THE COMMISSION'S DECISION

3. The Commission has issued the following directive to MTN to be complied to on or before the 6th of July 2016:
 - MTN must restore the old product structure on the data bundles offering as well as the validity period of the bonuses extended to consumers on or before the 6th July 2016.
 - MTN to withdraw the new data bundle structure and offering on or before the 6th July 2016.
 - Submit a notification to the Commission for consideration and approval of the proposed changes in data service offerings.

Acting Chief Executive Officer
Swaziland Communications Commission

12 Asians don't want to go back home

By Linda Jele
High Court

AT least 12 Asians have challenged a decision by the Siteki Magistrate's Court to have them deported to their respective home countries.

The 12 were convicted by the Siteki Magistrates Court on charges of contravening the Immigration Act. They had each been charged with two counts, that of entering and remaining in the country without permits and for engaging in employment when they did not have valid permits authorising them to be employed in the country in terms of the Act.

They instructed lawyer Martin 'Internash' Dlamini to file review applications before the High Court seeking orders reviewing and setting aside the lower court's decision to order for their deportation. They were nabbed by police officers from the Siteki Police Station. According to their respective charge sheets, they are from Bangladesh, Pakistan and India.

They all pleaded guilty to all the offences and were convicted as per their own pleas.

Permits

Some of them, the Swazi Observer has learnt, last had valid permits in 2012 and they did not renew them. They apologised before the court. They were each sentenced to pay E500 for the first count or in default of payment be jailed for 90 days.

They were also fined E500 for engaging in employment in the country when they did not have authority in terms of the Immigration Act and it was ordered that they would be jailed for 90 days if they failed to pay the fine. The magistrate ordered that the sentences for each of them would run consecutively.

Patel Faizel, of India, told the court that he came to the country in 2012 and had a valid residence permit, but it expired in 2012 and it was never renewed. However, he continued to stay in the country.

The court ordered that they should all be repatriated to their respective countries after paying the fines or serving the jail terms.

It was discovered that some of the passports were questionable in that they did not have visas yet they had residence permits, which raised questions on how they were acquired. One of them had a new passport and its number was almost similar to the old one. This raised questions whether nobody else had applied for a passport until he had to get a new one.

Affidavit

Patal Yakub, of India, in an affidavit, alleged that when they were arraigned before court, no interpreter was provided yet they had little understanding of the English language.

"We are in Swaziland to do business and are working on projects and other businesses. When we were arrested, we were in the process of renewing our permits. We entered the country lawfully. My permit expired while I was attending to business ventures," he said.

He argued that the magistrate acted beyond his powers when he ordered that they should be repatriated to their respective countries. He said those powers were vested on the minister of home affairs alone.

He claimed that when they applied for bail before the magistrate their lawyer was not allowed to enter the chambers of the magistrate where the matter was deliberated upon. He claimed that the magistrate only allowed the prosecutor and court clerk.

He applied to be admitted to bail pending

appeal of the magistrate's decision because the longer they stayed in custody their businesses suffered.

"I shall not abscond trial if granted bail pending appeal because I have a right to choose which country to stay in if repatriated," Yakub said in the affidavit. The matter was however, removed from the High Court roll because High Court Judge Mbutfo Mamba discovered that the bail application before the Siteki Magistrate's Court was still pending and had not been withdrawn.

THE ASIANS:

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Arshad Mehmood | 7. Mohammed Dogha |
| 2. NAem Sayed | 8. Patel Ayaz |
| 3. Khizar Hayed | 9. Patel Naembai |
| 4. Forkan Hosen | 10. Darui Zakariya |
| 5. Patala Yakub | 11. Patel Rafik |
| 6. Patel Faizel | 12. Patel Huzaifa |

UMKHULULI CARDS NOW FINALLY OPERATIONAL

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

USERS of the Swaziland Posts and Telecommunications Corporation Umkhululi EasyCall cards will be happy to know that the prepaid system is now fully operational.

The prepaid system was on Sunday and the better part of yesterday morning not working, which left the telecommunication corporation customers fuming. Customers who had called the customers care-line on Sunday reporting the difficulty they faced when trying to make calls with their Umkhululi EasyCall cards were yesterday morning called by the customer service consultants notifying them that the cards were finally operational. On Sunday and early hours of yesterday morning a number of landline cus-

tomers said countless attempts of trying to make calls were futile as they constantly received an automated message stating that their 'Umkhululi EasyCall card had expired'.

Pre-paid cards written December 31, 2016 as the expiry date were unable to make calls. One customer said he had opened all his sealed pre-paid cards and they all gave him the same message. The customer said when he followed the instructions on the card trying to make a call everything seemed to be going smooth until he punched the voucher number. He said after punching the number he got a message that the card expired on July 2, but it continued to state how much balance was left on the pre-paid card. When customers sought for help with the SPTC customer service they were told that they were experiencing network problems and were still waiting for the pre-paid technician to come and sort the problem out.



MEASLES RUBELLA VACCINATION CAMPAIGN (27 June to 8 July)



The Ministry of Health will conduct a campaign to vaccinate all children aged 6 months to 14 years against Measles and Rubella diseases.

Where: Schools, clinics and in the communities

What is rubella?

Rubella is an infectious disease caused by a germ called Rubella virus. It causes a red rash on the body, usually accompanied by a fever and swollen lymph nodes. If untreated, Rubella can lead to serious complications and permanent disability. If a pregnant woman gets infected, the virus can cause serious birth defects, stillbirth or miscarriage.

What is Measles?

Measles is a disease caused by a virus. It is more severe in children less than 5 years. A child infected with Measles might develop complications such as diarrhoea, chest infection, acute malnutrition which might lead to death.

How is Measles spread?

The Measles virus is found in the nose or throat of an infected person. It is spread into the air when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. It can also be spread during direct contact with an infected person, which is more common in crowded settings.

Dangers of Measles:

- Pneumonia
- Ear and sinus infection

- Mouth sores
- Persistent diarrhoea
- Blindness
- Malnutrition
- Convulsions and brain damage

Signs and symptoms of Rubella

- The symptoms of Rubella are often so mild that they are difficult to notice.
- Pink or red rash that begins on the face and then spreads downward to the rest of the body
- Mild fever
- Swollen and tender lymph nodes
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Inflamed or red eyes

Why should my child get the Measles Rubella (MR) vaccine?

The MR vaccine protects your child from Measles and Rubella which are serious diseases

Is the MR Vaccine safe for my child?

Yes. The MR Vaccine is very safe, and it is effective at preventing Measles and Rubella.

What are the side effects?

Most children don't have any side effects from the vaccine. When side effects do occur, they are usually very mild, such as a fever or rash. More serious side effects are very rare.

LUBOMBO PUPILS SAY NO TO BLESSERS

"...Our parents bless us enough"

Stories by Nomfundo Sifundza
Simunye

PUPILS from 11 different schools in the Lubombo region have overwhelmingly rejected the blesser trend that has taken the country by storm.

In the first of its kind, a debate was held at Lusoti High School last week where pupils gathered to debate the blesser-blessee phenomenon on social media. At the end of the day, pupils who supported the trend lost the debate.

The pupils first engaged on the topic that, at some point in life one needs extra material things and therefore an extra hand was appreciated. But the opposing team, which eventually won the debate, emphasised that blesser-blessee was a danger zone.

The pupils submitted that the blesser-blessee trend was destructive in all aspects, starting from the blesser's family, who are left in tears and dire need of fatherly love, whilst the father is out satisfying his lustful desires for the blessee's body, ravaged by engaging in intergenerational intercourse.

Phinda Tsabedze, from the University of Swaziland (UNISWA) Debate Masters, formed part of the judging panel during the debate alongside Sandile Mndzebele, also from the same association.

Tsabedze applauded the power to resist blesser-blessee by pupils from Lubombo region, saying this was highly commendable in a world where many young and active women were falling victim to the famous blesser-blessee trap.

Life

"Though I am afraid for these pupils as of now they share such profound sentiments against blesser-blessee but maybe their story will be different once they are accepted into universities and are miles away from home and they must face the cost of living hikes," Tsabedze said.

He further stressed the point that pupils from Lubombo did not seem to thoroughly comprehend the pressures that lead to young women yearning for the finer things in life. "There are needs, fun and as well as the demands of the city which children this side are not yet exposed to," he said.

The vibrant young man continued to advise the grounded pupils to remain content with who they were



AMUSED: Mhlume Member of Parliament Sifiso Magagula flanked by Lubombo Deputy REO Dzabulase Mthupha and Ngomane High School Head Teacher Nompumelelo Dlamini while Inspector Theresa Dlamini smiles at them. (Pics: Nomfundo Sifundza)



ATTENTIVE: Pupils and teachers from various schools in the Lubombo listening attentively to the days presentations.

and to not allow peer pressure to get the best of them upon reaching tertiary institutions.

The debate intensified after Mhlume High won the first round. In the semi-finals, the topic at hand was "Scientific progression, by far, outstripping man of his moral value".

Trap

This topic got the pupils heated up as the proposition side (Mhlume High) stated that technology was indeed leading the world astray, because on top of it all, it promotes people losing themselves through the use of plastic surgery, like South African songstress Nomasono Maswanganyi, better known as Mshoza, who now looks like Nicki Minaj and yet she is pure African.

Mhlume High pupils also questioned sex toys through the subject line "why on earth do we need such equipment, when God created nature

and to not allow peer pressure to get the best of them upon reaching tertiary institutions. The opposition side defended the use of technology, citing that everyone in the room used a scientific creation in the form of transport that got them where they were. The pupils extensively explored the advantages of technology, including the use of cellphones for research during lessons. Much to the amusement of the auditorium a form three pupil from Dlalile High, Mukelwe Mthembu challenged her opponents saying "I use my Samsung Tablet in class; you can confirm that with my teacher if you like".

Technology was yet again accused of having too great an influence in the growth of the blesser trend, as blessees post on social media what they have been blessed with hence other young girls fall for the trap.

advantage of them simply because he can provide material things," Magagula said.

Nature

The MP told school girls "kuye kube kwesikhashana lentfo" loosely translated "it only lasts for a while until

your so-called blesser dumps you."

Magagula sat through the whole debate because he said he wanted the children to advise and guide each other because, by nature, children seem to be more at ease when listening to their peers than their parents.

Cash for jobs scam at education

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

FRAUDSTERS have found a niche in the principals' jobs that was previously advertised by the Teaching Service Commission (TSC).

It is said the principal and deputy principal job applicants were made to fork out not less than E4 000.

This alleged new scam is masterminded by officials in the ministry of education and training.

It is said the alleged scammers have all the details of their targets and they convince them (candidates) that they should pay the money so as to get the jobs they wanted.

One of the teachers is said to have gone to the TSC offices to enquire about the authenticity of the job offers in exchange for cash.

Employment

The candidate is said to have been shocked upon finding out that there was no such thing.

What shocked the teachers the most was the fact that the people who wanted to siphon cash out of them knew everything about the posts' applicants.

The scammers would know every particular detail of their targets, including TSC numbers, experience in the teaching profession, the qualifications they have and other details required by the TSC in order to be considered for employment. It is claimed that the scammer artists used different cellphone numbers to call their targets and tell them to deposit the E4 000 in a certain MTN mobile money number. TSC Executive Secretary Mduduzi Nkambule said the teachers who applied for the posts should not

fall for such scams from these unscrupulous fraudsters.

Nkambule said there was a process which was meant to be followed when applying for the posts.

"The applicants are supposed to get forms from the offices of their Regional Education Officers (REOs). They are then expected to return the forms to the REOs, who then take the forms to us. The forms are with the lists of the applicants with all the information about the applicants," Nkambule said.

He said they would not do anything to the forms, but would take them straight to the inspectors, who were under the office of the director of education. The inspectors would then shortlist the rightful candidates for interviews to be conducted by the commissioners at TSC.

Out of the shortlisted candidates, the TSC would then take the three best candidates for interviews. Only one of the three candidates would pass the interview.

Nkambule said the process was not as easy to hijack and the people who would have paid the scammers would not benefit anything. Nkambule made an example of Sitjeni Primary School, where there were 49 candidates who applied for the post.

He said the scammers would target 49 candidates, telling them that they should each pay E4 000 to the mobile money number. Nkambule said what was painful was that the hopefuls fell for the scam. This newspaper reported on June 15, 2016 that the TSC advertised 21 posts for principals and deputy principals in various primary and high schools around the country. The TSC is now in the process of short listing those candidates.

E200 alcohol costs man E1 500

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

AMADI University College student was fined E1 500 for spending just E200 in alcoholic beverages.

Wasswa Dlamini (31), of Pine Valley in Mbabane, appeared before Mbabane Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati, where he admitted to have used E200 to buy alcohol. Dlamini was caught by Mbabane traffic police in the wee hours of Sunday at Pine Valley, where he was driving a Nissan LDV.

Dlamini's rights to legal representation were explained to him and he elected to conduct his own defence.

He was charged with contravening Section 91 of the Road Traffic Act No. 6 of 2007. He understood the charge and pleaded guilty to the offence.

The alcohol content in his body was 1.00 mg/l. When given an opportunity to mitigate, he pleaded with the court to be lenient with him in passing sentence. He said he was supposed to drive for a short distance of about two kilometres from his point of departure in trying to help some people.

Vilakati would hear none of it as he told him the length of the distance for which he was driving did not matter when he was driving under the influence of alco-

hol. He asked him why he was drinking in the first place. He responded by saying he was just at home, not knowing that there would be a need for him to drive. "How much did you spend in drinking your alcohol?" Vilakati asked. Dlamini said he used only E200. Vilakati asked him if it was worth it for him to be spending E200, which was far less than the money he was going to pay. He told Dlamini that the alcohol content in his body amounted to nothing less than a E2 000 fine.

Dlamini responded by pleading with Vilakati to be lenient because he was still a scholar at AMADI University College. He said he was paying for his own school fees and was currently not employed. He stated that he was running a small business, which was helping him in paying for his school fees at AMADI. Vilakati sentenced him to 15 months behind bars or pay a fine of E1 500. Meanwhile, a Limkokwing University of Creative Technology student also appeared before Magistrate Vilakati for drunk-driving. He was fined E1 000 or face spending 10 months behind bars. Brian Willis Oosthson (24) of Golf Course was caught in the act on Saturday at Checkers in Mbabane. He was driving a Mazda sedan when he was busted.

Blesser trend annoying - Mhlume MP

THE debate session held at Lusoti High School was graced by Mhlume Member of Parliament, Sifiso Magagula, who strongly discouraged the blesser trend.

"It is quite annoying to see a grown man seducing young girls and taking

KWALUSENI MP BASKING IN MY GLORY - MABHANISI

Stories by Samukelisiwe
Ginindza
Kwaluseni

NKWALUSENI Member of Parliament (MP) Mkhosi Dlamini has been accused by the constituency's former legislature, and two others, of stealing their shine.

The two others who feel Dlamini is basking in their glory are the current Indvuna Yenkhundla Mthunzi Dlamini and Bucophu Musa Tembe.

This comes after MP Dlamini reported the constituency's work and milestones in the media, without acknowledging nor notifying them of such an exercise.

Amongst the accomplishments which Mkhosi spoke of in the media, was a water project, supermarket, a bridge and solid waste bin.

The three aggrieved persons claimed that all these projects were not entirely the MP's efforts, adding that Dlamini was never there when they kicked them off.

The former MP, Sibusiso 'Mabhanisi' Dlamini said, for instance he started the water project in Zone A. Mbikwakhe.

"I started the project off whilst I was still in office, yes such terms in office are a relay, but what hurts the most is that he failed to acknowledge me, despite that he found the project almost finished," the former MP said.



HAPPY: The women of 'Vukutentele Make Association,' in Kwaluseni Inkhundla, strike a pose with Indvuna yenkhundla Mthunzi Dlamini who they claim has been working hands on with them on the project, behind them in the maize crib, where the maize that they say was planted and harvested by them with Dlamini lays in display. (Pics: Samukelisiwe Ginindza).

The former MP said what Mkhosi failed to tell the country was that he would be rolling out the project to Zone B adding that he started the Zone A project in 2011 until October 21, 2013 when he left the office.

"The people of Kwaluseni need to know the truth, I am not trying to water down his efforts, but he should have acknowledged that we are the ones who started the projects," he added. The

former MP stated that he started the project, after being approached by Indvuna Musa Dlamini, who requested a water project. Chairman of the water project committee Magagula Joseph, said the former MP spearheaded the project and also solicited its funding.

"He should have acknowledged Mabhanisi for the project and I very much understand as to why the former MP is not pleased," Magagula said

The only people behind the success of the project were the Indvuna Yenkhundla Mthunzi Dlamini and Bucophu Musa Tembe," one of the women said. They claimed that the MP (Mkhosi) was not hands on.

"We hear that he helps people at the industrial site with rice hampers and has neglected us here. We are not pleased that he branded the projects as his," another said.

Indvuna pleads for prayer

KWALUSENI Indvuna Yenkhundla, Mthunzi Dlamini, has urged the community to pray for peace.

"Singacelanjebantfu be Kwaluseni basithandazise ngoba lokwentekako sekubi, sekudlanatise ndze, sesitawubambana ngemabhantji sewusinyatselaenhloko," he said when interviewed. He also said what the MP told the country was furthest from the truth, adding that

the MP did not contribute to the projects he claimed were his. "The road he proudly stood on and took photographs was a result of dedicated community members, bucophu and I," Mthunzi narrated. "This is not the first time he has done such but we sat down and talked with him and it seems like he does not listen, the people who voted for him have eyes and they see everything he does," he emphasized.

Kwaluseni MP apologetic

KWALUSENI Member of Parliament (MP), Mkhosi Dlamini, has profusely apologised for brandishing projects as his in the media.

"It was wrong of me not to mention them when they worked hard towards achieving the projects. However, I mentioned that to the person who compiled the report," he explained.

He said as far as projects in the community were concerned, he

organised, delegated duties for them and also attended to parliament business.

"They are just trying to tarnish my name as they want the seat, but, the truth shall come out in the end," Dlamini added.

He said he had nothing against Mthunzi (Indvuna yenkhundla). "Ngingaminyatsela enhloko ngitsingentelani, ngimulwilele kuba yindvuna yenkhundla, I cannot stoop that low," he said.



MY POINT: Mthunzi Dlamini expressing a point to some of the women and man found at the Inkhundla.

'We do not know Mkhosi'

"WE do not know Mkhosi Dlamini," women of 'Vukutentele Make Society' have claimed.

The women of the society own a supermarket which the MP claims is one of the projects he accomplished.

The supermarket operates at Mhlaleni.

Though Mkhosi in a media report acknowledged the supermarket owners, the owners claimed they do not know Dlamini. They claimed that they have never met him personally, as he has never been with them since its construction. "We do not know Mkhosi.

Drought effects: Residents now cross border to SA for water

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlalango

WITH a number of areas under Shiselweni I among those hardest hit by drought, it is said residents now cross the borderline to queue for water in neighbouring South Africa.

It is said the residents from some of the homesteads close to the fence separating the two countries, simply cross with containers and queue for water.

Shiselweni I Member of Parliament (MP) Mandla Nxumalo said drought has worsened the situation of water scarcity in the constituency.

He said with rivers or dams having dried up residents were now finding life difficult, adding that it was only those with vehicles who were fortunate as they manage to get water from distant places.

"You find some motorists with plastic drums driving to places such as Nhlalango in search of water. We know how costly it is to travel such a long distance just to find water.

I have seen others jumping the fence to queue for water from the other side as some of the homesteads are closer to



DROUGHT: Shiselweni I Member of Parliament Mandla Nxumalo.

South Africa," said the MP. Children attending school are also affected by the shortage of water as they end up arriving late, with some missing out on lessons altogether. The MP said he personally had to use his car to transport residents searching for water. He said under such circumstances, a number of operations including businesses were affected.

"We have schools around and I am

quite sure that practical lessons are affected because of water scarcity. Yes, at times schools do get assistance from the ministry of education and training as a water tanker is sent, but it is not all the time as the same tanker has to cater for other schools in other constituencies," said MP Nxumalo.

The MP said at times he had to fork out his own money to hire transport to assist the community to get water.

"I have been paying not less than E500 each time I have to get a tanker to go around providing water to some of the areas under the constituency.

At times, if a tanker is not available, I go around looking for those with tractors to hire just to help the residents get water.

It is not like I am complaining but I am trying to highlight how bad the situation has become in the constituency," said MP Nxumalo. The legislator said with drought being a natural disaster there was no way anyone could shift the blame to government. "It's not a good thing to always blame government, even during natural disasters which are unavoidable. We just have to remain calm and hope the situation improves," said MP Nxumalo.

MKHULU (63) ATTEMPTS TO RAPE MINOR, GIVES HER E2

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

A primary school pupil has given an account before the magistrate's court how she was almost raped by an elderly man from her neighbourhood, who also offered her E2 to buy her silence.

The elderly man, aged 63 is currently remanded in custody following his arrest last month. He is facing a charge of attempted rape. The accused person, whose name is deliberately withheld for ethical reasons, is alleged to have wrongfully, unlawfully and intentionally attempted to have sexual intercourse with a 13-year-old girl. The complainant is regarded as a minor by law. According to court records, the girl had told the court that she knew the accused person from the same area where she lived. She stated that he would call her and ask her to pass some messages to his girlfriend,

who is a kitchen attendant at her school. On the day of the incident, the elderly man is said to have called the girl into his homestead, which is situated near the road.

He is said to have lured her into the house and attempted to sexually abuse her. However, an elder sister of the minor is said to have arrived at the homestead after finding her school bag at the man's gate. Upon realising that the elder sister of the girl was within the homestead, the man is said to have then given the minor E2 and asked her not to report him to her parents.

The girl however narrated the incident to her parents, after she was questioned on why she was found at the man's homestead. He was subsequently arrested after the girl was taken to hospital for examination. The matter was before Principal Magistrate Dumsani Magagula. It was postponed to Thursday this week for continuation of trial as the crown intends to call more witnesses.

E1 million for operating a lottery

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

COMPANIES who wish to operate a lottery in the country will have to part with E1 million.

This is according to the Lotteries Control Regulations of 2016, which are under Section 24 of the Lotteries Act of 1963.

The actual amount needed by any person, who has a dream of running a lottery in the country is E976 100. In this figure, there is E450 000 for new application of a lottery license, E25 000 for amendment of the license and agreement and E500 000 for surety fee.

Surety fee is the money paid by lottery operators for business security. Another fee that is supposed to be paid by the operators is E1 100 for key employee registration.

The regulations noted that a person who want to apply for a licence, would be required to do so through the Swaziland Gaming Board.

The full description of the premises, where the gaming operations would be conducted shall be submitted in writing to the minister for tourism and environmental affairs. The lotteries issue fall under the tourism portfolio.

The licensee would be prohibited from establishing operations in a new location, without the approval of the board. Promotions of the lotteries are

expected to be authorised by the board for a period not exceeding six months.

After applying for the licence, there shall be a hearing for the application. According to Regulation 5 (1) of the Regulations, the minister (of tourism) shall hold the hearing for every application for a public lottery licence. The following sub-regulation states that, the minister shall determine the date, time and place of a hearing of an application and shall inform the applicant of such date, time and place at least 10 days prior to the hearing.

At the hearing, the applicant is given an opportunity to be heard.

Any person would be allowed to make oral representations during the hearing. The minister has the discretion to adjourn, postpone the date, time and place of the hearing. The minister has a right to refuse to grant a licence to the applicant. The regulations oblige the minister to give reasons, should he refuse to grant the licence.

The reasons are supposed to be in writing. However, the regulations do not say anything about the reasons. This means the minister is at liberty to give his own reasons for refusing to give the licence. If the lottery operator fails to abide by the conditions of the licence, the minister is at liberty to suspend the licence. The minister is obliged to give reasons for such a suspension, in writing.

INJURED UNISWA STUDENT WORRIED ABOUT TUITION FEES

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

AYANDA Mkhabela, the UNISWA student who was allegedly bumped by a police casspir, says, she is frustrated with having to pay for next year's tuition fees as she is expected to repeat her second semester.

Mkhabela said she had missed her examinations and will have to restart the second semester.

She made these revelations when the *Swazi Observer* paid her a visit at the Hope House Centre in Manzini late last week.

When asked about her progress at the university, Mkhabela said she would first have to supplement mathematics, which she did not do well during the first semester. She added that next year January, she would repeat the second semester, because she missed out as a result of the injury.



LONG ROAD TO RECOVERY: Ayanda Mkhabela.

Mkhabela has been in South Africa where she spent time in Port Elizabeth, receiving treatment for the injuries she suffered during a protest action, which took place inside the UNISWA Kwaluseni campus.

She allegedly bumped into a police casspir.

During the visit, Mkhabela who was found in the company of her mother and could not hide her excitement of being back home.

She said she missed home so much and further commended the treatment she received at Hope House.

Mkhabela said she is now worried about tuition fees as she has no idea where she would get help or who would fund her. When asked on any arrangement by the university with regards to how she could pay her tuition, she stated that she has not communicated anything with the institution.

'UNISWA to check on Mkhabela soon'

THE University of Swaziland (UNISWA) anticipates sending a representative to check on Mkhabela's progress at the Hope House.

This was revealed by UNISWA Registrar Dr Salebona Simelane when called to comment about Mkhabela's matter.

He said he could not comment much about the matter in the media as it is premature for him to do that. Simelane said the institution would communicate directly with Mkhabela.

He said the university was planning to send someone to check on her soon. Simelane further added that he was not aware about issues of tuition fees

I am much better now-Mkhabela

AYANDA Mkhabela says her doctors were adamant that she will never walk again.

"The doctors discharged me and I am fine, however, they told me that I will never walk again," said Mkhabela who seemed distant when recalling the doctors' message.

The student now gets around with the help of a wheelchair.

She said she is now feeling better than before as she could sit and perform other duties.

Mkhabela was found at the Hope House, where she is currently residing, plaiting her mother's hair.

She said her parents have been very supportive during this trying times

and UNISWA students have also been supportive, as they pay her visits now and then.

Mkhabela said she was glad to be back in the country.

She said police have since vanished as the last time they came to check on her was way back. She said they came and asked her what she remembers about the day of the incident.

"They asked me what I remembered and started taking notes, they haven't been back ever since that day," said Mkhabela.

She said she was hopeful though that the police would finish their investigations, as the incident occurred several months ago.

Officials from TSC, Education ministry accused of extortion

SOME officials from the ministry of education and training have been accused of extorting money from teachers, who find themselves in the wrong.

A science and maths teacher from Mpatheni Primary school is accusing some members of the Teaching Service Commission (TSC) and the ministry, claiming that they wanted her to pay them money so that her matter would be struck off the disciplinary roll. It is said the teacher was slapped with a three-month suspension for misconduct charges.

Subsequently, the teacher was sus-

pended after she was suspected to have helped pupils with their exams, while she was invigilated. It is said the teacher was advised to plead guilty by her attorney, who informed her that the charge was not that serious hence she would not get a stiffer penalty.

The teacher was then informed that she would not be paid for three months. It is said that this incident happened in 2012, and the teacher was only charged last year as she failed to come up with the demanded sum.

Information gathered is that from

the time of the incident the teacher was informed by some officials that they could make her case 'go away' if she paid them.

It is said the two officials started sending texts messages to the teacher, asking about how far she was with mobilising the money so as to pay them. Text messages between the teacher and the alleged officials demanding bribe revealed that the teacher offered E25 000, but she was told that such an amount was too meager.

The teacher has since reported the matter to the TSC, the teacher claimed the commission was not giving the case the urgency it deserved.

The teacher is now concerned that the focus has since shifted back to her misconduct charges and nothing was done to investigate those who are trying to extort her.

It is alleged that the TSC told her to get enough evidence so that they could have something solid to work on. When asked for comment, TSC Executive Secretary Mduduzi Nkambule said he was not aware of the developments, as he had been away from work.

Come to us - SNAT

SWAZILAND National Association of Teachers (SNAT) President Freedom Dlamini says he is aware of a matter where a teacher was suspended for three months for misconduct.

However, he said he was in the dark about the new developments of people trying to demand a bribe from the teacher.

The presidents said he understood that the teacher would be

afraid to come out because she would not know who to trust.

Dlamini advised the teacher to come forward and report the matter to SNAT Secretary General Muzi Mhlana, who will assist her. "It is an unfortunate incident because the teacher is in such a mess because she was invigilating. The matter of teachers being made invigilators must be looked into, because it is not clear as to what compels them to invigilate," Dlamini said.

TOURISM EXCELLENCE

AWARDS LAUNCH

The Swaziland Tourism Authority cordially invites tourism stakeholders to the launch of tourism excellence awards by the Honorable Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs, MP Jabulani Mabuza.

This half day event will be held on the 6th July, 2016 at Sibane Hotel, starting at 09:30hrs to 14:00hrs

For further information you can contact Nelsiwe Mngomezulu at 24049675 / 76068115.



SRIC PRESENTS SCHOOL SHOES WORTH E15 000 TO 84 PUPILS

Stories by Samukelisiwe Ginindza
Maphungwane

"I have never owned a pair of shoes in my life," said a nine-year-old pupil of Ekumeni Primary who benefited from the Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation shoes distribution last Friday.

The school is situated at Maphungwane in Siteki.

The girl, Zanele Dlamini* is doing grade two at the school.

Together with 83 of her schoolmates, they were 'pampered' with school shoes on Friday by SRIC.

The girl narrated how she had been walking to school barefoot and would still be without a school uniform, if it was not for the kind gesture of her teacher, who gave her an old uniform to wear.

Her older brother also got a new pair of shoes and they were all smiles as to them owning shoes was only a dream.

"I will now wear shoes at school this winter just like the rest of the pupils in my school, this feels so good, it is a dream come true," the young girl said.

Even though the two still have both parents, they are unemployed and struggling to provide for them. The children are able to go to school because of government's Free Primary Education Programme.

"Going to bed hungry has become a norm for our family, we eat when food is available, some of which we normally get from food aid or our caring neighbours," Zanele said.

Meanwhile, SRIC adopted the school last year, and started off by fencing it before donating the 84 pairs of shoes worth E15 000 to the pupils. The head teacher of the school Phumzile Mamba applauded SRIC for such a kind gesture and ensured that their relationship would continue for many years to come.

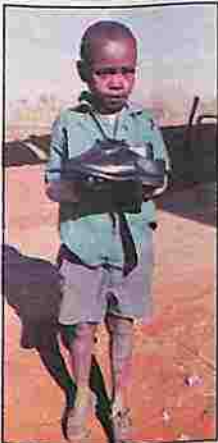
"They have helped us tremendously, first they fenced the school and now shoes, what more can we ask for," she said.

She then urged the pupils to keep excelling academically, as it is the only way to show gratefulness.

"Most of the pupils here are destitute, but some parents can afford school shoes, those that are helped today have nothing," the principal said.

This is just a beginning - SRIC

SWAZILAND Royal Insurance Corporation Assistant General Manager-Corporate Services Mandla Dlamini has assured the school that they will continue supporting, in any way they can.



BRAND NEW: Bandile Mndlovu who is doing Grade one has been wearing girls' school shoes. He went home smiling with new shoes.

"If you did not get shoes today, do not despair, we will be back to help more of you, as you can tell this is our second visit here, the first time we fenced the school, to protect you from intruders, now we are clothing you, the shoes will protect you from the winter cold," he said. *Not her real name



HAPPY PUPILS: Some of the pupils from Ekumeni Primary school in a jovial mood after they were presented with school shoes by Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation on Friday. (Pics: Samukelisiwe Ginindza)



THAT WILL FIT: SRIC staff check the shoe sizes.



MAKING A CHANGE: Shoes being displayed before the presentation.

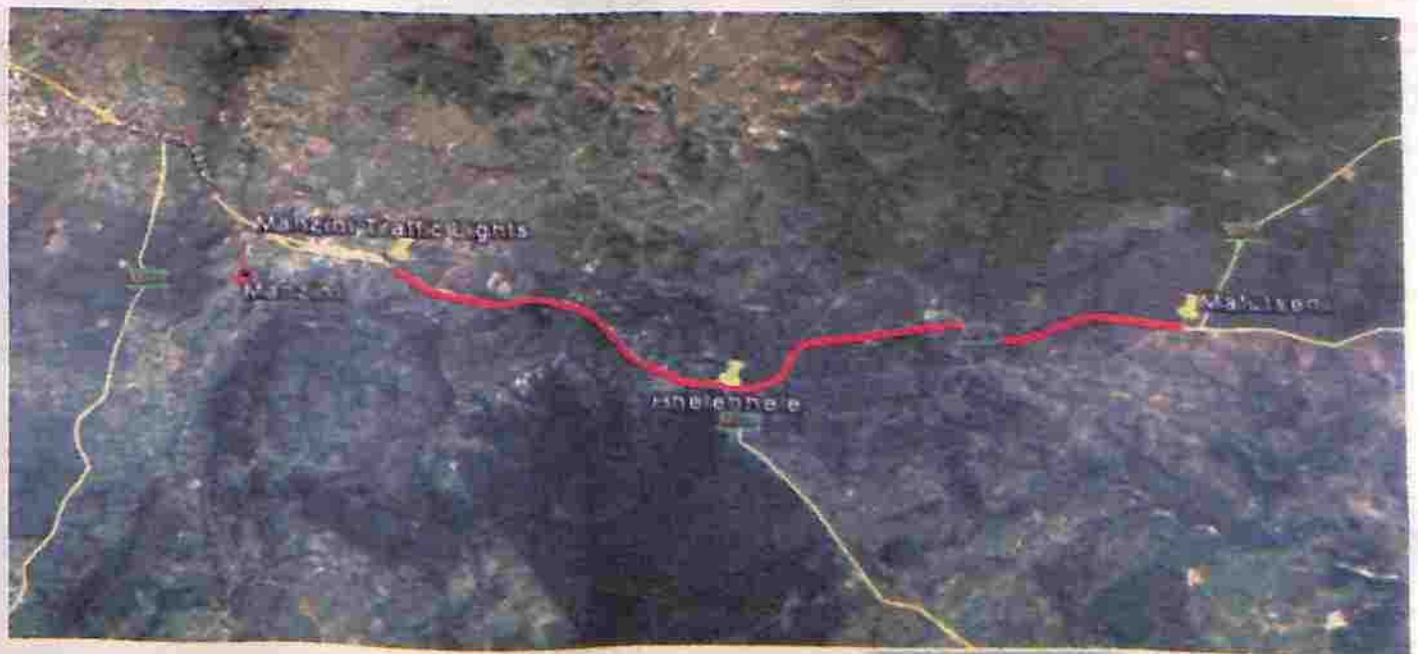


NOTICE

The general public is advised that Sadeem Al Kuwait/Inyatsi JV will be undertaking some remedial works on the MR3 between Emphandze motel and the Manzini Traffic circle until the end of July 2016, there will be some traffic interruptions along this stretch of road. The public is advised to adhere to all road safety and traffic control measures that will be in place. We regret any inconvenience caused

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NDMA, CBS INTERVENE IN MAMBANE WATER SHORTAGES

THE National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) has come to the rescue of thousands of people of Mambane who have struggled to get drinking water for the past months.

Last Wednesday, NDMA launched two boreholes at Lucaceni and Ludzaka communities, projects which were made possible through a funding totalling E1 million from the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS).

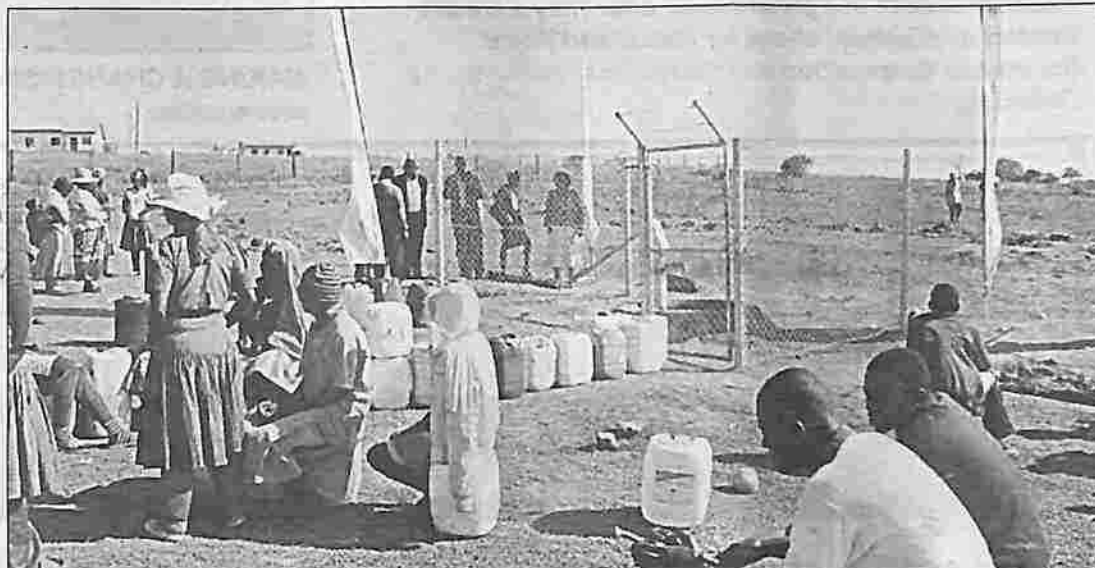
The CBS donation came after an appeal by NDMA to various organisations to assist on drought response initiatives.

Following the bank's donation, NDMA prioritised in providing food aid and water availability to the affected communities.

As a result, several communities in different constituencies have already benefitted from the bank's kind gesture to save lives. Mambane in particular, has been hit hard by the recent drought which left thousands of people without drinking water.

The launching of the boreholes project therefore came as a major relief to at least 200 households.

In the previous months, residents of the two communities would travel very long distances towards the border line separating the country from neighbour-



CLEAN: Residents of Lucaceni queuing for water at the newly constructed borehole.

ing South Africa in search of water.

They would be compelled to sleep near drying up sources to make sure that they get at least 10 litres of water per person.

Speaking during an interview, constituency headman Boy Matsenjwa said the project will go a long way in addressing the situation. Matsenjwa acknowledged that the scarcity of water in the area had reached alarming levels which were now a threat to people's health.

He pointed out that people would share the little available

water with wild animals.

Matsenjwa further reported that currently, there were two more communities under the same chiefdom which are still facing a serious shortage of water. These are Lukhetseni and Mavalela communities. Residents from these communities travel up to 10 kilometres in search of drinking water.

Matsenjwa said however, residents of Mavalela community would on some rare occasions get water supply from a sugar association which is based in the lowveld.

"As of now, the situation in these two areas is critical and as such, an urgent intervention is essential," said Matsenjwa.

Matsenjwa said an appropriate way of intervention to the situation would be the availability of water tankers. This would be done while a long term intervention is formulated. Meanwhile, other areas which are currently facing the same problem include Dvumane and Magwanyane. A borehole which was recently launched at Magwanyane about three months ago is reportedly not functioning.

Lomahasha finally gets food donation

LOMAHASHA Inkhundla has finally got a share of the food aid for the first time, courtesy of World Vision and WFP who have partnered with the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA).

The constituency has in the past been left out of the beneficiaries of drought response initiatives while it is one of those which have been hit hard.

This has seen thousands of people of the constituency reporting malnutrition cases which have resulted from severe hunger.

Last Friday, the two organisations visited Shewula chiefdom and distributed food to 13 communities. Constituency headman, Mncedisi Matsenjwa has reported that the food distribution exercise will last until tomorrow across the constituency. He disclosed that yesterday, the organisations visited other communities under Lomahasha chiefdom. Matsenjwa reported that the total number of people to benefit from the organisations' kind gesture is 8 000. The constituency consists of approximately 28 000 people. "We appreciate the initiative by World Vision and WFP as it will surely make a difference in the current situation," said Matsenjwa. Matsenjwa pointed out that however, a large number of people are still in need of food-aid. Recently, residents who are situated near the border line were reported to be using the informal crossing points to Mozambique and South Africa to buy maize meal. This came after the local markets introduced exorbitant prices for the same product. Meanwhile, Matsenjwa reported that the area is still facing a serious shortage of water. Early this year, the Swaziland Sugar Association and its affiliates donated water tanks to various communities under the constituency. The tanks were to be refilled each time they went empty. It has been reported that however, the tanks would run empty for long periods without being refilled. This would leave the residents in the same plight of water shortages.

Community Police report decline in stock theft

SITEKI Community Police leader Kaizer Mathonsi says there has been a slight decline in stock theft cases lately.

Several chiefdoms which include Lugongolweni, Maphungwane and Tikhuba have over the past many years been facing serious problems of stock theft.

The most affected areas were mainly those situated along the border line separating the country from Mozambique and South Africa. Mathonsi who has always been vocal in the fight against the theft and smuggling of live-stock has however reported positive results. Speaking during an interview, Mathonsi said the collaboration of community police from all the affected areas is slowly yielding the desired results. He stated that even though there were still reports of stolen cattle in areas such as Sitsatsaweni and Mhlumeni, the numbers have decreased. "We applaud the collaboration between all community police in their efforts to fight stock theft in our communities," said Mathonsi.

Buckswood pupils donate food to an elderly

PUPILS from Buckswood School, a UK based institution last week visited an elderly woman of KaLanga and presented her with food parcels.

The institution which has a base at Siteki makes annual visits in the country and undertake in charity work.

Such charity works are championed by the royal children who also attended the same school. The main purpose of such initiative is to give help to less privileged people in the communities.

Principal of the school, Giles Sutton has said that the pupils are also being trained to give assistance and love to others through such charity projects. Sutton pointed out that even



GENEROUS: Pupils from Buckswood School pose for a photo after donating food to an elderly of KaLanga.

though they believed in giving the best education to the pupils, they understood that morals can only be taught by exposing the

learners to real life experiences. He said for instance, the pupils were being taught to care and love by exposing them to the

Swazi nation which is largely known as a caring and loving nation.

The elderly woman who received food stuffs from the UK pupils lives with her grandchildren.

The small family has no source of income. The children would in most instances go to school on empty stomachs. The Buckswood institute therefore donated food parcels which included rice, maize meal, beans, soup and other food stuffs. "By exposing the children to such initiatives, we are also teaching them to have passion and love towards other people of the society," said Sutton.

Public health association formed

By Nomfundo Sifundza
Matsapha

FOR the very first time in the history of the country, a professional association of public health and environmental health practitioners has been formed.

The formation of the association came to fruition on Saturday where an interim committee was elected to head the association.

Dr Sabelo Vusi Dlamini was elected as president of the association. Dr Dlamini is currently a senior lecturer at the University of Swaziland (Mbabane campus) and holds a doctorate in public health.

THE INTERIM COMMITTEE:

- Vice president - Justice B Nsibandwe from SPTC
- Secretary General - Thokozani Maseko from ICAP
- Vice Secretary General - Banele Nkambule from Environmental Health Students Association and
- Treasurer - Fundisiwe Mngomezulu from MSF

Potential members and all interested persons attended the meeting which was held at the UNISWA dining hall at Kwaluseni.

The idea behind the establishment of the association is to generate appropriate and applicable evidence through promotion and support of the national environment and public health agenda.

The association would influence and participate in environ-

mental and public health policy formulation processes for effective disease prevention and public health promotion.

It would also help in the promotion of communication of evidence to implementers of environmental and public health policies through publication in journals or newsletters and through establishment of forums to disseminate research findings and information.

Public health promotes and protects the health of people and the communities where they live, learn, work and play. While a doctor treats sick people, those working in public health try to prevent people from getting sick or injured in the first place.

Membership into the new association would be open to all in public health, environmental health, dental hygiene, community health nurses and any other personnel associated one way or the other with the health of the public. The association's newly appointed president Dr Vusi Dlamini said students were also welcome but membership fees for them and institutions was yet to be decided.

Bhekizwe community to get food next week

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

RESIDENTS of Bhekizwe community under Maphungwane chiefdom may eventually get their share of the food distribution by Caritas at least next week.

The residents were left out in the distribution of food by the non-governmental organisation which have partnered with the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) in providing interventions to the recent drought. The residents were gathered at the World Vision centre last Wednesday with the hope of getting their share of the food. Other residents from different communities were also gathered at their various centres on the same day.

Bhekizwe residents were however left out after it was reported that the list of beneficiaries had gone missing.

Removed

This left residents of the area making speculations which were to the effect that they were deliberately removed from the list of beneficiaries. This is mainly because the community is believed to be the strong hold of the faction which is refusing to accept Chief Maliwa Maziya as the rightful leader of the area.

Matsenjwa North Inkhundla Headman, Boy Matsenjwa has come out to report that the constituency and Caritas were currently working on resolving the matter. In fact, Matsenjwa has explained that the issue of the community being left out of the food distribution exercise has nothing to do with the traditional leadership of the area. Matsenjwa said the community was left out of the distribution due to technical problems which occurred during the registration process. He explained that the registration process was entirely conducted by the organisation, and therefore, there is no way they could have been omitted due to their beliefs in the leadership of the area. Matsenjwa said the organisation and the food distribution committee would be meeting either today or tomorrow to work on the list of beneficiaries from the community.

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

BUCKSWOOD VISIT SWAZILAND ANNUALLY

THIS year, Buckswood School children are visiting the country for the eleventh time on their annual school trip.

During this annual visits they support various Royal children's projects in the country.

This year the school has brought 32 children, three teachers and Chelsea Foundation football coach to continue their work in rural schools.

Each pupil had to raise E32 000 for the trip.

When Principal Giles Sutton was asked on why they chose Swaziland to visit and help, Sutton said; "I believe that education is a holistic process, classroom work is important, passing exams is important but so much learning can take place outside the classroom.

Whenever I teach my pupils about love, friendship, caring and giving, I automatically think of the Swazi people, they have this in abundance and whenever I come with my pupils everyone we meet shows these qualities - these qualities you cannot learn in a classroom, these can only be taught by seeing it and



TOUR: Buckswood School pupils during their visit at Good Shepherd Hospital on Saturday.

sharing it with and from others, and as our children are our future this learning process is so important".

Sutton said the group of children come from 14 different countries. He pointed out that if the rest of the world could interact with each other like this group, then the world would be a better place. He

said they were hoping that the 250 pupils that have visited Swaziland from Buckswood take a little of the magic of the country home with them so that as they grow up some of this will spread to others and the true depth of the Swazi culture and traditions will rub off on others.

He said as part of the school

prayers, they have a line that the late King, King Sobhuza said; "I have no enemies I deal in dialogue".

Sutton said there was no better way to put these words into practice than to actually learn from each other, black, white, young and old.

Nhlangano municipality invests E16m in rehabilitating roads

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlangano

NHLANGANO Town Council has so far invested over E16 million in road rehabilitation within the town.

These include roads along Masengula, Masabasaba and Benguni streets which were given a facelift.

Projects

The actual cost of the projects undertaken is E16.4 million.

Part of the funding of these projects was from the World Bank under the Swaziland Local Government Project (SLGP) programme.

Nhlangano Mayor Mashumi Shongwe said each time they applied for funding under this

programme, they received a positive response.

"Funds we sourced from the World Bank under the SLGP programme, 20 percent of the amount come from ratepayers," said Shongwe.

Shongwe said there was now a glimmer of hope that Nhlangano would be a place to be as in the last two or three years, things have been happening in as far as development was concerned.

"We drew up a plan of action programme when we took over and set targets for ourselves as to what we should have achieved within the five year period as councillors. It is worth noting that we have achieved most of our goals, however,



FACELIFT: Nhlangano Town Council has so far invested over E16 million in road rehabilitation within the town.

there are still challenges which need serious attention and we

are working on a plan to tackle them" said Shongwe.

12 Asians to challenge deportation judgment

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

THE 12 Asians who were sentenced to 90 days in a correctional facility with a further repatriation order issued against them about two weeks ago intend to appeal the judgment.

The Asian men were arrested and charged for contravening the Immigration Act.

The men whose countries of origin are Pakistan and Bangladesh are said to have entered and remained in the country without being holders of valid documents allowing them to stay in the country.

They further engaged in employment while knowing that they were prohibited from doing so. The 12 men appeared before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso where they were subsequently found guilty of the crimes.

Mavuso issued an order that the Asian men be kept at Big Bend Correctional facility while the ministry of home affairs worked on the process of having them deported back to their respective countries. According to the immigration law, the process of deporting an illegal immigrant must be within a period not exceeding 14 days. It has been gathered that however, the 12 Asian men have already spent 16 days in the correctional facility. According to court papers, the alleged illegal immigrants intend to appeal their deportation judgment. Meanwhile, they are expected to appear before court to make their intentions known.

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

PRINCE Majaha and his former colleagues of Buckswood School on Saturday donated medication and working material to Good Shepherd Hospital and College.

The American school has over the past 10 years assisted royal children in charity work across the country.

The sole purpose of such projects is to improve the livelihood of people in the communities.

They have previously conducted charity work to clinics, learning institutions and care centres where they had also made various donations. When making remarks during the presentation, the prince said they have since made it a tradition to assist in such projects on an annual basis. He said they acknowledged that the Good Shepherd Hospital, in particular, was a very important institution in the Lubombo region.

Prince Majaha, Buckswood donate medicines to Good Shepherd

The hospital is currently the biggest operating health facility in the region which also takes in patients from other regions and outside the country's borders.

Prince Majaha said it was therefore important that the institution gets sufficient support from all stakeholders and other institutions.

He said health institutions were the backbone of the society, which would subsequently translate to the economic growth of the nation.

Also speaking during the donation, Buckswood Principal Giles Sutton said they previously visited and assisted a number of institutions.

He said however, the school had a special concern on health institutions like the Good Shepherd, thus they donated medicines, food, clothing and learning material for the college.

The clothing and toys would mainly be used in the children's ward. In recent instances, the hospital would run short of specific medication. On the food donation, Sutton said they would also be buying vegetables from the Siteki market for the hospital. This would simultaneously help the vegetable vendors as the school will be buying in large quantities.



DONATION: Principal Giles Sutton, Prince Majaha and Senior Medical Officer Dr Koshy pose for a photo after the donation.

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GOOD HEART: Prince Majaha speaking during the donation of medicine to the Good Shepherd Hospital.



OUR FRIENDS: Buckswood Principal Giles Sutton making his remarks during the donation.

Good Shepherd treats over 100 000 patients

DESPITE the establishment of a new hospital about two kilometres away, Good Shepherd Hospital still attends to a large number of patients from across the country.

Senior Medical Officer, Dr Koshy has disclosed that the hospital attended to at least 100 000 patients per month.

The figure is inclusive of the admissions and out patients department.

The hospital has over the past many years been preferred by thousands of people, some of whom come from neighbouring South Africa and Mozambique.

Dr Koshy disclosed the figures during the donation of medicines, food and other material by Buckswood School in partnership with Prince Majaha.

The senior medical officer said the donation came at a time when they needed it most. He said due to the ever growing numbers of people seeking medical attention, the demand for such material also increased. Koshy then thanked the prince and the school for the kind gesture.

He stated that the donation will go a long way in serving the purpose of the hospital and the college. "As we strive for a better health for the community, we are very thankful to such a kind gesture as it will help achieve our mission," said Koshy.



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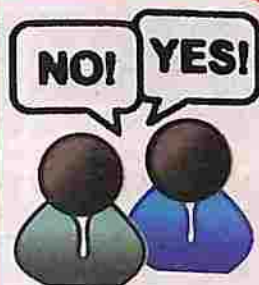
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Guest Writer

There are different styles of leadership and practice shows that there is no single best style to lead but the varied styles become applicable for different situations when leading. Hence, situational leadership is the best style of leading.

Authoritative leadership

An authoritarian leadership style is one that is used when a leader dictates policies and procedures, decides what goals are to be achieved, directs and controls all activities without any meaningful participation by the team members or subordinates.

This leader has full control of the team, leaving low autonomy within the group. The leader has a vision in mind and must be able to effectively motivate the group to finish the task.

The group is expected to complete the tasks under very close supervision, while unlimited authority is granted to the leader. Team members respond to the orders given which could be either punished or rewarded. Authoritarian leaders are commonly referred to as autocratic leaders. They sometimes, but not always, provide clear expectations for what needs to be done, when it should be done, and how it should be done. There is also a clear divide between the leader and the followers.

Authoritarian leaders make decisions independently with little or no input from the rest of the group. Authoritarian leaders uphold stringent control over their followers by directly regulating rules, methodologies, and actions.

Authoritarian leaders construct gaps and build distance between themselves and their followers with the intention of stressing role distinctions. Autocratic type of leader-

AUTHORITATIVE LEADERSHIP, ITS ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

ship dates back to the earliest tribes and empires.

It is often used in present-day when there is little room for error, such as construction jobs or manufacturing jobs.

The rigidity of authoritative leadership

Authoritarian leadership typically fosters little creativity in decision-making.

A research that was done by Lewin found that it is more difficult to move from an authoritarian style to a democratic style than from a democratic form to an authoritarian form of leadership.

Abuse of this style is usually viewed as controlling, bossy and dictatorial. Authoritarian leadership is best applied to situations where there is little time for group discussion.

A common belief of many authoritarian leaders is that followers require direct supervision at all times, or else they would not operate effectively. This belief is in accordance with one of Douglas McGregor's philosophical views of humankind.

The autocratic leader draws belief from two theories. The first theory proposes that it is a leader's role to coerce and control followers, because people have an inherent aversion for work and will abstain from it whenever possible.

The second theory also postulates that people must be compelled through force, intimidation or authority, and controlled, directed, or threatened with punishment in order to get them to accomplish the organisational need.

In the minds of authoritarian leaders, people who are left to work autonomously will ultimately be unproductive, hence the need to always direct them.



Communication Patterns of authoritarian leadership

- Downward, one-way communication, the leader gives orders. hence bottom down communication
- Controls discussion with followers
- Dominates interaction
- Independently/unilaterally sets policy and procedures
- Individually directs the completion of tasks
- Does not offer constant feedback
- Rewards acquiescent obedient behaviour and punishes erroneous actions
- Poor listener
- Uses conflict for individual gain

Authoritative leadership is the best style when leading or implementing change. However, it should have a time limit or else team members tend to develop a dependency syndrome of not performing task unless the leader is watching.

Incorporating autocratic leadership in change initiatives

- Always explain rules - it allows your team members to complete the task you want done efficiently.
- Be consistent - if you are to enforce rules and regulations, make sure to do so regularly so that team members take you seriously. This will form a stronger level of trust.
- Respect your team members - always recognise your team members' efforts and achievements.
- Educate your team members before enforcing rules - do not present them with any surprises. This can lead to problems in the future due to false communication.
- Listen to suggestions from your team members, even if you do not want to incorporate them.

Effects of Authoritarian Leadership Communication Style

- Increase in productivity when leader is present.

- Produces more accurate solutions when leader is knowledgeable.
- Is more positively accepted in larger groups.
- Enhances performance on simple tasks and decreases performance on complex tasks.
- Increases aggression levels among followers.
- Increases turnover rates.
- Successful when there is a time urgency for completion of projects.
- Improves the future work of those subordinates whose skills are not very applicable or helpful without the demands of another.

Limitations of authoritarian Leadership

- Long term use can cause resentment from subordinates. Use this form of leadership sparingly and when absolutely necessary.
- Continued research shows that these type of leaders lack creative problem solving skills.
- Without proper instruction and understanding from subordinates, confusion may arise.

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- 1916 - Adelina and August Van Buren started on the first successful transcontinental motorcycle tour to be attempted by two women. They started in New York City and arrived in San Diego, CA, on September 12, 1916.
- 1935 - "Hawaii Call" was broadcast for the first time.
- 1935 - US President Roosevelt signed the National Labor Relations Act into law. The act authorized labor to organize for the purpose of collective bargaining.
- 1940 - During World War II, Britain and the Vichy government in France broke diplomatic relations.
- 1941 - German troops reached the Dnieper River in the Soviet Union.
- 1943 - The battle of Kursk began as German tanks attack the Soviet salient. It was the largest tank battle in history.
- 1946 - The bikini bathing suit, created by Louis Reard, made its debut during a fashion show at the Molitor Pool in Paris. Micheline Bernardini wore the two-piece outfit.
- 1947 - Larry Doby signed a contract with the Cleveland Indians, becoming the first black player in the American League.
- 1948 - Britain's National Health Service Act went into effect, providing government-financed medical and dental care.
- 1950 - US forces engaged the North Koreans for the first time at Osan, South Korea.
- 1951 - Dr. William Shockley announced that he had invented the junction transistor.
- 1962 - Algeria became independent after 132 years of French rule.
- 1975 - Arthur Ashe became the first black man to win a Wimbledon singles title when he defeated Jimmy Connors.
- 1984 - The US Supreme Court weakened the 70-year-old "exclusionary rule," deciding that evidence seized with defective court warrants could be used against defendants in criminal trials.
- 1989 - Former US National Security Council aide Oliver North received a \$150,000 fine and a suspended prison term for his part in the Iran-Contra affair. The convictions were later overturned.
- 1991 - Regulators shut down the Pakistani-managed Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) in eight countries. The charge was fraud, drug money laundering and illegal infiltration into the US banking system.
- 1995 - The US Justice Department decided not to take antitrust action against Ticketmaster.
- 1998 - Japan joined US and Russia in space exploration with the launching of the Planet-B probe to Mars.
- 2000 - Jordanian security agents shot and killed a Syrian hijacker after he threw a grenade that exploded and wounded 15 passengers aboard a Royal Jordanian airliner.
- 2000 - 10 Bengal tigers, including 7 rare white tigers, died at the Nandankanan Zoo in India. The tigers died of trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness).
- 2000 - Euan Blair, the oldest son of British prime minister Tony Blair, was arrested after police found him drunk and lying on the ground in London's Leicester Square.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Joseph Lewis Thomas (R&B Singer) - July 5 1973 - 43 Years Old



Judge Joe Brown (TV Show Host) - July 5 1947 - 69 Years Old

WHEN GRACE CHANGES RULES - PART 7



BISHOP KEITH HARRINGTON'S CORNER

LAST week we started expounding on the principles that God honours, which if we adhere to would cause God's grace to show up in awesome ways, to the extent of God changing rules, regulations and laws just for us. We were able to cover two important principles from the scriptures that we quoted in the previous edition.

I'd like to go back to the same scripture reference, so that we can continue systematically with this series.

We find our scriptural basis in the book of Acts chapter 3 verse 1 through 8 which is as follows:

"1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have



give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God." (King James Version Lite)

We now continue to the third principle and other principles following in order to build our case.

3. The Law of focus. In verse 4 Peter and John said to the lame man "look on us." One of the greatest difficulties that we are faced with in our time is to remain focused. There are so many opportunities and options available to us whether in business, ministry, career choices and even in relationships, which makes it very hard for one to remain focused. The law of focus is the law that Peter failed to master when he walked on water at the instructions of the Lord in

Matthew 14 verse 22 and 23.

For both Jesus Christ and Peter to be able to walk on top of water is a reflection of the grace of God, changing natural laws in order to usher in the supernatural. Whilst walking on top of the water being sustained by the miraculous power of the Lord which He created for Peter to experience through His word, Peter took his eyes off Jesus Christ and started focusing on the waves at sea. Suddenly fear started to develop on the inside of him as his eyes were now fixed on the problem and had moved from the solution. The opposite of faith is fear and it has been revealed in time past that the acronym for FEAR is False Evidence Appearing to be Real. Hebrews 11 verse 6 clearly states that without faith it is impossible to please God. This means that remaining focused on God's grace and being unwavering in His promises guarantees unusual miracles in our lives.

4. The Law of Expectation. In Verse 5 we read that after the Apostles told the man to look at

them, he responded by quickly doing so as he was expecting to get something from them. Whatever we have an expectation of receiving is what measures how God meets our needs at our level of expectation.

In Matthew chapter 7 verse 7 through 11 we find the following words spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ:

"7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?"

Jesus reveals that as we would give our children what they ask for according to their expectation, God will likewise give us His children freely what we ask for based on our level of expectation. Expectation creates a vacuum for God to fill up through His grace.

This rule is powerful because it shows that even if we were supposed to get a certain thing instead of another, our expectation can cause us to enjoy something that we really didn't deserve, but was made available by God's special grace.

We'll conclude the lessons that we can learn from the scriptures in the book of Acts next week, after which we'll look at practical real life situations, where God's grace changed the rules for us.

Agbodo, your repartee on Africans a painful truth

AN extended and seemingly disputatious comment by a discussant on my equally controversial periodical, (captioned: 'Are Africans really lousy and unintelligent?')

The aforementioned periodical sought to recount how an impolitic Turkish taxi driver impudently and boldly asserted that "Africans are not intelligent". The loudmouthed Turkish driver somehow tried to substantiate his claim by suggesting that Africans have not contributed meaningfully to humanity.

He asseverated further that Europeans however have researched and invented a lot for humanity; North Americans have done their bit and Asians are currently catching up with the Europeans and the North Americans.

The driver nonetheless continued by saying that the South Americans and the Australians are also doing their utmost best to advance humanity.

Insisted

He, however, insisted that he was not familiar with the Africans inventions, but rather cognisant of the incompetence, corruption, nepotism, cronyism, tribal conflicts, poverty, squalor, etc., in Africa.

However numb I felt towards the Turkish taxi driver's painful truth, I engaged in a carefully considered deliberation and came to a realisation that Africans really need a serious introspection, especially our leaders.

Agbodo, a discussant, however, has a divergent view on the ever so contentious subject 'black Africans are lousy and unintelli-

gent'. Agbodo writes: "Kwaku Badu, you must thank the Turkish London-taxi-driver for having given you the best education money can buy for you! He was perfectly HONEST with you, and for that you must be forever grateful to him. That level of honesty is what ALL black Africans need right now to jolt us out of our complacency!"

"The fact of the matter is that black Africans are UNINTELLIGENT human beings! Let me leave the definition of 'intelligence' out of this piece for now. However, the definition of intelligence I am using here is the SAME definition the Turkish taxi used and which you INSTINCTIVELY understood."

"Nevertheless, I want to say here that intelligence does not mean the ability to solve a qua-

dratic equation or to acquire a university degree (something black Africans think they can do and as such consider themselves intelligent). The intelligence or "high intelligence" some human societies possess and which enables them to achieve great feats is MORE than just the ability to acquire a university degree."

"Black Africans do NOT possess the high intelligence of the societies the Turkish taxi driver was referring to. Black Africans confuse 'bookishness' with intelligence or intellect. You must be a young person not to know that it is NOT only the Turkish taxi driver who harbours these views about black Africans, but ALL white people do. White people have for centuries considered black Africans as unintelligent human beings. K. Badu, UK

ENDING CHILD AND FORCED MARRIAGES IN GHANA

By Samuel Adadi Akapule

IN spite of the fact that Ghana was the first country to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child which called for the abolishment of traditional practices prejudicial to the health of children, Ghana has one of the highest childhood marriages prevalence in the world.

On the national level, 25 per cent of females between the ages of 20-25 years are married before they turned 18 years old.

According to the UNICEF 2011 Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS), the Upper East Region has a child marriage prevalence of 50%, the highest in the country. A greater number of girls between 15 and 18 years (27 per cent) are entering marriage, often against their will. This situation is unacceptable and calls for urgent action across all sectors.

Data from the World Fertility Survey indicates that in several African continents, over 40 per cent of young women enter marriage or a quasi-marriage union by the time they reach the age of 18.

There is no hidden fact when a girl is married as a child, her fundamental rights are violated. In other words ending child marriage preserves a girl's childhood, promote her right to an education, reduce her exposure to violence and abuse, and contribute to breaking cycles of poverty that are passed down from one generation to the next. Delaying marriage and childbirth can further protect girls from the risks of HIV infection, death during childbirth, and debilitating medical conditions like obstetric fistula.

Early marriage is a marriage that occurs before a person reaches the age of consent, 18 years. Also known as child marriage, it is the practice where one or both spouses are below the age of 18. Forced Marriage is one that



HEALTH RISKS: A major effect of early and force marriage is the health risks on these victims.

occurs without the expressed consent of either one or both of the parties. Usually, the party whose consent is not sought is the girl and she is usually forced or coerced into marriage although some boys can be affected by this practice.

Effects of child, early and forced marriages on child development

Evidence based research has established that this negative practice is inimical to child development because child and early marriage robs the young girl of the opportunity to be physically, psychologically, emotionally and financially ready for the responsibilities of marriage and childbearing.

Secondly, early marriage increases social isolation and launches girls into a cycle of poverty, gender inequities, and higher risk of dying from complications of pregnancy and childbirth. Early marriage forces young girls to assume responsibilities and handle situations for which they are often physically and psychologically unprepared to handle.

Aside the above, education

which is very crucial to a prosperous life is often truncated by early marriage. It is very obvious that girls who are married are less likely to have an education.

In an interview with this writer, the Upper East Regional Director of the Department of Children, Georgina Aberese-Ako, who confirmed this, stated that early and forced marriages are often driven by poverty leading to many parents and families' withdrawing their daughters from school and forcing them into marriage to relieve their financial burdens.

Effects

Another major effect of early and force marriage is the health risks on these victims. To ascertain this fact, the Deputy Director of the Ghana Health Services (GHS) in charge of Clinical Care, Dr Abdula-Razak Dokurugu, on several forums held in Bolgatanga of the Upper East region, has drummed home that victims of early and forced marriages face higher risks of death in child birth due to the health complications they would have to encounter as result of their tender ages and could also be affected

with HIV/AIDS.

"Child, early and forced marriages are a negative social practice because these young girls lack the mental capacity to make informed decisions about their marriage partners. Many ultimately contract Vaginal Fistula during childbirth because their bodies are not yet mature and ready for the pregnancies", he stressed.

International conventions against child, early and forced marriages

Stated earlier in this write-up, Ghana was the first country to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child which called for the abolishment of traditional practices prejudicial to the health of children, yet she has one of the highest childhood marriages in the world. In fact it should be pointed out clearly here that it was due to the magnitude of the problem in the world particularly in some African countries including Ghana that led to the United Nations Human Rights Council adopting a resolution in September 2012 to combat early marriages.



● "Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities"

● The two most common things in the Universe are hydrogen and stupidity.

● Hard work has a future payoff. Laziness pays off now.

● Life may have no meaning. Or even worse, it may have a meaning of which I disapprove.

● God Bless America, where laws are passed to protect people from the legal system.

● "To argue with a person who has renounced the use of reason is like administering medicine to the dead."

- Thomas Paine

● The intelligence of a group is inversely proportionate to its size

● Lottery: A tax on people who are bad at math.

● Warning: Dates in Calendar are closer than they appear.

● Under capitalism, man exploits man. Under communism, it's just the opposite.

● I judge a religion as being good or bad based on whether its adherents become better people as a result of practicing it.

● There's an old proverb that says just about whatever you want it to.

● If advertisers spent the same amount of money on improving their products as they do on advertising then they wouldn't have to advertise them.

● Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.

● I would never die for my beliefs because I might be wrong.

● Plagiarism is copying from one source; research is copying from many.

● Only adults have difficulty with childproof caps.

● Ever notice that the people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have to wait for them?

Genius may have its limitations, but stupidity is not thus handicapped.

● Life isn't weird; it's the people in it.

● I AM, therefore I THINK!

There are many humorous things in the world: among them the white man's notion that he is less savage than the other savages

● No one is perfect, but some of us are closer than others.

● If it jams, force it. If it breaks, it needed replacing anyway.

● It's not what you say in your argument, it's how loud you say it.

● Anytime things appear to be going better, you have overlooked something.

● If you are good, you will be assigned all the work. If you are really good, you will get out of it.

Ghanaian Chronicle Columnist

THE Electricity Company of Ghana (ECG) has started massive disconnection of power to institutions and agencies that owe them huge sums of money.

Yesterday, there were media reports that power had been disconnected to the newly constructed Cape Coast Sports Stadium for owing in excess of GH 700 000.

Earlier in the month, some of the country's polytechnics were disconnected by the power distribution company for non-payment of bills. The company is even threat-

ening to disconnect power to health facilities who owe them.

The government, through the Power Ministry, about two months ago pleaded with the ECG to stop disconnecting power to hospitals and educational institutions owned by the state.

The electricity company appears to have overlooked that order, as it continues to disconnect power to some of the polytechnics and government agencies. Though this is painful, it is a bitter pill the affected institutions have to swallow. The ECG has always come under

public criticisms for failing to collect revenues from its customers.

In an attempt to deal with the situation, pre-paid meters were piloted and now deployed on large scale throughout the country. Unfortunately, most of our educational institutions and health facilities are still on post paid meters — meaning they consume the power before making payments for what they have consumed.

Regrettably, payment of the bills has become difficult for some of these institutions. The government, which pleaded with the

ECG to soften its stance on them, is also not releasing the funds to offset the debt.

On the last check, it was revealed that the government alone owed the ECG more than GH500 million in electricity bills. The equipment being used by the power company is capital intensive and they need to raise the needed dollars to be able to import these equipment.

Without the payment of the bills, how do we, as Ghanaians, expect ECG to render quality service to us?

Government must pay bills owed ECG, period!

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.5%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	8%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.00 per litre
Replacement	E11.05 per litre
Diesel	E10.95 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES



Correct as at 4 July 2016

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.4950	14.5450
British Pound/SZL	19.2653	19.3318
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.0588	7.0811
Swiss France/SZL	14.8911	14.9363
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3393	1.3498
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.8886	10.9291
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.2548	11.2918
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	4.2083	4.5376
Euro/SZL	16.1438	16.1995
Gold	1,350.8600	
Oil	47.0400	

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Moving Forward

BANKING SECTOR REFORMS

By Linda Dlamini

AUTOMATED Teller Machine (ATM) withdrawal charges, by banks, differ markedly and consumers who use this financial product should be careful of the charges.

The statements of new bank charging fees follows the Central Bank of Swaziland's (CBS) issuance of the Regulation of Banking Fees and Charges Notice, 2016, through a government gazette dated March 29, 2016.

A comparison of the recently released bank charges of the country's leading banks reflected the variation of bank charges that existed when using ATMs.

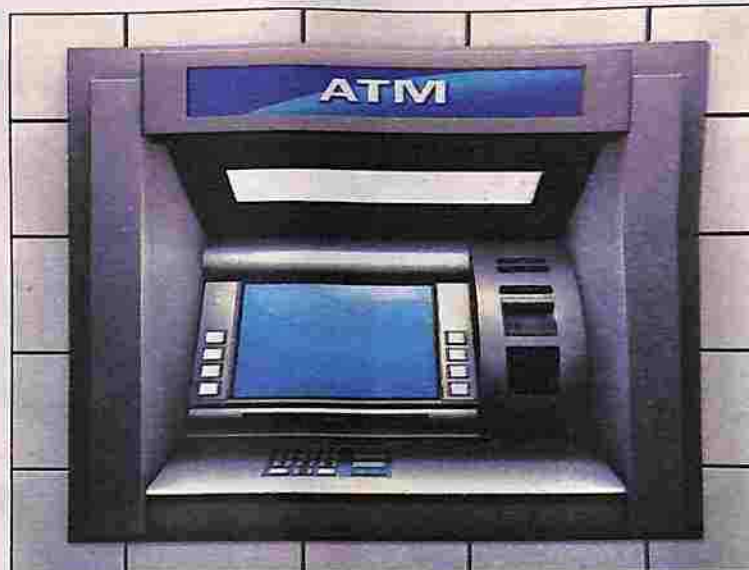
According to the statements released by the banks, it transpired that charges were usually staggered, in that, withdrawing money from an ATM does not cost one fixed fee.

For instance, one bank charges E12 when withdrawing money between E10 and E500; whilst charges for the same bank when withdrawing an amount of more than E 2000 were around E27.

Another bank followed the same staggered approach; however it charges E6 for a withdrawal of any amount less than E500.

Incidentally this amount is half of that charged by the first bank for withdrawing E500 or less.

However, the second bank charged E27 for withdrawing anything above E1500 which could be viewed expensive when compared to the first bank.



Yet another bank, according to its statement, charged a maximum of E16.50 for withdrawing from their ATMs.

It did not detail whether the amounts differed for the different amounts that can be withdrawn.

Interestingly, one bank offered free withdrawals sometimes from its ATMs, however, according to its statement; it did not offer free withdrawals all the time.

When charging ATM withdrawal fees, at first glance, they appeared to be the cheapest compared to the other banks as they charged E5.5 per E500 withdrawal. Noteworthy is that it is per E500, so withdrawing E2 000 has the bank charge of about E22.

It would appear from the above and from the statements issued by the banks that what is key to note from withdrawing from the ATM is the charge incurred from sums less than E500.

For instance, with some banks it is cheaper to withdraw E500 twice to get to E1 000 than it is to withdraw that amount once.

Take for instance the bank that charges E6 for transactions less than E500; whilst they charge E27 for transactions more than E1 500. Had one withdrawn E500 three times the total cost would have been about E18 as opposed to E27.

Another interesting fee is the mini-statement that is printed at ATMs.

It would appear more financially wise for consumers to view their statements as opposed to taking the receipt that is printed, as it incurred fees.

Whilst all the banks charged less than E6 to print the statement, viewing the statement 10 times a month could cost about E60 and viewing them yearly could cost about E600.

Customers' withdrawal of money

from an ATM that is not their home bank could result in hefty costs.

One bank charges E43 plus 1.3 percent of the money being withdrawn another charges E14.30 per E500; meaning when you withdraw E2 000 you would get charged almost E60.

Lastly, consumers should be wary of the charges that are charged with regards to bank cards, it appears the consumer should be careful not to lose their cards as it costs money to replace them.

The cheapest charge for PIN replacement is E45 and the highest is E75. The cheapest charge for lost cards is E45 whilst the maximum charged is E90

Asked about the new changes effective from Friday the Swaziland Bankers Association (SBA) said, banks would independently develop strategic interventions to address the impact according to their own individual assessments.

According to a well placed expert source from the banking industry, who preferred to comment under conditions of anonymity, he said the change would exert more pressure to local banks, that unfortunately are currently grappling under increasing inflationary pressures.

With regards to the effects on the broader economy of the country, University of Swaziland (UNISWA) Lecturer and Economist, Sibusiso Khumalo, said the country can expect positive gains in the long-term.

Swaziland, Lesotho inflation rate highest in SACU

By Manqoba Makhubu

SWAZILAND and Lesotho has recorded the highest inflation rate among the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) member states.

Despite the recent drop in the country's inflation from 8.5 percent to 8.0 percent in May, Swaziland and Lesotho still top the list at 8.0 percent, followed by Namibia at 6.7 percent, South Africa at 6.1 percent.

According to the recent SACU inflation report, the regions inflationary pressures were attributed to the ongoing drought.

The report said food and non-alcoholic beverages continued to record the highest price increases in the inflation basket for all member states, with the excep-

tion of Botswana, where the highest price increase was reflected in the miscellaneous goods and services category.

"For the month of May 2016 compared to the preceding month, it was observed that consumer prices continued to increase in Lesotho and Namibia, while it remained unchanged in Botswana. South Africa and Swaziland recorded slight declines in price in May 2016," reads the report as part.

Inflation

The annual inflation rates of member states continued to be above the inflation target range of three to six percent, with the exception of Botswana that continued to record an inflation rate below the target range.

As a result, by end of May 2016, the report said the mone-

tary policy stance of member states remained generally accommodative with the repo rate/bank rate ranging between 6.00 percent and 7.00 percent.

Compared with its SACU counterparts, the country's prime lending rate fared moderately at 10.5 percent at the same level with South Africa, lower than Namibia sitting at 10.75 percent and Lesotho at 11.63 percent, while Botswana recorded the least at 7.5 percent.

Swaziland's annual inflation rate eased for the first time since November 2015 to 8.0 percent in May 2016 compared to 8.5 percent in April, 2016.

The report said the main contributors to the increase in prices, between May 2015 and May 2016, was mainly the food and non-alcoholic beverages which

accounts for about 29.22 percent of the overall inflation basket.

"The second main category in the basket based on the weight, the housing and utilities category reflected an increase of 4.7 percent in May 2016 compared to 5.1 percent in May 2015. The third main category, transport, increased by 11.4 percent in May 2016 compared to 8.2 percent. On average, prices increased by 0.2 percent between April 2016 and May 2016," said the report.

The inflation rate is vital for purposes of economic policy-making, especially the conduct of monetary policy. It is further used in a wide variety of public and private contracts for the purposes of adjusting payments such as wages, rents, interest and social security benefits.

Postage rates to hike next month

By Manqoba Makhubu

RATES for postal services will increase from August, 1 2016.

This follows an approval by the Swaziland Communications Commission (SCCOM) to raise Swaziland Post and Telecommunication (SPTC) postal tariffs.

In January 2016, SPTC submitted a tariff increase application for the period 2016/17 to SCCOM for review and approval.

SPTC applied for a postage tariff increase of 51 percent over a two year period.

According to the commission, a public notice was then issued in March 2016 to invite public com-

ments.

"Based on the SPTC tariff application and supplemental data provided, and review of the application and submissions made during the public consultation, the commission decided an average increase of 15 percent for SPTC over a period of three years with effect from August 1, 2016," said the commission.

SCCOM said this effectively meant that for the 2016/17 financial year, the postage tariffs will increase by 15 percent rounded-off to the nearest five cent.

According to the approved rates, a standard domestic letter containing items weighing from 100g to 200g, will increase from E16.75 to E19.75, while a standard letter

rate, up to 200g, to any African country will increase from E58.10 to E66.80.

Private box rental per annum for individuals would also increase from E160 to E184, while for companies and government it would increase from E210 to E241.50.

SPTC Corporate Communications Manager, Nqobile Magagula, said they have been advocating for the annual tariff increase as the rate have remained flat while government was still putting the regulator, SCCOM in place.

She said the new rates still remained minimal and affordable and that is their fundamental objective to provide the most cost-

effective delivery option.

"We are committed to providing excellent value for money, our goal is to be a universal service provider of choice for business and personal customers," she said when called yesterday.

SwaziPost, a division of SPTC, has over 30 major outlets and close to 70 agencies, which serves the remote and rural parts of the country.

SwaziPost also serves as a delivery agent for government, paying out social grants, and is a retail outlet for MTN, Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC), SwaziTelecom, Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation (SRIC) and Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC).

Emerging footwear industry faces daunting list of challenges

By Linda Dlamini

ALTHOUGH the country's emerging footwear industry holds great potential, it is currently facing a daunting list of challenges.

According to the Swaziland Leather Chain Strategy 2016-2025 report, prepared by the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) under the COMESA-Leather and Leather products Institute, there are currently a number of Small and Medium Enterprises (SME's) involved in footwear and leather production, however they face a plethora of challenges.

"Almost 100 percent of inputs required in the manufacturing of footwear and other goods, except for traditional regalia, which depend on domestic artisanal tanning, are imported. This scenario has raised production costs for SMEs, involved in this business, as they are forced to travel to



South Africa to purchase these inputs. Their orders are small, as they purchase as individuals, hence they depend on the secondary market," reads the report as part.

The inputs for the industry include heels and soles, finished leather, cutting dies and a mechanical form that has to shape a human foot. The report said the absence of production of the requisite materials was the main weakness in the footwear manufacturing business in the country.

The report said leather was the main input in footwear or leather

goods manufacturing business, contributing 40-50 percent to total cost.

"Swaziland has the potential to produce quality finished leather to support the sub sector, which has the potential of creating employment, reduce poverty and also foreign currency," said the report.

During the national stakeholder's workshop for the formulation of the leather strategy, which was held in Swaziland, the following were identified as constraints: shortage of finance and use of old and rudimentary equipment as major constraints that have ham-

pered the production of quality products and productivity.

100 percent of the participants regarded the poor state and lack of necessary machinery, as the main factor, that was undermining the manufacturing of quality products. The regional body noted that the absence of a dedicated common working facility impacted negatively on SMEs visibility, as some of them were operating in their backyards and in markets.

"Most of the SMEs are of the view that centralised working space could assist to solve a lot of their challenges through collaboration and sharing of equipment, knowledge and skills.

"In addition, this could improve on the viability of these enterprises that would in turn boost their turnover, capacity utilisation and competitiveness. The overall impact to the economy will be employment creation and the enhancement of the livelihoods of the owners and workers," said the report.

Capital markets, first point of contact for foreign investors

By Linda Dlamini

Swaziland Stock Exchange (SSX) Manager, Joyce Dlamini, says the country needs to develop its capital markets, as there is a direct link between capital market development and economic growth.

She said capital markets could provide opportunities for savers to invest into productive enterprises, including the growing local institutions such as insurance and pension funds as well as individual savers. "They are the first point of contact for foreign investors looking for equity, fixed income or other investments into Swaziland, which is a culture that needs to be cultivated in Swaziland, as it is currently minimal," she said.

"At the same time, with Africa set to include many of the world's fastest-growing economies, the continent's securities exchanges need to be the channel for savings to provide the long-term growth capital to



fuel that growth," she added.

Dlamini said the efficiency of capital markets depends on being able to mobilise sufficient capital and allocate it at efficient prices.

"A key problem faced by investors into many Africa exchanges is lack of liquidity, meaning that it is hard to buy or sell a quantity of a particular security quickly and without affecting the price. Boosting liquidity is top of the SSX agenda," she said.

In explaining the twin role of the

SSX, she said it plays both a regulatory role in terms of ensuring investor confidence by operating a fair and efficient market, promoting investor protection and promoting investor confidence.

"That is why to this end, the SSX has been working on the process of acquiring a basic automated trading system to keep up with global best practices. In relation to regulation, she mentioned that they ensure that listed companies comply with listing rules and the regu-

lation of members and brokers."

On the developmental Role, she said the SSX focused on market activity by affording a platform for raising capital by companies and promoting tradability and liquidity of listed instruments.

The SSX also participates in market development in terms of financial literacy and awareness, information dissemination and visibility of listed companies.

She said improved liquidity on an exchange starts with an effective regulation, which promotes the development of capital markets.

On this point, she mentioned that a jurisdiction's institutional and regulatory policy framework can strongly influence capital market development.

Dlamini said a specialised field of economics, known as 'law and finance,' has established that countries with better investor protections, measured by both the character of legal rules and the quality of enforcement, tend to have larger and deeper capital markets.

AUDITING IMPROVES SHAREHOLDERS RELATIONS

By Linda Dlamini

KPMG Partner, Vusi Nkabinde, says audits are conducted to ensure that companies' managers are tabling a true reflection of the company's financial and the administrative results to all shareholders and stakeholders.

He said an audit also provides the public with additional assurance beyond management's own assertions, that a company's financial statements can be relied upon.

Nkabinde said there were statutory mechanisms that companies must adhere to and these involved auditors.

"For instance companies in Swaziland have to comply with section 231 - 239 of the Swaziland Companies Act, 2009.

Furthermore public listed companies have to comply with Section 3.86 of the listing requirements of the Swaziland Stock Exchange (SSX).

Compliance

"And finally compliance with Section 29 of the Financial Institution Act, 2005, which requires every financial institution to appoint an independent auditor," he said. He said other factors that involved auditors were corporate governance and meeting international standards.

"The auditor in conducting his business will satisfy himself that the company's financial statements are in agreement with its accounting records and returns also to ensure the financials of the company; that are audited conform with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and are applied on a consistent basis; and finally, he will want to satisfy himself that statements, made by the directors in their report, do not conflict with the financial statements they have examined," he added.

The audited financial statements are then tabled before shareholders in its annual general meeting so they can be discussed.

Auditors, explained Nkabinde, have a fiduciary duty to report any irregularities to the relevant authorities, even if they are operational in nature.

Attendance

"For instance the auditor has to satisfy himself that the minute books and attendance register, in respect of meetings of the company and of directors and managers, have been kept and are up to date to also satisfy himself that a register of interests in contracts have been kept. And a final duty would be to examine or satisfy himself as to the existence of any securities of the company," he said.

He said given their importance and privileged position auditors were subject to statutory oversight themselves.

"Auditors have to comply with any applicable requirements of the Accountants' Act, 1985, which are to carry out an audit free of any restrictions, to be satisfied that proper books of accounts have been kept, to obtain all information, vouchers, documents and explanations, to complied with all requirements of the law relating to the audit," he said.

Auditors should be satisfied of the existence of assets and liabilities and also should be satisfied with the correctness or truth and fairness of accounts.

The Role of FSRA in compliance, enforcement

ONE of the key roles of FSRA is to ensure that all non-bank financial services providers conduct their business according to the principles of best practice and uphold standards of market conduct as per Section 46 of the FSRA Act, 2010.

Enforcement

The FSRA enforces corrective action where a financial services provider fails or is unable to comply with or contravenes a requirement imposed by the Act, or any other applicable financial services law. If a financial services provider contravenes the above mentioned laws, FSRA may in terms of Section 67 of the Act;

- Issue a written warning;
- Direct the financial services provider to do a specified act or refrain from doing a specified act within a specified period in order to comply with the relevant provision; or

● Impose an administrative penalty under Section 68 of the FSRA Act, 2010.

Before an administrative penalty is imposed, FSRA will give the financial services provider notice of its intention to do so specifying the grounds and the facts supporting the charge brought against it. The financial services provider will be given sufficient time to adequately prepare its written submissions to support its oral submissions during the hearing.



Powers of the Authority

Section 6 of the Act empowers FSRA to take a range of actions in order to apply appropriate enforcement and to effectively discharge its functions. FSRA has the power to issue the following directives when a financial services provider has compliance issues;

- Restrict the entity from conducting business;
- Direct the entity to reinforce its financial position;
- Bar individuals acting in certain capacities from such roles in future; and
- Suspend or revoke any license issued under any financial services law.

Monitoring

The routine monitoring of financial services providers is conducted through both offsite and onsite monitoring. The findings of the exercise guides FSRA on the corrective action to take.

Corrective Measures of the FSRA

The FSRA is mandated in terms of Section 67 of the FSRA Act, 2010 to take corrective measures against non-complaint persons operating within the non-bank financial services sector.

The process of initiating corrective measures entails the convening

of a hearing wherein the non-compliant person is given an opportunity prior to the imposition of a corrective measure; to state their case regarding their non-compliance.

The FSRA uses three key forms of corrective measures in order to encourage the compliance of persons who have been found to have contravened provisions of the non-bank financial services laws.

1. Suspended Sentence

The effect of a suspended sentence is that; where a person has been found to be guilty of breaching a provision of the non-bank financial service laws the effective imposition of a corrective measure is suspended on condition that; should the person or entity be found to have committed the same offence within a specified time frame the corrective measure previously waived would be re-imposed. A person or entity who is under a suspended sentence imposed by the FSRA is still deemed to be fit and proper to operate in the industry, subject to the non-commission of a similar offence within a specified period of time.

2. Administrative Penalties

Administrative penalties are in a form of monetary form. They are imposed by the FSRA in order to; encourage compliance and cooperation from the regulated community as well as to ensure consumer protection. Administrative penalties are aimed at effective deterrence of non-compliance by regulated persons.

3. Debarment and Revocation of license to Operate

The FSRA Act, 2010 lists in Section 46 of the Act, the standards of market conduct that all regulated persons are expected to uphold in the conduct of their business.

These standards include:

- Acting honestly and fairly in the interest of all stakeholders
- Acting with due skill, care and diligence
- Avoiding conflict of interest
- Maintaining adequate financial resources to meet business commitments
- Adequate protection and segregation of stakeholder's assets in their care.

Failure to uphold these standards of market conduct as well as non-compliance with other regulatory requirements which point to the inability and/or refusal to abide by regulatory requirements as prescribed in legislation is likely to lead to a person being declared non-desirable person and eventually result in the debarment and revocation of a license to operate in the industry.

However, before a corrective action is taken, FSRA considers the full circumstances of each case. The following factors may be considered depending on the facts of each case;

- Nature of the breach
- Conduct after breach
- Previous regulatory record; and
- Guidance issued by FSRA.

After corrective action against a

financial services provider is taken, FSRA monitors the compliance with legal requirements and sound business practices by:

- Meeting with the management of the financial services provider to outline concerns and discuss remedial actions;
- Instructing the financial services provider to provide an acceptable business plan that reflects appropriate remedial measures that will rectify problems within a specified time frame;
- Enhancing monitoring of the financial services provider by requiring more frequent reporting and more detailed information.
- Monitoring the progress of remedial actions via reporting requirements, follow up inspections or both; and
- Taking control of the assets of the entity if statutory conditions exist and if there is an immediate threat to the safety of customers and creditors.

Decision

After the hearing, a decision is handed and if the financial services provider is aggrieved by the administrative penalty issued against it, it may request for an internal review or may appeal to the Appeals Tribunal in terms of Section 80 of the FSRA Act.

For comments and reviews email the Head of Consumer and Stakeholder Affairs at mbu-sog@fsra.co.sz or call 2 406 8000.

The Brexit will help SA tourism

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa has strong political, economic, cultural and social ties with its former coloniser, the United Kingdom.

The financial markets suffered as a result of the turmoil in the aftermath of the historic referendum for the United Kingdom to leave the European Union. Brexit has implications for the South African economy, and South Africa must focus on what it can control.

Market turmoil will be the order of the day and the financial services industry in South Africa must ensure that it engages its clients to stay calm. South Africa has been experiencing a currency crisis as the rand has been losing value against major currencies. This has had negative impact on the inflation and economic growth moving from pedestrian to snail pace growth. South Africa is likely to enter a recession as the economy won't grow more than 1% this year.

South Africa imports more than it exports, and this has led to a huge trade deficit as a percentage of GDP. The economy depends on foreign direct investment to drive growth, in line with the country's export led economic policy. The economy is also suffering from the job shedding occurring in mining as the commodities prices have plummeted, and labour costs have increased, increasing the cost of doing business. The unemployed and the employed are

faced by the rising costs in South Africa as the rand weakness has increased the cost of living.

The South African Reserve Bank has been on an interest rate hiking cycle as inflation has been a challenge to manage, trying to balance economic growth and protecting the value of the rand. The majority of JSE listed companies are sitting on record amounts of cash in their bank accounts, refusing to invest in the economy, and create the necessary jobs, we hope the BMF will engage on this issue very soon.

The loss of value for the rand, means that South Africa becomes much more attractive as a value for money destination. Tourism is an export product that is consumed at the destination area, because it is a service that is simultaneously produced and consumed. This means that the majority of the value adding can happen within the country, if the industry is majority owned by South Africans, this is in stark contrast to the export of raw material and the import of the final product that is so prevalent in the mining sector.

South Africa has adopted a flexible currency model, therefore when the loss of the value of the rand occurs, we must arm ourselves with an understanding that it's time to sell South Africa more. South Africa is practically on "SALE" and we must give tourism a greater share of the

national budget so that it can market South Africa. Tourism needs marketing to succeed, as would be tourists must be captured with aesthetically appealing images of the great wonders that await their imminent arrival in South Africa. The return on investment on increasing the national budget for tourism will be increased jobs, for an industry that is labour intensive. Another benefit will be an improvement of the large currency account, as tourists bring their hard currency laden wallets to enjoy themselves in the country.

Tourism is the only industry that has the ability and potential to create a plethora of labour intensive jobs that can change the gloomy reality of poverty caused by lack of employment and high levels of inequality. Tourism is the "new gold" as it produces more foreign exchange receipts than gold mining.

In order to grow our tourism economy, we must be ambitious enough to consider the consumption economy of tourism to have the same political weight as the security cluster. The UK is the number one international inbound tourism market to South Africa according to Stats SA's Tourism and Migration April 2016, with 18.4% of all tourists, while Europe as a whole produces 58.8% of tourists to South Africa.

The Post Office Travel Market survey revealed that South Africa is the third cheapest destination for UK tourists after Portugal and Bulgaria. *moneyWeb*

MTN gets a new VP of strategy, mergers and acquisitions

JOHANNESBURG - MTN yesterday announced the appointment of Stephen van Coller as vice president of Strategy, and Mergers and Acquisitions, effective from October 1.

Van Coller is the former group head of Barclays Africa corporate and investment banking.

He is a qualified chartered accountant with over two decades of experience in financial services and has previously worked for Deutsche Bank.

Van Coller's appointment is a continuation of management changes at MTN. Two weeks ago, MTN appointed Rob Shuter, the chief executive of the European cluster at Vodafone Group, as its group president and chief executive after successfully resolving the

dispute over a fine imposed by Nigerian authorities.

MTN said it was confident that Van Coller's experience would be instrumental in helping the group realise its ambitions and commitments.

In other changes, Brett Goschen, the Group chief financial officer (CFO), would be leaving MTN on September 30, after 14 years with the company to pursue other interests.

Gunter Engling, currently the chief executive of MTN Rwanda, would assume the position of acting group CFO on Goschen's departure, until a permanent CFO is appointed.

MTN said it was confident that the process of reviewing its governance and management structures would be completed by year end. *Africa News Agency*





I-cow project gives hope to Botswana farmers

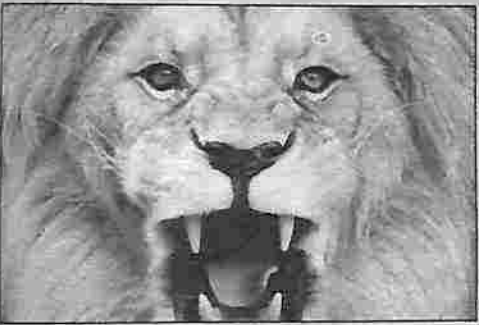
SHUKAMUKWA - Could painting an eye on a cow's bottom really scare off lions in rural Botswana?

That's the breathtakingly simple idea behind the "I-cow" experiment underway in a part of this southern African country where herders are losing livestock to lions at an alarming rate.

In a low-tech, low-cost and beautifully creative attempt to halt lions in their tracks, each cow gets an eye hand-painted - or rather "stamped" - onto its ample behind.

The theory is that a lion eyeing up a beef supper will believe he's been seen and slink away. Results from a pilot I-cow project carried out last year on a herd of 62 cows in northern Botswana's Shukamukwa are encouraging, according to Dr Neil Jordan of the University of New South Wales and the Taronga Conservation Society of Australia, who spoke to News24.

Working with a local farmer and the Botswana Predator Conservation Trust, Jordan gave 23 of the herd an "eye" or a "scary ass" as he puts it. For the 10 weeks that the pilot project lasted, not one of these cows was taken by a lion. But three non-painted cows were. **NEWS24**



Nine anti-slavery activists arrested in Mauritania

NOUAKCHOTT - Mauritanian authorities have arrested nine anti-slavery activists and accused them of starting a riot in which several police officers were injured and a bus was burned, activist leaders said on Sunday.

The arrests were an attempt to use the riot in Nouakchott to discredit the Initiative for the Resurgence of the Abolitionist Movement (IRA), its coordinator Issa Ould Aliyine told a news conference.

"From the first hours of the riots, and even without knowing their cause or the details, an order was given to government media to start a campaign to link the IRA with the violence," he said. The riot on Wednesday started when police moved squatters from the Haratin ethnic group, many of them former slaves, from an area they have occupied illegally for decades, said Cheikh Sid'Ahmed Ould Sidi, the prefect of Ksar where the clash took place.

The Haratin, Mauritania's main "slave caste", are descended from ethnic groups along the Senegal river. They often work as cattle herders and domestic servants.

"What happened was provoked by a movement known for its extremism," said Mahy Ould Ahmed, one of the governors of the capital Nouakchott, referring to the IRA. It was not clear whether the activists were charged.

Reuters

More EgyptAir crash remains recovered

CAIRO - Search teams have recovered more human remains from the EgyptAir plane that crashed into the Mediterranean in May, the Egyptian-led investigative committee said on Sunday.

The search vessel John Lethbridge "retrieved all the human remains that were mapped at the crash location," the Egyptian Aircraft Accident Investigation Committee said in a statement. After delivering the remains in Alexandria, the vessel will return to the crash location "to conduct a new thorough scan of the seabed and to search for any human remains," the committee said. Voice recordings in tact The Airbus A320 plunged into the sea on May 19 while heading to Cairo from Paris, killing all 66 people on board.

Egyptian and French forensic doctors onboard the search vessel supervised the retrieval



process, the committee said.

The recovered remains will be examined by prosecutors and forensic specialists in Alexandria before being sent on to Cairo for DNA analysis.

A committee probing the plane disaster said on Saturday that the memory chips of EgyptAir 804's black box voice recorder are intact and investigators should be able to access them.

The other black box, a data recorder that had also been

retrieved from the bottom of the Mediterranean, has already been accessed.

Investigators said last week that the plane's wreckage showed signs of fire while the data recorder confirmed smoke alarms had been activated.

The plane was carrying 40 Egyptians, 15 French, two Iraqis, two Canadians and one passenger each from Algeria, Belgium, Britain, Chad, Portugal, Saudi Arabia and Sudan. **afp**



ON THE VERGE OF EXTINCTION: Deep in the remote forests of Nepal, a small group of nomadic people, the Raute, still live off the land by trapping wildlife and foraging for the rest. These candid images, taken by photographer Andrew Newey in the Surkhet region of eastern Nepal, shows how they spend their lives living in very basic and rural conditions. Everyone in the tribe, no matter their age, contribute to village life in some way. Now, numbering less than 150, they are truly a disappearing tribe. (DAILY MAIL)

Police escort of buses in - Nairobi 'still On'

KENYA - Police are still providing armed escort to buses plying the Mandera-Nairobi route, the government has said.

"The police escort of buses is going on smoothly within Mandera like it has always been and at no single moment has the operation been withdrawn," Mandera County Commissioner Fredrick Shisia said Sunday.

He said the Friday attack by suspected Al-Shabaab militants that left six people dead

and fourteen others injured was unfortunate.

"We are and shall continue providing security escort to all buses but we insist that no non-local should be allowed in the buses within Mandera and Kotulo area," said Mr Shisia.

Non-locals, he said, would only be allowed into buses after the county security committee meets to review the security situation after Ramadhan ends.

A non-local intending to get

out of Mandera has to use the Mandera-Takaba-Mayale route, proceed to Marsabit then Isiolo and to Nairobi.

He said complaints by police officers that the vehicles they were using were not customised to serve in the area had been received and forwarded to Nairobi and would be rectified soon.

A well-placed source within the police told Nation that the three armoured vehicles assigned to them broke down "long time ago". **allAfrica**

BRIEFS

Zim civil servants plan to strike

HARARE - Civil servants' unions in Zimbabwe say their members will begin a nationwide stay-away today because they haven't been paid their salaries for last month. "Owing to incapacitation by the government's failure to pay our June salaries on time, we pronounce that our members will not be able to attend to duty as from Tuesday July 5, until the impasse has been resolved," says a statement from the APEX council, which represents public service unions. The council represents the bulk of teachers, doctors and nurses who have received only a \$100 advance on their June salaries. **news24**

Lawyers suspended over misconduct

KAMPALA - Two lawyers - Richard Kizito Lumu of Kizito Lumu & Company Advocates and Bwango Badru Arali of Kaija Advocates have been suspended from legal practice over professional misconduct. The duo was suspended in separate cases by the disciplinary committee of the Law Council. **allAfrica**

2 die, 7 wounded in car bombing

BENGHAZI - At least two people were killed and seven wounded in a nighttime car bomb attack targeting a security chief in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi, a news agency and medical sources. LANA news agency, based in the country's east, said a vehicle exploded at around 2:00 am (0000 GMT) in a western suburb of Benghazi as a convoy of cars drove up carrying the chief of a forensic police unit. **AFP**



Govt, Tanzania discuss oil pipeline

KAMPALA - Ministry of Energy officials from Uganda and Tanzania will pitch camp in Hoima District for two days starting tomorrow to review progress of implementation plan for development of the proposed crude oil export pipeline. The Ugandan team is led by Energy minister Irene Muloni while the Tanzanian team is led by Muloni's counterpart Prof Sospeter Muhongo.

US pledges to block stolen funds

NIGERIA - The United States has pledged to ensure no stolen public funds from Nigeria are laundered through American banks. The outgoing U.S. Ambassador to Nigeria, James Entwistle, said on Saturday that the Obama administration was committed to stand with Nigeria in its fight against corruption, particularly by ensuring no stolen funds are laundered through the American banking system. Entwistle said the U.S. government has offered technical assistance to Nigeria's anti-graft agencies for the training of investigators and prosecutors. **allAfrica**

Focus on SA scene

Pistorius unlikely to get 15-year sentence – lawyer

JOHANNESBURG – Disgraced Paralympian Oscar Pistorius could return to jail tomorrow, when a judge is set to sentence him for murdering his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp three years ago.

Pistorius was freed from prison in Pretoria last October after serving one year of a five-year term for culpable homicide.

But an appeals court upgraded the conviction to murder, which has a minimum standard sentence of 15 years. Due to his time already spent in jail and mitigating factors such as his disability, he may be given a lesser term.

"I don't think he will get the 15 years," Ulrich Roux, who is unaffiliated with the case but has followed it closely, told AFP.

"His personal circumstances and the disability will be taken into account. One possibility is that part of the sentence may be suspended."

Pistorius, 29, shot Steenkamp to death in the early hours of Valentine's Day in 2013, claiming he mistook her for a burglar when he



DISGRACED: Paralympian Oscar Pistorius.

fired four times through the door of his bedroom toilet.

Judge Thokozile Masipa, who heard the original trial, will deliver the sentence three weeks after a court hearing that marked another episode of high drama in the long-running case.

Pistorius, sobbing heavily, hobbled on his stumps across the courtroom to demonstrate his physical vulnerabili-

ty as his lawyers argued he should not return to jail on account of his anxiety disorder and depression.

At the sentencing hearing, prosecutor Gerrie Nel argued that the double-amputee sprinter should be given a lengthy jail term as he failed to show any remorse for the murder.

Nel also criticised Pistorius for filming a television interview, despite claiming to be too unwell to give evidence in court.

In the interview – his first since the killing – Pistorius said that he believed Steenkamp would want him to devote his life to charity rather than return to prison.

"If I was afforded the opportunity of redemption, I would like to help the less fortunate," he said.

"I would like to believe that if Reeva could look down upon me that she would want me to live that life."

At a June court hearing, Steenkamp's 73-year-old father Barry broke down during his testimony as he called for Pistorius to "pay for his crime" of murdering Reeva, a model and law graduate. **NEWS24**

Paul O'Sullivan back in court

JOHANNESBURG – Forensic investigator Paul O'Sullivan was to appear in the Kempton Park Magistrate's Court yesterday, going on trial for an alleged immigration offence.

O'Sullivan was taken off a plane at OR Tambo International Airport in early April and arrested in front of his two daughters, who were on their way to attend school in England. He was charged with Contravening Section 26B of the South African Citizen Act because he left the country on two previous occasions using his Irish passport. The Act makes it a criminal offence for a South African citizen to enter or leave South Africa on a foreign passport.

O'Sullivan said at the time he used his Irish passport because his life was in danger. He said Czech criminal Radovan Krejcir, who he had been investigating for years, had ordered hits on his life. O'Sullivan's legal team will likely argue that the charges against him are unfair as he is allegedly the first person to have ever been arrested for contravening Section 26B of the act.

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INVESTIGATED: Forensic investigator Paul O'Sullivan.

'Red revolution coming'

JOHANNESBURG – The Young Communist League will continue to put pressure on its mother body, the SA Communist Party, to contest future elections on its own.

Addressing a YCL national rally at the Johannesburg City Hall yesterday, the league's secretary-general Muleki Dlelanga said the communists must get ready to govern.

Since 1994 the SACP has been supporting the ANC during national and local elections. And some of its senior leaders are serving in the government.

Higher

Among them are SACP general secretary Blade Nzimande, who is the minister of higher education and training.

Taking a swipe at opposition parties, Dlelanga labelled parties such as the EFF and DA as "fake". He called on the youth not to vote for these parties in the August 3 polls.

"This country doesn't deserve to be led by fake people. This country deserves to be led by the ANC and ultimately by communists. This country is for communists," said Dlelanga to loud cheers.

"We are urging you as young communists that for now our people must go and vote for the ANC but as the YCL we are beginning to panic because the levels of frustration that our peo-

ple are experiencing require communism to take a clear path and lead.

"Comrades, we don't have to wait for when the working class will be coming to Cosatu House demanding the communist party to lead this country.

"We must prepare ourselves now because the Red Revolution is coming and we will fight up until we get socialism," he said.

Dlelanga said the league would host a political school later this month to prepare the young communists to take over the running of the country.

Encouraging

Speaking earlier Nzimande urged the youth to vote for the ANC "overwhelmingly".

He said although the SACP was encouraging the youth to vote for the ruling party this did not mean that the SACP was "blind to the fact that there are a number of things that we might be unhappy about in the ANC as communists".

But the party was willing to solve those problems internally as opposed to encouraging people to vote for other parties, he said.

The SACP in Tshwane has suspended 10 members for their alleged involvement in violent protests in the capital city recently. The members will face internal party disciplinary procedures.

TIMESLIVE.

'SABC shenanigans mean free, fair elections will not be possible'

JOHANNESBURG – The consequence of the "shenanigans" at the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) is that "free and fair elections will not be possible on August 3".

Congress of the People (Cope) leader Mosiuoa Lekota said his party "is not shocked" by revelations that were made by former acting SABC CEO Jimi Matthews that he was party to a decision to limit air-time devoted to the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF).

Lekota said Matthews "partly confessed and revealed what is happening in the SABC editorial room, where he, [COO] Hlaudi Motsoeneng and some senior members of the ruling party decided in 2013/14 not to give Julius Malema and his EFF party coverage on SABC TV".

He said a "similar plot was hatched against [Cope] in both the 2009 and 2014 elections".

"There has always been a plot to weaken and destroy Cope and Julius Malema admitted in 2014 that, when he was still a senior member in the African National Congress National Working Committee, he was



NOT SHOCKED: COPE leader Mosiuoa Lekota.

part of a clandestine committee whose sole objective was to execute the demise of Cope".

"Cope strongly believes that with these latest revelations and the current deliberately engineered political chaos at the SABC, free and fair elections will not be possible on August 3, 2016," said Lekota.

"This is already evident with the one sided reporting by the SABC on the election campaigns of political parties." Lekota is expected to outline his "position on the shenanigans and reign of terror at the SABC" later. **timeslive**

SABC has been 'satanic' against the EFF – Shivambu

JOHANNESBURG – Deputy president of the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) Floyd Shivambu slated the SABC for its alleged bias against the party.

This was in response to former SABC acting CEO Jimi Matthews, who confirmed that the public broadcaster had starved the EFF of coverage ahead of the 2014 general elections.

Shivambu hinted that "someone must fall", labelling the public broadcaster's alleged decision to ban the EFF "satanic".

"I hear that #JimiMatthews is revealing the satanic decisions of SABC against the EFF, and how they are fearful of the EFF. Someone must fall," said Shivambu.

Two weeks ago, Matthews resigned as acting SABC CEO. In a letter to the public broadcaster's board chair Professor Mbulayeni Maghuve, Matthews admitted: "I have compromised the values I hold dear under the mistaken belief that I could be more effective inside the SABC than outside, passing comment from the sidelines.

"In the process the prevailing, corrosive atmosphere has impacted negatively on my moral judgment and has made me complicit in many decisions which I am not proud of."

Matthews has said that the SABC's circle of influence,

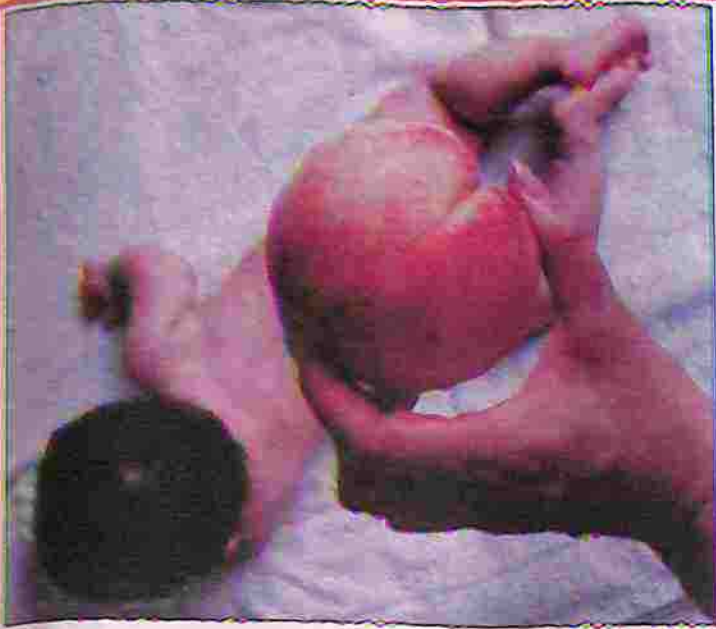


ACCUSING SABC: EFF deputy Floyd Shivambu.

including "certain individuals" outside the SABC, led to the public broadcaster limiting coverage of the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) and its "loud-mouth" leader, Julius Malema, during the 2014 elections.

"When Malema started becoming a nuisance in the [ANC] Youth League and when the EFF was launched, a decision was taken that maybe it would not be such a good idea to cover Malema and his cohorts," Matthews told Meet the Media host Eusebius Mckaiser in a live interview on eNCA.

"It was bigger than Jimi Matthews's decision, it was Jimi Matthews agreeing with the views expressed both inside the SABC and by certain individuals outside the SABC. **citizen**



CHEEKY: Japanese parents have been sharing photos of their baby's bottoms covered by peaches.

Booty-ful babies: Mums covering their babies' bottoms with peaches

The newest trend sweeping social media in Japan may have you scratching your head.

For some strange reason, parents have been posting photos of their baby's bottoms covered by a peach on Instagram.

The photos are simply being tagged with the Japanese characters for the peach, and many of them are going viral.

The trend seems to have been started after a photo printing company Kodomo ran a competition on Instagram.

The competition challenged parents to share photos of their children that they 'want to keep'.

After one or two parents shared photos of their children with fruit covering their bottoms, it seemed to catch on. Soon thousands of others were sharing photos on the hashtag doing the same.

Most of the photos simply feature a baby lying down on its front, with the peach held up by the parent to strategically cover their derrière.

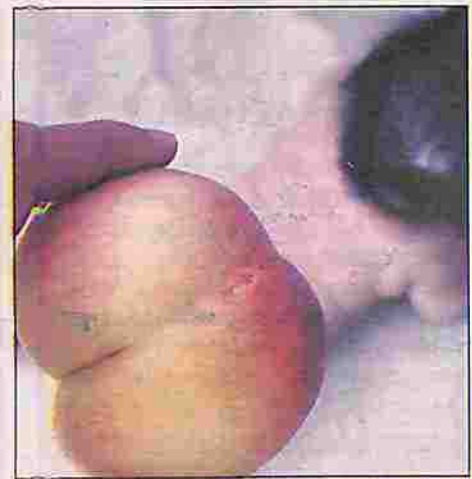
Many of the children looked to be asleep, in their cribs, where they could not move around whilst mothers tried to get the perfect shot.

Some, however, were definitely away, with one child leaning over a chair and another standing up at a small bookshelf.

...for 'cute' social media pictures... but the bizarre trend is a little too reminiscent of Kim Kardashian for some critics



Some parents are even adding cartoons or commentary onto the photos to highlight the cuteness. One photo got more than 1 000 likes and 100 comments, with friends and strangers exclaiming how adorable the concept was. And while there are many other adorable photos of children that have been submitted on Instagram to the competition, we think the peach butts have got to take it out. *Daily Mail*



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Suicide bombing near US consulate

RIYADH - A suicide bomber blew himself up near the United States consulate in Saudi Arabia's Red Sea city of Jeddah in the early hours of yesterday, the interior ministry said. Security officers became suspicious of a man near the parking lot of Dr Suleiman Faqeeh Hospital, which is directly across from the US diplomatic mission. When they moved in to investigate "he blew himself up with a suicide belt inside the hospital parking" at around 02:15 (23:15 GMT Sunday), the ministry said, adding that two security officers were lightly injured. *AFP*

Death tolls climbs to over 200

BAGHDAD - At least 213 people were killed in Sunday's Baghdad suicide bombing claimed by the Islamic State group, officials said, making it one of the deadliest ever militant attacks in Iraq. The suicide car bombing, which ripped through a crowded shopping area and sparked infernos in nearby buildings, also wounded more than 200 people, security and medical officials told AFP yesterday. *AFP*

Britain faces legal challenge

BRITAIN - The British government faces a legal challenge to stop it beginning the process of leaving the European Union without an act of parliament, a law firm announced Sunday. Lawyers at Mishcon de Reya argue that the British government cannot trigger Article 50, the legal process for leaving the EU, without a parliamentary debate and vote authorising it to do so. "The result of the referendum is not in doubt, but we need a process that follows UK law to enact it," said Kasra Nouroozi, a partner at Mishcon de Reya in a statement. *AFP*



Citizens warned of wearing traditional clothing

DUBAI - The United Arab Emirates has warned its citizens to avoid wearing traditional garments when traveling abroad after an Emirati man was handcuffed in Ohio over terrorism fears. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a tweet late Saturday that Emiratis should avoid wearing the garments for their safety. A separate ministry statement urged women to abide by bans on face veils in parts of Europe. *AFP*

Tourist badly hurt by blast from firework

NEW YORK - A 19-year-old tourist in Manhattan's Central Park suffered a severe foot wound on Sunday after an apparent homemade firework exploded when he jumped off a rock and stepped on the device, authorities said. Police said there was no reason to suspect that the blast, on the eve of Fourth of July celebrations, was the work of extremists or that the explosive object had been designed to hurt anyone. Investigators said the object was likely fabricated by an amateur fireworks enthusiast for the thrill of creating a loud noise and flash. *Reuters*



Clinton 'pleased' to speak with FBI in email probe

WASHINGTON - Hillary Clinton says she was "pleased" to speak with the FBI about her use of personal email while serving as secretary of state, but refused to discuss reports that she will not face charges.

In an interview aired Sunday, Clinton acknowledged it was unwise for her husband to meet with America's top law enforcement officer, with the encounter coming in the midst of the FBI investigation that has dogged her campaign to become the first female president of the United States.

"Hindsight is 20/20," Clinton told NBC's Meet the Press programme, noting that both Bill Clinton and



PLEASED: Hillary Clinton.

Attorney General Loretta Lynch have said they would not do it again.

The pair held an impromptu meeting at the airport in Phoenix, Arizona last week.

Clinton, who was interviewed by the FBI on Saturday for about 3.5 hours, refused to speculate on the timeline or possible conclusions of the FBI investigation, and would not comment about reports saying she would not be charged.

"I was eager to do it and I was pleased to have the opportunity to assist the department in bringing its review to a conclusion," Clinton said.

She has apologised for exclusively using a private email account and her own server during her time as secretary of state from 2009 to 2013.

Opponents argue that this breached rules about protecting classified documents from cyber

attack and may have amounted to a crime.

The latest NBC News/WSJ poll shows Republican presumptive nominee Donald Trump with a strong lead over Clinton - 41% to 25% - on honesty and trustworthiness.

"I'm going to continue to put forth my record, what I have stood for, do everything I can to earn the trust of the voters of our country. I know that's something that I'm going to keep working on, and I think that's, you know, a clear priority for me," she said.

"When you've been in the eye of the tornado for as long as I have, I know there's a lot of incoming fire, I accept that." *AFP*



SHAKE IT: The New Zealand Police force surprised the audience at the hip-hop Unite New Zealand championships with an impressive hip-hop routine. A video of their performance was posted to the NZ Police Recruitment Facebook page and has already has been viewed over one million times since it was uploaded on Sunday. The New Zealand Police force went viral this year with a 'Running Man' challenge. (*Daily Mail*)

Michael Gove has 'an emotional need to gossip'

LONDON - Boris Johnson's former campaign manager Ben Wallace writes that Michael Gove is unfit to be Prime Minister because he is a gossip.

There is a convention among campaign managers that, after the dust has settled and a new leader is selected, they get together over a drink and compare who promised to vote for whom. Inevitably, a few of my erstwhile colleagues will have promised to vote for all the candidates. You see, a Conservative leadership election is about convincing one of the most ambitious electorates who is best to lead the party.

Just like the operational tours I used to deploy on in the Army, you learn a lot during the contest. You learn who to trust, you learn who is honourable and you learn who are your friends are. Ultimately what matters in a campaign is not who you vote for, but how you conduct yourself - because we need a functioning party after the event. *Telegraph*

Crime, transport top Rio Olympic concerns - poll

RIO DE JANEIRO - Most Rio de Janeiro residents think the Olympics next month will be a success, but an overwhelming number worry that violence could ruin the Games, according to a poll on Sunday.

The poll published by O Globo newspaper a month before the opening ceremony on August 5 found that 85% of city residents see violent crime as a threat to the success of the first Olympics held in South America.

The next biggest threat cited, at 39%, was inadequate transport.

Health fears such as the mosquito-carried Zika virus came at the bottom of the list, with only 17% thinking this poses a serious

threat to the Games.

International health organisations, Brazil and numerous foreign governments warn that Zika, which is believed to have the potential for causing birth defects if pregnant women are infected, should be taken seriously during the Olympics.

Some athletes, notably golf players, have cancelled participation in the Olympics because of Zika fears. Despite a rise in crime in Rio over the last few months and a budget crisis afflicting the police and public hospitals, the poll found that 61% of locals still think the Olympics will be a success. However, 27% foresee a failure. *AFP*

Australia PM urged to quit after 'Brexiting' himself

SYDNEY - Australia's opposition Labor Party urged Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull to resign yesterday, calling him the "David Cameron of the southern hemisphere" after he failed to secure an emphatic election victory.

Millionaire former banker Turnbull took the country to the ballot boxes on Saturday, but his Liberal/National coalition has so far failed to win enough seats to form government.

Labor leader Bill Shorten, whose party appears to have gained seats in the 150-member House of Representatives but also fallen short of the 76 needed to govern, said Turnbull had to

go.

"This is farcical. Mr. Turnbull clearly doesn't know what he is doing. Quite frankly, I think he should quit," Shorten told reporters in Sydney.

"He has taken this nation to an election on the basis of stability; he has delivered instability."

He said Turnbull's decision to put every seat in the upper house Senate up for grabs in a so-called double dissolution election rather than have the usual half-Senate vote had "made a bad situation worse".

"He Brexit himself. This guy is like (the) David Cameron of the southern hemisphere," the Labor leader said. *AFP*



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SANDS STEALS THE SHOW AT DURBAN JULY

Stories by Simon Shabangu

SWAZI Artist Sandziso Matsebula aka Sands rendered a sterling performance at the 2016 instalment of the famous annual Durban July, on Saturday.

The artist who is gradually dominating the music circles in Swaziland and beyond was one of the very few artists from Swaziland who were invited to perform at Durban July. He shared the stage with a number of great artists at the Durban Tourism Stage which was set-up exclusively for the guests of the Durban Municipality.

Sands did an almost one hour long set, performing some of his famous tracks including Iwozawoza, Intfombatana Lenhle, Vuma, ulisela and closing his set with Ngicacisele. Performing with his full band, Sands won himself a number of fans with his mesmerising voice and professional performance. His band was made-up of Musa Dlamini on the keyboard, Phindokuhle Sithole on drums, Mangaliso Nishangase on bass guitar and Mbuso Vilakati on lead guitar. Sands said he was humbled to have been afforded an opportunity to perform at such

a big and important show by the Durban municipality, through Durban tourism.

"I believe this is not the last time I will receive an invite from them. This is a huge event which attracts people from all walks of life and to have been afforded such an opportunity means a lot to me as a Swazi artist. Durban July attracts important and influential people from all over South Africa and beyond, which makes a complete event which include arts and entertainment at a huge scale combined

reception I received from the audience and I believe I represented Swazi artists well," he said. He also noted that his performance attracted a number of other stage owners within the festival, who wanted to book him to perform at their stands after they watched him perform at the Durban Tourism stage. "We received at least two bookings

soon after leaving the stage as they were impressed with our performance. Unfortunately we could not accept those because we had another commitment back in Swaziland, hence we had to leave soon after our performance," he added.

Sands also thanked his team led by Phila Dlamini, aka Philakoshin, for making it possible for him to perform at such an important event. He said the team is doing a great job in promoting the Sands brand and promised that there is still more to come. Sands shared the big stage with South African DJ known as Touch of Soul, who also gave a splendid showing that kept the audience on their feet right through his performance. Also performing after Sands were Izikhaza, Four and DJ Zihle among others.

with tourism, fashion and sports in one event. I am humbled by the warm

MAKING US PROUD:
Sands.



Chris Brown Leaves ladies sweating at Mother of All Parties...

THE day ended on a high note with the performance by USA Multi Award winning and talented artist Chris Brown, who left the packed crowd sweating from his lively and energetic performance at the all night show

dubbed 'Mother of All Parties' at King's Park Stadium at around mid-night.

The 'Back to Sleep' hit maker pulled a stunning performance which left his fans especially ladies literally sweating from screaming and dancing especially, when he removed his top and displayed his sexy dance moves.

Thousands of music lovers braved the cold Saturday night to watch the artist do what he does best on stage which was set to befit his standard.

The onstage LED lighting and screen added to the ambience, which one man described as among the few to be seen in South Africa.

The artist gave a splendid performance as he rendered most of his famous songs

including Don't Judge me, Ayo, Zero, Back to sleep and deuces among other tracks to finish-off his about one hour performance. His performance was indeed a deserved refresher for the long but cold day at the Greyville Stadium,

...Thousands of music lovers braved the cold Saturday night to watch the artist do what he does best on stage. The artist gave a splendid performance as he rendered most of his famous songs including Don't Judge me, Ayo, Zero, Back to sleep and Deuces

where fashion met sports at the main day of the Durban July, which is synonymous of horse racing and fashion, topping the list of all activities. Batting, drinking and dancing becomes the order of the day on this special day as it attracts thousands of people from all walks of life.

There were a number of local artists who shared the stage with Chris Brown

others being international stars who came with Brown being; American artists Eve and Tinashe, who performed before Chris took the stage to mesmerise his fans. South African artists including Casper Nyovest, and Ricky Rick were among those who were received with rousing screams from their fans, as they took the stage for their sets at the all star show. Emtee and the family from the Ambitouz

Records made-up of Fifi Cooper, A-Reece and Miss Pru DJ did not disappoint as they also gave the fans their best.



VINTAGE FASHION HITS THE CITY

By Majaha Nkonyane

WHAT was popular for the older generation has come back with a bang to appeal to a younger generation, making waves and creating a new trend in fashion.

A group of four young people in the city have gone back in time to bring back the old, making it new. Grounders market has brought to town 'Swazi Styled Collective', a collection of old trendy clothes that were worn by an older generation, to be introduced to the younger age group.

The corporate place food court was jam packed with young people in stylish clothes marveling at a display of trendy clothes items that were on sale. "This is a platform that has been created for the arts industry; we are incorporating music, fashion and poetry," the organiser Mlandvo Thusi, said.

Display

The display of vintage fashion was a launch for many more fashion shows to come that promise to entertainment young people. Cuba Nora restaurant has partnered with Grounders Market to make this a monthly event.

The vintage clothing is collected from different shops or created by



POETRY LINES: Poet Lara rendering 'I will wait' by Jannet Ikz at the Swazi Styked Collective, at Corporate place on Saturday. (Pics: Majaha Nkonyane)

in-house fashion designers that work together to make this work and grandparent's wardrobes have come in handy in some instances, to make this initiative work.



PACKED: A section of the audience that filled-up the Corporate place food court during the Swazi Styled Collective in Mbabane.

The show that drew a lot of young people who packed the food court had a vibrant line-up that was appealing to a lot of young people, from poetry performances by two young poets who delivered ear candy to the young people.

Poet Lara delivered a poem by

Jannet Ikz entitled 'I will wait' and she was soon followed by Poet TK who shared a moving poem about abuse leaving the crowd in awe of his poetry skills.

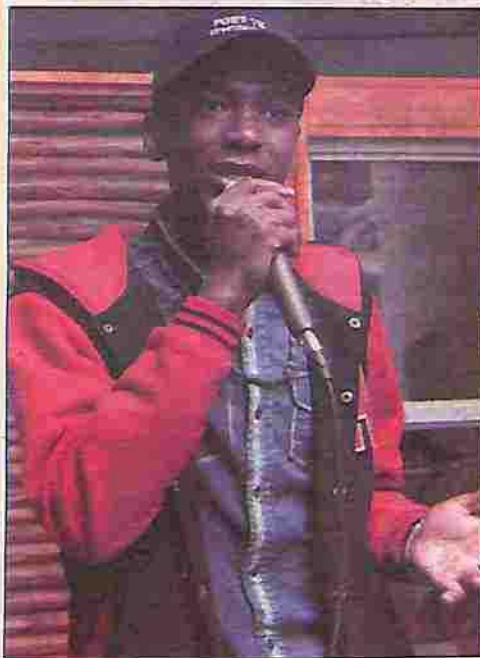
Hit

In addition, Summesson represented the hip-hop genre very well with his punch-lined set which was



FASHION: Nongcebo Malinga poses for the camera in her floral patterned winter shawl complemented by a neck piece.

a hit with the young people, he was followed by PH3 for RnB and they mesmerised the young people, leaving them crying for more.



WORD: TK the poet delivering a few poetry lines.



VINTAGE ON FLEEK: The organising committee posing for a picture in their vintage clothing.



RnB: PH3 crew serenading the audience.



(L) VINTAGE: Sindi wearing Tiwi's Closet with Cuba Nora boss Ivan Patterson.

Brand new Royal Flush kicks-off with The Soil

By Tenele Dlamini

THE end of winter ushers in a brand new House on Fire series, Royal Flush, a classy fun affair that brings the regions hottest music to Swaziland's iconic amphitheatre!

This has been confirmed by House on Fire's Communications Officer, Neto Dlamini.

The much anticipated launch of the Royal Flush series is set for Friday July 29 and will see none other than the internationally acclaimed acapella sensation, The



Soil, set the house alight. "House on fire is looking to raise the bar with Royal Flush. We have

identified top class acts and more over, we are going that extra mile

with our production and are introducing new infrastructure, equipment and creativity," Dlamini said.

Experience

According to Dlamini, Royal Flush will also cater for an all new VIP experience for those companies and customers wanting exclusivity. House on Fire will be setting up a VIP lounge with adjoining VIP seating, dedicated wait service, a private bar, a meet and greet area with the artists along with beverage and platter options will also be on offer.

"The public can certainly expect some glitz and glamour. This all new series is definitely an occasion to dress up for, so look good and who knows, you may find yourself ending the night with some wonder-

ful prizes," he stated.

The soil last graced the venue at MTN Bushfire 2015, delivering an electric performance on the closing Sunday leaving the audience yearning for more. This coming Friday July 29 will be no different the establishment promises.

Feel

"To see The Soil in such an intimate space is going to be spell-binding. Come and feel the glitz and glam of Royal flush," he added.

There are limited tickets to the first Royal Flush event and early bird tickets go on sale at Malandela's as tomorrow. For more information pertaining to the VIP ticket, the public can contact +268 25282040.

FAKE HIPNOTIK TICKETS SELLING LIKE HOT CAKES

By Phumelele Mkhonta

AS the hype for Swaziland's annual hip hop festival escalates, opportunists have seen a chance to make a quick buck by selling fake tickets.

It has been reported that a group of men from Mbabane are alleged to be selling fake Hipnotik tickets at lower prices; selling VIP tickets at E350 which actually cost E600.

According to our source, the ring leader of the deceitful group of men Edward Gumbi* lures vulnerable customers into buying the fake tickets by telling them that they are part of the Hipnotik organisers.

Strategy

These men are acclaimed to be using the 'Tell a friend to tell a friend' marketing strategy to sell the fakes; they have no formal point of

... buyers face no entry

contact or legit advertising platform.

When contacted, Gumbi* confirmed that he was indeed selling tickets.

Moreover, he further revealed that the tickets he had in his possession had run out.

Unfortunate

"Yes I did have the tickets in my possession but it is unfortunate that I cannot sell any to you now as they have run out of stock. They were selling like hot cakes," said Gumbi* during the reporter's investigation.

It is not known as to how many tickets he sold to the gullible public.

Hipnotik's Sales Manager Sikhumbuzo Dlamini warned the public against the buying of tickets from unofficial ticket outlets and feels sorry for the buyers who will

not gain access at the gate.

"Our supporters are urged to purchase pre-sale tickets from our official outlets which appear on our posters otherwise they will be gravely disappointed at the gate during the event," commented Dlamini.

Demand

The Sales Manager also said that they were not aware of the situation but it may emanate from the fact that the demand for tickets is very high this year.

"The demand for tickets has been massive this year in a sense that we had our early-bird tickets flying off the shelves within hours of being available.

"We are not aware of any counterfeit tickets, but it is highly likely that people have taken advantage of the situation," he further commented.

*Not his real name

Switch's 'Moya' official video out, features Rev Mazibuko

By Phumelele Mkhonta

GOSPEL hip hop sensation

Sandile 'Switch' Khumalo has released the official video of 'Moya' which features Mbabane Alliance Church's Reverend Johannes Mazibuko.

The video was released last week Friday and is available on YouTube.

The track 'Moya' is from Switch's current album titled 'Walk in Faith'.

Reverend Mazibuko is not shown in the video but a voice over of his sermon is used.

The music video was produced by Limkokwing University students as part of their project under the guidance

of their Lecturer Zweli Sikhakhane who is an instructor for commercial and music video production. Final touches to the

video were done by Celiwe Dhlamini and Tony Ferreira who are also students at the university.

Inspired

According to Switch, what inspired him to include Reverend Mazibuko was one of the sermons that had been recorded and he collects most of the sermons via softcopy; so

it was the sermon on the video that inspired the project.

"I thought it a noble gesture to involve the Reverend's voice over in the song. He is my spiritual leader and I attend his church; he motivates such projects," commented the rapper.



MTN Joyous assures fans of a bigger set up

By Tenele Dlamini

MULTI-AWARD winning South African Gospel group MTN Joyous Celebration has assured Swaziland that they are more than ready for this Saturday's show.

This was revealed in a press statement supplied by the singing sensation group.

The live show is brought to Swaziland through a partnership by MTN Swaziland and Destiny Music and Sound and this will be the fourth time the group performs in the country.

A team from Destiny Music and Sound this past weekend held final preparation meetings with the group in South Africa to ensure that the anniversary concert lives up to its pre-show billing.

According to Project Manager Mhlonishwa Motsa, they met with MTN Joyous Celebration on Friday together with personnel responsible for different portfolios including security, to tie up any loose ends before the mega show.

"We were hosted by the MTN Joyous Manager Boniswa Ralaure who took us through the main points



JOYFUL: The delegation from Swaziland Ziyawa, Mhloniswa and Themba with one of the MTN Joyous Celebration members.

of what we need to ensure is in place for the MTN Joyous 20 show to be a success.

We are pleased with the lessons gained and this week we will be in and out of the venue putting the final touches for the event," he said. Motsa said they also had the opportunity to watch the MTN Joyous rehearsals.

Important

"It was important for us to familiarise ourselves with the set so that we know how to arrange our programme on the day. The reception the group received in Middleburg was amazing as most of the time was on their feet the audience. We expect to create a similar atmosphere in Swaziland," he said.



POSE: Zaza Dlamini smiles as she poses with Mhlonishwa.

He said the Production Manager of Joyous Sharif Baker also revealed to them during discussions that they would be bringing a stage set up that



PERFORMANCE: The show in progress in Middleburg.

would resemble the DVD set up in Joyous 20. This includes a wider and longer stage.

"Our stage manager Ziyawa KaZitha was present at the meeting so he got a full briefing on the expectations production wise in order for them to reproduce the setting from the DVD. We feel after this meeting we are more than ready for the big show," he said.

Also part of the team was Crime Stop Director Themba Fakudze who was taken through the various security items on the show including the backstage.

MTN Joyous Celebration will be

performing at the Mavuso Trade Centre on July 9 at Hall number 1.

This year the prices stand as follows; E220 for general tickets when bought before the show while at the gate they will cost you E250. VIP is retailing at E490.

The tickets are available at the usual outlets, which are MTN Swaziland Service Centres, Destiny Music and Sound stores and Nandos' outlets.

While gates will open at 5pm. For more information on the show you can follow the show's 'MTN Joyous Celebration 20 in SD' as well as MTN SD's official Facebook pages.

JOYOUS CELEBRATION 20 in Swaziland



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HIGHLIGHTS



FAMOUSLY SINGLE

Tonight, 21:00 | E!
Entertainment Television
(124)

"S1/E3 - Will They Or Won't They?". The singles are tasked with throwing a house party at their posh LA loft. Calum Best shares with Dr Darcy the dark root of his relationship issues.

Fame and fortune may come with a lot of privileges, but the guarantee of a successful dating life isn't one of them. In this

brand new series, E! uncovers the fascinating romantic lives of eight Hollywood celebrities, who are forced to live together in a Los Angeles loft. Follow the celebs as they go through a series of group exercises, one-on-one sessions and real dates and get an intimate look at the stars' emotional journeys as they challenge each other and learn how to find love. Watch Famously Single every Tuesday at 21:00 on E!

ROOTS

Tomorrow, 20:30 | HISTO-
RY (186)

After more than 20 years in England, Chicken George is finally given his freedom. George returns to the Lea farm to discover that his family was sold off to another family in



North Carolina in his absence. He tracks them down and finds his youngest boy, Tom, a master blacksmith, is now the

leader of the family. As the Civil War erupts, Chicken George and Tom will battle ever escalating threats to reunite their family and lead them to freedom. Starring Laurence Fishburne as Alex Haley.

ALEX AND CO

Thu 07 Jul 2016, 17:25 |
Disney Channel (303)

A group of friends start secondary school on a higher education course. The friends find a secret place where they nurture their bond and their passion for music. Summer is over and Alex's par-



ents announce that he will have to move to America! Alex isn't happy about this at all, and together with Joe and his friends

tries his best to stay. Watch the continuing adventures only here on Disney Channel as part of the Thank Disney It's

Thursday block from July 7 at 17:25!

CSI: CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

Thursday July 7, 2016, 19:05 |
SONY (127)

"S9/E19 - The Descent Of Man". Nick's case of a deceased skydiver takes an interesting turn when Catherine discovers there may be a connection between the skydiver and a mysterious double murder case.

CSI: Crime Scene Investigation is the groundbreaking drama about a team of forensic investi-

gators trained to solve criminal cases by scouring the crime scene, collecting irrefutable evidence and finding the missing pieces that solve the mystery. The series has made DNA a household term to millions of fans in over 170 countries who learned the importance of blood, saliva and skin as evidence and how those elements help solve crimes. Watch double bill episodes from Tuesday July 7 at 20:00.

NEW ON ZEE WORLD

STARTING this July, Zee World brings its viewers a whole new hour of programming, which means our viewers now have a choice of five fresh soaps daily from Monday to Friday.

We have had phenomenal support from our loyal viewers on Zee World, which has prompted us to bring more extraordinary content and increasing our fresh hours daily to five hours excluding our food shows.

The new fifth slot will kick off with the series Krishi, which will air from

22:00 to 23:00.

Krishi is the story of a young woman who rises from modest beginnings to a successful career. Krishi Raj dreams of becoming a development officer in the government sector, her family's financial status, however, makes it difficult for her to afford a decent education.

Her father and family have made many sacrifices to make sure that Krishna receives the education necessary to achieve her goal.



Coming to your screens in July is The Governor!

EbonyLife TV has discovered a female deputy governor who has so much zeal and determination to make it to the top.

But why don't we know anything about her? A woman who exceeds the norm has been creating boundaries that no man has ever surpassed, alongside the enemies that detest change. With newly thought-out plans that upsets the political



cabal which she now dwells in, how will she fair? EbonyLife TV presents to you a new drama series anticipated to get tongues wagging...The Governor!

Portrayed

Angela Ochello is portrayed by Caroline Chikezie, a British-born actress and producer who is known for her roles in the British drama series Footballers Wives, As If and Torchwood, not forgetting /Eon Flux (2005), Eragon (2006) and The Sweeney (2012).

Other notable actors

include: Bimbo Manuel - who is known for his role in the 2014 film October 1, Tango

With Me and The Kingmaker - Taiwo Obileye, Kunle Coker, Lord Frank, Jude Chukwuka, among others.

The producer, Quinty Pillay, voiced: "When all efforts culminate into beautiful locations, a dedicated crew, a phenomenal cast...the path leads you to a sensational series - The Governor. Her quest for change is brutal."

Director Ema Edosio said: "The Governor is a series that combines class, strength, determination and heart. It is smartly written with brilliant performances. It was an honour working on such an inspirational story." Ladies and gentlemen, The Governor will be with you shortly. Premiering on Thursday July 7, 2016 on EbonyLife TV.

ZEE WORLD WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS4 - 8 JULY SALONI

Urvashi is in an accident and reveals the identity of Saloni's daughter. Advitya tells the police that Urvashi's death wasn't an accident. Amrit tries to help Saloni but ends up exposing himself. Saloni reveals to Sawri who her real mother is. Bhabo tells Tara that they need to get rid of Sawri and Tara in turn tells Sawri to leave the house. Bhabo hires a nanny for Shweta but the nanny seems to have a hidden agenda.

THE VOW

A new member of the family comes into the house and Sindoor is making plans to make Vydia look bad. Sindoor convinces Vydia that leaving the family could help the family. Gayatri investigates and finds out that Vydia is innocent. Gayatri and Vydia team up against Sindoor. A man claiming to be Heera comes into the Singh family but the family seems to be in doubt and are unable to expose him.

SACRED TIES

Archana sees Dharmesh and it's clear that she's hiding something from everyone. Manav finds out the truth about the boy and his mother. Manjusha gets worried when she sees Manav carrying a mysterious box. Swati reveals to Archana the identity of those that framed Manav. Madhuri asks Dharmesh to grant her another child. Dharmesh asks Archana not to reveal his secret.

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International
Celebrity News

Khloe devastated as Rob breaks pregnancy news

LOS ANGELES - Khloe Kardashian admitted she felt 'sad' and 'empty' on Sunday's episode of *Keeping Up With The Kardashians* after her brother Rob revealed he and Blac Chyna were expecting a baby.

Holding her head in her hands, Khloe could barely look at her brother and barely managed to grunt 'congratulations' when he told her his girlfriend was pregnant with his child.



DAD TO BE: Rob Kardashian

Addressing the camera, she admitted: 'I don't know my emotions right now. I feel more empty and unresolved than anything else and I'm internally sad.'

Rob broke his baby news to his three stunned sisters after they learned via social media about his

engagement while a family vacation.

Mail Online

Kate Moss looks worse for wear

PARIS - She's no stranger to a fashionable party, having strutted down runways the world over.

And on Sunday night Kate Moss couldn't resist letting her hair down in Paris as she and a host of the world's most fashionable faces partied up a storm during the city's haute couture fashion week.

Attending the star-studded Miu Miu cocktail party alongside her beau Count Nicklái von Bismarck,

the supermodel, 42, looked to have thoroughly enjoyed her evening out in the French capital. And Kate certainly seemed to have enjoyed her night out, as the world-famous fashionista seemed slightly worse for wear as she left the bash after her stint on the decks.



WORSE: Kate Moss.

Appearing bleary eyed as she emerged from the venue into the evening rain, the Croydon-born model seemed to have enjoyed the shindig immensely.

Mail Online

Rihanna pulls out of Lollapalooza

COLOMBIA - Rihanna has reportedly pulled out of headlining Lollapalooza Colombia over Zika virus fears.

And the move has caused organisers to cancel the two-day music festival after they couldn't find another headline act to fill her spot.

While organisers didn't name her, Rihanna, 28, has been identified as the performer who



PULLED OUT: Rihanna.

dropped out of the festival by Colombian news outlet

'The organisers wish to express their deep appreciation to all the fans who supported the festival since day one, as well as the sponsors and the

media partners,' festival organisers wrote in a statement in Spanish.

Mail Online

Al Pacino dwarfed by his much younger girlfriend

MALIBU - He is one of the biggest stars in the business.

But that was not enough to stop Al Pacino being dwarfed by his much younger girlfriend Lucila Sola as she stepped out for a meal in Malibu on Sunday.

The busty beauty looked totally enraptured by the 76-year-old as they strolled through the

car park together as they headed into the posh Nobu eatery.

Godfather legend Al was looking good for his age in a black trenchcoat, pullover and trousers.

The dark colouring of his clothes had the added benefit of disguising the slightly pudgy belly he had shown off

while on a trip to the theatre in Hollywood on Friday. *Mail Online*



EMBARRASSED: Lucila Sola and Al Pacino.

SA Celebrity News

Kabomo Vilakazi accused of being a 'crook'

JOHANNESBURG - This comes after it emerged that the Sekusile hit-maker allegedly owes Scandal! actors, Sello Maake Ncube (Lucas), Kagiso Modupe (Mangaliso) and Generations: The Legacy actor and 5FM radio presenter, Thando Thabethe (Nolwazi), for their roles in his movie titled *The Melody*.

The movie was shot two

months ago in Jozi.

It's alleged Kabomo owes Kagiso an estimated R50 000, Sello R70 000 and Thando R40 000.

It's alleged Kabomo has vacated his house in Paulshof, in Sandton, and changed his contact details.

Kagiso said: Kabomo lured him into taking up a role in the movie, but hasn't paid him. *Daily Mail*



CROOK: Kabomo Vilakazi.

Khanya Mkangisa dumps boyfriend

JOHANNESBURG - TV personality Khanya Mkangisa is officially a single woman after revealing that she has parted ways with her beau, Matli Mohapeloa.

The couple have been on-and-off for a long time, with Khanya once even denying she was in a relationship with the actor.

But their social media accounts painted a different story.

Matli posted a picture of himself and Khanya late last year, thanking her for putting up with all his nonsense:

"Thank you for taking my sh*t, for always wanting to try work on us even when the odds were against us. *Drum*



SINGLE: Khanya Mkangisa.

Luna regrets tweeting Emtee

JOHANNESBURG - Award-winning rapper Emtee has allegedly stepped on the toes of an aspiring hip hop producer.

Luna Florentino (20) is angry at Emtee for allegedly disrespecting him on Twitter.

Luna (real name Koketso Ramafuthula), from Rustenburg, told Sunday Sun he tweeted Emtee, asking for his email address.

"I wanted to send him a beat I had made so he could listen to it. But instead, he was arrogant," said Luna.

He said Emtee's response threw him off.

Luna said: "I regret tweeting him. In future, I won't work with him, even if an opportunity avails itself."

Luna said he didn't expect such a reaction from Emtee from someone who has just made it in the game.

Drum



HIT BACK: Emtee.

Sammy Sosa has found a love king!

JOHANNESBURG - Power FM and former Metro FM DJ, Sammy Sosa Lehoko, has found love!

Sunday Sun can reveal that Sammy has found her Prince Charming in Deetoy Ramakhoase, from Sebokeng, in the Vaal.

And the former YFM DJ can't hide her excitement about it. She's been posting pictures of herself and Deetoy, who is also

known as "King Deetoy".

The Power FM Power Weekend presenter has been seen with Deetoy and she's also declared her undying love on Instagram.

She posted a picture of them together saying: Life always presents itself with highs and lows, ups and downs, happy moments and sad ones. People come and go in our lives, but there will always be those you just can't let go of. *Daily Sun*



IN LOVE: Sammy Sosa Lehoko and Deetoy Ramakhoase.

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Samson plays dirty to secure the votes he needs to squash Mpiyakhe. Pam worries about her sex life, while things seem to be heating up between Jabu and Zama. Mabuyi's mysterious visitor finally tracks her down.



PLAYING DIRTY: Samson.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Gabriel's presence on site gets Nikiwe riled up. Nina tries to talk Obakeng out of hating his mother. Lerato and Kamogelo kiss and make up.

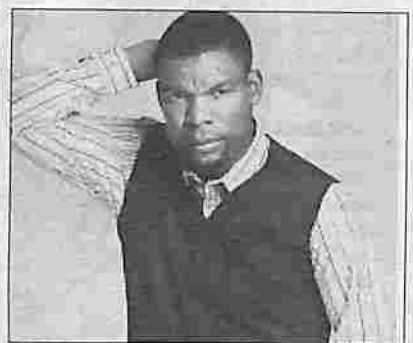


TALKING SENSE: Nina.

Muvhango

TODAY

Azwindini is devastated over his sons. Vusi's stalker is revealed. Mulimisi finds himself in a love triangle.



DEVASTATED: Azwindini.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Jafta lies to his brother about being a businessman. Mkhushulwa talks Jafta into fixing up the farm. Niki confronts Puleng about sleeping with Themba. Ntombizodwa and Puleng plead with her to keep this a secret. Fats bends over backwards to please Lihle.



CONFRONTATION: Niki



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 - January 19 - You are probably hard to control and very unpredictable these days. Your drive for independence is obvious and clearly the common and the traditional are not for you. Anything else but that! You pursue alternative or nonconformist solutions to life with great energy. You are aggressive in the pursuit of gaining insight into all that is new, different and out of the ordinary.



Aquarius January 20 - February 18 - You may fear being too harsh or forceful when dealing with others at work, especially in a one-on-one situation. Remember that part of your job on earth is to inform and guide; you don't have to make others change. Whether people respond the way you expected can be a whole other story. This could be a most rewarding day as you learn to let go of expectations. Surprises are positive and may change your outlook. You are learning to clear your mind in order to move forward.



Pisces February 19 - March 20 - You have a natural ability to work with the public. You may be working with the public quite a bit for the next few days. You can handle emotional and personal issues where angels fear to tread. People sense this about you and trust you with sensitive matters, inner worries and questions of personal identity. You have a real mission and a sense of purpose. Yours is a reflective mind and a mirror for others. You may be a mediator or negotiator. You could win awards for this talent.



Aries March 21 - April 19 - You tend to be creative and original in your work and career, managing to bring new ideas and spontaneity to bear. You are gifted and even a little lucky when it comes to business decisions. Things seem to work out magically. Your career always seems to get the support you need—you will be pleased at the way this area of your life runs.



Taurus April 20 - May 20 - You are coming into a creative and competitive phase now, one in which you want to be admired and appreciated for what you do and who you are. You are an aggressive prime mover, a starter, able to initiate and get things moving. Your energies run effectively toward making yourself felt in the material, outer world. You are an action person who gains the attention of others and performs efficiently. The circumstances of your life suggest extroversion.



Gemini May 21 - June 21 - Ideas, mental things and information exchange are central to your outer makeup. There will be plenty of opportunities for communicating your ideas to others today. Communication is the interface that holds the rest of you together. All things pale beside your basic drive and the emotions you so freely exhibit. Your world revolves around feelings and the meaning you give to things. Any project you desire to accomplish should have successful results at this time. Knowing your family medical history can be very helpful in the future. A new member of your family is interested in helping you gather the family history. Get a notebook, if you do not have one; then take



notes on medication, births, deaths, etc.

Cancer June 22 - July 22 - Financial transactions are favoured today. Do some research of your own without trusting another person's opinion when investing or taking chances with high-risk endeavors, give yourself time for a change of mind—it just seems the wise thing to do for now. Your sense of discrimination and innate good taste means that you know good items from bad and are a connoisseur of all that is fine and beautiful.



Leo July 23 - August 22 - You will give way to others in many situations. In some area of your life, you may find that you must constantly be aware of needing to quietly take the back seat, so to speak, as you feed other people's egos. When you feel you have achieved what you have set out to accomplish at this time, you will want to make a few changes in your life in order to enjoy a balance.



Virgo August 23 - September 22 - You are very straightforward when it comes to security—you seldom make a move that does not strengthen your position. There are opportunities to move up the career ladder today, but you must pay attention. You pursue responsibilities the way others pursue pleasure and you even invite obligations. An upcoming career move is a solid move for you. Investment opportunities are available now as well.



Libra September 23 - October 23 - This whole day you may appear more charming and refined than usual. Now could be the time to make your request for a date, apply for a job raise, promotion or a loan. Your drive and emotions take conservative and well-traveled paths—carefully avoiding the new and different. You may have trouble feeling spontaneous and become too dependent on others.



Scorpio October 24 - November 21 - With a great interest in the business and practical world, your mind works like a steel trap when it comes to making career and management decisions. It looks as though past career problems are now going to work. You have a need to get at the heart of things, whatever is under the surface or behind the scenes. Your pursuit of anything hidden or secret makes you a researcher or investigator bar none. Emotionally, you are also hot stuff, rushing into areas and handling subject matters that others would never come near.



Sagittarius November 22 - December 21 - Taking care of business is a major theme where your emotional orientation is concerned. You crave organisation and practicality and want to get things accomplished. You aim to have a place for everything and everything in its place—anything that gets in the way gets on your nerves. It is easy for you to work with those in authority—those older and more experienced than you. You enjoy working with others and are able to organise and handle matters that transpire.



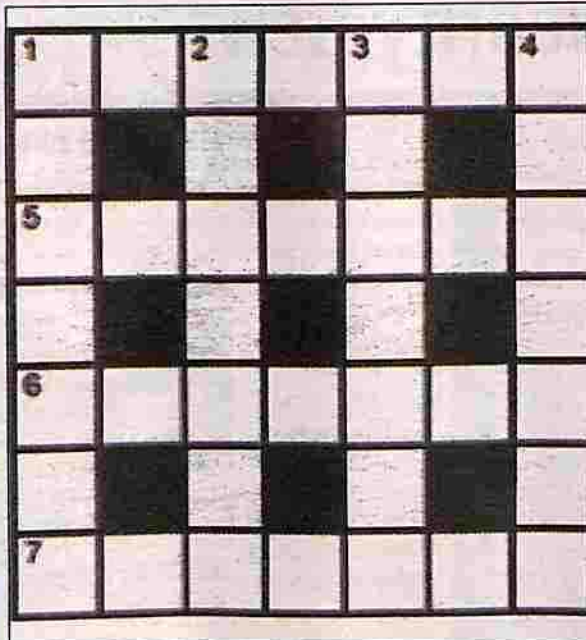
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

MINI CROSSWORD - 09
PUZZLE CHOICE

Down

1. Course certificate
2. Cut of meat
3. Poorly balanced
4. Embarrassing mistake

Across

1. Move deeply
5. Upstart
6. Bombastic
7. Ring-shaped

PUZZLE
CHOICE

Teacher: What small bee gives you?
Kid: Honey!
Teacher: What small goat gives you?
Kid: Milk!

LOL
And what buffalo gives you?
Kid: Home work!

USELESS FACTS

1. The first Eagle Scout west of the Mississippi is buried in San Marcos, Texas.
2. The parking meter was invented in North Dakota.
3. Iowa has more independent telephone companies than any other state.
4. The geographical center of North America is near Rugby, North Dakota.
5. Parish, Jefferson Parish, Assumption Parish, etc.
6. The Bronx, New York got its name from explorer Henry Bronk.

BRAinteasers
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Yesterday's Brain Teaser

1. When I'm young I'm tall
When I'm old I'm short
When I'm alive I glow
Because of your breath I die
What am I?
A. A Candle
2. What has 3 feet and nothing else
A. A yardstick

Today's Brain Teaser

1. Is a peck larger than a bushel?
2. Rough and gray as rock,
I'm plain as plain can be.
But hidden deep inside there's great beauty in me.
What am I?

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REAL MADRID TO BE HIT WITH £15M PENALTY

...after European Commission conclude Spanish club received illegal state aid

MADRID - Real Madrid's summer spending capacity is set to be hit with a £15million (€18.2m) penalty after the European Commission concluded the club received illegal state aid from the city council and must pay the money back.

The EC Competitions Committee president Margarethe Vestager has finally reached her conclusion and the club should be informed of the decision this week.

In 1998 Madrid sold their training ground to the city council. As part of the deal they were given a small parcel of land called 'Las Tablas'. At the time this piece of land was valued at €350 000 (€421 000).

The council later told Madrid that they had made a mistake - that Las Tablas was never really theirs to give to the club and so they would refund them the value of the land.

But in 2011 when they calculated the new value it was revalued at



ON SALE: Colombian midfielder James Rodriguez.

£19m (€22.7m) - a 5 400 per cent rise in price well above equivalent property values.

The EC have decided that the revaluation was incorrect, that it amounted to the state giving money to Real Madrid, and that the club needs to return the money to the public purse

in Spain.

Madrid are already looking to cash-in on Colombian midfielder James Rodriguez in an effort to raise funds for a big summer spend. They will now need to find a further £15m to satisfy the EC.

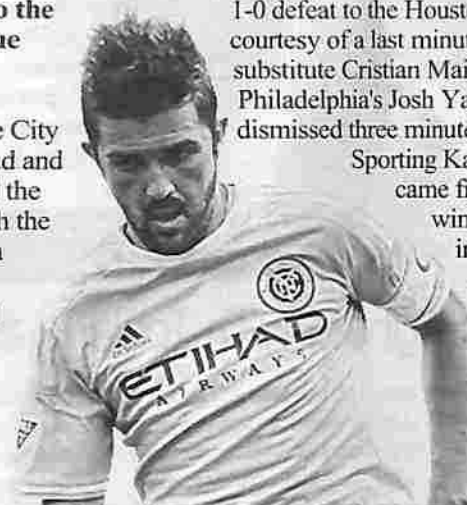
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Villa strikes as New York City beat rivals New York Red Bulls

NEW YORK - New York City beat local rivals New York Red Bulls 2-0 to move to the top of Major League Soccer's Eastern Conference.

Jack Harrison gave City an eighth-minute lead and David Villa doubled the lead midway through the second half, before a bad day for the Red Bulls was capped 11 minutes from time when Chris Duvall was sent off.

ON TARGET: David Villa.



City are now a point clear of the Philadelphia Union, who slipped to a 1-0 defeat to the Houston Dynamo courtesy of a last minute goal from substitute Cristian Maidana.

Philadelphia's Josh Yaro had been dismissed three minutes earlier. Sporting Kansas City came from behind to win an entertaining match against Columbus Crew 3-2 and move into the Western Conference play-off

places. Ola Kamara gave Columbus a 42nd minute lead but the hosts were level early in the second half when Benny Feilhaber converted a penalty after Tyson Wahl had been dismissed for fouling Dom Dwyer.

Kansas led 2-1 in the 56th minute when Graham Zusi fired in from the edge of the box but Kamara got his second goal of the game to level 15 minutes from time - only for Matt Besler to head an injury-time winner for the hosts.

Jordan Hamilton gave Toronto FC the lead on the hour in their match against Seattle but the Sounders levelled almost immediately through Jordan Morris - and it finished 1-1.

DailyMail

Gatlin scorches to Rio, Felix powers home

EUGENE - Justin Gatlin clocked the fastest 100 metres of the year to book his ticket to Rio at the US Olympic trials on Sunday as Allyson Felix shrugged off her injury woes to power to victory in the 400m.

Gatlin won in a blistering 9.8 seconds at Hayward Field to edge out young pretender Trayvon Bromell who was second in 9.84 seconds with Marvin Bracy third in 9.98 seconds. The win sends the 34-year-old 2004 Olympic champion to Rio as the biggest threat to reigning champion Usain Bolt.

Gatlin, twice banned for doping offences during his controversial career, had earlier signalled his readiness by setting a season-best 9.83 seconds in the semi-finals.

"I was trying to get me a ticket on that boat going to Rio," a delighted Gatlin said afterwards.

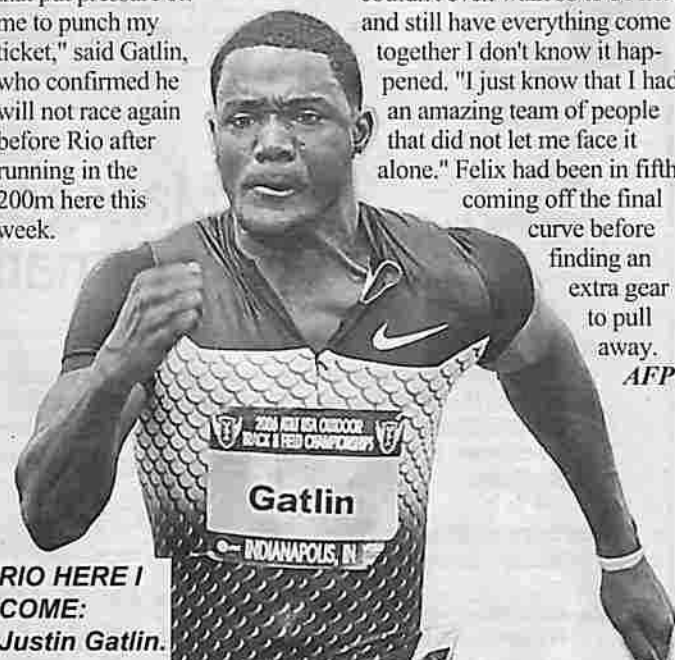
"My family has a ticket and that put pressure on me to punch my ticket," said Gatlin, who confirmed he will not race again before Rio after running in the 200m here this week.

Asked if he had a message for injured Jamaican rival Bolt, Gatlin smiled and gave a thumbs up. "I don't know how you print this - but you can print that Emoji thumb," he joked.

Gatlin's season-best time was matched in the women's 400m by Felix, who kept her dream of an Olympic 400-200 double alive with a gutsy victory hailed by her coach Bob Kersee as her best ever. Felix, who has been hampered by an ankle injury following a freak training accident in April, surged home down the stretch to win in 49.68 seconds, the fastest time in the world this year. The 30-year-old from Los Angeles is aiming to become only the third woman after Valerie Brisco-Hooks of the US in 1984 and Marie-Jose Pécé of France in 1996 to have won the 200m and 400m in the same Games. "I don't even think I can put it into words," said Felix. "Two months ago I couldn't even walk so to be here and still have everything come together I don't know it happened. I just know that I had an amazing team of people that did not let me face it alone." Felix had been in fifth coming off the final

curve before finding an extra gear to pull away.

AFP



RIO HERE I COME: Justin Gatlin.

CAS says to rule on Russian athletes by July 21

RUSSIA - The Russian Olympic Committee (ROC), the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) and 68 Russian athletes have agreed the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) will settle a dispute over the athletes' participation in next month's Olympic Games, CAS said yesterday.

"The parties have agreed to an expedited procedure which should conclude on July 21 2016 with the issuance of the final decision," CAS said in a statement.

The athletes are opposing a world athletics federation (IAAF) ban of all Russian track and field athletes following widespread doping allegations which rocked the world of sport.

The athletes say they are being punished despite having competed without doping and that they should be eligible to race at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics next month.

Reuters

It's his fault! Lewis Hamilton, Nico Rosberg blame each other

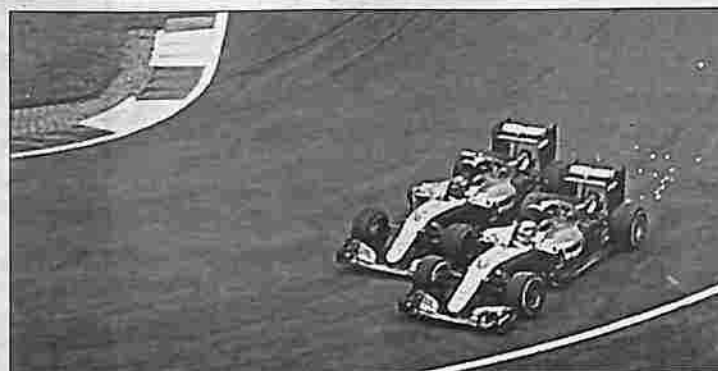
AUSTRALIA - Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg have refused to take the blame after their controversial collision on the final lap of the Austrian Grand Prix.

The Mercedes team-mates collided into turn two after the Brit attempted to pass around the outside, then again on the exit of the corner after the world champion attempted to rejoin the track.

"He made a mistake into turn one, so I had an opportunity to go down the outside into turn two and capitalise on it," said Hamilton.

"I left a lot of room on the inside and I guess he locked up and crashed into me. I think he had a problem with his brakes potentially. I'm here to win. That's all. I needed those points. I'm pretty sure he hit me rather than the other way."

The incident resulted in Hamilton passing his team-mate,



BLAME GAME: Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg have refused to take the blame after their controversial collision.

with Rosberg suffering severe damage, going on to win the race.

Following the latest in a long line of collisions between the team-mates, Rosberg admitted he was crestfallen to lose the race in such controversial fashion.

"It was my racing line and I was the one there," said Rosberg, blaming Hamilton for the incident.

"I am gutted, it's unbelievable.

We were battling. I was struggling on the brakes. That gave Lewis a chance. Nevertheless, I was confident could defend and bring it home. "I had the outside, went a bit deep, and I was very surprised that Lewis turned in and caused a collision." Toto Wolff blasted both after their collision on the final lap which deprived Mercedes of a one-two finish, and he threatened to put

the drivers under team orders for future races. "Cars colliding seems deja-vu," said Mercedes team boss Wolff. "It's absolutely not what we want. We are looking like a bunch of idiots and it's disrespectful to 1 500 people who work their nuts off to prepare the cars and this is why it needs to end." The collision was caused by Rosberg's delayed turning into the corner, which Wolff confirmed was due to a braking problem. "We were marginal on brakes," he said. "If not to say completely over the brakes." "We couldn't tell the drivers so Nico had a brake-by-wire failure onto the last straight and defended very hard, then seeing both cars nearly colliding is upsetting." Asked what he will say to the drivers, Wolff added: "At the moment I don't know what I will say. It could easily have been a double DNF. Brainless."

Daily Mail

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Khedira out of France semi-final

FRANCE - Holding midfielder Sami Khedira will miss Germany's Euro 2016 semi-final against hosts France after he sustained an adductor muscle injury in the quarterfinal victory over Italy, coach Joachim Loew said yesterday.

Khedira, who had played in all of Germany's matches at the tournament, was withdrawn early in Saturday's game after over-stretching during a challenge for the ball. "Sami Khedira won't play for us on

Thursday. We will do everything for him to be available for a potential final," Loew told reporters of the 29-year-old Juventus player.

"I will have to bring in new names. There will be personnel changes in the lineup."

Germany are already without suspended central defender Mats Hummels and injured striker Mario Gomez, who will miss the rest of the tournament after also picking up an injury in the shootout victory over Italy. Gomez, who will remain with the team, is the only specialist striker in the German squad. Loew said he had enough options in midfield, naming Emre Can as one of Khedira's possible replacements due to his versatility. "He is a player who can be used in a lot of different positions. In training, he has been very convincing. Physically he is very strong and skilled. *sport24*

Despite German injuries, bring on France

PARIS - Despite a mounting injury list, Germany coach Joachim Loew is relishing facing the hosts in Thursday's Euro 2016 semi-final under the motto - 'Bring on France'.

"It's great that there's a game like this. I love playing knock-out games against teams of this calibre," said Loew in Evian yesterday.

Loew's cause for optimism over the Marseille semifinal is not obvious with three key players definitely ruled out, while captain Bastian Schweinsteiger is doubtful with a new knee injury.

Germany have defender Mats Hummels suspended while Mario Gomez and Sami Khedira are out with injury - Gomez for the rest of the tournament.

As Loew acknowledged, France were buoyed by Sunday's 5-2 hammering of minnows Iceland in their quarterfinal.

And the hosts can expect near fanatical support in Marseille, the heartland of the nation's die-hard fans.

Nevertheless Loew can barely wait for kick-off as Germany rest up after Saturday's tense quarterfinal penalty shootout win over Italy.

"I'm not worried about who the favourite is," said Germany's

head coach. "It would be easy to say that we have a few injuries and France are favourites as they played really well.

"But that does not matter at all over 90 or 120 minutes.

"It is like it was against Italy: a game of two teams with outstanding individuals.

"Both have a clear direction, even if France naturally plays offensively. I love games like this."

Loew was very clear that Schweinsteiger, who has a strained knee, will only face France if fully fit.

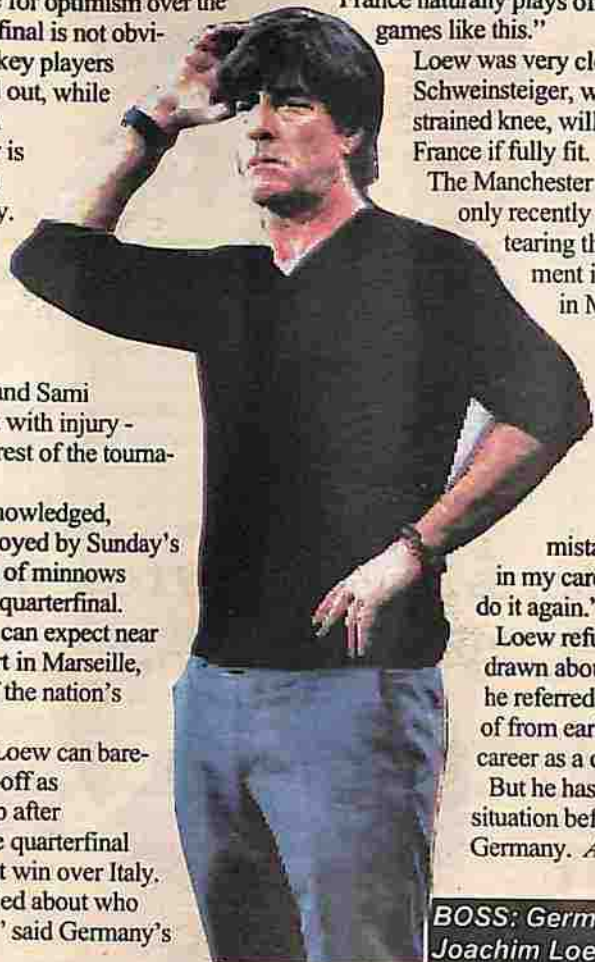
The Manchester United star had only recently recovered from tearing the medial ligament in his right knee in March.

"If a player is less than 100 percent fit, then I won't play him," said Loew.

"I made that mistake once before in my career and I won't do it again."

Loew refused to be drawn about the mistake he referred to - passing it off from earlier in his career as a club coach.

But he has been in this situation before with Germany. *AFP*



BOSS: Germany coach Joachim Loew.

Hallgrímsson delighted with Iceland achievement

PARIS - Iceland co-coach Heimir Hallgrímsson does not think his players are aware of the importance of their achievement of making the Euro 2016 quarter-finals, but believes their lives will never be the same.

Most thought Iceland had done well in just qualifying for their first ever major tournament, but they shocked everyone when they drew with Portugal in their first game, before knocking England out at the round of 16.

Their dream run ended at the hands of hosts France, who

won 5-2, but Hallgrímsson said he was not sure the players understood the gravity of what they had achieved for their small nation. "I think that will sink in in a few days when they start to read the papers and see what has been written," he told reporters. "You lose all the media thing when you're in the tournament and you don't see the TV, especially the Icelandic TV, so I think it will sink in really quickly after the tournament."

"It will change their lives, you wait and see.

"Icelanders are really proud

of this achievement and you can see that in the numbers, both the numbers that came here and also those who came together in Reykjavik and everywhere to watch the games. "So I think it has brought the nation closer to each other and that's fantastic when you are a part of something that does that." As the squad return to Reykjavik, Hallgrímsson is hoping the adoring public can forgive them for losing 5-2.

"Hopefully they're not throwing eggs at us after this performance," he joked.

goal



STAR: Olivier Giroud. defend Giroud's presence in the side throughout the tournament. Asked whether he welcomed there being no more talk of Benzema the morning after victory over Iceland, the former Montpellier player offered a measured response. *goal*

Giroud not trying to prove himself against Benzema

FRANCE - Olivier Giroud insists lingering comparisons with Karim Benzema have not fuelled his impressive scoring run for France.

Giroud's brace in Sunday's 5-2 Euro 2016 quarter-final victory over Iceland took him to 10 goals in his past nine starts for Les Bleus.

Benzema's international exile due to being under investigation for his part in an

alleged plot to blackmail France team-mate Mathieu Valbuena left Arsenal's Giroud as Didier Deschamps' first-choice striker - a status that has not always rested easily with critics and fans alike.

The 29-year-old was booed during a pre-Euro 2016 friendly against Cameroon, despite scoring in the match, while his team-mates and coach have regularly been forced to

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...welcome to the duel to be King of Euro 2016

FRANCE - The contrast was there right from the start when Gareth Bale met Cristiano Ronaldo in the players' car park on his first day at Real Madrid in 2013 — one looking a million dollars, the other more like a million pesetas.

The boy from Cardiff did have a Louis Vuitton washbag under one arm but he had a carrier bag under the other, and he was minus the £10 000 wristwatch, £500 sunglasses and the shiny Dolce & Gabbana belt which all decorated the gleaming Ronaldo. It was golden boy meets the boy next door.

Tomorrow evening in Lyon as they meet once more, this time wearing

the colours of their respective countries, Ronaldo will still be football's glistening supermodel and Bale still challenger to the reigning champ. But the Welshman will stand just as tall as his rival in the Stade de Lyon tunnel — his tournament performances having increased the feeling that a changing of the guard is closer than ever.

There are three lockers between Bale's and Ronaldo's in the Real Madrid dressing room. Those bearing the names of Toni Kroos, James Rodriguez and Karim Benzema separate the two most expensive signings in the club's history. They are rarely sat any closer in the dining room at Madrid's Valdebebas train-

ing ground and they neither socialise, nor exchange phone messages.

But those close to Bale say that comes from them simply having different lifestyles and if there has been any animosity over their three years together it has come from the players close to Ronaldo as opposed to the man himself. Players such as Marcelo and Rodriguez have, on occasions, seen fit to pick one talisman over the other, sacrificing their relationship with Bale in the process.

But Ronaldo has long since taken on board the fact that he is better with Bale than against him.

He may have resented being told by Real Madrid president Florentino Perez, back when Bale first signed, that he should 'help him become a Balon d'Or' but last season he publicly admitted, during a period when Bale was out injured, that things were a whole lot easier for him with the Wales star in the side.

Zinedine Zidane has also had a positive impact on the pair's relationship. Carlo Ancelotti, in his book *Quiet Leadership: Winning Hearts, Minds and Matches*, revealed earlier this year that when he coached Madrid he was asked by Perez to change Bale's position to give him a more central starting point and more freedom to roam — the role he has with Wales. *Dailymail*

Bale trains apart as Wales gear up for Portugal

PARIS - Gareth Bale trained apart from his teammates yesterday as Wales continued preparations for their Euro 2016 semifinal against Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal tomorrow.

While Bale's teammates warmed up on the pitch at the team's training base in Dinard, northwest France, the Real Madrid star and midfielder David Edwards were put through their paces by a fitness coach.

A Football Association of Wales spokesman told AFP that Bale was not injured.

Defender Ben Davies and in-form midfielder Aaron Ramsey were present, despite both being suspended for tomorrow's game in Lyon.

The only absentee from the 23-man squad was winger David Cotterill, who observes a customised training schedule devised in consultation with his club, Birmingham City.

Wales qualified for the first



WARM UP: Gareth Bale.

major tournament semifinal in their history by beating Belgium 3-1 in Lille last Friday.

They are due to train in Dinard again today before travelling to Lyon later in the day.

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Mourinho starts work as United manager

MANCHESTER - Jose Mourinho officially started work as Manchester United manager at the club's Carrington training base yesterday.

The Portuguese travelled to Manchester by train on Sunday night and posted a video on Instagram showing his arrival at Piccadilly station, saying: "I am here/UNITED we can".

He arrived at Carrington with goal-keeping coach Silvino Louro yesterday morning.

The 53-year-old was appointed as United boss in May after the sacking of Dutchman Louis van Gaal.

Van Gaal won the FA Cup in his final match in charge, but in the Premier League he led the Red Devils to only fourth and fifth-placed finishes in his two seasons.

Mourinho has already begun shap-

ing his new squad to grace Old Trafford next season, with former Paris-Saint Germain striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Ivorian defender Eric Bailly high-profile new signings.

The former Chelsea coach is also close to concluding a deal for Borussia Dortmund's Armenian playmaker Henrikh Mkhitaryan.

The German club announced on Saturday that Mkhitaryan was close to finalising a deal with United after they had accepted an "enormously valuable offer".

Mourinho, who has won the Champions League

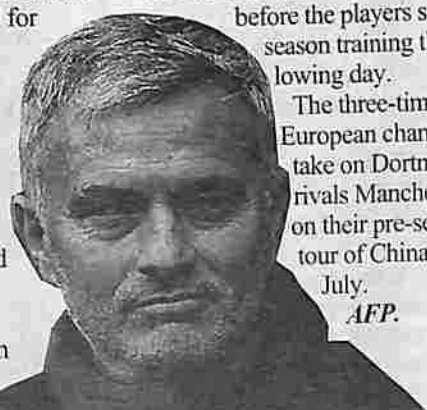
with Porto and Inter Milan, saw his second spell at Stamford Bridge unceremoniously ended after a disastrous start to the Blues' league title defence last term.

Mourinho is set to be formally unveiled as United head coach today

before the players start pre-season training the following day.

The three-time European champions take on Dortmund and rivals Manchester City on their pre-season tour of China later in July.

AFP.



ON THE NEW JOB: Jose Mourinho.

Iheanacho determined to impress Guardiola

CAPE TOWN - Kelechi Iheanacho reportedly looks set to snub Nigeria at the 2016 Olympics in order to impress new Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola.

The 19-year-old striker was included in the Super Eagles' provisional 35-man squad for the Rio Games set to take place in August, alongside fellow Premier League players Odion Ighalo, Alex Iwobi and John Obi Mikel.

If Iheanacho does take part in Brazil, he would subsequently miss City's pre-season preparations in Asia and the first few weeks of the former Barcelona and Bayern Munich coach's reign.

Should the Nigerians progress beyond the group stages, he would be absent for the start of the 2016/17 Premier League season as well.

Iheanacho has expressed an eagerness to learn from Guardiola and highlighted the Spaniard's great record in working with young talent. "It's up to the club and country to decide what is going to happen," the teenager told BT Sport. "If your country wants you to play, you really want to go and play as well. (But) It's not my intention to decide."

"He's [Guardiola] a great manager. He's coached great teams - Barcelona, Bayern Munich. He's done great for all the teams. I watched Barcelona. He's a great manager, they played really well, were a great team and won trophies."

"He has a good record working with young players I think and I don't think this will be an exception. He's going to prepare the young players and they're going to improve." *Sport24.*

Everton demand £50m for John Stones

LONDON - Everton want £50million if they are to let in-demand centre back John Stones leave Goodison Park this summer.

Stones, 22, is wanted by Pep Guardiola at Manchester City but will only be allowed to move for a price that would make him Britain's most-expensive defender. New Everton manager Ronald Koeman is still to meet with his full squad but Stones is once again emerging a target of the Premier League elite despite not playing a minute for England at Euro 2016 this summer.

The Toffees rejected four bids from Chelsea, rising close to £40m, for the former Barnsley defender and his stock remains high despite a difficult campaign on Merseyside.

Barnsley would pocket 15 per cent of any transfer fee and therefore could earn £7.5m on their academy graduate if City elect to splash out £50m on signing Stones.

Chelsea have again shown interest this summer, while City's local rivals Manchester United have sniffed

around Stones previously.

Roy Hodgson chose not to field the young defender during England's disappointing Euro 2016 campaign, instead focusing on a centre back pairing of Gary Cahill and Chris Smalling - even against Slovakia in the final group stage game when six changes were made.

A potential sale of Stones would give Koeman additional funds to spend this summer with the former Southampton boss already expected to spend big following the investment of Farhad Moshiri.

Centre back has been something of a problem position for City, with Vincent Kompany unlucky with injuries and Nicolas Otamendi, Eliaquim Mangala and Martin Demichelis all showing mixed form last season.

Guardiola would like Stones to develop into a key role in his new era at the Etihad Stadium.

The former Barcelona and Bayern Munich manager was quizzed by a supporter at his Sunday unveiling over whether City would be signing Lionel Messi, an option Guardiola shot down.

"What I said before... I think he is not a bad player, this guy," Guardiola quipped. "Definitely not. But I am sorry, Messi has to stay in Barcelona for the rest of his career. Sorry." *daily mail*



DEMANDS: New Everton manager Ronald Koeman.

Chelsea continue pursuit of Alvaro Morata

LONDON - Chelsea have not given up hope of signing Real Madrid striker Alvaro Morata.

Morata recently returned to Madrid from Juventus after the Spanish club activated his £23million buy-back clause but they are willing to sell for a profit.

Juanma Lopez, Morata's agent, is to meet with Madrid officials this week to see where his client stands and Chelsea are watching closely.

They are proposing a season-long loan with an option to buy the player, who wants an improvement on his current £65 000-per-week wages.

Chelsea officials are working on the basis that Antonio Conte wants to use two strikers up front in a 3-5-2 formation and know

... despite £33m purchase of Michy Batshuayi as Spaniard's agent prepares to meet with Real Madrid

they need to strengthen their attack.

Michy Batshuayi became the first signing of the Conte era on Sunday for £33m but another striker is on the shopping list.

That is despite it looking increasingly likely that Diego Costa will stay.

Atletico Madrid, his former club who sold him for £32m, have shown an interest but Chelsea are reluctant to sell.

Morata wants to be given a fair crack of the whip at Madrid but fears Karim Benzema is already ahead of him in the pecking order.

Daily Mail.

Keane rejects new four-year deal at Burnley

LEICESTER - Michael Keane has rejected Burnley's offer of a new four-year contract.

The 23-year-old Leicester City target had been offered a deal that would have made him one of the highest paid players at the club.

Burnley have turned down Leicester's bids for Keane so far but are expecting a revised offer in the

coming days.

The Clarets are expecting a fresh proposal worth £15million to land from the Premier League champions in the coming days, although Burnley will not consider selling the defender for anything less than £20million. But Sean Dyche is defiant in wanting to keep hold of the central defender and hoped to make him the best-paid player in the club's history on a four-year deal. Keane was a rock at the heart of Burnley's Championship-winning squad last season and Dyche knows he can ill-afford to lose him as well as Joey Barton, who left for Rangers Barton was offered in the region of £30 000 a week to stay at Turf Moor and it is thought the offer made to Keane would begin to touch those figures.

The former Manchester United trainee has plenty of top-flight admirers and, at just 23, has 100 league starts to his name. But his future at Burnley remains in serious doubt after he rejected the Premier League newcomers' latest offer. *Daily Mail.*



REJECTS DEAL: Michael Keane.

Guardiola will improve standards across the Premier League

MANCHESTER - Carles Puyol believes Pep Guardiola's arrival at Manchester City will see standards improve across the Premier League.

It was announced in February that the 45-year-old would be taking the reins at the Etihad Stadium. City have secured one of the world's best coaches and Guardiola boasts a medal-laden

CV, having led Bayern Munich to a hat-trick of Bundesliga titles after winning three La Liga crowns and two Champions Leagues with Barcelona.

Puyol was captain throughout his time at the Nou Camp and believes this next chapter will not only benefit City but everyone across English football. *Daily Mail.*

MODISE REVELS IN 'HIGHLIGHT OF CAREER'

CAPE TOWN - Mamelodi Sundowns midfielder Teko Modise has revealed that the last few seasons under coach Pitso Mosimane have been the highlight of his career.

Modise had to wait late in his career to win silverware after the Premiership triumph in 2014 with Sundowns.

Since the ending of that drought, Modise went on to win

the Nedbank Cup, Telkom Knockout and Premiership title last season.

"I think the last four years have been the best of my career - I've achieved a lot," Modise told KickOff.

"I can't complain, I've won four trophies. The only trophy I haven't won is the MTN8 - hopefully I will win it. "If you asked me five years ago [if this was the

best move of my career], I would have said no - nobody knew what was going to happen.

I took a chance with Sundowns and they also took a chance with me and it worked out. "I'm grateful that I'm here. Let's hope with the remaining seasons in my career I will still be able to progress in whatever they [the club] want to progress in."

Sport24.



REVELS: Teko Modise.

Manqeale out to convince Kaizer Chiefs to retain his services

JOHANNESBURG - Goal has gathered that Kaizer Chiefs striker Edward Manqeale intends to take full advantage of the pre-season training in Mpumalanga, in order to convince the club that he deserves to be in the team next season.

The Randfontein-born forward was placed on the transfer list at the end of last season after struggling in his first season at Amakhosi.

A source close to the player told Goal that Manqeale will fight to be registered with the PSL for the new season. The 29-year-old feels he still has a lot to offer the club.

"He's actually willing to fight on and show the club that he deserves to be playing for Chiefs," the source told Goal.

"I can confirm that Jabu has reported for pre-season training and he intends to take full advantage of that in order to rescue his Chiefs' future," added the source. There have been



A LOT TO OFFER: Edward Manqeale.

reports that the former Mamelodi Sundowns attacker will be leaving the Soweto giants, with Amakhosi reportedly keen to use him as bait to lure their targets ahead of the new season.

Goal

'Pirates will have a great season under Ertugral's guidance'

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates goalkeeper Brighton Mhlomo has stated that they are eyeing a successful 2016/17 season under Muhsin Ertugral's tutelage.

The Turkish tactician took charge of his first training session at the Rand Stadium in Johannesburg yesterday since being appointed Pirates head coach last month.

The Buccaneers finished the 2015/16 campaign empty handed despite reaching the Caf Confederation Cup and Nedbank Cup finals.

When speaking on a video posted on Bucs' official Twitter account yesterday, Mhlomo added that they were looking forward to working with Ertugral who replaced Eric Tinkler.

"It was nice. It was good to see everyone back and looking happy. We had a great session," Mhlomo said.



"You could see how the coach was preparing us. It is clear that will have a great season and we are looking forward to working with him.

"I think people should expect us to produce great results."

The Buccaneers will take on their rivals Kaizer Chiefs in the 2016 Carling Black Label encounter at the FNB Stadium on the 30th of this month.

Goal



Dube returns to Pirates

CAPE TOWN - Orlando Pirates defender Mthokozisi Dube has returned to the Soweto giants following a loan stint with Bloemfontein Celtic last season.

The 23-year-old will report for pre-season training this week, where he will get the chance to prove his worth to new Bucs boss Muhsin Ertugral ahead of the 2016/17 Absa Premiership campaign.

However, Celtic CEO Khumbulani Konco has confirmed they would like to retain the services of the former Royal Eagles player.

As such, Siwelele have already "sent a request" to Pirates, according to Konco.

"He has gone back to Pirates," Konco told KickOff. "We are still interested in keeping him next season and we will send a request to Pirates." Dube made 11 appearances for Celtic last season as the Free State-based outfit finished the Premiership campaign in 11th place.

Sport24



BACK HOME: Mthokozisi Dube.

Cilic through to quarterfinals after Nishikori quits

LONDON - Croatian ninth seed Marin Cilic reached the Wimbledon quarterfinals for the third year running after Kei Nishikori quit with a rib injury midway through their fourth round match yesterday.

Nishikori was trailing 6-1 5-1 when he decided to follow the advice of his coach Michael Chang, who could be heard saying "Don't push it, it's not worth it."

The Japanese fifth seed, who swallowed a pill given by the trainer at the previous change of ends, shook his head at the umpire, to indicate he could no longer continue, before going up to Cilic to shake hands.

"It was too much pain I could not really compete today. Every point I played it got worse.

I did not want to but I had



THROUGH: Marin Cilic.

to retire," Nishikori told a news conference.

Cilic's serving was on fire during the first set as he blasted down 12 aces, including four in the first game, and dropped only two points on serve.

He won 26 out of 33 points contested as Nishikori sur-

rendered the set in only 16 minutes. The 2014 US Open champion, who beat his Japanese rival in Flushing Meadows to win his only grand slam title, could not keep up the same intensity in the second set as Nishikori broke back to level at 1-1.

Reuters

Federer into 14th Wimbledon quarter-final

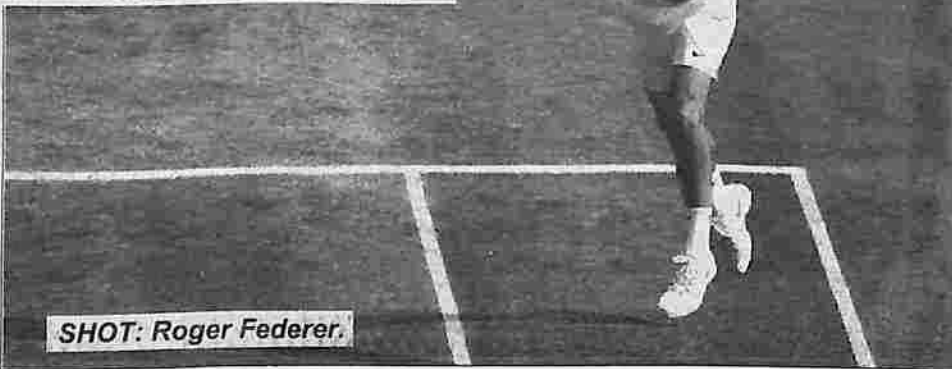
LONDON - Roger Federer reached his 14th Wimbledon quarter-final and tied Martina Navratilova's all-time Grand Slam record of 306 match wins yesterday.

The seven-time champion achieved his double landmark by seeing off Steve Johnson

of the United States 6-2, 6-3, 7-5, in the fourth round on Centre Court.

Federer, the third seed, next takes on Croatia's Marin Cilic for a place in the semi-finals.

Sport.



SHOT: Roger Federer.

CHERSHIRE HOMES 7KM RACE/WALK



GET READY: Athletes getting ready for the Cheshire Homes race held on Sunday in Matsapha.



(RIGHT PIC) ACCEPTING: Swaziland Building Society's Mfanukhona Msibi accepting the Patrons Award from Minister of Sports, Youth and Cultural Affairs David Ngcamphalala. (Pics: Sibusiso Masilela)



WINNERS: SBS staff members posing with their trophy after winning the Patrons Award for bringin most participants to the event.



(R) EASY WALK: SPTC's Ncobile and Nomcebo Magagula pose.

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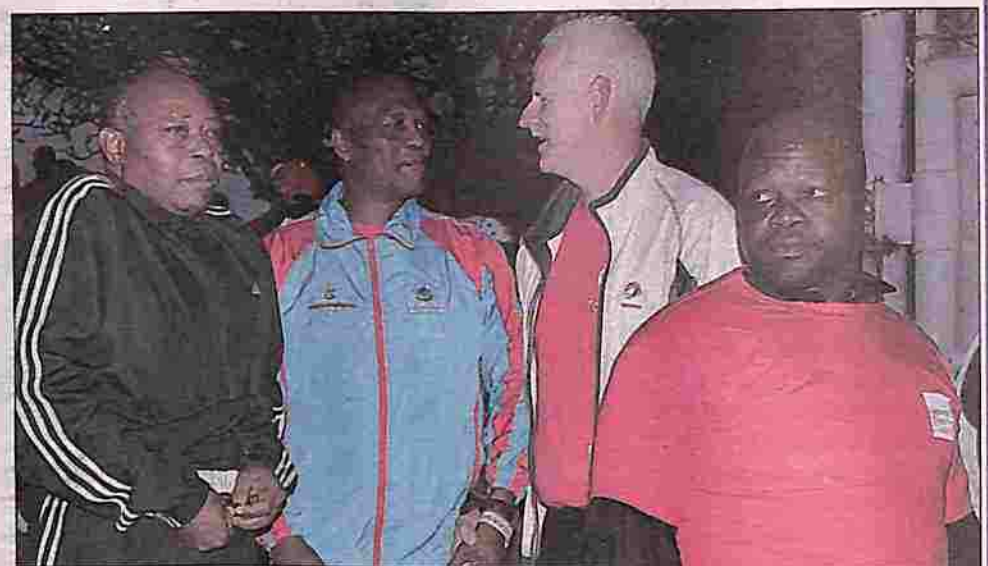
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PREPARING: DPM Paul Dlamini getting ready for the race together with Minister 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala and Total Swaziland MD Anthony Sierbert.

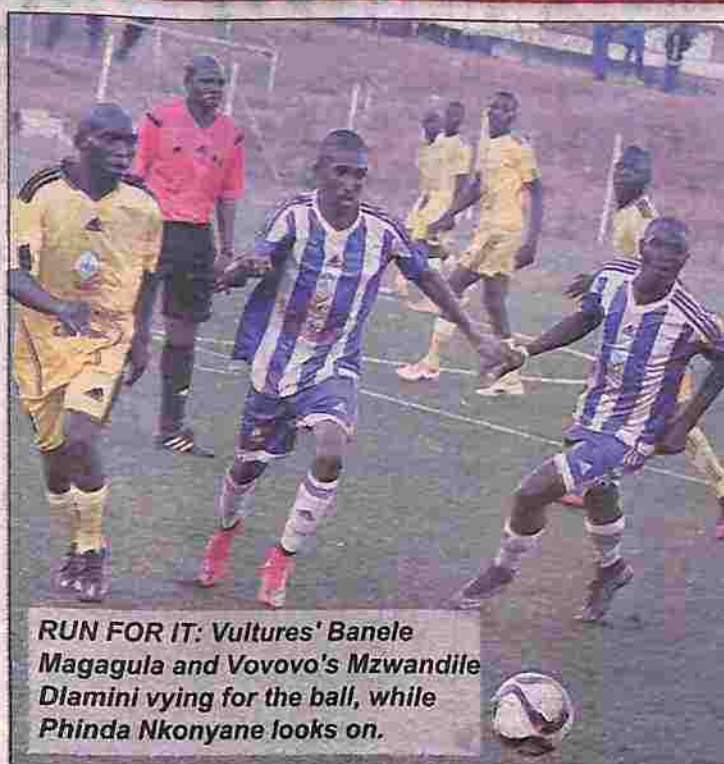


SINCEPHETELO: Swaziland Motor Vehicle Accident Fund team pose.

CHAPS SOKA UNGCOBE NAWA FINALS



TROPHY: Vovovo captain Banele Magagula (R) displays the trophy with Ministry of Health Ambassador Dennis 'Yuki' Masina, Director of Health Vusi Magagula and Sports Minister David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala. Vovovo were crowned champions after beating Vultures, in the CHAPS Soka Nawe finals, at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday. (Pics: Sanele Jele)



RUN FOR IT: Vultures' Banele Magagula and Vovovo's Mzwandile Dlamini vying for the ball, while Phinda Nkonyane looks on.



GOOD TO BE HERE: MOH Ambassador 'Yuki', shakes hands with HRFA Chairman, Comfort Shongwe.



DISPLAY: MOH Ambassador 'Yuki' displays the trophy with Nomvula Ngcamphalala.



WATCHING: MOH Senior Programme Officer Vusi Maziya, CHAPS' Sabelo Mlambo, Ayanda Nqeketho, Alfred Adams and Joris Vandallanotte watching the games.



MEETING THE PLAYERS: The Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs, David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala, meeting the players.



GOING THIS WAY: Vultures' Velaphi Mnisi dashes away while Mxolisi Tsabedze closes in.

FANS: A section of the fans who witnessed the games.



WE MADE IT: Vovovo in a celebratory mood.



ON THE DECKS: DJ Litiya kept the crowd entertained.

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● Manchester United midfielder Juan Mata, 28, is close to joining Everton after suggestions new signing Zlatan Ibrahimovic, 34, has been given the Spaniard's squad number. *(Daily Telegraph)*

● Meanwhile, United are set to sign Pachuca forward Hirving Lozano, 20, after he plays for Mexico at the Rio Olympics. *(Futbol Entre Lineas via Manchester Evening News)*

● Crystal Palace could sell Yannick Bolasie this summer, with West Ham favourites to sign the 27-year-old winger. *(Daily Mirror)*

● Dinamo Zagreb winger Marko Pjaca is most likely to move to the Premier League this summer, according to the Croatian club's sporting director. The 21-year-old Croatia international interests Liverpool. *(FC InterNews via Daily Express)*

● New Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola remains interested in Everton and England centre-back John Stones, despite the Merseyside club wanting £50m for the 21-year-old. *(Daily Mail)*

● Manchester City are poised to sign goalkeeper Geronimo Rulli, 24, from Uruguayan club Deportivo Maldonado for £7.5m to provide competition for Joe Hart. *(Express)*

● Real Madrid's Colombian attacking midfielder James Rodriguez, 24, is set to join Paris St-Germain, with talks believed to be at an advanced stage. *(Yahoo Sports France via AS)*

● Liverpool are prepared to let Hungarian goalkeeper Adam Bogdan, 28, join Wigan Athletic. *(Daily Star)*

● The European Commission is expected to deliver its verdict on whether Spain wrongfully handed out tens of millions of euros in state aid to some of the country's top football clubs. *(Guardian)*

● Chelsea's signing of Belgium international Michy Batshuayi, 22, could force fellow striker Diego Costa, 27, out of the club. *(Daily Telegraph)*

● Former Real Madrid defender Alvaro Arbeloa, 33, is a target for Championship side Newcastle United. *(Football Espana via Sportsmole)*



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'MADZE' DESERVES SIHLANGU FULL-TIME JOB

IF this is what he can do for the national team as a part-time coach, I then ask myself what he can achieve as a full-time coach.

Here I am talking about Sihlangu head coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga, who has done wonders since taking the position. Winning our first ever bronze medal, in the COSAFA Castle Cup simply tells me that the future of the national team under 'Madze' appears to be bright.

The teams' performance, in the past nine months, has made one believe that Bulunga is the right man to take the national team to greater heights. This is not to say credit should be given to one person, but the coach really deserves a pat in the back for doing a great job.

FIFA Rankings

The home grown Bulunga has outdone himself to prove critics wrong by reviving our beloved Sihlangu Semnikati with his ever growing record. He has removed the whipping boys' tag, which we were known for in the SADC region and the continent at large.

Sihlangu under 'Cheau' has defied all odds on its way up in the FIFA ranking and in the process, winning the hearts of many Swazis, who had lost faith in the team.

The moving train started in June last year when the boys were the talk of the continent, following

their 2-1 famous victory over Guinea away in Morocco.

That win proved that the country was on the right path to its success. The team continued to display gallant performances against powerhouses like Nigeria and South Africa, who used to beat us with cricket scores in the past.

Stages

The team recently brought home a bronze medal in the 2016 COSAFA Castle Cup, where they also recorded a seven unbeaten match run in the group stages in two editions of the regional showpiece.

This achievement should also say something to the

results. I think it's time the FA develop a strategy in having the coach on a full-time bases. This means his salary should also increase and more so because we all can see what 'Madze' can do. He now needs all the support and trust from the stakeholders.

Honestly, it is now becoming impossible for the coach to focus on Sihlangu as he is also a professional teacher at Mater Dolorosa High School.

We cannot bank on the fact that he has been doing this for all this time. In as much as we are happy with the Sihlangu results, we must also be happy with his school work. The children should not suffer because the FA is failing to take

local football.

These imported coaches were even given cars, a benefit that 'Madze' is currently not enjoying. It's time the FA offers 'Madze' an improved contract and stop practicing this football injustice by undermining his capabilities.

The entire technical bench, together with the players, deserves more from the FA monies which have been raked over the past six months, coming in as FIFA grants, gate collections and television rights. Before

I say a lot, you might even miss the point here; all I am saying is that 'Madze' has given us a reason to make his a full time coach.



GIVE THIS MAN A BELLS: Sihlangu head coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga.

E12 million surplus is offside Mr CEO

THE National Football Association of Swaziland seems to find so much pleasure in telling the world that they made over E12 million in surpluses, while other projects are either white elephants or left hanging, with little hope that they would ever see the light of day.

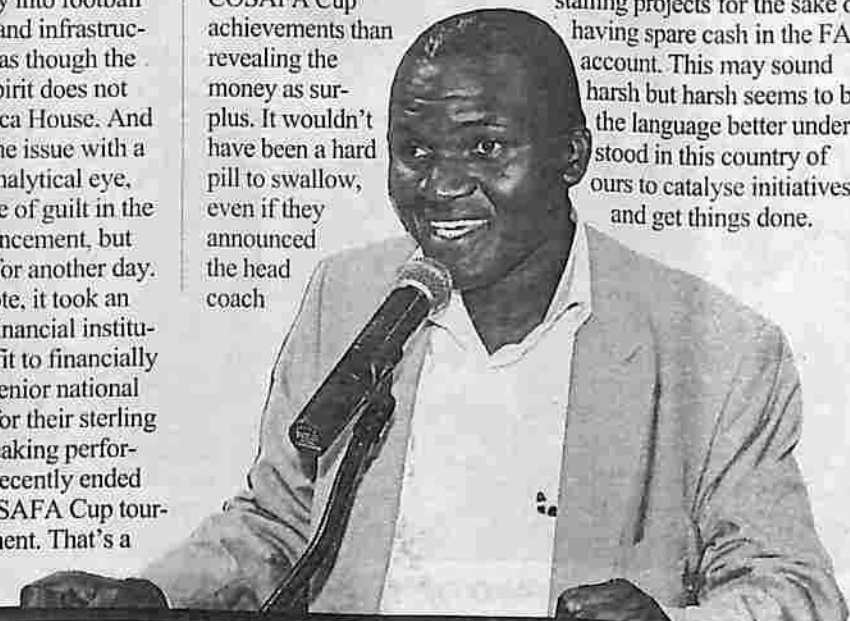
Do they really expect us to celebrate with this kind of surplus when a number of projects are compromised?

I have no problem with the association making so many surpluses but I have everything against them putting a pause on national initiatives just so they can get a pat on the back for ridiculously making the country think they handled finances well, to a point of making multiple millions in surplus. The FA, through the associations' CEO, recently announced that the junior

national team have missed out on competing in the COSAFA Under-17 championships due to financial constraints. The sports ground construction at Nkwene constituency is another project that is hindered by a lack of finances. Now the FA chooses to boastfully declare having extra cash than investing that money into football development and infrastructure. It seems as though the vision 2022 spirit does not exist at Sigwaca House. And looking into the issue with a broader and analytical eye, there is a sense of guilt in the surplus announcement, but that's a topic for another day. On another note, it took an independent financial institution to find it fit to financially motivate the senior national team players for their sterling and record breaking performance in the recently ended COSAFA Cup tournament. That's a

responsibility that should have been taken by the local football governing body, instead of confidently declaring extra cash in their finances. I know for a fact that it would have brought so much joy to the nation if it was announced that Sihlangu players will share over E12 million for their COSAFA Cup achievements than revealing the money as surplus. It wouldn't have been a hard pill to swallow, even if they announced the head coach

Harries 'Madze' Bulunga as permanent, complementing the deal with sleek wheels. Did the FA honestly think announcing millions in surplus would bring peace of mind to the nation? I doubt Mr CEO but I would advise you to look into constructive ways to utilise the finances than stalling projects for the sake of having spare cash in the FA account. This may sound harsh but harsh seems to be the language better understood in this country of ours to catalyse initiatives and get things done.



OFFSIDE: Football Association CEO Frederick Mngomezulu.

I AM UNDER NO PRESSURE FOR TROPHIES - CARMICHAEL

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - MANZINI Sundowns Managing Director Mark Carmichael strongly believes in developing youngsters into senior players than spending huge amounts on purchasing players and winning trophies.

The MD revealed his philosophy during an interview with the publication yesterday.

He said he had been employing this philosophy over the years in football hence producing young talent that go on to represent the country at national level.

He made reference to players like Banele 'Barney' Mdluli, Justice Figureito, Senzo Simelane and many others, who he has worked with in the Sundowns development academy.



ALL IS WELL: Manzini Sundowns Managing Director Mark Carmichael.

"I am not into football to win trophies but my ambition is to develop youngsters to compete in the highest

level. There is a shortcut to winning but unfortunately there is no shortcut to development. This coming season would be business as usual and I will continue to employ my philosophy with no pressure to win trophies. I do hope though, that one day, the work that is aimed at development will pay off and the team would win silverware," he said.

Carmichael then brought clarity on the reports that emerged of him quitting football, citing that he never really reached to that point but it was taken out of context.

"I decide my own fate, it is not a position anyone can strip me of. It was a personal decision I was contemplating but it was taken out of context hence the speculation. I'm a Sundown's person and I have no intentions of leaving the team," he said.

FA getting small chunk from TV rights

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - The National Football Association of Swaziland is not making much profit from TV rights, an initiative that is controlled by the Confederation of African Football (CAF) in collaboration with French marketing company SportFive.

FA CEO Frederick Mngomezulu revealed that the country does not sell TV rights but CAF has control over that aspect, following concerns that emerged with regards to profits accumulated on TV rights.

The concerns were raised during the FA Annual General Assembly held on Sunday at Sibane Hotel.

Mngomezulu brought clarity on the matter, citing that the country got little profit on the African football's long-standing relationship with Sportfive.

"We are a small country hence our games do not appeal to larger audiences unless we play countries like South Africa or Nigeria. Some countries make huge profits out of the deal but it is not the case with Swaziland," he said. CAF and SportFive extended their agreement last year over television and marketing for a further 12

years, signing a contract until 2028.

The deal, according to CAF is worth around E15 billion and it has the potential to lead to massive improvements for the African game. Sportfive does not only have the rights to the CAF tournaments but also communal hold over the Nations Cup and World Cup qualifiers. Previously these were the preserve of the individual countries who could sell the broadcast rights of their home matches but very few were able to take advantage of this. Now, all rights are sold communally by Sportfive and the income distributed proportionally across all participating countries.



SWAZI PRIDE: Sihlangu Semnikati.

Sihlangu, Adidas sponsorship ends this year

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - SENIOR national team Sihlangu Semnikati kit sponsorship deal with Adidas will come to an end this year.

This is according to the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Annual General Assembly report delivered by the FA CEO Frederick Mngomezulu.

According to the report, the sponsorship initially ended in 2014 but the FA was successful in its application to have the deal renewed for a further two years to cover 2015 and 2016.

The agreement was signed between the NFAS, Adidas, and CAF where the team benefits from a technical

sponsorship that comprises of tracksuits, soccer kits, training soccer balls, training bibs and match balls.

"The above technical sponsorship has helped to alleviate some of the financial constraints the association encounters in preparations of the national teams, especially in the part of the material for training and matches that are essential in the training, preparation and official matches of the team," reads part of the report.

All teams in the country can benefit from the sponsorship deal as they can purchase

Adidas equipment at special prices through the national football association.

The only challenge is that clubs are requested to order at least 100 units of each Adidas products.



SGF host rope skipping coaching course

By Sabelo Majola

SPORTS - THE Swaziland Gymnastics Federation will for the first time host a two-day Level 1 'Rope Skipping' coaching course.

The course aimed at benefiting about 15 schools, will be held at OlympiAfrica Sports Centre, starting from Friday and run until Saturday, July 9. Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) Media Officer Dumisani Ntiwane disclosed yesterday that the gymnastics federation's aim was to train and certify at least 20 coaches in 'Rope Skipping'.

"Ultimately the Gymnastics Federation wants 'Rope skipping' to be introduced as a competitive sport in all the four regions of the country. After the course, the participants will be assisted to set up well structured clubs and have a series of competitions to promote and create the awareness of the sport," said Ntiwane.

He said for certification, the level 1 Course requires the coach to complete the log book which justified eight hours of coaching and understanding a lesson plan. "Upon the submission of the log book, the coaches will then undergo practical assessment to obviously check on his

or her competences. "Good news for the course participants is the fact that the course will be facilitated by a renowned South African Instructor, Sandile Ntombela. Another facilitator will be Bhekiwe Makhanya. This is very good news for gymnasts or people who may want to join the sport. As Council, we are grateful to see our members going out of their way to ensure that they make progress whether on and off the field just like the gymnastics federation is doing," he said. He then encouraged the rest of their members to follow suit and facilitate courses for their respective affiliates, saying this would go a long way towards the improvement of sports.

List of targeted schools:

1. Ka-Schiele High School
2. Bhokweni Primary School
3. Ezulwini Community High
4. Likima Primary
5. Maguga High School
6. Mhlatane High School
7. Lobamba National High School
8. Elangeni High School
9. St. Mary's High School
10. Correctional Services
11. OAC
12. St. Mary's Primary
13. Manzini Central High School
14. Mahlanga High School

'Bull' to launch website, branded bottled water

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - MBABANE

Highlanders will next season have their own official website where the supporters will get the team's daily news updates.

This was announced by the Managing Director Bheki 'Rubber' Simelane during the team's party held on Sunday at Mater Dolorosa High School.

The MD said the website would help improve the communication barrier between their stakeholders and the management committee.

"We are still working on the website and we are positive that the initiative will start operating before the start of the new season. This would help minimize the negative rumours circulating about the team within the different communications forums," he said.

Simelane further mentioned that the team would be selling branded bottled water as from the beginning of the new campaign.

"We will be selling the water during our matches at a fee yet still being discussed with several suppliers. The containers will be branded with the faces of all our players and will be distrib-



DREAMING BIG: Mbabane Highlanders Managing Director Bheki 'Rubber' Simelane speaking during the team's party held on Sunday at Mater Dolorosa High School.

uted by the different national branch chairpersons.

We are calling for every Highlanders person to support this initiative," he said.

The 2015/16 MTN Premier League runners-up will begin their pre-season training next Tuesday after the return of their coaches in Meck Mwase and Charles Manda, who are both on off season break in Malawi.



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CHELSEA COACH IN THE COUNTRY

By Sports reporter

SOCCER - ENGLISH Premiership giants Chelsea development coach Mathew Monney is currently in the country to conduct coaching clinics in four primary schools in the Lubombo region.

Monney will be offering basic football skills at the Assemblies of God Primary, Siteki Nazarene, Global Primary School, and Good Shepherd Primary school, courtesy of the Buckswood Hearts and Smiles Football programme, which is sponsored by the Principal Sutton.

In a statement, Sutton said they wanted to offer local youngsters an opportunity of learning professional football basic skills. "I thought it would be an excellent opportunity for the children of Swaziland to benefit from the same level of coaching that my pupils gain, well if Beckham can visit the Kingdom, so can Chelsea," Sutton said.

The Hearts and Smiles project is a community project bringing professional football coaching together with police community work.

"Over the years we have worked alongside the police without any help or assistance from the Nation Football Association of Swaziland. Football is a great way to bring people together on a field, where all are equal, all can learn skills as well as learning to be competitive and most importantly to have fun," he said.

The inter schools match will take place on Wednesday (tomorrow) whereby the winning team will be given a football kit.



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'YUKI' DUMPED BY CAPE TOWN CITY

By Sanele Jele

SOCCER - JOHN Comitis' takeover of ABSA Premiership side Mpumalanga Black Aces and changing it to Cape Town City FC has come as a major blow for former Swazi international Dennis 'Yuki' Masina as he was left out of the new team.

The team has since relocated to Cape Town and Masina was left behind, which means he is no longer part of the team where he had been serving as a development coach.

This was confirmed by Masina in an interview on Friday during the Kit Presentation of CHAPS Soka Nawe Challenge finalists.

The former Orlando Pirates star is currently the ambassador of the Ministry of Health in which he is tasked with the responsibility of pushing the circumcision campaign. Asked on how he was adapting in Cape Town with the new team, Masina was quick to say he was no longer part of the team. "Well if you ask me about Mpumalanga Black Aces, that team does not exist anymore, I am sure you are aware that it was sold to John and he renamed it to Cape Town City. I was left out of that team," Masina said.

The Former SuperSport United player, however, said he was still with the Under-19 Multichoice Diski team.

"I am now focusing on the Under-19 team, the team is based in Johannesburg playing in the Multichoice Diski Challenge. This is just the long and short of it. I was left behind and I am not part of

the team." Cape Town City boss John Comitis admitted to South African online publication Kick-off that they had to make some tough choices with regards to the backroom staff at Mpumalanga Black Aces after buying the franchise of the Premier Soccer League club.

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He said they only wanted head coach Muhsin Ertugral and goalkeeper coach Calvin Marlin in Cape Town, but in the end had to settle for just the latter after Ertugral jumped ship to Orlando Pirates.

Comitis said he wanted the remainder of the backroom staff to be from the Mother City as they 'know the Cape Town way'.

"Every person that was employed by the club has been settled by the previous owners." City will be coached by Eric Tinkler in the new season, with Ian Taylor as assistant coach and Craig Rosslee acting as technical director.

The team honoured the Swazi Born Player by retiring his number 8 jersey following a successful four year spell with the team. The then coach Muhsin Ertugral recommended that he manages the Under-19 team. He was further offered a deal to train as a development coach with the formerly Mpumalanga based team.

'Yuki' is one of the most successful players in Swazi football. He started his career with Manzini Wanderers before being snatched by then Umtata Bush Bucks. He also played two of the biggest team in South Africa in Orlando Pirates and Supersport United. He is the only player that has played overseas with two clubs in Kv Michelen and FC Fendracht Aalst from 2004 to 2006.



SHABANGU MISINFORMED - 'BULL' SUPPORTERS

By Sabelo Majola

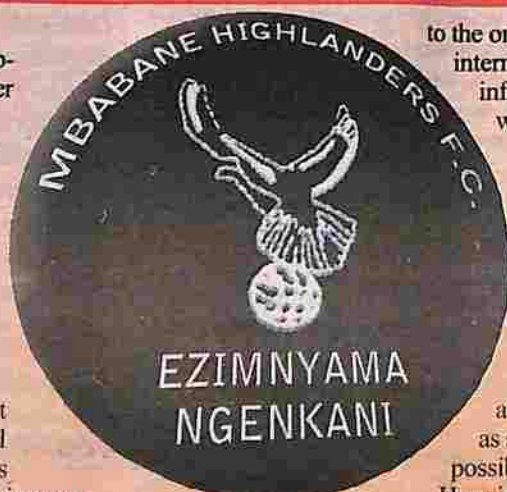
SOCCER - FOLLOWING Mbabane Highlanders Patrons' Chairman Isaac Shabangu's statement, pledging full support for MD Bheki 'Rubber' Simelane and further telling the so called 'refugees' not to come anywhere near the current regime, the team's supporters shown displeasure.

The supporters feel the Chairman was misinformed about the issues at the club, upon making his statement on Sunday during the team's

party.

The team's supporter and former Logistics Manager, Sifiso Mnisi, has come out to say that Shabangu was aware of what was going on in the team.

"I think the chairman was not presented with all the fact, hence his statement. There is more



to the ongoing internal infighting within the 'Black Bull' camp and I think this matter needs to be addressed as soon as possible." He said he was

personally not happy with Shabangu's statement.

"I was very much saddened by the statement made by the Chairman of the patrons where he said there were rebels within the team which is far from the truth. I think we are not taken serious whenever we raise certain concerns about the running of the team which is our right as stakeholders. We are not fighting the current MD but trying to help the team reconcile and revive its glory days," he said.

Mnisi said they would only accept Shabangu's statement if and

only if it was from entire patrons' structure.

"We respect our elders and we will abide by the chairman's call if this was a collective decision, but if that is not the case, we will always voice our concerns whenever we see something going wrong in the team. We have all contributed to the team with love and passion, therefore, we should be allowed to raise our concerns," he said.

Shabangu told the 400 supporters that Simelane was likely to be given another five years, on top of the remaining two years of his contract, if they see him fit to continue leading the team. He also warned his opposition to refrain from fighting the MD.