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TAKING SHAPE: The Hilton Hotel which is under construction in the capital city is taking shape as it is now visible and showing the beautiful design. The building is a project by the Public Service Pension Fund which is also housed closer to the hotel. The Hotel is expected to be complete next year.
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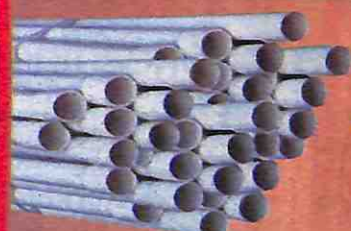
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Expect a hot week

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

FORECASTERS have predicted

a warm to hot week with occasional drizzles expected on high grounds on Thursday.

According to meteorologists, this week looks dry as there are no heavy rains expected.

"On Tuesday, temperatures will be hot to very hot in the Lowveld while

on Thursday temperatures will drop becoming partly cloudy to cold mainly in the Highveld."

Cloudy

Today, there will be morning fog at some places, otherwise it would be cloudy becoming partly cloudy and cool but warm in the Lowveld.

Mbabane	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Bigbend
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Tomorrow, it will be fine and hot in the Lowveld.			15/34	16/36	17/37
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ASIANS SHOCKER

ASIANS SHOCKER; MPs BUST THEM ENTERING KM III ILLEGALLY

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini
Sikhuphe

FINALLY, the cat is out of the bag. Investigations on the influx of illegal immigrants into the country are pointing at the heart of the ministry of home affairs, where a senior officer is raking in millions of emalangeni in this illegal but rather lucrative business.

Members of a parliamentary select committee tasked to investigate the influx of the illegal immigrants were shocked to the marrow to find out that a web of corrupt, multi-sectoral officers have cunningly established a neat networking system of trafficking hundreds of people of Asian origin into the country. The senior home affairs officer is a ring-leader in the massive human trafficking scheme involving some members of the Royal Swaziland Police, entry-point officials and a host of other players, each of whom have a critical role to play as

● A Pakistani national, surprised all and sundry when he said he was on a ten-day visit into the country and would be staying at Ezulwini Guest House.



members of the human trafficking syndicate. For each person trafficked, the ring-leader is said to be getting no less than E10 000.

Those being trafficked are mostly from Bangladesh, India and Pakistani and a few nationals within Africa, mainly Nigerians.

Entry

An inspection in loco by the mem-

bers of the House of Assembly at one of the country's entry points, King Mswati III International Airport, was conducted last week.

It revealed shocking figures that in every flight landing in the country from OR International Airport in Johannesburg, on average, nine Asians are always on board. Four flights land at the airport daily.

Grocery shop 'investors' heading to unknown destinations

BILAL Ahmad, a Pakistani national, surprised all and sundry when he said he was on a ten-day visit into the country and would be staying at Ezulwini Guest House.

While the MPs were still wondering where this place was situated in the country, Umair Raseeq Bhatti also of Pakistani was honest enough to say he did not know where he was going to.

Ali Mohammed said he would be staying at Manzana Guest House. Ali,

Bashir both Mohamed, said they were running cellular phone businesses in Johannesburg.

Working

They said they were on a six months leave after working very hard without having an off day.

Nadim said he was visiting his cousin who runs a grocery shop business in the country. Hassan Raza who said he was staying in Manzini at Lihaga Flats, conceded that indeed

the Pakistanis were investors who had come to search for business opportunities in the country. He said the Pakistanis wanted to open a small factory that would produce Pakistani branded jeans.

The Pakistanis travel from Lahore Airport in Lahore to Johannesburg's OR International Airport via Hamad International Airport in Doha, Qatar to Swaziland through King Mswati III International Airport.

immigrants were trafficked not only to the country but to neighbouring states as well. The Republic of South Africa and Mozambique receive a huge share of the trafficked immigrants. Some of these trafficked Asians are reportedly congested at Parkview Flats, Magevini Flats, Lihaga and other several residential flats where about 20 of them share one room.

Trafficked Asians sent to RSA, Moza

AN estimated 13 000 Bangladeshi, Pakistani and Indian nationals are trafficked into Swaziland annually for various reasons.

In a press briefing after an inspection in loco conducted by the parliamentary select committee at the King Mswati III

International Airport, the committee stated that the officials at the airport were cooperative and willing to assist them. Considering the huge influx of the illegal immigrants, mostly from Pakistan and Bangladesh, the sources close to the matter said it was clear the

Corrupt Senior Home Affairs Officer nets E360 000 a day

CONSERVATIVE estimates based on the activities taking place at King Mswati III International Airport alone show that the corrupt officer makes on average E360 000 per day for trafficking 36 illegal immigrants.

From the nine immigrants alone in each flight, the corrupt senior officer who is reportedly charging E10 000 per person makes a hefty E90 000 per flight.

In the four flights per day that brings on average 36 illegal immigrants, the officer makes E10.8 million a month.

In 30 days, the E360 000 translates to E10.8 million. Figures at the airport show that four flights

land into the country every day with an average nine people of Asian descent per flight and that multiplied by four equals to 36 immigrants per day.

This means per annum the officer receives a whopping E129.6 million if he enjoyed an uninterrupted flow of the immigrants.

Biggest

This is probably the biggest human trafficking syndicate in Southern Africa.

The agents who transport the immigrants from the airport to their respective destinations are reportedly paid E3 000.

Two Swazi men were seen lying low at the airport to avoid the roving eyes of the legislators.

Home Affairs shifts goal posts

FOLLOWING a parliamentary resolution to suspend the issuance of memos granting foreigners entry into the country by the ministry of home affairs, the ministry has since shifted the goal posts and created a new entry system.

The parliamentary select committee said they found that the ministry has since introduced what they call a visitors pass and a dependence pass.

Minister Princess Tsandzile and Principal Secretary Anthony Masilela are political and administrative leaders of the ministry respectively, making them equally responsible for implementing the House resolution.

The newly introduced system of dependence pass enables foreigners staying in the country as company directors to import their own, of any age group, even a 75 year-old retiree, as a dependent.

When calling for the suspension of the memos issued by the

ministry pending the investigation, parliament was trying to reduce the influx of the illegal immigrants until a permanent solution to the national problem has been found. The ministry, however, continued to issue the memos in a different name.

Documents

Those willing to contribute in the fight against illegal immigrants said they found it difficult because they arrived with documents allowing them to enter the country as visitors only to disappear into thin air once they were inside the country.

"You wonder why a person would travel all the way from Pakistan to visit a place for only ten days where he knows no body does not even know where to sleep," said one officer.

Also noticeable was that most of the immigrants were using new passports, an indication that for most the trip to Swaziland was the first international travel for them.

Asians in verbal showdown with probe team MPs

PARLIAMENTARIANS last week had a verbal showdown with immigrants where they came face to face with them at the King Mswati III International Airport.

The select committee led by Zombodze Emuva MP Titus Thwala went to the airport to see for themselves the allegations that were made by Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo when he moved the motion calling for the selection

of the ten-member committee to look into the influx of the illegal immigrants. Indeed Khumalo's allegations were confirmed when a flight operated by South African Airlink landed at 13:40 with Bangladeshi and Pakistan nationals whose visit into the country was highly questionable.

First to appear from the arrivals terminal was a man of mixed colour who seemed to be without issues.

He was followed shortly by Health Minister Sibongile Ndlela and a few African natives.

A few minutes later, a flood of people of Asian descent emerged pulling their luggage.

Committee

They were met by curious MPs Thwala, Jan Sithole, Frans Dlamini, Johane Shongwe, Patrick Motsa and the committee clerk Celumusa Khoza.

With the assistance of officers man-

ning the airport, the MPs intercepted the suspects and enquired about their destinations.

Soon the MPs were outnumbered by the immigrants who were joined by those who had come to pick them up.

An Indian man who was rushing to grab the immigrants was stopped dead on his tracks by the MPs who asked him to produce his particulars.

The Asian man checked all his pockets and produced a Swazi National Identity card that was marked non-Swazi, which forced

the officials to demand proof that he was resident in the country legally. The man got irritated and with a raised voice told the MPs his papers were not with him.

While quarrelling with the MPs, both his hands gesturing, Shakeel Ahmeb who had come to fetch his 'cousins' rushed to his fellow Asian to warn him against 'talking nonsense.'

Ahmeb said he stayed at Magevini and wondered what was going on at the airport because: "we collect our people every day here without any hassle."

Limkokwing University suspends 12 students

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

LIMKOKWING University of Creative Technology (LUCT) has suspended 12 students for allegedly disrupting classes.

The university sought and obtained a High Court order restraining the 12 students who were eventually suspended by the

University. The 12 students' suspension is pending disciplinary proceedings in accordance with relevant LUCT procedures.

This is contained in a press statement that was released by the University's Vice Chancellor Professor Cedric Bell.

"During the course of last week the University encountered attempts by a minority of students to disrupt

the running of the University.

This involved serious misconduct on campus including disruption of classes, damage to property including interference with health and safety equipment, intimidation of fellow students and some cases of stone throwing including at police officers," stated Bell.

Bell states that the majority of LUCT students wanted to continue

with their studies as they were on campus studying as usual and were not involved in the disruptions.

Concern

He said the safety of both the students and the staff was the primary and overriding concern to the management of the University, hence the need to attain a court order against the 12 students and subsequently their suspension.

Bell further said the University is committed at all times to listen to legitimate concerns of both staff and students.

"It is satisfied that the matter, the minority group of students have brought to the attention of the campus management has been properly and responsibly addressed" he said.

Complaints

Last week a group of Limkokwing students delivered a petition in Parliament which had complaints that LUCT's lecturers are not qualified to teach at the institution because they have similar qualifications that are pursued at the institution.

'Limkokwing lecturers incompetent'

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

LIMKOKWING lecturers are allegedly not qualified to lecture at the institution because they have similar qualifications that are pursued at the university.

This was said by students of Limkokwing University of Creative Technology (LUCT) in a petition they delivered in Parliament.

The petition was addressed to Speaker of the House of Assembly Themba Msibi. It was received by Assistant Clerk-at-Table Mathokoza Dlamini. The students were led by their Student Representative Council (SRC) under the chairmanship of Baphatse Dladla.

The students also complained that they were allowed by LUCT to go to class without adequate infrastructure and adequate materials.

These included computer labs for

Information Technology (IT) modules and standard kitchens for Hotel Management students.

"It is in this institution where students share a kitchen with an external business (Eclipse Catering) for their Food Preparation practicals," read part of the petition. The institution was also blamed in the petition for allowing students to go to class without adequate learning materials like chairs and desks. According to the students, previous SRCs have had endless meetings with the institution about the provision of all materials and equipment that students needed to

further their studies. "It is worth noting that each Swazi child pays a total of E58 000 as their tuition fee. The government adds an additional E33 700 as accommodation and meal allowance and E9 000 as a book allowance.

This means that the Government of Swaziland pays a total of E101 200 for the three years," the petition read in part.

The students stated that as a future generation of this country, they decided that they could not let their future go down the

drain. They voiced out that they did not want to be taught by lecturers who were not qualified and they wanted the institution to be improved and be favourable for learning purposes. They urged the speaker of the House of Assembly to give the matter urgent attention. The petition had a picture of a group of students being taught outside a lecture room.

LUCT Publicist Nkosilenhle Masuku could not be reached for comment regarding this issue.

COP SHOOTS SOLDIER IN PUBLIC OVER YELLOW BONE

COVER STORY

Story by Samukelisiwe Ginindza
and Sabatha Dlamini
Manzini

A Manzini-based member of the police criminal investigation department gunned down a soldier in broad day light near the notorious Lqhaga Flats last Friday.

The incident occurred in full view of members of the public as an enraged Constable Dlodlu brutally shot Singinzini Army Barracks-based Private David 'LP' Dlamini.

Terrified pedestrians and street vendors watched in disbelief near the former Yesive Supermarket when the soldier was shot on the thigh and instantly fell to the ground.

It is said the bullet pierced through Dlamini's leg and landed on the wall as

● Terrified pedestrians and street vendors watched in disbelief near former Yesive Supermarket when the soldier was shot on the thigh and instantly fell to the ground. It is said the bullet pierced through Dlamini's leg and landed on the wall as traumatised onlookers watched in disbelief as Constable Dlodlu shot at Dlamini for the second time.

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However, when the second bullet miraculously missed the soldier's head by inches, Dlodlu kicked the now bleeding profusely Dlodlu as he lay on the ground helplessly, further hurting him on the left eye.

Constable Dlodlu who is said to have been plainly clothed, attempted to mur-

der Dlamini in full view of his friends, who also watched in shock.

Assistant Chief PICO Phindile Vilakati confirmed the brutal shooting of Dlamini by a police officer.

Soon after the spine chilling public display of violence, Constable Dlodlu went to the Manzini police station to hand himself to his fellow colleagues.

Dlamini was then rushed to Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital and on

Saturday he could walk unsupported, surrounded by his friends and family members.

According to Vilakati, Dlodlu is believed to have used his personal firearm to commit the offence.

"We are still conducting our own investigations despite Dlodlu surrendering himself to the police," she said.

Those close to the matter said the bone of contention between these two members of the disciplined forces revolved around a two-timing employee of FNB Swaziland known as 'Tholie' who is allegedly dating the police officer and a friend of the soldier. The implicated friend in the love triangle refused to comment on the matter.

Close sources said the police officer was driving Tholie's car. The other boyfriend in the company of the shot soldier were looking for Tholie who claimed to be in a salon.

"Just when the boyfriend and the soldier was negotiating for a parking space, some few parking spaces away they saw Tholie's parked car. The soldier, popularly known as LP, was allegedly the first to disembark from the car and went straight to Tholie's car,



CONFIRMS: Assistant Chief PICO Phindile Vilakati.

apparently to check who was behind the steering wheel and unfortunately for him he was confronted by the police officer who then subsequently shot him," the source said.

Dlodlu appeared before the magistrate's court on Saturday, where he was charged for attempted murder and is currently kept at the Manzini Police Station for his bail application at the High Court of Swaziland.

Nganono opposes meeting, violently grabs microphone

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

MBABANE Ward One Councillor Nganono Manyatsi tried to stop a meeting that took place in Mahwalala.

Manyatsi tried to stop the meeting because, according to him, it was illegal.

Manyatsi was supposed to conduct a ward meeting in which budget issues were to be discussed. However, the meeting did not take place because a quorum was not

formed. This is exactly the day on which the people of Mahwalala Zone Six, which is under Mbabane Ward One, were conducting their own meeting. The meeting was convened by Zone Six Leader Thandi Mkhonta. Manyatsi, when asked if he tried to disturb the meeting, said all he did was take the microphone.

Leaders

"The meeting they were convening was illegal because they convened it as zone leaders yet that system is now phased out by the Municipal Council of Mbabane, in favour of the Local Community Committees

(LCC) and ward committees," Manyatsi said. He said he grabbed the microphone because they knew that they were not supposed to convene a zone meeting while a ward meeting was supposed to take place.

Manyatsi said the Zone Six residents were supposed to get approval from him as a councillor to go on with the meeting. "They knew that we were supposed to have a ward meeting where we were supposed to discuss budget issues. We were not able to proceed with the meeting because we could not form a quorum. Now, we have other people

holding their own illegal meeting. This is wrong," he said.

When contacted for comment, Zone Six Leader Thandi Mkhonta confirmed that the Zone Six meeting took place yesterday in Mahwalala. She said there was a communication breakdown between them and Manyatsi.

Meeting

"Manyatsi was supposed to contact the Municipal Council of Mbabane about the meeting so that they would then instruct me to inform Zone Six residents about the meeting. No one informed me about the meeting. I

was surprised when he told us about the meeting because I was not aware of it," Mkhonta said.

Mkhonta went on to say Manyatsi tried to disturb the meeting by grabbing the microphone from the person who was announcing the meeting in the area. "However, the people attended the meeting in their numbers. They were not intimidated by what was happening. About 70 people were in attendance," she said. She said they were talking about electricity schemes in the area.

They wanted the residents to pay the 10 percent of the money they were supposed to pay so that they could access the remaining percentage from the Inkhundla centre.

4 PICTURES

INKHOSIKATI LANKAMBULE'S LOBOLA



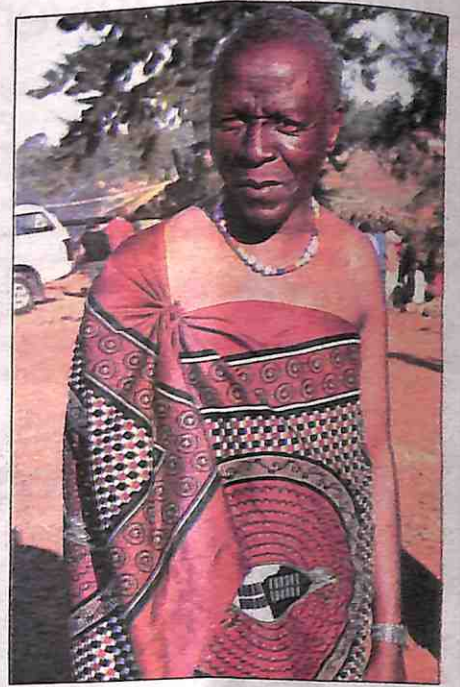
SIYALOBOLA: Emalangenj from Lozitha paid Lobola for Inkhosikati LaNkambule, a wife to Prince Mahebedla at Esitjeni. The ceremony attracted royalty from different royal households who came through to support the sons and daughters of Prince Mahebedla who paid Lobola for their late parents. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



TALKS: The Nkambule family pictured during talks with Emalangenj from Lozitha.



CONGRATS: Prince Majaha congratulating Manzolwandle on the success of the ceremony.



ALSO THERE: Prince Simelane was one of the senior members of the royal family who were at the ceremony.



UP HIGH: The Ingadla team from Elangeni was a marvel to watch as they displayed their dancing skills.



BESUTHU: The Nkambule elders who were presented with royal gifts.



ALL SMILES: Princess Emina was also at the ceremony.



DOWRY: Part of the cattle which were paid as lobola.



EXCITED: Emalangenj were excited about the success of the ceremony which attracted the scores of people.



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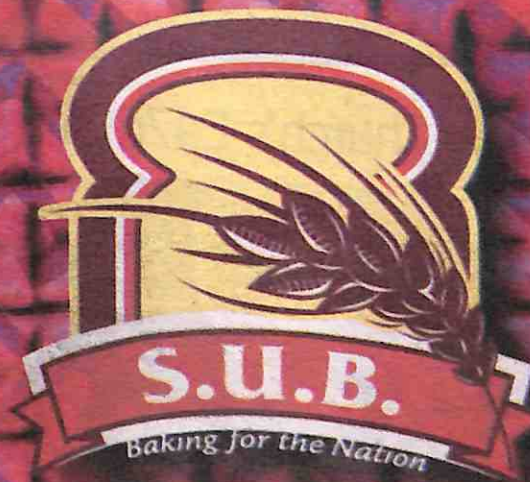
KILLER HAY INVESTIGATION:**MORE ON DYING CATTLE @ MPISI FARM**

HEADACHE: The team of veterinary officers from the ministry of agriculture tried in vain to save cattle that were under their watch after eating hay from South Africa. A team of veterinarians led by Senior Veterinary Officer Dr Xolani Dlamini investigated the mass deaths. Latest reports suggest that over 100 cattle have since died due to the poisoned hay. The ministry will compile a full report on the total number of cattle that died and the way forward which will be released in due course. Cattle kept at Mpisi Farm belonging to government and farmers died and still continue to die as the team of vets work tirelessly to find a solution. (Courtesy Pics)



SAVE THEM: The vets tried all tricks in the book to save the dying cattle but more continued to die.

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SNAT ON GOVERNMENT

GOVT IS HYPOCRITICAL ON NEGOTIATIONS - SNAT

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

GOVERNMENT does not understand and appreciate the significance of what a recognition agreement is all about, says SNAT President Freedom Dlamini.

SNAT is the Swaziland National Association of Teachers.

On Saturday, SNAT celebrated the World Teachers' Day at Mpaka Railway Sports Ground, a day which is normally celebrated on October 5, of each year.

The union president has said in many instances, the executive sit for negotiations and make collective agreements with government regarding salaries and other grievances, but only for government to come up with different resolutions at the end.

He said this indicated pure disregard of the union's efforts to work in collaboration with government.

However, Dlamini said, the union had courage in that it was able to take such behaviour by government and report it to court. Dlamini said it was also for this reason many achievements seen by the union had to come as court orders after government made resolutions which were in defeat of their collective agreements.

Dlamini pointed out a number of



NOT APPRECIATED: SNAT President Freedom Dlamini

grievances which are still pending for negotiations. He said for instance, there was still the issue of allowances which have not been resolved.

Another issue was that of head of departments (HOD) rose from the salary reviews.

Some primary teachers were also said to be still aggrieved on the recent salary reviews. Dlamini said these were some of the collective agreements which had been contravened by government.

These issues should be finalised by end of November.

Dlamini added teachers must remain

dedicated to their work and value the teaching profession. He said one way of valuing the profession was making sure one keeps himself or herself upgraded academically.

He said this would also help teachers to get the necessary respect from children and the society.

Dlamini pointed out technology was advancing daily, hence the need for teachers to also advance their studies.

He said it was unfortunate however, the employer always questioned any teacher who was reported to be advancing his or her studies while also holding employment.

Women and Law joins forces for teachers' rights

WOMEN'S rights advocacy organisation, Women and Law in Southern Africa has joined forces in the fight for teachers' rights as according to their importance in the society.

Director Colani Hlatshwako said there was need for government to accordingly value and hold teachers with high esteem for them to be motivated to do their job even better.

Hlatshwako was the guest speaker during the celebrations of Teachers' Day

held at Mpaka Railway on Saturday.

Hlatshwako said the country needs motivated and competitive teachers to aid in changing the country in many areas such as in the fight against HIV/AIDS and human rights. She said there was a lot that rides on education and many of its gains trickle down to a number of areas.

Hlatshwako said therefore, the country could not afford to abuse the education system

because that was where its growth and development lied.

The director added that as an organisation that also runs the One Billion Rising Campaign, they extended their solidarity to the teachers to unite in their struggle to

fight for their dignity.

She said at this instance, it was sad to hear that some teachers were not being paid according to their qualifications.

This was after it was stated some primary

school teachers who hold degrees are being paid as equal to those who hold diplomas. It was also highlighted that teachers who worked on holidays with the intention of attaining better results were not paid overtime. She said this was discouraging to the teachers. Hlatshwako further said they were also urging SNAT to consider having more women in high ranks of the organisation.

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'Ministry happy with SNAT operations'

THE ministry of education and training is happy about the collaborations with SNAT in matters regarding the improvement of the education system.

Lubombo Deputy Regional Education Officer Dzabulase Mthupha who represented both the REO Wellington Mdululi and Principal Secretary Pat Muir, said

the ministry was happy to note some conflicts between the educators were attended to and amicably resolved by the union without having to take the matter to the ministry.

He said this showed the union understood its mandate which is mainly to educate and empower the nation.

"The PS ordered me to announce the ministry is so far very happy about the union's commitment in dispute handling both at branch and national level," said Mthupha. The deputy REO then urged teachers to keep believing in themselves, knowing that they play a pivotal role in improving the economy of the country.



SATISFIED: The ministry of education has revealed it happy with its working relations with SNAT.

Jobs Galore: Catholic Church's E47m sugar cane project

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Siphofaneni

SATURDAY was a historic day for Siphofaneni community as the Roman Catholic Church officially launched a E47 million sugar cane planting project which promises to employ about 90 per cent of area's the employed people.

This project which has already made a difference in the lives of the neighbouring communities by creating employment opportunities was officially launched by Bishop Jose Luis Ponce De Leon at St Philips on Saturday.

Speaking during the event the Bishop said as a mission they declared their interest in growing sugar cane to Ubombo Sugar



JOB OPPORTUNITY: Bishop Jose Luis de Leon seated with EU Ambassador Nicola Bellomo during the launch of the E47 million sugarcane project by the Roman Catholic Church at St Philips on Saturday. (Courtesy picture)

Limited (USL) in 2010, but they were advised land alone was not enough as they needed to get a water permit and also do a soil survey.

Leon said they did not succeed the

first time hence they had to try again.

He said after discussions with the USL, it was agreed a farm would be developed through a concessional lease to USL.

About E47 million was spent to develop the farm and plant sugar cane.

The net area of the farm was 427 hectares with more than five pivots and semisolid sprinkler irrigation.

Father Jose said since its inception, during the project development, community members were engaged by contractors who were doing land preparation and irrigation system installation, planting and fencing.

"During the cane growing season, at peak season, 50 people were employed in the farm and 90 per cent are from local communities. Two small businesses have been engaged to harvest and haul sugar cane. About 90 cane cutters are employed to harvest sugar cane," he said. With the country facing a serious drought problem, the project was not spared.

The Bishop said before the project

commenced, there was a serious water crisis, particularly amongst the inhabitants of the mission.

Father Jose said other than the fact that the Catholic Church enjoyed the privilege of having the water permit, sugar quota, the concessional lease development of the farm most importantly for the Catholic Church was to continue showing compassion, to be a good Samaritan to the less privileged members of the neighbouring chiefdoms. Some of the projects presently being run by the Catholic Church in the area included education as there were six Catholic run schools which had about 4 000 students, poverty alleviation, health care outreaches, health care services, child care, OVC Hostel and boarding hostel and material and spiritual support of people living with HIV and AIDS, Home Based Care, food relief and many other projects.

Magician's murder case

LATE MAGICIAN'S FAMILY CAN'T FIND CLOSURE

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EXACTLY three months since Mbabane magician Mduduzi Gama died, his family wants closure on his demise, as nobody has explained to them as to how and why he died.

The late magician died allegedly at the hands of the police and they (police) supposedly dropped him on the roadside at Mvakwelitje.

Gama who hailed from Mbabane Zone 2 is said to have been last seen by eye witnesses being dropped by a police van with two police officers inside (male and female) at around 05:00 hours on that fateful cold day (June 1), only to die from severe wounds on his head two hours later.

"We cannot move on with our lives if we still do not know who did that to our brother, he is a loved one to



CLOSURE NEEDED: The late Mbabane magician Mduduzi Gama.

us and we want answers," his brother Sicelo said, adding that this incident had also divided the family.

He noted that there was more anger between the members who wanted answers and those that want the magician to be left to rest in peace.

"My family members have gone quiet about this matter, no one seems to want to get the answers, and it is making me more angry, especially when I wake up

and find that it was only in my dreams that my older brother was alive, it hurts to not know what happened to him," Sicelo added.

The late magician's brother said police had also been untrustworthy as regards this matter, as they never came back to them after promising to do so.

"The Royal Swaziland Police Services promised to get back to us, yet it has been three months now. There is no clear explana-

We are still investigating - RSP

THE Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) Services says it is still investigating the case of the late Mbabane Magician Mduduzi Gama.

Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Phindile Vilakati said, "we still have not found the culprits on this case and we are working around the clock to find them and bring them to justice."

We can also add the fact that the eye witness saw a police van, does not mean the police are responsible, it is still an allegation."

tion as to what killed one of our own, we need closure and we need to mourn our brother well, we have not yet received the post mortem results either," Gama added.

Meanwhile, Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Phindile Vilakati said the post mortem results were only for the court.

"The results are the evidence collected for the court, should this matter be taken there, we do not give them to the families and we can not interpret them either, as it is written in medical form," she said.

She added that even in court, only the doctor who conducted the post mortem would detail the findings and not the police. "We only collect evidence and forward it to the relevant people, even if it is against us as police, which is rare," Vilakati added.

Man cons woman E22 000 for property, has sentence reduced

By Phesheya Kunene
Magistrate's Court

A man charged with conning a woman a sum of E22 000 has had his prison sentence reduced after his five-year sentence was suspended for three years.

Siboniso Manyatsi must have been a happy man when his attorney, Simo Simelane, successfully submitted that his sentence must be suspended as the accused person has learnt his lesson.

The fact that Manyatsi has also paid the full amount of E22 000 back to Xolile Nxumalo also worked to his favour as the court said it considered that too when passing sentence.

Manyatsi had been initially sentenced to five years in a correctional facility or a fine of E5 000. It is said on, 2010, Manyatsi enticed Nxumalo into buying an incomplete house at Timbutini yet he knew it did not belong to him.

He ordered Nxumalo to deposit a sum of E22 000 so as to be the new owner of the house.

However, according to his attorney, Manyatsi received an attractive offer from another willing buyer and he was tempted to accept it even though he had already taken Nxumalo's money. Manyatsi's lawyer informed the court that his client used a third party to pay back the money and he had successfully managed to put the complainant back to the position she was on before defrauding her.

"The item on sale was once seen by the complainant, he was willing to sell her the house but a better offer emerged. He never planned on defrauding the complainant. A meeting has also been arranged your worship between the complainant and the accused, in a quest to bring closure into this matter," Simelane made his submissions in court.

He said Manyatsi was more than willing to smoke the peace pipe with Nxumalo while adding that the court should also avoid slapping him with a harsh sentence as what was more important was that the complainant should get her money back while the accused was rehabilitated rather than punished.

The attorney also asked the court to consider that Manyatsi had three minors and also that he just started a trucking business, something that usually comes with huge debts.

"Suspending his sentence is also very much effective as this will always keep him on his toes, he will know that once he commits an offence the suspended sentence would catch up with him," Simelane said.

Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi agreed with Simelane's submissions while adding that the court would give Manyatsi the benefit of a doubt that he has learnt his lesson.

Nurses offside - Ministry of Health

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

MINISTRY Health Principal Secretary Dr Simon Zwane says the country's nurses are offside by saying they will not support the roll out of the early access to ART programme.

The PS said it was wrong for nurses not to support the programme.

He said if the nurses had a concern, they must engage with the relevant structures and discuss the issue.

Zwane said he would like to believe that the nurses were not opposing the programme because they were against it, but maybe according to his opinion it might be because they were not properly engaged.

The PS said this might be their way of voicing out their grievances, however saying they opposed it, might be a strong word for the nurses to use.

"Maybe this is a way of registering that there was no proper engagement between the parties," he said.

Zwane said for any health system in the country, nurses were very important so for something to work everyone should buy in.

He added that opposing this idea would be offside.

Zwane said even when the ART programme was introduced in the past, there were issues but they engaged with each other and sorted them out.

Indian nationals fined E2 000 for illegal stay

By Phesheya Kunene
Magistrate's Court

AS the investigations into the influx of Asian nationals continue, four Indian nationals have been fined E2 000 for being in the country illegally.

This follows a raid by the Mbabane police whereby they uncovered the Indian nationals in places such as Msunduzi, Extension 3 and Parkview Heights.

According to the charge sheet, the four were arrested last Wednesday after it was discovered that they remained in the country even though their entry permits had expired.

Bhaiyat Yusuf (41), Faruk Ahmed (34), Waseem Muhammad (28) and Kudiya Hasan (35), were represented by Lawyer Sabelo 'Chicken' Dlamini, who told the court that his clients instructed him that they were remorseful about their illicit conduct.

They all pleaded guilty while appearing before Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi at the Mbabane Magistrate's Court.

They were convicted and found guilty of the offence of contravening Section 14 (2) (c) of the Immigration Acts



LAW AND ORDER: Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi.

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During mitigation, whereby Dlamini represented each of them, the court was told that the first offenders used the legal entry points when coming into the country as they possessed legitimate travelling documents.

However, their crime was deciding to remain in the country when it was apparent that their entry permits had expired. "I request the court to be lenient when passing sentence as by pleading guilty it shows that they know they have done something wrong and they did not waste the court's time. They instructed me that they will fix the issue of entry permits as soon as they leave the court," Dlamini said.

Nhlabatsi slapped each one of them with a fine of E500 or five months of imprisonment. On another note, the court has sentenced yet another shoplifter to pay a fine of E500 or face the prospect of spending five months in jail after he was found to have stolen a roll-on deodorant valued at E8.99 at Shoprite supermarket. Gcina Mhlanga pleaded guilty to the offence of shoplifting and further apologised to the boss of the supermarket. "I apologise for my actions, I will never steal again, I mainly want to apologise to the owner of Shoprite for my actions. I also plead with the court to be lenient with me when passing sentence," Mhlanga said.



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COUNTRY'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE SADDENING - FSE&CC

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Matsapha

FEDERATION of the Swaziland Employers and Chamber of Commerce (FSE&CC) Chief Executive Officer Bonisiwe Ntando has decried the high level of youth unemployment in the country.

She said it was saddening that Swaziland faced a major youth employment challenge, as evidenced by one of the highest youth unemployment rates in SADC and widespread youth idleness.

Ntando was speaking during the third graduation ceremony of Gwamile Voctim held at the institution's premises last Friday.

She challenged the graduates to develop an entrepreneurial mindset and start exploring opportunities of utilising their acquired skills for the establishment of businesses.

The CEO said the development of youth entrepreneurs and of entrepreneurship could help stimulate the country's economic growth, and help reduce the unemployment gap currently faced by youth in the country.

Ntando said as the voice of business, they were also concerned for many years, women had not been associated with, or considered for jobs in male-dominated industries, resulting in the country having highly occupationally segregated workforces in some sectors.

"It is assumed, for example, women are most suited to do work involving caring and nurturing, and so, women's work is found in areas like health care and education; not in roles that are operational, technical or in the trades," Ntando stated.

She said this stereotyping was reinforced in all aspects of everyone's lives as a society.

She said this included at home, where parents often adopted stereotypical roles themselves, from anything as simple as who does the ironing or takes out the trash, to who works full time and who is the primary care giver. She said the problem started at home as it was also rare to see women and girls encouraged to consider careers in mining, construction or utilities.

Ntando said as a business commu-



GUEST SPEAKER: FSE CEO Bonisiwe Ntando making her remarks during the graduation ceremony held at Gwamile Voctim on Friday. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)

...We need more women bricklayers

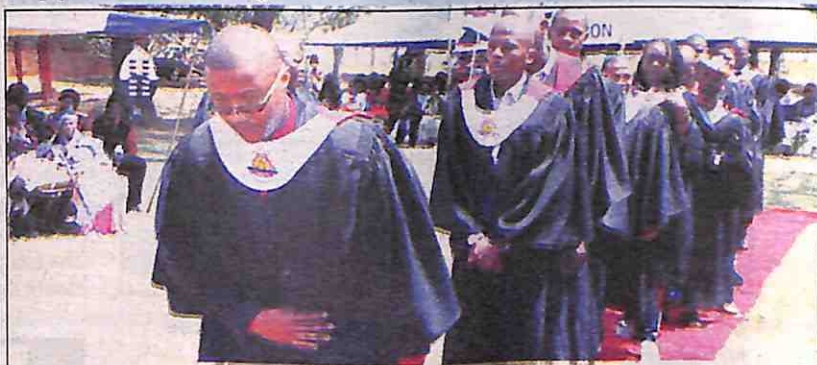
FSE&CC Bonisiwe Ntando called for more women to join the building and plumbing department.

She said as the business community, they encouraged VOCTIM to correct the misconception that the entity was male-dominated by providing cases and content for their websites and promotional materials that would inspire, and attract women to enroll for programmes such as engineering, plumbing and bricklaying. An important employment challenge was to tackle occupational segregation of traditionally accepted 'male' and 'female' jobs and to break the barriers in opening up professions to both genders.

Ntando said women were only slowly penetrating the professions traditionally dominated by men.

"Young women, particularly in developing countries, are often unable to take advantage of training opportunities due to barriers to entry, discrimination in selection and gender stereotyping. This needs to change," Ntando said.

She added that such under-representation of women continues to undermine gender equality, industry performance and the country's economy. Ntando said women's economic participation was a game-changer with the potential to transform entire economies and societies.



LINED UP: Students lined up to receive their Diplomas certificates.

nity, they were proud of Voctim which she said they regarded as a success because it demonstrated that

the investment that was made towards the establishment of the institution was truly paying off.

Importance of graduations

WITH September and October being graduating months, the University of Swaziland (UNISWA), will also be hosting its ceremony this coming weekend. Some people are still in the dark about the importance of such events.

FSE&CC CEO Bonisiwe Ntando shed light about graduations.

She said graduations were the most sacred events in the life of

higher learning institutions.

Ntando said it was a day set aside to award academic qualifications, to the deserving graduates.

Assessment

"A graduation ceremony is a period of institutional self-reflection and assessment on the efficiency and effectiveness of academic delivery, research and innovation as well as the environment under which all these operations are undertaken".



SUPPORT: Parents also came through to watch the graduation ceremony.



PACKED: Students following the proceedings.



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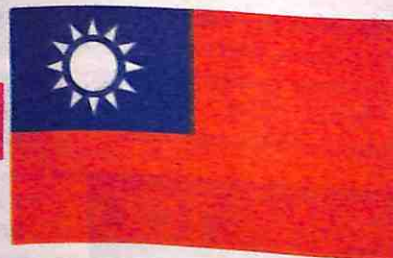
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10 NATIONAL NEWS

'BIG FISH', TIMPHISINI MP AT WORLD LITERACY DAY WALK

By Sizwe Dlamini
Timphisini

ABOUT 150 people came together for a six kilometre long walk marking part of the celebrations of the World Literacy Day that held at Timphisini Constituency last Thursday.

The walk was organised by Sebenta National Institute in conjunction with United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) as well as the ministry of education and training.

The walk was led by the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) Services band and Timphisini High School drummajorates.

It was sponsored by World Vision, Pots Construction, Macmillan, Ngonini Estates, Ekhasya Funeral Services, KB Investments, ABSA Investments, City Office Machines as well as Euro Pane Beaters.

Awareness

Timphisini Member of Parliament (MP) Apton Ndlovu said the walk was to further raise awareness on the importance of literacy and to celebrate World Literacy Day.

"It is very important that we all understand the importance of reading and writing as this is the bases of literacy. Literacy is a very important tool we can use to break the vicious cycle of poverty that most people find themselves locked in," he said.

The MP was joined by Sebenta Chief Executive Officer Tibekile Manana, Chief Inspector of Primary schools Tembela Dlamini and Siphon 'BigFish' Makhabane as well as pupils from Timphisini high school and other dignitaries from all the relevant stake holders in the walk.



AWARENESS: Timphisini Member of Parliament (MP) Apton Ndlovu was joined by Sebenta CEO Tibekile Manana (on cellphone), Chief Inspector of Primary Schools Tembela Dlamini all enjoying the walk to celebrate World Literacy Day at Timphisini on Thursday.



LEADING: The walk was led by the Royal Swaziland Police Band and Timphisini High School Drummajorates.



Timphisini (MP) Apton Ndlovu with Siphon Makhabane.



THEY WALKED: The multitudes that took part.

Mpolonjeni resident arrested for DD, while found on driver's seat

Stories by Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

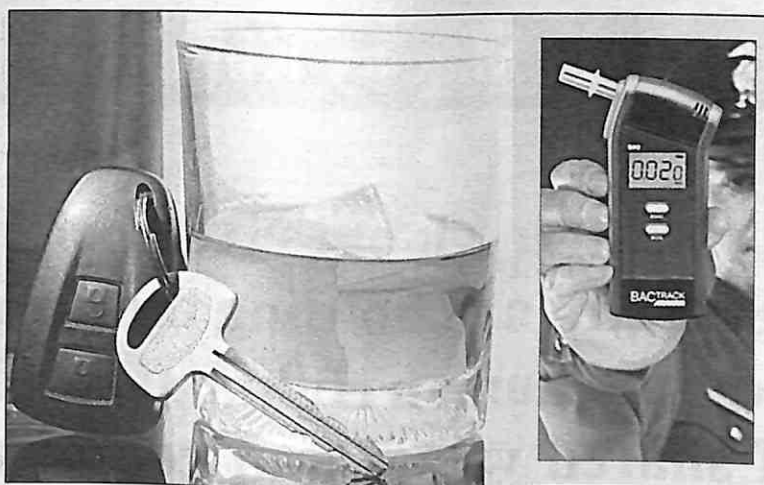
A man has pleaded for the court's mercy after he was found on the driver's seat while intoxicated.

This offence landed Themba Maseko of Mpolonjeni to a fine of E1 800 after he was found to have contravened section 91 (1) as read with section 122 (2) of the Road Traffic Act of 2007.

Maseko was slapped with two counts, with the second one being found to have wrongfully and unlawfully drove his Toyota Corolla and parked it on the roadway of Mpolonjeni Public Road.

While representing himself before Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi, Maseko pleaded guilty to both counts.

Nhlabatsi then asked Maseko if he could confirm a breathalyser was



conducted on him. Maseko said the result of the test showed there was 0.84 mg per litre of alcohol in his body.

"I ask the court to be lenient with me as the police found me seated on the driver's seat. I was not driving the car," Maseko said.

Nhlabatsi convicted and found

him guilty as per his own pleas. For count one, he was sentenced to a fine of E1 800 in default of payment 18 months imprisonment. While for the second count he was sentenced to pay a fine of E800 or spend six months in jail. Nhlabatsi said sentences would run concurrently.

a whopping 0.93mg/l.

He was fined E2 000 or face two years in a correctional facility.

"I am sorry to the court; I pleaded with the court to be lenient with me. I had a driver but he also drank alcohol so I had to drive the car," he said.

MY DRIVER WAS DRUNK TOO

IT was a case of being unlucky for one, Lunga Mndzebele (29) of Mbangweni after the driver he had organised also got drunk, leaving him with no option but to

drive himself.

Mndzebele was arrested in the early hours of Sunday morning at Sidwashini whereby it was discovered his breathalyser results stood at

MKHOMBE NABBED FOR DD

ABOUT three of the five offenders who appeared before the court to answer for drink-driving charges claimed they were nabbed while rushing close relatives to hospital.

They said had it not been for emergency calls to rush their close relatives to hospital, they would not have committed the offences they faced.

Ronnie Mkhombe (52) of Thembelihle, who was arrested at Msunduzi, was amongst those that appeared before Fikile Nhlabatsi and claimed to be rushing a relative to the hospital when nabbed.

"I ask the court to be lenient as I am a first offender. I received a call that a certain cousin of mine was sick and I had to attend to that," Mkhombe mitigated.

This comes after Mkhombe was slapped with two charges said to have committed while under the influence of alcohol at Msunduzi. It is alleged, while driving his Mitsubishi LDV, Mkhombe wrongfully and unlawfully parked it on the roadway thus contravened the Road Traffic Act.

However, the first offender pleaded not guilty to the count of wrongful parking, thus he was only sentenced to a fine of E2 000 or two years in a correctional facility. He was acquitted and dis-

charged for the other offence.

Another offender, Daniel Jookim (42) of Corporation also claimed he was from taking his child to hospital when he was arrested for drink-driving at Corporation. Jookim was nabbed on Saturday with his results from the breathalyser reading 0.77mg/l.

Convicted

He pleaded guilty to the offence and was convicted and found guilty as per his own plea.

"I apologise to the court. My child was sick. I will not commit such an offence ever again," he said.

Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi sentenced this lawbreaker to a fine of E1 700 or the prospect of spending 17 months in jail.

Accused, Mxolisi Shabangu was also slapped with two traffic counts of driving while under the influence of alcohol and also wrongfully parking his car.

While mitigating, Shabangu said he was taking his child to hospital when he got arrested.

He pleaded guilty to both counts and he was sentenced to pay a fine of E1 000 for driving a motor vehicle while high. He was further slapped with a fine of E800 for parking his car in an unlawful manner. The sentences ran concurrently.

HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL TIGHTENS ITS GRIP

Stories by Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

THE Swaziland Higher Education Council (SHEC) has sharpened its teeth against institutions that are non-compliant to the country's higher education regulations.

SHEC Chairperson Makhosazane Madolo said since cabinet had passed the higher education council regulations, the council was ready to crack the whip on non-complaint institutions.

Madolo said she was not expecting any institution to be found on the wrong side of the regulations since when the council was drafting the regulations, they regularly held consultation meetings with stakeholders on how the regulations should be shaped for the betterment of the quality of the education system in the country.

"The regulations basically are to ensure that the learning institu-

tions provide quality education. Education is advancing all the time and ours is to make sure that our institutions meet the advanced standards," she said during a stakeholders meeting held at the Royal Villas on Thursday, where the regulations were launched.

On that note, SHEC Executive Secretary Mboni Dlamini said the programmes that the institutions provided in their entities, should

be in line with the higher education regulation.

"All stakeholders must be in possession of the regulations as they will guide them on what is expected of them. Education and skills are under transformation and all the institutions must provide competitive skills," he said.

Dlamini said the council conducted a two-year study and the findings drove them to make the regulations for the higher educa-

tion.

"The study found there was a fragmented provision of the post-secondary education meaning the system lacked internal relevance. The lack of a regulatory body system of training providers meant there was a mushrooming of unregulated providers which created a doubtful quality of higher education. The study also found that training provisions were isolated from the market needs with available programmes being outdated," he said.

Dlamini said the study also discovered there was lack of life-long learning and no coherent qualification system. He said SHEC then intervened and drafted regulations of higher education quality assurance. "The council also saw a need for the development and implementation of a coherent qualification. There was a need to protect student and their investment, to enhance excellence across providers and to encourage investment and innovation," he said.

MEDIOCRE LECTURERS IN FOR A SHOCK

LECTURERS found to be holding mediocre and fraudulent qualifications to what they are teaching in the institutions will fry.

SHEC Executive Secretary Mboni Dlamini said the council would conduct certificates verification so as to ensure the lectures qualify for the courses they were teaching.

"You cannot be a degree holder and be teaching a degree qualification.

A lecturer teaching a degree qualification needs to possess a much higher qualification.

For all those lectures who studied out of the country the council will investigate the authenticity of their qualifications from institutions where they obtained their qualifications from.

Once the authenticity is verified the council will then evaluate foreign qualifications to the local standard to determine if its' quality allows its bearer to lecture those particular programmes.

Heads are going to roll," he said.

He added the council wanted to ensure the education quality that was produced in the country was at its best hence the overhaul the whole higher education system. "The council will also conduct surprise quality control audits in all institutions," he said.



EDUCATION IS KEY:
Picture sourced from the internet showing University pupils.

PLAY-ACTING ACCREDITATION IN ADVERTS WILL GET YOU PROSECUTED

EDUCATION institutions that bear false information about their accreditation status when advertising their programmes will be prosecuted.

SHEC Executive Secretary Mboni Dlamini said some institutions had a tendency of advertising their institutions claiming they were fully accredited and fully regis-

tered when it's not the case. "The law will take its cause on all those institutions. They will have to tell us which office accredited and fully registered them. Institutions must not misrepresent facts at the expense of others education," he said. Dlamini said non-compliant institutions would have their operating authorities revoked. "We will

engage the institution before the license is eventually revoked," he said. SHEC Chairperson Makhosazane Madolo further advised the institutions to organise themselves so it may be easy for the council to communicate with them. "For ease of communication between us we need you to be organised," she said.

E5 000 to establish a university

SHEC Executive Secretary Mboni Dlamini says establishing a university will cost providers E5 000. Dlamini said the establishment fees would secure a provisional authority which has a stipulated time frame and if requirements are met the institution will be fully

registered at another E5 000. He said once an institution was fully registered it would be accredited at another cost of E5 000. "Colleges will also undergo the same process but their fees are slightly lower at E2 000 for all the three processes, while vocational institutions will

be expected to pay E1 000 for each of the processes," he said. "New programmes should be registered with SHEC for approval. Programmes evaluation and accreditation will be charged at 0.72 percent of the total tuition fees for annual programmes," he said.



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12 NATIONAL NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS: Winner of the trailer Dr. Nosipho Nkonde and Pick'n Pay Assistant Stores Manager Sanelisiwe Dlamini shaking hands. Nkonde was accompanied by her fiancé Mancoba Thwala. (Pics: Mbono Mdluli)



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HAPPY DAY: Dr Nkonde smiles after she was announced a winner of the trailer.

MEDICAL DOCTOR WINS PICK N PAY TRAILER

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

A medical doctor based at the Mbabane Government Hospital won a trailer worth E15 000 at Pick n Pay.

Dr. Nosipho Nkonde was announced as the winner of the trailer courtesy to a competition the retail giant was running.

Mbabane Pick n Pay Supermarket called to inform her of the good news.

Nkonde, who resides at Profound Flats, Queensgate in Mbabane, was

caught by surprise as she was informed at the supermarket that she had won a trailer valued at E15 000.

"I was really surprised by such good news because I had even forgotten that I entered the competition.

"I am still trying to figure out what to do with it because I had not planned for it. This is my birth month, so this present came at the right time," Nkonde said.

Nkonde did not go there alone as she was accompanied by her fiancé, Mancoba Thwala.

She told this publication that she could not remember when she actually entered the competition because

she had completely forgotten about it.

Pick n Pay Assistant Store Manager Sanelisiwe Dlamini said the competition began running from August 1 to October 2.

"The competition required that participants buy two packets of spaghetti or macaroni, which cost E5.49 each," Dlamini said. She said the draw was conducted and a customer was randomly picked to select Nkonde as a winner.

Nkonde spent only E10.98 to win the trailer. Dlamini also advised Nkonde against selling the trailer, saying that she would find it useful in future.

Hawane Dam now stands at 1%

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

HAWANE Dam now stands at one percent carrying capacity after the rains that were received over the past weekend which saw Mbabane recording 28.1mm of rainfall.

Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC) Corporate Affairs Manager Nomahlubi Matiwane confirmed that the dam now stands at a capacity of only one percent.

"The past weekend's rains saw the dam rising from nothing to one percent," she said.

Matiwane further highlighted that even though the dam rose from zero to one percent, they were still not using it.

"We are not using the dam, instead we are using tributary streams which are better due to the rains received over the past days," she said.

She also mentioned that the tributaries were also starting to disappear.

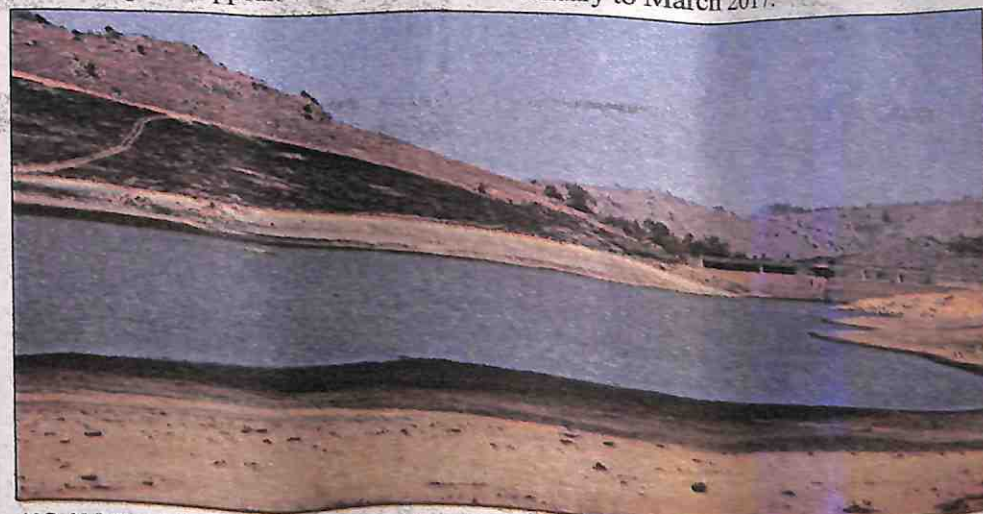
Matiwane said the rains experienced over the weekend did not do much to the levels of the dam.

Meanwhile, the Swaziland National Meteorological Services Department said there were rainfall drizzles expected before the week ends in some parts of the country.

Impact

The impact of the El Niño induced drought continue to be felt across the country even though sporadic rains are currently enabling the maintenance of a four-day water-rationing system in Mbabane.

The Swaziland Meteorological Services' current seasonal rainfall forecast had indicated a slight trend towards normal to below normal rainfall for October, 2016 to March, 2017 in parts of Shiselweni and Lubombo, which are already the areas most impacted by the drought. MET's forecast also indicated that the whole country might receive normal to below normal rains in the period from January to March 2017.



NO HOPE: Hawane Dam now stands at one percent after the rains that were received over the past weekend.

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INKHOSIKATI LAMATSEBULA TALKS ABOUT CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

By Sizwe Dlamini
Timphisini

ABOUT 758 million adults across the world cannot read or write a simple sentence.

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Secretary General Hazel Zungu said two thirds of these are women.

Zungu was speaking at the Timphisini constituency last Thursday as Sebenta National Institute and UNESCO celebrated the 50th anniversary of World Literacy Day.

Zungu stated that since the inception of the International Literacy Day by UNESCO in 1966, the number of young adults without literacy skills had decreased by 25 percent and 43 countries worldwide including Swaziland had shown major improvements in gender parity and equality.

The event was graced by her Royal Highness Inkhosikati LaMatsebula as well as Hhohho Regional Administrator Prince Tshekedi as well as the Minister of Education and Training Dr. Phineas Magagula along with Timphisini Member of Parliament Sikhumbuzo Ndlovu who participated in a three kilometre walk that marked the beginning of the event.

Guest speaker at the event, Inkhosikati LaMatsebula stated that teachers should discipline children in order for the country to have a bright future. She said this was because even a young King Sobhuza II was also disciplined by his teachers that was why he was such a successful King.

She said the lack of corporal punishment in schools nowadays could be compared to giving children free education, but no knowledge as the children lacked discipline therefore



PRESENT: Her Royal Highness Inkhosikati LaMatsebula and Sebenta CEO Tibekile Manana at Timphisini on Thursday.



MINE: Sipho 'Big Fish' Makhabane received a gift from Sebenta for his presence.

lacked direction. She said pupils face a bleak future as many of them were promoted to next grades even if they had failed and that was wrong.

Meanwhile, Minister of Education and Training Dr. Phineas Magagula thanked Inkhosikati for coming out to support the nation at such an impor-



THANK YOU: Sebenta graduates receiving their certificates from Inkhosikati.



IN IT TOO: Entertainment by Sebenta graduates.

tant event as education was the key to ending poverty in Swaziland.

The minister said nobody was too old to get an education. A motivational speech was delivered by Sipho 'Big Fish' Makhabane who encouraged Sebenta graduates and everybody in attendance not to undermine themselves as he had travelled across the globe with minimum education but still managed to be

successful.

Sebenta Chief Executive Officer Tibekile Manana used the event to present six Sebenta graduates with certificates of completion and further encouraged others to follow suit as education was very important.

The event was punctuated by entertainment provided by Timphisini High School dance groups and choir as well as Sebenta traditional dance teams.



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GOOD GESTURE: Dignitaries including the leadership of Mbangweni Umphakatsi in a group photo after the official opening of the soup kitchen.

TAIWAN FUND BUILDS E1m KITCHEN AT MBANGWENI

A charity organisation with its origins in Taiwan has helped in the construction of a state-of-the-art soup kitchen at Mbangweni, a project that has cost close to E1 million.

The Taiwan Fund for Children and Families (TFCF) was approached by the Shiselweni Home Based Care (SHBC), to assist with funds to construct the beautiful neighbourhood care point (NCP) kitchen which is a different design from the common NCPs that exist in other communities around the country.

SHBC is a Shiselweni based ministry founded by Dr Arnau van Wyngaard who is a pastor of the Shiselweni Reformed Church.

Dr van Wyngaard has been hailed in a number of communities in the region for his efforts in improving lives of the destitute and orphans as well as the sick.

His ministry is fully involved in assisting communities in a number of ways and now wherever he goes, many refer to him as 'Hope of The Needy'.

Dr van Wyngaard was showered with accolades by almost all the speakers during the official opening on Friday, an event that was graced by authorities from Mbangweni chiefdom as well as representatives from Shiselweni II Inkhundla.

TFCF Director Cash Kuo who was accompanied by some of the organisation's employees also attended and delivered a speech. The organisation was the main sponsor of the project as it splashed out a sum of E788 503 and this donation was made towards the end of 2015.

In her remarks, Kuo thanked SHBC as well as the Mbangweni chiefdom



NEW START: Director of Taiwan Fund for Children and Families (TFCF) Cash Kuo preparing to cut the ribbon to mark the opening of the soup kitchen at Mbangweni. Looking on is Dr Arnau van Wyngaard who is the director of the Shiselweni Home Based Care.



for the dedication they showed from the first day the project started up to the last day it was completed.

The TFCF Director said it was after meeting the parties that were involved in the planning of the project of this nature that they (TFCF) saw it proper that it should be funded.

The zeal and vigour shown by Dr van Wyngaard in changing lives of those less privileged touched TFCF hence they did not hesitate to assist in a project of such magnitude.

"The desire of TFCF for Mbangweni is to see the standard of life improving

and this project its part of this desire. You will have at least a decent structure for cooking, access to clean water, a better storage for things like food. This facility we are handing over today has a pre-school, playground and is well fenced. In addition, there is a garden and toilets of the required health standard," said Kuo.

Kuo also thanked all the caregivers saying they were a dedicated team and kind. She noted the love the caregivers have for the children on daily basis and said it showed their humanity and true 'ubuntu'.

SHBC takes care of close to 1 000 children

MEANWHILE, Dr van Wyngaard disclosed that SHBC has a total of 11 NCPs it caters for and a total of almost 1 000 children fed in these NCPs.

Others include those at Edwaleni, Matsanjeni, Hlushwana and now SHBC has also stretched its assistance to Big Bend which is in the Lubombo region.

Explaining about the work of Shiselweni Home Based Care (SHBC), Dr van Wyngaard said what they were doing was encouraged in the scriptures. He said SHBC was a God sent organisation built on a Christian oriented foundation.

"God is using us to do his good work.

In fact we are His partners as he can't come from heaven to do what needs to be done here on earth. Through us, He is

able to do what needed to be done, that is assisting the needy in these communities," said Dr van Wyngaard.

Speaking on behalf of the caregivers, Monica Hlophe said they were pleased as women to see progress and it was pleasing to see a project of this magnitude completed. She said what was also interesting was that it was a project fully supported by the authorities of the area.

"We are encouraged that the soup kitchen is right at the umphakatsi's door step and that they (elders) allocated this piece of land to have such a project built is another indication that the authorities of Mbangweni are caring about destitute people of the area," said Hlophe.

The NCP at Mbangweni caters for 124 children who will get a meal daily.



TAKEN CARE OF: These are some of the children to be fed in the soup kitchen.

Reformed church urged to open branch

MBANGWENI elders have requested the Swaziland Reformed Church to open a branch in the area.

Acting Chief Musa Matsebula said the authorities would have no problem of allocating the church land.

He said as the church has shown that it was indeed founded on true Christian principles, it would be a blessing to have it establishing a branch in the area as many hearts which were lost would be found.

The acting chief was speaking last Friday during the official opening of a neighbourhood care point (NCP), a project funded by the Taiwan Fund for Children and Families (TFCF).

The acting chief appealed to Dr Arnau van Wyngaard to consider adding a branch of his church in the community as this would also help in finding lost souls.

"You have won our hearts as elders of this area and we are now requesting you Dr van Wyngaard to consider opening a branch of your church here. Spiritually, we also need to be

fed and there are a number of souls which can be won once you open this branch here," said the acting chief.

Provided

Matsebula said it was clear that van Wyngaard's church served God's mandate as it was the teachings in the scriptures that those in need should be provided and it was exactly what the Swaziland Reformed Church was doing.

He said Dr van Wyngaard was easing off the burden on the umphakatsi's shoulders, that of assisting in the construction of the soup kitchen.

Matsebula said people like Dr van Wyngaard were needed for the attainment of the first world status. Matsebula also thanked TFCF as the main sponsor of the project.

He said it was pleasing to see some of the country's friends being so supportive and reaching out to the communities with challenges.

"Asibonge kakhulu kuto tinini telive ngalelisentela kona silive," said Matsebula.

NATCOM READS RIOT ACT TO RECRUITS

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

AS a number of police officers continue to be nabbed for drink-driving, RSP National Commissioner Isaac Magagula has warned police recruits who will be passing out this month that they must refrain from such conduct.

Magagula warned the trainees against engaging in drink driving and stated that the organisation would not tolerate such behaviour.

The commissioner was addressing the trainees in preparation of the Police Day and Passing out Parade scheduled for this coming Friday (October 14).

The occasion was also intended to acclimatise the outgoing police recruits to the challenges



LISTEN: The National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula warning recruits.

that they would face in the policing environment upon leaving police college.

Magagula urged the trainees to always display professional conduct in the course of their duty in

order to remove the public's outcry of being subjected to secondary trauma at the country's police stations.

He stated that the public were the police service's clientele,

thus it existed, hence police officers should always be passionate and show empathy towards the nation. The national commissioner also warned the trainees against using the police uniform for the furtherance of personal criminal agendas. He stated that police officers were custodians of the law and they should not engage in criminal behaviour.

The national commissioner further alerted the recruits who would be passing out and be based at various stations in the country that accommodation at various police stations might not be as friendly as the organisation would hope and pleaded with them to exercise patience.

He also urged them to take good care of the items of uniform and to use the available resources and utilities economically.



GROUP PHOTO: Recruits.

'WE ARE NOT RECRUITING, AVOID JOB SCAMS'

NATIONAL Commissioner of Police Isaac M Magagula has strongly warned the Swazi Nation against paying money in return for recruitment in the police service.

Magagula relayed this warning when addressing police trainees at the Matsapha Police College last Thursday.

He revealed that the police service has not embarked on any recruitment exercise stating that it was yet to be decided whether to start the whole recruitment process from scratch or consider those who applied during the last intake.

He further cautioned the Swazi nation to refrain from bribing individuals for employment especially because the police recruitment process was conducted by a board which comprised of several members. Worth noting was that quiet a number of people have reported to have been conned money by people who promised them jobs in the forces.

Information gathered was that these people would ask the aspiring police officers to pay money so that they could buy for them uniform and other items they would use during training in the police force. The national commissioner has warned the public not to fall prey to such connmen.

COPS LOOKING FORWARD TO POLICE DAY

NATIONAL Commissioner Isaac Magagula says celebrating the Police Day is a major event in the police calendar because this is where His Majesty King Mswati III issues instructions to give direction and guidance in the operations of the police service.

He challenged the trainees to go all out in their efforts to ensure that the Police Day was a success and further warned them against engaging in habits that may compromise their performance during the day.

Magagula commended the recruits for making history and embarking on a philanthropic project by constructing a two-bedroom house for a needy family.

He noted that nowadays people were very stingy when it comes to donating and applauded them for such gesture.



UNITED: Deputy National Commissioner Fana Dlamini, Senior Deputy National Commissioner William Dlamini and NATCOM Magagula.

NEW BOYS AND GIRLS: Recruits listening to the advice of National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula at Matsapha Police College yesterday as the recruits prepare for their pass-out. (courtesy pictures)



Soldier arrested for killing royal game tried to bribe rangers

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

THE Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF) member who was arrested early last month for hunting and killing an Inyala and Inhlangu without a licence or permit while at Mlilwane is said to have tried to

bribe game rangers so as to avoid losing his job.

John Zakhele Dlamini (51) was arrested for hunting and killing an Inyala and Inhlangu while at Mlilwane Game Reserve.

Dlamini who is based at Ngabezweni Army Barracks was arrested together with David Zakhele Ntjingile (54).

The two first appeared before

Magistrate Xolile Nxumalo who released them on bail of E2 000 each.

During their court appearance last Thursday it was revealed that Dlamini who was found at the Game Reserve was driving his vehicle during the time of committing the offence.

It is alleged Dlamini left his vehicle outside the game reserve and

proceeded with four other men to hunt. It is said when the two were caught, they produced a letter which belonged to a Ginindza man that gave only Ginindza the permission to hunt at the nature reserve. The witness in court said even the letter that the soldier produced was not his and it did not give the owner permission to hunt for any other animals except for wild pigs. Shiba told the court that after the two were caught, the soldier is said to have tried to bribe the

game rangers so that they could not take him to the police because he feared that by so doing he was going to lose his job.

Shiba told the court that he made it clear to Dlamini that the animals they have killed were of great value as they were Royal Game and therefore he could not forgive the soldier for committing such an offence. When asked how much the cost of the killed animals was, Shiba stated that the total value was E3 600.

WFWPI CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

THE Swaziland Chapter of the Women's Federation for World Peace International (WFWPI) celebrated 20 years of existence in the country by giving to the destitute in Ntandozi among other areas.

Local Coordinator Sabina Makhanya said they had representatives from the organisation's headquarters in Japan who joined them in a small gathering they had recently.

She said Junko Tanaka led the Japanese delegation of four representatives from their Japan office.

Makhanya said they were delighted to have had the pleasure of hosting the Japan delegation which did not only visit but also took time to see some of the children the local branch was helping.

They visited Ntandozi where they presented to children and also met with the parents, guardians and the community of the area and educated them about the operations of the organisation.

Ntokozo Mabuza a resident of the area who facilitated the aid for the children was also present.

The celebration was held at Bethel Court in Ezulwini where former Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Macford Sibandze was amongst the guests.

WFWPI is a fully registered NGO in a bid to assist government and the general public in the many social problems the country has.

The organisation operated in 120 countries in the world where it seeks to empower

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CELEBRATING IN STYLE: WFWPI Japan and the local counterparts posing with guests and some of the benefitting children during the organisation's 20 years celebration at Bethel Court recently. Also present among the Japanese delegation and local coordinators were Macford Sibandze and Charles Mbingo. (courtesy pics)

women with knowledge, the tools and the support needed to create peace at home, peace in our communities, our nations and throughout the world.

"As a local chapter we are delighted to have

hosted the Japan delegation. Their coming here was a great motivation to us and to the children we are helping in the different parts of the country.

The organisation started operating in 1995 hence we were celebrating 20 years of existence. When we started some years back we had a lot of children, at some point we had about 300 children but our donors were disappointed by the rate of pregnancy among the young girls who eventually dropped out of school. The donors were discouraged hence the drop in number. We are however designing a character education program which will help educate the children on how to handle themselves to avoid such cases," the local coordinator said.

She added once they were done they presented it to the ministry of education for approval.

She said currently they have about 68 children from different schools they are helping stating the numbers will increase depending



SMILE: WFWPI Swaziland Coordinator Sabina Makhanya and WFWPI Japan representative Junko Tanaka during the celebration.

on the need and the availability of resources.

Makhanya said their aid was such that the donor catered for the school fees and full uniform support for the children.

The Women's Federation for World Peace International (WFWPI) supported a network of National WFWPI Chapters in over 120 nations that were dedicated to empower women with "the knowledge, the tools and the support needed to create peace at home, peace in our communities, our nations and throughout the world."

Programmes were designed according to local needs and capacities, and these included, leadership training for women and girls, education for peace and reconciliation, skills development and advocacy at major UN Offices and various regional and national institutions. In support of United Nations Development Goals, WFWPI maintained over one hundred service projects in fifty nations, in the areas of education, vocational training, microcredit, AIDS prevention education, technical support, medical assistance and nutrition guidance.

WFWPI Chapters adhered to the principle that women, working together, taking initiative and empowering one another across traditional lines of age, race, culture and religion to create healthy families, are resolving the complex problems of our world. Ultimately "solutions" come as true partnerships between men and women are established in all levels of society.

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BOOST: It was a happy day for the children as they were presented with school uniforms among other gifts.



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So the axe finally fell on Gideon Dlamini. He was relieved of his duties that were becoming strenuous in the latter days. I am happy for him. For one simple reason, he will have his life back.

It was terrible seeing the former commerce minister leading an undecided and humiliating life, his mistakes not withstanding, during the latter days in office as minister. My point is he was kept in grotty suspense and it was not funny.

He watched despondently as minister after minister or at some point veteran principal secretary Jinoh Nkambule executed his duties. As usually done in politics, Dlamini was literally suspended or banned from thinking.

The news of last Friday (of his sacking) should have tasted sweeter to him if he is a normal human being. The only things that made Dlamini relate to being a minister in the latter days of his tenure was the huge salary and big wheels the state gave him.

Apart from that he was worse off. A political cabbage if you like.

Now that's not good enough for a theorist like Dlamini thus I assume he was relieved, hence my happiness. However, my happiness ends just there. The morning after looks very bleak, the same way it does for a cheating woman who forgot to take her morning after pills.

The storm is yet to come, my prophecy says.

Like I stated earlier, in the latter days of his tenure he lived a miserable political life. Experience has taught me that misery brings both the bad and ugly out of a person.

He seemed to defy certain orders that were married to the 'suspension' I spoke about earlier. Again he seemed to undermine his principal at cabinet by the comments he made about being 'suspended'.

The gist of the beginning of Dlamini's end is a donation from one of the country's diplomatic friends that ended up being deposit-

JAIL MATERIAL?

● It was terrible seeing the former commerce minister leading an undecided and humiliating life his mistakes not withstanding, during the latter days in office as minister. My point is he was kept in grotty suspense. The only things that made Dlamini relate to being a minister in the latter days of his tenure was the huge salary and big vehicle the state gave him

ed into a private company's account. Some screamed fraud, who wouldn't anyway?

The ACC was called in. They interviewed the minister and in the middle of that exercise, Dlamini's mouth was ordered shut, so was his political movement.

He was only free to do shopping. Never mind that such came at a huge cost to taxpayers. The same way Magobetane Mamba was set against the public by being paid yet he was sitting at home.

We all knew his condition was unfortunately not improving. He was finally rested last Friday too.

In an attempt to clear his name, Dlamini alluded to insinuations that whosoever was peddling this E1.4 million story was wasting his/her time.

Suppose

Like the late Jack Selebi, Dlamini declared that his hands (both of them) were clean. So, all hell broke loose, I suppose.

My gut tells me that Dlamini will be arrested shortly and charged for the E1.4 million that landed into some account. I did not want to believe my gut when it also hinted Dlamini is also likely to be paying for mistakes committed during his active days in Sive Siyinqaba.

I am sure you remember that political party that preferred to be called a cultural group. The PM once described it as a brandy in a can of coke, politics.

It's neater when a minister is arrested after his sacking than during his tenure, so I think the same principle applied here. Maybe it was felt things were handled badly the last time we had a reshuffle.

The arrest came first. However, neater as it may be, it is not a good sign. Maybe we need a



SACKED: Ex-minister Gideon Dlamini

broader consultative machinery when recommending these people for such positions and this falls directly on the PM's laps.

To be known to be loose with the axe when things go wrong does not justify earlier poor judgments. I hope the two incoming ministers in Owen Nxumalo and Christopher Gamedze were screened properly.

I am sure they were. It's in order to congratulate them on their shocking appointments and I personally look forward to the arrogant life they would inevitable change into. They will now miss parliament sessions like the rest of the arrogant cabinet.

They, too, led the chorus of feeling undermined by ministers' failure to attend parliament work and I expect them to rise above arrogance.

Whilst Gamedze rarely attracted the attention of the media in his debates, Nxumalo is known to be the loud one. Loudness in politics is what matters.

How I wish he could take his loudness to cabinet.

Nxumalo usually makes the right noises but not always. Speaking of Nxumalo, I have seen him fall and rise in life. He was once a working Manzini resident.

He was employed in a bank. He rose through the ranks at the bank until what at first seemed like a dark hour, struck. He lost his job but was later cleared and paid well over E600 000. He danced for that.

He was not to be brought down by that incident as he was elected a councillor in Manzini and was subsequently elected mayor. He ran the city.

Claims

I will deliberately not touch the E11 million question that arose in the middle of his reign. He claims him and his team were cleared but residents are not happy such that they want the matter re-opened. They want proper closure so to speak.

Despite that set-back, Nxumalo raced to parliament until last Friday when he reached the pinnacle of Swazi politics. I hope he will add value. Or better still, he could do like some ministers I know, keep quiet and just enjoy the meal.

The ministers I am talking about are those that subscribe to the African axiom that 'you don't talk in between your meal'.

During the same press conference where the appointments of Gamedze and Nxumalo were announced, something puzzled me. The PM did not impress me. He spoke out of turn. I think I now appreciate him more when quiet. He makes a lot of sense to me when in that state. A polite way of saying he has reached the end.

At the press conference he said the mess taking place at SIPA had not reached his office. What more does

the PM needs to know that SIPA is in a mess than what he reads in newspapers?

I have always known this PM to be very particular about what he reads and if need be he is very quick to set the record straight. It made me suspect that the PM is condoning what the CEO Phumelele Dlamini is doing to both the staff and the country's image to investors. Here I am talking about a woman who was sent on special leave by the board but declined. It's called insubordination in industrial terms.

The board wanted to investigate all the allegations levelled against her by managers and cleaners while she remained at home. She is alleged to have told the board it can't send her on special leave. Your 'over my dead body' kind of style. Well politically, her body is dead. It's a matter for another day.

The CEO's stance was that she was hired by the PM. Now that's an indictment on the PM, a big fan of good corporate governance. Where is corporate governance when a board can't deal with a CEO? What was the board appointed for in the first place if the CEO can be such an untouchable?

Great pity the board was coincidentally appointed by the fired Minister Dlamini and maybe, just maybe, it's the reason the CEO never respected it. They never saw things the same way with Minister Dlamini.

The PM needs to come clean on this for the sake of investors. He also has to ensure CEOs don't abuse his or cabinet's name to mess up people's lives and future of the country. Since he has acted decisively on the Minister's matter, it is time he showed the same level of no nonsense with the woman who is suffocating the King's dream of 2022.

I intended addressing the City Council of Mbabane issues but space fought me. However, all is not lost, next week is another date. I want to know what Benito Jones is up to. I will also be looking into the Ludzidzini Council order on retrenchments. Walter Bennett will also have to tell me *kutsi uhlalaphi kani?* I thought he has been residing in Mbabane for over six months.

Thanks.

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ON THIS DAY

...OCTOBER 10

1957 - US President Dwight D. Eisenhower apologised to Komla Agbeli Gbedemah, the finance minister of Ghana, after the official had been refused service in a Dover, DE, restaurant.

1959 - Pan American World Airways announced the beginning of the first global airline service.

1963 - A dam burst in Italy killing 3 000 people.

1965 - The Red Baron made his first appearance in the "Peanuts" comic strip.

1973 - Fiji became independent after of nearly a century of British rule.

1977 - Joe Namath played the last game of his National Football League (NFL) career.

1978 - The US Bill authorizing the Susan B. Anthony dollar was signed by US President Jimmy Carter.

1984 - The US Congress passed the 2nd Boland Amendment which outlawed solicitation of 3rd-party countries to support the Contras. The amendment barred the use of funds available to CIA, defense, or intelligence agencies for "supporting, directly or indirectly, military or paramilitary operations in Nicaragua by any nation, group, organization or individual."

1987 - Tom McClean finished rowing across the Atlantic Ocean. It set the record at 54 days and 18 hours.

1991 - The United States cut all foreign aid to Haiti in reaction to a military coup that forced President Jean-Claude Aristide into exile.

1994 - Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras resigned as Haiti's commander-in-chief of the army and pledged to leave the country.

1994 - Iraq announced it was withdrawing its forces from the Kuwaiti border. No signs of a pullback were observed.

1995 - Gary Kasparov won a chess championship against Viswanathan Anand that had lasted about a month.

1997 - The Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain, opened to the public. Architect Frank Gehry designed the 450 ft. long and 98 ft. wide building.

2001 - US President George W. Bush presented a list of 22 most wanted terrorists.

2003 - Rush Limbaugh announced that he was addicted to painkillers and that he was going to check into a rehab center.

2010 - In China, Canton Tower opened to the public.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Xherdan Shaqiri (Soccer Player) - October 10 1991 25 years old



Mya (Pop Singer) - October 10 1979 37 years old



The Global Business
ROUNDTABLE

"The Lord has given us the whole world, and we should take it".

This was a statement uttered by a departed soldier of Jesus Christ, years ago, when she prophesied about GBR/GFFJ. And indeed, fruits of her prophecies have started to manifest, as this esteemed God-ordained organisation will have its programme aired on the TV screen starting next month (November 2016).

A public MoU between GBR/GFFJ and TBN together with RTM TV Networks was signed two weeks ago at a glittering ceremony held at The Cedarwoods of Sandton during the Thought Leaders Summit dinner. Elders, board of trustees, members of GBR/GFFJ from around the globe witnessed this historic do. It is worth mentioning that Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) in Africa, which broadcasts Christian content, is watched by millions of people in the African continent and is the largest Christian broadcaster in the world. RTM, a Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) TV network is watched by over 20 million viewers worldwide. It is for this reason this upcoming programme, dubbed, "A New Thing" brought to you by GBR is set to take the world by storm. The "A New Thing" concept is taken from Isaiah 43:19... "see, I am doing a new thing! Now it spring up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland". Its holistic approach will just blow every viewers mind and indeed society would be a better place as its needs would be addressed through this programme. The programme has been segment-

GBR PROGRAMME TO HIT TV SCREENS

FACT: One of the challenges facing modern business and private sectors globally is the fact that the current financial and economic systems and organisations, unless inspired by God and led by the Holy Spirit, will not prevail in solving the deepening economic problems of the world.



SEALED: GBR Convenor HE Siphon Mseleku and TBN Africa's CEO, Lucky Mbiko signing the MoU.

ed to three Phases, and airing of the first phase begins in the next three weeks.

TBN's CEO Lucky Mbiko who noted how people have resorted to selling Christ, thanked the organisation GBR/GFFJ for bringing forth an "undiluted and non-manipulative gospel of Christ" to the masses of spiritually thirsty masses, adding that Channel343 will air the programme every Saturdays from 5pm.

On the other hand, RCCG's Head of Channels, HE Agbontaen Osayande shared Mbiko's sentiments and noted

how anti Christian movies are infiltrating the TV screens these days, challenging everyone present to explore Christian movie productions.

The scope for the show will consist of GBR/GFFJ's departments namely: five-fold ministers council, intercession, men of integrity, women of character, future leaders, music and worship, teens and superkids, mentorship and coaching, leadership development and training, GFFJ 2* episodes (resources mobilisation, ambassadors) and GBR platform-end-time financial.

It will also deal with the different gates and mountains of society being:

- Education/intellectual development/academia
- Business and entrepreneurship (SMME and big business)
- Trade and investment (cross border transaction and business to business match-making)
- Politics and government/public sector and parastatal
- Science (health and wellness) and technology
- Spiritual and religion
- Arts, sports and culture
- Media and communications
- Family and society.

EZULWINI, NHLANGANO, MATSAPHA ROUNDTABLE MEET

As GBR/GFFJ's activities, events are Vision 2020 focused, it is worth mentioning sessions are now held every week in the country, in the 4 regions (Hhohho, Shiselweni, Manzini and Lubombo).

Ezulwini falling under the Hhohho region had a session where Phesheya Tsela of Tausi Consulting, a consulting firm specialising in community or agro-business development, was presenting.

Nhlangano in the Shiselweni region hosted HEA,

GBR/GFFJ WEEKLY MEETINGS

- We have our sessions, Tuesdays, Thursdays and even on Saturdays, from the different regions of the country. Everyone is free to attend these sessions, at no cost and anyone can become a member free of charge.
- Every after the session, we network, a powerful session where business deals are clinched and sealed over a meal. Our evening

- sessions start promptly at 6pm-8pm and the venues and days are:
- In Mbabane- City Court-last Tuesday of the month
- At Ezulwini-Bethel Court-first Tuesday of every month
- At Simunye-Simunye Club-second Tuesday of every month
- Manzini- third Tuesday of the month, now at The George Hotel
- Mpaka-TioZe Restaurant, third

- Thursday of every month
- At Nhlangano- Ngwane Teachers Training College-every last Thursday of the month
- Ngculwini-currently at Mhlabhe High School, forth Saturday of the month 11am-1pm.
- Steki-second Thursday of the month, new building next to Baceth Hardware
- For more information log in to the GBR website: www.globalbusinessroundtable.com or send an SMS to: +268 78722063

Mahlalela who spoke on a "positive mindset for transformation to enhance growth and

change." Matsapha, under the Manzini Region, is still at orientation stages and it is hav-

ing the Matsapha CEO to speak on business opportunities in the area.

South Africa is known for its extreme income inequality, which is one of the highest in the world.

Ten percent of the population earn around 55 – 60 percent of all income, compared to only 20 – 35 percent in the advanced economies.

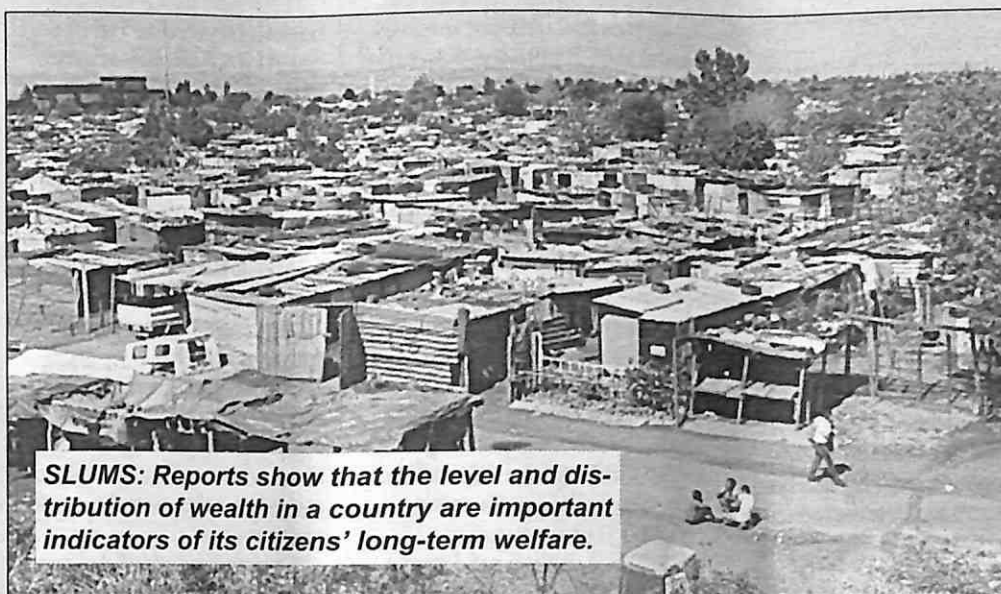
But while the top income share is high in its own right, it pales in comparison to those for wealth; such as real estate, pension funds and shares of listed companies. New tax and survey data suggest that 10 percent of the South African population owns at least 90 – 95 percent of all assets. This share is much higher than in the advanced economies, where the richest 10 percent own "only" around 50 – 75 percent of all assets.

Why does wealth matter? First, the level and distribution of wealth in a country are important indicators of its citizens' long-term welfare. Whereas income and consumption tell us something about a household's current living standards, information on wealth is important in assessing whether the household can sustain these living standards during spells of unemployment or throughout retirement.

But wealth is also of particular concern for long-term inequality. This is because wealth can generate its own income (such as interest, dividends, rents, and capital gains), and can be passed on between generations.

Over time, small differences in assets can therefore grow larger and larger. As Thomas Piketty argues in his influential book on wealth and inequality (*Capital in the 21st Century*), this tendency has been one of the biggest drivers of growing inequality in both advanced and developing countries.

SA NEEDS TO FIX ITS DANGEROUSLY WIDE WEALTH GAP



SLUMS: Reports show that the level and distribution of wealth in a country are important indicators of its citizens' long-term welfare.

A growing number of studies have suggested that high inequality can have unfavourable political and economic consequences, which is why South African policymakers are increasingly concerned about it. Currently, most initiatives focus on inequality of income and consumption, since these variables are closely linked to poverty and exclusion.

But based on my own research I argue that narrowing the wealth gap also deserves close attention.

WHY WEALTH IS DIFFICULT TO MEASURE

We know South Africa's wealth distribution is highly unequal. It is, however, very hard to measure precisely how unequal it is. This is because our usual tools are well suited to measuring income and consumption, but not very good at measuring wealth.

The most widely used data on living standards come from household surveys. Their main limitation when it comes to mea-

suring wealth is participation is voluntary and richer households tend to be less likely than others to participate.

Because of these limitations, researchers have started to use data from tax records. Since tax filings are mandatory, tax data do not run the risk of under-representing individuals at the top of the distribution.

Anna Orthofer, Economics PhD Candidate, Stellenbosch University
The Conversation

University fee increases only for "rich" students

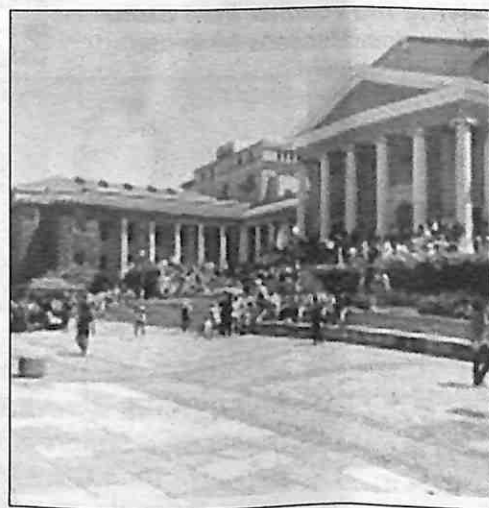
... WILL THEY STAY OR WILL THEY PAY?

LAST week the Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT) announced their fees increase for next year. Read about it here: [CPUT Fees Increases 2017](#).

Their plan is an eight percent fees increase for the 10 percent "rich" students. The "rich" students are those whose families earn R600 000 per year and more. All of this in reaction to Fees Must Fall, now in its second year.

The 10 percent "rich" students will contribute R26 million to the CPUT budget. They are about 3 000 students. That leaves CPUT R94 million short next year. 90 percent of students will get a 0 percent fees increase. For the second year in a row.

If Fees Must Fall was about fees increases, then, as Tabitha Bailey said about Unisa, the students have achieved their goal. No fees increase for 90 percent of students must be a huge victory... IF you were aiming at



achieving no fees increases.

However, I think that Fees Must Fall is about free education. And a zero percent fees increase does not mean that you are studying for free.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Maybe the "rich" students and their parents are happy to pay more than the other students. But I suspect, not.

will find loopholes and become poor overnight.

Students will learn about the transportability of academic credits (hint: you can't just move to a different university).

A lack of funds will mean Universities have to "cut their cloak according to their cloth". First the "rich" students, and

It is easy to be for or against a political or social idea. A "Like" on Facebook takes very little effort. But the real test is when it starts costing you money, or risk the future of your own child. So, we shall see if those parents and those students are willing to pay more.

CONSEQUENCES I PREDICTED...

"Rich" students

eventually all students looking for quality education, will abandon the traditional universities and go private.

MOVING BETWEEN UNIVERSITIES

The "rich" students and their parents will start looking around for alternatives. Since they have to pay more, they will try and find better education for their money. And they will find more and more accredited and recognised private higher education institutions happy to take on their children.

The problem is a student who has finished one or two years at one institution, will not automatically be able to continue their studies at a different institution. These students are about to discover their academic credits are not very transportable. If you finished two years of a degree at CPUT, you cannot simply walk into the third year of that degree at a different university.

This lack of transportability of academic credits will keep most of these students captive in the institutions where they have started their studies.

Wit and Wisdom

THE POLITICAL WIT OF BOB HOPE
(the late, great american comedian)

"I refuse to answer that question on the grounds that I don't know the answer" – Douglas Adams

"Wit beyond measure is a man's greatest treasure." – J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*

"Quotation is a serviceable substitute for wit." – Oscar Wilde

"Patience, grasshopper," said Maia. "Good things come to those who wait."
"I always thought that was 'Good things come to those who do the work,'" said Simon. "No wonder I've been so confused all my life." – Cassandra Clare, *City of Glass*

"So you're a Shadowhunter," Nate said. "De Quincey told me that you lot were monsters." "Was that before or after he tried to eat you?" Will inquired. – Cassandra Clare, *Clockwork Angel*

"Don't let the muggles get you down." – J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*

"This is not a novel to be tossed aside lightly. It should be thrown with great force." – Sid Ziff

"The covers of this book are too far apart." – Ambrose Bierce

"I am not absentminded. It is the presence of mind that makes me unaware of everything else." – GK Chesterton

"If they can get you asking the wrong questions, they don't have to worry about answers." – Thomas Pynchon, *Gravity's Rainbow*

"Heterosexuality is not normal, it's just common." – Dorothy Parker

"I don't deserve any credit for turning the other cheek as my tongue is always in it." – Flannery O'Connor, *The Habit of Being: Letters of Flannery O'Connor*

"Brevity is the soul of wit." – William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*

"Humor keeps us alive. Humor and food. Don't forget food. You can go a week without laughing." – Joss Whedon

"Clever as the Devil and twice as pretty." – Holly Black, *White Cat*

"The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers." – William Shakespeare, *King Henry VI, Part 2*

"There is, I believe, in every disposition a tendency to some particular evil, a natural defect, which not even the best education can overcome." "And your defect is a propensity to hate everybody." "And yours," he replied with a smile, "is wilfully to misunderstand them." – Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.5%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	7.4%
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 7 OCT 2016

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.9300	13.9800
British Pound / SZL	17.3540	17.4163
Japanese Yen / SZL	7.4292	7.4544
Swiss France / SZL	14.1868	14.2319
Botswana Pula / SZL	1.3052	1.3197
Australian Dollar / SZL	10.5450	10.5899
Canadian Dollar / SZL	10.5077	10.5438
Mozambique Meticals / SZL	5.5219	5.5955
Euro / SZL	15.4790	15.5346
Gold	1,255.1899	
Oil	49.5300	

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Moving Forward

NET GOVERNMENT BALANCES SLUMP BY 66.7%

By Linda Dlamini

NET Government balances with the banking sector over the year, have decelerated by 66.7 percent to reach E1.2 billion.

Month-on-Month government balances with the banking sector shrank by 41.4 percent.

The Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) money and banking statistics August/September 2016 report said the contraction largely emanated from a combined effect of a decrease in government deposits held by the banking industry and an increase in claims on government over the review month.

"As a result, government deposits held by the banking industry contracted by 0.9 percent whilst claims on government grew by 32.4 percent over the review month," reads the

report in part.

The CBS further reported the country's gross official reserves stood at E7.5 billion at the end of September 2016, depicting a contraction of 5.3 percent when compared with August 2016.

"The decline in the reserves was mainly on account of payment of government's external obligations over the month of September 2016. At this level the reserves represented an import cover of 3.6 months, lower than the 3.8 months observed at the end of August 2016," reads the report in part.

The CBS said the value of the reserves in Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), closed at SDR386.3 million reflecting a month-on-month growth of 0.3 percent. "When compared over the same period last year, the reserves decreased by seven percent in Emalangeni terms and by 6.2 percent in SDRs terms," the

CBS said.

The report said Swaziland reserves represented an import cover of 3.6 months of goods and services, lower than the 3.8 months cover recorded in August 2016.

Meanwhile, the CBS reported the liquidity position of the banking industry stood at E3.6 billion at the end of August 2016, depicting an expansion of 12.8 percent compared with the previous month.

This development was attributed to the growth in commercial banks' balances with the Central Bank and investment in government securities over the month under review.

"Over the month of August 2016, the banks' liquidity ratio rose to 27 percent from 25.8 percent in July 2016. Compared on an annual basis, commercial banks' domestic liquid assets expanded by 52.5 percent," said

the report.

The CBS reported credit advanced to the private sector reached E12.3 billion at the end of August 2016 from E12.4 billion in July 2016, reflecting a month-on-month decline of 0.6 percent. On the other hand, credit advanced to businesses closed at E5.6 billion over the month under review, down from the E5.7 billion registered at the end of July 2016, representing a decline of two percent.

"Credit advanced to other sectors contracted by 0.9 percent to settle at E940.8 million at the end of August 2016, down from the E949.7 million recorded in July 2016."

Credit advanced to households and Non-profit institutions serving households improved by 0.9 percent over the month of August 2016 to settle at E5.8 billion from E5.7 billion recorded in the previous month.

RIVERSTONE, GABLES PICK N PAY DOLES OUT E20 000 VOUCHERS

By Manqoba Makhubu

AFRICAN Alliance (AA) Partner Sthofeni Ginindza and Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital Nurse, Clag Sithole won shopping vouchers worth E10 000 each from the Riverstone and Gables Pick n Pay outlets.

This was during the Lucky Emalangeni draw conducted by the retailers' last Saturday.

Sithole who was described as the most 'loyal customer' won at the Riverstone, Manzini outlet, while Ginindza who was said to have been the 'last candidate to qualify for the draw' won at the Gables, Ezulwini outlet.

Ginindza is also Swazi Observer and Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) Boards Chairman.

Riverstone Administration Clerk, Queen Banda said the competition started running from August 19 until October 2. She said to qualify for the ultimate draw, customers had to spend E100 upwards in store, "during this period, each day, we gave out to customers E1 000 shopping vouchers."

This means there were 45 winners daily, who then qualified for the E10 000 ultimate draw in each outlet. Gables Store Manager Phetsile Dlodlu the purpose of the promotion which was conducted annually was in two folds; to give back to customers and as well as encourage customers to continue purchasing at



GABLES WINNER: Pick n Pay Gables winner Sthofeni Ginindza receiving his voucher from Store Manager Phetsile Dlodlu. (Pics: Manqoba Makhubu)



CONGRA: Thabani Gina also took home a consolation prize at the Gables draw.



CONSOLATION PRIZE: Barry Waters got a consolation prize, a gift hamper from Rhodes Food Group presented by Logico's Liezel Groening at the Gables outlet.



RIVERSTONE WINNER: Pick n Pay Riverstone winner Clag Sithole with his two sons, Administration Clerk Millicent Nkhambule and Zakes Nxumalo who conducted the draw.

the outlets. Sithole, who when announced winner hastily hugged his two sons said he was grateful and at a loss of words to describe his delight. He further thanked the retail for the initiative.

"This initiative is good because it makes us come and buy more," said Sithole.

Ginindza also shared the same sentiments, "a voucher like this makes you shop here than else-

where." Ginindza, who was also accompanied by his two kids, Qhenyisiwe and Menelisi, said he was elated for winning the prize, "my kids encouraged me to join the competition."

He came to the draw in his athletic outfit, as he said he didn't even have time to go home and change after participating in the Imbube Marathon from

Somhlolo to Mbabane.

On another note, he said small retailers could learn a lot from such customer incentives, "It's not about how big your price is, no matter how small the incentive, people will actually go for it." Two people were also drawn from both retailers and they received gift hampers as consolation prizes from Rhodes Food Group.

LACK OF STRATEGY COULD MINIMISE PPPs RETURNS

By Linda Dlamini

PUBLIC Private Partnerships (PPPs) should always be a long term investment to yield maximum benefits.

Recently, government has appealed to the private sector to form PPPs for the benefit of the country's economy.

QualConsul QS Managing Director Professor Raymond Nkado, said the main purpose for PPPs was the diversification of skills that it brings about.

"PPPs should have a long term duration, typically 20 years or 40 years not the two to five years that occurs in most African partnerships," he said. Nkado was speaking during

the second annual Asakhane Construction Indzaba hosted by the Construction Industry Council (CIC) held last week at Esibayeni Lodge, Matsapha.

Adding, he said within any PPP there were three main components and it was important that the relationship is managed properly.

"There is the private sector, the public sector and other stakeholders which include the public, the last group is often ignored in the partnership yet they play an integral part of the relationship," he said.

Nkado said another issue that often results in minimal returns of a PPP was that of lack of strategy.

"Any PPP should have a strategic plan which is written down for all the

parties to understand and use as a reference point," he said.

When considering a PPP, Nkado said the parties should consider the benchmark that would be able to determine the success of the venture.

"With any PPP, the issue of value of money is always thought of.

Pointless

It is pointless conducting a venture that will then be of little value for the economy as a whole," he said.

He said what must be remembered was that these were public funds, so the issue of value for money has to come into play.

"Value for money does not mean the venture is a profit maximising endeavor, but the social benefits should also be considered," he said.

NMC resumes selling split beans

By Manqoba Makhubu

THE National Maize Corporation (NMC) is re-exploring the concept of trading in split, red, speckled sugar beans locally.

These are beans that have been split in half, either during harvesting or pre-cleaning and grading process and can no longer be graded as Grade 1 beans.

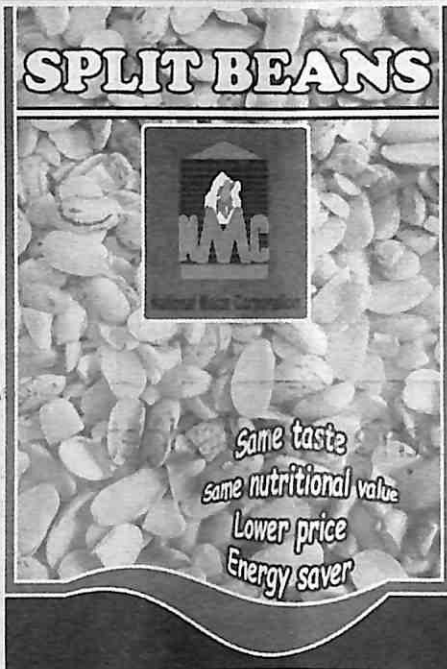
However, NMC Marketing and Communications Officer Nokwanda Dlamini-Masuku said since their nutritional value, quality of flavour and hygiene don't get compromised, these beans could be sold in the market at highly discounted prices.

"These beans are very attractive and favourable to the end consumer, because they are lower priced, therefore, affordable to most.

They cook in much less time, hence save on energy and time; and yet they remain as delicious as the full red, speckled sugar beans," he said.

She said this was not for the first time that NMC has traded in split beans.

"NMC introduced split beans into the market in 2015 and they were



received with great enthusiasm by the public," she said.

However, she said it was a pilot project that was halted due to short supply.

She said the organisation has since been flooded with orders for the beans and thus has re-introduced them back into the market to gauge interest, with a view to possibly adopt the product as a full NMC pre-packed

product. She said the corporation would continually seek ways to contribute to food security.

She said the organisation understands that other than being able to produce enough maize to sustain itself, the country and its citizens also need to be able to access good quality food at affordable prices, hence this venture.

"All quality processes are always followed by the NMC, when handling her food products.

Therefore, the split beans, like all our grains, will be tested and quality assured for human consumption, thus, the public need not be concerned about the quality of split beans.

They do indeed remain the same quality and flavour and are high in nutritional value as is the full red, speckled sugar bean, thus this is truly a potentially good buy," said the marketing and communications officer.

NMC also trades in white maize; red speckled sugar beans and par-boiled long-grain Thai rice which Masuku said they were fast becoming household names in the country.

MTN SWAZILAND SEEMS SAFER FROM THE GROUP'S DOWNGRADE

By Linda Dlamini

THE MTN Groups-downgrade of its long term debt to junk status by international rating agency Standard & Poor's (S&P) is unlikely to have an effect on MTN Swaziland.

According to a South African publication, Business Report, the company officially informed the market last week that S&P had lowered the group's long-term corporate credit rating to BB+ from BBB- and its South African national scale rating to zaA+ from zaAA, with a stable outlook.

The ratings agency maintained a cap of two notches above the blended sovereign rating of Nigeria and South Africa, which is currently BB-.

"The sovereign downgrade reflects increased risk for MTN Group, as MTN Nigeria is a significant contributor to the group," the company reportedly said. However, University of Swaziland (UNISWA) lecturer and financial analyst Kennedy Hlatini said if there would be any effects for MTN Swaziland, there would be minimal.

Downgrade

The recent downgrade of MTN group resulted from a negative sentiment within their two most important subsidiaries, Nigeria and South Africa which between them contribute over 60 percent of total revenues.

"Of course MTN Swaziland's own credit will be affected, but to a very limited extent since MTN International owns about 30 percent and considering the size of the Swazi market, it may be safe to say that the levels of implicit support should MTN Swaziland face a financial crunch are not great and hence the downgrade should not result in a very significant rise in the cost of debt for Swazi MTN," he said. Hlatini said the different subsidiaries would normally borrow from their domestic markets in order to avoid the

volatility of currencies and as such they would rely on their own credit ratings.

"In the event that MTN Swaziland has or intends to borrow from the parent company, the parent will lend in line with its own assessment of the riskiness of the cash-flows of the subsidiary and will most likely rely on the same ratings by the international rating agencies, although in practice most parent companies would provide guarantees depending of course on the importance of the subsidiary and the corresponding implicit support," he said.

MTN Swaziland Corporate Affairs Manager, Mandla Laphondvo when contacted referred the issue to the group's director of communication.

"I cannot comment on this issue as this is a group matter and there are people within the group's structure who are best placed to comment," he said.

Meanwhile, the corporate finance academia said rating agencies' methodologies were all based on a 'bottom-up' approach that first determines a stand-alone credit rating for the subsidiary.

Relationship

"They then factor in the relationship with the parent. Then, a judgment is made based on a number of factors as to what extent the parent would provide the support in the event of financial stress. In general, these factors reflect the importance of the subsidiary to the parent and the nature of the linkages between them," he said. He said once the overall significance of the factors has been assessed, the number of notches by which the stand-alone rating should be improved or reduced was then determined. "This of course suggest that most subsidiaries receive their own rating which is based on their own country, industry and specific fundamentals which is then adjusted with the perceived importance of the particular subsidiary to the parent company," he said.

Govt bonds better investment to beat inflation

By Linda Dlamini

INDIVIDUAL Investors looking to beat Swaziland's high inflation rate could do well by investing in government bonds.

A financial analyst from a leading financial services firm said subject to the individual investors risk appetite, investment horizon time period and fixed income, government debt instruments present an opportunity for investors to obtain returns that are higher than inflation.

"It is widely accepted that in the investment industry government bonds can be considered the closest investment that is said to be risk free as it is unlikely that a government will default on its financial market obligation," he said.

"In terms of investment objectives, investors have many and varied objectives. Parents, for instance, may want to set money aside for their children's education without it being eroded by inflation. Bonds can be able to achieve this objective," he further stated.

The analyst made an example of a parent who has a seven year old

child and buys a fixed term 10 year government bond at 10.75 percent.

"The parent would get annual interest payments of the money they invested for ten years and at the end of that period they would receive their initial investment. At this time the child is likely around 17 and is looking to get into tertiary education this investment would go a long way in paying for their tuition," he said.

Government recently announced that it would be floating its SG027 bond which has a coupon rate of 10.75 percent; currently inflation is at eight percent per annum was

projected to decline by some economists.

Interestingly Swaziland's inflation, according to inflation tables obtained from the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) has not exceeded 10.75 percent since 2010.

"Investors should be aware however that they cannot buy more bonds with their interest payments to benefit from interest payments. However what they can do is to invest their interest proceeds in Treasury Bills or alternatively in

unit trusts and this will help them achieve some semblance of compound interest," the analyst said.

The latest CBS Recent Economic Developments in Report said observed that individual investors hold just E156 million out of a total of E2 billion in government bonds.

It would appear that individual investors are not taking advantage of the opportunities that bonds hold.



SA needs to get it right this time

SOUTH Africa has its sights set on the 2019 general elections, which many people believe stand to herald a new era - another beginning.

That might and might not be true. But before then, we have a number of key milestones to reach and some hurdles to overcome and get out of the way. How we deal with the latter over the next two to three years will contribute to bringing the picture that will emerge in 2019 into sharper relief.

The most crucial of these is the country's looming credit rate assessment by the big three credit ratings agencies - Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch - on whether South Africa has met all the minimum conditions to avoid being downgraded into junk credit status.

Having succeeded in pushing off a feared downgrade earlier this year, Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan has again gathered another Team South Africa, comprising representatives from government and big business for another roadshow and charm offensive in the UK and US.

Their mission has become all too predictable: to convince both investors and creditors despite appearances, the country is in the hands of good, disciplined leaders who are committed to operating within good, sound, and predictable governance principles.

They also have to convince them that the much-publicised phenom-



MAN IN THE SHADOW: Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa.

enon of state capture exists only in the minds of people who do not have the country's interests at heart, and National Treasury is not under threat of being handed over on a platter to a bunch of faceless people who want to plunder it for nefarious pre-armageddon interests.

For the sake of us all, we wish them much success.

The next milestone - seeing there has not been a change of leadership at the top of the ruling party despite seminal court judgments, a dismal electoral performance, and increasingly strident public calls

for change - will be the ANC's elective conference in 2017.

Calls for this conference to be brought forward seem to be losing momentum. What we see, instead, is a growing drive to weaken the belief of many inside and outside the ANC that it is always traditional for the deputy president to succeed the president.

This revision seems to be gaining impressive traction, despite it being the same call that was made repeatedly by one Julius Malema, at the time an influential player within the ruling party, when he led a coalition of the wounded

who insisted on the then deputy succeeding the then president.

Strangely, history seems to be repeating itself. The same Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma who was touted as the most qualified potential successor to former president Thabo Mbeki is now being promoted as the most qualified and preferred candidate to succeed the current president, ahead of his deputy Cyril Ramaphosa.

Strange

In his strange silence on leadership issues and his own ambitions, Ramaphosa is increasingly becoming like the man who occupied his position before the last general elections, Kgalema Motlanthe. He doesn't seem to have learned anything from his experience. This silence is also, apparently, tradition; but an aspect of it that all seem to agree has to be respected.

Accordingly, no one pronounces his or her presidential ambitions in public unless they want to have a ton of bricks falling on their heads. So Ramaphosa will continue to stand by, hoping for the best, while his formerly admired personal brand gets eroded inch by inch.

There was much hope when he was roped in because many thought he was the kind of level-headed leader needed to help bring a semblance of order in the house by balancing developmental needs with market requirements.

News24

SA sheds 67 000 jobs in second quarter - Stats SA

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa's formal economy shed 67,000 jobs in the second quarter of this year.

That's according to the latest Quarterly Employment Statistics, released by Stats SA on Friday. The biggest quarter-on-quarter decline was in the social and personal services sector which shed about 48,000 jobs.

The manufacturing and transport sectors lost 7,000 jobs each. Mining and manufacturing have been under sustained pressure this year.

Year-on-year mining lost 32,000 jobs. Meanwhile, the construction industry posted an increase of 1,000 jobs compared to the previous quarter. But it's not all bad news - Stats SA says remuneration increased very slightly. Gross earnings have risen by R32-million. *eNCA*



PAYS: Dubai-based Indian businessman Balwinder Sahani, paid 33 million dirhams for a Dubai license plate bearing the number 5.

Shock fine for top SA insurer in NZ

CAPE TOWN - One of South Africa's biggest insurance companies is in hot water in New Zealand, after pleading guilty in that country to more than a dozen major misconduct charges - including debiting consumers' bank accounts without their permission.

Managers at Youi, sister company of South Africa's OUTsurance, admitted to 15 transgressions.

It was also announced this week that, as a result, Youi had been fined the maximum possible penalty of \$100 000 (R993 000). According to the OUTsurance website, Youi, which stands for You Insured, is a short-term insurer which "follows the same customer-orientated approach that has made OUTsurance successful in South Africa". The Youi website said it complied with the South African Insurance Association.

But this week the Board of the Insurance Council of New Zealand announced Youi had pleaded guilty to 15 charges, and warned any further misconduct on its part would result in the termination of its council membership.

Willem Roos, Chief Executive of OUTsurance Holdings, Youi's parent company, told Weekend Argus they were dealing with the matter.

He said a few unrelated incidents of misconduct had been picked up in South Africa.

"We have identified isolated instances of unacceptable sales practices in South Africa."

"OUTsurance has also engaged our regulator, the Financial Services Board, on the matter to ensure they are fully informed," Roos said. *Fin24*

Pravin wants your views before the mini-budget

CAPE TOWN - Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan has a mammoth task ahead of this year's mini-budget speech as he'll have to find a balancing act between competing priorities, such as finding money to fund free tertiary education, while allocating enough money for basic services and necessary infrastructure maintenance.

He therefore invites South African public to give input and suggestions ahead of this year's Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS), which he will deliver on Wednesday 26 October 2016.

In a statement, National Treasury said this year's mini-budget would be presented against the backdrop of a sluggish economy, the looming threat of a credit ratings down-



WANTS VIEWS: Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan.

grade by independent rating agencies, the Fees Must Fall protests at universities and uncertainty in the global economy. READ: #FeesMustFall: *Fin24*

Telling infographic shows SA's grim situation

Gordhan wants to hear South Africans' views on particularly: The Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS) outlines the economic context in which the following year's national budget will be presented and identifies spending priorities over the three-year expenditure period.

Those with comments or suggestions can share their thoughts by arranging to give oral presentations to National Treasury, through Facebook by typing in National Treasury South Africa, visiting National Treasury's website under the section "MTBPS 2016 TIPS" or on Twitter via the Twitter handle #MTBPS2016 or follow @TreasuryRSA.

Fin24

LAGARDE SAYS EGYPT HAS MORE TO DO TO SEAL \$12 BILLION LOAN

CAIRO - Egypt has "almost completed" the actions required for the International Monetary Fund's board to review its \$12 billion loan accord, but some measures related to the exchange rate and subsidies are still pending, Managing Director Christine Lagarde said on Saturday.

The most populous Arab country

is relying on the deal to restore investor confidence and ease a dollar shortage that hampered the economy and led to the emergence of a black market for foreign exchange. Masood Ahmed, the IMF Middle East Chief, told reporters on Friday the board may be able to review the agreement by early November.

"There are several prior actions

which need to be completed before the board can actually meet," Lagarde said at a press briefing in Washington.

Knowledge

"To my knowledge, these prior actions are almost completed - not quite - in relation to both exchange rate and in relation to subsidies, there is still a little bit of implementation to be had before

the board can meet."

The comments will likely add to speculation that Egyptian policy makers will cut subsidies and devalue the pound before the IMF board meets and not after securing the first installment of the loan.

The pound has plunged to record lows in recent days on the black market on speculation a devaluation was imminent. *Bloomberg*



Africa News



THIRD TERM: Mauritanian President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz.

Mauritania opposition slams idea of third term for president

NOUAKCHOTT – Mauritania's opposition denounced the government on Saturday after it said that lifting the two-term limit on the president would be part of ongoing talks about constitutional changes, a move they say would favour the incumbent leader.

"The question of the presidential mandate is indeed on the agenda" of the national dialogue launched on September 29, said government spokesman Mohamed Lemine Ould Cheikh, and in the comments released late Friday. "There is no limit on subjects to bring up" in the talks, which have been extended to October 13, he added. The opposition parties which are boycotting the talks say that such a move could see President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz run for a third term. "(It is) a coup d'état against the constitution" which could have "very serious consequences for the country," the opposition coalition said in a statement. The opposition groups participating in the talks in the West African nation threatened to withdraw from the dialogue over the issue. "These positions, coming from a top official of the state, are considered a provocation for the political forces engaged in the dialogue and threaten the continuing of the conference," said the spokesman for the National Democratic Alliance (ANP) by President Joseph Kabila. That critics say is aimed at extending his stay in power into a third term. *AFP*



IN PRAYER: Please God, throw me a nice piece of fish... I'm otter-ly famished! If this otter was indeed putting in a special request to his maker, it wasn't long before it was answered – in the shape of a tasty fish snack.

ZIM OPPOSITION URGES SADC, AU TO PUSH MUGABE OUT

HARARE – Zimbabwean opposition, the People's Democratic Party led by Tendai Biti, has urged the African Union (AU) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) to force President Robert Mugabe to cease power, a report said yesterday.

According to New Zimbabwe, the former finance minister's party handed a ten point petition to all member countries of the two blocs. The petition was addressed to the heads of state, the SADC troika on politics, defence and security, as well as to the AU executive council, AU judicial and human rights institutions and AU peace and Security Council. PDP youth leader Moses Manyengavana said that the 92-year-old veteran



WANTED OUT: Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe.

politician was no longer fit to run the southern African country. Manyengavana further alleged that the ruling Zanu-PF under Mugabe's leadership had ruined the southern African nation's economy, stolen the country's resources and committed

human right atrocities.

"The people of Zimbabwe are tired of suffering. The people of Zimbabwe deserve to exercise their freedoms of assembly, association and speech. The people of Zimbabwe deserve adequate social service delivery which includes access to education and healthcare..."

Manyengavana was quoted as saying. In recent months, Mugabe has been facing mounting criticism from outside and within his own Zanu-PF party. The veterans of the country's 1970s liberation war, normally staunch allies of Mugabe, vowed they would not support him if he sought re-election in 2018.

Just more than a week ago, some of the country's churches also wrote to parliament asking for Mugabe to be impeached. *AFP*

Egypt admonishes US embassy over Cairo security warning

CAIRO – Egypt has criticised an "incomprehensible" US warning to citizens to avoid theatres and malls in Cairo over the weekend because of unspecified security concerns, saying it could damage the country's economy.

The alert issued by the US embassy in Cairo on Friday was cited in a Canadian travel warning, with the British Foreign Office later putting out a message that copied the US warning. Embassy officials declined to comment, and

an Egyptian interior ministry official said he was unaware of any specific threat. "The US Embassy strongly advises US citizens to avoid large gatherings and public spaces such as concert halls, movie theatres, museums, shopping malls, and sports venues in Cairo through Sunday, October 9, (yesterday) due to potential security concerns," it said on its website. Egyptian foreign ministry spokesman Ahmed Abu Zeid said he "was disturbed" by the warning. "When contacted to clarify the reasons for issuing the security message, the US

embassy denied the presence of any particular reasons or security threats that triggered the alert," he said in a statement overnight.

He added that the embassy said it was a routine warning over long weekends. The embassy was closed yesterday, a workday in Egypt, for Columbus Day.

"The Foreign Ministry deplored, during the call (with the US embassy), these unnecessary alerts that can have negative impacts, particularly on the economic front," he said.

AFP

Ethiopia launches new project to support youth, women

ADDIS ABABA – A new programme to promote youth and women entrepreneurship has been launched in Ethiopia.

In a bid to reinforce an entrepreneurial ecosystem, the Ethiopian government teamed up with the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) and the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation

(AICS) launched the Youth and Women Entrepreneurship Promotion (YoWEP) in Ethiopia. The project foresees youth and women entrepreneurship promotion in Ethiopia to support the government in its effort to achieve its objectives of improving the opportunities of productive work for youth and women through creating small and medium enterprises and devel-

oping strategic industrial sectors such as agro-food, leather and leather products and textiles. "We believe that this project constitutes an important contribution to remove restrictions and to create space for women and girls to participate in and shape the development of their society", Andreas Melan, the Austrian ambassador to Ethiopia said.

AFP

BRIEFS

Hillsides stripped bare as locals seek land

RANOMAFANA – "Last time, I burnt a section about that big," says Mihareta Laivoa, pointing to a parcel of land about the size of a football field, as the farmer admitted to having destroyed forest to make way for his crops. "I don't own a piece of land in the valley, so I have no choice," explains the 41-year-old father in a remote corner of Madagascar. "Without this, I wouldn't be able to survive." But the impact of deforestation on this south-eastern region of the African island nation has been devastating. In a countryside stripped bare by decades of burning, only a few untouched, green mountain crests bear witness to the forgotten splendour of the area. *AFP*

Explosion kills leader outside UN camp

KIDAL – A Tuareg militant leader in the volatile north Malian city of Kidal was killed on Saturday when his car exploded barely 300 metres from a U.N. base where he had been talking with French and U.N. troops, a Reuters witness and officials said. A Reuters cameraman saw the car still burning after the blast that killed Cheikh Ag Aoussa. A spokeswoman for the U.N. Mali mission, Radhia Achouri, confirmed the incident, which is likely to further ignite tensions between rival pro and anti-government factions of ethnic Tuaregs in Kidal. *Reuters*

\$800 000 seized in raids on judges

ABUJA – Nigeria's security agency has seized \$800 000 in cash found during raids targeting senior judges in corruption investigations, the Department of State Services



(DSS) said on Saturday. It carried out the operations on the judges' premises in the last few days, it said in a statement, without specifying the premises or how many judges had been targeted. *Reuters*

Govt to tap solarenergy in arid counties

NAIROBI – The government says it will exploit solar energy potential in Marsabit and other arid and semi-arid counties for affordable and safe energy. Environment Principal Secretary Charles Sunkuli said the government will tap renewable energy to realise the digital literacy programme (DLP) and protect the environment. Commissioning the DLP project at Korr primary school, Marsabit County on Friday, Mr Sunkuli said the government was undertaking a programme on renewable energy with emphasise solar for heating and power supply. *allAfrica*

Mozambican ivory seized in Vietnam

MAPUTO – The Vietnamese customs in the port of Ho Chi Minh City have seized about two tonnes of ivory hidden in a shipment of timber from Mozambique. According to a report in the "Bangkok Post", citing the newspaper of the Vietnamese Customs Department, an initial estimate put the amount of smuggled ivory at 500 kilos. But after a more thorough search, the figure was increased to two tonnes. Although the ivory trade is banned in Vietnam, the country is still an important market for worked ivory, and a transit point for elephant tusks smuggled from Africa to various other Asian destinations. *allAfrica*

Focus on SA scene

Madonsela appeals for calm in Bapong over missing millions

BRITS – Public Protector Thuli Madonsela on Saturday appealed to the Bapo Ba Mogale community in Bapong, Brits to stop fighting among themselves as she gave them a progress report on her investigation into the alleged looting of a tribal bank account.

“Just all calm down, there is no reason to fight... as long as we do not know who did what, there will always be suspicions,” she told community members.

Her appeal came after a community member, Kgomoiso Morare showed her his head wounds which he sustained from a panga two weeks ago. He was apparently attacked by a group of people accusing him of holding an illegal meeting.

Another resident, Dinah Sello, appealed to Madonsela to speed up the investigation and release a final report

into the affairs of the community so that the fighting between opposing groups could stop.

“You left us empty by not releasing the final report. We do not want to wait for six months to get the report, please release the report so that fighting could stop,” said Sello.

Madonsela said she would release an exit report by October 14, before she leaves office.

The final report was expected to be released in December or January to give forensic investigator Godfrey Rangongo and quantity surveyor Andre Moolman a chance to verify the information collected.

The community approached the public protector in 2012 to investigate allegations of systematic looting of the collective resources of the community, including funds held in the so-called “D account” – an account into which

mining companies pay royalties to communities on whose ancestral land they mine.

Madonsela was also asked to look into whether all of the royalty payments due to them from mining company, Lonmin, and other businesses mining on the community’s land were paid. She was also asked to probe the alleged abuse of resources relating to the construction of Kgosi Bob Mogale’s palace. On her last visit in July, Madonsela told the community that they had R721,000 in the account when the auditor-general audited it in 1994. Over a period of 20 years, the funds in the account grew to more than R617-million, which was made up of R392m in deposits and R224m in interest earned. By the end of 2014, the balance in the account had dropped to just over R495,000.

Africa News Agency

SABC drops attorneys who cleared Hlaudi

JOHANNESBURG – The SABC has parted ways with Mchunu Attorneys, the law firm that cleared former chief operating officer Hlaudi Motsoeneng of any wrongdoing despite the findings of Public Protector Thuli Madonsela in her 2014 report, called When Governance and Ethics Fail.

The law firm came to the fore when it was appointed by the SABC to consider and investigate the veracity of the findings and recommendations by the Public Protector.

In February 2014, Madonsela released the report on Motsoeneng – when he was acting chief operating officer – and found his salary had increased from R1.5 million to R2.4 million in one year, and purged senior staff and misrepresented his qualifications.

Madonsela recommended that a new chief operating officer be appointed within 90 days.

But five months later, Communications Minister Faith Muthambi announced the permanent appointment of Motsoeneng in that position.

Muthambi said Motsoeneng was cleared of all wrongdoing by a legal firm before the decision was made.

It later emerged the legal firm was Mchunu Attorneys.

Then chairperson of the SABC board, Ellen Tshabalala, said:

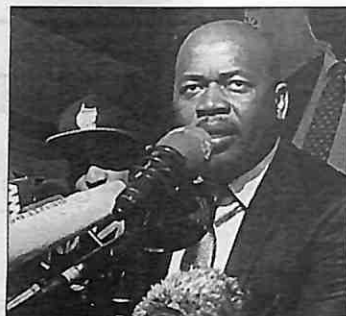
“The SABC is satisfied that Mr Motsoeneng did not defraud it or mislead it. The public protector’s findings of dishonesty and fraud are at variance with objective facts.”

News24

ANC’s Mzwandile Masina warns against calls for a regime change

JOHANNESBURG – Ekurhuleni mayor Mzwandile Masina and African National Congress (ANC) member Mzwanele Manyi have warned against utterances that call for a regime change.

Manyi says while the Constitution allows for people to call for the president to step down, chairman of Anglo Gold Ashanti



WARNS: Ekurhuleni mayor Mzwandile Masina.

engage business about his five year plan for the city.

He says the ANC has received the message loud and clear and it realises what’s at stake.

Speaking to Eyewitness News, both the mayor and Manyi, made references to a regime change agenda. Masina says while South

Africans don’t owe the ruling party its votes a change of government may come at a high cost.

“The regime change agenda is a very expensive exploration and I don’t think South Africa is ready for regime change because the ANC has been able to put together policies that are reliable.”

Manyi says while the Constitution allows for people to call for the president to step down, chairman of Anglo Gold Ashanti

Sipho Pityana is committing economic treason, with his recent statements about President Jacob Zuma. “He is mobilising business to use his economic muscle to cripple this country and that is unconstitutional.” Manyi also says he thinks South Africa has become a puppet show. *EWN*

COPE lays criminal charges against Hlaudi

JOHANNESBURG – Congress of the People (COPE) has laid corruption and fraud charges against the controversial former chief operating officer of the SABC, Hlaudi Motsoeneng.

Citing its reasons for doing so, COPE said it had emerged during a presentation made by the SABC board to the Portfolio Committee in Parliament on Wednesday that Motsoeneng had, sometime in 2013, “unlawfully and improperly disposed of key state assets, name-

ly, the SABC archives to MultiChoice without the authorisation of an SABC board that had quorated”.

“Furthermore he signed off on the contract knowing full well the right to do so was vested only in the CEO and not himself as the COO.”

He had also brushed aside the advice of Krish Naidoo, a practising lawyer serving as a board member, the party said.

News24

Zulu king backs jailed Dalindyebo

KWAZULU-NATAL – Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini has apparently lent credence to a desperate, last-ditch campaign by Eastern Cape royals to convince President Jacob Zuma to give abaThembu king Buyelekhaya Dalindyebo a presidential pardon.

Dalindyebo is serving a 12-year prison sentence at the East London Correctional Centre.

But the ANC, the monarchs claim, would not commit to a specific date for a meeting at which to thrash out details of the possibility that the king will be offered such a legal recourse.



BACKED: Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini.

As a result of the delay, the Thembus apparently contacted the Zulu kingdom for assistance, after which the ANC responded positively to Prince Mlamli Ndamase.

Ndamase then facilitated the meeting between the Eastern Cape monarchs and the ANC’s top six officials at the party headquarters

in Johannesburg and scheduled it for Monday last week.

The monarchs from the Xhosa, Rharhabe, the Thembu of Dalindyebo, Western Thembuland, and Eastern and Western Pondoland met with Zuma and

senior ANC officials to plead that Dalindyebo be pardoned, among other requests.

“The president welcomed us warmly during our visit to Luthuli House,” Ndamase said.

“He created a very conducive environment for us to express ourselves freely

and present our request. The president also

expressed his own feelings on the matter.” Ndamase of Western Pondoland, who is also an advocate, made the presentations on behalf of the monarchs.

“We agreed to leave the matter in his hands because it is his prerogative to give presidential pardons,” he said. *News24*

‘GUPTAS THREATENED TO SORT ME OUT’

JOHANNESBURG – Former government spokesperson Themba Maseko claims President Zuma tried to fire him due to his reluctance to throw state money at The New Age.

In an interview published yesterday, Themba Maseko reveals he made a submission weeks ago to a panel formed by the SA Council of Churches looking into allegations of state capture and corruption. He claims that in October 2010 he was lobbied by the Gupta family at their home in Saxonwold and he received an angry phone call from Ajay Gupta the next month demanding a meeting ahead of the launch of the Guptas newspaper.

The New Age. The Guptas, he claimed, wanted firm commitments from the governments communications division that it would redirect money to The New Age from its then R600 million budget for buying advertising from the media. Maseko said he did not commit to the meeting due to being very busy at the

time, and he claims the Gupta brother then said he was being uncooperative and Maseko would be sorted out by his superiors. At the start of 2011, the then minister in the presidency, the late Collins Chabane, allegedly informed Maseko that President Jacob Zuma had asked for Maseko to be fired or redeployed. Chabane, who was sympathetic to Maseko, told him he would be moved to being the director-general of public service and administration. The Guptas unofficial spokesperson, the CEO of the Guptas Oakbay Investments, Nazeem

Howa, said Maseko’s allegations were totally unfounded and part of a vicious politically driven attack, using the Gupta family.

News24



HE DID: SA President Jacob Zuma.

A HOME FIT FOR A PRINCE!

Fans descend on late singer's famed Paisley Park as his secretive studio complex opens to the public as a museum

MUSIC fans around the world and Minnesota residents have long wondered about Paisley Park, the late pop icon Prince's mysterious studio complex to which few have had full access.

Last Thursday, the mystery came to an end for some fans who snared tour tickets and descended on the Minneapolis suburb of Chanhassen to see inside the late Purple Rain star's 55 000-square-foot (5 100-square-meter) inner sanctum.

The unveiling was decidedly muted. Organisers required ticket holders to meet at an offsite location and be bused into the complex in groups.

Fans described the tour as an emotional experience, especially when they were confronted by Prince's ashes in a Paisley Park replica urn.

Diane Fluin told CNN: "It was reverent. Everyone was very quiet and there was a lot of tears and hugging."

Sonja Fagan, a 37-year-old from Dublin, arrived with a bouquet of roses, saying Paisley Park was now a place of mourning.

"His legacy is going to live on, and that's what he would have wanted," she said. Fan Rhonda Watson traveled 1 000 miles (1 600 kilometers) from Tennessee to tour the complex.

"It is very unique and very distinctive, and it's a very creative space, just like the musician," she said. "I am very grateful that I am one of the people that got to experience that today."

Another visitor, Erin Goetdel, told CNN: "As soon as I got in, I felt really honoured to be in a space that he had created to bring people into his world and his thoughts and his vision."

Prince died on April 21 from an accidental overdose of painkillers, at the age of 57.

The complex opens one week before a memorial tribute concert in St. Paul, which is adjacent to Minneapolis.

The public opening of the studio complex is a milestone for music lovers and historians. It was the pop legend's 'playground,' said Mobeen Azhar, author of the book *Prince: Stories from the Purple Underground*.

'Paisley Park is where he would play, experiment and most importantly create,' Azhar said.



PURPLE ROOM: Last Thursday, Prince fans who snared tour tickets descended on the Minneapolis suburb of Chanhassen to see inside the late Purple Rain star's 55 000-square-foot inner sanctum. Pictured is the complex's atrium.



WRITE ME A SONG: Prince's handwritten notes are still inside the control room of Studio A (pictured) where he recorded some of his greatest hits.

"That spirit of creativity is just so strong. For that reason, as far as I'm concerned, Paisley Park is holy ground." The complex opened in 1987, and was a fully functional recording studio used by a number of artists during its peak in the 1990s, including the Stone Temple Pilots, REM and Madonna.

Prince also arranged impromptu free shows and parties there for small groups of fans.

Shabazz, a professor of cultural geography at the University of Arizona, said he attended one such show in

which Prince took the stage at 12.30am before an audience of about 50 people.

The star performed for three hours — playing every instrument and stepping into the crowd to direct the band from the floor.

"You didn't have to have a ticket. You just walked in. You stood at the stage five feet from him!" Shabazz said. *Daily Mail*

Your guide to visiting Paisley Park

TICKETS for Paisley Park are listed at two different price points on the complex's website.

Early purchase general admission experience tickets cost \$38.50 each, plus \$7.50 in fees.

On the 70-minute self-guided tour, ticket buyers can see the complex's main floor, 'Prince's video editing suites and rehearsal rooms,' a sound-stage and concert hall, plus the NPG Music Club, the site says.

It warns: "Once Early Purchase General Admission is sold out for a specific date/tour time, General Admission price becomes \$50.00 per ticket plus service and facility fee for that specific date/tour time." Tickets for a 100-minute VIP tour cost \$100 each, plus

\$11.75 in fees. The website says a tour guide will lead you through the locations that can be seen with the less-expensive experience.

In addition, extra rooms, studio areas and artifacts can be viewed.

Paisley Park's website says: "The Chanhassen, Minnesota City Council has granted Paisley Park a temporary permit to open the museum for tours on

Thursday, October 6, Saturday, October 8, and Friday, October 14 while Paisley Park continues to work closely with the council on their traffic and zoning concerns. No new tickets are available at this time but we remain committed to giving all fans the opportunity to visit Paisley Park."

Daily Mail



GETAWAY: Music fans around the world and Minnesota residents have long wondered about Paisley Park, the late pop icon Prince's mysterious studio complex to which few have had full access.



A PEEK INSIDE: Some of the first Paisley Park tour ticket holders disembark the bus for the new Paisley Park Tour last Thursday.

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BRIEFS

Belgium missed 13 chances to attackers

BRUSSELS - Belgian police missed 13 opportunities to unmask the participants of the deadly Paris November attacks before the events, according to an internal report leaked to a newspaper on Saturday. The police report in the De Tijd daily shows that as early as February 2015, the force was in possession of phone records linking known terrorist suspects to Salah Abdeslam, allegedly the sole surviving member of the jihadist team that attacked Paris in November 2015. The information however was not handled, due to lack of investigators, De Tijd cites the report as saying. Of the 13 missed chances for Belgian police to catch some of the Paris attackers, six were due to staffing shortages, the secret report said. **AFP**

Several wounded in shooting

JERUSALEM - An Arab assailant shot and wounded several people in Jerusalem yesterday and was then killed by Israeli police, a police spokeswoman said. At least two of the wounded - a police officer and a female pedestrian - were in critical condition. Army Radio said about eight people were hurt. The incident, near Israeli national police headquarters, began when shots were fired from a car at people waiting at a tram stop, the spokeswoman said. The assailant then drove off, chased by motorcycle police, and shot and wounded a woman motorist. **Reuters**

Police officers killed, one injured

LOS ANGELES - Two US police officers were fatally shot and one injured on Saturday while responding to a domestic disturbance call in Palm Springs, California, police said. The shooting occurred after two officers went to a home after receiving a report from a female caller that her adult son was causing a disturbance, police chief Bryan Reyes told journalists. The male refused to open the door and threatened to shoot the officers through the closed doors, Reyes said. Approximately 10 minutes after they first responded, the two officers called for emergency reinforcement. **AFP**



Over 80 mourners killed, hundreds wounded

SANA'A - Rebels in control of Yemen's capital accused the Saudi-led coalition fighting them of killing dozens of people on Saturday and wounding hundreds more in air strikes on a funeral in Sana'a. The strikes came as Saudi Arabia, which has overseen the bombing of Houthi rebels in Yemen since March last year, is under increasing international scrutiny over alleged civilian deaths in its air raids. Officials at the rebel-controlled health ministry in Sana'a said at least 450 people were killed or wounded in the air strikes, although there was no immediate independent confirmation of the figure. **Reuters**

Unicef calls for end to 'dire' situation

Beirut - Unicef's representative in Syria is calling for an immediate end to the violence that has beset the northern city of Aleppo, saying UN agencies are on "standby" to deliver needed assistance. Hanaa Singer of the UN's children agency said on Saturday conditions in besieged Aleppo were "terribly dire," with hospitals hit, doctors overwhelmed and over 100 children killed in bombings since September 10. Singer returned from the government-held part of Aleppo where she was visiting thousands of displaced Syrians. **AFP**



REPUBLICANS REELING AFTER TRUMP'S VULGAR COMMENTS

NEW YORK - In a videotaped midnight apology, Donald Trump declared "I was wrong and I apologise" after being caught on tape making shockingly vulgar and sexually charged comments.

Yet he also defiantly dismissed the revelations as "nothing more than a distraction" from a decade ago and signaled he would close his presidential campaign by arguing rival Hillary Clinton has committed greater sins against women. "I've said some foolish things," Trump said in a video posted on his Facebook page early Saturday. "But there's a big difference between the words and actions of other people. Bill Clinton has actually abused women and Hillary has bullied, attacked, shamed and

intimidated his victims."

Trump's 90-second statement capped a jarring day that threatened to sink the billionaire businessman's White House campaign, sending Republicans into a panic with just over a month until Election Day and on the cusp of yesterday's crucial presidential debate.

Outraged

One by one, outraged GOP lawmakers condemned Trump's comments in a 2005 video obtained and released last Friday by The Washington Post and NBC News. In the video, Trump is heard describing attempts to have sex with a married woman. He also brags about women letting him kiss and grab them because he is famous.

"When you're a star they let you do it. You can do anything," Trump says in the previously un-aired comments. He adds seconds later: "Grab them by the p— You can do anything."

House Speaker Paul Ryan said he was "sickened" by Trump's remarks and angrily revoked an invitation for the real estate mogul to appear at a GOP event in Wisconsin on Saturday. But like most of the many lawmakers who slammed Trump's words as reprehensible, Ryan did not pull his endorsement of his party's nominee. **Reuters**

VULGAR COMMENTS: Donald Trump



After 100 days in office President Duterte compares his crackdown

PHILIPPINES - The Philippines president's war against drugs has reached new macabre heights with the death toll surging above 3 700 and he is now sensationally halting the nation's military alliance with the US after 65 years.

The bombastic president Rodrigo Duterte, has sensationally disparaged the country's alliance with the US ordering its troops to leave his shores. The potential ending of an alliance comes as a reaction to the international outrage of the slaughter of drug addicts and criminals at the hands of vigilantes and police in the Philippines. The Filipino president, dubbed 'The Punisher', has been heavily lambasted for his ruthless crackdown on drugs with the Philippines' death toll reaching more than 3 700 in less than three months, according to Al Jazeera. Duterte ordered the drug crackdown as an election promise fuelling widespread bloodshed - equating to 36 Filipinos dying every day in his first 100 days in office. **Daily Mail**



FAMOUS LANDMARKS: The theme park in Ningbo City, eastern China (pictured) is advertising that visitors can see the entire world 'in just a few steps' while also enjoying waterslides and rollercoasters. The complex of buildings covers 250 acres and is filled with more than 50 recreations, including Big Ben (left), the Colosseum (centre) and Statue of Liberty (right). Despite the unusual setting, builders have gone to bizarre lengths to make the replicas, made from modern bricks, stone and plaster, look like the originals. (AP)

Over 160 injured by Russian cluster bomb

MOSCOW - The text message from Aleppo flashed up on my phone as I was curled up on the sofa watching animated film *The Good Dinosaur* with my wife and 14-month-old daughter. It came from a much-loved Syrian friend, a surgeon like me.

Written in haste, it read starkly: 'Massacres in Aleppo today... 168 cases arrived at the hospital. All of them civilians and mostly children.' The scene of family contentment at my home in South-West London instantly dissolved. For the next 48 hours I dispensed advice, directed an operation and issued general instructions via instant messaging service WhatsApp to medics 2,500 miles

away as they fought to save the lives of children pulverised by ball-bearings from cluster bombs dropped from the skies above the most benighted city on Earth.

Those injured had been lined up in an orderly queue at the time, waiting for bread to feed their starving families. As it transpired, 50 children were taken to hospital M10, the codename used by local doctors to disguise its location.

Twenty were dead before they got there; others would succumb to their injuries.

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'THEY STILL WON'T ACCEPT EU VOTE!'

LONDON - MPs are plotting a fresh bid to block Brexit by claiming any deal that takes Britain out of the EU's single market should be first voted on by Parliament.

Remarkably, the cross-party group of pro-EU MPs - including senior Tories - claim that June's Brexit vote was not a decision to leave the single market.

Ed Miliband, who is leading the demands, says Parliament must not be overlooked because of 'the importance of these decisions for the UK economy'.

He said it would be an 'outrage'

if Mrs May decided the terms of Brexit without first asking MPs.

The former Labour leader has held talks with Conservative MPs and they are considering tabling an urgent question in the Commons demanding that Theresa May appears before MPs tomorrow to explain Parliament's role in Brexit negotiations.

But Tory MP Jacob Rees-Mogg said their demands 'typifies the disdain that the liberal elite has for voters'.

"They prefer the tyranny of the bien pensants to democracy," he told MailOnline. **Daily Mail**

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'LIMITLESS PRAISE' AT SPIRIT OF PRAISE DOUBLE LAUNCH

Stories by Nomfundo Sifundza

THE Spirit of Praise and Swazi Praise double launch left gospel lovers yearning for more yesterday as they begged for encore in most of the praise songs.

Lead singers such as Tshepiso from Spirit of Praise rendered crowd favourite songs and were brought back to the stage by shouts of 'encore' from the audience.

The event that kicked off an hour and 25 minutes later than the scheduled 6pm erupted on a very high note with Mpumalanga based artist 'Wilson B' ushering gospel lovers into limitless praise as he rendered five beautiful songs accompanied with youthful dance moves.

The upcoming gospel star was followed by Swazi Praise at 08:05pm which is made up of 13 artists. The combination of these young people set the bar too high for the South African ensemble, Spirit of Praise as they had the audience eating from the palm of their hands.

Award winning Linda Dlamini

...Superb seating arrangement

GOSPEL music lovers expressed satisfaction with the seating arrangement of the VIP section as seats had numbers in accordance with their ticket numbers.

Upon arriving at the door, ushers would confirm the ticket number then escort people to their seats.

Mandla Cheeks Nxumalo, who is the director of Leserato events, said they decided to go for that arrangement in order to avoid confusion and congestion.

was the first to get gospel lovers dancing to his song 'Angeke Ngalulahla'. After Dlamini, the pool of Swazi Praise vocalists followed and rendered their absolute best performances ever.

The audience's expectancy was fulfilled as the crowd favourites were received with loud screams of appreciation and to the artists amazement, the gospel lovers sang along to their songs. These include the likes of Nondumiso Nhleko

"This way, a person knows and is assured that absolutely no one would take their seats as each person was rightfully escorted to their seats" he said.

Amusement

VIPs were also treated to soft drinks and water as the programme continued, much to the amusement of the people who had forked out E450 up to E600. Those in the platinum circle also walked away with the new Spirit of Praise Volume 6 CD.

with her 'Thula Wazi' song, Sihle Zwane with 'Welikhwezi' and the ever so energetic Banele Dlamini with 'Baba Siyabonga'.

The first of its kind double launch was actually Spirit of Praise's first performance ever since the recording of their Volume 6 album in June.

Reverend Benjamin Dube was pleased to have first launched the album in Swaziland as he said the country was more like home to him.

'Dapper' Sbu J delivers 'dopest' Show

By Majaha Nkonyane

SBU J hosted a successful poetry show dubbed 'Prisoner of words unsaid' at the Mbabane Theater Club on Friday.

Sbu J, real name Shulelo Jeje made his first appearance on stage at 2000 hours looking dapper in a three piece suit. He did a collaboration with 'Dat Guy' reciting his Siswati poem entitled 'wena uyinkhondlo lenhle'. His witty word play was evident from the first poem he recited on the night.

This was the first show he headlined as a poet after being in the poetry industry for six years. The event was opened by Bandile Maseko aka 'Dat Guy waka Ngcamane' who did a cover of Redemption Song by Bob Marley before doing his composition entitled 'Cola'.

The MC for the night Nqobile Ndlangamandla kept things running smoothly from the time she introduced the first act on stage. She had a mouthful to say about Sbu J and the impact he has had in her poetry from their university days.

The *kasi* poet came back on stage after he was formally introduced by the MC and he opened the first set with a poem titled 'prisoner of words unsaid, he then moved to his second piece entitled 'Reason'. In this poem he was explaining why he did poetry in the first place.

"I would like to appreciate everyone who came out to support my first show, I am excited to have done this show and I must say the support I got from Arts Awake went a long way. This is the first of many shows to follow and I am looking forward to doing more in poetry", Jeje said.

The poet did six poems in his first set before taking a brief break, while he was preparing for the second set, Thandwa Dlamini almost blew the roof away with her amazing voice singing one her own compositions.

Zwelonke Maseko soon took after Thandwa and he was on fire, he had to pause three times before he finished, trying to quiten the audience as they clapped in between his rendition.

Just as the crowd was taking that in, Velemseni and her guitar had everyone in the room eating from her palm. She did three songs and as usual, she was a marvel to watch. The man of the

moment returned for his second set at 21:00 and he opened with a siSwati poem 'Khuluma Sonkhondlo'. He then invited his longtime poetry pal, Zwelonke on

stage to do a collaboration with him.

Jeje closed his dopest show with a break up poem, he did 12 poems in all.

IN HIS ELEMENT: Sbu J.



Roca raises over 50 000

By Phesheya Kunene

Over E50 000 was made in the form of cash and pledges at the top-notch Restoration of Christ Ambassadors (ROCA) International fundraising concert.

The six to six fundraising concert organised by Ncandweni Christ Ambassadors lead singer and ROCA Senior Pastor Timothy Myeni did not only draw an impressive crowd but it also saw gospel outfits dishing out outstand-

ing performances on stage.

Topping the list, was the impressive offerings that flooded in from guests such as former Hosea MP and Baceth Hardware owner Mduduzi Mabuza, who contributed E10 000 towards the building of the church structure estimated to be worth E15million.

Gospel artists such as Frans Dlamini, Vusi Shiba of Shiba and the Travellers and Mzwakhe Myeni pledged a combined figure of E17 000. The Nhlambeni MP and 'Yala Nami' hitmaker, pledged to contribute a sum of E1000 and he was joined by Shiba under this fig-

ure. While Mzwakhe Myeni made it clear that he wanted to play a huge role in the building of the church before pledging to contribute E15 000, which he said would be split in E5000 instalments. The founder of the church, Timothy Myeni said he would fork out E5000 from his own pocket to assist in building the historic church, which will be situated at Mhlaleni. More offerings and pledges came in after Mabuza shared a moving message with the audience while on stage, with one certain man known as Simelane contributing E3000 followed by a female church member who offered E5000. These offerings excluded offerings made by the



REAL MAKOYA: The original Ncandweni Christ Ambassadors gave a splendid performance on stage as they sang their old songs.

audience ranging from E100 to E500. Myeni thanked all the gospel artists who supported them through song and otherwise. He showed his

generosity when he presented Emagawugawu with a cow for their contribution to the music industry.

SWAZI PRAISE VS



GET DOWN: Swazi Praise's Shekinah Motsa and Linda Dlamini get down during Shekina's performance of 'Cast Me Not' during the Swazi Praise Vs Spirit of Praise double launch on Saturday. (Pics: Nomfundo Sifundza)



ROYAL CAUCUS: Princes Sicalo, Majaha and a friend having a chat during the Swazi Praise performances.



OH WOW: Nondumiso Nhleko seems to be saying as the audience sang along her song from the start until the end. She was one of the crowd favourites.



FULL CRY: Ayanda in full cry as she sings her lungs out.



WISDOM: Nhlakanipho Dlamini looking great in this suit. The singer also gave a splendid performance.



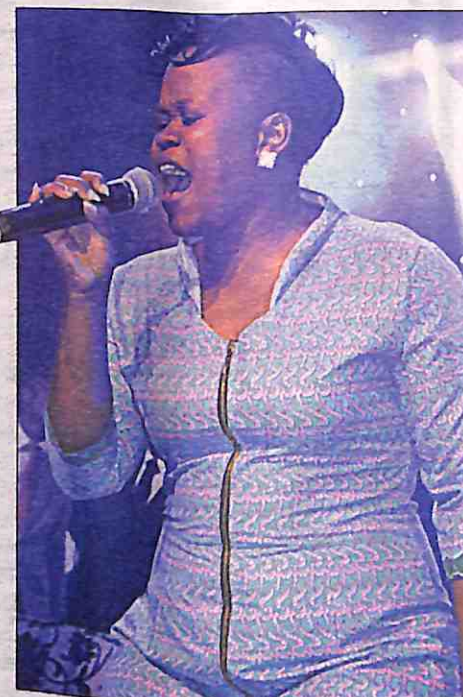
EVERYTHING IN ORDER: Mandla Cheeks Nxumalo in deep thoughts as he watches the proceedings of the show. Next to him is his sister Njabu.



AWESOME: Mandisa looked stunning in her red number.



CUTE: Nontobeko Mabundza singing her lungs out. She possesses impeccable vocal ability.



WELIKHWEZI: Sihle Zwane sings 'Welikhwezi' which was also one of the most 'sing along songs' by the gospel music lovers.

SPIRIT OF PRAISE

@ their double launch



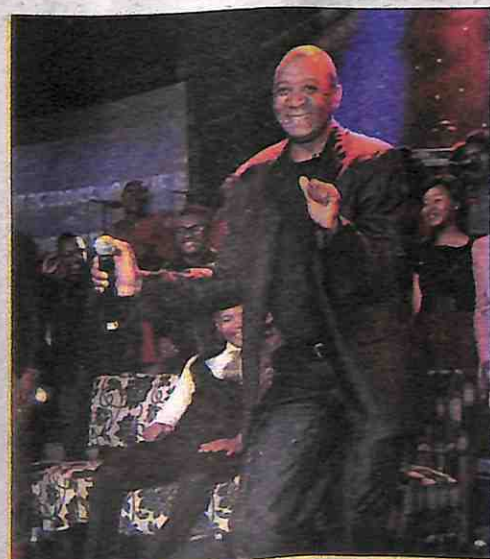
HELLO: Benjamin Dube shaking hands with fans at the Spirit of Praise and Swazi Praise launch at Mavuso on Saturday. (Pics: Nomfundo Sifundza)



LUNGS OUT: Nothando Hlophe belting out her song 'Amen' during the double launch.



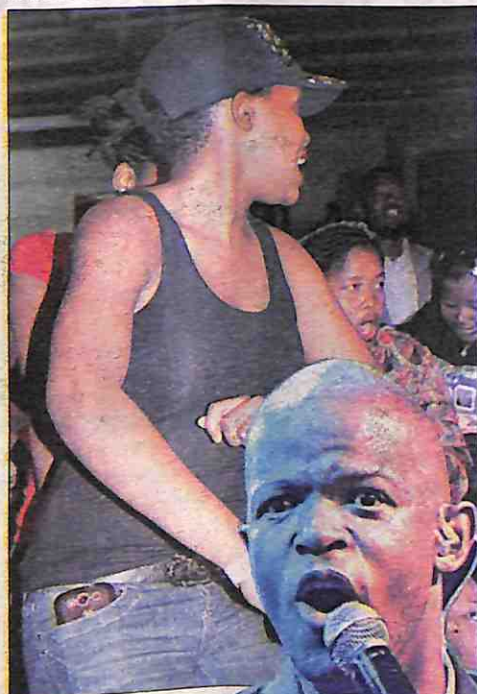
MISS COLOURFUL: The energetic Winnie Mashaba during her performance.



FEELING IT: Tshepiso dancing to the crowd favourite song 'Nxa Ndiyekelelwa'. He was brought back to sing an encore of this song by the jubilant gospel lovers.



WATCH ME DAB: Dumi Mkokstad doing the dab as he smiles.



HAA: Nozipho Tsabedze in full swing as Nhlakanipho Dlamini from Swazi Praise rendered his song.



OH! Omega gestures as he belts out a song.

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GOLDEN GIRL: Nothando Hlophe dancing in her gold shoes.



NICE: Shekinah Motsa also went for gold shoes.



POLKA DOTS: Nhlakanipho Dlamini went for these funky colourful socks.



SUEDE: Dumi Mkokstad wore these nice suede shoes.



LOVELY: Sihle Zwane in a lovely pair of heels.



TAKE ME NOW: Thula Simelane seems to be murmuring as she gestures during Dumi Mkokstad's performance.



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HIGHLIGHTS

DANGER MOUSE



Today 15:30 | Disney XD
(304)
"S1/E11 - 1/11".

Catch the adventures of Danger

Mouse and Penfold as they have to save the world from all sorts of threats including their nemesis Baron von Greenback.



BEN 10

Today 17:05 | Cartoon
Network (301)

S1/E119 - Waterfilter'. When
10-year-old Ben Tennyson dis-

covers a mysterious device, he gains the power to change into different alien heroes, each with uniquely awesome powers.



POLTERGEIST

Tonight 20:00 | TCM (137)

A dream home becomes the
house from hell as evil spirits

possess the soul of an innocent child. Only a clairvoyant can quell the terror. Isthunzi



ISTHUNZI

Tonight 20:00 | Mzansi Magic
(161)

S1/E1 - Escape". As Winnie
pushes her hustle to win a rich

celebrity husband (Rugby star, Lebone Mabuela) her brother discovers what she's really been doing instead of going to school.

NEW HEAD JUDGE FOR AMVCAS

PROMINENT South African filmmakers and media representatives gathered at the Four Seasons Hotel The WestCliff Hotel in Johannesburg as leading South African filmmaker Desiree Markgraff was officially unveiled as the Head Judge for the 2017 edition of Africa Magic Viewers' Choice Awards (AMVCAs), the prestigious initiative that honours film and TV talent across the continent. The event also served as an opportunity for the organisers to encourage more South African entries for the 2017 AMVCAs.

The fifth annual AMVCA ceremony takes place in Lagos, Nigeria on 3 and 4 March 2017.

Desiree Markgraff is co-owner and CEO of The Bomb Shelter Productions, a leading South African film and television production company. A council member of the NFVF (National Film and Video Foundation) and Chairperson of the NFVF Fiction committee, Desiree has been at the forefront of creating some of South Africa's most successful television content, including Jacob's Cross, Isibaya, Ayeye and many more works celebrated around the world.

Speaking on Desiree's appointment, CEO of M-Net Yolisa Phahle said: "We are delighted to announce Desiree as the Head Judge of the AMVCAs. Desiree brings a wealth of experience and industry knowledge to the role."

The AMVCAs is an acknowledgement and celebration of the contribution made by Pan African filmmakers, actors and technicians to the success of the continent's film and television industries, and we believe the appointment of Desiree further restates our commitment to professionalism and true Pan-African representation at the awards."



For the 2017 edition, a number of awards in different categories will be presented ranging from acting and directing to scriptwriting and cinematography. Other categories will include: editing, soundtrack, make-up, sound, and lighting amongst others. There are 27 categories in all, with 16 open to viewers and 11 decided by the AMVCA panel of judges. Entry is free and the closing date for submissions is 28 October 2016.

Also speaking at the event, the Regional Director for M-Net West Africa, Wangi Mba-Uzoukwu said: "Since the first edition in 2013, the AMVCAs have gone on to become the biggest celebration of film and television talent in Africa. The South African movie and television industry is brimming with exciting talent, and we encourage all eligible filmmakers to enter for the 2017 AMVCAs. Entries are currently open and we ask aspiring South African filmmakers to take advantage of the AMVCA platform to showcase their skills and passion to the rest of the world."

All films, made-for-television movies or television series are eligible for entry if

they are broadcast or publicly screened between 1 October 2015 and 30 September 2016. Films, made-for-television movies or television series previously entered into or nominated for an award, or awarded a prize in another film and television competition, also are eligible to be entered. The newly announced Head Judge, Desiree Markgraff, challenged South African filmmakers, at the event, to take advantage of the entry process and show Africa and the rest of the world the skill and quality inherent in the South African film and TV industry.

"The recognition that the AMVCAs bring to nominated and winning works is immense. Since the inception of the awards in 2013, we have seen the dramatic increase in the quality and quantity of the works entered, and when you are nominated for an AMVCA you know you have gained continental and global recognition. I urge all South African filmmakers who meet the criteria to enter their films and show the world the amount of talent and creativity abundant in this region," added Markgraff.

Who will be TLCs next great presenter?

THE TLC Next Great Presenter competition, in association with Colgate Optic White, is heating up.

With the Top 3 already selected, it is now time for the public to have their say in who becomes the latest presenter on Africa's #1 international lifestyle and entertainment channel.

Will it be Carissa Cupido from Cape Town, South Africa; Charlie Karumi from Nairobi, Kenya; or Karen Paida Mukwedeyi from Harare, Zimbabwe? Africa, the time has come for you to decide!

From Monday 10 October to Tuesday 15 November, viewers will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite contestant, who will ultimately travel to London and present a brand new four-part series, TLC's Most Extreme, set to premiere on TLC Entertainment (135) early next year. The winner will also receive an all-expenses paid holiday to the Palace of the Lost City, courtesy of Sun International.

"Our Top 3 finalists are incredibly talented and they all have what it takes to become a host on TLC", says Lee Hobbs, competition judge and VP of Brand and Content for Discovery Networks CEEMEA. "However, the



decision is now out of the judges hands, and we're calling on all our TLC fans from across the continent to get behind their favourite finalist and choose who will be crowned TLC's Next Great Presenter!"

Vote for your favourite Top 3 finalist, and you and a partner will stand a chance of winning a once in a lifetime, seven-night stay at the Wild Coast Sun resort in Port Edward, South Africa courtesy of Sun International. On top of this, TLC will also be giving out various other prizes throughout the voting period, including a free six-month digital subscription to Elle magazine for 10 lucky TLC fans. All voters will also

have the chance to win tickets to the VIP gala event on Tuesday, 15 November in Johannesburg, where the winner of TLC's Next Great Presenter will be revealed in front of a live audience.

When voting on the Next Great Presenter website, all voters can enter into a prize draw to win one of 100 tickets for the event, which will be hosted by the panel of celebrity Next Great Presenter judges, including actress and MC Thando Thebethe.

For your chance to win these amazing prizes, and vote for your favourite contestant, head to the TLC Next Great Presenter website from Monday November 10.

International
Celebrity News

Posh takes Brooklyn to Kenya

KENYA - She's usually seen in exclusive locations and glamorous parties.

But Victoria Beckham swapped her lavish lifestyle for the real world when she visited central Kenya on Saturday.

The 41 year-old designer was joined by her teenage son, Brooklyn, 17, as they continued their UNAIDS charity mission in Africa.

Keeping it simple for the occasion, the former Spice Girl wore a crisp white shirt which she matched with a pair of stonewash skinny jeans.

Ditching her usual heels, she added a pair of black flip-flops to the mix.

Clearly not wanting to be inap-



PAY A VISIT: P in Kenya.

propriate, she also toned down the heavy make-up for a slightly more understated finish.

Dailymail

Osbourne helps cover Scherzinger's breast

HOLLYWOOD - The X Factor live shows are often prone to impromptu gaffes.

But, thankfully, Sharon Osbourne helped her co-judge avoid one on Saturday evening - by covering Nicole Scherzinger's breasts.

The incident happened on the first real-time episode of the new series, which was appropriately-themed 'express yourself'.

It came after boyband Trio 5 After Midnight kicked-off the



IN SUPPORT: Sharon Osbourne and Nicole Scherzinger.

episode to high praise - with Nicole responding flirtatiously.

Singing and dancing in a provocative manner, she nearly fell out of her revealing dress which was designed to show off her cleavage. *Dailymail*

Trump, Bush conversation leaks

NEW YORK - Melania Trump is speaking out almost 24 hours after audio of a lewd conversation between her husband Donald Trump and Billy Bush was made public. "The words



LEAK CONVERSATION: Donald Trump and Billy Bush.

my husband used are unacceptable and offensive to me. This does not represent the man that I

know," she wrote in a statement posted online. "He has the heart and mind of a leader." She added, "I hope people will accept his apology, as I have, and focus on the

important issues facing our nation and the world.

Eonline

Kardashian calls Chyna a 'Psycho'

NEW YORK - Who knew french fries could cause so much drama?

On the next episode of Rob & Chyna, Rob Kardashian and Blac Chyna are driving when they stop to pick up some fast food. But when Rob's french fries accidentally fall, the couple gets into a tense fight.

This clip shows Chyna sitting in the passenger's seat taking out the food while Rob drives. When the car makes a turn, the fries fall on the car floor and Rob seems a



TENSE FIGHT: Rob Kardashian and Blac Chyna.

bit annoyed that Chyna was holding onto her phone with one hand instead of holding onto the food.

Eonline

SA Celebrity News

'I am the victim of a bad situation'

JOHANNESBURG -

Freshlyground musician Christian Bakalanga has spoken for the first time exclusively to TshisaLIVE about his traumatic stay in police custody, after being arrested for attempting to use a fraudulent visa last week.

The guitarist was taken into custody at O.R Tambo International Airport after police found he had attempted to travel using the 'fake' visa.

He spent several days in cus-



FIRT CONVO: Christian Bakalanga.

tody at the Tembisa police station before being released on Tuesday evening. No charges have been laid against him.

Sowetan

Zinhle's 'Bond' is really spoiling her

JOHANNESBURG -

While she has laughed off speculation about who her bae is, one thing is for sure: Zinhle is a spoilt girl!

Okay, so we are probably never going to get to see an image of the two of them together anytime soon, but Zinhle sure isn't opposed to letting us in on how her man is spoiling her.

Timeslive



SPOILED: Dj Zinhle.

DJ Sbu to welcome Ntsiki's input on new song with Zahara

JOHANNESBURG - DJ Sbu and Zahara released their brand new collaboration called Ndingubani last week.

While the song was a hit with fans, Ntsiki Mazwai was quick to point out she had recently released a song with the same name, saying she was glad to inspire.

That left the door open to a possible collab. And, well, DJ Sbu says he has listened to her version and is open to the possibility.

"It was a coincidence. But I did



NEW HIT: Di Sbu.

give myself time to listen to sister @ntsikimazwai's version which came out first in 2013 & I like it. Maybe she can jump on the remix one day who knows. We are all creative's who love what we do." Sbu posted the comment on his Instagram page after fans again pointed out the title was the same. Ntsiki ft Zahara ft Sbu... that should be good. *Timeslive*

Skhumba defended after body shaming #FeesMustFall protestors

JOHANNESBURG - Fans came to Skhumba's defence after 7 000 people signed a petition to have deejay Skhumba removed from Kaya FM for joking about topless protestors.

This week, the comedian was crucified after posting a video joking about the breasts of the topless protestors at Wits University.

Skhumba said he supports the #FeesMustFall movement, but their breasts were too downcast to be exposed publicly at the protest.

"Please don't show your boobs



DEFENDED: Skhumba.

that have silver stripes. When a boob shows, it should [look] like a tennis ball, not like wet sneakers without shoe laces," he said in isiZulu. A petition later circulated to have him removed from his Kaya FM gig until he apologises. *Drim*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Mehlemamba reveals that there is a dark force behind Qondi's illness.



WAVES: Mpiyakhe.

Mpiyakhe's political support for his taxi task force creates waves in the taxi industry. Siphokazi makes up her mind about her future. Sunday shows Judas just what a powerful inyanga he is.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Nina has a sudden change of heart about Obakeng. Morongwa panics, fearing she might get caught. Lerato tries to advise Kamogelo, who rejects her.



SUDDEN CHANGE: Nina.

Muvhango

TODAY

Bobo gets close enough to Serithi to carry out Khomotjo's plan with ease. KK pushes Matshidiso into a corner. The Mukwevho are shocked to learn what Mpho plans to do to Rendani.



CHALLENGED: Matshidiso.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Kop sticks to his guns about the company car. Sindiswa is considering an abortion. Jeff punishes Mapula in class, while Bash and Niki move back into the town-house.



BACK TO SQUARE 1: Niki.

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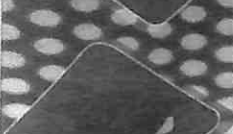
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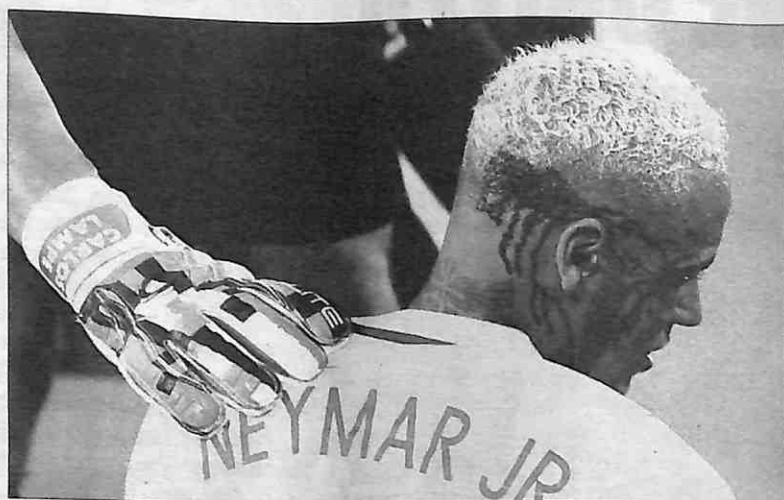
DUK REFUSES TO APOLOGISE AFTER ELBOWING NEYMAR

BRAZIL - Bolivia defender Yasmani Duk is refusing to apologise after elbowing Neymar and demands that the Barcelona forward stops his 'Charlie Big B*****' behaviour.

Duk has been in the headlines after catching Neymar full in the face during his country's World Cup Qualifier against Brazil on Thursday - a blow which caused a gash on his eyebrow to bleed heavily.

Many sections of the media accused the 28-year-old of being over-aggressive but the player has justified his actions as part and parcel of the game, and even found time to take a swipe at the Barcelona man.

"Neymar was being a bit too cocky - he was like that with all of us throughout the game, but all I was trying to do was cut off a move



BUSTED OPEN: The Barcelona man bled heavily following the clash and was battered and bruised all evening.

- which is what happens all the time in football," Duk told AS.

"Everyone knows the sport has its physical side - I had my nose broken and no one says a word.

"To become the best player in the world, he's got to stop this 'Charlie Big B*****' behaviour and start showing some respect for his opponents." *Daily Mail*

Totti open to a career in coaching

ITALY - Roma legend Francesco Totti admits he would be open to becoming a coach when he retires, although the 40-year-old acknowledges he would have to change his temperament beforehand.

Totti's playing contract with the Giallorossi is due to expire at the end of the season and he may then retire from professional football. The forward has yet to make a final decision on his future but is eager to prolong his stay at the Stadio Olimpico by potentially joining the club's backroom staff, and he would take the necessary steps to prepare for the role.

Speaking to *Corriere dello Sport*, Totti said: "I do not know what the future holds, but I know it will be something enjoyable.

"Part of me would like to start coaching. But I am not thinking about it too much yet, because I know it might not be easy to handle a group of players with my character.

"But I see all my former teammates starting a career as a



NEW PATH: Roma legend Francesco Totti.

coach. I know something can happen after a while, because everybody seems to want to become a coach.

Trigger

"Something can trigger changes in me as well. I can tell you that my character will change at some point. I honestly do not know yet what will happen in the future, but I hope to always be part of Roma. That is my wish. I want to help the club where I have spent most of my life," he said.

Daily Mail

Tiger confirms tour return in California

PONTE VEDRA BEACH - Tiger Woods confirmed he will return to action in California this week after a 14-month absence as he attempts to resurrect his flagging career.

The 14-time major winner has not played since August 2015, undergoing surgery late last year to cure a long-standing back injury.

"Out of action due to injury since August 2015, Tiger Woods will return to PGA Tour competition next week at the Safeway Open, the first event of the 2016/17 PGA Tour season," the PGA announced in a statement. "Woods officially committed yesterday to the event, October 13-16 at Silverado Resort and Spa in Napa,



THE RETURN: Tiger Woods.

California."

Woods, 40, hasn't competed since finishing equal 10th at the 2015 Wyndham Championship. He had back surgery last September and a follow-up procedure to ease discomfort from a pinched nerve. *AFP*

Hamilton admits abysmal start to Grand Prix was his fault

JAPAN - Lewis Hamilton admitted he 'made a mistake' after his slow start handed Nico Rosberg victory at the Japanese Grand Prix.

Starting from second on the grid, Hamilton crawled off the line, getting swallowed up by several cars to lie eighth at the end of the first lap.

On arriving at his grid slot before the race, Hamilton appeared concerned by a damp patch on the tarmac, the result of overnight rain at Suzuka. But the Briton insisted that had no adverse effect.

"The damp patch had nothing to do with it," said Hamilton. "I made a mistake.

"I just got some wheel-spin, I need to see what the engineers say."

Hamilton fought his way back to claim third place and said: "I did the best I could from where I was in the race. I'm happy with clawing it back



MISTAKE: Lewis Hamilton (right) admitted post-race in the press conference alongside Max Verstappen (left) and teammate Nico Rosberg.

and getting some points, it's good."

Lap

It was almost better for Hamilton, who looked certain to pass Red Bull's Max Verstappen for second place at the final chicane on the penultimate lap. But he was forced to

take to the escape road and hit out at the teenager over the radio, saying: "Max moved under braking."

"I fought hard at the end but just didn't make it," he said after the race. "It doesn't matter now, it's done."

Daily Mail



NEW BROOM: Andile Phehlukwayo.

A NEW 'ZULU' FOR PROTEAS?

JOHANNESBURG - In Ben Stokes, the Poms are convinced they have finally found the new Ian Botham.

At the Highveld Lions, they like the idea of teenage sensation Wiaan Mulder being called 'Baby Kallis'.

And, by the looks of it, the Proteas have a new 'Zulu' on their stoep.

Few players have invoked the spirit of former Proteas all-rounder Lance Klusener more than Andile Phehlukwayo has in his first four one-day internationals (ODIs).

Whenever he has a bat or ball in his hands, one gets the feeling that something is bound to happen.

It doesn't help that he bowls right-handed and hits the ball particularly hard as a left-handed

batsman in the lower order - like the man nicknamed Zulu all those years ago.

Judging by his unbeaten innings of 42 in the third ODI against Australia on Wednesday - a match in which he helped David Miller seal the series for South Africa with a partnership of 107 while chasing down 372 - he has that same 'patron saint of lost causes' aura that Klusener had about him in his heyday.

Competitions

And did we mention he wears Klusener's iconic jersey number 69 in domestic limited-overs competitions? The projections about the career of the youngster from Margate in KwaZulu-Natal could be a touch irresponsible, given that Phehlukwayo is just 20.

City Press

'It was painful' Coetzee laments loss

DURBAN - Springbok coach Allister Coetzee said his team were outplayed in a humiliating defeat by New Zealand in Durban last Saturday.

Coetzee said he was embarrassed by the result as New Zealand completed the Castle Lager Rugby Championship with a 57-15 victory.

New Zealand won all six matches in the tournament - claiming a try-scoring bonus point in every match - having wrapped up the title with two rounds remaining.

"It was painful, we have no excuses. They are world-class and we are not there yet," Coetzee said.

"We gave our best effort, but sometimes your best is still not good enough. That was the case here today. The players and

coaches worked hard this week, but we have to have a hard look at ourselves.

"We are the only ones who can turn this around."

The coach praised New Zealand, for retaining the standards that made them World Cup winners in 2011 and 2015.

Benefit

"The All Blacks benefit from their system. There are not many players out there that can really strengthen our squad. We have to look at a number of areas, including our kicking game, our aerial skills and a number of other areas. That's why the coaching indaba will be so important.

"As a country, we lack in certain skills and that is something we all need to work on."

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'ROONEY MAY LEAVE UNITED'

MANCHESTER - Harry Redknapp has weighed in on the Wayne Rooney debate by claiming the Manchester United captain may need a change of scenery to revitalise his stagnant career.

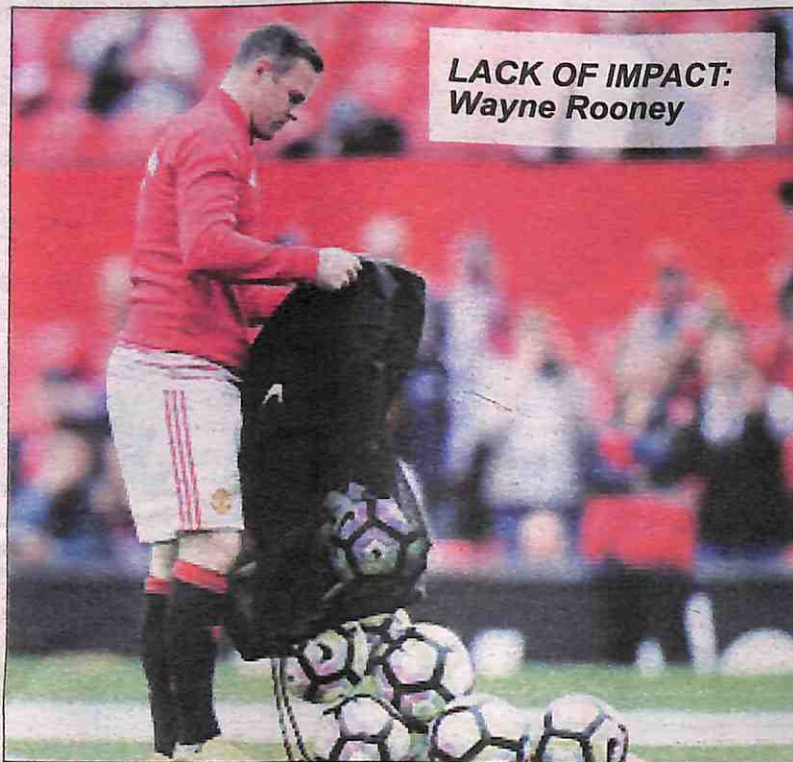
Rooney has come under severe criticism for his lack of impact for the club and country over the last 12 months.

While the debate drags on whether or not the England captain can still perform at the world class level expected of him, Redknapp says he hopes he can find his goal scoring touch again.

"He's suffered with his form and I hope he revives himself at Old Trafford but if not a change of scenery could do him good," he told The Daily Star.

The former Tottenham Hotspur boss then mentioned how former England winger Paul Merson who went through a similar slump, changed the fortunes of his club at the time after leaving Aston Villa.

"It was a different level to Wayne, of course, but Paul Merson transformed Portsmouth for me. He arrived back in 2002, the lads loved him and he was a good player given a fresh test of his character. "There are certain players who thrive off that and Wayne might



LACK OF IMPACT:
Wayne Rooney

just need a new challenge," he added. "He would be a great signing for a couple of seasons and could have a major impact on a Premier League club. "He could tip the balance for a top-four

team if United were to let him go. I'd take Wayne at Arsenal or Chelsea and he has to play as a No.9 or 10, midfield isn't for him yet."

Sport24

IBRAHIMOVIC CLAIMS 'THERE IS NO FREE TIME'

MANCHESTER - Zlatan Ibrahimovic claims there is 'no free time' for a top level sportsman, only 'hard work and objectives' as he keeps himself fit during the two week international break.

The 35-year-old may be retired from the international game, but shows despite heading into the latter stages of his career he has no intentions of slowing down after posting a picture onto his Instagram of him training with an altitude mask.

Manchester United face a tough set of fixtures throughout October with away trips to Liverpool and Chelsea on their Premier League agenda, and Ibrahimovic is keen to keep himself in the best possible shape to be the difference maker once again. The former Paris Saint-Germain striker's commitment will come as no surprise to his new team-mates, who have noted his impact at Old Trafford already.

"He's unbelievable," said Spanish midfielder Ander Herrera. "He doesn't lose one training session. He trains every day at his best trying to get everyone at their highest level."

"He is very, very aggressive and demanding, but in a good way because every day he wants to win every training session. We are very lucky to have Zlatan with us."

"You see the way he behaves. The way he trains even before the session, he is always stretching, taking care of his body, that is the way a professional has to behave."

"When I was not in a top team I used to admire these kind of players and I wanted to be one of them one day, being at Man United eight or nine season, but it is not easy."

"He's an example for every one of us not just the young players. I am not young, not old, I'm in the middle at 26 and he is an example for me as well."

Dailymail

'They did not meet my ambition'

MANCHESTER - Ryan Giggs has hit back at claims he had a poor interview with Swansea by claiming: 'They did not meet my ambition.'

Giggs was a contender for the job at the Liberty Stadium after they sacked Francesco Guidolin last Monday.

The Welshman is keen to secure a management role after leaving Manchester United as assistant boss in the summer following a 24-

year career at Old Trafford.

But Swansea appointed American Bob Bradley instead, saying Giggs had an 'underwhelming interview' for the post, despite wanting to bring with him a back-room team which included former United team-mate Nicky Butt.

However Giggs, speaking during ITV punditry duties on Saturday, hit back at the those claims he failed to impress by saying.

"I met with them [Swansea]

a couple of times but in the end there was just mixed messages from the football side and the ownership side of the club. I just felt their ambitions did not really match mine."

The Welshman was United's interim manager for four games in 2014, which was not enough to convince Swansea to hand him responsibility for saving the club from relegation.

Dailymail

Wenger rules himself out of England job

LONDON - Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger says there has been no contact from the Football Association over the England job, which he believes would be best filled by an English coach.

Wenger, who turns 67 at the end of October, is in the final season of his current Arsenal contract, having earlier this month marked 20 years in the job.

Before the international break, Wenger said it is possible he could 'one day' manage England if he had no club commitments.

FA Chief Executive Martin Glenn says Wenger would be among the candidates who 'perfectly' fit the criteria as



BOSS: Arsene Wenger.

the search begins for the permanent successor to Sam Allardyce.

Wenger, though, has told beIN Sports he was yet to hear from anyone at the FA over the vacancy, which is he says should be given to an Englishman.

"There has been no contact, there is nothing really to add. Personally I want England to do well."

Wenger stressed he felt the role would be best served by a home-grown coach, with Under-21s boss Gareth Southgate having taken up the job on an interim basis.

"It is very important (the manager is an Englishman), I have always said that," the Gunners boss added. "A country like England, with a huge football passion... and as well the structure of the national team (it) looks to me (that it) demands a guy from your own nation is the leader."

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HART STILL FRUSTRATED BY MANCHESTER CITY LOAN EXIT

ITALY - Joe Hart is pretty frank about his move to Torino in Serie A this season.

He is in the land of Dino Zoff, Gianluigi Buffon and Walter Zenga and is asked whether that may have been a factor in choosing Italy.

"It was but I'm not going to lie," he says. "I wasn't sat there with 25 options. I wasn't."

Torino was a really good option for me and it definitely excited me to go play in Serie A and to play for Torino. That fit, in the situation I was in and was a good decision.

"But it's not about making brave decisions. It was a decision I had to make and was comfortable with. I felt I was capable of doing it and, where my options were, it was the best one for me in my opinion."

"I had a situation at (Manchester) City where my playing time was going to be limited, full stop. So I had to look elsewhere. It was pretty quick. I wasn't given much time so when that opportunity came, I was



PRETTY FRANK: Joe Hart believes leaving Manchester City to move to Torino was a good decision.

really, really grateful."

"I spoke to the Torino Manager Sinisa Mihajlovic, who made it clear they did actually want me to play in the team, so that was enough."

Many might have only tuned into to his first game, in which he made an error which cost a goal in the 2-1 defeat to Atalanta. Since then, his

start has been much more auspicious: two wins, two draws, only two goals conceded and two clean sheets, with Torino in seventh.

The Torino ultras even have a Joe Hart banner, which has been loaned to them by Manchester City fans, who still hold him in great esteem.

Dailymail

Lukaku a doubt for Everton

LONDON - Everton striker Romelu Lukaku is a fitness doubt for their game against Premier League leaders Manchester City next weekend with a thigh injury.

The 23-year-old was injured playing for Belgium on Friday in their 4-0 win over Bosnia-Herzegovina where he scored late on but also missed an easy chance which prompted boos from the home crowd.

Lukaku will have further scans on Saturday and is expected to sit out Belgium's

qualifier with Gibraltar on Monday. Talking to reporters after Friday's win he confirmed: "I felt something but we will see."

Manchester City have concerns over right back Bacary Sagna who fears he has a slight hamstring tear which he picked up France's win over Bulgaria.

The 33-year-old conceded a penalty, set up an equaliser, then went off injured for France in the opening 26 minutes of their 4-1 win.

Dailymail

DOUBT: Romelu Lukaku.



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ANDY MURRAY DOWNS NOVAK DJOKOVIC TO WIN CHINA OPEN

BEIJING - Andy Murray claimed the title at the China Open in Beijing yesterday, taking a step toward unseating world No 1 Novak Djokovic.

He romped to victory in straight sets on a chilly night in the Chinese capital, having not dropped a set in the tournament.

Murray's 6-4, 7-6 (7/2) win over unseeded Grigor Dimitrov is his fifth title of the year and 40th of his career.

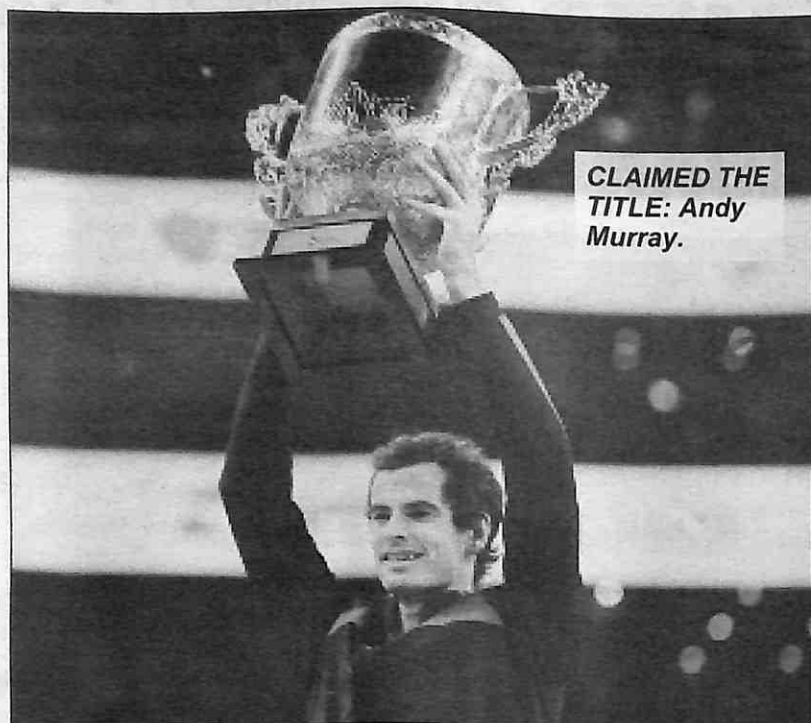
The Scot's victory moves him 1 000 points closer to long-reigning world No 1 Djokovic, with the chance of taking the top spot by year-end and capping off a career-best season.

Murray broke Dimitrov's serve in the opening game of the match, putting the 15th-ranked Bulgarian on the defensive as he made 21 unforced errors in the opening set.

In the second, both held their serve through the first four games until Murray broke Dimitrov at 3-2.

It looked like the Scot would serve for the championship but Dimitrov — who beat Rafael Nadal en route to the final — won the next 11 points, breaking Murray to love.

Pushed to a tiebreak, the three-time Grand Slam champion immediately seized back control, storming through



CLAIMED THE TITLE: Andy Murray.

the decider to claim his first title in the Chinese capital. Dimitrov had received a free pass through the semi-finals after Canadian Milos Raonic pulled out with an ankle injury, but was left overwhelmed by the Scot.

"I just didn't feel I had another gear," Dimitrov told reporters after the match. "Andy's fighting pretty

much every single point.

You know you're not going to get anything for free." With his 40th win, Murray is the 16th player in the open era to win at least 40 titles and the fourth active player to accomplish the feat, joining Djokovic, Nadal and Roger Federer.

AFP

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MATCHES HEADING TOWARDS SATURDAY KICK-OFFS

LONDON - A Saturday clash between Champions League matches and domestic club games has become the elephant in the room during continuing talks over the fraught future of European football.

The European Professional Football Leagues have already been vocal in their opposition of UEFA's latest revamp of the Champions League.

This guarantees England, Germany, Italy and Spain four spots each in the competition — leading to a closed shop.

And further down the road there is also widespread concern that UEFA — who moved the Champions League final to a Saturday in 2010 — will one day take their fixture list to the weekend to further maximise TV rights.

Scottish football Chief Neil Doncaster called it 'the direction of travel' for the 2021-24 negotiations. Real Madrid, Barcelona, Bayern Munich and Juventus are all reportedly in favour of such a massive upheaval.

Premier League clubs are divided over the latest changes, which

Manchester United's David Gill helped devise. But there is united opposition to the Champions League affecting Saturday and Sunday match programmes.

A PL source said: "This is a red-line issue that we wouldn't even contemplate."

It's not often you hear two top sporting figures use the obscenity 's***' in quick succession in front of an audience.

First came Masters

winner Danny

Willett's description in

the losers' Press conference of his pointless

Ryder Cup experience:

's***' and then 'really

s***'.

It was followed by Gary Neville, on stage at the Legends of Football charity dinner, calling his Manchester United performances during his last season 's***' and the standard of play in the PL over the last four or five seasons 's***' as well.

Instead, he was driving himself to the ground this week in a grey pick-up truck — the ultimate Chelsea tractor as Buck lives near the stadium. Buck says he normally uses his truck when he is at his country home near Cheltenham. *Dailymail*



CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Tyson, Shakes rue conceding late in WC qualifier

JOHANNESBURG - Bafana Bafana captain Thulani Hlatshwayo said the team needs to learn from Saturday's 1-1 draw with Burkina Faso in which they conceded a late goal when victory was beckoning.

"We need to learn from such errors. We can't continue giving away silly goals like that if we

want to go far. We were seconds away from victory but threw the game away," said a somewhat distraught Hlatshwayo known in football circles as Tyson.

The Wits and Bafana captain said the technical team had emphasised the need to tighten things up especially towards the dying minutes but again fell to a painful sucker

punch. "Hopefully we have learnt a bitter lesson and that is something that should never be repeated again." His sentiments were echoed by coach Ephraim 'Shakes' Mashaba who admitted the 90th minute equaliser by the hosts could have been avoided as Bafana continued with their impressive away record. *Supersport*

Double celebration for Mercedes as Nico Rosberg win in Japan

TOKYO - It's been inevitable for much of the season but Mercedes finally sealed the constructors' championship at the Japanese Grand Prix following Nico Rosberg's Suzuka win.

The team needed just eight points to put them out of reach of second placed Red Bull, and Rosberg's victory coupled with Lewis Hamilton's third placed ensured the Silver Arrows comfortably retained the title.

It's the third straight year that Mercedes have won the championship with the successes in 2014 and 2015 just as dominant as their latest triumph.

The champagne had been on ice since last week, when a Hamilton engine failure in Malaysia denied them the chance to clinch the championship at the home of primary sponsor Petronas.

The team celebrated wildly in the Suzuka pitlane by spraying champagne at each other, with drivers Rosberg and Hamilton also present.

While the German immersed himself in the celebrations, Hamilton was



content to keep a lower profile on an afternoon when his own title hopes took a severe blow.

Having had to settle for third after a terrible start dropped him from second on the grid down to eighth, it leaves the drivers' championship in Rosberg's hands with just four races to go.

The 31-year-old though has refused to get caught in the moment as he comes tantalisingly close to a first world championship.

"It was a perfect weekend really so I'm very happy with that," Rosberg reflected.

"But there are still many races to go

F1 CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP		
TEAM	WINS	POINTS
1. Mercedes (c)	15	593
2. Red Bull	2	385
3. Ferrari	0	335
4. Force India	0	134
5. Williams	0	124
6. McLaren	0	62
7. Toro Rosso	0	47
8. Haas	0	28
9. Renault	0	8
10. Manor	0	1
11. Sauber	0	0

so I'm just keeping my head down. 'I'm taking it race-by-race and there's n point changing my approach. I'm sticking with what I'm doing because it's working well.'

Dailymail



WINNER: Agnieszka Radwanska.

Radwanska beats Konta to China title

BEIJING - Agnieszka Radwanska beat Johanna Konta in straight sets to take the title at the China Open in chilly Beijing Sunday, denying the Briton her biggest career crown.

The third-ranked Pole — who cruised through the tournament without dropping a set — sealed her second title in Beijing with an ace for a 6-4, 6-2 win.

The victory was Radwanska's 20th career crown but there was more on the line for Konta, 25, who was making a bid in the Chinese capital for what would have been her second and biggest title.

Despite the loss, by reaching the Beijing final Konta has amassed enough points to break into the top 10 — the first British woman to do so since Jo Durie in 1984.

When the new leaderboards are released Monday it will be the first time since computerised rankings were introduced that a British man (Andy Murray) and woman are ranked in the top 10 at the same time.

Konta claimed two top 10 scalps en route to the final, sixth-ranked Karoline Pliskova and number eight Madison Keys, but she was kept on the defensive yesterday. The Briton, usually a solid baseliner, repeatedly pushed to the net as she tried to shift the match momentum in her favour, but it was a risky strategy that cost her 29 unforced errors.

"Against a player like Agnieszka, who is basically a human wall, you definitely do try to look to get the upper hand in any way possible.

AFP

RESULTS

INTERNATIONALS

New Zealand	1-2	Mexico
Cuba	0-2	USA

MULTICHOICE DISKI CHALLENGE

Baroka FC	0-3	Kaizer Chiefs
Highlands Park	3-1	Golden Arrows
Free State Stars	3-2	Platinum Stars
Bidvest Wits	1-1	Ajax Cape Town
Orlando Pirates	0-1	Chippa United
Mamelodi Sundowns	2-0	Polokwane City
Bloemfontein Celtic	2-0	Cape Town City
Maritzburg United	2-1	SuperSport United

AFRICA WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

Burkina Faso	1-1	South Africa
Ghana	0-0	Uganda
Senegal	2-0	Cape Verde
Ivory Coast	3-1	Mali
Congo DR	4-0	Libya
Gabon	0-0	Morocco
Zambia	1-2	Nigeria
Senegal	2-0	Cape Verde

WORLD CUP QUALIFYING - EUROPE

Germany	3-0	Czech Republic
Northern Ireland	4-0	San Marino
Poland	3-2	Denmark
Scotland	1-1	Lithuania
Slovenia	1-0	Slovakia
Armenia	0-5	Romania
Azerbaijan	1-0	Norway
England	2-0	Malta
Montenegro	5-0	Kazakhstan
Belgium	4-0	Bosnia-Herzegovina
Estonia	4-0	Gibraltar
France	4-1	Bulgaria
Greece	2-0	Cyprus
Hungary	2-3	Switzerland
Latvia	0-2	Faroe Islands
Luxembourg	0-1	Sweden
Netherlands	4-1	Belarus
Portugal	6-0	Andorra

FIFA 2018 QUALIFIERS - SOUTH AMERICA

Peru	2-2	Argentina
Brazil	5-0	Bolivia
Peru	2-2	Argentina
Brazil	5-0	Bolivia
Paraguay	0-1	Colombia
Uruguay	3-0	Venezuela

LEOPARD'S MBOKANI BRACE ENSURES DR CONGO ROUT

KINSHASA - Hull City striker Dieumerci Mbokani netted a brace to guide the Leopards to a 4-0 emphatic victory over Libya in their opening FIFA 2018 World Cup qualifying tie last Saturday at Stade des Martyrs in Kinshasa.

Mbokani announced his return to the DR Congo side for the first time since March with a solid performance in front of a fully packed electric stadium with bouncing fans at every possession in the box.

The Leopards came into this tie looking to end a winless streak against the Mediterranean Knights and indeed they showed their intentions as early as the sixth minute when Mbokani sent a left-footed effort past Libyan



BRACE: Dieumerci Mbokani (Right).

goalkeeper Khaled Elwerfelli from a Yannick Bolasie assist. Libya launched a search for

an equaliser thereafter piling a lot of pressure on the Leopards back four but goalkeeper Ley

Matampi stood tall between the goalposts.

Elwerfelli denied Mbokani in the 24th minute before punching away Bolasie's well-taken free-kick from 25 yards out minutes later.

The home side was dealt a huge blow when Jordan Botaka was stretchered off the pitch following an injury in the 42nd minute.

Replaced

He was replaced by Firmin Ndombe Mubele. DR Congo was in charge at this point and indeed their hard work paid off when striker Jonathan Bolingi got to the end of a Joy Lomalisa pass to send a brilliant shot past the hapless Elwerfelli in the second minute of added time in the first half. **Supersport.com**

World Cup 2018: Ivory Coast, DR Congo, Senegal win group games

AFRICA - Ivory Coast beat Mali 3-1 to go top of Group C after Gabon and Morocco had earlier drawn 0-0.

DR Congo thrashed Libya in Group A, winning 4-0 in Kinshasa.

In Group D, Senegal beat Cape Verde 2-0 after Burkina Faso and South Africa had drawn 1-1. The reigning African champions, Ivory Coast, took on Mali in Group C in Bouake with a largely new generation of players in the post Toure-brothers era. The hosts were put under pressure after just 18 minutes when Sambou Yatabare scored to give Mali a 1-0 lead. It took eight minutes for Ivory Coast to level the match, with Aston Villa forward Jonathan Kodjia scoring an equaliser. Five minutes later, the Ivorians went 2-1 up after Mali's Salif Coulibaly struck into his own net.

Lead

Ivory Coast took a commanding 3-1 lead in the 34th minute when Gervinho (pictured), one of the few existing members of Ivory Coast's so-called "golden generation" volleyed in to put his side top of Group C, above Gabon and Morocco who drew 0-0 in Franceville earlier.

Gabon, hosts of the 2017 Africa Cup of Nations, were left frustrated by Morocco at home. They looked to their Borussia Dortmund talisman, Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, to conjure up a winner and he came closest to scoring in the 68th minute, only to see his header cleared off the line by Moroccan goalkeeper, Munir. **BBC**

Muller brace guides world champions Germany to victory

BERLIN - A brace from Thomas Muller inspired World champions Germany to a 3-0 win over the Czech Republic in their 2018 World Cup qualifier.

Jerome Boateng returned to the starting line-up for the home side, while Mario Gotze led the attack.

The Germans broke the deadlock after 13 minutes as Mesut Ozil picked out Thomas Muller, who was afforded time and space to slot home from close range, 1-0. Germany continued to dominate as the first half went on, although they failed to add to the

advantage due to a couple fine saves from Vack.

The home side doubled their lead after 49 minutes courtesy of Toni Kroos' fine placed finish into the bottom corner, after some good work by Joshua Kimmich.

Germany bagged their third goal after 65 minutes as Muller grabbed his second of the night by turning home Jonas Hector's cross at the near post.

With the hosts comfortably leading, Joachim Low introduced Benedikt Howedes and Illkay Gundogan for the final 20 minutes. **AFP**



VICTORY: Mario Gotze and Thomas Muller.

COULD MANCINI BE THE NEXT THREE LIONS BOSS?

LONDON - Roberto Mancini was in attendance at Wembley to watch England beat Malta 2-0 last Saturday, increasing speculation he could be the next Three Lions boss.

The Italian was reportedly invited by the Football Association to watch the game as England made it two wins out of two in World Cup qualifying.

Gareth Southgate has agreed to take charge of the Three Lions on an interim basis and got off to the perfect start as goals from Daniel Sturridge and Dele Alli secured all three points.

Job

Mancini is one of several names, along with Arsene Wenger and Eddie Howe, have been linked with replacing Sam Allardyce, who departed the job under a cloud after just 67 days and one



SPECULATION: Roberto Mancini.

game in charge.

The Italian is currently out of work after leaving Inter in August by mutual agreement but has already managed in England, spending four years at Manchester City where he won a Premier League title and an FA Cup.

Goal

Chiefs crowned Macufe champions

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs were crowned Macufe Cup champions after thumping Bloemfontein Celtic 4-1 at Free State Stadium yesterday.

Edmore Chirambadare opened the floodgates in the first minute of the game as he pounced on a loose ball after the Celtic defence failed to clear a Siphwe Tshabalala corner.

Captain Tshabalala doubled the lead for Amakhosi in the 11th minute with a fine finish that gave Celtic goalkeeper Ayanda Mtshali, no chance.

Chiefs extended their lead on the stroke of halftime from the penalty spot after Lucky Baloyi was hacked down inside the box and Bernard Parker converted the spot-kick.

Rejuvenated

Celtic were a more rejuvenated side in the second half and as a result they pulled one back through Fiston Abdul Razak in the 52nd minute. The new Chiefs number 10, Keagan Buchanan, then put the final nail in the Celtic coffin to round up what was a polished performance by



Steve Komphela's charges.

Supersport.com



MORE IMBUBE MARATHON PICS



CHAMPIONS: Imbube King's Marathon winners, Wandile Nxumalo, Sifiso Sibandze and Amos Thwala posing with His Majesty King Mswati III, SNPF's Langelakhe Dlamini and Minister David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala while displaying their cheques at the Prince of Wales Sports Ground on Saturday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



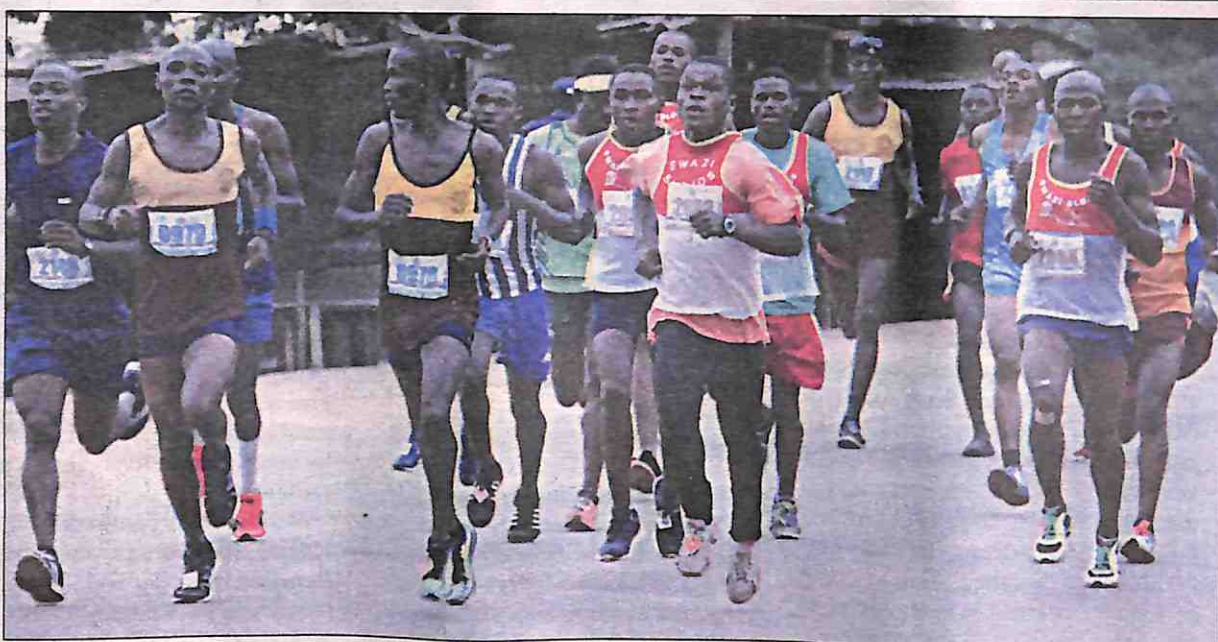
YES: Sifiso Sibandze celebrating his victory.

YOUR ARE PROTECTED:
A traffic police officer
escorting the runners.

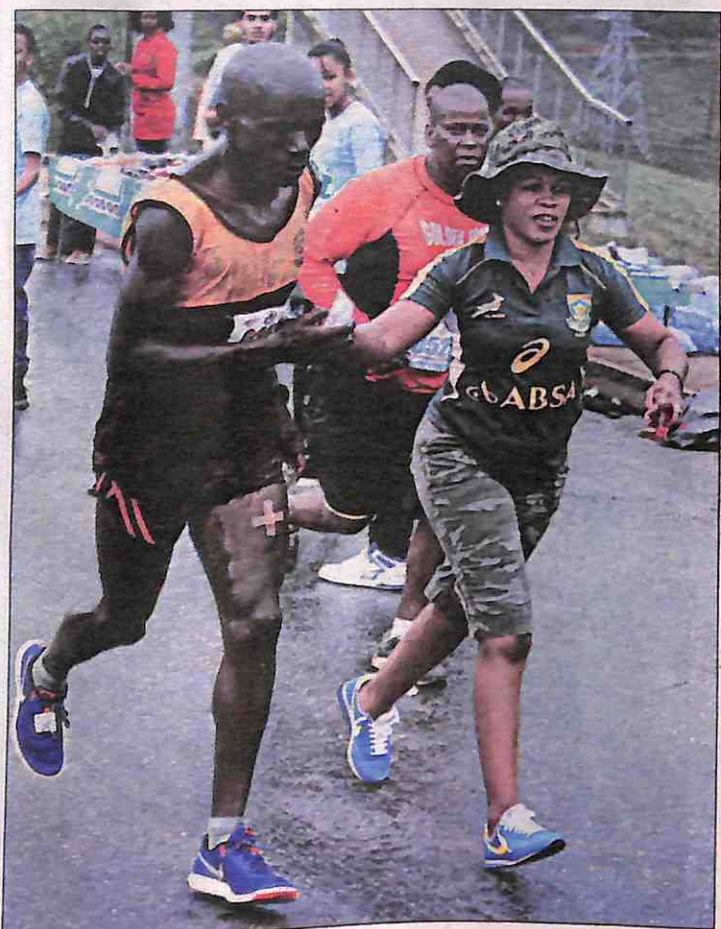
IT WAS SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST:
Those who participated in the 21km
race passing Lobamba
(Mashibhini) during the
Imbube King's Marathon
on Saturday.



SHOULDER TO SHOULDER: Sifiso Sibandze (0052) came from behind to claim the big prize.



SLOW DOWN: A police officer controlling motorists as the 42km race runners pass Ludzidzini Royal Residence.



TAKE: Amos Thwala being provided with water.

THE STRETCHES AFTER THE RACE



I CAN: Princess Sikhanyiso (c) showing her skills in aerobics.



SWEAT-ING: DPM Paul Dlamini and Minister of Tinkhundla Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini doing aerobics.



SHUKUMA: Politicians, Senator Ndimiso Mdluli, Minister Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini, Minister Owen Nxumalo and Minister David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala doing aerobics.



DOING THEIR THING: Runners stretching their muscles after participating in the Imbube King's Marathon.



BAYETHE: Masters and veterans posing with His Majesty.



PRIZES: Winners in the female category (42km), Samkelisiwe Thwala, Thabitha Tsatsa and Catherine Sikhosana posing with His Majesty.



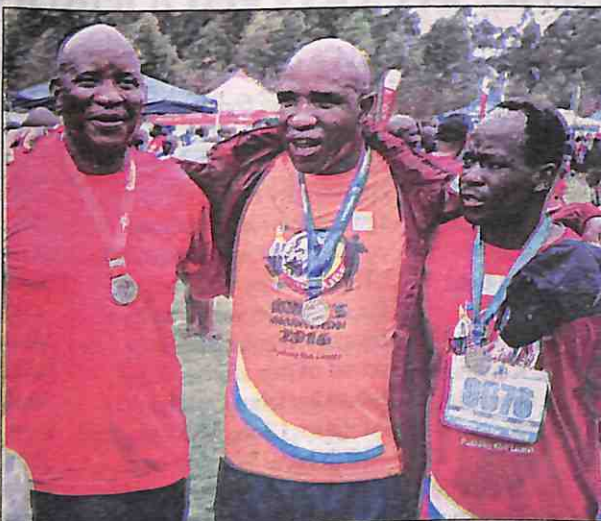
MORE MONEY: 21km race winners in the men's category Melusi Sihlongonyane, Jabulani Khoza and Michael Mashaba posing with His Majesty.



WOMEN RUNNERS: Winners in the female category 21km, Nomvula Ntshalintshali, Louisa Leballo and Rudo Mhonderwa displaying their prizes with the King.



SHORT DISTANCE WINNERS: Winners in the men's category 10km, Abednigo Mashaba, Ntokozo Dlamini and Mandla Nkabinde posing with His Majesty.



WE WERE ALSO THERE: Minister of Tinkhundla Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini flanked by Senator Ndimiso Mdluli and MP Michael Masilela.



CONGRATS: New Public Service Minister Owen Nxumalo and Minister of Sports David Ngcamphalala having fun while SBIS's Nathi Hlophe looks on.



● Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho is keen to sign Everton and Republic of Ireland right-back Seamus Coleman, 27, in a £16m deal three years after former boss David Moyes tried to bring him to Old Trafford. (*Sunday People*)



● United are also interested in Toffees striker Romelu Lukaku after the 23-year-old Belgium international was watched by club scouts during Everton's 1-1 draw with Crystal Palace. (*Star on Sunday*)

● New York Red Bulls are not interested in signing United's out-of-favour midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger despite rumours linking the 32-year-old German with a move to Major League Soccer. (*Bild via Goal.com*)

● Chelsea's £20m-rated Denmark defender Andreas Christensen, 20, is wanted by Barcelona. (*Sun on Sunday*)



● United defender Matteo Darmian, 26, is closing in on a return to his native Italy with a move to Inter Milan set to be finalised. (*Gazzetta dello Sport via Talksport*)

● Real Madrid and Bayern Munich are prepared to pay 27-year-old Arsenal midfielder Mesut Ozil £250,000 a week if talks over a new deal with the Gunners break down. (*Sunday Express*)

● Former Manchester City boss Roberto Mancini, 51, is a surprise contender for the England manager's job. (*Sunday Mirror*)



● City are targeting up to four new full-backs - including Arsenal's £40m-rated Spain international Hector Bellerin, 21. (*Sunday Times - subscription required*)

● Liverpool are ready to offer Brazil playmaker Philippe Coutinho, 24, a new contract to fend off interest from Barcelona. (*Sunday People*)

● England caretaker manager Gareth Southgate said the booing of 30-year-old captain Wayne Rooney at Wembley during Saturday's 2-0 win over Malta in a World Cup qualifier was 'unfair'. (*Observer*)

● Manchester City and Spain forward Nolito, 29, said he came close to joining Barcelona before deciding his future was in the Premier League. (*Manchester Evening News*)

MULTIPURPOSE DISTRIBUTORS CROWNED RSSC GOLF CHAMPS

Stories by Sanele Jele

GOLF - MULTIPURPOSE Distributors were on Saturday crowned champions of the Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation 'Charity Golf Tournament' played at the Mananga Golf Club on Saturday.

The tournament was played in man-scrabble format over 18 holes and featured teams of four players competing against one

another.

In this format, each team's player hit from the tee-box, and then the team members choose the best of the four shots for the next shot. All team members then play the second shot from that location, and again choose the best shot.

Play continues in this manner until the hole is completed.

Multipurpose Distributors recorded an impressive net score of 57 points after a productive

day on the greens.

Speaking after the prize presentation, team captain Thulani Xaba said they combined very well hence they won the tournament.

"This format allowed us to play to our strength. I excelled at hitting tee shots, while my teammates (Polycarp Dlamini, Sanele Mashwama and Siphon Thwala) were better at chipping and putting. A four-man scramble gives each player a chance to shine on various shots on any

given hole," said Xaba.

Runners-up were Swaziland Post and Telecommunications Corporation after recording a net score of 57.5 points while third placed RSSC (hosts) netted 58.75 with Mlobi coming fourth with 59.62.

Completing the top five brackets was G Fox on a net score of 60. The sixth spot was highly contested for but Stefanutti Stocks rose above their competitors scoring a net score of 60.12 while Speed Clean, who had the youngest (10 years) golfer in Siviwe Maseko came closely at 60.88. Swaziland Sugar Association recorded a cool net score of 61. A total of 19 teams competed in the third edition of the tournament.

Over E160 000 made from golf tournament

GOLF - Over E160 000 was made from the third edition of RSSC Charity Golf tournament played at Mananga Country Golf Club on Saturday.

The money was raised through participation fee paid by the visiting companies.

These included Swaziland Electricity Company, Enviro Applied Products, Galp Swaziland, Mbabane Motors, SRIC, Castrol and KPMG among others.

Making his remarks during the prize presentation, RSSC MD Nick Jackson thanked all the companies that took part in the tournament.

"You have done great today by giving to charity and we truly appreciate the spirit you have shown in support of this initia-



WELL DONE: Multipurpose's Polycarp Dlamini shakes hands with RSSC MD Nick Jackson while his teammates look on after being announced the winners of the RSSC Charity Golf tournament held at Mananga Golf Club on Saturday. (Pics:Sanele Jele)

tive. We believe you also had fun." Jackson said they were yet to meet see which organisations would benefit from the proceeds.

"In the previous year we managed to raise E140 000 some of which benefited a certain home-

stead where a two-room was built. We also constructed a borehole. I also want to thank the sponsors that contributed but did not partake in this tournament. These are Swaziland Beverages, Bandag Tyres, Interfreight, SD Spares and

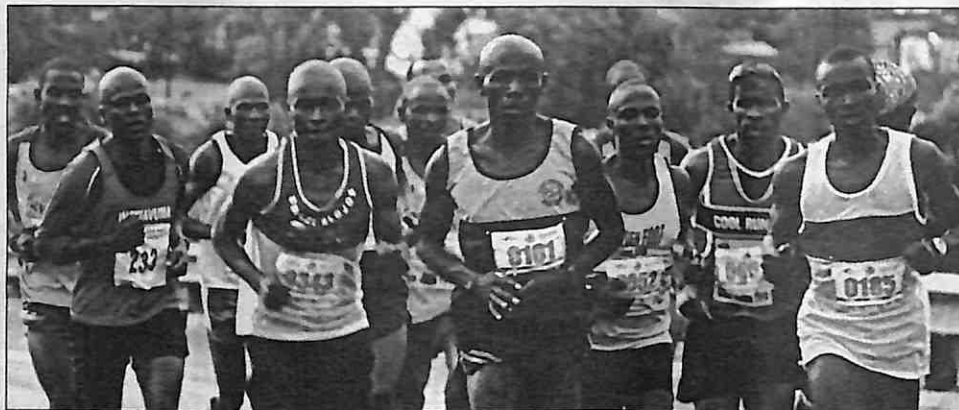
Finbok Investment."

Speaking on behalf of the main sponsor, Augusto Enterprises (Castrol) Technical Director James Mardall said they were grateful for partnering with RSSC and other companies for a good course.

"We do this because we feel it is the right thing to do. We also support the sport of golf. This is where some of us get time to relax and flex our muscles. We also thought this would rhyme well with our birthday celebrations as are now 21 years old in this industry," said Mardall.

Meanwhile, RSSC Group Public Affairs Manager Sifiso Nyembe thanked all companies for making this event a huge a success.

"Your presence and contribution cannot be overemphasized because it will go a long way in meeting the needs of the less privileged."



Bayethe wenaWaphakathi - AAS

By Sibusiso Masilela

ATHLETICS - THE Athletics Association of Swaziland has thanked His Majesty for being the pioneer of the inaugural Imbumba Marathon held on Saturday.

AAS Secretary Thoba Mazibuko said the King has played major role improving the standard of athletics in the country.

"We are very much grateful to the King for bringing such a prestigious event which unifies different nations and further gives local athletes an

● We are also very proud of our athlete Sifiso Sibandze from Golden Foot Athletics Club, who won the 42 km race.

opportunity to compete against their international counterparts on home soil."

He said they were happy the marathon was won by a Swazi. "We are also very proud of our athlete Sifiso Sibandze from Golden Foot Athletics Club, who won the 42 km race. We also commend the effort displayed by the other athletes, who also took part in the race. We encourage them to continue working hard in upcoming

competitions," he said.

Mazibuko further thanked all stakeholders for making the event a huge success.

"We are grateful to the sponsors in Swaziland National Provident Fund and Standard Bank for putting together this successful event. Our sincere gratitude goes to the Royal Swaziland Police for ensuring the safety of the athletes on the roads during the three races," he said.

Top teams through to VA cup semis

By Sibusiso Masilela

VOLLEYBALL - TOP volleyball teams are now through to the semi-finals of the 2016 Ezulwini Reinsurance Company VA Cup.

This comes after the quarterfinals games played on Saturday at the Police College Courts where the home team, RSP and Correctional (males and females) joined the likes of Lomahasha Customs, Bob Ladies and Zakhele Ladies in the last four of the E 10 000 tournament.

This tournament also carries a ticket to the 2016 Zone 6 Club Championship to be held in Namibia in December.

The male teams battled out in the knockout stage where the losers went on to play in the plate semi finals where USDF won 3-0, beating Mshinandze Pure Magic.

The ladies category was played under the round robin format where the likes Chili Babes, USDF Ladies failed to make it through to the next round.

Swaziland National Volleyball Association vice Secretary Eric Zwane confirmed the results.

"We are now looking forward to hosting the semifinals following successful quarterfinals games played over the weekend. The tournament will come to an end this coming Sunday at the Mavuso Sports Centre," he said.

'KOKI' HAPPY LEOPARD CLASH DONE, DUSTED

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER – MBABANE
Swallows coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati is happy the MTN Premier League encounter against Royal Leopard is done and dusted.

Interviewed after his charges demolished the police outfit 4-1 at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday, the coach said he was

happy the game was now in the past.

The coach highlighted they were not concerned about goals but collecting the maximum points.

Passed

"I am happy this game against Leopard has passed. We have played too many games against them and it is not always easy.

This one was no different; people should not be fooled by the number of goals scored."

He said this was a tough game.

"We, however, knew it will be tough and an ill-tempered and a physical game. I then told my players they should refrain from being physical but try to find an early goal in the first 15 minutes and they did just that," he said.

The coach said they would take each game as it comes and fight for the needed three points.

He then wished Royal Leopard defender Sicelo Mavimbela a

speedy recovery after picking up an injury in the early minutes of the game.

Meanwhile, the Royal Leopard mentor Sifiso Nuro Ntibane said it was unfortunate they could not win the game against the Mbabane giants.

"The team that made use of their chances won the game. My boys tried but we failed to make use of our chances. We were also hit by injuries and have lost yet another player in Sicelo, who picked up an injury today. As result our back line is not consistent but those present tried their best," he said.

"Yes it is not good that we are always losing to one team but we will go back to the drawing board to work on our wrongs," he said.

Sabela Mohammed under enormous pressure - Mwase

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER – MBABANE Highlanders striker Sabela Mohammed has featured in all six games (in all competitions) so far this season but has found the back of the net only once.

The player has been under a lot of criticism especially from the team's supporters, who want him to deliver and score goals for the team.

Highlanders head coach Meck Mwase said pressure was mounting on the player because his position required him to score goals. He said the supporters were expecting the striker to score goals.

"Highlanders are a big club and the supporters are relying on the player to score goals and win matches for them hence he is under enormous pressure. For a team that lost about nine key players, we are trying.

Hoping

"We created a number of chances but we couldn't convert them. We are working on our mistakes and hoping to obtain a positive result against Tambuti during the week," he said.

Midas City head coach Caleb Ngwenya was grateful to his players for getting a point from the clash.

He said it was a valuable point for them. "We could not control the game but we played in patches. Defensively, we were solid and I am content on my back line. We could have done much better especially in the second half but our final touch was not clinical. We will build up from this game and try to do better in the next game," he said.

MALANTI CHIEFS BEAT CITY WARRIORS

By Sanele Jele

Malanti Chiefs..... (2)2
City Warriors..... (0)0

SOCCER – MALANTI
Chiefs continued with their winning ways at the expense of City Warriors whom they beat 2-0 in an MTN National First Division match played at Manzini Club Stadium.

Gomez Gondwe and Charles Molopo scored in each half to ensure a top spot in the NFD league log for 'Bafana bem-boy' as Malanti are affectionately known.

The game started on a high note with both teams threatening to find an opener but it was individual brilliance from both goalkeepers that kept the game at level peg.

However, its the visitors, who almost broke the deadlock in the 20th minute but Nqaba Ndadandaba failed to head the ball into the net to beat an advancing Mpendulo Dlamini between the goalposts.

His header hit the pole and bounced out for a goal kick. The hosts responded 10 minutes later and it was workaholic Molopo, who delivered a low square ball and Gondwe easily tapped it in to give the gold and black ensemble a lead.

The Mduduzi Nxumalo-lead charges gain energy and power after the first goal as five minutes later Molopo made it 2-0.

This time, he took defenders on daunting run on the left flank before unleashing a hard shot that beat goalkeeper Malibongwe Mamba hands down.

The match went to break with

Malanti leading 2-0.

City Warriors came back recharged in the second half as they created a number of clear cut chances but they failed to convert them to goals.

In the hour mark, Malanti's Mpendulo Dlamini was forced to make a great save after Sadam Gamedze pulled a thunderbolt shot inside the danger zone.

Nhlanhla Msibi almost pulled one for the visitors but his close range header was tipped over the bar for a fruitless corner in the 70th minute.

Malanti had their goal disallowed in the 78th minute after Potego Mokoena was ruled to have kicked the ball from the goalkeeper's hands. In the end it was the hosts, who had the last laugh after the referee blew the final whistle.



GOAL: Malanti Chiefs players celebrate their second goal scored by Charles Molopo. They beat City Warriors 2-0 at Manzini Club Stadium yesterday. (Pic: Sanele Jele)

Clement Dlamini wins October MTN Masters

By Qondile Ntiwane

GOLF – GOLFER Clement Dlamini recorded 42 points to win the September edition of the MTN Monthly Masters.

Dlamini scored an impressive score of 42 points, beating 30 other golfers, who were part of the MTN sponsored tournament played at the Mbabane Golf Club on Saturday.

Taking second position was Leon 'Dancing Shoes' Bashasha, who scored 40 points while Gordon Bennett was third on 39 points.

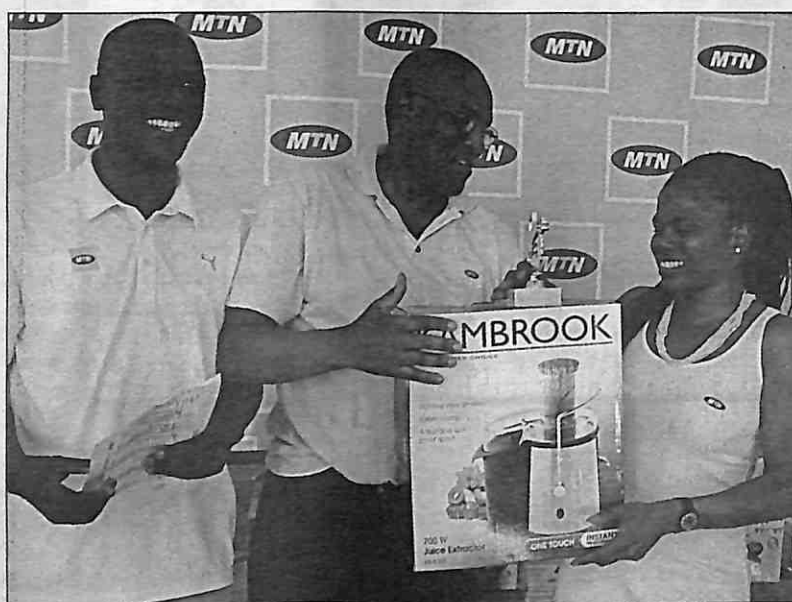
Taking the fourth spot on a count back was Nicolas Vilakati on 30 points and was followed by Sam Style Richards also on 38 points.

Other winners on the day included Zwelisha Dlamini on position six with 37 points on a count back while Albert Mavuso and Sandile Concho settled for the seventh and eight spots, respectively.

Longest

In the novelties section, Andrew Mkhonta recorded the longest drive while Welcome Mhlanga and Tata Dlamini were nearest to the pin on 2/11 and 8/17, respectively.

The special prize of the 'Longest Day' went to Lawrence Waki who



IT'S YOURS: MTN Monthly Masters Champions Clement Dlamini accepts his prize from Club Captain Kenneth Nkambule and MTN's Fisiwe Vilane. (Pic: Qondile Ntiwane)

recorded a meager 15 points on the day.

Mbabane Golf Club President Kenneth Nkambule thanked the golfers from attending the tournament in great numbers.

"We are thankful to the golfers for attending this tournament despite facing a few challenges on the day. Also, we would like to encourage

golfers to always wear sponsors branded merchandise during prize presentation," he said.

MTN Brand and Sponsorship Manager Fisiwe Vilane also thanked the golfers for choosing to be part of the tournament.

She also informed the golfers they would host the night tournament next month.

Sisonkhe, Horo through to Ingwenyama Cup next round

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – 2015 SMVAF
Ingwenyama Cup quarterfinal finalists Sisonkhe are through to the next round of this year's edition.

This was during the regional competition of the E1.1 million sponsored knockout competition where they beat Stumbo Xi 2-1 at Ludzeldudze Sports Ground yesterday.

They will now play in the quarterfinal of the competition to be played at a date to be announced in due course under the Manzini Regional Football Association.

In the Hhohho region, last year's participants in Northern Zone ensemble Horo Spinners advanced to the next round after beating Ndeva Galaxy 2-0.

They have been joined by the likes of Mvutshini Invaders, Sibovini from the Southern Zone, who also emerged victorious.

RESULTS

Hhohho Southern Zone			
PMT	3	Mv. Invaders	4
Sibovini	3	Killers	1
Billy Ocean	0	Wizards	1
Sibuyeni	0	Swazi Sun	1
Northern Zone			
Mvuma	5	Pachanga	3 (penalties)
Horo Spinners	2	Ndeva	0
Ndialambi	1	nkonjaneni	5
N. Swallows	7	Vultures	6 (penalties)
Manzini			
Stumbo Xi	1	Sisonkhe	2
Sacramento	4	Seven Dreams	2
Star Point	1	Milling	2
Warriors	3	Nyakeni Heroes	1
L. Killers	10	Foxes	9 (penalties)
Luvu Cosmos	1	C&B Rovers	0
Boyane Aces	5	Fairview	6
Shiselweni			
Mahlalini	3	Ngwane	0
Sibovu	3	Makhwelela	1
Amagagasi	0	Shooting	1
Mazomba	4	Tigers	0
Lubombo			
Aces	1	Richmond	0
Magwanyane	4	Black Swallow	3

RESULTS

YESTERDAY

AFRICA WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS		
Burkina Faso	1-1	South Africa
Ghana	0-0	Uganda
Senegal	2-0	Cape Verde
Ivory Coast	3-1	Mali
Congo DR	4-0	Libya
Gabon	0-0	Morocco
Zambia	1-2	Nigeria
Senegal	2-0	Cape Verde

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MTN PREMIER LEAGUE:

'FOUR-MIDABLE' SWALLOWS SKIN LEOPARD

- Mbabane giants pummel police outfit 4-1 in fast flowing MTN League clash
- 'S'khali' shines as he scored a brace

By Qondile Ntiwane

Swallows..... (1)4
Leopard..... (0)1

SOCCER - THEY just cannot stop winning!

Red and white giants Mbabane Swallows, appearing in a brand new blue and red striped soccer kit were too hot to handle for MTN League defending Champions Royal Leopard, who could still be seeing red today after a 4-1 drubbing at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. Nothing seemed to go right for the police outfit as they were forced to seek an alternative kit following a clash in the teams' colours, something that delayed the game by over 30 minutes.

It was evident, as soon as they made it into the football pitch, that as the hosting team, Swallows could not let the

chance of parading their new kit in style. Their performance in the field of play matched their appearance as they came hard on the Leopard, skinning them as soon as referee Leticia Vienna blew the starting whistle.

The blue and white side clearly failed to deal with what seemed to be a 'Tsunami attack' by Swallows, something that resulted in the side conceding as early as the third minute through the prolific Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa, who reminded everyone that form is temporary but class permanent by demolishing Leopard's fast-folding defence.

Unleashing

The striker broke away from the opposition just after the centre line before unleashing a ground shot past the advancing Phephisani Msibi, who clearly had a busy day in office.

Leopard were hoping to get a

penalty six minutes later after winger Bonginkosi 'Manyovu' Dlamini was fouled inside the box but the lady in black had other plans. The police side were forced to make a substitution 10 minutes into the game after Sicelo Mavimbela fractured an ankle after badly landing inside the turf.

Encounter

The fast flowing encounter between the two sides on a chilly Sunday went for a breather with the Birds on the drivers' seat.

The second half is one that the Sifiso 'Nuro' Ntibane led charges would quickly like to forget especially because they are fresh from yet another beating from the Mbabane outfit. This was during the Castle Premier Challenge final played last weekend.

It was 12 minutes into the stanza when left back Sanele Mkhweli netted for Swallows after finishing with a clinical

header a right flank place kick shot taken by captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze after seasoned Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko was fouled by Ncamiso Gina. Leopard came to the party seven minutes later when Manyovu capitalised on a howler by Swallows goalkeeper Sandile 'Nkomishi' Ginindza.

Their joy was, however, short-lived as Swallows rattled the net again three minutes later through 'Sikhali', who sent one past Msibi, taking advantage of a blunder by the Leopard defenders. The 'Beautiful Birds' were at it again in the 78th minute and this time through a header by Congolese midfielder Papy Tshitsimbi, who rattled the net following a cross from Mkhweli. Leopard finished the game, a man down, after 'Manyovu' was sent packing after exchanging what seemed to be unpleasant talks with the referee.

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG

Position	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Mbabane Swallows	3	3	0	0	8	3	5	9
Manzini Sundowns	3	2	1	0	4	2	2	7
Manzini Wanderers	3	2	0	1	6	1	5	6
Royal Leopard	3	2	0	1	3	4	-1	6
Young Buffaloes	3	1	1	1	4	3	1	4
Red Lions	3	1	1	1	4	4	0	4
Moneni Pirates	3	1	1	1	3	4	-1	4
Tambuti	3	1	0	2	1	3	-2	3
Green Mamba	3	0	2	1	1	2	-1	2
Mb. Highlanders	3	0	2	1	2	3	-1	2
Sea Birds	3	0	1	2	2	7	-5	1
Midas City	3	0	1	2	1	3	-2	1

RESULTS

Friday
Manzini Sea Birds 0-4 Manzini Wanderers

Saturday
Red Lions 2-4 Young Buffaloes
Tambuti 0-1 Manzini Sundowns

Yesterday
Midas City 0-0 Mb. Highlanders
Mbabane Swallows 4-1 Royal Leopard

NATIONAL FIRST DIVISION LOG:

Position	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Malanti Chiefs	5	3	0	1	12	0	12	13
Matsapha United	5	4	0	1	9	1	8	13
Vovovo	5	3	1	1	8	3	5	10
Hlatikhulu Tycoons	5	3	2	0	8	3	5	9
Madlenya	5	2	1	2	4	4	0	8
City Warriors	5	2	2	1	6	7	-1	7
Amalanda	5	2	3	0	6	5	1	6
Hub Sundowns	5	1	2	2	5	4	1	5
Sikhali	5	1	3	1	3	8	-5	4
Bad Boys	5	0	1	4	6	8	-2	4
Mbabane Citizen	5	1	4	0	5	10	-5	3
Lud. Brothers	5	0	4	1	2	12	-10	1

RESULTS

Friday
Matsapha Utd 3-1 Sikhali Se Africa

Saturday
Bad Boys 2-2 L. Brothers
Amalanda 1-2 Vovovo
H. Sundowns 0-1 H. Tycoons
Madlenya 1-0 Citizen

Yesterday
Malanti 2-0 C. Warriors

'BULL' FUMBLES AGAIN, SETTLE FOR GOALLESS DRAW AGAINST CITY

By Sabelo Majola

Midas City..... (0)0
Mbabane Highlanders..... (0)0

SOCCER - MBABANE
Highlanders will continue with the search for their first victory in the MTN Premier League following their 0-0 draw against Midas City at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

The 'Black Bull' has managed to

obtain two points out of a possible nine points.

This was the second draw for the Meck Mwase led charges, having played to a goalless stalemate in the opening games of the campaign against Red Lions while also losing 3-1 to Mbabane Swallows in the grand opening games.

The pressure keeps mounting for the side whose supporters are intolerant of the unsatisfactory results. Highlanders employed a 4-4-2 for-

mation that saw striker Sabela Mohammed twinning with Mancoba Vilakati upfront and it was the latter, who had the first attempt at goal in the first minute of the game.

He received a fine pass from Colani 'Chocco' Sibandze in the box but his shot went just wide.

Defence

City's defence was the busiest in the first half as Landers' created multiple scoring chances but their finishing was poor.

City only managed one shot at target through substitute Mancoba Maseko, who replaced new signing Mkhawire Trust towards the end of the first half.

There was nothing much to write home about in the first half as both teams struggled to get clear cut chances. Maseko's long range strike in the 43rd minute was easily dealt with by Highlanders goalkeeper Sidumo Vilakati and it was the last attempt at goal as the score remained

0-0 going to break. City came back overhauled in the second stanza as they came hard to the opposition. Linda's fine pass found Simanga Shongwe well positioned inside the box but his strike had too much power and it went over the bar. He opted for power as he could have easily curled the ball. Thokozani Khanyile should have put 'Landers' in the lead in the 55th minute after winning the ball at a dangerous area but his shot missed the goal by inches. Chances were also few and far in the second half as the match ended in a 0-0 stalemate.