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Mbabane police were yesterday busy with sorting this load of scrap metals which was impounded at Ngwenya Border Gate hiding a consignment of dagga. According to Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati, they are now investigating for the places where these pieces could have been 'harvested' from after it was noted there were pieces of cattle grid bars, road signage as well as car parts in the dagga hiding stash. (Pics: Majaha Nkonyane)

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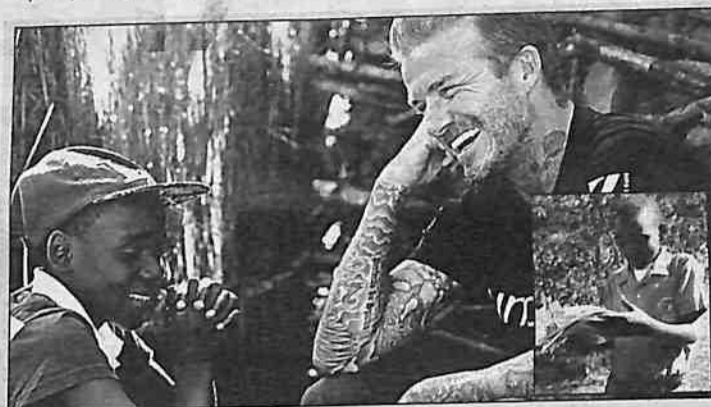
STORIES BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

...people of Makhewu and surrounding areas ask who David is

“Is he a singer or an actor,” several children from Sebenele’s (14) school in the Lubombo region asked of David Beckham on Thursday afternoon. Sebenele is one of the children the world football icon met during his whirlwind visit to the country on Tuesday, a visit which was documented with pictures as well as an article in a United Kingdom publication, Daily Mail. Enthralled at seeing their schoolmate on the front pages of Thursday’s publications, Sebenele’s peers were curious at the identity of the tattooed white person next to him.

“Who is he? What is his claim to fame?” several stated while displaying more fascination to the fact that their friend was in the newspapers than star struck wonder at Beckham.

Over 20 pupils who were asked said they were not aware of who



The significance of the momentous occasion where Sebenele met with football icon, David Beckham, is lost to his peers and some people of Makhewu who missed it. (Insert pic Thembeke Dlamini)

Beckham was and could not fathom why they should be excited about the man in the picture.

The front page pictures were, however, a relief to Sebenele who revealed that he had a difficult time trying to explain the visitor who came to his home on

Tuesday at about 11am.

“They kept telling me I was lying when I told them a former Manchester United FC player came to visit me and the pictures have helped me,” he said.

“Niyabona kutsi live lakuMakhewu ngiliphakamile?”

Ngetsembe kutsi angeke ngiphindze nginive nitsi Makhewu Makhewu lana,” Sebenele said with confidence to his bewildered friends. Prior to that, his Principal Andreas Vilakati had said he was unaware that Beckham had visited the area adjacent to the school.

“I know who Beckham is but I am yet to read the papers,” he said. A few hours later, his family members also said they were not really aware of Beckham prior to his visit. “It might be that we have seen him on television without internalising who he was,” Sebenele’s mother said.

She revealed she was also ignorant of his identity and had to rely on explanations from the people he came with.

This is contrary to the excitement shown by the older generation which took to social networking sites to lament what they perceived to be unfair treatment by UNICEF as regards publicising Beckham’s visit or his itinerary while in the country.

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Beckham walked 300 metres unrecognised

David Beckham walked for over 300 metres through Makhewu and only roused the curiosity of one resident who was more worried about the army of ‘white’ people going to his neighbour’s home than the possibility of somebody famous being in the area.

Beckham reportedly arrived at Makhewu on Tuesday at around 11am after having landed in the country via private jet a few hours before.

The home where Sebenele

lives has a very bad access road resulting in visitors having to park over 300 metres away in order to reach the area by foot.

Recognise

“The only neighbour who came here is Mbuyisa and he did not recognise anybody,” Sebenele’s mother, Maria, said. She revealed that when Mbuyisa arrived at the homestead, he was told to leave as Beckham and party only wanted to speak to Sebenele’s family.

“I don’t think he recognised or even knows Beckham,” she said adding how her neighbour only asked whether everything was okay when he saw the party walking to her house.

She revealed that her son had been called by officers from UNICEF who told him not to attend school on Tuesday as they wanted to pay him a visit.

“We didn’t know that they were coming with somebody famous,” she said.

Given beans, maize meal, cooking oil to last a week

Despite the visit to the country by David Beckham running to hundreds of thousands in costs, Sebenele and his family only gained food which will last them a week.

“He gave us a bag of maize meal, two litres of cooking oil, a bag of beans and a packet of soup,” Sebenele said.

He revealed that there were 11 people in his homestead including several orphans, his grandmother, uncles and aunts. “It will not last that long,” he said reflectively. He said it was difficult living with so many people and only relying on his mother’s domestic worker wages.

“It might not last us a week since we cook before I go to school and there has to be enough food for those who stay behind to eat at lunch and supper later,” he said.

He, however, revealed how Beckham spent a few minutes in conversation with him.

“He asked about my clothes as he said he was impressed that they were neatly folded,” Sebenele said. According to Sebenele, Beckham was pleasantly surprised to hear how he



Sebenele(l) and his school mates reading the Swazi Observer article on David Beckham’s visit to the kingdom.

Beckham spent time taking photos

Despite David Beckham visiting Sebenele’s homestead, the youngster revealed how most of it was spent taking

photographs than in conversation.

“We talked briefly and then they took a long time taking photos,” he said.

could fold his own clothes whereas his own boys were unable to. Beckham has three sons, namely Brooklyn, Romeo and Cruz as well as daughter Harper with former Spice Girl, Victoria Beckham. “He said he was interested in the pictures on my wall and asked to see our formerly run down shack,”

Sebenele said. His family recently moved into a two roomed house which was donated to them by an organisation he only knows as Operation. “The rest of the family lives in the run down houses while my mother and I moved into the new house,” he said while calling his part of the house, kami.

Sebenele; Future nurse, budding entrepreneur

The youngster who met and had the privilege of talking to David Beckham on Tuesday is a budding entrepreneur who wishes to pursue nursing later on in life.

Having first met him during break time, he was later seen carrying a packet of lollipops while playing during sports time about two hours later.

“I sell sweets when I have capital and from that money, my mom allows me to buy my choice of shoes,” he said.

Revealed

Displaying an understanding for the need to make a profit when peddling his sweets, he revealed he bought them for E28 and made about E48 when selling them at E1 apiece.

“These are not mine though as my friend asked me to assist him as he knows I am a good sales person,” he said while taking time to sell to passing pupils.

Within 10 minutes he had made E11 and said he could sell the whole packet of 48 sweets within an hour.

Assist

He revealed that though he had a penchant for sales, he wanted to be a nurse later on in life in order to assist the sick.

“I would love to see look after people and assist them get well,” he said while in the presence of his Principal, Andreas Vilakati.

“I will be able to take care of the sickly as I have a passion for making people well and I am patient with them,” he said.

Sebenele’s mother, Maria, revealed how her son was surprisingly brilliant.

School

“He is my last born and I named him Sebenele because he was last,” she said.

On the other hand, Sebenele revealed he was on track to becoming a nurse as he made sure he obtained good grades at school.

“During the first term I passed position five,” he said with pride.

VICTORY FOR SWAZILAND AT ILO

BY MLONDI MPANZA

The great strides made by the country in addressing the benchmarks stipulated by the International Labour Organisation at the conclusion of its 104th Conference last year have paid off.

In what is seen as a victory for the kingdom, it has been revealed the country has not been placed in the Special Paragraph, subsequent to the conclusion of this year's 105th Conference.

The Special Paragraph is a procedure reserved by ILO for consistent and serious violations of labour rights, including those enshrined in core labour standards.

It has been reliably gathered by this newspaper that the new developments were made known this past week when the country appeared before the ILO's Committee on the Application of Standards.

According to sources, "The Special Paragraph was not placed upon Swaziland and it was not pronounced on the country at the reading of the verdict or recommendations."

Instead, the source said the great strides made by the country in responding to the benchmarks were commended by the Committee on the Application of Standards of the 105th ILO Conference.

Before being put on the special para-

graph 12 months ago, the ILO highlighted at least eight actions it wanted the government to address as soon as possible.

Firstly, it was the release of then jailed human rights lawyer Thulani Maseko and all other workers imprisoned for having exercised their right to free speech and expression.

Secondly, the ILO wanted government to ensure that all workers and employers' organisations were fully assured their freedom of association in relation to the issue of registration, in particular the registration of TUCOSWA.

Thirdly, the country was expected to amend Section 32 of the Industrial Relations Act to eliminate the discretion of the commissioner of labour to register trade unions, whilst the fourth one was for government to ensure that organisations were given the autonomy and independence

they needed to fulfil their mandate and represent their constituents. It was further demanded that the government should investigate arbitrary interference by police in lawful, peaceful and legitimate trade union activities and hold

accountable those responsible.

The ILO also wanted the country to amend the 1963

Public Order Act and the

Suppression of

Terrorism Act, in

consultation with the

social partners, to bring

them in line with the

Convention.

Further, it was expected that the country adopts the Code of Good Practice and to address outstanding issues regarding the Public Service Bill and the Correctional Services Bill with social partners.

Over the past year, the country released Maseko and successfully amended the Industrial Relations Act to allow for the registration of federations and conforming to the International Labour Organisation



(ILO) Convention No. 87 on the civil and criminal liability of trade union leaders.

The Code of Good Practice for Industrial and Protest Action has also been addressed in accordance to the Legal Notice No. 202 of 2015.

Moreover, the source pointed out the kingdom was urged to address the remaining actions which are, the full amendment of the Public Order Act and Suppression of Terrorism Act which are, however, currently being debated in parliament.

Outstanding

"The kingdom was then urged to do much more in the shortest time possible within the next 12 months in concluding and finishing-up the outstanding benchmarks in the conveyor belt of the Legislature and ensure compliance on certain areas of concern, like the issues of the police when handling protest actions or marches," said the source.

Crucial

Whilst this was a good step for the country, but he said it did not mean it was time for the country to relax and think that it's totally out of the woods because the remaining months were extremely crucial on how this new positive development was interpreted. "In fact, the work has just begun," the source said. Meanwhile, the *Sunday Observer* understands that the

Southern African Trade Union Coordination Council (SATUCC) website, mentioning a country in a special paragraph of ILO documents means that particular country has been put by the ILO under its close watch due to continued, systematic and mass violations of ILO Convention (s).

It is said a special paragraph negatively impacted a country's image by sending a message to other ILO Member-States to reconsider their relations with that particular country.

Eligibility

In light of being put on the Special Paragraph, the country has in the process lost its eligibility in the African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) after being withdrawn by the United States of America. AGOA is a United States Trade Act, enacted on May 18, 2000 as Public Law 106 of the 200th Congress. It significantly enhances market access to the US for qualifying Sub-Saharan African (SSA) countries.

Moreover, ILO Member-States take into consideration the decisions and recommendations of the ILO, one of which is the mentioning of a country in a special paragraph especially in their activities such influential international organisations as the World Trade Organisation (WTO), International Monetary Fund, World Bank and others.

NGOs scramble for foreskins

BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

The scramble for foreskins has seen different organisations going to similar schools in the rural areas, causing confusion as to who and when the little piece of skin should be surrendered.

According to several head teachers who chose to speak on condition of anonymity, they were engulfed by non-governmental organisations (NGO) that flooded their schools looking for children to circumcise.

"Sekubangwa emajwabu ebantfwana nyalo. Ngatsi sekuyagangeka ngoba sebeta nangobe kunini batsi bete kutosoka," a head teacher from one school in the Lubombo region revealed.

Absenteeism

He further alleged that the NGOs were also now circumcising on Friday whereas their pupils had to be at school on Mondays which was resulting in absenteeism as children in the rural areas walk long distances in order to get to school.

"How are they expected to walk 10 kilometres with a bandaged manhood and reach here on time?" he said adding how pupils used to only be cut during school holidays.

Another, from a neighbouring

community, alleged that a certain organisation once closed the whole school for a day after convincing community leaders about the importance of circumcision.

"Granted, the faith based organisation came with other health services but pushed the circumcision agenda as their trump card which left us bewildered," the bemused headteacher said, adding how they were intimidated into complying by the fact that the school was community based and the NGO dropped the ministry's name into the mix. "We could not then stop them from coming here to use the school as their clinic as they were said to be servicing the community to their benefit," he said.

Voluntary

According to Ministry of Health Male Circumcision Country Coordinator, Vusi Maziya, circumcision, having been noted for increasing the prevention of HIV transmission by offering 60% partial protection, was adopted in the country, hence the voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) programme.

He revealed that the main implementing partner, The Centre for HIV and AIDS Prevention Studies (CHAPS) was funded by The United States President's Emergency Plan for

AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) after accreditation.

He revealed that for better coordination, the ministry worked closely with the top management of CHAPS and he shared an office with them, a move deliberately designed to minimise any confusion at the operational level and making the programme very responsive to the general concerns of the public. Responding to the allegations, he said their coordination was meant to reduce such cases and as such they were monitoring all organisations closely as per their mandate.

He assured that organisations worked according to regions which were clearly mapped out, even so, mistakes were bound to happen.

Explaining the possibility of organisations encroaching into each other's 'turf', he said they had noted that some NGOs, on noting that there were neighbouring schools within their territory, they would then 'make work easy and approach them only or the real 'owners' to come later.

Commit

Maziya refused to commit to the complaints made against the faith based organisation which works independently of CHAPS. "The organisation was recently reminded about its mandate; that they had committed to working with rural communities, not schools," was his only response while

efforts to get the organisation to respond to the allegations were thwarted by a reference back to Maziya.

Concerning pupils now being circumcised on Friday while expected to return to school on Monday, Maziya said there was nothing wrong with such an arrangement which was a programme implemented recently as schools usually closed early.

He assured that reviews were done on Mondays by the organisations which monitored the children. "Male circumcision is a minor medical procedure and it takes seven days for an adult to be healed and there is no need for them to take bed rest," he said.

Referring to the Swaziland Male Circumcision Strategic and Operational Plan for HIV Prevention 2014-2018, he said, "VMMC has been shown to be a safe and effective method of reducing female-to-male HIV transmission by approximately 60% in randomised controlled trials.

Supported

Hence the ministry of health adopted VMMC for HIV prevention in 2009, supported by a national male circumcision policy and strategy."

He revealed that the document was used as a road map and the ministry led the programme working closely with the CHAPS male circumcision consortium.

Search off shore accounts for Hospice money

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI

Friends of Hospice have suggested that over E800 000 of incorporated funds should be searched for in off-shore accounts.

This was during a highly charged Annual General Meeting held yesterday where the interim committee revealed that the amount was unaccounted for from Swaziland Hospice at Home coffers. The friends suggested the search should go as far as Panama, which seems to be the choice destination for investors who want to stow away their money.

During the same meeting, it was revealed that erstwhile Director Thuli Msane, who friends insinuated should be arrested despite there being no outright evidence given by the committee of her culpability in the misappropriation of funds, had given the organisation conditions under which she would return the vehicle which is being contested for in court.

Despite there being an interim committee which was tasked with looking after the organisation's affairs, it was revealed that employees have not been paid for the last two months, a problem which was also noted during Msane's tenure as they at most went unpaid for over three months. It was further revealed that the issue of the Swaziland National Provident Fund money which was not paid for some employees was being sorted.

'POLICE KILLING SPREE SHOULD COME TO AN END'

STORIES BY MLONDI MPANZA

The gruesome murder of magician Mduduzi Gama, allegedly by the police, should be the last.

This was an assertion made by the family of the deceased who was allegedly dumped at Mvakwelitje a stone's throw from Mbabane City Centre.

Speaking through Quinton Gama during his funeral at Dlangeni yesterday morning, an uncle to the deceased, the family said enough was enough and it was time the alleged killing spree by the police be brought to an abrupt end.

Death

Quinton said the deceased's death had left them with more questions than answers as the different versions being given to them by the police were not adding up.

"We are shocked by the death of our son considering the question-



Close family members seated next to the coffin of the late magician, Mduduzi Gama during the night vigil which was held on Friday night at his parental home in Dlangeni. (Pics: Mloni Mpanza)

able circumstances surrounding it. A lot seems to have happened to him, although we are yet to figure it out," said Quinton.

He said on one hand the witness

was adamant that she saw the police dump Mduduzi by the roadside, whilst on the other hand the police were denying such.

The excuses to duck away from

the liability left a lot to be desired and therefore, "Abasulishisa lelive," he said referring to the police.

The uncle pointed out that they were Africans and in accordance with their culture, knew where to go to find answers on issues that are similar to this one and they would not rest until they know what happened to their son.

"Loku silana simaSwati futsi sinjalo sima Africa siyati kutsi uma sifuna timphendvulo kufuna siyephi," he said.

Gama further alleged that the whole plan behind dumping Mduduzi by the roadside was to have him hit by cars as means to destroy evidence like fingerprints by the assailants.

He wondered why the police were wasting time on investigations when they had clear records of officers who were on duty on the fateful night and all they had to do was to refer to such to identify the sus-

pects. In addition, he revealed the police stopped them from viewing the deceased's body at the scene of the accident and that gave them the impression they were hiding something on the death.

"A lot needs to be unearthed behind the death of Mduduzi, but we will do all we can to find the facts behind this," said the senior family member.

Friends and relatives who came in their numbers to pay their tributes to the late Mduduzi at the funeral murmured in agreement with the senior family member at every turn.

Mourner

The mourners could be heard questioning the manner in which the magician died with most disputing the claim made by the police he could have been dumped and left for death by security guards and not them.

Some held that the police were fooling the public with these claims as there was no way one could wrongly identify a police vehicle.

"Lana kudlalwa ngatsi lomake lowababona kute indlela lengabe wabona kabi ngayo futsi kute umuntfu longehluleka kubona imoto yemaphoyisa," said one mourner.

'Mduduzi never provoked anyone'

Meanwhile, mourners at the funeral of the late magician shared that he was a soft person who would never hurt a fly. Mathokoza Dlamini, who was a neighbour to Gama in Nkwalini, said the deceased was down to earth and never provoked anyone.

Dlamini was speaking on behalf of Nkwalini Zone 2 residents where the deceased was staying.

He said there were claims that Gama was seen by the bridge towards Mvakwelitje on the fateful day and wondered how he died when he was almost home.

"Mduduzi bekangahluphi muntfu futsi noma umusukela bekangeke abuyisele lendlela bekungumuntfu lophansi ngayo," said Dlamini.

Dlamini said only God knew what had happened to him and if only the magician was an aggressive person they would have assumed he was involved in a fight but such was not the case.

Also, a friend of Gama who preferred not to be identified said they were saddened by the demise of their friend, especially because he was a down to earth person who would never provoke anyone.

Like everyone else, he said the death had left them with questions and were hoping to find closure by getting answers on this.

"Sibuhlungu sibangani baMduduzi, besihlala sijabulile sihleka masinaye kodvwa konkhe loko akusekho namuhla," said the friend. Gama's sister added that her brother was a humble person who was never aggressive and they believed God would help them conquer what they were faced with.

She said they did not blame anyone for his brother's death because it was the time God had set for him to depart the earth.

Police no show at funeral

The police did not attend the funeral of the late magician whom they allegedly dumped at Mvakwelitje and left for death.

In light of the mystery surrounding Gama's death, the police could have been expected to be part of the proceedings but none were present as evident in the speeches made where they were also not featured.

The late magician was allegedly dumped by two police officers fully clad in uniform a week ago. This is according to an eye witness who saw the incident while doing her errands early in the morning of the fateful day.

The witness, a vendor, alleged she arrived at Mvakwelitje where she plies her trade at exactly 4:55 am and the police vehicle arrived



A section of the over 300 mourners who came to pay their last respects to the late magician who was allegedly killed by the police.

about five minutes later. She said the police hurriedly helped the man out of the back of their vehicle and dumped him in the middle of the road with his bags before he succumbed to death whilst lying helplessly on the

ground.

The police have, however, denied liability of the magician's death claiming the witness could have wrongly identified the vehicle as it was still dark when she witnessed the incident.



Quinton Gama, an uncle to the deceased, said they were going to do all they could to find answers on the death of Mduduzi.

Mourners wonder how police investigate themselves

The mourners at the funeral of Gama have been left wondering how the police were probing themselves.

After the funeral, mourners stood in groups where they discussed how it was impossible for the police to investigate themselves as it would not be practical for them to find a fault in themselves.

"Lana kudlalwa ngatsi, kwacalwaphi kuZavale, Ayanda nyalo nguMduduzi baphele kutsi bayatiphenya kodvwa sibese asiseva kutsi luphelelaphi loluphenyo lwabo," wondered one mourner.

Another said it was time the

country's authorities considered forming an independent body which would probe the police in similar events.

"In South Africa there are The Hawks, a body which is responsible for bringing the police to book.

If we had such, we would be reporting them to The Hawks who would deal with them accordingly and not the games they are playing with us.

Now that Gama has been buried, this is the last time we hear anything about his mysterious death," said the disappointed mourner.



Close family members paying their last respects to their son.

VENDOR'S VISION NOT FAULTY

BY MLONDI MPANZA

The area where the Magician, Mduduzi Gama was dumped is well illuminated by street lights and store front lights.

Given the hullabaloo over Gama's death after he was allegedly dumped by the police at Mvakwelitje, the witness could be right on what she saw.

The eye witness, who is a vendor, alleged that two police officers drove to the scene and dropped the deceased.

She said two police officers arrived at the place situated just a stone's throw away from the Capital where they hurriedly assisted the deceased get off the back of their car. It is alleged they gave him his belongings and left him for death.

But, the Royal Swaziland Police Force are trying to duck away from the liability, pointing out the witness could have wrongly spotted their vehicle stating that it could have been one from a security company.

Hence, this reporter took to the scene to re-enact the scenes that took place on that fateful night as per the sentiments of the witness against the police's assertion.

This was done at the exact time the incidence was witnessed being 4:55am.

Firstly, judging from the distance the witness is said to have been in when she saw the incident, it is less likely for one to miss the identity of an object in front of them.

Streetlights

This is because the road has at least three streetlights within the road the magician is said to have been dumped in.

Adding to that, the shops just where Gama was dumped have lights in the front which make everything visible within the road and this makes it less likely the witness or anyone could have wrongly identified a police vehicle.

A vehicle was further parked opposite the shopping complex at Mvakwelitje and this reporter could positively identify it before it was also brought next to the spot where Gama was found and yet again the identification was affirmative.

The eye witness, who is a vendor, alleged that two police officers drove to the scene and dropped the deceased. The place is situated just a stone's throw away from the capital where they hurriedly assisted the deceased get off the back of their car.



This publication visited the scene where the late Magician, Mduduzi Gama was allegedly dumped by the police to try and make sense of the police assertion that the witness could have wrongly identified the police vehicle. A vehicle was parked on the opposite end of the road from where Gama was dumped and it was clearly identified, proving that the witness could be right on what she saw on the fateful day. The picture was taken on Thursday morning at exactly 4:55am, the time the witness saw the incident. (Pics: Mlonzi Mpanza)



Another picture taken at the scene of Gama's death where a security guard clearly identified the vehicle from a distance and thus his observation dismisses that of the police that the car was wrongly identified as theirs.

Further, as it was observed even the slightest object could be spotted from afar because of the proper lighting of the place, it justified why the vendor also plied her trade in front of the shops despite the timing.

This is a reason to believe the witness's observation of the incidence could be right, it was indeed the police who dumped the magician and left him for death, although this is not to mean they are the killers.



The front of the complex where the magician was left by the police.

From this reporter's observation, not even a child could have mistaken the police vehicle for anything else due to clear visibility.

Also, a security guard who passed by the scene when it was visited by this newspaper shared his views that there was no reason the police vehicle could have been incorrectly spotted.

He substantiated his views with the fact that the vendor was at close range when she witnessed the incident, as well as that the shopping complex at Mvakwelitje had proper lighting which made it easy to spot anything from a distance, let alone at close range.

Further, before approaching the guard, this reporter alighted from the vehicle and took pictures of the place whilst the security guard stood at a distance watching what was happening.

Upon seeing this he left, only to be stopped by this reporter to ask him about the incident – and his first response was that, "sengi-mangele ngoba ngibona imoto yaka Observer sekushuthwa tithombe."

Considering that he was at a distance when he saw this and further identified this publication's vehicle without a problem, this substantiated the claims made by the woman since the guard was at the same or longer distance from where the former was but that did not hinder him from easily identifying the vehicle.

In our last publication, the Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Superintendent Khulani Mamba said that it was unfair to point fingers at the police for the death

of Gama.

He explained that there was a possibility the witness could have mistaken the killers for police citing that it was still early hours of the day when the incident was witnessed.

In fact, Mamba said the Mbabane magician could have been killed by security guards because it was still dark to clearly identify anything at the time of the incident.

His sentiments were in complete contrast to allegations made by the witness which were to the extent that two police officers fully clad in uniform dumped the deceased in the middle of the road near Mvakwelitje where he succumbed to death after they had left.

Vending

The eye witness claimed the incident happened just after she had arrived at her vending business spot and the police vehicle arrived about five minutes later with the deceased being dropped and left in the middle of the road.

Subsequent to that, the magician was found writhing in pain by two security guards who were passing by and they assisted in removing him from the main road before succumbing to death. Since the incident took place, Gama's death has been the subject of discussion in all circles, with his family included as they are demanding answers on what transpired.

According to a source, the uproar has also been joined by members of the police force with rumours doing rounds within police stations that the two police officers were not clad in their uniform contrary to reports that they were fully dressed in it.

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PROPHET LOSES E400 000 IN LAND DEAL GONE SOUR

BY LINDA JELE

Prophet Gcina Mthethwa's company has lost E400 000 in a collapsed deal to purchase a farm at Nkonyeni aimed to develop it to a township.

First World Farmers Investments, a company under the directorship of Mthethwa, had entered into an agreement with the Stapelberg Family Trust which owned Farm 522 at Nkonyeni for the latter to sell the farm. Mthethwa's company paid E1 million as non-refundable deposit for the sale.

The company allegedly sold plots to individuals, but for some reasons, the sale could not proceed. The company then took the matter to court seeking an order directing the Stapelberg Family Trust to refund it the E1 million that had been paid as a deposit.

A number of individuals who had paid money to secure plots at the farm instituted separate legal proceedings against Mthethwa or one of his companies demanding repayment of their monies because the company had allegedly not met its obligations.

Those matters are still pending before court because the allegations by the respective individuals are still to be tested.

Order

First World Farmers Investments was seeking an order to be refunded the whole amount which had been paid as deposit, alternatively remittance of the balance of the deposit paid to Stapelberg after deduction of reasonable compensation.

The Stapelberg Family Trust defended the claim filed by First World Farmers Investments. The matter was yesterday heard by

High court Principal Judge Stanley Maphalala.

MJ Manzini and Associates represented the farm owners and an agreement of settlement was filed before court. It was submitted that the parties had entered into an agreement wherein only E530 000 would be paid to Mthethwa's company.

The agreement was aimed at settling the dispute.

"The defendants, without admitting any liability and reserving its rights fully to defend the said legal proceedings, shall refund the plaintiff an amount of E530 000.

The defendants shall retain an amount of E400 000 as a reasonable estimate of damages suffered as a result of the cancellation of the sale agreement," reads the settlement agreement.

Mthethwa's company, it was also agreed, would pay E70 000 in respect of legal fees due to MJ Manzini Attorneys on behalf of the Stapelberg Family Trust.

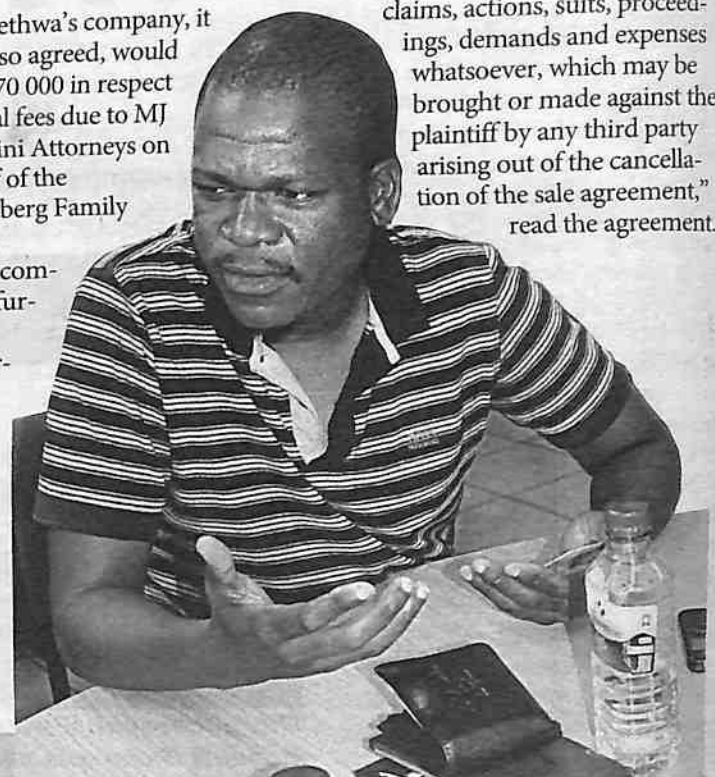
The company further undertook that it

would not at any time thereafter institute legal proceedings or any claim in relation to the cancelled sale agreement.

Plaintiff

"The plaintiff agrees that it will at all times hold harmless and indemnify the defendants against all claims, actions, suits, proceedings, demands and expenses whatsoever, which may be brought or made against the plaintiff by any third party arising out of the cancellation of the sale agreement,"

read the agreement.



Prophet Gcina Mthethwa.

U.S BRINGS OWN SECURITY FOR NEW EMBASSY

BY MLONDI MPANZA

In a first of its kind, the United States of America has brought the Marine Security Guards (MSG) to provide security for their new embassy in Ezulwini.

The embassy's security has previously been provided by local security companies and the Marines are said to be adding up the numbers at the embassy.

According to the U.S Embassy's Facebook page, the Marine activation ceremony took place two weeks ago where Ambassador Lisa Peterson presided over the U.S. Marine Security Guard Detachment at the new embassy building.

It was stated that many Embassies around the world had Marine Security Guards, but this activation marked the first time marines who will stand post at U.S. Embassy Swaziland.

During the ceremony, the members of the detachment retired the American flag used at the previous Embassy and raised a new one.

When asked about this new development, Public Affairs Officer Ruth Newman said the MSG programme has been in place since December 1948 and the guards currently serve at over 170 embassies and consulates around the world.

She said the presence of the MSGs did not mean they were replacing the local security details but they will work together.

"The local security guards contracted previously by U.S. Embassy Swaziland continue to work at the Embassy. In fact, because of the larger facility and grounds, we now employ more local guards than we did before," said Newman.

She stated that the local guards worked together with the Marines under the same office as part of a



The Marine Security Guards posed with the Ambassador, Lisa Peterson after their detachment at the new embassy in Ezulwini.

joint US-Swazi team.

This was necessitated by the building of the new U.S. Government-owned and operated embassy building hence the start of the programme in Swaziland.

Adding, Newman said Marine Security Guards protect U.S. Embassy personnel and facilities in case of emergency or attack.

"The U.S. Embassy in Swaziland is proud to have the Marines join our team," she highlighted.

According to information sourced over the internet, Marine Security Guards stationed at an embassy entrance literally represent the face of America to members of the diplomatic community and citizens of the host country.

To everyone who enters the embassy, they are looked upon as a symbol of American values of integrity, courage, loyalty, and com-

mitment. At a U.S. embassy or consulate, they do not just stand at "Post" They stand for America; this is in accordance to the United States Marine Security Guards website.

The website further states that it is now over six decades since the U.S. MSGs worked closely with the U.S. Department of State and its Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS) to protect and safeguard American diplomacy.

The primary mission of MSGs is said to be the protection of U.S. citizens and property as well as the prevention of the compromise of classified U.S. Government information under a range of circumstances, including hostile assaults.

"They respond immediately to crises large and small, including demonstrations, bomb threats, fires, nuclear/biological/chemical threats,

and facility intrusion attempts. As such, MSGs stand as a solid line of defence for American diplomacy," reads the website.

The Marine Corps Times has also seen this as a big step in helping to prevent the occurrence of a similar event like the 2012 attack of a diplomatic post in Benghazi, Libya that left four Americans dead.

Since then, the service has established about two dozen new Marine security guard detachments and beefed up 117 others as part of a multifaceted plan to protect U.S. embassies and consulates around the globe.

Twelve additional locations are said to be in the pipeline to get new security detachments by 2018 as the Corps boost its number of embassy guards to counter increasing threats and attacks against diplomatic facilities.



During the ceremony, the members of the detachment retired the American flag used at the previous Embassy and raised a new one.



Family members carrying Archie Velenkosini 'Ntjintjini' Edwin Motsa's casket yesterday morning when mourners gathered to pay their last respects at a service held at Hawane. (Pics: Nomfundo Sifundza)

ARCHIE'S CHILDREN ADVISED TO STAY HUMBLE

BY NOMFUNDO SIFUNDZA

Anglican Reverend Reuben Matsebula advised Archie Velenkosini 'Ntjintjini' Edwin Motsa's children not to depart from the presence of the Lord yesterday morning.

Calling for them to stay humble before God, he said, "Titfobeni phambi kwaSimakadze. Ningatsatfwa ngumhlaba," Matsebula said while calling for them to cleave to God in all their undertakings.

He based his reading in *Leviticus 19:32* 'Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the LORD.'

He called for the children to be steadfast in their faith and hold on to their father's teachings.

Motsa was taken to his last place of rest by over 300 mourners who converged at Hawane to comfort his family.

Motsa, the man who represented the King during each year's State Opening of Parliament rehearsals, was described as a humble man.

...as the man who represented His Majesty King Mswati III in State Opening of Parliament rehearsals was laid to rest



Archie's wife, children and grandchildren gathered together during the service.

Motsa was briefly employed by the Swazi Observer in 1989, before proceeding to work for the Baphalali Swaziland Red Cross Society as a Publicity/Information Officer. In 1994, he got his first appointment into the parliament of the Kingdom of Swaziland as an editor of the official report at the Legislature.

He occupied this position for 15 years and from 2009 he was pro-

moted.

Motsa met his death whilst serving as the Assistant Secretary, in which he would represent His Majesty the King during rehearsals for the opening of parliament.

Motsa leaves behind his wife Phumzile, his two daughters Thembelihle and Refiloe, granddaughter Naomi as well as his three sisters and four brothers.



Songstress Amanda Mo was also there to bid her uncle farewell.



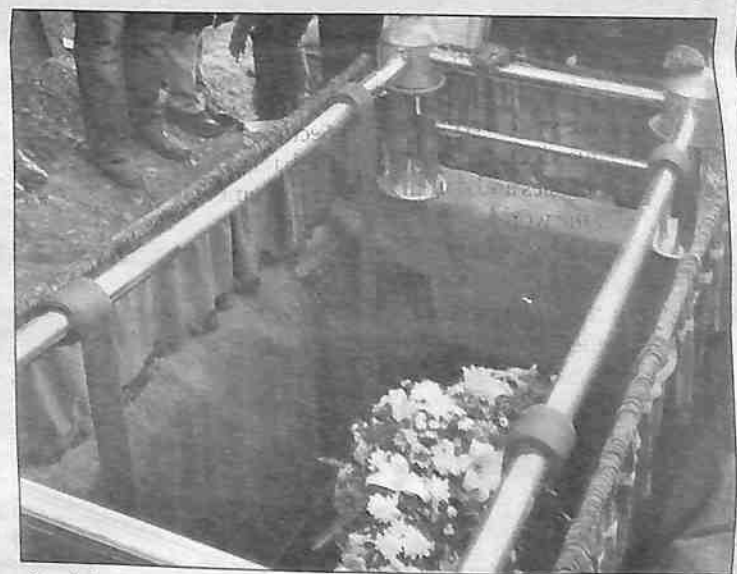
Archie's widow, Phumzile Motsa, following the proceedings as her husband is laid to rest.



Langa Motsa speaking on behalf of the Motsa family.



Mourners paying their last respects to Motsa.



Archie Edwin Motsa's casket being lowered to the ground.



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PUBLIC NOTICE **TRAFFIC INTERRUPTIONS AND ROAD CLOSURE**

The general public is notified that the rehabilitation of the road pavement section inbound Manzini from kaKhoza to the Nazarene traffic lights will be closed to traffic on Saturday 11 June 2016 as the Contractor will be applying the final asphalt layer on the road.

Traffic will be re-directed and accommodated on a one way route along the kaKhoza bypass - Sobhuza Clinic route as shown on the drawing below.

The public is also informed that there will be another road closure on Sunday 12th June 2016, outbound Manzini from the Nazarene traffic lights to kaKhoza as a result of the continuous works on the road.

Motorists are encouraged to use alternative routes where possible, exercise extreme caution and cooperate with signs and signals as shall be provided.

Your patience and cooperation in this regard will be highly appreciated.

SATISO **SEKUVALWA KWEMGWACO**

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Sive siyacelwa kutsi sibe nekubeketela sibambisane nemakhi uma kusalungiswa lomgwaco.

INBOUND MANZINI (KAKHOZA TO NAZARENE)



OUTBOUND MANZINI (NAZARENE TO KAKHOZA)





Stockholm Convention
on persistent organic
pollutants (POPs)



REDUCTION OF EXPOSURE TO POPs

INTRODUCTION

The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) is an international law. Swaziland acceded to the Convention on 13 January 2006 and is now bound by this international instrument (treaty). Parties to this Convention are required to eliminate or restrict the production, use and trade of POPs

1. ABOUT THE CONVENTION

The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) is a global treaty to protect human health and the environment from chemicals that:

1. remain intact in the environment for long periods,
2. become widely distributed geographically
3. accumulate in the fatty tissue of humans and wildlife.

There are also Unintentional POPs (uPOPs) released from the open burning or incomplete combustion of material. They are mainly unintentionally produced by-products that are formed during certain combustion and chemical industry processes

3. WHAT ARE THE HEALTH IMPACTS ASSOCIATED TO EXPOSURE TO POPs AND uPOPs

Exposure to Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) can lead to serious health effects including:

- cancers,
- birth defects,
- dysfunctional immune reproductive systems especially in woman
- greater susceptibility to disease
- Diminished intelligence.



2. SOURCES OF uPOPs in SWAZILAND

The level of activity of open burning fires in the country is relatively large and biomass burning is likely the main source for dioxins and Furans (uPOPs).

Open burning covers a wide range of different uncontrolled waste combustion practices, including

1. dumpsite fires,
2. pit burning,
3. fires on plain soil
4. barrel burning.



4. IMPROVING INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES

The emission of POPs and uPOPs can be reduced by the application of BAT and BEP such as cleaner technologies and practises in industrial production and processes.

5. STRATEGIES AND MEANS TO AVOID, REDUCE OR MANAGE WASTE

1. Source reduction

bulk purchase of products can reduce the need for individual product packaging

2. Composting

Diversion of organic waste to animal feed or other similar productive use, modulated by a concern for spread of disease.

3. Reuse

Where parts or entire devices can be recovered, washed, repaired or reclaimed as fabricated articles the need for disposal can be reduced.

4. Recycling

Many waste streams contain valuable, reclaimable items. Metals, glass, clean dry paper, corrugated board, cloth, plastics and wood are recyclable streams

5. Incineration

In Incineration using best available techniques, especially with energy recovery, and open burning may co-exist where applicable.

6. Modern landfill

Modern landfills are engineered, typically safer, more sanitary and less prone to anthropogenic combustion



1. Recycling uses 60 % less energy than manufacturing from scratch.
2. Recycling about one tonne of paper saves about 17 trees

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On waving at a plane and kicking its tyres

While growing up I used to look after livestock before I started school and even after I started schooling I continued to go cattle herding anyway.

We lived under the flight path of Royal Swazi's Lijubantsendzele and we always used it as a time-check for us to take the cattle and goats back to the kraal. So I developed an interest. We called it the 'Spitfire'. I was fascinated by this thing and right there and then I knew I wanted to be inside that machine," he reminisced.

He recalled how he told his parents that he was going to 'drive that machine one day'.

The flames to his dreams were fanned by his Grade One teacher who he said encouraged him to hold on to the dream.

"I did not know of anyone who flew an aeroplane then, but I knew that through God's grace everything was possible," he said further revealing how his mother instilled the importance of prayer in his life from the onset.

"She used to pray with us every night before going to sleep. She used to take me to Sunday school every Sunday and the little faith and belief in the almighty God grew. I also had an uncle who used to come pick me up every Saturday and take me to the airport to go see aeroplanes," he said.

Having started out his education at at Bhunya Primary School, Colonel Dube then proceeded to Inyandza Secondary School at Lamgabhi, and later went to Manzini Nazarene High School to complete his O'level.

While still in school, Dube and his friends used to disembark from the bus and walk for about 10km to the Matsapha airport and sometimes his uncle would drop him off there while he continued with his errands.

He did not mind this as he would sit there all day watching small aircraft landing and tak-

ing off.

One incident he remembers quite vividly from these visits was how he found himself in the forefront watching 'the biggest aeroplane he had ever seen' taking off.

"I used to stand by the fence as a little boy and just admire this thing. One day I was there and there were a lot of people at the airport. Nearly all of them were white," he said.

He recalled how they suddenly walked towards the fence that separated the apron and the parking.

"I was sort of caught in the moment and was lucky enough to be at the front of the crowd. I heard a screeching loud sound from a distance and as it grew louder, I saw the biggest aeroplane I had ever seen. When it finally stopped I saw the pilot coming out and walking down the stairs wearing his uniform and he started walking around the aeroplane and kicking its tyres a habit that I also now do," he recalls.

He said passengers disembarked from the aircraft and started walking towards where they were and the people around him started waving and saying some things he could not understand because they were speaking in English and he also found himself also mumbling something in SiSwati and also waving at these passengers.

It was only later that he realized that they were waving at their relatives and he did not have any relatives there.

Soon, they all left and he was left alone at the airport once again, with only a few staff members who worked at the airport as they went on with their duties.

Dube remembered how he spent the entire journey back home talking about the big machine he had seen and that night he prayed to God to help him fly it one day. From that day, he started working towards this dream of flying planes.

FROM HERDING CATTLE KA-LUHLLEKO TO FLYING PRESIDENTS

STORIES BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

For many Swazi children, the dream of being a pilot remains just that - a farfetched dream. For South African based Swazi pilot Nhlanhla Dube however, this was one of his childhood dreams he managed to achieve.

Dube, who hails from Ka-Luhleko located near Bhunya grew from being just another child with a dream to flying three South African presidents namely Thabo Mbeki, Kgalema Motlante, and the incumbent president, Jacob Zuma.

Recalled

Having grown up in the rural areas with a poor background, he recalled how he used to admire the national airplane Lijubantsendzele as a child. He revealed how he used its flight over ka-Luhleko to tell time as he would then return his herd of cattle



Swazi Pilot Nhlanhla Dube.

and goats home on hearing its roaring engines in the sky above.

Ranked Colonel at the South African Defence Force (SADF), Dube sat down with the Sunday Observer

to share his journey from being the boy who used to idolise the 'big machines' to flying heads of states, as well as founding the South African Flight Training Academy (SAFTA).



Part of the fleet that is used by the cadets at SAFTA

Towards a dream

After completing high school he joined Lowveld Flying School which was initially in Matsapha Airport before it moved to Big Bend for his Private Pilot's Licence.

In 1993 he joined the Matsapha Airport as an Air Traffic Control Assistant.

In the same year, Dube joined the South African Airways Pilot Cadet scheme and went to Adelaide, Australia for his Commercial Licence and the frozen Airline Transport Pilot Licence. After graduating he worked

for South African Airlink for two years flying the Jetstream 41 Aircraft.

Some years later, whilst on the Airbus pool, he was among the few who applied to the Airforce Reserve Squadron; a process that took almost two years to complete.

From there he was selected to join the VVIP squadron as a Commander on the BBJ, the Presidential Jet which flew President Thabo Mbeki.

"Never in my life did I ever think that I would be in the same aeroplane with a Head of State. It was God's grace that I got to fly President Thabo

Mbeki, President Kgalema Motlante and President Jacob Zuma," he said.

Recognising the importance of his job, he said, "It is one thing flying an aeroplane, it is something else flying a Head of State.

But flying as a Commander for a head of State all over the world is the pinnacle of aviation worldwide and I was blessed to do that job for almost 9 years."

He resigned from the SADF in 2014 to focus on his company Vukani Aviation and founded the South African Flight Training Academy.



Dube has experience in flying a Boeing 747-400 similar to this one.





Part of the black cadets trained by SAFTA.

...TRAINING OVER 50 BLACK PILOTS

Nhlanhla Dube described one of the biggest highlights of his career as the day he graduated his first cadets in the South African Flight Training Academy.

"I have two highlights of my career, the day I got my Helicopter Commercial Licence and the day I graduated my first cadets in South African Flight Training Academy.

Pinning those wings on their chests and welcoming them into the brotherhood of the skies after having sponsored them through the Vukani Aviation scheme, brought tears in my eyes. It reminded me of that little boy waving at the airport at people I never knew," he says.

SAFTA is a non-racial aviation school. It was founded on the

premise of affording the black child equal opportunities and eliminating the traces of colour in the cockpit.

It was also found on the basis of equipping qualified pilots who do not have the exposure to build hours because they are not accepted in certain schools to be instructors. SAFTA has trained and empowered more than 50 black pilots to be instructors and afforded them an opportunity to instruct and build hours thus helping them breach the gap as per the requirements for airline operation.

Dube also said when he founded Vukani Aviation in 2007 he mainly wanted to give equal opportunities to black children. "If you look at the demographic of aviation in South Africa and

most African states, you will realise that black people don't make even 10% of the pilot pool. The main reason for that is because of exposure and finance. Vukani was founded on the basis of reaching the child behind the stone and exposing him/her to the wonderful opportunities available in aviation and sourcing scholarships for those children to fly. There are numerous projects that have been done under this company some of which include the Aviation Awareness programme, the National Skills Cadet Project initiative which was conceptualised and initiated by Vukani Aviation," he said.

He revealed how 59 pilots from disadvantaged backgrounds were trained under the 'New growth path' project. After they complet-

ed their training at SAFTA, they were employed within the school as instructors and built enough hours therefore equipping them to join the commercial world.

Dube said this was designed because there were a number of qualified black pilots who found themselves working at supermarkets because after attaining a commercial pilot licence, they were still not employable despite having 20 hours of flight time under their belts whereas airlines require 1 500 hours.

Thus it remained difficult for black pilots to accumulate these hours. Successful pilots who were part of the 59 include Mloni Mthethwa who is flying in Afghanistan, Zelda Ntuli who is flying for the Red Cross and some flying for Solenta. SAFTA has graduated more than 200 Commercial Students and currently has 96 studying.

Swaziland needs more pilots

In most cases, the biggest hindrance for every aspiring pilot is finance. Colonel Nhlanhla Dube says his wish is to see the Swazi Government availing more scholarships to locals even if it is just 20 scholarships a year. He says as Swazi air travel grows, the country would need more pilots and training them would mean they could choose from a pool of qualified pilots.

"The pilot career is international. You empower these kids, they will find a job somewhere in Africa and abroad.

The country does not necessarily train for Swazi Air but empower children for a job and when Swazi Air grows and need more pilots, they will have a pool of pilots readily available.

It takes almost five years for one to be comfortable on the right hand seat of a Boeing 737 as a co-pilot. I have lots of faith on Swazi Air. Now this is the time to train," he said.

More about Nhlanhla Dube

- He has experience flying planes including the Boeing 737-200, Boeing 737-800 and the Boeing 747-400
- Has also worked for South African Airways as a Second Officer flying the Boeing 747-400 nearly all over the world
- A devoted Christian
- Was sent to Geneva Switzerland by the SAA to do Pilot Selection Systems and Montreal Canada to do Flight Operations Management
- Has worked for the regional airline as the manager in charge of operational training.
- Is currently enrolled for his Masters in Business Leadership with RKC and left with only three modules to complete.
- Was promoted into a full Colonel rank while serving the South African National Defence Force in the VVIP Squadron flying the BBJ as a commander.

It was no walk in the park

Although Colonel Dube admits that he achieved most of his childhood dreams, he revealed it has not been all rosy for him.

The first bump he had in attaining his dream as a pilot was finance.

Growing up in a poor family, in a house that had no electricity, no TV, no car, the dream of becoming a pilot seemed impossible at first.

"It is very expensive to train to become a pilot. I hustled and after a long time United Nations sponsored me for my initial training to PPL, which is Private Pilot Licence. Also, because I had no motor skills and the first time I went flying was when I was expected to perform as my first lesson, whew! You can imagine how scared I was. Also because of the past stigma that black people cannot fly, we had so many challenges when we even started as cadets for SAA. That was rough!" he exclaimed.

Dube, however, revealed that the SAA management was very good and supported them immensely. One of the things he is most

proud of today is initiating the Pilot Cadet Scheme at the South African Express while he worked as the Manager in charge of Operational Training.

Under this scheme, a lot of black children had the opportunity to become pilots and fly for the airlines in the region.

His resignation from the South African National Defence Force in 2014 was also influenced by the fact that he wanted to open space for young aspiring pilots to also have the opportunity of serving in the VVIP squadron, flying the head of state. He rubbished off the numerous versions that have been reported about his departure.

"The South African Defence Force as a whole is run by a group of professional people, supportive and caring. I was lucky to be seconded into the VVIP squadron which I enjoyed intensely. I served under that squadron both as a reserve and as full member in uniform. I cannot think of one day when I felt not respected at the air force. I resigned because of my business interest and nothing else.



Dube with cadets from his school.

Given the opportunity to go back and serve, I would gladly do so. I also encourage young people to join the Defence Force because of the treatment I received as a soldier. The rumours flying around, really I have no time for that," he said. Asked if he would really consider returning to the force, he was quick to respond to the affirmative.

Dube said his two companies, Vukani Aviation and South African Flight Training Academy, were now running on their own with chief executive officers so he found himself with a lot of spare time on his hands.

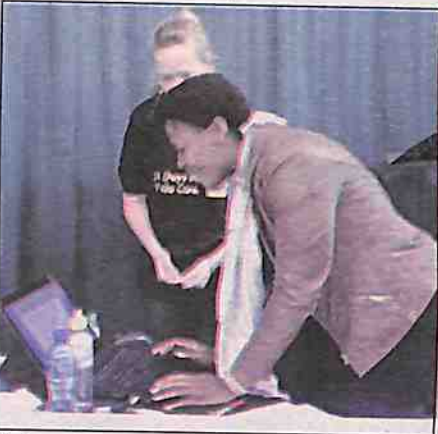
"Remember I am a pilot above anything else... I want to go back to my passion of handling big jets," he

said as he revealed he had since applied to different airlines and was willing to join whichever airline that accepted him. Dube also spoke about the rumours of him being earmarked for a senior management position in SAA which he said were not true but would be returning as a normal pilot if he made the grade.

21 DAYS OF Y'ELLO CARE



A section of the teachers who attended the clicker 7 training held at Ekwetsembeni Primary School for children with special needs. (Pics: Nomfundo Sifundza)



A teacher practising how to use the clicker 7 programme. **RIGHT** - Venter leading the teachers in training.



MTN BRINGS JOY AT EKWETSEMBENI

STORIES BY
NOMFUNDO SIFUNDZA

SWAZI MTN has joined forces with Edit Microsystems, a company based in Cape Town, South Africa, to improve the lives of pupils at Ekwetsembeni.

Edit Microsystems is a company devoted to finding alternative and cutting edge technology for learners of all abilities to improve curriculum delivery.

The company sponsored a programme called 'Clicker 7'. This is a literacy development programme that makes it easier than ever for teachers to provide differentiated curriculum resources and create a classroom of independent, enthusiastic learners.

The programme will enable pupils with special needs to develop vocabulary and spelling with word prediction.

It will also allow pupils who have difficulty with speech to electronically capture thoughts and rehearse sentences with voice notes. Voice notes are said to be a powerful way for children to capture their thoughts and ideas.

Swazi MTN CEO, Ambrose Dlamini, reminded attendees once again of this year's theme, which is 'Investing in education'.



Edit Micro systems Tessa Venter smiles as the teachers seem to enjoy the programme.

Dlamini said, "This time we needed to do something for physically challenged people because they are part of us too."

Implementation

The implementation of the Clicker 7 programme at Ekwetsembeni Primary opens doors as MTN and the ministry of education and training are yet to discuss another partnership which will give birth to the expansion of the programme to other special needs schools.

Minister of Education, Phineas Magagula, pleaded with Ekwetsembeni teachers to love the children they were teaching.

The minister emphasised on the importance of patience when dealing with children with special needs. "We want every pupil's emotional, physical and aca-

demic aspect catered for," said Magagula.

"Every child is from God, these children are God's gift to us and we ought to give them as much opportunities," he added.

Cake

In closing, the minister donated a sum of E1 000 to the Ekwetsembeni pupils for a cake the principal has to buy and celebrate each pupil's birthday at once, much to the delight of the pupils who sprung out of their seats in appreciation of the gift.

"The MTN 21 days of Y'ello Care campaign has achieved yet a milestone even before it comes to an end."

These were the words of Ekwetsembeni Primary Principal, Thembi Khoza-Dlamini, who was at a loss of words to explain her joy.

...Macmillan & MTN mark four years together

Macmillan and MTN have stood the test of time as partners.

This year's campaign marks four consecutive years together. Macmillan Managing Director Busisiwe Simelane, at the MTN 21 days of Y'ello Care launch spoke on behalf of all sponsors/ partners of the campaign saying "it has been a long journey and an exciting one making a diggerence in childrens' lives.

Macmillan this year is donating books worth E20 000 in all the 12 schools that are scheduled for visit by the MTN 21 days of Y'ello Care campaign team.

The company is also sponsoring what is known as 'talking stories' of which these are electronic books. These books assist pupils of all cal-



Ekwetsembeni Primary School teacher Sipiwo Magagula looks on as her colleagues seem to understand the concept.

libers to revise subjects through practising the listening skill and thereafter attempt the question and answer section. Macmillan is also a sponsor of the academic DStv programme known as 'Mindset Learn'.

WATER FOR EVER

The KwaZulu-Natal Water Authority (KOBWA) is a statutory body established in terms of a Treaty between the Republic of South Africa and the Kingdom of Swaziland and is responsible for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of Maguga Dam and Driekoppies Dam in South Africa together with their supporting infrastructure. KOBWA operates its main office at Maguga Dam near Peka in Swaziland and has a Water Management Office at Driekoppies Dam near Peka in South Africa.

INVITATION TO TENDER

Tender No. KOB/MD/04/2016

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR OPERATION OF VIEW POINT RESTAURANT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE INFORMATION CENTRE

PURPOSE:

KOBWA invites tenders from reputable hospitality operators for a three year contract (2016-2019) to: run the View Point Restaurant situated next to the Maguga Dam and manage the View Point Information Centre which is next to the restaurant.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Terms of reference documents will be available from the 13th June 2016 between 07h30 and 16h00 at the Maguga Damtel: +268 2437 1463/4 and the Driekoppies Dam tel: +27 13 781 0317/9 reception desks upon payment of a non-refundable fee of R/E 200.00.

Enquiries can be directed to the contact below:
Ms Sipiwo Shongwe - Communications Officer

Tel: Tel: (00268) 2437 1463/4 or Cell: (00268) 7602 0624
Email: sipiwo.shongwe@kobwa.co.za or maguga.office@kobwa.co.za

Proposals must be clearly marked as follows:

"CONFIDENTIAL; KOBWA VIEW POINT RESTAURANT AND INFORMATION CENTRE - KOB/MD/04/2016" and shall include the following, Company Name, Tender Number and Tender Name

The bids should be hand delivered on or before 12h00, 29th June 2016 at the Maguga Dam or at the Driekoppies Dam tender boxes that are located at the reception area. Applicants are required to sign a tender register at reception. Telephonic, telegraphic, facsimile, electronic and late tenders will not be accepted and will be automatically disqualified.

A Compulsory site inspection will be held at the View Point (Maguga Dam) premises on the 17th June 2016 at 10.00am.

KOBWA does not bind herself to accepting the lowest or any particular tender, and may reject all the proposals without furnishing any reasons.

Tender No. KOB/MD/06/2016

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR DESIGN, SUPPLY AND INSTALL FURNITURE & RELATED FITTINGS - MAGUGA DAM CONFERENCE FACILITY

PURPOSE:

KOBWA invites tenders from relevant and experienced service providers & suppliers to design, supply and install furniture & related fittings at its recently constructed Maguga Dam Conference Facility.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Terms of reference documents will be available from the 13th June 2016 between 07h30 and 16h00 at either Driekoppies Dam (tel: +27 13 781 0317/9) or Maguga Dam (tel: +268 2437 1463/4) reception desks upon payment of a non-refundable fee of R/E200.00.

Enquiries can be directed to the contact below:
Mr Leonard Nxumalo - Manager Corporate Support
Tel: (00268) 2437 1463/4 or Cell: (00268) 7802 6668
Email: maguga.dam@kobwa.co.za

Proposals must be clearly marked "CONFIDENTIAL; MAGUGA DAM CONFERENCE FACILITY - KOB/MD/06/2016" and shall include the following, Company Name, Tender Number and Tender Name.

The bids should be sealed and hand delivered on or before 12h00, 29th June 2016 at either Driekoppies Dam or Maguga Dam tender boxes that are located at the reception area.

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21 DAYS OF Y'ELLO CARE



MTN, Afrisam keep them safe

In a bid to ensure safety of Ekwetsembeni pupils, MTN in partnership with Afrisam are building the school a guard house.

This was evident as soon as the 'MTNers' as the MTN 21 Days of Y'ello Care Team calls themselves arrived, digging the foundation for the guard house structure had already begun. Ekwetsembeni Primary school headteacher Thembi Khoza-Dlamini expressed her gratitude for the school has needed the guard house for far too long now.

"The school's security guard braves the cold every night as he goes about his duties and this is not good for his health," she said.

Ekwetsembeni is one of the chosen special needs schools to benefit from Swazi MTN's 21 days of Y'ello Care Campaign. This much needed structure will be finished by the end of the campaign which is June 21 2016.



St. Joseph's Deputy Headteacher Thandi Zulu joined by other special needs teachers as they follow presentations.



Some of the teachers listening to Venter presentation.



Tessa showing them how it is done.

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LIMKOKWING
UNIVERSITY
OF CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY

THE UNIVERSITY THAT CHANGED THE GAME



BY SUNDAY OBSERVER
REPORTER

When the Limkokwing University of Creative Technology (LUCT) first opened its doors in the country in 2011, many were sceptical about what it had to offer.

Fast forward to 2014, the University held its first graduation ceremony which was a breath taking well organised event also applauded by His Majesty King Mswati III.

A total of 824 students graduated from the University who were said to be industry material. The students have since flooded and the University prides itself with some of the alumni's achievements.

The *Sunday Observer* caught up with some of these former students who were part of the pioneers of the University.

This week this publication caught up with Sijabulile Vilakati, affectionately known as 'Sjay' who was among the first batch of students to obtain an Associate Degree in Events Management at Limkokwing. She is currently employed by Leserato

Events as an Events Manager and also works as an assistant to the person who also manages gospel sensation,



Former Limkokwing University student, Sijabulile Vilakati.

'SJAY' VILAKATI - PROUD LIMKOKWING ALUMNA

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Nothando Hlophe. Part of her job description is also to plan, organise and execute all the events that the company intends to do. Her main task is putting together all the logistics of any upcoming event to ensure it runs smoothly.

THIS IS WHAT SHE HAD TO SAY;

● What did you study at Limkokwing University and when did you graduate?

I studied Events Management and I was one of the many pioneers of Limkokwing Swaziland. I graduated on May 2014.

● Briefly describe your experiences during your study with Limkokwing University.

I got to experience a lot while I was at Limkokwing which has shaped the person I am today, the way I view and do things. Being a Student Ambassador is one of the experiences I treasure the most because of the exposure I got and the lessons learnt from the different activities we did as ambassadors. The learning environment was also good, I got to learn a lot both in class and outside.

I was challenged to think outside the box before I even went to my first class, which inspired me to be a better student. I can say a lot about my experiences but I got to be in a zone where the craziest idea got you marks and made a change in your academics.

● What are your most memorable moments at Limkokwing University?

I enjoyed delivering motivational speeches during orientation days. I love to inspire and motivate other young people so those platforms were one of the most memorable moments I have of Limkokwing University.

● Name any outstanding achievement you had while a student at the University?

During our graduation, I was decorated with the Award of University Colours for University Ambassadorship. This award was for representing the University in each and every activity I participated in.

● What is different /unique about Limkokwing University compared to other tertiary institutions in the country?

At Limkokwing you are challenged to think outside the box. Your brain

is challenged to open up and juice out all the creativity it has, which is totally different to other universities where one is given theory work and is expected to execute such concepts. At Limkokwing, you come up with ways to tackle the things you face on daily basis. You come up with solutions that may change the face of the course you are studying. You are not just a student at Limkokwing but an inventor too.

● What do you think of the University's hands on approach to education?

The hands on approach has created a new generation of young people who not only believe in themselves but achievers who fall in love with the course they are studying. Talent has been unearthed at Limkokwing because of this approach and entrepreneurs created. The approach gives one the opportunity to explore and apply what they believe will help them achieve their dreams, which is what we call unearthing creativity.

● How does the University's presence in the country benefit Swaziland and its youth?

Young people are getting the opportunity to study courses that were not available in the country. Some have discovered their line of career through this university, as they got to learn about the things they are really passionate about. The existence of the university has created jobs and entrepreneurs that did not exist in the country and has opened doors to more young people eager to change the world.

● How has Limkokwing University redefined creativity and innovation in the country?

Limkokwing University has given young people the opportunity to define creativity through the projects they participate in class and in the industry. It has also given young people the opportunity to use their brains and the ideas they have in their hands, without referring to the rules that have been in existence. By bending the rules that exist, Limkokwing has redefined creativity, in the process ambitious and talented products that are currently changing the face of Swaziland and the world are produced.

● The Industry When did you start your job/business?

I started working for Leserato Events last year June.

● What is the biggest difference between University and the Industry? What impact did it have

on you? How did you overcome the impact?

The difference between University and the industry is not much when you have studied at Limkokwing University. The challenges you face at University are more or less the same.

Limkokwing University pushes you to the edge and equips you with skills that enable you to work harder every time. One then gets to apply those skills in the industry with the only difference being the environment and the people you will work with. So one easily adapts to facing challenges and finding a way to get out because of the exposure they got in University. Transcending from University and going into the industry was not easy, especially because it took time for me to secure a job and work on bigger projects. Nonetheless, applying what I learned and executing events was not much of a challenge because I had worked on a couple of events during University.

Also, assertiveness and interpersonal skills I got at University and when faced with challenges that require those skills I would easily apply. The industry is not but as friend but it takes for one to know what they want, what they want to achieve and always making sure they stay humble.

● What are some of your current notable projects?

Under Leserato Events here are some of the projects I have worked in:

- Comedy Night with Skhubha at Convention Centre October 9, 2016
- Benjamin Dube 'Sanctified in His Presence' CD Launch at Mavuso, October 31, 2015
- Nothando Hlophe's Live CD Recording at Esibayeni Lodge February 27, 2016
- 'Imphilo Yami' CD Launch at Sibane Hotel April 30, 2016

● What would you consider to be your greatest achievement in your career?

Being responsible for the birth of Leserato Events. I also believe in youth empowerment and helping someone achieve their dreams. Nothando Hlophe is one of my greatest achievements.

● How has your experience in Limkokwing University helped in your career?

One of my experiences at Limkokwing was being a student ambassador and as ambassadors we had the opportunity to participate in the university activities and other engagements which gave us exposure. In events management, you work with people most of the time

and my experience of being a student ambassador taught me how to work with people from all spheres of life.

● What are the specific skills you picked up at Limkokwing University that have helped you succeed in the industry?

Interpersonal and presentation skills. In events management, it is important to know and understand that working in a team will help you succeed and my interpersonal skills have been of great help. I am still learning more but from what I was taught at the University, I was able to achieve quite a number of things. So the skills I got have helped a great deal in enabling me succeed in the industry.

● What are your views regarding your particular industry in Swaziland today, especially in light of the global economic downturn?

The events management industry in Swaziland is growing. The nation now appreciates what we as event managers do, which is to provide entertainment. In as much as we are facing the global economic downturn, Swazis have not disappointed us event managers in supporting and purchasing tickets for our shows. The support has been overwhelming at times and has been the reason why we push to have bigger and better events in the country.

● What tips/ advice would you give to current students?

To those studying Events Management, make sure you grasp everything you learn in class. It will help you a great deal in the industry. Also, be part of the events that happen in this country. Do not just focus on your books, but be exposed to what is happening in the industry. Volunteer and contribute something in that national or corporate event.

Do not be afraid to showcase your talent and make sure you do not let an opportunity pass you by. I volunteered in one of the biggest events the country hosted when I was doing my second year and that got me a job two years later. So being part of an event may just score you the job of your dreams.

● What tips/advice would you offer to students interested in entering your line of work?

Passion is the driver of all things that succeed. When you work on an event, add passion. When you work on an event, do not do it to make money, but only please your customers. Create memories they will cherish forever because at the end of the day, events are perishable but memories last forever.

TRIBUTE TO SIS' THANDI; WE ARE IN DEEP PAIN

...Swazi Observer Editorial Secretary, Thandi Nxumalo, was laid to rest this morning after succumbing to death last week



The late Thandi Nxumalo.

BY THEMBEKA
DLAMINI

● MBONGENI MBINGO- MANAGING EDITOR

It is difficult to put into words how I feel right now; the pain of losing someone so dear and yet you did not get the chance to say goodbye, let alone make them feel the love you have for them.

Sis' Thandi's passing on has been difficult to take—and as usual, I withdrew to my quiet corner to grieve in the best way I know how.

I have not come to terms that I will not see her again, that I will not be able to speak to her and seek her advice; that I will not be able to hear her prayers for me and my family (and of course the Swazi Observer); that I will not hear her quiet but soothing voice giving me encouragement and support; that she will not be coming through my door and

instructing me to take a few moments to grab something to eat.

Although I called her Sis' Thandi, she was my second mother. I always told her I was lucky to be working with someone who was such a powerful woman, who believed in the good ways of the Lord; who believed everything happened for a reason—and ultimately that good triumphed over evil.

Office

She had been sick for a while, and sometimes she came into my office to try and reassure me she would get through her tribulations and was always feeling a lot stronger because God was there for her.

I was privileged that she took me in as her child and I benefitted from the guidance that she gave me in this demanding job. I had no idea that when she took medical leave, it would be the last time she returned to the

office.

Although she often texted, I am disappointed in myself that I did not make time for her. I am disappointed in myself that I did not do more.

But, to my defence, I always expected her to come back stronger.

I am filled with grief over this, but I know in her way, she would have comforted me and told me to be stronger and we would have closed the door together and prayed. Every morning she came in, she expected that we would pray.

That is the measure of this woman, and that is now the comfort I have that she is in a better place, and resting.

My thoughts and prayers are with her children, who have been strong for her throughout her sickness. I am forever grateful that I came to work with her, and got to know her.

May her soul rest in peace.

● PHESHEYA KUNENE- GENERAL NEWS REPORTER

Make Thandi had this warmth and positiveness within her. I remember my first few days here. It was during the winter season and she said working at night during such times was God's plan. She told me to be grateful. She advised me against using the phrase "kumatima emhlabeni". She was such a sweet soul. She had pure motherly love. What made her unique was her strong faith in God. There's no doubt she's with God. Rest in Peace Sis Thandi. You have run your race.

● NOMTHANDAZO NKAMBULE - ASSISTANT

NEWS EDITOR

Sis Tee, as we affectionately called you in the newsroom, we thank God and your family. Thanks a million for the advice and the tonnes of lessons you shared with us. May your soul rest in eternal peace.

● LUCKY SIMELANE- SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

But why? May your soul rest in peace Sisi Thandi. *Hamba kahle* Nxumalo.

● SIMON SHABANGU- PHOTOJOURNALIST

May her soul rest in peace. She was like a mother to most of us. Giving us hope in times of hardships. We have lost one of the special people in the company.

RIP Sis' T.

● NOXOLO NKABINDE SUNDAY NEWS REPORTER

Entering the newsroom as a baby wet behind the ears, Sis' T was one of the people who welcomed me with warm hands. The ever smiling Make Thandi, as I called her, was always concerned about me. 'Are they treating you well, are you coping?'...and those concerns meant so much. May your soul rest in peace Make Thandi, you are with the angels now.

● QONDILE NTIWANE- MAKE THANDIE!!

Your death came as a shock to me. You were such a wonderful person, a mother to me. You

were a God sent and I am really saddened by your death. I cannot put into words the warmth you had.

Your advice made me understand certain things in life. In my new journey, you were there to guide me always and encouraged me to read 'The Rough Road'. I am really grateful to have known you in my life.

You were such an inspiration to us all at the Observer. Your children and family, you loved them so dearly. May God be with them, your friends and all the people you touched. You were a true child of the Almighty and those who knew you could attest you are in a better place. May your beautiful soul rest in peace Mnguni!!

● STARKY MKHONTA - SENIOR REPORTER NHLANGANO

My condolences to Sis' Thandi's family. She was a unifying figure *ka* Observer. Anytime when approached for any help or advice she made it a point you don't leave without being satisfied with whatever help or advice she offered you...

She was a motivator... From the time I knew her, she was one of those who when I was at the head office I would feel proud of meeting and chatting to.

She was altogether a blessing, with a great heart and may she rest in peace.

● SAMUKELISIWE GININDZA- GENERAL NEWS REPORTER

Make Thandi. Where do I start? She played a role of a mother to me. When I was pregnant she taught me how to dress well for my belly and how to ensure I am always calm. When I needed a shoulder to cry on due to the stress that came with my job, she was always there to give me a hug and told me to take everything to God and smile. I am saddened by her demise, the wound is fresh and I hope she is finally at peace. Such a soft spoken and caring woman, death can be selfish at times. I hope as we mourn her demise, God is giving her what she deserves in heaven. My prayer goes to her family at these trying times. Angels belong to heaven. May your soul rest in paradise Nxumalo.

● MLONDI MPANZA - SUNDAY REPORTER

Less than a year ago, I arrived at the Swazi Observer and was met by this wonderful woman who made sure she gave me a warm welcome to the company. She would assist me in everything I needed as I didn't even know where I should go if I wanted to request for something but was always resourceful in pointing me to the right direction. Resourceful, spiritual, strong motherly woman, those are some of the words I can use to describe Make Thandi. We have lost a great person in you make and may the good Lord be with you wherever you are. May God also comfort your family and make them believe in Him for He is always there for everyone through sadness and happiness. *Lala ngekuthula make*, you will forever be missed.

● NOZIPHO SIBIYA - GENERAL NEWS REPORTER

Rest in peace Make Thandi, you were a mother to all of us in the newsroom. You always encouraged and motivated us to work hard. We will surely miss your sweet voice. *Lala ngekuthula Mnguni...*

● THEMBEKA DLAMINI- SUNDAY SENIOR REPORTER

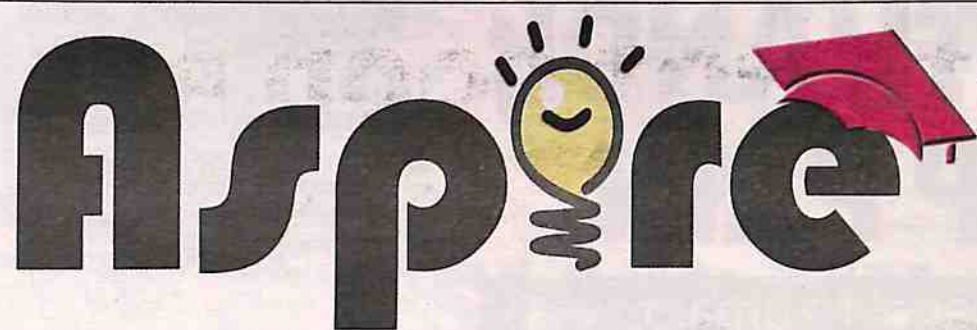
Make Thandi, I found everybody calling her Sisi and it was difficult to join in as she was so much more than a sister, she was a mother to all. The most patient and peaceful soul I have ever encountered. She would smile each time I told her of any frustrations and ask that I be patient as God had a way of fixing things and situations. The way she asked after my children and my own health on a regular basis made her special in a very familiar way.

When she fell sick, she refused to wear it on her face and instead carried on smiling as though everything was well.

"I am now well," she would say at every turn. She refused to accept death over life always saying she believed that God gave her life in abundance.

Sickness might have ravaged her body but the beautiful thing is that her spirit remained unshaken in her faith in God.

May you rest in peace,
as memories of you live on...



A Youth Section On Youth Issues By The Youth



WRITER'S NOTE...

Good day young people. Welcome once again to another edition of ASPIRE whereby we endeavour to motivate young people and consequently make them become the best they can be. Today, we have a chat with a young successful entrepreneur in Sakhile Nkambule, famous for the Hipnotik Festival. We talk to him about the hardships of entrepreneurship, especially in the entertainment industry. We then have a few young people who showed us the freshest winter wear. On *istayela syalahlela*, we take a look at the drama at the SAMAs and the second phase of the line-up of the Hipnotik Festival which is only three weeks away (Can you believe it!). And of course we have our poem and still advise you to send any form of art or comments to sbusisodlaminitheg@gmail.com. Let's keep grinding young people, we gonna reap the rewards being sown today one day! Some things are not as they seem and some people are not what they appear to be, so always take some time to think about that. Stay true to yourself!

Cheers
Sbusiso Dlamini.

He turned 24 last week Saturday, and instead of him celebrating his birthday, he announced one of his latest achievements of opening the Swazi Jive headquarters, which will also house 808KNGDM, a music studio we are all looking forward to seeing. This is just one of the many achievements Sakhile Nkambule has to his name. After founding Swazi Jive at just age 16, the young entrepreneur has certainly worked hard to get to where he is, doing a lot of great things for the entertainment industry in the process. Swazi Jive has also made a name for itself in various aspects but one of the most celebrated achievements is the birth of the biggest hip hop festival in the land, Hipnotik Festival. The humble and soft spoken entrepreneur had a chat with ASPIRE to share with us his road to success and gives advice to youngsters who may wish to pursue the same career.

Sakhile says he was motivated by a lot of things from his childhood, which subsequently led to him being an entrepreneur. "A lot of personal situations early in my life motivated me to be autonomous. At a young age I learnt about the importance of being in control of my own time and money by watching the elderly people around me manage their careers." To him, it didn't make sense that the people who were the hearts of the businesses (employees) earned less and those who owned earned more and enjoyed more perks. "Somehow the people that owned businesses or produced products earned the most, and could get the most out of their time doing things they love (or spending time with loved ones). On the other hand, the people that sold their time to employers earned less and had very little time to do the things they enjoyed. All this motivated him to establish himself from a young age, become his own boss and live life to the fullest.

In what may come as a shocker to many (I know it was to us), he tells us his first love was to be a professional soccer player before he suffered a change of heart. "I

'I'VE FAILED A DOZEN TIMES'

■ Sakhile Nkambule



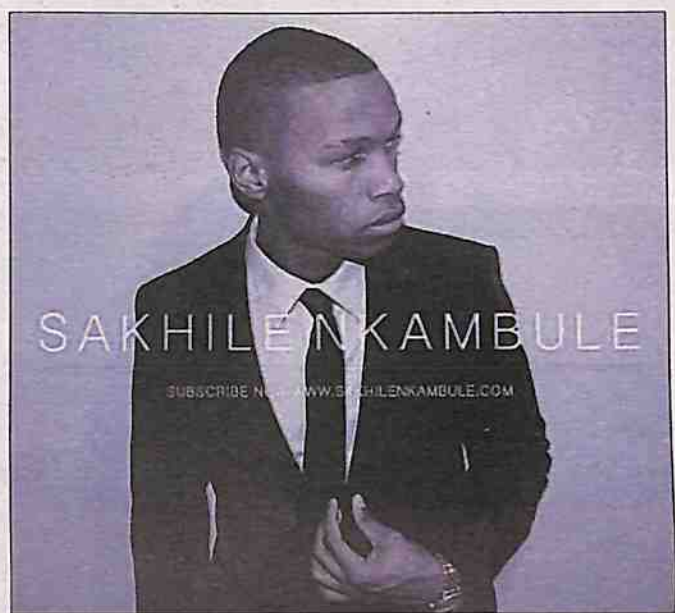
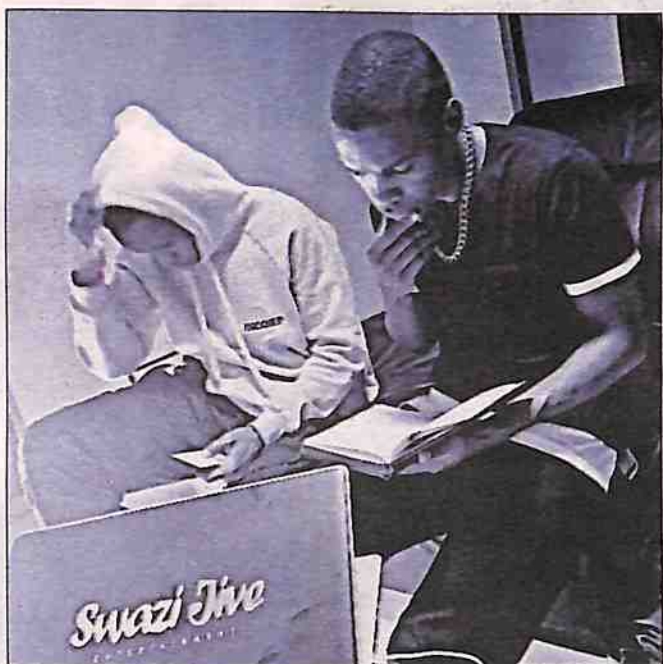
always enjoyed playing soccer and still believe I'm good enough to go Pro."

He started his primary school at Big Bend's Ubombo before moving to Sifundzani Primary in

Mbabane. He describes the transition from the lowveld to the Highveld as exciting. "Moving

ADVICE TO YOUNG PEOPLE

- **ON THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP** - Hmmm, a certain level of formal education is important to broaden your knowledge in the particular field you are interested in BUT the most important thing is to apply any knowledge you have and get started! You can never know it all, and sometimes experience is the best teacher. If you can get a mentor to help you avoid mistakes, that's even better. Being an entrepreneur requires critical thinking and skillsets from the people that work for entrepreneurs. Sometimes formal education is outdated or doesn't provide the information you need at all. You need to go out there and learn for yourself in real time!
- **ON GIRLFRIENDS AND BOYFRIENDS** - Get a girlfriend or boyfriend only when you're ready to commit your time and attention towards that person. Also make sure the person you are with fully supports your dreams (no exceptions!)
- **ON DRUGS** - Kids, don't do drugs. It's funny you ask this because I've been so successful in a very notorious industry and neither don't drink or smoke. My friends and fans still think I'm cool.
- **ON PASSION PAYING THE BILLS** - Passion does pay the bills Yes! Just never give up on your passion and have faith in God.



from Big Bend to Mbabane was huge for me, and being in the central business district excited me." He says being at Waterford for his IB was the best decision ever as he got to meet people from all over the world hence it broadened his mind.

"I think the most important decisions for my career happened during high school at Waterford KaMhlaba where I was given the freedom to explore my passion for art, music and business. Being around so many people from different countries at Waterford helped me broaden my thinking and allowed me to think from a more global perspective. This is one of the reasons why I am building Swazi Jive to become a multinational entertainment company."

Asked on why he chose the entertainment industry, considering the fact that it doesn't pay that much in Swaziland, he simply says "I honestly believe the entertainment industry chose me. When all the ideas I've developed started, they were always centred around my passion for music."

I listen to all kinds of music and always think of different ways that can improve the consumer's musical experience. This always leads me to thinking about how the artists produce the music and how they can deliver it to the consumers in a better way. I didn't let the idea of being in Swaziland limit my

thinking, in fact I saw it as an opportunity to develop everything we don't have in the country, bring things I've seen work in countries like the USA." A lot of parents usually have issues with their children getting to the entertainment industry, but Sakhile thanks his for being supportive. "My parents have always supported me through all my successful and not so successful business endeavours. (And they never forget to emphasise the importance of education lol). A million thanks to them for that support."

He says perseverance is one thing you need if you want to be successful in anything, especially in entertainment. He further urges the youth not to ever be scared of failure, because he also failed before winning. "My early days were very, very difficult. Before all the successful business people know me for today, I think I failed a dozen times. For example, the Hipnotik Festival came after I failed at launching two festivals."

I spent a lot of time and effort working for other people and never getting paid. My journey has been long and interesting. This is why I never let the success get to my head; I can promise people that we won't ever stop working and delivering quality products and services. The easiest way to overcome challenges is to have faith because God is everything!

WINTER WEAR BEHIND THE SCENES...

On the last issue, we brought young people who rocked what we deemed as the fashion winter wear that looks warm but stylish as well. So, today, we bring you the behind the scenes pictures of what went down behind the clicking cameras and poses.

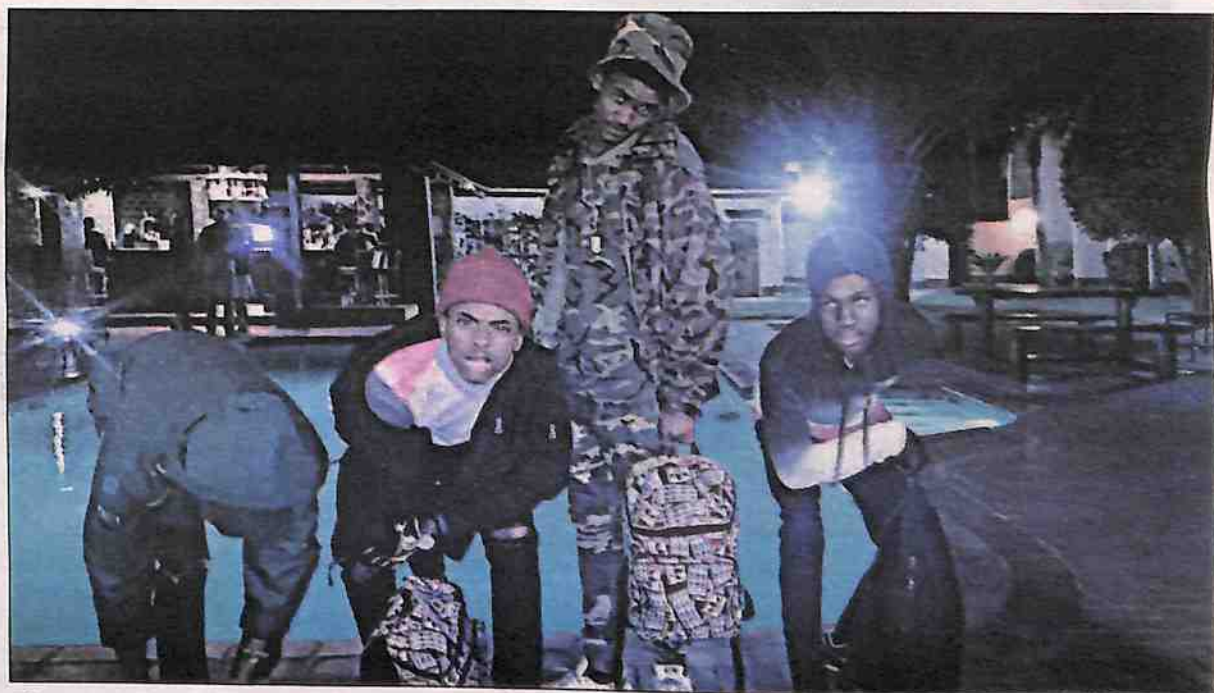


Samu being a gentleman and helping the lady tie her laces.

ASPIRE'S Sbusiso taking a moment with the girls.

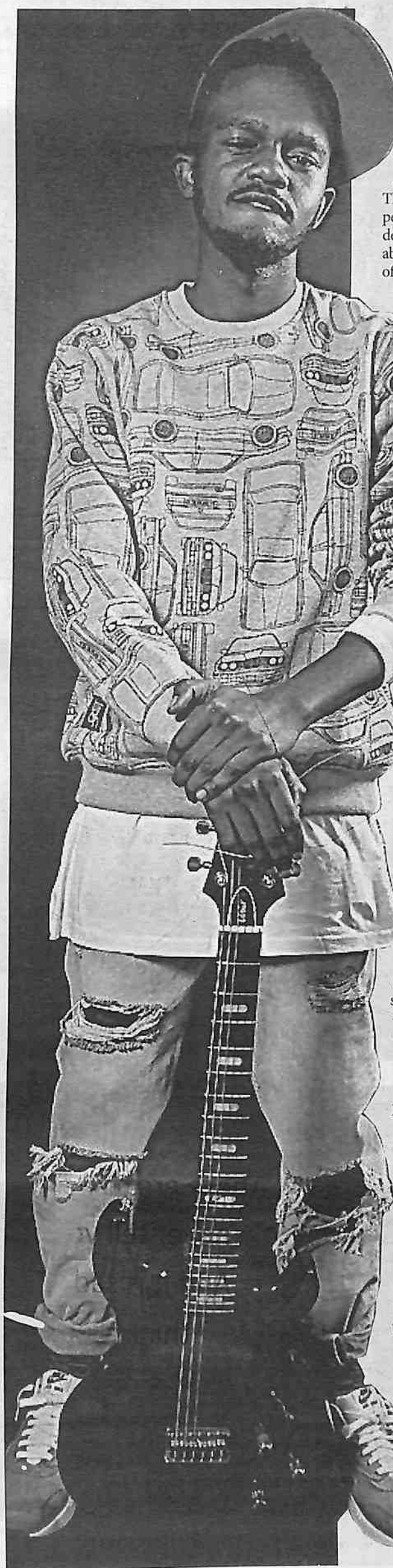


Lasco and Samu rocking camo but being wary of the cold as well.



The gents looking good in their winter outfits.

IS'TAYELA S'YALAHLELA...



Oh ya! This week, we will just get straight to what has been happening in the entertainment scenes. There's a lot happening so let's just get to it;

1. Firstly, I think we need to start by saying what a Mega fire Bushfire! I'm sure you get it. Say whatever you want about him, but guys AKA is simply fire. The guy is simply phenomenal. His performances have surely improved and despite his stunts outside the music, he is able to be consistent and has stood the test of the times.

That was a great performance from the Supermega. That he didn't win any award in the SAMAs doesn't change the fact he was the staple diet of that script.

Anyways Bushfire was a complete turn up and the security was great. Met a couple of tourists from Italy, Canada and South Africa and I have to say our neighbours surely know how to forget about every problem they might have and just let the fun take over.

2. The second phase of the line-up for arguably the biggest hip hop festival in Swaziland was released last week. I have to admit the Hipnotik team never disappoints with the artists they bring us. It's great to know that any of the local artists to perform at the festival will not be paid no less than E8 000.

The dobro audio was a great idea as fans got to vote for the best. If you haven't heard how the line-up stands as of yet, don't worry because I'm always here for you.

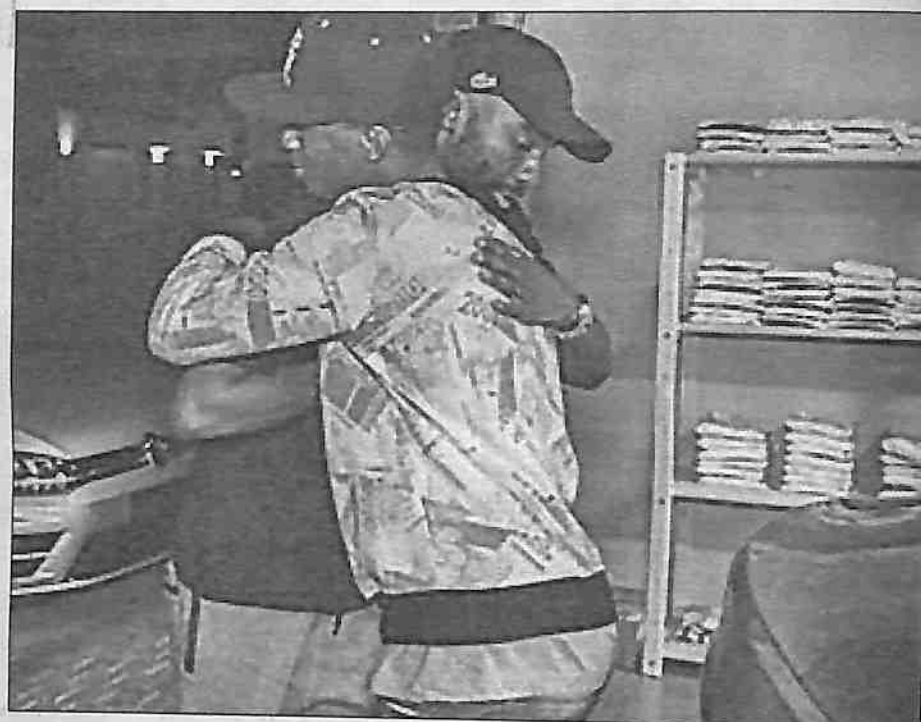
We have Emtee, the SA trap king, A-Reece of 'Couldn't' fame, Fifi Cooper of 'Kisses' fame, Nasty C of 'Juice back' fame, Benchmark of 'Lit' fame, Kwesha of the current SA hip hop anthem 'Ngud', our very own 80 Script who opened the Hipnotik 2014 stage, and with that I will say this proudly – I believe 80 is currently the BEST HIP HOP ARTIST IN SWAZILAND!

No further questions! Back to the line-up we also have a very talented youngster who goes by the name of Eimsofly, DJ Tendances who is currently based in the United States, Tweezy of 'All eyes on me' fame, to name just a few. It's only a couple of weeks before the show and people are already feeling the pressure.

I always advocate for people to plan early. Get your swag on point early, get your ticket in time, secure your accommodation now and then you are guaranteed an absolutely awesome hip hop experience. You will be hypnotised to be more precise.

3. Still on Hipnotik, I was elated to hear the news that the organising team has taken a stand – NO UNDERAGE DRINKING!

That was great to hear, considering the fact that many parents have had concerns with their children attending the show because they presume the show is all



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about getting drunk or being stoned. It's not about that, rather it's about the music. So, with that parents will have a great night sleep, knowing very well that their children are not doing mischievous and some funny business at the show.

It will be a night of great fun indeed and our youngsters will be sober and enjoying the music. NO TO UNDERAGE DRINKING! Oh, and one more thing, I just can't wait to see what SCOOP Makhathini will be rocking next to the hot Bianca. It just makes a simple point – everyone has to make sure that umswenko is on point!

4. Getting back to the SAMAs, congratulations to EMTEE who has finally stamped his place as the King of trap in South Africa. He won the coveted Record of the Year, Best Rap Album, Male Artist of the year. Even AKA, Ricky Rick and K.O congratulated the youngster on a job well

done. Just a few days after that milestone, the youngster went on to receive a BET nomination for Best International Act. How big is that?

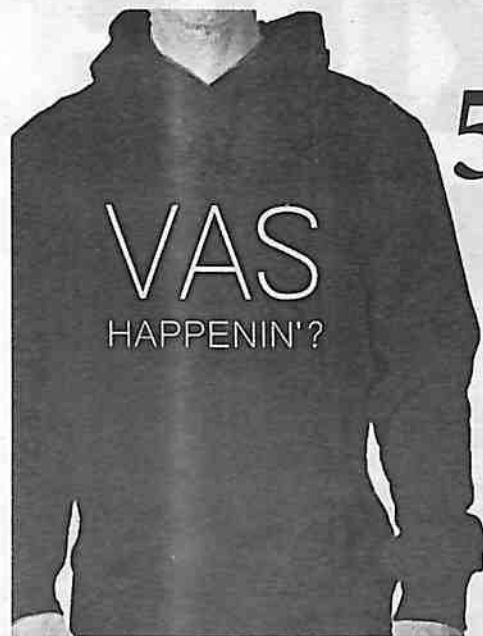
As for some of us who missed his first show, we can't wait to see him in action. I hope he inspires our youngsters and shows them that nothing is impossible with hard work and faith. Even if you hate him, you will turn up and dab to his track stru!

Da Les also known as the North God's video real stuff debuted this past weekend and it is beams. The 'North God', famous for his all white parties will be bringing his fire to Durban this July.

Pity it's a strictly by invite only. Otherwise his album 'North God' is currently doing well in stores around South Africa. Our artist can learn a lot from the business adventures this young man scores, from Ciroc to backpacks – he just wins everything – SLAYAGE at its best.

HOTTEST WINTER FASHION TRENDS...

Fashion fanatics love winter because they are able to play around with their clothes. Our advice is just dress in what you are comfortable in and look good. We bring you some of the hottest trends this winter.



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Adidas Tubular.

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1 Hot sneakers – Sneakers will never run out of time in the fashion world. They are one of those timeless fashion things, like really, can you imagine a world without them? Anyways, our favourite sneakers this winter are the Adidas tubular and the Puma creepers. I know Nike fans may be quick to disagree, but in the bottom of their hearts, they know very well this sneakers are HOT! Rock them this winter, whether you are male or female and you are assured you will look stunning.

2 Denims – They are also timeless in the fashion world. And trust me, they will still be good looking even in the coming generation. The trick though, is to make sure you get really good denim. They should not be funny looking. Cheap imitation denims are a turnoff for everyone, so please don't make a fool of yourself by rocking funny looking denims. Whether you choose to wear them in black or blue, just make sure they are quality! All denim actually looks very cool by the way.

3 Sweatpants – People, this is actually the right season for people to be wearing sweatpants. It's a pity that a lot of people seem to like them in summer because they see everyone around them wearing them. Sweatpants guys, so this is actually the right season for them because not only do they make you warm, but they also look nice. (With the right sneaker of course!). Don't wear them when it's blazing hot because you will look so overdressed for the occasion.

4 Warm scarf and beanie – In summer, when we had our round table, we were shocked as the fact that a lot of people seemed to be wearing beanies in the blazing heat. Our question was how did they survive the heat? Months later, it's winter and people are no longer rocking their beanies. Come on guys, wear for winter. This is winter and you should dress well for it. Make sure you get a scarf and beanie that complement each other. That will look great. Get the right colours though; we don't want you looking like a Christmas tree.

5 Quality hoodie – We can never, ever emphasise on the importance of this one. It is of great importance that you have a good, quality hoodie in this cold. Make sure you get a colour that will complement most of your clothes. I wouldn't advise you to go and buy something because you think it is the in thing this days. Get a hoodie that will stand the test of the times. Something you will proudly rock for the next two or even three winter seasons that will come.

6 Snapbacks and caps – This is one winter where rocking a snapback is completely acceptable. The trick though is to make sure you get a somewhat dull colour because the bright ones work best in summer. Get them in dull colours or alternatively in white. Simple but classic and stunning. Get one that will work with your sneakers and dress code though. For example, if you are in all denim, I don't think any bright colour would work well. You would be a head turner for the wrong reason!

POETRY...

MASQURUIDITY

There was a time I
told you everything
Of all things that
ached inside
The things I held so
sacred
To all the world I'd
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But they became
your weapons
And slowly I have
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The less said the
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The lesser I'd be
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Of all you've used
against me
The worst has
been my words
There are things I'll
never tell you
And it is sad to
think so
There more you
come to know me
The lesser you will
know me

SUNDAYCOMMENT:

IT'S A
SUNDAY
AGAIN TODAY

People have gone to church once again to commune with their brethren and get closer to their Maker.

However, like sheep to the slaughter, some of these faithful will be fleeced off their hard earned salaries after being manipulated and told to give up their money and belongings in order to be assured of a place in heaven.

From the moment they enter the places of worship which rob them blind, ushers will ensure that those who hold esteemed places in society and have deep pockets will be parked nearer to the church while those driving well used vehicles will be parked further away.

The front part of the church, which is usually carpeted and has cushioned chairs, will be reserved for those who have more than enough to spare.

The preaching will either guilt trip them into digging deeper or the pulsating music will get their heart beats so high that a call to move forward will be adhered to, no matter the monthly budget.

Today's preachers sell the gospel which was freely given to man.

They line their pockets with the hard earnings of people who are looking for one thing, salvation but instead, they get robbed.

Congregants get humiliated in the name of useless miracles which have no bearing in making their lives better.

Which socio-economic problem or need does swallowing snakes, drinking petrol and eating pasta flavoured grass solve?

Anointed saliva? Holy sperm?

The Christian faith has now been turned into a mockery. People who crave godly wisdom and understanding are being trampled upon and made fools while everybody sits back and cringes in their little corner.

Regulating churches might be the last straw but something has to give.

People have been hypnotised and manipulated for too long by these 'men of God' who have suddenly become too wealthy and more worthy than fellow humans walking in the face of this earth.

Their peacock strides have become disturbing as they dispute with fellow pastors over land and clients, oops, church members.

Bear in mind that this 'robbery' has not yet gained the status of it being a criminal offence and yet it is, it's fraud.

Congregants are being sold miracles for their health, prayers for their marriages and luck as does diviners and traditional doctors at exorbitant prices.

Congregants dream of giving their hard earned belongings to men who cast a spell around them while blasphemously swirling the name of Jesus in vain.

Desperate people are being forced, yes forced to pay for a few magicians' tricks all in the name of Christianity and nothing is being done to these pastors who come to the country bearing the anointing of manipulation.

BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

Analysis & opinion

IN AGREEMENT
WITH MY KING

Nearly a month ago, His Majesty King Mswati III summed it well when he labelled abuse and violence demon-

ic. He was speaking during the *lobola* ceremony of Princess Lobuhle for whom the Magongo family of Ntsanjeni had paid a herd of 81 cows.

After identifying the source of abuse, His Majesty further gave a solution for the possession which seems to now be endemic with men scorned as he called for psychological evaluation and treatment of the abusers; before permanent damage is done.

Sadly, this does not happen.

Instead, the first question that people ask is still along the lines of what could have caused the man to react in this manner as though seeking to validate the violent behaviour which is actually psychotic.

In all honesty, psychotic behaviour cannot be excused. The word psychopath may seem a tad bit extreme to the people who excuse violent behaviour but it takes a psychopath to lose control of a situation, get physical, relish the sight of blood and carry on without regard to life leaving another human being bleeding for death.

A sane person would not go to such lengths.

A sane person would walk away in order to calm any demons threatening to take away any semblance of respectability which gets stripped by bursts of anger which in turn have grave consequences.

These are not just random bursts of anger, most seem premeditated to the point of being perfectly planned as noted by the availability of these men's choice of weapons when they lose control.

Argument

A knife does not just materialise during the heat of an argument while a couple walks outside as it happened when Nobantu Sukati was allegedly killed by her boyfriend this past week.

The couple were said to have been arguing while walking near a sports field where she taught.

Ntobeko Peter Dlamini allegedly had the object used to stab Sukati in his possession when he decided that enough was enough, killing her.

Who does that? Who makes the decision to kill those who they perceive to have wronged them? Even if Sukati was calling quits to the relationship for one reason or the other, he had no right to decide that nobody else could have her.

Showing no remorse after stab-

bing her in full view of children, he then tried to hide her body in the thickets. Where was his conscience while this was going on?

The tunnel vision with which these enraged men behave is alarming. It would seem as though nothing can stop these psychopath's intent to terminate the women they say they love.

The fact that there were children around when Sukati was killed did not deter Dlamini.

While going about his madness, he did not display any qualm of killing her in front of children as he was driven by something to complete his sickening mission.

The way Sukati was killed brings to mind the death of Sindi Millicent Baartjies of kaKhoza who was allegedly stabbed to death by the father of her children Duma Motsa.

After bearing the brunt of his abuse for several years and getting her leg broken in the process, Motsa was chucked out of the flat he shared with Baartjies situated at her parental home.

He was out on bail for beating her hard enough to break her leg and her family and neighbours were fed up and told him to leave the area.

Going about as a man who had accepted his fate, witnesses said he did as he was told and took his bags.

While she slept, in the bed they had shared as a couple, he crept in

and stabbed her to death after which he told her eldest daughter to go and look for her at another part of the homestead while making his escape.

The best depiction of an example of psychotic behaviour was by Menzi Dlamini, the young man who hacked his wife's hand off at the University of Swaziland premises last month.

Despite being disturbed by security personnel from the warden's office, Dlamini was able to do unnecessary damage to a young woman who had a long life ahead of her.

He too was out on bail for abusive behaviour.

Weapons

As part of his plan to end his wife's life, he carried weevil tablets and a machete.

He left his place of abode carrying these two weapons. Not once along his journey to UNISWA did his conscious bother him about his intentions and cause him to stop.

It did not tell him to turn back and repent of the evil which had engulfed him.

Where was his conscience? What had consumed that small voice of reason which could have stopped his deadly mission?

Having disregarded his conscience, he was not touched by her screams for help as she ran from him after he force-fed her weevil tablets.

He was also not bothered by the students who also screamed in terror as he wielded the bush-knife, hot on her heels.

His rage drove him to hacking her and after fleeing, he reportedly revelled in the fact that his mission was served, a mission to kill his wife and the mother of his child had succeeded. Witness accounts are to the effect that his brother who rushed to the university, revealed how he was satisfied that he had 'killed' his wife.

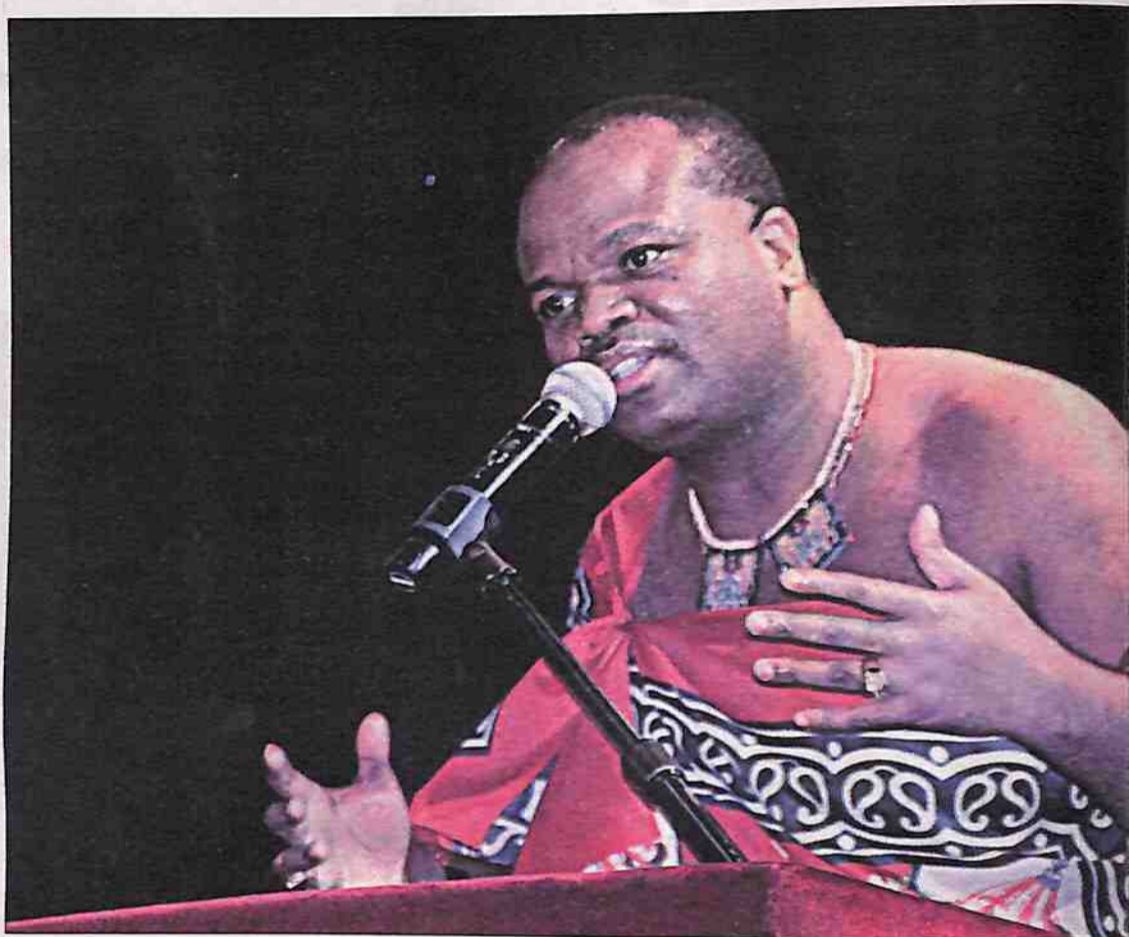
While writhing in pain as the weevil tablets he had also ingested took their toll on him, he was said to have told all who cared to listen that he had killed his wife and was happy about it.

This is unSwazi. His Majesty labelled it for what it is.

He called it ungodly while advising couples to live in peace in their homes and stop violence against one another.

His Majesty said paying *lobola* did not give a man a licence to turn his wife into a punching bag as it did not mean payment to buy a wife, but was a Swazi custom to show love and appreciation of the woman one chose to marry.

"The people who beat up their wives have mental problems and need help from professionals who will give them counselling for them to stop this demonic act," His Majesty said.



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THE GREATEST OF OUR TIME



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Lindokuhle Lukhele WRITER'S NOTE:

There are so many people we look up to and draw inspiration from. The late boxing legend Muhammad Ali, former South African President Nelson Mandela and our very own King Sobhuza II has left a legacy and despite that they have passed on, continue to be an inspiration to many, world over.

With that, SCENE looks in our industry's movers and shakers and we feel they deserve the title, the greatest of our time. They served a certain purpose, achieving things that most people still cannot. I am talking about the people who, despite being successful, they still remember their roots. I usually claim Sibusiso Vilane is the first black African to climb the world's highest peak twice. With his achievements, he has been able to help others. That's what being great is all about.

Sibusiso is just the tip of this iceberg; we have the likes of Dennis 'Yuki' Masina who is a retired footballer. The midfield maestro has played for Manzini Wanderers and continued to fly the country's flag in South Africa where he played for Umtata Bush Bucks, Supersport United, and Orlando Pirates. He flew to Belgium, returned to South Africa where he played and captained Mpumalanga Black Aces.

He is now the development coach for Black Aces F.C. Masina is furthermore, the Ministry of Health's Male Circumcision Ambassador. On Page 2, we look at stars who are born Swazis but have since moved to other countries for greener pastures. Amanda Du-Pont is one of those who are flying the Swazi flag high. We are patiently awaiting her shoe collection. We also have Siphos Makhabane, a music mogul. I mean seriously, he is an all rounder; producer, gospel singer, song writer, the list is endless.

Speaking of the greatest of our time, on our Page 3, we look at Mohammad Ali's life. He was the inspiration behind this issue. Subsequently it wouldn't have been proper to do this issue without looking at his life. After-all he is 'The Greatest'. Our main pages tell a story of who is in SCENE's view amongst the greatest of our time.

We are not saying they are the only ones, but we just mentioned those we found interesting and could compile their achievement within a space of time. Even so, they have achieved more, but we aren't making a bio now, are we?

From Heads of State, music icons, soccer stars a number of locals are climbing the ranks and emulating them. His Majesty King Mswati III, a visionary leader is an inspiration to many a youth in the country and with the adversities of technology, others want to emulate the stars they have seen on television and who have become household names. You might be an inspiration to the next generation. Continue to be inspired and inspire others.

FLYING THE FLAG HIGH

Richard E. Grant (born **Richard Grant Esterhuysen**; May 5, 1957) is a Swazi-born English actor, screenwriter, and director. He came to public attention in 1987 for playing Withnail in the film *Withnail and I*, and achieved recognition as John Seward in 1992's *Bram Stoker's Dracula*. He is also known for his role as Izembaro in the sixth season of the HBO series *Game of Thrones*. Grant was a member of the Space Theatre Company in Cape Town before moving to London in 1982. In 1995, Grant starred as the titular character in Peter Capaldi's short film *Franz Kafka's: It's a Wonderful Life*. The film won the 1995 Academy Award for Best Live Action Short Film.

Grant has twice portrayed the Doctor from *Doctor Who*, both outside the main continuity and inside. In the comedy sketch *Doctor Who and the Curse of Fatal Death*, he portrayed a version of the Tenth Doctor, referred to as the Quite Handsome Doctor. He also voiced a version of the Ninth Doctor for the BBC original animated webcast *Scream of the Shalka*. The latter had intended to be the official Ninth Doctor prior to the revival of the TV series. In August, 2012, the BBC announced that Grant would join the cast of *Doctor Who* for "The Snowmen", in which he plays a villain, Dr. Walter Simeon. He appeared again in the following episode, "The Bells of Saint John" as the Great Intelligence, one of the Second Doctor's most infamous villains and, prior to "The Snowmen" (played by Ian McKellen), was last seen in *The Abominable Snowmen* and *The Web of Fear*. Grant reprises the role in the series 7 finale, "The Name of the Doctor".

On December 1, 2006, Grant turned real



life investigator when, with the help of *JBC Newsnight*, he exposed a \$98 million scam to sell a bogus AIDS cure. In 2009, he played Alain Reille in Yasmina Reza's one-act play *God of Carnage* at the Theatre Royal, Bath; and subsequently at Cheltenham, Canterbury, Richmond, Brighton and Milton Keynes. Grant is also an author, having written an autobiography and a novel called *By Design* that is set in Hollywood.

Richard E. Grant is a mentor on the British Airways Great Britons Programme, and will mentor a British talent to write a script that will be produced into a short film and shown on BA flights and at the pre-opening of the Olympic Games ceremony. In March 2013, Grant starred as Brian Jones (intelligence analyst) in David Morley (writer's) drama *The Iraq Dossier*, with Peter Firth, Anton Lesser, David Caves, and Lindsay Duncan. It recounted the story of how British Ministry of Defence Intelligence expert Brian Jones (intelligence analyst) had tried to warn that his government's September Dossier on Iraq's Weapons of Mass Destruction was inaccurate.

Moses Motsa is measured as one of Swaziland's wealthiest businessman. Moses Motsa is one of the most brilliant minds Siteki has ever produced. Motsa lives a life of simplicity and still finds it normal to enjoy 'quarter loaf of bread with a packet of crisps'. Motsa's business empire is not just limited to Swaziland but also to South Africa where he also owns Durban's Royal Hotel. He also owns Siteki Hotel which he recently purchased from Keith Sigwane, as well as the George Hotel in Manzini after buying it from Tum Du Pont. Motsa also owns a string of properties throughout the country and is a major shareholder in a lot of companies. He owns so much property in Siteki that residents usually say he owns the town, in jest. The business mogul is also known for his benevolent nature which he keeps a secret from the media. Business Mogul, Moses Motsa's wealth is believed to be worth over E200 million which started off as an investment of E21. When Motsa completed school, he



became a part-time employee at Assembly of God Primary School as a temporary teacher when one of the teachers fell pregnant. His contract was only for three months to sit-in for the teacher who was on maternity leave, but it is this job that would change Motsa's life forever. During his time as a primary school teacher, Motsa was paid a total of E28 which he admits was a lot of money at the time.

Amanda du-Pont is a Swazi-born South African actress. She was born in Swaziland, June 26, 1988, but currently resides in South Africa. Adding to her acting career, she is also a television anchor or host, voice over artist, model, brand ambassador, live event MC, and business woman. She is of Portuguese, Chinese, French and Swazi heritage. She was born and raised in Manzini, but she later moved to Mpumalanga to finish her education at Uplands College. At the age of 21, with so

many achievements yet at a tender age, she was awarded a Life Time Achievement Award by Swaziland's Department of Arts & Culture. This was for her early achievements in film and television, and her promotion of the Swazi language and culture in all parts of the world.

Du-Pont has achieved a lot and had a leading role in the 2014 feature film, *Between Friends*, a recurring role in the hit South African television programme *Skeem Saam*, and is the co-host of *Real Goboza*. She has



Siphos Makhabane was born in Mpumalanga in 1965 into a poor family. His father passed away when he was young, forcing him to leave school and drop out of primary school. While doing odd jobs in construction, then as a technician for Telkom, he developed a passion for gospel music. His breakthrough came in the mid-90s with the hits 'Ngitinikela kuwe' and 'Yek'intokozo'. He went on to release a string of big-selling albums, including 'Calvary' (2001), 'Moya Wami' (2003), 'Umuzi Omuhle' (2005), 'Hamba Nami' (2008) and 'Ebenezer' (2009). Along the way he has picked up numerous SAMA and Crown Gospel awards, as well as a Kora nomination, earning the nickname "Big Fish" for his influential role in the industry.

Makhabane retired officially in 2010 in a much publicised event at the Pretoria State Theatre, which was released as a live DVD and CD. He retired to focus his energies on developing young talent. He established his own label, Big Fish Music Production, and has groomed and produced a host of young gospel stars, including Hlengiwe Mhlaba, Pastor Ncanda, Israel Mosehla, Mzwakhe Myeni, Tshepiso Motaung, Sechaba, Frans Dlamini, Ncandweni Christ Ambassadors, Lundi and many others. Nothing can keep Makhabane down, not an accident, comma or ICU. Recently, he released a 'testimony' CD where he thanks God for a second chance in life; it has hit the shelves. It is an album that not only speaks about what he went through, but also touches the heart and soul of every person who listens to his testimony.



also starred in the CBS/Hallmark drama *Life is Wild*, has acted at SABC's *Muvhango*, *Intersections*, *Generations*, *Skeem Saam*, Mzansi TV's *Loxion Bioscope* series, and the 2015 feature film *Hear Me Move*. She recently announced that she will be venturing into shoe designing, as her latest touch.

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Like Reply 37 mins

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Like Reply 35 mins

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Like Reply 32 mins

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Like Reply Just now

Write a reply...

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Bheike Gongzi ya it gets deeper.

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weigh our batties well and not to overwhelmed by emotions. I think...
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Thandiso Mhlanga What if Ila gave his side of the story??

Like Reply 30 mins

Write a reply...

Eze Nxumalo I want others to apologise. Wena do apologise??

Like Reply 3 mins

↑ Tyias King My team speak with Ila. He was paid direct by me...

Like Reply 2 16 mins

Ula Phephile Mhlanga See too

Like Reply 2 4 mins

GREATEST OF OUR

With different industries and different people who have made an impact on our lives, SCENE compiled just a few people that we felt were to be celebrated for what they have done for the country. If we were to highlight each and every one of them these pages would not be enough. People like Bheki Makhubu, the late Sabelo Masuku, and George Mabuza need their own issue just focused on their work for the media but for now let us look at the few individuals we regard as our best.

Dr Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini (born May 15, 1942) is the Prime Minister of Swaziland. He was Prime Minister from 1996 to 2003 and has held the position again from October 2008 to 2013. He has now been appointed for the third time in the ninth parliament, from 2013 to 2018. Dlamini was Minister of Finance from 1984 to 1993. He was also an Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). From 1996 to 2003, he was Prime Minister, and in 2003 he became a member of King Mswati III's Advisory Council. Dlamini was a candidate, backed by the Swazi government, for the position of Chairperson of the African Union Commission in early 2008. The government withdrew his candidacy out of solidarity with the

Southern African Development Community (SADC) so that SADC could present a single candidate.

He has served in different sectors of society, and has stood the test of time. He is regarded as one of the greatest people Swaziland has ever produced. Following the September 2008 parliamentary election, Dlamini was re-appointed as Prime Minister by his Majesty King Mswati III on October 16, 2008. Dlamini was sworn in by Chief Justice Richard Banda on 23 October 2008. Being Prime Minister at the helm of the economic crisis, proved to Swazis and the world how much of an economist the man is. It was a time where the world over was crumbling, but he was able to come up with strategies that would give the nation that little hope that was

diminishing to all and sundry. Dr Dlamini is deeply concerned about the state of the world, for which he has great compassion and idealism. He is a utopian, and will spend his life trying to realise some aspect of his ultimate dream, for a better world.

Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini has a broad outlook on life. He tends to see the big picture, rather than the minute details. He naturally attracts people from all walks of life who can fit into his larger plans and take over the areas he finds uninteresting. Dr Dlamini is imaginative and creative, especially at harmoniously arranging the beauty already potential in the environment. But because of his strong social consciousness, Dlamini can be an effective minister, teacher, and politician.



Vinah Mamba-Gray (affectionately known as Auntie V) has earned the title of iron lady of the local beauty pageant industry.

She was the first lady in the country to be crowned Miss Swaziland, she also became the first Swazi lady to be crowned Miss Photogenic in the Miss World contest.

As a trendsetter in the beauty pageant industry, she became the first lady to organise the Miss Swaziland contest back in 1975; making her the only person in this entire country who has a better understanding of the local beauty pageant industry. She held the contest for about two decades.

Despite the backlash she received from different quarters after running the national pageant, she maintained her cool and dignity by merely walking away. Auntie V is aging well and seems to be 'drinking from the phantom well of life'.

She has opened her heart and just enjoyed working in the beauty pageant industry. All these accolades made her remarkably outstanding in as far as the industry entails.

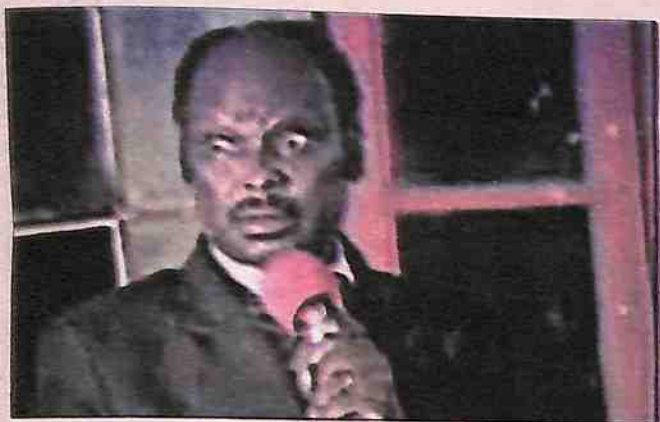
She explains that during the Miss World contest, she discovered that all the finalists that represented their countries were very successful which inspired her to come back to the country to run the pageant; and with it she tried her level best.

But then when she came back in 1975, she was snatched by a South African modelling agency, becoming the first ever Swazi to have a professional contract in modelling outside Swaziland. At the time she was working at a casino, where she had to quit her job and relocate to South Africa. She spent approximately eight years as a professional model. It was in that very same year where Miss World Director, Julia Morley, asked her to organise the Miss Swaziland contest, which she pushed for a number of years before she sold her license and retired to focus on other personal projects. In 2010, the Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture (SNCAC) honoured her with the Lifetime Achievement Award.



Dennis Yuki Mcebo Masina (born May 29, 1982) is a Swazi footballer who played for Mpumalanga Black Aces as a midfielder. Born in Mbabane, Hhohho District, Masina was linked with a move to Feyenoord in July 2002, and later with Tottenham Hotspur in October. He is the most successful former Swazi international player. He started playing for Midas City and Manzini Wanderers before going to South Africa to join Umtata Bush Bucks where he went to play for Supersport United spending over six seasons at the Tshwane based side. He once had a stint with Belgian side KV Mechelen before returning to Supersport. He has also played for Orlando Pirates, where he spent one season before joining Mpumalanga Black Aces. Soon after retiring from Football last year, he ventured into coaching and he was appointed Aces Development Coach until now. He has played for Sihlangu on numerous occasions, and was the captain of the national pride.

TIME



Reverend Sikhova Msibi was born in December 12, 1931 at Engudzeni in the Shiselweni Region. He attended New Haven High, a mission school, was born again in 1955 and joined the Free Evangelical Assemblies. He then accepted his calling into ministry in 1958, then started attending bible school between 1958 and 1960 at African Bible Institute and also went to Norway for training in church administration. When he started preaching the gospel, he was one man who never diluted it with anything. He is a legend in his own right; a man that was celebrated in Swaziland as a whole and outside. If there is a man who stood for the gospel and also for what he believed in, it is the Reverend.

He was a man that drove the nation to the word of God. He was a spiritual leader, not only to the FEA family, but the Christian fraternity and a spiritual leader even to Their Majesties. This indeed was a man of integrity, a man to be reckoned with and a man worthy of the title he held to the very last. While continuing with preaching the gospel he was ordained as a pastor and his first church was at Damaseko Free Evangelical Assemblies in 1965. He went on with preaching Christ risen from the death and then in 1977, he started a tent at Zakhele. That was the birth of the now

Zakhele FEA. Rev Msibi was a man of truth who reached the hearts of many through prayer. He would preach on air, or even in funerals; an indication that he could reach all people.

Reverend Msibi would organise revivals around New Haven Mission Station, in the different FEA branches. His evangelic gift, Christian and religious conviction forced him to extend his influence all over Swaziland and South Africa. The great move of God led to the founding and establishment of many churches in Swaziland and in South Africa. In the 1980s he was respected for the pedigree he had in planting churches successively. Some of the churches he planted are in; Zakhele, Mbabane, Pigg's Peak, Mayiwane, Sikhunyane, Mliba, Big Bend, Mhlume, Simunye, Siteki, Lavumisa, Ludzeludze, Edwaleni, Bhudla, Luve, Mpaka, Msindza, Fairview, Moneni, Ngwazini, Siphofaneni, Gege, Ntotozi, Nkambeni, Ngwane Park, Logoba, Matsapha, Hlatsi, Embelebeleni, Phongola (RSA), Ngwenyameni (RSA), Ngwavuma (RSA) just

to name a few. He shall always be remembered for the good works he did and will always be respected for carrying the cross of Christ with esteem and dignity. He lived a clean life, a life that resembled Christ, until his last day on earth.

Harries 'Madze' Bulunga was born in 1968 at Makhwane, at Kupheleni, in the Hhohho region. He was a soccer player for



Mbelebele Cosmos and Mbabane Swallows. He then went to coach Mbelebele Cosmos and Moneni Pirates, then was assistant coach to Belgian-born Coach Valere Billen. Bulunga landed the job after holding the fort on an interim basis in 2012; following the departure of the Belgian coach. Many Swazis know who this 'legend' Coach or Manager (in the international football world) is. This is the man behind the turnaround of the national team, better known as *Sihlangu Semnikati*. This team now has been a strong team that is a force to be reckoned with. In association football, a manager is responsible for running a football club or a national team. Bulunga is now the manager and also serves as the head coach of the team.

Before Bulunga's tenure, the national team has never achieved much in the football fraternity.

There was a time where the team performed better in the 1990s. However, it never qualified for the World Cup or the Africa Cup of Nations finals, or the least any much of an attempt. However, Swaziland's best performance in an international tournament was a semi-final finish in the COSAFA Cup.

However, June 8, 2008, they achieved their first win in a World Cup qualifier since 1992, beating 2006 finalists Togo 2-1 on home soil. So, when Bulunga took over, there was that one win and many losses and faith was lost on the team. He brought back that faith in the national team to the Swazi people and now it is the pride of the nation. Talk about *Sihlangu* in the FIFA rankings when he took over the reins. It was rated around 186 in the world, but the recent released rankings says 116. Internationally, that is a huge achievement and we salute him for the dedication, support and effort.



Mbongseni Ngubane, afro-soul singer affectionately known as Bholoja, is one person who has pushed against all odds in expressing himself in his native language.

His perseverance and resilience has really paid off. Bholoja has come far after having started out performing for diners at the Steak House, Finnesse and even at Portugalia in Mbabane.

He has managed to move from 'zero to hero', as he says in one of his songs; from performing locally to

going on to perform at numerous international festivals and touring the world. The boy from Pigg's Peak, has a rare talent that has impressed many with his creative Siswati compositions. Part of his long list of accomplishments include performing for the annual MTN Bushfire festival, and being appointed MTN Swaziland's brand ambassador; which many artists who have been in the industry for a long time have never achieved.

He just signed with a new South African management company

called Dor L' Dor. This company is in the process of rebranding his image, and that on its own is a huge achievement.

Dor L' Dor's plan for Bholoja includes makeovers, band campaigns, road shows and public appearances in South Africa. The artist has a very exceptional personality, so humble and yet internationally acclaimed. He has also been included in the entertainment line-up for the African National Congress' election campaigns next year.

William Cool Kat Shongwe is one of the most successful Swazi goalkeepers who played in the late 80's. He has played for Manzini Wanderers before going to South Africa to join Kaizer Chiefs where he spent several years with the 'Phefeni glamour boys'.

He once became the goalkeeper coach for Supersport United and Bafana Bafana. He is currently a soccer analyst for global sport broadcasting giants Supersport.

Greatest Soccer Team - Capital city giants Mbabane Swallows have in the past five years dominated local football scenes. The 'Beautiful Birds' under the chairmanship of businessman Victor Gamedze overshadowed the country's two crowd pullers in Mbabane

Highlanders and Manzini Wanderers and became the dominant force in Swazi football.

They have built their success by buying quality players including former internationals Tony 'TT' Tsabedze, Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko, Felix Badenhorst and Banele Sikhondze; who have all plied their trade in the money spinning South Africa's ABSA Premiership. The team's Chairman Gamedze has also used his resources to pay his players reasonable salaries reportedly ranging from E5 000 to E15 000, ensuring that he does not lose them to the security forces teams like Royal Leopards and Green Mamba that have been luring quality players by offering them jobs.

The team have already won



numerous league titles in the past decade under different coaches including; Nyanga Hlophe, Zenzele

'Ace' Dlamini, Mpendulo Ngwenya and Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati. The red and white glam-

our side have also represented in the CAF Champions League where they played against the likes of Orlando Pirates, Zambia's Nkana Red Devils Zesco United and Rwanda' APR FC but failed to advance past the preliminary round stage.

The recently ended 2015/16 season has been a historical year for Swallows as they have won four trophies in the inaugural Kings Super Cup, SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup, Castle Premier Challenge and the Swazi-bank Cup under the guidance of Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati.

The team currently has 10 players in the National team *Sihlangu* that is currently taking place in Namibia and thus proving that 'Umkhonto ka Shaka' is kings of Swazi Football.

SCAM? JAY Z, RIHANNA SUED BY NIGERIAN PROMOTERS

NEW YORK - Rihanna and her label Roc Nation are getting hit with a lawsuit. TMZ reports that Nigerian promoter Chris Ubosi says his company, Megalectrics, paid two people (who said they represented the singer, Roc Nation, and Jay Z) \$425,000 for the star to do a 65-minute concert back in May 2013. Ubosi claims they took his money, but Rihanna never showed up for the concert. Ubosi said her team asked to postpone the show,

and he did. He wanted Rihanna to post the rescheduled date on her social media accounts, which never happened, according to the lawsuit. So Ubosi cancelled the concert, and he claims never got his money back. Insiders close to Rihanna tell TMZ the promoter was the victim of a scam and that Rihanna nor Roc Nation knew anything about the concert and her team never took any money. Sounds like a scam to me! *singersroom*



No surprise here: Beyoncé's 'Lemonade' goes platinum

NEW YORK - Well, we expected this, didn't we? Actually I'm surprised it took THIS long! Beyoncé's highly-anticipated album *Lemonade* arrived in April, and today (June 8) it's been certified by the RIAA as platinum! "#LEMONADE is Platinum, @Beyonce! Congratulations!" the RIAA announced in a tweet today. This makes Bey's sixth album (out of six) that have hit 1 million or more copies sold. In its first week, *Lemonade* sold over 600.5k units, according to Nielsen Music. 485,000 units were through album sales alone. The album also rose to #1 on the Billboard Top 200 chart. That's quite the feat in today's music industry landscape. Congrats to Bey! *singersroom*

Kim K gushes over Kanye as she wishes him happy birthday

NEW YORK - Kanye West celebrated his 39th birthday on Wednesday and his nearest and dearest took to social media to share their love for the rapper.

Proud wife Kim shared a sweet post on her app, writing: "Happy birthday to my best friend! 'I usually would be scared for us to get older, but as each year passes, I'm just happy we have more time on this earth together! I love you so much and hope this year brings you so much happiness.'"

Khloe also wished the dad-of-two a happy birthday, sharing: "Kanye, I couldn't have picked a better husband for my big sister and I am so happy that you're in our lives!"

But it was 'momager' Kris who was behind the most gushing post. The Kardashian matriarch shared a snap of the Yeezy star sporting a

huge grin and wrote: "Happy birthday to my son, North and Saint's daddy and Kim's soul mate, #KanyeWest."

"To say you are special is an understatement... you are one of a kind!!!! You inspire, you lead, you're the most incredible father and a wonderful friend. We are so blessed to have you in our lives!!!"

She continued: "I'm so proud of you and I love you so much. Happy birthday!!!! #love #family #blessed #proudmama #happybirthdaykanye."

Meanwhile, Kanye recently opened up on his own tweeting style, and admitted even his wife Kim has been left scratching her head over his messages on the site.

Speaking on Big Boy's Neighborhood radio show, he said that Kim asks him on occasion but that he's not that bothered. *mirror*



Usher itching to mount expensive beauty

NEW YORK - Usher's no window shopper, he's more of a hands-on guy when it comes to luxury motorbikes — which explains why he got a SoHo dealership to open just for him.

Our sources at Ducati Triumph New York tell us the singer was there Monday to scope out Ducati's XDiavel model. The store's normally closed Mondays, but when a loyal superstar customer calls, doors open.

Usher took the gorgeous all-black 156-horsepower bike out for a spin, but we're told he's still not convinced he wants to drop \$25k for it.

Wild guess? He'll be back ... we know he can afford it. *tmz*



Mariah Carey reveals she's on 'bleak diet'

NEW YORK - Mariah Carey is on a strict diet to lose weight ahead of her wedding to billionaire James Packer.

The Talk co-host interviewed the Hero legend, 46, for Entertainment Tonight, where Mariah dished on her new diet.

"I've been pretty consistent with this bleak diet that I am on," she told Sharon, who pressed her on whether it was for her upcoming nuptials.

You know, it was the whole situation that made me want to try and be better for all," and then she added: "And then we do have to get fittings and dresses!"

Mariah, 46, has her Las Vegas residency as well as her new E! Show and a wedding to get prepared for. *mirror*



Ed Sheeran is being sued for £20m

NEW YORK - Ed Sheeran is reportedly being sued for a whopping \$20 million. That's a lot of T-shirts.

The 25-year-old singer-songwriter has been hit with a lawsuit by Martin Harrington and Thomas Leonard — who claim his track 'Photograph' is "note-for-note" the same as their 2009 song *Amazing*, released by UK X Factor winner Matt Cardle.

Attorney Richard Busch, who recently represented the family of Marvin Gaye in the *Blurred Lines* copyright case, filed a lawsuit on behalf of the pair in federal court in Los Angeles on Wednesday,

according to US reports.

The lawsuit states: "The chorus sections of 'Amazing' and the infringing 'Photograph' share 39 identical notes — meaning the notes are identical in pitch, rhythmic duration, and placement in the measure. 'The songs' similarities reach the very essence of the work. The similarities go beyond substantial, which is itself sufficient to establish copyright infringement, and are in fact striking."

"The similarity of words, vocal style, vocal melody, melody, and rhythm are clear indicators, among other things, that *Photograph* copies *Amazing*." *mirror*

Future sued by Rocko ...

NEW YORK - Future wouldn't even have one ... if not for rapper/producer Rocko, who says he discovered Future, put him on the path to fame and fortune, and then got stabbed in the back. Rocko, owner of A1 Recordings, just sued Future ... citing a 2011 contract he believes Future breached. He says the deal was for Future to make his first six albums with A1. Rocko says Epic Records signed on to distribute the albums, but then things got tricky. In the suit, he says Future cut a side deal with Epic, which scored him huge multi-million dollar advances. *tmz*

Whitney's mum slams Bobby Brown's 'disturbing' drug allegations

NEW YORK - Whitney's Houston's mother Cissy Houston has slammed the singer's ex-husband Bobby Brown over his recent comments about her daughter.

The New Edition star, who was married to Whitney for 15 years, claimed he broke tradition on his wedding day before marrying the I Will Love You singer to discover her snorting a line of cocaine.

In a tell-all interview with ABC's 20/20 which aired earlier this week, he went on to say that Whitney offered her groom some drugs before they exchanged vows at their wedding ceremony. The R&B singer also

claimed he and Whitney would spend hours a day locked in a room in their mansion doing drugs while a nanny cared for their Bobbi Kristina.

Hitting back, Cissy says she's disappointed with her former son-in-law's "disturbing" drug allegations.

Speaking to People magazine, she said: "Last night I saw Bobby Brown's interview with Robin Roberts. It was disturbing."

She continued: "There is no value in my challenging all of his statements — point for point — such as his assertion that he 'had money' when he married Whitney or that anyone in my family said he started Nippy on drugs. No one blames Bobby for that. *mirror*

THE GREATEST OF MY TIME

SCENE asked our personalities who they considered the 'greatest of our time,' these are the individuals they consider the greatest. Swaziland is full of talents, but in all honesty as individuals we do draw inspiration from international stars or icons.

NTOKOZO MDLULI (POET)

Now, out of all the contemporary stars and global icons, I personally think 'The Greatest of my (our) time' is the current US presidential candidate Mrs Hillary Clinton. This woman is the epitome of women empowerment and feminine revolution. The reason I say this is because we live in a predominantly patriarchal world where women usually occupy the back seat when it comes to politics and power. Men have always been thought to be the ideal candidates for high governmental positions like the presidency, but Clinton has challenged the pre-existing political status quo by coming out to run for president.

She is the first woman to show serious interest in becoming the next American president in the history of America.

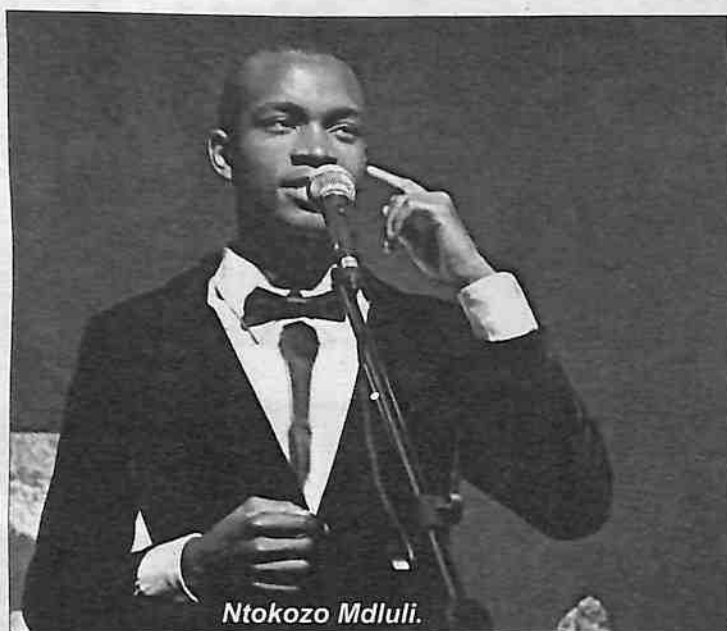
Clinton's political prowess has proven to be a threat to opposing presidential candidate Donald Trump. She is brave, politically well informed and courageous. You know, the world is busy screaming women empowerment; I respect her so much for that. Hillary Clinton is indeed 'The Greatest'. She is the epitome of the liberation of women and political enlightenment.

MDURA (COMEDIAN)

I would say the greatest of my time or rather put vaguely 'one of the greatest of our time,' 'would have to be someone who achieved what no other man has achieved. It has to be a man or woman that has defied all odds and put himself on the line for the well being of others.

The well being of the masses, could be a country or even the whole world, a man (man for mankind, not gender, lest I appear sexist) who inspired a whole generation or two through his deeds.

This man should have left a legacy that still lives on even now whether he still lives or has passed on. He may



Ntokozo Mdluli.

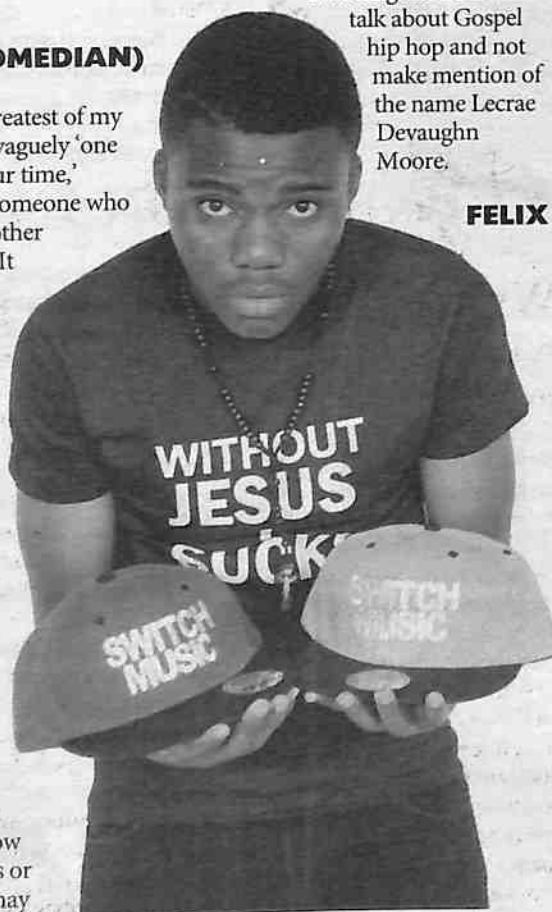
not be a saint, but should have changed the way we look at the world and the environment around us. No man fits that description better than the dearly departed Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela.

SWITCH (RAPPER)

The greatest person to me is Lecrae; American Gospel Hip hop Rapper. He has not only managed to top i-tunes as an independent Christian rapper, but has also bagged two Grammy awards in the past. That for me has made him the best MC to come out of the Gospel hip hop culture.

He also owns his own stable; Reach records, which is now signed under Colombia Records that pushes artists like Beyonce and Adele. He has taken the genre to new heights. You can't talk about Gospel hip hop and not make mention of the name Lecrae Devaughn Moore.

FELIX



Felix.

(SOCCER PLAYER)

Cristiano Ronaldo comes from a poor background and has worked very hard to be where he is today, plus a lot of people hate him while he keeps proving that the haters can never stop you from achieving what you want. At just 31 he has achieved so much and has just been named 'Forbes' list of rich athletes'. To me that makes him my greatest.

NATHI GULE (JOURNALIST)

'My greatest' of my era is our visionary leader His Majesty the King. Many idolise people from across the borders, but charity should begin at home. I'm a 80s baby and have had the honour to see the legacy of his leadership and see it at par with the best in the world. I have had the privilege to listen to countless speeches by the King including at the United Nations and can proudly say he represents the best interests of the country. Meeting him for an interview for the first time in my journalism career, this year only proved my view right and I wish many would learn of the great things he has



Nathi Gule.

done for Swaziland.

My mantra has always been we should appreciate the positives of our own before we drool and paste quotes of leaders from around the world that may have never had an impact in our lives. I know countless inspirational quotes by our leader and believe his vision is to see a better quality about life for all Swazis. This year Swaziland celebrates 30 years of HKM III leadership and it has been epitomised by peace, development and unity. Our cultural heritage is also the envy of the world because of his leadership. On a spiritual level, though the greatest of all time is and will always be God. The omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient. And it's great that we have a leader that is not only eloquent, but also puts God first in everything so indeed we trust in Vision 2022.



Mdura.

Questions that need answers...

1 It has been a long week with many debates and Facebook punches; but what mainly dominates my mind is why David Beckham's visit was so discreet and sneaky. Let me leave it here.

2 Let us be honest, Illa deserves the title 'News Maker of the Year' when it comes to the entertainment industry- but now, why did his 'brother' Tiyas add salt to his wound. Like really now, the guy was still recovering from the Unfilled Mavuso, did he really deserve that letter of demand? Couldn't you have dealt with this privately?

3 Vele can somebody enlighten us, what is the purpose of that lawsuit? How many parties are involved?

4 Facebook is giving us something to chuckle about each day every day nowadays... But the track #Unclean by Anakhonza, Siyinqaba and Mdura; you guys don't you think you stooped to her 'shallow' level by punching back so hard after she had apologised and suffered enough rebuke.

5 Hahaha... I just had to literally laugh first on this one. It was a very hype and fun filled week-end during BushFire two weeks ago and I could not help but notice that our beautiful cities are very much quiet. Zi pockets zi right na?



6 Still on BushFire; the welcoming committee(s) had a blast with their 'Blessers'. Are the 'Blessers' still in contact girls or you shall meet them next year same time?

7 The way it is so cold these days, it makes me wonder on the number of 'bumps' that we will see this coming summer. LOL. Allow me to be prudent.



8 We should start enquiring hard as to why these South African artists don't show up for their performances. It is now a dire issue. Two months ago it was Pitch Black Afro and recently it was Professor. We are silent but we have not forgotten.

Behind the Scene



ALBUM REVIEW:

BY PAMELA ZWANE
MTN Joyous 20 SD PRO

I'm excited to be writing of the build-up to the anniversary edition of MTN Joyous celebration. Special thanks to MTN Swaziland and Destiny Music for partnering once again this year to bring us MTN Joyous 20 live in SD.

Today's piece is the album review. MTN Joyous 20 will take you on a journey of praise and worship and the music fuses South Africa's music genres; you will hear a little *maskandi*, traditional, tent-church sound and some upbeat songs.

It presents the group as still going strong and them celebrating 20 years of bringing gospel music to the people proves why they are still the best ensemble in the history of South Africa. I urge the Swazi nation to come witness the presence of God on July 9 at Mavuso Trade Centre.

MTN Joyous celebration 20 is a must have album, it consists of good tracks such as 'Bengingazikutsi unghandakangaka'. I like this song because it reminds me of what happened at the cross according to John 3 verse 16 'for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son'. 'Sabela' led by Andile Thabethe has a Zion feel and all it talks about is salvation that we respond to the high calling of Jesus Christ. 'Umoya Wami'

ROAD TO MTN JOYOUS 20 SHOW LIVE IN SD



by Pastor Takesure Ncube is also a hot favourite, and expresses how one's spirit thirsts for God.

Phindile Poky is the lead vocalist of 'Akasoze angidela'. When you need assurance that no matter how big the

challenges we face in life are, God will never forsake us, then listen to this track. Sbusiso Mthembu also expresses his confidence of safety in Christ on 'Ngiphephile'.

'Unganele' by Ayanda Shange tell us

that God is just enough, in Him we have everything.

Let's all meet at Mavuso Trade Centre on July 9. Tickets are now available at Destiny music, Nandos outlets and MTN Service Centres.

Pam's Favourites

Disc One

1. Bengingazi by Joyous choir
2. Modimo by Andiswa Mbantsa
3. Unganele by Ayanda Shange
4. Ngiphephile by Sbu Mthembu
5. Sabela by Andile Thabethe
6. Ngidle ngidle by Mkhululi Bhebhe

Disc Two

- Alikho igama by Xolile Mncwango
- Akasoze By Phindile Poky
- Nguwena omkhulu by Nomthi Sishi
- Umoya wami by Pastor Takesure Ncube
- This love by Buhle Thela
- Igama lakho lihle by Ncebekazi Msomi
- I trust you by Nomthi Sishi

Disc three

- Glory Glory by Hlegiwe Ntombela
- Grateful By Mngqobi Nxumalo
- Praise the Lord by Eric Moyo

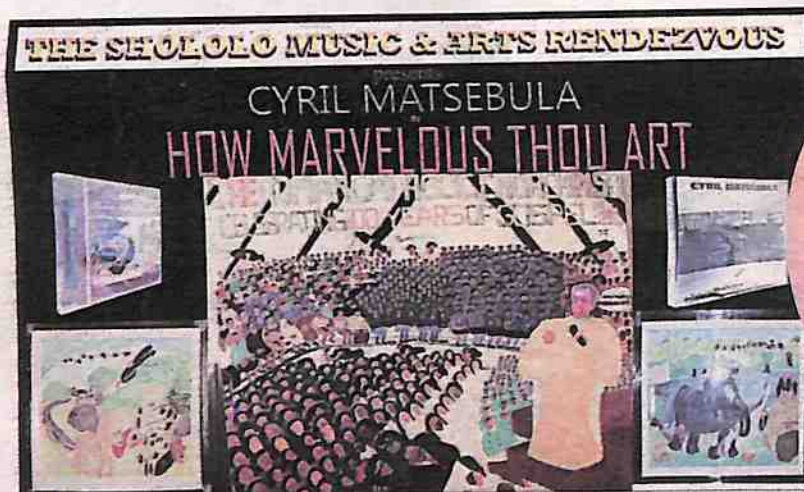
General tickets are reasonably priced at E220 and VIP tickets are selling at E490.

THE MARVELLOUS CYRIL MATSEBULA ART EXHIBITION LAUNCH

Visual artist and jazz maestro Cyril Matsebula will officially launch his garage art exhibition at Waterford Park opposite the Waterford School's IB hostel on Saturday, June 25 at 2pm.

In this exhibition, twelve pieces of artwork will be on display. Headlining the exhibition, will be a three square metre, oil on canvas depiction of the centenary celebration of mass by the Roman Catholic Church in Swaziland and a framed water colour artwork showing a born again hyena rationing fresh meat to other animals.

In the true spirit of celebrating one hundred years, the above mentioned headline items have been priced to fulfill the endeavour of the Church in its quest to sustain itself in the light of dwindling overseas financial



support. As a result, the hundred years celebration of mass artwork is priced to the value of one hundred thousand Emalangeni and the Born

again Hyena piece has been priced to cost thirty thousand emalangeni. All proceeds on these items will be donated in full to the St Joseph's

Mission at Mzimba upon purchase. Prices for the other pieces of artwork will be available at the launch.



It is important to note that the exhibition is currently in full swing and has been extended to end on July 10; the only thing left is to launch it officially on June 25. It is also pleasing to note that the very good shepherd, the Bishop of Manzini, Bishop Jose Luis Ponce De Leon has already graced the exhibition and blessed it with a documented prayer of St Francis of Assisi.

On the launch day there will be a brief solo performance by the marvellous Cyril Matsebula on piano and vocals. Speeches will be made after which a braai and drinks will be provided. An opportunity to purchase CDs and a DVD of the marvellous Cyril Matsebula will also be available.



BEING A PARENT

THEMBUMENZI
NTSHALINTSHALI

Motivation is a deeply personal thing. We spend so much energy and time investing in our pursuit to become the best we can be.

Our motivation is key in ensuring that we enjoy life and people around us draw from that positive energy. Children also draw from such to the extent we may find ourselves enjoying good relationships with them as parents.

Being motivated makes parenting exciting such that we embrace it as a blessing worth enjoying rather than a job to be endured. One does not catch motivation like you would a common cold. Motivation is not something people are born with - it is an act of the mind and a commitment to change.

Knowing yourself as an individual and parent in extension, is key because many people are living shallow and empty lives simply because they violate their own value systems and therefore don't even know who they really are.

This eats into their children as it

creates an environment of anarchy in the home. You cannot ignore your values and expect to be motivated in becoming a better parent. Sometimes we try to do too many things and then get bogged down because we do not have defined boundaries.

If our boundaries are clearly defined, we can say yes or no, depending on the circumstances. Often we end up being involved in things we should stay away from and children exploit that advantage.

So it becomes important to understand that setting goals will motivate you to fulfil that goal. Even in parenting, setting goals breeds a tangible and manageable track of progress that yields results extremely positive.

Developing positive mental attitude is also key to motivation as it requires spending your creative energies on finding ways things can be done, rather than exhausting your emotional and mental powers dwelling on the ways things cannot be done.

Many of us as parents get the better of this as we are constantly in denial in as far as our children's behaviour is

PARENTS BEING MOTIVATED (MOTIVATION)



concerned. We are forever in a struggle to transform our children to become what is 'ideal' according to our standards.

Strengths

Your mind is like a computer - garbage in, garbage out, so instead of exhausting ourselves, let us embrace the not so ideal and capitalise on the positive because surely there must be something good (strengths) going on, even in our not so "disciplined" child.

Parents too are humans, having

meaningful relationships with selected friends can be a very rewarding experience. However, mixing with people who are negative, critical, untruthful and depressed can become a curse rather than a blessing. It is extremely difficult to remain motivated in a negative environment. Most parents derive their parenting techniques and approaches from these situations and friends which is not the way to go because it tarnishes a rewarding friendship you could pos-

sibly have and enjoy with your children. My parenting experience should be a mere reflection and not a yardstick for the next parent who happens to be a friend. Parents as friends usually share their experiences and turmoil in as far as children are concerned then from that, paint all children with the same brush. If you have a negative environment of friendship, it will resonate with yourself and other relationships you have. So stay away from toxic friendships and consider selecting your friends with care and deliberation, rejecting those who are negative and unresponsive.

Motivation comes along with taking charge of your life. There are so many people who allow themselves to be manipulated and controlled by others. Allowing yourself to become a slave to others guarantees a mediocre life and children enjoy that when parents slack off. Motivate yourself and become a better person who children can look up to and blend in with because good intentions and behavior is infectious.

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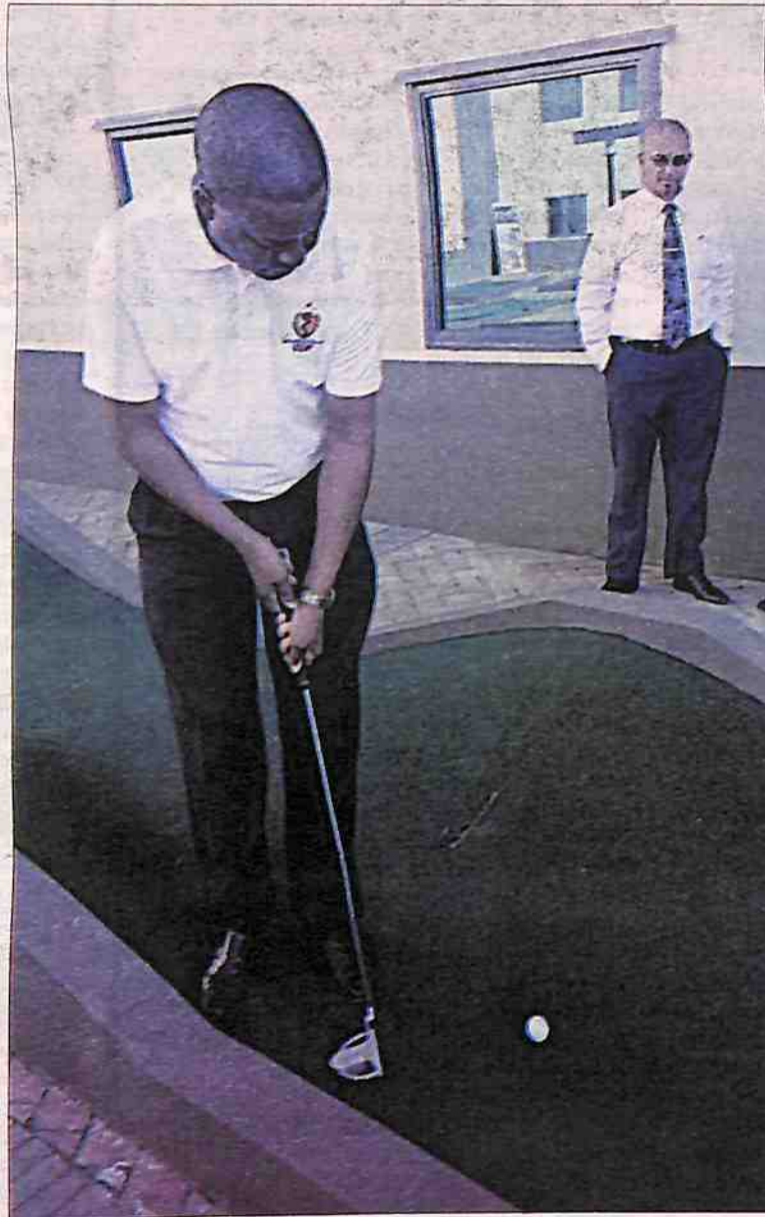
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Business and golf have long been synonymous. Golf is a fine test of character, and a great way to bring a team together. Away from e-mails and phones, the golf course becomes the perfect stage for friendly competition and good conversation. When you do business with people, you need to know more about them. Golf rewards players who remain calm under pressure, never lose their temper and think strategically. These are all virtues in business.

Known as a sport of leisure and as a gentleman's game, golf is one of the most popular, well-received sports worldwide. Played on a course covering anywhere between 30 and 200 acres, the object of the sport is to propel a small hard ball into a series of 'holes' with as few strokes as possible, using a variety of wood or iron-tipped sticks called golf clubs. It is a very socially enjoyable sport. It can be a great way to keep in touch with friends, provide opportunities to meet new people and help connect a community. Since golf is a game that is not as highly intense or competitive as soccer or basketball, there is plenty of down time and silence for interacting with fellow golfers. Studies have even shown that a great number of business deals are closed on the golf course.

As a form of corporate entertainment, golf's first virtue is that people of any age can play it. Tennis can be fun, but if the 65-year-old boss of the company you are trying to sell widgets to dies of a heart attack running for your power serve, it probably won't help your business. Boxing is even worse. What makes golf a unique sport is that, thanks to the

LIDWALA INSURANCE SCOOPS 1ST PRIZE IN Y'ELLOW GOLF MINI-PUTTING TOURNAMENT



handicap system, people of widely differing abilities can compete against each other.

There's no denying that hospitality and business is relationship driven, and there's no better way to get to know someone than a round of golf. You only spend a small portion of a

four-hour game actually hitting the ball, so there is plenty of time to talk shop. And you're going to want to have a conversation with the person trying to help you find your ball in the woods right?

These are some of the reasons that propelled the Swaziland Epilepsy

Organisation never look back since it introduced the y'ellow golf initiative some five years back. Corporate giants such as Lidwala Insurance, Swaziland Posts and Telecommunications, Swazi Bank, Build-It and Liberty Life, to name a few, have seen enough reason to support this initiative that not only helps in raising awareness and advocacy about epilepsy, but also plays an imperative role in providing business moguls the platform to network and share business ideas that are integral for the prosperity of the organisations they lead.

Tournament

Hence, it was no mistake this past Tuesday when the organisation invited its major sponsors that have supported this year's y'ellow golf tournament for a mini-putting competition at the Corporate Place Wood 'n' Putter golf course. Located on the third floor of the Corporate Place, Wood 'n' Putter is a miniature golf course. It uses artificial putting surfaces and obstacles. The mini-golf indoor game is the only one in Swaziland with a complete 18-hole course. It is structured in a way that can act as a venue for parties, meetings and other small gatherings. It can also act as a place of relaxation for individuals who like the game of golf.

During the tournament, the anchor sponsor, Lidwala Insurance Company, proved to be more focused than the other corporate giants as they scooped the first position with 26 points. It was closely followed by SPTC with 27 points and third was Swazi Bank with 34 points.

It was, however, more than just a tournament as representatives from these companies exhibited undue passion for fighting for a cause has afflicted many of the Swazi people: epilepsy. From a corporate social responsibility perspective, these

companies have demonstrated that they are more than instruments for generating money; they are also vehicles for accomplishing societal purposes and for providing meaningful livelihoods for those of our people afflicted by the neurological disorder.

One school of thought posits that the value that a company creates should be measured not just in terms of short-term profits or paychecks, but also in terms of how it sustains the conditions that allow it to flourish over time. I cannot agree any less with this articulation, as such corporate leaders deliver more than just financial returns; they also build enduring institutions. The need to cross borders and sectors to tap new business opportunities must be accompanied by concern for public issues beyond the boundaries of the firm, requiring the formation of public-private partnerships in which executives consider societal interests along with their business interests.

Hence, we highly appreciate our corporate friends for being good citizens of the nation by assisting us address the socio-economic disparities faced by those with epilepsy. The fight against epilepsy discrimination is a public good since the disorder could undermine the collective development effort of the kingdom. Private companies and businesses have a unique role to play in the fight against the stigmatisation and discrimination of people with epilepsy as they interact with such people directly in employment relations and indirectly through employees' families, customers, as well as community members. By joining forces with government and civil society, the private sector has an opportunity to contribute to the development and sustainability of a vibrant and productive business environment and offer a "business case" for prevention, care and treatment. Due to limitations of space, we will end here for today, but remember, we have a date next week, same day and same place.



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Hearing people. You can't live with them, you can't live without them. Of course, the term 'hearing people' only really exists in the deaf world, because hearing folk generally see themselves as being, simply, 'people.' But to us deafies, there's something distinctive about them. We know there are things that only they would do. They're literally everywhere, these hearing people.

So, listed for convenience, here are some things we'd rather hearing people did a whole lot less – their very most annoying habits.

1. OVERHEARING THINGS THEY AREN'T EVEN LISTENING TO

At social gathering you can bet your bottom dollar that the last person to find out will be the deaf person.

"But everyone knew about it!" their peers will later say, showing a remarkable lack of awareness of how he even found out in the first place – when he overheard the Siphos talking to the Betty while he was typing at his computer.

Hearing people listen when they're not even trying to. They even learn things from the information they overhear. This phenomenon is called incidental learning.

Learning without even meaning to? That's just ANNOYING.

2. CORRECTING OUR PRONUNCIATION

To hearing people, it seems crazy that a grown man could pronounce a word incorrectly. So, as we mispronounce a word, they think the appropriate response is to laugh or correct us. Forgetting, of course, that since we don't hear so well, we may not have heard quite how a word should sound. It's embarrassing, but we can't help it. So don't correct us. Let it slide. We did the speech therapy. It helped, but clearly, it didn't fully work. Let's move on.

3. BEING TOO SUBTLE

If a deaf person thinks I've put on weight, they tell me. There's no place to hide with sign language. They point at me, puff out their cheeks, then their hands track a big round shape where their tummy is. I can see just how fat I've become. Despite the initial awkwardness, I know in that moment that I need to cut down on the pap and get myself to the gym. But if a hearing person thinks I've become a bit thick of tum, they do everything they can to hide it.

They look me up and down, do a few mental calculations, and then say "You're looking well." Looking well? What they mean is, "You've put on a lot of weight, my friend." You know it, and they know it. So why can't they say it?

4. FAKING SNEEZES

Perhaps this is the biggest hearing deception of all. While deaf people sneeze naturally, hearing people feel compelled to add sound effects, in the form of that "ah-choo" noise. All so they can be more socially acceptable. Stop thinking you're a better person because you 'ah-choo,' my friend. Sneeze organically. Sneeze as God intended.

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- SOME ANNOYING HABITS OF HEARING PEOPLE



5. LOOKING AWAY WHILE COMMUNICATING

Hearing people look everywhere when you talk to them. As if your conversation isn't interesting enough, they scan the room for other people who might have arrived. They glance at their phones in case they have a new message. Or they just stare at the blank wall behind you.

There is an advantage to the way deaf people interact. Hearing people could learn a lot from the way deaf people communicate, because deaf people give you their full attention. Because some of us attempt to lip read, we have to focus hard on people's lips (sorry if this makes you uncomfortable, by the way). Because we're trying to figure out what you're saying, we can't switch off. Because we're deaf, we're forced to really LISTEN. We give you our full attention. Why not give us yours?

6. WHEN YOU GO A BIT DEAF, PRETENDING YOU DON'T NEED HEARING AIDS

This one's not aimed at hearing people per se, but rather, those who pretend they're still hearing, despite becoming a bit deaf. What are they so ashamed of? Rather than tell people that they don't understand things from time to time, they pretend they're not deaf at all. They live in denial. Soon, their families become frustrated with them for not understanding anything, their neighbours wonder why the television has to be on so loudly all the time, and often, they retreat into a world of their own.

Rather than wear hearing aids and admit they're a bit deaf, they'd rather be thought of as a bit wacky and random. They'd rather be left out. It's funny in a way, except it's also very, very sad. What's so bad about being thought of as being deaf, that you'd have to hide it? Beats us.

7. SINGING IN TUNE

Ok, so this one isn't something we'd necessarily want to change. We don't want hearing people to start singing out of tune, that wouldn't be good for us, you, or anybody.

We'd just like you to be a little

less smug about being able to sing in tune. When we sing along to a song, like Happy Birthday – just for the fun of it, just because we love the tune, or we're in the moment – leave us be. Don't tell us how bad we sound.

Don't act like we shouldn't even open our mouths in future for fear of offending your precious ears. Don't – whatever you do – proceed to then sing it in tune, to show us how it should be done. We're deaf. We wear hearing aids. We can't hear you. We're never going to be good singers. Accept it. Cover your ears. Let us have our moment.

8. ASSUMING

This one's pretty broad, but we make no apology for that.

Don't assume... that all deaf people are the same. Some use sign language, and some lipread. Some like to use a sign language interpreter, others prefer speech-to-text. Some swing both ways on the above, but don't assume it's ok to call us 'swingers' as a result.

Don't assume... that because we heard everything you said one day, we'll hear everything you say the next. We might be in a noisy place. You might speak less clearly. We might be tired, from listening to you all day yesterday.

Don't assume... you're cleverer than us because we occasionally mishear something. You might be cleverer than us, you might not. You won't know from judging how quickly we make sense of something you say. How about a game of chess?

Basically... don't assume. Or we'll assume things about you, too. Like... you're not very nice, or something along those lines.

9. SHOUTING AT US

I'm finding it hard to understand you, my hearing acquaintance, so why not speak a little more clearly? Use your hands, your face and body. Stop mumbling and covering your mouth, or looking around the room. Look at me and maybe slow down a little bit. Whatever you do, don't start SHOUTING at me. Please. It's embarrassing.

It doesn't help me to understand you. And it makes me feel a bit scared.



JOY NDWANDWE'S ZONE LEADERSHIP

This African youth month, had originally wished to dedicate this column to Swaziland's rising stars, but I have been interrupted by unforeseen circumstances. Hence I defer this commitment to July, Swaziland's hero's month, to advance the argument on how we have a pool of young heroes. As I continue this youth month to campaign how Africa is rising for the youth, with all the challenges there is hope and I am guiding light as a renaissance researcher. The question on many youth's mind is why they should be conscious and enriched on the past?

THE PAST IS THE FUTURE

The past terrifies a lot of people, particularly when this is being contested within research and scholarship. Some call this politics, they are entitled to this opinion, which indicates the fact that these dominate paradigms are resisting contestation. In actual fact this is what drives my passion for the African renaissance research and scholarly works. As it is about contesting dominate paradigms that have been accepted as truths and yet they were constructed and researched through an inappropriate lens.

Hence I argue that Africa is rising for the youth as renaissance researchers are contesting colonial knowledge which has been sung as truth and yet it was researched with colonial lenses. This is the past and it is the past that cannot be the future without being contested, so researchers consolidate knowledge reservoirs in knowledge creation and production for the future. The past will always be available but research contestation must be embarked on to create a future pool of critical thinkers and analysts.

Linear knowledge glorified in the past created colonised minds, and the African renaissance researchers and scholars are engaged in knowledge creation and production of the cradle of humanity. This is a critical component of Africa rising, as this research and scholarly works provide a diverse knowledge pool. Thus enabling the youth to critically interrogate the spiritual knowledge and heritage. As they will be in an excellent position to interrogate diverse knowledge as they are rooted in knowledge contestation and not indoctrination.

Evidently the narrative 'Africa rising' emanates from acknowledging existing challenges such as the bad leadership, corruption and the failed state. Hence researchers and scholars must pass the baton to the youth by contesting existing knowledge's about the past. This contestation sets a solid base for a future endowed with positive narratives. African renaissance research and scholarship should create resources of spiritual knowledge and heritage for the youth, simply put yesterday, today and tomorrow.

MISINFORMATION BREEDS INSECURITY

Knowledge from the past has created a pool of insecure African citizens, as it has serious gaps and misinformation. Let me begin with how religious misinformation that tried to erase the concept of Supreme Being from the minds of humanity. Such that today each religious group invests resources creating hatred that results in religious bigotry, genocide, conflicts and wars over whose God is the true God. And yet it is an uncontested fact that there is only one God, the Supreme Being, who has challenged humanity with diverse religions such that they have the responsibility to prove worthiness of His Grace and Love.

The race card is embroiled with misinformation and yet we are all from the one race, which is the human race. And this race card has cre-

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As the first international treaty on youth development, the Youth Charter bears a significant place in the protection of the rights of young persons.

ate a pool of insecure Africans, preoccupied with being European, evidence of the self-hatred emanating from the violence of racial discrimination. What a pity as God made it simple and straightforward for us, we all have the same biological parts irrespective of the continent of our birth. African renaissance research has proven that Africa is the cradle of humanity, and all continents were populated by persons originating from this continent.

The gender card has also been embroiled with misinformation that must be dispelled as part of Africa rising, as humanity have a common identity that is, the soul, agent of God. Therefore the past that has made women and girls feel insecure due to

their gender must not be part of Africa rising. The youth needs to accept that because we are souls, we are all agents of God, and therefore equal in the eyes of God, the Supreme Being. This is Africa rising as both boys and girls, women and men walking with confidence to the future, as in God's world we are all His children.

REAR MIRROR IS CRITICAL IN DRIVING FORWARD

The most practical and yet intriguing lesson from driving a car, is that in driving forward you have to continuously reflect through the rear mirror. This is a lifelong lesson critical when we argue that Africa is rising for the youth, hence they must reflect on the past. Thus empowering their driving forward to Africa 2063, as this drive requires balance and rootedness within spiritual knowledge and heritage. The rear mirror provides the youth with a healthy perspective on how colonisation colonised the colonised mind.

This reflection create reflective skills critical for Africa rising such that the youth can realise that materialism are Trojan horses for colonising the mind. As it is an important part of modernity that raptures the souls of African who do not reflect on the rear mirror. This manifests as the violence of modernity similar to the car accidents from the back caused being not using the rear mirror. Therefore when we speak of Africa rising for the youth, we are speaking to the use of reflective skills

such that Africa is never colonised.

Africa rising for the youth also speaks to taking responsibility of ensuring they know their past, and do not fear it. The classical feared knowledge is embedded within the concept of ancestors and genealogy, and yet this past will propel Africa's rising through the youth. The misrepresentation that African's worship ancestors has resulted in driving forward without depth of this continent's spiritual knowl-

edge and heritage. The youth deserve to have in-depth understanding of ancestors and genealogy to avoid being overtaken by developments and innovation.

When driving a car and a racing car travelling in dashing speed passes and you feel the breeze, this is what Africa has

been experiencing. As it has not been rooted within its spiritual knowledge and heritage such that they have been overtaken with dashing speed, particularly in development and innovation. This youth month must enable Africa rising to ensure understanding that ancestors and genealogy is not demonic or satanic, but the source of spiritual knowledge and heritage. Such that tapping into this untapped spiritual knowledge heritage can be a source of innovation and imagination. Africa has not designed or produced its own car, and yet this continent is consuming cars from all continents, similar to being overtaken by racing cars.

In conclusion, Africa rising for the youth, requires rebellion that results in contestation of dominate paradigms that have become gospel truth. And yet these so called truths are as new as modernity and development in Africa, have managed to erase African spiritual knowledge and heritage. African renaissance researchers and scholars are not racist or politicians but engaged in knowledge contestation glorified as truth, as this is where Africa finds itself.

Lastly this contestation emphasises how the lens that constructed or researched these knowledge is not indigenous to this continent. This stimulates and create space for contestation as the Africa world view must be researched and preserved by the children of African ancestors. Thus restoring dignity embedded within genealogy, Africa Rising. Happy Ramadan African people!



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MATTERS OF DEGREE

MIND THAT ERROR

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The title and blurb of an article in the OBSERVER ON SATURDAY, November 28, 2015 grabbed me because both pertained to my source of livelihood. The title, which has a direct bearing on a course that I teach at the university, read: **10 RULES OF WRITING A RESEARCH PROPOSAL**. And the blurb, which bears on my chronic academic passion, read: "Remember to cross check grammar and spelling. There is **nothing annoying than** writing a brilliant proposal that no one can understand because it is riddled with spelling errors."

To be more precise, it was the second sentence of the blurb that caught my attention because of the phrase which has been highlighted therein, to wit: "nothing annoying **than**." You see, the word, "than," in the phrase signalises a matter known in grammar as **comparison**.

Used as a conjunction, "than" is a word that introduces the second part of a comparison, which is one division of an aspect of grammar known as **inflection**. This refers to the change in spelling or form that a word undergoes to show a change in meaning.

Adjectives, like adverbs, are inflected to show the **degree** of their qualities, the degrees being the **positive**, the **comparative**, and the **superlative**. Respectively, "good," "better," and "best" are examples of the positive, the comparative, and the superlative degree.

Given that little lowdown on degree, can you see why the phrase, "nothing annoying than," set off the alarm bell of grammar in me? Well, whenever you see the word, "than," just look behind it: If you do not see an adjective or adverb that is the comparative degree, know that something is wrong.

That is why that second sentence in the aforementioned blurb should have read: "There is **nothing MORE annoying than** a proposal that is riddled with spelling errors." Interestingly, the blurb was taken from RULE 10 of the article, which was sub-headed, **EDITING**.

Sentence

If you care to take another look at the original sentence, you will find it has undergone considerable **EDITING**. The corrected version has eliminated the following words: "writing a brilliant proposal that one can understand." Come to think of it, how can we refer to a proposal that "no one can understand because it is riddled with spelling errors" as "brilliant," at all?

Technically, the name to the error in that second sentence of the blurb is **omission of comparative term**.

You can spot a similar error of degree in the following sentence: "One of the leading supermarket chains in Southern (sic) Africa and in Swaziland, Shoprite, has been accused of racial discrimination in neighbouring South Africa after a display showed that a white doll was expensive than a black doll." This is the lead of a news story in the Times of Swaziland, November 24, 2015. Its headline read: "Shoprite in racism storm over doll prices."

The phrase, "was expensive than," is in error because it omits the comparative term, "more." The terminal clause in the sentence should read: "...a white doll was **more** expensive than a black doll."

I DO NOT THINK SO MINISTER is the title of an opinion piece in the OBSERVER ON SATURDAY, December 5, 2016. Of interest to us here are these two sentences from the last paragraph of the article. The first sentence reads: "Effects of dagga are as **worse** as those of prostitution." And the second sentence reads: "Further the green herb messes up families the same way, if not worse, prostitution does."

The first sentence is wrong because of the adjective, "worse," which is in the comparative degree instead of the positive degree, "bad": "Effects of dagga are as **bad** as those of prostitution." This is an error of **faulty comparative degree**.

The second sentence is in error because it omits a vital element that is part and parcel of any comparative construction, the conjunction, "than." It should read: "Further, the green herb messes up families the same way, if not worse than, prostitution does."

However, the sentence may be corrected in another way which, some may argue, is more appropriate because of its coherence, thus: "Further, the green herb messes up families the same way prostitution does, if not worse."

By the way, the head spots an error of **comma omission**. It should read: **I DO NOT THINK SO, MINISTER**. The first editorial in the SWAZI NEWS of October 25, 2014 was titled, "No means to end UNISWA boycott." Its third sentence reads, thus: "Every year, we see same happening and **most** often **than** not, it always has to do with allowances."

Anybody who is familiar with the idiomatic expression, "more often than not," would immediately spot the source of the error in that sentence. Of course, it is the word, "most." This is an error of **faulty superlative degree**.

Parody

We find exactly the same kind of error in the very first sentence of an article in the Swazi Observer of February 13, 2015, one with the headline, **YOU CANNOT LOSE YOUR MIND**. The sentence reads: "**Most** often than not, many people unknowingly confuse the words Consciousness and Discipline."

Surely, the writer has managed to confuse "most" with "more" - if you don't mind that parody! The superlative degree has been used to qualify the adverb, "often," instead of the comparative. Besides, whenever we have an adjective in the superlative degree, we cannot use the conjunction, "than."

In the **AFRICAN INDEPENDENT** of February 12, 2016 was an article that made me let out a loud guffaw: "Are you kidding me?" The article was titled, "Kenya vs Nigeria: Which is **most** corrupt?"

To be sure, my guffaw had nothing to do with the substance of the title, but with the word, "most." How on earth could you be talking about two countries and use the superlative degree? This was certainly an error of **faulty superlative degree**.

But you know what? The second sentence of the second paragraph of article did not bear the error found in headline, for it read: "Between Kenya and Nigeria, which is **more** corrupt?"

That's more like it: The superlative degree, "most," is incorrect. The correct degree is the comparative, "more."

Talking about degrees of comparison, there lived a man who did not only cast himself in the superlative degree, but was also recognised and loved as such by most of mankind. Just as it is an error to say that America is greatest **THAN** any other country, so is an error to say that Muhammad Ali was greatest **THAN** any other boxer. He was simply: **THE GREATEST!**



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UMUTI



There are many different types of homesteads that are found in the country today. There is a home that has one wife, one that has more than one wife and *umuti welusendvo lekulikhaya leliba nababe, nebafati bakhe nebantwana babo kanye netihlobo letifaka ekhatsi gogo, mkhulu, bomzala, bomalume kanye nabo babekati* (aunts).

It is not easy to build *umuti*. The unavailability of resources to build it is not the major challenge but the science behind building it. SiSwati has it that apart from the owner of the home which in actual fact is the overseer, not the actual owner because *emaSwati* are of the view that *umfana akalakhi likhaya uyise asaphila adla emabele*, the father who on the Swazi point of view is the 'actual owner' together with the ancestors play a very vital and fundamental role towards the welfare of the home.

The engineering behind the construction of a home does not only require financial stability from the male, but also requires physical, mental and emotional maturity. There is a vast difference that is worth noting between *umuti nelilawu*. It is in my deepest profound and knowledge that these two are immensely confused, it is for that reason most of us today build *emalawu* and then think *sakhe imiti*. Let us today carefully study the science behind the construction of a homestead.

From the Swazi point of view, a human being has two homes; it can be his father's homestead or his mother's homestead. *Umuntfu angakhulela ekhaya kubo kantsi futsi angakhulela ekhaya make wakhe*. However, it is a big challenge for a boy who grows up in his mother's homestead, this adds responsibilities for him as he is expected to find a place (*akhonte*) as soon as he reaches adulthood and build a home for his mother. Swazi culture further detects that he must also pay *lobola* for his mother, especially if *unina angendzanga embili*.

The *umuti* that has been built by the male child is not complete until he fulfils these obligation. Moreover, he is further obliged by culture to dance *umtsimba* with his mother so to consummate and endorse his mother as a fully married woman. This therefore explains why the mother is buried at her son's home should she die. Many would find it very confusing and probably ask themselves *kutsi umfana umlobola njani unina?*

This is culturally practised and it emphasises the fact that *umntfwana wemfana usho kuma kwemuti*. *Ngiko emaSwati atsi umfana uyimphendvulo lebuya kulabalele lesho inchubekela phambili*. *Umuti* cannot be built by a boy but a man because it requires maturity from all avenues.

EmaSwati atsi budvodza abukhulelwa, which

means a male child, cannot wait until he is old physically, he can still decide to fulfil his obligations even at a tender age because maturity of a male is not judged by the number of years but experience and behaviour in those years. The behaviour of a male from the time when he is young, determines the kind of man he shall be when he grows up. This is the reason why *kwelusa bekumvula emehlo umfana akhule nenhlakanipho legconsile*.

Adulthood

Any male who has reached adulthood and has the experience of looking after cattle will not behave in the same manner as a male who has not herded cattle. This also applies to females who have looked after cattle. *Kwelusa* inculcates respect, patience and shapes a person to be a responsible citizen, to name a few. This attributes are very essential as they allow one to view life from a very different perspective and they also form an integral part in leadership skills. The statement that says 'leaders are made not born' proves to be true in the Swazi way of life as far as *kwelusa* is concerned. Furthermore, the life of a male used to revolve around cattle which includes *kwelusa*, *kusenga*, *kubophela* and *kuhlalela inkhomo*. These are some of the many things that play a very important role in grooming a boy child.

Again, there is a difference between *umuti nelikhaya*. *Umuti ubalikhaya nini?* It can never be said *umuti likhaya ngaphandle kwemfati*, what I'm trying to enlighten here is that *indvodza yakha umuti bese umfati wakha likhaya*.

What does that mean? It means *umfati* is the one person that brings life *kumuti* hence she qualifies it to *likhaya*. *Umuti usuke ungakapheleli nakute likhaya*. A man may have children.

Among his children the first born son (*lisokanchanti*) as well as the last born son are not expected to vacate their parental home, not at any stage. All other males are supposed to leave and find a place where they will build their homes. Over and above that, the head of the family is respected because he is the one that communicates with ancestors.

He believes the home is not his but for his father and as a result *bomakoti nebantwana bayahlonipha ekhaya ngobe bahlonipha banikati bemuti*. In *umuti*, there is not a day when a person is expected to shout or yell, the intensity of the argument that may arise does not allow *kutsetsa* but rather *kungenwa endlunkhulu* and settle the matter.

It is only *gogo* and *mkhulu* that can yell, not any other person. *Umnikati wemuti akanumuzi kiwo kunumuzi uyise wakhe*. *Yena unumuzi emtini webantfwabakhe*. Moreover, plants and animals are used to make *umuti likhaya* which is why every homestead has its own *tinyamatane*. It is worth noting that not every tree is planted *ekhaya*. There are trees that are not supposed to be brought *ekhaya* like *umlahlabantfu*, *umntulwa*, *sihlahla nobe imbali lephuma lubisi*, *inchithamu*, *umtombotsi*, *umbolelacebeni*, to name a few.

Sihlahla nesilwane are two things that can

either make or destroy *umuti*. *Angeke liSwati libindze liva kukhala sikhova ekhaya*, or *tinja tishaya umkhulungwane, nobe tintfombi takazulu tiphitsitela endlini*. *Mkhulu uyasukuma atsate tindvuku takhe ayewukwa kutsi kwentekani emtini wakhe*. *Umuti awuphengulwa ngulowakhile kapha uphengulwa ngulonumuza kuwo*.

We have discussed at length about trees and animals in our previous articles. *Umuti* must have *indluyakagogo*, *lilawu*, *intsanga*, *indluyekulala*, *lidladla lekuphekela*, *lidladlalekuphisela*, *libhabhadla*, *indumba*, *emjonweni*, *sibaya kanye neliguma*. Times have changed. Most of these are not seen by any chance today. The manner in which we build our homesteads today is different from yesterday. We need to revisit our past and reconsider the way of life of Swazis during those times. A man can build his mansion with several bedrooms, but still there is need to build *indlunkhulu* and *lilawu*. These two houses are very important. *Indlunkhulu* is where family gatherings are held, as well as meetings. *Makoti ugcojijiselwakhona*, *kufukamelwakhona*. This house has many places within it which are evidently significant.

However, we will deliberate on them on another day. There is *umsamo*, *litiko*, *ecobeni*, *sifumbanja*, *litiko*, *elutsanzane nase tsala*. *Lilawu* on the other hand is a house where the head of the family rests and meditates alone. It is where he keeps his traditional attire, his medicines like *timbita takhe* and it is where he holds

More and more people are choosing cremation



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ing cremation as one way of having their remains taken care of. About three percent of services conducted by Dups Funeral Home per month are now crematorium services and of these, about 30% of the total number is Swazis.

There are still many dissenting voices with regards to cremation, and that is also not a big issue for us. We are a versatile company that is perfectly capable of handling whatever our customers wish – whether it is burial within the country or abroad, or cremation.

Recently a biker tragically died in a road accident and was cremated as he wished. His friends said he had always mentioned that he would be cremated, even though they did not think

that was a good idea. Thankfully, his wishes were respected. The biker, who was in his 30s, showed that perceptions are slowly changing.

It is a good thing that he had always vocalised how he wanted his remains to be disposed of and had given his loved ones the chance to get used to his choice. Although quite a few people have been opting for cremation for quite some time, it is a fairly new concept. Many misunderstand and dismiss it without taking adequate time to think about what it really means and how it benefits the remaining relatives.

Cremation

In one television soapie, a young man who was considered to be a hot-head in his family chose cremation

over burial, which the family, especially his father, disagreed with. They resolved they would bury him anyway. His sister was determined to honour her brother's wishes, so she visited the funeral home on the sly and had her brother cremated. The father, played by the recently departed *Babe Nyembezi Kunene*, then came to claim his deceased son's body and was given the urn containing his remains.

He hit the roof before he crumpled in the boardroom, stating he had failed as a father if his own son could choose cremation. He was very distressed about how the ancestors would meet his son now that he had been reduced to ash.

That encompasses the core senti-

ment among those that are anti-cremation. What happens in the after-life? Is the transition not rather spiritual than physical? While it would be an interesting discussion point for those that believe in that argument, it is also important to note that even those that get buried do not stay in the state in which they are buried forever.

Others fear that cremation is probably disrespectful to the departed, but nothing could be further from the truth. The process is conducted in a very orderly fashion and is as respectful as the burials we handle. The crematorium facility at Dups Funeral Home is the only one providing cremation services in Swaziland, and has been operating for almost eight years.

Burial space is beginning to get

The wheels of change are in motion regarding the issue of cremation in the country. Slowly but surely, people are embracing

private meetings. Ummumzane welikhaya lowakhe umuti ubanesikhatsi laphe adla ematsambo engcondvo ayedwana elawini lakhe. Lamuhla tinswane sekulahlwa nato emakamelweni. Umhlango ekhaya sewubanjelwa egumbini lekuhlala (sitting room). Indvodza sekwaba ngiyo lefukamela emantjwele.

It is of great importance to understand that emaSwati used to tread carefully during the process of getting a place for building. Emadvuna endzawo, lincusa kanye nabandla ncane played a very important role in assisting a person who wanted land for *kukhonta*. Akwakhiwa etindzaleni temuti tsite, ngaphandle nangabe uyati kutsi labo labebakhe kuleto tindzala basukelani. Umuti awakhiwa lakunemadliza khona alomunye umuti. Kunetindzawo emmangweni lekungakhiwa kuto. The question is; are we Swazis of today still adhering to these ethics?

In conclusion, kwakha umuti is not an easy task. The Swazi culture detects that every male who is brought up in our society has a task to build *umuti* in the future and find an intelligent woman that will help him qualify *umuti* to *likhaya*. Indvodza yakha umuti, umfati akhe likhaya. In addition to this, *umuti* is the buildings within a homestead. *Likhaya* is the life that is brought by *umfati* within *umuti*. The Swazi culture values a woman as opposed to her husband because she is the one that grooms the children and teaches them discipline.

Influence

She brings a different culture to the home and all her children are then groomed through the influence of her parents. It is for this reason emaSwati used to say *indvuku lenhle igawulwa etiveni*. Meaning in marriage we exchange cultures. If *uliSwati* lemdzabu akulungi kutsi utsatse loliSwati lemdzabu, tsatsa likhandzambili nobe lifika muva khona utewufundza emasiko nenchubo yaletinye five.

In our century, are we building a generation of men that will become respectable in society or we are now building a generation that will migrate to urban areas, buy plots, build a house and end up in a cemetery or be cremated? Seriously, how many men today in this chosen Kingdom of *Mvelinchanti* are educating their sons on the culture and the way of life of the Swazis so that they become respectable adults of tomorrow as well? What kind of a generation are we hoping for in the next coming years? Do we have males who still believe that *umuntfu wesifazane akatsatfwa ayewu-fakwa emtini walomunye*? If she meets a man who lost his wife, the man must find a new place and build for her. Can that still be possible, now that we build our homes in urban or semi-urban areas? *Asekhona yini emaSwati lati kutsi umntfwanentfombi akan-gen emtini wemfati weyise besewufuna kuwudla? Kulukhuni kuba yindvodza!*

scarce in some places around the country, such as at Ngwane Park Cemetery, and cremation is one way of saving space.

It is also a way of ensuring that people of other nationalities that are not keen to be buried here or to bury their loved ones here, still get to transport remains to their home countries without the costs they would incur when flying a casket. They also get to do so at a time that is convenient to them without the pressure that comes with a person that needs to be buried.

Is cremation something you would consider or not? Get in touch with us on our social media pages www.facebook.com/dups or on Twitter @dupsinsurance to let us know what informs your choice. If you would like to know more about the process of cremation or any of our products and services, please call us on 2505 2028 or send queries to info@dupsgruop.com. You can also pay us a visit at our offices in Manzini, Matata, Matsapha, Simunye, Nhlangano, Mbabane, Pigg's Peak and Siteki.



Nothing could have ever prepared me for the ride I had whilst with the Swaziland Tourism Authority, nothing! I already loved my country and had engaged in tourism activities long before I even knew they were 'tourism related activities and adventures'. To join the Swaziland Tourism Authority and actually have my interests, often described as eccentric, by family and friends, being given formal names and then learning there was a whole world out there filled with people just like me was so amazing. I had found myself doing that which was the centre of my passion.

And even though this was indeed something I was already passionate about, something I always wanted to do – sell my country that is – I was never ready for the Swaziland that the STA opened my eyes to. I knew there was more to Swaziland than met the eye. I knew that Swaziland was not 'boring', but I had no idea just how much this beautiful country has to offer. And for 10 years now, and even though I still haven't covered even half of what is there, I have to say, I am now more than aware that Swaziland, my country, is a world of potential. There is so much history, so many natural wonders, and so many gems hidden out there that still need to be brought to the fore.

This is the very same feeling that saw the birth of Travelling Feet. Initial plans for the platform had to be dropped for so many reasons, but the main objective of the platform never changed. What I had envisioned was creating a platform that would tell the world about the wonders of Swaziland, as well as to try and instil amongst us Swazis, the culture of travel. This is why Travelling Feet could not be limited to just Swaziland alone. We had to open your eyes (and ours) to the possibilities that lie out there and we also had to show how easy it was to achieve this. To a certain extent, we managed to do that. Who is we, you ask?

Travelling Feet was always a team of journalists and a budding Travel Writer, me. And my word, what an experience! We grew from just a bunch of media people travelling together to being friends, who share a common respect for each other and a common passion for our country. But I guess that's what travel, and generally the Swazi experience will do for you and to you. And even though we will most certainly be back here, bigger and stronger even, I have to say this break is still overwhelming. My heart does cartwheels at the thought of it all but I am glad there is an entire Travelling Feet team that feels as strongly about this as I do. Readers, please find below a few words from the team,

IT'S NOT GOOD BYE, IT'S SEE YOU LATER...



as they say: "Fare thee well dear readers, we will be back."

Bongani 'Thiza' Dube wrote: "No words, and I mean no words, can ever adequately describe the last two or so years I've been privileged to be part of the Travelling Feet family, a noble initiative aimed at patriotic travel. When we set out to discover some of the country's less known wonders, little did we know we'd make such a huge impact to our audiences on various media platforms. Several people have had us advise them on their local travel itineraries. Under the able guidance of the knowledgeable and extremely organised 'Boss lady', as we called Nokwanda, we have been such a formidable force. From paintballing to caving, white water rafting to abseiling, site inspections to food reviewing, we shall forever cherish the opportunity of discovering the abundance of Swaziland's beauty and sharing our adventure diaries with you.

We are also proud to have played a part in promoting domestic leisure and entertainment, particularly through the #MduraHellaFunny show where we held our first and pilot game show "Know It!" Knowing one's surroundings shouldn't be a costly activity, and we showed you how it could be done.

It would be folly not to thank the Swaziland Tourism Authority, as well as several establishments who enabled these feet to travel, these eyes to see, and these words to be shared with more Swazis in the hope of awakening the wanderlust in you. Swaziland is endowed with limitless wonders, and we leave you with a simple challenge: Know your kingdom! It's the best treat you could ever reward yourself with. It's been great, and as K-ash (I call her K-ash – from her days with music group Knack Beatz) said last week: We shall be back. Keep walk... um, travelling :-)."

Simon K. Shabangu said:

"Travelling Feet is a great platform to promote the country's tourism.

We had an amazing team that made all the trips we took memo-

able. We have been up in the trees (canopy tours) and deep into the bowels of the ground.

From all these trips we got to appreciate the beauty of the country even more. I must say that Travelling Feet opened doors for most of us, to see, appreciate and learn about the country we have always thought we knew. The best thing about it was its members – an amazing team comprising: Bongani Dube aka Tiza, Teetee Zwane, Lution the rapper, Thabile Mdluli, Sithembile 'Supaphly' Vilane and Nokwanda. Noxolo Nkabinde recently joined the team and she hit the ground running as she took to social media to push Swaziland and tourism in general. Sadly, some members had to leave the team due to other commitments, but the team lived on and forever will.

We have had some amazing trips where we went caving and one guy nearly got stuck between the rocks in the dark caves. That was scary, very scary. We went for horse riding; one guy fell off a running horse. That was funny because of the way he came back walking faster than even the horses themselves!

We went to Ngwenya, believe it or not, there we had chilly chocolate. Some of us had running stomachs the following day. Who has ever thought there can be chilly chocolate? We also had a marula manufacturing experience; it was nice especially the tasting session. Never heard such fine English in the bus back home after that marula experience! As to where it came from, remains a mystery for me to this very day.

And then there was this woman who wanted to catch a ride on our mini bus thinking it was public transport, to which she was politely told: "Ncesi Make, yimoto yenkopolo lena." Names are deliberately withheld for fear of the unknown (lol). The message was; this was a company car, but wrongly presented, and in the most hilarious of ways.

From the paintballing battles we had, through to the simplest of trips in between, all of which cannot be counted individually, I had the most memorable of experiences. We look forward to growing from this level to greater

heights with your continued support.

I say hats off to the brains behind the whole project, our Boss lady, and many thanks to STA for supporting some of the trips. This is indeed not the last but in fact, it is just the beginning."

Sithembile 'Supaphly' Vilane wrote:

Travelling Feet has empowered me to "triple E" (explore, experience and enjoy) my beautiful country. A moment that stands out the most for me was exploring Northern Swaziland mainly because that journey took me to the next level of my spirituality. This is where I understood why Swaziland is coined Africa's Pulpit. Another unforgettable moment was when one of the country's MCs and my colleague, fell off his horse!! That day set the tone to what would be a whirlwind experience with the team. I could go on and on, but all in all, I realised that I need to continue sharing Swaziland with anybody and everybody who will give me a moment to tell them about it.

Khonzumthetho 'Anakhonza' Kunene said:

The Travelling Feet team to me is like family. I enjoy every excursion not only because I love this country but because I experience it with the best travel mates. The Travelling Feet experience is mostly physically exhausting due to the challenging activities we take on but the bright side is we have a blast each and every time. Being a part of this team helped me understand why Swaziland, as a country, is unique in her beauty and why she deserves to be celebrated. I have climbed, descended, cabled, driven, rafted and walked through some of the most interesting parts of the kingdom because of Travelling Feet. It is also because of being a part of this team that I have met many new friends and have built relations with other people who share a passion for Swaziland. This team serves as an example of how a group of individuals can inspire, support, encourage and motivate each other through tough challenges and build lasting bonds in the process. Long live Travelling Feet and we will forever love Swaziland.

That's it. It's a wrap from us. We will indeed be back sooner than you think and definitely better than anticipated. Again, many thanks to you, readers, for the support and encouragement. Thank you to the different establishments for trusting us with your brand. Thank you so much STA for the support and particularly opening up my eyes to the beauty of my country. Thank you for creating within me, a deep set hunger to share my country with the world. Thank you to the Swazi Observer team. You will be seeing us back here soon.



HUMAN RIGHTS ARE UNIVERSAL

● *No country should be left unchallenged if there are violations committed*

The fact that the world has become a global village, there is absolutely no one person irrespective of their status that should be allowed to get away with murder while violating people's human rights.

The Kingdom of Swaziland is part of this global village and family thus is bound to honour and respect the international treaties and instruments she has acceded to. People's cultural heritage and herald custom as well as religious convictions are daily being put on a microscopic view by the provisions of human rights treaties.

Even though some nations claim they are not signatories of some of these treaties, they are still being followed closely by the international community. It becomes as no big surprise when some form of sanctions are applied, resulting to untold economic doom if they indiscriminately subject their citizens to unjust and unfair treatment.

It is such a pity that people are even blinded by customary rites and religious convictions to violate human rights with impunity. It is absurd to marry under aged girls using one's cultural rites as the reason for such barbaric behaviour. Arranged marriages (*kulamuta/inhlanti*) within some African tribes poses greater challenges let alone violating girls' rights.

We cannot condone child abuse and harsh punishment meted to children on bases that such abusive actions are part of correcting and disciplining children. We should be practicing positive discipline instead. How do we navigate ourselves in a world that is full of so many human rights abuses?

UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS - 1948

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) adopted in 1948 was an attempt by all nations to uphold human dignity whereby the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world laid. Any political ideology that attempts to deprive citizens of any given country this foundational truth that human beings are born equal and free must be discarded.

Going back to this very important declaration, the world was faced crisis after World Wars which left millions dead, wounded and brutalised. Unfortunately nations were dragged into battle zones which they were not responsible for.

The reasons advanced were so vague, that even Africa a colonised continent by then ended sending troops, with even small countries like Swaziland sending *Umsizi*, to fight under the British Armies, just for by merely being a Protectorate State of the British Empire.

Millions of starving people who were sick and wounded had their human rights violated, as bombs were rained upon innocent lives and communities. Certainly we did not deserve this. "People are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in spirit of brotherhood" (Article 1).

erhood" (Article 1).

Once people are oppressed and made to feel inferior to others, then we must act swiftly and arrest such abuses, because like cancer, if left unattended, it has potential to spread all over.

FREEDOM IS FUNDAMENTAL

Article 2 of the UDHR, underpins the entitlements of people regarding their rights and freedoms. People should not be discriminated against because of race colour, sex, language, religion and political or other opinion. I guess this is where we all fail dismally to appreciate the differences we have as people created in the image of the Supreme Being.

No one chooses to belong to a certain ethnicity or race, so it becomes unfair to be looked down upon or even discriminated against just because you happen to belong to a certain ethnic group.

We should be respecting all the people and no race or nation should feel they are controlling the world. While we may appear different and unique, but collectively we belong to mother earth and have every right to exist.

In this part of the world there are ethnic groups who are associated with bad things. In some instances, those who are not South African, for an example, are often referred to as *Makwerekwere*- foreigners. These derogatory descriptions create xenophobia tendencies, in that all people who are not South Africans are then viewed negatively.

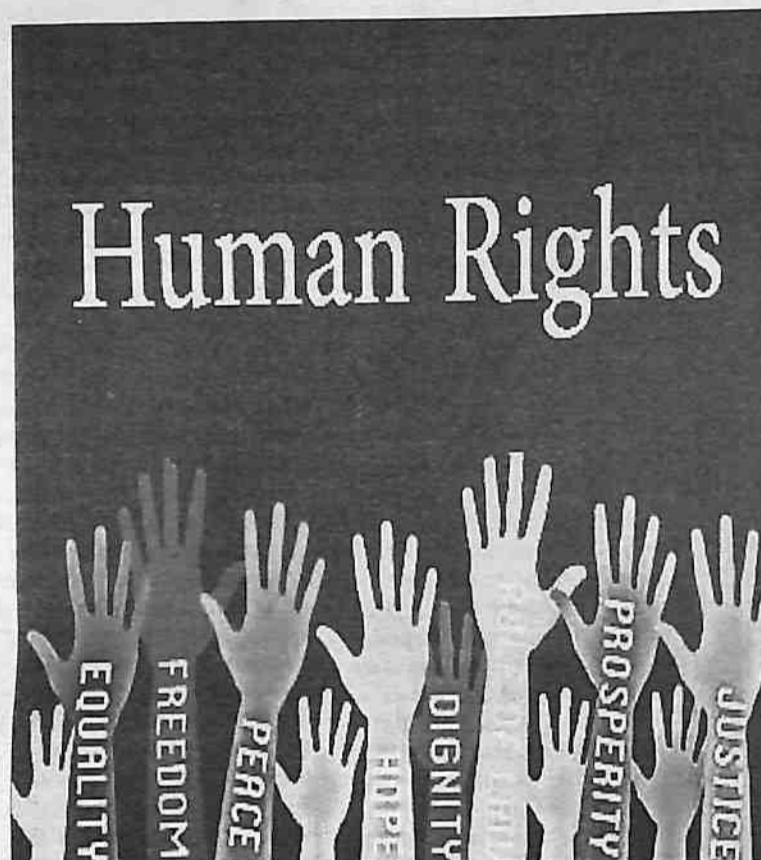
In Swaziland, for an example, to be called *Lishangane*-Shangaan, is like one is considered a hopeless thief, yet Shangaan people are wonderful and highly gifted as they possess rare vocational skills. Stop belittling other people and acting like your race is superior to theirs.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with people of another tribe or culture, embrace pluralism and diversity, they are people of God. It is crime against humanity to belittle and discriminate people and putting oneself above them, Lord have mercy!!

HUMAN RIGHTS IN OUR MOTHERLAND

As we reflect deeply about human rights and fundamental freedoms, we should put the mirror before our motherland and look at ourselves as reflected. Swaziland's constitution has given people an assurance that human rights shall be enjoyed by all.

The establishment of the Human



Rights and Integrity Commission in Swaziland is a sure sign there is a political will. This timely intervention should be welcomed positively and supported by the citizens of this kingdom.

It ushers a haven of hope in that we are citizens foremost and therefore supposed to be enjoying the benefits of being Swazis in the land of our forefathers. We continue being optimistic that citizens are now utilising this institution to report human rights violations.

We keenly wait for a robust civic education that is long overdue, where people are assisted to access justice when their human rights are violated. We have time and again made so much noise regarding the landlessness people in our motherland, with forced removals which are not a welcomed development.

We cannot afford to have people declared prohibited immigrants in the land of their forefathers, be it in farms or communal land.

RIGHT TO LIFE, LIBERTY AND SECURITY

So long as people's lives are not treated with respect and seen protected, it goes without saying that we fail dismally in living in peace and harmony. Every person living in a country should be seen having quality life and enjoying the privilege of being a citizen of a given country.

Life is sacred and therefore human

beings must be assisted to enjoy it. Quality life must ensure that people live in total freedom in their respective countries, and to this end we cannot overemphasise the need to protect the liberty of the people.

We remain very concerned that in this world there is some pockets of animosity and uncalled for wars and tensions that has resulted in making human life rendered cheap and of no value. We are concerned about what is happening in the Africa's Lake Region, where tensions continue unabated.

We should be disturbed that in the Middle East there are continued violent acts which are causing so much harm to people's lives. We certainly are distressed that people near the Mediterranean are being killed at sea while trying to migrate to Europe in search for better life.

While we know there are so many political tensions and reasons behind all these tensions, one thing we want to underscore is that life is precious and human beings must be assisted to enjoy it. Any evil intentions that deprive people quality life must be fought with all might.

We should remain resolute that in our kingdom people are made to feel more secured and enjoying peace and stability (See Article 3 UDHR).

SLAVERY OF ANY FORM IS CONDEMNED

One issue that human rights must

fight with all might is slavery of people in all its forms. Let me be very upfront that treating workers as if they were slaves in their own land is not on.

Then we have domestic workers who are treated as second grade citizens, this must stop and is definitely not a welcomed development.

So many people are subjected to harsh treatment and they are not remunerated accordingly, especially in the Asian owned businesses. This to me is slavery that is allowed to thrive in our own nation and somebody has to stop this.

Every person is born equal and free, and it does not augur well that people can be seen abused just because they happen to be looking for economic freedom of some sort (See Article 4 UDHR).

TORTURE AND DEGRADING TREATMENT

There is an urgent need for the Human Rights and Integrity Commission as provided for by the country's Constitution to link up swiftly with all likeminded civic society organisations that are community based to ensure that our people are not exposed to cruelty and inhuman treatment.

We are concerned there is a growing trend that people are subjected to so much abuse in some chieftdom, for an example. While *kuhlela* remains core to our cultural practices, it is still considered sad to charge people exorbitant fees for not honouring such calls.

We have read with shock that even poor people are being forced to pay exorbitant fees to build royal kraals. There has been a reported incident that needs urgent attentions where even widows and OVC are expected to honour such call.

It is perhaps time the Human Rights Commission springs to action and monitors such abuses. It starts by empowering the minds of the citizens to become global citizens, as the world has since become smaller and is a global village indeed.

We cannot be living in an island, and act as if we will never be impacted either positively or negatively by the winds of change and the waves that are sweeping all around.

Whatever happens in Europe, Americas and Asia affect us in this continent greatly. Closer home, we still must grapple with socio-economic; socio-political; socio-cultural; and socio-religious based rights as they do affect human relations and our livelihoods. (see Article 5 UDHR).



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QUEEN ELIZABETH II, FAMILY MARK 90TH BIRTHDAY WITH PARADE

LONDON - Queen Elizabeth II and her family are marking her official 90th birthday with a parade, a colourful military ceremony and an appearance on the Buckingham Palace balcony.

The queen and her husband, Prince Philip, will join the Trooping the Colour parade, traveling by vintage carriage. Other senior royals are also expected to travel by carriage along the parade route.

Large crowds are expected to mark her milestone and to enjoy the procession, featuring more than 1500 soldiers and officers and several hundred horses.

Later, the royal couple will lead the family onto the palace balcony to wave to the throngs as Royal Air Force jets and some vintage World War II planes fly overhead.



Queen Elizabeth II and her family are marking her official 90th birthday with a parade, a colourful military ceremony and an appearance on the Buckingham Palace balcony. (AP)

Many observers expect 1-year-old Princess Charlotte to make her first balcony appearance with her parents, Prince William and his wife Kate.

The festivities continue today with a massive street party in

front of the palace. The palace has invited roughly 10 000 people who work at charities supported by the queen to the open air festivities.

Street parties will also be held in many towns and cities through-

out Britain and in other Commonwealth countries.

The queen's real birthday is in April. The official birthday is timed in hope of fair weather — a custom that began in the 18th century. *timeslive*



Police were on high alert in the southern city of Marseille, where England and Russia supporters clashed and hurled bottles at officers in a second night of violence before their first game. (AP)

Strikes, football hooligans disrupt open to Euro 2016

PARIS - France was reveling in a victorious start to the Euro 2016 yesterday after winning the opening match, but a strike by Air France pilots threatened to disrupt travel for hundreds of thousands of fans.

Police were on high alert in the southern city of Marseille, where England and Russia supporters clashed and hurled bottles at officers in a second night of violence before their first game.

Industrial unrest, fears of terrorist attacks and devastating flooding have overshadowed the build-up to the month-long tournament. But football fans were in good spirits as more than 80 000 poured into the Stade de France in Paris for the opening match between France and Romania on Friday. The packed stadium erupted with delight, while supporters watching in bars around the city cheered, when Dmitri

Payet gave the host nation a stunning 25m goal to grab a last-gasp 2-1 victory.

President Francois Hollande hailed the "smooth" start to the tournament on Friday, despite a 10-day train strike that has caused travel disruption across France.

France needs the championships to be "a sporting success" but also "a big event for the people," said Hollande, wearing a scarf in the national colours of red, white and blue. Weeks of industrial action over government reforms to labour law had dampened the party atmosphere around the tournament, disrupting rail and metro services and leaving petrol pumps dry in many places.

Arriving fans have been confronted by stinking piles of rubbish left strewn on the streets of Paris and Marseille after strikers began blockading incineration plants. *timeslive*

Clinton leads Trump by 11 points in White House race

WASHINGTON DC - The online poll, conducted from Monday to Friday, shows 46 percent of likely voters support Clinton while 34.8 percent back Trump. Another 19.2 percent support neither candidate. Their parties hold conventions in July ahead of a Nov. 8 election. Clinton trolls Trump on Twitter: 'Delete your account'

Clinton's lead was nearly the same a week ago, before she had amassed enough convention delegates to win the nomination and before Trump drew criticism from leaders of both parties for questioning the impartiality of a Mexican-American judge. Trump, 69, enjoyed a bigger boost after becoming the presumptive Republican nominee in May. Having trailed Clinton, 68, for most of the year, Trump briefly erased a double-digit gap and pulled about even with the former



US presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton. (AP)

secretary of state.

Clinton this week defeated party rival Bernie Sanders, 74, in four of six nominating contests, most notably California and New Jersey, and won the endorsements of President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and other party leaders. *timeslive*

Al Qaeda leader pledges allegiance to new Taliban leader

The veteran Islamist militant became al Qaeda's leader after U.S. Navy Seals killed Osama bin Laden in Pakistan in 2011, and he is thought to be hiding in the Pakistan-Afghanistan border region, having been based there since the late 1990s.

"As leader of the al Qaeda organisation for jihad, I extend my pledge of allegiance once again, the approach of Osama to invite the Muslim nation to support the Islamic Emirate," al-Zawahri said in a 14 minute recording. During its years in power, from 1996 to 2001, the Taliban established the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan,

and it has been fighting an insurgency since to regain control of the country.

The authenticity of the recording could not be immediately verified.

Haibatullah Akhundzada, Islamic legal scholar who was one of former leader Mullah Akhtar Mansour's deputies, was appointed a few days after Mansour was killed by a U.S. drone attack in a remote border area just inside Pakistan.

Since al-Zawahri, an Egyptian doctor-turned-militant, succeeded bin Laden, al Qaeda has lost ground to Islamic State in the leadership of the global jihadist movement. *timeslive*

BRIEFS

Twin Explosions near Damascus kill 8, wound 13

DAMASCUS - Two bombs went off yesterday near the Syrian capital, killing at least eight people and wounding over a dozen others in the latest attack to hit the predominantly Shiite area in recent months, state TV and an opposition activist group said. Syrian State TV said the blasts in the Sayyida Zeinab area just south of Damascus killed eight people and wounded 13 others. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 12 people were killed and dozens were wounded in the two explosions.

The Sayyida Zeinab suburb is home to a shrine by the same name, one of the most renowned in Shiite Islam. *abcnews*

Turkish President under fire for views on women

WASHINGTON - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's renewed call for Turkish women to forgo birth control and have at least three children has drawn ire from women's rights advocates and is being questioned by Islamic scholars and political experts. "We do not think that defining women over motherhood, and mulling over how many children they should have, or whether they should work or not, are among the main duties of the president," said Sirin Mine Kilic, the secretary general of a nationwide women's rights group, KADER. "It would be more useful if the president could mull over issues such as murders of women, child abuse, unemployment of women, and violence against women," she said in a statement issued to Turkish media. *voanews.COM*

11 family members shot dead in Mexico

MEXICO CITY - Eleven members of a family were found shot to death in central Mexico in what a local official said on Friday may have been religiously motivated killings. The attacks on Thursday night targeted a couple, their children and other relatives in the remote hamlet of San Jose el Mirador in the municipality of Coxcatlan, Puebla state. Coxcatlan Mayor Vicente Lopez de la Vega said the dead include five women, four men and two girls. Two other children were wounded and were being treated at a hospital. Lopez de la Vega said the hamlet's residents, who are largely evangelical Protestants, had disagreements with a neighbouring village that is mostly Roman Catholic. But he said a rivalry between family groups could have also been the motive. The Puebla state prosecutor's office said two witnesses survived and were under government protection. *News24*



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R15m worth of tik seized at Durban harbour

DURBAN - A man has been arrested and about 60kg of crystal methamphetamine (tik) with a street value of about R15 million seized at Durban harbour, the directorate for priority crime investigation (Hawks) said yesterday.

Members of the Hawks drug enforcement bureau seized the drugs on Tuesday, and the 37-year-old suspect was subsequently arrested in Auckland Park, Johannesburg, after intense undercover operations, Hawks KwaZulu-Natal spokesman Captain Simphiwe Mhlongo said. The man would be transported to Durban where he was expected to be formally charged when he appeared in the local magistrate's court on Monday. iol.co.za

Kenya's opposition to go ahead with banned rallies next week

NAIROBI - Kenya's opposition coalition said on Friday it would go ahead with political protests next week even while it acknowledged progress was being made in talks with the government. Tensions have been mounting since early April, when the opposition began weekly protests demanding the leadership of the Kenya's electoral committee be sacked, calling them incompetent and biased in favour of the government. At least four protesters have been killed in clashes with security forces in the opposition stronghold of western Kenya and scores have been injured nationwide. iol.co.za



Murder charges after mob kills Christian woman

ABUJA - The suspects are accused, along with six others who are still at large, of killing 74-year-old Bridget Abahime last week after she allegedly insulted Islam's holiest figure, the Prophet Mohammed.

All five pleaded not guilty at a magistrates court in the city and were remanded in custody pending another hearing on June 28.

The victim, an ethnic Igbo trader, was beaten to death at a Kano market on June 2, drawing condemnation from across Nigeria. President Muhammadu Buhari called the killing "utterly condemnable". timeslive



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LIBYAN FORCES CLAIM THE PORT OF SIRTE

TRIPOLI - Forces aligned with Libya's unity government said on Friday they had taken control of the port of Sirte, making further gains in Islamic State's North African stronghold.

Brigades largely composed of fighters from Misrata advanced this week to the perimeter of Sirte's city centre, after launching a counter attack against Islamic State last month and driving the militant group back along the coastal road between the two cities.

The brigades are part of an operation backed by Libya's UN-backed Government of National Accord (GNA), which arrived in Tripoli in March and has been gradually working to establish its authority.

Western powers see it as the best bet for trying to unite Libya's political and armed factions against Islamic State and for restoring some stability to the oil-rich North African



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country, by suicide bombers, mines and snipers.

A source from the operations room in Misrata said fighters from the front line in the south of Sirte had looped round to the seafront to capture the port, which lies about 5km east of the city centre.

The brigades have advanced more swiftly than many expected, though their progress has been hampered

Clashes in Sirte on Friday left 11 brigade members dead and 35 wounded, the operations room source said. More than 100 fighters from the GNA-backed brigades have been killed and more than 500 wounded since the campaign to recapture Sirte began in early May. allafrica.com

Fake vaccination papers let yellow fever spread in Angola

LUANDA - The world's worst yellow fever outbreak in decades took hold in an Angolan slum because its early victims were Eritrean migrants whose false vaccination papers sent doctors off on the wrong path for weeks, international health officials said.

The flare-up of the mosquito-borne disease has killed 325 people in Angola, spread as far as China - which has close commercial links with oil-rich Angola - and raised fears of the world running out of a vac-

cine, but it might have been stopped in its tracks if it had been identified quickly in Luanda.

Since the outbreak was identified in January, 10.5 million Angolans - 40 percent of the population - have been vaccinated and the World Health Organization (WHO) plans to cover the rest of the war-scarred country by the end of the year. But with a reported case this week of the disease jumping via a mosquito from one person to another in Kinshasa, a city of over 12 million in neighbouring

Democratic Republic of Congo, there are concerns about global vaccine supplies running out. Luanda WHO representative Hernando Agudelo said he and government experts thought they were dealing with a mystery disease when unexplained deaths first surfaced in Km 30, part of the capital's sprawling Viana district, in mid-December. "The first people that we found with this strange way of dying, this syndrome, they had vaccination cards," Agudelo told Reuters. timeslive

Zim currency fears stall energy bond

HARARE - The issuance of a US\$5 million energy bond has been delayed due to concerns over currency issues relating to the introduction of bond notes, sources familiar with the developments have said.

Faced with a decade-long energy crisis, government liberalised the capital-intensive sector allowing independent power producers to generate power. Uncertainty over the introduction of bond notes, among other interventionist measures by the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe, has unnerved investors eyeing a hydro-power project in Manicaland. Honde Hydro Power Consolidated (HHPC), a unit of United Kingdom based PGI Group Limited, is in the market seeking US\$5 million through the issuance of a secured corporate debenture of five years to fund a 2.3 megawatts hydro power project. HHPC is also the local subsidiary of Nyangani Renewable Energy (Pvt) Ltd which in turn is owned by PGI. Sources said the bond which has since been granted prescribed asset status by the Finance ministry has been temporary put on hold after investors asked for a currency clause that protects their investment. They added that the bond was supposed to be issued last Monday. The project is expected to be the sixth by the company. "The bond in a way was also meant to dilute shareholding through a debt to equity arrangement. allafrica.com

Boko Haram displaced facing food crisis

ABUJA - At least 10 people are "starving to death" every day in a camp in northeast Nigeria for people displaced by Boko Haram violence, highlighting warnings about a food crisis in the Lake Chad region.

A civilian vigilante and a soldier said the deaths were occurring in the town of Banki where they are based, some 130 kilometres (80 miles) southeast of the Borno state capital, Maiduguri. Troops liberated the remote town near the Cameroon border last September. "People are dying in large numbers in the camp every day from lack of food," the vigilante, who asked not to be identified because of his job assisting the military, told AFP Thursday.

"They are starving to death on a daily basis. Between 10 and 11 people, including men, women and children, die daily since the IDP (internally displaced persons) camp was opened three months ago. AFP



10 people are "starving to death" every day in a camp in northeast Nigeria for people displaced by Boko Haram violence. (AP)

Somalia's al Shabaab has executed four spies

MOGADISHU - The Islamist group wants to topple Somalia's Western-backed government and rule the country according to sharia law.

In 2011, al Shabaab was ejected from Mogadishu by the African Union force AMISOM, and last year it was also pushed out of its southern Somalia strongholds by a combination of AMISOM and the Somali National Army.

In recent months, however, the group has stepped up attacks on AMISOM forces and conducted gun, bomb and suicide assaults on civilian targets in Mogadishu and other towns, underscoring its resilience.

According to al Shabaab's radio, Al Andalus, the four executed men were sentenced to death on Friday afternoon "after they were proved working with (the) CIA, Kenya and Somalia."

"They were publicly executed in a field in Bula Fulay village of Bay region," Al Andalus said, referring to an area in southern Somalia.

Ahmed Nur, a local resident, told Reuters by phone that people in the area had been asked by al Shabaab to gather near its camp.

"We thought there was a lecture, however we witnessed three men shot dead and another beheaded in front of us," he said

According to the radio broadcast,

the beheaded man was Mohamed Aden Nur, 26, who was accused of "working with (the) CIA" and facilitating the killing of al Shabaab's former leader Ahmed Godane, who was killed in a U.S. drone strike in 2014.

Another of the executed men, Muhaydin Hiraab Ahmed, 27, was accused of spying for the CIA and Somalia's neighbour Kenya, and in aiding the killing of Adnan Garaar. timeslive

ANOTHER RECORD FOR FEDERER

Roger Federer.

BERLIN - Roger Federer beat Florian Mayer 7-6 (7/2), 7-6 (7/1) on Friday to reach the Stuttgart grass court semi-finals, claiming another record in the process.

The world number three moved ahead of Ivan Lendl to stand second in career match wins with his 1 072 victories putting him behind Jimmy Connors (1 256).

Federer dispatched Germany's Mayer for the seventh time without a loss as he advanced into a final-four showdown with Austrian Dominic Thiem, who recovered to defeat Russia's Mikhail Youzhny 3-6, 6-4, 7-5.

Federer is playing for the first time in a month after suffering with back pain which forced him to skip the French Open.

"The feeling was better, I felt I was playing up and down the court more, coming to the net and seeing

things a bit better," Federer said.

"My serve was more consistent and accurate and I played two good tie-breakers.

I'm very pleased, this was a step up from the last match."

German seventh seed Philipp Kohlschreiber beat qualifier Radek Stepanek 6-4, 7-5 while Juan Martin del Potro overhauled French fourth seed Gilles Simon 6-7 (3/7), 6-3, 6-0.

Federer's last Stuttgart appearance was a decade and a half ago when the event was an indoor Masters.

He advanced with 15 aces in 80 minutes to stand 13-4 on the season.

Achieved

World number seven Thiem said he has achieved more this week on grass than he had imagined.

"It's not nice to play Roger on any surface. He is the best on grass. Against him, I have no expectations."

The 22-year-old said beating an injured Federer a month ago on clay in Rome meant nothing.

"I can win on clay, that is my surface and I feel very confident against almost all players," he said.

"But grass is different for me. I'm unbelievably happy with this semi-

final, anything that comes now is a big bonus."

Thiem, a French Open semifinalist, now stands 4-6 in his career on grass as he scored his first back-to-back wins on the lawns with 11 aces.

Win

"This was the biggest win of my career on grass," Thiem said after advancing in just under two hours over the 2002 winner at the Weissenhof Club when the event was played on clay.

"I won a tight match against a very good and very experienced grass player."

"There were a lot of ups and downs, I was close to losing in the second set with break points and at 5-5 in the third."

"I'm happy with my fighting spirit and happy with this win."

Thiem dropped the opening set as he lost the eighth game.

But the youngster regained his poise quickly to win the second with a break of Youzhny in the final game. He took victory with a concluding break of the Russian in the final game of the match with a forehand winner on second match point.

SUPERSPORT



Radamel Falcao.

Falcao returns to Monaco

LONDON - Colombian striker Radamel Falcao confirmed on Friday that he was returning to Monaco, where he played in 2013 and 2014, after two mediocre seasons on loan at Manchester United and Chelsea.

Falcao's time in England was compromised by serious injury in 2014 and his career never recovered.

"On June 24, I will start pre-season with Monaco," the 30-year-old wrote on his Instagram account alongside a photograph of him sporting a Monaco shirt.

"I am excited and enthusiastic to return to training with the club."

AFP

Second tragedy strikes Nigerian football

ABUJA - Tragedy has hit Nigeria football again as former Super Eagles coach Shuaibu Amodu died just days after another national team coach Stephen Keshi passed away.

The Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) announced yesterday that Amodu, 58, died after complaining of chest problems.

On Wednesday, Keshi, 54, died suddenly in the southern Benin City.

Amodu, four-time Super Eagles coach, also died in his sleep in the same city.

Amodu, who qualified Nigeria to two World Cups, in 2002 and 2010, was to have replaced Sunday Oliseh, who quit as the country's coach in February, but he declined on health grounds.

Appointed

The top coach was recently appointed Nigeria technical director.

Senior football officials told AFP Amodu was hypertensive and had been on medication.

Keshi assisted Amodu when Nigeria qualified for the 2002 World Cup.

Amodu rose to prominence when he guided BCC Lions of Gboko to win the Africa Cup Winners Cup in 1991.

He was subsequently rewarded with leading the Super Eagles in 1994.

He would take up this post at least three other times during which time he qualified the country to two World Cups.

But on both occasions he was not the man in charge at the final tournaments.

He also handled top South African club Orlando Pirates between 1996 and 1997.

AFP

All Blacks blitz finish crushes Wales

AUCKLAND - Kieran Read celebrated his elevation to the All Blacks captaincy with a try as the New Zealand side produced a lethal finish to crush Wales 39-21 in the first Test in Auckland yesterday.

In a Test which swung from scintillating to scrappy, in the end it was the pace and intensity of the All Blacks in the closing 20 minutes that determined the outcome.

Wales looked promising - leading 18-15 at half-time and 21-18 with 18 minutes remaining - and sensed their 63-year wait for a famous victory over the world champions was on the cards.

But, when the All Blacks unleashed their trademark storming finish they wrapped up the game with late tries to Waisake Naholo, Read and Nathan Harris.

Naholo scored a double for the All Blacks and Julian Savea also touched down with Aaron Cruden landing four conversions and two penalties.

For Wales, Taulupe Faletau and Rhys Webb scored tries with Dan Biggar contributing a conversion and three penalties.

Wales lock Alun Wyn Jones had the honour of leading the teams on to the field in his centenary Test but then blotted his copybook by giving away an early penalty.

Cruden, who slotted comfortably into the backline general's role vacated by Dan Carter, hit the uprights with that kick but had the All Blacks on the board soon after with a close-range shot. **AFP**

Warriors beat Cavs, move to brink of title

CLEVELAND - The Golden State Warriors bounced back from an embarrassing road loss two days ago to beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 108-97 on Friday and move one win away from a second consecutive NBA championship.

The win was a devastating blow to LeBron James's Cavaliers, who lost their first home game of the postseason and now trail the best-of-seven NBA Finals 3-1 with Game Five scheduled for Monday in Oakland. "All of our guys played extremely well. We just competed like crazy," Warriors head coach Steve Kerr told reporters. "It was a great response from Game Three, where we were really embarrassed by our performance."

Stephen Curry powered Golden State, who lost by 30 points on Wednesday, by scoring a game-high 38 while Kyrie Irving led the Cavaliers with 34 points. James had 25 points and 13 rebounds for his 10th double-double of the postseason.

Of the 32 teams that have faced a 3-1 deficit in the NBA Finals none have ever come back to win the championship.

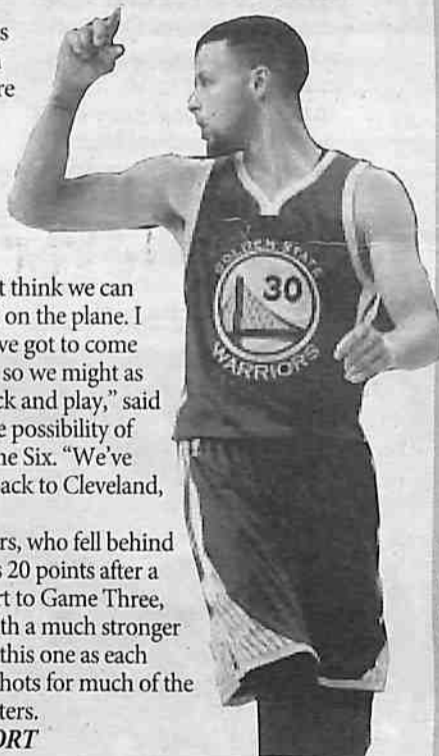
But Cavaliers coach Tyrone Lue, well aware that the odds are stacked against his team, had a blunt message.

"If you don't think we can win, don't get on the plane. I just think we've got to come back anyway, so we might as well come back and play," said Lue, about the possibility of forcing a Game Six. "We've got to come back to Cleveland, don't we?"

The Warriors, who fell behind by as many as 20 points after a miserable start to Game Three, responded with a much stronger effort to start this one as each team traded shots for much of the first two quarters.

SUPERSPORT

Stephen Curry celebrates.



England down Australia in Brisbane

LONDON - England continued their revival under Eddie Jones with a deserved 39-28 victory over an ill-disciplined Australia side to claim their first ever win in Brisbane and take a 1-0 lead in their three test series yesterday.

Early

Recovering from an early 10-0 deficit, the Six Nations champions scored tries through centre Jonathan Joseph, winger Marland Yarde

and winger Jack Nowell with flyhalf Owen Farrell contributing 24 points with his boot.

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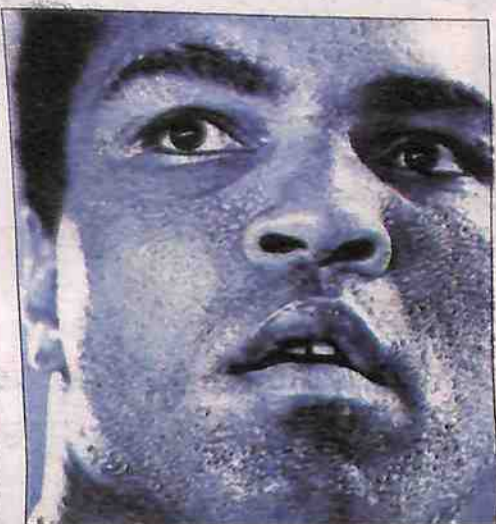
Wallabies flanker Michael Hooper scored two tries with fullback Israel Folau and Tevita Kuridrani also crossing but Bernard Foley, the hero of the 33-13 victory over England at last year's World Cup, landed only three of his six kicks.

The tourists have never scored more points against the

Wallabies on Australian soil and will take huge confidence into the final two tests in Melbourne and Sydney over the next two weeks.

England flanker James Haskell typified his team's effort, ferocious in defence and at the breakdown as the tourists backed up Jones's promise of a "Bodyline" series with a display of disciplined aggression.

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Emotional farewell to Ali in Louisville

LOUISVILLE - Thousands of people from the world of sports, entertainment, politics and Muhammad Ali's native Louisville bid farewell on Friday to the boxing legend eulogised by Bill Clinton as a "universal soldier for our common humanity."

A poignant memorial service, which began with a Koranic chant, capped two days of tributes honouring the three-time heavyweight world champion known as "The Greatest," who died last week at 74 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

Early Friday, thousands lined the streets of Louisville - the largest city in the southern state of Kentucky where Ali was born and launched his career - to catch a glimpse of the hearse carrying his remains, before a private family burial.

Then former president Clinton, comedian Billy Crystal, Ali's wife Lonnie and others addressed mourners gathered at a Louisville arena - remembrances that lauded his athletic gifts, his passionate civil rights activism and his quick wit.

"We all have an Ali story. It's the gift we all have that should be most honoured today," Clinton said.

"Besides being a lot of fun to be around and basically a universal soldier for our common humanity, I will always think of Muhammad as a truly free man of faith."

AFP

LOUISVILLE - Thus might The Bard have consecrated the remains of The Greatest, in words beyond we mortals.

On this epochal, sun-scorched day of smouldering passions reheated, conflicting emotions and Presidential eulogy, better to let a paraphrasing of Shakespeare canonise his fellow poet.

A black brother from a distant land, a different culture, another history. Yet a companion of the quill, just the same. The Greatest in his other art form - that brutal nobility of the squared ring - transcended boxing, transcended sport, transcended all the oceans of this planet.

Obama had recalled Ali's upset slaying of the Liston bear to win his first world championship, saying: "He shook up the world and it was good for the world that he did." Yet it was fitting that rather than America's first black president, it was a former white occupant of the Oval Office who spoke of Ali's importance to the world.

In that choice, as in every detail, Ali had choreographed his own memorial. His family remained faithful to his wish to reach out to as wide and varied a population as possible, one last time.

In the neglectful absence of a delegate from the Palace of



Mourners lined the streets as the 17-car funeral procession for the famed boxer passed through Louisville on Friday.

Westminster or so much as a message of sympathy from Windsor Castle, Lennox Lewis stood tall for Britain and strong to help Mike Tyson, Will Smith and Ali's family and friends carry the coffin from the end of the procession to the grave in Cave Hill Cemetery.

Attendance

At dinner the night before, when we all told our stories, Lewis remembered: "One day Muhammad whispered in my ear 'I used to be the champ but you're the champ now' and I told him 'you will always be The

Greatest'." George Foreman, Sugar Ray Leonard, Thomas Hearn, Larry Holmes and life-long rival promoters Don King and Bob Arum were among ring royalty in attendance.

It was King who had the vision to take Ali and Foreman to Zaire for their 'Rumble in the Jungle'. As Muhammad prepared to land the most outrageous knockout of all time, the African people flocked to him chanting 'Ali, bomaye.' It sounded lyrical but it translates as 'Ali, kill him.' Both combatants lived to become the greatest friends. *Dailymail*

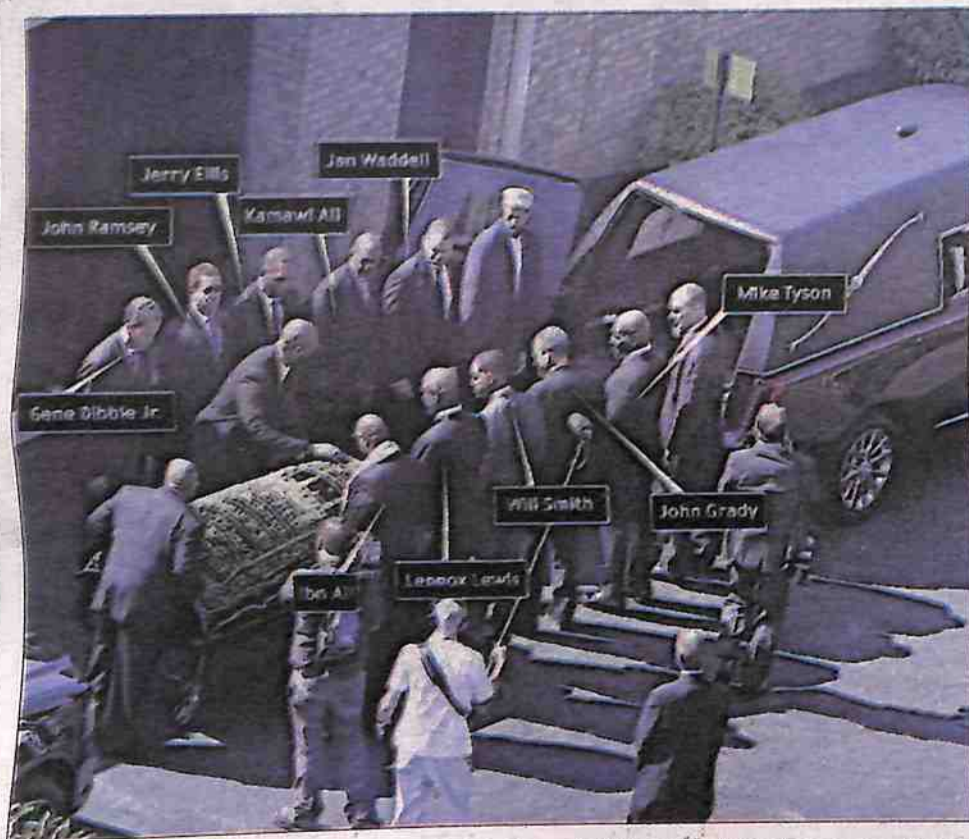
'He never showed weakness'

LOUISVILLE - Muhammad Ali's youngest son was able to see a side of the champion that included everything from magic tricks with strangers to an older Ali showing off the reflexes that made him a boxing legend.

Asaad Ali, 25, shared those recollections and his final moments with his dad with Matt Lauer on TODAY Friday. His reflections came in advance of a memorial service in his father's hometown of Louisville a week after Ali's death at 74.

"What I can say about that room (before Ali died), it was just a really emotional, powerful, spiritual moment that we all shared with him," Asaad said. "I was able to say my last few words that I really wanted to say to him for a while now."

Asaad also posted a touching tribute to his father on Instagram in the wake of his death. *today.com*



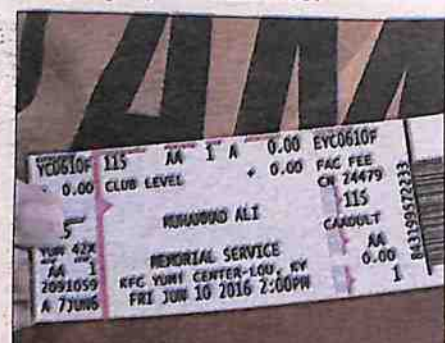
Ali's 10 pallbearers (top left to right) Gene Dibble Jr, John Ramsey, Jerry Ellis, Kamawi Ali and Jan Waddell, (bottom left to right) Ibn Ali, Lennox Lewis, Will Smith, John Grady and Mike Tyson.



Worshippers and well-wishers take photographs as Ali's casket is brought for his Jenazah, an Islamic funeral prayer, in Louisville.



Boxing gloves with well wishes are left at a makeshift memorial for the late boxing champion in Louisville.



An attendee holds a ticket for the Memorial Service for Muhammad Ali in Louisville.

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environment

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KEY ACCOUNTABLES

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- Facilitate team problem solving and decision making

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- Good knowledge of packaging production processes and technologies
- Familiarity with maintenance systems
- Analytical problem solver
- Influencing ability with regards to sound maintenance practices

KEY ACCOUNTABLES

- Good understanding of Modern Maintenance practices
- Ensure machine availability and product quality at minimum cost whilst maintaining standards
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'What I told Komphela about my contract'

PRETORIA - Reyaad Pieterse says he told Steve Komphela that he just wanted to play at Kaizer Chiefs, before making his final decision to leave the club.

Pieterse recently put pen to paper on a pre-contract with SuperSport United where he will reunite with Stuart Baxter, and he has spoken about his decision in this week's edition of Soccer Laduma.

The 24-year-old says he had to respect his coach's decision, saying he doesn't blame him for the choices that he made regarding Pieterse, Itumeleng Khune and Brilliant Khuzwayo.

soccerladuma

BARCELONA NEAR DEAL ON NEYMAR CASE

BARCELONA - Barcelona said on Friday they would decide next week whether to accept a deal with Spanish prosecutors over Neymar's contested 2013 transfer and avoid going to trial on tax evasion charges.

The star's transfer from Brazil's Santos was originally valued at €57.1 million by Barca, but Spanish judicial authorities estimated it at €83.3 million - with the difference allegedly going to Neymar, his family and Santos.

Prosecutors accuse former Barca boss Sandro Rosell, current President Josep Maria Bartomeu

and the club of fiscal offences, alleging Barcelona avoided paying taxes on the difference.

According to the daily La Vanguardia, the club has reached a deal with prosecutors and the state attorney representing tax authorities that would see it pay out five million euros and avoid a trial.

Deal

If management push ahead with the deal with prosecutors, Rosell and Bartomeu will be absolved, La Vanguardia reported.

In a statement, the club said it held a meeting with its top leaders on Friday, adding that management

would decide tomorrow whether or not to validate the deal with prosecutors.

In a separate case centred on the same transfer, prosecutors have also asked that Neymar, his father, Rosell and the club be tried, but on charges of corruption following a complaint by Brazilian investment group DIS.

DIS held 40 percent of Neymar's sporting rights when he played at Santos and claims it was cheated of its real share of the transfer to Barcelona. **AFP**



Chiefs target Mashaba extends Sundowns contract

PRETORIA - Reported Kaizer Chiefs target, Mzikayise Mashaba, penned a one-year extension with Mamelodi Sundowns.

Having been used sparingly in the past three seasons under Pitso Mosimane at the Brazilians, particularly in their latest title winning campaign since his move from Bidvest Wits, Mashaba is a player still highly

regarded by many across the league.

Therefore, prior to the expiry of his contract with Downs, he was a big target of the Amakhosi. His agent, Tim Sukazi has brought any chance of that happening to a halt after revealing to Goal that Mashaba, otherwise known as Muzi, has signed a new deal with the PSL champions.

"Sundowns did have an offer to

exercise on Muzi by April 30 and did do that by extending Muzi's contract to the 30th of June 2017," Sukazi told Goal.

Since joining Downs on the recommendation of Mosimane, the 27-year-old has made 59 appearances in all competitions with three goals since arriving from the Clever Boys.

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Vidal's 100th minute penalty secures win

CALIFORNIA - Chile won the 2015 Copa America on penalties and it took another spot-kick to keep them in this one—10 minutes into stoppage time after eight had been added on at the end of the game.

El Rey - The King - Arturo Vidal stepped up to fire home his second goal of the game, helping Chile finally slay a spirited Bolivia, full of fight and resilience. Like a hand bursting through the soil at a grave at the end of a horror film, there was a chance for Bolivia at the death, but Rodrigo Ramallo fired inches wide when well placed in the box.

The contrasts between Chile's rampant victory over Bolivia in the 2015 Copa and in this fractional one were stark. The tens of thousands crammed into Santiago's Estadio Nacional roared their team onto a five-goal triumph. This game was a much closer affair, played out before less than 20 000 fans.

Chile supporters still lit up the Gillette stadium but in far fewer numbers, understandably. Given their first Group D game was in California, it was a big ask to expect fans to travel in their droves to north east of the States, although some did make the trek. **Daily Mail**

Savage urges Vardy to make £20m Arsenal move

LONDON - Former Leicester midfielder Robbie Savage says Jamie Vardy "owes Leicester nothing" and believes the striker should jump ship and join Arsenal.

The 29-year-old Leicester and England frontman is still mulling over a switch to the Gunners after Arsenal triggered his release clause with a £20million bid.

Reports last weekend suggested Vardy would have a medical at London Colney and wrap up a deal with Arsene Wenger's men before he joined up with England on Monday, but that never happened and the deal is still up in the air.

Former Foxes midfielder Savage, 41, though has no problem with seeing the former Halifax and Fleetwood man move and believes he should jump at the chance.



Jamie Vardy.

"Jamie Vardy owes Leicester nothing," Savage wrote in his Daily Mirror column.

"He has just fired them to the Premier League title and into the Champions League. To be honest, I don't know what more he can realisti-

cally achieve at the King Power.

"Leicester aren't going to win the title again. And although they can offer Vardy a taste of Champions League football next season, in all likelihood Arsenal can offer it every year."

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Vidal (No.8) had opened the scoring for Chile, who are now at risk of an early elimination from the tournament. (AP)

English Premier League announce full list of released players

LONDON - The Premier League has revealed the full list of players who will be looking for new clubs this summer following the 2015/16 season.

ARSENAL

- Arteta Amatriain, Mikel
- Flamini, Mathieu
- Rosicky, Tomas

ASTON VILLA

- Bannister, Charlie Brendan Alec
- Donacien, Janoi
- Kinsella, Lewis
- Lyons-Foster, Kodi
- N'Zogbia, Charles
- Richardson, Kieran Edward
- Siegrist, Benjamin Kevin
- Webb, Joshua John

BOURNEMOUTH

- Carmichael, Joshua Lewis
- Distin, Sylvain

- Muleba, Jonathan Mukendi
- St. ckley, Jayden Connor
- Wakefield, Joshua
- Zubar, Stephane

CHELSEA

- Amelia, Marco
- Musonda, Tika Kafusha
- Wright, Kevin

CRYSTAL PALACE

- Adebayor, Emmanuel
- Allassani, Reiss Malcolm
- Breimyr, Andreas Malde
- Chamakh, Marouane
- Dymond, Connor William
- Forte, Spencer Ellis Henderson
- George, Matthew
- Gregory, David Michael
- Hangeland, Brede Paulsen
- Hoare, William James
- Kettings, Christopher David
- Mariappa, Adrian Joseph
- McCarthy, Patrick

- Pain, Oliver David
- Scales, Christian Stephen

EVERTON

- Graham, Aidan James
- Hibbert, Anthony James
- Osman, Leon
- Pienaar, Steven
- Rohde, Felipe Mattioni
- Stanek, Jindrich
- Thorniley, Jordan

LEICESTER

- Bailey, Kyle Stuart
- Barnby, Jack
- Blyth, Jacob Mathew
- Hammond, Dean John
- Hassall, Aaron
- Kelly, Michael Eamon James
- King, Keenan Rakwarne
- Konchesky, Paul Martyn
- Maddison, Jonathan
- Panayiotou, Harrison Andreas
- Schwarzer, Mark

- Smith-Varnam, Max Presley
- Watson, Ryan

LIVERPOOL

- Brewitt, Tom
- Cleary, Daniel
- Marsh, William George
- McLaughlin, Ryan
- O'Hanlon, Alex Joseph
- Polgar, Kristof
- Sanchez Diaz, Jose Enrique
- Toure, Kolo Abib
- Yesil, Samed

MANCHESTER CITY

- Albinson, Charlie
- Demichelis, Martin Gaston
- Oseni, Nathaniel Adeyomi
- Andrew
- Tattum, Sam
- Wright, Richard Ian

MANCHESTER UNITED

- Dorrington, George Edward
- Powell, Nicholas Edward
- Rathbone, Oliver Michael
- Valdes Arribas, Victor

NEWCASTLE

- Taylor, Steven Vincent

NORWICH

- Awuah, Reiss
- Coker, Afolabi
- Gafaiti, Adel
- Hall-Johnson, Reece
- King, Cameron
- Loza, Jamar Kasheef
- Norman, Cameron
- Uade, Obasiarinse Idehaloise

SOUTHAMPTON

- Britt, William David
- Davis, Kelvin
- Ramirez Pereyra, Gaston Exequiel

STOKE

- Barber, Benjamin Thomas
- Dryden, Edward
- Moseley, Bobby James
- O'Reilly, Ryan
- Odenwingie, Peter
- Sidwell, Steven James
- Skapetis, Petros
- Watkins-Clark, Mason Bradley

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SCHAR NETS WINNER AS CAPTAIN CANA SENT OFF

MARSEILLE - New Arsenal signing Granit Xhaka was the standout performer, bettering his opposing brother, as Vladimir Petkovic's side moved a level on points with France in Group A. Fabian Schar's fifth-minute header proved decisive as Switzerland edged out 10-man Albania 1-0 in their Euro 2016 opener at the Stade Bollaert-Delelis yesterday.

Albania goalkeeper Etrit Berisha ventured off his line to try and claim Xherdan Shaqiri's corner but was beaten to the delivery by Schar, who got Switzerland's Group A campaign off to a winning start.

Gianni Di Biasi's team scored just 10 goals in eight games during qualifying and their task was made all the more difficult by the dismissal of captain Lorik Cana,



Schar scored after just five minutes as Switzerland took an early lead against Albania in their Euro 2016 tie.

earning his 91st cap.

The defender received a second booking for a handball on the edge of his own box, and the right-hand post stopped Blerim Dzemaili compounding their misery from the ensuing set-

piece.

Despite being a man light Albania pressed for an equaliser, while Berisha tried to make amends for his costly error by making a string of saves from Seferovic.

There was to be no addition to the scoreline, however, Albania substitute Shkelzen Gashi wasting a glorious opening in the 87th minute with defeat putting pressure on the Eagles to get a result in their next match against hosts France in Marseille.

Steered

A positive start from Switzerland paid dividends within five minutes when Shaqiri's in-swinging corner from the right was met by the head of Schar, who steered the ball into the back of the net to leave Berisha flapping at thin air.

Dzemaili combined with Haris Seferovic to send the latter straight through the heart of the Albania defence 10 minutes later, but his shot was straight into the goalkeeper's arms.

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In-form Turkey take on a confident Croatia side

PARIS - Turkey will take on Croatia in the opening match of Euro 2016's Group D today. Both will know how important a win in their first game will be to their hopes of qualifying.

Turkey return to the Euros for the first time since 2008 and the team will be hoping to repeat their run to the semifinals. Their opening game with Croatia is arguably their most important of the group stage as a win will put Fatih Terim's side within touching distance of the round of 16. Turkey go into Group D's opening game with a clean bill of health and with an impressive run of form which has seen Terim's side suffer just one defeat in their last 16 games.

Whoever wins their first match in France will already be close to qualifying for the knockout stages, such is the system with the new 24-team field. Obviously, Croatia can gain a lot from this game and their opening performance will set the tone for the rest of the tournament. If they fail, however, more than just three points will be lost. The team's confidence, recently inflated by the 10-0 drubbing of the amateur San Marino side in a friendly, appears fragile and may disappear if they are defeated, rendering the preparation for the next game much harder psychologically.

Mehmet Topal vs. Mario Mandzukic
The Fenerbahce star is more accustomed to playing in his natural midfield position for his club but has been selected as a centre-back for the national team. He will be up against one of Europe's top strikers which could prove to be a potential weak point for Turkey. Topal's ability to deal with the threat posed by Mandzukic will be one of the game's defining battles.

Darjko Srna vs. Arda Turan
The battle of the captains. Croatia Manager Ante Cacic seems to be leaning towards a lop-sided 4-2-3-1, with Marcelo Brozovic cutting inside from the right, effectively becoming an auxiliary midfielder. *Goal.com*

Deschamps plans to keep France hero Payet on ice

PARIS - The West Ham man was the hosts' hero in their Euro 2016 opener with Romania and his manager plans to keep his star man well protected after a brilliant performance.

Didier Deschamps is planning to put Dimitri Payet on ice to protect his star player after his late heroics earned hosts France a 2-1 win in a dramatic Euro 2016 opener on Friday.

Olivier Giroud headed France into a second-half lead, but the Stade de France crowd were left stunned when Bogdan Stancu levelled from the penalty spot.

But with time against Les Bleus, Payet let fly from range with an unstoppable left-foot effort that nestled in the top corner to bring the Parisian fans to their feet.

It capped a brilliant solo



Payet's strike heads towards the back of the net to win the game for the Euro 2016 hosts at the Stade de France. (AP)

performance from the West Ham attacker, who left the field in tears when substituted shortly after his heroics. "Yes, it was emotional and I think we were made to pay for that slightly," Deschamps said. "The Romanians had nothing to lose and we had everything to lose."

"The emotions were strong for him, he's come a long way in a short time."

I'm going to put him on ice ahead of the next few matches so nothing untoward happens towards him.

"I've got no doubts over him, over the fact he can make the difference. He made the difference today. He's an attacker but he helps out the team."

"It's quite easy in football when you can bang it into the top corner."

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Iordanescu rues missed chances in France loss

PARIS - Bogdan Stancu's penalty had cancelled out an opener from Olivier Giroud before Payet struck, and the Romania coach heaped praise on the West Ham man.

Romania coach Anghel Iordanescu paid tribute to his beaten side but lamented missed opportunities as Dimitri Payet sensationally inspired hosts France to a 2-1 win in the Euro 2016 opener.

West Ham playmaker Payet was preferred to Manchester United's

Anthony Martial in a three-pronged attack and created a 57th-minute opener for Olivier Giroud before unleashing a stunning 30-yard strike into the top corner with a minute remaining.

Missed

Bogdan Stancu levelled from the penalty spot but the striker missed a guilt-edged chance at the start of each half, meaning a proud Iordanescu felt a pang of regret at his post-match news conference.

"I think we played a good match, with both positives

and negatives," he said.

"We started the first half in excellent fashion and we had a very rare chance that the keeper was able to keep out."

"Had we scored, it would have changed the match. At the start of the second period, we got into the box a great deal but unfortunately Stancu missed that chance again."

"We had some positives moments and tricky moments because we came up against a powerful side."

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'Ireland fully focused on the Sweden game'

PARIS - Shane Long is hoping to recreate the moment he downed world champions Germany when he lines up for Republic of Ireland against Sweden tomorrow.

Long's goal defeated Germany in October in qualifying for Euro 2016 and he went on to enjoy a superb season with Southampton, in which he scored 10 goals in 28 Premier League appearances. Now, Long has his sights set on Zlatan Ibrahimovic's Sweden.

"For four months now I've been waiting for this Sweden game and I just really want to get out there and get the result we deserve," he said. "We've worked hard to get here, we've come from a difficult situation in the group to qualify."

"And it would be a shame to just throw it all away in the first game."

"So that's our full motivation - to go out there and beat Sweden and put ourselves in a good position to qualify."

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Shane Long.

Ireland delighted as Walters returns

VERSAILLES - Ireland have received a major boost ahead of their opening Euro 2016 clash with Sweden tomorrow with injury concern Jonathan Walters coming through a full training session yesterday.

The combative 32-year-old, who can play up front or on the wing for Martin O'Neill's side, had been suffering from an Achilles problem but played a full part in the session yesterday at the Irish base in Versailles.

Pleased

With Ireland set to open their Group E campaign against Sweden tomorrow, before going on to face Belgium and Italy, their assistant manager Roy Keane was pleased to report a clean bill of health in the squad.

"Jon trained today. He got through the session, start to finish, and we'll obviously see over the next 24 hours if there is any sort of reaction," Keane told reporters.

"He finished the session so I'm sure he'll be delighted and we are. I suppose basically everyone is available for selection so that's great news."

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MTN MONTHLY MASTERS PRIZE PRESENTATION



MTN June Masters Champions Brian Mabuza and Brian Mayisela with Mbabane Golf Club Captain Ronnie Mkhombe and MTN's Fisiwe Vilane. (Pics: Sibusiso Masilela)



Runners-up of the tournament Albert Mhlanga and Mfundo Nxumalo. The two scored 48 points on a count-back.



Mhlanga receives his prize for recording the longest drive on the course.



Clement Dlamini and Albert Mavuso with their prizes.



Seventh placed winners Genius Sihlongonyane and Sandile Choncho, who represented Tata Dlamini during the prize presentation.



Fifth placed Mduduzi Maphalala and Wandile Ntombini, who stood in for Kenneth Nkambule, also went home smiling.



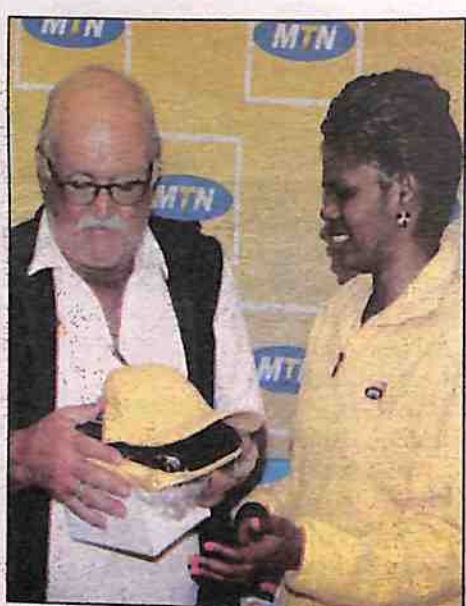
Veteran Gideon Mhlango with Raymond Mamba were also decorated on the day.



Veteran golfers Mike Zwane and Frank Hlophe on the podium after recording 47 points to earn position eight.



Young golfer, Gift Zulu, accepting his prize after recording the longest drive.



Albert Quintela got the Nearest to the pin prize on hole 8/17.

CHAPS SOKA CHALLENGE CUP AT PRINCE OF WALES



Mvutjini Invaders celebrating after beating Tinyosi 1-0 during the semi-finals of CHAPS Soka Challenge Cup at Prince of Wales yesterday. (Pics: Sanele Jele)



Invaders goalscorer, Maxwell 'Dunga' Zikalala, gestures after the final whistle.



Former Mbabane Swallows Under-20 coach Sifiso Dlamini with Mbabane Swallows head coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati and HRFA Chairman, Comfort Shongwe, also witnessed the game.



Sibuyeni FC getting ready for their clash against Vovovo. Sibuyeni lost the game 3-0.



Vovovo posing before taking on Sibuyeni in the second semi-final of the day.



CHAPS Ambassador Dennis 'Yuki' Masina with Reginald Motsa and Malibongwe Khanyile watching the games.



The players going for the ball.



Invaders captain, Hanson Dlamini, in action.



Invaders' Mlandvo Shongwe and Maxwell Zikalala battling it out during the match.



Invaders goalkeeper, Mlamuli Makhanya, saves a Gcina Dlamini shot.

'KING DUNGA' INSPIRES INVADERS TO VICTORY AGAINST TINYOSI

BY SANELE JELE

Tinyosi..... (0)0
M. Invaders..... (1)1

SOCCER - FORMER Sihlangu midfielder Maxwell 'King Dunga' Zikalala inspired Mvutjini Invaders to a 1-0 victory against Tinyosi in the semi-finals of the Southern Zone of the CHAPS Soka Nawe Challenge Cup.

The visitors came into the game, played at the Prince of Wales grounds, with guns blazing as they were deemed underdogs in the inaugural knock-out tournament.

...while Vovovo beat Sibuyeni 3-0

They created a couple of opportunities in the first stanza and were unfortunate to find the back of the net in the half hour mark.

The experienced midfielder Maxwell 'King Dunga' Zikalala connected a cross from Mgonodi Sidell, sending it home with close range volley.

Tinyosi tried to come back into the match 10 minutes later when Phumlani Gama took the defenders on a solo run but was let down by a poor finishing. The second

half saw the green and white ensemble coming in full force in search of the equalizer but Invaders goalkeeper Mlamuli Makhanya was marvelous at the goalposts, making numerous brilliant saves.

Tinyosi's Simphiwe Makama was denied an equalizer when his shot was parried away by the goalkeeper for a fruitless corner just a few inches from the 18 area.

Five minutes later Njabulo Gama's header went over the bar, much to the disappointment of the

Tinyosi supporters.

Invaders introduced playmaker Stanford Ncube who made an impact in stabilising the belly of the park.

Newly promoted National First Division outfit Vovovo are also through to the next stage of the tournament after beating Sibuyeni 3-0 in the second semi-final.

The Southern Zone outfit will meet winners from the Northern Zone who will be in action this afternoon. The winners will proceed to the tournament in which the champions take home E30 000 first prize.



Invaders goalscorer Maxwell 'Dunga' Zikalala.

16 countries for Legends tournament on the cards

BY SANELE JELE

SOCCER - Former Sihlangu star Dennis 'Yuki' Masina has revealed that South Africa will host a 16-nations legends tournament aimed at fulfilling FIFA's mandate of involving legends in the development of soccer.

Masina who is CHAPS ambassador, made these remarks during the CHAPS Soka Cup Southern Zone semi-finals played at the Prince of Wales Stadium yesterday.

"I am happy to see that my mates are still active in soccer. I used to play, Maxwell 'King Dunga' Zikalala, Mgonodi Sidell, Stanford Ncube, John 'Shisa Junior' Mdluli and Bongiswa Nhlabatsi, amongst others and they are still as good."

"I am hoping they form part of the upcoming legends tournament cup that will be contested by 16 countries," Masina revealed.

The former Orlando Pirates and Mpumalanga Black Aces midfielder highlighted that more information on this tournament will be communicated soon.

"I have been invited to a meeting in SA tomorrow where the deliberations of this tournament will be



Dennis 'Yuki' Masina.

taking place. The information I have now is that there will be 16 countries with three from Europe, the two being Greece and Italy. We are yet to confirm the other country. South Africa, Cameroon and Swaziland will also take part as I was asked to organise a Swazi legends team," he said.

The Black Aces development coach further said he was humbled to be an Ambassador for CHAPS, which is under the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare. "I am happy to be part of this initiative as this gives me reason to inspire other soccer players to circumcise. This, I strongly believe, can have a huge impact in reducing the contraction of the HIV Virus by 60 percent," he said.

New black belts artists discovered in Taekwondo

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

TAEKWONDO - Youngsters Qiniso and Bonkhe Sikhondze are now holders of the Black Belt after graduating during a grading session held at Swazi National High school.

The two will now be eligible to represent the country in international competitions after impressing the panel of coaches, during the session which was attended by over 100 artists from various teams in the country.

Swaziland Taekwondo Association Secretary General Sandile Mchunu confirmed the elevation of the duo when contacted last week.

"We managed to select new black belts holders during the grading session where we saw quite a number of teams turning out for the event. We were also impressed with the overall standard of all the artists who showed great talent but still need to improve on the basics of a fight," he said.

Mchunu further welcomed Mcozini Taekwondo club which made its official debut in the Taekwondo during the competition. "We are very happy to have Mcozini on board and we hope they will play a major role in the development of the sport and we will offer them the necessary assistance for the betterment of their club," he further said.

RAPTORS TOO GOOD FOR STEELS IN SNBL

STORIES BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

BASKETBALL - Mbabane Raptors displayed a sterling performance to beat Bosco Steels 86-82 in a tightly contested Swaziland National Basketball League encounter yesterday.

This was during the Elite Men's League played at the Mavuso Sports Centre.

The capital city side displayed a five star performance to humble the hub outfit in front of over 50 supporters, recording their third win in the current campaign.

Raptors started the first quarter on a high note with the experienced

Mandisa Zwane scoring their valuable baskets for his side.

Zwane was all over the opposition with his quick fast breaks throughout this quarter which they won by 21-26.

Steels tried to stamp authority during the match but they were let down by the poor scoring skills which saw them missing some valuable baskets.

Quarter

The second quarter saw the Panga Vunga led side continuing where they had left off in the first period. They continued to pile the pressure on the home side through the on form Zwane whose combination with Ayanda Matsebula worked well

for their team.

Steels were not totally lost in this quarter as their attacker Thamsanqa Sibandze gave the opposition a run for their money.

However the Raptors again managed to claim victory in this round.

Steels tried to make a resounding come back in third quarter but fatigue started to get the better of the Raptors guard players.

Richard Lubasi tried to overturn the tie by scoring crucial baskets for his side, but it was too late as Raptors emerged victorious.

Meanwhile the first game of the day saw Mbabane Knicks record their first victory of the season after beating Luyengo Pacers 98-97.

Swaziland pulls out of Under 18 Afro Basketball Qualifiers

BASKETBALL - Swaziland has pulled out of the Afro Basketball Under-18 qualifiers scheduled to start next Saturday.

The qualifiers will be played in a manner where a country will play second legs in each tie. The draw is however still to be conducted. Interviewed yesterday Swaziland National Basketball Association (SNBA) Secretary Mandla Shongwe

cited inadequate preparations for the youth competition, where the country was expected to send both boys and girls squads.

"We pulled out of the qualifiers because we didn't have much time to prepare for the games. We also couldn't request the necessary funding on time. We apologise for any inconvenience caused but we are looking forward to competing in other upcoming international tournaments," he said. He said the competitions would include the African Champions slated for November at a venue still to be confirmed.

Shongwe further mentioned that they were going to send the senior national squad in the African championships to be staged in November.

"We will be sending the senior squad to represent the country during these continental games. The Elite Mens League (EML) will help us scout for quality and talented players to be part of this tournament. The logistics of these games will be announced in due course as well as the squad," he further said.

Brian Mayisela, Brian Mabuza win June MTN monthly masters

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

GOLF - The enterprising pair of Brian Mayisela and Brian Mabuza were yesterday crowned the champions of the June MTN monthly masters.

The duo outclassed 54 golfers and went away with the first prizes of the competition played under Stableford format on the chilly weather condition at the Mbabane Golf course.

The combination of the old and young in Albert Mhlunga and Mfundo Nxumalo came second with 48 points on count backs.

Coming third was the pair of Clement Dlamini and Albert Mavuso who also amassed 48 points, with Jackson Mabizela and Clement Nhleko completing the top four on 48 points.

In the novelties section, Albert

Mhlunga recorded the longest drive while Clement Nhleko was nearest to the pin 2/11. Albert Quintela was nearest to the pin 8/17 and Gift Zulu on 9/18.

MTN Brand and Sponsorship Manager Fisiwe Vilane thanked golfers for coming in great numbers during the tournament. "We are happy with the way in which the competition proceeded and we are looking forward to the night golf competition on the July 8. We are going to bring more innovations in the competition in trying to promote the sport," she said.

The full results

1. Brian Mabuza and Brian Mayisela 51 points
2. Albert Mhlunga and Mfundo Nxumalo 48 points on count backs
3. Clement Dlamini and Albert Mavuso 48 points on count backs

4. Jackson Mabizela and Clement Nhleko 48 points on count backs
5. Mduduzi Maphalala and Kenneth Nkhabule 47 points on count backs
6. Tata Dlamini and Genius Sihlongonyane 47 points on count backs
7. Gideon Mhlongo and Rasheed Mohammed 47 points on count backs
8. Mike Zwane and Frank Hlophe 47 points on count backs
9. Nhlanhla Vilakati and Mandla Vilakati 47 points on count backs

Novelties

- Nearest to the pin**
2/11 Clement Nhleko
8/17 Albert Quintela
9/18 Gift Zulu
- Longest Drive**
Albert Mhlunga

SIHLANGU, ZIM SHARE THE SPOILS IN COSAFA OPENER

...Squad in must win games against Seychelles and Madagascar

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

Swaziland..... (1)2
Zimbabwe..... (0)2

SOCCER - Mbabane Swallows lanky attacker, Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst, proved why he is said to be the most wanted player after netting a brace during the national team Sihlangu's COSAFA Castle Cup clash against Zimbabwe.

The two sides played to a 2-2 all draw during the opening game of the tournament played at the Sam Nujoma Stadium in Namibia yesterday.

The locals took the lead twice with the lanky attacker scoring in each half. The midfielder scored the first goal 16 minutes into the game after connecting a Sifiso Mabila long ball, with a timely header, which went past the opposition

REMAINING FIXTURES FOR SWAZILAND				
Swaziland	v	Seychelles	Tomorrow	5pm
Sam Nujoma				
Swaziland	v	Madagascar	Wednesday	5pm
Independence				

goalkeeper, Tatenda Mkuruva, who had a busy day in office on the day.

Badenhorst came back in the 63rd minute and converted a spot kick awarded to the team after Zimbabwe skipper Danny Phiri handled the ball inside the box. The Harries Madze Bulunga side displayed a good showing during the game, enjoying much ball possession and shots on target. They, however, missed a number of chances with Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa, Muzi 'Mzoro' Dlamini and 'Fela' missing glorious opportunities in the 51st and 58th minutes, respectively.

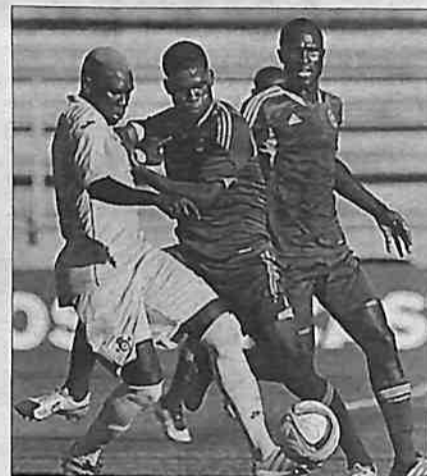
They also failed to protect their lead as Zimbabwe managed to level matters five

minutes into the second half when Obadiah Tarumba scored with a header after connecting a Tatenda Mudhewe cross. The Warriors found the back of the net again in the 78th minute when Pfumbidzai took advantage of a scramble inside the box and unleashed a scissor kick shot past the unsuspecting Sandile 'Nkomishi' Ginindza. Felix could have made it three with six minutes to go but his header missed the target by a few inches. The locals, who have declared their intentions of reaching the knockout stages of the tournament, will now meet Seychelles in their next game to be played at the Sam Nujoma Stadium tomorrow.



Sabelo Ndzinisa challenged by Nqobizitha Masuku of Zimbabwe during the 2016 COSAFA Cup match between Zimbabwe and Swaziland at Sam Nujoma Stadium in Windhoek, Namibia, yesterday.

Njabulo Ndlovu challenges Obidiah Tarumbwa of Zimbabwe during the 2016 COSAFA Cup match between the two teams which ended in a 2-2 draw.
(Courtesy pics)



Mark Carmichael retains his position as 'Downs MD

STORIES BY SABELO MAJOLA

SOCCER - Despite a lot of speculation surrounding his future as Manzini Sundowns Managing Director, Mark Carmichael has stated that he is not going anywhere but would retain his position in the team.

Carmichael was speaking through the team's mouthpiece Muzi Matsenjwa during the team's Annual General Meeting and end of year party held at Manzini Club yesterday.

Matsenjwa said the MD could not make it to the event due to other commitments he had to attend outside the country.

In his report, Carmichael acknowledged that he did consider stepping down and cited



Manzini Sundowns Managing Director, Mark Carmichael.

personal reasons for the decision.

"I did give a hint on leaving the

team, a decision that was based on personal feelings at the time but after considerations, I have

decided to stay," he said.

He expressed gratitude to the team's supporters for their loyalty to the club even in difficult times.

"There was a moment where the team lost seven games in succession but your attendance didn't plunge instead you showed support to the players when it mattered the most. We are going to retain the pool of players we have and hope to do better next season," he said. The team's target for the coming season is to bag at least one major trophy. The last time Sundowns won a tournament was back in 2012 when they lifted the Swazi Telecom Charity Cup, beating Young Buffaloes 1-0 in the one day tournament finals. They are also looking to finish in the top four of the Premier League in 2016/17 season.

...MD invests about E1.5m per annum at 'Downs

Manzini Sundowns MD Mark Carmichael spends about E1.5 million in running the team per season.

This amount includes players' salaries.

This was contained in the MD's report presented by the PRO Muzi Matsenjwa during the AGM held at the Manzini Club yesterday. He said the MD pumps in about E80 000 per month to pay salaries and other expenses. He said about E200 000 was reserved for buying new players for them.

"These expenses accumulate to E1.2 million or more every season. The MD has, however, assured the team that he would continue to assist financially like he has always been doing. He also said new players would be roped in to balance the squad, especially in the striking department," Matsenjwa said.

Sundowns roped in Jean Nguimbous from Tambuti in the last transfer window. Despite their consistent losses towards the end of the currently ended season, Sundowns managed a top eight finish and they would be competing in the Castle Premiership Challenge to be launched later this month.



Manzini Sundowns PRO, Muzi Matsenjwa.

...team to play SA's Black Leopards

Manzini Sundowns will host South Africa's former Premier Soccer League and current National First Division outfit, Black Leopards, for their pre-season camp.

The South African outfit popularly known as 'Lidoda Duvha' is expected to play a series of preparatory matches against Manzini Sundowns.

This was announced by

Matsenjwa during the meeting. The PRO, however, noted that they were still in discussions with the team and the finer details would be announced in due course.

"The team has confirmed these developments but we don't have the exact date yet as to when they will arrive in the country but supporters will be informed," he said.

The meeting also saw the elec-

tion of a new National Supporters Committee for the team.

Thanda Hadebe was elected Chairman and he replaces Terrence Jacobs who declined to stand for the elections.

Only two of the previous members retained their positions when elections were conducted yesterday. Wandile Nxumalo was re-elected Secretary General of the team while Vincent Costa

also retained his position as Treasurer.

COSAFA Castle Cup 'Super fan' Zinhle Mlambo and Luve branch Chairman Mncedisi Mdluli were both elected as members, replacing Philile Magongo and Sandile Dlamini.

The supporters were then reminded to pay E100 subscription which will be used to make membership cards and an additional E20 monthly contribution fee. The committee is expected to hold their first meeting next weekend.

...teams' change of name delayed

mean altering the logo and player's contracts and many other aspects. It is a long process hence we decided to delay the initiative.

Once we finalise on all the necessary aspects and considerations, we will go ahead with the initiative," he said.

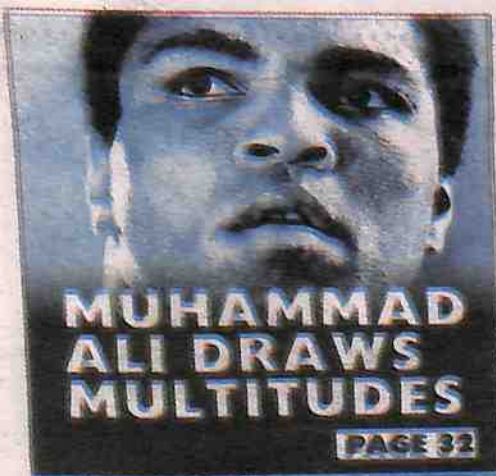
The new Supporters Committee members:

Chairperson	-	Thanda Hadebe
Secretary General	-	Wandile Nxumalo
Treasurer	-	Vincent Costa
Members		
Thabo Mlambo		
Mncedisi Mdluli		

Sundowns have delayed their desire to change the team's name from Manzini Sundowns back to Denver Sundowns.

Matsenjwa said they were still consulting on the legal implications of changing the team's name hence the decision to delay the process.

"Changing the team's name would



COSAFA CASTLE CUP:

POINT TAKEN!

... As most wanted Felix Badenhorst nets a brace in 2-2 all draw against Warriors in the COSAFA Cup opening game.



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Pic: Courtesy Pic.

SPORT EXTRA



Jose Garcia celebrating his goal for the Highlands Park.

AmaTuks relegated

JOHANNESBURG - The Lions of the North overcame AmaTuks 1-0 in the PSL Promotion/Relegation play-offs encounter played at the Makhulong Stadium yesterday afternoon. Highlands Park were targeting their second successive win in the PSL Promotion/Relegation play-offs when they hosted University of Pretoria in Johannesburg.

The visitors enjoyed more possession in the opening stages of the game, but they were finding it difficult to break the Highlands defence.

In the 17th minute, Highlands goalkeeper Tapiwa Kapini was tested by Atusaye Nyondo and the former made a comfortable save.

Highlands midfielder Auguston Leonard delivered a good cross into the Tuks box five minutes later, but Sibusiso Mthethwa managed to make a clearance. The ball was played into the Highlands box by Tuks midfielder Thabo Mosadi and Jemaine Christian was there to clear the ball away in the 36th minute. *Goal.com*

RESULTS

YESTERDAY		
2016 COSAFA CUP		
Zimbabwe	2 - 2	Swaziland
COPA AMERICA		
Argentina	5 - 0	Panama
Chile	2 - 1	Bolivia
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS		
Wales	2 - 1	Slovakia
Albania	0 - 1	Switzerland
PROMOTION PLAY-OFFS		
Highlands Park	1 - 0	University of Pretoria

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