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THE BEST OF UNISWA'S 36TH GRADUATION...



UNISWA Chancellor, His Majesty King Mswati III greeting the throngs present during the 36th Graduation Ceremony at UNISWA Kwaluseni Campus yesterday. Academic awards recipients posing for a photo after they were presented with their certificates of academic excellence. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

KING CALLS ON OTHER INSTITUTIONS...

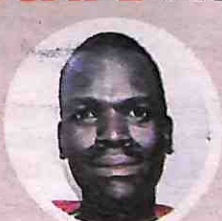
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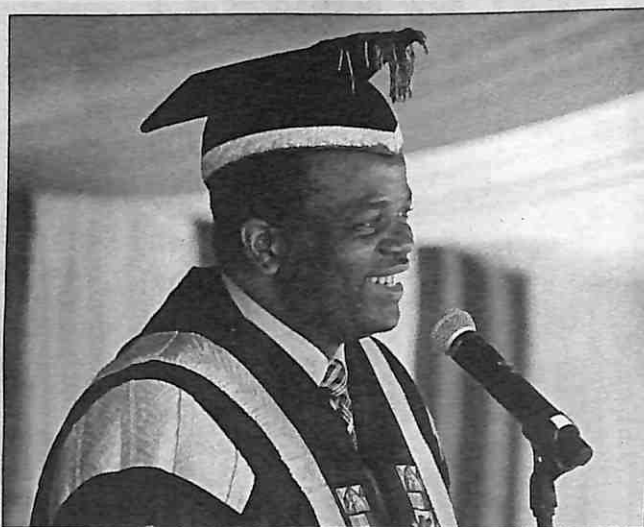
SADC UNIVERSITY SHOULD NOT REMAIN A DREAM - KING

STORIES BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

His Majesty King Mswati III has called upon other tertiary institutions in the country to provide guidance, support and direction towards the establishment of the historic SADC University of Transformation which will be established in the country.

The first of its kind tertiary institute was launched by His Majesty, who is also the current SADC chairman during the summit that was held in the country in August.

SADC is an acronym for Southern African Development Community and it is expected that students will enroll from across SADC starting with 300 students, 20 from each member state. It was revealed that the proposed SADC University of Transformation will have links with the Limkokwing University of Creative Technology (LUCT). The King said the idea of the SADC University of Transformation should not remain a dream on paper but it must actually be established successfully. He said this would be achieved if other institutions locally and regionally support the establishment of the university.



His Majesty King Mswati III called upon local and regional tertiary institutions to guide the establishment of the SADC University during UNISWA's 36th graduation ceremony. (Pics: Smon Shabangu)

"You are well aware that the Kingdom of Eswatini has assumed chairmanship of our regional body SADC. We therefore, look to institutions like the local universities to promote the socio-economic and political regional integration and development agenda of the SADC region. The hosting of the SADC public lecture during the SADC Summit by the University of Swaziland was a good start and it contributed to the overall success of the SADC programme. The sum-

mit culminated with the launch of the SADC University of Innovation. We invite our tertiary institutions, both locally and regionally to provide guidance and direction towards the establishment of this university. We believe our tertiary institutions have the capacity and potential to tackle the challenges facing regional integration and development," said the King.

The King was speaking at the University of Swaziland's 36th graduation ceremony that was

held at the Kwaluseni Campus. The King said the country had taken significant strides towards tapping into the innovation and creativity of its citizens. He said as the University of Swaziland was part of the Swazi delegation to the Africa-India summit where it established collaborations and partnerships with reputable Indian universities and research institutes. The King said government had also put in place institutions to facilitate the usage of the graduates' skills, further appealing to them to take advantage of programmes such as the youth fund as well the Royal Science Parks and the innovations and biotechnology parks to start business ventures. He said the country was in great need of new ideas and skills to help unlock its full potential and looked to the graduates to fill this gap.

His Majesty also appealed to tertiary institutions to play a leading role in working closely with the technology park initiatives as they had the potential to generate income into the country's economy. The King noted that in other countries technology parks had a turnover of billions of Emalangeni and hoped that this could also be the case for Swaziland in the future.

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A.T. conferred doctorate

...He was honoured together with the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Commonwealth Learning (COL); Professor Ansha Singh Kanwar for their contributions to development

BY MLONDI MPANZA

Tibiyo TakaNgwane Managing Director, Absalom Themba Dlamini's contribution to society has been recognised as he was conferred with an honorary doctorate in Law.

He was honoured by the University of Swaziland during its 36th graduation ceremony where Dlamini was conferred with a 'Doctor of Laws,' together with the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Commonwealth Learning (COL); Professor Ansha Singh Kanwar, who was conferred with a 'Doctor of Education' degree.

The former prime minister was honoured for his outstanding leadership and commendable contribution to international cooperation, while Kanwar was honoured for her exceptional role in advocating learning for sustainable development and her achievement in advancing the cause of education in Commonwealth countries through COL.

The duo was also appreciated by His

Majesty King Mswati III who said the honour was a reflection of their hardwork and urged them to continue contributing to the development of humanity throughout their lives. His Majesty said, "This achievement should leave an indelible mark in your legacy. You have been chosen from many other citizens of the country because of the distinguished role you have played in a variety of areas hence the university has found you worthy of these degrees."

When the Sunday Observer interviewed the Tibiyo TakaNgwane MD after they had been honoured, he expressed his excitement at the way things had unfolded on the day which saw him getting such an honour.

He said the least he could do was thank the Almighty God for the achievement, as well as His Majesty for his advice while working with him for the past 25 years and nine months.

"His Majesty's patience for me and guidance is what has made me the leader I am today and I thank him for that," said

Dlamini.

He further thanked his family, his wife in particular, for being patient with him for all these years because he has always been pre-occupied as a result of his duties which saw him not having any fixed time to come home but she has always been supportive to him. For that, he sent his gratitude to his wife and his entire family who have never left his side.

Dlamini expressed thanks to the main committee of Tibiyo TakaNgwane, past and present and the staff for shaping his career in the manner it currently is in.

"I also thank all government officials who have always been supportive to me both while I was the Prime Minister and now on my daily duties as the MD of Tibiyo," he appreciated.

Appreciations were further sent to the various teams such as business associates and friends who have been supporting him hence his recognition as the 'Doctor of laws.'

Sacrificed

The former premier attributed his honorary doctorate to his late parents whom he said sacrificed a lot in order to give him a good education and if they were alive, "I wish they could have been here to witness the hard efforts they have given to their son," he added.

Lastly, he thanked his church which has always been praying for him during both good and difficult times of his life.

Amongst his achievements, Dlamini served

UNISWA GRADUATION

King calls for review of tertiary programmes

His Majesty King Mswati III says there is a need for local tertiary institutions to evaluate the current programmes offered if they are still in line with world standards. The King said this was important because the world had become a global community hence there was a need to ensure the programmes are aligned with those of other countries.

"The world has become a global community and institutions such as UNISWA must be seen to be in tune with those standards. The country must evaluate if the programmes offered are still in line with world standards and relevant, and to ensure we always catch up with the other countries of the world," he said.

Meanwhile, the King applauded the University of

Swaziland for the turnaround strategy as it was also in line with the country's vision of attaining first world status by year 2022. The university has come up with a 2016-2021 strategic plan which seeks to turn UNISWA into the University of choice in Africa.

Urged

His Majesty further congratulated the graduates of 2016 and urged them to continue to shine and make a difference that would impact positively on the growth and development of the country. He urged the students to strive to create a legacy in their organisations, or community where they would be working. He said this would help the country realise its vision if the nation worked together and dedicated their lives to the growth of the kingdom.

The King noted that the university had witnessed noticeable growth that had expanded the facilities and academic programmes available to students. He said this was also through grants from friends of the kingdom and donors from various sectors, which provided the university with equipment which would improve the quality of teaching and learning of the students.

He expressed his appreciation to the government of Japan and the government for the construction of several buildings at the Faculty of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences, at the Luyengo Campus. He also acknowledged donations by the government of the Republic of China on Taiwan, DXN Malaysia, Swaziland Environment Authority (SEA) and the government.

King challenges graduates to start businesses

His Majesty King Mswati III has challenged the University of Swaziland graduates to take the initiative in starting businesses.

The King said they should make use of the skills acquired at the university to unlock the doors to their future as well as address issues of unemployment in the country.

Entrepreneurship

"The knowledge you have acquired includes entrepreneurship skills that should enable you to create the

much needed jobs. We encourage the university to explore the possibility of partnering with other institutions or private sector where they could develop incubators for students to start small businesses after completing their studies.

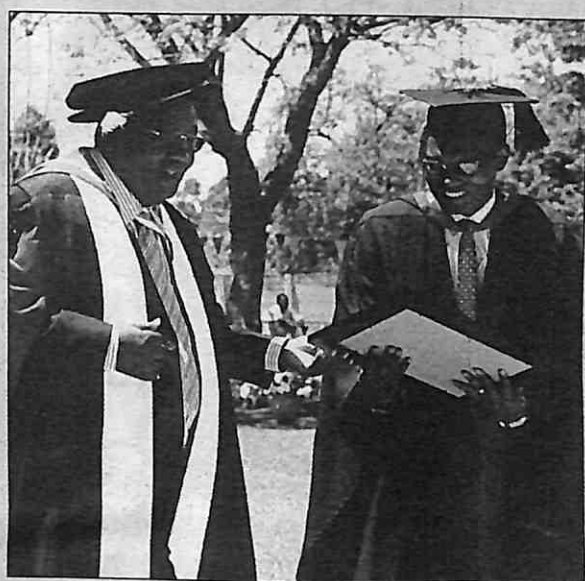
We have seen in other countries where graduates are brought together to start their own businesses in a facility that is managed and monitored by the university.

This could go a long way in empowering our young

people. We ask the university administration to explore this task for the benefit of the country. This can also address the issue of unemployment in the country," he said.

Job

The King said the Faculty of Consumer Sciences at Luyengo campus and the new faculty would not only produce entrepreneurs and job creators, but also generate additional revenue for the university through its textile and food products.



Social Science Dean Dr. Zwane honouring Tibiyo MD Dr A.T Dlamini.

Corporation (RSSC) and the Swaziland Business Growth Trust. Dlamini is also known as a strong believer of corporate governance and amongst a number of national assignments, he was appointed special envoy for the Southern African Development Community (SADC) in Madagascar to mediate on a

political impasse.

He has received a number of awards and honours such as the Medal of Chief Councillor of the Royal Order of King Sobhuza II, Order of Brilliant Star with Special Grand Cordon from the Republic of China on Taiwan and World Citizen Award of Excellence in Bahamas Island.

Seven prisoners escape from Big Bend prison

BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) officers were commissioned in different corners of the country yesterday after seven prisoners escaped from the Big Bend prison.

The prisoners are said to have escaped in the early hours of yesterday morning, and were still on the loose by yesterday evening. These prisoners who had all been remanded were awaiting trial for various charges including attempted murder, rape, robbery, and house breaking theft.

HMCS Public Relations Officer Bongani Khumalo confirmed the incident. The prisoners escaped from the different cell where remanded sus-

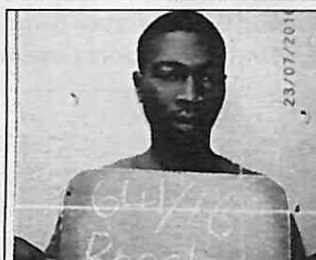
pects are kept, separate from the other prisoners. It is suspected that they used an unknown object to cut off the burglar proofing bars on the window to escape although it is not known how they could have smuggled in such an object. Usually from the instance when a suspect is arrested they are searched and stripped off items which could be off danger. Meanwhile, Khumalo said the Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase had since authorized an investigation and the officers would go all out to bring them back to justice.

"It is true that they escaped and we are still searching for them. We are also investigating how they managed to get out

but we noted that they cut off the burglar proofing bars and that was their way out. We have notified the police and are also all out in search for them," he said.

Khumalo pleaded with the public to assist them in nabbing the suspects who are still at large. He further pleaded with their families not to house them if they came looking for assistance as they could be an accessory to a crime. The Sunday Observer learnt yesterday that officers in different department throughout the service were assigned on the mass search for the suspects on the run. The officers were summoned to the Matsapha Correctional Facility where they were to receive orders on carrying out the high level task.

ESCAPED PRISONERS



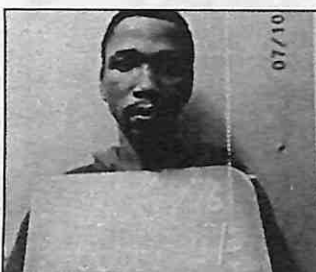
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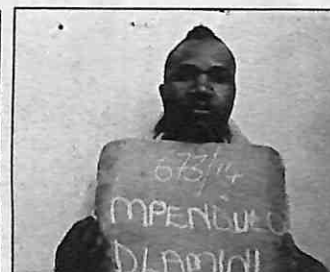
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Lawyer Zweli Jele tells CJ country needs legal indaba

BY LINDA JELE

Senior Mbabane lawyer Zweli Jele has called upon the legal fraternity to convene a legal indaba.

He says there was a need for lawyers to convene to seek solutions to the problems faced by the judiciary in the country.

Jele was speaking at the farewell dinner for veteran lawyer Known Nxumalo who is a senior partner at Robinson Bertram law firm who is retiring as a partner from the law firm. Jele said Nxumalo, in the 40 years he has practised as at attorney, contributed immensely to the country and served in many organisations' boards and committees.

He also said he once served as a commissioner in the judicial service commission (JSC) and NERCHA. He said in many of the boards he served in, he had been directly appointed by His Majesty the King, which was a sign that the work he has done was recognised.

He said Nxumalo was the first Swazi national to be appointed into the then Barclays bank directorship and the Swazi to be chairman of Standard Bank. Jele said being a partner at Robinson Bertram together with Kenneth Motsa and Derrick Jele taught him a lot about being his brother's keeper.

He said Nxumalo inculcated something into them, especially the value of humility and to put other people's interests first when in a partnership, 'so that you can reach common ground.'

The event had been attended by the Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala, the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Edgar Hillary, Senior partner at Henwood and Company John Henwood, Dr Wasswa, businessman Dean Smith, among other dignitaries.

Jele told the chief justice that there was need to tap into the wisdom of experienced legal practitioners like Nxumalo.

"Honourable chief justice, there is a need for us as the legal fraternity to convene an indaba, something similar to the smart partnership to discuss the challenges facing the legal fraternity.

We need to regain the acceptability of our people," he said.

He said the legal fraternity needed people of Nxumalo's calibre to give lawyers guidance.

The suggestion for an indaba was echoed by Law Society of Swaziland's Secretary General lawyer Bongani Bhanyaza Mdluli. Mdluli said lawyers would appreciate any forum that would talk about issues affecting the judiciary.

"We have always advocated for consultations of all stakeholders. As lawyers we are stakeholders and we would appreciate the indaba. It is important to have consultations with all the stakeholders and sit in a round table to see how we can solve the issues facing the judiciary," Mdluli said.

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OVER A THOUSAND GRADUATE



UNISWA Chancellor His Majesty King Mswati III leaving after the proceedings of the day.



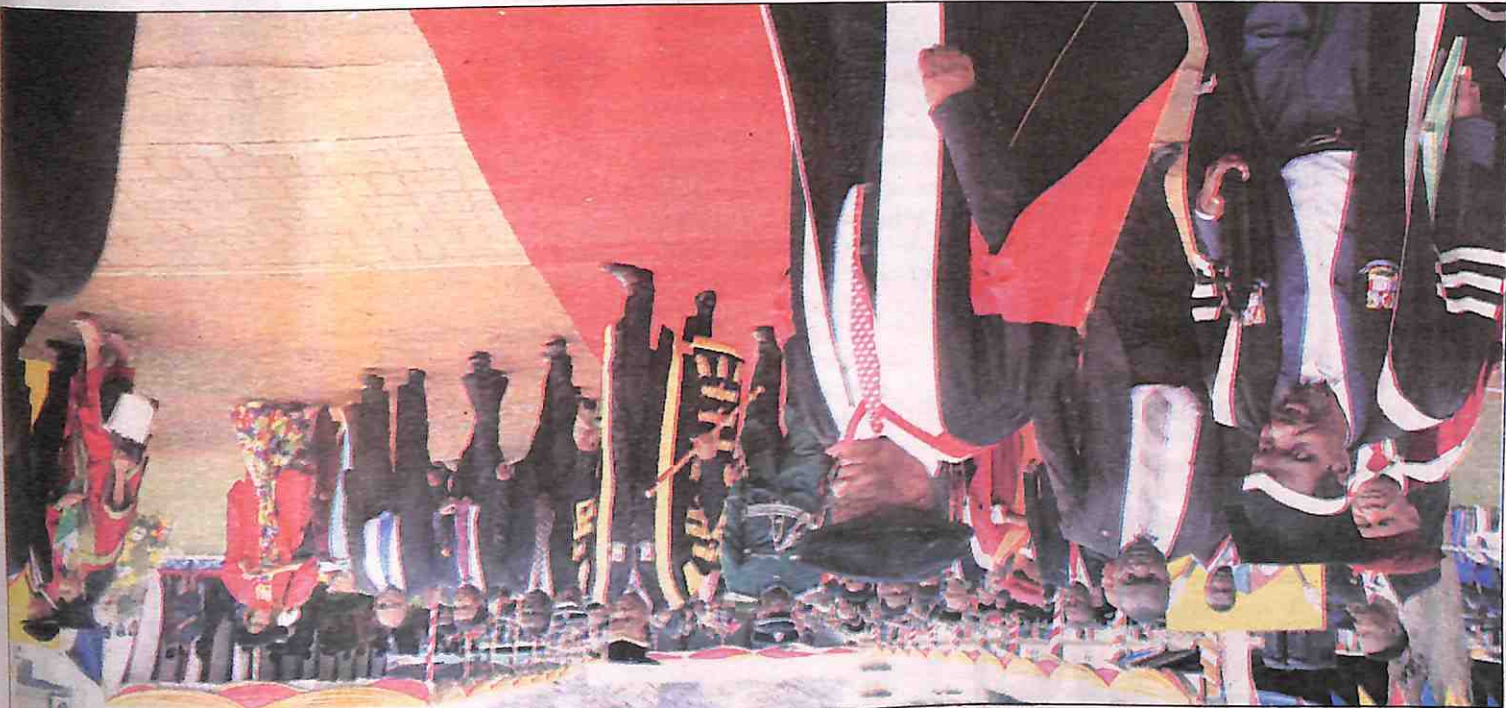
His Majesty addressing the graduates during the ceremony.



Tibiyo MD Dr Absalom Thembu Dlamini and Dr Asha Singh Kanwar after they were conferred with the doctorates.



Members of the royal family, Diplomats and Chief Justice were also among the many dignitaries present on the day.



was during the 36th Graduation Ceremony at UNISWA Kwaluseni Campus yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



Emakhosikati LaMatsebula, LaMbikiza, LaMahlangu and LaFogiyane joined by Princess Skhanyiso as they watch the ceremony in progress.



A section of the VIP guests who witnessed the ceremony.



AT UNISWA



Master of Education graduate Nokuthula Dlamini taking a bow before the King.



Master of Education graduate Siphiwe Nkosi being congratulated by the UNISWA officials.



SEC Corporate Communications Manager Sifiso Dhlamini pictured with the award winners sponsored by the company.



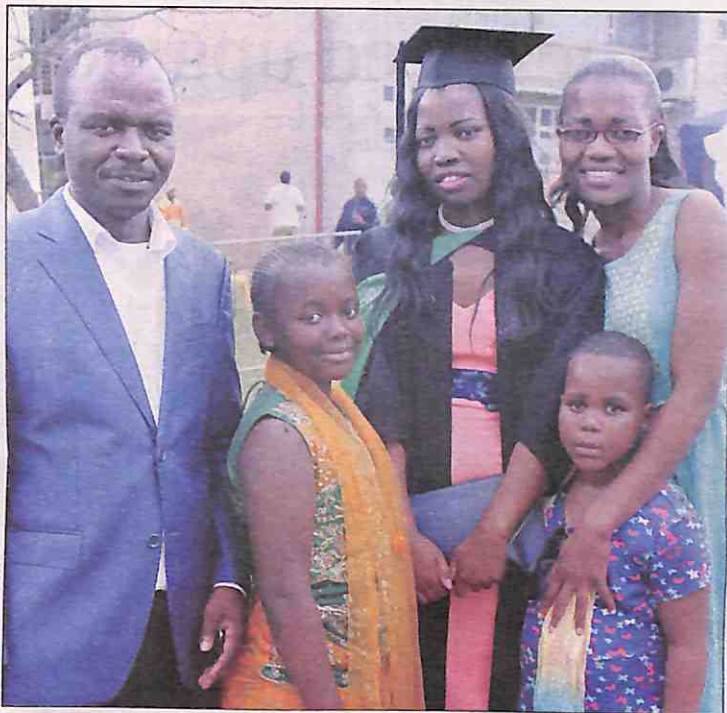
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism graduates lining up to receive their certificates.



Certificate in Education graduate Dumsani Dlamini from the King's Office taking a bow before His Majesty during the graduation ceremony.



The big five Sabelo Ndlangamandla, Mayibongwe Mhlanga, James Dlamini, Mpendulo Dube and Sibusiso Dlamini pose with their certificates.



Family members came through to congratulate Ayanda Shabangu who graduated with a BSc. Consumer Science. Minister of Health Sibongile Simelane congratulating her first born daughter Samkelisiwe Simelane who graduated in BSc. in Nursing.



Nomkhuleko Mthethwa was joined by family members to celebrate her success as she graduated.

'UNISWA CONTINUES TO FEEL BRUNT OF GOVERNMENT'S FISCAL CHALLENGES

STORIES BY MLONDI MPANZA

The University of Swaziland (UNISWA) continues to feel the brunt of the fiscal challenges faced by the country which have gone to the extent of affecting the number of graduates.

This was evident in this year's drop of 124 graduands after the university recorded 1 286 graduates this year as compared to the previous year's 1 410 graduates.

These figures were provided by the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Cisco Magagula in his remarks yesterday during UNISWA's 36th graduation ceremony held at the institution.

The vice-chancellor particularly attributed the decrease to the reduction in the provision of scholarships by the government with a majority of students enrolled at the university depending on this support.

Magagula pointed out it was important to acknowledge that over the years, the university has enjoyed tremendous support from His Majesty's Government through the subvention and scholarships that enabled it to develop its physical

...therefore the university has recognised the need to act on the challenges and find means to be financial sustainable



UNISWA graduates during the 36th graduation ceremony at Kwaluseni Campus yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

infrastructure, purchase teaching and learning equipment, material and attract a high calibre of professors anywhere in the world.

"However, of late, due to the global economic downturn and fiscal challenges, the government has had difficulty funding the university at the level it should be funded. This has negatively affected the operations of the university and its growth," he said.

The vice chancellor, however, revealed that despite these challenges, the university has recognised the need to urgently transform itself so that it would be financially sustainable.

Strategic

This transformation is in the form of a New Turn-Around Strategic Plan for the next five years.

The key strategic objective of the strategy is to generate additional

revenue for the university to supplement the government subvention for it to be financially sustainable.

It was further said some of the strategies for raising additional revenue include the establishment of a holding company, an offshore fundraising facility through the UNISWA Foundation and engaging in business ventures and entering into public-private partnerships

to finance large capital projects. The company will also seek to generate and income from its operations and run parallel and twinning programmes with other institutions globally, offering a niche and diversified programmes, as well as engaging in collaborative and commercial research.

In addition, "it will commercialise some of the university's fixed assets that have the potential to generate addition revenue," stated the vice-chancellor.

It is through this strategy that the university will be able to offer demand driven credit and non-credit programmes and professional short courses on commercial basis at a time convenient to the clients, be it in the evening, on weekends and during holidays.

"The mode of delivery will include, among others, face to face teaching, blended learning and online teaching and the university is currently running workshops for staff on how to use blended and online teaching and learning methods and technologies," he explained.

All this is part of the new vision of the university to be the 'University of Choice in Africa' in line with Vision 2022 with the Holdings Company said to have already been registered and now in the process of appointing the board of directors and chief executive officer.

Laboratory facilities need upgrade

The Vice-Chancellor yesterday revealed the need to upgrade the institution's laboratory facilities.

This is to ensure that the relations between the university and the Royal Science Technology Park (RSTP) bear the desired fruits as the university is expected to produce the expertise needed by the Park and through its laboratories conduct quality tests on all products earmarked for local and export markets.

Magagula said this would be achieved by forging collaborative partnerships with leading universities and Science Parks that are engaged in similar activities.

Through the existing relations as a result of a memorandum of understanding between the university and RSTP, Magagula, together with the Dean of the Faculty of Science and Engineering and the Acting Chief Executive Officer of the UNISWA Foundation, joined the King's delegation to the Africa-India Summit a year ago. The mission of the Vice-



Masters Degree graduates lining up to receive their certificates.

Chancellor's delegation was specifically, "to make contacts and explore collaborative relationships with some of the top institutions of higher learning in India that have partnerships with Science and Innovative Parks and to explore possible funders that are likely to support such links," he said.

Matter

As a matter of fact, the university has already forged some of the col-

laborative partnerships with leading universities and parks abroad for staff and student exchange and for sharing expertise and equipment.

Equally, similar collaborative partnerships have been recently forged with the Indiana Purdue University in the United States of America by the Deans of the Science and Commerce, as well as the acting CEO of the UNISWA Foundation.

Enrolment set to increase in new academic year

The recent commissioning of new facilities at the university by His Majesty King Mswati III, has brought about the possibility of an increase in the enrolment for the upcoming academic year.

At the present moment, the new facilities are said to have contributed with a seven percent increase in this year's enrolment which was equivalent to 435 students with the total enrolment for the last academic year standing at

6 283 and this year's being 6 718. The new facilities are at the Luyengo Campus with further constructions of two classrooms between the Kwaluseni and Mbabane Campuses, respectively. "Each classroom has the capacity to seat 600 students, thus making the total of 1 200 students. Next academic year, with these additional classrooms, the overall students' enrolment is likely to be over 8 000 students," said Magagula.



Police officers were also among the many graduates on the day.

E23million needed to equip laboratories

The university is currently in need of an amount of E23 million which would be used to equip some of the laboratories at the National Crop Production Centre.

"Once fully furnished, the laboratories will become a centre of excellence for teaching, research and community service in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region," said the vice chancellor.

He said it would further play a critical role in supporting the Royal Science Technology Park in terms of testing products for export markets. Magagula added that the new Faculty of Consumer Sciences would, apart from teaching and research, generate revenue for the university through food processing, mass production of garments and a bed and breakfast guest-house.



Relatives and friends came through to witness the graduation of their loved ones.

RELIEF FOR ALL AS FINANCIAL SERVICES OMBUDSMAN CRACKS WHIP

STORIES BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

Swazi are encouraged to make responsible choices when it comes to issues of finance. "We encourage responsible borrowing and lending," Ombudsman of the Financial Services (OFS) Nondumiso Simelane said.

The last time she was predominantly in the public eye was during her last few months as Mbabane Principal Magistrate prior to the career change.

This week, the dust settled long enough for her to grant an interview where she explained her job description and how her new post benefits the ordinary person.

Explaining

After explaining how her position was an independent complaints resolution body responsible for resolving disputes in a way that is fair and reasonable, she highlighted how her office was not just for the consumer but for financial service providers as well.

Explaining the role of her office further, she said, "Our role is to resolve disputes between complainants and financial service providers (FSPs) listed in the Second Schedule to the Financial Services

Regulatory Authority Act 2010 (FSRA Act/the Act) or any business licensed to provide financial services under the Financial Services Laws (FSLs) listed in the First Schedule to the Act."

Listing some of the FSPs she stat-

ed how these could include, but were not limited to; individuals and businesses operating in the space of credit, insurance, pension/provident funds, medical aid, securities or investments.

"In essence this means we take complaints against non-bank financial service providers. So, complaints could be made against a Central Securities Depository like the Swaziland Stock Exchange (SSX) for example, a Collective Investment Scheme; a Credit Bureau; a dealer; a representative of a dealer; a fund administrator; an insurance agent; an insurance Broker; Insurer; an Investment advisor; a registered pawnbroker; a medical aid scheme; a medical aid scheme provider; a nominee; a SACCO; a retirement fund; a provident Fund; a Securities Exchange; a trustee of a retirement fund; a representative of an

Investment advisor; a manager of a collective investment scheme, as specified in the Second Schedule to the Act," she said.

Simelane emphasised how complaints could be brought by individuals, including those acting as a trustee, legal or personal individual; a business, corporate trustee of a self-

managed retirement fund; a club or incorporated association; a holder of a group life or general insurance; and a stakeholder as contemplated in Section 2 of the FSRA Act

"Practically, the OFS has a number of weapons in its artillery to

help promote settlements where there are disputes. We use alternative dispute resolution mechanisms such as mediation, conciliation, and facilitation to encourage parties to settle.

Settlement

However, if a settlement can't be reached between the respective parties, we have the power to investigate and determine the dispute between the parties and issue a statement of such determination with reasons thereof," the ombudsman said while calling for increased financial literacy which could reduce incidence of dispute.

Describing how they investigate cases, she stated how providing all documentation assists them to solve disputes fairly and if there was a need to investigate, they scrutinised the documents for various facts to assist in the handling of the dispute.

"Typically when carrying out investigations, we ensure the process is handled fairly and allow parties to respond to each other's complaint/response points. As an Ombudsman service, we have the power to require from the parties any information relevant to the

investigation to assist us in reaching a fair and reasonable decision."

Recalling her first few days in office, she said, "When I came there were two officers, a Legal Officer and an Administrative Assistant who already existed from the era of the Registrar of Insurance and Retirement Funds (RIRF) Adjudicator."

She stated how following the inactivity in the office after the Adjudicator, she found these officers had already prepared some notes on work was pending from the Adjudicator's desk, as it

were, as well as from her predecessor Justice Thomas Masuku. "These notes

included complaints files that had remained pending from the Adjudicator, which we are prioritising," she said adding how she also found rules that were in the process of development which would guide and govern the complaints resolution process by the office.

Concerning the stage they are on with the rules, she revealed they were presently inviting stakeholders within the non-bank financial services space to view, read and comment on the Draft Rules which we have been uploaded on the website www.ombudsfs.org.sz.

She implored both service providers and consumers to critically apply their esteemed minds when going through the draft rules as they have a 360 degree impact, they affect everyone.

Explaining the need for all to be cautious, she called for stakeholders to be mindful they could be on all ends of the financial services spectrum.

"The chief executive officer of the micro-lender could be a consumer of non-banked services due to insurance policies he holds," she said while encouraging everybody to be fair in their comments.



About Nondumiso Simelane

After obtaining her LL.B in UNISWA, she trained as a police officer where she served from October 1992 until November 1998, serving in general police duties and left when she was Legal Training Officer.

Joining the ACC, she was Investigator and later Senior Investigator from November 1998 until March 2004.

Thereafter, in April 2004 she joined the Judiciary of the kingdom, serving in the subordinate courts first as Acting Principal Magistrate and finally confirmed in that position, until when she varied service from government service to join the corporate space in the office of the Ombudsman of Financial Services.

No need for lawyers when appearing before FS Ombudsman

Seeing as laymen are usually overwhelmed hence they fail to seek redress in matters sounding legal or financial, the Ombudsman of the Financial Services has assured that her office is completely informal.

"The Ombudsman service is free and far less formal but relatively fast, provided we have all the information we need to resolve the complaint." Comparing the setting with courts, she said, "Unlike the feeling with the courts, parties are under no obligation to be legally represented, and settlement is promoted before we undertake an investigation towards a determination. This

is to assist in restoring business relationships between FSPs and their clients as opposed to dismantling them.

For that matter, we require that before lodging a complaint with the office, complainants must have first lodged a complaint in writing with the concerned FSP and must have given the FSP reasonable time to resolve the complaint."

She reiterated that her office was not a champion for consumer complaints only.

"Our mandate is to ensure fairness in process and in outcome for both sides. Typically in the courts, FSPs have had the financial muscle to instruct high calibre legal counsel or

hired guns, so to speak, and can out spend complainants who may be an individual policy holder or fund member with a restricted budget. However, as an Ombudsman we ensure complainants are on an equal footing with FSPs, where the facts, and not top lawyers, have an influence on the outcome of our determinations."

Describing how complaint-forwarding has been made easy, she explained how they had come up with forms which stakeholders can use to lodge their grievances. She, however, called for stakeholders to ensure they avail all documentation relevant to the complaint made.



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State of Qatar Ambassador Felizwe Dlamini's wife Elena and Qatar officials welcoming Her Majesty Indlovukazi on arrival in Qatar where she is currently on a state visit to strengthen bilateral relations with the two nations. (Courtesy pics)



Her Majesty being ushered in the special resting area on her arrival.



Princess Sdvumolesihle and Prince Lonkikhela with some of the Qatar officials who welcomed Her Majesty and the delegation.



The local delegates pictured on arrival. SNPF CEO Lonkikhela is also in Her Majesty's delegation.



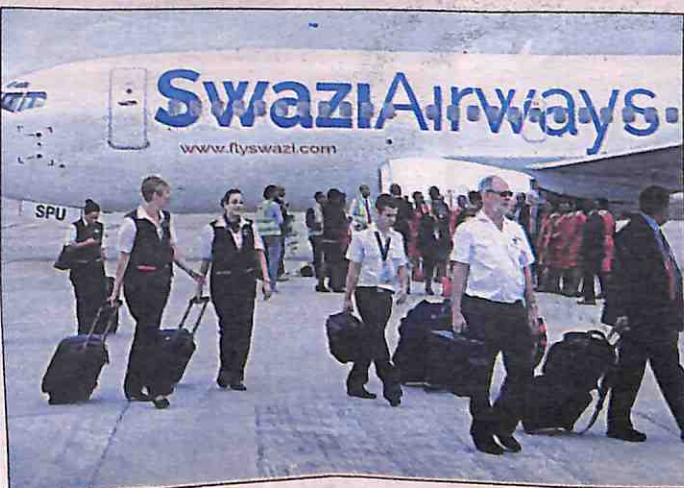
SWAZI AIRWAYS BOEING 737-300 AIRCRAFT ARRIVAL



Excited Swazi Airways employees during the arrival of the Boeing 737-300 aircraft at King Mswati III International Airport on Thursday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



The staff members and aircraft crew also had an opportunity to pose in front of the plane.



The aircraft crew upon arrival at Sikhuphe.



Swazi Airways Chief Executive Officer Guillermo Barrios making his remarks during a press briefing.



Some of Swazi Airways staff members.

EXTERNAL TRIPS DIVIDE COUNCIL

BY MLONDI MPANZA

Councillors from the Municipality of Mbabane have been left fuming and divided following a decision to shun them from the upcoming Umsebe Accord.

The decision is said to have been allegedly made by the Minister of Housing and Urban Development, Phiywayinkhosi Mabuza who confirmed the existence of a policy which restricted the number of councillors who could go on a trip.

This was after the number of councillors to undertake the trip was allegedly cut down from 12 to three despite a budget from the Council which was inclusive of the councillors' trip being passed on by the minister who has later opposed to the plans to see them all go in the trip.

In a telephonic interview, Mabuza stated that the councillors were well aware of this policy, "Councillors cannot go in large numbers as stipulated by the policy because it would not sit down well with ratepayers for such a large group to go."

The concerns emanate from the upcoming trip to Mozambique which sources who spoke on condi-

tion of anonymity stated that all 12 councillors from Mbabane were meant to be part of the trip to Matola this coming weekend where the festivities for the Umsebe Accord will be.

But, Mabuza could not hear any of this as he is alleged to have told management that he could only allow three councillors to undertake the trip to Mozambique.

Umsebe Accord is a business networking event between four Municipalities being Mbabane, Matola, Mbombela and Nkomazi.

It came into light as a result of an inter-municipal agreement which was signed by the four municipalities in 2012 with six goals covering the development of programmes that would allow and ensure that the cities actively promote best sharing practice, benchmarking and networking.

Permission

The minister explained that only one councillor was allowed per trip and if there was need for addition – permission had to be sought from him which he hardly grants to every town and not just Mbabane.

However, he stated that he understood the frustration by the councillors who are said to hold the notion

that their counterparts always come in large groups hence they wanted to do the same – unfortunately this is not allowed in as far as the local policy is concerned.

The decision to sideline the councillors has not sat down well with them as it is alleged that in light of such sentiments, it now lied upon the responsibility of the Capital's Mayor, Benito Jones and Chief Executive Officer, Gideon Mhlongo to 'hand-pick' the three who will be part of the trip.

Concern

The concern is therefore centred on the fact that this has now brought about slim chances of making the trip for those councillors who are allegedly not the duo's favourites.

In fact, it is alleged that although those who will make the trip have not been announced, but it is clear from the 12 councillors who will possibly go and who will not.

"It is quite obvious that favourites of the Mayor and CEO will make the trip yet if all the 12 were going things would have been made easier for everyone," the source stated.

The looming exclusion for the non-favourites was described as being deprived of a privilege because the participants of the different trips



Mbabane City Council offices.

in the council's calendar should be on a rotational basis, but it is alleged these seem to be for only a 'chosen few.' In addition, the trips are said to come with a certain allowance for the councillors that unfortunately a number of them have not enjoyed since coming into office three years ago.

Questioning

The source explained, "Despite the many trips available for the Council, some councillors have only gone once since coming into office, while there are those who are always on every trip." Such is said to be the cost of questioning objectively issues that touch on the operations of the council, especially when those allegedly touch on the management and this was evident from actions of Jones who hung up his phone when called by this newspaper.

This was after he had been ques-

tioned if he had received the letter from expelled workers in light of the restructuring exercise – for which he responded to the negative before dropping the call when the subject of this trip was brought on.

The Umsebe Accord also seeks to facilitate the provision of a conducive environment for each municipality, its employees, Councillors, residents and businesses through empowerment – something which the sidelined councillors will miss.

The initiative enjoys the support of Minister Mabuza who has previously been reported to have asserted that this would have a positive contribution to the tourism sector which had become a significant contributor to the gross domestic product (GDP) with a potential of providing significant employment opportunities and add value to economies and people.

UNISWA RADIO BROADCAST A SUCCESS

BY LUNGELO NKAMBULE

History was re-written when yesterday after the Uniswa Journalism and Mass Communication (JMC) Department successfully carried out a live radio broadcast of the Uniswa graduation ceremony.

UNISWA was granted a temporary license by the independent regulator Swaziland Communication Commission (SCCOM) to broadcast for this weekend only. Speaking to this publication, UNISWA Journalism Department Head Dr Maxwell Mthembu said "We are grateful to the Commission for allowing us to broadcast during the graduation weekend as it will enhance the training of our students who have to prepare, implement and maintain a radio broadcast for three consecutive days." Furthermore, he said he was happy with how the students assumed responsibility of the running of the studio. "The students have shown great enthusiasm and I am very happy with how they have contributed to the success of our broadcast," he said. He also said that as a department they were contemplating engaging SCCOM to get a permanent license. "We would like to have a permanent radio station and we will work on it," he said.

Busy

Students who were found busy at the studio said they were excited that they were getting a practical feel of everything they were being taught in class. Sibongiseni Zondi a final year student said he was happy to be a part of the historic event and he was excited that he was putting into practice everything he had learnt in class. "I am very excited, doing it practically feels so different, it is amazing," he said. "We are getting a chance to implement everything we learnt in class and we are gaining experience. We are really grateful to the

SCCOM for allowing us to broadcast and we implore the department to work on a permanent license," he said.

First to go on air when the station came onto air, Takangwane Dlamini a second year JMC student said she too was very excited that she had been the first to go on air and she was putting into practice the theory she had learnt in class. "All this is very exciting

for me, I was first to go on air and it was amazing. The best thing though is getting feedback from fellow students. Students are listening and that for me is everything," she said.

Phenomenal

"It is phenomenal," said another student Hlengiwe Ndlovu. Ndlovu said being hands on and being able to implement what you learnt in class was exciting.



"This that is happening is history. We are right on track to 2022 if things like these happen. It is a trend in many countries to have a

campus radio station and this is it," she said. She said the radio station tackled issues that mainstream radio couldn't tackle. "We are tackling issues that are relevant to Uniswa students and the Kwaluseni community," she said. Zandile Qwabe concurred with Ndlovu that history was being made. "I am very excited to be part of this historic event," she said.

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Rebel 'soldier' still aggrieved

BY LUNGELO NKAMBULE

The 'rebel' soldier who hogged the headlines in 2012 when he escaped from an army guard house where he was held for punishment is still aggrieved.

This comes after the army refused to reinstate the soldier even though the High Court ordered the army to stop threatening and harassing him in any manner whatsoever.

The former soldier Madoda Dlamini who was eventually removed from the army's payroll in March 2012, has come out to say he is still aggrieved with the manner in which his case was handled. Speaking to this publication Dlamini said he believed he was treated unfairly and he wondered why the army was being allowed to do as it pleases. "I won the matter in court, the judgement was that I should go back to work and no one should

harass me in any way but that wasn't the case. Narrating his story, Dlamini pointed out that after the court order had been granted he went back to work where he was met by one Lance Corporal Muntu Shongwe.

"I had just arrived greeting and talking to my colleagues when Muntu came to me and asked where I would be spending the night. I told him in the barracks to which he said it was impossible because my belongings were still in the guard house. I told him about the court order which he read and I told him the superiors were served with theirs," he said. He said whilst he was conversing with Shongwe he saw about ten soldiers surround him and that's when all hell broke loose. "To this day I don't know how I out-paced them because I am convinced a bad thing would have happened to me if they caught me," he said. He said after that night he stayed away

from the army in fear of his life. "I tried reporting the matter to the police but no one would help me. I went to both the Manzini and Nhlangano police stations," he continued. Dlamini said what didn't sit well with him now was that the Army had failed to comply with the law but no one was doing anything about it.

Confused

"The High Court is the highest law enforcer in the land, so I am a bit confused why no one is holding the army in contempt of court," he continued. He further said in his conversation with Shongwe, Shongwe had told him that the army did not take orders from anyone especially from a woman. "He said I must go back to the woman who had granted me the order because the army did not take orders from the woman. He also told me the martial court was above the High Court and this baffled me," he said. Dlamini said all that he wanted now was clarification as to why the army was not held in contempt.

"They tore up the court order and told me to go back to the guard house where I was kept before I escaped," he continued. Dlamini says this was a contradiction of the court order. "I went to court because I didn't want to be in the guard house. The conditions there were pathetic and not meant for human beings. Dlamini further pointed out that he had no desire to go back to the army but he wanted justice to be served.

"When I saw the gazette that stated I had been relieved off my duties I went to the AG's office to inquire what the law had to say about my sacking following that I had been reinstated by the court order. When we got there, the army lawyer was present and the AG made it clear that no order was above that of the High Court and the army had to comply," he continued.

Dlamini said his plea now was to the court of the land to bring

the army to justice. "They must face the music just like everyone else," he said.

Army Public Relations Officer Colonel Winfred Dlamini said he had no proper recall of the case but anyone who had been a soldier and was aggrieved knew the channels they needed to follow to have their grievances addressed. "There are many others in court, he can do the same. He must use the proper channels," he said.

Dlamini made headlines four years ago for running away from Mbangweni army barracks guard house where he was serving a punishment. Dlamini was accused by his seniors for leaking sensitive information to the media and mobilising his colleagues to march to His Majesty to report Mbangweni Army Barracks management. He was labelled a rebel, called lazy and he was accused of having a bad attitude.

CORRECTIONAL CONDEMNED FOR BAD TREATMENT

BY MLONDI MPANZA

Officers from His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) have been said to be lacking in as far as treating inmates, particularly those on death row is concerned.

Instead of having proper communication with the inmates who are also humans, the officers are alleged to have an attitude towards them.

This is the view of Human Rights Lawyer, Sipho Gumede who was responding to questions in relation to the release of incarcerated convict Mandla Maphalala who wants out of jail.

He solely wants out of jail because he believes he has paid for his sins as having fully served his sentence in prison. Close to two decades ago, Maphalala was sentenced to death row and 27 years in prison, but over the years and in the absence of a hangman in the country, he has received pardoning from the King.

The pardon saw him moving from death row to a life sentence which is 25 years in prison according to the constitution.

Having been sentenced 18 years ago, he believes he has now served his time since according to the constitution – each passed sentence is reduced by a third and the 25 years equates to the 18 years he has served already.

But, he holds that certain officials from HMCS are deliberately holding him hostage and do not want to free him.

On the other hand, Gumede concurs with Maphalala in the sense that he is of the belief that once inmates,



DISCLAIMER: The inmates in the picture are not the associated with the contents of the article. (File pic)

particularly those on death row have been pardoned, officials from the correctional facility should sit him down and explain what that means and further count with them when they would be out of prison to give them hope and courage, as well as create a certainty on their release.

He said, "I have noted that a number of inmates who have been on death row do not know when they should be out. This is because the officials do not clearly explain the issues around the pardoning, as well as their date of release."

This in the process is contradictory to what Section 18 of the constitution says and added that inmates should be treated with dignity because they are human beings.

The former South African soldier is currently serving the sentence after he was found guilty of murdering two government officials in a robbery gone wrong in 1998 in which he was the gunman.

Immediately after being found guilty, he was taken to solitary con-

finement where he waited for the day in which he would be hanged for his crimes until he got a pardon from the King which saw him commuting to the normal cells where he could mingle with other inmates.

Also, he formed part of the three inmates who had been on death row for years together with Richard Mabaso whom the both received pardon with and serial killer David Simelane who remains as the lone inmate on death row in Swaziland.

Gumede shared that the officers from HMCS should know that life is not controlled by themselves, but God and therefore they should treat the inmates with dignity, stating this was the same attitude displayed by the officers which saw him making a review application for Maponi Ngubane's sentence.

"I told them their attitude was wrong and even if an inmate was serving a long sentence, he deserves to be kept aware of when his or her sentence would be coming to an end," he stated.



Driver loses control of car, runs away

BY LUNGELO NKAMBULE

A driver of a VW Golf sedan yesterday left many stunned when he ran away leaving his passengers behind to fight for their lives after he lost control of the car he was driving.

The overloaded car which was heading to Oshoek from Mbabane failed to negotiate a corner at Motshane and it veered off the road. The car which is designed to carry five people including the driver is reported to have had five passengers. A traffic police officer who was found on the spot said the

driver is believed to have lost control of the car.

"The driver failed to control the car and went off the road. They are fortunate to be alive because this accident had potential to be fatal," he said.

The passengers of the car were found lying on the road, moaning and groaning in pain. Paramedics on the spot did their best to help the bleeding passengers. A police officer at the scene said they were worried about the driver because there was a chance that he was badly hurt. "We are worried about him because he might be hurt and he needs medical attention," he said.



DON'T BE AFRAID OF 2018 - 'BOMBER'

BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

Senator Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa has advised politicians not to be afraid of 2018, where the next national elections will take place.

The ever jovial senator said there was no delaying the inevitable as their term in office would eventually come to an end but it was important for the politicians to ensure they have done enough work in their constituencies to be confident as 2018 approaches.

"I know many of you are worried about 2018 and that time is running out but do not be afraid of the elections. Once you have been chosen or elected to carry out such important duties, you have to make sure to leave a legacy so that you do not have to worry about the next election. If you have done your work well, *siyabuya la*," he said, much to the amusement of the politicians. Mthethwa was speaking at an event held at Mafutseni where Corban Build Hardware was presenting a sponsorship worth E150 000 for the Mafutseni League, spread over three years.

The event was graced by a number of politicians, namely Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala, Minister of Tourism and

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Senator Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa.

Environmental Affairs Christopher Gamedze, Minister of Public Service Owen Nxumalo, Members of Parliament Sicelo Jele (LaMgabhi), Mjuluk Dlamini (Mtfongwaneni), Sitezi Dlamini (Dvokodweni), as well as the constituency headman and executive committee members.

Worth noting is that the politicians touched on the topic of national elections a number of times at the event, jokingly stating '*selishonile*' loosely translated in the context as 'there is

no more time left'. As the MPs took turns in addressing the people of Mafutseni, mainly representatives from the beneficiaries of the donation, took turns in congratulating the Mafutseni Member of Parliament Gamedze who had received a sponsorship that would sustain the league for the next three years.

According to the MPs, this meant he would not have to worry about looking for sponsorship for the remaining period of his term but instead, it was still something he could still celebrate even in 2018. '*Selishonele Mhlonishwa, kuncono wena sowewele*' they were heard saying. Corban Build Hardware Head of Marketing Reggie Kunene, said Gamedze would constantly knock on their door reminding him the business was doing well in the area, while Kunene was also a resident of Mafutseni.

The MP mockingly asked the other parliamentarians not to feel entitled to the sponsorship in their constituencies as Kunene was a Mafutseni resident.

Farmers forced to pay E30 for farm inputs

BY MBONO MDEULI

Farmers are now allegedly made to pay E30 for one bag of subsidised farm inputs provided by the ministry of agriculture.

This corrupt practice, which disturbed Members of Parliament (MPs), was raised by Zombodze Emuva MP Titus Thwala on Wednesday. Thwala was moving a motion that compelled the minister for agriculture to explain the delay behind the subsidised farm inputs supplied to paid-up farmers. He was supported by Ngwemphisi MP Veli Shongwe.

When motivating the motion, Thwala stated farmers were now made to pay for subsidised inputs. "Farmers need fertilisers and seeds to cultivate at this time. Farmers pay for a bag of each of these things. If the farmer wants four of these bags, he will have to pay E120 to get them," Thwala said.

The MP said the farmers paid for having the materials delivered at the tinkhundla centres. This was bad, according to the MP, because some farmers were staying far away from the tinkhundla centres. He said the ministry was busy telling farmers to cultivate maize yet there were no farm inputs in the communities.

MP Shongwe said cultivation meant sowing of seeds into the ground with an intention of harvesting. "Some farmers are not getting seeds as we speak, but they are expected to cultivate. That is not possible. The min-

istry should use the radio station to give the right information, not just to take advantage of abusing the radio just because it has access to it," Shongwe said. He said the ministry should ensure there was easy access of these materials at chiefdom level, not only at tinkhundla level.

Nkhaba MP Menzi Dlamini said they were made to travel for 80 km from Nkhaba to Buhleni to get the materials. He said they were also made to pay when they reached Buhleni. He failed to understand why they were made to travel for such a long distance when there was Motshane RDA, which was 20km away from them. Dlamini also said the late coming of the seeds was a waste because they ended up expiring. He said 17 bags (50 kg) of expired seeds were stored at Nkhaba. "Once they have expired, they are of no use because even animals cannot eat it as some chemicals have been applied to the seeds," Dlamini said.

Minister for Housing and Urban Development Phiywayinkhosi Mabuza was acting in the ministry for Moses Vilakati. He said the delays were caused by the absence of the tender board. "The tender board had just been appointed by the minister for finance. Another thing was that 15 000 farmers were expected to pay last year, but only 5 000 paid. This delayed because we wanted to buy for all the farmers," Mabuza said. He said the ministry was not aware of the E30 issue and would look into it.

An Inyanga who craves completing degree at 79

STORIES BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

At 79 years old, Manasa Sizoli has two wishes in life, to build himself a proper house as well as complete his Bachelor of Arts Degree.

Living in squalor in Bethany where he settled after being evicted from Nokwane, his life has been characterised by collecting every implement he can land his hands on with the hope these will one day come in handy once he starts building his house.

Explaining how he came to live in Bethany, Sizoli, who originates from Zimbabwe, Bulawayo, recalled how he was rendered homeless by the evictions which made way for the Science and Bio-Technology Park over a year ago.

Upon eviction, he claimed to have obtained a piece of land from Mahlanya traditional authorities through the *khonta* system which saw him settled within the vicinity of the old Shembe camp-site.

Having been able to remove some of the corrugated iron sheeting from the residence in Nokwane, he put up rudimentary structures which threaten to fall on him with each passing day.

He recalled how he arrived in the country on the piece of farmland in 1989. He revealed how he lived with his wife's family after they promised to give him a piece of land on which he would raise his family.



Manasa Sizoli, the traditional healer who wants to pursue his studies.

"When I married my wife, she already had three children and we went on to have two more who now take care of me," he said. He related how he first arrived in the country in 1979 to seek a traditional practitioner *inyanga* who would guide him leading to his initiation.

"I failed to find a practitioner who healed using the guidance of ancestral spirits as those who I came across all healed using herbs only," he said.

During that time, he met his wife and they returned to Zimbabwe together.

After some time, he stated how he had to leave Zimbabwe due to his affiliation with Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU) leader Joshua Nkomo leading him to settle in

Botswana and later moving to the United Kingdom. At that time, there was great animosity between the ruling party led by President Robert Mugabe and Nkomo.

It was during that time of strife that Sizoli started his tertiary education through the University of South Africa. After six years of modules, he revealed how his return to Swaziland in 1989 rendered him hapless and without means of paying for his tuition fees.

Showing his bookshelves full of moth-eaten textbooks, Sizoli said it was his wish to complete his public administration degree which he envisages will enable him to, "...sit in an office while pointing at people to do all the work and getting paid well."

...Has no healing prowess

Manasa Sizoli, a self-acclaimed traditional doctor, revealed how he had not been practicing for some time after losing his powers due to the silence of the ancestral spirits which guided his gift.

"I have not healed in some time because they are now quite," he said.

The spirits, which he claimed talked to him, are the reason he lives in Bethany alone.

"They told me to live alone," he said adding how he had been doing their bidding from the time he noted their existence.

"They led me to Swaziland, so I

always follow their bidding," he said.

Explaining his gift of healing, he clarified that he did not have a knowledge of herbs as do most healers in the country.

Healing

"They tell me how to go about healing those they guide to come seek healing from me," he said adding how he then healed them.

He said the ancestors were calling upon him to build a proper consultation room hence he believed his clients would return once he sorts that out seeing as the current one is made of grass and on the verge of falling over.

With 'rubble' grouped around the yard, Sizoli explained how he hoped to use every piece in constructing his future abode.

Pointing at a room made of off-cuts, he said it was built by his daughter's friend while he built himself a shack out of metal scraps.

"The room made of off-cuts is too porous as everything gets drenched during the rains whereas my creating stays dry," he said.

He admitted how four young people came to him on different occasions offering to build him a

proper structure and only one returned to try make good of his promise.

"He has been baking me clay bricks and said he was willing to see the project through even though he does not have finances."

Sizoli revealed how he was willing to build his own house but also had the same problem as his young benefactor with added lack of strength a hindrance.

"So I will wait until my own son is able to build for me," he said resignedly.

ESICOJENI DONATIONS

HIS MAJESTY RECEIVES CLOSE TO E500 000 FOR ESICOJENI WALK

BY SIMON SHABANGU

His Majesty King Mswati III has received close to half a million as donations towards the Walk for Hunger event organised by Esicojeni Foundation.

His Majesty is the Patron of the Foundation, having launched it back in 2007.

Four companies donated E470 000 during a presentation held at Lozitha Royal Palace on Thursday night. MTN Swaziland and Standard Bank donated E150 000, Galp Swaziland contributed E120 000 while Letshego gave out a sum of E50 000.

The four companies now fall in the category of Platinum sponsors as more sponsorship are still expected from other companies who have always supported this initiative, which is aimed at alleviating hunger among the underprivileged children and families around the country.

Speaking during the presenta-

tion, His Majesty said he was grateful to the companies for their contribution towards this initiative, which he noted had done a tremendous job in fulfilling the mandate of the foundation.

His Majesty said companies have led the way by making the donations and urged others to do the same as the country seeks to fight hunger among children.

"I am grateful for the contributions you have made so far and hope other companies will come forth with similar interventions. It is important that as a country we take care of the underprivileged hence the establishment of such organisations which will attend to such needs. As the corporate society, we must work towards supporting such initiatives because it aims at helping those of us who are not able to do anything for themselves," His Majesty said.

He was happy with the manner in which the committee is run-

ning the foundation which has since benefitted a number of needy citizens. "The reports I am getting on how the money donated by companies is used please me and I must assure you here today that monies will be utilised accordingly and towards the people it is aimed for. You must rest assured that there is no mismanagement of the funds you contribute. I also urge other companies to consider contributing towards this worthy cause and further invite the nation to join in and make contributions and further make the event a success," he said. His Majesty also noted that the walk for hunger was a good experience and some form of exercise, urging people to participate in their numbers noting this would also be of great benefit to their health wise.

He said health professionals always encourage the nation to exercise and stay healthy saying participating in such a walk would enhance such.

...next Sunday will see the nation walking for the alleviation of hunger in the Fight Hunger, Walk the World event



His Majesty King Mswati III posing with company representatives who presented sponsorships towards the Walk For Hunger initiative by Esicojeni Foundation on Thursday night at Lozitha Royal Palace. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

Meanwhile Fani Mthethwa who spoke on behalf of the sponsors said as the corporate sector they were elated to be part of such an important initiative which is aimed at benefitting the underprivileged.

He said the national vision will be achieved if companies work together and support such initiative which is aimed at supporting children who are the future generation of the country.

He commended the King for the initiating this foundation and

pledged their continued support in such initiatives.

The delegation of company representatives was led by the Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini, under which the organisation falls.

Chairman of the Foundation Ambrose Dlamini, announced the sponsorships to the King. UNICEF Country Director Rachel Odede, also attended the presentation together with the foundation's committee where she also sits as a member.



Acting Standard Bank CEO Nelus Agenbach and Zitsile Dlamini presenting a cheque to the King.



Galp Swaziland Commercial Director Fani Mthethwa and the MD Francisco Perreira making their presentation.



Swazi MTN CEO Ambrose Dlamini joined by Lando Dlamini and Wandile Methula as they present their contribution on behalf of the company.



His Majesty King Mswati III posing with Esicojeni Foundation committee members during the presentation of sponsorships.



Esicojeni Foundation Chairman Ambrose Dlamini and DPM Paul Dlamini led the delegation of company representatives to present to the King.

About Esicojeni...

A Child Hunger Alleviation Initiative was established in late 2006 by leaders in the private/business and international development sectors aimed at ending child hunger and under nutrition in Swaziland.

The forum was officially launched on May 4, 2007 by His Majesty King Mswati III as Esicojeni Foundation.

Esicojeni Foundation is a private sector driven initiative, whose activities are coordinated by the National Executive Committee. It is a forum for like-minded individuals and businesses who act together to contribute towards eradicating

child hunger in Swaziland.

It is a reliable and efficient conduit to channel corporate social investment funds and make a impact; and a mechanism to link up with communities and community leaders for targeted support to sustainable self-help projects.

Esicojeni aspires to be an independent "voice for the voiceless" to advocate for policy changes that will eradicate child hunger in the country.

Since 2007, the foundation has partnered with the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in organising the annual sponsored walk, End Hunger - Walk the World to raise awareness and funds for the fight against child hunger in Swaziland.

'MASHOBENI NORTH PRIMARY KING SOBHUZA'S DREAM'

BY SIZWE DLAMINI
MASHOBENI

The success of Mashobeni North Methodist Primary School was borne through King Sobhuza's efforts which saw him blessing its construction with a start-up of £1 000(Pounds) which was legal tender back in the day in the country.

This recollection was shared by Senator Sibusiso Shongwe during the Hhohho school's speech and prize giving day on Thursday.

Shongwe was an invited guest together with Prince Majaha during the ceremony which doubled as a farewell function for retired teacher Austin Gwebu who served the mission school for over two decades.

Senator Shongwe said, "This School was a vision of King Sobhuza II that



Lizinyane Prince Majaha encouraged pupils to strive to perform better in order to have a bright future. (Pics: Sizwe Dlamini)

is why it is special."

He recalled how his grandfather previously owned the land on which the school is located and having been touched by the benevolence of the Methodist Church, donated it to them who in turn saw it fit build a

school.

"My grandfather went to King Sobhuza II and spoke about a school and the King donated £1000 to build this school that is why it is so special," Shongwe said

To date, the school has over 348



Principal Sipiwe Dlamini-Magagula, Prince Majaha with pupils Xoliswa Gama, Nothando Dlamini holding their certificates and Senator Sibusiso Shongwe at the speech and prize giving day held at Mashobeni North Methodist Primary School.

children who benefit from Government Free Primary Education (FPE). Recognising the presence of Prince Majaha as a blessing, Principal Sipiwe Dlamini-Magagula said he was the first royal child to visit the school in recent history, "The school is blessed and humbled to receive his royal highness as the guest speaker and I would like to thank all the teachers and parents for working together in making the day a successful one."

On the other hand, the prince encouraged pupils to fear God and continue working hard to

achieve their goals and stated that through God, all things were possible.

He further encouraged the pupils who did not do well in their respective grades and therefore had lost out on this year's prizes to not give up as next year could be their year for success. With the event being celebratory, over 60 pupils were awarded prizes for their outstanding work whereas senator Shongwe and his wife were recognised for their charitable endeavours to the school. The Shongwe family equipped 49 pupils with school uniforms.

Imbuyiselo Academy, the school with a heart

STORIESBY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

Often times, private schools are more about making money for the owner than being charitable.

An English medium primary school in Siteki has however set the tone and taken up social responsibility as part of the curriculum.

Imbuyiselo Academy founder and owner Patricia Munro revealed how the spirit of neighbourliness was being entrenched in their pupils as they were involved in charity work on a regular basis. She stated how their ideals, which they taught the pupils,

...sponsors inaugural Historic Braai

were rooted in 'being my neighbour's. After hearing that the beneficiaries of the inaugural Historic Braai included the elderly who are looked after by Philani Maswati, they jumped in on the opportunity to make a difference.

With days specifically slated for community outreach in the school calendar, Munro revealed how they had seen it fit to add the braai as another day for reaching out to the less fortunate. "The school usually hosts an outreach campaign in a bid to give back to the needy. The initiative was largely supported by parents and local business people who donate

clothes and food parcels which the school hands over to orphanages in the community," she said adding how parents and their pupils supported community events by participating, volunteering and donating. She highlighted how they also partook in other initiatives which they intertwined with their school calendar such as Environmental Day where the school undertakes a cleanup campaign in recognition of the World Environmental Day, an initiative supported by the Ministry of health and the Swaziland Environmental Authority.



Prince Majaha presenting long serving teacher Austin Gwebu and his wife Alice with gifts, while Senator Sibusiso Shongwe poses next to them.

Swazi woman opens school in Mozambique

A local school has spread its footprints and has made inroads into Matola, Mozambique, albeit at foundation stage.

Imbuyiselo Academy recently opened a pre-school in Mozambique after realising the demand for English Medium schools in the neighbouring country.

"Recently, there has been a high demand for English Medium Early Childhood Development by parents from Mozambique," Principal Patricia Munro said adding how they had established a pre-school in Mozambique, Matola to be precise, to cater for this demand.

The visionary explained how they were well equipped to run the international school seeing as they had maintained a good reputation with foreigners locally. The local primary school currently has over 130 pupils with the majority being Swazis while children from countries such as Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Congo and some from as far as India have enrolled there over the years.



Imbuyiselo Academy Director Patricia Munro.

Munro explained how she started the local school over nine years ago after seeing the need for a private school to cater for learners in Siteki who previously had to travel to areas such as Big Bend, Simunye and Manzini for quality education. This then made her realise how there was a gap that needed to be filled hence the opening of the school.

Having started from humble

beginnings as a domestic worker, a job she took up every school holiday, Munro revealed how her journey towards establishing schools was borne out of her need to create employment while also nurturing children to their intended greatness. "After completing Form Five I worked as a cashier at Evukuzenzele Supermarket while nurturing a side business selling ice blocks and vegetables," she said while recalling her journey to date.

After leaving her job as cashier she ventured into farming which however failed due to drought at the time.

"During that period, my children were toddlers and other children would come to play with them," she said adding how her love for children grew and she instantly knew she had to do something about it, hence the birth of her first pre-school which gave birth to Imbuyiselo largely assisted by Ransley Nkosi.

The school's success enabled it to open another school in Matola

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International Day of the Girl Child Commemoration

TREAT US WITH DIGNITY NOT AS OBJECTS - GIRLS

■ girls plead as they commemorate the International Day of the Girl Child

STORIES BY THEMBEKA
DLAMINI

Girls are taking charge and calling for an end to their abuse. This they did this past week during the commemoration of the International Day of the Girl Child.

Themed 'In Solidarity against exploitation of girls', young women took charge to not only educate each other but to also educate their counterparts of the opposite sex in recognition of their ability to make a difference.

With the world recognising October 11 as a day set aside to recognise girls' rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world, one of the events which took place was hosted by Girls Leading Our World (GLOW) Women and Law (WLSA), and One Billion Rising Revolution at Emhlangeni Primary Schools.

The event was funded by the United States of America Ambassadors' Community Grant on Adolescents under PEPFAR.

The event was attended by the US Ambassador Lisa Peterson, youth of the community, the Royal Swaziland Police Service, parents, traditional leaders, LaMgabhi Constituency Member of Parliament Sicelo Jele as well as other organisations such as BROSwaziland and other nationwide initiatives working with Swazi youth on the issues of gender equality and HIV prevention.

Aimed to assist local organisations to implement small scale projects that address a range of HIV-related adolescent issues all over Swaziland, the event sought to reduce vulnerability of adolescent girls and boys to HIV infection and its consequences by promoting healthy and positive development of adolescents.

WLSA National Director Colani Hlatshwako, in her welcoming remarks said the objective of the activity in the community was to inspire girls to become powerful women and agents of change.

She also encouraged girls to pursue their education, saying it was key to success. Sharing some of her formative year's stories, she said she was from a disadvantaged background, "This situation however, did not stop me from pushing to be successful."

She also encouraged parents to support their children as such support deemed them capable of being future leaders of the country.

Hlatshwako also expressed shock over the small community of Mhlangeni's high incidence of violence, mostly sexual abuse to young girls.

"Mhlangeni is one of the communities where *tibi tendlu* 'the dirt that binds' is still practised," she said after the march on the dusty roads where young people called for parents, tradi-

... Young girls lead assembly, call for respect of their rights

On the other hand, on Tuesday, GLOW members from schools such as Siyendle Community Primary and Othandweni Alliance Primary did a presentation during their morning assembly.

The young girls enlightened other pupils on the purpose of the day and how they too can partake in commemorating by upholding the girl child's right.

They recited poems while encouraging girls to believe in themselves.

They also called for other girls to take charge of their lives and behave appropriately so as to reduce their

chances of acquiring HIV in order to realise His Majesty King Mswati III's dream of eradicating new infections for an AIDS free Swaziland. They too pleaded that boys and men treat them with dignity and not objects.

Support

Traditional leaders offered their unwavering support for young girl's rights and committed to promote their inclusion in leadership.

They also shared about the community dialogues they have been holding at the Umphakatsi on human rights and adolescents, which were facilitated by WLSA.



THE PLEDGE WHICH WAS MADE BY ALL DURING THE COMMEMORATIONS

PART OF THE PLEDGE

I stand in solidarity to support the Swazi girl.	Today I rise.
I will not tolerate violence against the Swazi girl.	Today I rise.
I stand against the exploitation of our girls	Today I rise.

tional leaders to intervene, since they recognised that the violence was too much while nothing was done by the community to protect them.

Hlatshwako pleaded with the MP to push for the enactment of the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill into Law.

Woman

On the other hand, Her Excellency the US Ambassador, who was the guest speaker of the event, talked about "What does it mean to be a powerful woman."

Ambassador Peterson said it took determination, resilience and safety to be a powerful woman.

Girls used art through dance and poetry to express their ideas of what they thought being powerful women meant to them while calling for restoration of their dignity.

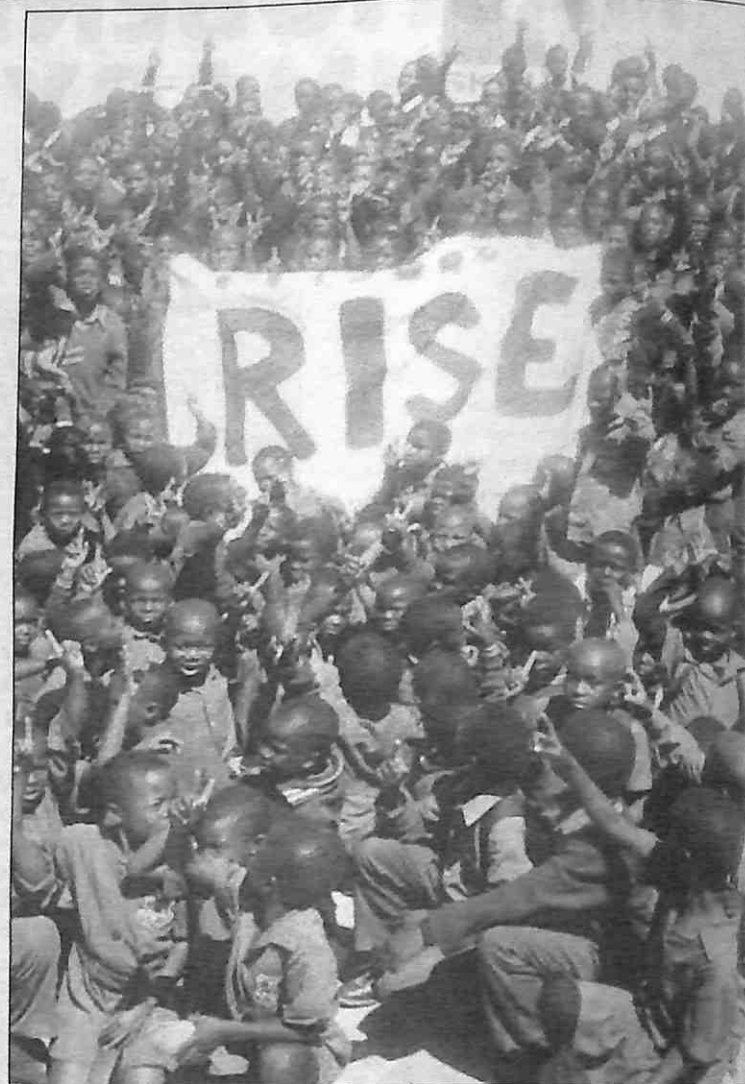
A piece of cloth was used for everyone to make personal commitments in the fight against gender inequality and promotion of the rights of the girl child. The commitments included those made by leaders of the commu-

nity as they expressed what they thought could be done to promote an enabling environment for young girls to stand up for their rights. The cloth was written "I pledge to rise in solidarity against the exploitation of women and girls".

After being implored by the participants, MP Jele committed to push for enactment of the sexual offences and domestic violence bill into law through putting a pledge.

Young boys from the BLOW (Boys Leading Our World) Club conducted performances and issued messages of support to end gender inequality and promote men and boys involvement in advancing women and girls rights. Hlatshwako explained how having boys participate was aimed at instilling positive values that encourage gender equality and support from boys in ending violence against women and girls.

Parents gave words of encouragement to young girls in changing the historical positioning of women and girls in society.



Girls, take charge of your bodies and lives - SWAGAA

Young girls of Gege Constituency were this past Thursday equipped with life skills aimed at teaching them how to take charge.

The Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse, in collaboration with other NGOs, conducted dialogues with young girls.

Themed, 'Girls' Progress = Goals' Progress: 'What Counts for Girls', the dialogues covered topics which were based on the protection of the girl-child.

"Young girls were equipped on how to protect themselves from the continued social issues, abuse, what it is, and how to identify it and structures in place for reporting abuse," Communications and Advocacy Officer Slindelo Nkosi said, adding, "The theme recognises that 'what counts for girls' is to be counted."

She stated how only through

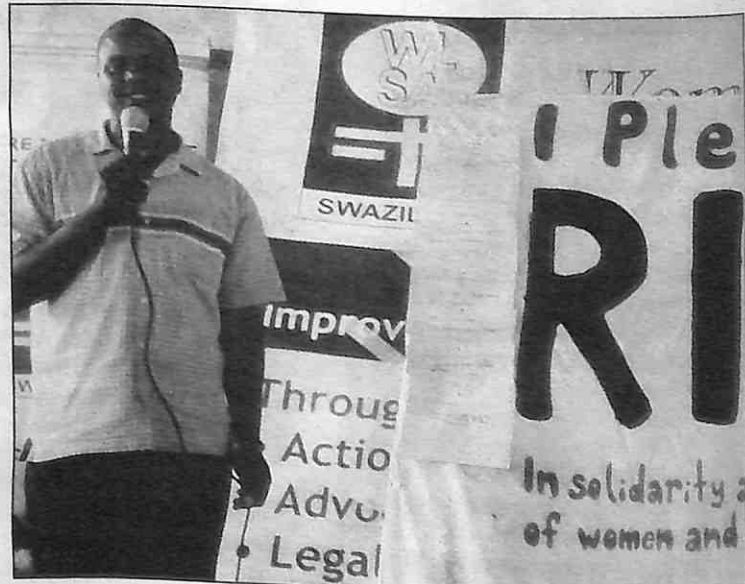
explicit focus on collecting and analysing girl-focused, girl-relevant and sex-disaggregated data.

"Using these data to inform key policy and programme decisions, we can adequately measure and understand the opportunities and challenges girls face, and identify and track progress towards solutions to their most pressing challenges."

She stated how SWAGAA joined the world and supported all efforts and commitments aimed at supporting adolescent girls to reach their full potential and determine their own destinies.

"Every girl counts."

Nkosi said the young girls who were taught were basically encouraged to take charge of their lives, their bodies, themselves for them to be better women of the future.



LaMgabhi MP Sicelo Jele making his remarks.

S.S MOKGOKONG'S BITTER-SWEET JOURNEY

BY MLONDI MPANZA

...as Swazi National Principal-elect where he received hostile treatment from the then principal who called for an inspection routine to try and discredit him



Sosthenes Mokgokong.

pupils in both class work and sports. "He criticised me for claiming to know how to play cricket and other sports. When my athletics team performed well in the inter-school competitions, to the excitement of the pupils and staff, there was not a word of encouragement or congratulations from him," wrote Mokgokong.

Inspection

Thereafter, the Maths and Science teacher was to be the victim of what was termed a routine inspection of the school carried out by officials from the Directorate of Education which he was told would be focused on specifically him, instead of about 15 teachers available at the school.

When he queried the purpose of the inspection from White, the response he got was a sarcastic laugh before he was told that was none of his business and all he had to do was comply.

Upon sensing this was a mere effort to drag his name on the mud, he dis-

cussed the inspection with one of his knowledgeable colleagues who was shocked when informed of such; more-so because of the irregularities in consideration that Mokgokong was an experienced teacher with good qualifications.

Another reason from the colleague was that any routine should at least be directed to newly qualified and unqualified teachers at the school to see how they were faring and not to an experienced and qualified teacher like Mokgokong.

And of course, the conclusion was that this was meant to discredit him and probably lead to his disqualification from taking over as the principal of the school.

When the inspection finally came, Mokgokong did not cooperate with the officers, on advice of his experienced colleagues and the officials got nothing and went on with their mission of providing an adverse report to their superiors.

However, this gave birth to a second inspection a year later which was carried out by an equally qualified official this time around who before proceeding with it, requested for Mokgokong's curriculum vitae, qualifications and references from which he was impressed and questioned why there had been the first inspection.

Nonetheless, the official conducted the inspection for which he wrote a report which earned him a permanent position, although the official soon left the country afterwards in a move suspected to have been linked with his positive report.

American students trying to raise over E200 000 for Swazi orphans

BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

Students from the United States of America, who were in the country working with orphans, are trying to raise about E200 000 (\$16 000) to build a home for the 30 destitute children. The Fayetteville Christian Students were touched to see that the children lack a number of basic needs such as a proper shelter over their heads. According to the Fay Observer website, the students have since appealed to their community for donations with the hope that by next year they will have raised the required amount to build the home.

"Never did we expect to find so many with no food and no place to live.

It touched all of our hearts. There were more than 30 children with no home, living under a large tree on the edge of a village," said Tami Peters, the head of FCS.

The name of the place where the home will be built is not mentioned on the site. The school is in the process of organising a fund to build a modest structure and providing a roof over their heads. Peters said they were not looking at building anything fancy but a 14 by 20 foot house. He said although this may seem small to the average person, this would mean a lot to the children and would change their lives. Like several faith-based schools in the Cape Fear region, FCS traditionally

offers a senior trip to areas of need. Last year's trip to Swaziland was the 20th one for the school.

"We travel to give our students an understanding of the world's condition outside our country; we go to spread the gospel, to understand the needs of others and help as far as we can." The trip last April was originally to work with a school in the area and while there, missionaries shared the tale of a small village nearby.

Children

Peters adds they learnt that there were many orphaned children there whose parents had died while some were abandoned.

Although it was noted the people of the village were taking good care of the children, they also did not have enough resources. After the students returned to their home country, their hearts remained with the children which led to the decision of attempting to raise money to help them.

After discussions with missionaries in the region, FCS agreed to try to shoulder a community building project. "There are people who can provide blueprints, lay a foundation and who can build, but there are few materials and no money. It's a challenge for them."

The school is seeking tax-deductible donations to provide the shelter. The estimated cost for everything from blueprints to raising a roof is \$16 000.

RIGHT TO REPLY:

FNB responds on schools charging fee

QUESTION:

Why does FNB continue to charge deposit fees despite Section 5 of the Legal Notice No.62, which states all cash deposits made into an account regardless of their nature are not to attract any bank charges? A parent has revealed how he was made to pay E15 over and above his child's school fees by one of your branches. He said the amount was not catered for in the school's invoice and he was given a separate one.

RESPONSE:

FNB takes regulatory and compliance issues seriously and we do not allow departures from that without approval from the regulatory. School fee payments are not cash deposits to the payee but third party payments. The cash deposit is to the receiving account which does not incur cash deposit fees. The payee pays a service charge. FNB currently charges E43 per transaction for manual services because there are alternative chan-



nels.

- In view of the fact that school fees have a big impact on our society, FNB took a conscious decision to charge a lower fee of E15 for this service for payments made in any of our branches, and has capped this charge at E15 for the past few years.

- FNB customers have the option to use low cost or free banking channels, e.g. when transacting via FNB Online Banking, it is free on unlimited

option.

- Please note that manual transactions are expensive and we at FNB recognise our role in educating customers towards cheaper banking platforms.

- We strongly advise clients to approach us for specific assistance via our customer service centre on 2518 4637. Customers can also log onto our website on <https://www.fnb-swaziland.co.sz/>

Central Bank of Swaziland explains Legal Notice No. 62

According to Section 5 of the Legal Notice No.62, all cash deposits made into an account, regardless of their nature, are not to attract any bank charges.

This, therefore, means banks

are prohibited from charging either the depositor or the account receiving the deposit.

Any bank charge relating to such a transaction would be in contravention of the provisions of this legal notice





WRITER'S NOTE...

Greetings to yet another fun filled ASPIRE, whereby we have a fun-filled yet educating session with you dear reader.

Today, we have our very own Femcee currently based in South Africa due to academic commitments. Some of you probably saw her on stage during the Hipnotik Festival, and you would support my words when I say she is #beams. This lady is not going to be walked over just like that. She is not going to go easy on the bars just because she is a girl. And her flow will not forgive any of these lame rappers. We have Oriiginelle, as our cover, and boy aren't we happy?

On a different note, we have another female artist who is on another lane though – gospel music. She has been in the scenes for quite some time now, and we sit down and have a chat with her on her rise to the top.

Now, as I had the chat with Phetsile, a topic popped up in my head. Is Christianity the answer or is it part of the problem of moral degradation we face? Read my thoughts on that on page 19.

As I said on the last issue, this summer will have a whole lot of music to bring for us. Bad hair season is already upon us and we have tasted a bit of what to expect from 'Paradise', which will be dropping this week. Mlazi Milano, by the Zulu Michael Jackson himself, will be out soon, so yeah, we can safely say we shall have a 'lit' summer. Locally, I am still waiting, rather impatiently for 80 Script's album. Big shout out to him for that show, and I hope you guys read our entertainment pullout last week for what went down at the Convention Centre on the inaugural Soiree. If you happened to miss this one, don't miss the next one. It's great to actually see our local stars taking strides in the industry. Read our poem of the week on the very same page of istayela – page 18 – and if you want to see your own poem, converse with us at sbusisdlamini@theg@gmail.com. Without you, this youth section does not exist, so we appreciate your feedback.

Have a blessed read and till the next issue, keep working towards making yourself the best you want to be.

S'BUSISO DLAMINI.



A Youth Section On Youth Issues By The Youth

I WANT TO INSPIRE THE YOUTH - ORIIGINELLE

Doing this job has definitely demanded that I listen to a whole lot of local music than I originally have.

And as a hip hop fan, I was shocked to listen to a track that was done by three local femcees. It was the 'panda' remix. The moment I was done with the song, I knew it was international standard. Unfortunately, their performance at Hipnotik missed me, but I was to later come across a single by one of them – after constant persuasion by one of my colleagues. I got more than I had bargained for. I did not want to believe it was a local girl who was spitting bars so tight in the joint. I wanted to know more about her. Her name is Oriiginelle and she recently worked on a collaboration with South African power Femcee - Gigi Lamayne. Ladies and gentlemen, I bring to you our very own female rapper. Brace yourself;

Please take us back to your childhood, and how music got into the mix; especially considering that you grew up in Swaziland, where we don't have a lot of female rappers.

Music has always been an important factor in our family. Ever since I remember, my mother used to blast her morning jams each Sunday at around 7am, that was her way to wake us all up as well as start her morning, so I had the pleasure to wake up to sounds from

Eddie Lavert, Whitney Houston, Kenny Latimore, Anita Baker, and the list is endless really. During the 2000s, I think we were grown and our parents got comfortable playing hip hop, I remember we had a very huge groupie phase as the family (especially my mother) for 50cent when he had his first break, as well as Snoop Dogg and I remember during family trips, we would lay the seats down and listen to Afroman's - "Because I got high". I didn't know at the time what it meant but it was great music haha. During the third grade, my older sister was rapping with her friend and I still remember the lyrics very well but when I heard her rap I was just taken away and tried over and over to do something that hot, but I kept failing. But I just kept going. So, back to your question, my

whole family played a very big role in how music got in the mix for me.

What did you want to do before you got into music?

Nothing, music has always been my plan A, as well as my plan B and C. All other things, I'd like to venture into start from D.

What did your parents think of your decision to be a rapper?

The very first time I decided to record I actually ran away from home. I recorded with a man I didn't even know which was rather risky but I knew I was going to get a 'no' if I had asked, so I had to risk my life and I got the lecture of my life! But when the song was done, they loved it and realised I was dedicated, I mean if I was willing to risk it all, then obviously I was serious so they supported me all the way.

Where did you do your primary and high school?

I went to Sifundzani Primary School and went to Sisekelo for my high school in Big Bend, which I am very, very grateful for to my parents

How did your teachers react?

My high school teachers were very supportive and excited as

much as I was at the time.

I remember my favourite subject was Science and my former teacher Mrs Naylor, made a copy of my first newspaper article and put it up the wall, that was very great!!

My former principal as well as Mrs Mabaso did the same but put it on the school notice board. These were the things that made me want to do better each time because obviously I was leading by example and not just based on how you can make it to the national newspaper but you can actually do what you want to do, you're allowed to break the boundaries and do what most grown ups would look at as a form of taboo in Swaziland because obviously all our parents want us to be engineers and lawyers, it's not a norm for a parent to say 'I want you to be a Rock Star' or something of that calibre, so I saw it as an opportunity to create awareness on my peers as well as the youth that "listen you can break the boundaries, eventually they will understand that your dream is bigger than reality to you".

Who inspires you?

My family is my greatest inspiration. I think as you grow and lose what you thought was permanent you learn to understand that no matter what happens, your family will always have their best interest at heart for you. I don't necessarily look up to icons because sadly in this life time, we won't always get the whole story, the good and the bad. The good is usually more magnified and what if I want to look deep into your wrongs because they are similar to mine so I'll feel a connection and thus give more reason to find inspiration in you... But that's just me.

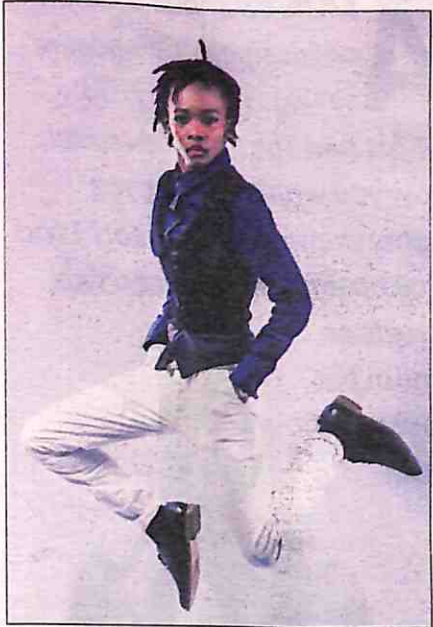
Where are you doing your tertiary and what are you studying; how are you able to balance both your studies and rap?

I am currently at the University of Pretoria, studying for a Bachelor of Commerce in Economics. It's rather hard but it's all got to do with time management, it's the most important factor. With or without the music, time management is important in school as a whole.

How has the reception from the people been?

It has been amazing! The support is completely unbelievable, I'm so, so grateful for everyone that has





ever liked OriginElle's status, or picture and I'm more grateful for those that have downloaded the music and shared the link as well as the cover arts. The people are the neck of the OriginElle body honestly! Without them, the body can't function.

Your advice to youngsters who want to rap for a living?

I'd have to say you must love what you are doing to succeed. You have to be willing to lose so much in order to receive what you deserve. You have to be willing to sacrifice so much such as sleep, friendly gatherings and even family time. You have to be ready for any move, you need to trust your work, trust yourself because you will receive good and bad feedback and you need to understand the difference between constructive criticism and plain negative feedback. But all in all, everything boils down to managing your time, trusting your vision and doing it for the love of it not the fame and money because if that's what you want, it will take a while and you will give up or it will be quick and very short.

What makes a good rapper?

Uhhmm... staying true to yourself. I think being able to take advantage of your gift and expressing your emotions and making a connection to people that haven't even seen you is a special kind of gift. One who understands the versatility of sound will always be my favourite kind of rapper.

Your aspirations?

My short term aspirations have to be to finish school because I am fortunate enough to be given such an opportunity so I'd love to take advantage of that and get my degree. My long term aspirations are doing well enough to be internationally recognised and being able to inspire the youth thus expand the musical platform in Swaziland.

Please give advice to the youth on the following:

Drugs - Drugs are not good, they don't get you anywhere in life but instead destroy you, so refrain from them.

On girlfriends/boyfriends - My best advice for dating, is date someone with the same clarity of vision in both of your lives. There must be an understanding of what you both do and want to achieve and there mustn't be any competition, if anything there must be a sort of driver in each of the partners.

Dynamites surely come in small packages!

SUNDAY PODIUM

Initially, my intended topic for this week's column was - Is religion an answer or is it part of the problem?

But I then resorted to this one, because I am only well versed on only one religion, Christianity. The others, I just know their gods and special days, so my opinion would be unfair somehow to some religions, hence the topic you read above.

Just this week, as I was going about with my duties, I interviewed local gospel star Phetsile Masilela, and I asked her a question, - Do you believe that religion is important in a young person's life? She replied and gave me this answer, and I quote "Yes! You definitely need God to be part of your life as a young person because you will not live a complete life without feeding your spirit. You have to first acknowledge there are things that you cannot do for yourself, which means there definitely is a supernatural force somewhere that is looking out for you."

And, just that very same day, a friend and I were debating on what best shapes a person's morality. It is an open secret and a definite cause for concern to the whole nation that moral degradation seems to be accelerating in the current generation.

See, I believe we can only judge how good/bad a religion is by how moral that person is because every single religion in the world - the 300 we have - are embodied with moral stipulations that govern a person's spiritual well being. I have said it before and I shall say it again - Don't be fooled by young people who are dragged to church by their parents. And going to church without charac-

ter change or life transformation is just useless.

At least, there are a few who come out to voice out their concerns with the religion. Believing that Jesus Christ indeed came to earth is not a problem, but the same can't be said about His role on earth. How can we, students of Science - the very subject we are forced to learn, because of its 'opportunities' - believe that someone was 'miraculously' conceived? The moment we make noise about this, we are labelled as pagans or heathens.

Gnashing

The story of hell is quick to be brought in and the gnashing of teeth and burning eternal flames are highlighted.

How come pastors never take their time to explain these divine

mysteries properly? - Because we, the new age, as referred to by some, are sceptical of what and what not to believe. We have been hurt in ways that cannot be imagined.

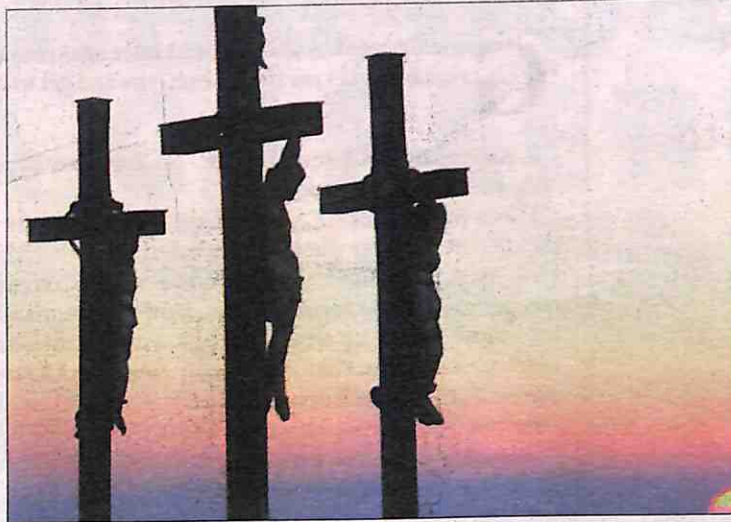
Flamboyant

To us, going to church and spending valuable time listening to the flamboyant men of God stand on pulpits every Sunday to heap moral trivialities or concentrate on tertiary functions like structures and finances, is a waste of precious time.

Whatever happened to the main mandate of winning souls?

The current generation is one that has grown up without parents. Some have lived with only one parent, yet the other is still alive and kicking. Some have been raped by their own parents.

IS CHRISTIANITY AN ANSWER OR IS IT PART OF THE PROBLEM?



Some have been left in poverty by people they share the same blood with.

All these social ills mentioned above give birth to resentments, and frustrations which in turn lead to heavy drinking, excess drug and substance use and sexual promiscuity - which are the main problems we face.

I believe that every service should be intricately intertwined to a certain situation so that it is relevant. The young people resort to all these immoral things, not just because they think it's cool or it is THE thing. Some do it because they are disgruntled and use it as stress relief mechanisms. Yes, it is wrong, but way better than going to church and watching the pastor feed people snakes and frogs or witness him/her toying around with the congregants. People drink things said to be the Lord's blood or anointed water. They then fall and move like snakes when prayed for. Albeit the fact all these things that are happening - manipulation of the scripture, and fake men of God mushrooming every single day - are a manifestation of the revelation of the Bible, it is the root cause to most of the problems we face.

Taking Christianity and installing it deeply into our curriculum has not and will not help. Maybe with religious tolerance, but never morals!

...Limkokwing drama continues - where there's smoke, there's fire

It seems like the SRC for students of one of our recently opened University institutions - Limkokwing, are not taking their issue lightly.

After the University slapped them with charges that include being banned from the tertiary institution for taking their issue to parliamentarians. They have decided to pick the political route - #Feesmustfall is an inspiration.

I do not trust our political representatives (parliamentarians), well solely because they do not think for anyone else but themselves. I haven't been following this issue with keen interest because I do not like getting into issues of University boycotts, which unfortunately are the order of the day in our local higher learning institutions. I believe most boycotts are unfair sometimes to students who pay for their own tuition. They also lose classes and their peace because of a few who want whatever authorities to get a



Limkokwing University staff and students.

certain message.

But, this time, the students raised issues that need to be taken seriously.

Studying

How can they be taught by someone who allegedly has the same certificate they are studying? How in God's earth can an internationally accredited institution lack basic classroom

necessities such as chairs?

I wonder what many parents are going through.

Fact

They must be going through hell, because I know for a fact that parents worry about their children's safety. And through the mist of all this struggles - where is the minister of education? What is he doing whilst

the future of this country is being toyed with like nobody's business? Why is he quiet?

The main point I'm trying to drive in is, whilst violence and disrupting of classes is wrong, the concerns raised by the students are alarming and need to be dealt with the utmost seriousness they deserve, because the country's future is at stake.

POETRY...

Your body

Your body is a beautifully designed piece of God's pride

God must have chosen the finest ingredients of human

And angelic parts to create you

You got the voice sirens

I envy your eyes so beautiful that only your parents

Are brave enough to look into

I look into your eyes, and still count all my blessings

Your mouth is so sexy

You'd swear it was made to kiss mine

I thank the Almighty for the day

I stumbled into you And found myself

enthralled by every word you utter

And everything you do.

Devotion way to greater than anything I've ever felt

Forever yours, forever mine

My heart's only hypocrite is you

This should be labelled as a new world wonder.

LOVE
YOUR
BODY

ISTAYELA SYALAHLELA

Good day readers and welcome once again to yet another entertainment filled *istayela syalahlela*. Let me skip the niceties and get to it.

1. Anatii and AKA squash beef? - So, have they have kissed and made up? Or have they smoked the piece pipe?

This is the story of AKA and Anatii, the two rappers who started off as best buddies till late last year when AKA accused Anatii of trying to charge him R80k for a beat. AKA threw shade at Anatii on his single 'Composure', saying "I'm the reason ni**as had The Saga on repeat, Now you wanna charge me eighty thousand for a beat? Load it up on data file, put it on wax, Streets on smash but your video trash." Then Anatii hit back by replacing AKA with Cassper Nyovest (AKA's arch nemesis) for a live performance of his hit track 'The SAGA' at the SA Hip-Hop Awards. Fans were sure these two were past the point of settling their beef but little did everybody know that time is the healer of all things.

This is what the Supermega said when quizzed about the latest developments in the issue that has seen the two performing together. "Every healthy friendship has its own down moments but what makes the friendship strong is the power to forgive each other and continue after a conflict. The pressure for success can put a good strain on a friendship, and it could bring out the worst in every person involved." All I can say is I enjoy the love between rappers because it brings collaborations that come with killer joints such as 'The Saga'.

2. Okmalukoolkat to release debut album soon, will feature AKA - Okmalukoolkat has been working on his debut album for quite some time now. The Boyznbucks native recently gave us the leading single to his upcoming album 'Mlazi Milano'. Titled *Ntwana Yam*, the single dropped a while ago and the rapper has promised that the video will be coming out soon. Working towards making a timeless album, Okmalukoolkat has been collaborating with various artists. The recent feature enlisted on Okmalukoolkat's album is the Supa Mega himself.

The rapper has been vocal before on various interviews that he'd like to collaborate with AKA and finally it's happening. Malumkoolkat detailed a studio session between him and AKA where the two musicians got creative for an upcoming single featured on 'Mlazi Milano'. Although not much has been revealed by the rapper we know that AKA is featured on his upcoming album.

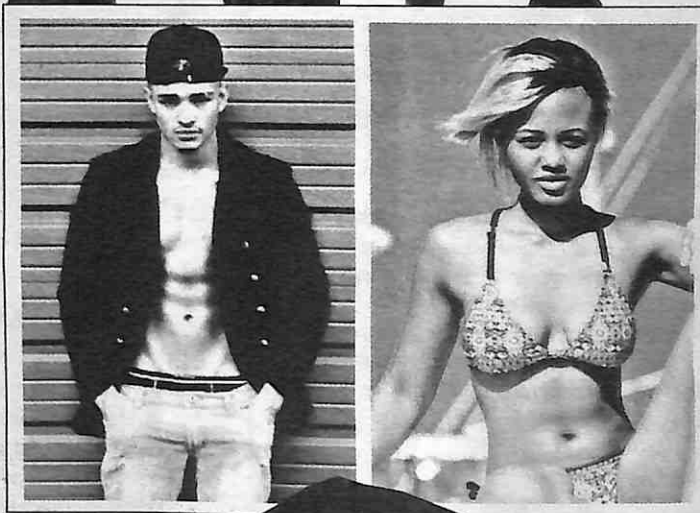
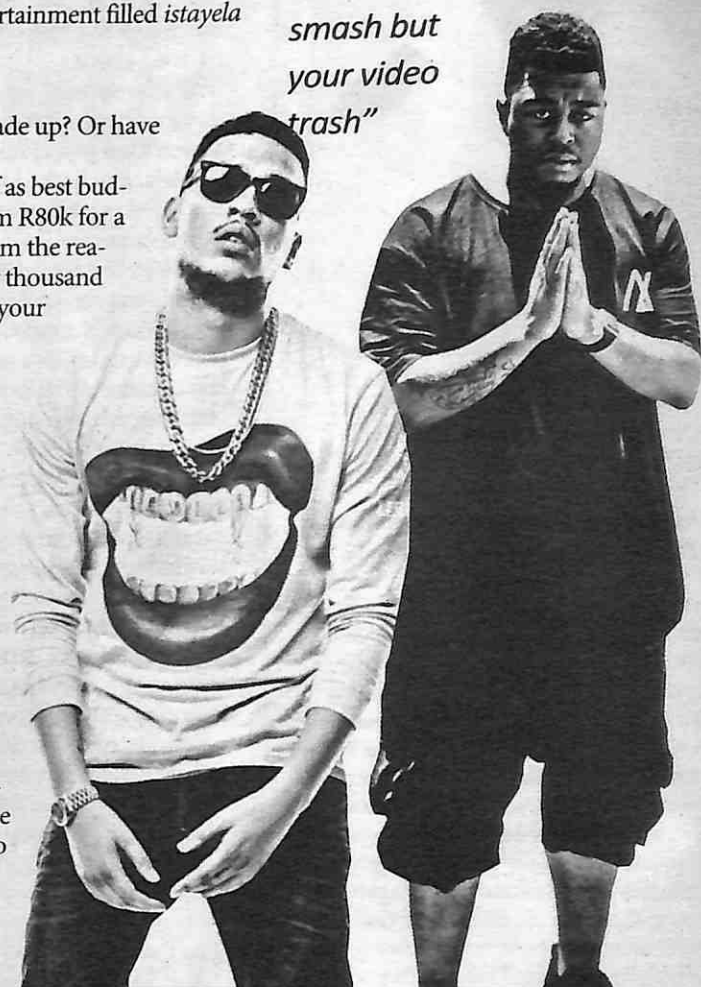
3. A Reece to release paradise reloaded - A-Reece's 'Paradise' album had 18 tracks on it.

He also featured many prominent artists like, Emtee, Amanda Black and brother - P-Jay. South Africans and A-Reece fans all over the world have been waiting patiently for this album and as things may have it now, A-Reece is going to release the 'Paradise' album this week Friday. Just, a week after releasing his EP titled 'Cutaways' which is a five song project of tracks that couldn't make it to the album, a week later he released the track list for the Paradise album. Reece then made it known to us that he will be releasing a reloaded version that will feature international artists from countries such as the United States, Jamaica, Canada and the United Kingdom. Yoh, that's a whole lot the youngster has been doing. He has been working hard, and he deserves all the good things that are coming to him. Can't wait for Friday!

4. Shane Eagle working on something with Babes

Wodumo - Oh yeah. It seems like Shane Eagle is working on new music with the Durban based musician Babes Wodumo. Fresh from jumping on Mayo by DJ Speedsta, Eagle is steady expanding his calibre and clinching collaborations with various artists. The rapper shared a clip of him in studio with Babes Wodumo alongside Mampitsha from Big Nuz. It's still unclear what the title of the song is, but on the clip Shane and Babes are seen vibing to a track as they are in the studio. Despite the clip not containing any audio, we know these two are definitely onto something, and does Mamphintsa have reason to be concerned because the last time I checked, the ladies were all about how good looking the guy is. I mean who knows, studio sessions can get too personal sometimes?

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Phetsile did her primary at Vusweni Primary School and she was always top of her class, which is why she was the favourite student for most of the teachers.

Due to her short and petite stature, she was always on the front row during assembly – from primary till high school!

"I have always been short, ever since I can remember, therefore it made sense for me to be on the front row during assembly, and unfortunately I was always asked to lead the songs.

This is where she got her confidence to stand in front of a crowd, albeit the fact that it was her age-mates. "I was able to gain a lot of confidence in my voice from those assembly sessions at school, and it is where I got to start loving music more and listening to programmes on radio."

She became a music fanatic, but being a recording artist was still something far from her immediate plans. More like something she never saw coming, even after she finally got saved in Form III. "I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour at a very young age. I was doing my form three to be quite precise. I was very active at church in the music ministry but I never thought that I would be a recording artist."

She completed her high school at St Francis and then went to further her degree at the University of Swaziland, where she had to take up a chal-

lenge of still keeping the life lesson of picking friends and acquaintances carefully, especially with parents not around. "I never shared my room with Christians at university, and that doesn't mean you shouldn't interact with people who are not of your religion. No! You just have to make sure that they don't change YOU. Your identity and purpose should come before anyone else. I made sure that I attended prayer and church services whilst also participating in the choir at varsity and that helped me fellowship with other brothers and sisters in the Lord, because the people you spend your time with have a great influence on you. As the famous saying goes – birds of a feather flock together."

God then blessed her with a stable

'DON'T MAKE SINGING GOSPEL A CAREER'



job just after she finished her degree at university, and that is when plans to take her music to a broader scope came to mind, and it was motivated by testimonies she got from people. "People would come after church services or revivals and share their testimonies on how they were moved by the Lord when I was singing." She then began to write songs and seeing herself

spending only two weeks to write ten songs, she was encouraged.

"I finished writing my ten song album in only two weeks and that just encouraged me to continue with what I had started.

I spent the next few weeks working on everything else and in two months we were done with the album. So the decision to be a recording artist was a very quick one."

Humbling

The feedback she got from the fans after that album was 'humbling' in her own words. She even got a nickname – "Zazikhona" – which is the hit track in the first album.

Even after a few successes; she simply advises youngsters not to make gospel music a career.

"That is just a big NO! It's a very difficult industry and how are you going to pay the bills if you ignore your education and focus on singing.

I mean just this year in January, I released my second album; hence I am currently working on the South African market.

That comes with a lot of expenses that I will have to finance on my own.

This is another genre of music. You cannot go to churches, ask to perform and then expect a payment. You need to

pay for the transport, the food, your backup singers and your band, so where is the money going to come from if you do not have a stable income. Education is very important, and you should never let it slip your mind that you do not do the music for money, rather to change lives and impart the word."

Her tour last month took her around neighbouring South Africa around KZN, in the churches, radio stations and television studios.

Nominated

This month, she will be taking on Pretoria. She has also been nominated for the Swaziland Gospel Music Awards.

"Being nominated for the awards came as a surprise, and I confess that I honestly wasn't expecting it. Only time will tell if I will win or not, but even if I don't, the nomination is an achievement. At least the work I'm putting in is being noticed."

Her aspiration is to have her own studio which will help aspiring gospel artist in Swaziland.

"After my third album, I'm taking one aspiring gospel artist under my wing, so that I can also give back knowledge that was also passed on to me when I came to the industry. I want to play my role in shaping another person's life."

ADVICE TO YOUNG PEOPLE

● **ON GIRLFRIENDS AND BOYFRIENDS** – It's natural to develop feeling for the opposite sex. It's okay for it to happen, in fact it should happen, but the problem is once you get into a relationship. This is when you are commit-

ting yourself to someone and risk exposing yourself to sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy yet you can't afford the consequences.

Bafana nemantfombatane ababaleki, batabe basolo bakhona nangalesikhatsi

lesingiso kutsi ubanake, futsi utabeva sebahle kakhulu ke lapho - which translates to Boys/girls are not going anywhere, so just be patient and wait for the right time. You will be overjoyed, because you will find them to be more beautiful/handsome at that time.

● **ON DRUGS** – There is no future in drugs young people. My classmates who were on drugs are sick, poor or dead. So,

do yourself a favour and stay away.

● **ON SINGING AS A CAREER** – NO! Do not even dare think about that.

Maybe after a couple of albums. You have to know that this is Swaziland, and the market is not conducive for gospel artist in the country. The goal as a gospel singer is changing lives, now in order for you to obtain that, get the proper education, which will help fund your music.

BRIEFS

World Bank favours El Salvador in US\$250m mining dispute

WASHINGTON - A World Bank arbitration panel on Friday found in favour of El Salvador in a US\$250 million (about R 3.5 billion) dispute brought by a mining company over a gold concession. The panel at the International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes also awarded legal costs to the Central American country, finding that the case brought by the mining company Pac Rim Cayman was without merit. "ICSID rejected all of the mining company's claims," Salvadoran Attorney General Douglas Melendez told reporters in a news conference in Washington. **AFP**

Plot to bomb mosque foiled

KANSAS CITY - US federal authorities have announced the arrest of three men charged with attempt to set off a bomb where several Muslims residents of Kansas City suburbs live and worship. Tom Beal, acting US attorney, announced on Friday that three Kansas men were charged in a domestic-terrorism plot to bomb an apartment complex where several Somali immigrant families lived and worshipped. The three men - identified by Beal as Curtis Allen, 49, Gavin Wright, 49, and Patrick Stein, 47 - were arrested in Liberal on Friday morning. Allen and Wright are Liberal residents. Stein lives in Wright and is the owner of G&H Mobile Home Center at 1250 E Tucker Road in Liberal, Beal said. **Aljazeera**

Pope opens private apartments

VATICAN CITY - Who needs a summer palace? Not Pope Francis, who has renounced the delights of Castel Gandolfo outside Rome and opened his private apartments to tourists, the Vatican said on Friday.

The Argentine has refused the traditional trappings of the papacy from the start, declining to move into the sumptuous papal apartment in the Vatican and plumping instead to live in a hotel inside the tiny city state. His rooms at Castel Gandolfo, a former summer favourite with popes hoping to escape the heat of the capital, have been turned into a museum which will be officially inaugurated on October 21.

Francis has visited the palace around 25km from Rome only a couple of times since his election in 2013, and has never spent a night there. **AFP**

Britain pays sex compensation

LONDON - Britain's Ministry of Defence has paid compensation to two people who suffered sex attacks in 2014 by Libyan cadets who were being trained at a British army barracks.

Over 300 cadets had been taking part in the programme at Basingbourn barracks, near Cambridge in eastern England, but they were sent home earlier than planned following a spate of attacks, several of which led to charges and convictions.

"Compensation payments have been made to two people treated appallingly by several Libyan cadets being trained in the UK," a Ministry of Defence spokesman said, giving no further details. Britain played a key role in the Libyan revolution that overthrew Muammar Gaddafi in 2011, mounting an air campaign against Gaddafi's forces. **Reuters**



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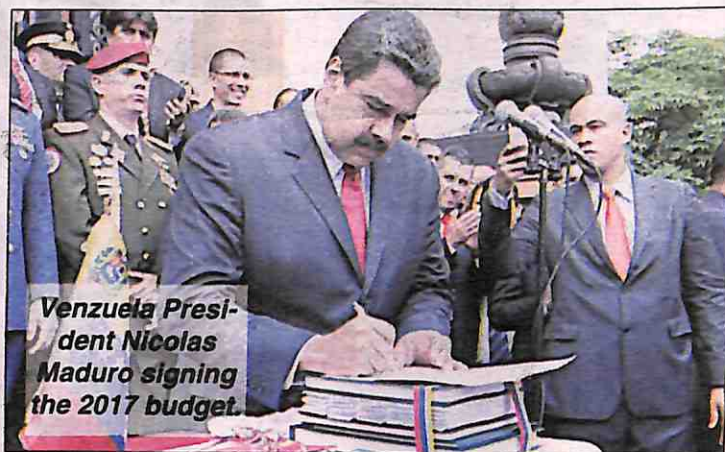
VENEZUELA'S MADURO SIGNS 2017 BUDGET

CARACAS - President Nicolas Maduro on Friday signed off on Venezuela's 2017 budget, drawing fire from the opposition-led National Assembly which accused the unpopular leftist leader of despotism for bypassing the legislature.

The Supreme Court on Wednesday allowed Maduro to put forth the budget without lawmakers' approval, overriding a constitutional obligation.

The opposition, which is trying to unseat Maduro as Venezuela wrestles with a deep economic crisis that has families skipping meals, says the government is trying to undermine it to keep its grip on power.

"I have the 2017 budget ready!" Maduro told cheering red-shirted supporters, as he held up the document and vowed to pour



Venezuela President Nicolas Maduro signing the 2017 budget.

money into social projects, pensions, and salaries for public servants.

"Long live the people! Long live the civil-military union! Long live the support from the streets!"

The budget is around eight trillion Bolivars, roughly US\$8

billion (R114.36 billion) at the black market exchange rate and almost six times this year's budget amid raging inflation.

The opposition said the budget lacks legitimacy as it is to be approved by the Supreme Court's constitutional chamber, rather than

by the national assembly, as the constitution stipulates.

"They're burying the constitution, which will very soon recover thanks to the recall referendum," said opposition lawmaker Jose Guerra on Twitter, referring to a push to remove Maduro via a plebiscite.

Not consulting congress on Venezuela's debt plans for 2017, which are meant to be presented in tandem with the budget, could spook bondholders, including those considering an ongoing debt swap offer by state oil company PDVSA, analysts said.

A future government would have a "strong legal argument" that debt contracted in 2017 would not be legitimate because the National Assembly did not sign off on the Annual Indebtedness Law, Francisco Rodriguez, chief economist at Torino Capital LLC, said in a note to clients this week.

Maduro said the OPEC nation's budget put the price of oil at US\$30 per barrel next year. Venezuela routinely underestimates oil prices when planning its budget to permit more spending later with fewer budget restriction. **Reuters**

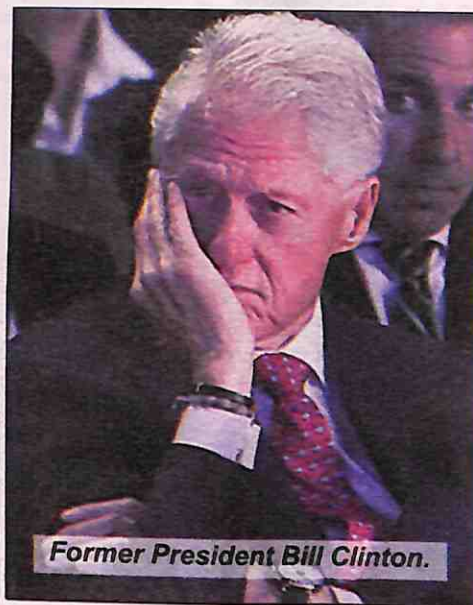
Clinton campaign sought to cancel Wall Street speech

WASHINGTON - Newly released emails show Hillary Clinton's aides asked former President Bill Clinton to cancel a planned speech to a Wall Street investment firm because of concerns the Clintons might appear too cozy with Wall Street just as Hillary Clinton was about to announce her campaign for president.

Hacked emails released by the anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks show that Hillary Clinton did not want her husband to cancel the speech, but was eventually convinced that cancelling was the right step.

Campaign manager Robby Mook said he realised cancelling the speech would disappoint both Clintons, but he said, "it's a very consequential unforced error and could plague us in stories for months".

Clinton's campaign had long been worried about appearing to be too close to Wall Street banks. **AP**



Former President Bill Clinton.

Judge orders voter registration extended due to hurricane

SAVANNAH - A federal judge on Friday ordered Georgia officials to extend the voter registration deadline for one coastal county hit hard by Hurricane Matthew, which forced thousands to evacuate and closed local Board of Elections offices for days.

The judge's ruling came after Governor Nathan Deal declined to give residents of coastal Georgia more time to register for the November 8 election, despite the storm's disruption of the final days for new voters to join the rolls. The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law filed suit, arguing the refusal infringed on the voting rights of Savannah-area residents.

US District Court Judge William Moore Junior ruled residents of Chatham County, which includes Savannah, must be allowed to register through this Tuesday, October 18 - a week after the original deadline passed.

"Extending a small degree of common courtesy by allowing impacted individuals a few extra days to register to vote seems like a rather small consolation on behalf of their government," Moore wrote in his order.

Remained

The governor ordered Georgia's six coastal counties to evacuate for the hurricane on October 6. The Chatham County elections board and other county offices remained closed through Tuesday, the state's deadline for registering to vote.

Because of fallen trees and widespread power outages, post offices that also register voters didn't reopen until Tuesday. Many residents, Custer argued, weren't able to register online either because of the evacuation or because of technological glitches.

Groups suing the state asked the judge to decide whether to grant an extension for the entire state. Moore chose to limit the extra registration days to Chatham County. Attorneys said election offices in Georgia's other five coastal counties, which also evacuated, managed to reopen before the registration deadline. **AFP**

Tensions with US are probably worst since 1973

UNITED NATIONS - Russia's ambassador to the UN says tensions with the United States are probably at their worst since the 1973 Mideast war.

But Vitaly Churkin said Cold War relations between the Soviet Union and Russia in 1973 were different than US-Russia relations today.

Churkin said in an interview on Friday with three reporters that "the general situation I think is pretty bad at this point,

probably the worst ... since 1973".

When Egypt and Syria launched a surprise attack against Israel on the holiest day in the Jewish calendar that year, the Mideast was thrown into turmoil.

And according to historians, the threat of the Soviet Union, which backed the Arabs, and the United States, Israel's closest ally, going to war at that time was the highest since the 1962 Cuban missile crisis.

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Russia's ambassador to the UN, Vitaly Churkin



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THE INTERGENERATIONAL ISSUE

IT'S ALL ABOUT MUSIC

○ Lungelo Nkambule
WRITER'S NOTE: ○

They say music cuts across all generations. It is a unifying factor; it is one of the few things in life that can bring the old and the young together, regardless of the genres.

Our issue today is called the inter-generational issue because we bring you entertainers of different generations who have time and time again proven that music knows no age boundaries.

DJ Crooks is one of the oldest people in the Swazi deejaying industry but he is still relevant in the industry as he was when he was younger.

DJ Tenderness as young as he is will walk in to a club and make 40-year-olds dance to his music.

We speak to them about the importance of staying relevant and playing for your crowd regardless of their age and genre preference. We also caught up with one of the most underrated entertainers in the land Anakhonza who against all odds has been able to maintain his momentum in this unfriendly industry and is by far one of the baddest artists the country has produced.

The artist, MC who is now based in South Africa gives us his thoughts on the entertainment industry in the country.

Rendition is the new kid on the block who is raising the Swazi flag up high in the neighbouring South Africa, the young producer who has worked with other producers from as far as Canada and Germany speaks to SCENE and this his first ever interview with a local publication.

We also have an interview with the lady deejay of the moment Lady Zee. She is not the first lady deejay but Zee is definitely making her presence felt and is making a mark for herself.

Our social watch this week looks at a Facebook post that was making rounds the past week.

This post was extracted from the Manzini Wanderers Football Club page.

The post came just after team PRO was hogging the headlines for uttering racist comments on national radio.

We also have our movie review on page 5.

We hope that you will enjoy your read this week and we would like to hear from you; our email address is scene@observer.org.sz Till next week. Bless!!

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH RENDITION

■ *My parents let me produce in the house as annoying as it was, they saw how passionate I was about this dream and they let me fly. I think my parents don't really grasp how much of a big deal this is actually becoming but the day I buy my mother a house, they will understand why I was always making noise in my room.*

1. Who is Rendition and what makes him tick?

Born Sibusiso Mzwandile Mabuza, Rendition is an alias I came up with in 2011 when I started teaching myself how to produce. The name is inspired by my character, I've never been much of a vocal person but more introverted, laidback and music has always been my way of communicating what I feel and what I see. Rendition is an entrepreneur, artist, producer, songwriter and Co-Founder of digital entertainment platform and record label MotherLand X

2. Tell us about your producing job?

It's been a great year thus far, I've been working on so much music with South Africa's next superstar Una Rams, Usanele from BoyzBucks, Thiaps from the cartoon series Dipopaai/Phatoonz, Collaborated with AutoPilot from Germany, Nveigh and a host of other artists. We got playlisted on all the major radio stations in SA and made the top of the charts on Yfm. All in a days work.

3. What drove you into producing music?

I grew up in a family that loved music. My mother was born and raised in Hlatikhulu but was fortunate enough to get a scholarship to study in the UK for her tertiary education. She came back with an ear for different music, growing up I used to listen to every type of music that she listened to. I was fascinated by the idea of a song and how powerful it was, it would make people laugh and cry at the same time. I noticed how music was everywhere, radio, tv, film, ads, etc I started taking it seriously when I got the opportunity to work three songs with an electronic artist Amber Long from Toronto, Canada and signed my first deal with a record label from Italy in my first year of learning how to produce. I moved to South Africa when I was only 19 years old to live on my own, that's where I saw the business opportunity.

4. What is it about you that makes you stand out from the rest? And are you where you wanted to be when you started producing?

I think one thing that makes me stand out is my authenticity, I've never tried to be something that I'm not, I believe in God and I believe He gave me a gift, my only job was to put in the time to



my art and that is exactly what I did, 6 years later, my music sounds amazing. I taught myself how to play the piano and sound design so that I have a distinct sound. My music is a blend of Hip Hop and Electronic infused with Soul and Jazz. When I started producing I just wanted to hear my song on radio for the first time, then that grew into what it is today. I have reached crowds that stretch across the whole world, I have fans from as far as Paris, Berlin, New York, Tokyo, and London all thanks to the internet.

5. Is your family supportive of your career?

I come from a very principled family that is very strict on education, everyone before me went through university and got their degree. So we've always had a middle ground, I had to find balance between music and school. My parents let me produce in the house as annoying as it was, they saw how passionate I was about this dream and they let me fly. I think my parents don't really grasp how much of a big deal this is actually becoming but the day I buy my mother a house, they will understand why I was always making noise in my room.

6. Who and what inspires you? Who do you look up to in the producing industry?

The funny thing is I'm not even inspired by musicians like that, I

look up to people like Elon Musk, forward-thinking people that are always a decade ahead of the rest of the world. Too many people leave the world without changing it, mainly because they focus on the past, focus on the future, find a gap and offer solutions. I also read a lot of books, I would advise any young person with ambition to pick up a book called The 48 Laws Of Power, it changed my life. Maybe it can do the same for you

7. Do you still deejay?

No, I stopped deejaying to focus all of my energy on producing and creating my own sound. I will get back to it next year, it's going to be bigger and better. I plan on incorporating live music to my DJ sets as well as do live production on stage.

8. What do you think of the music industry in the country and what is that should be done to improve it?

The Swazi music industry is gradually growing, we have so much talent in Swaziland but we still have a long way to go if we ever hope to compete on a global stage. The biggest hurdle that we face is the lack of access to the internet. If only the elders of Swaziland realised how powerful of a tool the internet is, we would have a progressive and innovative youth. Everything you need to learn can be found on the internet, that is how I've been able to



stay consistent and grow. I read a lot about a lot.

9. Where do you see yourself in the next five years?

Wherever God wants me to be, I can't really predict the future but I can promise you that you will enjoy the ride. I love innovation, I love being different and most importantly I love being the first in everything I do.

10. Do you see yourself working with more Swazi artists in the near future?

Yes, Swaziland is my home, we have incredible artists there. I'm a fan of Bholoja, Zaza, Mozaik and Sands, I'd love to work with them. Most people don't even know I produced over 80% of 80 Script's 'You Do The Dishes' project last year. 2016 has been a very busy year for me in South Africa but I worked with Swiss, 80 Script, Psycholution, Krtc, Mickey Bondz, Drewmatic, Verse in Swaziland. Me and OriginElle also have some work coming your way soon, she is a star in the making.

12. Is there anything else besides producing that you would like to do?

I've always been an entrepreneur at heart, my father used to tell me that "In life, you are either selling or buying", products exchange hands every few minutes around the world, you decide which end you want to be on. My aim is to keep reinventing myself and coming up with new quality products to sell.

13. Where can people get a dose of your work?

My productions are play listed on Yfm and Metro Fm, you can also purchase the music on Apple Music. Follow me @Rendition_Rlp on Instagram and Twitter to keep up with all the work I am doing. Most of my music is available for free streaming on soundcloud: www.soundcloud.com/rendition-theproducer

14. Do you see yourself coming back home in the near future?

I have family and friends in Swaziland, I will always be around and I'm definitely coming back to find a wife, my people are gorgeous! Thank you

SOCIAL SCIENCE



Growing up I knew of three big teams in the country Mbabane Swallows, Mbabane Highlanders and Manzini Wanderers.

With this status one always assumed that it was these big three that were always setting trends.

I remember at some point the then Highlanders' PRO Dumisani Sibandze referred to the team as an institution because not only were they setting trends in the field of play but they were also making sure

that their players were getting education and many of their players then were either working for corporates or were in tertiary school. There was also a period Wanderers were setting trends; they were the first team to have cheerleaders.

This therefore made me believe that if Swazi football was to ever professionalise it would be these three teams that would take the lead of the process and the rest would follow.

Quite honestly there was a time when the three teams



looked like they were heading in that direction and the level of Swazi football was rapidly improving and then BAM! it all fell apart.

I don't really know what caused the whole falling apart but it seems to me the only team that still has its house in order and is making strides

in the right direction to professionalism.

There is a song that was very popular when I was young that went "it's the simple things in life we forget that make it complicated" and then there is an English saying that says "it is the little things that count".

The thing is, whilst our soccer fraternity works towards professionalising itself it is neglecting the small, important things.

The past week a post that was extracted from a Manzini Wanderers page, an official one for that matter was making the rounds on Whatsapp and other platforms.

In the post whoever administers the page posts that his update is late because he had no data....What? NO! Social media has become an important part of our lives and it is important for teams to take it seriously if they themselves are to be taken seriously.

The person whose task is to update the page must not at any point run out of data and the team must make sure of that.

That post was very embarrassing especially for a team whose slogan is *dula weseli*.

Let us start professionalising our soccer in the small things before we can even dream of doing it in the field of play under stadium lights.

THE SKY IS THE ONLY LIMITATION - LADY ZEE

"Stability in a person's life is important especially for us young people because we tend to be all over the place whilst what's important is to become something our parents, siblings and friends are going to be proud of at the end of the day"

Lady Zee is a very young lady who is ambitious, energetic, full of love and has dreams out of this world.

Growing up in a family headed by both parents and having other old siblings has contributed in what she's becoming and what she already is. She comes out as a very chilled person who knows what she wants to achieve in life.

Zee believes in God, love, happiness and earning things which keep her going and which of course makes her tick.

"Stability in a person's life is important especially for us young people because we tend to be all over the place whilst what's important is to become something our parents, siblings and friends are going to be proud of at the end of the day," she said. She said she was a huge self love believer because she knows that there is no other her.

"There isn't any other Zethu Dlamini that is ever going to be exactly as I am basically I am doing what I love most and of course making people happy and growing 'Dj LadyZee' as a brand," she narrated.

Zee says growing up music was always a part of her.

"Music has been a part of me since day one. Growing up we used to wake up on Sunday mornings to sounds of BoysII Men and we would find mom cooking some nice meal, well that was before she got tired of nursing us. But basically those mornings contributed to my love for music so much that I want to produce my own music now," she said. She said music then became a very important part of her life growing up so much that she was up to date with the latest tracks across all genres.



"It was in Form 3 that I was exposed to the whole deejaying thing. I got the opportunity to learn the basics of mixing I was fascinated by how you mix one track with another without pressing next.

To me that was magic," she narrated. She said after that experience she became curious as to how this was done and started downloading music

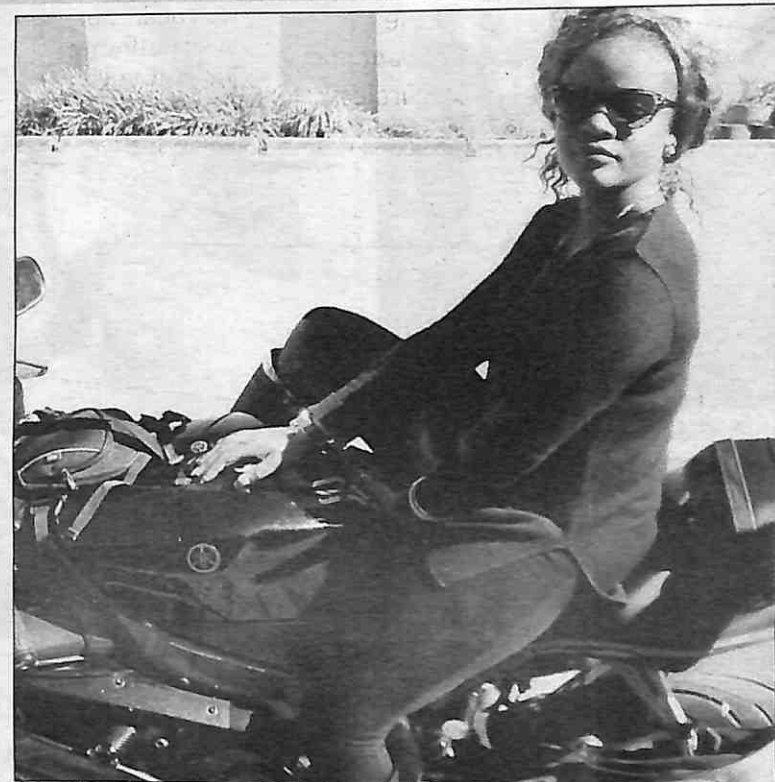
mixing applications which helped her stay in practise until she got her own equipment.

"I would sit in my room and play around with the apps," she said.

She said this was the beginning of her long, exciting deejaying career. "It is hard work honestly and I am surrounded by people who are always pushing me to work hard hence my brand and my skills are improving everyday," she said. She said Deejaying was her passion and she was inspired by the greats in the industry.

"I learn from the best and I want to invest in myself so that one day people will remember me of the work I have done and the achievements that came with it. Still pushing because in my head I know exactly how I want to be one day and also helping my parents live a much more better," she stated as a matter of fact.

She also revealed that she was grate-



ful to female deejays who had come before her because they had opened the way for her and it was now easier for people like her to penetrate the industry. "The nation accommodates female deejays now, actually there is now a demand for them all thanks to the likes of Lady Cream and Zoe who paved the way for us," she said. She pointed out though that even because the nation had accepted them as female djs they had a task to be better at their jobs because that is what the nation deserved.

"They have embraced us so what we need to do is be the best we can be. We must keep it in mind that we can never be perfect so we must be willing to learn everyday. Learn from our mistakes and make the industry better for future generations," she said. She further said the industry was not for the faint-hearted, it needed one to have a thick skin.

"You see, there is plenty of room in this industry for female djs but the must be head strong. People of certain characters are the ones that will survive and make it in this industry," she continued.

The ambitious dj made it

known that she was in the country to stay and she wanted to accomplish a lot as far as the industry was concerned. "I've achieved so much in less than a year so I am hoping that in the next five years I'll be one of the best female deejays in the world. I know that sounds a bit ambitious but for me the sky is the only limitation. I know what I have to do and I will do it and that's working and hustling hard. She further pointed out that Jesus was in her team and with Him nothing was impossible. "I am team Jesus and He is team me so there is nothing stopping us. We are a very formidable team," she confidently stated. She said she didn't see anything stopping her so long as she focused on growing her brand and allowing God to take the lead.

"With God leading the way and me focusing and working hard there is nothing that I won't achieve," she said. She said the other thing that worked to her advantage was that she was genuine and she didn't try to be anyone else. "I cherish my fans and I am always working towards being the best version of me for them," she ended off.

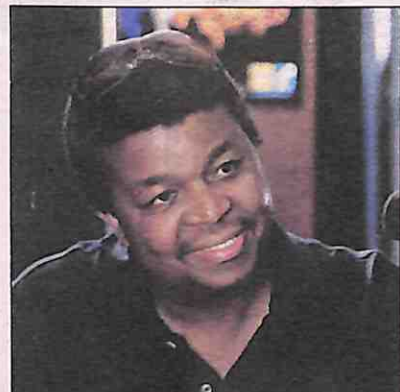
CELEBRITY VETERAN DJs



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DJs Vinny and Fresh.



DJ Oskido.



DJ Tim White.



DJ Glenn Underground.



DJ Glen Lewis.

CROOKS STILL MAKING

...Regardless of his age DJ Crooks has managed to stay relevant with all audiences and he still gets prime time slots

He is one of the founding members of local entertainment stable SwaziBoy Entertainment.

For 25 years DJ Crooks has been setting local clubs on fire with his amazing song selection. Regardless of his age, DJ Crooks has managed to stay relevant with all audiences and he still gets prime time slots. We caught up with the people's DJ and asked him what makes him relevant and what is it that kept him in the entertainment industry because we have seen many come and leave him behind. Read on and let the best DJ

on the land inspire you.

"I am about the industry and music makes me happy," those are the opening remarks of the experienced DJ.

The very private DJ who is not very fond of appearing in the media said he felt there was still a lot that needed to be done in terms of upgrading deejaying standards in the country.

He said there was a lot of talent in the country but it needed to be moulded.

Speaking on what had kept him in the music industry he said it was his



love of music. "I have been playing since 1991, playing at parties



and getting semi-professional around 1994. I love music more than anything in the world and that is what has kept me in the industry," he said. He said the first time he saw a vinyl was at a wedding and he was excited and wanted to learn how to use it.

He said he was driven by the music.

"I see people dance to my music and I am happy, making people dance gives me a certain high and I want more of it, so I can't stop myself I go back for more and for 25 years that I can never get enough of the high," he continued. He further said because the industry in the country didn't pay much it needed

patience.

"See, if you are really passionate about it then you will be patient especially because it doesn't pay. You do it more for the love of



Stay on lane and count your blessings - Tendaness

He is an award winning deejay and he is an embodiment of energy. DJ Tendaness was only in his teens when he started rocking Swazi clubs and he has not looked back since then. SCENE caught up with the cool and collected DJ and this is what he had to say.

He said he started deejaying in 2007. "It was around 2007-2008. Those were my bedroom DJ days but 2009 is when I actually started playing in clubs and all that. I was very young at that time. I actually created my name from playing at school events, Headcount etc. Wherever I could play I was there. I love to DJ man," he said. He said for him making people dance was the ultimate fun.

Deejaying was my key to the entertainment industry. It exposed me to a lot and I've learned so many lessons because of it. I'm lucky to have had the opportunities I've had thus far actually. But I think the biggest lesson I've learned is to stay in your lane. I've seen so many artists try to compete and just crumble because they can't focus on themselves and their careers. There is enough success out there for all of us to have," he said.

Asked about the belief that the Anakhonza generation was better lyrically than his generation, the

young DJ disagreed with this belief. "There is a difference in my opinion. Artists these days are making more music that the world can actually vibe to. I feel the Anakhonza period was more about catering for Swaziland. I actually went to a high school concert event not so long ago and I saw so many kids performing their music.

"I was so impressed with the quality of music they were making. Their music was homegrown but still had an international appeal which was nice. I'm not easily impressed just so you know," he said. He said as far as he was concerned there was so much talent that needed to be nurtured. "I think we just need more people who are going to be fearless and do this music thing for real! Not part time. Going international is possible. All you have to do is make good music and use the internet effectively to distribute it. My single Skeem has been streamed 12k+ times just on Soundcloud. Not much, but that's just by using the internet effectively and of course having the fans too," he said. He said it was time people gave music their all.

Collaborations

Speaking on future collaborations, he said he wouldn't mind working with any Swazi who was passionate about music like he was. "I just want

to work with artists I can make good music with. Whether its big names or upcoming. Honestly I'm about the music we're making not really about how big the artist is. Artists I will work with though are Justin Bieber, Adele, Chris Brown, maybe Drake, Solange and more of course," he said. He insisted that until he worked with international artists then he hadn't accomplished anything.

In terms of promotion of local artists he said that he felt Swazi promoters were doing enough but the artists were slacking. "Swazi promoters are doing what they need to do. I think the artists are not doing enough. Artists need to value themselves for promoters to value them. That is it. Know your value and stick to

it," he continued.

"I stay in my own lane. I'm not competing with anyone. I'm just competing with my old self every day. I'm working every single day. Even when nobody can see. I sit in my cave and work," he said.

He said because he knew how much effort he put in his work he knew his value and would not settle

for anything less. "I am just minding my own business honestly and embracing my blessings. God is always good. My fans are also the 'realest' in the game. The best!" he pointed out.



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- b) Do not get demotivated. The people around you (family, friends etc.) may not always understand what you are doing with your life and can try to sway you in a direction that they understand. Stick to your guns and maintain your path.



EM DANCE



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"Music evolves all the time and as a deejay you have to keep up," he narrated. He said as much as it was important to keep up it was also important to maintain your mode. "You must keep up but still maintain that style that sets you apart from everyone else," he

continued. He further explained that it was important to have a fan base that cuts across all ages.

"I play differently when I do a wedding than at a club or at a house party because the moods and audiences are different," he elaborated.

He then ended off by encouraging young wannabe deejays to venture into music production because they love it.

"Like I said, do it because you love and get an education because the industry doesn't pay," he said.

Advise to young and upcoming deejays

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b) Do not get demotivated. The people around you (family, friends etc.) may not always understand what you are doing with your life and can try to sway you in a direction that they understand. Stick to your guns and maintain your pace.

People will come to you telling you what you should be doing with your life, what is the right way to go etc.

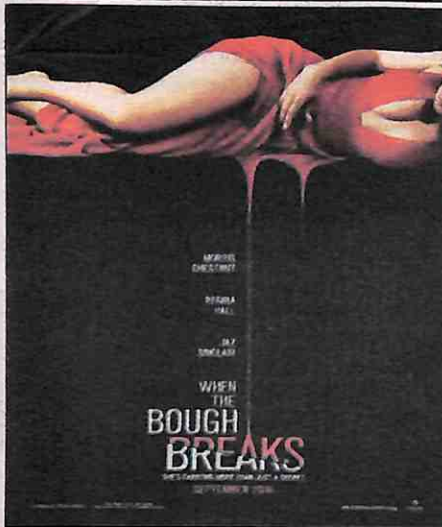
Don't get mad. Just listen to everything they are saying, allow them to finish but don't take it in. Thank them for their input and continue with your greatness. Learn to conceal your intentions and prove through your actions.



Movie Review

WHEN THE BOUGH BREAKS

Available in Theatres



Some movies try to blend genres as a master chef would blend cuisines, combining flavours—some familiar, some exotic—to create an experience unlike any you've experienced before. Not so with *When the Bough Breaks*, a textbook pot-boiler starring Regina Hall as Laura Taylor, a chef (thus the metaphor) who we never actually see cooking, just taking bites of things and closing her eyes in sensual bliss, the better for us to admire her perfectly fanned-out false eyelashes.

Laura lives in a beautiful New Orleans mansion with her sexy, devoted lawyer husband, John (Morris Chestnut), where they sip wine and luxuriate in silk pajamas that perfectly cup their perfectly rock-hard buttocks, and there's nary a pore between them. Despite her Crate & Barrel catalog of a life, though, Laura is incomplete as a woman, because she can't bear a child. Besides making her more sympathetic to the film's middle-aged, black female target audience—See, she's not perfect! Money and a good man can't buy happiness!—Laura's infertility provides the crack in the Taylors' flawless facade into which danger can seep like so much moldy swamp water. In order to have the child they both desperately want, Laura and John turn to surrogacy, and they think they've found the perfect candidate in a shy, stunning 21-year-old waitress named Anna Walsh (Jaz Sinclair, also sporting some excellent false eyelashes).

Laura bonds with Anna immediately—always a bad sign in an erotic thriller—but John is skeptical, especially after meeting Anna's boyfriend Mike (Theo Rossi), who's a scumbag and, it must be noted, decidedly lower-class.

John's suspicions about Mike are soon proven correct when the police get called on a domestic violence charge, and John and Laura swoop in to protect the embryo recently implanted into Anna's womb. They do so by buying Anna a car and inviting her to come live in their guest house, basically paying her to act as

an incubator and lay by the pool for nine months until the baby's born. What could go wrong? Anyone who's ever seen a '90s erotic thriller—or any of the myriad Lifetime movies that are basically watered-down '90s erotic thrillers—can tell you what could go wrong. And boy, does it all go wrong. In fact, the plot doesn't differ much from last year's parody of these types of movies, *A Deadly Adoption*, down to a dramatic, gun-toting confrontation between scorned wife and psycho bitch toward the end.

When *The Bough Breaks* does try a little bit to defy the formula through the character of Mike, but, without saying too much, he's not the real threat here.

That could almost be considered a spoiler if the film's trailer, or its poster, or its general theme didn't give away the fact that this sweet young thing is actually an unstable succubus who's out to steal the heroine's man and/or identity.

By the time private investigator Roland White (Michael Kenneth Williams) shows up toward the end of the second act to give us the run-down on the precise nature of Anna's psycho bitchiness, details have become irrelevant. By that point,

we're just anticipating the moment when that expensive-looking kitchen knife gets pulled from its bamboo block, or that luxurious bubble bath fills with blood, or the something bad we know is going to happen to Laura's beloved cat Miss Havisham actually happens. In that sense, *When the Bough Breaks* delivers—three times over, in the case of the creepy slowed-down renditions of "Rock-a-bye Baby" implied by the title.

There's nothing surprising awaiting viewers in the generic aspirational slickness of the film's visual elements, either. What sets this film apart from its TV-movie counterparts is its production value, and it flirts with pushing boundaries afforded by its big-screen status—although aside from one surprisingly

gory shot, we're talking PG-13 scenes of perfectly coiffed hair cascading down smooth, bare backs. In the absence of any true shocks, though, *When the Bough Breaks* resembles nothing more than a cheap fast-food burger served on fine china: Tasty, sure, and quite enjoyable in the moment. But once the credits roll and the primal centres of the brain stimulated by guilty pleasures like this one return to normal, all you'll remember is that it looked prettier than usual.



Basetsana Kumalo's new look

Business woman Basetsana Kumalo has got herself a new lease on life.

The star is on a journey to declutter and heal her life, and in so doing, has decided to change up her look.

Keeping it natural, Basetsana decided to go for a short afro, with a brand new colour – a big step for her considering she has never coloured her hair before.



Simba Mhere case to be heard in 2 weeks

The trial of the man who allegedly caused the accident which killed Top Billingpresenter Simba Mhere and his friend Kady-Shay O'Bryan will continue later in October.

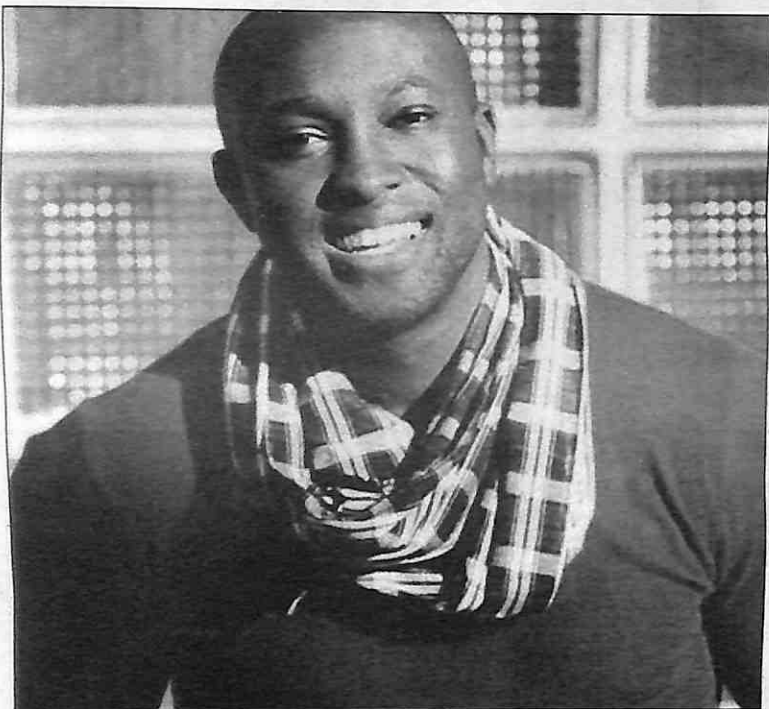
Preshalin Naidoo is expected to appear in the Randburg Magistrate's Court on October 24 for the continuation of his trial.

Naidoo faces two counts of culpable homicide, as a result of the crash on William Nicol Drive, Fourways, in the early hours of January 31 2015.

Mhere's father Joseph survived the crash. O'Bryan had a 3-year-old daughter.

In previous testimony, a witness, Mamokete Laka, said she was coming home from a church service with her mother and brother when they saw the crash in front of them.

She said Naidoo kept apologising and said he had fallen asleep. She said he smelt as though he had been drinking alcohol, but she did not mention this to police at the time.



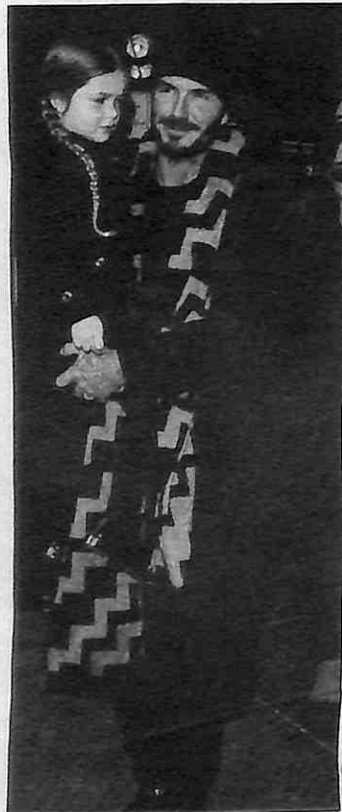
CELEBRITYNEWS BRIEFS

David Beckham shares cute video of daughter Harper, five, fangirling at Justin Bieber concert in London

He's a doting father who keeps his only daughter Harper at the centre of his life.

And David Beckham proved his love for the little one yet again on Friday, sharing an Instagram story of the five-year-old girl totally enthralled by Justin Bieber as she attended his concert at London's O2 Arena. Holding on to the barrier in the family's private box, pint-sized Harper waves a mobile phone in the air as she sways to Justin's song Life Is Worth Living.

The daughter of fashion designer Victoria, Harper looked royally cute in a white princess dress that featured a frilly neckline.



CONFIRMED: AKA LEAVES HIS RECORD LABEL

Last month we reported that rapper, AKA was planning on leaving his record label, Vth Season. Read the full story: AKA 'MIGHT BE HEADING TO NEW LABEL'

We were right! The rapper took to social media on Friday to make the big announcement.

He wrote: "VTH Season AKA is DEAD."

He further revealed how he feels about Vth Season boss, Raphael Benza - "Nobody wants to deal with Raphael Benza This is not a secret"

he tweeted.

AKA said their split is a result being skeemed of his own money. Hwe wrote: "Not a fall out bro Far worse. Birdman/Wayne type sh*t."

The Baddest hit maker is rumoured to be moving to Mabala Noise Entertainment, which is owned by ANC Youth League treasurer-general Reggie Nkabinde.

Multiple sources have told Daily Sun the award-winning rapper has been in talks with the new record label for some time.



Wololo hit track removed from Youtube

Babes Wodumo's debut track, Wololo, has been removed from YouTube due to a copyright claim by Mausay Media.

This comes after Wololo reached 2 million views on YouTube just three months after the release of the video.

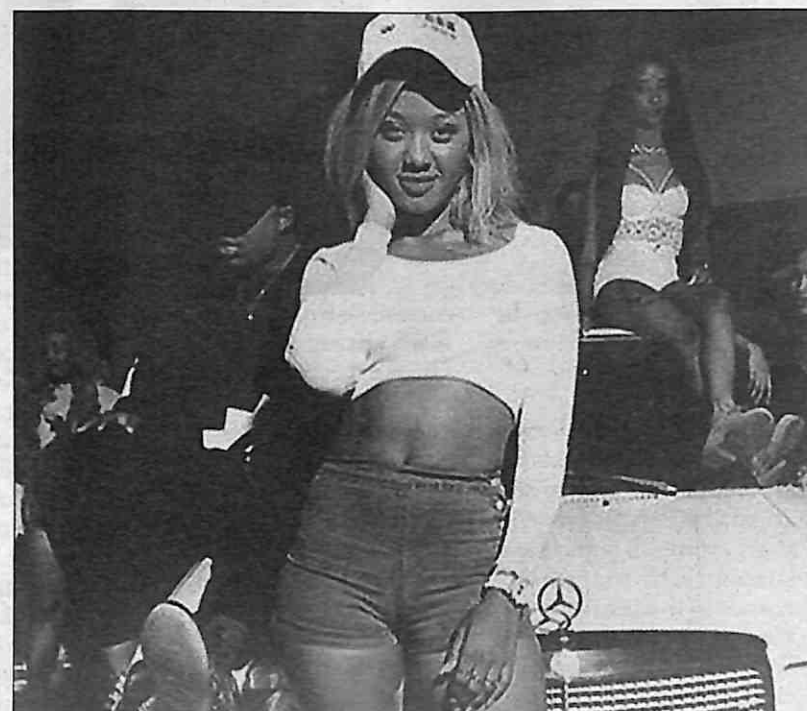
We contacted Cobus Burger, MD at Mausay Media, for comment regarding the copyright claim, who explained, "The copyright claim is against the title."

MausayRecords released the video for Wololo by Wyzle - produced by Bemshima - in December 2015.

After failed attempts to contact West Ink Records, the Media House notified YouTube.

"We then raised the issue with YouTube, who after an investigation, honoured our copyright claim."

Mausay Media specialises in the music entertainment industry as a Record Label and Publisher.



Thembisa teases us with her new man

Former OPW presenter, Thembisa Mdoda took to social media to share a pic of what looks like a romantic moment between herself and her new man.

Even though she vowed to keep her love life private and far away from social media after her nasty public divorce with actor, Athandwa Kani.

It seems that love has taken over and she doesn't want to hide it any-



more.

Although we cant see his face, the

two seem cozy and it looks like they are more than just friends.

Ronan Keating shows off his muscular arms as he takes to the green with James Nesbitt

He put on a dapper display at the Global Gift Foundation Welcome Cocktail Party on Friday night.

But Ronan Keating, 39, swapped his smile for a more focused look as he took to the course at Estepona Golf Club, Spain, the following day with actor James Nesbitt, 51, for the charity's golf challenge.

The singer showed off his heavily inked, muscular arms as he attempted a put on the sun-drenched course. The handsome star wore a black polo shirt, dark trousers and white golfing shoes to ensure he looked the part for his round.

He sported a neatly-coiffed 'do, stubble and a pair of dark shades for a stylish finish. Meanwhile, James opted for a grey pair of shorts and a black polo for a coordinated look.



Kylie flaunts her stunning figure in racy grey co-ords

She recently told fans she likes her 'chunky' frame. And Kylie Jenner, 19, certainly seemed proud to show off her sensational curves on Friday as she stepped out to attend meetings in LA.

The reality star flaunted her toned tum and assets in a scanty grey crop top with delicate chains decorating her cleavage. The beauty wore a matching pair of grey trousers with a quirky split, fastened by more dainty chains, running the full length of their sides.

Her luscious blonde hair cascaded over her shoulders in loose waves, and she sported a flawlessly applied face of make-up. Kylie's trademark plump lips were covered in a peach shade and her brows were finely shaped. She sauntered across a car park in a teetering pair of heels and coyly glanced downwards as she tucked her locks behind her ears. Speaking about her enviable shape in a Q&A on her paid for blog, she said: "[I haven't had] a*s implants."

STAY HUMBLE, GRIND HARD - ANAKHONZA

Anakhonza is one of the first and few artists in the country to have realised a music video and that video was one of the few if not only video to receive massive air-play from local television stations channels and Swazi TV.

He has been in the entertainment industry for quite some time and lately it is his show hosting talent that has shined.

He has have been hosting the biggest music festival not just on the land but worldwide; the MTN Bushfire Music Festival and most recently the SWAZILAND International Trade Fair all night gig. His PRESENCE in the entertainment industry cannot be denied and some have even referred to him as a gem. This week SCENE caught up with the hardworking Khonzumthetho Kunene who gave us his thoughts on the entertainment industry in the country.

He refers to himself as a hardworking African who happens to be an entertainer, a lover of art who is inspired by expressive art. "Being able to tell my story as an artist and expressing myself through art is what makes me tick," he said. He said it was at the age of six or seven that he discovered his love for music and that he was talented.

"My mother sang around me and I took it with so much ease because it was in me," he explained.

He said he was lucky that he grew up and found other powerful artists like him.

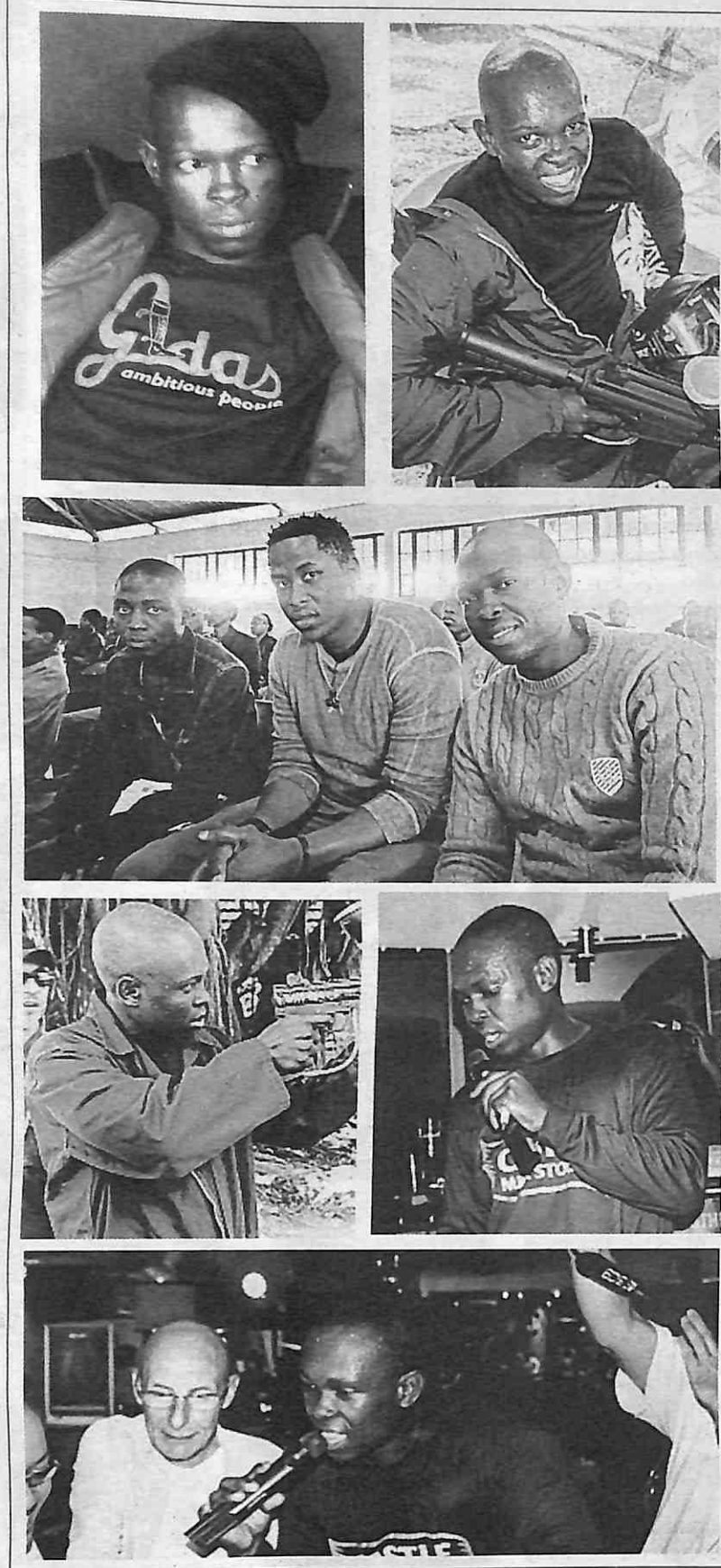
"In my time there were artists that were driven by strong content and that are what gave us an edge over the new age artists," he said. He said then it was important to have a good story to telling your art. "Opportunities were also scarce so I think there was more appreciation for the opportunity to showcase your artistry," he said. "Don't get me wrong, the current artists are also doing what they can under the circumstances."

"There is the likes of 80Script and Eimsofly who I believe are doing well and have the capacity to put our country on the map," he said. He said he however felt not enough was being done to expose local art to the world.

"We are not placing what we have to offer on enough world stages. I also think the issue of legislation/ laws (or lack of them) around the arts is a strong contributing factor to the slow development to the sector," he said. He further said because of the lack of legislation promoters were more often than not blamed for not doing enough.

"I think they are doing what they can with what they have. A lot of shade has been thrown on promoters in the past so all I will say is this; if you make business sense then the promoter will give you whatever you ask for as an artist, period," he explained. He said he rather was unimpressed with the effort of other stakeholders especially the media in promoting local talent.

"I appreciate what's being done but



there is room for much more. There needs to be a conscious effort by local media to use their platforms to promote local over foreign arts. Until that happens I am far from impressed.

Talking about his MCing career he said it was about a decade ago when had to introduce a good friend of his Bholoja on stage before one of his performances.

"It felt right so right, then and there I decided to go all in. I set goals for myself as an mc and as they say the rest is history," he continued. He said this new venture had broadened his abilities and of course he had met many people from across the world. "It has taught me about the world of activity outside of just the performance on stage. Being an mc you interact with everyone at the show from the stage managers, sponsors, artists, promoters, artists managers

but most importantly the crowd," he continued.

On a parting shot Anakhonza then gave advice to young and upcoming artists.

"First you must set goals for yourself. Secondly be ready to reinvent yourself whenever necessary. Thirdly always be real and stay true. That's the Anakhonza manual to success," he said jokingly.

"On a much more serious note though I would if I were to give out advise I would ask them if they are really sure that this is the career they are passionate about and want to pursue because it is not easy out here. Most people think this is all glitz and glam when in reality it is a lot of hard work. Its 90% hard work, 9% guts and patience and 1% glitz and glam. I would also tell them to be prepared to grind endlessly and remain humble," he finished off.



Mzwakhe taking over the stage

Mzwakhe Khumalo of the Tjovitjo fame is gradually dominating many stages as an MC and feels challenged for even bigger platform.

He recently took Mpumalanga by storm where he was leading proceedings of the event at the Old Mutual National Choir Festival eliminations for that region. This he says motivated him such that he felt challenged to even get bigger events and showcase his skills as an MC. Locally he has been the MC for many events especially choral competitions and recently gospel festivals and fundraising events.

The charismatic MC of note says he feels the Mpumalanga event will open even bigger doors for him. He says "Old Mutual has done a lot to add value in my life by presenting me with the opportunity to serve in the regional eliminations. The past weekend saw me direct the 39th Old Mutual National Choir Festival held at the Nelspruit Civic Theatre where the Regional Championship for the Mpumalanga and Limpopo Provinces were held. I look forward to even greater platforms like the finals where the whole SADC region converges to enjoy choral music. After the show in Nelspruit the people were excited and shouting Tjovitjo. It told me they loved the show. I was also interviewed live on Ligwalagwala FM after the show. I think I am ready to share with the world what the Lord gave me. Entertaining audiences and maintaining order does not require an effort with me as it comes naturally" he says.

He says there are a number of people who inspired him naming the likes of Nkhanyeti Ngwenya, Putco Mafani and the retired international MC JZM Sambo. "They have always made me want to be on the stage and take charge of the multitudes. I am very thankful to Old Mutual for sponsoring the National Choir Festival because it unearths many talents by supporting choral music. For the first time I went on an international platform with such a huge brand," he



adds. He says his church; the Methodist Church of Southern Africa has also contributed immensely in his training as an MC by affording him with many opportunities to lead special services. "This I can call an on the job training. I am self motivated, whilst a member of Pom Pom our Director, Macford Nsibandze used to say, 'In the show business you are as good as your last show'," he pointed out.

Tjovitjo as he is affectionately known is becoming a household brand and it looks like he is destined for even greater heights. He is a former Administrator at SOS Children's Village in Nhlangano is now a student at Ngwane College doing a diploma in Music as part of the first group of students in this course. He is a staunch member of the Methodist Church members and a former chorister himself having been with St Pauls Methodist Church Choir, Manzini Choir and he is the co-founder of Sishayingoma where is also an administrator.

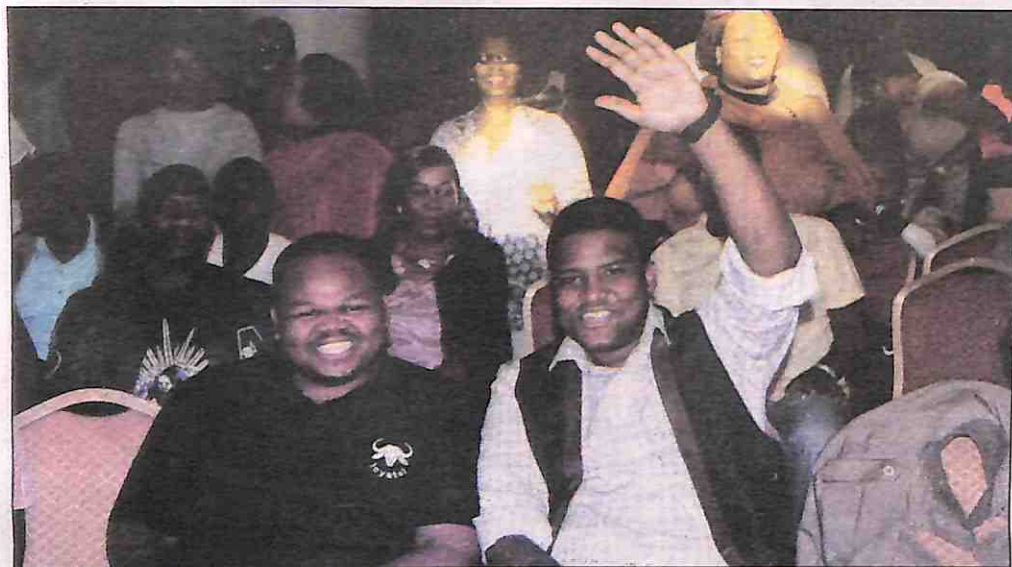
By Simon Shabangu

Behind the Scene

SPIRIT OF PRAISE VOLUME SIX LAUNCH



Neyi Zimu and Bishop Benjamin Dube leading Spirit of Praise in song during the group's performance at Mavuso Trade Centre. The group was hosted by Leserato Events during the launch of the Spirit of Praise Volume six on Saturday night. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



SUNDAYCOMMENT:

WHAT IS THE MANDATE OF THE ACC?

When the whole Gideon saga started, it was evident for those who followed the matter closely how it would end.

Gideon, for the longest time, was absent from national duty. Unlike the honourable member of Sithobela Magobetane Mamba, Gideon's absence was never explained until the Observer on Sunday revealed he had been asked by powers that be to remain on the sidelines while he was being investigated for corruption. Well and good. People who are alleged to have misused public office must be punished but there is a problem here.

The problem is not Gideon's sacking but corruption in the country. Corruption in this country is very rife but what is mind-boggling is only a few people face the music and in many cases, a blind eye is turned. This then begs the question; whose interest is the Anti-Corruption Commission pursuing? There are many cases of corruption in this country but we barely or better yet never see the ACC hurriedly do its job like it does in matters that concern certain government officials.

It seems the ACC is only ever effective when working on high profile jobs, yet our government sector is corruption infested. Consider this, the past week, it was alleged over 90 per cent of shops in the country are run by Asians. This shows there are certain people who are cashing in on giving these foreign nationals business in the country but no one is doing anything about it. It took a parliament select committee to unearth such when there is a commission that must be looking into all activities of the land that are questionable.

This is not to say the ACC is not doing its job but this is to ask what exactly makes the ACC tick? Is it high profile cases or better yet they prefer to do their job in silence? The problem with them working in silence is corruption is a big problem hence if strides are being made in fighting it, the nation should know. If corrupt people are being brought before justice, the nation should be told so everyone can celebrate that finally this rot is being dealt with. Who runs the ACC and what is their mandate? Is it to set high ranking officials who step on other's toes straight?

The fact that it took the chief justice to rein it in is very suspicious. The suspicious part is not the CJ, but the way questions then cropped of other high profile arrests which happened seemingly to silence some high ranking officials and make their moral standing questionable.



LETTER

Analysis & opinion

MEDIA, MPS PROMOTING XENOPHOBIA

Sir,

Every morning I read the newspaper and illegal immigrants and Muslims are terrorists are always on the forefront.

Between the news media and our members of parliament, we are being told that Asians are entering the country illegally and Muslims are trying to take over Swaziland.

I refuse to believe the propaganda against Asians and Muslims, in particular. We profess to be a safe, peaceful and friendly nation yet we are promoting xenophobia.

On the Swaziland Tourism Authority website, it is claimed that "the overwhelming friendliness of the people makes all visitors feel truly welcome and very safe". So what are we as a nation professing to all our visitors with our daily headlines? That the Swazi nation is showing traits of xenophobia?

As the newspapers claim the Asians come into Swaziland illegally through KM III Airport, I would like to know how are these Asians entering the country illegally? Do they not have visas or entry permits when entering the country? When they board the plane at their country of origin are they not checked at customs for their visas/entry permits for their destination country? Are they not checked at cus-

toms at the Qatar airport for their visas? Are they not checked at OR Tambo airport for their visas? As the newspaper claims these Asians enter illegally and bribe the entry officials, so my question is are these Asians bribing all the officials from the Pakistan airport, the Qatar airport and the OR Tambo airport?

This does not make sense at all. Why don't you investigate and verify how the Asians are able to pass through the different airport officials before accusing them of entering Swaziland illegally and blaming the entry officers at KM III airport?

There is nothing wrong with allowing foreigners, of any kind, to operate businesses in the country if we as Swazi people if we cannot do so ourselves, as long as they are legally allowed to reside and work in the country (which means, among other things, being properly registered with both the traditional authorities

and the government).

Immigrants are not here to take over the country. It is true they are here to make money but at the same time they provide jobs to Swazi people, contribute to the economy and growth of the country. Tell me honestly, how many Swazi people have taken the initiative to start their own businesses and provide low cost goods to the Swazi people? If Asians in this country are accused of running small and medium businesses, whose fault is that—theirs or ours? Who gives them or makes it possible for them, to own the licences? Who takes the rent?

Who is happy to give ownership? Labour costs always forms the majority of any business costs. We are 'sold' to the Asian 'investors' as cheap labour (visit the SIPA website and look at one of the reasons why they claim it is an advantage to invest in Swaziland "labour costs are 20%

lower than in neighbouring South Africa"). Whose fault is that? The Asians?

I would like to know from the members of parliament where do they do their grocery shopping. Shoprite, Pick n Pay or Spar? I am sure many of them do go to the Buy n Save Spars which are owned by Muslims.

Are they shopping in fear whilst buying the low priced goods just in case a terrorist suicide bomber might just blow himself or herself up in front of them in one of the aisles?

I am appalled at the manner in which we as a nation seems to think, or indeed, spreading the perception, that Asians are the cause of all the economic problems, to the extent that were they to leave our borders, the economy would flourish. Is this who we are as Swazi people? How have we suddenly become an insensitive angry nation without even considering the image we are portraying to the world? That all Asians are illegal immigrants who want to take over the country?

How can we as a nation deny that Swaziland is a destination of choice for many of the Asians who fill in the right paperwork and come here to boost the economy and find it actually is a peaceful and perfect country to live in?

Concerned Citizen,
Mohammed Hussain
Matsapha.



A JOURNEY TOWARDS THE 2016 NATIONAL EXPO PART 5:



Vulamasango High School.



Sihlangatsini High School.

EVALUATING IMPACT OF JA COMPANY PROGRAMME

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JA BOARD CHAIR

It has been such an inspiring journey for me to get a chance to review our JA Company Programme (JACO) from the schools that implement the programme.

It provided a lot of insight on how we can improve on the programme to ensure greater impact in the lives of the learners.

As we gain such reviews, our aim now is to implement the recommendations received from the head teachers, facilitating teachers as well as the learners.

Join me again for our final piece on reviewing the impact of this programme as part of the journey towards the 2016 national expo. The schools that get to be under review are Salesian High, Sidlangatsini High and finally Vulamasango High.

SALESIAN HIGH SCHOOL

The JACO programme was first introduced at Salesian in 2007 as part of the pilot schools when the organisation was inceptioned. The school took a break years later and again resumed its partnership with JA in 2014 to present date. The current group of entrepreneurs trade as Invasive Charcoal Investment. They produce charcoal using an indigenous tree known as *Umzi-lazembe*.

Ngabelwe Mhlanga, who is the mini company's General Manager, explained that through participation in this programme, they have learnt to work together as a team and also perseverance through every challenge they encountered.

"We also had to recognise that time is money and one cannot procrastinate when in business as this hinders success," he said.

Petros Horton, the Principal at Salesian High School, explained



Salesian High School.

that learners who engage in the programme gain much needed exposure to business specifically paying attention to the practical aspect that running a business entails.

"Life beyond high school requires an educated person who possesses other life skills such as entrepreneurship that can assist an individual make a living. The reality is that life for an out of school youth is not an easy journey and young people find themselves faced with the challenge of sustaining a living which I believe becomes an easier burden for an individual with entrepreneurial skills," he said.

SIDLANGATSINI
HIGH SCHOOL

Situated in the outskirts of the Manzini region, Sidlangatsini High School had the opportunity to implement the JACO programme for the first time this year. Learners formulated their mini-company and named it 'Rise up for Business'.

After conducting an intensive market research, assessing the needs of their clientele, they decided to establish a tuck shop business that will cater for the needs of their colleagues in school.

"The challenge we saw, which ended up creating a business opportunity for us, is there are no supermarkets nearby that can provide the service to our colleagues. We decided to bring the service closer to them," said Menzi Gwebu, who is the mini-company's General Manager.

Menzi went on to narrate as to how much they have learnt through this process.

"The first rule of business we learnt is that one has to provide a product or service that people want. We would buy different stock for our tuck shop including perishable goods such as fruits. We then discovered these were not popular in the market as they would be spoilt before consumers had a chance to buy them.

"We then decided to stick to the

products that were more popular in the market such as snacks, biscuits and candy. It proved to be a winning formula as we constantly had to restock our products," he said.

Mvuyo Hutchinson, who facilitates the programme, explained that the understanding of business among the learners progresses as they engage into business.

"They literally undergo a transformation as business is no longer a theory based concept but get to experience it through this programme. It is truly amazing to be a part of and it certainly encourages young people to view life a little differently and even considering the prospects of being entrepreneurs in future," he said.

P. Bhembe-Mbala, who is the Principal at Sidlangatsini, said she viewed education that is skills based very impactful for young people.

"The entrepreneurial skills these young people gain are the very resources they need to develop themselves as well as the country in

the not so distant future. I believe as the education sector of our country, we owe it to our children to provide them with all the necessary skills they need to propel them to the intended development of our country," she said.

VULAMASANGO
HIGH SCHOOL

Last but definitely not least, is Vulamasango High School. I chose to conclude with a school that was the programme coordinator's choice. I gave Colisile Masilela, who coordinates the running of the JACO programme, a chance to review the impact of this programme and she chose to evaluate it using Vulamasango High School. Here is what she had to say;

"I find that the JACO programme provides an opportunity for young people to find a greater calling for their lives through having an opportunity to display their level of creativity, talent and innovation and tailor all this into a money making avenue. I chose this school because this is where I met young people who are in a correctional facility and are afforded a chance to turn their lives around.

"From a life of crime, these learners get formal education as well as life skills provided by the JACO programme. I can recall that in 2014, the school managed to be in the top 10 and produced the best CEO of that year. This goes to display the transformation these young people undergo through this programme.

"This programme also assists young people reconnect with communities through the corporate social responsibility project that this programme challenges young people to undertake.

"What I also observed as an outcome through interaction with the learners from Vulamasango, is they get to view entrepreneurship as an alternative to resorting to criminal activities to gain income. They identify the value of conducting legitimate business practices and the satisfaction it brings to work hard for your money," she concluded.

Join us again next week as we take a closer look at the top 10 schools and learn what they have to say about the upcoming competition.



HUMAN BEINGS ARE A RELIGIOUS LOT REGARDLESS

At the end of the day we will all soon discover that every human being is a religious entity, and at the heart of that realisation will be each individual's desire to relate to a 'Divine' being.

We are all born with that very longing in our souls, not one person can fill that void within us up until the 'Supreme' being is allowed to occupy.

Strangely, even if you had all the money this world should offer, and even occupy the highest position in the planet that we could think it's the greatest, a living soul will never be at peace until it is connected with the divinity. Perhaps you are wondering why even bother to reflect on religion considered a private matter, well it may be private but it affects the public life as our actions and relations are impacted by a religious belief system.

The world has tried so many things to replace and fill this spiritual vacuum and deep longings people have, with attempting to use entertainment to ensure people are satisfied, but at the end of the day done a person still wants to relate to another 'Spiritual being' because that is part of a deep rooted value system that only needs the very Creator to massage and meet its quest.

This is why we have so many religions in the world today, and if we dare undermine people's spiritual quest of wanting to relate to the divine, then we will be denying their quest for satisfaction of their inner beings. Religion is a human rights issue that cannot be wished away.

BORN TO RELATE TO A DIVINE SOURCE

The Creation story brings to the surface the reality that it was the

very same Creator, God who took the initiative to relate to his created beings. Even though we have been told sin was committed in the Garden, it boils down to the issue of accountability and choices God has given us as human beings. We are born with an empty void within and as long as that void is not filled, there will be no meaning to this life, hence the hunger and thirst for a religious passage. We all long to relate to a Superior Being in order to find meaning to understanding issues we face in this life. It is an undeniable fact that we are daily bombarded with issues needing God's intervention to grapple with and understand.

It is only when we have a divine source that we can give meaning to life's challenges. Religion by its very nature is humanity's quest to relate to the Supreme God that should be respected and appreciated. We can try everything to entertain our deep heart's longings, but it only takes a personal decision to seek a divine source that we can find meaning to this life. This is deep reflections I suppose and can only be understood with the realisation that all human beings are spiritual entities and religion plays an integral part of their total beings.

TRADITIONAL BELIEFS SYSTEMS

Africans have a religious inclination and awareness that has been deposited in their value system by God the Creator, He never left them empty.

It is always sad to hear people claiming that traditional religions are not part of God's agenda to help connect with His people who are made after His very own image by the way. When you go back to



the Bushmen and Khoisan, in particular the first thing that cannot be wished away is they were a religious lot.

They believed in the Sun-god who was said to be the provider of light and warmth, as they were always depended on skins of animals for their protection from cold fronts, especially in winter seasons.

They also believed that this Sun-god provides game for their food. Their health was always linked to the trees and roots which they would still view as provided by the Sun-god.

A research to their belief system will confirm that their lives were sacred in that for their children to continue their family and clan lineage, they still believed in appeasing the God-sun who was believed to be the source of life. When you begin to research the history of Ngunis of Southern Africa, you will discover yet a deep revelation of their belief system in the existence of the Superior *Mvelinchangi*, the Great God who sustains their lives and created order. Certain rituals were done to ensure they connect with Him.

All this points to traditional reli-

gion being used as a link to a God who relates with His created order. This is the genesis of African theology, which some people have not bothered to research and study to enrich their spirituality. It is therefore sad to hear no sense of respect to these traditional beliefs as part of humanity's resolve to relate to a superior being.

RELIGION AND VALUES

Religious inclination of any given people is founded on the values and this cannot be looked down upon as they help shape the world and life-view of any given people. We should, however, point out that people's values and norms are impacted by religion, especially when it has to do with benefits of respecting them and to a large extent the sanctions if they are not observed.

Ancestral veneration, for example, is believed to be a traditional spiritual link to the otherworld. So that to appease ancestors is believed to be part of a spiritual link and a religious path.

The departed souls are believed to be the 'sleeping dead' and are

held with deep respect as they are able to influence events of this life and the world yonder. When a traditional religious rite to appease ancestors is conducted, those who are alive believe they are actually being linked to the spiritual world and by the same token to the very living God. Prayers are best presented by the living dead because they have lived and experienced this life and can better intercede on our behalf, they can even put things in accordance with what is expected in the life yonder. We certainly cannot underestimate the power of religion and its impact on the values and norms of any given person.

RELIGION AND PEOPLE'S CULTURES

There is always tensions between religious life and cultural norms of the people. The two should not be delinked because they definitely are part of the bigger whole. Ordinarily, religion influences cultural rites of people. Every time a person partakes in a cultural rite, there's always a hind sight and foreknowledge that cultural rites are linked to people's belief system.

The ritualistic rites done within a given culture are linked to a spiritual action and understanding. Once you start abusing religion to condemn such cultural rites, there is bound to be more confusion because there is supposedly a very thin line in issues that touch the spirituality of a given people. All cultural practises are somehow linked to religious and spiritual lives of a given community. These are some of the issues we need to discuss and reflect deeply as it is an undeniable fact that religion influence people's behaviour and conduct of a given people.

Let's all take care our mental health



In our instalment for last week, we discussed how October was peppered with important days on the international calendar. Yet another important day on the calendar is World Mental Health Day, which is observed on October 10, every year. Its objective is raising awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilising efforts in support of mental health.

The main mental health issues afflicting the world are anxiety, depression, panic disorder, phobia, schizophrenia, obsessive compulsive

disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorder, among others.

Unfortunately mental health issues are exceptionally misunderstood in the African context. Affected individuals are usually shunned and labelled as being affected by vengeful spirits or demonic possession.

Because of these misconceptions, people are not always willing to seek help or speak out in the event of affliction. Most mental illnesses are treatable or controllable.

When mental illnesses go untreated, it has an adverse impact on the quality of lives of those affected, and an over spilling effect on their families, friends, colleagues, how they perform at work and all spheres of their lives. At their worst, they result in loss of life, either when those with more aggressive conditions kill or hurt other people or take their own

lives. According to World Health Organisation statistics, 800 000 people die from suicide globally each year - one death every 40 seconds. That's an astounding figure for something that is preventable.

This past week, a young Maphaleni man tried to hang himself but relatives cut the rope before he could die. They spoke to him and told him not to kill himself, but shortly after that, he shot himself dead.

Experts say anyone that has tried to commit suicide should be taken for professional medical care, even if they appear to have recovered from being suicidal. How many times have we heard of stories of people who were battling certain mental conditions ending up taking lives, either their own or others', after defaulting on treatment? This is certainly not to imply all people with mental health conditions are likely to act that way.

Sometimes people develop mental

health problems following catastrophic events in their lives such as rape, robbery, failed relationships, loss of a loved one, loss of employment, and various others. In his statement to commemorate World Mental Health Day, United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said, "Let us all show compassion and empathy for those who have survived a crisis and make sure they can access the help they need, for as long as they require it." On the same day, WHO kicked off a year-long campaign to combat depression, called 'Depression: Let's Talk'. With good conversation and positive action, come solutions.

We encourage all Dups customers and everyone else to take care of their mental health by speaking out or seeking professional help when they feel overwhelmed, nipping problems in the bud so they don't become insurmountable due to lack of timely action, trying to have a more

positive outlook to life, exercising (it has been proven to conquer mild depression), and spending time with people that bring out the best in us.

As an organisation that advocates for dignity in life and death, Dups joins the world in supporting those that have mental health conditions, and encourages them to seek prompt treatment. This would help them be contributing members of society and living life as they should - with zeal and zest. We also urge everyone to be supportive, not discriminative, of those in their circles with mental health problems. We rise by lifting others.

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SIGWADZI



It is in my deepest knowledge that last week we mooted on *kugana ngengculu* and we observed the different forms of courting in its highest extent or degree. However, it is important to note that this forms were common in the ancient history. It is a gross loss to us.

Just a quick reminder of what we discussed last week, we relegated these different forms into four, namely *kukha intfombi*, *ku fwala intfombi*, *kudla tinkhomo* as well as *kugana ngengculu*. All these forms presented the opportunity to every female to be married or look for someone who shall marry her as discussed last Sunday. There were cases, however, where a man could not find someone to marry. It was an unwished-for due to the expectation from the society that at a certain juncture in time a male is required get married and start his own family.

Failure to adhere to this expectation comes with a price as you are quickly labelled 'sigwadzi'. This word would mechanically denounce you as the failure and it came about with an unpleasant feeling. There are legion of factors that could lead to this upshot.

There are a lot of spiritual and emotional reasons that led to such. Due to the complexity of this matter, it appears to be impossible to try and resolve. A child when he or she is born *itolo bekatalelwa ekhaya*. *Unina walomntfwana afukame*. *Tsine singemaSwati umuntfu siyamfukamela efika emhlabeni, simfukamele nakakhula nanakaneluhambo siphindze simfukamele nakendlula emhlabeni*. *Unina wentfwana nakacedza kubeleka itolo bekangaphumi endlini befukama*. This was done to ensure that the child grows properly *angahabuli futsi*. This was also done to protect the child from evil spirits since a child at that stage is more spiritual and has a high level of interpreting emotions. For example, if the mother comes back from work where she has had an argument with someone, the child can easily interpret that and it can affect him or her. *Bayitolo bebetsi umuntfu akalutsatsi luhambo angakabiki bese labadzala ekhaya bayalufukamela lolohambo nobe loyo msebenti*. *Babe nangabe usebenta emayini kubhekeke kutsi alale endlini kagogo kulobusuku bekugcina*. *Ngakusasa nakatsatsa luhambo lwakhe, gogo kanye nemfati wakhe babe bayafukama, bahlale endlini lilanga lonkhe bafukamele luhambo*. *Nobe ngabe kunemsebenti, njenganakuyewulotjolwa mkhulu*

*nagogo bayafukama bafukamele lomsebenti kutsi uhambe kahle. Kanjalo nangesikhatsi umuntfu sekahambile emhlabeni, emaSwati ayafukama. Ngaphambi kwakuba umuntfu angcwatjwe bogogo kanye nabomake bayafukama echibeni, bese kutsi emuva kwemngcwabo kuphindze kufukanywe kute kwendlule inyanga. Kufukama also played a very important role in the upbringing of a child, especially a male child. If this was not done properly it was likely that emadloti angamfulatsela loyo mntfwana thus if he is a boy he can grow up and find himself sigwadzi. There was a case in my home area where a girl *weca lidliza* at night and she was found in the morning sleeping on top of a grave. Nobody took her case seriously until she reached adulthood. Her peers all got married and she remained and for years she was single until one day a Zionist prophesied that *bamvala emalibeni* and that she needed certain herbs *agezwe ngato*. She got married after that.*

A child that grows up under the guidance of his or her grandmother. If it's a boy he would be taught how to look after cattle and other skills and girls are taught mainly by their grandmothers. Once a boy reaches puberty, *bekatfonjiswa nangabe angakatfombi*. This is a stage that defines manhood for the boy. He is coming of age. The father is then obliged to build his son *lilawu*.

This simply meant that he then had a right

to start courtship. However, there were instances where the boy was not lucky to find someone he can marry. This was at times caused by being bewitched or sickness or spiritual. *Lomunye ukhandze kutsi uvalwe bakubo labalala*. It not a good thing being called *sigwadzi*.

Treated

It was viewed as a habit that can easily be habitual in a family. Even society seemed to dislike it. When a man who does not have a wife passes on, his corpse was treated differently. *Bekubulawa lubondza akhishwe khona. Avalwe ngesinyani ngemuva kuze umoya wakhe wekuba sigwadzi ungasali ekhaya*. The treatment is an indication that his life is not appreciated.

Other males within the family must not copy his bad habit. Besides the fact that being *sigwadzi* was a spiritual curse, some boys feared courting a girl. This was caused by the fact that it was not easy to court a girl. A man would propose a girl for more than three years with no success. At times brothers of the girl would see him and beat him up. If he is really interested in her, he would persist.

However, the very same brothers who gave him a hard time would later felicitate him on his success to marry their sister. It was also for that reason cattle was prioritised even though when *lobola* started it was not done through cattle but soon most men

found it befitting to send cattle as *lobola* and concurrently strengthen the relationship between the two families.

The fear of responsibilities that came with being a man made some boys shun proposing. This was because soon after payment of *lobola* the status of a man changes and he no longer mingles with young boys, he gains more respect in society, he is now eligible to attend meetings, funerals and he could represent his father in a meeting.

He no longer shares when he eats because his food is now covered. He is then suitable to being *lidloti* when he passes on, especially if he passes on at a ripe age, provided he doesn't die of natural causes and not leave behind debts. The grandfather and father of the boy are the ones who closely monitor him as he grows up. When he reaches the stage of having his *lilawu* yet still they did not see him *ajumisile*, they knew it was possible that *akakatfombi lomfana* and they would take action.

Furthermore, reaching the stage of adulthood yet not having a wife, let alone a girl friend, was not appreciated by elders. This was simple because they believed a male at some point needed to start a family so that he keeps the name of his father. Interestingly if it was a female, and she did not have a husband or child, she was not buried in the family grave yard. Her grave was dug near a path, meaning *tendza*

SD prepared to implement Trade Facilitation Agreement measures



The Voice of Business in Swaziland, FSE & CC, recently attended a workshop in Windhoek, Namibia where the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement was unpacked.

The main objective of the workshop was to review a Regional Draft Work Plan on the 18 measures that

are listed in the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA). The 18 measures were identified by Member States in an earlier workshop held in Johannesburg in January 2016.

The discussions were mainly on the obligatory nature of the measures of the TFA and the work to be undertaken at country level in order to fully implement the TFA.

Trade facilitation is an imperative undertaking in today's interconnected global economy as it makes it possible for countries, the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) member states included, to collectively leverage and effectively integrate into the global trade value

chains.

With the fundamental elements in trade facilitation seeking to reduce trade and transport transaction costs at the interface between business and government, thus enhancing competitiveness of local businesses, the Swaziland Government has initiated a number of reforms aimed at enhancing this developmental agenda.

Swaziland, as an active member of the globally networked customs subscribing to the key principles of customs in the 21st Century, has undertaken, over the past few years, to modernise its operations fully cognisant of its membership and obliga-

tions to the Southern African Customs Union (SACU), the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the World Trade Organisation (WTO), the United Nations (UN) and others.

Satisfying

Pursuant to these obligations and commitments, Swaziland has undertaken major trade facilitation initiatives aimed at satisfying regional and global requirements.

The Swaziland Revenue Authority has implemented an e-Tax System, which is a platform through which taxpayers may submit returns as well as access tax information and forms online.

The Voice of Business acknowledges the important role that the Swaziland Government is playing in ensuring there is security within the trade supply chains which, as a global trading role player, allows it to discharge its obligations consistent with agreed rules of the trading system in the face of an ever-changing business landscape.

We note that government has entered into cooperation agreements at a multilateral, regional and bilateral level to open markets for Swazi businesses and to also ensure that business is facilitated smoothly when entering markets outside the kingdom in order to improve efficiency

letingangaye tamshiya ngendlela. This just goes to explain the challenges in life of being *umuntfu*. No man wants to see his daughter or son grow up and stay at home without getting married. Being called *sigwadzi* was not a nice title. If no man and woman wanted his/ her son to be called *sigwadzi*, how come there is no woman in this life who would want her daughter to be married to a man who is called *inganwa*? In our century, how do we groom our children, especially boys? Do we groom them to grow up and neglect the structures of marriage, grow up go to the university, get a job and get married when they are way above 40 years as it is common in Western countries or we encourage them to get married at a tender age? We spend lots of money educating our children to the extent of even paying for them at tertiary institutions. Now is our culture strong enough to adapt with them as they grow up? How many women would still agree to traditionally marry a man, who is less educated than her, earns less money compared to hers? If more girls can attain education and go to colleges and universities, what is the future of traditional marriage in Swaziland? We are losing cattle at an alarming rate and cattle are becoming more and more expensive. *Sitsinjana* has become favourable to most males since it delays *lobola*. Is the generation that is coming after us still going to value the *lobola* custom or gradually we are seeing its end, since most of our children would prefer being called *sigwadzi* and stay single than taking the mammoth route of marriage?

In conclusion, we have successfully raised a youth that no longer understands what it means to be called *sigwadzi*, most of our young men don't consider getting married and it is because we don't really understand what marriage is.

We assume that marriage is the contract signed in the paper by two people to stay together and have labelled our own marriage as the customary marriage and we don't feel complete without the western marriage.

Let me remind people that in our 'customary marriage' it is the men that takes the women hence he is the one that pays *lobola* and in the western part *lobola* is not paid because it is a 50/50 contract and we seem to overlook the fact that it is the male that kneels down and say 'would you marry me' so it is basically the woman that marries the man and in our culture that is not the case.

In fact, the opposite is true. I hold the view that, if we can understand what marriage is in our own words then we will have less of *tigwadzi*.

DEMYSTIFYING SPORT TOURISM:



TOURISM & TRAVEL

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ADVENTURE, SPORT TOURISM GROWTH IN SD

In recent times, we have seen a desirable surge in the number of sports and adventure events that attract throngs of local and regional visitors, and their diversity and international flair have turned Swaziland into an events tourism destination, something which is positive for the industry, and the economy by extension.

The relationship between sport and adventure tourism, in our case, is inextricably interwoven, as typified by such adrenalin-filled athletic events like the Inyatsi Swazi Frontier, which ended yesterday; the Imbube Marathon, which was successfully held last weekend; the Swazi Rally, the King's Golf Cup, both which were held in August, the colourful Ingwenyama MVA Cup, which marries sport and culture, the Nedbank Swaziland's Imvelo MTB Classic, among many other competing and complimentary events.

The Swaziland Tourism Authority (STA) is enthralled to see the professional organisation and running of these events, as their sustainability aids us in further marketing the country as a destination that caters for a broad spectrum of tourism activities. Our tourism bouquet as a nation has become so rich over the years such that it justifies our new thinking that Swaziland cannot just be a transit destination, as had been the case in the long past, but the ultimate destination, which deserves to be top of mind for both travel planners and consumers.

We commend organisers of these various events for their sterling work, and would encourage them to share pre and post success stories of their events with us, in order to escalate the same to our global audiences and markets through our various marketing and media platforms.

In demystifying sport tourism and its value, readers would be interested to know that both mega and small scale sport tourism have potential to contribute to the social, cultural, economic and infrastructural development of our country. Sport tourism involves the travel of persons for non-business reasons to participate and/or observe sporting activities.

In addition to either participating and/or observing sporting events, persons who travel for sport tourism may also have a vested

interest in visiting state-of-the-art sporting facilities such as stadiums, and golf courses, among others. In 2014, STA hosted UK-based professional golfers, courtesy of Sense Africa, who were able to tour and write about some of our golf courses. This generated interest from more golfers globally to consider visiting Swaziland, not just primarily for golfing, but for fusing golfing as part of their broader itinerary while in the country.

Sport tourists may not always be interested in traditional competitive sports and may find adventurous activities far more inviting and appealing to their leisure taste. Some of these adventurous activities may include zip line canopy tours, hiking trails, water adventures, and golf.

For instance, cyclists who were part of this year's Inyatsi Swazi Frontier passed through Malolotja Nature Reserve, where most of them took time to try out the amazing Canopy Tour whose popularity is increasing each and every day globally. For hiking trails and water adventures, we commend industry players like Swazi Trails, All Out Africa, among many others, for ensuring that these activities remain active and vibrant throughout the year.

Sport tourism offers several economic benefits to local communities and the country. Visitors get to generate enormous economic activity through different forms of expenditure on sporting and non-sporting activities while in the country. The hospitality industry gets to benefit from such activities, as demand for accommodation, food, gaming, and other facilities increases.

We are grateful to various sporting entities, including government, for committing to developing existing and new sporting facilities in the country, as this would enable the country in the near future to bid for hosting bigger sporting events in the country. These do not just attract the competing athletes as tourists, but fans from respective participating countries as well. Consequently, there will be an increase in demand for sporting paraphernalia such as replica T-shirts, sneakers, etc, while non-sporting products expenditure in food, beverages, phones, cameras, and other electronic accessories that are associated with travellers will also increase.

Adventure and sport tourism provides the host country with high media coverage. This coverage is not only limited to the sporting event but also provide important information about the country's cultural and entertainment locations as well as the overall country profile. For instance, Expedition Africa 2015 which was held in Swaziland for the very first time saw the country being profiled by media from all over the world. The event, which was part of the Adventure World Series, had more than 40 000 people globally following live tweets that emanated from Swaziland, most of which were re-tweeted.

STA also gets to host international media to cover such events, and develops itineraries that further expose visiting media to our wide tourism offering in the country. Some of the media we have hosted specifically for sports and adventure events include the Golf Trader Magazine, Men's Health Magazine, Ride Magazine and Country Life Magazine from South Africa, as well as Wanderlust from the UK.

The value we get from the resultant mileage outweighs the cost of hosting the same media by far. It is such publicity that helps the marketing of the country to more people in our traditional and new source markets.

These events are becoming good occasions to showcase the cultural heritage of Swaziland, such as our history, historical sites, food, music, art, architecture, and the overall uniqueness of our country and kindle peoples' interest to want to return in the immediate future, while they remain tourism ambassadors of the country for a long time.

Sport tourism does not only result from the visiting and expenditure from tourists but also involves the development of local infrastructure such as stadia, hotels, transportation networks, roads, telecommunication, airports and other infrastructure. Such developments provide long term benefits to communities where they have been established. Whereas locals are encouraged to attend these events en masse, we strongly advise that we continue to show visitors our usual love and friendliness, in order to ensure that they not only remember the event, but the people of Swaziland too.

and effectiveness in regional and global trade.

The World Trade Organisation (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement is a good example.

We applaud the active participation of government and its counterparts in the SACU region as they prepare for the implementation of the WTO TFA whose aim is to ease the movement of goods between the member countries.

During the workshop in Namibia, all five Member States stated that they were not fully informed of the legal implications of the TFA and they needed further clarity on the 18 measures previously identified.

The 18 measures as identified by the Member States, are with regards to:

● Description of the measure

● Nature of the obligation (mandatory, mandatory with best endeavour or best endeavour)

● Implementation checklist. To date, 94 WTO Members have ratified the Trade Facilitation Agreement. The agreement has 36 Articles that are divided into three sections. These Articles are categorised into A, B and C commitments.

Category A – These are provisions that a developing or least developed country designates for implementation upon entry into force of the Agreement, or in the case of a least developed member, within one year after entry into force of the agreement.

Category B – These are provisions that a developing or least developed country designates for implementation on a date after a transitional

period of time following the entry into force of the agreement.

Category C – These are provisions that a developing or least developed country designates for implementation on a date after a transitional period of time following the entry into force of this Agreement and requiring the acquisition of implementation capacity through provision of assistance and support for capacity building.

Swaziland was found to be ahead in terms of readiness for implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement measures, compared to the other countries, even though Namibia and Botswana have already ratified the Agreement.

The priority for Swaziland is to develop an assessment report on the technical assistance requirements

(under Category C) in order to be fully compliant when the Agreement when it comes into force. This process is driven by the ministry of industry trade and commerce, in collaboration with the Swaziland Revenue Authority. The country is currently in the process of validating its categorisation of all the measures in readiness for its ratification.

The Voice of Business, FSE&CC, commends the Swaziland Government for involving the private sector in all stages of the categorisation and ratification processes. Furthermore, FSE&CC encourages all businesses in the country, especially those involved in cross-border trade, to familiarise themselves with the TFA and continue to work with state actors as we move towards the ratification of the Agreement.

The Voice of Business is aware of the dynamic landscape in which the country operates, which is characterised by rapidly increasing freight volumes and highly complex passenger traffic.

Such impose tremendous challenges to the country in attempting to lessen the complexity of technologically driven production and movement of goods and services.

The 2015-16 World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Index ranks Swaziland as number 128 out of 144 countries, ahead of Mozambique and Malawi, but behind Zimbabwe, South Africa and Botswana.

In order to improve this ranking, it is imperative that all impediments to cross border trade be addressed with the involvement of business.

MIND THAT ERROR

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The slippery slope of prepositions, still

Two of the prepositions that flow from our lips and pens most regularly are "in" and "on." To eat, we put food on the table and hold a spoon in our hand. Switch the prepositions "in" and "on" for table and hand, respectively, and you will be on a slippery slope.

Just check out how one of them plays out in the following sentence: "Milk is one of the most nutritionally complete foods available on the food market to date." The sentence is the introduction to an article titled, **IMPORTANCE OF MILK IN HUMAN LIFE**, Observer On Saturday, July 14, 2016.

Prepositions, to be sure, are words that tell or show us how "something is situated in relationship to something else." Are your eyes on your head or in your head? Do traders display their wares in a table or on a table?

Now, take another look at that sentence; then, answer the question: Is milk a food that is available on the food market or in the food market? Well, food may be available on the table, but not on the market, for being available "on" the food market would mean that food is sitting, or has been placed, on top of the market. This, as you know too well, is certainly impossible!

I'M SHOCKED - PM, JOY'S MARRIAGE OFFICER. This is the headline of a news story in the SWAZI NEWS of April 9, 2016. Search the lead of the story for a preposition that slips. It reads: "Marriage Officer Reverend Cariot Shongwe is depressed by the news that the Prime Minister (PM) Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini, has filed for divorce of his wife of just over two years, Pastor Joy."

Specifically, the question we need to ask here is: "Should 'of' be the preposition that precedes 'his wife'?" This happens to be a wrong preposition. A man sues for divorce "from" his wife; he does not sue for divorce "of" her.

Besides the **faulty preposition**, the sentence also has a **comma fault**. With both errors corrected, the sentence should read: "Marriage Officer Reverend Cariot Shongwe is depressed by the news that the Prime Minister (PM) Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini has filed for divorce from his wife of just over two years, Pastor Joy."

Lo, one thing is common to all the four sentences that follow: they are riding on the slippery slope of the same preposition, which has been highlighted for you to spot, without much ado immediately. Sentence #1 is the introduction to the first editorial in The Citizen of April 15, 2015 with the title, "Address self-hate before it's too late." It reads: "The country sat in shock yesterday as battle scenes played out in Durban BETWEEN locals, police and foreigners."

Sentence #2 is the third paragraph of an opinion piece in The Star of June 30, 2016 titled, "Rhetoric sold old 'us' and 'them' story." It reads: The UK press coverage showed a bizarre, almost surreal disconnection BETWEEN old world patriotism, national pride and financial realities."

Sentence #3 is the seventh paragraph of an opinion piece in The Sunday Independent of September 18, 2018 with the title, "SA has a chance to self-correct." It reads: "What kind of social compact BETWEEN government, business, labour and civil society would lead to policy certainty, encourage collective sacrifices and contribute to rebuilding a better life for all as envisaged in the National Development Plan (NDP)?"

Sentence #4 is the second paragraph of



PM Sibusiso Dlamini and Pastor Joy during their engagement.

public opinion poll story in The Citizen of May 27, 2015 with the headline, "President's popularity dips in urban areas." It reads: "The survey was conducted among 2 000 adults BETWEEN February and March 2015 in the seven major metropolitan areas."

As you can see, all the four sentences have the preposition, "between," but this connective has been used in error in all of them. There is however a difference between the first three sentences and the fourth one.

"Between" is wrong in the first three sentences, because it is a preposition that connects two things and two things only. But in these sentences, the preposition connects three or four things. You cannot say, for example, that your middle finger is between your thumb, your fore finger, and your little finger. It can only be AMONG them. When there are more than two things, traditional grammarians and purists insist, the correct preposition to use is AMONG.

The problem with Sentence #4 is a different and interesting one. In it, "between" is connecting, correctly, just two things, the months of February and March. But the last time I checked, there is no month BETWEEN February and March in any calendar I could find! So, how do we come about this preposition in the sentence?

The error here is one of **FACT**. Grammar is used to talk about both reality and fiction, and reality it must not violate. There are two ways we might correct this **faulty preposition**. We might say the survey was conducted BETWEEN February 10, for example, and March 10, 2015. Alternatively, we might say the survey was conducted FROM February 10, for example, TO March 10, 2015. Of the two, if I may ask, which do you prefer to the other?

Oh, I love this title: **GOD DID NOT CREATE ADAM AND STEVE - MUSEVENI**. It belongs to the first editorial in the Swazi Observer of February 20, 2014. The editorial was about the signing of a controversial anti-gay law by the President of Uganda, Yoweri Museveni.

The concluding paragraph of the editorial reads, thus, but the emphasis is mine: "This then means that the virus will spread like

wild fire ON the gay and lesbian community of Uganda, and in due course, spread to heterosexuals, as gay people will strive to be seen as normal by also engaging ON heterosexual sex so they can be safe."

The two uses of the preposition, "on," are wrong. Wild fire does not spread ON the bush: it spreads "through" or "over" the bush. Concerning the first "on" that is about the gay and lesbian community, the proper or preferred preposition would seem to be the former, "through," don't you think? And concerning the second "on," certainly, the correct preposition is "in." Animals, including humans, do not engage "on" sex: they engage "in" it - and I am pretty sure you'd agree with me on that!

And I am pretty sure, too, that you'd agree with that the highlighted prepositions in the following sentence is riding on a slippery slope: "Swazi TV Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Bongani Dlamini has heaped praise AT the Limkokwing University of Creative Technology for producing techno-savvy graduates who have made a massive impact TO the nation." This the lead of a news story in the SWAZI NEWS of May 31, 2014.

No, the first highlighted preposition cannot be "at," but "on." And the second preposition, "to," cannot be "to," but "on." Change the two prepositions, accordingly, and the sentence would not be riding on what we gave termed the slippery slope of prepositions.

By the way, let us note that correcting those two cases of **faulty preposition** would still leave something else that is amiss in that sentence, for if there was indeed a heap of anything, then, the correct noun should be plural, not singular. I am talking about the word, "praise," which the CEO was reported to have "heaped at the Limkokwing University of Creative Technology." Instead of "praise," a singular noun, the word should be "praises," a plural noun.

Next week, we shall have yet another take on the error of **faulty preposition**, including cases of the error that have committed in this column, as a way of talking about **LIME**: (the) Log In My Eye. Remember, only fools don't err!



JOY NDWANDWE'S ZONE LEADERSHIP

Yesterday the Ndwandwe family of eBuyandeni and Nkambeni celebrated at Thunzini the legacy of their forefather, Zwide kaLanga, during *Sibhimbi sa Ndlaluhlaza*. The progeny of King Zwide, father of Madanga (brother to LaZidze) father of Ndlaluhlaza, father of Dinane, father of Zwide, father of Madzanga, father of Ndlaluhlaza, who was installed as chief yesterday at Thunzini Royal Residence.

This long awaited chief installation, *Sibhimbi*, finally occurred aside all the tensions and skirmishes previously experienced, and ongoing. These children of Zwide proficently rose above the previous rocky roads with dignity, our source of endurance ever since the demise of King Zwide. When the Ndwandwe kingdom fell, the children of Zwide continue to uphold dignity during uncertainty evidence on how we are royalty without a geographic kingdom.

The unsettling trials and tribulations as to where there will be *Sibhimbi* or not, are inconsequential as yesterday we celebrated the Zwide legacy. With dignity upheld within our DNA, which prevailed yesterday when we sang "uyayezeza umNguni", a song that evokes the bloodline of Zwide. A song that takes us to Magudu hills spiritually and yet all we know is Swaziland, and the SADC states where the Ndwandwes are citizens today.

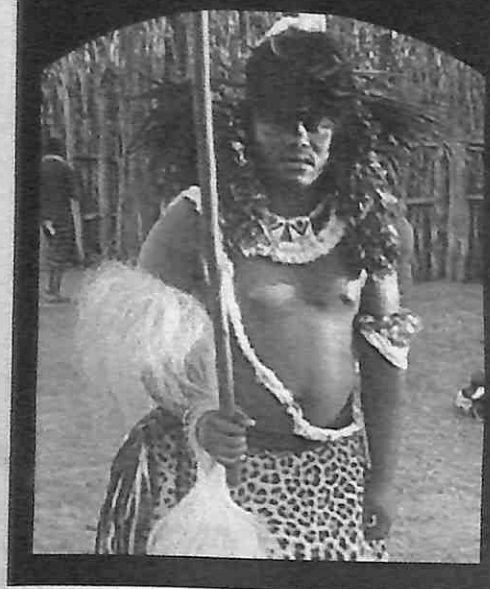
EBUYANDENI AND NKAMBENI GENEALOGY

I have learnt over the years the importance of blending written and oral history within the context of indigenous languages, and political influences during period of research. The eBuyandeni and Nkambeni genealogy begins with the arrival of Madanga (*kutefuya* Ndwandwe dialect) or Madzanga (in siSwati), narrated by Mnguni Mfanawemutfwalo, confirmed by the Masilela family, whose great-grand father found Madanga, presented him to Magagula who took him to iNgwenyama, and his sister LaZidze positively identified him as her full bother, meaning same mother, same father.

Hence Madzanga was placed at eBuyandeni (place of the in-laws), later expanded into Nkambeni, a journey that began with hunting, later confirmed when he protected Moyeni Magagula. King Mswati II had wished to kill Magagula, but Madzanga reciprocated his earlier protection, and the king respected his uncle and did not kill Moyeni, but placed Moyeni Magagula under the leadership of Madzanga, this narration is confirmed by Phillip Bonner (1983:88/9): 'Moyeni Magagula was saved by the intercession of Madzanga Ndwandwe.....as the price of royal forbearance and Madzanga's intercession, Mswati insisted that Madzanga be given control over the Magagula chieftdom and Moyeni was summarily reduced to subordinate rank.'

Thus, reflecting on-going tensions that still prevails along the eBuyandeni to Nkambeni corridor, which contributed in delaying Ndlaluhlaza's *Sibhimbi*. Professor Bonner and I met and respectfully do not agree as his genealogical understanding is that Madzanga was the half and not full brother of LaZidze. The Nkambeni elder's narration is confirmed by Jones (1993:444): 'Ndwandwe Madangala (Madzanga) was the son of Zwide kaLanga, the ruler of the Ndwandwe, and a full brother of Tsandzile Ndwandwe, chief wife of Ngwenyama Sobhuza wa Ndvungunye.... Ndwandwe was succeeded by his son Ndlaluhlaza Ndwandwe.' Jones (1993:445) further sated states 'Ndwandwe Ndlaluhlaza

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ka Madangala ka Zwile succeed his father as chief... Ndwandwe died by 1900 to be succeeded by his son, Dinane.

The Nkambeni narrative states that Madanga had two boys from same mother LaDlamini, that is, Ndalahlaza and Lomqayi, confirmed during my interview with the late Mdvumowencwala. The eldest Ndalahlaza became chief, and Lomqayi's children are tasked as with acting capacity during the demise of chief and whilst young chief is groomed. Evident in how Lomqayi's son Mqobeya, my grandfather, acted after the demise of Dinane, and was member of King's Council. Booth (2000:228) confirms Mqobeya legacy: "A long-time member of the *libandla* and trusted advisor of iNgwenyama Sobhuza II who was one of the architects of Sobhuza's campaign against the British proposed Native Administration Proclamation (1944), which began in 1939."

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Booth (2000:212) further states:

"Ndwandwe, a lineage of Nguni-speaking people occupying the northern reaches of Nguni territory, who were closely related to the royal Dlamini clan of the Ngwane lineage in Swaziland. Both lineages moved out of Mozambique... Dlamini settling along the Pongola River where it cuts through the Lubombo range. During the reign of iNgwenyama Ngwane... the Dlamini moved west along the northern bank of the Pongola, while Ndwandwe had long since migrated south into northern Natal settling in the land giving rise to the Mkhuzi and Mfolozi Rivers."

The connectedness and interconnectedness between Dlamini and Ndwandwe is historical, and the timelines presented are in dispute, particularly when using the UNESCO General History of Africa Volumes collection. What is undisputed is that King Zwile Ndwandwe, the son of Langa Ndwandwe and his wife, Ntombazi, existed. General African History Volume VI (99:100): "Zwile succeeded to the Ndwandwe throne around 1790... the greater share of building the powerful Ndwandwe confederacy had befallen his shoulders. But it is important to recognise that he built upon foundations laid by his father and grandfather, and that in doing so he exploited institutions, customs and prac-

tices."

The children of Zwile celebrate their forefather and common ancestor's legacy originating from Magudu hills. A dominate Ndwandwe totem which carries dignity when communicating with each other, sign of honour to those who know us. Ndwandwe's militancy is inherited from Zwile their common ancestor and forefather Volume VI (99:100) further states: "...the Ndwandwe kingdom dependent a great deal on the deployment of military regiments recruited through traditional initiation of males and females of approximately the same age group... apart from these regiments to weld the 'nation state', the Ndwandwe rulers appears to have also used extensive magic-religious (Incwala) influence to enhance authority and to create the mystique of an all-powerful invincible monarch."

Sibhimbi sa Ndalahlaza activated these memories strategically led by Ndwandwe of Lwandle family of chief ritual experts, integral part Zwile legacy, who was defeated by Shaka Zulu. Jones (1993:449): "Shaka, however, retreated strategically before the advancing armies taking all the grain and cattle on which Ndwandwe would rely for food. Having lured them south of the Mhlathuze River, Shaka attacked and decisively routed the Ndwandwe... Ndwandwe was forced to abandon his homestead and retreat westwards to the modern Utrecht where he regrouped."

CONCLUSION

Ndwandwe of eBuyandeni and Nkambeni celebrated the Zwile legacy, during this first ever *Sibhimbi* for many as a symbol of unity. Marking a new generation of leadership within the Zwile legacy, rooted in understanding that Ndwandwe do not survive hunger, this led to their defeat by Shaka. *Sibhimbi* was celebrated with dignity reflecting the words of Jones (1993:449): "Quite where Ndwandwe and his followers eventually settled is a mystery. Dlamini tradition is silent, despite the fact that a large migration was taking place along their western borders in an area which they claim some control."

The notion of where is Ndwandwe, intrigues my research 'itch', hence am happy about the installation of Ndalahlaza as I need his leadership, towards the Ndwandwe legacy book. According to Jones (1993:449) Zwile Ndwandwe himself died in exile, probably in the early 1820s, and his body was taken secretly for burial with his ancestors at Magudu. As stated earlier Magudu to the Ndwandwe remains the source of identity, irrespective of where their leadership is placed within SADC.

Yesterday the children of Zwile progeny of Madzanga, sons and daughters of Ndalahlaza and Lomqayi celebrated *Sibhimbi*. A source of unity for children of same father and mother, after numerous chieftaincy acting periods, on behalf of the other, as they did not allow negativity to permeate through negative forces.

Thus, celebrating dignity, embedded within royalty without geographic kingdoms who speaks truth to power whilst loyal to historical ally Dlamini.

Give us the opportunity to be EQUAL



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Poverty is hard, time consuming work, and being poor does not make one more attractive to employers. Employers usually prefer to hire people with stable, secure personal lives, including stable finances. Hiring a poor person or someone teetering on the edge of poverty is risky for employers, even before taking disability into account.

For most people with disabilities work itself is risky. There are tremendous benefits to be had from work, both emotional and material, but it's risky. You risk failure. You risk upsetting the balance of your health, either physical, or emotional, or both. Even if you plan and calculate meticulously, you risk finding yourself worse off financially than before you tried to work. You risk finding out there really are hard limits on what you can do with the body and mind you have.

People with disabilities are more visible, accommodated, and assertive in society than they were decades ago. You see people with disabilities more often in everyday life, where they used to be almost invisible. Disability issues still don't get the attention they should, but accessibility, inclusion, and simple non-discrimination are at least being recognised and the government is making headway in prioritising them. People with disabilities, as they become prioritised, will go from virtual nonentities in society, dealt with only privately by their families, to permanent, named members of the broader community. This is a big and welcome change.

From the outside, it can appear that disabled people are entitled to many benefits, privileges, and social sympathies that other underprivileged people can't seem to get for themselves. People are just minimally "aware" enough to know there needs to be more laws and programmes designed to meet the specific needs of people with disabilities. The government, through the deputy prime minister's office, is championing this exercise in the nation. Disabled people need more targeted programmes to address employment, low income, and discrimination if they are to be empowered.

Disabled people targeted programmes look far better on paper than they do in real life, unfortunately, even in this United Kingdom where I live. Civil rights laws lack practical teeth. In African countries, the Convention of the Rights of People with Disabilities is filed away. Benefits for people with disabilities are hard to get and even harder to maintain with any assurance.

The better service models developed are almost all vastly under-funded and, therefore, minimally and randomly implemented. Our government does need to intensify efforts to improve the lives of people with disabilities. Ensuring they get a quality education comparative to that of 'typical' people is key to ensuring the future of children with disabilities. Supporting entrepreneurial efforts of people with disabilities is also key.

On my recent visit to the country I had the pleasure of participating in the Leadership, Business Management Skills and Sexual Reproductive Health Workshop for Young Women with Disabilities. This workshop was hosted by the Swaziland Government through the deputy prime minister's office, REDI and the ministry of health.

The world over, many persons with disabilities are starting their own businesses. This is not surprising, when you do not find the

accommodations you need among employers - make your own, right? Around 15 per cent of persons with disabilities who are working are self-employed. More of us than ever are starting to follow suit, starting up our own businesses. Starting our own businesses presents a certain number of unique challenges, but it also gives us more flexibility, as well as more control over our working environment. Having our own business gives us the opportunity to succeed and accommodate our specific needs. Despite the many challenges involved, people with disabilities are succeeding at their own

businesses at an incredible rate.

Determination and stamina are major assets when it comes to success, this much is for sure. Going into business for yourself is a major undertaking. It requires an investment not only of time, but in effort and money. How are people with disabilities doing this and succeeding? Fortunately, there are people who have gone down this road before.

Following the DPM/REDI/ministry of health workshop, we need a number of both government and government-authorised financial programmes and resources that can help people with disabilities to start and operate their own business.

These resources can help to provide things such as financing, business operating information, business and market development advice, and much more. We require consulting, mentoring, and technical assistance to people with disabilities who want to start their own business, as well as their family members and service providers.

Last Friday, October 7, I received information that the first annual Spelling Bee competition final at Primary School level first prize has been scooped by Sjabulile Dlamini, a Grade Six learner at the Siteki School for the Deaf, beating hearing pupils that attend private schools. Sjabulile is 14 years old and can clearly achieve amazingly if provided with the right support. It is both the nation and government's duty, individually and collectively, to ensure that Sjabulile is nurtured and given all opportunity to flourish.

The school head teacher only learnt of the Spelling Bee competition because the organisers approached the administration for permission to use the school hall for the Lubombo region leg of the competition. The deaf learners had already been excluded from the competition by not being invited to participate.

Much has been said about the condition of the Siteki School for the Deaf where Sjabulile is receiving an education.

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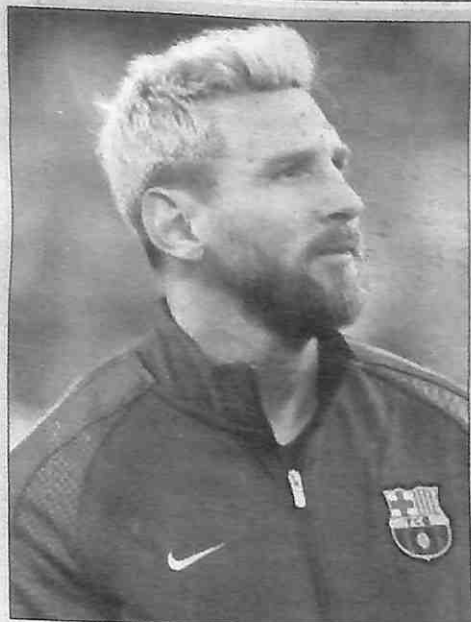
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Lionel Messi.

Messi scores on return as Barca thump Deportivo

BARCELONA - Lionel Messi scored on his return to action for FC Barcelona, as the Catalan giants thumped Deportivo La Coruna 4-0 at the Camp Nou.

The Catalan giants nearly broke the deadlock after seven minutes but Neymar was denied by the crossbar from close range. Barcelona eventually broke the deadlock after 21 minutes, as Rafinha Alcantara rifled the ball home from the right side of the box.

Rafinha grabbed his and the hosts' second in the 36th minutes by firing home from close range, after Lux could only parry Gerard Pique's header.

Luis Enrique's side grabbed their third goal just before the break, as Luis Suarez latched onto a pass from Neymar before slotting home from close range.

Messi was brought on in the 55th minute and got on the score-sheet three minutes later with an impressive finish.

Deportivo were then reduced to 10 men after 65 minutes when Laure was shown a straight red card for an elbow on Neymar.

Paco Alcacer looked threatening for the home side but he was unable register his first goal for the club, as Lux pulled off a couple saves to deny the Spanish forward.

Despite the numerical advantage, Barcelona failed to add to their four-goal lead, although Enrique will be pleased to return to winning ways. **AFP**

Injured Ribery to miss PSV clash

MUNICH - Bayern Munich winger Franck Ribery has been sidelined for up to three weeks with a fresh injury and will miss Wednesday's Champions League game at home to PSV Eindhoven.

The 33-year-old, who is out of contract at the end of the season, picked up a leg injury on Friday in training and Bayern's assistant coach Hermann Gerland confirmed he is unlikely to play again this month.

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"He needs at least two to three weeks to be ready to play again," Gerland told Sky.

Bayern need a victory at home to PSV at the Allianz Arena to get back to winning ways in Europe following their

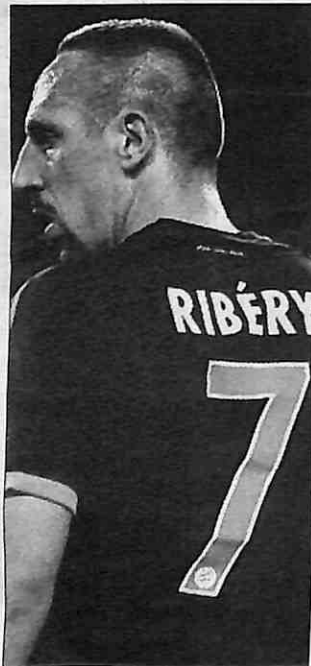
1-0 defeat away to Atletico Madrid at the end of September.

Bayern are second in Group D behind Atletico while Eindhoven are bottom of the table with just one point after their 2-2 draw at Russian side Rostov and 1-0 defeat at home to Madrid.

Ribery sat out Bayern's German league match at Eintracht Frankfurt on Saturday and will also miss their Bundesliga games at home to Borussia Moenchengladbach next Saturday, then away to Augsburg a week later.

The Frenchman is also set to sit out their German Cup second-round match at home to Augsburg on October 26.

AFP



Bayern Munich.

DZEKO SCORES TWO AS ROMA BEAT NAPOLI

ROME - Edin Dzeko scored a goal either side of half-time to set up a 3-1 win for AS Roma away to Napoli in the battle for second place in Serie A yesterday.

Mohamed Salah also played a key role, setting up the first goal and scoring the third himself, as Roma leapfrogged their opponents.

Kalidou Koulibaly, whose mis-

take led to the first goal, replied for Napoli who suffered their first home defeat in Serie A since Maurizio Sarri took over as coach at the start of last season.

Napoli and Roma have alternated in providing the biggest challenge to the recent dominance of Juventus with each finishing as runners-up to the Turin club twice in the last four seasons.

Roma have 16 points, two

behind Juventus, who hosted Udinese later yesterday.

Napoli, who sold leading scorer Gonzalo Higuain to Juventus in the close season and then lost his replacement Arkadiusz Milik to a serious knee injury last week, have 14 points after their second successive defeat without scoring.

Both sides created chances in an end-to-end first half but it was the visitors who went ahead two min-

utes before the break.

Salah won the ball off Koulibaly on the edge of the area and his cross was swept home by Dzeko from 12 metres.

The Bosnia forward took advantage of more poor defending when he rose unmarked at the far post to head in Alessandro Florenzi's free kick nine minutes after the re-start.

Reuters

Frankfurt extend Bayern's winless run

BERLIN - Bundesliga leaders Bayern Munich are now winless in their last three games after being held to a 2-2 draw at ten-man Eintracht Frankfurt yesterday in the German league.

After last month's 1-0 Champions League defeat at Atletico Madrid and their 1-1 league draw with Cologne before the international break, this was neither the performance nor the result coach Carlo Ancelotti wanted.

Despite the draw, Bayern maintain a two-point lead in the Bundesliga ahead of Wednesday's key Champions League game at home to PSV Eindhoven.

Bayern's Arjen Robben and Frankfurt's Szabolcs Huszti both scored first-half goals.

After Germany international Joshua Kimmich put Bayern head, Frankfurt had Huszti sent off, but Mexico midfielder Marco Fabian scored their crucial second equaliser 12 minutes from time. Ancelotti started with striker Robert Lewandowski on the bench in Frankfurt as it emerged winger Franck Ribery is out for the next three weeks with a fresh injury.

Robben cut back inside and fired a superb shot at a tight angle past Frankfurt's Finland goalkeeper Lukas Hradecky with just 10 minutes gone. Bayern lived dangerously, despite dominating possession.

With 15 minutes gone, Frankfurt's Timothy Chandler hit the inside post. Then Alexander Maier's bullet-header was saved by Bayern's Germany goalkeeper Manuel Neuer.

Huszti put Frankfurt level just before the break when the midfielder took advantage of a lucky bounce to get behind the Bayern defence and slot home on 43 minutes.

It was Frankfurt's first goal against Bayern since 2011.

Kimmich put Bayern ahead when he got on the end of Hummels pass and slotted home on 62 minutes for his sixth goal in his last seven games for his club. To add insult to injury,



Xabi Alonso.

Eintracht were reduced to ten men for the last 25 minutes when Huszti was shown a red card for a second bookable offence.

But Frankfurt hit back and when US international Chandler swung in a shot, Fabian chested the ball into the empty net.

Bayern are two points clear of second-placed Cologne, who are enjoying their best start to the season since the Bundesliga started in 1962.

French striker Anthony Modeste scored both goals in the first-half including a converted penalty in a 2-1 win at Ingolstadt, for whom Lukas Hinterseer netted a late penalty.

The result saw Ingolstadt drop to the bottom of the table, replacing Hamburg, who picked up a point in a goalless draw at Borussia Moenchengladbach.

Gladbach, at Celtic in the Champions League on Wednesday, missed two penalties as Lars Stindl fired his spot-kick off the crossbar after Andre Hahn had his first-half effort saved.

AFP

United spending doesn't interest Liverpool boss Klopp

LONDON - Jurgen Klopp says he is not concerned about the amount of money that Manchester United have spent as the teams prepare to face off tomorrow.

United spent vast sums of money in the summer - notably splashing out a world record £89million to bring Paul Pogba back to the club from Juventus - while Liverpool more than balanced their books by offloading a number of unwanted players to finance the £30million transfer of Sadio Mane and a £25million deal for Georginio Wijnaldum.

It matters little to Klopp,



Jurgen Klopp.

however. "I am absolutely not interested what other club's possibilities are, how much money they spent, or anything else," he said. "It's not a competition. It's not that you win the league before the sea-

son. "You have a team without spending money and you have a team with spending a lot of money. "Everybody has their own possibilities, their own ideas, and I am really happy with our possibilities.

"We did what we did because we thought it was right for us. "If other teams have another strategy or another idea, they have to do what they think is right."

Klopp meanwhile expects his players to be revved up by the "special circumstances" of an encounter against Manchester United but does not want them to lose sight of their core principles.

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Bale expects to match Ronaldo's £750k-a-week wages with new Madrid deal



Gareth Bale.

MADRID - Real Madrid winger Gareth Bale will demand that the club offer him the same £750k-a-week wages as Cristiano Ronaldo, according to The Times.

The Wales winger is reportedly in the process of negotiating a new deal with Zinedine Zidane's side but is expecting to join Ronaldo in earning £20m-a-year after tax, a £260k-a-week increase on his current net salary. Bale has scored three goals in six league appearances at the start of the 2016-17 campaign, with Madrid currently second in the La Liga table, trailing city rivals Atletico on goal difference. **GOAL.COM**

Good news, R. Madrid! Dortmund open to Aubameyang talks

BERLIN - Borussia Dortmund may be compelled to consider an offer from Real Madrid for Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang if he pushes for a move, says club CEO Hans-Joachim Watzke.

Aubameyang, 27, has often been linked with Madrid in recent seasons and has publicly expressed his admiration for the heavyweight La Liga club.

The prolific Gabon international striker, who rescued a point in a 1-1 Bundesliga draw at home to Hertha Berlin on Friday, is a prized asset at Signal Iduna Park, particularly since the departure of Robert Lewandowski to Bayern Munich in 2014.

Having seen a succession of star players lured away by the riches on offer elsewhere, Watzke knows Dortmund will have a bat-



Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang.

tle on their hands if they are to retain Aubameyang in the face of interest from the Spanish capital. **GOAL.COM**

Bundesliga outfit make a move for United outcast

MANCHESTER - Bundesliga outfit Wolfsburg are set to offer Manchester United outcast Memphis Depay an escape route in January.

The 22-year-old Dutchman has made just three substitute appearances under Jose Mourinho this season and has found it difficult to break into United's first team.

Memphis has struggled to make the impact he was tipped to make after his £25million move from PSV Eindhoven last year.

And German outlet Bild say Wolfsburg are weighing up a January bid for the forward.

Memphis recently admitted he will consider his future in Manchester if he isn't given more opportunities by Jose Mourinho and there are no signs of him emerging into the first team.

"I am the same person and I know what I want," Depay said earlier this month.

"A supporting role is not for me.

I'm not a player who is happy with the fact that he is under contract with Manchester United.

"This is my dream club, but I want to play."

AC Milan were reportedly keen on taking Depay, according to Tuttomercato at the start of the month.

They claimed Mourinho would allow the player to leave if he received the right offer for him.

Memphis scored 28 goals and contributed eight assists in 40 games in his final season with PSV and the Holland international was tipped for big things in England.

Teamtalk

RAGING DJOKOVIC SENT CRASHING IN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI - Novak Djokovic smashed his racquet, tore his shirt and raged at the chair umpire as he was stunned in the Shanghai Masters semi-finals by Roberto Bautista Agut yesterday.

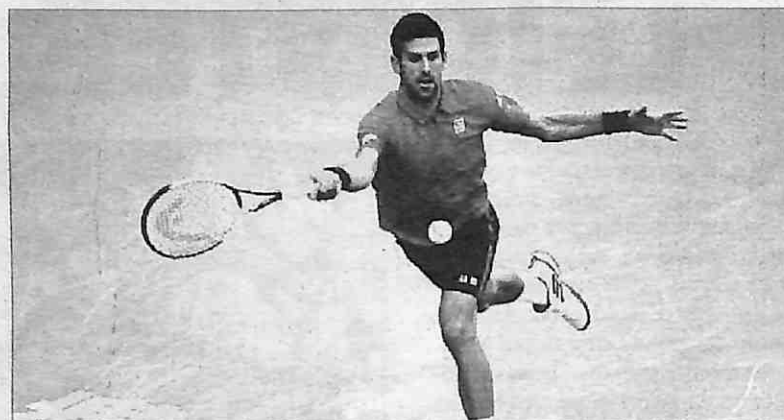
The defending champion and 12-time Grand Slam champion was broken once in the first set and three times in the second as he lost 6-4, 6-4 in his first defeat to the Spaniard.

Djokovic has been out of sorts since he won his first French Open title in June, losing early at Wimbledon and the Olympics and complaining he had lost motivation.

The 29-year-old Serb, whose top ranking is under threat from Andy Murray, hummed to keep up his spirits during his quarter-final escape against German qualifier Mischa Zverev.

But the three-time champion failed to keep his cool in a stormy appearance at Shanghai's Qi Zhong Tennis Centre as he suffered a rare defeat in China.

Nineteenth-ranked Bautista Agut put away two brilliant forehands as he fought off break points in the ninth game, and he then pounced as Djokovic was serving to stay in the first set.



Novak Djokovic.

A sublime disguised lob set up break point and when Djokovic fired wide to hand over the set, he snapped and repeatedly slammed his racquet into the deck.

Djokovic grabbed a towel and cleaned up his racquet splinters as the second set got underway, but tempers frayed again at 1-1 over a serve he felt was long.

"Are you seeing anything today? Are you seeing anything?" fumed the Serb, gesticulating at the Brazilian chair umpire Carlos Bernardes.

Then Djokovic, angry at failing to secure a break point in game five, theatrically tore his shirt at the neck

and went to change it mid-game, receiving a time violation warning.

They exchanged breaks before Djokovic was broken again to be left staring at defeat - only to save three match points before getting it back on serve in a tense game nine.

But a forehand into the net brought up a fourth match point on his own serve, and this time Bautista Agut grabbed the opportunity as he arrowed a pass down the line.

"I'm so happy," said Bautista Agut, after beating Djokovic at the sixth attempt to reach his first Masters final.

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Wozniacki ends Jankovic title defence in Hong Kong semis

SHANGHAI - Fifth seed Caroline Wozniacki ousted defending champion Jelena Jankovic 6-3, 6-4 in the semi-finals of the Hong Kong Open yesterday.

The 26-year-old Wozniacki will play Kristina Mladenovic in the final today after the Frenchwoman beat Australian youngster Daria Gavrilova 7-5, 6-3.

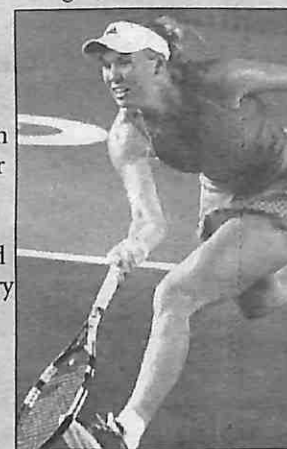
Denmark's Wozniacki, who is yet to lose a set in the tournament, struggled to hold serve in the opening stages but held her nerve to break Jankovic's serve five times and come out on top in a battle between two former world number ones.

Wozniacki, who won the Pan Pacific Open last month, will look to secure her second Tour title of the year when she takes on Mladenovic.

Gavrilova defeated world number one Angelique Kerber on Friday, but the Australian was brought back down to earth by the unseeded Mladenovic.

She will be bidding to win her first major singles title today but will need to record her first victory over Wozniacki who has won both their meetings.

Reuters



Caroline Wozniacki.



Sevilla end away hoodoo to go top

MADRID - Sevilla won away from home in La Liga for the first time in 23 games 3-2 at Leganes to leapfrog Atletico Madrid and Real Madrid to go top of the table.

Pablo Sarabia's stunning winner five minutes from time, moved Sevilla two points clear at the top despite blowing a 2-0 lead early in the second-half.

Atletico and Real could move back to the top of the table when they face Granada and Real Betis, respectively, later yesterday.

Meanwhile, fourth-placed Barcelona closed to within a point of Sevilla after victory at home to Deportivo la Coruna.

Despite continuing to shine in Europe by completing a hat-trick

of Europa League titles last season, Sevilla hadn't won away in the league since the final day of the 2014/15 season.

Franco Vazquez's opener and a second from the impressive Samir Nasri just before the hour mark put Jorge Sampaoli's men well on course to ending that barren run.

However, their defensive frailties looked set to cost them victory once more as Leganes struck back with two goals in three minutes through David Timor and Alexander Szymanowski.

Sarabia proved the match winner off the bench when he curled home from outside the area his third goal in just seven La Liga games since joining from Getafe.

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CHELSEA HAMMER LEICESTER CITY

STAMFORD BRIDGE - Chelsea gave Antonio Conte a well-timed vote of confidence as Diego Costa and Eden Hazard inspired a 3-0 win against spluttering champions Leicester yesterday.

Conte had to endure speculation he was in danger of being sacked just three months into his Chelsea reign after bookmakers suspended betting on his dismissal on Thursday.

While Conte laughed off the story, the Italian - under fire after disappointing defeats against Liverpool and Arsenal - is well aware of Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich's ruthless nature when it comes to firing managers.

If there was any doubt in Abramovich's mind about Conte, this confident performance, which gave Chelsea a second successive Premier League victory, gave a glimpse of the potential force the former Italy coach is trying to build.

Costa's seventh league goal of the campaign put Chelsea ahead and Hazard added the second before Victor Moses sealed the rout.

The last time Leicester walked out onto the Stamford Bridge pitch, they were given a guard of honour by Chelsea's players to mark the culmination of their astonishing title triumph.

But Claudio Ranieri's side still seem to be suffering a hangover from those



Eden Hazard rounds Kasper Schmeichel to extend Chelsea's lead over Leicester City with a composed 32nd-minute goal. (Daily Mail)

celebrations.

They have made a dismal defence of the title so far and are the first reigning English champions to lose their opening four away games since Blackburn in 1995-96.

Having vowed to rotate his team more often to cope with their hectic schedule, Ranieri left Riyad Mahrez, Islam Slimani and Danny Simpson on the bench ahead of Tuesday's Champions League clash against Copenhagen.

Yet the changes did little to put a spring in Leicester's step and they were on the back foot when Moses

smashed over a low cross that almost crept in at the near post.

Kasper Schmeichel had repelled that effort at the expense of a corner, but the Leicester goalkeeper was powerless to prevent Costa putting Chelsea ahead from the seventh minute set-piece.

For the fifth time this season, poor defending from a corner was Leicester's downfall as Nemanja Matic was given space to backheel the cross and, with Foxes captain Wes Morgan reacting too slowly, Costa was left unmarked to finish clinically at the far post. *Daily Mail*

Mancini 'cold' on England boss speculation

LONDON - Roberto Mancini has labelled England "cold" and denied he is in talks with the Football Association over the England job.

The former Manchester City gaffer was pictured at Wembley last weekend as Gareth Southgate kicked off his reign with a 2-0 win over Malta.

Reports claimed the 51-year-old, who left Inter Milan by mutual consent in August, was a guest of the FA, but that was apparently denied by England big wigs.

Regardless, rumours that Mancini was on the FA's short-list surfaced, but yesterday morning in Milan he rebuffed those suggestions at a charity game for the earthquake victims.

"Coming back to Milan is great, but it's very cold here. England's cold too, but I am not in talks with the English FA at the moment. I haven't watched Inter games so I have nothing to say about them," he told *Calciomercato*.

"Today I am here for a charity game and I am very happy to be back. I hope this is going to be useful for people suffering in Amatrice and in all the area stuck by the quake, especially kids." *Teamtalk*



Joey Barton 'unlikely to play for Rangers again'

LONDON - Rangers midfielder Joey Barton "is unlikely to play for the club again," according to a report.

The BBC claim that peace talks between the club and the player have reached a stalemate and the

player, who is due back at training tomorrow, will not return and his career at Ibrox is almost certainly over. "Joey Barton will not report back for training at Rangers on Monday and is unlikely to play for the club again," claim the Beeb.

Barton was suspended over a training-ground row in September when he apparently clashed with Andy Halliday as the squad reviewed the 5-1 hammering by Celtic. The former Newcastle and QPR man has since been charged

by the Scottish FA for breaching gambling rules and he was asked to attend a hearing at the Scottish Premiership club but declined their invitation. Barton, who remains on full pay, joined Rangers from Burnley on a two-year £20,000-a-

week contract in May after turning down the offer of a new deal at Turf Moor.

He made eight appearances before he was suspended by the club and the SFA then alleged that Barton had breached rules by placing 44 bets on matches between 1 July 1 and September 15.

Daily Mail

Klopp wanted to sign me previously, says Mane

LONDON - Liverpool new boy Sadio Mane has revealed he came close to signing for Jurgen Klopp before his summer transfer to Anfield.

The winger has started six of Liverpool's seven Premier League games this season and scored three times and he is proving to be an astute signing by Klopp, who paid Southampton £34million for him in the summer.

Klopp has been full of praise for the "width and space" that the Senegal forward gives his side.

Meanwhile, Mane has hailed his Klopp's influence and revealed the pair very nearly worked together in Germany. "Before I came



Jurgen Klopp and Liverpool new boy Sadio Mane.

here, I had the chance to meet him when he was at Borussia Dortmund," he told BBC Sport. "I was at Red Bull Salzburg and he tried to sign me - but it didn't happen and that is football. He is a good manager and he is someone who likes his play-

ers. "At the end of last season, he called me and told me he wanted me to come to Liverpool. "I said straight-away that I want to come. It was the right time and right coach for me. I am very happy to be here."

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Celtic claim first win of the season

BLOEMFONTEIN - Bloemfontein Celtic claimed their first win of the season after defeating Platinum Stars 1-0 at the Royal Bafokeng Stadium.

Dikwena enjoyed the possession in the early stages, while Celtic were happy to sit back, with the hope of catching the hosts on the break.

However, the game's first chance arrived after 27 minutes as Robert Ng'ambi forced Patrick Tignyemb into a fine save. Cavin Johnson's charges continued to dominate as the half went on, while the likes of Ng'ambi and Vuyo Mere continued to test Tignyemb.

However, Celtic broke the deadlock with their first effort on target just before the break as Fiston Abdul Razak slotted home from close range.

Dikwena pushed for an equaliser in the second half and went close with Henrico Botes and Siyabonga Zulu.

Cavin Johnson opted for a double change for the final 25 minutes, as Thobani Khunene and Kobamelo Kodisang were introduced.

Dikwena pushed for an equaliser and threw everything forward but were unable to carve out a serious opening.

Celtic ended the match with 10 men after Lantshene Phalane was shown a straight red card in stoppage time.

Soccerladuma

Lentjies rescues a point for Maritzburg

JOHANNESBURG - Kurt Lentjies netted a late penalty to earn Maritzburg United a point, as they drew 1-1 with Free State Stars yesterday afternoon.

The Team of Choice had the first opening of the game inside but Kwanda Mngonyama close range effort sailed just wide of the upright. Free State struggled in the opening stages, as they failed to mount any serious attempts at the Maritzburg goal.

Ernst Middendorp's charges enjoyed most of the possession, but they should have broke the deadlock after 26 minutes when Sheldon Van Wyk skewed his effort from close range.

Unfortunately for the fans at the James Motlatsi Stadium, that proved to be the final chance of the opening half, while Stars failed to register a single effort on target.

It was Stars who broke the deadlock 10 minutes into the second half courtesy of a strike from Goodman Dlamini.

With the visitors struggling, Ernst Middendorp threw on Devon Saal and Mohau Mokate for the final 25 minutes.

Maritzburg were awarded a penalty after 85 minutes, Kurt Lentjies stepped up and had his penalty saved, but he scored from the rebound. *SoccerLaduma*

SUNDOWNS OUTWIT ZAMALEK

D URBAN - Mamelodi Sundowns went into the first leg brimming with confidence having beaten Zamalek twice in the group stages, while the Egyptian giants wanted to exert revenge on Pitso Mosimane's men.

The first real chance of the game fell for Thabo Nthethe in the 22nd minute, but the defender's header went across the face of El-Shenawy's goal.

Anthony Laffor was presented with a good chance moments later, but the attacker fired his attempted volley wide from inside the box.

However, Laffor made amends 31 minutes into the first half, as he beat El-Shenawy with a powerful shot after he was sent through on goal by captain Hlompho Kekana to make it 1-0 to Sundowns.

The home side grew in confidence and pushed forward as



Mamelodi Sundowns player, Khama Billiat with teammate, Tebogo Langerman. (Gallo Images)

they looked to doubled their lead.

Sundowns did double their lead through Tebogo Langerman five minutes before the interval. El-Shenawy misjudged the flight of the ball and it came off the upright and into the back of the net. Zamalek should have pulled one back on the stroke of half-

time, but Hefny fired over the crossbar from close range.

Mosimane's troops came out of the dressing rooms guns blazing, and it took them less than a minute to make 3-0.

Percy Tau capitalised on some sloppy defending from Zamalek and stormed into the box before

firing a low cross towards goal. Islam Gamal turned it home.

Morsy saw his attempted shot cleared off the line by Wayne Arendse in the 58th minute as the visitors continued to search for that important away goal.

The game lost its spark as both coaches made changes to their teams, but Zamalek enjoyed the ball possession.

Sundowns created two great opportunities in quick succession in the 80th minute, but Zamalek did well to stop Tau from taking a shot, before Laffor's attempted bicycle-kick sailed high and wide.

Substitute Teko Modise teed up Tau with just over five minutes to go, but the midfielder was denied by Mahmoud Abdel Rahim Ahmed Abdel Rahim.

The Tshwane giants held on to their healthy lead to register a convincing 3-0 win over Zamalek.

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'No need to be greedy against Zamalek'

P RETORIA - CAF Champions League hero Anthony Laffor said Mamelodi Sundowns don't need to be greedy and are in a good position to finish off Zamalek in the second leg.

Laffor's no-nonsense strike in the 31st minute got the blood pumping in Atteridgeville before

Sundowns add two more, via Tebogo Langerman and an own-goal forced by Percy Tau.

With a 3-0 lead and having not conceded an away-goal, The Brazilians have given themselves a perfect cushion for the away leg in Alexandria on October 23.

"We told ourselves before we got to this stage we need-

ed to score more goals and that's what happened today," Laffor said on SuperSport.

"The most important thing, I think we listened to what our coaches wanted us to do and I just want to say thanks to the guys today because we fought as a team and it's not about the goals but how well we played, which is the most important thing.

Downs' copying Pirates - Pitso

P RETORIA - Pitso Mosimane reiterated the benchmark of Orlando Pirates after Mamelodi Sundowns beat Zamalek 3-0 in the first leg of the CAF Champions League final.

Goals from Anthony Laffor, Tebogo Langerman and an own-goal gave Sundowns a comfortable advantage heading into the second leg in Alexandria next week.

Mosimane stressed the importance of staying grounded and thanked the people who have been supporting their cause in Africa.

"I want to say thank you to South Africa for supporting us," he said on SuperSport.

"I saw Pirates, I saw Chiefs, the chairman of Orlando Pirates, he sent a very good message for us, those are the people who have been closer to us with no jealousy and everything.

"I'm still saying, we are copying Orlando Pirates, they are the best team on the continent from South Africa at the moment, we are just behind them, and that's it.

"Domestic football ... how many times are we gonna win it? How many times are we gonna win top eight? Let's focus on the big fish, this is the big fish."

Ntanga fires Arrows to victory

D URBAN - Golden Arrows overcame Chippa United 1-0 in an Absa Premiership game played at the Princess Magogo Stadium in Durban yesterday afternoon.

The victory took Abafana Bes'thende to the top of the league standings, while the Chilli Boys remain sixth on the table.

Chilli Boys shot-stopper Daniel Akpeyi was forced into a save just six minutes into the game when he denied Arrows winger

Wayde Jooste.

The Nigeria international was again called into action on the half-hour mark and this time he gathered Jooste's dangerous curling corner-kick.

The home side nearly grabbed a goal on the stroke of halftime, but Chippa midfielder Andile Mbenyane's effort

missed the target. Chippa midfielder Thembinkosi Lorch did well to block Arrows star Siyabonga Dube's attempt twelve min-

utes into the second-half.

However, Abafana Bes'thende did take the lead in the 64th minute when Vuyani Ntanga scored with his right foot to make it 1-0 to the home side.

In the 83rd minute, Chippa midfielder Andile Mbenyane unleashed a powerful shot which missed the target as the visitors looked to restore parity. Despite Chippa's late attacks in the dying minutes of the game, Arrows stood firm at the back and they emerged 1-0 winners at home.

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NADAL CALLS FOR SLOWER BALLS TO PREVENT INJURY

BERLIN - Rafael Nadal believes the modern game is too fast, increasing the risk of injuries at elite level, and advocates the use of balls which bounce less to slow things down.

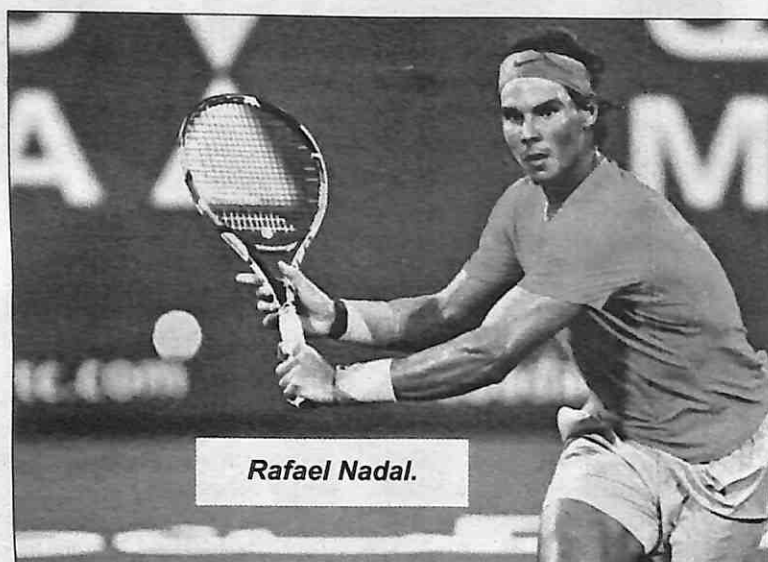
The 30-year-old Spaniard, who has won 14 Grand Slam titles in his career, has been blighted by injury and believes the game should be slowed down to extend players' careers at the top level.

"Today, we play with much more strength.

Almost any player can hit a winning point from any position," the current world number five told yesterday's edition of German magazine Der Spiegel.

Nadal says the fast pace of modern tennis often requires a violent change of pace and direction which increases the risk of injury.

"The balls travel faster and when you want to return one, you may have to suddenly stop, while playing at a high tempo, or suddenly



Rafael Nadal.

change direction," he said.

"It's times like these that you can hurt yourself, it's causing us injuries."

The former world number one has not reached a final since winning the ATP tournament in Barcelona in April, his second title

of the year.

On Thursday, Nadal suggested he may call an early halt to his season, and hit the practice courts to try to halt a slide in form after his first-round defeat at the Shanghai Masters.

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Sky defend big drop in Premier League viewing figures

LONDON - Sky Sports have defended news that viewing figures of their live Premier League matches have dropped by a 19% this season.

Despite showing the Manchester derby and Arsenal v Liverpool and Chelsea v

Liverpool games, the subscription channel have reported a significant drop in viewers with the Daily Mail bizarrely claiming "a hot summer" to be a contributing factor.

Explanation

The illegal streaming of matches and the rival attraction of the Olympics was a more likely explanation, but it will surely have alarm bells ringing at Sky headquarters, despite their apparent lack of concern.

A Sky spokesman told the Daily Mail: "It is a premature comparison when several high-profile matches such as

Liverpool v Manchester United have yet to air on Sky Sports.

We have shown the top 10 most viewed PL games so far this season."

Sky and BT Sport paid over £5 billion between them for their new three-year con-

tracts to screen live Premier League matches. Sky paid £4.2bn for five of the seven TV packages while rival BT paid £960m for the other two in the record TV rights auction.

Sky paid 83% more than it did in the last round three years ago, while BT paid 18% more and has increased the number of live matches it will show from 38 to 42 a year.

It means Sky pay the equivalent of £11.07 million per match, for the right to broadcast 126 live matches.

Managing Director Barney Francis said in July: "It's our biggest season ever."

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Schalke's Embolo breaks ankle

BERLIN - Schalke 04 are expected to be without teenage striker Breel Embolo for the rest of 2016 after the Swiss international broke his left ankle yesterday.

The 19-year-old was stretchered off after 25 minutes of Schalke's 1-1 draw at Augsburg, which lifted them out of the Bundesliga's relegation places into 15th.

Embolo was taken to hospital where x-rays revealed the injury suffered in a clumsy tackle from Augsburg defender Konstantinos Stafylidis, who was booked.

"We wish Breel Embolo all the best and a speedy recovery," said Augsburg coach Dirk Schuster. "Stafylidis got himself into a stupid situation."

This is the latest blow to Schalke's new head coach Markus Weinzierl, who set a new club record after they lost their first five games of the season.

"Very unfortunate news. Breel Embolo will be out for some time with a broken ankle," tweeted Schalke on the club's official account.

Algeria midfielder Nabil Bentaleb, on loan from Tottenham Hotspur, scored his first goal for Schalke before Daniel Baier equalised in a 1-1 draw.

This is a bitter blow for Embolo, who Schalke paid FC Basle 22 million euros (\$24.5m) for in June.

He only scored his first two

goals for Schalke in their 4-0 win over Borussia Moenchengladbach a fortnight ago which took them off the foot of the Bundesliga table.

He is the second new signing Schalke has lost to injury recently.

Spanish defender Coke, who they signed from Sevilla in July for five million euros, suffered a serious knee injury just a week after joining the German club.

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Cavani on target again as champions take win

PARIS - Edinson Cavani's scoring streak continued as Paris Saint-Germain secured an unconvincing 2-1 victory at Ligue 1 strugglers Nancy.

Uruguay forward Cavani had scored eight goals in six Ligue 1 appearances prior to yesterday's clash at Stade Marcel Picot, and netted his ninth of the season with a sublime finish 18 minutes in.

That goal was the second of a quick-fire double for Unai Emery's side, who had taken the lead five minutes prior courtesy of Lucas Moura's free-kick.

Nancy - bottom of the table having lost five of their previous eight league fixtures - did pull one back 10 minutes into an



end-to-end second half, veteran midfielder Alou Diarra nodding in on his debut.

The hosts were also unfortunate not to have had a penalty late on - Christophe Mandanne going down under pressure from Grzegorz

Krychowiak.

But, in spite of Nancy's resurgence, PSG held firm to seal the win, which sees them move level on 19 points with Monaco - four behind Ligue 1 pace-setters Nice.

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'Balotelli shouldn't waste his talent, end up like Brazil star'

PARIS - Former Manchester City manager, Roberto Mancini says Mario Balotelli must not waste his talent and end up like a former Brazil star.

The Italian forward has been superb since joining Ligue 1 outfit, Nice, having scored six goals in five games this season. Mancini, who coached

Balotelli at Man City, has urged the striker to make use of his talents so that he doesn't end up like Adriano.

"He's only 26 but a career goes in a flash," Mancini told L'Equipe.

"You can't waste the talent that God gave you. I remember Adriano, who I also coached at Inter. He could have been

incredible, but he lost his way."

Mancini continued, "He's a good lad, with a big heart, and very polite. He's very respectful, in my opinion."

"Sometimes he can get you worked up but it's hard not to want him to succeed... I'm very happy for him because things are going well in Nice."

AFP

LATE ALLI STRIKE MAINTAINS UNBEATEN RECORD

LONDON - Nacer Chadli had looked to earn the Baggies all three points against his former side, only for the England star to convert from close range in the 89th minute.

A late Dele Alli equaliser gifted Tottenham a 1-1 draw with West Brom after Nacer Chadli's strike against his former club had looked to have given Tony Pulis' men victory at The Hawthorns.

Alli calmly slotted beyond the sprawling Ben Foster from eight yards out in the 89th minute to rescue a point for Spurs, who remain the only undefeated side in the Premier League this season, after Chadli had given the Baggies the lead just seven minutes earlier.

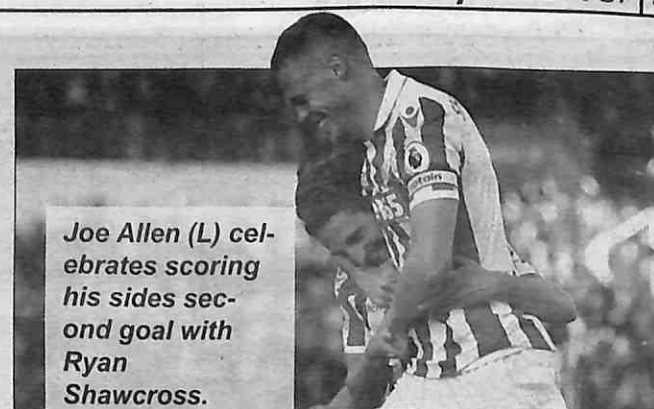
Chadli smashed high into the roof of the net after Hugo Lloris had expertly saved from James McClean, but he was muted in his celebration against the team that sold him in August.



The game had appeared to be heading to a stalemate after an inspired performance from West Brom goalkeeper Ben Foster, who saved superbly from Alli, Christian Eriksen and Ben Davies as Spurs lay siege to the West Brom goal at the

end of the first half.

Albion had offered little by way of an attacking threat before Chadli's late intervention, though Salomon Rondon wasted a chance to convert from five yards out in first half stoppage time. *Goal.com*



Joe Allen (L) celebrates scoring his sides second goal with Ryan Shawcross.

Joe Allen at the double as Stoke sink Sunderland

LONDON - Joe Allen's first-half double gave Stoke their first win of the season, but the 2-0 defeat leaves Sunderland and David Moyes still without a league victory.

The Wales international shrugged off concerns over a hamstring problem with first-half goals that took his tally to five in four games for club and country. It was enough to at least temporarily move them out of a relegation zone that is still occupied by their opponents, who gave little evidence that a first Premier League win of the David Moyes era is around the corner.

Hughes had suggested Allen had "probably done a little bit

too much" during the international break but any fears his form would disappear were dispelled within eight minutes.

Contest

The Potters arrived into this contest having failed to score a first-half league goal this term but that was soon remedied as their first attack culminated in an opener which was far too easy.

Xherdan Shaqiri's pass into Marko Arnautovic was not cut out and little was done to prevent the Austrian from clipping the ball to the edge of the six-yard box, where Allen had stolen a march on Patrick van Aanholt to nod home.

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Dan Gosling of AFC Bournemouth (C) celebrates scoring his side's sixth goal.

Bournemouth hit goal trail to thump struggling Hull

LONDON - Bournemouth grabbed a 6-1 Premier League win against Hull after blowing away the visitors on home soil.

Steve Cook atoned for a defensive howler by heading Bournemouth's second goal in an eventful 200th club appearance for the Cherries.

Junior Stanislas fired a brace to add to goals from Cook, Charlie Daniels, Callum Wilson and Dan Gosling, as Eddie Howe's men romped to their record Premier League victory.

Possession

Centre-back Cook gifted Hull possession then clumsily diverted Ryan Mason's speculative effort past the wrong-footed Artur Boruc - before burying a header at the other end just seven minutes later.

Mason's fortunate goal had Hull level at 1-1 and Cook pounding the turf in disbelief. When the Cherries stalwart nod-

ded home Stanislas' free-kick, he relished his quick-fire redemption with a conciliatory wave to the home support.

A dismal showing from Hull leaves Mike Phelan's side without a Premier League win in their last six matches. That this was Phelan's first game as full-time manager after a lengthy caretaker stint made it all the worse.

Fired

Bournemouth fired six Premier League goals for the first time amid another assured showing dictated by midfield marshal Harry Arter. The 26-year-old picked the right day to conduct the tempo, with Ireland boss Martin O'Neill no doubt an impressed spectator.

Cherries manager Howe's possession-based blueprint owes everything to link men Arter and Andrew Surman, the two deep-lying midfielders a constant outlet for their team-mates.

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Manchester City's Nolito.

Nolito saves point for Guardiola's table-toppers

LONDON - Manchester City missed two penalties but still came from behind to earn a 1-1 draw at home to Everton and stay top of the Premier League yesterday.

City manager Pep Guardiola, perhaps with a trip to face his former club Barcelona in the Champions League on Wednesday in mind, opted not to start Sergio Aguero after his exertions with Argentina during the international break.

Guardiola also set up his team

with three at the back and while those selection gambles could not be said to have backfired - City dominated possession and controlled proceedings for much of the game - they were at risk of suffering a second successive league defeat when Romelu Lukaku put Everton ahead against the run of play at Etihad Stadium, either side of missed spot-kicks from Kevin De Bruyne and Aguero in the first and second half respectively.

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City, Spurs stumble, Arsenal advance

LONDON - Manchester City twice missed penalties in a 1-1 draw with Everton yesterday as 10-man Arsenal went level with them on points at the top of the Premier League table after seeing off Swansea 3-2.

Arsenal leapfrogged Tottenham Hotspur into second place after their arch north London rivals also dropped points in a 1-1 draw away to West Bromwich Albion.

Everton goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg twice dived to his left to save penalties from Kevin de Bruyne and Sergio Aguero - his second spot-kick failure this week after he was off target in Argentina's World Cup qualifying defeat by Paraguay.

Toffee's defender Phil Jagielka gave away both penalties, the first

on the stroke of halftime, and it seemed Everton's luck was in when Romelu Lukaku fired the visitors in front in the 64th minute at Eastlands before substitute Aguero's miss.

Equalised

But City, who've now gone three games without a win in all competitions, equalised in the 72nd minute when Nolito headed in Silva's cross as former Barcelona teammates turned managers Pep Guardiola (City) and Ronald Koeman (Everton) had to settle for a point apiece.

At the Emirates, Theo Walcott scored twice as Arsenal defeated Swansea for a sixth straight win in all competitions.

Walcott struck in the 27th minute after Jordi Amat failed to clear

Hector Bellerin's headed cross.

The England international doubled the Gunners' lead seven minutes later following Hull's failure to clear a corner.

Swansea, in former United States manager Bob Bradley's first game in charge, saw Gylfi Sigurdsson equalise in his 100th appearance for the Welsh club with a 38th-minute curling shot.

Restoring

But Mesut Ozil marked his 28th birthday by restoring Arsenal's two-goal advantage with a 57th minute-volley.

Swansea substitute Borja Baston pulled a goal back for the visitors and Arsenal had to play the final 20 minutes a man down after Granit Xhaka received a straight red card.

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Mbabane Swallows' Sanele Mkhweli and Manzini Wanderers' Sifiso Matse battling for the ball during their MTN Premier League match at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. Swallows won 2-0. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



Wanderers' Tafadzwa Jaravani challenged by Swallows' Tony Tsabedze.



Swallows coach Thabo Koki Vilakati with referees after the game was stopped for 30 minutes due to thunder and lightning.



Swallows' Njabulo Ndlovu being blocked by Wanderers' Frank Makarati.



Njabulo Ndlovu, Banele Sikhondze and Siphamandla Mathenjwa going back to the field of play after the game was stopped for 30 minutes due to thunder and lightning.



On form Mbabane Swallows players celebrating their opening goal.



Manzini Wanderers coach Clement Mdluli and Manager Bongani Mdluli react after their side missed a scoring opportunity.



Wanderers players and officials at the tunnels.



Mbabane Swallows supporters celebrating their second goal.



MTN Marketing Manager Phumlile Kunene flanked by Manzini Wanderers' best dressed fans Thando Simelane and Tenanile Xulu after presenting them with goodie bags.



MTN Senior Manager Consumer and Business Segments Marketing Meshack Maseko sandwiched by Mbabane Swallows' best dressed fans.



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BY QONDILE NTIWANE

Young Buffaloes vs Mbabane Highlanders
Mavuso Sports Centre, 3.30pm

Mbabane Highlanders recorded their first victory of the season when they beat new comers



Tambuti in the past week. The Mbabane side recorded an emphatic 4-0 victory against the sugar belt side under the guidance of the latter's former coach Terisayi

Changara, who took over after the unceremonious departure of head coach Meck Mwase. The black and white outfit, which has jumped to the fifth position in the log, will be looking to collect more maximum



points at the expense of army side Young Buffaloes who have recorded only one win in four games played. Buffaloes settled for a goalless draw in their midweek game against Midas City. This is set to be an interesting game between the two Premier League sides as they fight for maximum points

Tambuti face acid test against limping Leopard

Royal Leopard vs Tambuti
Somhlolo National Stadium, 2.30pm

MTN League defending Champions Royal Leopard, will be up against rookies Tambuti in the second clash at the Somhlolo

National Stadium this afternoon. It will not be an easy clash for the police side as they will be minus seven of their key players during the game. Striker Lungelo Tsabedze and midfielder Colani 'Papi' Sikhondze have been ruled out of this game due to yellow cards, joining five others who are

nursing injuries. Leopard are sitting in second position on the log with nine points in three games. They won three games in the campaign and will be looking to finish from where they left off in their last encounter, where they beat Red Lions 3-0.

Despite the unavailable players, the police still have what it takes to demolish the staggering sugar belt outfit when they meet today. They should, however, be wary of the opposition as they go into this game bruised after suffering a 0-4 defeat at the hands of Mbabane Highlanders.

Fight for maximum points in Moneni, City clash

Moneni Pirates vs Midas City
Mavuso Sports Centre, 1.30pm

Moneni Pirates will be out to retain their tainted image when they host Midas City at the Mavuso Sports Centre this afternoon.

The Moneni based ensemble suffered a 0-4 defeat at the hands of Mbabane Swallows at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Tuesday night.

Under the guidance of veteran mentor Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini, Moneni will be gunning for the maximum points. They will, however, be without the services of striker Mfan'fikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze who has been suspended due to yellow cards.

But the Buccaneers will not have it easy against Midas City who are second from bottom in the log with only two points. The Caleb Ngwenya-led side will also be looking for nothing but a win in this game to register their first three points of the season.

They will also be without veteran player Linda Msibi, who is also out on yellow cards.



Can 'Mamba turn the corner at 'Downs' expense?

Green Mamba vs Manzini Sundowns
Somhlolo National Stadium, 1.30pm

Green Mamba have not started the season very well and are currently languishing at the bottom of the log with two points.

They will be looking to collect their first maximum points in order to improve their standing on the log. The correctional Services outfit are fresh from a 2-0 thrashing by Manzini Sea Birds midweek and are expected to be all out in this clash against the 'Kappa Boys'.

Manzini Sundowns, on the other hand, go into this game with a point after a 1-1 stalemate against town rivals, Manzini Wanderers.

Coaches Herbert Maruwa and his new technical team comprising former Mbabane Swallows coach Mpendulo Ngwenya and strategist Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini as Technical Director, will be expected to guide their troops towards the right direction during the game slated for the country's Mecca, Somhlolo National Stadium this afternoon.



SWAZI FRONTIER MTB CHALLENGE AT MAGAGULA LODGE



Team International Tool Hire comprising William Kelly and Sihawu Dlamini flanked by team House Husbands made up by Paul Shearer and Chris Nicholson and team Private Client Holding's Mark Pienaar and Andrew Ratcliffe during the third and final day of the Swazi Frontier MTB Challenge at Magagula Lodge yesterday. (Pics: Sanele Jele)



Team Mkhulus' Tonie Bouwer and Darren Stoltz at the finishing line. They were placed in fifth position.



Some of the cyclists passing Maguga Dam.



Team Annimiacs made up by Miroda Otta and Annie David who came first in all during the three days race.



Time Keepers Desiree Henwood, Renata Styan and Gabriella Aranky posing for a picture.

KELLY, SIHAWU SHINE IN DAY THREE OF SWAZI FRONTIER MBT RACE

BY SANELE JELE

CYCLING - The duo of William Kelly and Sihawu Dlamini defied all odds to emerge the champions in day three of the Inyatsi Swazi Frontier Mountain Bike race clocking at 3 hours 37 minutes.

The local cyclists cycling as International Tool Hire team were second placed after day one and two combined after recording 3:57:54 hours and 2:58:55 hours, respectively.

The third day of the MTB Challenge started at the Pigg's Peak Hotel and ended at Maguga Lodge.

Taking second spot was the duo of team House Husbands made up by Paul Shearer and Chris Nicholson who recorded a time of 3 hours 39 minutes and was followed by Private Client Holdings' Mark Pienaar and Andrew Ratcliffe on 3 hours 45 minutes.

In the ladies category, it was Annimiacs' Annie David and Miroda Otto who came first on the third day on a time of 03 hours 20 minutes.

Interviewed after the race, Kelly attributed their victory on the day to teamwork. He said he was happy with their performance on the day especially after experiencing technical problems in the first two days of the race.

"It was a tough race in the first two days but today we had a fantastic race and were able to complement each other. Sihawu is good on steep parts and mountains and I manage well in downstream paths. We were just perfect today and I want to congratulate my partner for a job well done," said Kelly.

Meanwhile Shearer said the hot weather conditions experienced yesterday had a negative effect on their performance.

"We did well on the first two days but were bit unlucky today hence coming second. We enjoyed ourselves on the first two days because the weather was wet and we had strength to push and finish up first. The GPS route really played a huge role in us not getting lost along the route," said Pitman.

Annie Davids, on the other hand, said they enjoyed them-



International Hire Tool duo of William Kelly and Sihawu Dlamini crossing the finish line during the third day of the Inyatsi Swazi Frontier MTB Challenge yesterday. (Pics: Sanele Jele)

selves during the race and that they would love to compete even next year. "For us it was about adventure and yes it was bit challenging but my partner Miroda

Otto was really supportive throughout the three days. We did well considering that we came first in all the three days," she said.

NNAS in affiliation dilemma

STORIES BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

NETBALL - The National Netball Association of Swaziland is caught in the middle of squabbles between Netball Africa and Netball South Africa who are allegedly involved in issues of power struggle.

This was revealed during the association's Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the Zakhele Community Hall yesterday. The association is now forced to choose whom to partner with between the two bodies where exchange programmes are concerned.

A concerned member in Nhlanhla 'Friction' Mayisela said it was time the association chooses one ally among the two fighting bodies for progress' sake.

"We need to set our priorities as a country and choose one body to technically assist us between netball Africa and South Africa. We also have to make sure that the assistance we get helps us not only to improve the sport in the country and but to compete effectively at international level," he said. Responding to this, NNAS President Mandisa Sigudla said they were still going to make consultations before taking a decision. "We were told by Netball Africa to cut ties with South Africa with whom they are having differences but we are still to decide as a country on what to do next. This is a very serious issue and we need to take a good decision at the end. After these consultations we will notify our stakeholders on our stand," she said. The technical assistance received by NNAS from the international association includes training programmes, refereeing and development courses.

Lamulela, Sibahle shine in Judo awards

JUDO - Youngsters Lamulela Magagula and Sibahle Simelane were named the best junior judokas for the year 2016.

The two artists shone in the boys and girls category, respectively and were decorated during the annual Judo awards held at the Swaziland Judo Centre in Malkerns on Friday night.

The two are said to have pulled out outstanding performances during Port Louis Municipal International Games held in Mauritius in August. They won six gold medals, four silver and two bronze. Other winners of the night were Michelle Shen who walked away with the senior player blue belt category certificate award and Wezizwe Herding who won the most attendance award.

The Federation's President Thobile Dlamini thanked all stakeholders that contributed towards the success of the event.

"I would like to thank the General Secretary Tertius Esterhuysen for ensuring smooth operations in the sport as well as all the parents for the support they have shown us throughout the year. We do hope they will continue supporting the sport in future. Dlamini further congratulated all the winners of the night and urged them to continue striving for the best.

"We are very impressed with the standard of play displayed by the youngsters especially during their outstanding performance in Mauritius. We do encourage them to continue working even hard," she said.

Some of the winners	Jordan Kapp
Best junior girls	Green belt
Lamulela Magagula	Siviwe Maseko
Best junior males	Gugu Mdladla
Sibahle Simelane	Tumi Mdladla
Best Player blue belt	Kwezi Simelane
Michelle Shen	Sibane Simelane
Red belt certificate winners	Helena Benbedta
Mukelo Manjena	Vuyiswa Simelane
Sinotsile Dlamini	Siyandziswa
Talaal Ahmed	Moahamed
Bayanda Hleta	Junior Tfwala
Shaun Erasmus	Funky Mohamed
Rry Thomson	
Joslin Idungu	

Another E80 000 Tee & Jay sponsorship for HRFA

STORIES BY SABELO MAJOLA

SOCCER - Tee & Jay has once again renewed vows in its marriage with Hhohho Regional Football Association by (HRFA) pumping an E80 000 sponsorship for the Lobamba League.

The launch of the sponsorship was held at the company's offices at Mlindazwe, Ezulwini yesterday.

Declaring the package which remains unchanged from that of last season was Tee & Jay Managing Director Theminkosi Mndzebele who said he was happy with the recently ended campaign.

He explained that due to the financial crisis as explained by the Minister of Finance Martin



Tee & Jay MD Theminkosi Mndzebele (blue shirt) handing over the E80 000 cheque to HRFA vice chairman Brilliant Motsa and other association members during the launch of the sponsorship yesterday. (Pics: Sabelo Majola)

Dlamini it was difficult to increase the package this year.

"Watching the games, I was very

impressed by the atmosphere in the playground. The enthusiasm and fair competence was amazing

and we hope to have the same administration and vibe even in the new season."

"I have high respect for the brand and very protective of it so my appeal to all stakeholders is that they not tarnish but appreciate and respect it. The people around the area are very fortunate to have a brand that forks so much to football because one can make a profession out of the sport and enhance his or her livelihood, as is the case with international players who are worth a fortune because of soccer," he said.

The event was attended by amongst others elders of the area, including Indvuna Dlamini, HRFA officials as well as team representatives.

HRFA embraces sponsor, promise no violence

SOCCER - Hhohho Regional Football Association (HRFA) has assured the sponsors of no violence during games.

HRFA Vice Chairman Brilliant Motsa said they would ensure that there would be no violence in all the games played under this sponsorship. He said the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) has reviewed laws of the game and introduced strict penalties for teams that

would be on the wrong side of the game.

"Please embrace the sponsor and make sure not to tarnish the name of the sponsors. The problem is that when such happens it becomes the sponsors problem and not the team.

He then appealed to team administrators in the league to make sure they attend the Administration Courses offered by the FA. "Enrolling for this course would go a long way in

helping both the teams and players grow in the profession," he said.

Lobamba Regional Football League Chairman Jabulani Mabuza expressed gratitude to the sponsors for their contribution towards the development of football. He said the woodworks company go beyond sponsoring football but ensure work development.

"They are sponsors by principle but they go beyond this and the relations we have with them is proof of that. It is for this reason that we ask the community to refrain from bad practises but should do good at all time so the



Mndzebele making his remarks.

players can get inspiration from them," he said.

RAMPAGING 'BIRDS' THRASH WANDERERS

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

*Mbabane Swallows (0) 2
Manzini Wanderers (0) 0*

SOCCER- Come rain or sunshine, Mbabane Swallows are just unstoppable.

Hub giants Manzini Wanderers were the next victims in Mbabane Swallows demolition run after suffering a 0-2 defeat at the hands of the capital city giants at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

In an uncompromising mood, the 'Beautiful Birds' were all over the maroon and white outfit and it was the prolific Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa and skipper Tony 'TT' Tsabedze who handed the Weslians their share of the Swallows dose of pain and the red and white ensemble their fifth consecutive victory in the league.

Swallows scored 10 minutes into the second half which had to be halted for over 30 minutes due to a down-pour and lightning.

It was 'Sikhali' who opened the score sheet for the Birds four minutes into the stanza. The impressive forward netted home, with a clinical header, a Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko free kick taken from outside the box, marking trouble for the opposition.

The swallows' skipper was at it again six minutes later when he beat an offside trap to connect a Banele Pupu Sikhondze defence splitting



On form Mbabane Swallows players celebrating their opening goal against Manzini Wanderers during their MTN Premier League match at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. Swallows won 2-0. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

pass, with a ground shot leaving Wanderers goalkeeper Mbongeni Motsa in a daze.

Saves

It could have been three for the side but their goal in the 23rd minute was ruled offside by seasoned referee Mbongiseni Fakudze.

Wanderers had their moments during the match but their former shot stopper Sandile 'Nkomishi' Ginindza seemingly had a score to settle with the side that sent them packing in the Swazi Telecom Charity Cup about three months ago.

The acrobatic goal minder pulled some daring saves during the grueling match like in the 11th minute when he saved a shot by Wanderers

striker Kola Aladeon.

He was at it again nine minutes later when he parried over the bar a header by Sifiso Matse.

Swallows remains at the top of the league log and have opened a six point lead ahead of the second placed Royal Leopard which plays Tambuti at the Somhlolo National Stadium today.

The teams

Swallows

Nkomishi, Tyson, Mkhweli, Palma, Siphamandla, Papy, Wonder, Pupu, Sikhali, D4D, TT (Sandile)

Wanderers

Mbongeni, Tafandwa, Machado, Sihle, Frank, Shana, Allie, Tawana, Kola, Taribo, Sifiso

clash witnessed by over 4 000 football lovers.

Goals

"I would like to thank my players for showing character throughout the match. It was not easy as Wanderers caught us by surprise by not giving us space during the first half.

We wanted to kill them off in the early minutes of the match but they contained us and caused a threat with their counterattacks."

"However, things worked well in the second half and we were able to punish them with two quick goals. We

will continue working hard, taking each game at a time and see what we can get in the end of the season," he said.

Meanwhile his Manzini Wanderers counterpart Clement Mdluli attributed their loss to lapse in concentration.

"We started very well, throwing everything to them but were killed off by poor lapses in concentration especially in the second half. We could have salvage a point out of this match had we utilized our chances created on the day," he said.

'Koki' over the moon with Wanderers victory

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER - Mbabane Swallows coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati was a happy man after his charges recorded their fifth straight win of the season at the expense of Manzini Wanderers yesterday.

Interviewed after his side recorded a 2-0 victory against the hub giants at the Somhlolo National Stadium, the coach commended his players for their fighting spirit and determination which he said was the result of them collect maximum points during

Matsapha Utd feed Citizen 'Sawa-grapes'

BY SABELO MAJOLA

*Mbabane Citizen... (1) 3
Matsapha United... (2) 4*

SOCCER - A hatrick from Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze and a lone goal from Sidumo Shongwe handed Matsapha United their fourth consecutive win in the MTN National First Division.

The team jumped to the top spot after beating Mbabane Citizen 4-3 at the Prince of Wales yesterday.

Citizens took the lead 20 minutes in the game following an own goal from Vusumuzi Zungu but it was quickly cancelled by the former Mbabane Highlanders defender to make the score level only a minute later. 'Sawa' fired from outside the box after a cor-

ner kick shot was cleared away by the opposition's defence only to find a well positioned 'Sawa' who made no mistake but rattled the net.

Gamedze was back again in the half hour mark, employing his pace after a long ball from his goalkeeper Khanyakweze Shabalala, to outrun defenders before unleashing yet another shot past Citizen goalkeeper Mancoba Mvula, making the score 2-1 at the break. Gamedze continued with his brilliance and was at it two minutes into the second half after taking on defenders on the left flank all the way into the box and then unleashing a well taken shot to beat the keeper. Citizens, who rarely made any progressive moves in the first half, gave Matsapha a run for their money deep in the second stanza with

Vusi Hlanze finding the back of the net in the 70th minute after converting a defence splitting pass from Siphon Tsabedze to make the score 3-2.

Tsabedze levelled matters eight minutes later with a fine header following a corner kick shot. It seemed the game would end in a stalemate but Matsapha cut Citizen's joy shot three minutes from full time when an unmarked Sidumo Shongwe chipped the ball over to beat the keeper, winning it for the visitors.

Teams

Citizen Mancoba, Brian, Sandile, Sizwe, Mangaliso, Mcolisi, Miller, Vusi, Siphon, Sandile, Dan

Matsapha Khanyakweze, Sibonelo, Futhi, Sifiso, Jimoh, Menzi, Sabelo, Vusumuzi, Mike, Mthobisi, Sidumo

Red Lions bite Sea Birds 2-0

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

*Red Lions (2) 2
Sea Birds (0) 1*

SOCCER - Red Lions erased their midweek misery in style after recording a sweet 2-1 victory at the expense of Manzini Sea Birds at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

Amabhubesi, who are fresh from a 3-0 drubbing from Royal Leopard came out of their den 22 minutes into the game through development star Senzo Dlamini who benefitted from a scramble inside sixth area, letting one pass through Sea Birds goalkeeper.

Nigerian talisman Solomon Oladele doubled matters for his side a minute later when he buried home an Enzo Motsa free kick.

Sea Birds lanky defender Jabulani Motsa could have scored for his side but he squandered an opportunity just before the half hour mark when he ballooned the ball over the bar when scoring looked the better option after coming face to face with the opposition keeper Banele Dlamini.

The second half of the league encounter saw Sea Birds up their socks and this resulted in their first and last goal

of the game in the 48th minute. Pulling one back for the side was Gcinizwi Dlamini who converted a spot awarded to the team.

This was after defender Mphumuti Ginindza fouled Muzi Tsabedze inside the box.

The Zakhele based side tried to find the equalizer but their efforts proved in vain as they failed to duplicate their five star midweek performance where they got the better of Green Mamba.

The teams

Red Lions

Banele, Mancoba, Machawe, Mphumuti, Kwere, Enzo (Mthokizisi), Muzi (Qiniso), Muntu, Oladele, Nduduzo.

Sea Bird

Bafana Jabulane, Sibusil Mfundo, Colani, Gcinizwi, Muzi, Nkhosingiphile (Themba), Bhekumuzi, Wandile.

MTN Premier League log										
Position	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts		
Mbabane Swallows	5	5	0	0	14	3	11	15		
Royal Leopard	4	3	0	1	6	4	2	9		
Manzini Sundowns	4	2	2	0	5	3	2	8		
Manzini Wanderers	5	2	1	2	7	4	3	7		
Red Lions	5	2	1	2	6	8	-2	7		
Mbabane Highlanders	4	1	2	1	6	3	3	5		
Young Buffaloes	4	1	2	1	4	3	1	5		
Sea Birds	5	1	1	3	5	9	-4	4		
Mweni Pirates	4	1	1	2	3	8	-5	4		
Tambuti	4	1	0	3	1	7	-6	3		
Midas City	4	0	2	2	1	3	-2	2		
Green Mamba	4	0	2	2	1	4	-3	2		

National First Division log:										
Position	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	GD	Pts		
Matsapha United	6	5	0	1	13	4	9	16		
Malanti Chiefs	6	4	0	2	14	2	12	14		
Vovovo	6	3	1	2	10	5	5	11		
Madlenya	6	3	1	2	7	4	3	11		
Hlatikhulu Tycoons	6	3	2	1	8	3	5	10		
Amalanda	6	3	3	0	8	6	2	9		
City Warriors	6	2	3	1	6	10	-4	7		
Sikhalo	6	2	3	1	4	8	-4	7		
Hub Sundowns	6	1	3	2	6	6	0	5		
Bad Boys	6	0	1	5	6	8	-2	5		
Mbabane Citizen	6	1	5	0	8	14	-5	3		
Ludzeldzwe Brothers	6	0	5	1	2	13	-11	1		

Vovovo come from behind to steal point from Malanti

BY SABELO MAJOLA

*Vovovo..... (0) 2
Malanti Chiefs... (1) 2*

SOCCER-Vovovo came from two goals down to force Malanti Chiefs into a 2-2 stalemate at the Prince of Wales Ground yesterday.

The draw resulted to the latter surrendering the top spot to the star-studded Matsapha United which recorded a 4-3 win in their game with against Mbabane Citizen yesterday.

Malanti Chiefs finished the game a man down after Lindokuhle Fakudze was sent packing after a second yellow card in the second half.

Malanti stamped authority from the very beginning with Charles Molopo making a break in the first minute of the game but missed a glorious opportunity. Vovovo were also unfortunate 15 minutes later when Mpendulo Dlamini's long strike taken at the edge of the box missed the target by a few inches.

The game was balanced with either sides making fair scoring chances but it was Malanti who took the lead through Potego

Mokoena in the 35th minute. The South African landed into the net a pass from Lindokuhle Fakudze.

Malawian forward Gomez Gondwe extended the lead for Malanti eight minutes in the second half with a superb bicycle kick resulting from a Siyabonga Nkambule corner kick to make the score 2-0.

But that was not enough to bring Vovovo down and their endurance paid off when they were awarded a penalty after Banele Mkhabela was brought down in the box in the 82nd minute. The player dusted himself up and converted from the spot kick. Mkhabela rescued his side to salvage a point from the match after a terrific strike resulting from a shot corner well played with Manqoba Mavimbela four minutes from time to make the final score 2-2.

Teams

Vovovo - Machawe, Ncamiso, Mncedisi, Mpendulo, Banele, Mlungisi, Sandile, Banele, Mcolisi, Manqoba, Sibusiso

Malanti - Mpendulo, Siyabonga, Mpendulo, Bhakisisa, Sifiso, Thembinkosi, Kabelo, Lindokuhle, Charles, Potego, Gomezgane

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Tambuti	4	1	0	3	1	7	-6	3	
Midas City	4	0	2	2	1	3	-2	2	
Green Mamba	4	0	2	2	1	4	-3	2	

MTN Premier League results									
Yesterday									
Red Lions	2	Sea Birds	1						
Mbabane Swallows	2	Manzini Wanderers	0						
Today									
Mavuso Sports Centre									
Moneni Pirates	vs	Midas City	1:30pm						
Young Buffaloes	vs	Mbabane Highlanders	3:30pm						
Somhlolo National Stadium									
Green Mamba	vs	Manzini Sundowns	1:30pm						
Royal Leopard	vs	Tambuti FC	3:30pm						

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HIGH FLYING:

'BIRDS' UNSTOPPABLE!!

...Mbabane Swallows continued with their demolition in MTN Premier League, beating hub giants Manzini Wanderers 2-0 at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.



Mbabane Swallows' first goal scored by Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa.



Swallows' second goal scored by Tony 'TT' Tsabedze.

GORDINHO, LEBESE ON TARGET AS AMAKHOSI RETURN TO THE TOP

DURBAN - Kaizer Chiefs were looking for their fourth win on the trot to return to the summit of the PSL log, while Ajax Cape Town wanted to register their first win of the campaign.

Nathan Paulse squandered a great goalscoring opportunity to fire the Urban Warriors ahead three minutes into the game after a defensive error by Daniel Cardoso.

The encounter became a physical affair as both sets of players got stuck in.

Sibusiso Khumalo found himself alone inside the visitors' box in the 39th minute, but he couldn't hit the target despite a decent cross by William Twala on the right hand

side of the Ajax box. There were no goals at the end of the first 45 minutes. Hendrick Ekstein should have given Amakhosi the lead two minutes into the second half after intercepting Eric Chipeta's attempted pass outside the Ajax box, but the former Chippa United defender recovered well to deflect the midfielder's shot out for a corner.

Chiefs, however, took the lead from the resultant corner through Lorenzo Gordinho, who headed past Petersen from a George Maluleka cross after being left unmarked on the far side.

Paulse dodged his marker in the 58th minute and found himself behind the Amakhosi defence, but

his effort from inside the box was easily saved by Itumeleng Khune.

The home side wasted a glorious chance to double their lead a minute later, as Twala side-footed his shot wide with Brandon Petersen in no man's land after a well-weighted cross by Maluleka.

Substitute Siphiwe Tshabalala saw his attempt cannon off the crossbar and back into play, only for another substitute in Lewis Macha fail to connect properly with the rebound from close range.

Bantu Mzwakali, on for Lebohang Mokoena, was afforded space to try and force Khune into a save, but his curling effort missed the target.

Mzwakali was again in the thick of things as he dribbled past

Khumalo before making his way into this box, but his attempted cross was brilliantly blocked by Cardoso.

Substitute Prince Nxumalo should have punished Chiefs in the dying minutes of the game after seeing Gordinho fail to clear his lines, but the striker fired wide from a good goalscoring position.

There was time for the Glamour Boys to double their lead, as Maluleka and Shabba combined, before setting up George Lebes, who rounded Petersen to roll the ball into an empty net.

Maluleka received his second yellow soon after that goal for pushing an Ajax player from behind. **Goal.com**



Kaizer Chiefs defender Lorenzo Gordinho.