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SHISELWENI REED DANCE ENDS ON WET NOTE

Princess Temaswati leading the Imbali as they briefly danced before His Majesty King Mswati III, before retiring for the day due to bad weather during the last day of the Shisewleni Reed Dance at Mbangweni Royal Residence yesterday. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)



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HLOBI'S EX-HUBBY ABUSING IMBALI, PRINCESS SIKHANYISO

Has been going around telling people he works for Imbali and the princess



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EMPTY HAWANE DAM FRUSTRATING MPs

Stories by Sabatha Dlamini
Lobamba

MAPHALALENI Member of Parliament Mabulala Maseko has called upon the ministry of public works and transport to focus on its core business of developing the country's roads.

MP Maseko said he failed to understand why the ministry was now busy with all its equipment at the now empty Hawane dam when the country's roads were in a very bad state.

The dam is currently holding one percent of water carrying capacity and its use has been discontinued.

Speaking during the debate of the first quarter report of the ministry, Maseko said the Water Services Corporation should have engaged private contractors to proceed with the dam reconstruction instead of relying



FOCUS: Maphalaleni
Member of Parliament
Mabulala Maseko.

on the government department at the expense of national projects that were a direct responsibility of the ministry.

Maseko said the bad roads condition

was a clear indication the country would never achieve the much-talked about vision 2022, a year in which government hopes to have transformed the country into a first world country.

Maseko said it was high time the roads leading to Maphalaleni were improved using the pro-base technology.

The minister's response was that they did not have enough equipment to service all the country's roads at once. She said the budget they were allocated was not enough to allow them to secure all the required machinery and equipment.

Chief Whip and Mhlangatane MP Mbalekelwa Ndwandwe chaired the portfolio committee with the assistance of Clerk Mathokoza Dlamini. MP Ndwandwe and the rest of the members instructed the minister to bring written answers on the questions posed by the MPs.

Retired civil servant terrorising public works officials

A retired Clerk of Public Works is reportedly terrorising government officials at the ministry demanding road construction equipment allegedly at the instruction of the King's Office.

Motshane MP Phešheya Hlatshwayo described the officer as Thwala and bitterly complained about the manner this retired officer allegedly operated. Hlatshwayo said the officer should not interfere with and disrupt government programmes on grounds he was representing the King's Office. Hlatshwayo said if

the officer was allowed to continue grabbing the government machinery at the expense of public projects, such would not be tolerated. He said some officers in the ministry had the guts to withhold government machinery claiming that they were using delegated powers. He said the ministry must put in place proper management systems lest they have difficulty approving their budget for the next financial year. The minister said they would consider establishing a stand-alone unit for the King's Office so that it could run its activities independently.

AIR TRAVEL FROM KMIII TO JOBURG VERY EXPENSIVE

MANGCONGCO MP Patrick Motsa alleged that it cost E5 000 to fly from King Mswati III International Airport to Johannesburg's OR Tambo International Airport in South Africa. Motsa said such charges were unreasonably high and had resulted in the country struggling to establish other international routes.

Compared to the charges by other airline companies in the region, he said the E5 000 was very expensive for the 45-minute trip. Motsa said air travel from OR Tambo International Airport

to Cape Town was very much affordable compared to the charges by Airlink Swaziland such that one particular airline charged only E599. On good days, Motsa said the company charged a mere E600 for a return trip. He said that was the reason people preferred to connect their flights internationally at the Johannesburg airport. If locals wanted to send their children to Cape Town or Durban, Motsa said it became very cheap to drive to Johannesburg because that way one was likely to spend about E1 200 on fuel for a return trip.

Govt to repossess public permits

PUBLIC Works Minister Lindiwe Dlamini said they shall soon embark on a process of repossessing all public transport permits from those who did not have motor vehicles.

The minister was responding to concerns from MPs that public transport permits for several routes in the country were in the hands of those who did not own public transport vehicles. Those whose public motor vehicles were servicing the routes were renting

permits from others who once had the permits several years ago, some of whom are deceased.

The MPs said it was totally wrong for public transport operators to rent out public transport permits to the ones who owned motor vehicles. Those with motor vehicles, MPs felt, were suffering double jeopardy in that whilst they paid exorbitant amounts of money to the permit holders, they were also faced with the bad state of the country's roads.

Bad roads lead to poor education

SOMNTONGO MP Sandile Nxumalo decried the bad state of roads in his constituency.

He said failure by the public works ministry to maintain the roads result to a decline in the quality of education their children received at the seven schools within the constituency.

Nxumalo said lack of good roads leading to the schools resulted in good teachers refusing to take up post in those schools, directly compromising the quality of the education of the pupils in those schools. The last time their roads were re-graveled, Nxumalo said, was in 2012.

He said it was very important that the ministry was well represented in the rural communities but that was not happening. Transport operators serv-

ing the Somntongo routes were reportedly refusing to continue providing their service on grounds that their vehicles were badly affected.

As a result, Nxumalo said people were having difficulty reaching clinics and hospitals.

For the whole of 2015, he said not a single grader went to Somntongo yet they had reported the state of affairs on several occasions. He asked the minister, Lindiwe Dlamini, if government had ears.

The legislator said the situation was so terrible that when driving along the constituency roads, people stopped him as if they wanted a lift only to ask him about the state of the roads, even questioning his performance as an MP.



DECRIED: Somntongo MP
Sandile Nxumalo

Rampant misuse of government vehicles

PARLIAMENTARIANS complained about the continued rampant misuse of government vehicles by government officials.

The MP said the government vehicles were no longer benefitting the tax payer but the individuals who

were utilising state resources for their personal gains.

The minister conceded that misuse of government vehicles continued to be a challenge in spite of the ministry to eliminate it. She said it was believed that a lot of abuse went undetected; hence the ministry was in the

process of procuring and installing tracking devices for heavy vehicles and plants.

Doubted

The MPs doubted if that would achieve any meaningful results, arguing that similar devices were installed in the past but could not bring the desired results.

PAY ROADS COMPENSATIONS

TIMPHISINI MP Apton Sikhumbuzo Ndlovu was at pains pleading with the ministry of public works and transport to compensate remaining affected homesteads resettled during the Madlangemphisi to Msahweni road construction project.

The MP decried that others had already been paid because

they got the services of a lawyer, bitterly complaining that the ministry failed to entertain those without legal representation.

After several unsuccessful negotiations with government over the compensations, some of the residents are said to have resolved to approach the constituency's former MP, Jennifer Du Pont for assistance.

The former MP agreed to assist the affected residents and secured for them the legal services, which led to government being forced to compensate the victims.

The minister said those that had not yet been paid shall surely be paid when money became available. She told the members her ministry was getting money in intervals.

MAN STRIPS, FONDLES 5 YEAR OLD CHILD

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Matsapha

A man of Mbhuleni Township has been arrested for allegedly stripping a neighbour's five year old child and fondling her.

Carlos Vilankulu who is a brick layer by profession made his first appearance before Matsapha Circuit Court Magistrate, Lucia Lukhele. The accused denied the allegation levelled against him.

According to the court record it is said the accused committed an assault of an indecent nature by stripping a five-year-old girl while at Mbhuleni area. The accused pleaded not guilty and stated that to show that the allegations were made up when he was first arrested the people had accused him of rape but later on when the child went to the doctor for a medical check

up, the doctor confirmed to the contrary saying the child was not raped. Vilankulu said later on when the police arrested him they arrested him for another charge which was indecent assault instead of the first charge which was rape.

The accused was remanded back into police custody. However he applied for bail stating that he has a family to support. Lukhele granted the accused bail which was set at E4 000.

One of the bail conditions given to the accused was that when he is released on bail he must not interfere with crown witnesses. The magistrate suggested that the matter goes to trial as soon as possible because they were dealing with a minor of five years so she might forget the timeline of events. The matter was set for September 30 at the Manzini Magistrate's Courts.

Meanwhile, another man was arrested for strangling a 12-year-old girl in an attempt to rape her. Ndumiso Da Silva appeared before Magistrate Lucia Lukhele.

According to court records, Da Silva is said to have strangled the minor and attempted to rape her while at Ludzeldze area. When asked how he would plead to the charge the accused made it clear that he will plead guilty. The magistrate informed the accused that he is not forced to plead guilty or not.

Da Silva confirmed his plea of guilt. The prosecutor applied that the accused be remanded into police custody as he would like to prove commission of the offence. The accused was remanded into police custody and told to make his next court appearance on October 11, 2016.

FORECASTERS: BACK TO A HOT WEEK

By Nozipho Sibiba
Mbabane

AFTER a cold and wet weekend, temperatures are expected to rise this week.

Forecasters said it would be hot

beginning from tomorrow till Thursday. According to Meteorologist Victor Sihlongonyane the little rains experienced over the weekend might benefit the Siphocosini and Kuthuleni areas which will in-turn feed Luphohlo Dam.

"It will only be wet up to tomorrow

morning (today) then temperatures are going to rise up again till Thursday."

He said the temperatures will shoot up gradually after morning fog on Tuesday then weather conditions will be clear and warm until Friday.

"The following weekend looks wet again but very low in-terms of moisture compared to this past weekend."

WEATHER FORECAST

Mbabane 9/16	Mankayane 9/17	Manzini 10/19	Siteki 10/18	Mhlume 11/21	Big Bend 12/22
Tomorrow there will morning fogs patches at first otherwise fine and warm but hot in the Lowveld.					
9/24	10/25	11/27	11/26	12/29	13/30
On Wednesday, it will be sunny and hot mainly in the Lowveld.					
12/28	13/29	14/31	14/30	15/33	16/34
While on Thursday it will be sunny and hot mainly in the Lowveld.					
14/30	15/31	16/33	16/32	17/35	18/36

Hlobi's ex-husband abusing Imbali, Sikhanyiso's names

● We are shocked by the fact that he has been going around using the name of the foundation and that of the Princess like this, yet we have no relationship whatsoever with him

Stories by Samukelisiwe
Ginindza
Mbabane

COVER STORY

THE Imbali foundation whose patron is Princess Sikhanyiso has warned the public about former Sports Minister Hlobisile Ndlovu's ex-husband Samuel Fidelis.

The Foundation said Fidelis is bad news. He is alleged to have been going around coercing people using the name of Imbali Foundation and Princess Sikhanyiso the brains behind

the initiative claiming he was working for it. The Foundation is concerned Fidelis would defraud people using its name and that of the princess when in actual fact he has no dealings whatsoever with Imbali Foundation. The foundation was informed by concerned parties that Fidelis had approached them claiming to be an official representative. The shock of such was evident in the

voice of the foundation's Public Relations Officer Israel Matsebula, who mentioned that they do not work with Fidelis. "We are shocked by the fact that he has been going around using the name of the foundation and that of the Princess like this, yet we have no relationship or whatsoever with him," he said. It was alleged that Fidelis went to a certain media house, called a meeting and introduced himself as part of the Foundation. "Please, we would like to make the public aware that we do not know Fidelis, if they plan to have

any dealings with him, it is at their own risk and if he uses the princess's name or the foundation's again he should stop," he added.

Denied

The foundation denied having any working relations with Fidelis, and urged him to cease from deceiving the public about any relationship with the foundation before he finds himself in boiling water. Matsebula revealed that even though Fidelis had presented them with a proposal to work together, nothing was finalised. "He submitted a proposal and that

THEN: Former Minister Hlobisile Ndlovu with her ex-husband Samuel Fidelis.

is all," he said. He added that they now view the proposal from the said pastor as a quick way into the cookie jar than the good intentions of the Foundation.

"His actions, in a way, indicated that he does not share the same vision and values with the foundation but sees it as a quick way to make a quick buck for his own pocket. That is just selfishness of the highest order," Matsebula explained.



KWAITO STAR MANDOZA DEAD

JOHANNESBURG - TMG Entertainment has yesterday afternoon learnt that Kwaito legend Mandoza died.

Two independent sources has verified the news to TMG Entertainment, however the musician's family have not yet officially confirmed the news.

TMG Entertainment contacted Mandoza's wife, Mpho, however a family member answered her cellphone.

"Have a heart. Think of it as a rumour until the family confirms," said the person before hanging up. News of the musician's death has also sent

shockwaves through social media after SABC News digital producer Sthembiso Sithole tweeted the news. Sithole stated in a series of tweets that he is currently at family home in Soweto with a relative. "That moment when you are close to a situation but you can't report about it due to the fact that one of your close friends is a relative," Sithole tweeted.

Sithole went on to break the news to fans on social media. "Breaking news: Legendary kwaito musician Mandoza has passed away," Sithole added that he would report on full details after family members had been informed.

"I will only be able to give full details after family members have been informed. In a awkward situation."

Mandoza's family have not yet issued an official statement.

It emerged last week that the Nkalakatha hitmaker has been suffering from a renewed cancer scare after doctors discovered a tumour in his brain. In a statement released by his family at the time, it emerged that he had been fighting for his life after the cancer "metastasised to his brain." However, a few days later his family confirmed that he was in a serious yet stable condition. Despite his ailing condition Mandoza made an appearance at the controversial Thank You SABC concert last weekend.



NO MORE: Mduduzi Tshabalala (January 17, 1978 – September 18, 2016) also known as Mandoza, was a South African kwaito musician.

SOLO ALBUMS

- 1999 9115 Zola South
- 2000 Nkalakatha
- 2000: Nkalakatha (The Boss Remixes)
- 2001: It's All Right - with Tokollo and Kabelo
- 2002: Godoba
- 2003: Tornado
- 2004: S'geleke
- 2004: Same Difference - (with Danny K)
- 2005: Phunyuha Bampethe
- 2006: Ngalabesi
- 2007: Champion
- 2008: Ingwenya
- 2010: Real Deal
- 2011: So Fresh
- 2013: Sgantsontso

AWARDS

- 2001 South African Music Awards (SAMA) Song Of The Year for Nkalakatha
- 2006 Channel O Musical Video Awards - Best Collaboration Video ("Music") (with Danny K)

HEAVY RAINS DISRUPT SHISELWENI REED DANCE

Stories by Nomfundo Sifundza
Mbangweni

UNRELENTING RAINS disrupted the main day of the Shiselweni Reed Dance yesterday.

The event was expected to have started by 3pm but that was not the case as the rain disrupted the day. Although rain poured in torrents, it failed to dampen the spirits of jovial maidens who danced and sang inside the provided marquees before an announcement from the King. Other maidens found shelter under roofs,

others in buses whilst others were huddled together under the vendors' tents. The king's announcement was that maidens only do what is known as 'kulehla' in front of Their Majesties and later return to their sources of shelter.

Acting Imbali overseer Hlangabeza Mdluli said the maidens would be expected to return to their respective homes today. Mdluli further added "all in all, the entire event went well and the King is pleased with the rains as the whole country has been struck by a devastating drought".

SOME PUPILS TO MISS SCHOOL - MINISTER

MINISTER of Education and Training Phineas Magagula has requested teachers to bear with pupils who might not be present in school today.

The minister made this important announcement yesterday after the King dispersed maidens back to their sources of shelter due to the unfavourable weather conditions. The minister said the announcement goes

to even teachers of schools outside the Shiselweni region as the Shiselweni Reed Dance was also attended by maidens from all parts of the country. Schools with pupils writing exams were also requested to put those examinations on hold to resume tomorrow. "We also plead with teachers who are currently conducting exams to put them on hold then resume tomorrow (Tuesday)," Magagula said. Maidens from the

Rain or no rain, do not abandon your culture-TV

LUDZIDZINI acting Governor TV Mtetwa applauded imbali who danced in the rain and further encouraged all never to abandon their culture, whatever the cost.

The governor was speaking in an exclusive interview where he also reckoned that the dedicated Imbali was the future of the country. "These are the ones who would not abandon their culture and so are expected to pass it on even to generations to come" he said. Mtetwa also praised the King for his ever so generous heart. "The King is very mindful of his children as he ordered that the Imbali be transported back to their homes tomorrow (today) as opposed to yesterday because the roads are slippery," he added. The governor made it clear that inside the marquees in which the maidens where sheltered the King had made a provision of heaters and so parents at home should rest assured as the maidens did not catch any cold.

Shiselweni region, who were interviewed by this publication told of the minister's announcement said they are pleased that there would be no pressure on them to attend the school today.

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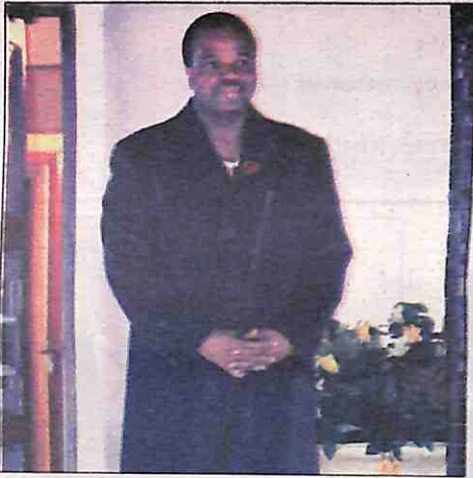
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RAIN DISRUPTS SHISELWENI REED DANCE DAY II



BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III watching the maidens as they briefly danced before him inside the royal residence due to the bad weather. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



IN DANCE: Princess Temaswati joined by throngs of maidens as she led them march before His Majesty King Mswati III at Mbangweni Royal Residence. The Imbali did not dance at the arena as the weather condition was not good.



EDUCATION MATTERS: Minister of Education and Training Phineas Magagula addressing media practitioners on the status of the school going children in relation to the reed dance.



MAHLE EMAJAH: Indvuna TV Mtetwa flanked by Sandile Nxumalo and businessman Justice Maseko.



IN SONG: Inkhosatana Sikhanyiso sang and danced with the Imbali on the sidelines as she is joined by Mumu Mngometulu and Princess Simile.



WITNESSING: Minister of Home Affairs Princess Tsandzile and Tibusiso Ginindza watching the Imbali.



ROYALTY: Emazinyane Sicalo, Lindani and Bandzile joined by other members of the Royal family as they briefly watched the Imbali.



COULDN'T MISS: Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David Ngcamphalala at the ceremony.



OVERSEER: Acting Imbali Overseer Hlangabeza Mdluli in a jubilant mood.



FOOTWEAR: The Shiselweni maidens were also presented with sneakers by His Majesty.

RAIN DISRUPTS SHISELWENI REED DANCE DAY II



UNDER COVER: The second day of the Shiselweni Reed Dance was disrupted by persistent rains which resulted in the arena being water logged. His Majesty eventually decided that the Imbali take a break as the weather was not favourable. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



KEEPING WARM: Maidens trying to keep warm as it was a cold day.



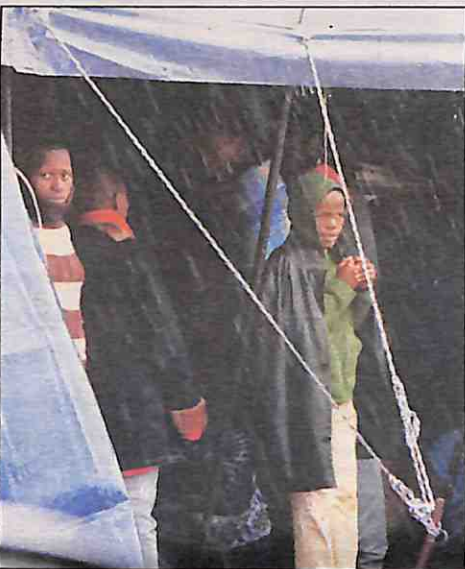
TIME TO GO: The Imbali boarding the bus as there was no dancing yesterday following bad weather.



TIGHT SECURITY: Police officers were also dressed up to keep warm as it was freezing.



PERSISTENT: The persistence light rain proved to be enough to make pools of water around the arena.



POURING: The rain kept the girls in their tents as it was too cold to dance.



SHELTER: Members of the public sought shelter next to the grocery shop as the rains persisted.



ALSO THERE: Bishop Harrington (right) with tourists who were present with the hope of watching the maidens.



WHEN THE RAIN COMES: It is not only human beings that are in dire need for water as this dove also seemed to be thrilled at the sight of this pool of rain water.

6 000 BRAVE COLD TO 'REMAIN LOYAL TO JEHOVAH'

By the Information Office

ABOUT 6 000 delegates of the 2016 Jehovah's Witnesses 'Remain Loyal to Jehovah' convention witnessed the last day of the convention despite the low temperatures experienced yesterday.

Tucked under blankets and jackets, they showed resilience and continued to follow the programme with keen interest throughout the day.

Yesterday's sub-theme was, 'He is guarding the lives of his loyal ones,' based on Psalms 97:10.

The morning session of the programme had two sympos-



iums. The first was titled, 'Avoid what erodes loyalty.' It was developed in four separate discussions; pride, improper entertainment and bad associations led by four different elders.

This was then followed by the second symposium of the morning, 'Pursue what builds loyalty;

appreciation, self-control, love and faith.

Under the second symposium, 'Pursue what builds loyalty; love,' Shadrack Tsabedze encouraged the delegates to lead in showing honor to others.

He said this was critical as they expect 'the great tribula-

tion' ahead. "We all have to play our respective roles. Love should make us do everything for our brothers," he said.

Through the use of a short form video he reflected how that could be applied when others face a faith testing scenario. In the video a couple risks their lives to ensure the safety of their fellow believers when they were under attack.

Solomon Tsabedze further encouraged the delegates to work hard and strengthen their faith by reading the bible and applying its principles in their day to day lives.

He said this was urgent, "It is immediate to show the love we have for Jehovah and our brothers." The convention has been attended by thousands of Jehovah's Witnesses across the country and even neighboring countries, especially South Africa.

The morning programme started at 9:20am and ended at 3:45pm.

Soon love will triumph over hatred

ONE of the major highlights from the 2016 Jehovah's Witnesses three-day convention was a public bible discourse which answered the question, 'When will loyal love triumph over hatred?'

Henry Mdalose said this would happen 'soon.' "Soon the devil will be captured and hurled into the abyss for 100 years and at the end he will be totally destroyed.

After that love will triumph over hatred," he said.

The discourse was based in Matthew 5:38-45. In the last part of the scripture,

Jesus urged Christians to imitate God who 'makes the sun rise and the rain to pour for both the righteous ones and the unrighteous.'

He said they could do this by showing love and praying for their enemies.

Mdalose said applying this scripture also contributes to enabling love to triumph over hatred.

Members of the public who came to listen to the public discourse were invited to ask for a free home bible study which could be requested through their official website

www.jw.org or by contacting one of the witnesses.

CLASSIC MOVIE DEPICTS HOW TO TRUST IN JEHOVAH

DELEGATES of the three days convention of Jehovah's Witnesses had an opportunity to watch a classic movie titled, 'Oh Jehovah...I trust in you.'

The movie was based in three scriptures, Psalms 25:1, 2; 2 Kings 16:1-19; 2 Chronicles 31:1-32:33.

The acted ancient movie shows difficulties faced by Israelites during the time of Hezekiah, who was son to Ahaz. He trusted in Jehovah, but that came to a strenuous test when he was threatened by the King of Assyria, who even claimed he was authorised by Jehovah 'to destroy Israelites.' The Assyrian King tempted Hezekiah to make a truce with him and further undermined Jehovah's authority.

Hezekiah came under severe criticism for refusing a truce with the Assyrian King, but he turned to Jehovah and sought for his advice through Jehovah's prophet Isaiah. Did Jehovah save him? Jehovah sent an angel and wiped every warrior, leader and chief in the camp of the Assyrians.

The video could be downloaded online on the Jehovah's Witnesses official website www.jw.org.

Releases

Friday: Video- 'For a Certainty God Made Him Christ and High Priest'
Saturday: Video- Hope for What We Do Not See'
Sunday: Video- 'Oh Jehovah...I Trust in You'

Banning of 'top up fees' encourages more pupils

Stories by Gugu Simelane Mbabane

THE decision by the ministry of education and training to abolish the illegal charging of 'top-up' fees in primary schools has resulted in stimulation of enrolment in schools.

This is according to the ministry's Proposed Cost of Primary and Secondary Education

THE report further states that the grants at the schools are largely determined by the number of pupils enrolled at that particular school.

"This means that the schools with higher enrolments receive larger grants while those with lower enrolment receive smaller grants.

The current situation makes high enrolment to schools an advantage as they benefit from economies of scale.

These schools are able to achieve more, using minimal resources for the benefit of many pupils," it states. The report states that schools with low enrolment are not able to do as much with the avail-

Swaziland (2016-2030) report, which was prepared for submission to Cabinet.

The report states that there has been significant progress in enrolment since the ministry issued a circular prohibiting primary schools from charging parents the 'top-up fees'. It states that the intervention has yielded both positive and negative results.

"Some of the positive results

include the stimulation of enrolment, retention of pupils in school, improved completion rates. Parents are being afforded the opportunity to save for secondary and higher education while orphaned and vulnerable pupils' burden of paying top-up fees is eased," states the report.

It further states that the negative results of abolishing top-up fees include the fact that some parents

are denied the opportunity to participate or contribute meaningfully towards the education of their children. Some schools are denied the opportunity to develop or expand in-terms of service provision; some schools face cash-flow challenges leading to some planned activities not taking off or schools incurring debt.

"In light of this negative impact of the intervention, some schools have continued to charge parents the top-up fees despite the directive from government."

Only schools with higher enrolment benefit from FPE

able resources. "This has contributed significantly to the inequality in education provided across primary schools across the country," it states.

The report adds that the Free Primary Education (FPE) Act introduced standard fees for each grade without taking into account the fact that the cost of educating a child at the primary school level varies depending on the pupil's school location, distance of school to the Regional Education Officer's (REO) offices, the ministry, the curriculum offered, the enrolment of the school, development plans of the school, inflation,

taxes on goods and services procured by the school.

The ministry has since considered three options which could address the top up fees. Firstly, the government could continue implementing the fee schedule outlines in the FPA Act of 2010 with the current fee schedule.

Schedule

This schedule maintains E560 for grade one and two, E580 for grade 3 and 4, E640 for grade 5, E670 for grade 6 and E1 010 for grade 7.

The second option suggests that government must revise the FPE package to incorporate expenditure items that were previously excluded.

It calls for grade 1 and 2 education grants hiked to E875, grade 3 and 4 to E895, grade 5, 6 and 7 to E995 plus additional E806 for grade 7 examination fee and invigilation fee.

The last option proposes that government revises the schools fees by only adjusting the current FPE grant per learner for changes in the inflation rate.

The current FPE fees are not influenced by changes in the inflation rate. "This means that since the introduction of the programme in 2009, the fees have been fixed. The average inflation rate over the last six years is 5.13%," it states.

UNISWA ranked 63rd amongst top African Universities

By Gugu Simelane Mbabane

THE University of Swaziland (UNISWA) has been ranked the 63rd Top African University amongst the Africa Top 200 Universities and Colleges Web Rankings.

South African universities are taking a lead as the top 10 universities all come from South Africa. Top of the list is the University of Cape Town, followed by the University of South Africa (UNISA) and the University of Pretoria.

University of Stellenbosch takes fourth place while University of Witwatersrand takes comes in fifth place and North-West University is placed sixth.

UNISWA takes 63rd place followed by the University of Zimbabwe at 64th place, then Nigeria's Federal University, Oye-Ekiti. Bottom of the list is Malawi Assemblies of God University at 200 following Blantyre International University at 199.

The ranking is edited by 4icu.org University Web Ranking and based upon an algorithm including three unbiased and independent web metrics extracted from three different search engines which are Google Page Rank, Yahoo Inbound Links and Alexa Traffic Rank.

Web metrics data is collected on the same day to minimise temporal fluctuations and maximise compatibility. A pre-computational filter is adopted to detect outliers in the raw data. The total number of external inbound links or backlinks pointing to each university website is also cleaned from duplicate domains based on a statistical sample, unique inbound links which are links coming from different domains which are in fact a much more significant and powerful measure of website link popularity. Further investigation and a review of Alexa Traffic Rank data is carried out for universities adopting a subdomain as their official institutional home page.

Top 100 of the Top 200 Universities in Africa by University Web Ranking Rank University:

- 1 University of Cape Town
- 2 University of South Africa
- 3 University of Pretoria
- 4 Universiteit Stellenbosch
- 5 University of the Witwatersrand
- 6 North-West University
- 7 University of KwaZulu-Natal
- 8 Rhodes University
- 9 University of Johannesburg
- 10 University of the Western Cape
- 11 The American University in Cairo
- 12 Cairo University
- 13 University of Ibadan
- 14 University of Nairobi
- 15 Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
- 16 Alexandria University
- 17 Cape Peninsula University of Technology
- 18 Makerere University
- 19 University of Ghana
- 20 Universiteit van die Vrystaat
- 21 University of Lagos
- 22 Egerton University
- 23 Universidade Eduardo Mondlane
- 24 Covenant University
- 25 Mansoura University
- 26 University of Dar es Salaam
- 27 Ain Shams University
- 28 Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology
- 29 29 Obafemi Awolowo University
- 30 Kenyatta University
- 31 University of Khartoum
- 32 University of Ibadan
- 33 University of Namibia
- 34 Namibia University of Science and Technology
- 35 Moi University
- 36 The German University in Cairo
- 37 Benha University
- 38 Université Cadi Ayyad
- 39 Université de la Réunion
- 40 Université Cheikh Anta Diop
- 41 Université Abou Bekr Belkaid Tlemcen
- 42 Ndejje University
- 43 Durban University of Technology
- 44 University of Nigeria
- 45 Université des Sciences et de la Technologie Houari Boumediène
- 46 Tshwane University of Technology
- 47 Strathmore University
- 48 Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology
- 49 Al Akhawayn University
- 50 Sokone University of Agriculture
- 51 Federal University of Technology, Owerri
- 52 University of Benin
- 53 University of Mauritius
- 54 Zagazig University
- 55 Lagos State University
- 56 Université Kasdi Merbah de Ouargla
- 57 Helwan University
- 58 University of Fort Hare
- 59 Université d'Alger 1
- 60 Assiut University
- 61 Michael Okpara University of Agriculture
- 62 Université Mohamed Khider de Biskra
- 63 University of Swaziland
- 64 University of Zimbabwe
- 65 Federal University, Oye-Ekiti
- 66 Mangosuthu University of Technology
- 67 Babcock University
- 68 Sudan University of Science and Technology
- 69 Misr University for Science and Technology
- 70 Université des Frères Mentouri de Constantine 1
- 71 Universidade Católica de Moçambique
- 72 Université Mohammed V de Rabat
- 73 Mbarara University of Science and Technology
- 74 University of Botswana
- 75 University of Zululand
- 76 Central University of Technology
- 77 University of Rwanda
- 78 Vaal University of Technology
- 79 Université Ferhat Abbas de Setif 1
- 80 United States International University
- 81 Université El Hadj Lakhdar de Béjaia
- 82 Université Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah
- 83 Université Abderrahmane Mira de Béjaia
- 84 University of Venda
- 85 Université Mouhoud Maamen de Tizi Ouzou
- 86 University of Zambia
- 87 Université Abdelhamid Ben Badis Mostaganem
- 88 Modern Sciences and Arts University
- 89 Université Hassiba Ben Bouali de Chlef
- 90 Ahmadu Bello University
- 91 Uganda Christian University
- 92 Université Ibnou Zohr
- 93 Université de Ouagadougou
- 94 University of Agriculture, Abeokuta
- 95 Addis Ababa University
- 96 South Valley University
- 97 Kwara State University
- 98 Misr International University
- 99 The British University in Egypt
- 100 Jimma University

Another man stabbed to death at Croydon bar

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya
Madlangempisi

HARDLY a month after a stabbing incident that occurred at a popular bar at Croydon, another man has been stabbed to death.

Mliba Police confirm the report of the stabbing of a man outside one of Croydon's best known malt and wine bar.

Andile Mgadule (20) was stabbed during a fight which started inside the bar in the late hours of Saturday.

The young man from Mzaceni was stabbed several times by a 21-year-old man of Madlangempisi after an argument.

According to a source, the deceased accused the suspect of being unruly as he had shouted at him while watching a soccer match inside the bar. It is alleged that the suspect apologised to the deceased for his wrongdoings.

However, the deceased is said to have not accepted the apology and organised his friends from Mzaceni to 'deal' with the suspect.

The eyewitness alleges that the deceased seemed to have a vendetta as he kept on accusing the suspect in full



IT'S TRUE: Acting Chief Police Information and Communication Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.

public view.

"The bunch of men arrived in a seven-seater import car and demanded an audience with the suspect," said the source. Death threats were made to him but he continued to show remorse as he kept on apologising to everyone present. They attacked him and he is

said to have ran away to his car and produced a sharp object and stabbed Mgadule in front of over 50 people who were enjoying alcoholic drinks. "Mgadule was rushed to Dvokolwako Health Centre by his friends, where he was certified dead upon arrival."

Arrival

It is said after stabbing the deceased, the suspect fled the scene and went home. "Upon arrival at about 3am he woke his father up and narrated the ordeal," said the source.

His father advised him to surrender himself to the police.

Speaking to the father of the suspect on Saturday morning, he said his son admitted stabbing the deceased in self-defence. "He wasn't aware that the boy died shortly after the stabbing. The deceased was stabbed almost five times below his chest," the father of the suspect said.

Acting Chief Police Information and Communication Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the matter.

"The suspect will appear at Manzini Magistrate's Court tomorrow (today) facing charges of murder," she said.

42 arrested for drink-driving

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

POLICE reported a total of 42 cases of drink-driving over the past weekend.

The figures were confirmed by Acting Chief Police Information and Communication Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati yesterday. She said these incidents happened in different places in the country over the past weekend. "This weekend there was a slight decrease compared to last weekend. Last weekend we recorded 62 cases while this week there were only 42 cases reported," she said.

On another hand, Matsapha Police are investigating the theft

of a vehicle on Saturday at around 1pm. Vilakati said a 45-year-old man of Ludzeldudze discovered that his motor vehicle had been stolen while parked at Eteni. "The Toyota Corolla 16 Valve sedan is registered FSD 527 AM," she said.

Stated

She stated that police are appealing to members of the public who may have any information on the whereabouts of the vehicle or suspects to kindly contact Matsapha Police.

Pigg's Peak Police arrested and charged a 43-year-old man of Nyakatfo (Sidwashini) for being in possession of dagga weighing 53kg with a street value of E42 400 without a licence or permit while at Nyakatfo area.

Good rains bring hope to Siteki residents

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

THE cold weather and drizzle experienced on Saturday night was nothing compared to the joy the rains have brought to Siteki residents and surrounding areas.

Siteki and other areas such as Maphungwane, Lonhlopheko, Mhlumeni and Sitsatsaweni are reported to have had significant rains between Saturday and yesterday. Of note is that the said areas were recently reported to be facing a serious shortage of water. Siteki, in particular, was said to be on the verge of implementing water rationing after its main water source experienced a serious decline of water levels.

One of the sources, Mabhodweni Dam which supplies the Lubombo Referral Hospital and other major facilities, was reported to be at a worrying level.

Apparently, the town council had already implemented the water rationing strategy for vendors as they are only allowed to fetch water from the tap only on stipulated times. On the other hand, residents from North Cliff, KaMdodi, Stimeleni and other

areas which depended on the said dam were already compelled to look for alternative water sources after its piping system stopped functioning due to lowered water levels. Some residents from these areas had to travel at least 10 kilometres to fetch water from other water canals.

During the past two days, the residents therefore braved the cold and implemented ways of collecting rain water. This was evident as water containers were seen in every corner of buildings as people harvested the rain water.

Predicted

Meanwhile, meteorologists have predicted good rains in the few coming weeks. Such rain is expected to bring the misery of the nation to an end.

The country saw one of the worse effects of drought in many parts of the country, a situation which has also been declared as a national disaster. The National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) has also urged members of the public to come all out and make good use of the rain and start farming.

This is to prevent a situation whereby the nation depends on food aid from government and other organisations.

Stabbings cause fury among residents

THE incident of a second stabbing at the popular drinking hole at Croydon has sparked anger among residents and traders.

Residents living near Croydon Shopping Centre want the owner to tighten security measures or else close the bar early.

Interviewed, a resident, Thandi Dlamini, said on the day of the incident she was woken up by police at about 4:30am who were searching for the murder suspect as they suspected he was

hiding at her house since they are related. Themba Sihlongonyane, 74, also said something must be done about the bar as every weekend the music was loud and disturbing their peace.

"We hear people up the road shouting and revving up their cars. I wouldn't mind if they close at a reasonable time like 11:30pm," Sihlongonyane said. He said instead they sometimes close after 2am or later than that. He said Croydon is a small area and they are unhappy with the reports of stabbings. Sihle

Mthupha said the reports of stabbings were killing business in the area. "It is unfortunate that the bar is not under Swazi Nation Land, so it would be difficult for the Acting Chief to intervene.

The owner must introduce bouncers who would oversee the bar. Croydon has become bad news in the country," Mthupha said. Owner of the bar, Vusi Zwane was not available for comment yesterday as his mobile phone was not available on the MTN network.

TAMBANKULU ESTATE, WORKERS AGREE ON 10 PERCENT INCREMENT

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

TAMBANKULU Estate management and its workers have finally reached common ground and agreed on a 10 percent salary increment, bringing the workers' strike action to an end.

The two parties have been locked in a deadlock for almost two months as they had differences on the salary increment negotiations.

Workers of the sugar producing company have been demanding a salary increment of 12.5 percent across the board. The employer was however of the view that the 12.5 percent was too high, and instead, has been offering 7 percent increment. This resulted in the

workers engaging on a non-ending strike action which started early last month.

The workers had resolved that they would not be returning to work until the employer bends to their demands.

Meetings

In the duration of the strike action, the workers would go to the work place to convene meetings where they would discuss strategies to carry on with the strike. In the meantime, the workers union, Swaziland Agricultural Plantation Workers Union (SAPWU) would engage in negotiations with the company administration.

On several occasions, the negotiations had to be suspended as each party maintained its stand. This was also subsequent to the workers remaining on strike.

In the past two weeks, the two parties were back on the negotiations table. Some senior workers who also formed part of the negotiating team have confirmed that the negotiations finally brought the strike to an end.

Agreed

This was after the employer agreed to improve the offer to 10 percent while the workers also cut off 2.5 percent from their initial demand.

The decision to return to work was then communicated to the rest of the workers last Friday.

Meanwhile, it has also been reported that the employer and the workers further agreed on implementing the 'no work no pay rule' upon resuming work.

This means that the workers will not be paid for the period in which they have been on strike.



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Anyone having an objection to this application may lodge their objections, in writing, with the Municipal Council of Manzini at P. O. Box 418, MANZINI M200, SWAZILAND not later than 09 / 09 / 2016, that is 21 days from the late publication of the notice namely on 07 / 10 / 2016.

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MAIDENS BRAVE COLD FOR SHISELWENI REED DANCE



BAYETHE: His Majesty appreciating Emalangeni as they danced with the throngs of Imbali during the Shiselweni Reed Dance ceremony on Saturday. The ceremony ended yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



REED: Princess Temaswati delivering the reed as she led the maidens in Shiselweni.

HANDS UP: Imbali from the USDF were in their usual jovial mood showing off their best of dance moves before their King.



CULTURAL FLAIR: Emalangeni were a marvel to watch as they displayed their skills for dancing before Their Majesties and the nation.



INVITATION TO A STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

In furtherance of the establishment of the Architects, Engineers, Surveyors & Allied Professionals Registration Council as per Act No 15 of 2013, the Council hereby invites architects, engineers, quantity surveyors, construction managers, environmental managers, project managers, town planners, land surveyors, interior designers and technicians, to an information dissemination workshop at Esibayeni Lodge on Tuesday the 27th September, 2016. Employers in the public, private and parastatal sectors of all the above disciplines are encouraged to attend as well.

Agenda

8:15 - 8:45	Registration and Tea
9:00 - 9:10	Welcome Remarks
9:10 - 10:10	Overview of the Act
10:10 - 11:10	Registration Process
11:10 - 11:20	Overview of the Council's website
11:20 - 13:00	Question & Answer Session
13:00 -	Lunch & End of Workshop

Attendance criteria

Admission: E100.00/person payable at the door and only 200 seats are available on first come, first serve basis, all bookings should reach our offices on or before 23rd September 2016.

Should you require additional information and or clarification kindly contact us at: LCC Capital Consulting, 3rd Floor, Emlonyeni Building, Dzeliwe Street, Mbabane, Tel: 24046348, Email: lwazi@lcc-capital.com

Invitation Issued by:
Ramford Zwane
Chairman of the Council



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On behalf of UMDENI WA
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We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all those who gave their time to visit, their hearts to pray, their love to console, their gifts of kindness and support, their joy to celebrate a life of service and faithfulness to the King of Kings, the Lord Jesus Christ and to HMK Sobhuza II, to HMK Mswati III and the entire nation of the Kingdom of Swaziland and beyond. His passion was to be like His Master and Saviour in that "Jesus went about ... Teaching..., Preaching ...and Healing..."

Matt 9:35-36

"May the Lord bless and keep you and make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; May the Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you SHALOM!"

Numbers 6:24-26.

SD needs E7 billion to supply water to communities

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Lobamba

SWAZILAND needs E7 billion to supply clean water to all communities around the country.

This was stated on Thursday during the tabling of the first quarter performance report of the minister of economic planning and development by Minister Prince Hlangusemphi.

He tabled it before the members of the portfolio committee of his ministry.

The issue of water supply was raised by Members of Parliament (MPs), who form part of the portfolio committee of the ministry of economic planning and development.

The MPs, when posing a question to the minister, wanted to know when water would be supplied to their respective communities.

Manzini South MP Owen Nxumalo, who was the first to raise this issue, said the communities were in dire need of water.

"What does the minister say about the issue of the E7 billion that is needed to supply water to the communities? The ministry of natural resources and energy says the project was transferred to this ministry because it is

responsible for securing funds for project," Nxumalo said.

The water issue comes at a time when the country was faced with the drought situation known as El Nino.

This has affected production in many sectors of business, especially in agriculture.

The production of sugar cane, which was Swaziland's most exported product, has also been affected by the natural disaster.

Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini also raised interest in knowing when water would be supplied to their constituencies.

Dvokodweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini, who also chaired the committee, also raised

his concern to the minister about the water supply.

He said there was no doubt that water supply was needed in all communities in the country.

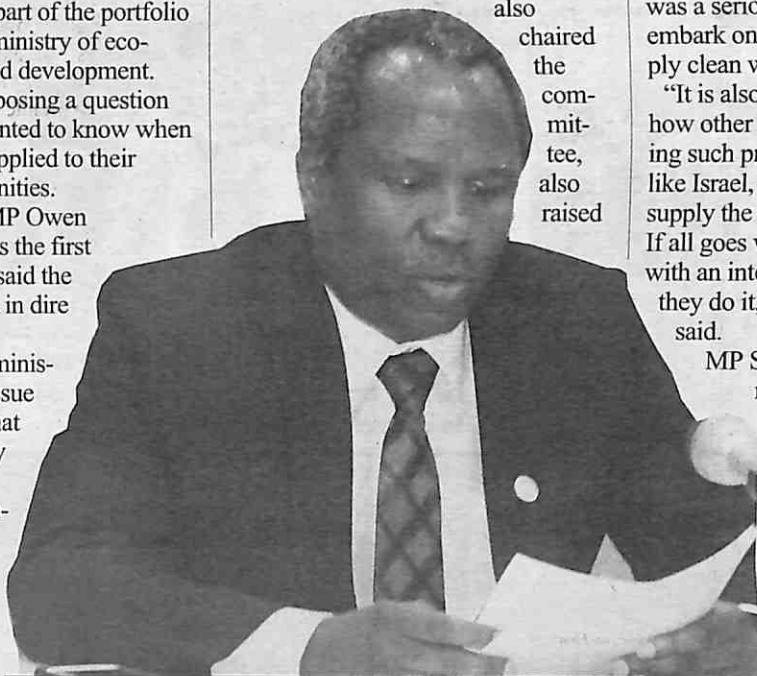
"We posed such a question to the ministry of natural resources and energy but they told us that the project has now been transferred to the ministry of economic planning and development. We want to know the response of the minister in that regard," Dlamini said.

In response, Prince Hlangusemphi said his ministry had not received such a report from the ministry of natural resources and energy.

However, he admitted that there was a serious need for the country to embark on a project that would supply clean water to every community.

"It is also important for us to learn how other countries are implementing such projects. There are countries like Israel, which is using one river to supply the whole country with water. If all goes well, we have to go there with an intention of learning how they do it," Prince Hlangusemphi said.

MP Sitezi pleaded with the minister to ensure that at least a member of the portfolio committee was present when such plans were being implemented. "This is to ensure that members of the portfolio committee are not left in the dark on what the ministry is doing," he said.



STATED: Minister Prince Hlangusemphi.

MPs want liquor licences on Swazi Nation Land

MEMBERS of Parliament (MPs) want bars and bottle stores to operate freely anywhere in the country, even on Swazi Nation Land (SNL).

The legislators made this known on Thursday, when the ministry of commerce, industry and trade was tabling its first quarter performance report at a senate meeting in Parliament.

The MPs said allowing bars and bottle stores to operate on SNL, would help regulating the illegal selling of alcohol that was rife in the rural areas.

First to raise this issue was Hlane MP George Maseko who said licences should be granted in rural areas so that people would not go to urban areas in search for alcohol.

He said this had a role in increasing the drink-driving cases in the country.

Maseko said this was not good as it could cause more accidents on the country's roads.

Newly sworn-in Nkhamba MP Menzi Dlamini also shared Maseko's sentiments.

"This business has a potential of developing small businesses in rural areas. Some of the important people we have in the country were educated because of the proceeds of liquor sold in rural areas," Dlamini said.

Manzini North MP Jan Sithole was



RAISED ISSUE: Hlane MP George Maseko.

also of the view that alcohol businesses should be allowed on SNL.

He said the ministry should stop being discriminatory in granting licences.

"Granting liquor licences only in urban areas and farms is not good and shows discrimination against people

in rural areas. Someone can even say that was meant for the country to increase the cash flow through drink-driving. That would be a bad way of making money," Sithole said.

The legislator said other rural people brewed alcohol to make a living.

He made an example of informal *shebeens* in rural areas. Such, according to Sithole, were responsible for producing important people in the country. He said what made matters worse was the fact that Swaziland Beverages did not even supply those people, thus they brewed their own brews some of which were dangerous.

Shiselweni II MP Mthokozisi Kunene said the regulation of such activities would improve the economy of the country.

"About 60 percent of people producing alcohol in the country are doing so informally. Those people make money but do not pay taxes. Taxes are paid by the 40 percent," Kunene said.

Minister Gideon Dlamini assured parliament that his ministry would look into such an issue. He said there would be a need to come up with a legislation that would enable the smooth operation of such establishments in the rural areas.

King, Hlangusemphi praised for successful SADC Summit

MEMBERS of Parliament (MPs) showered accolades on His Majesty King Mswati III and Prince Hlangusemphi for the successful hosting of the SADC summit.

Prince Hlangusemphi is the Minister for Economic Planning and Development and his ministry was responsible for ensuring that the summit was a success.

The MPs also praised the whole ministry for ensuring that the recently staged event was a success.

This was on Thursday in Parliament during the tabling of the first quarter performance report by the ministry for economic planning and development.

Minister Prince Hlangusemphi tabled the report before the portfolio committee, chaired by Dvokodweni MP Musa Sitezi Dlamini.

Praises

The first MP to pass the praises to the minister was Sandleni MP James Simelane, who said the minister did the country proud by ensuring that the summit was a success.

Manzini South MP Owen Nxumalo said: "I am one person who normally complains a lot about most of the things happening here because normally they are not done right. With this instance, I praise the ministry for ensuring that the summit was successful."

He said the event improved the picture of the country in the international community.

However, Nxumalo pleaded with Prince Hlangusemphi to avail a report on the summit's expenditure.

"This is not to say we suspect anything, but we need to know

how much was spent. This is more so because there are amounts of money that were donated to make sure SADC was a success," he said.

Mhlangatane MP Mbalekelwa Ndwandwe said the successful hosting of the SADC summit proved to critics that the country was hospitable and friendly.

"There are many other successful projects we embarked on as a country. Some of these were to be non-starters, but we proved many wrong as a nation. A classic example is the King Mswati III International Airport stationed at Sikhuphe, it was established in the middle of nowhere, but today it is operating. This shows that the King has extraordinary wisdom he received from heaven," Ndwandwe said.

Princes Magudvulela and Jomo also joined in praising both the minister and the King for putting together a good summit.

Happened

This happened after Prince Hlangusemphi presented caps and kangas (*emahiya*), which were marked with the SADC brand, to the portfolio committee members. The message of the kind gesture was communicated to the members by Dlamini, as chairman of the portfolio committee. The MPs also thanked the minister for the kind gesture.

Prince Hlangusemphi, in response, also thanked the nation for cooperating with Their Majesties and the ministry in making the event a success. He said the dignitaries who visited the country were impressed with the hospitality they received.

Prince Hlangusemphi forgets spectacles

MINISTER of Economic Planning and Development Prince Hlangusemphi could not answer some of the questions because he forgot his reading glasses.

This was disclosed by the minister himself when he was supposed to answer questions posed by the MPs.

The questions ranged from drought issues, lack of clean water, the micro-projects bill and other issues concerning the hotel that was constructed in Ezulwini.

Prince Hlangusemphi managed to answer some of the questions.

The ones he could not answer were the ones he had written down while the MPs asked.

The minister said he did not

know how he forgot his spectacles.

"I plead with the Honourable MPs to pardon me because I forgot my spectacles. I have a problem now because I cannot see what I wrote here.

I have tried to read without them but I am failing," he said.

The MPs asked him to respond to questions that were critical and he would then provide written answers.

However, Manzini South MP Owen Nxumalo warned the minister not to do this again. He said he should not forget anything that he would need in parliament.

He said this was like forgetting a working tool yet he was supposed to use it to do an important job.

Stories by Linda Dlamini
Mbabane

KA-BOYCE PRINCIPAL CRIES FOUL OVER WATER RATIONING

KA-BOYCE High School Principal Lungelo Nhlengethwa has pleaded with the Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC) to consider rationing during weekends saying the midweek rationing affects their school operations especially now that it is four days.

"This is a problem faced by most schools in the country, with Mbabane schools being the hardest hit as we completely rely on piped water.

We would like to thank the ministry of education and training for their untiring effort in ensuring that schools are not affected much by this situation. They provided

the school with two water tanks that were connected to the water line in the school.

Unfortunately, that is not enough, as we need more water for the four days of rationing we currently experience. A plan has been approved by the school committee to add more tanks," he said.

Nhlengethwa said another problem the school was faced with was that of absenteeism by some pupils.

"Some learners have a tendency

of absenting themselves from school, without their parents' knowledge. We request the parents to ensure that their children attend school by checking their school work regularly," he said.

Nhlengethwa said there was a lot of improvement to be done on the school's structures, as some were old, and others half completed thus must be completed.

"The school administrative block needs special attention as it was constructed when the school was

in its early years. The kitchen also needs some attention to improve the menu and the service it, offers, especially to the learners.

Our computer laboratory also needs to be revamped to be in-line with expectations from the Examinations Council Of Swaziland.

There is still a need for the construction of more staff houses, and also renovate those that we have as most are not in a good state," he said.

Drug abuse rife at Ka-Boyce High School

SOME pupils of Ka-Boyce High School abuse drugs.

Principal Lungelo Nhlengethwa said it has come to the school's authorities that some learners were involved in drug abuse around the area.

"Some abusers were caught by a community police to the school, others were found by a teacher in

a house smoking dagga. These actions, in most cases, lead to rowdy behaviour amongst the learners. We request parents and the community to help us deal with this issue before it destroys the learners," he said.

Nhlengethwa, in closing said, it was of the utmost importance that they all work hand-in-hand to

ensure that quality citizens would be produced.

BIG PROBLEM: KaBoyce High School Principal Lungelo Nhlengethwa addressing the gathering.



Broadcasting Bill to solve boring radio news

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

MEDIA Institute of Southern Africa Director Vuyisile Hlatshwayo has decried the state of broadcasting in the country, saying it is boring and one sided.

Hlatshwayo made these remarks during the civil society and private sector breakfast meeting aimed at sensitising and seeking support from the civil society and private sector about the urgent need for tabling and enactment of the Swaziland Broadcasting Bill of 2013 to allow for the licencing of the community radio sector in Swaziland.

Hlatshwayo said to the state broadcasters, news nowadays is just about royalty, cabinet, government, security forces and sports.

"As a result broadcast journalists spend more time hobnobbing with the prime minister, deputy prime minister, ministers, National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula or Correctional Services Commissioner General Mzuthini Ntshangase," said Hlatshwayo.

He added that only the Swaziland Broadcasting Bill of 2013 promises to bring a lasting solution to the broadcasting monopoly in the country. The director said granting community radios licences would help in that the community would be able to have a voice and let their matters be heard, as community radio would focus on the community issues unlike the government run broadcasting stations which focus on ministers. Hlatshwayo made an example saying he was listening to the news in the morning and all he heard was the minister of health making a long speech followed by the director of health. He stated that the other problem which comes with not having community radio is that associations such as the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT), Swaziland Democratic Nurses Union (SWADNU) and other associations are not given air space to speak about issues affecting them, which he said is an infringement of freedom of speech.

He said the Broadcasting Bill which the Broadcasting Bill Advocacy Campaign seeks to

see implemented soon will help in that it seeks to open-up the airwaves in the broadcasting industry. The MISA director stated that most importantly the Bill is consistent with Section 24 of the Constitution through its five objectives which include providing freedom of expression through broadcasting, providing for the regulation of sound and television services in Swaziland, providing for broadcasting to contribute to socio-economic development of society, nation building, provision of education and strengthening of spiritual and moral fibre.

Hlatshwayo added that, last but not least, the bill will provide for maximum availability of broadcasting to all people through the three-tier system of public, commercial and community broadcasting services. He urged the executive of the (Swaziland Multimedia Network) to work closely with Phesheya Dube who is the director of the Information and Media Development in the Ministry of ICT.

He also enlightened the stakeholders that he has been informed that there are changes in the broadcasting bill of 2013 and there will be a bill of 2016,

which he urged people to familiarise themselves with the changes. National Coordinator of SCMN Ambrose Zwane shed some light about the changes stating that when the first bill was made the issue of digital migration had been left out hence it had to be amended so that digital migration could be incorporated.



PARTICIPANTS: A section of the people who attended the event.

Man fined E1 000 for possession of bullets

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

A man from Khutsala was sentenced to four months in a correctional facility with an option to pay E1 000 fine after he was found in possession of live rounds of ammunition.

Mduduzi Shongwe appeared before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso after he was charged with contravening section 11(2) as found in section 11(8) of the arms and ammunition act 24 of 1964. The accused person was said to have wrongfully, unlawfully and intentionally possessed 5 live rounds of ammunition without being a holder of a valid licence or permit.

When the charge sheet was read to him, the accused person pleaded guilty while conducting his own defence. On mitigation, the accused first asked the court to be lenient when issuing sentence. He stated that he had got the bullets from his friend who has a licenced gun. He said he intended to use the ammunition for hunting rabbits. He was accordingly found guilty by the court and the said sentence was issued. Meanwhile, another man also appeared before the same court facing a charge of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. Nkosingiphile Nhlabatsi was said to have wrongfully, unlawfully and intentionally assault Mthokozisi Mazibuko by hitting him with a wheel spanner on the head. When the charge was read to him, the accused pleaded guilty to the charge. His was also accepted by the crown. He was also found guilty by the court. The court then eventually deferred issuing of sentence to tomorrow pending presentation of a medical report on the injuries sustained by the complainant.



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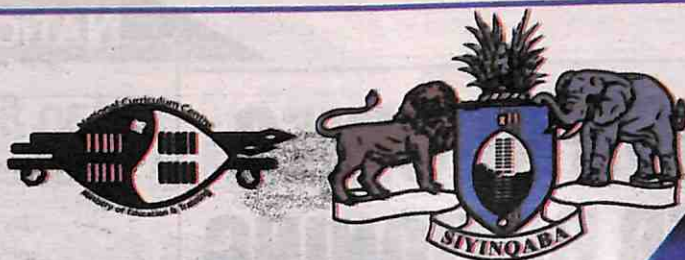
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MAIDENS BRAVE COLD FOR SHISELWENI REED DANCE



BEAUTY: Princess Temaswati and Princess Tiyandza (far right) joined by Imbali from the royal family as they led throngs of Imbali in song and dance during the Shiselweni Reed Dance ceremony on Saturday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



SHOW OFF: Imbali from His Majesty's Correctional Services displaying their skills before their King.



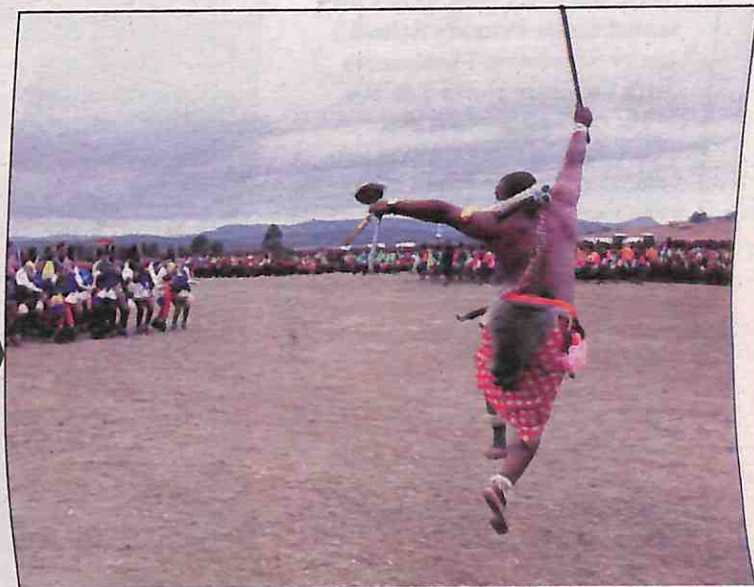
OLD MEETS NEW: Imbali leader Nondunduzo Zubuko joined by previous maiden leaders (tindvuna tayitolo) as they appreciate her dancing skills.



YOUNG TALENT: Little Princesses dancing with Imbali from the royal family.



Inkhosatana Princess Sikhanyiso joined by Princess Simile as they appreciate the Imbali from the royal circles.



UP IN THE AIR: Umbutto Luggedlemba, a police officer, who is the culture trainer at the Police College, up in the air as he admires the dance from Imbali from his department.



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CONCO PRESENTS GALILE PRIMARY WITH FURNITURE WORTH E86 500

COCA-COLA Swaziland otherwise known as CONCO has presented Galile Primary School under Shiselweni I Inkhundla with furniture worth E86 500.

The presentation took place on Thursday, an event that was also attended by representatives from the ministry of education and training as well as constituency members.

This follows that the school applied for assistance from the company as it has been faced with furniture challenges.

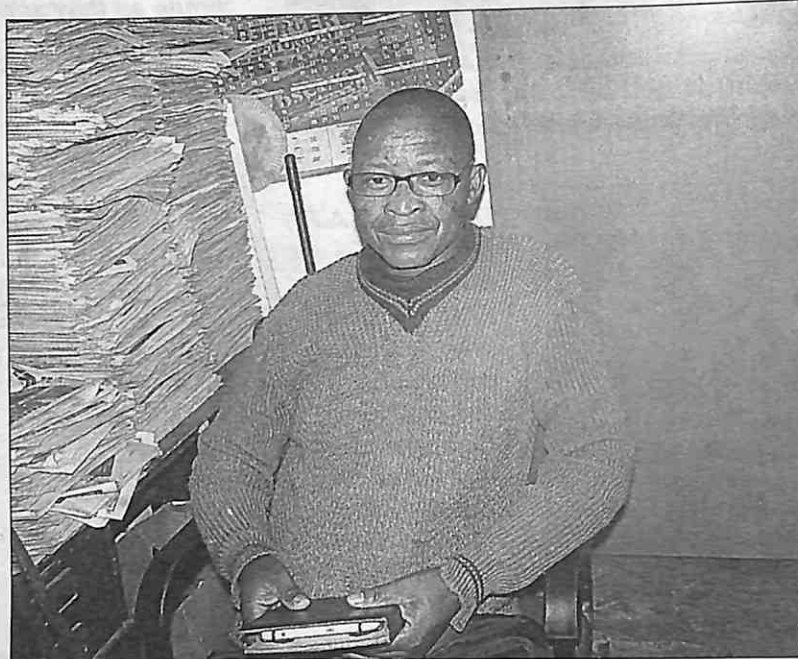
Grade One and Grade Six classes were the most affected in particular when it comes to chairs as some pupils had to sit on building blocks.

CONCO presented Galile with 200 chairs and 100 desks.

Principal Milton Simelane thanked the company for its prompt response adding that they made the application during the end of the second term.

He said this was an indication that CONCO was aware of the fact that it must also meet government halfway in uplifting the standard of education in the country.

"We are grateful and humbled by CONCO's kind gesture, our furniture challenge has been solved and we will now focus on other things," said Simelane.



BENEFICIARY: Galile Primary School Principal Milton Simelane.

Simelane said during class lessons, the pupils are at times forced to write while standing or sit on building blocks, adding that such was not conducive for learning.

Support

He said as CONCO spent so much money in assisting the school, government should in turn support the company as it invested in education.

"This is a lifetime investment, the country's leaders have always been advocating for children not to be denied opportunities and through this, CONCO is implementing the wishes of Their Majesties.

"This is also another contribution towards Vision 2022," said Simelane.

Representing CONCO during the

BUCOPHO HAILED FOR E1 500 CONTRIBUTION

BUCOPHO of Ezikhotheni Mabhala 'Maplango' Ndwandwe has presented Galile Primary School with E1 000.

This was during the official handover of the school furniture by CONCO.

The *bucophos* pledged E1 000 to the school which would be used in meeting other challenges the school faced.

He also spent over E500 in assisting the school buy food to be served during the furniture presentation function.

In total, Ndwandwe splashed out a sum of E1 500 as his contribution to the school on that day.

School Principal Milton Simelane said they appreciated Ndwandwe's kind gesture adding that the *bucophos* was a major player in improving the school. "He is always available

whenever he is needed and he is our bridge to the elders of the area as well as to the constituency on some matters," Simelane said.

Also thanking the *bucophos* on behalf of parents was Magugu Hlophe who is a member of the school committee. He said the community banked its hope on him as he was flexible whenever there were challenges.

Funerals

"Even during social events and gatherings, such as funerals, Ndwandwe always lends a helping hand. There was once a needy family where he helped with a contribution of about E2 000 in catering for funeral expenses," said Hlophe.

Meanwhile, Ndwandwe said he appreciated the school's good work especially by the principal and the teachers.

presentation were Michael Geraghty who is the General Manager, Sandile Gumede who is the company's Human

Resources Manager as well as Karen Gilbert from the company's Customer Relations Department.

MP DONATES CHICKEN PORTION WORTH E120

● MP Nxumalo said he saw nothing wrong with the *bucophos* making a bigger contribution than he had. He said the chicken portions were what he could afford that day.

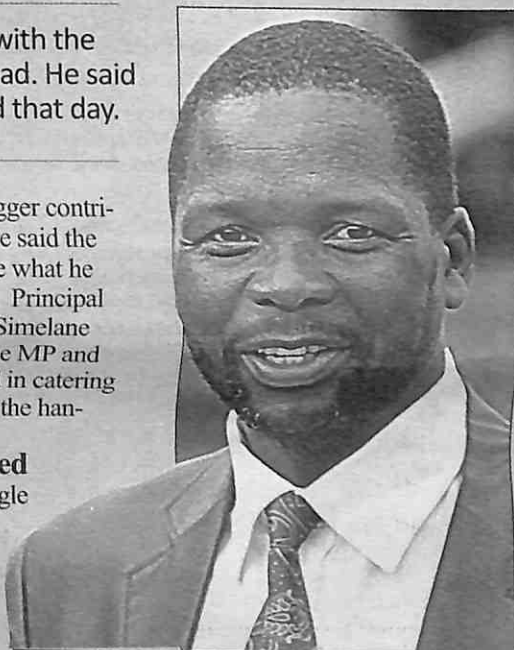
THOUGH Bucophos of Ezikhotheni Mabhala 'Maplango' Ndwandwe contributed about E1 500 to Galile Primary School, local Member of Parliament (MP) Mandla Nxumalo managed to contribute only chicken portions valued at only E120.

"We appreciate any contribution, though others started to politicise what the two contributed towards the function. No one was forced but all that they contributed, we believe came from their hearts," one of the teachers said. MP Nxumalo said he saw nothing wrong with the

bucophos making a bigger contribution than he had. He said the chicken portions were what he could afford that day. Principal of the school Milton Simelane also confirmed that the MP and *bucophos* both assisted in catering for refreshments after the handover of the furniture.

Contributed

"I do not want to single out who contributed this and who contributed that, but we appreciate both their help and remain thankful to both of them," said Simelane.



CONTRIBUTION: Member of Parliament Mandla Nxumalo.

SIX COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF MJIKIJELWENI NEED SHELTER

A total of six people have been identified as those in need of shelter at Mjikijelweni, an area near Siyendle under Gege constituency.

Given the plight faced by the six, *bucophos* of the area decided to seek help for these identified people. Mjikijelweni is one of chiefdoms at Gege under Chief Mlobokazane Fakudze. Bucophos of the area, Mfaniseni Vilakati said he has been searching and asking for sponsorship to help build houses for the six destitute members of the community without any success. He said out of these six people, two of them were widowed women while the other four were men.

"I have been going around looking for help so as to provide the six people with decent shelter. Even if it is a one

roomed house, I will be happy. These people are living a painful life as all of them have no relatives who can bail them out of their misery. Yes, they have other challenges but the priority is shelter," said Vilakati.

Destitute

He appealed to the public for help so that they can start building houses for the destitute six. "My other role as *bucophos* is to help address issues affecting needy people. I am deeply touched by the plight of six community members, and they have approached me for assistance. I also think if I can have an opportunity to get hold of organisations such as Philani Maswati, these people can be assisted. My only challenge is I do not know the physical address of the organisation," said Vilakati.

High youth unemployment in SD worries US ambassador

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Matsapha

UNITED States of America (USA) Ambassador to Swaziland Lisa Peterson has noted with concern the high level of youth unemployment in the country.

She said statistics showed that youth unemployment in the 15-24 age range was 42.6 percent in 2014 and was among the highest in the continent.

Peterson said young graduates find themselves faced with limited opportunities in an economy that

has stalled and a business environment that favored elitists rather than innovators.

"This contributes to a brain drain where many of the brightest and best educated leave for opportunities elsewhere," she said during a gala dinner for members of the Southern African Association for Counseling and Development in Higher Education, which was held at the University of Swaziland (UNISWA) at Kwaluseni Campus on Wednesday night.

The event was graced by Minister of Education and Training Dr Phineous Magagula, Principal

Secretary Pat Muir and many others. She said this meant that employers in-turn had difficulty filling key positions.

Peterson said there were actually critical shortages of workers in certain fields, particularly engineering, accountancy and technical sectors.

The ambassador informed the counselors that this was where they come in, not only in encouraging students with the right aptitude to study in fields where there were critical shortages.

She said connecting young people with mentors, including technical and vocational programmes,

could also help in setting young people on a more promising employment path.

Peterson said as counselors, they might find new ways to help students to find fresh ways of using their skills within their own countries.

The Ambassador said one way to tackle high unemployment was to create an environment that enabled individuals to start small businesses. On that note, Ministry of Education Principal Secretary Pat Muir said Swaziland appreciated the help offered by the ambassador as she has been involved in many



NO TO BLESSERS: US Ambassador to Swaziland Lisa Peterson making her remarks during the closing ceremony for the Southern African Association for Counseling and Development in Higher Education workshop.

projects funded by the US government. Muir said Swaziland was hoping to benefit more from these projects.

'Only people with connections get business loans'

STARTING a business seems to be difficult in the country as it is alleged that only people with connections or those with established businesses benefit from Youth Enterprise Fund.

US Ambassador Lisa Peterson said Swaziland ranked low in the World Bank Ease of Doing Business Index and it also had a low ranking in the Global Innovation Index.

She added that this was a disadvantage because in order to start a business, there needs to be a welcoming environment.

Openness and an encouragement of innovation were important too. "Creating an environment that encourages innovation

will require fewer constraints created by the need to accommodate elites," she said adding that even if that environment comes into being, every business needs some degree of start up funds.

Peterson said sourcing such funds could be a particular challenge for young people.

She said some time back in 2008, the country established a Youth Enterprise Fund intended to provide loans to young Swazis trying to start businesses.

However, the ambassador said three years down the line there were complaints that such loans were only going to already established businesses, or were being based on applicant's connections.

Govt to act against Youth Fund's 200 defaulters Fund

GOVERNMENT wants to take action against the nearly 200 defaulters of the Youth Enterprise Fund.

About 200 defaulters were registered in 2014.

She said by 2015 a consultant recommended a complete overhaul of the fund. The consultant noted loopholes in regulations governing the fund's operations, problems in the manner in which loans were allocated and the involvement of politicians in lending decisions.

US Ambassador Lisa Peterson said in 2015, the Fund did not receive a budget allocation.

"At that point, the trail on what could have been a valuable tool in empowering the youth seems to have gone cold," Peterson stated.

She said it could be that many young people simply do not have the experience to start their own business, no matter how small.

Peterson said the overall state of the Swazi economy also worked against young people, some of whom noted that people just did not have the money to buy their goods.

The ambassador said not all hope was lost though as young entrepreneurs and innovators proved that



ROUND TABLE: Ambassador Lisa Peterson, Minister of Education Phineous Magagula, Uniswa Vice-Chancellor Cisco Magagula and Ministry of Education PS Pat Muir at the event.

they could survive even in a difficult and an unforgiving environment.

She made an example of Claudia Castellanos Jimenez of the Black Mamba Chillis Company. She was selected by the U.S Embassy to participate in the African Women's Entrepreneurship Programme in the U.S to help her grow her company

by using only local sources for her products. Peterson stated that it was small businesses like Black Mamba that would make a difference in the economy of Swaziland. Such enterprises would ensure growth and opportunity that will in-turn create a better future for Swaziland's young people.



PRESENT: Some of the invited guests.

UNITED States of America (USA) Ambassador to Swaziland Lisa Peterson says 'blessers' contribute to the vicious cycle of HIV transmission.

Speaking during a gala dinner for members of the Southern African Associations for Counseling and Development in Higher Education held at the University of Swaziland (UNISWA), she said the number of people who were HIV positive and received life-saving treatment had increased sharply.

Peterson stressed the importance of young women in breaking the cycle of HIV transmission.

She said a high percentage of young woman were infected by their older partners.

"I think most of you have heard of, and probably witnessed on your campuses, the phenomenon of

'Blessers' contribute to vicious cycle of HIV – US Ambassador



KODAK MOMENT: This guest captured the proceedings using her tablet.

'blessers' which is often portrayed as young women seeking luxuries through their older partners. However, in reality that is an act of desperation to access the financial support that will keep the women in school," she said. Peterson said

through such relationships, the young women become infected and then later in life seek partners from their own age cohort.

"These partners become infected later in life and they seek a younger partner, so the cycle continues,"



GALA DINNER: A section of the people who attended the dinner.

Peterson explained. However, the ambassador said there were medical interventions that would help break the cycle of transmission, adding that this included voluntary medical male circumcision and getting all HIV positive individuals

into treatment. Peterson said empowering young women to make informed decisions about their futures and their bodies was an investment that would provide benefits well beyond good health outcomes.



KODAK MOMENT: The FNB Foundation board of trustees strike a pose with the beneficiaries after the official hand-over held at Royal Swazi Spa on Thursday. (Pics: Samukelisiwe Ginindza)

FNB FORKS OUT OVER E2.3M TO DIFFERENT ENTITIES

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza
Mbabane

FIRST National Bank (FNB) of Swaziland has donated over E2.3 million to non-profit organisations as part of its social corporate responsibility.

In 2014, the bank established a foundation to fund its social corporate responsibilities.

On Thursday the bank disbursed the E2.35m to a number of respective beneficiaries comprising of Siteki Good Shepherd Hospital which received E500 000 for the rehabilitation of a mortuary. Other beneficiaries were



HERE: The Swaziland Hospice at Home's Treasurer Busie Ndelela accepts a cheque of E450 000 from the foundation while her colleagues; chairperson (far left) Arnold Dlamini and the Acting Director Mefika Zwane smile for the lenses.

Swaziland Junior Achievement (JA), | National Disaster Management Agency



MONEY: National Disaster Management Agency CEO Russell Dlamini and Board Chairperson Poppy Khoza accepted the cheque of E570 000 with smiles on their faces as the FNB foundation board of trustees look on.

(NDMA) and Swaziland Hospice at Home who each received E180 000.

About E570 000 was injected for the drilling of five boreholes in Lubombo and Shiselweni region to provide clean drinking water for over 5 000 people and E450 000 for a car to transport staff members to provide home based care palliative treatment to patients for Hospice at Home. Speaking during the event, FNB CEO and Foundation Chairman Dennis Mbingo noted that the beneficiaries did the hard work that most people may not do.

"Being a fairly homogenous people and a relatively small nation, it is not possible to hide and insulate ourselves from the pain and depreciation that the people around us experience every day," he said.

He said the Foundation hoped to lend a hand which would then be a driving tool for recognition and encouragement that will bring in

even more funders.

"The guilt we may sometimes feel at the unequal distribution of means to create wealth and access to decent standards of living for all Swazis; what you do matters, it may not always be celebrated and praised," Mbingo said. He appreciated the good role played by government and development partners, private sector and the entire FNB board.

"The work the foundation does is not competitive and is not meant to support FNB's efforts to the market, but a necessity as corporate to meet our mandate," he said.

The Foundation chose its beneficiaries by prioritising support for non-profit organisations working towards the development and empowerment of the broader society. The core filters were social impact, sustainability, value/affordability, beneficiary readiness and partnership opportunities.

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TODAY I am sad to present to you Miss Untouchable and Mr. Survivor respectively.

Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority (SIPA) Chief Executive Officer Phumelele Dlamini is Miss Untouchable while her boss Minister of Commerce Gideon Dlamini is Mr. Survivor.

For your own information, SIPA is an organisation that was established with the intention of enticing investors to start businesses in the country.

This was done in order to improve the economy of the country and create job opportunities.

The two crown holders are, in the meantime, letting the country down as they enjoy their reign. Or is it a deliberate reign of terror?

I will start with Miss Untouchable. She is doing as she pleases at SIPA if the alleged claims made by her managers and cleaners is anything to go by. The CEO is currently on a hunting expedition.

However, instead of hunting for investors she is going after her own staff looking for what she calls a spy for the media.

At a solo press conference she held, she vowed to leave no office unraided in search of the person who leaked the troubles at SIPA. I am certain she will find the culprit quicker than she will investors.

Subsequently

We have a country with shocking figures of unemployment yet the engine to drive towards more investors and subsequently jobs is idling for all the wrong reasons.

It looks to me as though the CEO is joining the growing list of people who are untouchable in the country. She is allowed to do as she pleases at the expense of the 2022 dream.

Why is the CEO allowed to play around with the country's future? Why is she allowed to scare away investors? How did she qualify for such an important position anyway?

From the 53 joint problems from managers and cleaners against her, it is clear that SIPA has become an Animal Farm where a few animals are better than others.

It's a pity that our Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini has lost his teeth or they are now selective of what they bite? How can he allow the spine of the country, in SIPA, to break down?

Someone needs to bring

Miss Untouchable, Mr. Survivor

Concerning the 53 joint problems from managers and cleaners against her, it is clear that SIPA has become an Animal Farm where a few animals are better than others. It's a pity that our Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini has lost his teeth or they are now selective of what they bite? How can he allow the backbone of the country like SIPA to break down? Someone needs to bring this woman under control. It can't be the board because it is toothless. The board is not giving the matter of the CEO the attention we expect as a country, hungry for employment and foreign investors.

this woman under control. It can't be the board because it is toothless. The board is not giving the matter of the CEO the attention we expect as a country hungry for employment and foreign investors.

In instances like these, we would have expected the CEO to be suspended while investigations are launched. The current situation allows the CEO to intimidate staff and censor their thinking.

But no, the woman is untouchable. It's a great pity that this will come with a huge price to pay.

Ransom

I am fully aware that a majority can be wrong but clearly we cannot allow a whole organisation to be held to ransom by one woman. The PM is silent about it.

The reason I am citing the PM is because the ministry of commerce does not have a minister currently. As you already know, the minister himself is being hunted by the Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) on issues of fraud.

The minister has been told to slow down. He stands accused of diverting donor funds into a private company's account. And he agrees that he did it!

Back to Miss

Untouchable, it is unfortunate that she is using state funds to defend herself against allegations leveled on her.

She is buying advertising space everywhere in a quest to portray a good image. How I wish she was spending such money marketing the country to investors.

We currently have empty factory shells that cost us money to build and she can't fill them with investors who are probably now scared to come because of her alleged bossy nature.

Why is she allowed to play ball. Or could it be that she is pulling wire in the literal sense. Lucky her! The nature of the complaints against her is very counter productive. It is clear she is surrounded by a fine selection of de-motivated managers.

Untenable

We have two options as a country, to get rid of the CEO because the situation is untenable; or we close down SIPA because it does not serve its purpose anymore.

I am convinced we will not get any investors anytime soon. It's all thanks to a woman who cannot be questioned. I wonder where her power lies.

Is it up or down? Bottom line, she has the power. However, as someone who has been around she must be careful. I have seen arrogant freaks like her come to ground hard.

They too, carried themselves around with aplomb and we were there to watch them hit the ground hard. We were also there as they cursed the system. One

of its casualties is a public nuisance so to speak. Madam CEO, be warned. When the system wants to kill them, it makes them go mad first. You are one leg in or is it out or both.

I wish you all the luck as you go hunting but *basop* you don't catch a sacred game. Be warned. I have a feeling you will read the next column as a suspended mammal.

Then there is Mr. Survivor. You see I admire all the trials and tribulations he, Gideon Dlamini, has gone through in life. But I shudder that the one he currently faces has the potential to cut short his political career.

Bitten

For those who do not know, Minister Gideon, while growing up as a young boy, was bitten by a snake. He survived. Only a handful people survive such. But he survived.

Again, Minister Gideon survived lightning. He was struck by lightning and lived to tell the tale. His company Salile also had run-in with some people wielding power but it survived.

I wonder if he has already summoned the surviving skills even in his latest predicament. But from what history tells

me he has. Once upon a time, we had Macford Sibandze, yes I mean the alleged descendent of Abraham. He messed around with state funds. Mind you he used the money for

official trips, just that he did not get permission. He was home the next day. Well, not literally, but bottom line, he was fired.

I have already noted the inconsistency here. Gideon diverted donor funds into a private company's bank account and instead of being sent home he was requested to chill.

His job was assigned to another minister while the physical part of it was taken up by old horse Jihno Nkambule, the principal secretary.

Poor man enjoyed his 30th anniversary as a married man in a rush because he had to attend to an assignment that was otherwise supposed to be graced by 'his minister'; who is on 'holiday'.

My point is not whether the minister is guilty or not, but rather, what his circumstance has taught us as a country? I have learnt that we don't need the ministry of commerce; or better still Nkambule can run the ministry, if given a chance.

Functions

Now I ask; do we need a minister if Gideon can be parked for so long and still the ministry functions 'normally'? This also begs the question; do we still need a minister of public service?

Tourism Minister Jabulani Mabuza aka 'Buy Cash' has been doubling in that ministry for close to a year now. This tells me we need to cut down on the ministries or rather we are confirming that some are just feedlots.

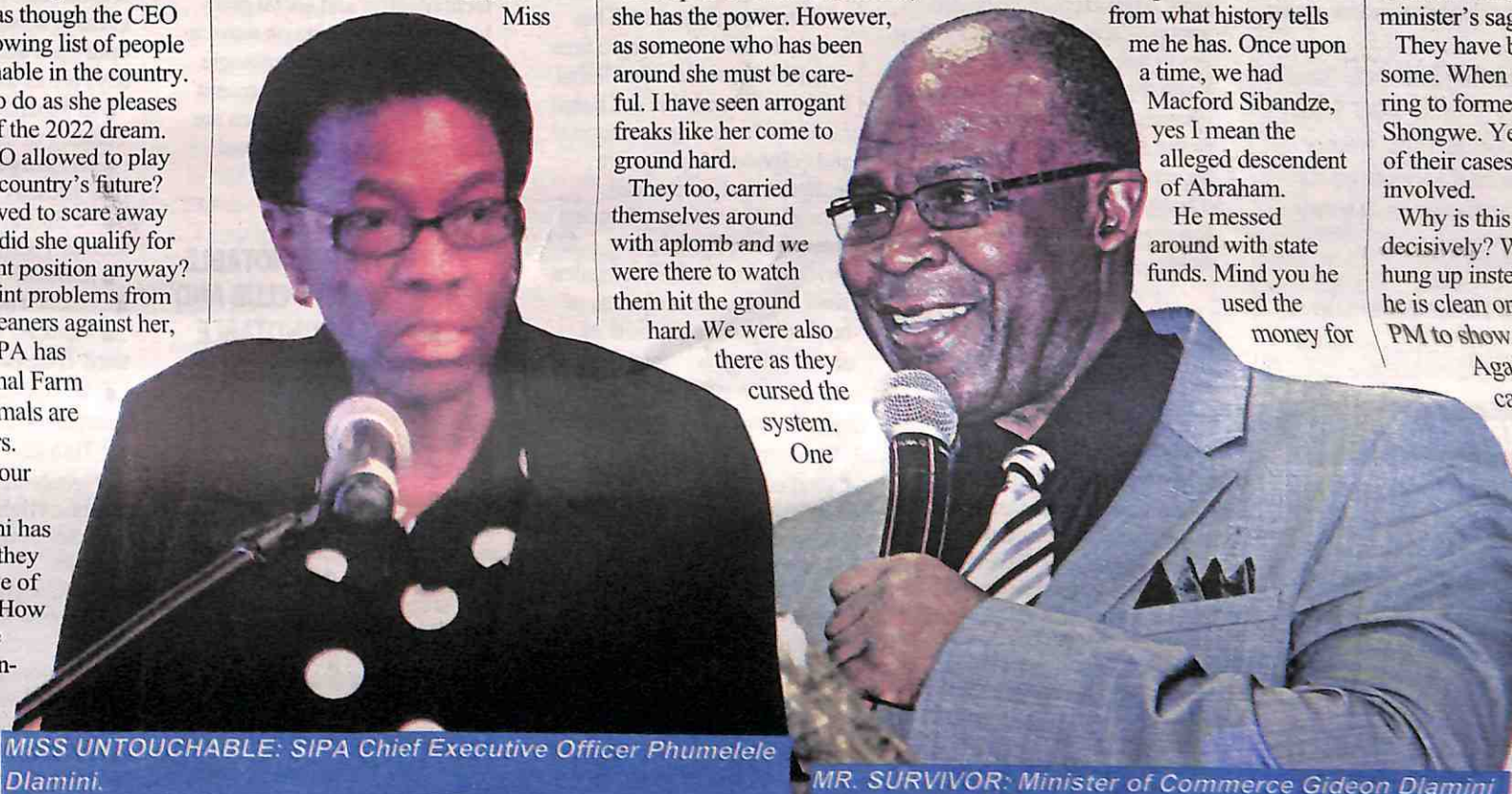
Again, I challenge the PM to come clean on the commerce minister's saga. I also wonder why ACC has taken so much time to deal with the minister's saga.

They have been quick to arrest some. When I say some I am referring to former Minister Sibusiso Shongwe. Yes I agree the degrees of their cases differ, but money was involved.

Why is this case not dealt with decisively? Why is the minister hung up instead of deciding whether he is clean or not? I challenge the PM to show some consistence.

Again, the PM must tell us if cabinet was involved in the issue of funds driven to a private company's coffers.

Sibandze never consulted with cabinet and he paid the price. Shongwe never consulted with cabinet on the Estate policy and he paid the price. Why is someone not paying the price here? I thank you.



MISS UNTOUCHABLE: SIPA Chief Executive Officer Phumelele Dlamini.

MR. SURVIVOR: Minister of Commerce Gideon Dlamini

ON THIS DAY

...SEPTEMBER 19

1982 - Scott Fahlman became the first person to use :-) in an online message.

1983 - Lebanese army units defending Souk el-Gharb were supported in their effort by two U.S. Navy ships off Beirut.

1984 - China and Britain completed a draft agreement transferring Hong Kong from British to Chinese rule by 1997.

1986 - U.S. health officials announced that AZT, though an experimental drug, would be made available to AIDS patients.

1988 - Israel successfully launched the Horizon-I test satellite.

1990 - Iraq began confiscating foreign assets of countries that were imposing sanctions against the Iraqi government.

1992 - The U.N. Security Council recommended suspending Yugoslavia due to its role in the Bosnian civil war.

1994 - U.S. troops entered Haiti peacefully to enforce the return of exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

1995 - The U.S. Senate passed a welfare overhaul bill.

1995 - The commander of American forces in Japan and the U.S. ambassador apologized for the rape of a schoolgirl committed by three U.S. servicemen.

1996 - The government of Guatemala and leftist rebels signed a peace treaty to end their long war.

2002 - In Ivory Coast, around 750 rebel soldiers attempted to overthrow the government. U.S. troops landed on September 25th to help move foreigners, including Americans, to safer areas.

2003 - It was reported that AOL Time Warner was going to drop "AOL" from its name and be known as Time Warner Inc. The company had announced its merger and name change on January 10, 2000.

2014 - The Apple iPhone 6 went on sale.



The Global Business
ROUNDTABLE

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

WHEN you mention the name Thought Leaders' Summit to any GBR member, you get an answer: Revival of the Spirit.

And it is not just any Spirit, but it's the one that comes from Above, from the Heavenly places. It is that Spirit that seeks, finds, embrace and goes with Truth, Peace and Unity. The Thought Leaders' Summit is an august gathering of leaders from across all sectors of society to engage robustly on matters affecting all of mankind. These are the seven mountains and eight gates of society:

1. Spirituality and Religion
2. Family and Society
3. Education and Intellectual development
4. Governance and Politics
5. Media and Communication
6. Arts and Sports and Culture
7. Business and Finance

It is also at this Summit where one gets to fully understand, in-depth, the mandate and vision of GBR/GFFJ. Thought Leaders, are the informed opinion leaders and the go-to people in a particular field of expertise, they are trusted sources who move and inspire people with innovative ideas; turn ideas into reality, formulate sound opinion and find solutions for societal problems and ills. These leaders know and show how to replicate their success. They create a dedicated group of friends, fans and followers to help them replicate and scale those ideas into sustainable change not just in one company but in an industry, niche or across an entire ecosystem. During the Thought Leaders Summit the following conferences are normally held:

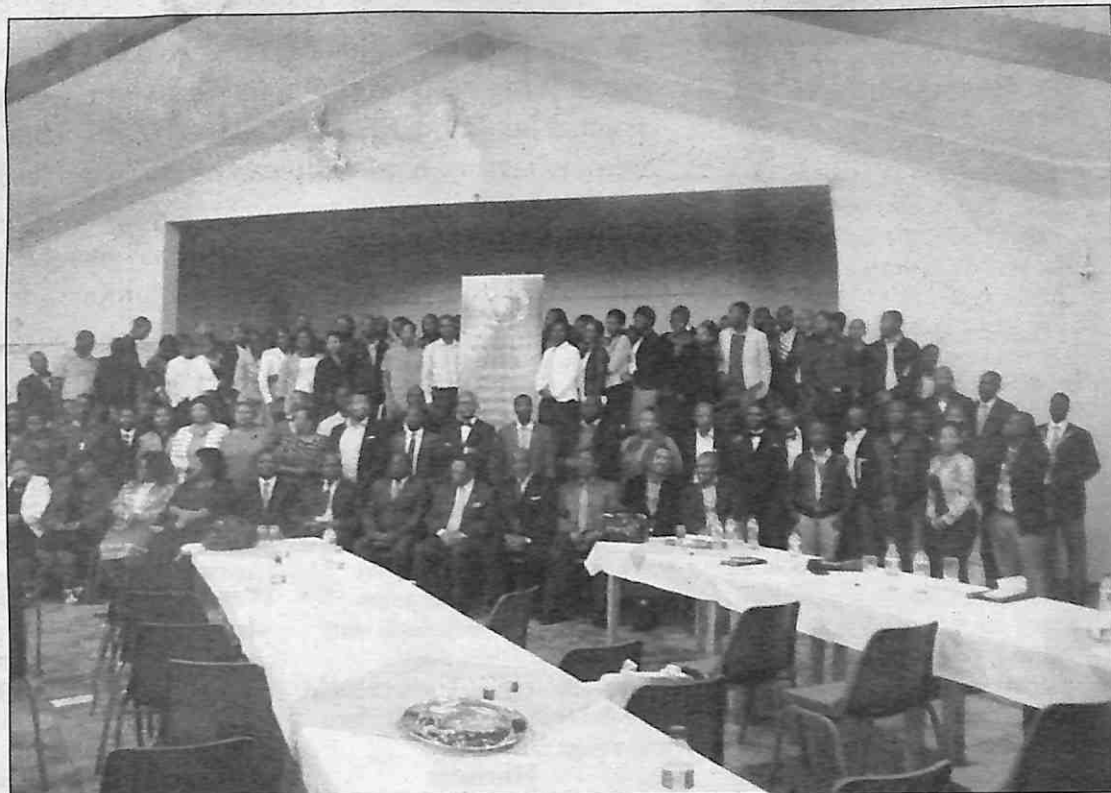
5-FOLD MINISTERS' AND INTERCESSION CONFERENCE

Corporate worship, prayer and discussion of issues that affect ministries sums up this conference. This non-denominational conference involves: Five-Fold Ministers, Leaders, Prayer Warriors, Intercessors, Watchmen, Gatekeepers, and Ambassadors of Jesus Christ. They gather in one accord as they purposely intercede for nations.

THIS YEAR'S THEME

GBR/GFFJ Thought Leaders' Summit

● "We believe God will use organisations like the GBR-Global Business Roundtable to ensure that His people take over and control the economies of the world."



REVIVAL OF THE SPIRIT: Leaders during one of GBR meetings.

This year's Ministers and Intercession Summit, has been themed:

"UNITY IN THE BODY OF CHRIST & ESTABLISHING GOD'S KINGDOM ON EARTH" and it takes place during the Thought Leaders' Summit this Friday, September 23rd. Now, is the time for our spirits to rise up within us and respond to the resounding voice from heaven as we prepare to cross over into a year of returning of 'all things' into the frequency of Kingdom alignment. This Summit will be a strategic time of fulfilment within the Global Business Roundtable & Global Fund for Jesus, where personal and corporate destinies are realigned and accelerated.

Five Fold Ministers, Leaders, Intercessors, Kingdom Ambassadors and all delegates, shall become the recipients of heavenly golden deposits of divine gifting, administrations and operations (1Cor 12v4-11) from the hand of Almighty God, our Heavenly Father.

A vital equipping for equippers and refreshing from on high for those who thirst and hunger for God. As we shall join the host of heaven in corporate worship in the glory dimension, and at the same time receiving life-changing teachings including, from the many topics of the day(s);

- Removing the Walls and Barriers of Division,

- The Love Factor,
- Establishing God's Kingdom on Earth and Kingdom Dynamics of Intercession
- Above all, having an International Evening session for Prophetic Encounters

THE GLOBAL THINK-TANK

This is another powerful session which breeds genuine GBR/GFFJ members. This organised group of GBR leaders from across the globe gather for interdisciplinary research (as in technological and social problems) and deliberate on ways in which society can disentangle itself from looming and recent challenges. So many topics are discussed at this session and many questions become answered.

SIMUNYE ROUNDTABLE @THE SIMUNYE CLUB AND MPAKA ROUNDTABLE AT TIOZE

Simunye and Mpaka Roundtables also had an opportunity to bask under the GFFJ presentation that's taking place around the 4 regions of the country. Shared, was the mandate, how it came about and basically what it is all about. As GBR/GFFJ are gearing towards Vision 2020, it is worth mentioning that the sooner members of GBR grasp, embrace and go with GFFJ, the better. Thus the regional teachings.

GBR/GFFJ WEEKLY MEETINGS

● We have our sessions, Tuesdays, Thursdays and even on Saturdays, from the different regions of the country. Everyone is free to attend these sessions, at no cost and anyone can become a member free of charge.

● Every after the session, we network, a powerful session where business deals are clinched and sealed over a meal. Our evening sessions start promptly at 6pm-8pm and the venues and days are as follows:

- In Mbabane- City Court-last Tuesday of the month
- At Ezulwini-Bethel Court-first Tuesday of every month
- At Simunye-Simunye Club-second Tuesday of every month
- Manzini- third Tuesday of the month, at The George Hotel
- Mpaka-TioZe Restaurant, third Thursday of every month
- At Nhlanguano- Ngwane Teachers Training College-every last Thursday of the month
- Ngculwini-currently at Mhubhe High School, forth Saturday of the month 11:00-1:00p.m.
- Steki-second Thursday of the month, new building next to Baceth Hardware.
- For more information log in to the GBR website: www.globalbusinessroundtable.com or send an SMS to: +268 78722063

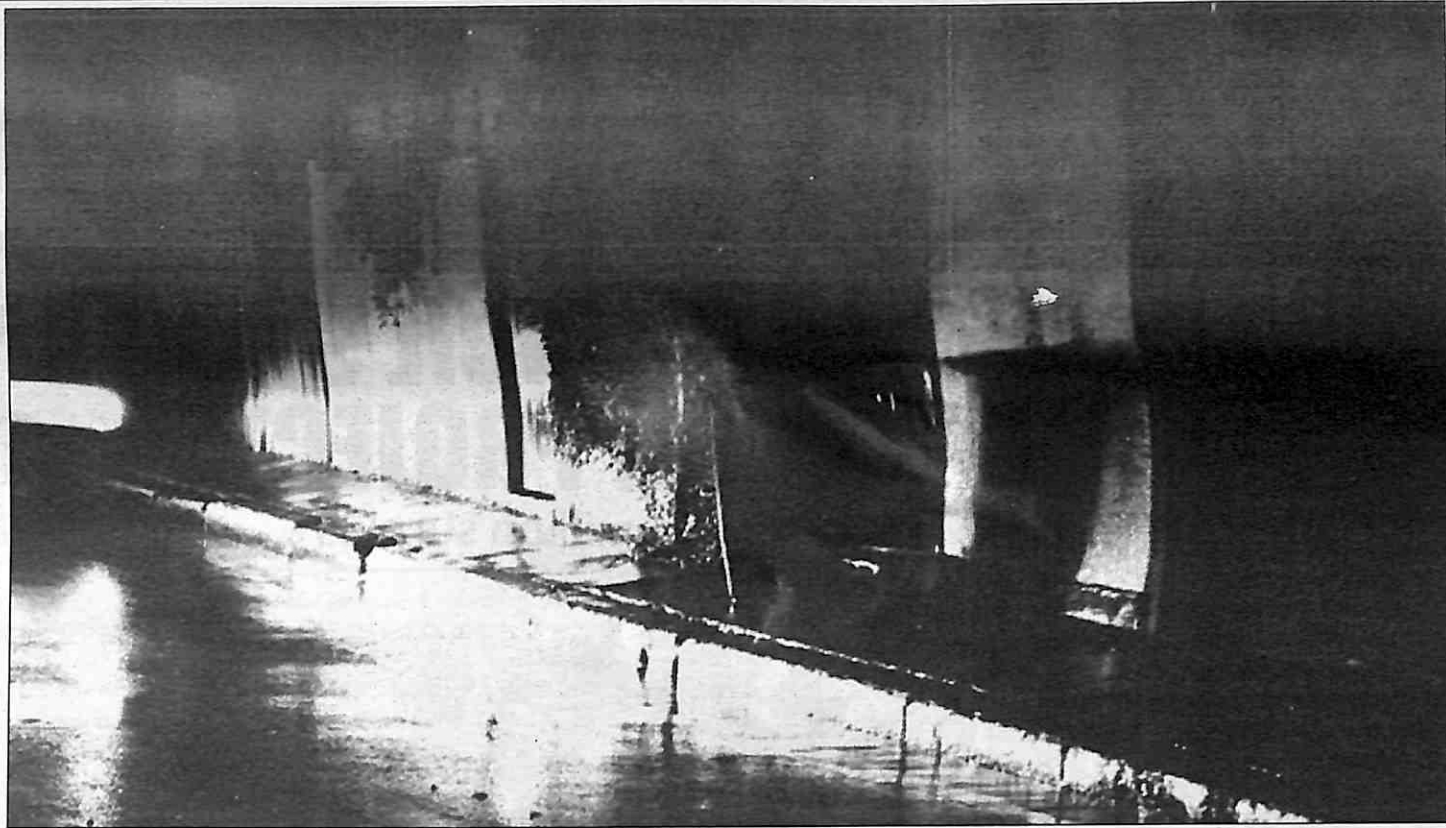
HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Pia Mia (Pop Singer)
- September 19 1996
20 years old



Columbus Short (TV Actor)
- September 19 1982 34 years old



UNSAFE: The apartheid government built universities for black students far from major cities or safe routes. (Flickr.com / Shawn Sijstra)

How the legacy of apartheid is making students' lives unsafe



Kathryn Nel, University of Limpopo

SPATIAL planning from the apartheid era is coming back to haunt South Africa's formerly black universities.

More than 22 years since the country's transition to democracy, students at these institutions are still travelling vast distances to their campuses. Their journeys take them along poorly lit, badly maintained roads. Their off-campus homes are often in dangerous, barely policed areas.

As recent incidents at one campus reveal, the lack of proper infrastructure on and off campuses leaves these historically black universities' students very vulnerable to crime.

A common theme emerged throughout my discussion with students from the University of Limpopo after one of their peers had been shot off-campus: everyone wanted more accommodation on campus. The university has recently built new residences, but there simply aren't enough places in these for all students. There are barely more than 6000 residential places on campus for a population of more than 20 000 students.

The system of apartheid is long gone. The funding models that

denied black institutions (which accounted for about half of the 36 universities and polytechnics which existed) the money allocated to their all-white counterparts have been scrapped. But apartheid's legacy remains at what are now known as previously disadvantaged or emerging universities. These still cater almost exclusively to black African students.

Their history of poor resourcing contributes to their lower research and teaching outputs – the basis on which much funding is allocated. This leaves them with less money to spend on security and building residences. It also means they tend to operate in less well resourced and less well policed communities.

Trauma and fear

In late August 2016 the University of Limpopo's community was horrified by the news that a male student living in a digs off campus had been shot. He was severely injured. It was the latest in a spate of robberies and attacks, and prompted many other students from the institution to come forward and admit how unsafe they feel both on and off campus.

The university's Student Representative Council approached local police with a memorandum about safety and security. They complained that many street lights in the areas around campus don't work.

I spoke with a number of female and male students who told me they feel unsafe at night off campus. None could recall ever seeing police officers in their neighbourhoods, either during the day or after dark. They wouldn't go out after sunset because they were scared that "something bad" would happen to them. The students said they felt traumatised. One felt that she needed to go for psychological counselling.

There was more of a feeling of security among those students living in residences on campus. They praised campus security guards for being quite visible. Still, some female students felt

Students who live off campus have no recourse to this service – guards will not accompany anyone to an off-campus address.

unsafe when leaving their residences at night to visit the library. Many said they asked male students or security guards to accompany them.

Students who live off campus have no recourse to this service – guards will not accompany anyone to an off-campus address.

More residences are needed. It's not only the University of Limpopo that has campus residence shortages. The same situation is plaguing institutions around the country. The previously white, historically advantaged University of Cape Town

(UCT) has more than 26 000 students but can only accommodate around 6 600 on campus. But at UCT and other comparatively better resourced institutions such as Rhodes University, shuttles are available for students on and off campus.

But more disadvantaged institutions which serve poorer communities are unable to offer these sort of protections. They are still grappling with apartheid's funding hangover and the aftermath of the apartheid era's spatial planning which marginalised the placement of black institutions.

Campuses for black students were situated far from the exclusively white suburbs – kilometres from city centres. A lack of safe, reliable public transport from these areas to students' homes also makes them vulnerable.

Redressing past imbalances

Universities can only do so much to keep their students safe. They need proper funding allocations to make sure their campuses are well lit and there are enough security systems in place to tackle campus crime. But they cannot do this alone: the Department of Higher Education and Training has a responsibility to redress past imbalances.

The allocation of funding to institutions of higher education needs revising and public/private partnership models must be encouraged so that more on-campus residences can be built and other security infrastructures improved.

The Conversation

Wit and Wisdom

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

1. "I always like to go to Washington DC. It gives me a chance to visit my money."
-On touring the US Treasury

2. "I don't know if the presidential candidates are running for the White House or Animal House."
-On Gary's Hart's campaign for president

3. "The Democrats have an answer to the unemployment problem. They're all running for the presidency."
-On the many Democrats running for president in 1988

4. "Ronnie's hero is Calvin Coolidge and Nancy's is Calvin Klein."
-On the Reagan family

5. "Everything Reagan does, Gorbachev does him one better. Reagan wears the flag of his country on his lapel. Gorbachev wears the map of his country on his forehead."
-Comparing Ronald Reagan with Mikhail Gorbachev

6. "Where else but in America could the women's liberation movement take off their bras, then go on TV to complain about their lack of support?"
-Taking a swipe on the Woman's Liberation movement.

7. "I guess I have my critics everywhere."
-In Saigon after a bomb went off at his hotel just before he checked in

8. "You never had to ask his score. Just count the casualties."
-On Spiro Agnew's atrocious golf game

9. "You can tell he used to be a rancher. He squeezes Republicans like he's milking a cow."
-On Lyndon Johnson

10. "It's hard to play a guy who rattles his medals while you're putting."
-On playing golf with President Eisenhower

11. "You don't know what to worry about these days. Whether the country will be overthrown or overdrawn."
-On America's fiscal position

12. "I have it on good authority that (Sen. Joseph) McCarthy is going to disclose the names of two million communists. He has just got his hands on the Moscow telephone directory."
-Taking a swipe on the beleaguered Senator

13. "Dying is to be avoided because it can ruin your whole career."
-On matters of life and death

14. "Please don't stand up on my account."
-To a group of amputees

15. "People who throw kisses are hopelessly lazy."
...Well, need we say more?

16. "He was bare chested and in good trim. I said that just looking at him I knew there would always be an England."
-After meeting Prince Charles in 1976

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.5%
First National bank	
Inflation Rate	7.4%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.0%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.00 per litre
Replacement	E11.05 per litre
Diesel	E10.95 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.15 per litre

Engen Garage

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 15 Sept 2016		
CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.3000	14.3500
British Pound/SZL	18.9418	19.0080
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.1247	7.1476
Swiss France/SZL	14.6968	14.7376
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3299	1.3460
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.6750	10.7209
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.8202	10.8539
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.4787	5.5537
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Moving Forward

MATSAPHA TOWN COUNCIL SPENDS E26.9 MILLION ON KEY PROJECTS

By Manqoba Makhubu

MATSAPHA Town Council has spent over E26.9 million in its key road and street infrastructure projects, as well as regulating and organising the usage of the road reserves.

These projects fell under the council's engineering portfolio.

According to the council's annual report 2015/16, the council aspiration was to provide safe, affordable, sustainable and accessible multimodal transport services, promoting integrated land use development and ensuring prime movement for the residents and users of the transport system within the urban area.

This was done through the roll out of the Capital Improvement Programme (CIP), which has been used as a vehicle to realise service delivery. The report said the council has started the construction or the upgrade of the Tubungu access road after awarding a tender worth E20 million in March 2016. The project was financed by the Swaziland Local Government Project (SLGP) and the council.

According to the report the council received grants from government for capital projects to the tune of E3.7 million for the financial year ended March 31, 2016. The council also received other grants from the SLGP (World Bank) in the amount of E3.4 million.

The council reported that it also spent over E2 million for the re-construction of King Mswati III West Avenue and storm water drainage, constructed storm water drains in three streets worth E75 000 and installed high mast lights and traffic lights which was worth E2.3 million.

The report said the council successfully procured a consultant for the design and construction supervision at E15 000 as well as for the design and construction supervision of phase two of the pavement rehabilitation of King Mswati III West Avenue which was worth E320 000.

"Compared to the previous year, council performed well for the financial year with positive financial results of a E2.3 million surplus," reads the report in part.

This was attributed to a reduction in direct costs. According to the council's financial statement direct costs slumped from slightly over E5.2 million in 2015 to about E3.3 million in 2016, while the council revenue recorded a

Records E2.3 million surplus



MOVING FORWARD: The council has installed 7 high mast lights between December 2015 and May 2016.



TARRED: Some of the roads that have been resurfaced.

slight increase from about E27.1 million in 2015 to E28.5 million in 2016.

In the report Matsapha Mayor Nkhanyeti Ngweya said the report was a culmination of the implementation of the council's adopted Integrated Development Plan (IDP) 2014-2018, annual plan and budget implementation.

"Looking back anyone with a balanced and fair perspective will attest to the fact that Matsapha has visibly grown over the years in terms of infrastructure development," he said.

During the reporting period, the council has approved industrial, commercial and residential buildings estimated around E138.8 million col-

lectively. Chief Executive Officer Gciniwe Fakudze said council pride itself on service delivery through teamwork which enables excellence in infrastructure development, maintenance, sanitary services, efficiency in environmental conversation, good corporate governance, financial management and adherence to the statute founding the local authority.

"The town is determined to fulfill its mandate through its service delivery model which takes into account the residents needs as evident from the 2014/15 annual report which indicated a positive performance in projects implementation in particular," she said

Submit PAYE reconciliations as soon as possible - SRA

THE Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) has advised employers who are expected to submit Pay as You Earn (PAYE) reconciliations to do so as soon as reasonably possible.

SRA Manager Customer Service Riccardo Kruger said although the SRA won't effect penalties for the submission of salary reconciliations after the September 30 deadline, taxpayers were advised to submit the reconciliations as soon as possible.

"The deadline for PAYE reconciliations is still September 30 2016; the only difference is that penalties will not immediately be effected for anyone who misses the deadline," he said.

He said this would also provide ample time

for employees who were required to submit individual income tax returns to do, so well in time.

The SRA recently announced during a stakeholder engagement meeting it won't effect penalties immediately after the September 30, due to a delay in their internal procurement which has consequently delayed the release of the relevant forms.

Kruger said the forms were now available in all SRA service centres including Swazi Plaza Corporate Place, SRA headquarters, Manzini, Matsapha, Siteki, Nhlanguano and Pigg's Peak.

During a meeting with industry captains SRA Commissioner General Dumisani Masilela said the authority promotes volun-

tary compliance other than enforcement and further urged taxpayers to respect the due dates as they were stipulated in the legislation which they administer.

He said tax compliance includes registration (income tax and value added tax), timeous and proper submission of returns (pay as you earn, income tax, and value added tax), payment of all taxes due, and correct declaration of all goods on importation to the country.

Masilela said they even want to build their records in a way that would enable them to segment taxpayers.

"Submissions must be on time as they also set timelines and have other administration duties," he said.

MTN, TECHNOSERVE ASSESS SEED CAPITAL BENEFICIARIES

● The MTN Foundation sponsored TechnoServe with E300 000 towards implementing a one-year seed capital challenge aimed at facilitating the start-up of youth owned businesses

By Manqoba Makhubu

LAST week, the MTN Foundation and Technoserve officials visited five out of the 20 seed capital beneficiaries to assess their progress.

In March 2016, MTN Foundation, in partnership with Technoserve Swaziland, launched a seed capital challenge aimed at funding and promoting SME businesses in Swaziland.

The MTN Foundation sponsored TechnoServe with E300 000 towards implementing a one-year seed capital challenge aimed at facilitating the start-up of youth owned businesses.

According to statement sent by the company last week, the MTN Foundation alongside Technoserve officials embarked on site visits where the team got an opportunity to assess five of the 30 up and running businesses and to evaluate how business operations were going.

The first stop was a mobile money business operating under the trade name 'Sunshine Mobile Money.'

Tanele Dlamini, a beneficiary of the MTN My Business My Future sponsorship said the seed capital went a long way in establishing a thriving business.

She reportedly utilised the capital to replenish and increase her mobile money stock such that she presently no longer runs out of stock.

Moreover, she said that her business



ONE OF THEM: Poultry farming is one of the projects usually undertaken by the youth, courtesy of the MTN Business, My Future seed capital challenge in conjunction with Technoserve.

has passed the break-even stage even as she is now earning high commission from the mobile money business.

Funds

"With this commission, she has reinvested the funds to grow her beauty and cosmetics business as she is now selling Avon, Justine and Tupperware products," said the statement.

She thanked MTN Foundation for such an initiative that has given her a livelihood. She further thanked Technoserve for the mentorship and continuous training.

The second SME visited was an Information and IT Resource Centre owned by Ncamiso Nhleko.

Upon successfully applying for funding from the MTN My Business My Future seed capital challenge, he

opened his IT resource center that provides internet services, printing, typing and computer literacy classes. He used the funding to procure computers, software, a printer and teaching manuals to be used in his computer school. The funds have also been helpful in marketing and advertising his business and services within the community.

Business

The third business visited was a broiler chicken production business owned by Philani Vilakati.

After realising that his friends were headed down self-destructive path of alcohol and drug abuse, Philani opted to invest in his dreams of becoming a successful businessman.

The MTN My Business My Future Challenge gave him a launch pad to realising his dreams. With the funds he received from the competition, Philani managed to build a chicken shed all by himself (with his bare hands), without the support of his family and friends.

"When I approached my friends to help me with the construction of the shed, they all deserted me and refused to assist. That is when reality struck. I had to learn not to bank my hopes on fickle friendships. I had to look within myself, work hard and not give up on my dreams," he reportedly said. After completing his chicken shed that houses 100 broilers, he further used some of the funds to buy chicken feed and cover operational costs. "Philani is excited now that his chickens are ready for the market, and that his business is completing its first production cycle,"

said the statement.

He thanked MTN Foundation and Technoserve for investing in and empowering young people.

According to the statement another one who was visited was Juliet Dlamini, whose life came to a standstill when she lost her husband; who happened to be the breadwinner in the family.

Her whole world came tumbling down as she and her daughter tried to come to terms with how they would live without the support of her husband.

"The MTN My Business, My Future seed capital challenge was a saving grace as it rescued her right in the nick of time. After making a number of attempts to run a business, and failing due to a lack of capital and funding, the MTN Foundation managed to resuscitate and keep her grocery store business afloat."

Presently, Juliet is running a general dealer that provides the rural community of Ngcamphalala with basic household items such as bread, sugar, mealie meal.

She has used the money to stock and re-stock her inventories and she is happy at the high frequency at which her stock is moving. The fifth business visited this past week is a piggery owned by Buyisile Bhembé.

Buyisile used the funds she won from the challenge to establish a commercial scale piggery and bought a number of piglets. She also utilised the funds to purchase feed and medical supplies. She is excited at this point because her pigs are four months old and will be sold-off to the market at a profit.

FDI down by E290 million

Stories by Linda Dlamini

FOREIGN direct investment (FDI) in Swaziland recorded a net outflow of E290 million in the first quarter of 2016.

The Central Bank of Swaziland Recent Economic Development Report said this was because FDI was buoyed by a contraction in reinvested earnings during the quarter.

"Reinvested earnings posted a net outflow of E353.4 million, a turnaround from the net inflow of E615.1 million in the last quarter of the previous year.

Other capital liabilities (loans and trade credits) registered a net inflow amounting to E145.3 million by the end of the first quarter from a net outflow of E2.2 million in the previous quarter.

Portfolio investments recorded a subdued net outflow of E611.7 million in the quarter under review against an outflow of E1.4 billion in the previous quarter, owing to net outflows recorded in both equity and debt securities assets that are held in South African money markets," reads the report as part.

The CBS said the net outflow of equity securities assets amounted to E509.6 million,

down from a net outflow of E1.524 billion in the quarter ending December 2015.

"A turnaround in the flow of debt securities assets was observed in the quarter under review, recording a net outflow of E102.2 million from a net inflow of E79.8 million in the preceding quarter," the CBS said.

The report said government continued servicing its foreign debt obligations and making drawdowns on available loan facilities during the review quarter.

"Public and publicly guaranteed debt posted a net outflow of E76.6 million in the period ending March 2016, higher than the E48.5 million net outflow in the previous quarter," the bank said.

Meanwhile the CBS which regulates the banking industry said assets held by the banking sector registered a net outflow of E161.7 million in the review quarter, swinging from a net inflow of E409.2 million in the last quarter of 2015.

"Flows in claims held by the private sector from non-residents swayed to a net inflow of E621.8 million in March 2016, compared to a net outflow of E3.036 billion in the previous quarter," the bank said.

Government Capital Expenditure – E5.2 billion

GOVERNMENT capital expenditure has increased by 63 percent to stand at E 5.2 billion.

The Ministry of Economic Planning and Development first quarter performance report said, "in the current financial year government capital expenditure budget stands at E 5.2 billion which shows an increase from the previous year allocation of E3.2 billion."

The report notes that the ministry of public works and transport was allocated the largest slice of the capital expenditure standing at E1.4 billion.

The ministry said the current budget allocation by sector shows that 28 percent of the total budget is spent on general public services, whilst only 25 percent of the total budget is allocated towards infrastructure development.

Activity

"This means the current public investment is not properly aligned to stimulate economic activity as well as create job opportunities.

Capital investment aims to attract foreign direct investment given the infrastructural transformation and foreign and local investors to flourish.

It is imperative to continue developing the social and economic

infrastructure for favourable transportation of goods and services and for the reduction in the cost of doing business so as to accelerate economic growth and development," the ministry of economic planning and development said.

The report said the current budget has only invested two percent towards the development of the energy sector despite over reliance on imported energy from South Africa.

Importing

"If the country is importing over 90 percent of electricity from South Africa and if the investment in energy remains low, sustainability of energy supply in the country will remain a challenge," the ministry of economic planning and development lamented.

The ministry further decried the level of capital expenditure in water resources and sanitation.

"Government investment towards the development of water resources and sanitation currently stands at five percent and this level is quite small, taking account the current variability of climate and also taking account the needs for industrial water and the agriculture sector

"The ministry of economic plan-

ning has been given a budget of E1.2 billion for capital expenditure," reads the report as part.

The report said the sources of funding for the capital expenditure came from local funding and grants and loans.

"Local funding is E2.8 billion while grants and loans are E2.5 billion," the report said.

Report

An examination of the report reveals that the ministry of sports, culture and youth affairs has been allocated the smallest amount at E1.7 million.

"The amount of money released from the capital expenditure budget to the various ministries currently stands at E260 million," reads the report in part.

The ministry of economic planning and development noted that this usage by the various ministries represents five percent of the total capital expenditure budget.

"The ministry of natural resources and energy, ministry of agriculture, ministry of health and ministry of education and training were allocated E518 million, E532 million, E336 million and E193 million respectively," the ministry of economic planning and development said.

ESKOM'S FIGHT AGAINST COPPER THEFT GAINS MOMENTUM

JOHANNESBURG – The crime-fighting efforts by Eskom and electricity theft partners are slowly gaining momentum and bearing fruit, the parastatal said yesterday.

Last Tuesday, at around 11pm, eight alleged thieves started digging the underground cable at the Leeuwkop Correctional Services Centre in Johannesburg, unaware that they were being monitored with the night vision equipment by an Eskom/contractor task team. Two men were nabbed and the other six fled the scene. The suspects were handed over to the Sandton South African Police Service



Eskom

(SAPS) and about 30 metres of core copper cable, two shovels, a knife, and two cellphones were seized, Eskom said in a statement.

In Rustenburg in North West, Eskom had been experiencing an increase in cable theft incidents on the Trident Line. On May 21, three alleged

thieves were spotted cutting the jumper wire. One of the suspects was apprehended. He appeared in the Rustenburg Magistrate's Court on August 22 and pleaded guilty to attempted theft and assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm. He was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, sus-

pending for five years.

Still in North West, Eskom's national contractor received information of aluminium conductors stored in a storage unit at the Klerksdorp Showgrounds. On inspection, 500kg aluminium conductors and aluminium pots were found. The store owner and two alleged accomplices were arrested. During their trial on August 24 in the Klerksdorp Magistrate's Court a plea agreement was reached and the first accused was sentenced to a fine of R3 000 or eight months' imprisonment suspended for five years, while the other two accused had the charges against them withdrawn and would be deported to Mozambique, Eskom said.

"As can be seen from the above, incidents of cable or copper theft remain a serious concern. This is indicative of organised, syndicate-driven criminal activity in the conductor theft environment, which is also experienced by other state-owned enterprises."

The fight against network equipment theft was being addressed by means of intelligence-driven investigations by the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (Hawks), which encompasses aggressive policing of the scrap metal market for stolen goods.

The courts were also taking this crime seriously and significant sentences were being handed out to perpetrators. **Fin24**



iPhone launch generates crowds, queues worldwide

SAN FRANCISCO – Apple's global iPhone launch on Friday was marked by excitement and frustration as fans queued to find scarce models of the coveted smartphone.

Scenes in Apple stores around the world on Friday were reminiscent of days before online ordering became a norm and people camped out for days to be first to get hands on the California company's iPhone 7 and 7 Plus.

Enthusiasm was peppered with disappointment due to shortages of the large-screen iPhone 7 Plus and a jet-black iPhone 7, but it was unclear if the shortages were the result of strong demand or limited supply.

"These initial sales will be gov-

erned by supply, not demand," Apple said in a released statement which noted that the company would not provide launch weekend sales figures.

Investors evidently weren't certain of what to make of the launch as well, with Apple shares down about a half-percent to \$114.92 at the close of trading on the Nasdaq exchange.

BTIG research said in a note to investors that, despite a lack of lines, analysts there expected iPhone sales in the final quarter of this year to grow 3.6 percent to 77.5 million.

At the Apple Store in the Georgetown district of the US capital Washington, dozens of consumers were still waiting in line hours after the store opening

to get the new handsets.

"I tried to order it online, but I would have had to wait five to six weeks, so standing in queue was the only option," said Naval Chopra, who was visiting from India at the time of the launch and joined the waiting group at 5:30 am for an iPhone 7.

"If you're an Apple fan, there is something special about getting the new phone on the launch day."

'Essential part of life'

Washington resident Isaac Combs said he had been hoping to get the large-screen iPhone 7 Plus but learned on arrival they were sold out. Still, he opted for the iPhone 7, despite the smaller display.

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Coffee tops the work want list

JOHANNESBURG – We all know what irritates us about the office, but now a survey of 12 000 workers has revealed that coffee is more important than safety.

In addition, loud colleagues are top of the list of annoyances, and the social aspect of work tops the list of likes.

Richard Andrews, MD of Inspiration Office, an Africa-wide office space and furniture consultancy with offices in Johannesburg and

Cape Town, says the company's poll threw up some surprising findings.

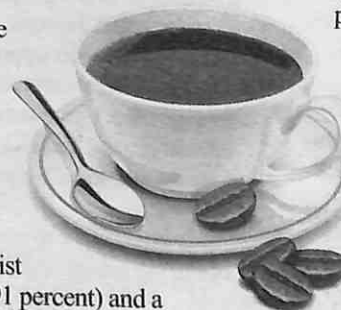
"We asked people what was the most important thing for them in the workplace and 95 percent said access to good tea and coffee.

"This topped the list ahead of security (91 percent) and a

healthy environment (87 percent) of what South African see as most important in the workplace."

Rounding out the most important things was natural light (85 percent), greenery (71 percent), canteens (65 percent) and comfortable chairs (52 percent).

"Essentially it's all the smaller things that people really need to be happy in the workplace," says Andrews.



'Slow grower SA' still has a chance

CAPE TOWN – South Africa is one of four countries categorised by the McKinsey Global Institute as a "slow grower".

South Africa and three other countries – Libya, Egypt and Tunisia, countries that were all affected by the Arab Spring – together grew at 1.3 percent per year between 2010 and 2015. This is 1.6 percentage points lower than the 2.9 percent a year global average over the same period.

In its report, titled Realising the potential of Africa's economies, the McKinsey report said South Africa is experiencing low growth and high unemployment despite promising opportunities that could spur development.

There is no doubt that Africa's overall growth performance of 3.3 percent between 2010 and 2015 has been dragged down in recent years by a sharp slowdown in particular economies, the report said.

"The economies of Egypt, Libya, and Tunisia were badly affected by the political turmoil of the Arab Spring, and Africa's oil exporters were left vulnerable to the decline in oil prices."

The report noted that some economies have weathered the economic storms better than others. But in South Africa growth lagged behind the rest of sub-Saharan Africa in recent years.

Despite being a "slow grower" South Africa featured among the top countries as far as manufacturing output is concerned.

The continent's total manufacturing output was worth around \$500bn of which the vast majority was focused in five countries – South Africa, Egypt, Morocco, Nigeria and Tunisia.

South Africa was also named as one of the countries, which showed promise in the area of global innovation for local markets. The country's automotive sector, for example, added nearly \$5bn in incremental revenue between 2010 and 2015.

Rob Davies, Minister of Trade and Industry is on record saying South Africa continues to attract large investments with leading global companies which are particularly interested in South Africa's automotive manufacturing sector.

According to the report there are significant opportunities for South Africa in agro-processing, service exports and manufacturing.

Consumer confidence and spending in South Africa have also taken a dip in recent years. Consumption fell from 3.1 percent a year in 2010 to 2014 to 1.6 percent between 2014 and 2015, while South Africa's share of household consumption is expected to decrease from 15 percent in 2005 to 12 percent in 2025.

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"It is disconcerting that some 18 months after the end of the financial year and some 12 months after the due date for the report, the auditors only now raise 'technical difficulties'."

We suspect that the auditors will be looking at the anti-competitive claims lodged by Nationwide and Comair airlines that are likely to cost SAA more than R1.1-billion and have not been adequately provided for. These would increase the losses of R4.67-billion to some R6-billion or more."

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The poll also quizzed people on their biggest annoyances at the workplace.

Top of the list was loud colleagues, followed by colleagues who "smelled up the place" by eating lunch at the desk.

Third was 'unbearable bosses.' "It seems as many offices move to open plan design, the trend of squeezing more people into less space has brought workers in closer proximity to each other. There is nowhere to hide from other people's habits."

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Africa News

HUNDREDS ARRESTED IN ZIM PROTEST

HARARE – Over 100 people, including four members of parliament, were arrested in anti-government demonstrations in Harare and other towns in Zimbabwe on Saturday.

An opposition MP from the Movement for Democratic Change, who represents a poor Harare suburb, was not only in detention but had also been badly beaten up, MDC vice president Nelson Chamisa said. Fanni Mungengami, MP for Harare's Glen View North constituency, was beaten up by riot police on Saturday when he took part in a demonstration protesting against current electoral laws and practices by the Zimbabwe Election

Commission. "He cannot sit down, he is in great pain," Chamisa said. In eastern Zimbabwe, police arrested local MP Trevor Saruwaka. Rowena Bunjira, MP for Sunningdale in Harare, and Senator Lilian Timevous were arrested in the small town of Zvishavane in central Zimbabwe.

"More than 100 people were arrested at demonstrations today [Saturday] and we are still getting information so the final figure may be higher," Chamisa said. He said later that about 20 more people had been arrested in Gwanda in the Matabeleland South province late on Saturday. Last Friday police banned all



DOWN IN THE DIRT: Zimbabwe police arresting some of the protestors.

demonstrations in Harare, but a coalition of opposition parties said they would continue to

demonstrate in various constituencies on Saturday. *Africa News Agency*

Egypt freezes assets of human rights defenders, NGOs

CAIRO – An Egyptian court froze assets of five prominent human rights defenders and three non-governmental organisations on Saturday, provoking fears of an intensified crackdown on civil society.

They had been under renewed investigation for allegedly receiving foreign funds in a case that stretches back to 2011 and had caused a diplomatic crisis between Washington and Cairo.

Rights groups quickly denounced the decision, with Amnesty International calling it "a shameful ploy to silence human rights activism".

The rights activists are Hossam Bahgat, who founded the leading Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights NGO, Gamal Eid, Bahey el-Din Hassan, Mostafa al-Hassan and Abdel Hafez al-Tayel.

The NGOs are Bahey el-Din Hassan's Cairo Institute

for Human Rights Studies, Mostafa al-Hassan's Hisham Mubarak Law Centre and the Egyptian Centre for the Right to Education.

The court's decision is a "reprehensible blow to Egypt's human rights movement", the London-based Amnesty said in a statement. "These individuals may subsequently face prosecution and prison terms of up to life, equivalent to 25 years in Egypt."

New York-based Human Rights Watch also criticised the decision.

"Egyptian authorities are single-mindedly pushing for the elimination of the country's most prominent independent human rights defenders," it quoted its Middle East director Sarah Leah Whitson as saying in a statement.

In 2011, Egypt provoked international condemnation when it raided Egyptian and Western NGOs in Cairo on

suspicion of illegal financing, including the US National Democratic Institute and the International Republican Institute.

Police also sought to arrest NGO staff members at the time, forcing 13 foreigners including six Americans to take refuge at the US embassy in Cairo until the Egyptian authorities relented and allowed them to leave Egypt. Saturday's decision came ahead of a visit by President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, a former army chief whose government is accused by rights groups of violations, to New York for United Nations General Assembly on September 20.

The initial probe into foreign funding had been launched amid a crackdown against civil society groups following the 18-day uprising that ousted president Hosni Mubarak in early 2011 and left the military in charge.



Disgruntled ZANU-PF youths threaten to join MDC anti-corruption march

HARARE – Disgruntled youths from Zimbabwe's ruling ZANU-PF party have reportedly threatened to join a march against corruption, organised by the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) on Wednesday next week.

According to NewsDay, the youths were unhappy over the manner in which Local Government Minister Saviour Kasukuwere handled the stands dispute at Ushewokunze Housing Co-operative in Harare.

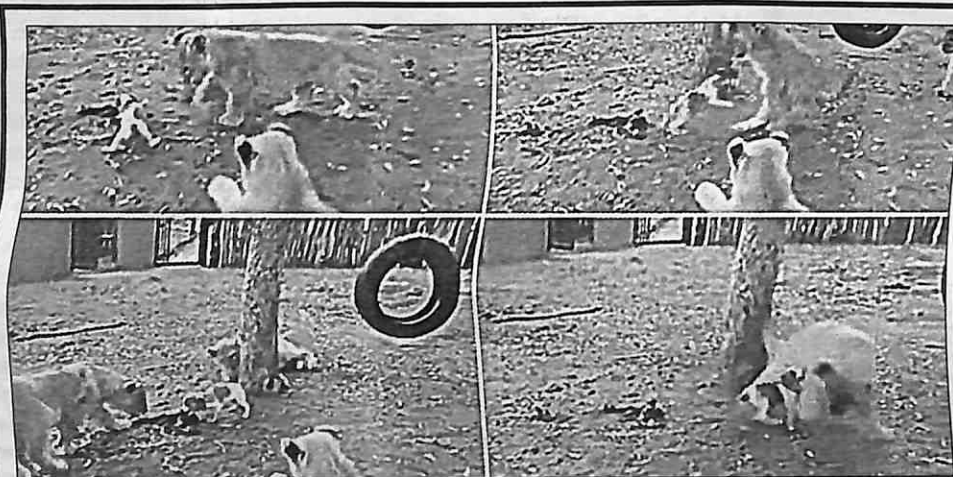
An unidentified Zanu-PF youth said that they had had enough of corrupt ZANU-PF leaders.

This came a few days after President Robert Mugabe reportedly grilled Kasukuwere over the allegations that he allocated land meant for youths to his cronies, including a famous prophet, Walter Magaya.

"We are fed up with this corruption. ZANU-PF leaders have become land barons. They go around the country claiming that the land belongs to youths, yet they are feeding themselves. It's now time for bhora musango (siding with the enemy)," said a ZANU PF youth, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The September 21 demonstration was organised by the MDC in a bid to force Mugabe to oust Kasukuwere.

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GO PICK ON SOMEONE YOUR OWN SIZE: A funny video clip shows a tiny dog scaring off three lion cubs who try to take its food. As the felines approach in the footage, the pooch barks and charges at them - and the big cats retreat. The video didn't mention where the 'food fight' between the animals took place.

BRIEFS

S Sudan challenges watchdog's report

AWEIL – South Sudan's government is challenging a new report by a US-based watchdog group that says the country's leaders have amassed wealth abroad amid a conflict in which tens of thousands have been killed.

A spokesperson for President Salva Kiir says the allegations by The Sentry report "can only jeopardise the pursuit of peace and stability in my country where mutual distrust and lack of authority are key factors of violence".

AP

TNT traces on EgyptAir plane debris

PARIS/CAIRO – French investigators who found trace levels of the explosive material TNT on debris of an EgyptAir plane that crashed in May were prevented from further examining it, Le Figaro reported, a charge Egyptian officials denied.

The origin of the traces remains unclear and Egyptian judicial authorities did not allow French investigators to examine the debris in detail, Le Figaro said, citing a source close to the investigation.

Voting maybe delayed in DRC

KINSHASA – Democratic Republic of Congo's electoral commission has filed an election postponement request to the constitutional court, formally confirming that the November 27 date for the presidential vote will be missed. Commission president Corneille Nangaa said the commission filed the request on Saturday because voter lists will not be ready for the September 20 start of the election period. AP



Reuters 16 DR Congo activists arrested

KINSHASA – At least 16 DR Congo opposition activists have been detained in Kinshasa after a meeting to discuss how to stop President Joseph Kabila illegally prolonging his stay in power, the UN said.

At least 16 people were arrested between yesterday and this morning after a meeting on respect for constitution and hand over of power," Jose-Maria Aranaz, of the UN's human rights office in DR Congo, told AFP.

AFP

Police barrack destroyed

LAGOS – A fire on Friday razed a police barrack in Nigeria's largest city and commercial hub, injuring one person and once again exposing the abysmal living conditions in the megapolis of 20 million. "It took the fire service more than one hour before they responded to our distress call," Inspector Mike, a resident of the Ijeh police barrack told AFP. "By the time they came, the fire has reduced everything into a rubble," the inspector said. AFP

Focus on SA scene

EFF SETS UP EARLY ELECTION MACHINERY

JOHANNESBURG - The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) is setting up a permanent elections unit to maximise its chances of wresting control from the ANC in 2019.

The red berets also intend to train party agents two years in advance and contest all by-elections as part of this unit, which is scheduled to be launched next month.

"We have taken decisions to rebuild our structures," said EFF Secretary-General Godrich Gardee. We will be setting up a permanent elections unit run by the commander in chief [Julius Malema], and an additional five or six people will be employed. We are going to contest all by-elections. We will be in perpetual election mode.

"We will start by training party agents. We will also be doing door-to-door visits. We will be primed so that, even if they call for elections, we are ready to go."



REBUILDING: EFF Secretary-General Godrich Gardee.

The decision to establish the unit comes amid an internal revolt over the leadership's surprise decision to disband some EFF structures. The decision gave rise to increased accusations against Malema and his executives for being "dictators" - following criticism by EFF members against the leadership's decision to deduct 50% of councillor salaries for the first three months

to service costs incurred during the recent municipal polls.

Speaking to City Press this week, Gardee defended decisions taken by the party's central command team early this month as it assessed its performance in the August local government elections. Malema and his executive decided to disband provincial command teams in KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape.

They also resolved that teams in the North West and Gauteng would hold early conferences.

Gardee said this did not mean the party was run dictatorially, as claimed by disgruntled members. He added that these claims were nothing new and the party was able to explain all decisions it had taken. Speaking on condition of anonymity, some councillors told City Press they were unhappy with the 50% salary deduction as they had financial commitments and had left jobs to become councillors. But Gardee was unmoved.

"People were told long time ago: 'You will never have two jobs in the EFF.' So, whether they were working or not is neither here nor there. The cost of elections must be settled. The revolution is self-funding, so they will pay the 50% [for three months]. Thereafter, they will pay 10%," he said.

The conversation

Tutu back in hospital but 'in good spirits'

JOHANNESBURG - Leah Tutu was by her husband Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu's side when he returned to a Cape Town hospital yesterday, following surgery last week.

The family's spokesperson, Roger Friedman, said Tutu (84) was readmitted as a precaution after his surgical wound "had shown signs of infection".

A source close to the family told City Press that Leah and other family members were with the struggle icon and Nobel peace



prize winner as he continued his recovery, and that despite the health scare he was in good spirits. The archbishop underwent the surgical procedure 10 days ago to address the cause of recurring infections resulting from past treatment received for prostate cancer. "The family is very grateful for the ongoing prayers and support," said Friedman. *city press*

Home Affairs on lookout for gay bashing US pastor's associates

JOHANNESBURG - Home Affairs is on the lookout for associates of US pastor Steven Anderson who are trying to enter the country.

Over a dozen members of his church have been placed on a watch list after the gay bashing pastor was banned from entering South Africa.

Three people on the list have now tried to catch flights into the country.

The church's delegation is believed to have been trying to catch a connecting flight to Botswana via South Africa where they are set to have a church service in Tlokweng yesterday.

"We have been working with our immigration team," Home Affairs spokesperson Mayihlome Tshwete said.

"We have certain names that are in our system of people being prevented coming into the country. One in Zurich, one in South Africa. One turned back in Zurich and one turned back in South Africa. We've

also heard of a third person trying to make his way to South Africa.

"He will receive the same treatment as his associates." Last week Home Affairs Minister Malusi Gigaba banned Anderson and his entourage from South Africa, describing them as undesirable persons.

Initially, the Home Affairs Department had said that it

would be attaching "serious conditions" to him upon entry to South Africa.

However, a video rant, where he personally attacked Gigaba and called South Africans who disagreed with his views "sodomites" was the last

straw. On Saturday, his wife Zsuzsanna confirmed via video that most of the church's delegation led by Anderson had arrived in Botswana.

She has asked church members to "help heap coals of fire on Minister Gigaba's head for trying to stop the spread of the gospel".

eNCA



BANNED: US pastor Steven Anderson.

Madonsela, Zuma heading for one final and mighty showdown

JOHANNESBURG - Thuli Madonsela is going all out to complete her latest probe into the president before she packs up her desk in October.

This time she is probing Zuma for allegedly allowing the Gupta family to influence his appointment of cabinet ministers and heads of state-owned entities.

A month before she is due to vacate her office, Madonsela this week confirmed she had written to Zuma informing him of her investigation into him breaching the executive code of conduct - for the third time.

To build her case against Zuma, Madonsela has set out to interview no fewer than 23 top officials and members of Zuma's cabinet, among them seven ministers, a deputy minister and a former MP.

This week she interviewed Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan, asking him to provide any evidence he had of the Gupta family's influence on his cabinet colleagues.

Other people Madonsela has interviewed include Gordhan's deputy Mcebisi Jonas; former minister of public enterprises Barbara Hogan; former ANC MP Vytjie Mentor; former finance minister Nhlanhla Nene and former cabinet spokesman Themba Maseko.

She also intends interviewing former transport minister Ben Martins and Energy Minister Tina Joemat-Pettersson.

"Partly the reason we subpoenaed them is because they shouldn't be seen as sell-outs but as law-abiding citizens who are complying with the lawful order from an authorised insti-



BRING IT ON: South African President Jacob Zuma and Thuli Madonsela.

tution," she said.

The Sunday Times understands that former South African Revenue Service acting head Ivan Pillay and other former top government officials have also been interviewed. In addition, Madonsela has also invited Mineral Resources Minister Mosebenzi Zwane, Co-operative Governance Minister David van Rooyen, Home Affairs Minister Malusi Gigaba and Trade and Industry Minister Rob Davies, as well as Public Enterprises Minister Lynne Brown to be interviewed.

This week the cabinet agreed to hand over minutes to Madonsela's office. She wants to go through the minutes to establish how decisions are taken, especially in relation to the appointment of board members of state-owned companies.

She is determined to finish the investigation before her term ends on October 15. Insiders said a preliminary report could be ready a day

before she leaves office.

This latest investigation comes as Zuma remains under fire from within his organisation following the party's dismal performance in last month's local government elections.

The outcome of the investigation could strengthen calls for his early departure as it could cause further damage to the already dented image of the ANC ahead of the 2019 general election.

So far, the leaders who have complied with Madonsela's request are those known to be opposed to Zuma's continued stay in the Union Buildings.

The majority of those who have given evidence to Madonsela - with the exception of Maseko - shunned the ANC investigation headed by party secretary-general Gwede Mantashe into state capture and the influence the Gupta family has on the party.

Sunday Times

WOMAN USES DISABLED MUGGING VICTIM 'TO GET ON BIG BROTHER'

THE woman who raised £330 000 to help disabled mugging victim Alan Barnes is being threatened with legal action by a PR firm over an unpaid publicity bill.

Katie Cutler has been left almost £7 000 in debt after helping raise cash for 68-year-old Mr Barnes, who was mugged outside his home last year.

Now Claire Barber, who runs the PR firm hired by Ms Cutler for publicity, claims the 23-year-old beautician 'wanted to raise her own profile' and go on Big Brother.

Miss Cutler set up an internet appeal to help Mr Barnes, who is just 4ft 6in (1.37metres), and registered blind, after he suffered a broken collarbone when he was pushed over while putting his bins out in Low Fell, Gateshead.

Claire Barber, CEO of Claire Barber PR, claims she was commissioned at £550-a-day after the fundraising efforts for Mr Barnes.

She said: "At that point Katie had a very busy beauty salon to run and wanted to maximise her profile. There was no charity."

However Miss Cutler denied the allegations and said the situation had 'become a mess', adding she never wanted to become famous and could not afford to pay PR fees out of her own pocket.

Miss Cutler, who received a British Empire Medal for her charity work in last year's Queen's Birthday Honours, said she has been given until September 20 to pay the disputed debt or face court.

Well-wishers have now set up another Go Fund Me page titled, 'Pay off Katie Cutler's PR Bill' so far raising some £1 000 towards



RAISING: Katie Cutler raised £330 000 for Alan Barnes. She is now being chased over a £7 000 PR bill. (Daily Mail)

her fees.

She is disputing the £7 700 bill, of which she has paid £1 500: "The majority of things in the bill had nothing to do with me or were given for free."

"When Alan's attacker was sentenced, the PR arranged a press conference with tea and coffee and she has charged me for that."

"I was invited to go to This Morning in London and Claire charged me for her trip to London. Things like that - I could go on."

"My website and Facebook page were built up by a company free of charge. They got nothing out of it but she has charged me for it."

"That is what I am disputing. It's not a case of not wanting to pay, it's a lot of money and I don't have it. The agreement was she would get paid when a charitable foundation was set up."

"At no point did we agree that I would have to pay out of my own pocket. There was no way in a million years I would have that sort of money."

"I was put under pressure. £7 700 doesn't seem that much but it was over 14 days."

But Ms Barber told The Sun: "She mentioned getting her on Celebrity Big Brother and making her a celebrity."

She added she has since received threats from people calling her a 'greedy rat', and hoping she would 'break both legs'.

She said: "Katie Cutler employed Claire Barber PR to handle her PR in March 2015."

"Katie made two payments in June 2015, then proceeded to write all over social media her shock at getting our bill (which was agreed prior to any work undertaken).

"At this point we offered her a payment plan, but she wouldn't respond to anything."

"As a small family business with an impeccable reputation and after over a year and still no payment, we had no choice but to go to the small claims court."

"Katie didn't respond with any defence to the small claims court either other than acknowledgement of papers. We are a small, hard working company and we are simply not able to carry this debt."

"We are incredibly shocked with the way Katie has belittled our hard work and devotion to the four-month project that Katie commissioned us for."

In the months after the mugging, Mr Barnes - who offered £10 towards Miss Cutler's fees - got a 'calling from God' to move to the Shetland Islands. But he decided to



APPEAL: Miss Cutler set up an internet appeal to help Mr Barnes, who is just 4ft 6in (1.37 metres) and registered blind, after he suffered a broken collarbone when he was attacked.



SURVIVAL STUNTS: The 23-year-old who has refuted the allegations, said the situation had 'become a mess', adding she could not afford to pay PR fees out of her own pocket.

stay put and is now looking for another home in the Gateshead area. His attacker, Richard Gatiss, of Split Crow Road in Gateshead, was jailed for four years after admitting assault with intent to rob.

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BRIEFS

Tourists flood China

HAINING - Thousands of tourists gathered in Haining City of east China's Zhejiang Province to appreciate the world's largest tidal bore at the Qiantang River around the traditional Mid Autumn Festival holiday from Thursday to Saturday. The Qiantang River tidal bore is a world-renowned natural phenomenon known for its momentum and charm caused by the gravitational pull of the moon.

AP

Trial spotlights conflicts with mentally ill

ALBUQUERQUE - Officers spent hours calling for a homeless man gripped by a range of delusions to drop his knives, abandon his campsite and walk down the rocky slope with them. But James Boyd stayed put, shouting about a made-up "matter of national security" and a mission for the Department of Defence. In short bursts of outrage, he yelled threats at officers. At another point, he offered them gum.

AP

Turkmenistan opens bird-shaped airport

ASHGABAT - Turkmenistan's President Gurbanguly Berdimukhamedov on Saturday hailed his country's "solid transit potential" as he unveiled an international airport worth over \$2 billion (R29-billion) in the capital Ashgabat. Berdimukhamedov said the new airport's two passenger terminals would have the capacity to serve 17 million passengers a year while the freight terminal could handle 200 000 tons of freight annually.



Mercy killing of minor in Belgium reported

BRUSSELS - A terminally ill child has become the first minor to be euthanised in Belgium since age restrictions on such mercy killings in the country were lifted in 2014, a newspaper reported on Saturday. The head of the federal euthanasia commission gave no details of the minor beyond saying it was an exceptional case of a child with a terminal illness, the *Het Nieuwsblad* reported. "Fortunately there are very few children who are considered (for euthanasia) but that does not mean we should refuse them the right to a dignified death," Wim Distelmans told the newspaper.

AFP

Police, civilian in shooting spree

PHILADELPHIA - Two police officers and four civilians were wounded on Friday during a shooting spree in Philadelphia where the suspect was later killed by responding officers, police said. Sergeant Sylvia Young, a 19-year veteran of the department, was shot at least eight times by an approaching gunman as she sat in her vehicle late at night, Philadelphia Police Commissioner Richard Ross said. "He just walks up on her ... he just fired. He didn't say anything," Ross told a news conference, noting that the suspect fired about 15 rounds into Young's vehicle.

Reuters



TRUMP GLOSSES OVER PAST ACTIONS

WASHINGTON - With each scripted speech, shift in policy and an attempt to whitewash his past behaviour, Donald Trump is brazenly betting that voters now settling on their choice for president are willing to shove aside all that came before his late-in-the-campaign recalibration.

It's a deeply uncertain proposition given Trump's staggeringly negative standing with most Americans.

Polls show more than half believe the Republican nominee is unqualified to be president and is biased against women and minorities. But his strategy doesn't require moving huge segments of the electorate. Seven weeks from the November 8 election and with absentee ballots already available in a few states, Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton are fighting for a small sliver of undecided voters who, in many cases, simply can't stomach either. "What these candidates are

trying to convince the voters of is, 'I'm not as bad as the other one,'" said Neil Newhouse, a Republican pollster.

In recent weeks, Trump's attempts to make that case have sometimes left him looking like a candidate with little resemblance to the one who stunned the Republican Party during the primaries. He now largely reads speeches off teleprompters despite casting aspersions on other politicians for relying on the devices. He's rolled out proposals on policies in which he's shown no previous interest, including child care and paid family leave. And he's made overtures to minorities, including blacks and Hispanics, groups with whom he has minimal support. Trump's latest attempt to persuade voters that he's the lesser of two evils came last Friday, when he abruptly reversed course on his lie that President Barack Obama was not born in the United States. Trump's role as



SMOOTH OPERATOR:
Donald Trump.

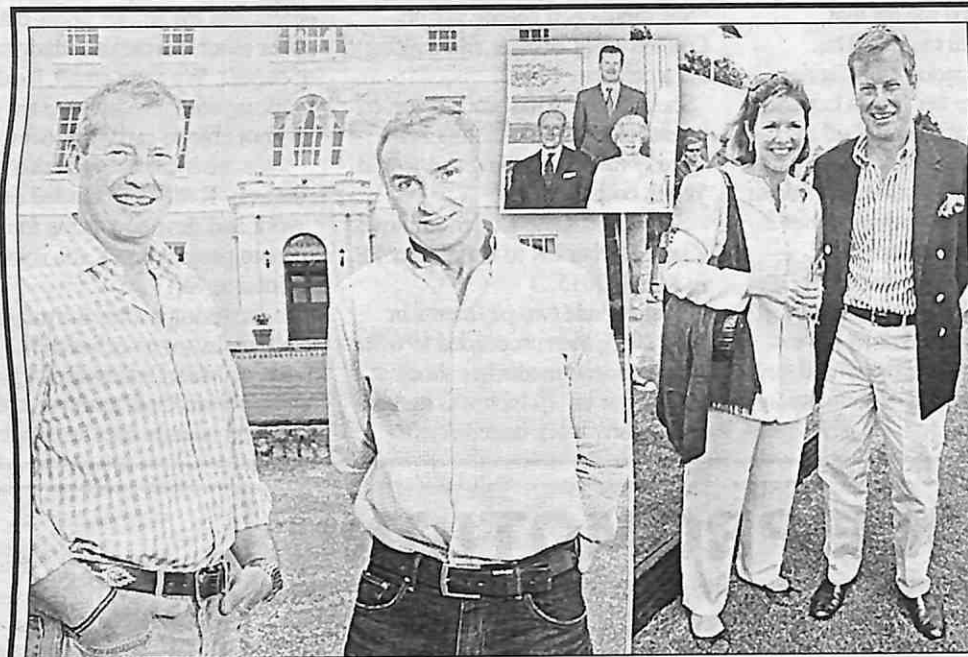
chief promoter of the conspiracy theory about the nation's first black president has left him with almost no support among African-Americans and has turned off moderates who bristle at its racist undertones. Trump's newfound acceptance of Obama's birthplace seems unlikely to sway many of those voters. He offered no apology for pushing the false-

hood for years and instead said the rumours originated with Clinton, another inaccurate claim.

"Despite what his campaign strategists told him to say today, I think he still believes that the president wasn't born in America," said Dan Pfeiffer, a former Obama adviser who was tasked with releasing the president's long-form birth certificate to reporters in 2011.

Clinton advisers say their data show no fundamental shift in the public's perception of Trump, despite preference polls that are tightening nationally and in some battleground states. They believe a summer spent blasting the airwaves with television ads highlighting Trump's bellicose behaviour and questionable business practices, as well as a series of sharply critical speeches from Clinton, have largely cemented voters' negative view of the real estate mogul and made it impossible for his pivot to take hold.

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GAY BUT NOT 100% COMFORTABLE: Lord Ivar Mountbatten (left) a cousin to the Queen, 53, with boyfriend James Coyle outside Bridwell Park last week. Mountbatten is also a godfather to Prince Edward's eldest child. (Daily Mail)

8 people taken to hospital after US mall stabbings

St Cloud - At least eight people were taken to a hospital with injuries after a stabbing attack at a Minnesota shopping mall on Saturday evening which ended with the suspected attacker dead inside the mall.

St. Cloud Hospital Communications Specialist Chris Nelson told the St. Cloud Times that of the eight people brought there, seven had injuries that were not life-threatening. No further details were released.

Police Sgt. Jason Burke said the mall remains on lockdown.

"The individual we believe to be responsible for the victims' stab wounds is currently deceased inside the mall," Burke said in a statement. He did not say how the suspect died.

Harley and Tama Exsted of Isle, Minnesota, who were in St. Cloud to watch their son play in a college golf tournament, were in the mall when the incident occurred.

"All of a sudden I heard

pop pop pop," Harley Exsted told the St. Cloud Times. "I thought someone tipped over a shelf. All of a sudden these people started running. I just saw everybody running our way." There also were reports of some shots fired during the attack. The couple were unharmed and said they helped another woman who was running from the scene to her car.

St. Cloud is about 112.65km northwest of Minneapolis.

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Dozens dead after typhoon lashes eastern China

BEIJING - The strongest typhoon to hit China this year has left 28 people dead and 15 others missing in the east of the country.

Typhoon Meranti made landfall early last Thursday in Fujian province after winds and rains associated with it pounded Taiwan, leaving one person dead and more than 50 injured.

Authorities in Fujian said on Saturday that the typhoon had left 18 people dead and 11 missing, damaged more than 18 300 houses and caused direct economic losses of more than 16.9bn yuan (\$2.5bn).

Authorities in neighbouring Zhejiang province say that 10 people died and four remained unaccounted for following landslides and flash floods in rural areas.

Taiwan saw wind and rain from a second typhoon, Malakas, that caused no apparent deaths. That typhoon was also forecast to bring more storms and rains to Zhejiang and Fujian.

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RHYMES, LAUGHTER SEASON 2 BLAZING

Stories by Nomfundo Sifundza

THE MTN Rhymes and Laughter concept has officially rolled out its second season, with the first episode taking place last Thursday at the UNISWA Multi Purpose Hall.

The project pioneered by well experienced men in the art industry was introduced into the entertainment scene last year by a group of four artistic men and later on secured Swazi MTN as the title sponsor.

The phenomenal concept made its come back this year with season two which would be divided into two phases, the first phase being a campus tour, the first campus to experience the new magic of the MTN Rhymes and Laughter this year was UNISWA Kwaluseni campus where rappers and comedians outdid themselves.

The show started off at exactly 7pm with DJ Karly B of Platinum Sounds playing through until 8pm when upcoming rapper and T55 Top 5 finalist C2K delivered three of his songs which had students dancing from the onset.

The country's leading comedian, 'Mdura' then followed on stage and as usual he had everyone in stitches. His first and by far the joke of the night was when he poked fun at Sand's new video of the hit song 'Vuma'.

The comedian said he did not understand why Sands had to go typical love story telling and shoot the video by a river as the meaning of the river is not clearly understood because even some gospel artists shoot their music by a river whereas the meaning of the song is outwardly irrelevant to the scene.

Mdura went on to tell the funniest tale of how South Africa's Somizi Mhlongo seemed to have been born gay, dating back to his character on the movie Sarafina.

On the rhymes, part of the nights menu; artists such as Switch, Moyanic and Eskay who undeniably had a large number of fans as he was welcome on stage by loud screams from the audience rendered great performances.



TALENTED: C2K performing at at the UNISWA MPH during the first episode of the MTN Rhymes and Laughter season 2. (Pics: Nomfundo Sifundza)

MTN FREEBIES A BOOST FOR STUDENTS

SWAZI MTN brought freebies to the show yet again in the form of airtime, cooler bags, T-shirts and caps.

The incentives were given to those who answered correctly to questions posed by the programme director, KrTC. The students were seen glued to their phones as KrTC recited the digits of the free airtime voucher being given away.

Surprise acts impress, except one

The first episode of the Rhymes and Laughter season two was enriched with, at least four surprise acts who all delivered splendid performances except for one comedian only identified as 'Vivi'.

Vivi who when introducing himself said he was born in Mankayane but later moved to the Republic of South Africa failed to make students laugh and had the loudest applause when he announced the end of his set. Khanyisa Bunu also from the Republic of South Africa had students laughing their lungs out as she delivered typical African jokes. The larger than life comedian who hails from the Eastern Cape said

she was just coming from a show in London which caused students to applaud her for the move but she later said "yes last week I was performing in East London and it was great" students broke into loud roars of laughter yet again. Also on the surprise performers line up was none other than hip hop craze kid, Mr Kangaroo. The slightly built rapper performed his hit song 'Sika lekhekehe' and had students dancing along. Mr Kangaroo performed before rapper, 80 Script who was feeling generous on the night as he gave away three tickets for his upcoming show to be held on September 30 at the Convention Centre.

Mount Zion Music to bring Worship House again

By Majaha Nkonyane

MOUNT Zion Music is working on plans to bring to the country multi award winning group, Worship House.

The event is scheduled for November 05 at the Mavuso Trade Centre.

This was revealed by project manager Mhlonishwa Motsa in a press briefing at Global Village in Manzini on Saturday. "The event would be a two way project that will see three Swazi Artists on October, going to Tonga South Africa to perform alongside Worship House and Rofhiwa Manyanga and the second phase would be Worship House coming to Swaziland. Motsa further revealed

that this was an intercultural exchange programme that would provide a platform for Swazi Artists and utilise local praise teams from different churches in the country. He also mentioned that Swazi artists especially in the Gospel industry need to be at a stage where they are able to provide for their families through their talents.

Workshops

Upon returning from Tonga the company would conduct regional workshops that will see praise teams being involved in workshops and preparing them for the big stage.

The selection of praise teams to participate will be through an sms voting process, with VOC FM.

The press briefing was attended by Manzini South Member of Parliament Owen Nxumalo, who also spoke briefly and thanked the initiative and the platform given to Swazi artists.

He further emphasized on how much the Gospel industry in the country needs more professionalism.

The first part of the project in Tonga will have Apostle Douglas Mahlalela as a motivational speaker.

The second phase will see other artists like Lebo Segolela and Rhoiwa Manyanga also coming to perform in Swaziland. Furthermore, the project also involves a trip to Mozambique with Linda Dlamini the company Mount Zion Music is yet to announce dates.

Matsapha Family Fun Day, too much fun

By Majaha Nkonyane

MATSAPHA Town Board hosted their first family fun day at the Police College sports ground on Saturday; the event dubbed 'Matsapha Lopholile, Live lelit-futukile' was a success.

The day was lined up with numerous activities to cater for both young and old and the line-up was gospel dominated with one Afro Soul artist, Sands. Performances rendered kept the throngs of people entertained throughout the day.

First on the line-up was Swazi Praise that ascended to the stage at 12:30-12:50pm, giving the four member group on the day with backing vocalists a 20 minute rendition. The group's set was a mixture of praise and worship which was able to draw the attention of the people scattered all over the sports field.

"The event was a huge success, it was amazing to see the community coming out in numbers. It was fascinating to see so many children playing and having fun, some of them even running behind bikers and it was a wonderful moment. We are planning to bring the event back next year with improvements and add more kids' games", Matsapha Town Board CEO Gciniwe Fakudze said.

It was more fun and games as Matsapha Town Council team played against CONCO in a 30min soccer match which saw the hosts winning the game. Immediately after the game, Nothando Hlophe climbed the stage and this got a number of people excited and

rushing to see their favourite artist.

Hlophe had a 10 minute set, her opening song was 'Amen' which was well received by the audience. She then sang 'Madi ankonyana' and was joined on stage by four year old Sethu Mlota who amazed a lot of people with her dance moves. The toddler did the same during the Joyous Celebration 20 performance at Mavuso Trade Centre earlier this year. She closed her set with 'Khulul' ugcobo' and the people showed more love as they screamed even more as she sang.

It was back to the soccer field with Matsapha ladies team against All Star Ladies, DJ Czar kept things going behind the decks meanwhile.

Linda Dlamini also gave a performance at 15:10- 15:20 and his set was well received by the excited audience. Dlamini got innovative on stage which saw him incorporating the theme of the event in his lyrics.

It was right after his set that Sabelo Shushu Sukati who was the MC for the day called onto the stage Sandziso 'Sands' Matsebula. Sands stole the show from the way he was dressed to his sterling performance.

It was screams all over the place as Sands climbed the stage at 16:06, with his formal look. He opened his set with crowd favourite Vuma and had everyone in the audience singing along. To add a cherry on top, he performed Tigi and even more people came to witness. The day was closed by Matsapha CEO who expressed her appreciation to everyone present and sponsors of the event.



DANCE MAESTRO: Young Sethu Mlota joined Nothando Hlophe on stage to dance with her during the Matsapha Family Fun Day held at Matsapha Police College sports ground. (Pic: Majaha Nkonyane)

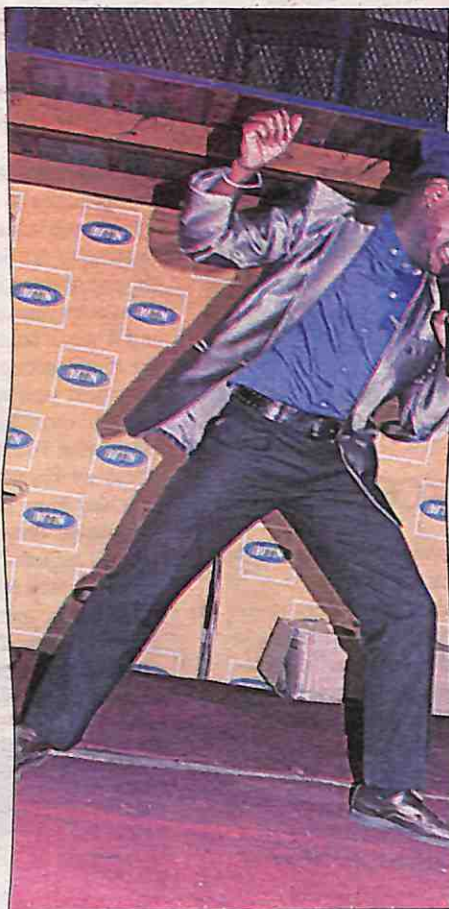
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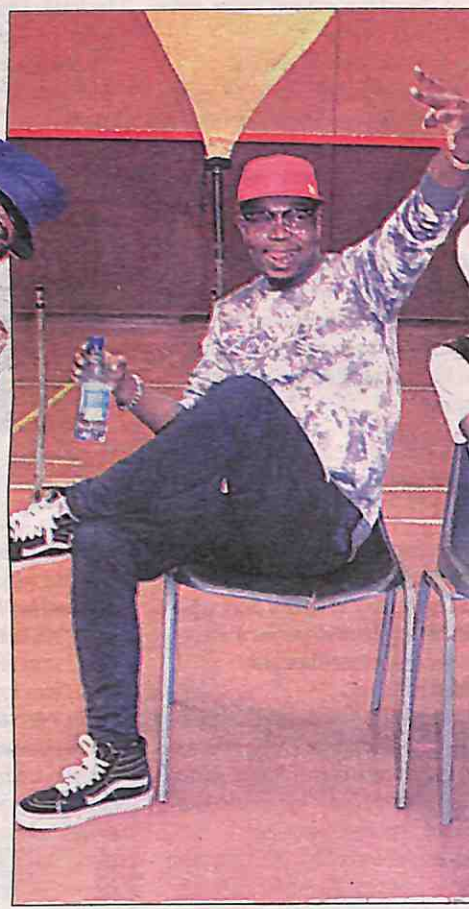
TALENTED: C2K performing at the UNISWA MPH Hall during the first episode of the MTN Rhymes and Laughter season 2. (Pics: Nomfundo Sifundza)



ON KNEES: Mdura demonstrating how the 'Crocodile' character on Sarafina died in a way that depicted gay's. He said the move was most probably choreographed by Somizi Mhlongo.



EISH: Smallz imitating his uncle after he was enraged by his missing polony in the fridge.



PEACE: Illa Pen Boy reacts to a joke about him made by Smallz during his set.

SOME OF THE JOKES

DR SHAKES

- "Due to the water shortage situation in Mbabane, even the man who is always sitting outside Ritz Supermarket has stopped asking for E1 but now he asks for water"
- "Illa Pen Boy's parents are really evil. How could they name him Sfiso yet he speaks with a lisp. So for the rest of his life he will not be able to pronounce his own name"
- "I honestly feel Police Information Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba gets paid for nothing really, all the time he appears on the news *usuke avuma umbiko*, nothing else *kepha nje uholela kuvuma umbiko*"

SMALLZ

- "I see Skhumbuzo Shongwe is here tonight, but relax ladies and gentlemen do not hide your mobile phones, he is a changed man now"
- "This is the first time I perform in my mother's presence I hope it doesn't hurt, as we all know the first time always hurts. If you do not believe me ask the ladies here they will confirm the first time always hurts"



TOO GOOD: 80 Script promoting his upcoming show on stage, the artist rendered beautiful music.



LIKE THIS: Mavaya Methula from MTN showing a student how to activate caller tunes.



CLICK: The dance masters Tribal Misfits threw revellers into a frenzy with their out of this world dance moves.



ALSO THERE: Miss Swaziland Linda Hutchinson posing with Afro soul sensation, Sands after the show. The beauty was seen laughing her lungs out during the show.



MTN RHYMES & LAUGHTER CAMPUS TOUR

ON THE NIGHT

KHANYISA

● "I fellowship at the End Times Disciples Ministries the church where we are made to eat snakes, grass and drink petrol. I do not really mind eating all those things but I'd be happier if we were at least given these foods on trays to show respect to us. Like I would really appreciate if the ushers would bring all types of petrol on a tray to me and ask me which one I would love to drink then I pick total or sasol"

● "I swear my mom is the only person who watches Generations in this whole world. It is so boring; on act we post it as 'throwback' on Thursday's on our social media pages. My mom used to be a diehard fan of the 'Khapela' character in the soapie and when he passed away my mom cried hysterically I had to comfort her and explain that it is not reality but it's a soapie and actually TV people are far from the truth so Khaphela in essence does not even exist but he is made up. So that calmed her down but the problem was when Mandela died, she thought it was the same case as Khaphela. She phoned me laughing too hard telling me how all the people in our hometown, Eastern Cape are crying because they saw on TV that Mandela died but she was trying to explain to them that TV lies a lot in fact Mandela is not even a real person but a character made by soapie producers".



PUNCHING: Students glued to their phones whilst hoping to get the free airtime voucher announced by the MC, KrTC.



CROWD FAVOURITE: Eskay performing on stage, the artist was welcomed with loud screams and whistles.



RISING STAR: Kwaito kid Nobuhle was a marvel to watch. The up and coming artist performed her hit song 'Ndofaya'.



SIKA LEKHEKHE: Kangaroo performing his song 'Sika lekhekhe'.



GOOD LAUGH: Songstress Floewe and comedian, Ndosh (standing) having a good laugh at the show, thanks to the polished jokes.



IN ACTION: DR Shakes delivered a splendid set on the night.



SMILE: Gospel singer Nothando Hlophe smiling for the camera whilst her sister Samukelisiwe pays attention to the comedian on stage.



HALLELUJAH: Switch performing his song 'Hallelujah'.



MISS FUNNY: Khanyisa from South Africa kept the students in stitches through out her set.

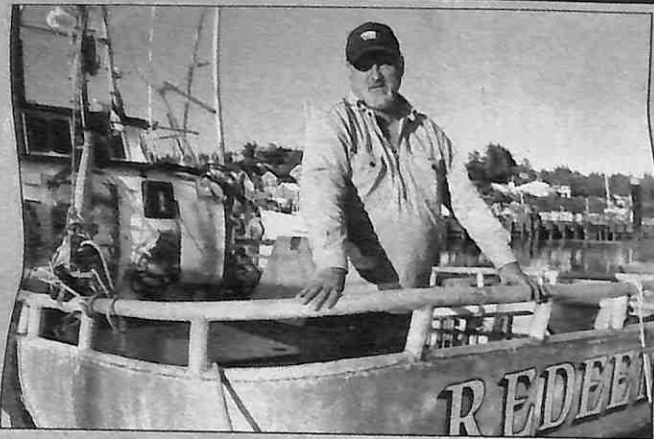


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HIGHLIGHTS



Deadliest catch
Tonight at 21:00 on Discovery Channel (121)

Award-winning show, *Deadliest Catch*, returns for its twelfth season, following the real-life drama of one of the most dangerous jobs in the world - crab fishing on the unpredictable Bering Sea.

The veteran captains are used to the challenges of one of the deadliest fisheries in the world, but there's a new generation stepping up. This series sees a new boat, *Brenna A*, with a new captain, Sean Dwyer, the show's

youngest captain yet. Jake Anderson takes his first full season at the helm of the *Saga*, breaking free of Sig Hansen's mentoring grip. Meanwhile on the *Cornelia Marie*, young skipper Josh Harris steps out of the shadows to claim his birthright on the legendary vessel once commanded by his father. With injuries, breakdowns and chaotic weather plaguing the fleet, do they have the drive and guts that it takes to become a legend?



Ridiculousness
Tonight at 21:15 on MTV (130)

The trio, and sometimes a celeb guest, watch the funniest and weirdest videos they've found on the internet, pointing out golden moments you may have missed and adding the funniest commentary on TV. It's edgy, funny,

and most importantly, timeless television! Rob, Chanel and Sterling 'do it for the vine', bust out their 3D glasses for the category '3Diculoussness' and watch some old folks slam in the 'grey games'.



Wild Australia with Ray Mears
Tomorrow at 18:00 on Nat Geo Wild (182)

Ray explores the geography, flora and fauna of six spectacular Australian landscapes: the calm waters of the Great Barrier Reef, the teeming billabongs of the Wetlands, the Eucalyptus forests of the Bush, the ancient heartland of the Rainforest, the dramatic shoreline of the Southern Coast and the scarlet sands of the red desert. In each episode Ray explores the dramatic physical geogra-

phy of the region, and its extreme weather conditions. He tracks down and identifies the key wildlife species that live there and discovers how they have adapted to the conditions. He introduces us to rare and extraordinary creatures like the tree kangaroo, the prehistoric giant Cassowary bird, the comical and bizarre duck billed platypus and the stranger still weedy sea dragon.

JESSICA NKOSI RETURNS TO OPW

AFTER her short stint on Our Perfect Wedding, holding the show down for Thembisa Mdoda, Jessica Nkosi returns as the host of Mzansi's popular wedding show.

As from Sunday 9 October 2016, the well-known actress famous for her role as Qondi on Mzansi Magic's telenovela-turned-soap-opera, *Isibaya* will be joining the show for 13 weeks.

Jessica Nkosi became the viewer's favourite after presenting a couple of episodes. She handled the show with such grace and poise.

"It is a great privilege to be part of such a huge production. Our

Perfect Wedding is the main course on Mzansi Magic's Sunday viewing and as someone who loves weddings, love, décor and beautiful things, I cannot wait to be part of this experience from the beginning, to the end," says Nkosi.

Thembisa has done such an amazing job and has had a very successful run with the show. "We are excited that Jessica Nkosi will be joining the show to usher couples to the altar but don't be shocked if you see Thembisa at your wedding as she remains part of the Mzansi Magic family," says Nondumiso Mabece, Head of PR at Mzansi Magic.



Meet first TLC Next Great Presenter finalist

TLC, in association with Colgate Optic White have revealed the first of 13 TLC Next Great Presenter semi-finalists.

Hailing from Gaborone, Botswana, 21-year-old student Tumisan Mokalake bagged the first semi-finalist spot from more than 1 500 auditions received.

"It is absolutely unreal to think that so many people from all over Africa auditioned and I made it through to the 'Lucky 13'."

It's always been a dream of mine to be on TV and when I found out that TLC was looking for a presenter, I decided to go for it!" says Tumisan.

Now, all roads lead to Cape Town for Boot Camp, as Tumisan along with 12 contestants from all over Africa aim to turn their 90-second video audition into their dream job. During the four-day Boot Camp, they will be put through their presenting paces by the judges and industry experts as they undertake screen tests, performance coaching, fashion styling, and brand and media training to see who really has what it takes to be a host on Africa's #1 lifestyle and



entertainment channel.

Tumisan says the three reasons that she should be TLC's Next Great Presenter are: "One; I understand what TLC is all about, I get the humour, plus I'm a super fan. Two; I have a face for television and three; I have the talent to back it up."

It will be down to the star-studded line-up of expert judges to choose the

Top 3 finalists at Boot Camp, which includes; radio and TV personality, Thando Thabethe; Head of Content at MultiChoice, Aletta Alberts; editor of ZALebs.com, Zee Dladla; celebrity publicist and communications strategist, Jarred Doyle and VP of Channels for Discovery Networks CEEMEA, Lee Hobbs.

Then, in the end it will be up to the TLC audience to decide who should be crowned the winner and travel to London to film the brand new series, TLC's *Most Extreme* coming to TLC Entertainment (135) in 2017.

The winner will also feature in a special once off documentary and win a luxury holiday for two courtesy of Sun International.

To find out who else made it through to the Top 13, look out for the daily semi-finalist reveal on TLC Entertainment (135) and the TLC Next Great Presenter website continuing until Sunday 18 September.

Join the conversation on Facebook at "TLC Africa", on Twitter: https://twitter.com/TLC_Africa and on Instagram [TLC_Africa](https://www.instagram.com/TLC_Africa).



Hustle coming to Africa Magic Urban

On Monday 3 October, viewers across Africa can tune in to Africa Magic Urban (153) to catch *Hustle*, a new series that focuses on the duality of living and hustling in Lagos City, Nigeria's commercial hub.

Hustle tells the tale of Dayo, a glib but optimistic young man who moves to Lagos with dreams of making it big. Dayo quickly learns that it is never as it seems as he comes to terms with hilariously catastrophic neigh-

bours, an antagonistic landlady and a shady yet loyal roommate.

All these characters nonetheless share an unwavering hope for tomorrow, and they are buoyed by the "Lagos spirit", the spirit of the hustle.

International Celebrity News

Rapper 50 Cent is back on top

NEW JERSEY - Rapper/mogul Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson was spotted out having a business lunch meeting at a restaurant in New Jersey. When he left, 50 was surrounded by highly paid security personnel. And the MEGA-MILLIONAIRE rapper hopped into a brand new GOLD BENTLEY. *MTOnews*



SPOTTED OUT: 50 Cent.

BBC's Simpson, 72, almost dies in allergy shock

NEW YORK - Veteran BBC broadcaster John Simpson nearly died after suffering a deadly allergic reaction, it can be revealed. The foreign correspondent, who has reported from war zones across the world, was left battling for his life after a series of medical problems mounted up after he complained of feeling unwell. A GP visited at home and immediately sent him to



SHOCKED: John Simpson and his wife Dee Kruger.

hospital where it was discovered that he was suffering from food poisoning and severe dehydration. This combined with medication that Simpson routinely takes to cause an allergic reaction, which led to severe kidney problems. The 72-year-old journalist then went into swift and dramatic decline in intensive care at Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital on September 8. *Dailymail*

Victoria really has fallen for her Albert

HOLLYWOOD - Their sizzling chemistry has helped ITV's epic costume drama Victoria beat BBC rival Poldark in the Sunday night ratings. And now The Mail on Sunday can reveal that the on-screen romance between actors Jenna Coleman and Tom Hughes is being played out in real life, too. The couple have been secretly dating since last summer, before they began filming their roles as the young Queen



TOO CLOSE: Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.

Victoria and the love of her life, Prince Albert. And in a suitably royal twist, Prince Harry played an unwitting matchmaker after making a move on Jenna at a polo match last summer that left Tom so jealous he pursued Jenna for himself. *Dailymail*

Bobby Brown Honors Bobbi Kristina Brown

NEW YORK - Bobby Brown is honoring his late daughter's memory. The father of Bobbi Kristina Brown took to Instagram with a heartfelt post in the hours following Friday's development in the \$10 million wrongful death lawsuit against Nick Gordon where a judge found him legally responsible for her July 2015 death. Sharing an artistic painting



IN PAINS: Bobby Brown.

of the father-daughter duo in different stages of Bobbi Kristina's life from child to adulthood, the R&B singer included the hashtags, "#IGOTEM #Babygirl

#daddyalwaysgotyourback #justiceforbobbikristina" Bobby also told E! *Eonline*

SA Celebrity News

AKA, Letshego Zulu and Nonhle Ndala at the kiddies party

JOHANNESBURG - Some weddings aren't as fancy as the party that Nonhle Ndala threw for her little one recently. Nonhle and Andile Jali's daughter turned one and to celebrate they had a party fit for a princess. Filled with fancy cakes, expensive flowers and glitter covered chairs, little Amahle was joined by her celeb baby friends including AKA and

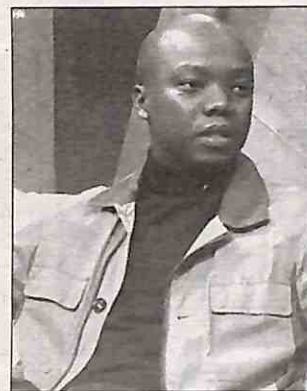


HOW OLD ARE YOU NOW? Nonhle and Andile Jali's daughter turned one.

DJ Zinhle's child Kairo and Letshego and Gugu Zulu's daughter Lelethu. Nonhle and Andile have received criticism over the extravagant party, with fans lambasting them on social media. However, other people were quick to defend her saying that they can spend their money as they wish. *Timeslive*

Tbo Touch launches skin care range for men

JOHANNESBURG - Radio host Tbo Touch is not someone who plays around. He has previously said that while most people talk about doing things, he actually does them. So, a wine range, a perfume and now a skin care range. Touch put pictures of his new project on Instagram, explaining that he has been working on the range for 3 years and it will be in stores in November. *Timeslive*



FOR MEN: Tbo Touch.

Kelly Khumalo honours Senzo Meyiwa with a song

JOHANNESBURG - During a tell-all interview on Wednesday afternoon Kelly Khumalo poured her heart out about all aspects of her life including her whirlwind romance with slain Bafana Bafana captain Senzo Meyiwa. Kelly took the hot seat on Real Talk with Anele Mdoda during which she opened up about the drama that followed her romance with Senzo. During the revealing interview Kelly told the nation that she has written a song called Senzo, in honour of the soccer star. The track is part of her upcoming album called My Truth which releases at the end of September.



POURED HER HEART OUT: Kelly Khumalo.

"I have a song called Senzo in this album. A song that will stay forever. It will always be in the Kelly Khumalo archives for years to come. *Sowetan*

SABC 1's Uzalo is on the hunt for young film-makers

DURBAN - The production company that produces Uzalo has joined forces with The Durban Film Office (DFO) to launch its annual trainee programme for young film-makers from Durban. Interns are required for the various areas of film-making including sound mixing, camera assistant, make-up and hair standby-assistant, the art department, wardrobe and scriptwriting.



HUNTING: Uzalo team.

"This training is in-line with our vision to grow the Durban film industry," said Toni Monty, Head of the DFO, in a statement. "An important part of the development of the film industry hub in the City, is to ensure that people are trained to support the production houses that are looking at using Durban as a base for production. *Sowetan*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA
TODAY



NEW START: Mpiyakhe.

Mpiyakhe breathes life into his new life plan. Meanwhile, Sihle worries her plan might be taking too long. Missing Qondi, Fezile asks after her.

ISIDINGO
TODAY



DISAPPOINTING NEWS: Sechaba.

Nkadimeng's meddling leaves Sechaba in tears. The Hector testimony tape goes missing. Gabriel takes his frustrations about Nikiwe out on Morongwa.

Muvhango
TODAY



TROUBLESOME: Vusi

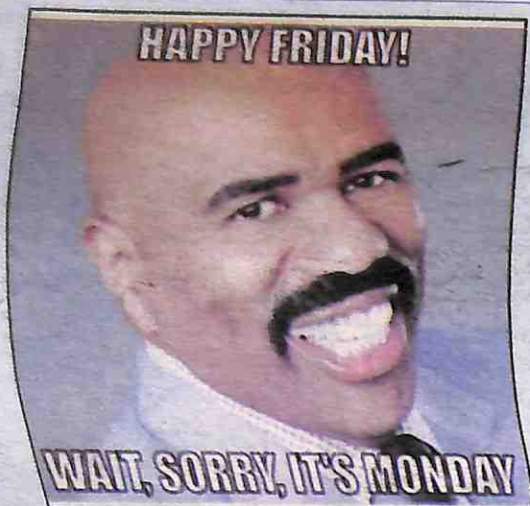
Serithi sets her plan in motion to destroy the Mukwevhos. Thandaza's joy at having Vusi back is short lived when she discovers something in his jacket pocket. Gizara and Hangwani have their hands full trying to keep the big secret.

RHYTHM
CITY
TODAY



CONFIDENT: Niki.

Fats takes things a little too far when he convinces Jamaica's grandfather to meet Jafta and the family. Mapula is faced with a moral choice at school. David and Niki join forces and set up an elaborate ruse to get Suffo on David's side.



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn - You will be deeply aware of your own strengths and weaknesses today. This could just mean that you have to call for help when moving furniture or you need to brush up on your typing skills.



Aquarius - You can demonstrate great understanding and sensitivity to the needs of others and are in a good position to communicate concerning groups and society in general. You have great organisational skills and could help with plans that are in the works for visiting dignitaries or guests that want to buy land or other products your company produces.



Pisces - Mental organisation and discipline may fall apart or be challenged today. This is a busy day and the input from others may cause you to change your plans and just follow the flow of activity.



Aries - You are up early this morning, cleaning and preparing for company that you expect to entertain when this workday has ended.



Taurus - Your strong sense of responsibility, or the actual duties that come your way, may prevent you from fulfilling your own personal ambitions.



Gemini - Usually you are very patient with the public. Today, you may have to make an extra effort to move away from too deep a communication and just listen to whatever complaint is present at this time.



Cancer - Ambition, work and success mean a lot to you and you do not mind a little extra work to reach your success. You may discover that a co-worker is willing to lend a helping hand.



Leo - Later this month, you will enjoy a return of some easier workdays. For now, you may have to call on that extra energy of yours to complete some detailed tasks. It is possible that you could get a co-worker to help share the work.



Virgo - Your timing should be perfect and those around you should find you easygoing. Most find that you can really make clear choices and think things through. Professionally, you are doing well; you know it and those in control are pleasingly impressed.



Libra - This Monday, you may feel that you should hurry, hurry, but getting in a rush will not help to accomplish what needs to be done. Perhaps you could set some things aside and do only the most pressing duties just now.



Scorpio - Your friends are many. These friends are at work, as well as in your personal life. Today, you will find that several of your co-worker friends are willing to help you with some project, even if it means a little overtime without pay.



Sagittarius - Your professional activities today excel and you may find yourself teaching others the techniques you use to make your work run smoothly. Quick answers, great wit and a surplus of insights and solutions are ready. This is a good time to write and communicate with originality. Inventions and breakthroughs are possible.



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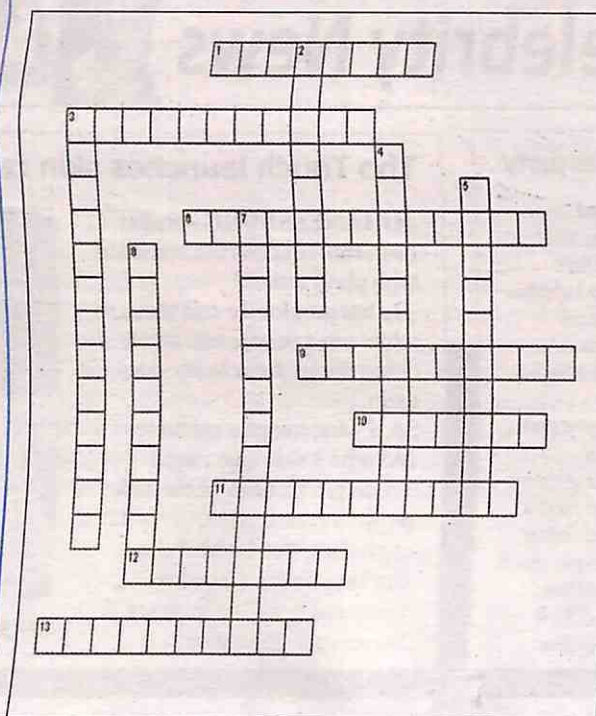
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- Arwen in The Lord of the Rings movie trilogy (3,5)
- Brill in the 1998 movie, Enemy of the State (4,7)
- Teddy Roosevelt in the 2006 movie, Night at the Museum (5,8)
- Damon Wayans Jr and Shoshana Bush partner in this 2009 movie (5,5)
- Kate Winslet was Rose DeWitt Bukater in this 1997 movie (7)
- The voice of Princess Fiona in the Shrek movies (7,4)
- Chris Pine is James T. Kirk in this 2009 movie (4,4)
- Ginger Knowles in the 2001 movie, Swordfish (5,5)

Down

- Robert Langdon in the 2009 movie, Angels & Demons (3,5)
- Harry Pfaller in the 2008 movie, Burn After Reading (6,7)
- John Travolta was Vincent Vega in this 1994 movie (4,7)
- Ingrid Bergman was Ilsa Lund in this 1942 classic (10)
- Harry Doyle in the 1986 movie, Tough Guys (4,9)
- Robert De Niro was James 'Jimmy' Conway in this 1990 movie (10)

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Happy wife

A lady comes home from her doctor's appointment grinning from ear to ear. Her husband asks, "Why are you so happy?" The wife says, "The doctor told me that for a forty-five year old woman, I have the breasts

of a eighteen year old." "Oh yeah?" quipped her husband, "What did he say about your forty-five year old ass?" She said, "Your name never came up in the conversation."

USELESS FACTS

- In the last 4000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.
- Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.
- The word "set" has more definitions than any other word in the English language.
- Nutmeg is extremely poisonous if injected intravenously.
- On average, people fear spiders more than they do death.
- One of the reasons marijuana is illegal today is because cotton growers in the 1930s lobbied against hemp farmers they saw it as competition.

BRAINTEASERS
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Friday's Brainteasers

1. What is easy to get into, but hard to get out of?

Answer: Trouble

2. A man is pushing his car along, and when he comes to a hotel he shouts, "I'm bankrupt!" Why?

Answer: He's playing Monopoly

Today's Brainteasers

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Shearer impressed with midfielder Wijnaldum

LIVERPOOL - Wijnaldum frustrated Magpies fans last season as he showed glimpses of brilliance but often went missing on the team's travels, something that Shearer noted in his praise.

Shearer said: "The accusation about Wijnaldum last season at Newcastle was he didn't really turn up for away games. But he turned up at Stamford Bridge for Liverpool [on Friday night]. I thought he was absolutely superb. "He stopped Chelsea playing in midfield, he read the game well, he



GOOD: Liverpool midfielder Georginio Wijnaldum.

was tough, he was strong and he led from the front." When they came

under the cosh a little bit in the second half Liverpool he stood firm and it was a brilliant performance from him and from Liverpool.

The Reds have recorded victories over Arsenal, Chelsea and Leicester City while suffering defeat to Burnley and drawing with Tottenham. But there are plenty of positives for Jurgen Klopp to take out of the opening games in the campaign.

TEAMtalk Media



Marquinhos

Marquinhos nearing five-year Paris Saint-Germain deal

PARIS - Paris Saint-Germain are ready to tie Brazil international centre-back Marquinhos down to a five-year deal, Goal can reveal.

Although the 22-year-old has been strongly linked with a move to Barcelona in the past, he is feeling settled at the Parc des Princes, where he has earned a good deal of game time under Unai Emery following the sale of David Luiz back to Chelsea.

As a result, the player now

believes that he is better placed to reach his goals with the Parisian side and is willing to commit his long-term future to the Ligue 1 champions.

Julio Taran, the player's agent, is currently in the French capital and talks are progressing smoothly along the right lines.

There will be no imminent conclusion to the deal, but both parties are content with how matters are progressing.

Goal

Giuly recalls how Messi 'Destroyed' everyone in training

BARCELONA - A former FC Barcelona star has recalled how a 16-year-old Lionel Messi joined a first team training session and "destroyed" everyone, "killing" even the club's starting centre backs.

Ludovic Giuly made 119 appearances for the Catalan giants between 2004 and 2007, a time when Messi burst into the club's senior side.

The retired French international has revealed how Messi stunned everyone in training, even the most experienced players of the Blaugrana squad

at the time. "Messi was only 16, but he destroyed us all in a training session," Giuly told Sport.

"They were kicking him all over the place to avoid being ridiculed by this kid, but he didn't say anything. He just got up and kept on playing.

"Every play he made was dangerous. It was incredible.

He would dribble past four players and score a goal.

"Even the team's starting centre backs were nervous. They would go in hard on him, but he took it in. He was an alien. He killed us all."



DESTROYER: Lionel Messi.

Giuly won five trophies during his time at the Camp Nou, before leaving the club to join Roma in 2007.

Supersport

Man United keen to cut their losses on flop Schweinsteiger

MANCHESTER - Manchester United would welcome any approach from Bastian Schweinsteiger to try and bring his time at the club to an early end.

Schweinsteiger, who set up the late winner against Sunday's opponents Watford last year, has been sidelined by new manager Jose Mourinho, with little prospect of gaining any first-team football in the two remaining years of his contract.

The German World Cup winner's deal is structured so that his basic pay falls year-by-year with a greater emphasis on bonuses for first-team appearances.

That reduces his incentive to hang around with little chance of playing, though the club will let the midfielder make the first move in any attempt to reach a

settlement that would let him leave. Schweinsteiger, 32, is on an estimated £80 000-a-week basic salary this season and the club wrote off his £6.7million valuation in the latest financial accounts, thereby effectively making him available on a free transfer. The former Bayern Munich star has so far shown no inclination to let himself be forced out. He was pictured this week playing golf near his Cheshire home with his new bride, tennis star Ana Ivanovic, while the rest of his United team-mates were in Holland for a Europa League tie against Feyenoord.

But with United still owing him an estimated £7m in wages and Schweinsteiger facing two years on the sidelines, a compromise settlement package would look to be in the interest of both parties. *Dailymail*



Bastian Schweinsteiger (Left)

Liam Smith loses WBO light-middleweight title

TEXAS - No-one can doubt the heart of Liam Smith.

The Englishman walked into the lion's den here in Texas, taking on the Mexican hero Saul 'Canelo' Alvarez who brought a bumper 51240 crowd to their feet at the home of the Dallas Cowboys with every thumping, fear-some shot which rocked the WBO light-middleweight champion.

Smith showed huge courage, and no little skill, in attempting to repel the bombs flying in his direction from the flame haired assassin.

The boy Beefy had his moments, most notably in the fourth and fifth rounds which saw Alvarez come under sustained pressure.

Yet, unfortunately for this member of a proud Liverpoolian band of boxing brothers, it just wasn't enough. This was the first experience of defeat in his career.

All the requisite power, quality shots came from the now three-time world champion.

And when another rocket smashed into his now battered body in the ninth, the game was up.

Alvarez has been trumpeted all week long by Oscar De La Hoya and



Golden Boy Promotions as the hottest ticket in boxing.

Gennady Golovkin, whose name came up instantly in the post-fight interviews, would counter that view.

Yet on this evidence, it will take a special fighter - one of GGG's calibre perhaps - to bring Canelo's castle crumbling down.

Alvarez even said afterwards that an offer has been made to Golovkin: "It was \$10million but we haven't heard anything back. If it happens, it happens. If not we will move on."

Worries about him being able to

function at 154 lbs were ultimately unwarranted.

The Mexican fans, however, will remember Smith's battling qualities.

"If I would have waited a little longer and gotten more experience I would have been able to fight a guy like that better. I am very disappointed. Canelo was too good today, I needed better timing, my timing was off tonight," admitted a downbeat Smith. "First of all, I want to say I told you I was going to give a great fight and get the championship and here it is," said Alvarez. *Dailymail*

Milik tires Napoli to the Top

Napoli moved to the top of the Serie A table, after securing a 3-1 win over Bologna at the Stadio San Paolo on Saturday evening.

Jose Callejon opened the scoring for the hosts after 14 minutes, before Simone Verdi leveled matters after 56 minutes.

However, Arkadiusz Milik continued his fine start to the season restored Napoli's lead in the 67th minute, before he sealed the win in the 78th minute.

Lazio claimed their second win of the season, after defeating Pescara 3-0 at the Stadio Olimpico on Saturday

evening.

Sergj Milinkovic-Savic opened the scoring after 62 minutes, before Stefan Radu and Ciro Immobile rounded off the scoring in the 72nd and 76th minute respectively.

The victory moves Lazio up to fourth spot, two points behind leaders, Juventus.

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Benteke has no Liverpool regrets

LONDON - The Belgian forward joined the Reds from Aston Villa in a £32 million deal at the start of the 2015/16 Premier League season, but his form suffered after a couple of niggling injuries and he ultimately fell out of favour.

"It was an honour to play for Liverpool, such a big club with such a big history," Benteke told Sky Sports.

"I didn't play or perform as I wanted. It was my decision to go there and I don't regret anything.

"I didn't have the chances to perform. I learned that's football. That is why I have no anger against anyone there.

Frustration

"[The] frustration is at myself that in the short time I had to play I didn't do it as I wanted. Brendan [Rodgers] did everything for me to come there, then I had my injury and I couldn't help. I wanted to do more."



NO REGRETS: Christian Benteke.

Jurgen Klopp's side recouped the majority of their outlay on the 25-year-old when he signed for Crystal Palace in the off-season, Benteke opened his account for his new club during their 2-1 win over Middlesbrough last week.

Kick Off

MAN UNITED SLUMP TO

WARTFORD - At what point does a drama become a crisis for Jose Mourinho. It was close to 30 years ago, almost to the day, that Watford last defeated Manchester United.

Yesterday they broke that dismal run, and deservedly so. It wasn't just that United lost, but that few can argue with the result.

It was a close game, tiny margins decided it, but gone are the days when United are feared. Watford played them as equals, refusing to settle and pushing for a winner, which came in the 83rd minute.

Watford manager Walter Mazzarri has used close to a World Cup squad of players already this season, in terms of numbers and nationalities, but here his determination to embrace change paid off.

Of the three players involved in the build up to the all-important sec-



VICTORY: Watford inflict misery in a 3-1 victory against Jose Mourinho's men despite Marcus Rashford's leveller.

ond goal, two were substitutes.

Finish

It was Nordin Amrabat - on for Daryl Janmaat after 52 minutes - who helped set it up, playing in Roberto Pereyra on the right side. And it was Camilo Zuniga, replac-

ing Etienne Capoue just a minute earlier, who hit the perfect finish, leaving David De Gea no chance.

Goal

A Colombian international, on loan from Napoli, Zuniga then had a hand in the third, the goal that added

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VACANCY - EXTERNAL



NOTE PROCESSOR (1)

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SUMMARY OF JOB

Ensures that banknotes (Rands and Emalangeni), and coins are processed timely in accordance with set quality standards.

- Ensures Timely deliveries of duties assigned;
- Meeting production targets (sorting, counting and authentication and investigating reasons for rejected notes);
- Undertaking end of production run;
- Preparation of production report;
- Ensuring minimal machine down time;
- Ensuring a clean working environment, in accordance with set standards

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- O'Level/ IGCSE plus Certificate in Quality Management, Production or equivalent.
- 3 years' experience in a general production or cash production environment.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Operates both BPS M7 and DLR 7000 banknote processing machines, start and end of day procedures;
- Undertakes machine tests as advised by suppliers;
- Receives cash from Bulk Teller area and enters information for production run into machine as per laid down procedures;
- Places banknotes in machine hopper, manages reject bins, manages performance of machine, and assists with pocket and track clearances as required;
- Ensures all banknotes are removed from reject bins and handed to Senior Note Counter;
- Periodically extracts production reports for the machine;
- Integrates performance of both machines on a rotation basis with the other currency examiners;
- Removes all waste/rubbish from work area and places in rubbish bag, marks rubbish bag, ready for disposal in accordance with set procedures;
- Undertakes minor first line machine maintenance and cleaning in line with manufacture's procedural guidelines;
- Monitors machine performance and reports suspected faults to the Team Leader /Production Supervisor;
- Removes tamper evident bags from the transporter, checks that the bag is not damaged,

read the barcode and checks that it appears in the system;

- Removes all extraneous items from bundles, i.e. plastic wrapping, rubber bands, paper strapping, paper clips and staples. Place in rubbish bag, seal bag and place it in designated area for removal by cleaners;
- Ensures that each pocket has adequate strapping and wrapping material to handle the proposed production run, and tests undertaken daily in line with manufacturer's and Bank policy guidelines;
- Removes preparation trays from underneath transporter and return trays to deposit preparation area;
- Records counterfeit, foreign banknotes, etc. for the attention of the Production Supervisor;
- Removes rejected banknotes and resubmit the same for processing;
- Passes rejects banknotes on to Production Supervisor for reconciliation and balancing;
- Undertakes manual inspection of rejected banknotes;
- Assists machine operator in preparation of daily run report to forward to Production Supervisor;
- Captures data into the vault management system (ISA);
- At close of business reconciles, places loose records bundles in tamper evident bags, and submits to Production Supervisor for verification;
- Places all waste at a designated place for removal;
- Monitors the operation of sealing and wrapping machines and reports faults to the Maintenance Engineer through the Currency Supervisor;
- Undertakes such other related duties as directed by the Senior Management of the Department.

SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

- MS Office Suite
- Interpersonal Skills
- Analytical Skills
- Sound knowledge of Cash Movement systems an added advantage
- Organizational Skills/Self Starter
- Proficiency in Cash in Transit Processes

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THIRD DEFEAT

mild embarrassment to an already uncomfortable score-line.

Marouane Fellaine felled him clumsily, Troy Deeney stepped up to convert the penalty. The game barely had time to restart before Michael Oliver blew the final whistle.

Until those final ten minutes, it had looked as if United were at least going to emerge with a point. Marcus Rashford had equalised, with 28 minutes remaining, after a Zlatan Ibrahimovic cross had ricocheted off Valon Behrami. In days gone by that might have signalled a United revival. Not anymore.

Pressure

Under pressure, they still have the feel of damaged goods. It is worth remembering what hap-

pened two months after that last Watford win. A bloke called Alex Ferguson turned up. Whatever happened to him?

The fact is that by the time Watford took the lead, they could already have scored three. It wasn't exactly the roasting they received in the first 45 minutes against Manchester City last week, but it most certainly wasn't the return to form that Jose Mourinho would have hoped for after that.

Aggression

Watford, like most of the new Premier League breed, press high and quickly and came at Manchester United with an aggression that was so often missing in the years when just the mention of their name caused trepidation. *Daily Mail*

DE BRUYNE ON 'ANOTHER LEVEL' - GUARDIOLA

LONDON - Manchester City maintained their imperious start to the season with a fifth straight victory on Saturday as Bournemouth were swept aside 4-0 to become the latest victims of Pep Guardiola's table-toppers.

Goals from Kevin De Bruyne, Kelechi Iheanacho, Raheem Sterling and Ilkay Guendogan, on his Premier League debut, wrapped up the points after another scintillating display from the title favourites who continue to lay down a marker to their rivals.

Heading the chasing pack are Everton, who stayed two points behind City with a 3-1 home win over Middlesbrough, Gareth Barry marking his 600th league appearance with a goal.

Arsenal made it three successive league wins for the first time since January when they eased past 10-man Hull City 4-1 with Alexis Sanchez scoring twice and missing a penalty.

There was also a double strike at



IMPRESSIVE: Kevin De Bruyne shake Pep Guardiola's hand.

Leicester City where new signing Islam Slimani enjoyed a league debut to remember as the champions rediscovered their domestic form to beat Burnley 3-0.

Pundits

Some pundits predicted Manchester City might suffer during Sergio Aguero's three-match suspension but, after winning the Manchester derby last weekend, they tore into Bournemouth and wasted little time

in taking the game away from their opponents. City were 1-0 up after 15 minutes when De Bruyne cleverly fired a free kick beneath the wall and into the net. They doubled the lead 10 minutes later when Iheanacho stabbed the ball home.

The Nigerian then turned provider for Sterling soon after half-time and Guendogan rounded off the scoring when he drilled the ball low inside the post. *Reuters*

VACANCY - EXTERNAL

PORTER (1)



Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the above-mentioned vacant post which exists within the Currency Division, Operations Department.

SUMMARY OF JOB

Timely and accurately receive, move, pack bank notes and coins in vaults, coin vehicles and repatriating security flights, assisting auditors and clerks in stock counting. Conduct document deliveries for efficient communication. Accountable for the safe and efficient operation of the forklift.

KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS

- Ensures timely deliveries of duties assigned.
- Assisting custodians in packing banknotes and coins in storage racks and stillages
- Assisting custodians in preparation of bags and packing of Rands to be repatriated to SARB.
- Ensuring a clean working environment, in accordance with set standards

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Valid fork lift operator's permit/qualification an added advantage.
- O'level certificate or equivalent.
- Any other relevant Certificate.
- Two year experience in general messenger work or any other pertinent work

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Move and deposited notes, pack orderly in cages to facilitate clear spacing for stock taking and audit counts.
- Offload repatriation vehicles, move bags of Rands repatriated to SARB, offload at airport to CIT flights to meet banks appointments and flight schedules.
- Pack orders as advised by vault custodians and placing orders in tamper evident bags;
- Pick orders from flow racks and stacks orders for checking by the custodians.
- After orders have been checked, place blocks of

banknotes on the conveyor in preparation for the release to the distribution bags.

- Assist vault custodians break coin pallets and empty the contents, prepare and send coin orders to distribution bags.
- Assist vault custodians store scrap coins deposited by commercial banks in packing banknotes and coin in storage racks and stillages; and
- Assist vault custodians store scrap coin deposited by commercial banks; and
- Collect and deliver office items and correspondence documents to customers to facilitate effective communication
- Operate forklift in removing, locating, re-locating and packing bulk stock of notes and coins; and
- Undertake any other duties as may be directed by the Senior Management of the department.

SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

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The Job.

Reporting to the Chief Financial Officer, the key performance areas of the incumbent will be as follows:

- Process purchase requisitions and orders within purchasing authority.
- Invite and assess supplier tenders, bids, quotations and proposals for presentation to the Tender Committee.
- Preparation of notification letters of tender award.
- Management of the tender evaluation process.
- Establish and negotiate contract terms and conditions and maintain supplier relationships.
- Prepare and maintain purchasing records, reports and price lists.
- Work with internal and external stakeholders to determine procurement needs, quality and delivery requirements.
- Assist in the development of specifications for equipment, materials and services to be purchased.
- Administer contract performance, including delivery, receipt, warranty, damages and insurance.
- Ensure compliance with organizational procurement policies and the Procurement Act 2011.
- Ensure supplied products and services meet the specifications given on tender.
- Ensure service providers deliver within agreed lead or delivery times.
- Any other procurement related function specified in the Act, regulations, and policies

Competencies

- Knowledge of supply chain, customer service, Microsoft excel, applicable regulations and standards and fluency in the English language.
- Good judgement and decision-making skills.
- A good organizer, with good report writing skills who is service oriented and a good negotiator.
- At least a professional Diploma e.g. CIPS diploma or Bachelor's degree or equivalent in supply chain, public procurement or public administration.
- Certification in public procurement will be an added advantage.

Reward

A reward commensurate with the job will be made to the ideal candidate.

Applications with comprehensive curriculum vitae and references should be submitted to the following address:

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Closing date: 23rd September 2016. If you do not receive a response in 4 weeks from close of advert, consider your application unsuccessful.



Maponyane not yet convinced by Ndoro

New twist in Ntshumayelo drug case

JOHANNESBURG - There is no end in sight for the drug case involving former Orlando Pirates midfielder Thandani Ntshumayelo.

A war of words has ensued between the SA Institute for Drug-Free Sport (Sids) and legal representatives, Langa Attorneys.

Added to the mix is Ntshumayelo's agent Tim Sukazi, who has also hit back at allegations that he influenced the player to plead guilty. The 26-year-old midfielder pleaded guilty to taking cocaine after he tested positive for the drug earlier this year. He was consequently handed a four-year ban from any competitive sporting activities. Last week, City Press ran a story in which the attorneys questioned the integrity of the laboratory in Bloemfontein that analysed the player's urine sample.

"Ntshumayelo not only told the truth and pleaded guilty, he also expressly explained what he took, when, and why."

Langa Attorneys has since given notice "that our client would proceed to the high court to set aside the outcome and sentence of the Sids disciplinary enquiry".

The law firm argued that the appeal process would not be a fair one and would be a waste of time. Khalid Galant, Chief Executive Officer

JOHANNESBURG - Zimbabwe international striker Tendai Ndoro has raised the bar with five goals in two league matches for the Buccaneers so far this season.

While former Orlando Pirates striker Marks Maponyane admitted to Goal that Ndoro is taking his chances very well, he still think he should score on a regular basis to be considered the best in the PSL.

"I have to admit that he is taking his chances very well. He finishes well. I mean, he has one of those days where he really wasn't coming to



DOING WELL: Tendai Ndoro.

the party. So, he is someone you cannot leave unattended," Maponyane told Goal.

"I cannot climb on top of the mountain to say that he is lethal, he is going to score week in and week out, you

know," Maponyane said.

"He has got to prove that, and I can't take anything away from him. He has got to go out there and prove that given the chances he is going to bury them. I mean, he is doing well," Maponyane added.

Over the last few seasons, PSL strikers have failed to break the 20-goal mark in the league, with Siyabonga Nomvethe striker to have achieved this feat in the last decade.

However, at the current rate, Ndoro looks set to score more than 20 league goals this season. **Goal**



Tshabalala revels in MDC goal

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs star Siphwe Tshabalala illustrated on Saturday that his return to first team action is imminent as he starred for the club's MDC side.

The 31-year-old midfielder underwent knee surgery during the off season and just recently returned to full training following a lengthy lay-off.

Saturday's reserve league clash with Ajax Cape Town was deemed the perfect opportunity to give 'Shabba' a run-out and he looked sharp as he netted the game's only goal to give Chiefs a 1-0 victory.

"It felt great to be back. It was my first game in four months and I'm happy especially with the goal and the contribution I made. I'm still a work in progress, I'm not there yet in terms of fitness but so far so good," Tshabalala tells KickOff.com after getting a full 90 minutes under his belt.

Speaking about his strike, a brilliant volley past Jody February, Tshabalala admitted his spirits have been buoyed by the quality of the goal as he nears a re-introduction to first team football. "It's a confidence booster. It was a well-taken goal, a great cross from 'Jomo' [Itumeleng Shopane], I was in a good position and the technique was great - it is not easy scoring a volley and I'm happy," he said. Tshabalala, who bagged four goals and nine assists under Steve Komphela last season, explained that he was included in Chiefs' reserve team in order to gauge his fitness. The veteran midfielder went on to underline where he feels the senior team need to improve following a poor start to the 2016/17 season. "That's why I played [yesterday], to provide an indication as to how far I am in terms of my readiness and we'll see how it goes," he said. "We just need to convert our chances and make sure we don't concede. But it is coming even though it is very slow, but it will come," Tshabalala added. **Kickoff**

Time for Chiefs to step up

JOHANNESBURG - After two rounds of matches in the Premiership league, the log standing is unsurprising - and unimpressive - with eight clubs still to get off the ground as the bottom half of the table shows loss-draw results.

Four clubs show win-draw and two have win-loss scores.

But it is interesting at the top, with Orlando Pirates the only club to tally up win-win figures. After in-form Bucs

striker Tendai Ndoro's exploits in front of the net, the question is: Can he go all the way to win a Golden Boot award? With five goals to his name, Ndoro is already carrying the hopes of Pirates to deliver the elusive Absa Premiership title, which has eluded the team for six years.

But his detractors are not convinced, saying they have seen this movie before, albeit with a different cast, and know when and how it will



end. It is up to Ndoro to let his boots silence them.

Pirates coach Muhsin Ertugral feels there is still room for improvement, despite the team winning their opening two matches in the league. **City Press**

Sundowns' young champs off to Japan

PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns' under-17 side are set to travel to Japan to take part in the International Challenge Cup in Osaka, Japan.

The side coached by Sundowns legend, Godfrey Sapula, recently won the Gothia Cup in China - a tournament considered to be one of the biggest youth tournaments in the world.

Sundowns' young guns have been invited by the Japan Professional Football League to take part, and will join some major sides from around the region in the competition.

Sapula told the club's official website that his side were ready to compete, "We have been told we will be playing against teams which have won tournaments in the last six months in Japan and

Asia. "So it's going to be a tough call for us this time around but we are confident we will be up to it. The boys must understand that there are big expectations when playing for a big club like Sundowns." Teams that Sundowns will participate against include Tochigi, FC Tokyo, Matsuyama Yamaga FC, Avispa, Fukuoka, Kyoto Sanga, Cerezo Osaka, Ulsan Hyundai and



Foolad Khuzestan. The tournament begins on Saturday in the City of Water. **Sport24**



Gyimah helping Morrison settle at Pirates

Johannesburg - Apart from his alleged misbehaviour this week, Edwin Gyimah has been applauded for helping his countryman Bernard Morrison to settle at Orlando Pirates.

Earlier this week, the local football fraternity was shocked with reports of an alleged altercation between Gyimah and his coach at Pirates, Muhsin Ertugral. While there have been different opinions regarding the incident at the Cape Town International Airport, with some football fans criticising the player despite no official word from the club, his countryman

Morrison has commended the former Mpumalanga Black Aces man for helping him out at Pirates.

Speaking to Soccer Laduma in his interview with the newspaper, Morrison said, "Yes, he (Gyimah) is helping me and I'm happy to have someone like Edwin with me. In fact, he was my senior when I was playing for the U17s in Ghana and now we have become closer than before." Morrison went on to commend the rest of his team-



mates and all those he is working with at the Soweto giants for their warm welcome.

"They are really wonderful people! You know, when a player joins a new team, you are always told to be careful of this and that, but these guys have shown me there is nothing I have to be careful about. They all have good hearts. They support each other and always give me words of encouragement," explained Morrison.

Soccerladuma

TEAM SA RAKES IN MORE MEDALS AT RIO PARALYMPICS

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa's athletes continue to rake up the medals at the Rio Paralympics in Brazil.

Team South Africa sit at the 22nd spot in the overall table with 17 medals.

They will have one more chance

at a medal, when Ernst van Dijk competes in the marathon, before the curtain comes down on the 2016 Games on Sunday evening.

Runner Dyan Buis followed in the footsteps of Wayne van Niekerk, winning gold in the 400m T38 final.

Buis also set a new Games record in the process, crossing the line in a time of 49.43 seconds.

Impressive

Ilse Hayes added a silver with an impressive run in the women's 400m T13 race, while Hilton Langenhoven also grabbed second

place in the 200m T12 final.

On Friday, Charl du Toit became Team South Africa's first double medallist of the Rio Paralympics.

He added to his T37 gold medal in the 100m dash by snatching another victory in the 400m event. **eNCA**

Murray triumphs over Guido Pella in Davis Cup semi-finals

LONDON - Andy Murray stormed to a Davis Cup semi-final victory over Argentina's Guido Pella in straight sets.

The Scot defeated his opponent 6-3 6-2 6-3 to level the tie for Great Britain in the semi-final.

Murray was in emphatic form, despite sustaining injury midway through the tie, and will now watch on as Great Britain's Dan Evans plays a deciding tie against Argentina's Leonardo Mayer. **Daily Mail**



SHINES: Andy Murray.

NADAL HAILS SPAIN'S RETURN TO RIGHTFUL PLACE

DELHI - Two years after Spain's stunning fall from grace in Davis Cup tennis, Rafa Nadal has hailed his nation's return to the World Group after victory in the play-off against India.

Nadal combined with Feliciano Lopez in the doubles to overhaul Leander Paes and Saketh Myneni in four sets and complete a 3-0 victory in New Delhi on Saturday, ending Spain's exile after an acrimonious period.

"For us, it was very important after two years being away from the World Group," said the 14-times grand slam singles champion.

"It's important for us to come back to where we think we have to be," he added.

The tournament's dominant power of the modern era, Spain won five titles from 2000-11 before decline set in following their tight loss in the 2012 championship decider to

Czech Republic.

With Nadal battling injury and his top team mates' commitment wavering, Spain were turfed out of the World Group in 2014 after being upset by lowly Brazil in a play-off, sparking then-captain Carlos Moya's resignation.

Replacement

Moya's replacement Gala Leon was sacked within a year after a players' revolt and Spanish tennis was further embarrassed as the team crashed out to an under-strength Russia in the Europe/Africa Zone Group I last year under new captain Conchita Martinez.

Former Wimbledon champion Martinez, who also captains the women's Fed Cup team, has been at pains to repair relations with her players and managed to bring a strong team to India to get the job done.

Former Davis Cup power

Australia also has ambitions of returning to its glory days and will keep their place in the World Group after defeating Slovakia 3-0 in Sydney.

Led by talented but tempestuous 21-year-old Nick Kyrgios, the 28-times champions have a player to build a team around and captain Lleyton Hewitt said he expected big things in 2017.

Expect

"We expect that we can go deep," said the two-time grand slam champion and former Davis Cup winner.

"It's been quite a while now since we've had an opportunity to play in a final and I know from experience I'd love these boys to have that experience of going out there and playing for Australia," he added.

Belgium, Canada and Japan also booked their places in the World Group next year.

Daily Mail

RESULTS

Italian Serie A	1-2	Chievo
MultiChoice Diski Challenge		
Highlands Park	4-1	Cape Town City
Mamelodi Sundowns	2-1	Platinum Stars
Orlando Pirates	3-1	Free State Stars
Polokwane City	0-0	Chippa United
Bidvest Wits	3-0	Baroka FC
Golden Arrows	2-0	SuperSport United
Premier League		
Watford	3-1	Manchester United
Chelsea	1-2	Liverpool
Everton	3-1	Middlesbrough
Hull City	1-4	Arsenal
Manchester City	4-0	Bournemouth
West Bromwich Albion	4-2	West Ham United
Leicester City	3-0	Burnley
Spanish La Liga		
Osasuna	-0	Celta de Vigo
CAF Champions League 2016		
Zesco United	2-1	Mamelodi Sundowns
Zamalek	4-0	Wydad Casablanca
CAF Confederation Cup 2016		
Etoile Sahel	1-1	TP Mazembe
English Football League - Championship		
Birmingham City	2-1	Sheffield
Wigan Athletic	0-0	Fulham
Ipswich Town	0-0	Aston Villa
Burton Albion	-1	Brighton and Hove Albion
Huddersfield Town	2-1	Queens Park Rangers
Brentford	5-0	Preston North End
Bristol City	1-1	Derby County
Blackburn Rovers	4-2	Rotherham United
Nottingham Forest	1-2	Norwich City
Newcastle United	0-2	Wolverhampton Wanderers
Barnsley	1-2	Reading
Cardiff City	0-2	Leeds United
French Ligue 1		
Lorient	1-0	Lille
Bordeaux	0-1	Angers
Nancy	1-1	Nantes
Toulouse	2-1	Stade de Reims
Municipal		
Dijon	0-0	Metz
Monaco	3-0	Rennes
Caen	0-6	Paris Saint-Germain
German Bundesliga		
Borussia Mönchengladbach	4-1	SV Werder Bremen
Hamburger SV	0-4	RB Leipzig
Eintracht Frankfurt	2-1	Bayer 04 Leverkusen
FC Bayern München	3-1	FC Ingolstadt 04
Borussia Dortmund	6-0	SV Darmstadt 98
TSG 1899 Hoffenheim	0-0	VfL Wolfsburg
1. FC Köln	3-0	Sport-Club Freiburg
Italian Serie A		
Napoli	3-1	Bologna
Lazio	3-0	San Paolo
MTN8		
Cape Town City	0-0	Bidvest Wits
MultiChoice Diski Challenge		
Kaizer Chiefs	1-0	Ajax Cape Town
Bloemfontein Celtic	0-0	Maritzburg United
National First Division		
Milano United AFC	2-1	Jomo Cosmos
Magesi FC	0-2	Stellenbosch FC
Mthatha Bucks	2-2	Amazulu
Real Kings FC	2-1	M. United Sugar
Royal Eagles	6-2	Cape Town All Stars
University of Pretoria	0-0	FC Cape Town
Spanish La Liga		
Las Palmas	1-0	Málaga
Elbar	1-1	Sevilla
Atlético de Madrid	5-0	Real Madrid
Leganés	1-5	Barceloneta
Real Betis	2-2	Granada CF
Italian Serie A		
Sampdoria	0-1	Milan
Portuguese Primeira Liga		
CD Nacional	2-0	Marítimo

LOGS

Pos Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Orlando Pirates	2	2	0	0	5	2	3	6
2 Bidvest Wits	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
3 Chippa United	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
4 Platinum Stars	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
5 Maritzburg Utd	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	4
6 Highlands Park	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
7 Golden Arrows	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3
8 Cape Town City	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3
9 Mamelodi Sundowns	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
10 Ajax Cape Town	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
11 Baroka FC	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
12 Kaizer Chiefs	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
13 Free State Stars	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
14 Bloem Celtic	2	0	1	1	0	1	-1	1
15 SuperSport United	2	0	1	1	0	1	-1	1
16 Polokwane City	2	0	1	1	0	2	-2	1

Pos Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Manchester City	5	5	0	0	15	4	11	15
2 Everton	5	4	1	0	10	3	7	13
3 Tottenham Hotspur	5	3	2	0	8	2	6	11
4 Arsenal	5	3	1	1	12	7	5	10
5 Chelsea	5	3	1	1	10	6	4	10
6 Liverpool	5	3	1	1	11	8	3	10
7 Manchester United	5	3	0	2	8	6	2	9
8 Crystal Palace	5	2	1	2	7	5	2	7
9 Watford	5	2	1	2	10	9	1	7
10 West Bromwich Albion	5	2	1	2	6	5	1	7
11 Leicester City	5	2	1	2	7	7	0	7
12 Hull City	5	2	1	2	6	7	-1	7
13 Middlesbrough	5	1	2	2	5	7	-2	5
14 Southampton	5	1	2	2	4	6	-2	5
15 Swansea City	5	1	1	3	4	7	-3	4
16 Burnley	5	1	1	3	3	8	-5	4
17 Bournemouth	5	1	1	3	3	9	-6	4
18 West Ham United	5	1	0	4	7	13	-6	3

19 Sunderland	5	0	1	4	3	9	-6	1
20 Stoke City	5	0	1	4	3	14	-11	1

Pos Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Huddersfield Town	8	6	1	1	11	6	5	19
2 Norwich City	8	5	2	1	13	9	4	17
3 Newcastle United	8	5	0	3	16	6	10	15
4 Barnsley	8	5	0	3	19	11	8	15
5 Birmingham City	8	4	3	1	10	6	4	15
6 Brentford	8	4	2	2	13	5	8	14
7 Brighton and Hove Albion	8	4	2	2	10	6	4	14
8 Reading	8	4	2	2	9	10	-1	14
9 Fulham	8	3	4	1	8	6	2	13
10 Wolverhampton Wanderers	8	3	3	2	10	9	1	12
11 Ipswich Town	8	3	3	2	8	7	1	12
12 Bristol City	8	3	2	3	12	11	1	11
13 Nottingham Forest	8	3	2	3	16	17	-1	11
14 Sheffield Wednesday	8	3	2	3	9	11	-2	11
15 Leeds United	8	3	1	4	9	11	-2	10
16 Queens Park Rangers	8	3	1	4	10	14	-4	10
17 Burton Albion	8	2	3	3	12	12	0	9
18 Aston Villa	8	1	5	2	8	8	0	8
19 Preston North End	8	2	0	6	7	12	-5	6
20 Derby County	8	1	3	4	2	7	-5	6
21 Rotherham United	8	1	3	4	9	20	-11	6
22 Wigan Athletic	8	1	2	5	10	12	-2	5
23 Blackburn Rovers	8	1	2	5	10	17	-7	5
24 Cardiff City	8	1	2	5	6	14	-8	5

Pos Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Barcelona	4	3	0	1	13	5	8	9
2 Real Madrid	3	3	0	0	10	3	7	9
3 Las Palmas	4	3	0	1	11	5	6	9
4 Atlético de Madrid	4	2	2	0	10	1	9	8
5 Sevilla	4	2	2	0	9	6	3	8
6 Elbar	4	2	1	1	5	4	1	7
7 Sporting de Gijón	4	2	1	1	4	7	-3	7
8 Villarreal	3	1	2	0	3	1	2	5
9 Alavés	3	1	2	0	3	2	1	5
10 Real Betis	4	1	2	1	7	10	-3	5
11 Deportivo de La Coruña	3	1	1	1	2	0	2	4
12 Real Sociedad	3	1	1	1	3	4	-1	4

13 Leganés	4	1	1	2	3	7	-4	4
14 Athletic Club	3	1	0	2	2	3	-1	3
15 Espanyol	3	0	2	1	7	9	-2	2
16 Málaga	4	0	2	2	3	6	-3	2
17 Granada CF	4	0	2	2	5	10	-5	2
18 Osasuna	3	0	1	2	3	8	-5	1
19 Valencia CF	3	0	0	3	4	8	-4	0
20 Celta de Vigo	3	0	0	3	1	7	-6	0

Pos Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 FC Bayern München	3	3	0	0	11	1	10	9
2 RB Leipzig	3	2	1	0	7	2	5	7
3 1. FC Köln	3	2	1	0	5	0	5	7
4 Borussia Dortmund	3	2	0	1	8	2	6	6
5 Hertha BSC	2	2	0	0	4	1	3	6
6 Borussia Mönchengladbach	3	2	0	1	7	5	2	6
7 Eintracht Frankfurt	3	2	0	1	3	2	1	6
8 VfL Wolfsburg	3	1	2	0	2	0	2	5
9 TSG 1899 Hoffenheim	3	0	3	0	6	6	0	3
10 Bayer 04 Leverkusen	3	1	0	2	5	5	0	3
11 FC Augsburg	2	1	0	1	2	3	-1	3
12 Sport-Club Freiburg	3	1	0	2	4	6	-2	3
13 SV Darmstadt 98	3	1	0	2	1	8	-7	3
14 1. FSV Mainz 05	2	0	1	1	5	6	-1	1
15 FC Ingolstadt 04	3	0	1	2	2	6	-4	1
16 Hamburger SV	3	0	1	2	2	8	-6	1
17 FC Schalke 04	2	0	0	2	0	3	-3	0
18 SV Werder Bremen	3	0	0	3	2	12	-10	0

Pos Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Napoli	4	3	1	0	12	5	7	10
2 Juventus	3	3	0	0	6	2	4	9
3 Roma	3	2	1	0	9	4	5	7
4 Lazio	4	2	1	1	8	5	3	7
5 Chievo	4	2	1	1	5	3	2	7
6 Genoa	2	2	0	0	6	2	4	6
7 Sampdoria	4	2	0	2	5	5	0	6
8 Milan	4	2	0	2	6	7	-1	6
9 Udinese	4	2	0	2	4	6	-2	6
10 Bologna	4	2	0	2	5	9	-4	6
11 Internazionale	3	1	1	1	3	4	-1	4



CASTLE PREMIER CHALLENGE

ACTIVATION POWERED BY CASTLE LAGER



IT ALL COMES TOGETHER WITH A CASTLE: TD Jakes players in jubilation after receiving E800 and Castle Lager beers by Castle Premier Challenge committee members during the activation at Mpaka on Saturday. TD Jakes beat Filling Station 2-1 in finals.

(Pics: Lucky Simelane)



BATTLE: Action between TD Jakes and Filling Station players during the final.

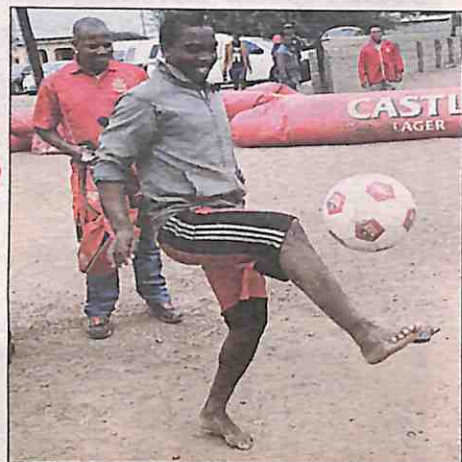


BASOP! Manzini Sundowns PRO Muzi Matsenjwa presenting Castle branded items to Sandile Mkhabela.



BARE FOOTED: Mayibongwe Maziya displaying his ball skills.

CROWD: Some of the spectators following proceedings.



SERA Column

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SERA, The Regulated Industries and the SADC Region

In our last article, we managed to briefly highlight the services that SERA provides to her stakeholders as a way of accomplishing the core mandate of the Authority.

It should be highlighted that, the core mandate of the Authority is the administration of the Electricity Act, 2007 (Act No. 3 of 2007), with the primary and core responsibility of exercising control over the electricity supply industry (ESI) and ensuring the security of supply of electricity through the issuance of licenses and the regulation of the electricity tariffs and quality of supply and services.

Swaziland's electricity is supplied by the Swaziland Electricity Company ("SEC") established in terms of section 3 of the Swaziland Electricity Company Act, 2007 (Act No. 1 of 2007) ("SEC Act"). SEC is the successor of the Swaziland Electricity Board ("SEB") which was established in terms of the Electricity Act, 1963 (Act No. 10 of 1963). The Electricity Act, 2007 (Act No. 3 of 2007) repealed the Electricity Act, 1963. In terms of the SEC Act, SEC is supposed to operate under a licence issued by the Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority (SERA) established in terms of the Energy Regulatory Act, 2007 (Act No. 2 of 2007) ("ERA Act"). SEC currently owns the monopoly on the import, distribution and supply of electricity via the national power grid. The SEC owns a majority of the country's power stations. There

are also five private power stations. A substantial amount (almost 25%) of energy used in the Kingdom is supplied by self-generators. SEC is a vertically integrated company established as a corporate entity with a mandate to generate, transmit, distribute and supply electricity in Swaziland and also to import into and export out of Swaziland. The Electricity Act of 2007 provides for the regulation of the electricity supply industry in Swaziland and the SEC is subject to the provisions of this Act. SEC is heavily reliant on agricultural and large industrial customers for its revenue stream.

SERA also licenses self-generators and co-generators. Currently, there are two prominent self-generators – the Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation and Ubombo Sugar Limited. The two self-generators use most of their electricity for own use and in cases where there is extra electricity, this is supplied to SEC through the national grid. By self-generating, these two large entities reduce the demand or burden for SEC to supply them with electricity, which in turn helped SEC reasonably manage the demand for electricity from the local market. Self-generators play a critical role in the electricity supply industry chain in Swaziland, especially in the generation level. Most of the electricity generated by self-generators is sold to SEC. The latest generator to be introduced in the energy supply industry was Wundersight Investments, who generates using solar and supply SEC through the national grid. This new generator provides Swaziland with an opportunity to explore electricity generation through solar, something that has not been the case for Swaziland.

The electricity supply industry in Swaziland is undergoing changes both from a policy and

regulatory point of view. Issues such as the changing global trends towards liberalised energy markets; security of supply; achieving efficiencies; affordability; access to electricity and climate change, amongst other have introduced a change in the policy trajectory with regards to how Swaziland as a nation views electricity supply. Further, the introduction of an active energy regulator (SERA) has meant that matters relating to tariffs; quality of supply; security of supply; and licensing of new power producers have taken traction in changing the electricity industry in Swaziland.

The SEC is the dominant player in the transmission and sales and customer markets; whilst the players in distribution and generation markets include the SEC, IPPs, and sugar and wood industries. Overall, the electricity supply industry in Swaziland is still undergoing changes, notably as a result of the introduction of an independent regulatory authority; increased participation of self-generators and co-generators; and also underpinned by policy and regulatory changes.

The Electricity Supply Industry Situation in the SADC Region

It is important to bring to light that the electricity supply industry situation in Swaziland is not unique to what is happening in the SADC region. Most of the countries in the SADC region have a similar situation, where there is one dominant player, with multiple licenses. With SEC being a major generator, transmitter, distributor, and importer of electricity in Swaziland, South Africa, Zambia, Namibia and a few other SADC countries have a similar situation. For instance, in

South Africa, they have ESKOM as the dominant player in the electricity industry, with other IPPs involved in generation, and distribution of electricity. In Zambia, there is ZESCO (Zambia Electricity Supply Cooperation Limited) who is the dominant generator, transmitter and supplier, with other players as well, holding generation, transmission and distribution licenses.

This situation creates a closed market for consumers who have no option but to rely on one supplier for electricity. This situation is not ideal for the consumer who could be exploited by the service provider in many ways. This is where the role of the Regulator becomes necessary, to protect the consumer from any potential exploitation. This one dominant service provider has certain conditions of quality of supply that she has to adhere to. These conditions are monitored by the regulator in the respective countries, with SERA playing that regulatory role in the case of Swaziland.

The regulator represents the interests of the consumers in ensuring that there is security of electricity supply and consumers get consistent supply of electricity. SERA continuously monitor performance of SEC in relation to quality of service to ensure consumers are not exploited by the dominant player. A similar role is played by NESRA in South Africa, who monitors the activities of ESKOM and other distributors in the country. This makes the role of the regulator to go beyond just ensuring control of energy supply in the respective countries, but goes on to protect interests of consumers.

CASTLE PREMIER CHALLENGE

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RUNNERS-UP: Filling Station players displaying their prizes.



TIGHT MARK: Former Mbabane Highlanders goalkeeper Sebenele Malaza (l) dribbling his opponent at the activation.



WE CAN DANCE: This gentlemen taken by DJ 711's music.



GWAZA NKUNZI: Mbabane Highlanders Development Manager Simiso Jele presenting a T-shirt to Nhlanhla Matsebula.



MAHHALA HHA!: Manzini Wanderers fan Muzi Methula receiving a bag from the team's Head of Marketing and Communications Senzo Dlamini.

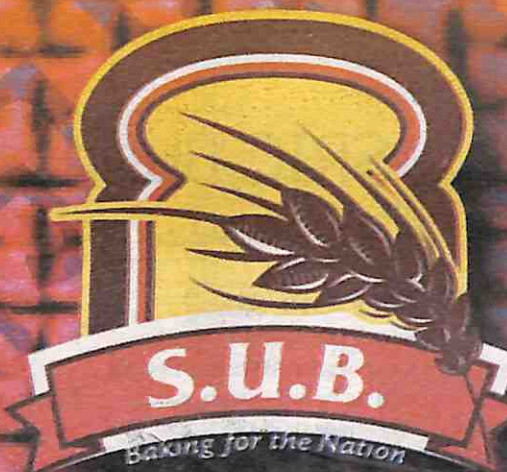


SWALLOWS FOR LIFE: Zanele Sihlongonyane smiling after being presented with a Castle keyholder by Mbabane Swallows acting CEO Sibusiso Manana.



YOUR NAME: Siboniso Tsabedze being asked a question by Green Mamba PRO Thami Phakathi.

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■ Manchester City held three conversations over the potential transfers of Barcelona forwards Lionel Messi, 29, and Neymar, 24, in the summer. (Sun on Sunday)

■ City boss Pep Guardiola is ready to move for Arsenal forward Alexis Sanchez, 27, if the Chile international fails to agree a new deal with the Gunners. (Sunday Express)



■ And the Spaniard is also targeting a move for 19-year-old Jamaican forward Leon Bailey, currently at Belgian club Genk. (Sunday Mirror)

■ Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp wants to sign Syria-born Germany forward Mahmoud Dahoud, 20, from Borussia Monchengladbach for £25m. (Sunday Express)

■ Chelsea are targeting Tottenham's 23-year-old Wales left-back Ben Davies to boost the number of home-grown players at the club. (Sun on Sunday)

■ Real Madrid are ready to sell Spain midfielder Isco, 24, who was a target for Spurs on transfer deadline day. (Sport)

■ Hull City's caretaker-boss Mike Phelan could be appointed the club's permanent manager within the next 48 hours. (Mail on Sunday)



■ Former Manchester United midfielder Paul Scholes says the club's wingers are one of manager Jose Mourinho's biggest problem areas but believes England international Marcus Rashford, 18, could be the answer. (Independent on Sunday)

■ Meanwhile, the Old Trafford club will target Atletico Madrid centre-back Jose Gimenez, 21, as Mourinho bids to bolster his defence. (People)

■ AC Milan are considering a compromise with Chelsea if the Blues decide to bid for Carlos Bacca, 30, by offering to swap the Colombia striker for Spain midfielder Cesc Fabregas, 29. (Calcio Mercato - in Italian)

■ AC Milan will have competition in their pursuit of Fabregas with Juventus and Inter Milan also interested. (Sunday Mirror)



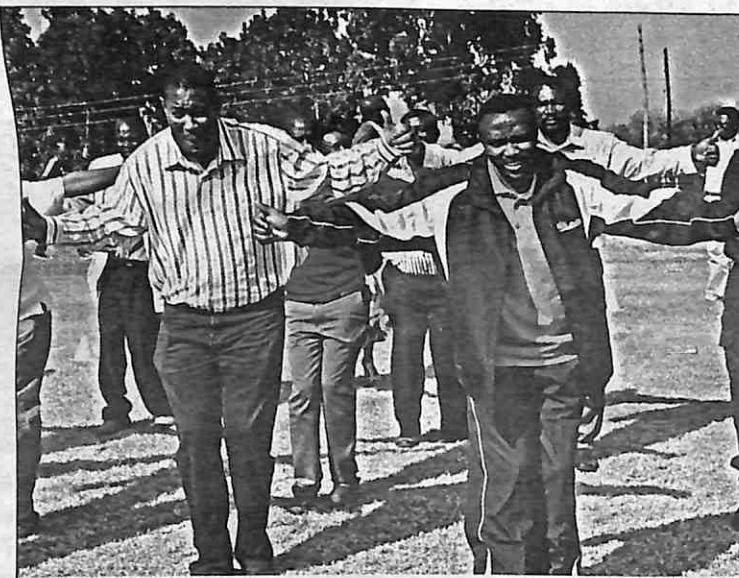
Sports and Rec worked on deficit in first quarter

By Qondile Ntiwane

SPORTS – THE Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) worked on a deficit of over E195 000 deficit in the first quarter.

According to information sourced from the Ministry of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs first quarter report, the internal grant of E1 617 975 for the period under review was received in full, and that they had an expenditure of E1 813 505, which shows a deficit of E195 930. They stated that because the subvention was received late this resulted in a cash flow problem challenges in the SNSRC office, something that compromised their activities and almost paralysed their operations.

"We are hopeful that our government will soon overcome this



SHUKUMA: Minister of Housing and Urban Development Phwayinkhosi Mabuza exercising with the Director of Youth Bheki Tfwala during the launch of the Shukuma Swaziland programme at National Football Association Technical. (File Pic)

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and those of sports for social change," reads part of the report.

The SNSRC then extended gratitude to all stakeholders for the continued support and understanding during the period under review.

The report also states that Shukuma Swaziland, which is the flagship program of the SNSRC, was held in six Tinkhundla Centres in the period under review. These include Ndzingeni, Mtfongwaneni, Matsanjeni South, Pigg's Peak, Kwaluseni, and Mankayane Municipality.

It was also stated that during the period under review, the Shukuma menu was expanded to include football.

The Shukuma tournament launched by the Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini in May was sponsored to tune of E200 000, with E50 000 going to each region.

2016 VA Cup kickoff on Saturday

By Sibusiso Masilela

VOLLEYBALL - LOCAL volleyball teams will this coming weekend begin preparations for the 2016 Zone 6 Clubs Championships to be held in Namibia in December.

This will be during the annual VA Cup, set to commence on Saturday.

The tournament will see the best eight teams from the male and female categories represent the country in the regional showpiece.

Swaziland National Volleyball Association Secretary Nonophile 'Affie' Dlamini confirmed the dates of this year's competition. "The VA Cup will kick-off on

Saturday with the B Division teams competing in the preliminary round and will continue on October 1 where the quarterfinals will be played. The finals will be played on October 8 after the semi-finals on the day."

Dlamini said they would announce more information in due course.

She urged teams to prepare themselves for the games.

Saturday will see the B Division teams of the likes of Mshinande, Pure Magic, Ludzeludze and Mahlanya fight for the quarterfinals spot, where they will meet A Division teams on October 1 before the finals to determine the zone 6 bound team.

The country last year hosted the Zone 6 Championships which



saw teams from Zimbabwe, South Africa, Mozambique, Lesotho and Namibia taking part.

RSP males and Correctional Ladies recently won the Trade Fair Cup held three weeks ago.

SRIC Business Golf in full swing on Wednesday

By Sabelo Majola

GOLF – THE exciting Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation Business League will be in full swing on Wednesday at the Royal Swazi Sun Golf Course.

The action packed day will kick-off at 11:30am with some interesting clashes pitting Central Bank of Swaziland, who will be up against Pots Construction.

Other matches will see Africa Chicks taking on African Alliance at the 6th and 7th hole, while Ladies team will take on MTN Swaziland on the 8th hole.

The competition will come to an end November 16, where the

This was confirmed by tournament coordinator Banele Dlamini

The fixture (Wednesday)

September 21

1/2nd Central Bank vs Pots Construction

3/4th Previc vs Swd Beverages

5th SRIC vs RSP

6/7th Africa Chicks vs African Alliance

8th Ladies vs MTN

9th SEC vs Standard Bank

10th Royal Swazi vs Manyatsi Nhleko QS

12th Liberty vs Galp

13th Go Big vs Kukhanya

15/16th Easigas vs Ecsponent

17th SGU Team vs Irish Swazi Enterprises

October 5

1/2nd SGU Team vs Standard Bank

3/4th Easigas vs MTN

5th SEC vs Galp

6/7th Liberty vs Ecsponent

8th Go Big vs Manyatsi Nhleko QS

9th Ladies vs Irish Swazi Enterprises

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'KOKI' CONDEMNS PLAYERS' CONDUCT

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – MBABANE Swallows head coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati has strongly condemned the conduct of the players during their league match against Young Buffaloes at the Mavuso Sports Ground on Saturday.

The outspoken mentor

said both players and officials should learn to control their tempers and uphold a high level of professionalism during matches to avoid unnecessary drama.

Football

"This was a very unfortunate incident which is not good for our football. Players should learn to control themselves and avoid behaving in such a

manner. One can commend the maturity shown by the match officials, who ensured that the game continues as well as the police for calming the situation," he said.

Coming to the match, Vilakati commended his charges for the hard fought win, which he said was a result of team work and determination.

"This is a hard fought



CALM DOWN: Sanele Mkhweli and Buffaloes' Phiwa Dlamini being calmed down by Swallows coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati during the violence that erupted.

win for the team as the boys fought gallantly until the final whistle. The win was a positive step towards our league title aspirations," he said.

Buffaloes' assistant coach Sabelo Mnisi attributed their loss to wasted scoring chances.

"We were unlucky not to score because we were not clinical in front of goals as we failed to make good use of our chances. We played well as a team and need to continue working hard in the upcoming matches," he said.



FAILED TO WIN: Mbabane Highlanders coach Meck Mwase.

MWASE RUES ON MISSED CHANCES

By Sanele Jele

SOCCER – Mbabane Highlanders coach Meck Mwase said failure to utilise chances was the main reason the team failed to win against Red Lions during an MTN Premier League match played at Mankulu Stadium on Saturday.

He said they could have easily won the match.

He made these remarks during a post match interview after watching his charges play to a 0-0 draw against 'Amabhubesi'.

The match was watched by over 200 supporters. "We played

well, we got our chances but we failed to convert them into goals.

The condition of the pitch also did not suit our playing style, it was bumpy and players could not control the ball and make speedy counter attacks."

He said they missed a lot of chances. "The red card also was a blessing in disguise for Lions as they worked extra hard and you could not tell they were one man down," he said.

Mwase said they would go back to the drawing board to rectify their mistakes.

"It's too early to judge the team; the players still need adjust to my coaching tactics so that we can find a winning combination.

I trust these players and they need the support from the management and supporters. They will surely produce good results with time," he added.

Meanwhile, Red Lions mentor Zwelibandzi Khoza was full of praise for the Highlanders coach.

"Well done to the coach, he is very good and I respect him. Coming to the game, both teams played well except that we missed a couple of clear cut chances.

The boys are good and I am very happy with the way they executed the game plan. If they can continue like this, we will definitely compete for honours this season," said Khoza.

Nuro pleased with players' high level of maturity

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER – ROYAL Leopard coach Sifiso 'Nuro' Ntibane is content with his squad and pleased with their high level of maturity.

The MTN premier league defending champions emerged victorious over Green Mamba, winning 1-0 at Mayaluka Stadium on Saturday.

Ntibane said it was a crucial win for them and it boosted their confidence going forward. "I am happy with my players, especially with their speed on our breaks and counters. They are showing a high level of maturity. We are always under pressure because we are the defending champions but we don't easily crash. We would take each game as it comes and we won't be carried away by this win," he said.

Meanwhile, Green Mamba head Coach Herbert Maruwa said lapse in concentration cost them the game but he too was pleased with the team's performance.

"In football, if you don't score, you get punished. We created fair scoring

chances but failed to make something out of them. The players gave their best and our oppression play was well executed so we would continue and build from this performance going forward," he said.



Allow us to host big teams at Manzini Club - Sundowns PRO

Stories by Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER – MANZINI Sundowns PRO Muzi Matsenjwa has appealed to the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) to allow them to host big games at the Manzini Club Stadium.

The PRO said it was disappointing that they were not allowed to host games when they had the right facilities. Making his remarks during a lunch meeting with the PLS and sponsors of the League MTN Swaziland on Friday, the PRO said they are looking forward to the day they would be allowed to host their games on home ground. "As Sundowns, we are saddened that we are not allowed to have our games played in our stadium because we have even better facilities when compared to other stadiums used.

We would love to host big teams like Mbabane Swallows at the stadium. "I do believe that we are very capable of doing such, and appeal that the PLS look into this matter," he said.

Worth noting, however, is that the team was allowed to host yesterday where they played Manzini Sea Birds in the opening game of the new sea-



WANTS TO HOST: Manzini Sundowns PRO Muzi Matsenjwa.

son. The two teams settled for a stalemate after playing to a 1-all draw.

Also present during the event was PLS Chief Operations Officer (COO) Pat Vilakati, who said their office was always open for teams.

"We are grateful to MTN for allowing us this opportunity to discuss issues affecting us and how we can improve our football. As PLS we do invite teams to come and voice out their grievances at any time so we can address them as opposed to them using other platforms such as the media," he said.

PROs want MTN to sponsor Sports Show

SOCCER – PREMIER League of Swaziland (PLS) PROs have urged sponsors of the league MTN Swaziland to consider sponsoring the popular morning 'Sports Show'.

The sports show is aired on the Swaziland Broadcasting and Information Services (SBIS) every Monday and Friday mornings.

Addressing the sponsor's representatives in MTN Brand and Sponsorship Manager Fisiwe Vilane, Meshack Maseko and Jordy Shiba, the PROs stated that the show was tiring as they had to travel long distances just to get a one and a half minute slot at the most.

"We travel long distances so we can be part of the show listened to by many football lovers in the country. We do understand that they love this show hence the reason we feel obligated to attend. It also gives us a platform to network as PROs and tell the nation about our respective teams. "However, it is draining that we have to go there and at times to get just 30 seconds because we need to give each other a chance," said one of the PROs.

Manzini Wanderers Marketing



REPS: MTN Brand and Sponsorship Manager Fisiwe Vilane, Meshack Maseko and Jordy Shiba.

and Communications Officer Senzo Dlamini asked the sponsor to consider sponsoring the hosts of the show with a mobile phone.

"One of the options could be having a sponsored phone which would allow the hosts to communicate with each and everyone so that we don't come all the

way here," he said.

In response to the queries by the team, Vilane said they would take into consideration the views and concerns of the PROs.

"We do appreciate these views and they are noted. Yes, there are pros and cons to these suggestions but we will implement what is possible," she said.

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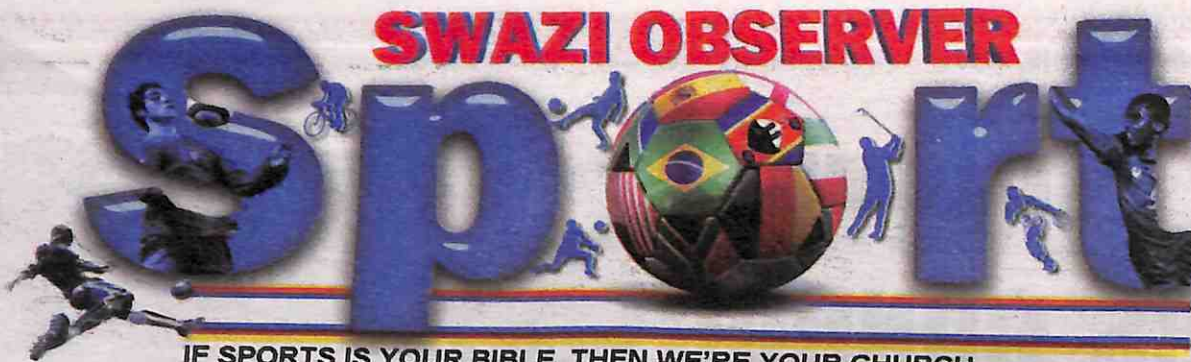
Yesterday

PREMIER LEAGUE

Tottenham Hotspur	1-0	Sunderland
Southampton	1-0	Swansea City
Crystal Palace	4-1	Stoke City
Watford	3-1	Manchester United

MULTICHOICE DISK CHALLENGE

Highlands Park	4-1	Cape Town City
Mamelodi Sundowns	2-1	Platinum Stars
Orlando Pirates	3-1	Free State Stars
Polokwane City	0-0	Chippa United
Bidvest Wits	3-0	Baroka FC
Golden Arrows	2-0	SuperSport United



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Brutal Malanti crush apprehensive Brothers

By Sabelo Majola

Ludzeludze Brothers..... (0)0
Malanti Chiefs..... (0)4

SOCCER - FORMER Premier League outfit Malanti Chiefs proved too strong for Ludzeludze Brothers as they crushed them 4-0, to claim their first victory in the National First Division.

The exciting match was played at Manzini Club yesterday.

The match started on a high note with Malanti Chiefs coming hard at the opposition. Both teams could not find the back of the net in the first half, as the match went for a breather, locked at 0-0. Malawi-born striker Gomezgane Gondwe opened the score sheet with a terrific volley that hit the top pole before landing at the back of the net after receiving a pass Welile Maseko in the 48th minute. Gomez caught a brace six minutes later after connecting a Siculo Mkhwanazi's cross from the corner spot to score with a free header, making the score 2-0.

Welile was back again in the 58 minute, bringing a fine pass into the box that found an unmarked Zwelithini Zulu, who unleashing a shot that went past Brothers keeper Sifiso Maseko. Welile was substituted deep in the second half and was replaced by Charles Molopo, who added to Brothers' woes six minutes from time after breaking from defenders and letting fly a shot that Mamba could do nothing about.

The second match played at the same venue saw another former elite league team in Bad Boys play to a one-all draw with Vovovo. This match was engulfed with controversy and saw substitute Banele Dlamini shown a red card less than 20 minutes after his introduction following a clumsy challenge on Vovovo skipper Banele Mkhabela. Bad Boys were put ahead by Xolani Gamedze in the 37th minute following a scramble in the box. Former Midas City skipper Siboniso 'Jomo' Maseko rescued a point for Vovovo in the 76th minute, netting a free kick to make the final score 1-1.

RESULTS

Matsapha United	2-0	Madlanya FC
Citizens	5-2	Tycoons
Ludzeludze Brothers	0-4	Malanti Chiefs
Bad Boys	1-1	Vovovo
City Warriors	1-1	Hub Sundowns
Sikhalo Se-Afrika	2-1	Amalando FC
Amalando	vs	Lud. Brothers (did not play)

NATIONAL FIRST DIVISION LOG

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Malanti Chiefs	2	1	0	1	4	0	4	4
Hub Sundowns	2	1	0	1	4	1	3	4
Matsapha United	2	1	0	1	2	0	2	4
City Warriors	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
Mabane Citizen	2	1	1	0	5	5	0	3
Sikhalo Se-Afrika	2	1	1	0	2	2	0	3
Hiathidulu Tycoons	2	1	1	0	3	5	-2	3
Bad Boys	2	0	0	2	3	3	0	2
Vovovo	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
Madlanya	2	0	1	1	2	4	-2	1
Amalando	1	0	1	0	1	2	-1	0
Ludzeludze Brothers	1	0	1	0	0	4	-4	0

MAVUSO SPORTS CENTRE SKIRMISH...

'BUFFS', 'BIRDS' FACE E200 000 FINE

- Each team face E100 000 fine if implicated in Mavuso skirmish on Saturday
- Swazi Observer photographer attacked by 'Buffs' player, opens case with Manzini police

By Qondile Ntwane

SOCCER - PREMIER League sides Mbabane Swallows and Young Buffaloes face over E200 000 fine each following the skirmish at the Mavuso Sports Centre on Saturday.

If implicated in elite league referee's report, the two sides stand to pay a fine of E105 000 each.

The MTN league opening encounter, pitting the two teams, came to a standstill in the second half following an altercation between the players, a scene that lasted for about 15 minutes.

The ugly scenario which also resulted in Swazi Observer Photographer Lucky Simelane being assaulted by a Buffaloes

player Mzwandile Nkwanyana, and saw players, officials and some supporters' enter the field of play during the game. This contravenes Article 7(1) (a) of the MTN League rules and regulation which carries a summary fine of E15 000. Meanwhile, Article 7 (1)(b) states that threatening by conduct or words t assault or attempt to assault a referee, PLS official, club marshal or supporter shall result in a maximum fine of E30 000.

Compensate

In addition, the offending club shall be ordered to compensate the victim for any financial loss incurred due to the assault by the DC. Article 7(1)(d), which is against the use of provocative or insulting gestures/ signals, unbecoming behaviour or conspiracy

or attempt to act to bring football into disrepute or inciting people to behave in a manner that brings the game of football into disrepute also carries a maximum of E30 000. The teams may also be charged for failing to control their supporters, and officials which carries not less than E25 000. Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) Chief Operations Officer Pat Vilakati strongly condemned the violence scenes that erupted on Saturday at Mavuso Sports Ground when sought for comment. "We are strongly against violence in football. It is not needed in the sport because it may result in a loss of lives. I cannot elaborate any further on the matter until we see the reports tomorrow (today)," he said.

RESULTS:

Highlanders	0-0	Red Lions
Pirates	0-2	Wanderers
Buffaloes	0-1	Swallows
Tambuti	1-0	Midas City
Leopard	1-0	Green Mamba
Sundowns	1-1	Sea Birds

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG:

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Mrz. Wanderers	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
Mrz. Swallows	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
R. Leopard	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
Tambuti	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
Mrz. Sundowns	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Sea Birds	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Mrz. Highlanders	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Red Lions	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Green Mamba	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Young Buffaloes	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Midas City	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Moneri Pirates	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0

'BUCS' SUPPORTERS BAY FOR 'SPUTLA', CHAIRMAN'S BLOOD

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - MONENI Pirates supporters failed to control their emotions after their 0-2 loss to Manzini Wanderers as they immediately attacked their head coach Mlamuli 'Sputla' Zwane and the Chairman (name deliberately withheld) on Saturday afternoon at the Mavuso Sports Centre.

A group of disgruntled supporters are said to have blocked the dressing room's exit point as they wanted to manhandle the two officials, who they blame for the loss against their bitter rivals Wanderers.

They were given a rude welcome

back to top flight football.

A source close to the matter asserted that the team's security had to calm the situation and whisked away the two officials from the irate supporters, who wanted to beat them.

The source said the supporters were blaming these officials for the Saturday's loss.

Supporters

"The coach and the chairman were saved by security after a group of supporters wanted to assault the two after the match. They are said to have contributed to the downfalls of the team. The supporters were also not happy with the team's performance on the day."

The source said the fans were also accusing the chairman of interfering with the technical bench and were questioning his sitting on the bench during match.

Attack

"This is not the first time the supporters wanted to attack Zwane as he was also attacked a month ago when the fans invaded the team training base Enjabulweni High School High School and demanded the coach to relinquish his position."

The source said the supporters were not happy with a number of issues in the team.

"These issues need to be addressed as soon as possible before things get out of hand. What

we saw today after the match can be avoided," the source said.

The team's Public Relations Officer Thamie Dlamini said he was yet to get a report of the Saturday match when contacted yesterday.

"I haven't heard about the matter you are talking about. I am, however, yet to see the weekend report from the relevant structures in the team."

"I cannot be in a position to comment until the meeting to be held on Monday (today). I can, however, advice our supporters to follow the right protocol of contacting my office whenever they have grievances in order to help improve the results," he said.