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Dr Hugh Magagula (left) launched his autobiography on Friday during his 70th birthday celebration at his home-ssstead in Matsesa (see pages 12-13), while Rev Abel and Ruth Lukhele celebrated 52 years of marriage on Friday night at the Royal Villas (See pages 8-9).

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STORIES BY
MLONDI MPANZA

In the wake of growing negative sentiments concerning nationals of Asian origins in the country, an indvuna has evicted a group from MgaZini.

The presence of Asians has been questioned in parliament to the extent that their business practices such as closing shops during their prayer times and operating in rural areas have been highlighted resulting to a 10-man probe set up.

A group of 12 Asian nationals got more than what they had bargained for when they were ordered out of an area on the outskirts of Mankayane last week.

Having secured rental space from a resident, the men of Asian origin were ordered out of the area by Indvuna Xolani Vilakati.

The headman said he did not meet them but only heard of their presence in the area from a member of *bandlancane* who called him to report on this.

"Ngoba bengikhashane ngabuta kutsi bahleli ngemvumo yini lapha, uma kungenjalo, ngabatjela kutsi ngifuna kutsi ngifika lapho babe bahambile," he said.

Vilakati said he ordered them out because they had not been reported to the area's authorities and therefore accommodating them in the area with unknown motives would cause problems for them.

As per the order, the Asians left the place a couple of days later.

Speaking to this newspaper, residents said the nationals were first seen in the area a week earlier roaming around before settling in the said homestead.

This raised eyebrows and the community reported their presence to a certain member of the area's council (*bandlancane*) that there were foreign people being accommodated in one of the homes.

The member who preferred to comment on condition of anonymity said after receiving the report, he quickly rushed to the



The homestead where the Asians reportedly stayed at while in the area. When a visit to it was made this past week, no one was found after the community revealed they had been ordered out of the area. (Pic: MlonDI Mpanza)

homestead to inspect this.

Before he reached the home, he pointed out that he asked those who had seen the Asians if proper procedure had been followed for them to be in the area – for which they responded to the negative.

"After those who had reported to me had said they were not aware of the men's motives and whether they were legally in the area, I then called the headman to report to him," said the member.

Concern

The headman is said to have also raised the same concerns, wondering if they were legally in the area before he ordered that they leave immediately.

The few who had a word with the nationals said they claimed to have come to the area to promote their religious beliefs, Islam, before being met by the unfortunate scenario.

For others, they are said to have declared they had also come to open businesses in the area and were from Nhlanguano where they also owned shops.

It is said they came into the area aboard a mini truck which however had mechanical faults and they enquired if there was a nearby Mosque where they could seek help.

As there was none nearby, a mechanic was reportedly called from Manzini who came and

towed it away, leaving the Asians in the area.

When the residents were asked on this, they said they were not happy with the occurrence because such touched on their security.

"Kunengi lokwentekako lana, tintfo tiyalahleka nalokutsi asati kutsi laba bekunene bebete ngaliphi lana," said one resident.

Another said she was puzzled how they intended on settling in the area and spread their religious beliefs in a Christian country.

She said, "We hear that in their countries you get killed if you have different religious beliefs contrary to theirs, so how would they cope in the country spreading their beliefs when we promote in Christianity?"

When the homestead where they stayed was visited, there was no one present following the Asians departure, with the resident who gave them accommodation also fleeing the place since he had to explain to the authorities.

Moreover, this comes at a time when the country's legislators are up in arms over the influx of the Asians and further suspending the issuance of entry permits for the nationals in the country.

This saw the parliament selecting a committee to investigate the residential status of illegal immigrants, as well as the issuance of memos or

...Claim to be Dlamini, Simelanes

A resident who spoke with the Asians alleged they claimed to be using surnames like Dlamini and Simelane.

She said they claimed to be legally in the country and had all the relevant paperwork legitimising their stay here.

"They spoke bits of SiSwati and said they had been the country for a while now and had shops around Nhlanguano," she said.

They claimed they had been married in the country and were thus legal residents.

When asked on how the Asians spent their day, she said they would stay at the homestead relaxing and only leave when they were going to buy cigarettes.

The nationals are also said to have requested eggs from indigenous Swazis – which they said helped to heal certain sicknesses.

They are also said to have been aggressive when residents tried taking pictures of them, with one alleging they even took her phone and deleted the pictures.

entry permits from the ministry of home affairs.

Over the past couple of years, the country has seen a great influx of Asians who have now gone to the extent of even staying in rural areas.

Recently, MP Prince Hlangabeza blamed chiefs for the influx of the nationals into the country after he had been approached by some of the nationals to report the chiefs for defrauding them in promise for citizenship which never happened.

into the future.

"With advice from our home make-over experts viewers will learn how clever ideas, simple materials and hard work can make all the difference – even in their own homes. However it is not all going to be an easy ride for our lucky families," he added.

Fidelis said they were looking at unearthing new talent, as well as working with established artists in the country who would be part of the reality shows. Swazi Reality TV has already partnered with major players in the industry, including Happy Valley Hotel which is their official establishment partner.

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Swazi Reality TV coming soon

BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

Our screens are about to change for the better, with a reality TV set to hit the local screens soon.

A new company, Swazi Reality Media Pty Ltd, is working on introducing reality TV that covers different areas of interest such as culture and lifestyle, industry specific development, tourism, entertainment, education, health as well as current affairs.

Reality television can be described as a genre of television programming that documents supposedly unscripted real-life situations, and often features an otherwise unknown cast of individuals who are typically not professional actors, although in some shows celebrities may participate.

One of the first shows that the company is working on is a home and life make-over reality show, which will be broadcast locally and internationally. Founder of Swazi Reality TV Xolani Fidelis said they

were already in the final stages of talks with the broadcasters, while his team was ready to start shooting. "The show will broadcast on primetime television over a 13 week cycle.

Families

The first series will flight on Swazi TV. During the 13 week cycle, 12 families – nominated by friends, family and their community – will have their homes and lives completely transformed," he said.

Fidelis said they wanted to make living environments that are safe, comfortable and sustainable – homes that are in tune with all the challenges facing families today and

TEACHERS LAUNCH CAMPAIGN OVER UNDERPAYMENTS

● Degree holding teachers in primary schools complain of being paid according to post scale instead of qualification

STORIES BY
MLONDI MPANZA

While some of the country's teachers are enjoying their salary increases, the same cannot be said for those with degrees while teaching in primary schools.

This is because they are aggrieved over the fact that they are not remunerated as per their qualification, but according to the posts they hold.

As a result, they have since launched a campaign, "TO EACH ACCORDING TO QUALIFICATIONS (TEAQ)," to voice their concerns.

The TEAQ campaign consists mainly of teachers who hold degrees in Bachelor of Education and Humanities, as well as other equivalent certification but employed on contract basis. Those aggrieved are also holders of degree qualifications who continued to obtain their Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE/PGDE).

They told the Sunday Observer they were unhappy over being underpaid and allege their situation also meant they were not eligible to any promotion while they were still employed in primary schools.

For those without the PGCE, they said it was a different case as they were not entitled to any workers

right, not even basic allowances like housing, travelling and maternity leave.

This whole issue is said to have emanated from the last salary review for civil servants more than a decade ago when Primary Teacher's Certificate (PTC) holders were left out together with those on contracts. They said this came with bad working conditions for them.

"Degree teachers suffered a huge blow in 2005 when they were unlawfully coerced to accept the 'half - a loaf-is-better-than-nothing' deal whereby they were to be remunerated by diploma scale while they were armed with degrees," said the teachers.

Posts

They allege this was justified by government pointing out that there was inadequate availability of degree posts and hence they were hired through diploma posts.

The aggrieved teachers further describe this act by the government as one that was in violation of the common law and all the labour laws of the country as well as the violation of the supreme law (the constitution) by their employer. Adding, they stated that upon exploring the different platforms to express their grievances, they finally decided to stand up and challenge what they call unfair labour practice from their employer.

Firstly, they engaged the leadership of the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT)

requesting a platform where they could bring together all the teachers to deliberate on this.

But, they claim the association did not show much interest to their grievances.

"With little interest from SNAT leadership to address the plight of the undermined and underpaid but qualified teachers, the comrades decided to open a WhatsApp page where they mobilised other fellow teachers suffering the same infringement of their right as well as those who were sympathetic to their course," they said.

It is through this WhatsApp group they have managed to elect a working team which was given the task of coordinating a mass meeting which they successfully did.

Furthermore, they highlighted that the campaign was also justified by Section 29 of the amended Employment Act of 1980 which states: "No employer shall, in any contract of employment between himself and an employee discriminate against any person or between employees on grounds of race, colour, religion, marital status, sex, national origin, tribal, political affiliation or social status."

They cited the employment of new graduates and given high schools posts thus overlooking those who were teaching at primary level yet they hold the same academic qualifications and this was unfair and unlawful conduct by the

employer against the aforementioned section of the Employment Act.

"The fact that there are teachers paid at degree scale in primary schools while others at the same workplace, doing same work are paid at diploma scale violates the principal's employment laws," they alleged.

After a series of persistent meetings with the SNAT leadership that eventually led to a mass meeting which was held on May, 23 this year where representatives of the ministry of education, Public Service and the Teaching Services Commission were in attendance.

They alleged their campaign was dismissed by the government representatives as irrelevant because they recognised and hired through posts and not qualifications.

The teachers assert this was evidence of another discriminatory policy by the employer.

Below are the demands by TEAQ:

● The government, through the TSC department, must stop forthwith from discriminating and victimising teachers.

● Pay all teachers according to their qualifications, no matter where they are placed in terms of work place.

● Ensure that the pay scale of teachers on fixed or permanent contract be similar to that of other civil servants of similar or equal qualifications.



Minister of Education and Training, Dr. Phineas Magagula.

Minister Magagula: Inadequate posts are the reason behind this

The Minister of Education and Training, Dr. Phineas Magagula has maintained the alleged government stance in this issue, stating that teachers are paid by post and not qualification.

He said there were not enough posts in high schools and that was the reason some teachers found themselves in diploma posts.

"Because of the limitation of posts in high schools, teachers find themselves having to hold diploma posts whilst waiting to shift up to the relevant posts in high schools," said the minister.

Magagula further stated that it was unfortunate this was the situation right now, more-so because this was also affecting the teacher's benefits such as the pension and gratuity. But, he said the good thing about holding the degrees was that this gave teachers the room to change to high schools in the event posts were available.

In addition, when the Minister of Labour and Social Security, Winnie Magagula was also contacted, she said she was not aware of such because no reports had been made to her portfolio.

She however stated that if such was really there, then the teachers should deliberate the matter with their employer and if they fail to reach common ground they can then report to the ministry as unfair labour practice.

'Learn Maths and Science and you won't be in this problem'

Teachers should have excelled in maths and sciences instead of religious studies and history if they did not want to find themselves in this kind of a position.

This is the assertion of the Secretary General of the Swaziland National Association of Teachers, Muzi Mhlanga after he was asked on the issue. He further disputed the allegations that they were not giving

these teachers enough support, stating that this was one of the matters they were working on daily.

"We are spending lots of money for SNAT members trying to find a solution to this problem despite that a number of them are not even members of the association," he said.

Mhlanga said the main cause of this was that teachers did subjects which were not marketable advising them

that they should now look into doing maths and sciences to avoid this.

He further stated that those who claimed SNAT was not supporting them were people who wanted unnecessary attention because the matter was being discussed.

The Secretary General said they had also been holding hands with the teachers as evident in a meeting they coordinated which saw government

officials from the ministries of public service and education coming to the area to clarify for them concerning this.

He further echoed the words of Dr. Phineas Magagula, the minister of education that there were no enough posts in high schools and it was an arrangement agreed upon by both the teachers and the government that they assume diploma posts in the meantime until they can transfer to the relevant

ones.

"There are people who hold Masters Degrees and PHD's in government offices but they do not get paid for their qualifications and this is no different to this case at hand," added Mhlanga.

He also revealed that some head teachers were complaining about these teachers because the psychology they had learnt was fit for high school pupils and not primary school learners and that was also impacting their productivity.

MTN 50% data bundle promotion not short term

STORIES BY OBSERVER
REPORTER

The new breed of MTN Swaziland bundle packages which will run parallel to the standard package have the added advantage of a 50% bonus.

This assurance was made by Chief Consumer Officer Sam Shongwe during a recent meeting with editors which was purposed to introduce them to the phenomenon of their latest offerings such as 4G.

The communication giant recently unveiled a new way of purchasing data bundles which was not understood by the consumer resulting in an uproar.

After it was discontinued by the Swaziland Communication Commission, the company went back to the drawing board and

MTN SWAZILAND bundles hailed as affordable

In what may come as a surprise to the majority of MTN Swaziland subscribers, the local mobile communication network is said to be relatively cheap when compared to major players in the region. South Africa based Swazi, Sydney Maseko posted on Facebook this past week how he used six sim cards for data and the local operator charged less. The post read, "I use 6 SIM cards

for data. (2xMTN SA, MTN Swaziland, Telkom Mobile, Vodacom, Cell C.) When I use Vodacom data bundles, I spend R30 a day.

When I use MTN SA I spend R3 a day. When I use Telkom I spend R10 or more. For MTN Swaziland and Cell C I spend between R5 and R10. So MTN Swaziland is not bad. Vodacom data, thank you ngye." His friends joined the

30 days whenever recharged. He explained how this had been possible with users buying bundles for E2 which increased their validity for another 30 days.

He explained how this presented itself as a loop hole seeing as bundles were sold as package which had a validity within which it

conversations with South Africans berating their respective providers. User one: *Iyo i voda ayabiza ama data wakhona.* User two: *Lokungiphatsa kabi nga MTN kunye nje, nangishaya bese batsi I have insufficient funds to make a call while ikhona.* Sydney Maseko: Vodacom offers 25MBs for 30 days at R12 and they will give extra 25MBs free but all 50MBs do not last more than 5 hours.

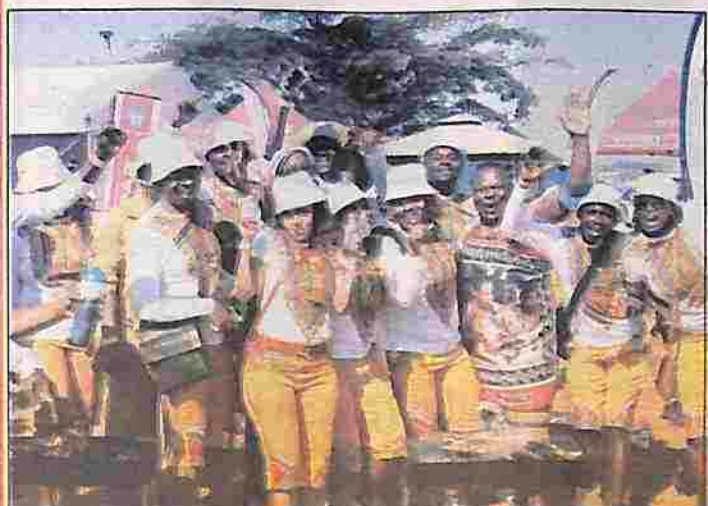
should be used as the buyer was assumed to need them for a month, the intended validity period. Shongwe, with the assistance of Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Laphondvo explained how the new bundles tagged "MTN WoW Bundles", which are short term, would allow users access to more

data at discounted rates with validity according to their needs.

The new short term bundle schedule was said to be purposed to be convenient for those who will want to use them within a certain time such as a day and are advantageous to low denominational users as well as visitors who are in the country for short periods of time. Some MTN Swaziland users have noted how they have for the last month been making calls worth a few cents at a time regardless of the amount of time per call.

Deli Mavuso posted how she was making over a minute calls at less than 30c each. "Could Swazi MTN be paying us for the lost data?" she wrote this past week. This reporter has noted how the discounts can at times be found even in the urban areas such as Manzini and Mbabane City centres as well as the outskirts.

BIGGEST BRAAI: COUNTRY HOLDS ITS BREATH



The best dressed team was from the Matsapha Town Council and was led by Town Clerk Gciniwe Fakudze. (Pics: Majaha Nkonyane)



The team from the Royal Swaziland Police Service after lighting their fires. **RIGHT** Nomzamo Dlamini entertained the audience with her song 'Umculo'.

Despite the evident success of the second edition of Philani Maswati Charity Organisation's annual Biggest Braai event, the country will wait until tomorrow to hear if the event will find its way into the Guinness Book of World Records.

According to the Chairman Lutfo Dlamini, auditors were yet to reconcile ticket sales against their head count in order to confirm whether the event stands to be counted as the most attended simultaneous braai.



Gospel singer Nhlambeni MP Frans Dlamini greeting DPM Paul Dlamini and Prince Guduza who was Her Majesty the Queen Mother's representative.



Bikers sent everyone into a frenzy as they roared their bikes during the braai which started in the morning and went into the night as different artists kept revellers on their feet.

SPTC EBUHLENI ROADSHOW



Mduduzi Simelane and his backers leading in dance and song during the SPTC Ebuheni Roadshow held yesterday to promote the new debit order payment method. (Courtesy pics)



SPTC's Muntu Dlamini with a contestant who hoped to win a cap and T-shirt by answering questions during the interactive part of the roadshow.



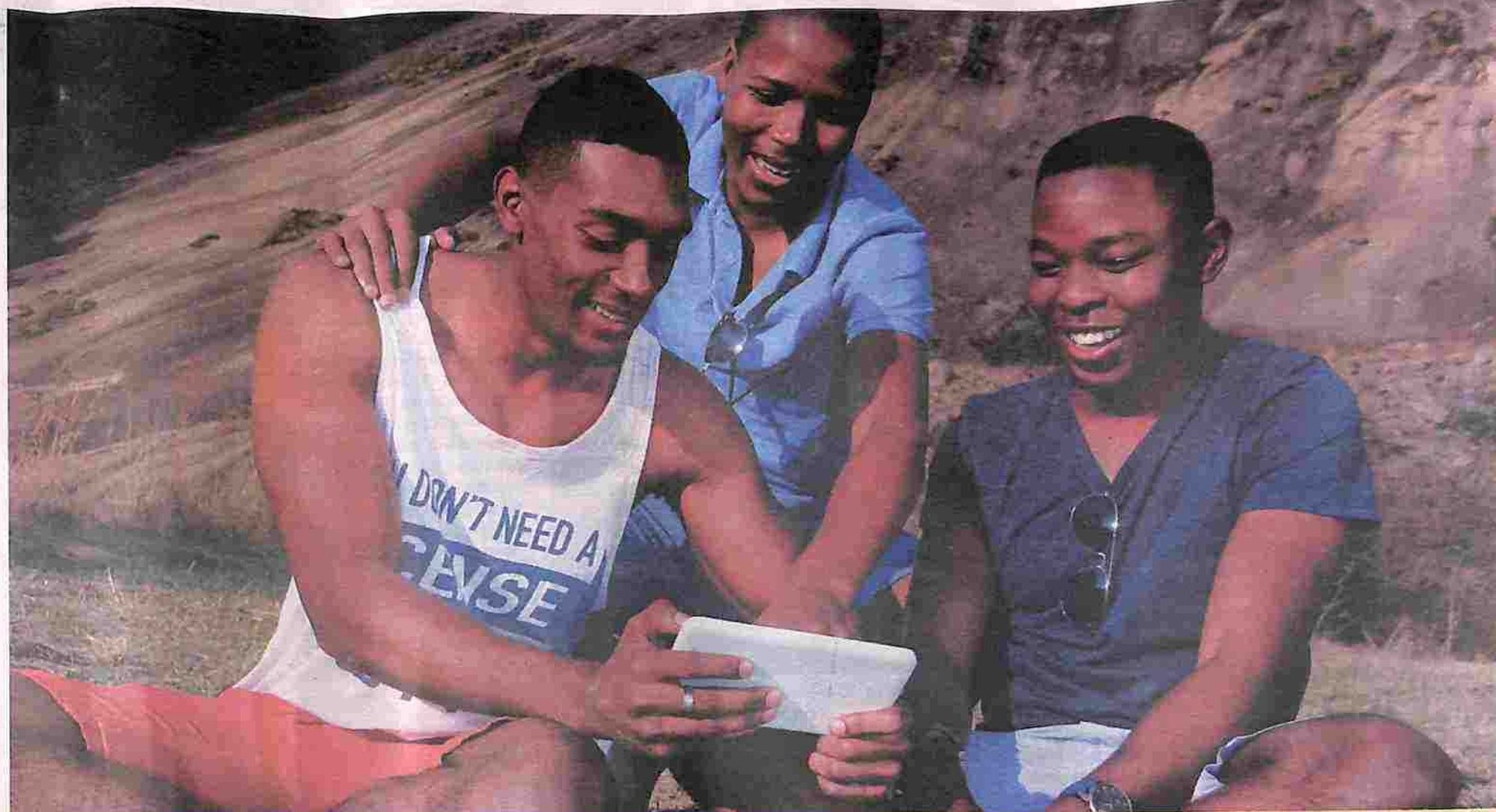
SPTC's Sicelo Ndlangamandla and Mduduzi 'Magawugawu' Simelane directing proceedings.



Spectators lifting their hands for recognition in order to get a chance to take part in the games.



Lungile Ngcobo and Sifiso Khumalo interacting with potential clients at the SPTC stand.



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PROPHET BUSHIRI'S SON COMES TO SWAZILAND

BY MBONO MDLULI

Prophet Shepherd Bushiri's spiritual son David Wiseman is coming to Swaziland, courtesy of Faith Christian Fellowship.

He comes with a promise, that it is time for Swazis to be delivered from poverty to success.

This was revealed by Faith Christian Fellowship founder Apostle Jeremiah Dlamini in an interview yesterday. Dlamini said Wiseman would be sent by Bushiri, who is the founder of Enlightened Christian Gathering (ECG).

Wiseman is expected to come to Swaziland next week Friday from Pretoria, where ECG is situated.

The event, which the Apostle described as a prophetic encounter, is expected to be held at Nhlangu Central High School.

The event will start from July 29 up to July 31, 2016. There will be a series of events for the whole weekend, where people from all walks of life in the country and outside are expected to attend this gathering.

Dlamini said this was an opportunity



Prophet Shepherd Bushiri.

for everyone to experience being transformed from misfortunes to a life of abundance. He said the event was not only for Christians in the country, "We invite the public to make use of this opportunity.

Successful

We invite evangelists, pastors, workers, business people and everyone to attend this event to be taken from poverty to be successful."

He said those who wanted deliverance, healing and those who wanted to hear what God wanted to say to them

concerning their lives should grab the opportunity with both hands. He said even the poorest of the poor should go to the event to grab the opportunity of moving from where they were to become prosperous where they could become multi millionaires.

On Friday July 29, 2016, there would be a service that is expected to start from 6pm until late into the night. On Saturday July 30, 2016, there will be what the apostle has described as a prophetic clinic. This will be taking place from 10am to 4pm. "This is a

one-on-one session where Wiseman will be praying for all those who want deliverance. He will be personally speaking to them and praying for them one by one. This opportunity will be for registered people as only a selected few will get that opportunity. We encourage the public to register now as it is still early to be guaranteed of such an opportunity," he said.

This will then be followed by an evening service, which will be taking place from 6pm till late. On Sunday July 31, 2016, there will be a morning service that will start from 10am. It will be followed by a business dinner during the day, which is expected to be over by 6pm. Dlamini said booking for the business dinner would be essential. This, the apostle said, was an opportunity for business people to get tips on how to prosper in their businesses. He said even those who aspired to be in business were encouraged to make use of this

opportunity. Dlamini said as a church, hosting such a big event was a humbling experience for them. The church is expressing gratitude to Prophet Bushiri for sending Wiseman to come and bless them with such an event. "Major Prophet Bushiri has been a motivator and encourager who stood by us where no one else did. He inspired us to carry on in the ministry when life was tough and he believed that we would see the light at the end," he said.

The apostle said it was out of such an encouragement that such an event was born. He urged members of the public to grab this opportunity with both hands as it was made for them. He said those who wanted to help financially should call him on 76979149 in order to find out how such help could be given out.

Prophet Shepherd Bushiri's spiritual son David Wiseman.



Prophet Bushiri delivers raped Swazi woman

BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

Malawian Prophet Bushiri has prayed and delivered a Swazi woman who admitted to being raped by members of her adoptive family.

Information that was shared on Shepherd Bushiri's official Facebook page where he has over 900 000 followers was that the woman was part of a service that was led by the prophet recently. The report of the Sunday service stated that Prophet Bushiri called on the lady, who the prophet was able to tell was from the country.

"He called on to another lady who had been adopted and mentioned that he saw that she was

born in Swaziland. She admitted; full of tears, to also having been raped by the people who had taken her in. Major 1 (Bushiri) intervened in her debts and prayed that she be delivered. He spiritually dismissed her civil court case," reads the post.

This occurred in church after the prophet had also called on a woman from Bushbuckridge and went on to mention her child's name before linking him to another man from Denmark who was also part of the service. It is said that Prophet Bushiri also called the man who was carrying with him a picture of his wife captured while they were at the beach in Denmark.

He mentioned the wife's name and spoke about the picture and how his wife had left him with three children.

This incident is almost similar to one that occurred in the country, during one of Prophet Bushiri's services which were held at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre.

The prophet revealed an astonishing prophecy on the death of former Swaziland Post and Telecommunications Corporation (SPTC) employee Funekile Gule.

In the case that the Royal Swaziland Police were and are still failing to crack, the prophet told the deceased's brother Mbongeni that his sister was gang raped by

five men.

This was after Mbongeni made several attempts to get to the pastor's attention as he had come with a picture of Funekile. As previously reported by our sister publication the Swazi Observer, the prophet's bodyguards made it difficult for him to reach the prophet at first saying the prophet hated to be approached with issues as it made him look like a guesser and that he would prophecy to Mbongeni as the spirit moved him.

Mbongeni went on to make attempts to get Apostle Jeremiah to assist in getting Prophet Bushiri's attention, but he too was reluctant, stating that this was a 'dangerous issue'. This was during the time of offering when the prophet was busy prophesying

privately to other members of the audience. Prophet Bushiri warned Gule that his life was now in danger as those behind his sister's death now wanted him dead.

He then asked for a prophecy. "Prophecy prophet; all I want is to know what happened to my sister because they said she was shot and mauled by dogs and I..." he said before being interrupted by the prophet, who shook his head.

"It wasn't a gunshot or dogs. Your sister was raped by five men, one of whom is a Thokozane," he stuttered before the audience completed and shouted the full name "Thokozane!" to which the prophet agreed. This prophecy left a number of people, including the Gule family in a cloud of confusion as no arrest have been made to date on the case.

Concerns over AU passport accessibility

...experts predict long wait before ordinary citizens get passports

BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

While the news of the launching of the African Union passport was received greatly across the continent, there are concerns whether or not AU member states will soon begin producing the African passport in accordance with their visa policies.

The passport was launched during opening of the 27th African Union (AU) Summit in Kigali, Rwanda as part of the bloc's 2063 Agenda.

Following the launch of the African Passport, only heads of states and

diplomats have been given the passports including His Majesty King Mswati III, Her Majesty the Queen Mother and Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini. Other holders of the passports are President of Chad and Chairperson of the AU, Idriss Deby Itno, and President of Rwanda Paul Kagame who both received their passports from Chairperson of the AU Commission, Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma.

According to information from the EU website, the new passport promises a solution to a major drag on African trade: the red tape that makes it harder

for African businesspeople, tourists and workers to travel around their own continent. While the launch of the African passport is a welcome development, however, it could still be a long wait before ordinary African citizens can get the passport as the document remains the privilege of heads of government, and diplomats.

The EU has stated how the passport is aimed at facilitating the free movement of people in the continent and it's introduction is expected to pave the way for the AU's 2063 Agenda for 'a continent with seamless borders' to help facilitate the free movement of

African citizens.

The project, which was agreed upon last year, also aims to improve intra-African trade and to ease the movement of domestic goods between member states. According to Zuma-Dlamini, member states are expected to start producing the passports in accordance with their national visa policies. Dlamini-Zuma said on Twitter, "We suggest to the Summit for consideration, that Member states issue the African Passport to their citizens, within their national policies".

According to Rwandan daily, The New Times, there is demand for the document, especially from the business community, who are keen on travelling across the continent. The report further states how citizens will receive the passports from their respective countries. Adding, it states that other than

the African Union insignia, each passport will also bear the issuing country's name. International media reported that countries agreed to put in place internal mechanisms and modalities to issue the travel documents.

However, the report stated how the fact that the issuance of the African passport is aligned to national visa policies has raised the scepticism whether African citizens will soon start using the travel document considering the slow implementation of a similar proposal. More than half of the 54 African countries require entry visas for other Africans, according to the Africa Visa Openness Report. Those visas can take days or weeks to apply for, and they make everything more difficult — from hiring foreign staff to traveling on a weekend safari to selling goods across borders.

SWAZI PUPIL CALLS FOR YOUTH FORUMS ON SEXUAL ISSUES

STORIES BY MLONDI MPANZA

Countries need to create international youth forums on sexual and reproductive health issues to accelerate their response towards ending AIDS by 2030.

This was the view of a Swazi pupil, Bongiwe Motsa, who was attending the International AIDS Conference in Durban.

Interviewed at the Durban International Conference Centre where 18 000 delegates are deliberating on the topic, 'Access to equity rights now,' Bongiwe said young people in different countries faced similar challenges.

By coming together to discuss these issues, they could contribute to the global response to HIV and AIDS.

She also learnt that intergenerational sex contributes to the high incidence of HIV among young people, particularly girls, a similar situation to that of Swaziland.

"I realised that what is happening at this conference is not exactly new because we go through a similar situation with other countries," said Bongiwe.

Issues

Therefore, she said if the youth was to be given a forum where they could work out their sexual and reproductive health issues at a global level to empower them to be leaders in the response, there would be a big difference.

"Who knows, maybe we could come up with a solution to these problems faced by the youth in dealing with HIV," she said.

The Form Five pupil at Ngwane

Park High School, made a name for herself at the Swaziland National HIV and AIDS Conference on July 13 when she called for adequate involvement of young people in the response to the epidemic.

The National Emergency Response Council on HIV/AIDS (NERCHA) sponsored her participation at the conference where she attended different forums from July 18 to 22. She said the exposure she received by interacting with many people from different walks of life at the conference made her realise there was also a need to reach out to disabled young people and those in prison.

"But I've learnt that what's happening at this conference is part of what we have been saying in Swaziland, it's just that here it is at

a global level," she said.

Her view was if the youth could be empowered to take the lead when regarding sexual and reproductive health matters, they would be able to deal with the problems that make them susceptible to contracting HIV.

"For instance, if a young girl is empowered enough, she'd realise that she doesn't need that older man to buy her food even if she's hungry. Education is one way of helping girls deal with poverty," said Bongiwe. Poverty is one of the drivers of intergenerational sex which is part of the factors that perpetuate the high incidence of HIV among young girls.

Age

In Swaziland, the HIV incidence rate among young women between ages 20 to 24 is 4.17 percent compared to 1.66 percent among their male counterparts of the same age group. This is what countries at the conference identified as one of the gaps in ending AIDS by 2030, said the Minister of Health, Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane, who was leading the Swaziland delegation in Durban. The conference brought together researchers from across the world who were sharing different studies to give

policy-makers the evidence on what needs to be done to end AIDS.

"Adolescents have been identified as one of the groups where we have a gap in the response to HIV and AIDS," said Ndlela-Simelane.

She said the country would be building onto existing strategies such as empowering the young people themselves, parents and teachers to disseminate the right information on sexual and reproductive health among adolescents. Meanwhile, countries made progress in prevention mother to child transmission of HIV where in the year 2000 babies born of HIV-positive mothers were at a high risk of dying from AIDS-related illnesses.

However, she said the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) helped countries come up with interventions such as Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) where Swaziland has done well, resulting to many infants not contracting the virus even if their mothers are not infected. After the MDGs came to an end last year, countries are moving forward with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals towards ending AIDS by 2030.

Country wins award —

The country's flag was flown high at the International AIDS Conference in Durban by Dr. Munyaradzi Pasipamire when he received an award for his abstract on the use of urine to diagnose Tuberculosis.

Pasipamire, who is the National Antiretroviral Therapy Programme Officer at the Swaziland National AIDS Programme (SNAP) under the ministry of health, won this award at

the event where world scientists and researchers also took part.

He was awarded for his abstract entitled, 'Evaluating the incremental value of using the TB LAM test in Intensified Case Finding for TB in People Living with HIV in Swaziland.'

He said this was basically a study to investigate the use of urine to diagnose TB. The study was conducted among patients at three hospitals

being the Mbabane and Hlatikulu Government Hospitals as well as Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital.

The competition had 6 700 entrants for which he was part of the only six winners and was presented with the Young Investigators Prize by Dr Chris Beyrer, President of the International AIDS Society together with Dr Jean Francoise Delfraissy.

"I'm jovial," he said upon receiving the award comprising a certificate and \$2 000 (about E28 000).

The study found that the use of TB LAM is feasible and may aid TB diag-

nosis but the benefit is largely confined to those with a CD4 cell count of less than 100 regardless of antiretroviral status. It further concluded that the added value of TB LAM in patients unable to produce sputum spontaneously was limited, although a more targeted sample for patients with CD4 cell count less than 100 may yield more informative and precise results.

The low sensitivity of Xpert MTB/RIF among those who

had CD4 count of less than 100 reiterates the need to perform culture testing on negative Xpert MTB results if the ultimate control of TB in the country is to be realised.

Other people who participated in the study include Arnold Mafukidze, Sikhathale Mazibuko, Marienne Calnan, Rosanna Jeffries, Nonhlanhla Mahlalela, Gugu Maphalala, Derrick Khumalo, Julius Manjengwa and Samson Haumba.

Gender dynamics play role in perpetrating HIV — NERCHA director

STORIES BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

At least 90 percent of the 10 percent people who have money in the country are men.

This is according to National Emergency Response Council on HIV/AIDS (NERCHA) Director Khanya Mabuza who says the gender dynamics play a role in perpetuating HIV because those who don't have money are exploited by those who have it. Mabuza was speaking at the 21st International AIDS Day in Durban recently where he told the delegates that the skewed economy and patriarchy contributed to the spread of HIV in Swaziland.

He said young girls were more at risk are young girls as they have a higher incidence of HIV at 4.17 in the age group 20 to 24 compared to 1.66 among the their male counterparts of the same age group. Mabuza was addressing delegates on the topic: 'the policy and leadership dimensions of male engagement in the HIV response', alongside other panellists discussing male involvement in the response

"More attention needs to be paid to adolescents"

Despite progress made in bringing HIV and AIDS under control, more attention needs to be paid to adolescents born with HIV.

These are the children who were infected at birth in the 1990s. According to National Emergency Response Council on HIV/AIDS (NERCHA) Director, Khanya Mabuza, globally, 24 percent of adolescents born with HIV are not on treatment. Mabuza said only 16 million of the 21 million HIV-positive children who were infected at birth were on antiretroviral therapy. Of the 16 million, only 12 million are virally suppressed. "These children are stressed, they feel empty and are stigmatised," said Mabuza in an interview at the International AIDS Conference in Durban. As countries were

to HIV.

He attributed the high incidence rate among young girls to the fact that there is an increase in intergenerational sex in the country.

"Health practitioners always talk of the young girl as if she's the one spreading HIV... Intergenerational transmission of HIV is real," he said. Mabuza said intergenerational sex peaked from seven percent in 2007 to 15 percent in 2014. Meanwhile, he observed that

taking stock of what needed to be done as the five-day conference drew to an end on Friday, Mabuza said to achieve the global objective of ending AIDS by 2030, adolescents should be prioritised in the response.

Behaviour

He said some of the children born with HIV were at a stage where they wanted to or were engaging in sex and angry because they did not get the virus from their own sexual behaviour but their parents. In fact, studies from different countries at the conference revealed that adolescents were having a high incidence of HIV rate.

Mabuza said the conference came at the right time because it brought together a global team of scientists and

there was high alcohol consumption among young girls who sit in bars with no money while older men buy them drinks.

The fact that Swaziland was a patriarchal society embedded in cultural practices does not help the situation because, said Mabuza, some cultural practices promote the spread of HIV. Wife inheritance and forced marriages of young girls spread HIV.

"However, there are some cultur-

researchers to help influence policy makers as the world moves towards ending AIDS in 2030.

Adolescents and key populations including sex workers, men who sleep with men, people who inject drugs and prisoners and detainees are at a high risk of contracting HIV.

While Mabuza said key populations were in every society, he said in Swaziland they were not as many as they were in other countries and there is still need for research so that their numbers were known. "In Swaziland, let's not be clouded by the fact that in other countries the epidemic is spread by men who have sex with men.

In Swaziland is spread by men who have sex with women," said Mabuza.

al practices that curb the spread of HIV and these include Umhlanga and Lusekwane," he added. Government implemented policy interventions targeting young boys and girls.

Mabuza said the free primary education programme was likely to improve their social and economic standing. Mainstreaming HIV and AIDS and providing social protection for adolescent boys and girls are likely to keep young boys and

girls at school and reduce new HIV infection rate.

"Let's catch boys and girls while they're still young. Once you do that, you'll have a balance," said Mabuza. He further called for the incorporation of gender issues into the school curriculum and for both boys and girls to be treated equally to close the gender gap. The director said it was important to implement strategies that target men specifically, if they were aimed at reaching men.

This, he said, was critical considering that men tend to shy away from seeking health services, something that does not benefit women.

According to Dr Chewa Luo, men should be engaged in gender initiatives because their behaviour impacts on women. While women seek health services that end up benefitting their male partners, men hardly do that. A study in Uganda which she shared showed that men do not like to wait for long in queues at health facilities.

"Men in Uganda also complained that health practitioners give them attitude when they accompany their partners," she said. Deliberations on these issues are still going on as countries try to find ways to end AIDS by 2030.



Reverend Abel with wife Ruth at their 52nd anniversary celebration held at the Royal Villas on Friday night. RIGHT - The couple being assisted by Reverend Nicholas Nyawo as they read their vows to each other. (Pics: Noxolo Nkabinde)



LUKHELES CELEBRATE 52 YEARS MARRIAGE

STORIES BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

Reverend Abel and Ruth Lukhele on Friday celebrated 52 years of marriage with close friends and family, at a gathering held at the Royal Villas.

The couple got married in December 1963.

At the event, Reverend Lukhele was hailed for his numerous achievements while a teacher, including the role he played in the construction of the Prince Mfanyana Hall.

All speakers noted how the reverend always had the most support at home, from his wife Ruth in all decisions and through his achievements.

One of the speakers of the night President 'PQ' Dlamini, who is an old friend of Abel and former colleague at the Umtsofo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF), described him as a truthful person who was never afraid to tell things the way they were.

"He is my best friend, mentor and life coach."

"Lukhele is the one person always rely upon whenever I need truthful advice in most situations. Although it is usually highly likely that he will not tell you what you may need to hear, it will be the truth," he said.

Dlamini said his best friend was also a man who had encouraged many that it was never too late to further their studies as he was a man who believed in education. He told the well wishers that Lukhele had played a big role in encouraging him to study, something which saw him finally obtain his first degree at the age of 55.

Dlamini was one of the many speakers who spoke highly of the rev-



The third generation of the Lukhele family singing for their grandparents.

...I grew up under their guidance - CJ

Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala says he is one of the many children that grew up under the guidance of the Lukhele family.

Speaking at the event, Maphalala stated that they were more like parents to him and he had learnt a lot from them while growing up. "I am like a child to this couple you see here, ngiphume phasi kwesandla sabo. I have lived with them and through all those years I have never heard them call each other by name, as they referred to each other 'honey'. They have been role models to me and my sisters, I call them my sisters. Also they have shown us what living a Christian life is," he said. Maphalala said the Lukhele family always treated him like he was their own child, making sure he had everything he needed. The chief justice also said it was a bless-

ing how most of the children who had grown up under their guidance were highly successful in life.

enjoyed the proceedings. The couple also renewed their vows towards one another, affirming their love, vowing to continue spending every waking day together.



Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala had nice things only to say about the Lukheles.

ing how most of the children who had grown up under their guidance were highly successful in life.

I am very sorry - Sibusiso Vilane on Gugu Zulu's death

BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

Highly experienced expedition leader and mountain climber Sibusiso Vilane is very emotional on the death of car racing champion Gugu Zulu while climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. South African publications reported that an emotional Vilane broke down on Wednesday evening, repeatedly apologising to the country for the death of Zulu.

Vilane, who had just arrived from Tanzania, held a press briefing at OR Tambo International Airport to tell a harrowing tale of his last moments with the deceased. He said he explained to all the climbers that they were going up a tough Kilimanjaro. "It is a tough mountain. You are going to have to dig deep to work your way up to the summit of that mountain... I am very sorry."

News24 reported that Vilane said he then promised families and friends of climbers that his role was to ensure everyone was back home safely.

"I am very disappointed today to say I did not deliver on that promise. I was basing my statement on my 15 years of leading expeditions... I hoped I was going to impart my experience to lead all the 40 climbers safely down that mountain. I am not very proud of myself. All I can say is (that) I am very sorry from the deepest of my heart to the Zulus and the little baby and his lovely wife... I am disappointed and sorry to the country."

Vilane said he told the team that during the five days that if anything happened that was health related to report to him or the team doctor. He said during the first days of the expedition, he asked Zulu how he felt. He recalled with tears streaming down his face how he asked Zulu about his health and he told

him he was experiencing what he thought was flu symptoms although Vilane said he could not see any signs of an illness. "For me he was still cheerful."

Vilane was born at Shongwe Mission in Mpumalanga, South Africa. He was born of a South African father and Swazi mother who moved the family to the country where he attended school from the age of 11. Sibusiso completed his O'levels at the Mater Dolorosa School (MDS) and began his working career in the country in 1993 as a game ranger at Malolotja Nature Reserve.

In 1999 he successfully climbed Mount Kilimanjaro and went on to the Himalayas in 2002, conquered Pokalde, Lobujé and Island Peak, all of which are over 6 000 metres above sea level, as part of his training for the Everest expedition. In March 2003, Vilane set off for the Himalayas again in his quest to be the first black African to summit earth's highest mountain, Everest. He summited successfully on May 26, 2003 from the South Side and on that day, South African President Thabo Mbeki congratulated him on his achievement. In 2006, Vilane was awarded the Order of Ikhamanga (Bronze) by President Mbeki.

In 2005, Vilane reached the summit of Everest again with Sir Ranulph Fiennes and Alex Harris after accessing the peak from the North Ridge - the more difficult and statistically less-successful side. This achievement meant he was the first black African to climb the world's highest peak twice using two different routes.

Three children's charities benefited from his climb: The Birth to Twenty Research Programme at Wits University, the Africa Foundation and the SOS Children's Village in the country.



The late Gugu Zulu.



Reverend Abel and wife (centre) seated with family members and friends at the event. RIGHT - The couple's grandchild Temusa rendering a song for her grandparents' celebration.



WATERFORD LAUNCHES 'MADE IN HIGH SCHOOL'

BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

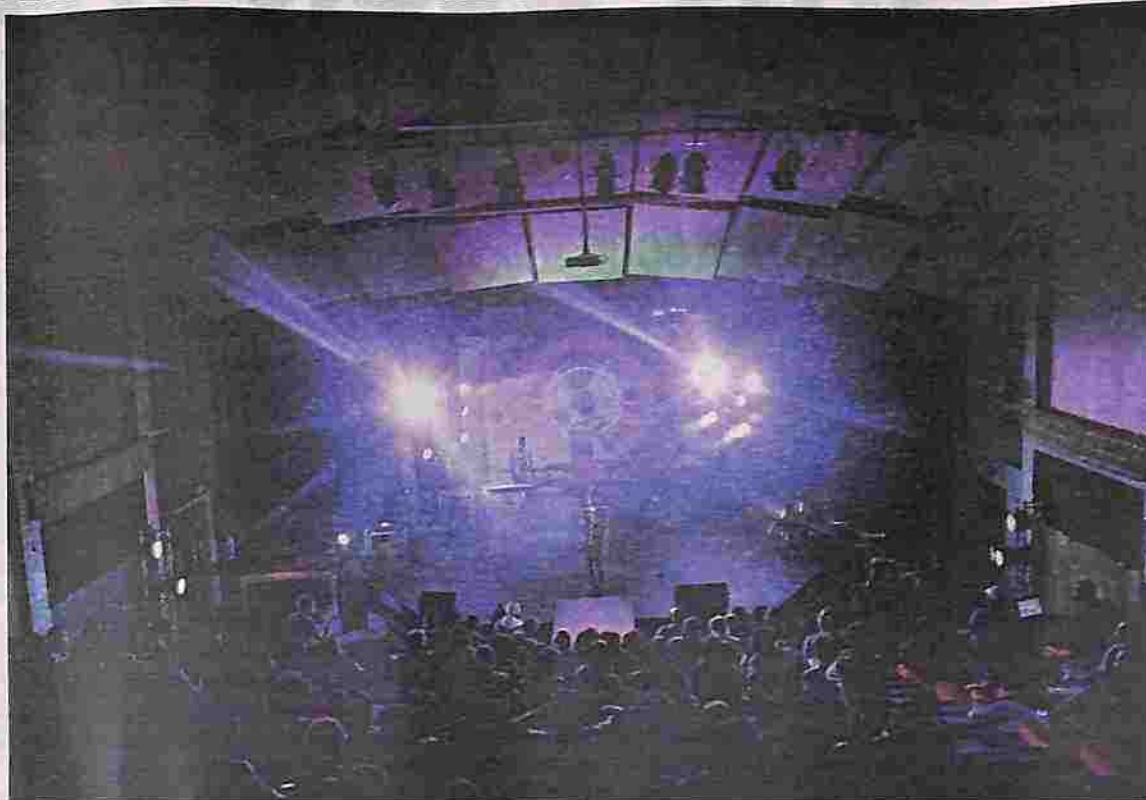
NBG Entertainment Company hosted the first leg of the 'Made in High School' concert at Waterford KaMhlaba, an event aimed at unearthing talent among high school pupils.

Founder of the entertainment stable, Siphephile Nkambule, said they mainly wanted to give a platform to aspiring artists who may still be in high school to showcase their talent on a professional platform.

"Made in High School Tours aims to give artists a platform on a professional set up with a proper stage, professional lighting and VIP treatment which they would normally get at actual shows.

"We hope this will be the launch of their careers and they will go on to be successful artists," he said.

Nkambule described the first show a success, stating how they are yet to take this concept to other schools around the country with the next one being Sifundzani High School. At each of the shows, pupils at that par-



Upcoming artist Fezile was one of the artists that performed at the Made in High School concert hosted by NBG Entertainment at Waterford KaMhlaba College. (Courtesy pics)



Martin who is also known as DJMkay on the decks during the first leg of the 'Made in High School' tour.



Myles was one of the DJs of the night who set the stage on fire.



Likhwa 'Leek' rendering a song titled 'Apple'.



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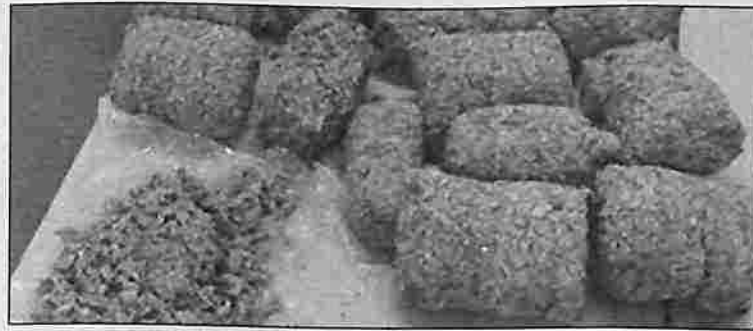
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WHY DEON WANTS 'SWAZI GOLD' LEGALISED

...Deon's campaign to legalise cannabis gains over 6000 followers



Deon Wood, originally from South Africa, who started a campaign to legalise 'Swazi Gold' in the country is challenging the Swazi government to allow people to grow Cannabis.

'Cannabis' refers to dried flowers and leaves of some strains of the cannabis hemp plant, which contains various quantities of the non-narcotic chemical THC (tetra hydro cannabinol) in various quantities.

When smoked or eaten, it produces the feeling of being "high," or euphoria which lasts a few hours.

Pioneering

Wood, who is currently in the country, is pioneering his own unique social development project for Africa. He revealed that this was for African people's general empowerment, coupled with his devoted activism in defence of natural human rights. Integrity Swaziland, Deon's new project, aims to encourage and guide Swazis to an authentic and a more independent seeking of information, in order to create a functional and rewarding life through self-creation and personal passion.

The project will initiate a variety of

national socio-economical development programmes including Cannabis awareness and law reform.

Shocking

"Billions in taxes are already shocking economists round the world, where now financial specialists have determined that cannabis will be the number one investment for the next decade. Each one of the three

Cannabis industries are worth billions in gross and taxes and will escalate to unlimited heights as the global market expands. Swaziland, as we all know, already has one of the largest underground industries in the world and it is already worth billions. However, even this is only the tip of the iceberg in terms of economical potential. The current Cannabis

industry in Swaziland is operating on not even a fraction of its full potential," he says.

Wood says if Swaziland would open the floodgates with full legalisation of all three industries the cannabis economy would literally explode and produce a billion times more than what it already has in terms of gross and profits.

Legalised

After doing extensive research between 2015 and 2016, he is exposing his project's vision and the many countries around the world that have already legalised the herb have proven and demonstrated the unimaginable earning potential of Cannabis. One of the findings of his research is that cannabis prohibition costs the country millions of Emalangeni annually in police manpower and resources, legal action and imprisonment costs.

"The war against Cannabis has failed completely. It has failed to stop

industry developments it has failed to curb cannabis abuse, it has failed to educate the people on the potential dangers and it has failed to stop the growth of the cannabis industry as a whole."

Productive

Wood believes that Swaziland has never before been so productive and wealthy, especially with the 'new medical cannabis' industry exploding throughout the world the demand for Swazi gold has just escalated to a million times more than ever before.

He says prohibition in Swaziland, as in the rest of the world, has been extremely destructive to the economy, to the welfare and development of the people and to the national resources. "Prohibition has now proven to be a million times more destructive to us, and to the country's overall development than cannabis itself could ever possibly be," he says.

'Cultivating is our God-given right'

Deon Wood says the prohibition of cannabis cultivation is a violation of human rights.

He believes the government does not have the right to deprive humans from the natural freedom of growing 'natural plants.'

"Cannabis prohibition tells us that a part of nature is illegal to use, and that we are criminals to use that part of nature. In truth and sensibility we have the God-given natural right to cultivate, to

sell and to consume any part of nature for our health and welfare.

No government or law maker has the right to violate our natural rights, because natural human rights are not bestowed upon us by governments, but by the Creator himself."

He says nature has the right to exist, to grow, to produce and to thrive as the Creator intended it to do.

"This constructive reformation of dysfunctional Cannabis laws has

already been encouraged, and enforced, by the United Nations, The World Health Organization and by many other leadership and governing bodies round the world. At least 13 already have legalised in part or in whole," he said.

One of the things Woods has achieved in the first six-months of launching his campaign is creating a movement on social networks which has gained a massive 6 000 active members from Swaziland and around the world.

The official Cannabis Awareness and Law Reform Swaziland Facebook page has been tremendously well received and supported. He has also met and directly interviewed several MPs, law officials, teachers, cannabis industry workers, church leaders and many members of the general public.

During his time of conducting his research, Wood also says he met with more than 300 people within four months of the research to discuss and shared concerns and ideas with each other and formed constructive conclusions.

He believes the idea of undertaking studies of legalising dagga in Swaziland being brought up in parliament on more than one occasion is a step in the right direction.

"When this happens, know well, Swaziland, and all her people will undergo a phenomenal transition on many levels, and the country as a whole will most certainly be transformed forever in the most beneficial way.

This will lead to a golden future for Swaziland and for all her people."

Gundane and Sons E3 million dilemma

BY MBONO MDLULI

Gundane and Sons (Pty) Ltd Director Paul Gundane Dlamini is believed to be going ahead with the payment of his workers at Montigny in Bhunya despite calls from the ministry of labour not to do so.

The money that is supposed to be refunded to the workers is about E3 million according to its insurer Metropolitan. The broker is refunding the workers following a strike that was staged on June 22 this year by the workers contracted to Montigny Investments.

Refunded

The bone of contention was a company pension fund, to which the workers contributed on monthly basis. They demanded the refund, claiming that they were not consulted before that decision was taken.

Dlamini promised them that their money, which was invested with Metropolitan, would be refunded by July 15, 2016. The workers threatened to down their tools once more if they were not paid on that day. Sources within the company have stated that there are workers who have already been paid their money. This is despite the warning issued to Dlamini not to pay the workers.

One female worker who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed having received E914. She said there were others who had also been paid, even though she did not know the exact number of recipients.

A male worker who is also contracted by Gundane and Sons confirmed having been paid the pension money.

Revealing

"I have been paid my money right now as we speak," the worker confirmed in a telephone interview with this newspaper. He said the money he got was about of E980 while revealing that there were other workers who had not been given their money.

"Some workers have not been given their money. Our managers are telling us that this is because some of my colleagues' names are not appearing on the list of the people who are supposed to be paid. They have told us that they are still sorting out that issue and we will all be paid. I am now with one of my friends who has not been paid," the male worker said.

Attempts to contact Gundane and Sons Director Paul Dlamini yesterday failed to yield positive results. At first, a lady answered his cell phone. She said Dlamini would not

be able to take the calls because he was busy. When a second attempt was made, he would not answer his cell phone. Commissioner of Labour Siphosiphiso Tsabedze, when contacted for comment on the matter said as far as he was concerned, the Wages Council had not finished reviewing the order.

Reviewed

"We had agreed in principle that Gundane and Sons should pay the workers their pension contribution. What we agreed on was that the process should start when the order has been reviewed because paying them before that would mean they are breaking the law," Tsabedze said.

Tsabedze said the pension money had not been deducted out of the will of the director of Gundane and Sons as he was simply following the law which compelled him to deduct the money from his workers.

The commissioner of labour said the law came into effect after a request by workers in the forestry industry.

The ministry is said to have written a letter to Gundane and Sons, ordering the company to stop paying the workers the pension money. The letter was signed by Commissioner of Labour Siphosiphiso

Tsabedze. In the letter, dated June 24, 2016, Tsabedze stated that it was imperative for the company to be in a legal position to issue those refunds. Tsabedze said the refunds could only be issued at the end of July, 2016. This was the date set by the ministry of labour for the Wages Council in the forestry industry to meet and review the order that compels all companies in the forestry industry to deduct a pension contribution from its workers.

Decision

The order is the 2015 Wages Regulations Order for the Forestry Industry.

The Wages Council which came to this decision is alleged to consist of the employers and the workers' representatives in the forestry industry.

The council according to the letter, met between the period of 2013 and 2015.

The workers in the Wages Council for the Forestry Industry were represented by the Swaziland Agricultural and Plantations Workers Union (SAPWU). Members of the union during the meetings are said to be Mandla Dlamini, Archie Sayed, Madibha Dlamini, Amos Simelane and Mancoba Dlamini.

At the Wages Council meeting held in 2015, the workers' representatives, among other things, made a

proposal for the introduction of a pension scheme for workers in this sector and the council was said to have agreed to this proposal.

Among other things that were agreed upon, it is said, was the increment of wages. Following the conclusion of the meetings, the Wages Regulation Order was then published in the government gazette by Minister of Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula.

Enforceable

After being published, the Wages Regulation Order then became law and was enforceable in accordance with the Wages Act of 1964. Tsabedze said Gundane and Sons were compelled by the law to deduct the pension from the workers.

The ministry of labour was of the position that it would make sure the law was observed as the refunds were being disbursed to the employees.

The ministry was of the view that the only way in which the funds could be returned to the workers would be to review the Wages Regulations Order.

The ministry took this position after the meeting held between Gundane and Sons, together with the ministry of labour. The meeting was held in Tsabedze's office on June 22, 2016. Montigny Investments and Metropolitan Life Swaziland were also in attendance.

DOUBTING 'THOMASES' PROVEN WRONG

STORIES BY MLONDI MPANZA

What seemed like an ill-fated water project worth millions has finally taken shape in Jubukweni despite several hindrances which threatened to make it fail.

From jokes to the project being labelled a "failure," two residents of Jubukweni have come out victorious in its successful implementation.

This is the story of Hendry Khumba Dlamini and Sanele Dlamini from Jubukweni area under Nkhamba Constituency who came out tops against residents who did not believe a water project they had initiated would see the light of day.

The two have been the subject of ridicule by residents who watered down their efforts and looked down on their initial dream of piping water to the area.

Forward

But, fast forward six months later the water project is ready and the very same residents are looking forward to using it.

The project worth millions of Emalangeni succeeded largely because of a donation of material made by Taiwanese donors, as well as support from the Moss Foundation, Hendry's employer.

The Sunday Observer met with the duo in the area after being found by the roadside with a handful of community members where they were discussing the way forward concerning the water project.

Sanele, a member of the working team in the project stated that making it a success was not

...As water project worth millions of Emalangeni sees light of day at Jubukweni



Sanele Dlamini and Hendry Khumba Dlamini, a resident and water expert who is facilitating the project standing next to 12 tanks that will be used to supply the community. (Pics: Mloni Mpanza)

a walk in the park with many negative forces pulling against them.

He said after receiving the donation for the material, the community had to contribute through manpower.

Spearheaded

However, this was not the case as the community did not believe in the project spearheaded by Hendry, a resident and expert in water projects.

He said people were negative to the extent that they would make fun of their work and at some point he would even hide when going to the work area in fear of the community laughing at him in relation to the project.

Sharing their bittersweet journey, Sanele said they previously had water in the area through assistance from organisations such as Micro-Projects and

ACAT but the sources ran dry and they were back to square one, faced with water challenges.

This then brought about the need to find alternative means, especially because Hendry's wife had also spoken to him about the challenges faced by the community who had then resorted to fetching water from a nearest river.

Consistent

The member of the working team said one of their greatest challenges in the project was the numbers which were not consistent, stating that on some days more people would turn to work and on other days only a few would.

"A perfect example of this can be that when the project was introduced to the community, a working committee of seven members was elected. But, today

only two of us are left being the chairman (Hendry's wife) and myself so that tells you how this had a negative impact on us," said Sanele.

Of note, the project is an upgrade of an already existing water project with a source that provides water for over 60 homesteads and with the construction of this second source an additional 12 homesteads are also expected to benefit.

This will see each homestead have a tap installed in their compound for security issues and they would be required to pay a E10 maintenance fee.

According to Hendry, the water was drawn from a natural source to tanks strategically placed in a hill to allow for easy distribution to the homesteads downhill.

Inaccessible

Sanele said one of the hardest tasks in the project was bringing the water from the natural source as it was inaccessible and distant but at the end they managed.

He further stated that it was also not easy getting the area's leadership structures on board for the project because of the negative attitudes people displayed towards them.

"The project was seen as impossible before anything was done, but once we had started, it took shape and we had confidence in it with that handful group of community members rallying behind our backs," he revealed. The determined member further said the water would last them for many years to come regardless of the dry conditions faced by the country.

Refreshments a struggle for working team

In an effort to make the project a success, Sanele has revealed that they struggled to get refreshments during the course of the working period.

This was after he was found this past week with a group of men and women working in the project feeding on bread and sour porridge after the day's work.

He said they relied on handouts from some community members.

"Also, on other instances we have to provide for ourselves especially because the job is draining and you cannot work on an empty stomach," he said.

Sanele further stated that this had also been the reason behind the withdrawal of certain members because they sometimes had to go up the mountain to look for the water on empty stomachs, only to eat when they returned back home.

"We did not do it because we wanted to be paid or what, but because we saw the need to make a provision of water which was a need for us," said the member.

Moreover, he thanked a resident, Meshack Mnisi for his assistance throughout the project. He said the resident would offer his vehicles whenever there was a need to carry anything for the project from crush stones to the tanks.

He also thanked Hendry for leading them in the project, as well as the Taiwanese donors and Moss Foundation for making the project a success.

The project is set to benefit the areas which were overseen by former Member of Parliament Xolani Mabuza who passed on early in the year, a National Care Point (NCP) and a church amongst others.



Jubukweni not spared from drought

Sanele Dlamini has also pointed out that Jubukweni was not left out in the impact of the El-Niño which recently hit the country hard.

He said the dry conditions had seen streams drying up in the area with only large rivers being spared.

"Kute siyalu lesisenemanti, konkhe sek-washa," he said.

The member of the water project's working team said this had also led to a first of its kind in that the community was not able to plough maize fields.

Some families are said to have elected not to take chances because of the drought, most of those being the ones who had plenty from the previous harvest which they were still feeding on.

Other than this, he said the rest of the families relied on purchasing food from the town.



The water purification system is near completion and ready for use.



A handful of community members who were found enjoying refreshments after the day's work this past week at Jubukweni's water project.

project because of who had introduced it.

Khumba said this saw some residents shunning the project and at some point he had to offer three pigs and buy marula brew to motivate some members to take part in it.

He also said some community members expected that since there was a donor they would get everything for free yet they needed to make certain provisions of their own to have the water.

"The government only builds

main roads for communities and they have to construct feeder roads for themselves and the same applies in this case, the donors only assist in the main project and drawing the water to each homesteads is the responsibility of every community member," he added.

He also revealed that had the community members been cooperative from the onset, the project would have long been completed instead of taking the six months.

Protocol key in water projects

On another note, Jubukweni resident and water expert, Hendry Khumba Dlamini has said that a lot of water projects failed because of not properly following protocol.

He said people need to respect nature and not draw all the water from the streams or sources and not leave anything for nature.

"I regard water as a living being

and not substance. Water is against corruption and that is evident in the sense that when a person drowns, they are then thrown out to the banks when they are dead. Therefore, there is a strong need for water to be respected and in this case if not, it dries up," said Khumba.

He further lamented at the fact that there were certain people who had looked down on the

More nurses needed in the UK

BY MLONDI MPANZA

The continued demand for nurses in the United Kingdom has seen the government receive a recommendation of limited retention of nurses on the shortage occupations list. The nurses were added to the shortage occupations list on an interim basis in October 2015 to ensure there were safe staffing levels across the National Health Service over the winter period.

This brought about an opportunity for more local nurses to try their luck to work in England as they announced temporary changes to restrictions on nurses' recruitment outside the European Economic Area (EEA).

The UK government, through their website stated last year that this was meant to ensure safe staffing levels across the NHS.

Although on an interim basis, the nurses were added to the government's shortage occupations list and this meant that nurses from outside the EEA that apply to work in the UK will have their applications for nursing posts prioritised.

The independent Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) was given the task of reviewing the change and they have since presented back their findings to the UK government.

The MAC in a statement released in March recommended that nurses remain on the Government's shortage occupations list (SOL) - while criticising the health sector for failing to maintain a sufficient supply of UK nurses.

They pointed out that the current shortage of nurses was mostly down to factors which could and should have been anticipated by the health, care and independent sectors.

This was attributed to factors such as ageing population, problems with staff training, pay and recruitment which have been compounded by the squeeze on NHS budgets, according to the MAC.

The Committee said, "It is sensible to allow health sector employers continued access to the SOL due to the lack of another short term solution. Department of Health evidence to the MAC suggested it will be

another three years before there are enough UK-born nurses to meet the demand."

This was despite the government having previously told the MAC that there were no nurses' shortages a year ago.

The MAC was commissioned by the Government to review whether there is a shortage of nurses or specific nursing job titles which it would be sensible to fill through non-EEA migration.

The statement also reads: "Placing much of the blame for current nursing shortages on the sector itself, Professor Sir David Metcalf CBE, Chair of the MA+C, said, 'We have reluctantly made this recommendation. However, there is no good reason why the supply of nurses cannot be sourced domestically. There seems to be an automatic presumption that non-EEA skilled migration provides the health and care sector with a 'Get out of Jail Free' card."

The professor is further quoted to have said the long term solution to addressing this shortage was recruiting and retaining staff by providing sufficient incentive and opportunity.

The MAC had previously found that, on average, migrant nurses are being paid £6 000 less than UK workers.

In its review, the Committee found evidence suggesting employers are using non-EEA nurses to save money rather than address the shortage through other means.

Moreover, according to information sourced from the internet, EEA nationals (which covers those from the other 27 EU member states as well as from Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein), together with Swiss nationals, are able to move to the UK for an initial period of three months.

In order to remain beyond that time, EEA nationals must be working, undertaking self-employed activities, be self-sufficient in the UK, or - in certain circumstances - they may be job-seekers or students.

Other than Croatian nationals, they have full access to the UK labour market without restriction and can take any job, whether skilled or unskilled.

DR HUGH LAUNCHES AUTOBIOGRAPHY ON HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY

Over 400 guests grace event which also marked his milestone

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI

Renowned music composer and academic writer Dr Hugh Magagula on Friday launched his autobiography during the celebration of his 70th birthday, an event which was a true reflection of celebrating a living legend.

Magagula is well known in the choral music industry as he is founder of the internationally acclaimed Asihlabelele Choral Society.

Worth to be celebrated, Magagula was the first Swazi lecture in Science and Mathematics at William Pitcher Teachers' College between the 1971 and 1973.

He was also the first Swazi Senior Inspector of Schools as well as the first Swazi to adjudicate international music competitions back in the 1970s, amongst his numerous achievements.

About 400 guests graced Magagula's event which also marked the milestone of his life. His former colleagues, friends and relatives took turns in speaking of the great things that Magagula had achieved for both himself and the country.

Some of the highlights of Magagula's achievements include having been a principal secretary in four different ministries, being the Ministry of Public Service and Information, Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Natural Resources and Energy, and Housing and Urban Development.

One of the speakers, Sandile Mkhabela who worked alongside Magagula under the ministry of education, pointed out that Magagula always brought new challenges in every venture. In the same ministry, Magagula was instrumental in compiling a secondary school text book known as BOLESWA Integrated Science.

Mkhabela stated that Magagula had always been a hard working person who wanted to see all his dreams



Dr Hugh Magagula accepting a gift from Asihlabelele Choral Society President Sam Mkhonta.



Dr Ben 'Mshamndane' Nsibandze presenting Magagula with a gift.

coming to reality. Makhabela said such dedication by Magagula has also seen the country getting international recognition in the music industry from 1970 to date.

Mkhabela's sentiments were also echoed by Swazi Observer Managing Editor Mbongeni Mbingo who said Magagula has also made a magnificent contribution in the writing sector.

Mbingo, elaborating on his contribution, said Magagula recently compiled a SiSwati novel which is entitled "Wena Bewungatsini", published in 2015 and has since been prescribed for use in secondary schools with effect from the 2017 academic calendar.

dar. Mbingo was then tasked to unveil Magagula's latest book, the autobiography, entitled "Before, During and Beyond the Turbulent Years".

This is said to be an addition to the small collection of biographies by or about the country's legends. Mbingo disclosed that Magagula's latest book comes after that of Dr Samuel Hynd and that of Dr Ben 'Mshamndane' Nsibandze.

Amongst the dignitaries who graced the event were High Court Judge Jacobus Annandale, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Gideon Dlamini and several Chiefs from the Lubombo region.

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Dr Hugh Magagula leading Asihlabelele and RSP Choir in song.

'Magagula still works with integrity, dedication'

Chairperson of the Teachers' Service Commission Simanga Mamba has praised the undying spirit of dedication and honesty which is evident in Dr Hugh Magagula.

Magagula is part of the commission which has grown to be known for its dedication to uproot rot from the teaching profession. Speaking during Magagula's double celebration on Friday, Mamba said the commission had pride in having commissioners of Magagula's calibre. He stated that the commission has over the past few years been able to resolve some of the most difficult issues, courtesy of the experience of current commissioners who include Magagula.



TSC Chairperson Simanga Mamba making his remarks during the event.

Mamba said Magagula always put the interests of the country first and respected his superiors who, in most instances, were almost half his age. Mamba disclosed that during times of difficul-

ties in the line of his duties, he would seek advice from Magagula and other commissioners, upon which an amicable resolution would be made. "As I stand here, I can safely say the commission is working in harmony due to the calibre of commissioners who surround me," said Mamba.

Meanwhile, Magagula thanked all his guests for recognising him through their presence and further speaking about his achievements. He pointed out that some of his achievements were actually fulfilling what he had promised his parents. Magagula disclosed that his latest book was what his mother had advised him to do before she died in 2009.

Performances reflect Magagula's contribution to country

Magagula's 70th birthday and launch of his autobiography was characterized with music and artistic displays by several groups from across the country, an indication that an art icon was being celebrated.

Magagula's baby Asihlabele Choral Choir would now

and again take to the podium as they rendered sweet music for the guests.

Marvel

Matsapha Police College Choir, which is also a product of the living legend, was also a marvel to watch during the colourful event.

Other music groups present were Phathwakahle,

Mduduzi Nezinceku Zamagawugawu and Siteki based Dream Tenors. Traditional dances were rendered by the Royal Swaziland Police and USDF. Of note was that most of these entertainment groups are said to have benefitted from Magagula in one way or another.



Family members rendering a song for the guests.



Well-wishers who came to be part of the ceremony.



High Court Judge Jacobus Annandale and his wife were also among the guests during Magagula's double celebration. RIGHT - Dr Hugh Magagula's sister, Zandile spoke about the achievements of her brother.



Phathwakahle also gave a marvelous performance for the guests.



Dr Hugh Magagula showing off his latest book which is his autobiography.

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LIMKOKWING: THE SOLUTION TO UNEMPLOYMENT

BY MLONDI MPANZA

Former Limkokwing student and Entrepreneur, Mlungisi Elvis Kirk describes the university as the solution to unemployment in the country.

The Associate Degree holder in Information Technology says this is because Limkokwing teaches young people to be job creators and not job seekers through the attitude and skills instilled in the students.

Kirk made reference to Prime Minister Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini who he says is always calling for the youth to create jobs for themselves and therefore the university is providing the solution for that sector.

The SelviTech Managing Director also states that he thinks His Majesty King Mswati III had the university in mind when he came up with the country's vision of having reached First World status by year 2022.

This is evident in the difference that has been made by students from the different industry sectors they are in.

He further points out that his daily duties include software development, network administration as well as the management and daily running of his business.

The university

What did you study in Limkokwing University and when did you graduate?

I did an Associate Degree in Information Technology where I also did my entrepreneurship module which is helping me run my business. I graduated in 2014.

Briefly describe your experiences during your study with Limkokwing University

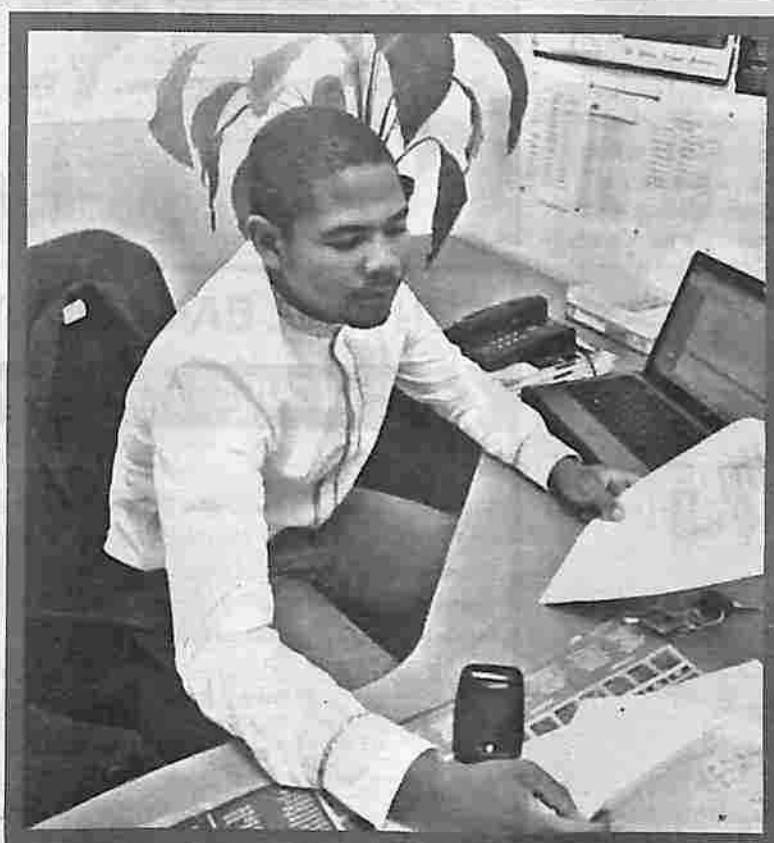
I had a good experience at Limkokwing, one of which was my election into the Students Representative Council (SRC) as the Vice General Secretary that reformed the University after a bad reputation.

What are your most memorable moments at Limkokwing University?

I have a number of memorable moments from the university, some of which are as follows:

- My election into office as Vice GS.
- Getting a visit from Princess Sikhanyiso.

"The university is in the right path. I hate to brag but I think the King had the university in mind when he came up with the country's vision of having reached First World status by the year 2022 because he knew he had brought the right university that will fulfill his dream."



● The sad news of the passing away of my mentor MK Chen who was the Campus Manager when the university started operating

● Lastly, it has to be bowing in front of His Majesty King Mswati III on my Graduation day.

Name any outstanding achievement you had during the University (awards, competitions, tournaments, etc.)

Being elected into office as the Vice General Secretary of the SRC, as well as coming up second best in the In-house Company during the presentation in LEAP especially because our company still exists even today.

What is different or unique about Limkokwing University compared to other Universities in the country?

The difference is that Limkokwing teaches students the right skills for

the job, so companies don't need to take Limkokwing students for training after employment because they have the right skills which help some of us, entrepreneurs cope as we were tested on how to better our skills in the business jungle.

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

The university is in the right path. I hate to brag but I think the King had the university in mind when he came up with the country's vision of having reached First World status by the year 2022 because he knew he had brought the right university that will fulfill his dream.

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

The university teaches and encourage young people to be job creators

not job seekers, as the Prime Minister always encourages the youth to create jobs for themselves so this university is having a solution in addressing this.

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

Just look around the country, see the most beautiful billboards and have a back ground check, you will find that it was designed by a Limkokwing student. Also, check the software used by most companies, they are coded by these student companies. There is no need now to go buy software outside the country.

The Industry

When did you start your job/business?

During my in-house internship in 2013

What is the biggest difference between university and the industry?

The difference is that in the business industry you have a competition with the big guns and for my business in the IT department most people are still 'allergic' to technology and companies still don't believe a Swazi company can do the same job or even better than foreign company.

This has therefore brought the need for our government to implement a law that calls for small tenders to be given small and medium enterprises owned by the youth companies to enable us to grow.

What impact did entering the industry have on you? How did you overcome the impact?

It had an initially negative impact since I had to first build trust with my clients, but I managed to overcome that through providing the best services each time I got a job and that helped me greatly as my clients communicate with me and somehow manage to highlight the good services we do.

What are some of your current notable projects?

- The branding of one company called Biogas, together with their HR system.
- Did an Inventory System for Tee & Jay Woodwork.
- Creating a funeral cover membership management system for Ekhasya Funeral.
- Did promotional items for the Swaziland Environmental Authority.

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

It has to be establishing my own business although it's still



not big but I am pleading with people to support Swazi owned companies not only my company but the SMEs at large.

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

It helped me in the sense that I was able to be an employer after I had been a driver at the Times of Swaziland before I went to Limkokwing.

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

Networking, System Coding in Java and C++ and Entrepreneurship skills

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

Technology is one of the main things running the world and if Swaziland is left behind we are going to be worse off. The King's dream for technology is one of his developmental goals and in realising this I really wish we could one day have our own programmer who will create worldwide software to be used internationally and I know it will come from Limkokwing.

Advice for Students

Give tips/ advice to our current students studying your graduate discipline.

Don't feel useless and lose hope when other universities reject you as Limkokwing is the right place for you. Take all what lecturers at the university give to you because this is the best university in Swaziland.

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

Be strong and when doing jobs for the client do it right and do your best; don't do things just for the fun of it but do everything perfectly.

MUNICH SHOOTING HAD 'OBVIOUS LINK' TO BREIVIK - POLICE

MUNICH - German investigators established an "obvious link" between the Munich mall shooting and far-right Norwegian mass murderer Anders Breivik while ruling out any ties to the Islamic State group, police said yesterday.

"The link is obvious," Munich police chief Hubertus Andrae said at a media conference, describing the gunman as obsessed with mass killings.

He added that the teenager had researched the theme of rampages, had documents relating to past violent incidents and may have researched Breivik's lethal killing spree.

Friday's carnage came on the fifth anniversary of right-wing fanatic Breivik's massacre in Norway that killed 77 people, many of them youngsters.

Breivik is serving a maximum 21-year sentence, which can be extended if he is still considered dangerous, for killing eight people in a bombing outside a government building in Oslo and then gunning down another 69,



Munich police chief Hubertus Andrae described the gunman as obsessed with mass killings. (AP)

most of them teenagers, at a Labour Youth camp on the island of Utoya on July 22 2011.

Andrae said there were "no indications whatsoever" the 18-year-old German-Iranian gunman had any links to Islamic State group or that the

killings had been motivated by politics.

The Munich prosecutor also said the suspect - whose name has been withheld for the time being - had suffered depression and reportedly undergone psychiatric treatment. **AFP**

Munich gunman 'obsessed' with mass killings

MUNICH - The lone teenager who shot dead nine people in a gun rampage in Munich was "obsessed" with mass killers such as Norwegian rightwing fanatic Anders Behring Breivik and had no links to the Islamic State group, police said yesterday.

Europe reacted in shock to the third attack on the continent in just over a week, after the black-clad gunman went on a shooting spree at a shopping centre on Friday evening before turning the gun on himself.

"There is absolutely no link to the Islamic State," Munich police chief Hubertus Andrae said.

He said the assault was a "classic act by a deranged person" and described an individual "obsessed" with mass shootings.

He said German investigators saw an "obvious link" between Friday's killings and Breivik's massacre of 77 people in a bomb attack in Oslo and a shooting rampage on the nearby island of Utoya exactly five years earlier.

Most of the victims in Friday's attack were foreigners.

Munich prosecutor Thomas Steinkraus-Koch said the 18-year-old German-Iranian student - named as David Ali Sonboly - had suffered depression, while media reports said he had undergone psychiatric treatment.

The teenager had 300 rounds in a rucksack when he targeted the busy Olympia shopping mall, just minutes away from the flat he shared with his family, according to authorities.

Grieving Munich residents laid roses and lit candles in memory of the victims, with one placard bearing the simple plea: "Why?"

"Bloodbath in Munich," was the headline on the best-selling Bild news-



Police gave a 'cautious all clear' early yesterday morning, more than seven hours after the attack began and brought much of the city to a standstill as all public transit systems were shut down amid a massive manhunt. Pictured is a body lying outside the Mall.

paper as Germany struggled to come to terms with the killings.

Among the nine killed were three Turks, three Kosovans and a Greek national, according to their foreign ministries. Most of the casualties were young people aged 15 to 21, with three women among the dead according to Munich police.

Sixteen people were wounded, three of them critically.

Chancellor Angela Merkel was to convene her security council yesterday. The attack sent Germany's third largest city into lockdown as police launched a massive operation to track down what had initially been thought to be up to three assailants.

An amateur video posted on social media appeared to show a man in black walking away from a McDonald's fast food outlet in Munich

while firing repeatedly with a handgun as people fled screaming.

A police patrol shot and wounded him but he managed to escape before police found the body of what they believed was the "only shooter."

Sonboly is thought to have been born in Germany to an Iranian father who worked as a taxi driver and a mother who worked at a department store.

Neighbour Delfye Dalbi, 40, described him as "a good person" who "helped, would share the newspapers".

"Not once did I see him angry. I never heard of him having problems with the police or other neighbours," she said.

Survivors described terrifying scenes as shoppers rushed from the area, some carrying children in their arms. **AFP**

Munich mall shooting: what we know

MUNICH - Nine people were killed and 16 wounded in a shooting rampage by a teenage gunman at a Munich shopping centre on Friday.

Investigators found the body of the suspected shooter who appears to have acted alone and then killed himself. Police say the assailant was an 18-year-old German-Iranian who was not previously known to police. Europe has been on alert in the wake of a string of attacks in neighbouring France and in Belgium.

● HERE IS WHAT WE KNOW:

A shooter opened fire at a McDonald's restaurant and continued onto a street before entering the Olympia mall near the Olympic stadium in Germany's third biggest city.

The shooting started shortly before 16:00GMT, with authorities initially saying witnesses reported seeing three gunmen. But police later said the assailant likely acted alone.

Nine people were killed and 16 injured including children, Munich police said.

A video posted on social media appeared to show a man dressed in black walking away from the McDonald's while firing repeatedly on people as they fled.

Another video appeared to show the gunman on the roof of a parking garage exchanging a tirade of insults with a man on a nearby balcony.

"I'm German, I was born here," the assailant is heard to reply after the man fired off a volley of swear words, including an offensive term for foreigners.

Authorities evacuated the main train station in the city of about 1.4 million people, while metro and bus transport services were suspended, but have since resumed. Elite anti-terror police launched a massive search operation in the Bavarian capital before the authorities announced the suspect had committed suicide.

● WHO WAS THE GUNMAN?

Local police chief Hubertus Andrae said the shooter was an 18-year-old dual-citizen German-Iranian from Munich.

"The motive or explanation for this crime is completely unclear," he told reporters, adding that the suspect had no criminal record.

The teenager's home was being searched and his friends and family were being questioned.

Andrae said the attacker had shouted out during his spree, without elaborating, while some media suggested it was a jihadist slogan.

A police spokesperson had earlier said they suspected "terrorism" but there were no immediate indications of an Islamist link.

Police said two other people who had been thought to be linked had "absolutely nothing to do" with the attack - and that they were simply fleeing the scene.

● WAVE OF ATTACKS

The rampage happened just days after a 17-year-old asylum seeker went on a rampage with an axe and a knife on a regional train in Germany on Monday, injuring five people, two of them critically.

Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere said the teenager was believed to be a "lone wolf" attacker who appeared to have been "inspired" by the Islamic State group but was not a member of the jihadist network.

The assailant - believed to be an Afghan or Pakistani - or had arrived as an unaccompanied minor in Germany in June 2015.

On July 14, Tunisian Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel rammed a lorry into crowds enjoying a firework display on the seafront promenade in the French Riviera city of Nice, killing 84 people including children.

It was the third major attack on French soil in the past 18 months, after the Islamic State carnage at Paris nightspots and cafes in November and the shootings at a satirical magazine and kosher supermarket in January 2015.

ISIS also claimed suicide bomb attacks at Brussels airport and a city metro station in March that killed 32 people.

In May, a mentally unstable 27-year-old man carried out a knife attack on a regional train just southeast of Munich, killing one person and injuring three others.

Friday's carnage came on the fifth anniversary of right-wing fanatic Anders Behring Breivik's massacre in Norway that killed 77 people.

● MIGRANT INFLUX

Bavaria became the main gateway for hundreds of thousands of migrants and asylum seekers arriving in Germany, Europe's biggest economy.

Hate crimes and attacks against migrants exploded after arrivals spiked to more than one million last year, mostly from the Middle East and Africa. About 923

offences against refugee shelters were reported in 2015 including 177 acts of violence, a sharp rise

from the previous year, according to figures from the interior ministry. **AFP**



An electrical shop next to the shopping centre was being used as a makeshift hospital to treat the casualties after the incident.

Aspire

A Youth Section On Youth Issues By The Youth



WRITER'S NOTE...

Welcome everybody to your favourite section – ASPIRE where you are sure to get inspired to be the best that you were meant to be.

In today's issue, we have a chat with a life coach – Wandile Hlatshwayo – of the Young Climbers family. He tells us about his upbringing and how God has shaped his life. This is one very motivating story. Last Saturday, young people of the PLAYDOUT clothing brand had their photo-shoot, and they invited us to come along and take some snaps. You know we wouldn't miss it for anything, so we pulled through and took some cool pictures for you.

I will simply describe that shoot in three words – beams, swag, and beauty. On page 18, we have *Istayela Syalahlela*, where we zoom in on the entertainment world.

Ha! (Sighs), you know, not a day passes by without shade being thrown, or good music being dropped or interesting posts being uploaded, and so we take a closer look. We then have an interview with a young man we introduced to you just a couple of weeks ago, and he is back with more good news.

Our poem of the week is still featured, so don't miss it. We have a new addition – a movie review by Zanemvula Tsabedze, look out for that one on page 19. Life is short, make sure you make the best of each day – live your life to the fullest, grind to see your dreams through to fulfilment.

Success doesn't come easy, and the easy way ain't really easy either's just hang through, and trust me, the right time will come.

Till we meet again, cheers!

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WANDILE HLATSHWAYO

GOD IS VERY IMPORTANT IN A YOUNG PERSON'S LIFE - 'WARAWARA'

● Perseverance, determination and a strong relationship with God has been Wandile Hlatshwayo's saving grace.

Wandile says he was brought up in a single parent kind of set up.

Not because my father was not alive, he still is till this day, but he never really played much of a role in my upbringing. I mean in instilling values and helping me grow.

He says one of those reasons was because he is from a polygamous family hence there is infighting amongst the family members for petty things such as attention from their father. "Growing up, I faced a lot of challenges in the family. Amongst these was fighting for attention from our father and financial ones too."

Although his mother had a job – and a good one at that – they really never lived a luxurious lifestyle because she was sickly hence had to spend a lot of money on hospitals and medication.

"My mother fell sick and thus it had a telling effect on us financially. I and my little brother could not have everything we wanted because mom had a lot to deal with a lot in terms of money." Due to the disgruntlement, his little brother then got hooked in behavioural challenges, which added more stress to his mother.

"Yes, we weren't at poverty level but things were not as rosy either."

Decision

This is why at a tender age, I took a decision that I would always aim to be the best in life. He drew inspiration from the Bible – from the stories of Joseph and Daniel. "I learnt from those young people that God rewards those who obey Him, and who have the desire for success. These are examples that many people have to learn from. The desire to be the best is a very big thing on its own."

At Standard Five – he was the fourth best in the whole country. "In what may be a shocker to some people, it wasn't much

of a big deal at home. We just had a special prayer and a special meal, with me, my mother and brother, nothing fancy or anything." With that he then proceeded to Evelyn Baring for his high school. "As a day scholar, I noticed that my mother was having financial problems and started making ways of saving money."

Cover

I would walk back home after school – and that was a distance I would cover in an hour or an hour and a half. I would also take meals during lunch time and save the money for break so that I'm able to tell my mother I have some for tomorrow, in order to try and help with the bit that I could." He believes a major problem young people face is they compare themselves to other children and then end up losing gratitude for their very own parents.

At Form Three, he got a Merit, and was also chosen as the best French pupil in his school. He says there wasn't even any special thing he was doing at the time, just the bare minimum for each day and maybe more when it was close to examinations. "At that stage, it wasn't like I was fiercely focused or something but it's because I just did what was required of me on a daily basis. For example – I attended all my classes, wrote homeworks on a daily basis and studied every day for a few hours."

Due to the home chores, he requested from his mother that he changes to hostel for his Forms Four and Five so that he could study more. "I felt like the pupils who were at hostel had more time to study than me, because I spent a lot of time focusing on home chores yet my classmates I was competing with were hard at work studying. My mother had no problem, so it was mission accomplished without much of a hassle."

When he got to Form Five, his target was to be the best student in the country. Although he



couldn't realise his dream, he at least got recognition for being the 36th best pupil in the country.

"The truth is my dream was to be the best pupil in the country but I was still proud of the achievement I got."

He then applied for tertiary and was accepted at the University of Pretoria and the University of Swaziland – Kwaluseni Campus.

"I chose UNISWA because it was less stressful financially, and I just wanted to be over and done with all the financial stress, so I enrolled for a Bachelor of Science and specialised in Information Technology. Yes, I had challenges because it was quite a daunting task to do well in that course but I worked hard and did my best."

He then started working at Standard Bank soon after graduating. In two years he got a promotion and a year later, he got elevated further. The next year a managerial position came through and he took his chances.

Applied

"When the managerial position came through, I applied. I just told myself I don't want to do the human resources manager's job. That person was the one responsible for judging whether I was fit for the job or not. So I applied and got the job."

Being young and having a major responsibility for a newly set up department, obviously came with its own challenges as well but he had to persevere and continue working hard.

He stayed for about eight months in the position and then resigned when the opportunity to further his studies came knocking. "I stayed in the managerial position for about eight full months and then I resigned when I got the scholarship to study Masters in International Technology, Knowledge Discovery/Business Intelligence in Malaysia."

ADVICE TO YOUNG PEOPLE

On girlfriends and boyfriends

– In life, no one really has a manual for the perfect life, but from my few years of life, I have learnt that it's beneficial to know the important things in life. If you are busy wasting your time in those things yet you have school to worry about, then you are creating unnecessary trouble for yourself. That's why I think it is very beneficial for young people to know and love God. Everything else will follow.

On Drugs – They simply deprive you of your right to independence. If you don't have money, then you will have problems, so it's better to just stay away from them and take control of your life.

On passion paying the bills – You just have to make sure that you have worked out a good balance. Sometimes you have to weigh things and think long and hard before taking a decision. You need to balance your dream with whatever is going to sustain you on your way there.

The birth of Young Climbers

It's really more like a story of the way in which this organisation came to life. After I finished writing my Form Five examination, I went to three scholars at my former who school and gave them my past papers. I told them I couldn't realise my dream of being the best pupil in Swaziland so I asked them to live my dream on my behalf. Amongst those three guys – one became the best in the country, one was number three and the other was the sixth best. We then realised that it meant something. The fact that we were far from even being related but through hard work, we had seen a bit of success, so that's how we started. We then travelled to schools around the country to motivate the youth.

PLAYDOUT CLOTHING

Playdout Clothing, under the leadership of Dylan, had their photo-shoot last week Saturday and we were there.

We came back with some of this for you. It's a pity we do not have enough space for more, I know you probably wish there were more of the pictures.

A big shout out to them for their clothes and fitting models, I'm really impressed!



Shafi, Lance, Lungelihle and Sandra posing in playdout gear.



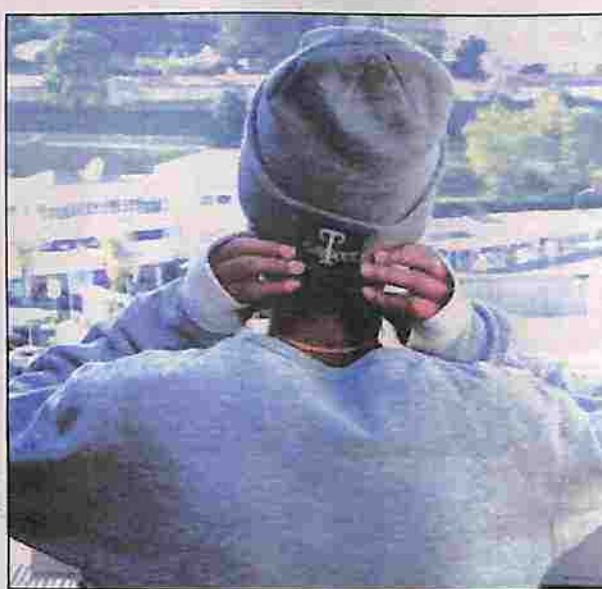
Lance, Jason and Mumu rocking camo T-shirts.



The brown sweater and the white cap are definitely a right combo.



Sandra rocking the pink Bomba jacket and the black cap with paint stains.



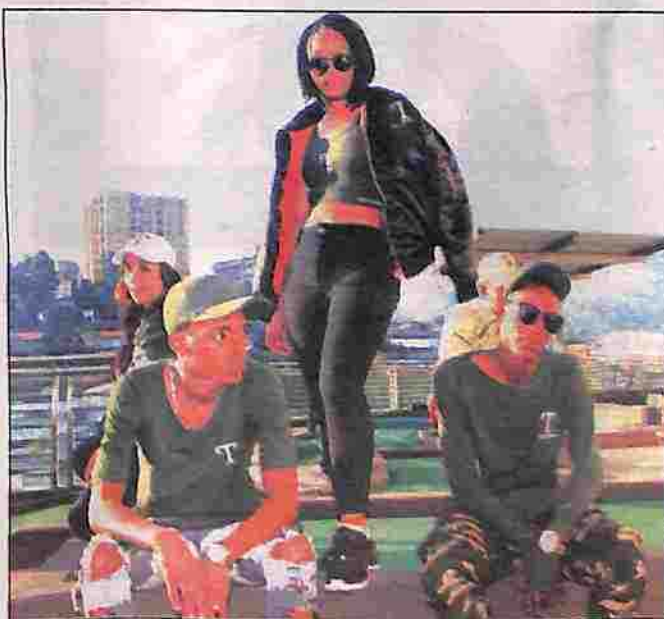
Ayanda showcasing the beanie.



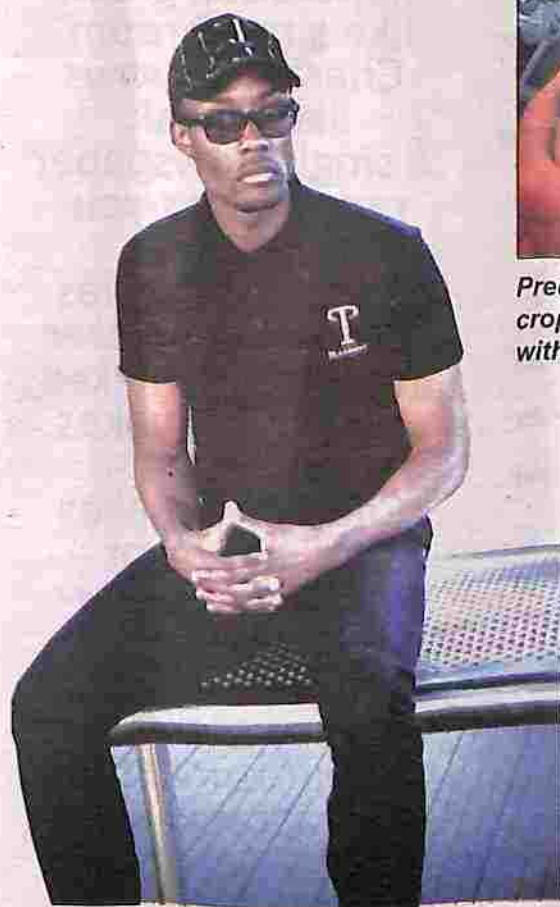
Lance showing the Bomba Jacket, the painted T-Shirt, and the white cap.



Precious with the camo crop top and the black cap with paint stains.



Rae, Jason (at the back), Lungelihle, Lance and Mumu.



Shafi wearing a golf T-Shirt.



Lungelihle donning the black cap and the bomba jacket whilst Rae rocks a brown T-shirt and the bomba as well.

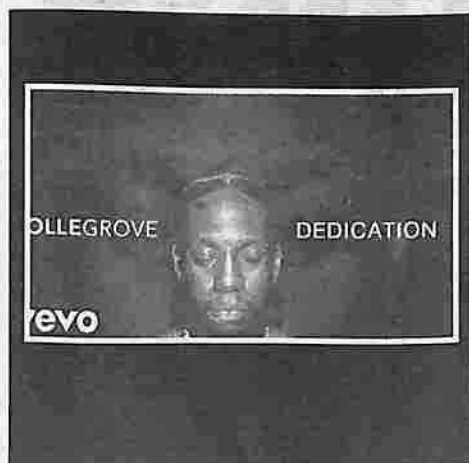


White cap and ripped grey T-shirt.



Shafi parading the long sleeve camo T-shirt.

ISTAYELA SYALAHLELA



ZOOMING IN ON THE WEEK'S ENTERTAINMENT

Greetings once again young people, to Istayela Syalahlela. Yes, we will be bisecting and dissecting all the controversies that have been going on in the entertainment circles.

1. The long awaited Hipnotik festival finally came and it was great. Yes, it came with it's flaws but that's something that the Swazi Jive family can work out. The snub of Nigerian Burna Boy, the North God - De Les, the stampede at the gate, the flop of the grass that was said to have been planted at the venue, hence we went back home looking red, and oh, the lack of time management. Otherwise, it was a good show, because we had fun - I mean we got good music, met good people and Nasty shut the whole house down in the very last performance. I appeal to all our organiser in the country to bring him back soon, I mean we didn't even get to say "Slow it down", or "Don't do it" or "Bangout", we need him back ASAP.

2. Still on Hipnotik, I feel like we have to thank the local acts that performed. They really put their all in the performances and I'm sure Scoop saw the talent that we have in this country hence his decision to say he will be back soon to deal with the culture of hip hop in the country. We hope he really meant what he said!

3. Guys, the hip hop game, is one where love between artist is never guaranteed. I mean, take a look at the beef between artists - From Pac and Biggie, to Nas and Jigga, to AKA and Cassper, to Drake and Meek Mill, the list just goes on and on. So it's wonderful to see collaborations between artists. Lil Wayne is one artist who has been in the game for a very long time. I mean the legend signed with Young Money at the tender age of nine, while his age mates couldn't even understand what that was. And he is one who hasn't gotten in arguments with a lot of rappers although quite a lot take a swipe at him.

Anyway, Weezy F Baby has collaborated with long-time friend 2 Chainz and have released College Groove together, although Young Money doesn't agree. The title, College Groove, represents Atlanta's College Park and New Orleans' Hollygrove, where each rapper was raised. The album cover



embodies Wayne's presence on the album, its 2 Chainz face but covered with Wayne's tattoo and piercings. All his distinguished facial features, for the sole feature that's spread all across his album. Despite what the label may claim, there's no denying this album belongs to them both. What's interesting is except for "100 Joints," all the songs that don't feature Wayne are recycled from various Mixtapes. Additions made to fit their excuse. The album opens with "Dedication," an ode to Wayne and a timeline of a friendship that dates from way back.

In the College Groove Wayne isn't the monster he once was and Chainz has simmered down a bit since the days of "Riot" and "Spend It." He's still churning out hit records but their effects are more aftershocks than earthquakes. College Groove would have made a bigger splash a few years prior. The album is a monument for two artists who have grown together in this industry that tends to create rifts.

Both Wayne and 2 Chainz know how this game has the tendency to be a pattern of building and destroying relationships. It took 2 Chainz a lot longer to rise through

the ranks, he blew up towards the end of Wayne's reign. Yet, their relationship has never been about status or relevance, because it goes beyond the industry. College Groove is the by-product of 10 years of friendship and collaborating, bringing full circle a relationship that is much deeper than rap. It's about real friends, the kind that Kanye can only dream about.

In the 2012 Video Music Awards (VMAs), after their performance together a gushing Wayne came out and said - "That's my best friend, that's my homie from back in the day, it's almost like - I don't wanna say it, because it seems crazy when I say it, but it's like watching your child up there. It feels too good; it's a weird feeling." I hope our artist in this country can show love than hate to one another.

4. Hold up, guys, parents might be happy about this one - Meek Mill says he will tone down a bit after his Mixtape - Dreamchasers 4. He says, although we can complain about the violence and blame white people all we can we need to start dealing with our own issues ourselves.

His statement read - "After DC4 I won't continue to rap about



extreme violence!" But I will remain to let my people know in these terrible environments to adapt and survive at any cost because "US BLACK PEOPLE ARE STILL AT WAR WITH OURSELVES AND THE SYSTEM IN REAL LIFE!"

Hip-hop has a long history of good gun-busting music, but street-ready records aren't required to focus on extreme violence. Scarface became a legend because of the way he tackled street life on a pragmatic level, reminding us violence isn't the only thing that goes on in the streets. After spending months on house arrest and seeing what has been going on around the world, maybe Meek Mill has been moved by the violence in poor communities in a way that he had never been before? The idea of his music taking a sharp turn is exciting.

Most rap fans can easily make the distinction between art and life, understanding that violent music doesn't reflect a violent person; that it simply provides a window into the communities which the artists have called home. Those statements are true, but as rappers and rap fans are getting older, tolerance for certain themes and imagery will wane. It appears Meek Mill wants to take a stand, a decision that should earn the Philly native nothing but respect.

In the meantime, for anyone who loves the current version of Meek, enjoy Dreamchasers 4 and his previous albums and tapes while you can. If he sticks to his word, we may see a brand new artist. YAY!

5. After Cassper's wonderful freestyle, AKA, yes, Mr Supermega himself touched down at Sway and he did his thing as well.

Don't judge guys, but my opinion says Cassper was better - let's listen to the lyrics guys. We all love Supermega but hey, this time, I think Cass was better and it's all thanks to the fact that he is back scripting hard bars.

POETRY...

REPUTATION AND CHARACTER

The circumstances
amid which you live
in

Determine your
reputation
The truth you
believe

Determines your
character
Reputation is the
photograph
Character is the
face

Reputation comes
over from without
Character grows
from within
Reputation is what
you have when you
come to a new
community
Character is what
you have when you
go away

Your reputation is
learnt in an hour
Your character
doesn't come to
light for a year
Reputation is
made in a moment
Character is built in
a lifetime

Reputation grows
like a mushroom
Character grows
like an oak

A single newspaper
report gives you
reputation

A life of foil gives
you your character
Reputation makes
you rich or makes
you poor

Character makes
you happy or
makes you miser-
able

Reputation is what
men say about you
on your tombstone
Character is what
angels say about
you before the
throne of God.

RUFFLE JUST KEEPS ON SHINING

A few weeks ago, we introduced you to this young man who has big dreams. We bring him back once again so he can share more good news with you.

The youngsters EP – 'Greater Heights' released under the Lifetime music empire staple, which consisted of 10 tracks – eight of which were produced by Young Pro, one by Rapstar and one by rapper Eimsofly. Has been receiving massive airplay on radio station is South Africa.

His single – 'Koze Kuse' had more than 600 downloads in less than eight weeks after being released.

It also received major airplay in South Africa as it debuted at number three on the top 20 show on Mkhondo FM. The following weeks it reigned supreme as number one for six weeks in succession.

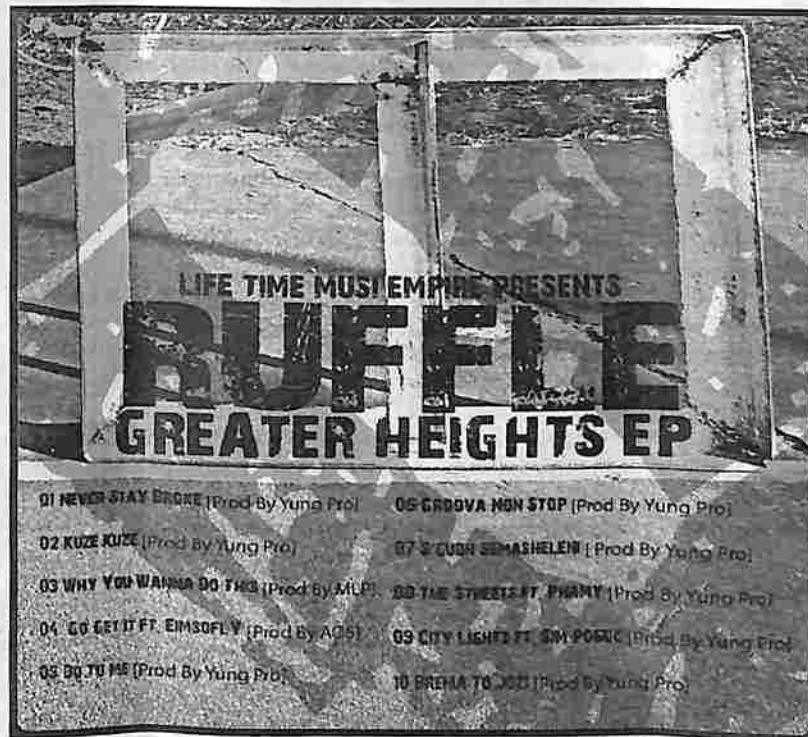
Another track on the EP – 'The Streets' where he features Phamy, who is now based in South Africa, due to work commitments was also a major hit and received more than 400 downloads in less than a month. He says people loved it and they even went as far as demanding for a remix but he had to decline. "The stable saw that I had more bigger things to work on such as promoting the EP and getting more shows.

It wasn't because we didn't recognise the love from the fans, but as you know prioritising is very essential if you are to make it in this dog-eat-dog industry I have been called at."

His hit single 'Groover non-stop' has been receiving massive airplay as well on the breakfast and afternoon drive on Mkhondo FM, with Smiso Bhoza. It also debuted this week on the top 20 show. He has also decided to make a video for the club banger because of the demand for the track from the fans. He then promised that we will definitely see more music and videos from him.

"I make music for people, and trust me, that's the only reason why I keep making music. It's because of the great feedback that I receive from the fans."

You can also converse with the gifted young man on social networking sites – it's rufflethehit-



banger on Facebook and msimisiruffle on Instagram.

We hope we will hear more music from him and more love for him from our country, because as it

goes, it seems like his work is getting more recognition outside our shores. What happened to local being lekker and us supporting our own?

MOVIE REVIEW

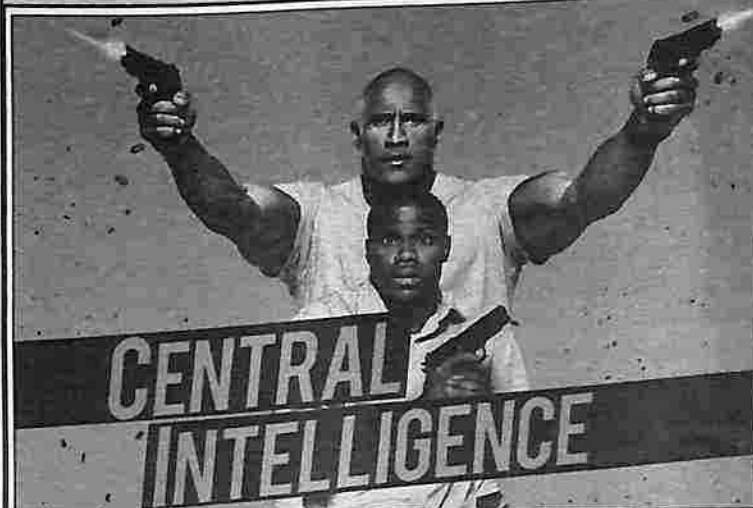


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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE REVIEW

Now Showing at Movie Zone

This is surprisingly good. The very existence of this movie seems entirely an excuse to get little Kevin Hart and big Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson in a movie together.

The pairing itself is so already marketable, you know it would make loads of money, whether it's good or bad.

We can all probably count on one hand the comedies released in 2016 that have made us really belly laugh out loud (namely Deadpool, The Nice Guys, Keanu, Zootropolis and Finding Dory, in my case).

And in that respect, I was certainly not expecting my next couple of real laughs to come from Central Intelligence.

Firstly, Kevin Hart completely won me over with this role. He deviated from the loud and hyper character he plays in all his other movies.

Many people find that character to be extremely annoying, understandably. It can make a two hour movie feel far too long, when he's screaming his way through it.

But I've often been quite forgiving of that because that is the onstage persona he has developed over the years and therefore, it is how he makes his money in show business.

So yes, it is extremely refreshing to see him tone it down for this movie.

He has his outbursts, but their all justified, and tasteful when delivered in smaller doses.

Dwayne Johnson (which is strictly what he goes by now, I know lots of people – including

myself – still insist on calling him 'The Rock'), takes on the more childlike persona, playing a CIA agent rebelling against the agency's authorities in order to catch 'the bad guy' by any means necessary. There are quite a few plot twists involved so I won't go into the story, so as not to spoil it for you but, I do recommend you see it.

That being said, there are no real surprises in this movie. It is not necessarily breaking any new ground. Anything that you would expect to see in a cop/spy movie, you'll see here. It's made of clichés, but that is what most Hollywood films are at this point. We just have to accept it.

Hart and Johnson have great chemistry on screen and you can tell that they had a great time working together.

There are guest-star appearances for fans of the TV series Breaking Bad, Mike and Molly and Arrested Development. Aaron Paul is hilarious in his stand-off with Kevin Hart and Melissa McCarthy too is funny as always.

I was very surprised that I enjoyed this movie as much as I did, and I'm quite positive that there is a laugh or two in there for everyone.

Score: 7/10

Rating: PG 13

Runtime: 114 minutes

Genre: Action & Adventure,

Comedy

Worldwide Release: 17 June

2016

Directed By: Rawson Marshall

Thurber

Written By: Ike Barinholtz, David

Stassen, Rawson Marshall

Thurber

SUNDAYCOMMENT:

TIDL!!

It is in keeping with the politicians we are blessed with that not sooner than the public servants were granted their salary reviews they too awarded themselves a huge increment on their already inflated salaries. And while they were at it, they gloated about it, totally oblivious of the feelings of the taxpayer.

The irony is that the same politicians know very well how fragile the economy is; or how the economy is not growing at the rate, if at all, and how they are not helping the country get foreign and direct investment. The reality is we are spending what we do not have and here are the lawmakers of this country taking it gladly.

There is every problem with that; just as there is everything wrong with an increase to politicians pay packages two and a half years into their five-year terms. This, in our eyes is daylight robbery, especially given that it is not just that we can't afford it, it reportedly is way over the inflation rate.

One of the reasons we have a parliament is so they play their role not just oversight function, but more importantly be our voice of reason. The people we elect to parliament earn the responsibility to look after the country and its nation, and not be selfish and greedy.

However, over the past two years, the nation is being robbed in broad daylight, because not only are the legislators failing to perform the core duty of passing laws; they are fixated with enriching themselves if not fighting personality clashes.

In the end, what we have inherited is not only a poor speaker of the House, but a parliament failing to steer this country into economic prosperity. So, while they do the high-fives and spend their 'hard-earned' salaries, the taxpayer will be funding their lavish spending. What is supposed to be a legislature is now an expensive talk-show, made up of individuals who are yet to appreciate their role in society, and who, critically, have refused to give the elderly a decent increment, but are only too happy to take their own increment.

You would think that while politicians are expected to be hypocrites, they would not reach the level at which it would be difficult to defend them against being referred to as 'tidli', and even then, that would be mild.

To put this into its perspective, we would fully agree with the assertion that parliament is responsible for all the country's problems, as made by the minister for labour and social security. Our fiscal situation is also one of those problems we should blame them for, for we are paying way over the odds for the job they are delivering to the Swazi people.



BY MBONGENI MBINGO

Analysis & opinion

IN DEFENCE OF THE ASIANS

I have been mulling about this so-called Asian influx into the country and the subsequent call by members of parliament for a probe into it, if not the ultimatum by the ministry of home affairs that there should be no more issuance of *khonta* certificates forthwith by the Minister, Princess Tsandzile.

Something in me says we are wrong about this—from the manner this is being handled, to the traits of xenophobia that are becoming evident about us as a nation, and of course the approach from parliament.

In my opinion, we are making Asians, and all those people of Asian descent, whether or not they are here legally, scapegoats for whatever the situation may be on the ground—which isn't just unfair, but totally wrong and against our constitution. It is also very narrow-minded. I am for a second, appalled at the manner in which we seem to think, or indeed, spreading the perception, that Asians are the cause of our problems, to the extent that were they to leave our borders, things would be right again.

Well, if that is our mentality then we have another think coming. And, if this is the message we want to spread to the rest of the continent and the world, then this is not the Swaziland we love. This is not who we are. What we are, as Swazis, are the warm people of Africa who are accommodative and friendly to those who need our hospitality and friendship. I grew up knowing that Swazis are the epitome of *Ubuntu*; and this in the backdrop of us accommodating our Mozambican brothers and sisters who sought refuge in this beautiful kingdom when things were volatile in their countries, as well as our role we played in the height of the apartheid era.

Of course there are various narratives on what kind of role the State played in that era, although it is without any dispute we were the place many ran to for cover.

I would therefore aver to argue that our warmth, the peace and stability we enjoy, the friendliness of the Swazi people, are what sets us apart. Our laws are designed and desired to make us that country where it has a conducive environment for all to prosper.

So, how have we suddenly become this angry nation that is quick to want to throw people out of its borders without even considering the damage this may cause to the reputation and image of our beautiful country? How have we become such an insensitive nation?

Let me get to the gist of my argument; for starters, the tone we have



Minister of Home Affairs Princess Tsandzile.

adopted in handling this issue is really troubling me—it seems as though everyone else has made up their minds about the situation. This is to suggest there already is conclusion that all the people of Asian descent are either corrupt or taking people's jobs. They also are assuming the Swazi citizenship by stealing the documents, and assuming *khonta* status by illegal means.

Tackling

While it would be hard to argue against the fact that there are Asians who are in this country without proper papers and there are many who now possess Swazi citizenship, the uncomfortable question we are not tackling is how this has been made possible?

It goes without saying of course that there are very corrupt elements within our system who have made a living through this—selling of permits, visas and obviously acquiring of citizenship. My point is who are these? Are these people of Asian descent? Are these people foreigners?

The answer is obvious to all of us—it is the same Swazis who have made this possible, and who have played a big role in the numbers of people who now reside here without proper paperwork.

The second point is that our laws are not as strict when it comes to dealing with such cases, and thus, people easily beat the system.

For me, these are the areas that should have been tackled first, before we embarked on a campaign that largely embodies traits of xenophobia. What we need our parliament and legislators to do is handle such a problem with sensitivity and maturity, by probing first where the loopholes are and then how to plug them.

I am surprised that all govern-

ment can do is order that there is no issuance of *khonta* certificates, in a dismal effort to curb the corruption in this area. But, who issues these? How many have been issued, and in dealing with this, why isn't there an outright probe into this problem? How big is this problem, in the context?

The way this has been handled it gives the impression that it is okay for those who have been issuing these certificates, and therefore they will get away with it.

Yet, we are ready to paint all Asians as people who bribe their way to these certificates, without actually investigating the facts on the ground!

It is obviously an open secret that there is a lot of corruption in the issuance of the permits, visas and passports and many can tell tales of how people of Asian origin now own Swazi passports and the much-sought-after international passport. But, is this just an issue of the Asians in this country, or is it also about the very same Swazis who are quick to accept the bribe? To simply accuse the Asian community in this country of corruption without actually taking the responsibility we owe as a country is treasonable.

It is also my problem with the popular complaint that Asians in this country are now running Spaza shops. So what, if they are? Have they just emerged from nowhere to erect that spaza shops, or grocery, or car dealership on Swazi nation land?

Or, again, are we responsible, as Swazis, for it? Aren't we as guilty as they are in how things have penned out? So what too, if they are sleeping with our women—because, unless it happens by force, then again, I would not really be bothered.

If Asians in this country are accused of running small and medium businesses, whose fault is that—theirs or ours? Who gives them or makes it possible for them, to own the licences? Who takes the rent? Who is happy to give ownership?

If we didn't know any better, we would be forgiven for thinking that Asians have come in guns blazing and taken over, and now parliament is setting up a probe to deal with it. Yet, the reality is that Swazis are so desperate for the quick cash, for the relegation of their responsibility they do not hesitate when offered money.

Concern

In fact, my other concern is how we as a nation are just so lazy to do the things we are now pretending we are capable of doing. Swazis have never thought running a grocery shop is profitable. Swazis have never wanted to own Spazas. Swazis only want the glorified things; and so it was easy and comfortable to just give this to the Asian person who showed up at the doorstep at the first time of asking.

The grocery businesses in the rural areas were lying in neglect; some were unprofitable; others were run so badly there hardly was anything in them.

Someone needs to slap us across the face to realise we are in such a deadly slumber vision 2022 will escape us.

We are definitely not going to get there by making excuse after the other on why things are not happening. We are making excuses for the problems we should be confronting—the first of which is, whose fault is it we have an influx of Asians in this country?

Fault of course is a negative statement in this context; and I would want to put it clear I am wondering if it really is a problem we are the destination of choice for many of the Asians who fill in the right paperwork and come in here and find it actually is a perfect country to live in. Should we then throw everything upside down just to ensure the people Asian of descent leave in droves too?

For me, the point is, we have a parliament that is so short-sighted it is struggling to even pass laws—instead, all they can do is tag along to the street talk. Perhaps we should be working towards asking them to leave in droves their chamber, and paying them half what they get, for they add no value to this country—just as they are claiming there are Asians who add no value to us as a country.

At this point it is the least we can do for ourselves, for this parliament is leading us astray.

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THE DIVORCE ISSUE

MARRIAGE
IS
A
DISEASE

DIVORCE, AN AILMENT...



Nomfundo Sifundza

WRITER'S NOTE:



As I sat and pondered what exactly the SCENE out there could be, I could not help but notice the pain and wreckage divorce does to the society at large.

This is my first ever SCENE observation as part of the Swazi Observer. My heart pours out to all those who have had to deal with their spouses infidelities.

It could never be easy convincing yourself everyday that 'Its going to change' that it is going to get better but each and every single day bears unbearable pain to you.

The sad part about a cheating husband is when he decides to forget he has children and all his money is spent spoiling somebody else's daughter, giving birth to the annoying blesser-blesse phenomenon.

We recorded all the celebrity divorces that have gone into record and shattered many hopes. Like who would have thought down to earth Idols presenter and rapper Proverb could be a victim of divorce, but problems erupted and today he is happily in another relationship. The divorce was done and dusted.

Talented hip-hop artist Zolile Motsa otherwise known as 80 Script is currently a busy bee as he is preparing for The Soiree. The Soiree is set to go into the books of history on September 30 AS hip-hop will be tearing the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre stage apart as an all local line up comes to life.

On our social network watch we decided to address an issue that makes artists sick. Negativity from onlookers. These people cannot be addressed as fans because all they do is see they wrongs and hang it for all to see, they do not offer any solutions.

Well, our questions that need answers really NEED ANSWERS, Haawu Masikane!!!

I hope this issue is as informative as it was to me when the words poured out in abundance.

THE 80 SCRIPT JOURNEY



The end of a great run leading up to Hipnotik 2016 marks the beginning of a new journey for rap artist 80 Script as he is currently at the peak of his preparations for The Soirée.

The first of it's kind in the Kingdom of Swaziland, The Soiree is set to make history on the September 30. Hip hop will be raiding the prestigious Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre and see 80 Script headline a carefully actuated all local line up in the auditorium.

The purpose of this event is to bring hip hop closer to the heights of Gospel music in Swaziland and shift the perception that local hip hop artists can not put together a ground-breaking

presentation as 80 Script will be during elements played by a quartet of band players who will incorporate live instrumentation into 80 Script's unique hip hop round to create a fresh new live sound altogether.

With only 500 seats available in the auditorium, the showpiece is slated to be an exclusive affair attended by the who's who of society to create a classy atmosphere on the evening.

Gear

Furthermore, upon finishing the concert at the Convention Centre, the Grammy themed show will be followed by an after party on the same evening where patrons will get to loosen up the shirts and take off the high heels and fit into more comfortable gear before partying the night away.

It will be the first time in Swazi-

land hip hop is celebrated on such a historic platform and the line up is set to cater to different genres that appeal both to the younger demographic as well as middle aged and older.

The Soirée is a celebration of a number of milestones:

- The first show by 80 Script under the stewardship of Motherland X

- The launch of 80 Script's third studio project; The highly anticipated That of Greatness album

- A celebration of 80 Script's Silver Jubilee (25 years of Life)

- The first hip hop showpiece to take over the Convention Centre

All news, announcements, updates to the classiest party in the Kingdom will be shared via The Soirée: My Silver Jubilee event page on Facebook as well as

@The_Soirée on Twitter. The public is encouraged to let us know if they are interested in being part of the top strong crowd by indicating (Going or Interested) on the event page on Facebook or follow @The_Soirée on Twitter. The party will follow back the first two people to follow the handle.

The theme for this event is

'[The Grammys Meet Africa]' so people attending 'The Soiree' will be encouraged to wear formal, semi formal, african designs or mix up the two. Tickets to the event will officially go on sale on August 1 and only 500 will be available for the one night only party. Outlets and prices will be shared to you before then and your line up for the night will be unveiled to you.



SOCIAL SCENE



As a young upcoming poet I used to log on to face book to read and learn from the people I looked up to. Those were the relevant ones in as far as the play of literature was concerned.

Never did I ever think of criticising artists that have gone an extra mile into obtaining the recognition they have.

In our beloved country it is utterly hard to be respected for who you

are.

You are a hip hop artist; you have toiled, tilted and cultivated great music. Your loyal fans dance to your music, they love and appreciate you.

Reputation

All to have that great reputation tarnished by one person on social media.

This post below baffled me.

A negative attitude that ropes in it such stakeholders in the country?

Really? For crying out loud why? SCENE respects and adores the great music and determination shown by local artists without even dropping names.

I would like to shout from the rooftop: If you do not like a certain artist please be respectful enough to shove down that hatred down your throat and stay in your lane.

Do not bring other people down simply because you cannot reach where they are.

A POST FROM FACEBOOK

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George Weedy Kush
18 Jul at 17:07

You Wanna Know Who Is Responsible For The Death Of Swazi Hip Hop? Here Is The List Of People To Blame:

1. IllaPenboy- Lomshishi Lona Ulihlata Blind Kantsi Udvumile.
2. KRTC- He Is The Pioneer Of Swazi Rap But His Bars Are So Weak.
3. Lisulumane- Lomshishi Lona uBitter Too Much. He Needs To Stop Making Music. He Doesnt Mind To Bite MT-Skhanda Man's Flows & Punchlines.
4. Bobo Thizalam- This Guy Plays Wack Music On The Radio For Sure Semudzala. We Need Young Radio Deejays Who Can Make The Youth To Be Glue'd On The Radio.

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5. Lindelwa Mafa- I Think She Is Signed Under CG Or She Is Dating Someone In That Camp. She Always Plays Those Niggas Kantsi Badzala & Balihlata.

6. Swazi Jive- I wont Say Much But Everybody Knows That This Is A Platform For South African artists.

7. Elfo- Lomfokati Lona Ke Uyanya. He Should Start Another TV Program & Stay Away From Swazi Hip Hop. He Doesnt Know Anything About Music, Wati Kuti Mbandzakanya.

8. Times Of Swaziland/Swazi Observer- They Always Talk About South Africans. They Are The Reason Why Swazi Jive Keeps On Bringing SA Artists Here. We Even Read About Bo Generations In Our Own Newspaper Eskhundleni Sfundze Nge Kusa Kusa Netigigaba.

9. Swaziland's Recording Studios- I Think Kukhona Lababa Bhunyisela Kona. They Really Like Signing Lame Artists, They Dont Know How To Spot Talent.

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PASTOR BAKHE'S PERSPECTIVE ON DIVORCE

Pastor Bakhe Dlamini of Yonder Worship Centre once wrote his own perspective of divorce. On page four and five we present yet another aspect of divorce, we hope it is an eye-opener to you and yours, also the celebrity divorces we have seen.

IS DIVORCE SIN?

Marriage is like a building, the couple being the occupants. Often as the church we would rather save the burning building than the occupants! Unfortunately if we insist on saving the marriage at the expense of the couple we are likely to lose the couple.

Follow me briefly as I drop points on why we as the church need to consider our stance of condemning divorcees:

1. Malachi 2:16, "I hate divorce says the Lord". God does not in essence hate divorce, but its consequences; children are

affected. It is very impossible that a God that allowed divorce during the times of Moses (Deut 21:1), would later on Malachi label it as sin altogether.

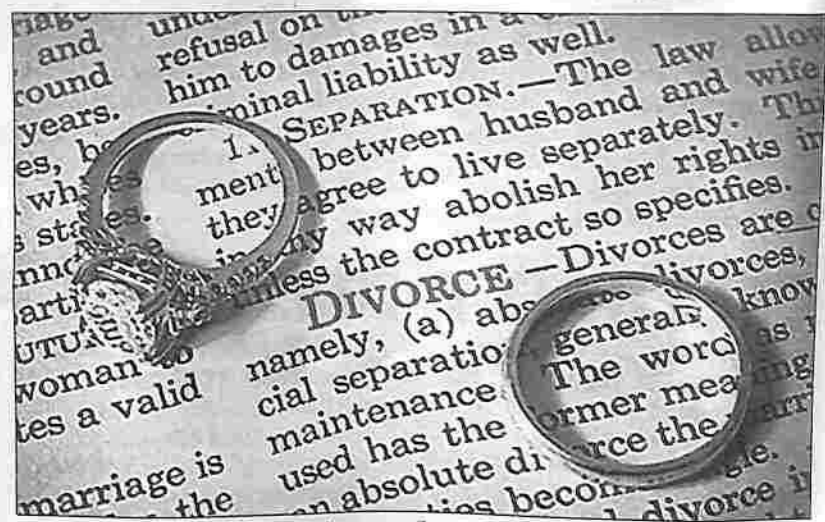
2. The conditions on divorce kept on changing throughout biblical times, revealing holes on or stance of divorce as sin. God's moral laws are timeless and

universal. Murder was sin in the Old Testament. Same thing with covetousness, lying, theft, etc. According to the Law of Moses, one could divorce his wife just by learning that she had burnt the pots etc. Later, Jesus changed the conditions to divorce only on grounds of sexual immorality. Matt 5: 32. Paul later on changed the conditions to (1Cor 7: 10-11) no divorce, only separation with prospects of reconciliation.

3. It appears that Jesus and Paul were not condemning divorces to hell as we have, but addressing a great issue that was on the rise in that days-adultery and easily wanting out of marriage. John 4: 17-18 and 1 Cor 5: 1.

4. You might be surprised to hear that God did divorce at a point in time, divorced Israel (Jerem 3:8) Should we insist that man, who is so not God, should try keep alive even that which is evidently dead?

5. Did you ever hear that God caused divorces at a point in time? Read Deut 28: 30 and Jerem 8:10, God says, "I will give their wives to other men". God there is the one who broke these marriages up.



6. More than being concerned about divorce, God is often concerned about the reason/motive behind it.

7. Jesus once said "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own wife, life he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26,33). That meant if the believers spouse hinders the believer from serving God or cause the believer to sin, then separation and or divorce would be unacceptable. Paul said one could stay with a non-believing spouse if she/he be willing to stay, not if unwilling, non-cooperative.

8. When Jesus said "whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery", he did not mean

'becomes adulterer'. According to Jewish culture, it is sexual intercourse that consummated a marriage, making the first instance where the man who slept with a divorced woman be the adulterer, but if they committed their now union to the Lord, sought repentance, the Lord forgave them. Jesus said it himself Matt 12: 31, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, save blasphemy against the Holy Spirit!

If Jesus meant that one that remarries is in a perpetual adultery, then he would have said, and whoever marries a divorced woman will be an adulterer or which marries or whoever marries a divorced woman, that sin cannot be forgiven unless they separate.



THE DIVORCE ISSUE

Our sister publication 'Observer on Saturday' broke a global issue, the divorce issue. This is the terrible scene out there; it is what has made some of our peers mad people because of the trauma and disfigurement of family structures it put them through.

Divorce is an ailment. It's a form of social leprosy. It stems from the parents on to the children down to the rest of the in-laws. It goes through the skin and deeply damages the soul; you will believe nobody knows the meaning of love.

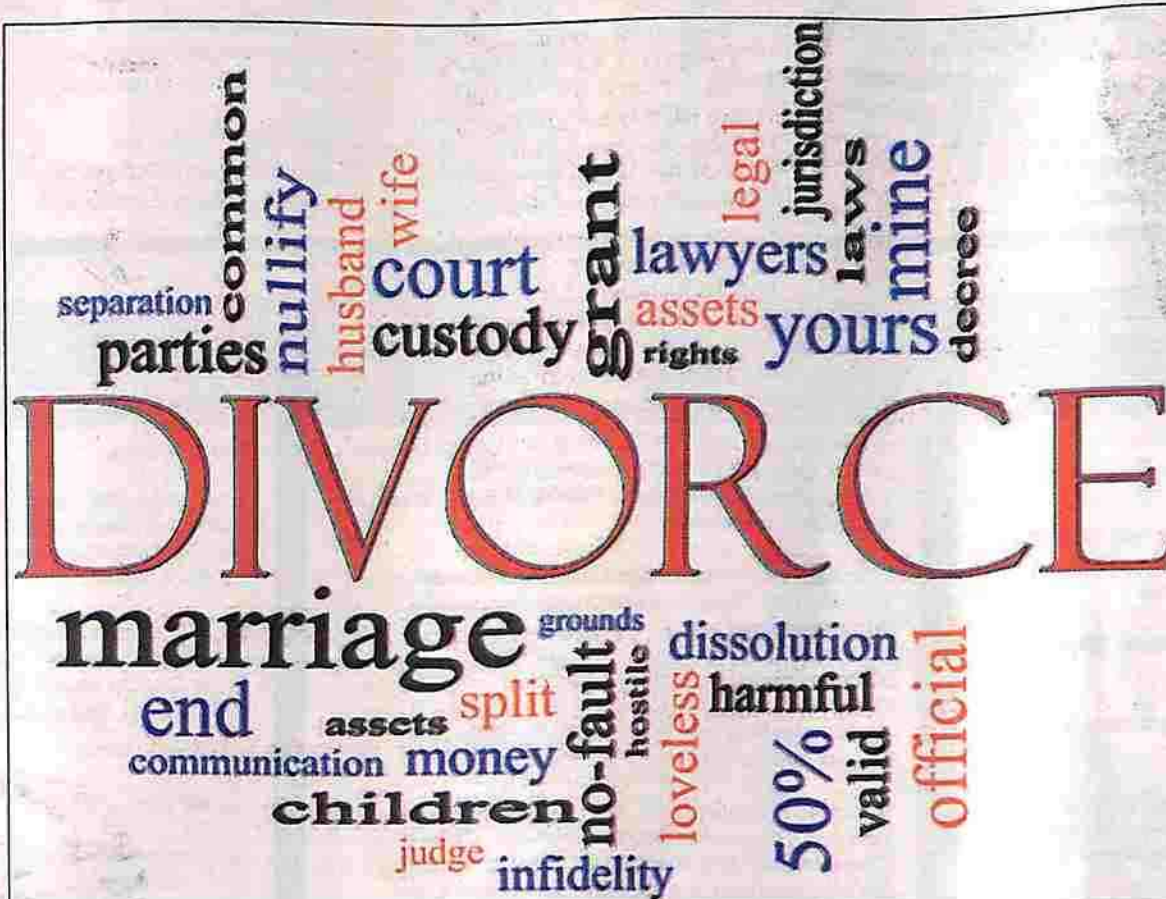
One day she woke up and she had her world all figured out. She was someone's wife. The gold shimmering on her finger was her perfect accessory. The rest of her life had begun. Not until after a few years down the road. One of them felt he could not walk the road anymore and he decided to call it quits.

Once the lightning of divorce strikes through, everything changes. The meaning of ever living and believing love exists is long erased.

Divorce has affected thousands if not millions of families all over the world. Now, you cannot ignore it as if it doesn't stink.

It strikes through the whole country not to mention the much worked hard for economy. How ugly it gets when it is suddenly about the exchange of properties than just two people parting ways. South Africa's Tokyo Sexwale's divorce confused many as it turned nasty and his dirty laundry was hanged out. Where was the love that was there the first time?

What happens really? Do you all of a sudden wake up and think, actually no I do not want to spend the rest of my life with you and you dress up and go to court sign in black and white and that is that. All the years you have worked for down the drain. On another note, the church does not approve of divorce. If you



stand in front of God and say "Till death do us part" you certainly have to wait upon death to do you so. But there are pains and turmoil's that 'apparently' are not bearable.

ACCEPTABLE

When is divorce given a thumbs up? When the other partner beats the other to a pulp or when the other's cheating streaks has no end or when the two people can never reach an agreement?

A marriage of less than two years is disturbing enough. What was it, an experiment maybe? How do you experiment with such? It entails not just two people but two families, children, the church and the society at large.

A couple that has been married for over fifteen years calling it quits is more like a judge deciding he wants to go back handle cases as a lawyer, not a judge.

If you have been able to cope with this person that you now so know like the back of your hand for more than a decade, why then do you decide to turn back to a life of 'singlehood'?

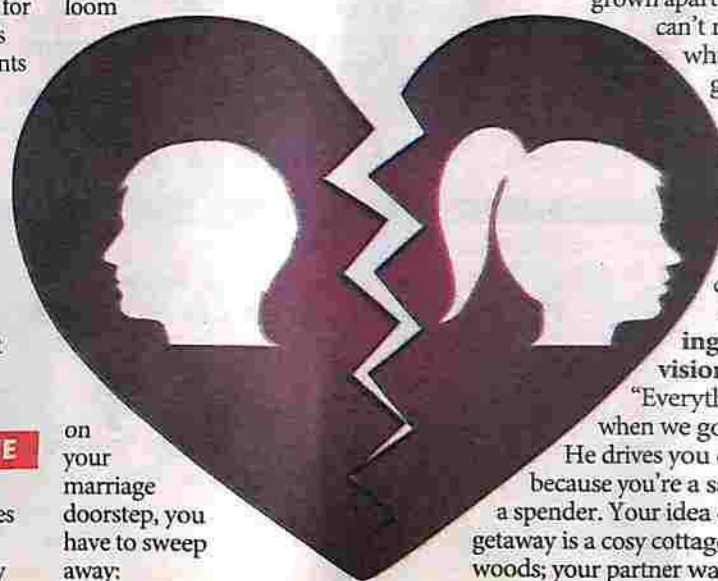
There are quite many causes of divorce and they crawl slowly but mainly to tarnish the memories built through the years.

CAUSES OF DIVORCE

There are at least 10 major causes of divorce according to huffington.com. Each of which once they

loom

on your marriage doorstep, you have to sweep away:



1. Getting in for the wrong reasons: Marrying for money — we've all heard that that is a ticket to a quick divorce, but what about when you marry because it's what you think you should do? I've met many divorced women who say the problems that made them leave were there right from the beginning but "everyone expected us to live happily ever after" or "we had already spent so much money on the wedding" or "we had just built our dream home." So, remember, until you say "I do," you always have the choice to say "I don't!"

2. Lack of individual identity: A codependent relationship is not healthy. When you don't have your own interests or the opportunity to express yourself outside of coupledom, you become 'couple dumb'.

If you are not comfortable doing things without your partner, or you don't know what kind of music, movies, or food you used to like, you are likely in deep and you probably feel like you are drowning and don't know why.

3. Becoming lost in the roles: Just as many couples "forget" their single friends and single ways when they get married, when you add children into the mix, most parents soon neglect or completely forget that they are a couple. As children grow and need less attention, many husbands and wives find that they have

grown apart and they can't remember why they ever got married in the first place because they no longer have anything in common.

4. Not having a shared vision of success: "Everything changed when we got married!"

He drives you crazy because you're a saver and he's a spender. Your idea of a weekend getaway is a cosy cottage in the woods; your partner wants to hit

CELEBRITY DIVORCES

JOHNNY DEPP AND AMBER HEARD

"The Danish Girl" supporting actress Amber Heard filed for divorce from film star Johnny Depp on May 23, 2016, after about 15 months of marriage. The couple, who met while filming the 2011 film "The Rum Diary" and later began dating, married on February 3, 2015, reportedly at Depp's West Hollywood home.



Johnny Depp and Amber Heard.

GAVIN ROSSDALE AND GWEN STEFANI

Musicians Gavin Rossdale and Gwen Stefani filed for divorce on August 3, 2015 after 13 years of marriage and three children together.

WIZ KHALIFA AND AMBER ROSE

The model filed for divorce from the rapper in late September 2014, after 14 months of marriage. She



Onalerona Tekisho and Proverb.

seeks legal and physical custody of their son Sebastian, 1, as well as spousal and child support.

PROVERB AND ONALERONA TEKISHO

The 'Idols' presenter and his wife of ten years decided to go their separate ways after a cheating scandal which recently rocked their relationship. Proverb's wife, Onalerona Tekisho announced on her personal

Facebook account that the divorce order had been granted and she and Proverb were parting amicably.

TOKYO AND JUDY SEXWALE

Tokyo Sexwale's courtship of Judy van Vuuren began with smuggled love notes and secret games of footsie in the political prisoners' camp and ended, a year before South Africa's first democratic elections in

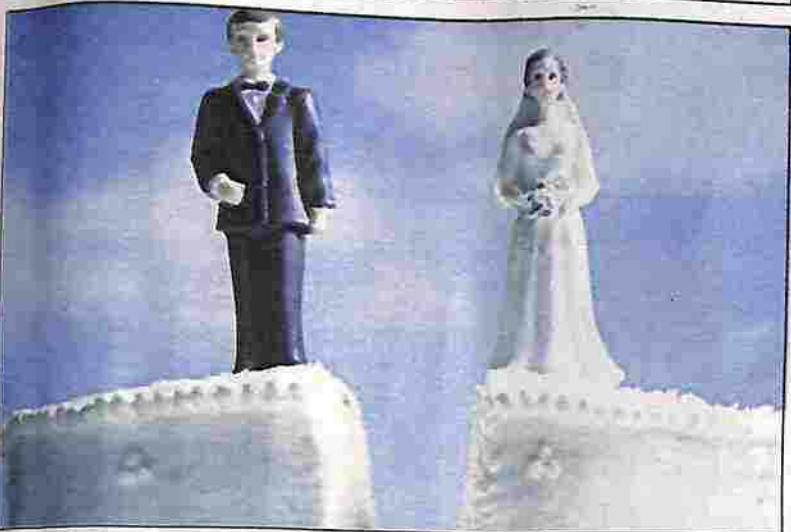
1994, with their marriage.

But 20 years to the day, it has emerged that their union has dissolved in acrimony and the stage is set for one of the biggest and most sensational divorce trials in the Rainbow Nation's history.

After 20 years of waking up next to the same person, you suddenly decide you want to wake up to just yourself, really? What sense does that make?



Judy and Tokyo Sexwale.



town and catch a game. He thinks it's your job to cook and clean, but you disagree.

Why didn't he mention these things before? Maybe you should have asked. Chances are that he hasn't changed — your expectations did. Is it possible to survive major differences in philosophy? It is possible, but many do not.

5. The intimacy disappears: Some-where in a marriage there is a subtle change in the intimacy department. One person has an off day, there is a misunderstanding or someone doesn't feel well. Then there's the idea that he isn't as romantic or she isn't as sexual.

Whoever with the subtle change can trigger a downward spiral in the intimacy department. Men generally need sexual receptivity to feel

romantic and women generally need romance to be sexual receptive. As long as both people are getting what they need, they willingly provide what the other person wants. However, when there is a lessening on either's part, that can trigger a pulling back in the other. If gone unnoticed and unchecked, before the couple realises, they are seriously intimately estranged and wonder what happened. This can lead to divorce as couples begin to feel unloved and unappreciated.

6. Unmet expectations: Somewhere written into a human's genetic code lie the instruction that when a person isn't happy, he or she is supposed to force his/her significant other to make the changes required to make the unhappy person happy again.

This usually takes the form of complaining, blaming, criticising, nagging, threatening, punishing and/or bribing.

When one or both people in the marriage are attempting to coerce each other into doing things they don't want to do for their partner's happiness, it is a recipe for disaster. When you are unhappy in a relationship, it's okay to ask for the change you want. But, if your partner doesn't oblige you, then you become responsible for your own happiness.

7. Finances: It's not usually the lack of finances that causes the divorce, but the lack of compatibility in the financial arena. Opposites can attract but when two people are opposites in the financial department, divorce often ensues. Imagine the conflict if one is a saver and one is a spender. One is focused on the future while the other believes in living for today. One has no problem buying on credit, while the other believes in saving up for what one wants. Over time, this conflict can reach such heights that divorce seems to be the only logical conclusion.

8. Being out of touch... literally: I'm talking about physical contact. Of course, sex is great, but you also need to supplement it with little hello and goodbye kisses,

impromptu hugs and simply holding hands. Couples who don't maintain an intimate connection through both sexual and non-sexual actions are destined to become virtual

strangers.

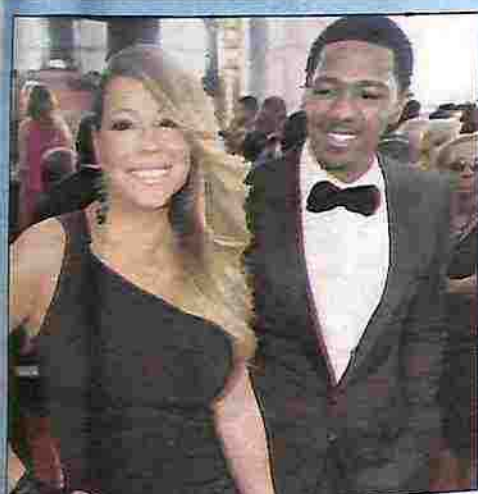
9. Different priorities and interests: Having shared interests and exploring them together is essential for a successful marriage. Of course, having

10. Inability to resolve conflicts: Every couple has disagreements. The key is to develop ground rules so that each partner feels respected and heard. Sometimes it takes a third party 'referee' to help define those rules and teach us to move through the charged emotions so resentments don't linger.

BLESSED-BLESSE PHENOMENON

All pity and shame pours out to the young women who are involved with older men. Who, half the times are very much married. These young beautiful ladies will never know the meaning of 'commitment'. They will never in their lives experience the beauty of being in a committed relationship because for all they know, life is selfishly about them. What they get and what makes them happy.

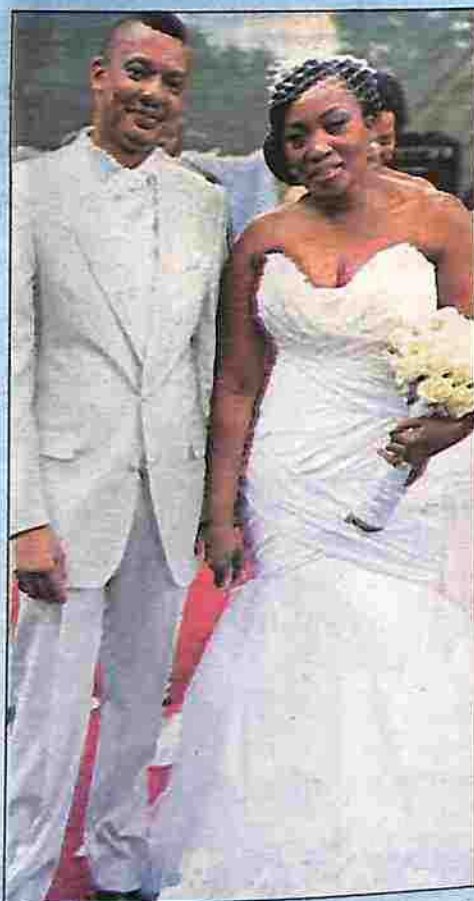
SCENE wonders why the scene out there is young people who want to appear successful but never to be actually successful themselves. A huge shout out and much respect to all the smart and determined ladies who have graduated from tertiary institutions and are contributing into the economy of the country positively. We see you ladies. You who are sitting down, waiting for your phone to alert you that someone else's husband has deposited money in your bank account, please, my sisters get up and work. Please WORK.WORK.



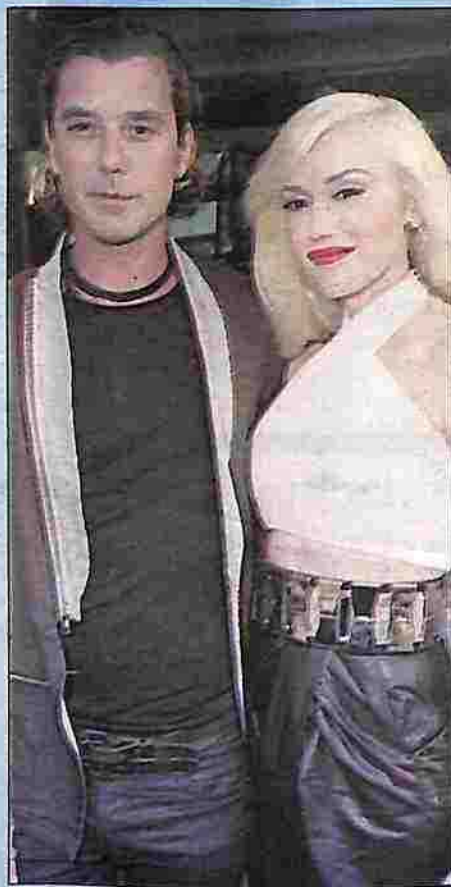
Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon.



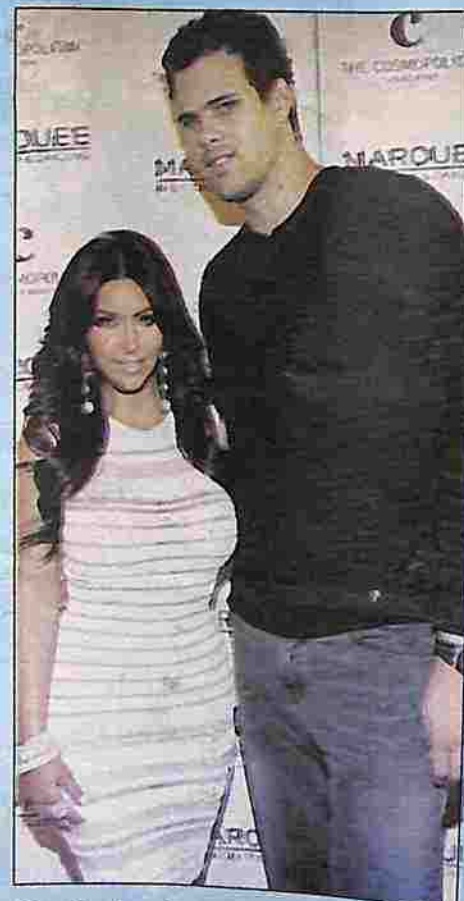
Wiz Khalifa and Amber Rose.



Keith Harrington and Sophie Ndaba.



Gevin Rosedale and Gwen Stefani.



Kim Kadarshian and Kris Humphries.

LONDON - Big Brother contestant Jayne Connery was accused of 'faking' her injury after being hospitalised following a task.

Viewers claimed the 49-year-old was 'wasting NHS resources' when she briefly left the Elstree compound to receive medical attention on Thursday's show.

Despite being treated by paramedics, many viewers at home believed Jayne was 'acting' and declared she had put on an 'Oscar winning performance'.

The incident took place when her fellow housemates were attempting to knock Jayne off a bridge in the pool by throwing water balloons and sponges at her during a task.

Before taking part, she admitted to her housemates she felt nervous, saying her legs felt like jelly.

She ended up losing her balance and falling into the water after Jackson Blyton threw a wet sponge at her.

Housemates quickly helped the private investigator and former journalist out of the pool before calling for a medic.

Clearly shocked, Jayne said: "Something hit me that just knocked me in my windpipe."

Jayne was soon removed from the house and taken to hospital to be properly checked over, before later returning a few hours later.

One viewer tweeted: "Watching BB, Jayne

'SHE DESERVES AN OSCAR'

● *Big Brother's Jayne Connery accused of 'faking' her injury by viewers after being rushed to hospital*

deserves an Oscar - it was nowhere nr her throat & she managed 2 stay afloat when "knocked out" #BigBrother."

Many audience members claimed to have seen Jayne paddling in the pool when she was apparently 'unconscious'.

Another wrote: "The sponge hit your head

not throat and you were moving your arms n paddling not knocked out. Great prefomance #BigBrother #jayne."

A third agreed: "Jayne was apparently knocked out? She was doggy paddling as she hit the water man & then choking? Her face didn't even get wet?#BigBrother."

Several viewers went on to accuse her of wasting NHS time: "Another person using A&E services inappropriately. Oscar goes to Jayne for faking unconsciousness. Send her the NHS bill @bbuk #BigBrother."

Treatment

Another tweeted: "I'll tell you where Jayne has been Hughie, she's been wasting our NHS resources receiving her 'emergency treatment' #bigbrother."

Meanwhile, a spokesperson from Channel 5 told the MailOnline: "The housemates' health and welfare is of paramount importance."

"Big Brother puts into place appropriate medical arrangements as required."

Meanwhile, Jackson felt incredibly guilty and had to be reassured by his fellow housemates that it was an accident.

Big Brother later gathered housemates to say Jayne was fine and received expert medical attention off-site.

Big Brother reassured Jackson in the Diary Room that Jayne is OK after he continues to express his guilt over the accident. Later on, Jayne appears in the Diary Room and tells Big Brother that she is 'feeling good' before returning to the house.

Jayne is greeted with hugs by her concerned housemates with Jackson rushing to apologise to her. *Daily Mail*

WHY CASSPER IS KEEPING HIS COINS

● *A lot of young talent go broke trying to act rich*

JOHANNESBURG - It seems those days of Cassper flashing his gold chains, watches and latest ride are long gone. Instead of splurging on the finer things in life, the rapper has decided to stash his cash.

Fans may have noticed how the rapper has gone from posting pictures showing off his expensive gear, to ones that show him keeping a coin jar, scrapping the last of the tomato sauce out of the bottle and even putting his house up for rent while he is away.

Many people have wondered what motivated the change, and the rapper kept them guessing until this week when he revealed that he has been part of an initiative with a well-known financial institution for National Savings Month.

He also took the opportunity to explain that he feels many young South Africans are getting into financial trouble because they are trying to

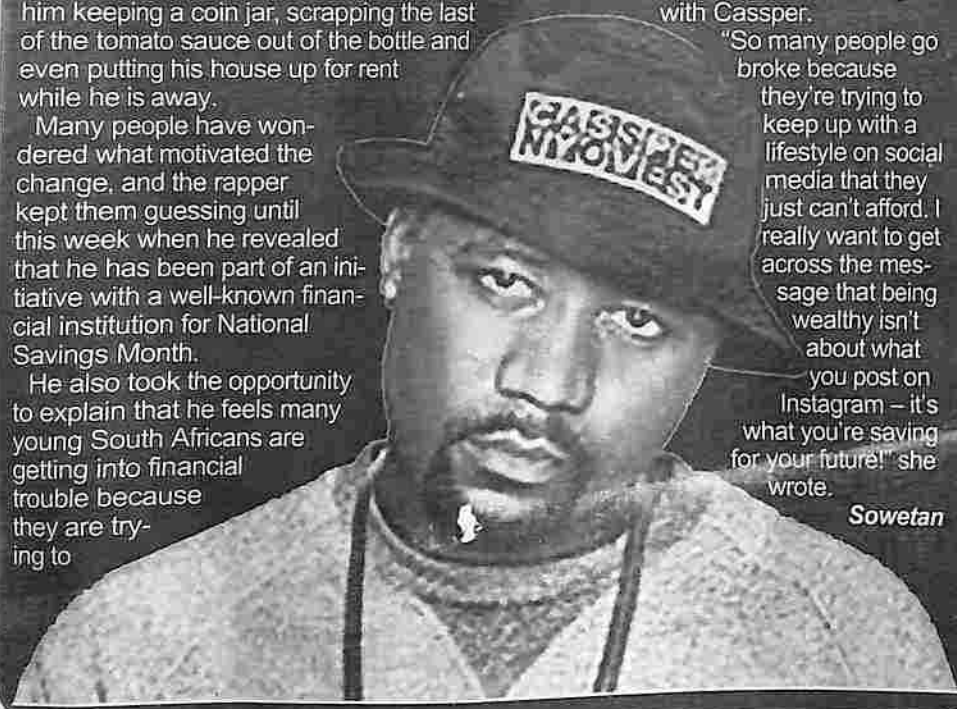
appear richer than they are.

"This is something I feel strongly about. It's too easy to go broke trying to keep up with what we think everyone else is spending. Particularly in these days of social media. You can't judge wealth by what you see on Instagram," he added.

Actress and TV personality Pearl Thusi was also part of the initiative and agreed with Cassper.

"So many people go broke because they're trying to keep up with a lifestyle on social media that they just can't afford. I really want to get across the message that being wealthy isn't about what you post on Instagram - it's what you're saving for your future!" she wrote.

Sowetan



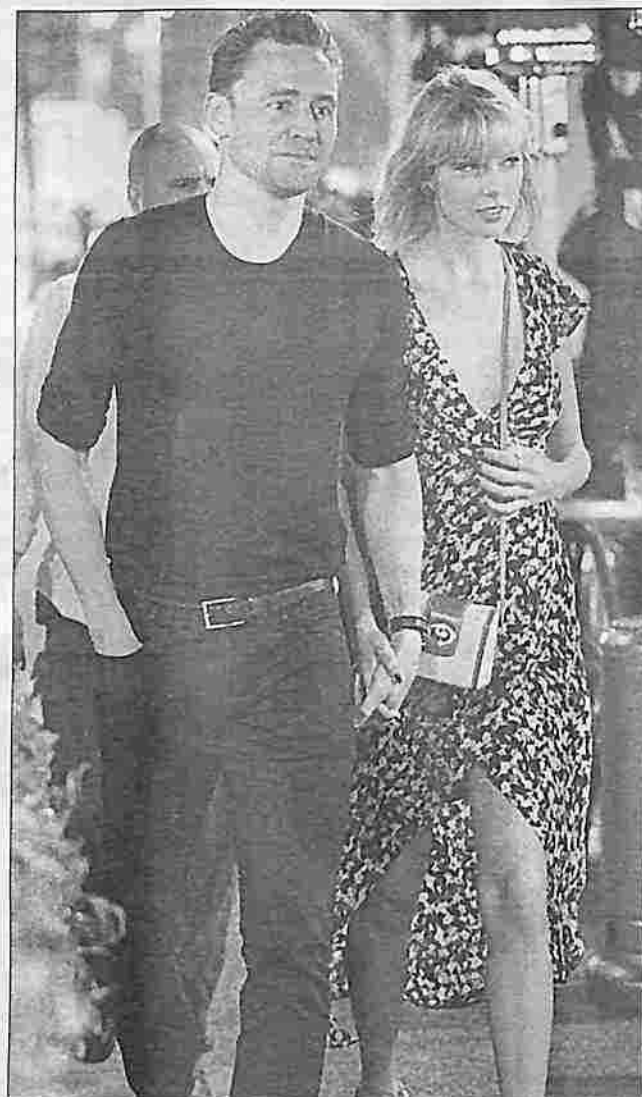
How Tom feels about the drama surrounding Taylor and Kim Kardashian

NEW YORK - Taylor Swift and Tom Hiddleston are heating up on all fronts.

With the aftermath from Kim Kardashian's Snapchat videos continuing to unfold, a source tells E! News exclusively that Tom is helping his girlfriend feel better. "Tom is not annoyed by the negative media attached to Taylor," the insider tells us. "He knew that would come with the course of dating her. He has been supporting her and enjoying the time he's having with her. They're having a great time and are always laughing."

As for how the "Style" songstress is feeling about everything that happened with Kim and Kanye West, the source adds, "Taylor is not happy about what happened with Kim and Kanye. She thinks they are using her to get even more publicity."

Although the videos made it clear that Taylor approved certain lyrics in Kanye's song "Famous," our source tells us that she has no intentions of partnering with him again. "She is not a fan of Kanye and won't ever work with him or talk to him again at this point," the source says.



Rocky back - and he's packing a real punch

NEW YORK - The Rocky franchise long ago seemed to be on the ropes, but here, fully 40 years after the original, comes the seventh film in the series, and I'm pleased to report that it packs a genuine dramatic punch. Right, that's the obligatory boxing metaphors dealt with. Now to the story.

When Adonis Johnson (the excellent Michael B. Jordan) finds that the father he never knew was world

heavyweight champ Apollo Creed, he resolves, despite a privileged, educated upbringing (a neat subversion of most boxing narratives), to follow in the old man's footsteps.

So he goes to Philadelphia to persuade Creed's friend, and adversary in the ring, Rocky Balboa (Sylvester Stallone), to train him. The Great Mumbler is on terrific, charismatic form, which has earned him an Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actor, and this is a much better

boxing film than last year's Southpaw, which had a huge amount of sweat, most of it shed by Jake Gyllenhaal, but somehow lacked heart.

There's oodles of heart here, and commensurate amounts of corn.

But writer-director Ryan Coogler, whose only previous feature was the stirring 2013 drama Fruitvale Station, which also starred Jordan, does a splendid job of making his film at least as rousing as it is corny.



Adonis Johnson (the excellent Michael B. Jordan, left) finds that the father he never knew and goes to Philadelphia to persuade Creed's friend, and adversary in the ring, Rocky Balboa (Sylvester Stallone, right), to train him.

QUESTIONS THAT NEED ANSWERS



Comedian Smallz.

1 What does Masikane mean when he puts a poster up written 'Masikane CD LOUNCH' hawuu Masikane. He is really not Swazi after all huh? Neither is he White.

2 Was that Frankie on Somizi's LTDW Somizi?

3 Come to think of it, the one who won the LOL Comedy competition and the one breaking all barriers in the comedy scene, who is the best comedian after all?



Rapper Illa.

4 How goes the Illa and Tiyas court case both are rather too quiet these days?

5 What could it probably take for Swazi artists to value media stakeholders?



6 How is KrTC doing in the United States of America? Besides leaving E20 notes in shops is he also rapping in Siswati that side?

7 HRH Zolani Mkhiva was in the country recently to launch the Swazi wing of Swaziland Delphic Council. What has the committee selected done thus far or was it a wrong choice of people chosen or are they even getting the necessary assistance they need to execute their duties?

8 The bold voiced King Kangaroo, how goes the music lately? Haven't heard from him since Lution decided to spark a little debate. Speaking of which, what is this Black Aristoles is he is ranting about on Facebook? Another spring cleaning maybe.

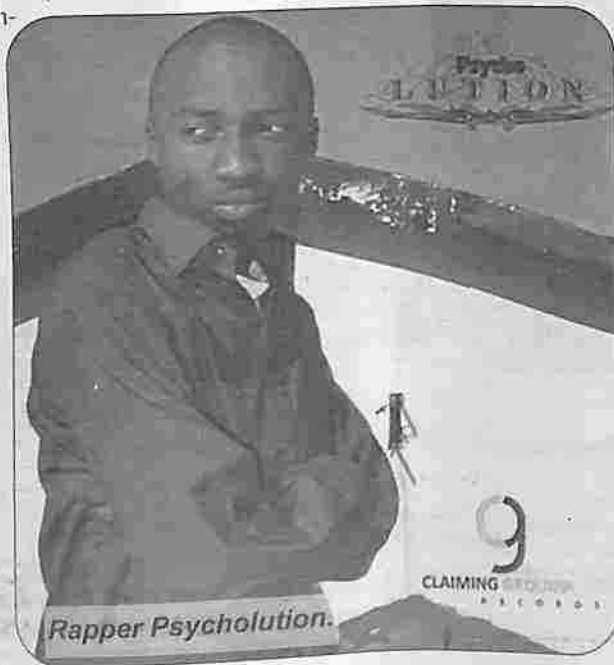


Comedian Mdura.

9 So Khole managed to pull a whole set by herself on Thursday at Cuba Nora, why exactly did she leave without explaining to her fans that there was a sound issue the first time. Is it difficult to say "I'm sorry the sound is failing me, so I will not perform anymore but I will do another make up show at a date to be announced"?



Artist Khole.

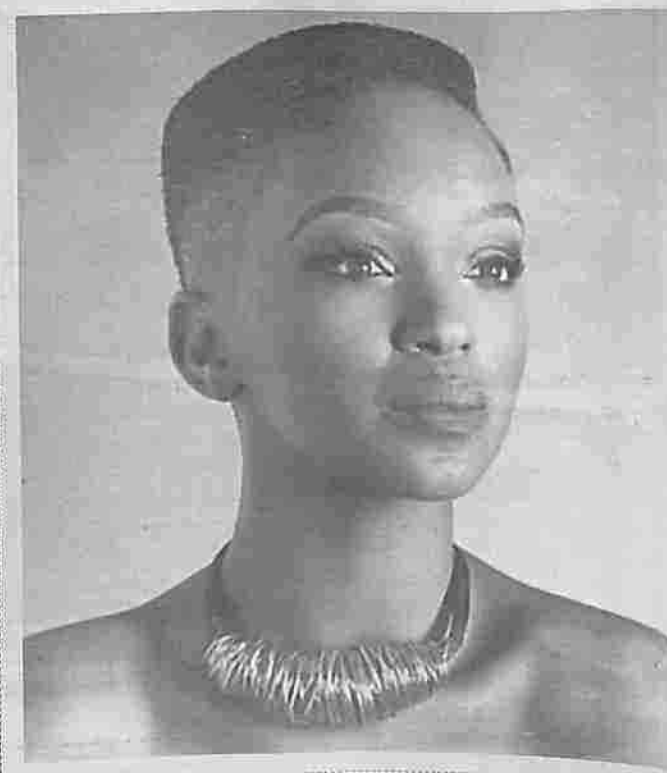


Rapper Psycholution.

TITBITS.....

Oh, but there is something with starting a new season. Fashion police on the lookout for each and every season. You surely want to make the best impression. Be glad; be very glad the winter is gone. Now the summer bodies are coming out, the hairstyles and the perfect bright colours.

Make it a point to remove hair from the face ladies; it's going to be a hot spring season as you have seen the temperatures going up already. Keep it natural and short if you may, it is the best way to go.



Behind the Scene

BY MAJAH Nkonyane

KHLOE S MAKE-UP



Khole belting it out at her show.



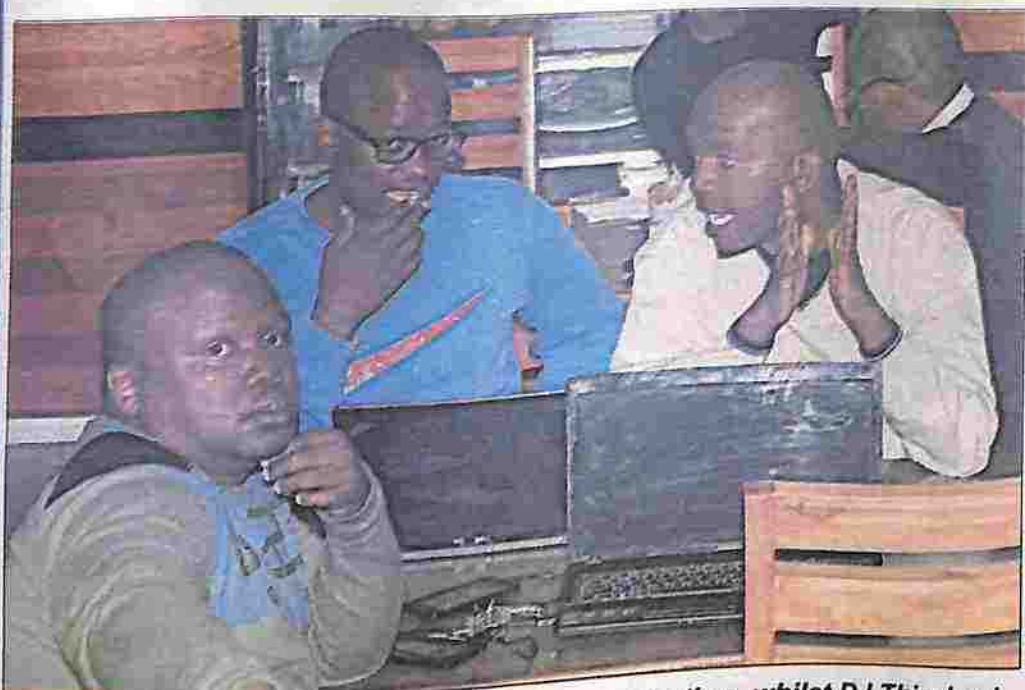
Khole and Nkosi Sibanda get deep in song at Khole's make-up show at the Cuba Nora restaurant at Corporate Place in Mbabane last Thursday.



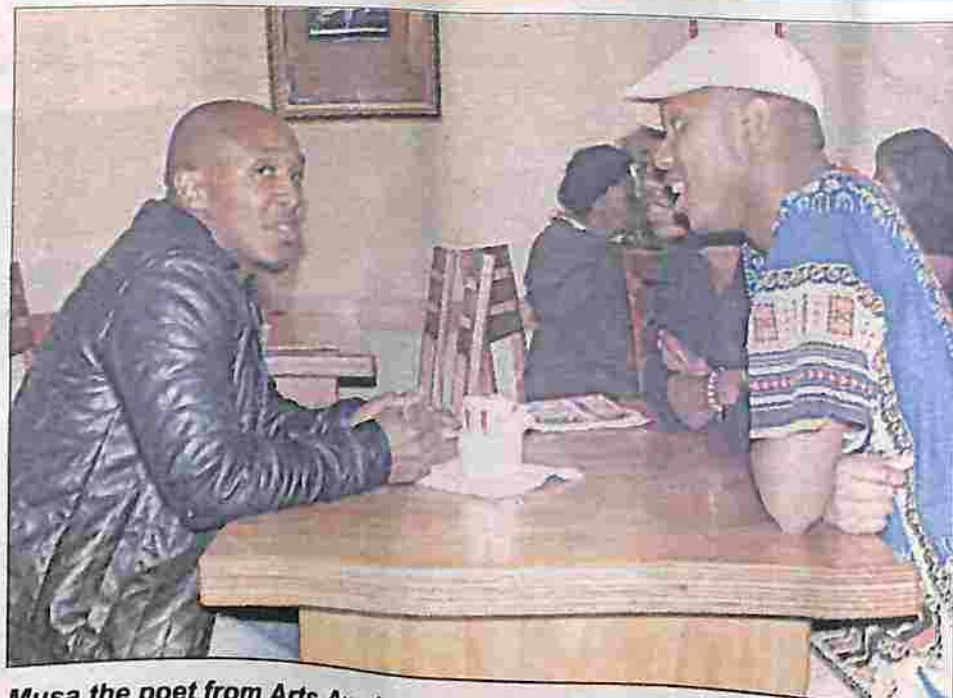
Poets Nqobile Ndlangamandla and Dzeli Dlamini savouring Khole's music.



Nkosi Sibanda smiles and on the right he looks deep as he plays keys for Khole.



DJs DD Cool and Karly B seem deep in conversation, whilst DJ Thizalami looks into the camera.



Musa the poet from Arts Awake chats with singer, Gabriel D. The two are currently working on a collaboration.



ROLE OF HEALTH WORKERS IN FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Today we dedicate our article to health workers and medical personnel and how they too can play an important role in the fight against human trafficking.

Victims of human trafficking may be deeply traumatised by their experience, particularly if they have been sexually exploited. They may be distrustful and fearful of authorities which may affect their ability to seek help and support or to engage with the police. A sensitive and victim-centred response from healthcare staff can allay some of these fears and encourage them to access help and protection. Working with relevant experts, they can refer vulnerable individuals on to secure and appropriate support.

Many healthcare staff will be unfamiliar with human trafficking and the ways in which victims may be affected. This article is intended to raise awareness of its health consequences and assist them in identifying and responding to victims of this crime. In this way health practitioners can be a vital link in the chain of care which may provide victims with relief.

The health problems seen in victims of trafficking are largely a result of several factors, such as: deprivation of food and sleep, extreme stress, hazards of travel, violence (physical and sexual), and hazardous work. Due to the fact that most victims do not have timely access to health care, by the time they reach a health centre it is likely that their health problems will be at an advanced stage. Women and

girls are at high risk of acquiring multiple sexually transmitted infections and multiple forced and unsafe abortions. Physical abuse and torture often occur, which can result in broken bones, contusions, dental problems (e.g., loss of teeth), and/or cigarette burns.

WHAT IS IN PLACE TO ASSIST VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN SWAZILAND?

In November 2015 the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland launched the Victim Identification Guidelines and Referral Mechanism for Assisting Victims of Human Trafficking.

The guidelines and the referral mechanism are expected to assist the national authorities in:

- Identification of presumed victims of human trafficking;
- Protection and provision of psycho-social support
- Documentation of victims
- Investigation and prosecution of crime
- Integration and family re-unification
- Repatriation

During the launch of the Victim Identification Guidelines, the commitment of the Government of Swaziland in addressing human trafficking was acknowledged by Zhuldyz Akisheva, UNODC Regional Representative for Southern Africa, who underlined that Swaziland was

the first and only country in the SADC Region to establish a full-time Secretariat dedicated entirely to the fight against human trafficking and an Emergency Response Team to attend to individual human trafficking cases. This practice is recognised by other SADC member states as a model to follow.

Health personnel and the general public may contact the Secretariat for further information on these guidelines. The National Referral Mechanism is a framework designed to assist in identifying victims of trafficking, and provide them with appropriate care and support. It is intended to provide guidance to the primary role players in provision of assistance to victims of human trafficking in a way that ensures that their human rights are protected. Health personnel are also primary role players as they may also be first responders to victims of human trafficking.

Health personnel are in an ideal position to support victims of human trafficking. If and when they encounter a trafficked person they have a unique opportunity to provide essential medical care and vital referral options that may be an individual's first step towards recovery and safety.

PUT THE BRAKES ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

A trafficked person may be or may have been a virtual prisoner, so seeing health staff may be a rare opportunity for him or her to tell someone about his or her situation.

WHAT HEALTH PERSONNEL CAN DO

In all cases health workers can

improve the safety and health of trafficked persons by:

- Being aware of the possibility of human trafficking
- Recognising signs and symptoms
- Addressing the subject sensitively
- Providing a private and confidential environment where the victim can speak without fear of being overheard
- The consultation must not be rushed. The victim may have some cognitive impairment as a consequence of the abuse and may find it difficult to remember details or make decisions
- It is advisable that the patient is seen alone, even if he or she is accompanied. The only exception should be a professional interpreter in cases where the victim cannot speak English or siSwati. Do not inquire about trafficking-related circumstances in front of others, including your patient's companion. To gain

privacy with the patient, you could, for example, suggest that a private examination is required.

In all interactions with trafficked persons it is crucial to recognise and respect the potential cultural, religious and language difficulties. There may be very different perceptions of health and healthcare depending on the background of the trafficked person. They may be experiencing deep levels of shame about their experience, or be afraid of how they will be treated.

Although one cannot be an expert about all different cultures, adopting a respectful approach, checking out the meaning of their health problems and their experiences with them, and providing information in a way they can understand will contribute to making the health encounter positive and affirming.

Eliminating human trafficking is a complex and difficult task, requiring co-operation and good communication across all sectors, including the health sector.

To report any suspicions of human trafficking:

- Call 975 Anti-human trafficking toll free line
- Call 999 or 9999 police emergency numbers
- Contact your nearest police station

For further information, assistance and advice contact: The Prevention of People Trafficking and People Smuggling Secretariat
C/O prime minister's office
Tel: 2404 1759

FSE & CC invited to Tokyo International Conference on African Development



The African Union Commission (AUC), the African Development Bank (AfDB), Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA), Kenya's ministry of industry trade and cooperatives and the International Finance Corporation (IFC) on behalf of the World Bank Group (WBG), have invited the FSE & CC to the TICAD VI Private Sector Roundtable that will be held at the Kenya International Conference Centre (KICC) in Nairobi on August 26, 2016.

The Tokyo International Conference of African Development (TICAD) External link was launched in 1993 by the Government of Japan, to promote Africa's development, peace and security, through the strengthening of relations in multilateral cooperation and partnership. Coming at a time when aid fatigue had become apparent, the launch of TICAD was catalytic for refocusing international attention on Africa's development needs. In the course of the past 20 years, TICAD has evolved into a major global and multilateral forum for mobilising and sustaining international support for Africa's development under the principles of African 'ownership' and international 'partnership'. Since its inception in 1993, TICAD has been promoting high level policy dialogue

between African leaders and development partners on key themes relevant to promoting growth and opportunities on the continent.

This is the first time that this high-level dialogue will take place on African soil. Holding TICAD-VI in Africa clearly demonstrates growing African ownership in the TICAD process that has attracted much attention from African states and all TICAD partners, such as international organisations, including the United Nations System and regional organisations, such as the African Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and the New Economic Partnership for Africa's Development Planning and Coordinating Agency (NEPAD Agency), as well as civil society and the private sector. The conference, therefore, presents an ideal opportunity to demonstrate that Africa is ready to advance the new global agenda of Sustainable Development Goals.

This move is symbolic of a desire by Japan to shift its engagement with the African continent towards greater win-win outcomes. The conference will build on the achievements of previous TICAD engagements, focusing on themes remaining pertinent to the development agenda in Africa.

TICAD V, notably the Yokohama Action Plan, effective until 2017, points to the need for private-sector-led economic growth. It promotes policies to facilitate regional integration in the African continent and to enhance trade beyond Africa's borders. This will both enhance domestic market development and help attract foreign capital inflows to complement the economic transformation process. Networking opportunities will also be guaranteed in such a forum as the conference will

bring together top private sector leaders from Japan and Africa. The Private Sector Roundtable will consist of a series of thematic sessions with a focus on Infrastructure Financing in Africa, Agribusiness and Productivity and the role Innovation and Technology play in both these sectors. The sessions will explore how the private sector can promote economic transformation through diversification and industrialisation and agree on potential actions that can be taken in Africa for the implementation of the vision and aspirations of Agenda 2063.

Platform

Also, it is envisaged that the conference will serve as an international platform to raise global awareness and ensure continued support to Africa's development efforts, underpinned by the twin principles of international partnership and African ownership. More than 6 000 participants are expected at the Nairobi conference to discuss implementation of the recently-adopted Sustainable Development Goals with a particular focus on a peaceful, integrated and prosperous continent; economic growth, trade and investment; human security, peace and stability. Besides their strong focus on trade, investment and technical cooperation, Africa's partnerships, including TICAD, have paid growing attention to the issues of peace and security, including peacekeeping, terrorism and organised crime. For instance, as part of the TICAD-V framework, Japan committed to allocate US\$26 million to support the consolidation of peace and stability in the Sahel Region. At the last TICAD-V in Yokohama in 2013, the Government of Japan pledged US\$32 billion in five years from then, with an emphasis on

infrastructure and human resource development, based on African ownership and international partnership.

Swaziland is one of the African countries that have benefitted from the Japanese government, having received US\$2.57million (about E20m) towards boosting maternal and child health in 2009. The fund, which was administered by the World Bank, was from the Japan Social Development Fund (JDSF) and was aimed at financing critical maternal and child health inputs in Swaziland.

In 2010, the kingdom also received a donation of maize from the Japanese government totalling 11 867.370 tonnes in a bid to assist the country in attaining food security and fighting poverty.

Early last year, International Cooperation Agency (ICA) President Akihiko Tanaka met with His Majesty King Mswati III in Tokyo during His Majesty's visit to the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction. The King touched on the role and contributions of Japanese companies to the Swazi economy, and mentioned that the Japanese private sectors have a potential to contribute to African development.

Tanaka reassured the whole Swazi nation that JICA would continue to establish and nurture trust between Japan and Swaziland to enable the private sector expand its operations under a relationship based on mutual trust. It is on this premise that as the 'Voice of Business in Swaziland', we are excited at the opportunity of hosting such a significant Summit on the African soil, which we hope will bear positive fruits for the Swazi business community and the African economy at large.

Our occasional medley of mistakes

MIND THAT ERROR

ADIDI UYO



The first of three editorials in the Times of Swaziland, Friday, July 15, 2016, had this rather salutary advice as its title: 'Bumper' responsibly'. With joy in my heart, I hereby indulge you in the first two paragraphs of the editorial. "Civil servants all over the country are in the happiest of moods after government released the much anticipated circular, which means that they will be getting their newly-hiked salaries."

"What this means is that psychologically the mind of every civil servant is ready to spend and no one can blame them, we all love and need money."

Although we identify completely with the spirit of the two paragraphs of the editorial, in the spirit of minding errors, we must say all is not well with both paragraphs, grammatically speaking. If we consider the error in the sole sentence of the first paragraph to be rather minor, we cannot say the same thing about that of the second paragraph. Indeed, the second paragraph is something for which we have a peculiar name on this page. We call it STOME, an acronym for Sentence with Two Or More Errors.

What is amiss in the first sentence is the word, "government." To some people, this may not even be an error of grammar. Such people would argue this is a matter of graphology, or, more specifically, a matter of mechanics, to wit, capitalisation.

Graphology, to be sure, is the branch of language that deals with the way words are written. What is wrong with the word, 'government', in the first sentence, is that its first letter is written with a small letter instead of a capital letter, 'Government'. However, if we choose to leave the word as 'government', then, it must be preceded by the definite article, "the." Unless we go either way, the sentence would be in error.

We move on, then, to the second paragraph, the STOME. This sentence has two to four errors, depending on how meticulous you want to be in your analysis. Of the three errors, the lightest is that which may be dubbed, omission of obligatory punctuation marks.

Correcting that error would bring the sentence to this state: "What this means is that, psychologically, the mind of every civil servant is ready to spend and no one can blame them, we all love and need money." The difference between the original sentence and this one is that two commas have been inserted before and after the adverb, "psychologically," because they are necessary, syntactically. Even those grammarians who argue for a reduction of punctuation marks would concur with me that insertion, me thinks.

About the second error in that sentence there can be no argument: redundancy. Because the sentence presents a fascinating case study, let us also do something fascinating to correct it – we shall call it, "progressive error reduction." So here is the sentence with its second error corrected, but with two errors left: "What this means is the mind of every civil servant is ready to spend and no one can blame them, we all love and need money."

Can you spot what has been done in the second correction; and can you explain it? Not to worry, this is what has been done: That word, "psychologically," which was "punctuated" correctly in the first correction, has been removed from the second correction.

But why must we do that? Well, it is because the word is not necessary: it is redundant. And this is the reason: After you have used the word, "psychologically," you no longer need the nominal phrase, "the mind of every civil servant," because the word, "mind," comes from "psychology," which is, popularly speaking, "the study of the mind."

To be sure, the second error which we have just corrected in that sentence is the particular variant of redundancy known as, pleonasm. This is an error that involves a word whose meaning is implied in some other word in the same sentence. I am sure you have heard or read a sentence like the one that follows very many times: "The reason why I came late was because the traffic was very heavy."

That is a very heavy sentence, pleonastically

"the mind" of any civil servant walking from one supermarket to another in Mbabane, Manzini, Siteki, or any other city across the land. I'll be glad to meet that "mind" and shake hands with it!

Seriously, though, that's an error which also falls under redundancy. It is a form of verbosity – using many words than necessary to express what could be easily said with a few.

The fourth error in that sentence is certainly the gravest of all. It is an error of comma splice. You see, the second sentence in the editorial is made up of two independent clauses, the first of which ends with the pronoun, "them."

In other words, there are actually two sentences in one. Whenever we have two sentences, we cannot separate them with a comma, which is what we find in the sentence. There are two ways to correct this error: Use a semicolon, if you want to have a compound sentence; or use a full stop to have two different sentences.

With that, we have come to the end of our progressive error reduction. And here is the sentence with all the corrections effected: "What this means is that every civil servant is ready to spend and no one can blame them. We all love and need money."

From the original 28 words, the sentence has been reduced to 24 words, and it has been broken into two. It is not a perfect sentence, only an improved version – and it still has room for improvement, believe me! But let us move on.

THERE IS ENOUGH MONEY FOR REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION was the modified headline of the lead story in the Sunday Observer of July 10, 2016. A sidebar to the story had this headline:

"Country's lack of social security policy impedes FAR implementation."

Of interest to us is the second paragraph of the sidebar, which reads, thus:

"Reduction of the civil service staff complement by 7 000 was one of the recommendations by the International Monetary Fund during the height of the recession, when it was noted that government's wage bill was bloated."

Syntactically, we can say that that sentence is intact. But the sentence contains a word that is in error, and once a word or a punctuation mark in a sentence is wrong, the sentence, as a whole, is deemed to be wrong. The word that is wrong in the sentence is "compliment."

Words like "compliment" lay traps for the writer who is not careful – lexical booby traps some call it. A particular creature in language that sets booby traps for writers is the one known as homonym. A homonym is a word that is spelt like another word, or pronounced like it, but which has a different meaning.

As you must know, there is a word that sounds like "compliment." That word is "complement," and it is the right word that should have been used in that sentence.

The lexical error that has been caused by the used of "compliment" is known as pseudo-homonym.

A prefix of Greek origin, "pseudo-" means false. Consider this to be a false end to this medley of errors, for its real end is yet to come!



JOY NDWANDWE'S ZONE LEADERSHIP

In honour of my son, hero and spiritual guide King Sobhuza II as July 22nd was his official birthday, celebrated as hero's day in Swaziland.

My silence has been deafening on July 22nd ever since I was spiritually commissioned and accepted being the King Sobhuza II legacy champion. I earnestly respect current activities of hero's day, dominated by the Somhlolo's Festival of Praise. Yet King Sobhuza II dedicated September 6th Independence Day as Somhlolo's Day, hence my silence has been deafening. Today I break the silence as July 22, 2017 there will be King Sobhuza II Memorial Lecture, am certain organisers of Somhlolo Festival of Praise will earnestly respect this early evening event.

DIGNITY IS UBUNTU

This memorial lecture will honour this African and international hero's contribution towards indigenous cosmologies and knowledge systems that have evolved into indigenous ethics and humanism leadership. King Sobhuza II, my son, hero and my spiritual mentor, enabled me to evolve his spiritual wisdom into metaphysics and epistemology. Now being examined internationally as the second edition volume one, currently being reviewed by Dignity Press. Dignity is Ubuntu is based on part one of the first edition, now chronicling into international publishing space as King Sobhuza II's contribution to ethical discourse.

Evidence of my commitment to my son, hero and spiritual guide's literary works as our collaborative spiritual connection will influence international academic discourse. This uncharted path has not been easy and it was never meant to be an easy journey, but it has been worthwhile. The reviews and comments that I have been receiving have sharpened my scholarly acumen. Firstly I applied to UNISA Press had a conflicted views with my reviewer, so they declined my application for publishing the second edition. This decline has been a blessing, propelling me into international space, through my affiliation with World Dignity University founders of Dignity Press.

Ubuntu is Dignity second edition, volume one will be published in 2017, of course after another painful editorial journey. Dignity Press is committed to investing in this publication by providing international editors, and this will be an extensive grilling process.

But my spiritual commissioning by King Sobhuza II has been a conscientious journey, am accustomed to raising above pressure. As this partnership with Dignity Press will anchor the King Sobhuza II legacy and myself into the international scholarly space.

All I can say is, bring it on Dignity Press, no pain no gain, the King Sobhuza II legacy and myself deserve international readership. As my mentor and founding president of World Dignity University last year was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Yes, this will be another editorial grilling, at the risk of sounding prejudicial, the German professionals are meticulous, but we will all celebrate in 2017. This is what King Sobhuza II, my hero and son deserves, this journey almost complete without money and lots of mockery. I applied faith, passion, imagination and academic pursuit to soldier on, as an African Renaissance activist.

DIGNITY WITHIN TERRITORY

This second edition, volume two will argue on the application of Ubuntu in leadership, 'Akusiko Kwami Kwebantfu' contextualised as Dignity within Territory. King Sobhuza II ensured that Swazis lived in dignity, though critiqued primarily on the 1973 Decree as non-democratic leadership. I was happy to read last week, Babe Musa Hlophe's column on how it is time to get over this 1973 decree and move



MY SON, HERO, SPIRITUAL GUIDE KSII 2016



mitted to inclusive socio-economic development, required in defining the leadership paradigm for a new Africa, King Sobhuza II of the tiny Kingdom of Swaziland.

THANK YOU MY SON, HERO AND SPIRITUAL GUIDE

In conclusion, my hero and son, you have enabled me throughout this past 10 years, to live in dignity without money or prestigious position. Yet you gave me back my moral and spiritual voice as an African woman, African Renaissance activist, Indigenous Prophet and Queen LaZidze in incarnate. When I doubted my ability to stand firm and focus, I recalled your famous words on how during your coronation you were taught not to beg, not your mother, family and anyone. This speech resulted in the naming of your daughter Princess Ncengcenge with whom you share July 22nd birth date. In retrospect what you were stating is as King and Head of State you did not owe anyone any favours, as being King was your rightful position.

I recalled these words in thanking you as my spiritual guide who brought my voice to the forefront of an intricate, intriguing and yet profound discourse. I had to consistently reflect on how no *ncengcenges* would stop my spiritual voice let alone cast doubt on whether this journey is my rightful position. Hence I recall the pain of when one of my role models questioned why I should be the one, as she should have been the one, as she was physically connected to you. This was at the beginning of this journey, I was hurt but it dawned to me how my life and our closeness had been a lie, as this statement reflected her unworthy thoughts of me.

Lastly, I stopped entertaining the thoughts of *boncengcenge*, hence am guided by your soul and that of LaZidze, for I am the chosen one. As descendant of King Zwide (Zidze) father of Prince Madangala (brother to LaZidze), father of Ndialudlaza and Lomncayi the father of Mgcobeya, father of Rueben Mzila, my father. I opened my soul into being your spiritual student, transcending from urban development to a scholar of indigenous ethics and leadership embedded within indigenous cosmologies and knowledge systems.

Thank you King Sobhuza II, you revealed to me how my life before embarking on this journey had been a lie, lopsided towards being colonised and modernity. Today, am in a position to contribute towards the decolonisation of others, I decolonised myself through your spiritual guidance and wisdom, as I am an African. This journey transmuted me into an academic leader on indigenous leadership and ethics, and most significantly understand *Ubuntu* is not the biblical 'turn the other cheek for another slap' story line.

forward as it no longer exists. This probed my thoughts on what those holding on the 1973 decree are benefiting from their continuous cry in the international community.

There is also the school of thought believing King Sobhuza II 'stole state funds' for personal and family usage. An interesting thought when juxtaposed with 'Akusiko Kwami Kwebantfu', Dignity within Territory as King Sobhuza II ought to be remembered for his simplicity is royalty. I am reminded of the words of Salim Ahmed Salim in Defining the Leadership Paradigm for a New Africa: "The principle of putting people at the centre of development has been the crux of the liberation struggle and the quest for socio-economic emancipation. It has been in vogue in almost every epoch of African leadership...a people-centred leadership goes beyond homogenising society and pays attention to the needs and demands, capacity and constraints of each segment and every individual within the composite character of the nation."

Dignity within Territory will examine thought leadership theories and concepts to exemplify how King Sobhuza II contributes to a people-centred leadership paradigm. Thus enabling, particularly the younger generation, to appreciate why this country never had wealthy people. The 'Akusiko Kwami Kwebantfu' leadership paradigm was cautious of corruption and income gaps that create inequality, hence King Sobhuza II asked ministers how they can afford expensive suits. Dignity within Territory will be another academic publication providing leadership com-

Imparting self-advocacy skills to our children

As a loving parent nobody, besides the child him/herself, is more aware of the social, emotional and behavioural challenges faced by your child.

You care for your child. You think about her needs. You talk with professionals; teachers, doctors; family members and others about those needs. And you help your child get support as they navigate their world.

A critical element in caring for your child is to encourage him/her to speak up for herself. You may want to teach them a powerful skill called self-advocacy. This is the skills and understanding needed to enable children and adults to explain their specific learning disabilities or needs to others. Teaching self-advocacy can be an important part of caring for your child. Self-advocacy skills can help your child deal with her current challenges and the ones she'll face in the future. At its heart, self-advocacy is your child's ability to speak up for what she needs.

The skill of self-advocacy can be broken down into a few key elements:

- Your child understands her needs. (This is part of self-awareness.)
- Your child knows what help or support will address those needs,
- Your child can communicate her needs to others.

A child who exercises self-advocacy can:

- Find solutions to challenges her parents may not be aware of
- Build self-confidence in her abilities
- Create a sense of ownership over responsibility
- Develop independence and self-empowerment

Self-advocacy can make a big difference in your child's long-term success. Instead of feeling powerless and dependent on others, she can feel ready to take on life's challenges. A child who can effectively self-advocate is a child who can communicate in professional, academic and social settings.

Self-advocacy isn't easy for many children. They may feel awkward or even guilty about asking for help or for an accommodation. That's especially true if a child feels embarrassed about her disability. As with any valuable skill, practice can help your child learn self-advocacy, so the sooner your child gets started, the more natural it will feel.

PROMOTING SELF-ADVOCACY IN OUR CHILDREN

Because self-advocacy is so important, you may want to take specific steps to help your child build this skill. Here are some ways to help your child develop self-advocacy:

1. Work on self-awareness: Help your child identify strengths and weaknesses and learn how to describe them clearly and confidently. Talking about strengths and weaknesses with you can make it easier for him to understand and talk to others about what kind of help she needs. Whenever possible, show her how her strengths have helped her overcome a specific challenge. Make the connection between her strengths and her successes. Encourage her to take pride in both.

2. Solve problems together: Provide opportunities for your child to make decisions and solve problems. Problem-solving is a skill that many children need to be explicitly taught and, like a muscle, can be strengthened with repeated use.

Use real-life situations to teach and practice the five major steps of problem-solving. First, identify the problem. Then brainstorm solutions. Evaluate the pros and cons of the different



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options, including the consequences of each. Then try out the best solution. And, last but not least, evaluate whether it was successful. This last step is very important. It will help your child learn from her mistakes.

Try to avoid telling her what to do. Instead, act as a coach helping guide your child through the

process. Consider using role-playing with your child to show her the steps involved in problem-solving.

3. Focus on salesmanship: Help your child learn how to present information and make requests clearly and respectfully. Sometimes self-advocacy can be a simple process. And sometimes it's more of a negotiation. Being positive and polite can help persuade others to see things from her point of view. Good salesmanship will make people want to say yes to her. Work on tone of voice and eye contact. Talk about why it's not a good idea to blame other people or make them feel defensive. Work together on positive ways to express her needs and to ask for advice rather than criticise.

4. Break the cycle of helplessness: Emphasise that your child has the ability to succeed or fail, and that the outcome will be determined by his actions—not by luck or chance or any other external forces. Break the cycle of 'learned helplessness'. Help your child see that failure is not inevitable and that making an effort is the key to success.

5. Encourage your child to make choices: Encourage your child to make choices, such as what clothes to wear or what games to play. Allowing her to set up the game or to pick out clothes for the next day is a good way to show that choices come with responsibilities. Provide options that are acceptable to you while giving your child a feeling of being in control. Give her a chance to be part of the family conversation, participate in household chores or plan a fun group activity. This will show your faith in her abilities and also nurture her independence.

6. Set attainable goals: Sometimes children with low self-esteem set high goals so they can have an excuse for failure. Work with her to set goals that are challenging but attainable.

7. Connect strengths to successes: Talk to your child about her strengths and show her how she used them to complete a task or assignment. This can help her focus on what works best for her. With practice, she'll begin to generalise this self-awareness and use it to communicate her needs in new situations.

8. Talk through decision-making: Keep in mind that making decisions and solving problems are essential skills. Help your child develop these skills by letting her make more decisions. Present her with choices you can accept. Ask her to describe the criteria she is using to make her decision. Talk about how different choices come with different consequences.

9. Talk about when and how to ask for help: Focus on how to speak in an appropriate manner and how to be assertive without being overly demanding. Encourage your child to get some real-world experience by calling places such as doctor's rooms, or shoe stores and asking for specific information.

10. Give your child more responsibility: Give your child responsibilities as well as opportunities to come up with a plan. This will show your faith in her abilities and also nurture her independence. Bring up past successes to show why you feel she can handle new challenges.



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On Friday, July 22 the world celebrated the birth of a leader who inspired the continent to forge ahead, King Sobhuza II. He set the ball rolling for a new kind of leadership in Africa. Albert Luthuli, Nelson Mandela, Oliver Tambo, Sam Nujoma, Jomo Kenyatta, Samora Machel, Kamuzu Banda, Kenneth Kaunda, Mobuto Sese Seko, etc.

Just like John the Baptist who set the ball rolling for Jesus Christ, David for Solomon, Moses for Joshua and Elijah for Elisha, King Sobhuza II, set the ball for African leaders to understand that a true leader is born not elected. Sobhuza II lived to see the fruits of his labour. The birth of King Sobhuza II on July 22, marked the beginning of an era, a new season in Swaziland, spring, a season of hope and greatness. His birth marked the beginning of spring, a season worth noting. *Intfwasahlobo* is a season of hope and implementation. It's a season that serves to remind us that before dawn, there is darkness, before sunrise, there is dew and when there is dew there is hope.

Swazi tradition requires that in winter food is carefully used by people. This is because in winter food is not in abundance. *Tincholobane*, *tingungu* gradually show a decrease in their levels. Winter brings dryness as the vegetation, birds and other animals seem to struggle to survive. Some birds, because of the harshness of winter, wonder off to other countries in search of warmth.

The birth of King Sobhuza II, brought in a new season. A season of hope. It brought in spring and like his childhood life which started off towards the end of winter where in July 1899, the year of his birth marked the beginning of a tense war between the Boers and the British (the Anglo-Boer war) leading to the burning down of Bremersdorp (Manzini) and the death of his father King Bhunu.

The Boers who have been in charge of the country since the time of King Mbandzeni 1875 - 1889 were at logger heads with the British. The Swazis could not take part in the war which ended in 1902. The British won. Labotsibeni Mdluli then asked the British to protect Swaziland and from 1903 - 1967 Swaziland was under the British. There was huge hope and expectation that the British would treat Swazis like they had treated other territories that were under them.

Winter could not pass, the nation could not transit to spring and summer seemed to have drifted further away as the British decided to take full control of the country. In 1907, they divided the land into three, the crown land, reserve land and concession land. The Swazi people were only given one third.

Things became worse as our grandfathers were left to struggle for survival. Extended families were a common practice in the country.

INTFWASAHLOBO

King Sobhuza II being shown new fields of sugar at Mhlume by Tony Venn of the Department of Land Utilisation. Writer says spring (intfwasahlobo) is here so let us begin ploughing as we expect the rains to come.



Imagine a man who had to feed his children and their children through numbered fields. Livestock had to be cut down as overgrazing and overstocking became rapid. In 1922, King Sobhuza II had no choice but to go to court in an effort to rescue his people. A case started in the High Court. He lost it and hope seemed to fade away as it became clear that the British were in full control. Many Swazi males had to heed the call and go to the mines in order to find employment.

Started

The Second World War started in 1939 and in 1941, Sobhuza II sent regiments to go and participate. 3 836 regiments went to serve in 10 companies. They were Sotsha and Sikhonyane regiments and their active participation saw the war coming to an end in 1945, where the British won. In 1946, the regiments came back home and were welcomed at the cattle byre, Lobamba on July 1946. Sobhuza II continued to fight for the country. The 1950 Proclamation Act and the formation of Imbokodvo National Movement on April 16, 1964 saw the beginning of closer steps towards freedom.

The success of Imbokodvo National Movement in 1964 and 1967 saw the birth of a new era, spring '*intfwasahlobo*'. Winter is a season of dryness, lament and great tribulation. Trees, vegetation always show the loss of hope, life and beauty in winter. Spring ushers in a season of hope for a new beginning.

Many of us do not know that seasons were

created so that we humans could align ourselves with them. We also go through seasons in life. The difference is we have neglected the seasons and as a result we are always suffering and walking in the dark. Before there was money, our great grandparents used to plan in winter, take seedlings to the grandmother's hut for *umphahlo* in spring, saw them in summer and harvest in autumn. Certain things were not done in certain seasons. Children were not allowed to play in or near the grandmother's hut in spring. This was because the grandfather was deep in meditation as he was now and again seen uttering some words near the cattle byre to the ancestors. All seedlings were in the grandmother's hut. It is for that reason that most cows give birth in spring.

The one cow that is dedicated to ancestors (*iyaphahlelelwa*) becomes the centre of hope and attraction between the living and the dead. Boys were not allowed *kubhamisa tiswebhu* near the home, let alone play soccer or any game within the yard.

Kubetsela likhaya was done around this time as the noise of *emajomane*, which is a sacred drum that is used during religious rituals to invoke the power of the ancestors, would be heard all over. Grandmothers would be seen busy making *umsomi*, *incweba*, *ticonfo* for new borns. The grandfather and the medicine man would be busy preparing *tinyamatane* and peeling *tikhumba tetinyoka* to find a remedy to strengthen '*bafana*'.

Spring (*intfwasahlobo*) ushers in the first rain and the smell of wet soil sends waves of joy and a nice aroma to all living species. The soil seems to marvel at the big rain as it drinks like a stranded deserter who has come across a river. The country seems to wake from a deep sleep. Rivers that had dried up begin to show hope. Frogs start their rhythm of song. They sing to usher in spring. All naked trees begin to show new signs of hope and life.

Umvangati, *umzilazembe*, *imbondvo*, *siganganyane*, *sitfwetfwetwe*, *licobhe* all seem to wake up from their long sleep. The whole country dressed up in dry blankets sheds it off as greenness begins to decorate Swaziland.

Imbuyabafwa, *imbuya*, *chuchuza*, *sibhadze*, *emayenjane* and *inshubaba* begin to grow *emataleni emiti*. Peaches decorate themselves with flowers all over them around this period. Cattle, goats and sheep seem to be in competition as they give birth to young ones. Spring is a season of hope as it serves as an introduction to summer.

In conclusion, when the British took control of Swaziland in 1903, the country seemed to be in winter as everything changed. Labotsibeni had asked for protection and they brought in domination. The year 1921 brought in spring as King Sobhuza II took up leadership and worked hard to restore the kingdom's pride. Spring is a season that is not noticeable yet its influence is always felt. He worked hard to restore culture, tradition and national identity.



BEING A PARENT

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Parents involved in their child's education

In my submissions for the past weeks, I have been very much concerned with how important parents need to be involved and work as a team with your children.

Parents strive and desire the best for their children even for those who are deemed to be troublesome, the potential and capability of their children's independence becomes a soothing effect to parents. In these days we live in, the most comfortable way to guarantee independence for children is enabling them and empowering them with education.

Researchers have evidence for the positive effects of parent involvement on children, families, and school when schools and parents continuously support and encourage the children's

learning and development.

The most accurate predictor of a pupil's achievement in school is not income or social status but the extent to which the family is able to create a home environment that encourages learning, express high (but not unrealistic) expectations for their children's achievement and future careers and also becoming involved in their children's education at school and in the community at large. With my years of experience in a school setting and dealing with learners, I have observed that becoming involved in your child's school life is a powerful way to encourage educational success.

When parents become involved, children reap the benefits and empowerment as they tend to

achieve more, regardless of ethnic or racial background, socioeconomic status, or parents' education level. I know for some parents who did not have the chance and opportunity to education, their children's education progress sometimes becomes an intimidating factor such that they shun away from their becoming involved in their child's education. Such act should be discouraged as children enjoy when they are deemed to be more knowledgeable compared to their parents and it motivates them to learn more in order to share with their elders.

With such involvement and cooperation, children generally achieve better grades, test scores, and attendance. Children consistently complete their homework and have better self-esteem, are

more self-disciplined, and show higher aspirations and motivation toward school. Through this, children's positive attitude about school often results in improved behaviour in school and less suspension for disciplinary reasons. It also works for children and is beneficial to them in that they will find themselves not needing to carry the burden of attending remedial class and need for special education. Also children from diverse cultural backgrounds tend to do better when parents and professionals work together to bridge the gap between culture at home and the culture at school. Parents on the other hand increase their interaction and discussion with their children and are more responsive and sensitive to their children's social, emotional, and intellectual develop-

for the Swazis.

He promoted education as he once hinted to elders who wanted to know from him if he wanted to go to Lovedale. He said looking at Prince Logogco "I shall not forgive anyone who stands between me and education." Obtaining education to him was as important as spring. It was the ticket that he and the country needed to forge ahead.

Nobody knew that spring would come soon after winter and here we are today as a country approaching summer. As spring ushers in new hope and rain begins to fall on the dry soil, may her maidens (*imbali yakhe*) stand up in unity and proudly dance to welcome summer, the rainy season, for without rain there is no hope and without females there is no life. May they spring with spring as they heed the call of a wolf (*Ingci*) August, which sounds to call out all birds of the country (*Inyoni*) September to come back from their habit and listen to the Lion as it roars in appreciation of the great she Elephant, the mother of all species.

The question is, now that we are almost in summer, are we using the resources that King Sobhuza II worked hard to restore to us productively? If you are 50 years, 40, 35 years, what have you done with your hands in the land that your father, grandfather left to make the life of the people you are with better? How many Swazis, especially men, these days have livestock? Why do we men today believe in buying food instead of ploughing it with our hands? Now that spring has started may we see all girls who have preserved their virginity stand with others in celebration?

Preparation

Can we have young girls who shall stand up in spring to celebrate with the nation as we journey with the child to September where we are to celebrate chastity? Can we have mothers and grandmothers who shall sit down in spring and sew *indlamu* for the young girls in preparation for the great day the Reed Dance?

Do we have grandmothers today who understand that spring is a season where trees bear flowers symbolising that in winter they fought against the dry season and they survived? Do we understand what it means for a girl to wear *indlamu* during the Reed Dance or we are just doing it for the fun of it?

How many grandmothers out there still remember the science behind the use of *indlamu* by young maidens? *Intfwasahlobo* has arrived, gone are the days when the Mniisi, Magagula, Motsa and Mngometulu people used to own rain making powers. Gone are the days when these surnames used to provoke *Mvelinchanti* and ancestors to release rain that made rivers uncrossable.

We need that rain, we need those rivers. *Intfwasahlobo* has arrived, trees will soon show signs of hope, and new leaves begin to show. Can the Magagulas, Motsa, Mngometulu and Mniisi go back to where they used to be and make rain that will make our beautiful country, a jewel of Africa?

ment needs. When parents interact in this regard and accord, they become more confident in their parenting and decision-making skills.

As parents gain more knowledge of child development, there is more use of affection and positive reinforcement and less punishment on their children. It is also important for parents to understand what exactly is being taught at school as this enables both child and parent working as a team to forecast on the future plans and which best school and curriculum works for the child. In so doing, parents have a better understanding of the teacher's job and school curriculum.

When parents are aware of what their children are learning, they are more likely to help when they are requested by teachers to become involved in their children's learning activities at home. But that, parent's perceptions of the school are improved and there are stronger ties and commitment to the school. So may I implore all parents to take heed to their child's education as that will guarantee a high rate of graduation from any educational centre.



TOURISM & TRAVEL

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TOUR OPERATORS' LOVE FOR SWAZILAND CONTINUES!

An increasing number of tour operators have added exclusive Swaziland itineraries to their product offering in recent times as Southern Africa's smallest country really starts getting popular.

As well as the huge range of adventure activities on offer in this fascinating kingdom, the opportunity to explore its beautiful and varied scenery whilst experiencing unique African culture and close wildlife encounters, are just some of the great reasons why tour operators fall in love with Swaziland.

Explore, an Adventure Travel Expert Tour Operator, launched its first dedicated Swaziland trip towards the end of 2015, and sales shot up exceeding expectations! Out of 81 new trips that Explore launched for 2016, the Kingdom of Swaziland was their best-selling long haul trip.

This tour consists of a 10-day journey through the monarchy, and additional departure dates have been added to meet demand.

The first clients and members of Explore management team have recently returned from the company's first successful trip to Southern Africa's tiniest nation. Sarah Fowler, Head of Marketing at Explore said: "This was my first Explore trip, and it more than lived up to my expectations. Swaziland may be a small country, but there is so much to see and do that I could happily have spent twice as long there - however eight days is the perfect amount of time to really get under the skin of the country and learn all about the fascinating culture."

Swaziland has a diverse range of attractions and activities. Stunning landscapes of mountains and valleys, forests and plains; plus wildlife reserves across the country that are home to The Big Five, gives visitors all that's best about Africa in a welcoming country. Also on the plus side, Swaziland's offer of rich culture and music festivals and you have the perfect combination for one of the 'best sellers' of 2016 for Explore in the UK.

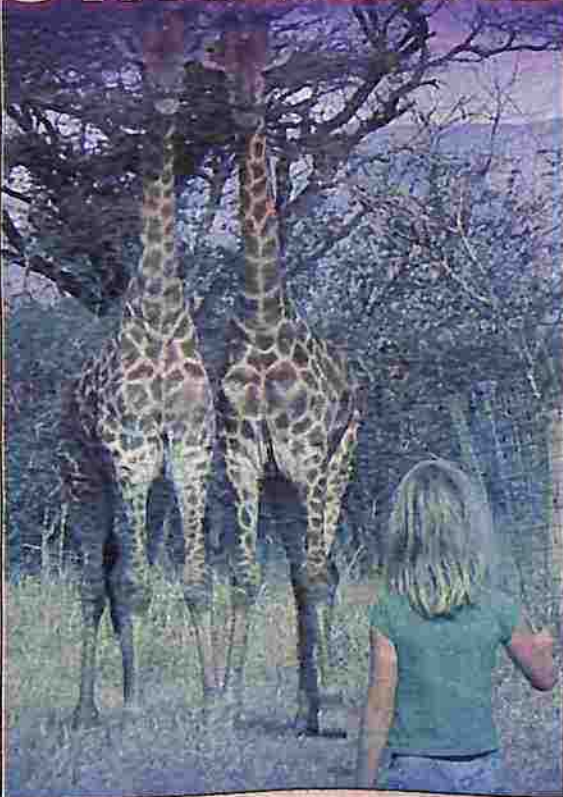
Sarah also said, "The two main highlights for me on the trip were the wildlife and the accommodation we stayed in. We were able to get so close to the animals - At Mkhaya we saw no fewer than eight white rhino and a herd of giraffe on our first game drive.

Exciting

Every day I throughout the holiday peaked, and every day it surprised me with an exciting new twist. I couldn't recommend this trip strongly enough - whether you're a first time Explorer like myself, or a travel veteran, it will not disappoint."

Another large UK adventure operator, Rambers Worldwide Holidays, experts in guided walking

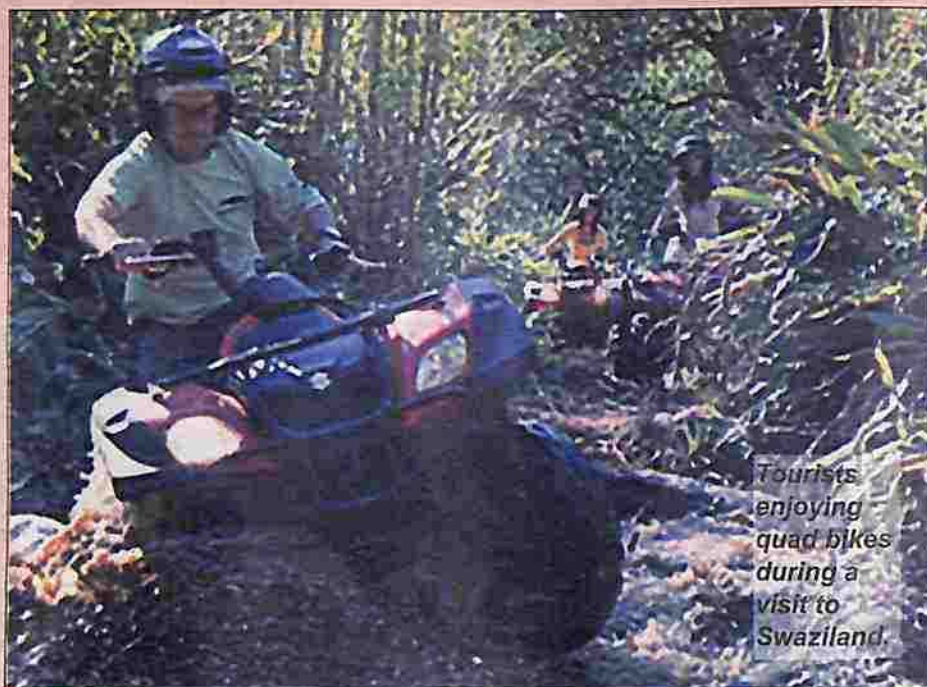
SWAZILAND



A ROYAL EXPERIENCE



STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini poses with some of the visiting international tour operators, Arisha Baijnath-Ramsahat from Akilanga, Michelle Lewis from Acacia, Thilaye Moritz from SKR, Johan Soeder from Akwaba-Afrika, Celine Kraft from Earthbound Adventures, as well as local tour guide Nhlanhla Mavuso.



Tourists enjoying quad bikes during a visit to Swaziland.



STA's partner, Geo-Group UK's Kelly White addresses local tourism industry players at Happy Valley Resort and Casino on Thursday.

and adventures across the globe. Rambers has just launched a brand new holiday including seven days in Swaziland, with tours due to start

African experience in a welcoming and beautiful country.

To be noted is that hospitality is not only for those people who work in the tourism industry, but also for the average Swazi who could be asked for directions by visitors at any given time. So let us put on our best smiles and work together to keep our tourism afloat and thriving.

in 2017. The 17-day tour taking place in Swaziland combined with South Africa makes an unforgettable experience for adventure and wildlife lovers. Some of the highlights of the Swaziland experience include, walking in Malolotja Nature Reserve, Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary and the ancient Sibebe Rock.

Kelli White from Swaziland Tourism said it was no surprise that Swaziland was seeing increases in operators' offerings. Its compact size and variety of landscape, wildlife and unique culture, even in a short period, holiday-makers can have the full, genuine



WHEN CIVIL LAW IS IN COLLISION WITH CUSTOMARY LAW

... are women's rights married under customary rites safe?

Justice Muncy Dlamini's High Court judgment on the estate of the late Richard Themba Dlamini has really awakened a hornet's nest, *itsintse sikhehle samanyovu*.

We highly respect the learned judge's pronouncement as she interpreted the law accordingly and it will certainly be folly to apportion any blame for arriving at this conclusion. Sadly, the other women married to the businessman under the customary law after the first wife produced a civil rites' marriage had their marriages nullified, what a tragedy.

They will certainly not get any portion of their husband's estate. Where on earth do they get a source of income now, when all what they thought they had a share of has been taken away and will definitely be enjoyed by the senior wife?

We hope the human rights defenders, especially Human Rights and Integrity Commission, will spring into action and help fight for the rights of these women.

The reality that is so saddening is these women's human rights are being violated openly, whether by default, it is certainly not here or there.

To put it mildly, one can use the Siswati adage that goes, *babulewe baphila bantfwabebantfu, hawu sibhuku lesinje?* We will be watching the developments closely with keen interest, as the battle has just begun. Is it fair really to have the senior wife get almost 50% of the estate while others are left penniless? Lord have mercy!

THE SUMMARY OF JUDGMENT

1. Applicant's application succeeds
2. The purported marriages between the late Richard Themba Dlamini to first, second and third respondents are bigamous and therefore declared null and void *abintio*.
3. Fourth Respondent is hereby directed to expunge all entries in marriage register in respect of Richard Themba Dlamini and first, second and third respondents;
4. Costs of suit to be paid from the



Judge Muncy Dlamini.

estate of Richard Themba Dlamini.

THE STATUS OF MARRIAGE TYPE YOU SO CHOOSE MATTERS

A painful lesson coming out here from this summary judgement is that, whatever form of marriage one enters into at their first instance that will definitely impact any other form of newer relations or further unions with other women. Let us underscore this important fact, the Marriage Act provides for both civil and customary laws. If one chooses the civil rites' route, then one cannot on his own vocation opt for customary marriage later while the first marriage still exists. In this case, it certainly will be wrong to blame the late businessman that he knew what the status of the first marriage to his first wife would do to the rest of his other wives' traditional marriages.

He probably, as a traditionalist, married the others through Swazi Law and Custom, unaware of the implications thereof. As to why the senior wife kept her cool is another subject matter on its own. Is she celebrating now? I don't think so as no one can celebrate such state of affairs, she also would not like to be hated by the distant relatives, but law being law she definitely is the legal wife that cannot be refuted and it would be absurd to be too emotional about the state of affairs.

From a human rights perspective,

these unfortunate women have rights and should be entitled to some form of a share, the battle has just begun I think. In some even in a cohabitation arrangement, you are now entitled to some form of compensation for your contributions to the estate. It is no longer a war of women but certainly the children will be immensely affected to see their mothers fight it. Already there can be no peace in such a situation.

THE OTHER WIVES HAVE RIGHTS TOO

Let us be honest and brutal here, under a constitutional era, these women rights and dignity needs be seen protected. One wishes *Babe Phakama* was alive to sort out this matter, may his soul rest in peace. I don't think he would like his other 'wives' to suffer and loose so heavily.

Reflecting deeply on this, one feels the other remaining wives should not be thrown out as if they are foreigners and not part of the family. It is perhaps prudent that families of all the concerned should seek ways and means to resolve this jointly and discuss the same as *Lusendo* that would be 'buntfu' and show mercy. Whether because rightfully or wrongly, they were considered wives and went through the mourning rites even. We are appealing for a humane heart from the senior wife, these are your sisters and husband's wives too.

A reasonable compensation fee for each wife as compensation *sincephetelo* should be arrived at. We uphold justice and fairness here and therefore, appeal to the senior wife to show mercy for the sake of preserving family unity and dignity.

As to how compassionate the first wife will be, we leave that to her heart which is not made of stone. While she has won the case, she still needs to consider these women who never forced themselves to these marriage relations with her husband.

I believe it is her constitutional right to be seen protected and respected and her status respected as such. They are

part of the family and should be treated as such. Will it be too much asking that they be given something as part of consoling them?

THE CHILDREN OF ONE MAN (BELISENDE LINYE)

The High Court pronouncement should not be seen as encouraging family rifts, but attempted to normalise what was an abnormal setup. Naturally the children would like to side with their mothers and in the process revenge cannot be ruled out against the senior mother on behalf of their own mothers. Well, we appeal for calmness and cool heads *boNkhosi, imphilo injalo nje*.

As siblings first, belonging to one man, *Babe Phakama*, who happens to be your father, *ungubabe wenu*. We appeal that each one of you should honour him and establish stronger family bonds. As the judgement indicates, you all have access to equal share to what rightfully belongs to you and the Master of the High Court should play a fair game here.

We know the law may seem to be having eyes here, but in reality, Her Lordship was sober, and we should let the appeal to higher courts if need be take its course to settle any outstanding matter. Where possible, the office of the attorney general should be seen assisting in this case the sake of maintaining peace and stability within your household. We sympathise with you *bo Dlamini* and the great trouble you face, but surely under the sun we need to respect the law. Hence from a human rights perspective, this painful chapter, tough as it may be, must be closed with due respect and human dignity. All we are appealing is that you find one another and remain united.

LESSONS FOR US ALL

One might look at this and apportion the blame to *Babe Phakama*, but there are lessons we must all learn forthwith. It will be prudent that each

person should leave a 'Testament' or 'Will' to safeguard one's wishes if death strikes. We are not sure if there is a Will at the moment. It is also subject to the interpretations of the competent courts. Women are herewith strongly warned and dully advised that before entering into any form of marriage, they must do their homework accordingly. As matters stand, the first marriage entered into supercedes all else that could ever be done in any matrimony arrangement.

If married under the Civil Rights marriage, then it goes without saying that it's a one man one wife relationship depending on the contract entered into, but no other marriage can be allowed as long as this one stands. The moment a spouse goes for another marital arrangement, so long as the first one exists, it shall stand. If one chooses the customary marriage, then they need to teach that they open room for other wives to follow. Interestingly a man cannot marry a new wife, without the elderly one informed by the way, but still it cannot stop him if she refuses to give her consent. I think we all should not be blinded by love or any form of pressure, but do our homework thoroughly when entering into marital relationships to avoid such painful experiences that has befallen these innocent widows.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMMES NEEDED URGENTLY

Rather than apportioning blame to anybody, the Human Rights and Integrity Commission, in collaboration with NGOs, must urgently empower and educate communities on the Marriage Act and the rights of women in particular.

As matters stand, the three wives who have had their marriages nullified have rights and must be accorded respect and human dignity restored by all concerned. It certainly was not a cohabitation arrangement this one, they have contributed so much to what the estate has become.

THERE IS SECURITY IN NUMBERS



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Part of our exquisiteness as Africans is the willingness to always rally together in times of joy, and especially in sorrow.

People usually go out of the way to see that a grieving family is comforted and the funeral goes as smoothly as

possible. We see and hear stories that show us there's still some hope in humanity despite some rather grisly events that continue to happen.

Recently there was one story of an old man whose remains were not collected by his family for some reason, and some people in the community took it upon themselves to mobilise resources to ensure that the departed is accorded a proper burial.

We are also always inspired by the unity we see in people of other nationalities resident in the country. Just this last week, we had one of our staff members carrying out a presentation to a group of foreign nationals who wanted to find out about the Homelink Plan and how they could take that policy as a group.

These people had come together after losing a compatriot. Some of

them did not even know the deceased personally but had just shown up to see how they could help the grieving family. It is a trend that we see in many foreign nationals when one of their own passes on.

They come together as individuals to contribute small sums of money until there is enough to send the remains and the surviving family home for burial. Sometimes the deceased's employers help out, sometimes not, and the onus will be on the family and fellow compatriots to come up with a plan. Sometimes the plan does not come together and the ultimate inevitable decision would be to bury the person here. While making contributions until there are enough funds to send someone home is quite heartwarming, it is not quite

dependable and secure.

There is no certainty that the funds will be sufficient. If you, however, take the Homelink Plan, you will be assured of a dignified funeral in the unfortunate event of death.

Since most foreign nationals in the country have their own small fraternities, it would be a great idea to take the Homelink Plan as a group. We regard a group to be about 30 policy holders.

Advantage

The biggest advantage of doing so is that it spreads the risk among group members. If one defaults, which is something we totally discourage, the other members would ensure the policy remains active.

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UK faces monumental task

LONDON - While British politicians have spent the month since the EU referendum in a whirl of resignations, recriminations and political backstabbing, civil servants have been quietly beginning the mammoth task of implementing Brexit.

Unpicking 43 years of EU laws and regulations and forging new alliances outside the 28-nation bloc arguably represents the biggest challenge for Whitehall — as the civil service is collectively known — since World War II.

What is the strategy?

Prime Minister Theresa May has promised to implement the June 23 referendum vote to leave the EU — but what this means in practice is not yet clear.

In talks with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande this week she said she would not launch the formal two-year exit process before the end of this year, to give the government time to formulate its position.

It will be up to the civil service to draw up options in terms of Britain's withdrawal from the EU, its future relationship with European allies and new trade deals.

Issues at stake range from the status of EU citizens in Britain and Britons living on the continent, to whether Britain will want continued access to the EU single market.

There are also questions over what happens to British recipients of key EU programmes such as agricultural subsidies and scientific research funding.

Which ministers are in charge?

AFP/File / Daniel Leal-Olivas

Three ministers will help shape Britain's new future outside the EU, including Minister for Exiting the European Union David Davis. Three ministers will help shape Britain's new future outside the EU — Foreign

Secretary Boris Johnson, Minister for Exiting the European Union David Davis and Minister for International Trade Liam Fox.

They all campaigned to leave the bloc in the referendum, but as individuals they have clashed in the past. **AFP**



British Prime Minister Theresa May.

South Sudan Vice President Machar sacks minister after 'defection'

JUBA - South Sudan Vice President Riek Machar has fired a minister who he said had defected to his long-time rival President Salva Kiir's party.

The rift between Machar and Taban Deng Gai has raised the prospect of further turmoil after months of fighting, as members of a faction led by Gai threatened to replace their leader. Two years of civil war that erupted after Kiir sacked Machar as Vice President in 2013 has killed more than 10 000 people and displaced over two million, many of whom fled to neighbouring countries. In a letter to party members and his military commanders late on Friday, Machar said Gai will be relieved of his position as mining minister, and had been expelled from the party. **Reuters**

HILLARY CLINTON PICKS 'BORING', KAINE TO BE HER RUNNING MATE

WASHINGTON DC - She toyed with buzz, she toyed with excitement, she toyed with someone who would thrill the Democratic grassroots. But in the end, Hillary Clinton chose Senator Tim Kaine of Virginia, someone who once described himself as "the most boring man in politics" to be her running mate in the race for the White House.

Clinton made clear her decision late on Friday after a months-long selection process.

President Barack Obama and former President Bill Clinton had helped push for the selection, unnamed sources close to Ms Clinton campaign told Politico this week.

Clinton telephoned the Virginia senator some time after 7.30pm to inform him of her choice, shortly followed by a call to Obama.

Kaine, 58, is a fluent Spanish-speaking, former swing-state governor who sits on both the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations



Senator Tim Kaine of Virginia.

committees. Clinton will hope that he helps deliver Virginia, which has often been a battleground in elections.

Yet sources close to the campaign suggested the decision to forgo possible selections as Elizabeth Warren or Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julián Castro, people who would have created energy during the campaign, was a sign of Clinton's confidence about beating Donald Trump

in November.

It meant she decided she needed someone she could work closely in the White House, every day, rather than someone who could more in the campaign, they said.

"Senator Kaine was one of the first public officials to announce a public endorsement of Senator Obama," White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest said this week. **Independent**

Obama pledges support to Germany after Munich shooting

WASHINGTON - US President Barack Obama on Friday pledged support to Germany in the wake of a deadly shooting rampage in Munich, as officials said they were working to determine if any US citizens were affected.

Obama, speaking at a meeting with law enforcement officials, said he had been briefed on the unfolding drama in Germany, where at least six people are believed dead in a shooting at a shopping centre in Munich.

"Our hearts go out to those

who may have been injured. It's still an active situation, and Germany's one of our closest allies, so we are going to pledge all the support they may need in dealing with these circumstances," he said.

Resolve

White House spokesperson Josh Earnest said: "The resolve of Germany, the United States, and the broader international community will remain unshaken in the face of acts of despicable violence such as this." At the State Department, spokesperson Elizabeth Trudeau said US officials were

working with local authorities to determine if any US citizens were affected by the incident.

American citizens in Germany were urged to contact loved ones to let them know their whereabouts.

"For your own safety, avoid squares and streets; perpetrators are on the run," said a statement on the website of the US embassy in Germany.

"Continue to shelter in place, contact your family members to let them know you are safe, and follow the instructions of police and emergency personnel." **AFP**

EgyptAir flight broke up midair after fire

CAIRO - An EgyptAir flight that crashed into the Mediterranean in May likely broke up in midair after a fire erupted in or near the cockpit, according to a report.

However it remains unclear whether the blaze was triggered by mechanical malfunction or a criminal act, Egyptian officials who spoke on condition of anonymity told the New York Times. Last Saturday an Egyptian-led investigative committee reported that the word "fire" could be heard on EgyptAir flight 804's cockpit voice

recorder before it crashed.

But the forensic and aviation officials in Cairo who spoke with the Times said that both the cockpit voice and flight data recorders, combined with the distribution and condition of recovered debris and human remains, had led them to their latest conclusion. EgyptAir flight 804 was carrying 40 Egyptians, 15 French people, two Iraqis, two Canadians and one passenger each from Algeria, Belgium, Britain, Chad, Portugal, Saudi Arabia and Sudan. **Reuters**



At least 78 people were killed and another 91 were missing across China after a round of torrential rains swept through the country earlier this week, flooding streams, triggering landslides and destroying houses. (AP)

BRIEFS

Greece lowers voting age to 17

ATHENS - Greek lawmakers voted on Thursday to amend electoral law to lower the voting age by a year to 17 and eventually eliminate a 50-seat bonus for the winning party. While the drop in voting age will take effect in the next election, the seat bonus will only be scrapped in two elections from now. This was because on Thursday the leftist government of Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras was unable to muster the required support of two-thirds of parliament, or 200 lawmakers, for scrapping the generous 50-seat bonus. **AFP**

Zuma spends R10m of taxpayer money evading justice - DA

PORT ELIZABETH - South African taxpayers have footed the bill of almost R10 million for President Jacob Zuma's legal fees and exorbitant legal counsel, the Democratic Alliance said yesterday. "Our research reveals that since 2009 President Zuma has spent an inordinate amount of taxpayers' money on keeping himself from facing justice. This is despite there being no basic services for the millions of South Africans who so deserve them, DA federal executive chairman James Selfe told reporters at a press conference in Port Elizabeth. Specifically, since November 2013, this included advocate's fees of R4 795,000; attorney's fees of R400 000; correspondence fees, etc. **AFP**

SABC news staff revolt with united 'blackout'

CAPE TOWN - SABC news journalists, in an open revolt against boss Hlaudi Motsoeneng, donned black on Friday to show their support for their fired #SABC8 colleagues and to protest against the national broadcaster's censorship policies.

The "blackout" was organised without a paper trail and with such secrecy that it caught SABC bigwigs and viewers alike by surprise. Wearing black was a resolute show of strength by SABC staffers to show their open defiance of the public broadcaster's draconian policies and newsroom interference in the last few months.

The on-air "blackout" on SABC News and the SABC's various TV news bulletins was however primarily done to show their united support for the eight SABC journalists who were suspended, then fired for voicing concern over chief operating officer COO Motsoeneng's censorship orders. **News24**

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Fabian Delph on learning from Pep Guardiola

LONDON - Manchester City midfielder Fabian Delph says he has learned more from new boss Pep Guardiola in three weeks than he had done in his entire career before.

Delph, 26, has made 129 Premier League appearances in a career about to enter its second decade.

Delph has had Martin O'Neill, Paul Lambert and Manuel Pellegrini as bosses - but says Guardiola is different.

"The first three weeks have been amazing. I've learned more than I have throughout my whole career," he said.

"It is a big statement but it is the truth."

Reputation

Guardiola has earned his reputation for being one of the finest coaches in the modern era through his work at Barcelona - where he won two Champions Leagues and three league titles - and Bayern Munich, who were champions in each of his three years in charge before he left Germany to join City this summer.

"It is the way he simplifies things. His way of playing. The way he sees things. You will see what he is trying to do in the forthcoming games," explained Delph.

Guardiola has had Delph training in defence as he starts to understand the capabilities of his squad.

Delph is not anticipating it will lead to a Javier Mascherano-style switch to centre-back as Guardiola implemented at Barcelona.

Nevertheless, a need to understand different roles is part of the new City manager's philosophy. **BBC Sport**

Toure set to reunite with ex-Liverpool boss

LONDON - Former Liverpool defender Kolo Toure has arrived in Glasgow ahead of an anticipated move to Celtic.

The 35-year-old was photographed outside Ross Hall Hospital in Glasgow ahead of a medical yesterday morning.

The Ivory Coast international could now sign for Celtic before they fly out to Kazakhstan tomorrow for their Champions League qualifier against Astana.

The former Manchester City and Arsenal centre-back will be the second signing made by his one-time Anfield boss Brendan Rodgers since he took over as manager.

Two Celtic central defenders, Jozo Simunovic and Dedryck Boyata, are injured while Efe Ambrose was dropped for the second leg of their triumph over Lincoln Red Imps after his mistake cost the Scottish champions a losing goal in Gibraltar.

Celtic have until the eve of Wednesday's third qualifying round first leg to make one wildcard signing that could feature against Astana. **Teamtalk**



Kolo Toure.

MAN UTD UNVEIL NEW HOME KIT

LONDON - Premier League giants Manchester United have unveiled their new home kit for the coming season.

United's first team unveiled the kit in China yesterday and it will first be worn in the Manchester derby against Pep Guardiola's Manchester City tomorrow.

"Adidas and Manchester United have launched the club's new home kit for the 2016/17 season, taking inspiration from the club's early years as Newton Heath Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Football Club," read the official statement on United's website. "In the second year of the partnership with United, Adidas has taken cues from the club's illustrious history, with a two-tone red-split design evoking the two-tone Newton Heath kit of 1878. 'The official coat of arms for the City of Manchester



was the basis behind the idea for the honeycomb graphic that knits together the two red block designs on the shirt. It was inspired by the worker bee which appears in the crest and originates from the Industrial Revolution, in which Manchester played a significant

role. The strong work ethic of the city is also part of the club's DNA, instilled in the players whenever they pull on the red shirt and represent the club.

"The new 2016/17 outfit is the first United kit to be officially launched in China - the players revealed it on Saturday after-

noon local time when a special event was held at the Adidas Republic of Sports in Shanghai. It will be worn on the pitch for the first time when the Reds take on Manchester City in Beijing tomorrow as Tour 2016, presented by Aon, continues."

SOCCERLADUMA

Investor confirms Swansea among Allen suitors

LONDON - Swansea's American investor Jason Levien has confirmed the club's interest in signing Wales midfielder Joe Allen.

Liverpool this week accepted a £13million bid from Stoke for the 26-year-old, but his former club could also feature prominently in the market.

Levien and his fellow American Steve Kaplan head up the consortium that has taken a controlling interest in the Swans, sealing a reported £110million deal.

And asked about Allen - a player sold by Swansea to Liverpool for £15million in 2012 - at the Liberty Stadium on Friday, Levien said: "He is certainly someone we have discussed."

"Thinking about how additions to the club will fit in with the current structure is something we spend a lot of time on, and he is someone who obviously has a great history here."

"He is still a young player. He is someone who multiple clubs are interested in, us

included.

"Huw (Jenkins, Swansea Chairman) and I are in ongoing discussions. We are leaning on his (Jenkins') wisdom, and also the right kind of process to figure out whether that's the right addition for us, but he is someone we have our eye on."

Regarding any possible bid for Allen, who shone during Wales' recent run to the Euro 2016 semi-finals, Levien added: "I think that is something we are discussing, but we haven't made a definitive bid on him at this

point."

Potential striker recruitment is also high on the Swans' shopping list, but a successful swoop for Allen would show an immediate statement of intent from the new owners and inevitably thrill club supporters who watched him excel during Wales' memorable campaign in France.

Levien revealed that the consortium will purchase "about 68 per cent of the club," and he is relishing life in the Premier League.

"Steve and I both have the benefit of looking at the lessons learnt from other foreign owners - what's worked and what hasn't worked - so we can avoid some of those pitfalls," he added.

"We think the experience that we both have in team ownership, coming into a community that cares deeply about its club and navigating that and trying to lead it towards success, is something we have done in basketball and football in the US."

Teamtalk



Swansea's American investor Jason Levien.

'More to come from potential great Wijnaldum'

LONDON - Jurgen Klopp believes that Georginio Wijnaldum could be the perfect fit for Liverpool.

Wijnaldum joined the club for a £25m fee from Newcastle, and was one of the club's best players during their relegation season.

However, Newcastle supporters were also dismayed to see Wijnaldum go missing in matches, particularly away from home.

Klopp believes he has seen enough in Wijnaldum to expect an improvement on last season's form.

"I think he can be a great player for us," Klopp said.

"He has already shown some really good moments in his career but the most exciting and important thing for me and my staff is there is still so much extra to come from him."

"When I talked to him I could tell that he knows we have to work together to get this level out of him to be successful for the team."

"He has played a lot for his country already, been captain at a young age in Holland and also been involved in a tough Premier League season so this experience gives him a good foundation for the challenge here - which everybody knows is huge."

"He can play a few positions for us and players that come through the Dutch system usually have a good tactical understanding and flexibility. That's really important."

Teamtalk

Scholes unsure about Zlatan

LONDON - Paul Scholes believes that Zlatan Ibrahimovic will find life far more difficult at Manchester United than with Paris Saint-Germain.

Scholes believes that, while Ibrahimovic is fit, he will have to create more of his own chances.

The former Manchester United midfielder also believes that

United's squad is not as good as that of the French champions.

"We don't know about Zlatan. He is 34 and probably going to play only for a year. Okay, he is a fit lad," Scholes told Sport Witness.

"I think with Ibrahimovic it is, he was playing in a team of PSG and they created a lot of chances. It was easy for him to score goals

in that league."

"This Manchester United team isn't as good as the PSG team. It might be in time to come."

He is going to have to do more for himself in the Manchester United team. More than he did at PSG."

Scholes also passed comment on Manchester City's signing of Ilkay Gundogan, who he believes

will be an excellent player in the Premier League.

"I think Gundogan is a really impressive player. I've seen a lot of him at Borussia Dortmund."

"I think he has a lot of injury concerns, which could be a problem," Scholes said.

"If he can stay fit, I think he can be a fantastic player."

"I also think he is a great value for the money Manchester City paid for him. I think he is a bargain."

Teamtalk

WENGER: WE WILL SPEND ON RIGHT PLAYER

CAPE TOWN - Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has revealed that he is willing to spend "big money", but only if he can find a player he really wants to bring to the Emirates Stadium.

Arsenal have only made one high-profile signing in the ongoing transfer window, which saw them bring in Granit Xhaka from VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach for approximately £30 million. They have also signed Japanese striker Takuma Asano and defender Rob Holding.

Wenger, though, is still on the lookout for a top quality striker even though Arsenal chief executive Ivan Gazidis recently told ESPN FC that the transfer win-



Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger.

dow should not be viewed as the key to the Gunners enjoying a lot of success next season.

"I am sure my chief executive

didn't want to dampen the expectations on that front," Wenger told reporters. "We are very active, and if we find the right

candidates we will spend big money. We have already spent big."

Arsenal are currently linked with a number of big-name strikers, including Gonzalo Higuain, Alexandre Lacazette and Mauro Icardi, but Wenger refused to say which player he was most interested in. What Wenger did confirm, though, was the fact that Arsenal could sign players as late as August.

"It's not over. Today we are in July, and the transfer market finishes on the 31st of August," he said. "We know as well that a lot happens many times in the last week. It's a long time to go, but we are active. We are working."

Sport24

'Winner', 'killer' can turn Man U into challengers - De Gea

LONDON - David de Gea believes the summer arrivals of Jose Mourinho and Zlatan Ibrahimovic can transform Manchester United into title contenders.

Life since Sir Alex Ferguson's success-laden reign came to an end has been tougher than many expected, but anticipation and excitement is building around the club once again.

Eric Bailly, Henrikh Mkhitaryan and, most excitingly, Zlatan Ibrahimovic have bolstered a squad that will soon welcome a top-level midfielder, with United trying to acquire Juventus' Paul Pogba in what could prove a world-record deal.

De Gea has been enthused both by the summer acquisitions and appointment of Mourinho, with the player so often linked to Real Madrid clearly excited by the season ahead at Old Trafford.

Asked if United are capable of challenging for the Premier League this term, De Gea told Press Association Sport: "Of course, of course. I think we signed top players, really good players. We are Manchester United and we want to fight for everything."

"I feel for the fans, for the

club and the players (that something exciting is coming). - you feel like (it is) a new era. I think the club is really strong now. The players, we want to everything and hopefully we can do it."

De Gea was speaking at the launch of United's new adidas home kit in Shanghai, where the goalkeeper emerged onto the stage alongside Mourinho.

The former Chelsea boss has quickly made an impact since succeeding the divisive Louis van Gaal, with his winning mentality.

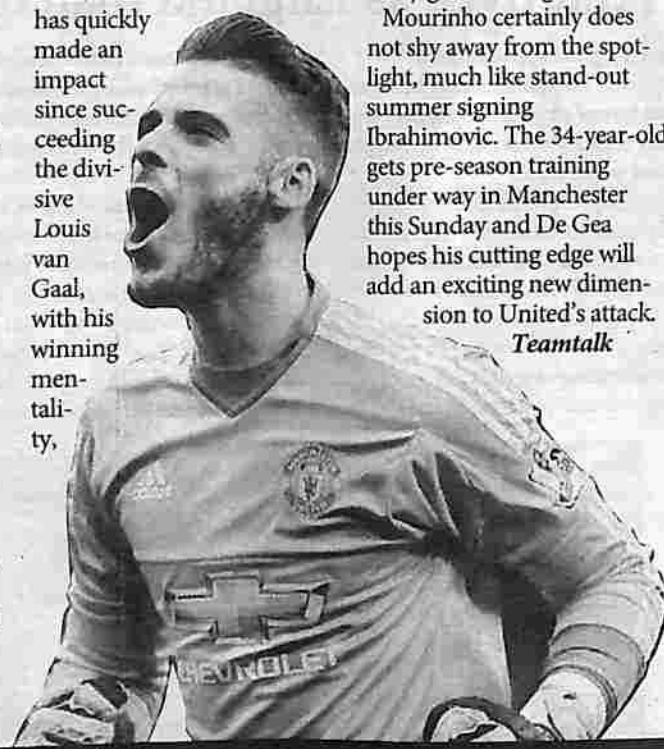
organisation and bulging CV impressing the Spaniard.

"He is a strong character," said De Gea, United's player of the year for the last three seasons.

"He is a winner - he is one of the best managers in the world and we feel it. We are really comfortable with him. He is a strong character but he makes jokes. It is good for us to laugh and I think he is a really good manager."

Mourinho certainly does not shy away from the spotlight, much like stand-out summer signing Ibrahimovic. The 34-year-old gets pre-season training under way in Manchester this Sunday and De Gea hopes his cutting edge will add an exciting new dimension to United's attack.

Teamtalk



David de Gea.

Ronaldo opens own 'CR7' hotel

FUNCHAL - Real Madrid star Cristiano Ronaldo inaugurated his own hotel on Friday called "CR7" after his initials and shirt number, while the airport on his home island of Funchal was renamed in his honour.

Just two weeks after leading Portugal to the Euro 2016 title in France, the national

team skipper appeared on a terrace of the red-coloured building overlooking the sea, wearing a white baseball cap.

"It's a little strange. I never could have imagined that I would be a hotelier at the age of 31," said Ronaldo of his hotel which opened for business on July 1.

Meanwhile, the president of the Madeira region, Miguel

Albuquerque, said that the local airport would be named in Ronaldo's honour.

Yesterday, Ronaldo visited his new museum which is situated on the ground floor of his hotel.

A second "CR7" hotel is due to open in Lisbon later this year with two others planned in Madrid and New York in 2017. AFP

Varela joins Eintracht Frankfurt

LONDON - Manchester United have announced that defender Guillermo Varela will spend the 2016/17 season on loan at Bundesliga outfit Eintracht Frankfurt.

The Uruguayan right-back joined United from Penarol in the summer of 2013. He then spent time on loan at Real Madrid's Castilla under Zinedine Zidane's tutelage before returning to Old Trafford and making his debut under former Red Devils manager Louis van Gaal.

Eintracht boss Niko Kovac led Die Adler to a 16th-place finish in the league last season and will be hoping that the tireless fullback will help shore up a defence that conceded 52 goals.

Varela scored the last-minute title winner for United's Under-21 side last season against Tottenham Hotspur and went on to appear 10 times for the first team.

After his impressive breakthrough season, the 23-year-old received his first national team call-up for World Cup qualifiers against Brazil and Peru in March this year.

Kickoff

Venus books Stanford semifinal

CALIFORNIA - Top-seeded Venus Williams booked her semifinal berth at the WTA hardcourt tournament in Stanford, California, on Friday with a 6-4, 6-1 victory over 17-year-old wild card CiCi Bellis.

Ranked seventh in the world, the 36-year-old Williams needed only an hour to get past the 203rd-ranked Bellis in an all-American clash.

Williams, who captured the most recent of her 49 singles titles in February in Taiwan, next faces another American, Alison Riske, who was leading 6-3, 0-1 when fourth-seeded Coco Vandeweghe retired from their quarterfinal with a right ankle injury.

Vandeweghe left the court in a wheelchair, pressing an ice pack to her ankle.

Bellis, playing in her first WTA quarterfinal, was buoyed by an early service break.

But former world No 1 Williams quickly regained the break and broke again with a backhand winner down the line to secure the opening set.

It was all Williams in the second set as she moved a step closer to a third Stanford title to go with those she won in 2000 and 2002.

The other semifinal will pit second-seeded Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia against third-seeded Johanna Konta of Britain.

Cibulkova won 11 straight games after trailing 2-5 in the opening set en route to a 7-5, 6-0 victory over Japanese fifth seed Misaki Doi.

Konta defeated China's Zheng Saisai 6-2, 4-6, 6-3. Cibulkova's victory ensures she will return to the top 10 in the world rankings for the first time in more than 18 months.

Her 2016 campaign has included two titles and a run to the quarterfinals at Wimbledon.

"Today was really, really tough. She was playing fast from the first ball, but once I found out what I needed to do to win I was doing the right thing all the way through the match," said Cibulkova, who won the Stanford title three years ago. AFP



Venus Williams.



Napoli striker Gonzalo Higuain.

Juventus close in on Gonzalo Higuain

ROME - Juventus have agreed to pay the £78million buyout clause for Napoli striker Gonzalo Higuain.

Talks are underway between the clubs with Sky Italia reporting the Argentina international underwent a secret medical in a Madrid clinic on Friday afternoon.

Higuain scored 38 goals in all competitions for Napoli last season, who finished runners-up to Juventus in Serie A.

His signing will represent a major coup for the Italian champions as they look to strengthen despite the loss of Alvaro Morata and the expected departure of Paul Pogba to Manchester United.

Agreed

Higuain is understood to have agreed to a four-year deal worth up to £8.3million a year with bonuses after tax.

Juventus will pay the fee in two instalments of £39million, though it is understood that is not dependent on Pogba's transfer. The Italians are a wealthy club and have funds to spend regardless of whether Pogba is sold.

However, his transfer to Manchester United is still expected to go through once United agree to increase their bid and pay the 20 per cent bonus agreed to Pogba's agent Mino Raiola.

This week, Napoli club president Aurelio De Laurentiis claimed the forward would 'betray himself' if he were to leave last season's Serie A runners-up.

"I haven't spoken to the player," De Laurentiis told reporters. "The only offer I've had was from the president of Atletico Madrid last month and I told him we couldn't do anything," he said.

Dailymail

ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP

DAVID MOYES APPOINTED SUNDERLAND BOSS

LONDON - David Moyes has been confirmed as the new boss of Sunderland on a four-year deal.

The Scot replaces Sam Allardyce after he was installed as England manager on Friday.

The former Manchester United boss has been out of work since being sacked by Real Sociedad last November and Sunderland quickly identified him as Allardyce's successor when it became known they were losing their manager to the Three Lions.

Chairman Ellis Short said Moyes was the club's 'number one managerial target for the last five appointments'.

Short, speaking after Moyes' appointment, said: "We are absolutely delighted to welcome David Moyes to Sunderland, who was by far and away our first choice."

"He is a man whose football pedigree speaks for itself and is someone I have long admired. I have spoken with him on many occasions and I have always been hugely impressed. He was my number one managerial target for the last five appointments, but his desire to honour existing contracts meant we were not able to bring him to Sunderland previously. To be able to finally welcome him as our manager is fantastic news for the



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club.

"The fact that David has committed to a four-year deal is a clear demonstration of his belief in what he can achieve here. It is our aim to become a better, stronger and more stable football club and with a manager of David's calibre and experience at the helm, we have a fantastic opportunity to begin looking upwards, rather than downwards every season."

And Moyes said: "I am delighted to have joined Sunderland. I am relishing the challenge and excited by the opportunity. 'I have taken over a big British club, with a great support and I'm looking forward to working in the Premier League again."

"I look forward to continuing the good work done by Sam."

Moyes was approached by the Black Cats before Allardyce's arrival in October and he even sent trusted lieutenant Jimmy Lumsden to check on the team.

Sunderland faced Rotherham yesterday and then head to France for friendlies against FC Stade Nyonnais, Dijon FCO and Montpellier. His first competitive game in charge will be back in Manchester against City on August 13. And Sunderland's players have already been talking about his arrival on their WhatsApp group.

Kickoff

Liverpool target Schalke star, Sissoko in demand

LONDON - Liverpool could spend another £28million on their midfield with the addition of Max Meyer, while Moussa Sissoko is wanted by Real Madrid and Juventus.

Liverpool may have strengthened their midfield with the signing of Georginio Wijnaldum but it seems Jurgen Klopp still sees room for improvement. German publication Bild are reporting that Klopp will go shopping again in the Bundesliga with a view to signing Max Meyer from Schalke. The 20-year-old scored five goals and contributed eight assists in 32 Bundesliga appearances last season. Meyer won't come cheap, though, with the price of £28million quoted by Bild. Klopp is set to face disappointment in his pursuit of Ben Chilwell, with The Telegraph

reporting that the young left-back will sign a new five-year contract with champions Leicester. Moussa Sissoko is desperate to leave Newcastle and it seems likely that the midfielder will get his wish. The France international starred at Euro 2016, prompting Newcastle to raise their asking price to over £30million, but that does not appear to have put off Europe's big hitters. The Sun claims Real Madrid are preparing an offer having missed out on Andre Gomes, who left Valencia to join Barcelona.

Juventus are also in the market for a midfielder, with Paul Pogba seemingly set for Manchester United. The Serie A champions have drawn up a shortlist that, according to the Daily Mail, includes Sissoko as well as Chelsea's Nemanja Matic. Teamtalk

Liverpool boss Klopp talks up new signing Wijnaldum

LONDON - Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp has hailed the signing of midfielder Georginio Wijnaldum from Newcastle United, saying he expects big things from the Netherlands international.

Wijnaldum, 25, joined the Reds in a £25m deal on Friday evening after undergoing a medical at the Anfield outfit's training base earlier in the day.

"I think he can be a great player for us," Klopp told the club's official website. "He has already shown some really good moments in his career

but the most exciting and important thing for me and my staff is that there is still so much extra to come from him."

"When I

talked to him I could tell that he knows we have to work together to get this level out of him to all be successful for the team."

"He has played a lot for his country already, been captain at a young age in Holland and also been involved in a tough Premier League season so this experience gives him a good foundation for the challenge here - which everybody knows is huge. "He can play a few positions for us and players that come through the Dutch system usually have a good tactical understanding and flexibility."

That's really important. "I can't wait to get him on the training pitch and for the fans to see him play in a Liverpool shirt." Wijnaldum was ever-present for Newcastle last season, featuring in all 38 of their Premier League fixtures and making a further two appearances in cup competitions.

The Rotterdam-born player, who has represented Holland 30 times, has been handed the number five shirt. Kickoff



Georginio Wijnaldum.

Rooney backing for Allardyce as England manager

LONDON - England captain Wayne Rooney has backed the appointment of Sam Allardyce as the new head coach of the national team following Roy Hodgson's resignation.

Allardyce was on Friday confirmed as Hodgson's successor as the Three Lions seek to recover from an embarrassing last-16 exit at the hands of minnows Iceland at Euro 2016 in France.

David Moyes has since succeeded Allardyce at Sunderland.

"I think it's a good appointment," Rooney said. "He will probably bring a different way of playing to England and hopefully it's a good way and we can be successful under him."

Allardyce has been criticised for favouring a direct and robust style of play but Martin Glenn, the chief executive of the English Football Association, is confident the ex-Black Cats and Bolton Wanderers boss can impress in the job. "His excellent managerial credentials, including his ability to realise the

potential of players and teams, develop a strong team ethos and embrace modern methods that enhance performance, made him the outstanding choice," Glenn said of the 61-year-old. "That was underlined when we sat down to talk and we could not help but be energised by his personal perspective on England's future and how it complemented the extensive work that we are looking to build on at St George's Park. "Ultimately we could not look beyond Sam as the ideal candidate." Kickoff



England captain Wayne Rooney has backed the appointment of Sam Allardyce as the new head coach of the national team.

Dortmund run riot as Mourinho suffers first United defeat

SHANGHAI - Jose Mourinho was left feeling rather red faced in his first defeat as Red Devils boss as United were thrashed 4-1 by Dortmund in Shanghai.

Gonzalo Castro, Ousmane Dembele and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang struck to give the Bundesliga side a 3-0 advantage, before Henrikh Mkhitaryan scored

against his former club to reduce the deficit. However, Castro was on hand again to restore the three goal advantage late on and give Thomas Tuchel a win in BVB's fifth preseason match. Friday's International Champions Cup clash was the first real test of the Portuguese's reign following last weekend's straightforward win at Championship new boys Wigan.

United had a much tougher workout at a half-empty Shanghai Stadium as Thomas Tuchel's Dortmund deservedly triumphed 4-1, with Henrikh Mkhitaryan scoring a consolation goal against the club he left just weeks earlier.

Mourinho named a strong-looking side for the first match of the Reds' short tour of China but they created little in the opening

period, with Gonzalo Castro giving the Bundesliga side a 19th-minute lead. Dortmund went further ahead as Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang fired home from the spot after stand-in United captain Antonio Valencia handled, before the impressive Ousmane Dembele rifled home after skipping past half-time introduction Marcos Rojo. Teamtalk

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South African SOCCER

Mzava explains joining Golden Arrows

JOHANNESBURG - Limbikani Mzava has explained how he landed up at Golden Arrows rather than Orlando Pirates.

The Malawian defender was thought to be on his way to Bucs but recently joined Arrows after leaving Mpumalanga Black Aces in the off-season.

Mzava previously worked with 'Abafana Bes'thende' coach Clinton Larsen at Bloemfontein Celtic in 2014/15.

"I know a lot of people were surprised of my move to Arrows but it is how football is. Everyone was expecting me to join Pirates but it was just normal," Mzava tells KickOff.com.

"Even myself I was hearing the news from newspapers and others but I had a meeting with my agent (Walter Mokoena) then and after that nobody came back to me... no one from Pirates came to talk to me. So I ended up coming to Arrows because they were the ones who were talking to me."

The 22-year-old feels there is still a chance he could link up with the Buccaneers in the future, but insists he is content in Durban.

"Anything can happen when I'm in this side, I can go there to Pirates. Having said that, I'm not disappointed myself to be here."



Limbikani Mzava.

'CHIEFS SIGNINGS NEVER DISAPPOINT'

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs legend, Mike Mangena, has said the club never disappoints when it comes to signing players.

The former striker explained that the club's illustrious history is littered with players that have joined the club and managed to achieve success.

"If there's one thing that Kaizer Chiefs have never disappointed in, it's signing players," he told Soccer Laduma. "During my days at Kaizer Chiefs, Chiefs always signed the kind of players that suited the 'Chiefs style'."

The former Watford player went on to say that the club's management will have sat down at the end of the season and



ensured the players coming in would be able to turn around the poor performances at the club,

which resulted in a trophyless season. "With the poor display last year, I'm sure the manage-

ment sat down and made sure that whoever comes in is quality," he concluded. *Soccerladuma*

Lessons we can learn from 2000 Olympics failure - McCarthy

JOHANNESBURG - Former Bafana Bafana defender, Fabian McCarthy, has explained where it all went wrong for his team that played in the 2000 Olympic games and what this year's team can learn from their failures.

McCarthy was part of Shakes Mashaba's squad that was the only team in South Africa's history to participate at the major sporting event and, despite beating Brazil, failed to make it out of the group stages after losses against Japan and Slovakia.

Now McCarthy has explained why his team failed to make it over the line 16 years ago.

"When we beat Brazil we already thought we were in the next round," he told Soccer Laduma. "After the game where we beat Brazil, we celebrated."

We thought, "Who are these other countries? We just beat Brazil; we can beat them? But we lost and didn't go through."

Soccerladuma

'A move for Majoro would be great'

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates legend, Edward Motale, believes that if Lehlohonolo Majoro leaves the club, it will be a good move for the player.

Majoro is among a list of six Orlando Pirates players that have been transfer listed by

the Buccaneers and the former Bucs defender has said it would be for the best if the former Chiefs striker pursued his career at another club.

Great

"I think for (Lehlohonolo) Majoro, a move would be great for him," he told Soccer

Laduma.

Motale went on to explain that Majoro's career was coming to a standstill given his lack of game time at the Mayfair-based side, which is why he thinks the move would be good for the player.

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BECKHAM BACKS MOURINHO TO SUCCEED

LONDON - Former Manchester United and Real Madrid superstar David Beckham has discussed how he thinks Jose Mourinho will do as manager of the Red Devils. The Englishman has backed the Portuguese to succeed at United, and believes Mourinho's appointment is a fresh start for the club, who have had a tough few years since Sir Alex Ferguson's departure.

"I fully expect it to work," he told Sky Sports.

"With Jose leaving Chelsea and now coming back into the Premier League with United, for me, it is a great move. 'I had huge respect for Van Gaal, but it did not work out the way people expected it to. But I think at the end of the day, now it is a new start for United. 'We have had a couple over the last three or four years, which is not the Manchester United style, who are used to a manager like Sir Alex Ferguson being in there for so many years."

Beckham feels Mourinho is key to returning the club to



Real Madrid superstar David Beckham and Jose Mourinho.

their absolute best, suggesting that the Portuguese can bring the fear factor back to the team. "We have had quite a lot of change over the last few years," he added. "So now, with Jose in there, he knows what he wants and how to get it, he knows how to win titles."

"I think that is what Man United definitely need to get back to and they need to get back to being feared again."

"Because we were always a club - and are still a club - that when teams come to Old Trafford, they know they are going to be up against it, and they know they are probably

going to lose. So that is what we need to get back to."

The former England captain was also asked who he believes will win the Premier League in the upcoming season, and he insisted he will always pick with the Red Devils to do so. "I am going to have to say United. I will always be on that side of the fence."

10 Players Linked With Moves Away From The EPL
Beckham represented his boyhood club on 374 occasions, winning 12 trophies during his time at Old Trafford.

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Michael Phelps enters the Rio de Janeiro Olympics pool for his second swansong.

Phelps hopes Rio swansong hits the right notes

RIO - Having ended his career once in London on what he considered a sour note, Michael Phelps enters the Rio de Janeiro Olympics pool for his second swansong determined to bow out on his own terms.

Inspired, motivated and sober, Phelps heads to Rio with the chance to add to his record total of 22 medals and to pen the happy ending he feels he denied himself four years earlier.

At the 2012 London Olympics, which he also declared would be his last, Phelps won four gold and six medals in total, but walked away filled with the regret that he simply went through the motions rather than

embracing the moment.

"Going into '12, I just didn't want to do it," the 31-year-old said at the US Olympic swim trials in Nebraska last month.

"I tried to fake it. I wanted to get in and out as fast as I could and really wanted nothing to do with it."

Haunted

"That haunted me for a while. 'I came back because I wanted to. I wanted to do this for me. I'm enjoying the moment and I'm embracing the moment and taking it one step at a time."

"Being able to fall in love with the sport again is something that I've always wanted to do again and I did it on my terms." Like many

athletes, when his career finished, Phelps appeared lost and unprepared.

He talked of becoming a professional golfer but eventually found himself testing the waters of a swimming comeback. That return was interrupted by a second drink driving arrest in 2014 and a stint in rehab, which laid the foundation for his transformation from party boy to family man.

He reconnected with his estranged father, who was in the stands at the US swimming trials watching his son qualify for a fifth Olympic team, and in May his fiancée Nicole gave birth to their son Boomer.

Reuters

Durant, Green and Thompson combine for first time

RIO - Full of new star power — and dominant on the inside — the US men's basketball team opened their bid for a third straight Olympic gold medal Friday night with a 111-74 exhibition romp over Argentina. It was also the first time Kevin Durant played together with his new Golden State Warriors teammates, Draymond Green and Klay Thompson.

A game that was over almost before it began showed the US have to improve their shooting and conditioning.

It also showed that there is plenty of talent among a group of players that seem to want to play well for each other and their country despite the absence of Olympic

stalwarts Kobe Bryant and LeBron James.

"There's a willingness from these guys to work on anything we need and to work hard," coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "These are very good guys."

USA haven't lost in 10 years and they had little trouble with Argentina, who some consider a medal contender in Rio. Paul George scored 14 first-half points, Durant added 12, and the US blew open the game early before an appreciative crowd on the Las Vegas Strip.

Even with Bryant retired and James taking this Olympics off, there was no real talent drop off on a team heavily favoured to win gold once again. The depth of the US



showed as Krzyzewski rotated players in and out, searching for the right combinations on a team with 10 new players from 2012.

"Nothing is for sure," Durant said. "We want to get this gold and right now we have a job to do." *The Guardian*

Leicester City make £6.25m offer for Bartosz Kapustka



Bartosz Kapustka.

LONDON - Leicester City have made a £6.25million offer for Poland international midfielder Bartosz Kapustka.

The 19-year-old, who is left-footed though can play on either wing or behind the striker, starred for his country in Euro 2016, notably against Northern Ireland when Gary Lineker described him as 'deliciously talented'.

Everton, Southampton, Cologne and Ajax are also keen on Kapustka, who plays for Cracovia in Poland, but Leicester are pushing to get a deal done this

week after making their bid.

Leicester have already sold N'Golo Kante to Chelsea this summer and with the future of Riyad Mahrez far from certain, the versatile Kapustka could prove to be a shrewd purchase.

Standard Liege had a bid rejected earlier in the year and his club coach Jacek Zielinski said: 'Bartek has no nervous system; he doesn't know what the word 'stress' means.'

"He approaches every game in the same way, no matter if it's against Legia Warsaw, a smaller Polish team or Northern Ireland at

the Euros. He just goes out there, competes and leaves it all on the pitch.' Meanwhile, Leicester are close to finalising a four year contract with 19-year-old left back Ben Chilwell. The England U21 international was a target for Liverpool and Arsenal but Leicester rejected bids of £7million. Chilwell seemed set to leave the King Power after reaching an impasse in contract negotiations with the Foxes, but neither Liverpool or Arsenal were seemingly prepared to pay the £10million asking price for the defender. *Dailymail*

New Arsenal signings Khaka, Holding train with Gunners for first time

LONDON - New signings Granit Khaka and Rob Holding have trained with their Arsenal teammates for the first time.

The pair have both completed summer moves to the Emirates as manager Arsene Wenger bolsters his squad ahead of the new campaign.

Both men will travel with the team to the United States for the pre-season training camp and matches against the MLS All-Stars and Chivas.

Swiss star Khaka was confirmed as an Arsenal player early in the summer after completing a £30million switch from Borussia Monchengladbach.

Holding's move was announced on Friday after signing a long-term deal at the Emirates.

The Gunners have also signed Japan striker

Takuma Asano from Hiroshima Sanfrecce, but he remains

absent as he prepares for the Olympic Games in Rio.

Khaka, 23, first arrived in north London on Thursday to undergo pre-season tests.

In shelling out some £30million, Wenger has already shown considerable faith in the 23-year-old. *Mirror*





Usain Bolt. (AP)

Bolt criticises Gatlin after 200m win

LONDON - Anniversary Games. Usain Bolt criticises Justin Gatlin after 200m win

LONDON - Usain Bolt accused sprint rival Justin Gatlin of "disrespect" after the six-time Olympic champion won the 200m at the Anniversary Games in London.

Bolt, 29, clocked 19.89 seconds in his first appearance since pulling out of the Jamaican trials.

He was picked for the Olympics after getting a medical exemption, leading to comments from Gatlin and others.

"For me I felt it was a joke, I felt it was a disrespect they think I'd back out of a trials," said Bolt.

"I've proven myself year on year that I'm the greatest. I laughed when I heard it, I was disappointed, especially in Justin Gatlin."

Bolt won gold in both the 100m and 200m at the London and Beijing Olympics, and will defend both titles in Rio next month.

Gatlin, considered his main 100m rival, was among those who claimed the Jamaican - who has struggled with a hamstring injury - got preferential treatment he would not receive were he American. "He's injured, gets a medical pass, that's what his country does. Our country doesn't do that," Gatlin, who has twice served doping bans, was quoted as saying in the American press. At the Olympic Stadium on Friday night, Bolt finished 0.15 seconds ahead of Panama's Alonso Edward in second, with Britain's Commonwealth silver medallist Adam Gemili third. The fastest 200m time of the year is 19.74 by United States sprinter LaShawn Merritt, while Bolt's word record - set in 2009 - is 19.19.

BBC

'I Don't Give A Damn About Pogba's Record Fee'

LONDON - Premier League giants Manchester United are likely to pay a world record fee for Juventus midfielder Paul Pogba if they sign him, but his agent Mino Raiola isn't too concerned with getting an enormous sum.

The France international is expected to rejoin his former club for a huge amount of money, having left Old Trafford for the Serie A giants four years ago.

Pogba's fee is expected to eclipse the amount Real Madrid forked out for former Tottenham Hotspur star Gareth Bale, but Raiola has insisted he only cares about getting the best deal for his player.

Record

"For me, I do not give a damn about record transactions," he said in an interview with *Corriere dello Sport*.

"The newspapers write that Pogba can set the record, but I've already made records with (Zlatan) Ibrahimovic and (Pavel) Nedved.

"I want the best for my players and therefore also for Pogba. There are certain things I only discuss with my clients and they know how things are."

The midfielder's agent is reportedly set to make about £20 million (£374 million) off Pogba's transfer to the Red Devils if it happens. *Soccerladuma*

ROSBERG QUICKEST AS LEWIS HAMILTON STRUGGLES

BUDAPEST - Nico Rosberg held off the Red Bulls to top final practice at the Hungarian Grand Prix, as Mercedes team-mate Lewis Hamilton appeared to struggle.

Hamilton, who missed most of Friday's second after a crash, was off the German's pace throughout and ended up fourth, half a second off the pace.

The Briton unusually took a second set of new tyres late in the session but made the latest in a series of errors.

Red Bull's Max Verstappen was second - just 0.002 seconds slower than Rosberg.

The Dutchman's team-mate Daniel Ricciardo was third ahead of the Ferraris of Kimi Raikkonen and Sebastian Vettel. Ricciardo was 0.463secs slower than Verstappen but did not do a qualifying simulation run late

in the session.

Hamilton will be spending the break before qualifying at 13:00 BST working with his engineers on improving the car, on a track at which he has excelled since the start of his F1 career.

Sharing

The world champion has won at the Hungaroring four times - sharing the record with Michael Schumacher - and came into the weekend determined to take Mercedes' first win here in the hybrid era after difficult races in 2014 and 2015. Hamilton is one point behind Rosberg in the championship and wants to go into the summer break after next weekend's German Grand Prix with a lead.

But the crash on Friday afternoon appears to have set him back this weekend.

He felt on Friday afternoon that he would be able to

recover from the accident, which happened after only 10 minutes of the second session and forced him to sit out the rest of it. But he did not look comfortable out on track yesterday, making a series of mistakes.

Hamilton was nearly a second off Rosberg after the set-up work of the first 40 minutes was completed, after which he complained of overheating in the cockpit.

His seat was changed before Hamilton headed out for the qualifying simulation laps in the final minutes of the session but he ended up 0.508secs behind Rosberg.

At that point, he returned to the pits for a second new set of tyres, presumably to try the car again to see if he could improve, but ran off the track at the fast, blind-entry Turn Four and failed to improve.

BBC



Nico Rosberg. (AP)

Giroud relaxes in Saint-Tropez after being omitted from Gunners' tour squad

LONDON - Arsenal striker Olivier Giroud has been omitted from the Gunners' pre-season tour as he continues his summer holiday.

Giroud is enjoying an extended break after

reaching the final of Euro 2016 but is expected to return to training in the next week.

Arsenal jet off to the United States this weekend as they prepare to face off against the MLS All-Stars and Chivas in friendlies along the east coast.

But Giroud misses out, as do the likes of Laurent Koscielny, Aaron Ramsey and Mesut Ozil - all of whom also ran deep at the Euros.

Giroud has opted to spend his summer months in Saint-Tropez with his family.

He is soaking up the sun at the beach resort on the French Riviera with wife Jennifer and daughter Jade ahead of his return.

Earlier this

week, Giroud was touted as a possible target for Napoli as they look to replace Juventus-bound Gonzalo Higuain.

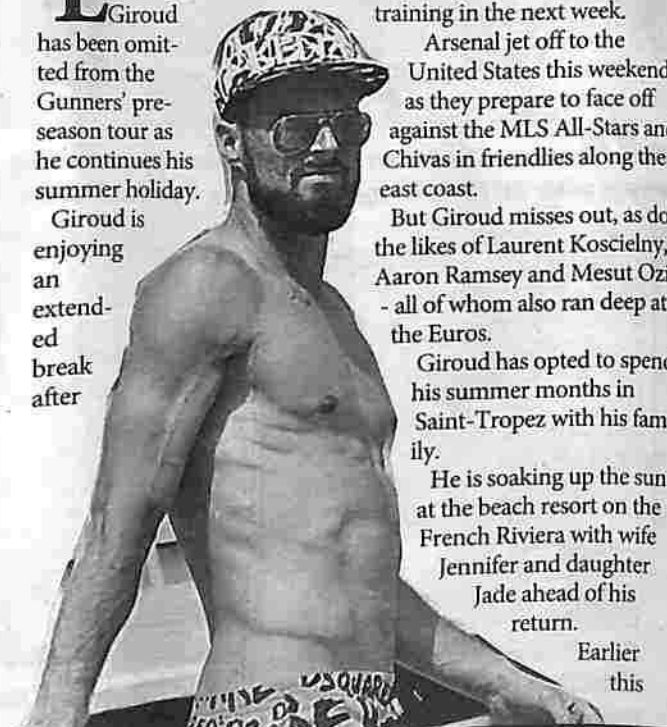
However, his agent Michael Manuella insists Giroud is going nowhere after initial flirting with the Serie A giants began last week.

True

Manuella said: "Everything I've read on the Giroud is not true. I personally have only said if Arsenal want to sell him, then we will see."

"I do not know where [the Napoli story] came from."

"We never talked to them and there are no other people appointed over me that can do this. We need to clarify this. "You always need two strikers, [injured Danny] Welbeck is out for nine months unfortunately. And it's quite normal. If you play in a great team, it is natural that we could face strong competition." *Mirror*



Arsenal striker Olivier Giroud. (AP)

Juve lose on penalties in ICC opener

ROME - Italian champions Juventus were beaten 4-3 on penalties by Australia's Melbourne Victory in their International Champions Cup game in Melbourne yesterday.

Young Spanish defender Carlos Blanco Moreno put the Turin giants ahead in the 58th minute with a spectacular long-range strike before Jai Ingham equalised for Victory seven minutes from time.

The game went to a penalty shootout with the scores level at fulltime.

Emil Audero saved from Carl Valeri to give Juventus the early advantage in the shootout before home goalkeeper Lawrence Thomas saved attempts from Roman Macek and Stefano Padovan to give Victory the win.

"It was a decent workout for us. I'm happy with how our youngsters performed this evening," Juventus Manager Massimiliano Allegri said. Moreno, the 20-year-old central defender, looked to have given Juve victory with his stunning goal from near halfway after finding goalkeeper Thomas off his goal-line. "I'm delighted with the goal I scored for the first team. I saw the goalkeeper off his line, tried my luck and it went in," Moreno said. But Ingham equalised after a series of intricate passes in the lead-up gave space to fire across Audero into the far corner of the net. Juventus, who won a fifth consecutive Serie A championship this season, will face England's Tottenham Hotspur in their second and final ICC match in Melbourne on Tuesday. Spain's European Champions League finalists Atletico Madrid will play Spurs in the final game of the tournament on Friday. *AFF*

Balague talks to new Spain boss Lopetegui

MADRID - New Spain boss Julen Lopetegui speaks exclusively to Guillem Balague, as he reveals why he turned down Wolves for his national team.

At last, after a long and drawn out negotiation process, it's all change at Wolverhampton Wanderers.

However, due to the slowness of it, Julen Lopetegui will not become their new manager, despite the work that he had already been putting in place preparing his arrival.

For a long while, all bets were off as to who the new Wolves boss would be following an expected Chinese takeover, with former Porto and Spain Under-19, U20 and U21 boss Lopetegui destined for the role.

In the end, Lopetegui found the calling of his nation was too big a challenge to turn down. He will now follow in the footsteps of Luis Aragones and Vicente del Bosque as head coach of the Spanish national side.

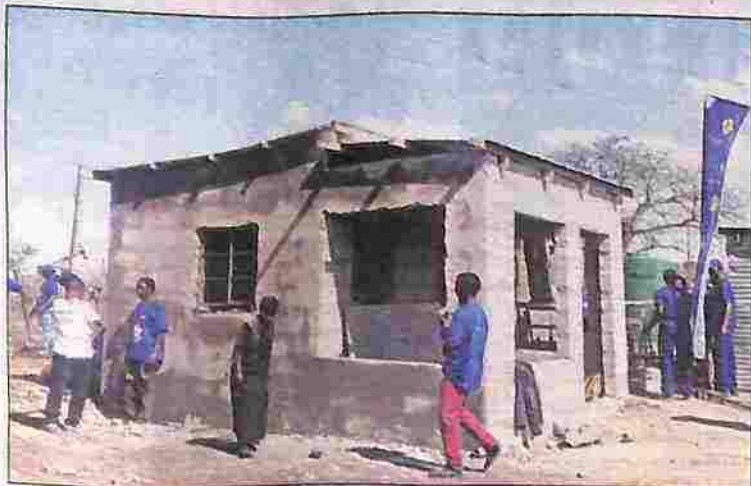
Yet it was a close run thing that nearly saw Spain lose out to the Midlands club.

On Friday, as Lopetegui prepared for his new role that will see him try to restore the Spanish side to its former glories, his first thoughts were for Kenny Jackett and his coaching staff at Wolves, saying, in an exclusive chat with me for Sky Sports, he understood how uncomfortable the whole situation had been for everyone, including himself.

"I know how difficult it can be to carry on as normal with all this going around and I want to put on record my maximum respect for him and all his staff throughout this whole situation," he said. "The timing was not down to me, and Mr Jackett behaved throughout it all in a magnificent exemplary manner."

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PHILANI MASWATI, SPTC E40 000 HOUSE FOR LUKHELE FAMILY



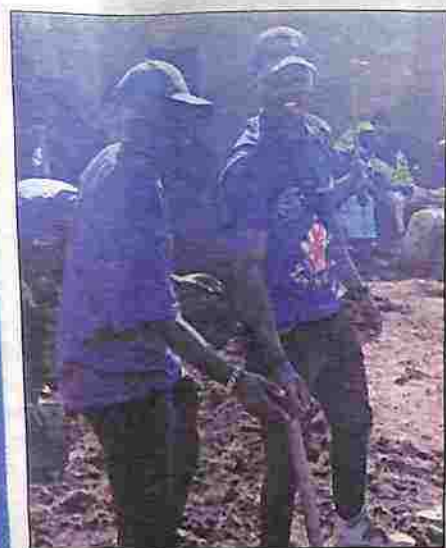
The two-roomed house worth E40 000 built by Philani Maswati in partnership with SPTC for the Lukhele family at Ngcina in Mpolonjeni Inkhundla in Siteki yesterday. (Pics: Sanele Jele)



Mbabane Swallows U-20 players and officials who came through for the visit.



Swazi Telecom PRO Dumsane 'DU' Sibandze working on the garden.



Mbabane Highlanders' Colani 'Chocco' Nsibandze and Royal Leopard's Machawe Dlamini hard at work.



The Lukhele family during the house presentation.



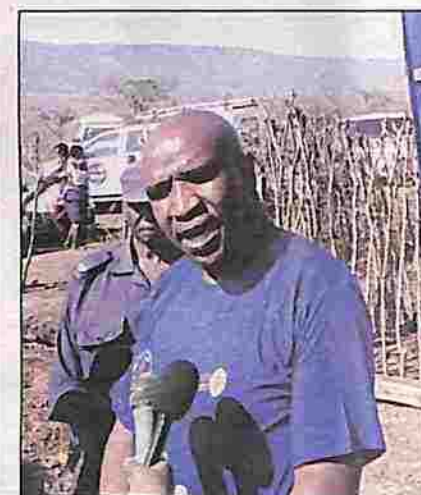
Sikhumbuzo Lukhele reacts as his wife Nontobeko Tsabedze introduces him to Prince Guduza.



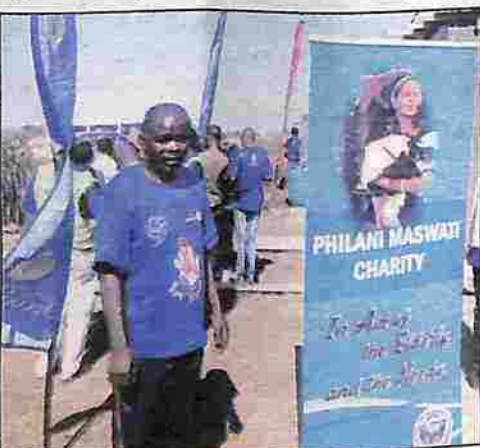
Ngcina residents also lent a helping hand.



Philani Maswati Chairman Lutfo Dlamini enjoying a light moment with SPTC Managing Director Petros Dlamini.



Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini encouraged others to help the less-privileged.



Mpolonjeni MP Jacobs Siwela was grateful to Philani Maswati and Swazi Telecom.



Sister to Sikhumbuzo, Zodwa Myeni and grandson Bhunu Makhanya urged other companies to emulate the two entities.



Swazi Telecom Charity Cup PRO Dumsani 'DU' Sibandze being interviewed.



SPTC's Amon Dlamini and Muzi Hlophe helped in the garden.

BUILD IT UNDER-13 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini posing for a group photo with Build It representatives and the tournament's champions, Matsapha. This was during the Build It under-13 National Championships held at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. (Pics: Sabelo Majola)



FA XI team posing for a group photo before their friendly game against the Build It team. They lost 2-0.



Senior national team Sihlangu Coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga making a pass while Manqoba chases on.



Matsapha and Matata players battling for the first prize in the Build It finals. Matsapha won 3-2 to be crowned champions.



FA Head of Youth Development Sonnyboy Mabuza's son Mayibongwe (right) vying for the ball with a Pigg's Peak player. He was playing for the Mbabane team which finished third.



Matsapha player Lungelo Simelane was named the Player of the Tournament. He will be leaving for Durban to train with Amazulu.



The DPM greeting South African side Amazulu's Chief Scout Boysie Mngoma while Build It MD Sam Essa looks on.



Runners-up Matata posing for a group photo ahead of the final clash against Matsapha.



Football Association President Adam 'Bomber' Mtsetfwa presenting the DPM with a Sihlangu replica jersey and a soccer ball.

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STORIES BY SANELE JELE

PHILANI MASWATI, SPTC BUILD E40 000 HOUSE FOR LUKHELE FAMILY

SOCCKER - The Swaziland Post and Telecommunications Corporation (SPTC) and Philani Maswati yesterday partnered to build a house worth E40 000 for former soccer player Sikhumbuzo Lukhele and his family.

This was during the first Swazi Telecom Charity Cup community project where the participating teams Mbabane Swallows, Mbabane Highlanders, Manzini Wanderers and Royal Leopard assisted in the construction of the two-roomed house and pit toilet. The project, held at Ngcina, a community under Mpolonjeni Inkhundla in Siteki, also saw the teams put up a garden for the family.

Philani Maswati chairman Lutfo Dlamini said they were alerted of the situation faced by the family by residents of the community.

He said they were happy to part-

ner with SPTC in the Charity Cup as they were also about making the lives of Swazi people better.

The former Double Classic player who is now confined to a wheelchair after suffering a stroke in 2013 was full of praise for the company and organisation.

Grateful

"I am very grateful to these two entities for such a kind gesture. God has answered my prayers as life has been difficult for us after the incident. I used to be a bricklayer and that is what used to put food on the table until the incident happened," Lukhele said.

Lukhele lives with his wife, Nontobeko and their four children.

Meanwhile Swazi Telecom Charity PRO, Dumsani 'DU' Sibande urged the nation to donate to charity.

Involved

"The tournament's slogan 'Yam' Nawe' denotes that everyone should be involved in charity.

We want to thank Philani Maswati and government for partnering with Swazi Telecom. We do invite them to continue supporting charity by attending the Charity Cup games at Somhlolo National Stadium on August 7," he said.



The house built by Philani Maswati in partnership with SPTC for the Lukhele Family at Ngcina in Mpolonjeni Inkhundla yesterday. (Pics: Sanele Jele)

SPTC MD Petros Dlamini, Philani Maswati Patron Her Majesty Indlovukazi's representative Prince Guduza and chairman Lutfo Dlamini upon arrival at Ngcina.



Family gets E25 000 gift during visit

It was a happy day for the Lukhele family as they were also showered with monetary gifts worth over E25 000.

About E5 000 was collected during the Swazi Telecom Charity Cup community visit held at Ngcina community yesterday and E20 000 was pledged from some of the people who attended the event.

Philani Maswati Patron Her Majesty the Queen Mother, who was represented by Prince Guduza during the event, contributed a sum of E2 000 plus groceries to the family while Prince Guduza in his personal capacity pledged E1 000 plus a goat. Making the biggest pledge however were two employees from SPTC who contributed a collective sum of E10 000 to the family while Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development Mduzuzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini donated close to E2 000 in cash. The minister repre-

sented the Deputy Prime Minister during the event.

SPTC Managing Director Petros Dlamini was not left out as he also presented close to E1 000 to the family. Others who contributed include Senator Lungile Gama who presented blankets and E250 to the family.

Philani Maswati Chairman Lutfo Dlamini said they would open a bank account where the money would be put in to assist the family.

Meanwhile, Prince Guduza when making his remarks during the event urged the nation to show the spirit of *ubuntu* by giving to the needy. Minister Small Joe, said SPTC was grateful to entities like government for working tirelessly to improve the lives of the less-privileged. Mpolonjeni Member of Parliament Jacob Siwela committed himself to paying the water bill for the family until December.



Mbabane Swallows U-20 players and officials came for the visit.

Matsapha crowned Build It U-13 champions

STORIES BY SABELO MAJOLA

SOCCKER - Matsapha team is the champion of the Build-It national under-13 championships held at Somhlolo Stadium yesterday.

Seven teams from all the Build It stores around the country competed in the annual tournament graced by the Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini, Football Association President and Build It Swaziland Managing Director Sam Essa. Matsapha trashed Nhlanguano 6-0 before playing to a 1-1

stalemate against Matata in the group stages. The champs played Mbabane in the semis and won 3-1 while Matata beat Piggs Peak 1-0 to book a place in the finals. The two met again in the last game fighting for glory and Matsapha emerged victorious, winning 3-2 to lift the trophy. It was an awesome sight as the youngsters displayed quality and catchy football much to the amazement of the spectators. The tournament was played in a three aside format played in half the field. Each half was 15 minutes with a maximum of six

substitutes. The teams were made of players selected from each Build It store area from different teams to come up with the best 20.

They were under the guidance of qualified coaches recommended by the football association, who assisted them in preparing for the tournament. Worth noting is that the teams that were in the tournament were presented with soccer balls.

Semi-final results

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| Matsapha | 3 | Mbabane | 1 |
| Piggs Peak | 0 | Matata | 1 |
| Loser's finals | | | |
| Mbabane | 1 | Piggs Peak | 0 |
| Finals | | | |
| Matsapha | 3 | Matata | 2 |

Build It for seeing it fit to invest in the young players.

There is no better time to instil skills and discipline than the tender age. Football is expensive but collectively we can achieve more," he said. He implored Swazis outside the country to support local football before they show desire to foreign sports.

Lungelo Simelane off to Durban

SOCCKER - Matsapha's Lungelo Simelane was named player of the tournament and he will be leaving for Durban to train with South African National First Division side Amazulu FC.

Simelane will travel to South Africa with last year's player of the series Muzi Makwakwa

Located

The two players will undergo a week-long training with the team's development side. If they make the grade, the players will also get a scholarship at Glenwood High school, a high school for boys located in Durban KZN.

"What we do is we get the best youngsters out of Africa and offer them scholarships at Glenwood High, which is the best academic

school and currently the best in rugby. We will brief them on what we look for at Amazulu, take them on a tour at Moses Mabhida Stadium among other things," said Amazulu chief scout Boysie Mngoma.

Transition

Mngoma then praised Sihlangu for their performance at the COSAFA Cup in Namibia, citing that they are on a good transition. He also wished Mbabane Swallows duo of Felix Badenhorst and Sabelo Sikhali Ndzinisa the best at Bloemfontein Celtics.

"Hopefully the pair currently undergoing trials at Celtics will do well and ply their trade in SA. Soccer is business, it rewards handsomely so players need to look at it with that in mind," he added.

'These are future national team stars'

SOCCKER - Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini has applauded Build It stores for initiating the tournament which seeks to equip youngsters with soccer skills at a tender age.

Dlamini said it is wise to invest in

these youngsters as they are the ones who will be representing the country in the national team colours in the future. "We are a small nation but we have made a great impact in football. The world knows what we are capable of in the sport. One would like to commend

MONENI SUPPORTERS NOT HAPPY WITH 'SPUTLA', MC

STORIES BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER – Moneni Pirates supporters have passed a vote of no confidence in the team technical bench led by Mlamuli 'Sputla' Zwane and the management committee.

The 'Buccaneers' supporters voiced this grievance during the team's Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the Manzini Library yesterday, where they told the Managing Director December Mavimbela they were unhappy with the executive currently leading the Premier League returnees.

This was after the MD announced they would be retaining the technical team and MC ahead of the new season.

The supporters called for the MD to make sweeping changes as they were not happy with the technical team.

"We are not happy with the technical bench as they failed to help us win the league in the National First Division. We cannot allow the same people to lead the team again. It is time we bring new faces who

will take the team forward," said one of the supporters.

Another supporter said they were also unhappy with the MC as it was made up of individuals who do not even know the culture of the team.

"We ask that you bring in new officials who will run the team professionally and work closely with the supporters which is something, I believe, can help improve the team.

It is time we, as supporters, become involved in the appointment of the MC so we can get competent persons to lead our team," he said.

The supporters, however, praised the MD for doing a good job in running the team.

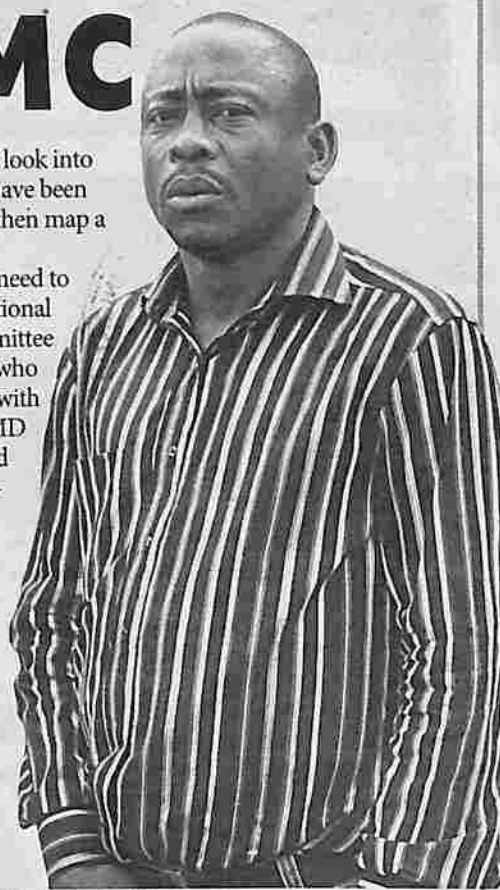
"I am happy with the job you have done in improving the Moneni Pirates brand. We wish you the best as you continue to guide the team even in the Premier League," another said.

In response, Mavimbela said they would meet as the board to look into these grievances.

"We appreciate the input of the supporters and their loyalty to the team.

We are going to look into these issues that have been raised today and then map a way forward.

Supporters will need to appoint three National Supporters Committee (NSC) members who will work closely with the office of the MD in order to try and take the team forward," he said.



Mlamuli 'Sputla' Zwane.

The reinstated Management Committee

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| Head coach: | Mlamuli 'Sputla' Zwane |
| Assistant coach: | Mbongeni Dlamini |
| Chairman: | Mbuso Maseko |
| PRO: | Thamie Dlamini |
| Marketing Manager: | Zakhele Thikazi |
| Logistics Manager: | Ndumiso Khombane |

RSSC TO CHANGE TO MATSAPHA UNITED

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

SOCCER – National First Division outfit RSSC United have since applied to change the team's name to Matsapha United.

The team, formerly under the ownership of the sugar company, has already submitted their application to the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) and are likely to

get a response during the PLS Annual General Meeting slated for August 4.

Information gathered is that the team's former management is now in partnership with other officials who will join the management structure.

Close

A source close to the matter revealed that this was a new partnership aimed at improving the

team following their fall-out with the sugar company.

"It was agreed that the team assumes a name change as there are new partners on board now. Management is hoping this will work towards the betterment of the team as they prepare for the new season," he said.

Sought for comment on the matter, PLS CEO John Mazibuko confirmed receiving the team's appli-

cation.

"We have received the application and are still to report it to the executive committee," he said.

RSSC Manager Doctor Mndzebele said he was not aware of the matter when asked yesterday.

"Nothing official has reached my office with regards to this matter. I am still to find out about it," he said.

Black Leopards beat Downs, held by Buccaneers

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER – South African National First Division side Black Leopards recorded a 1-0 victory over Manzini Sundowns during their preparatory games played at the Manzini Club yesterday.

This was during their first game of the day, as they played to a barren draw against elite league returnees Moneni Pirates in the second game.

'Lidoda Duvha', as the team is affectionately known, was matched pound for pound by the two local Premier Leagues outfits.

Some of the players that appeared for the Jairo's Tapera-led side included

the likes of Roggert Nyundu Avhashoni Tshinuma, Thabang Selowa and Zimu Muziwakathu.

Over 200 supporters witnessed the games and were treated to top shelf carpet football displayed by the three teams as they prepared for the new season.

The David Thidiela owned side will next week face two local giants in Mbabane Swallows and Manzini Wanderers before returning home to take part in a charity cup tournament featuring Kaizer Chiefs and Baroka FC. This will be the last week of their pre-season training camp in the country after arriving over three weeks ago.

Swallows duo to know Celtic fate next week

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

SOCCER – Premier League outfit Mbabane Swallows duo of Felix Badenhorst and Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa will know their fate after this weekend.

According to South African publication KickOff, the two travelled with the Free State side to participate in the Uthukela Cup in KwaZulu-Natal where they will be further assessed by the team's technical bench headed by coach Serame Letsoaka.

Bloemfontein Celtic was one of the four teams partaking in the pre-season tournament alongside fellow Absa



Felix Badenhorst.



Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa.

Premiership side Golden Arrows as well as National First Division outfits AmaZulu and Thanda Royal Zulu. The duo has been training with 'Siwelele' for over a week now in the hope of securing permanent contracts with the club.

Celtic's Communications Manager Sello Nduna said the tournament would allow the

coach to better evaluate the players.

"This tournament will allow us to see the players in a real game situation because there isn't much you can detect at training alone.

"I don't want to say a specific day but we will know the way forward next week after seeing them in this tournament," he said.

Muti may contain banned substances

STORIES BY SABELO MAJOLA

SOCCER – Coaches have questioned the effects of Swazi muti on athletes with regards to substances banned by the world Anti-Doping agency.

The coaches wanted to know if it was okay for athletes to use traditional medicine and if it would be detected as a banned substance.

This was during the Anti-Doping course held at the OlympAfrica yesterday.

Responding to the question, Swaziland Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association CEO Muriel Hofer spoke strongly against the use of muti, noting it might contain the banned substances.

"Swazi muti, just like any other medication, is made mainly from herbs hence it has a high chance of containing substances that may land an athlete in trouble when taken for a doping test.

It is not ideal for athletes to use it unless they know for a fact that the muti is free from the banned substances," she said.

Muriel added that it was important for athletes to declare they were undergoing treatment and disclose what medication they were using so that Doping Control officers could be aware of such and not come hard on them.

PLS coaches snub Anti-Doping course

SOCCER – Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) coaches and managers snubbed the Anti-doping course yesterday.

The Swaziland Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association (SOCGA) had invited the head coach and manager from each of the 24 PLS teams to attend the workshop held at the OlympAfrica Centre.

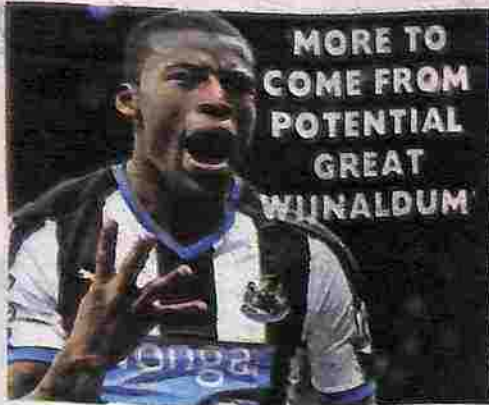
Young Buffaloes' Dominic Nxumalo was the only coach present during the poorly attended event.

Others who attended included boxing coach Samuel Tsambokhulu, Mbabane Swallows team doctor Samkeliso Mdluli and Tambuti assistant coach Lucky Tsabedze. The coaches were educated on what doping is, prohibited substances, health consequences, doping control and decision making, among other things.

Athletes can be tested in two ways; namely in competition and out of competition. Athletes, through the in competition, can be randomly tested and this may depend on a podium finish or tested for a particular reason while in the out competition they can be tested anywhere, anytime.



Swaziland Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association CEO Muriel Hofer.



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SUPPORTERS WANT 'SPUTLA' OUT

... Moneni Pirates supporters ask the team's MD to reconsider decision re-instating coach Mlamuli Sputla Zwane and MC

Usain Bolt strolls to Anniversary Games 200m win as he shows no ill-effects of hamstring injury ahead of Rio Olympics

LONDON - Usain Bolt spent the 48 hours before performing all manner of duties demanded of the most famous man in sport, from hula-hooping while discussing Beyonce to delivering his verdict on the biggest doping scandal in history.

He did it all with the charm and good humour that have made him irreplaceable. But at 9.55pm on Friday, after two nerve jangling faulty starts, it was finally time to prove he is capable of performing

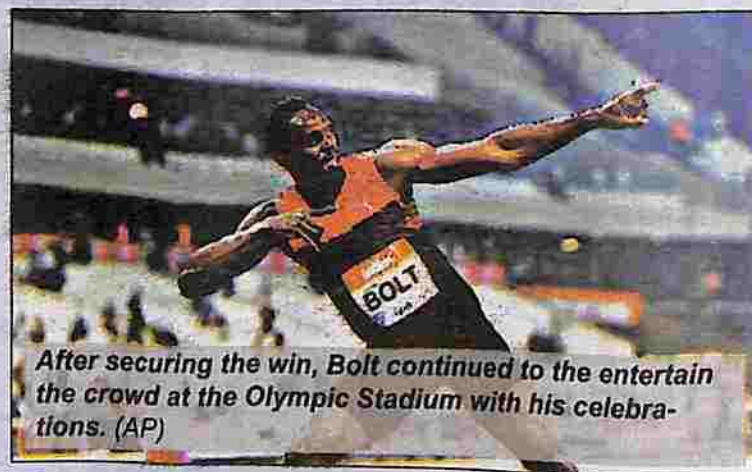
an unprecedented feat at the Rio Olympics and win a treble-treble of sprint titles.

Two British and a world record fell on a rousing night of athletics at the Anniversary Games but, as always when he is in town, the biggest cheer was reserved for Bolt as he jogged over the line to win the 200m in 19.90sec dismissing any worries about his form or fitness.

The 29-year-old has run just four competitive races this year, his best

effort a 9.88sec 100m dash in his adopted home of Kingston, Jamaica last month.

This was his first and final outing over 200m before attempting to retain his three gold medals in Rio. The time suggests he is the fifth best man in the world this year but his reputation demands he be installed as favourite. Britain's Adam Gemili recorded a season's best of 20.07sec to finish third behind Panama's Alonso Edward. Sweating profusely afterwards,



After securing the win, Bolt continued to entertain the crowd at the Olympic Stadium with his celebrations. (AP)

Bolt promised further improvement. "I'm getting there, I'm not fully in shape, I need more work," he said, "But over time I'll be fine,

I'll just keep doing the work. The key thing is I came out here and won but I'm always hungry for more." *Daily Mail*