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ing the SNAIP Invest-
ment Plan High Level
Meeting held at the
Royal Swazi Sun
Convention Centre,
Ezulwini yesterday.
(Pic: Simon Shabangu)

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2 NATIONAL NEWS

MILD WEEKEND, COLD ON SUNDAY

By Nozipho Sibiya

FORECASTERS are pointing to a fine and mild weather over the weekend.

However, there is a chance of temperatures dropping on

Sunday.

"It will be a mild weekend and most foggy in the morning before things turn partly cloudy and mild in the afternoons," said the forecaster. Temperatures are expected to slightly drop on Sunday. The forecaster said tem-

peratures were expected to stay in the lower 10 degrees Celsius and upper 17 degrees Celsius this weekend.

Temperatures are expected to stay in the upper 20s in the Lowveld for the whole week.

Today it will be sunny and mild but warm to hot in the Lowveld.

WEATHER UPDATE

TODAY	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big Bend
7/21	8/22	8/25	9/24	10/26	6/27
TOMORROW					
6/17	7/18	7/21	8/20	9/22	5/23
Tomorrow morning there will be fine and mild to warm becoming partly cloudy later.					
SUNDAY					
8/14	9/15	10/18	9/17	11/19	12/20
On Sunday, there will be morning fog at places with sunny intervals and cold but mild in the Lowveld.					

INDLOVUKAZI WANTS BIGGEST BRAAI TO BE HELD ANNUALLY

Stories by Samukelisiwe Ginindza Mbabane

INDLOVUKAZI has declared that the Biggest Braai concept must be hosted annually.

The biggest braai is an initiative hosted to raise funds for Philani Maswati, a charity organisation which the Indlovukazi is founder and patron of.

Chairman of Philani Maswati Lutfo Dlamini, addressing a press conference, said the Indlovukazi was overly impressed by the second installment of the Biggest Braai, as it not only united the nation but raised funds for the charity organisation.

"Indlovukazi assigned me to extend her appreciation to everyone who attended, sponsored and volunteered for the second edition of the biggest braai.

Concept

"She then urged that the Biggest Braai concept continues but in a bigger space, so to attract an even bigger crowd," Dlamini said yesterday.

He added that Indlovukazi urged people to arrive early for the biggest braai next year, so it can start on time and possibly attempt to break the Guinness Book of records.

"She also declared that the event must cover all the regions of the country. Next year we will host the event in the city of Manzini. It will be on the same July 22 date," stated

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...Record almost broken - Lutfo

THE world standing biggest braai record was almost broken this year as people came in their numbers to support the initiative, which was held in Matsapha at IDM.

The world record is currently 3 850 people braaiing simultaneously for 30 minutes while Swaziland's record achieved last Friday stood at 3 225 people braaiing simultaneously in one place. However, even though the world record was not broken, the country did break its own record, as last year there were only 2 000 people present during the biggest braai.

Chairman of Philani Maswati revealed that all those involved in this initiative outdid themselves, as the money accumulated went to charity.

"We did, however, manage to

break our own record, which is something commendable as it is an indication that we are slowly progressing and next year it will be bigger and better," Dlamini assured.

Numbers

Confirming these numbers was main sponsor Buy and Save's Johan Lues who said the figure excluded the people who were still in long queues coming inside to participate. "Next year the distribution will be sorted well so that when the time to start comes, we all begin at once and no one will be in a queue," Johan said.

Dlamini further urged more organisations to join hands and partner with this initiative as it does not only raise funds for the underprivileged but also promotes local products and different cuisines.

"We have had towns like Siteki, Nhlanguano and Lavumisa who have come forth and indicated interest in hosting these smaller braais," he revealed.

MR BRAAI: Philani Maswati Chairman Lutfo Dlamini speaks during the press briefing held at IDM yesterday while Buy and Save's Tayren Roets, Philani Maswati's Spencer Ngwenyama and Buy and Save's Johan Lues listen attentively. (Pics: Samukelisiwe Ginindza)



Matsapha Town Council applauded for dedication

THE Matsapha Town Council was applauded for the role it played in making sure the event becomes a success in the last two years of its existence.

This was said by Philani Maswati Chairman Lutfo Dlamini who mentioned that the Town Clerk Gciniwe Fakudze had adopted this initiative and made it successful, hence it has been held in the town for two consecutive years.

Fakudze was declared as one of the

driving wheels behind the success of this initiative, as she is said to have seen the good impact it can do, before anyone else saw it.

"Matsapha Town Council CEO Gciniwe Fakudze believed in the biggest braai even before it took off and we held our very first last year in this town and it was a success at first attempt and this year it even expanded," Dlamini said.

He added that since the initiative was now taken to another city,

Manzini, they hoped it would be well received just like what Matsapha town did. He then awarded the town a certificate of appreciation as well as other partners such as Swaziland Broadcasting and Information Services, Swaziland Television Authority, Channel S, Swaziland Fire and Emergency Services, His Majesty's Correctional Services, Super Signs, Royal Swaziland Police, Swaziland Beverages and Real Image.

PSPF pledges E2 billion to SNAIP

By Linda Dlamini Ezulwini

PUBLIC Service Pension Fund (PSPF) said it has over E2 billion to invest in the country and agriculture could be a viable sector to invest in.

This was revealed by a senior manager of the fund yesterday during the Swaziland National Agriculture Investment Plan (SNAIP) Investment Plan High Level meeting held at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre, Ezulwini.

"Out of the E6 billion in investable funds that we have to invest in Swaziland, about E2 billion is yet to be invested and initiatives such as the SNAIP could provide an avenue for us to invest in. However the projects need to be feasible so we can fund them," he said. PSPF was not the only company to pledge to the SNAIP initiative as there were a number of other pledges from the private sector. Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati revealed that National Chick Swaziland was looking to invest E70 million to expand their operations.

"All the company needs is to start the operation, other than that the money is there and they are eager to use it immediately," he said.

The minister further said another

chick growing company also wanted to invest in the country; however he did not reveal the name of the company.

"The company is located around Ngwenya and they too are eager to expand operations and they have a budget of E50 million," he said.

Adding, the minister said there was a company from Malaysia looking to start an agri-business in Swaziland. "The Malaysian company said it will produce cornflakes and sell it in the region. It has a start-up capital of E140 million. They are prepared to invest more as this is just a start," he said.

The Swaziland Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (SWADE) representative said they were working with Ngwane Mills to open an abattoir that would slaughter 5 000 cow heads per year.

Numerous other companies pledged to support SNAIP to aid the agricultural sector of Swaziland.

After the pledging session, Ministry of Agriculture Principal Secretary Bongani Masuku urged those that had made pledges to honour them.

"For SNAIP to be implemented we need to be able to count on the fact that these pledges will be seen through," he said.

NB: More on pages 6 and 20.

MPs give minister power to borrow E855m loan from ADB

By Sabatha Dlamini Lobamba

The House of Assembly passed a Bill authorising Finance Minister Martin Dlamini to ask for E855 million loan from the African Development Bank to finance the lower Usuthu Smallholder Irrigation Project II.

Timphisi MP Sikhumbuzo Ndlovu said they were very happy that this was a key government project with a potential to change the lives of more than 20 000 people in more than 3 000 households in the Lowveld.

At completion, the project will have a total new irrigated area of 9 217 hectares. Due to the large capital investment required upfront, the government in consultation with the financiers has made a decision to implement the project in two stages.

The first stage covers the original Matata Block with a total area of 5 217 hectares.

MP Ndlovu said it was their wish to have similar projects in all the

regions of the country.

He said there was no doubt that if the household income increased, the economy would also grow as well. He said they also had confidence in SWADE, the implementing agency. The loan would be repaid at an interest rate of 10%, which Ndlovu said was reasonable and affordable. Given the five-year grace period before repayment of the loan starts, Ndlovu said that was enough time to prepare because after that period production would have been started.

The finance minister said the project would not only benefit those in the Lowveld but the rest of the country. He said 20 000 direct beneficiaries, in relation to the country's population, was a huge number.

Ngwempisi MP Veli Shongwe said they appreciated the dam construction to harvest water, adding such projects should be implemented even in the Highveld.

He, however, encouraged the farmers to ensure they worked hard for a good crop production as opposed to growing weed. The Bill was passed without amendments.

KFC SUSPENDS TWO FREEZER MANAGERS

COVER STORY

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza
Manzini

Managers Samkeliso Dlamini and Zanele Serera are said to have been put on ice pending a hearing on the matter



MANAGEMENT of the Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) outlet in Manzini has reacted by suspending the two managers who allegedly locked two employees in a freezer for 20 minutes last week.

Managers Samkeliso Dlamini and Zanele are said to have been put on ice pending a hearing on the matter. This has come as a relief to the workers of the KFC branch who are still reeling from shock as a result of the incident.

Efforts to get the date of the hearing were not successful.

The two employees Nondumiso and Sanelisiwe were locked in a freezer for over 20 minutes.

The freezing cold employees were rescued by a colleague who by stroke of luck heard them banging the door of the big walk-in-freezer and to his dismay found his ice laden colleagues locked inside.

The incident which is already under police investigation after it was reported by the affected staff members happened last Tuesday. Confirming this, police mouthpiece

Khulani Mamba said after the matter was reported to them, an inquiry file was immediately opened.

Nondumiso and Sanelisiwe are currently receiving medical attention after the cold affair they were subjected to by their superiors.

They are also wondering what on earth they did to deserve such a humiliating and life threatening punishment from their manager.

The two were called by their manager who ordered them to take out a box of patties in the freezer within the cold room.

As they did that, the manager allegedly shut the door closed. The last they heard of him was his loud laughter as he walked away with colleagues from the freezer.

What is also peculiar is that the two staffers are alleging that they requested from their manager and his other

colleague Serera to wear their freezer jackets- a prerequisite before entering a cold room.

However, they were allegedly told not to worry.

"When he told us to enter the cold room, we requested to get our freezer jackets and he told us not to wear them as the patties were urgently needed. When we entered the freezer to take the box, he closed the door shut behind us and locked it, before he left in laughter," Nondumiso explained.

The manager was contacted for comment this week but said he had nothing to say.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Khulani Mamba confirmed the matter, stating that an inquiry file has been opened and police are investigating the matter further.

Good news for Swazi artists as Copy Right Bill is passed

By Sabatha Dlamini
Lobamba

PARLIAMENT has finally passed a Bill amending the Copy Rights Act of 1912, an archaic law that has been governing operations of artists in the country.

Shiselweni II MP Mthokozisi Kunene, motivating for the passing of the Bill, said the 1912 Act was not only outdated but did not even address today's needs for the people in the art industry.

He said to some music was a way of life, while others earned a living through the works of their hands, hence the need for a legislation that would protect the rights of those Swazis.

MP Kunene said the passing of the Bill and its subsequent enactment into law would result in the establishment of a registrar's office and a society that would collect royalties for and on behalf of artists from entities where their work of art was used or their music played.

The law would also see the establishment of an Intellectual Property Tribunal, also to look into the interests of the industry

stakeholders.

Seconding MP Kunene was Mafutseni MP Christopher Gamedze who said the 1912 Act was long overtaken by events and that its amendment was long overdue.

He said the law would empower police officers to search places where people's work was being duplicated and allow the same police to charge them. Upon conviction, Gamedze said the offenders would be fined E20 000 or three years in a correctional facility or both.

Swazi writers, artists, performers and all those involved in the industry would benefit from the law. Manzini South MP Owen Nxumalo said duplicating artists' work was prevalent in Manzini.

He said to set up a society that would collect the royalties would help artists even after retirement.

Nhlambeni MP Frans Dlamini said Swazis were highly talented and all they needed was a law that would protect them and their artistic work for them to continue living through their skills and talents.

Manzini City Council in E10 million tender mess

By Linda Jele
High Court

THE Municipal Council of Manzini has been taken to court after it allegedly awarded a E10 million tender to Heptagon Civils for road upgrading, but later cancelled it.

Heptagon Civils has instituted legal proceedings against the municipality seeking an order directing the latter to submit to the arbitration process after a dispute arose in the contract signed by the two parties.

The council has filed a notice showing an intention to oppose the application.

Heptagon Civils has instructed lawyer Nolwazi Kunene from Magagula Hlophe Attorneys in the matter.

According to Heptagon Civils' Managing Director Thamsanqa Nkambule, on affidavit, his company was awarded a tender by the council for the upgrading of the Zakhele Gravel Roads.

He claimed that the contract was valued at E9 989 000 and the council was represented by its Chief Executive Officer Lungile Dlamini while Nkambule appeared on behalf of his company.

He claimed that it was agreed that the contract would commence on March 31, 2015 and it was agreed that the company would deliver a performance guarantee as security that was to remain valid and enforceable until completion of the project.

He also claimed that as part of

the terms of the agreement, it was agreed that Heptagon Civils would obtain and secure liability insurance cover for the duration of the fulfilment of the contract.

The company was to also secure and make available the required plant and machinery to carry out the said works in fulfilment of the contract and also allow the council access to the site.

"The applicant duly performed and complied with its obligations and submitted the guarantee and security for the required execution of works, duly provided the insurance cover and duly submitted the initial programme on how the construction works would be carried out in terms of clause 5.6 and it was approved by the respondent," Nkambule said.

Nkambule claimed that the municipal council breached the agreement and did not allow his company the right to have access to the site and terminated the agreement without lawful excuse.

He claimed that his company attempted to exercise its rights, in terms of the contract, to report the matter to an arbitration body, but the council refused to attend.

He has submitted that he was seeking a court order compelling the council to submit to arbitration as per the contract.

He alleged that the company first attempted to settle the matter amicably with the council but it did not receive cooperation.

He claimed that the company incurred costs as a result of the delays. The matter is pending before court.

Wanted American drug dealer arrested at Ezulwini

By Linda Jele
Mbabane

THE Royal Swaziland Police Service arrested an American man who allegedly fled from his home country after he had been charged for possession of drugs.

David Alandt from Houston was arrested by Mbabane Police who reacted on information and request by the International Police Organisation (INTERPOL) that he should be arrested on sight.

He was arrested while at the United States of America embassy to process some documentation in relation to his passport. However, he had not known that a red notice and a warrant of arrest had been issued against him.

It was reported that Alandt had been arrested in September 2015 in US but later released on bail. It was alleged that he escaped his home country and failed to appear before a court on September 24, 2015.

According to the warrant of arrest issued by the Saline County Court, Arkansas, Alandt who was also known as Shakes Piper McGee, was arrested for possession of more than 400 pounds of dagga which he intended to deliver at a certain destination.

The large amount of dagga was allegedly discovered in a truck where he was a passenger during a traffic stop. The offence carries a possible sentence of 30 years upon conviction, it was stated.



FUGITIVE: United States of America's wanted man David Alandt poses to have his picture taken by a police officer at the Mbabane Magistrate's Court after his appearance. (Pic:Linda Jele)

It was reported that the United States of America had last traced Alandt to the Republic of South Africa. In June, the US Department of Justice wrote a letter to the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development in Pretoria South Africa, requesting that Alandt should provisionally be arrested for purposes of being extradited to the US to face his offence.

In June, he was believed to be staying in Johannesburg. "He was free on bail and fled the United States. He remains a flight risk in South Africa and he has recently been located and it is urgent that he be apprehended before he takes flight again," read the letter. The South African police were also instructed to seize any objects of

value, or documents to be found in the possession of Alandt. This, it was ordered, would include electronic devices such as laptops, computers, cell phones and notebooks, which might be related to the offence for which extradition is sought and to be handed over to the United States of America authorities.

However, Alandt managed to cross into the country before South African police could trace him. According to inside sources, he was arrested while at the United States embassy to fix his passport.

However, while being attended to, the application crashed indicating that Alandt was a wanted fugitive. He yesterday appeared before Mbabane Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabaŋsi and was charged with contempt of court for escaping trial in the United States of America.

Nhlabaŋsi remanded him back into custody of His Majesty's Correctional Services pending trial. She also said he would be extradited to the United States of America to face his offence.

Alandt used a replacement passport to evade trial. According to documents forwarded to the Republic of South Africa, after his release on bail he left Texas Airport on September 24, 2015 and travelled to Switzerland then went to South Africa.

It was alleged that when he was arrested he was found with the dagga, cash amounting to US\$30 000 and his passport.

Quantum rolls with 15 U-Tech pupils

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

ABOUT 15 pupils of U-tech High School survived an accident when the Quantum they were travelling in overturned on Wednesday.

The accident occurred along Big-Bend-Jabula road when the Quantum burst one of its tyres.

The bursting of the tyre is said to have been

caused by the pothole-filled road which has become a nightmare to motorists. The Quantum thereafter overturned once, with some of the pupils sustaining minor bruises.

The driver of the Quantum, Bongani Velaphi Shongwe was subsequently arrested and charged with negligent driving.

Falling

He was said to have driven the motor vehicle inconsiderate of the road condition and hence failing to avoid an accident.

He was also said to have been driving at high speed and failed to apply brakes

timeously. The driver pleaded guilty to the charge while conducting his own defence.

He was accordingly found guilty by the court and was sentenced to two years imprisonment with an option to pay E2 800 fine.

Shongwe managed to pay the fine yesterday after already spending a night at Big Bend correctional facility.

Hacked

Meanwhile, Sanele Dlamini who allegedly hacked another man with a chain-saw on his cheek was finally granted bail of E500.

Dlamini reportedly committed the crime while at Prince Phiwokwakhe's home, at Lugongolweni where he was employed as a ground man.

He is alleged to have hacked his fellow workmate after returning from a drinking spree.

The incident occurred last month.

The crown has since told the court that the complainant has fully recovered from his injuries.



To give option of fine to dagga dealers or not?

By Linda Jele
High Court

High Court judges have raised concern on the alarming increase of dagga cases and consider not imposing an option to pay a fine for offenders.

The Judges, Nkululeko Hlophe, Muncy Dlamini and Titus Mlangeni were presiding over a review application by 13 people sentenced for being found in possession of dagga.

They were sentenced by the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court on separate occasions to sentences ranging from three years without the option to pay a fine while others were given fine options of up to E15 000 instead of serving a custodial sentence.

The dagga dealers and merchants were arrested by police on different occasions, some were found in their homesteads and others nabbed whilst carrying the illegal substance.

A number of the suspects were teenagers and their lawyer Sabelo 'Chicken' Dlamini had an uphill battle convincing the judges to change the sentences or impose light ones.

Judge Mlangeni said it should be considered that a number of wars flaring up in different parts of the country were as a result of the illegal substance.

"People are killed or maimed. What kind of society are we going to be? Isn't it about time to give prominence to general deterrent? We are in a crisis. Shouldn't we take drastic measures to save this country from going to the dogs, just because of dagga?" Judge Mlangeni wondered.

The lawyer was arguing that the magistrates had approached sentencing with anger, which was in law not allowed.

He further submitted that the trial courts had failed to consider personal circumstances of the convicts, such as the youthfulness and that some of them were orphaned and did not have decent education.

However, Judge Hlophe asked if the lawyer was suggesting the youth had dealt in the illegal substance because they did not have decent education.

Judge Dlamini stated that the sentences imposed by the Magistrate's Courts were within the accepted range. She also stated that the Magistrate's Courts had considered the personal circumstances of the convicts and the prevalence of the crime, especially in the Northern Hhohho region.

She also noted that a number of pupils in the Northern Hhohho region left school just to engage in the trade of dagga.

The judges asked if the courts should fold their arms when the country was being destroyed by the trade.

Four of the suspects were rounded up at their homestead. However, each one of them was found with dagga consignments in their respective rooms. The suspects also included females aged between 21 and 30. Judgment in the matter was reserved.

NDZ CONSULTING WINS AGAINST 140 WORKERS

By Linda Jele
Industrial Court

LABOUR broker NDZ Consulting has won an order to bar over 140 workers from entering their workplace after they protested and demanded dismissal of two managers.

The consulting company took its 140 employees contracted to SAWCO Mining Timber to the Industrial Court after they allegedly engaged in a protest action demanding that two allegedly abusive managers should be dismissed with immediate effect.

It has been alleged that the employees, who were engaged by the labour broker to work at the timber company, were complaining that the managers were very abusive, caused loss to the company and ill-treated employees.

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2016 demanding removal of the supervisors. He said a meeting was convened with management following the

grievances raised and the labour department was invited. Thereafter the parties agreed that another meeting would be held on July 25 and the employees were directed to put in writing all their concerns. However, Ngcamphalala alleged, the employees failed to put them in writing

before the next meeting. He said this resulted in the meeting postponed by about two weeks.

"On Tuesday July 26, despite the agreement to have the meeting postponed to August 2, the employees commenced an illegal work stoppage. They clocked in at 7am as usual, but instead of proceeding to various work stations, congregated within the client's premises where they held a meeting. After their meeting, they approached the client's management team and indicated they were not going to commence work unless advised that the employees complained of were removed from employment," Ngcamphalala said.

He claimed that the employees contracted under NDZ Consulting failed to listen to management to work and police officers were called. However the employees allegedly ran in different directions which made it difficult for police officers to control them in fear they might damage property. As the police wanted to remove them from the premises, they threatened the law enforces with violence.

Ngcamphalala said the police seized to control them in fear they might damage the company's vehicles.

He claimed that the employees had threatened the management and other staff members with violence and caused them to stop working. The timber company, he alleged, was now failing to continue with work and making a loss. He argued that the strike action was unlawful.

He said the matter was urgent because the employees continued to remain at the company's premises and threatened to destroy the company's tools.

Industrial Court Judge Nkosinathi Nkonyane issued an interim order barring the employees and their representatives from entering the SAWCO premises.

They were also ordered to remain at least 200 metres away from the company until they have been advised otherwise by NDZ Consulting. The matter is pending before court.

Komati Basin Water Authority



NOTE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE PASSING ON OF MRS SUSAN HINDLEY



The Joint Water Commission (South Africa and Swaziland), Board of Directors, Management and Staff of the Komati Basin Water Authority (KOBWA) convey their heartfelt sympathy to family and friends of Mrs Susan Hindley who passed away on 25 July 2016. Mrs Hindley joined KOBWA's finance unit in August 1995. She has worked diligently and competently for the organisation and she was Finance Manager at the time of her demise.

She will be remembered for her friendliness and hard work.

May she rest in eternal peace.

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Persons with disabilities deserve equal rights - CANGO

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

DESPITE efforts by the Government of Swaziland to improve and enable conducive environment for children living with disabilities to live in, they continue to face serious barriers to accessing services their able bodied peers tend to access.

This is according to CANGO and Greater Hope.

Coordinating Assembly of Non-Governmental Organisations (CANGO) and Greater Hope will today host an awareness day at Ekwetsembeni Primary School to sensitise and educate the public about equal rights that children with disability deserve. The event is financially supported by USAID and PEPFAR.

Sipho Dlamini, Greater Hope Director, said efforts such as the establishment of special schools, the introduction of free primary education, the introduction of inclusive education, the passing of the Children's Protection

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and Welfare Act Of 2012, the draft disability policy, the upholding of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the education and training sector policy were some initiatives that the government implemented in years gone by.

He said one broad barrier faced by children living with disabilities results from the ways most people misunderstand disability.

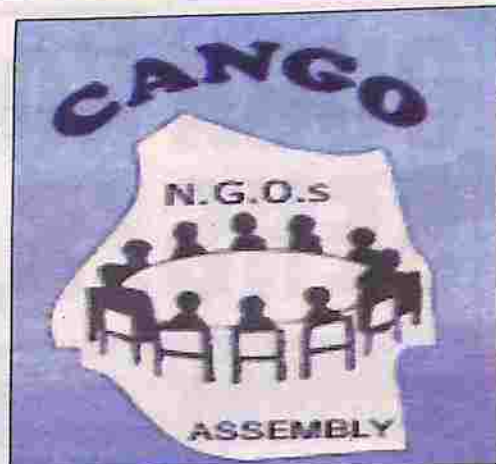
He said it was mostly rife in the school environment where teachers and fellow pupils exposed children with disabilities to unnecessary stigmatisation that deprived them to equal opportunity to take part fully in all aspects of life.

"Socially society impose that having a disability implies there is some functional limitation that immediately sidelines a child living

with disability from participating in day-to-day activities, making it difficult for the child to use he/her ability to achieve their uttermost potential in life," said Dlamini.

He said accepting and accommodating children living with disabilities would significantly reduce the effects of disability.

"If the social and environmental barriers were eliminated, children living with disabilities would have a more realistic opportunity of living equally alongside non-disabled peers. Understanding disability and actively discouraging stigmatisation regarding children with disabilities as needing charity but to rather view them as people with equal rights may be rightly communicated by the relevant people concerned in affirming that children with disabilities are full members of society



who have important contributions to make to their families and communities".

Today's project is to engage children with disabilities in the special schools in Swaziland to discuss the barriers they face on a daily basis while they attend school resulting in the poor outcome results of their education.

"The objective goal is breaking barriers by advocating for access to quality education, build self advocates amongst children with disabilities, to build the capacity of community based organisations to advocate for policy change and demand for increased national budget in the implementation of inclusive education in Swaziland. It is to highlight the negative consequences of not investing in special education for children with disabilities," he said.

Senior citizen refuses to see any development

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

LAND disputes between Mpolonjeni and Ndzangu chiefdoms have seen development being delayed as some projects have been stalled due to the existing differences between residents of the two areas.

One such project which has been stalled is a dipping tank which is supposed to have already been constructed at Mpolonjeni.

A senior citizen of Ndzangu area is being accused of standing on the way of the project as he claims the land on which the dip tank has been allocated belongs to the Ndzangu Chiefdom.

Initially, the Mpolonjeni umphakatsi had identified land along the boundary separating the two chiefdoms and set it aside for the

construction of the dip tank.

The allocation of the land was also endorsed by the regional development office and the ministry of agriculture. However, the said senior citizen challenged the allocation of the dip tank on the identified land, saying it belonged to him.

The elderly man also stated in no uncertain terms that the only people who would instruct him to vacate the piece of land were the Ndzangu traditional leaders, and not Mpolonjeni.

The standoff has seen the project being delayed for almost a year as the man remains adamant he would not move an inch from the land earmarked for the development.

He also claims to be using the same land for farming as he alleges it was rightfully allocated to him by the traditional authorities.

A member of the Mpolonjeni inner council who identified himself only as Mamba con-

firmed that the authorities were having difficulty to implement the project due to the said challenges.

Mamba stated that they were currently engaging the Ndzangu umphakatsi and the man who claims to own the land.

"Apparently there have always been disputes between the two chiefdoms, and this is delaying development in many ways," said Mamba.

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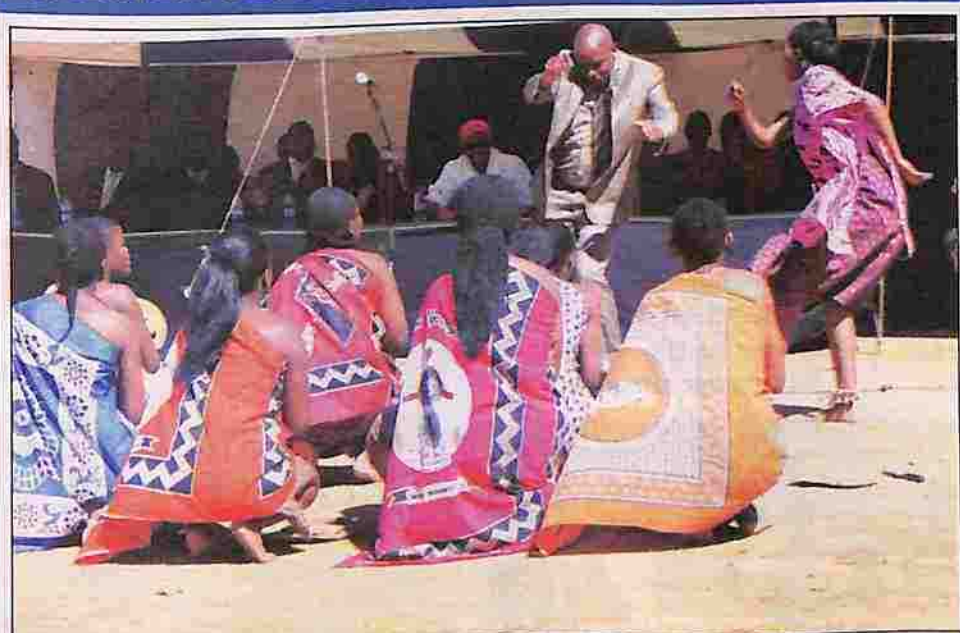
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MINISTER COMMISSSIONS E2M WATER PROJECT



GROOVE: Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development Mduzuli 'Small Joe' Dlamini in full swing while the Kwaluseni youth showcased their dancing skills during the water project commissioning ceremony at Kwaluseni. (Pic: Gugu Simelane)

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CUBA NORA BOSS BACK TO HIS SENSES, OPENS CAFE AGAIN

● He recalled his employees he had sent home on Wednesday when he lost his cool and closed the café without any clear reason apart from that it was his thus he reserved the right to do as he pleased

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza
Mbabane

The controversial Cuba Nora boss Irvin Peterson has opened the café again.

He recalled his employees he had sent home on Wednesday when he lost his cool and closed the café without any clear reason apart from that it

was his thus he reserved the right to do as he pleased.

Peterson reportedly called his employees back to work and later apologised to them, for his wayward behaviour. When this café was visited yesterday, it was operating and some of the employees were present, continuing with their respective duties as if nothing had happened.

However, Peterson was nowhere to

be seen, unlike most of the time where he is seen loitering around his café barking orders.

For most of the employees circumstances made them return to work, as they needed the job after all. "If we had other job offers we would not be here because this man is abusive and takes us for fools, because he thinks he is a demigod, the ill-treatment is too much," one of them said. The

employees said he likes to order them around as if he owns them and takes decisions as his moods permits.

"He is too moody, and can realise mood swings in a second thus cause havoc in his wake. But then when he has finally learnt to calm down, we are left picking the pieces and answering questions posed by the customers," another added.

Peterson is said to be throwing his

tantrums every time business goes bad, as he gets so angry and wants to close the shop.

"Usually he threatens to close the shop when customers stop coming in, starts to yell at us and we are left confused of the next move," the employees said.

Most of the employees also said they would be long gone if it was not for Peterson's wife Danna, who usually calms things when the situation spirals out of control.

Irvin closed his shop for a while on Wednesday evening, telling his employees to come back today.

He stated in an interview that he needed sometime out to heal but did not say from what exactly.

"I have a right to close my shop for a day or two, just to heal myself and no one will tell me otherwise," he said on the day.

He added he would pay his employees today, as he usually does.

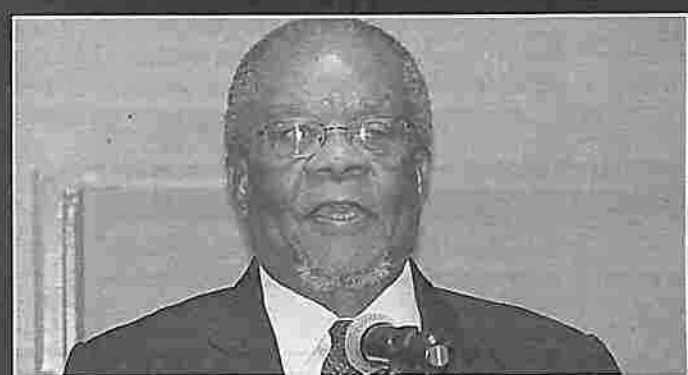
PM speaks highly of SNAIP

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu
Ezulwini

PRIME Minister Sibusiso Dlamini says the Swaziland National Agriculture Investment Plan (SNAIP) is a significant milestone in rolling out the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP).

He said this followed a number of African Union Declarations under CAADP, with the most recent being the Malabo Declaration of 2014, which focused on an accelerated development and transformation of agriculture sectors.

"His Majesty's Government actively embraced the CAADP Compact in 2010, following engagement with our private sector, including farmers, as well as regional and international bodies, and countries with which Swaziland had, and still has, friendly relations. The output from the ongoing partnership, created within the Compact, is



WORD OF ADVICE: Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini addressing participants at the SNAIP Investment Plan High Level Meeting held yesterday at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre, Ezulwini yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

SNAIP, a 10-year investment plan."

The prime minister was speaking during the SNAIP Investment Plan High Level Meeting held at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre.

He said areas addressed by SNAIP were consistent with the CAADP

pillars, as well as with the National Development Strategy and Poverty Reduction Strategy.

The prime minister expressed deep appreciation for the support of development partners including the New Partnership for Africa's

Development Planning and Coordination Agency, the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, the European Union and the Food and Agricultural Organisation for the validation exercise culminated in the Independent Technical Review and the recommendations which were presented yesterday.

"I also thank our local stakeholders, farmers' organisations, non-governmental organisations, parliamentarians, and the private sector generally for their participation in the preparation of the plan," he said. The Investment Plan aims at positioning the sector towards sustained transformational growth and development that will lead to wealth creation.

The plan has five programmes being sustainable natural resources management, improved access to market and value chains, food supply and reducing hunger, agricultural research, extension, training and education, and institutional strengthening and knowledge management. Its implementation began last year and would go up to 2025.

Banks want to visit workplaces for product advertisement

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

BANKS and other financial institutions are insisting on being given an opportunity to go to workplaces to sell their products.

The credit providers have made their voices known after they learned that Section 105 (3) of the Consumer Credit Bill of 2015 disallows them to make visits to their potential clients' workplaces.

Section 105 (3) of the Bill says: "A credit provider shall not visit a place of employment of a person for the purpose of inducing the person to apply for or obtain credit, whether or not by invitation from the employer or representative trade union."

The financial institutions have voiced out their dissatisfaction with this subsection.

Institutions like First National Bank (FNB) and the Swaziland Development Finance Corporation believe there should be no restrictions in this subsection.

FNB is of the view that the engagement of prospective customers by credit providers through employers or unions has been effective in supporting legitimate and above-board credit sales. The bank is also of the view that such practice allowed for the negotiation of preferential lending rates for consumers.

"Engagements, especially for banks, have been strictly on voluntary basis and as part of sales campaigns covering other non-credit products like transactional services and savings products," reads part of the argument presented by the bank. The bank then recommended that there should be no restriction in this subsection.

"The attendance of such sales meetings is voluntary and for the purposes of sharing the product information, we do not believe there should be a restriction," says the recommendation by FNB.

FINCORP is also of the view that there should be no restrictions in the subsections. Their proposed wording that should substitute the subsection is: "A credit provider shall not visit a place of employment of a person for the purpose of inducing the person to apply for or obtain credit not unless the visit or from the employees has been authorised by the employer." FINCORP believes such a practice of visiting potential clients promoted access to credit for consumers.

EU LOOKS FORWARD TO SWIFT RATIFICATION OF SADC EU EPA

EUROPEAN Union Swaziland Head of Cooperation Ariane Labat says the EU looks forward to the swift ratification and implementation of the SADC EU economic partnership agreement signed in June 2016.

Labat represented EU Ambassador Nicola Bellomo during the Swaziland National Agriculture Investment Plan High Level Meeting held at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre.

She said this was essential for the Swaziland agriculture sector, "not only will it secure the duty free quota access to EU markets for Swaziland exports like sugar; moreover it is also an opportunity to develop further the agriculture value chain from vegetables, fruits, beef and the transformed products." She said the EU had made available building support to enable the EPA implementation. The EU committed around E600 million in the agriculture sector under the 11th EDF, which also

reflected in the SNAIP.

"The EU is particularly appreciating the work which has started on the ground with the horticulture and high value crops programme 15 million euro support (around E235.5 million), the identification of sites for the water harvesting programme is ongoing 14 million euro support (around E219.8 million) and the preparation of the investment in livestock is ongoing.

Expectations

The EU has great expectations from the implementation of these three pillars of the 11th EDF support to Swaziland agriculture, a sector we believe as excellent potential to deliver economic opportunities, jobs and food for the most vulnerable population," said Labat. Food and Agricultural Organisation representative Chimimba Phiri and Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa Dr. Mphumuzi Sukati also presented submissions on behalf of their entities during the meeting.



LOOKING FORWARD: European Union Swaziland Head of Cooperation Ariane Labat also had something to say.



REMARKS: FAO Subregional Coordinator for Southern Africa Chimimba David Phiri making his remarks.



PARTICIPANTS: A section of the stakeholders and partners who attended the meeting.

MINISTER JABULILE COMMISSIONS E2M MBIKWAKWE WATER PROJECT

Stories by Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

The Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama has commissioned a E2 million water project at Mbikwakhe under Kwaluseni Inkhundla.

The E2 million water project will benefit about 800 homesteads and businesses and about 1 800 people at Mbikwakhe availing portable water for domestic, institutional and commercial consumption.

The project started in 2010 and it was carried out by Micro Projects. The water project has been segmented into four phases and the Mbikwakhe water project is the first phase to be completed.

The seven kilometre pipeline is fed from Manzini-Matsapha water supply, Logoba Reservoir, drawing water from the Lusushwane River.

The minister said the community of Mbikwakhe should be aware that water drives the economy and is essential for human survival and environmental sustainability.

"Without a steady supply of portable water, little development if any, can take place in the



GIVE US WATER: Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama flanked by Tinkhundla Administration and Development Minister Mduduzi Dlamini and Kwaluseni MP Mkhosi Dlamini during the water project commissioning ceremony at Kwaluseni. (Pic Gugu Simelane)

constituencies and the country at large. It is worth noting that this initiative resonates with His Majesty's Vision 2022 for increased water supply coverage and Goal number 6 of the Global Goals for Sustainable Development," she said.

The minister said the successful completion of the project is a true demonstration that collaborative efforts yield greater results. She said the active involvement of all stakeholders from the financier to the beneficiaries contributed to what

has made the water project to be a success.

"The ministry extends appreciation to the Swaziland Water Services Corporation, Micro-Projects Coordinating Unit and the Mbikwakhe community for ensuring that this project becomes a reality," she said. Mashwama further warned the community to use the water efficiently.

"The onus is on every single member of the Mbikwakhe community to ensure that the

infrastructure is not vandalized and that the water is used wisely. Small individual acts of change aimed at water conservation can make a significant positive impact. Water is a way of life, one that does not require a major change in a person's lifestyle," he said.

She encouraged the community to report water leaks and be responsible. She said each community member should monitor the other and make sure no one wastes water.

Mashwama further warned against illegal water connections, warning the residents that the risk when caught to have committed the crime of illegal connection is greater than just paying a water bill. Kwaluseni Member of Parliament Mkhosi Dlamini thanked government for enabling the success of the water project. He further commended the community members for their active role since the project was first started in 2010. "I believe that the all the three other projects will be successful as this one. We are hoping that the project will not only stop here at Kwaluseni but will move to Ludzidelu and Zombodze" he said.

... 'Small Joe' happy
for Kwaluseni people

Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development Mduduzi 'Small-Joe' Dlamini congratulated the community for the water project.

"The cooperation of the community is evident through the success of the project. The people of Mbikwakhe invested money and time and it has finally paid off," he said. Dlamini further congratulated the Kwaluseni Inkhundla for having a very active MP who did everything he could to have the project completed. He further encouraged the community to conserve the water as it is a scarce resource nowadays.

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Joint House for Pharmacy Bill

By Sabatha Dlamini
Lobamba

ATTORNEY General Majahenkhaba Dlamini told members of the House of Assembly that it would be grossly irresponsible of them to use their majority over Senate on the Pharmacy Bill in total disregard of the consequences of their decision.

Dlamini was advising the members after it became apparent the presiding officers would have to convene a joint sitting to decide a clause in the Bill in which the House and Senate differed.

Kubuta MP Njabulo Mabuza moved a motion calling upon the House to adopt the ministry of health portfolio committee on the message from Senate on the Medicines and Related Substances Control Bill of 2014 and the Pharmacy Bill also of 2014.

Mabuza told his colleagues that Senate refused to enact a law that would allow for any interested investor to venture into the pharmacy business. Senate supported the current legislative status that only professional pharmacists should be allowed to open and run a pharmacy business. MP Mabuza's motion was seconded by Madlangempisi MP Bongani Mdluli who said they found the decision by Senate weird. MP Mdluli said the House of Assembly was of the view that pharmacy was a business and it should be opened to very

It is expected to decide on a contentious clause that the two chambers are differing on



MOTION: Kubuta MP Njabulo Mabuza and Madlangempisi MP Bongani Mdluli.

interested investors, with conditions though that those embarking on it should hire professional pharmacists. The attorney general argued that this was a different form of business, a controlled industry that required only those well trained in it to venture into businesses of that type.

Dlamini wondered how a director of a pharmacy would even comprehend the advice given to them by the employed pharmacists as per the argument of most MPs.

A clueless investor who only had money, Dlamini said, would be uncontrollable if allowed to venture into this business. The Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane said all health workers, doctors, nurses and pharmacists were easy to control

because they were registered and licenced, arguing that the pharmacy business was better left in the hands of those professionals.

In the event they flouted ethics, leading to the death of a person, the minister said it was easy to met disciplinary measures on them by simply revoking their licenses.

The MPs disagreed, advancing their own arguments and ultimately threatening that they would have things their way in the joint sitting because they had the numbers which senate did not have.

That is what made the attorney general to warn them against using their majority power to subject the entire population at risk in the hands of non-pharmacists investors.



PUBLIC WARNING - INSTANT GROUP

It has been brought to the attention of the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) that there is an entity called Instant Group which purports to provide stock exchange and FOREX services, and has been marketing their products in the Kingdom of Swaziland, yet it is not authorized to provide such services. The members of the public are advised that in terms of Section 35(1) of the Financial Services Authority Act, 2010, "A person shall not provide, purport to provide or hold himself or herself out as being able or authorized to provide financial services in Swaziland unless that person is an authorized financial services provider under this Part, or as otherwise permitted in this Act".

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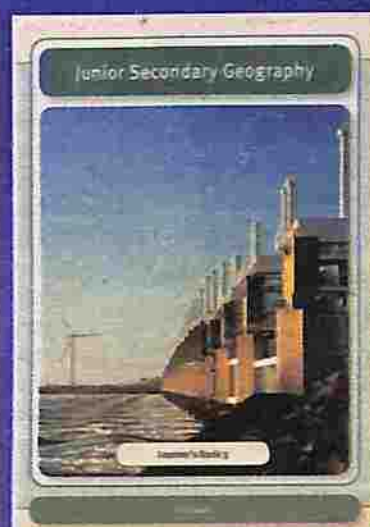
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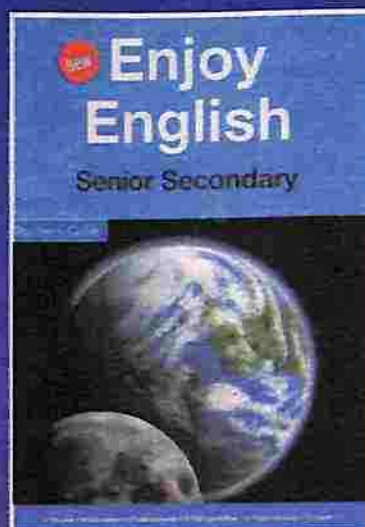
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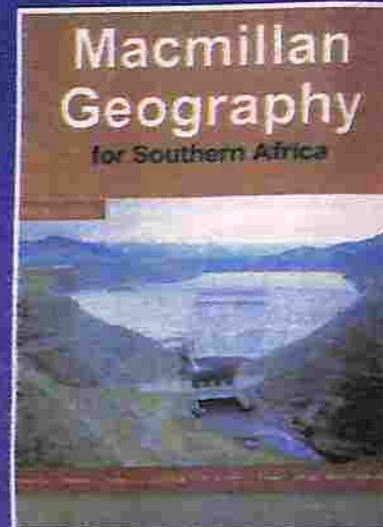
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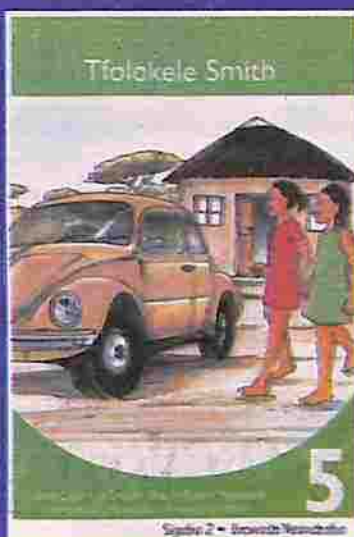
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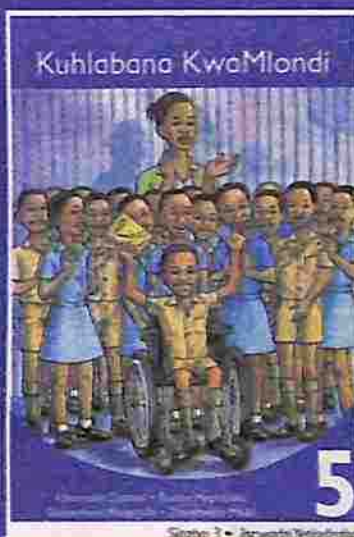
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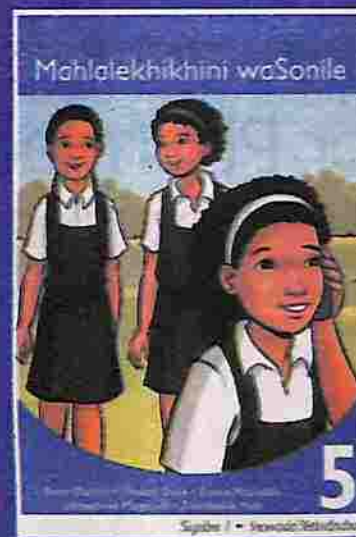
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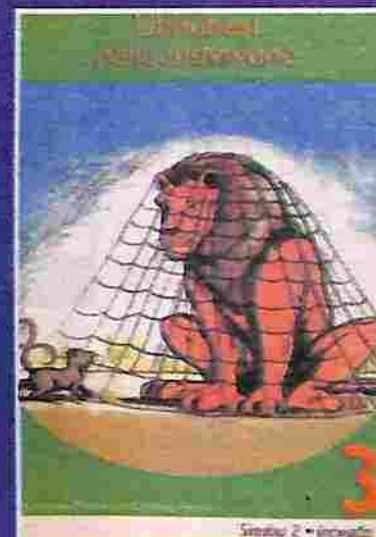
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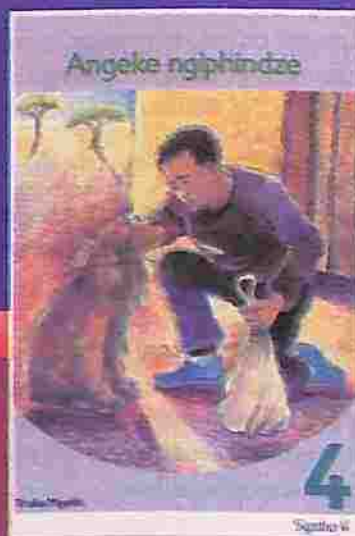
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Minister, Senator Gama almost come to blows

By Sabatha Dlamini
Lobamba

AN innocent joke by Health Minister Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane landed herself into deep trouble with her colleague Senator Lungile Gama.

An extremely angry Senator Gama almost manhandled the minister recently in full view of the members inside the upper legislative chamber.

Senate President Gelane Zwane said had it not been for their timely intervention, the worst could have happened to the cabinet minister.

The minister herself confirmed the skirmish.

Interviewed on how she found herself at loggerheads with the senator, the minister became emotional but, nonetheless, explained that the female senators usually occupied the front row in the chamber but on the particular day they had to pave way for cabinet ministers and took the back seats. Subsequently, the minister said, President Zwane did not see the female senators in their usual position and enquired where they were?

Without any malicious intent whatsoever, the minister said she remarked that "they had gone in search for men", merely cracking a joke in reference to them taking up the seats next to the male senators at the back row, most of them being chiefs.

Senator Gama reportedly took offence and bayed for the blood of the minister, threatening to skin her alive, arguing what would become of her should her husband hear that she went to Senate for male suitors as implied

● Bone of contention was a joke passed by the health minister that suggested Senator Lungile Gama and other female senators had gone looking for men

by the minister.

"I apologised and I don't understand why the matter should be brought up now. Do you have an agenda against me?" retorted the minister emotionally. An explanation that the matter was of public interest made her hot under the collar and, with a raised voice, stated she was at peace with Senator Gama; adding that she recently attended a meeting with her and there was no fuss.

President Zwane said the situation almost got out of hand, sparking a deep hatred between the minister, the senator and, subsequently, their colleagues who were on the side of Senator Gama.

Letting the cat out of the bag, Zwane said this was the source of the bad blood between the minister and some senators, leading to accusations of

favouritism levelled against the minister in respect of external trip allocations to senators. Zwane herself was accused of biasness in allocating the trips but she distanced herself.

"I'm not the one who decides which senator the minister should travel with. The minister makes her own choices," said Zwane.

Zwane further said with regard to the recently undertaken Durban trip to attend an HIV/AIDS Conference by the minister, she couldn't risk allowing the minister to travel with Senator Gama.

Zwane said the relationship between the minister and Gama has deteriorated to the level whereby allowing them to travel together could result to untold consequences.

"There is no way I could have made that mistake of allowing them to travel together, lest the minister of the crown is thrown out the window of a flying plane," emphasised Zwane.

She said although the minister apologised to the senator in her office, she

noted that the hatred between the two was still boiling and therefore was best for the minister to keep a safe distance from the aggrieved senator.

Asked on why the minister did not select any other member from her portfolio committee members, Zwane insisted it all depended on the minister's choice and, if she chose Senator Bonsile Mngomezulu, there was no way she could have interfered with that decision despite being a presiding officer.

The minister, however, denied that Senator Mngomezulu was selected by herself to attend the trip.

She said the United Nations agencies that sponsored all the legislators were doing that on their own accord and they made their choices independently of her.

The minister emphasised she led a delegation of only two officers to the Durban trip in South

Africa. Senator

Mngomezulu also dismissed the accusations against the minister as unnecessary in that she was not chosen by her, nor was she sponsored by government.



INNOCENTLY: Health Minister Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane.

NOT HAPPY: Senator Lungile Gama.

Chief-in-waiting worried by delay

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlangano

DUMISANI Dlamini, the man believed to be the chief-in-waiting for Mbabala area in the Shiselweni region, has admitted that he was now concerned over the delay of his installation.

The last time Mbabala had a ruler was nearly 46 years ago and that was Chief Phufela who after his demise in 1970, the family up to this day has been unable to

have the candidate picked to be the next leader.

This is apparently due to a number of factors like an alleged squabble within the ruling household.

Dlamini, a teacher by profession who it is alleged completed all the necessary rituals and other processes to have him appointed as the next ruler to succeed Phufela has revealed that it was also frustrating to him to see the area being leaderless.

Dlamini who had even been christened 'Chief Gwayisa' when he was paraded to the community

way back in 1996 told this newspaper that he was not pushing anyone to have the process of installing him as the next leader in the area but he was concerned about the lack of development in the community.

He said all this was as a result of the fact that the relevant structures such as development committees did not exist or were not properly in place.

He said what was also worrying was that even the family members with all the background in the selecting of the rulers in the area were now perishing.

"What worries me much is the lack of development.

There is development enjoyed by the neighbouring communities but it is a different story with us. As an area we have been left out in a number of things and it is because we don't have a leader," said Dlamini.

Meanwhile, the late Chief Phufela's wife Inkhosikati LaNdlangamandla who also is supporting the appointment of 'Chief Gwayisa as the next ruler, is now bedridden.

She has on numerous occasions enquired as to what was now delaying the process as she too long endorsed 'Gwayisa' as the one to succeed her late husband.

Showcase country during SADC Summit - Minister

By Sabatha Dlamini
Manzini

TINKHUNDLA Administration and Development Minister Mduduzi Dlamini said every Swazi should strive to portray a good image of the country, especially during the upcoming Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) meeting.

Addressing small business people from 16 constituency centres in the Manzini region, Dlamini said the nation stood to reap huge benefits economically if the image of the country was portrayed positively.

He said small businesses relied heavily on the availability of markets and those much-needed markets could easily be provided by visitors who would be attracted into the country only if the citizens conducted themselves perfectly well.

The ministry had organised a mini regional trade fair which Dlamini said was a build-up to the international trade fair set for next month.

The SADC Heads of States Summit would start on August 22, 2016 and it would coincide with the annual international trade fair and the popular Umhlanga Reed Dance.

The minister said his ministry was yet to conduct the same mini-trade fair in the other regions of the country.

The ultimate goal for the ministry, Dlamini said, was to ensure people created jobs for themselves using their respective talents and skills, to ultimately put food on the table in every household.

Aspires

Dlamini said this was in line with His Majesty King Mswati III's Vision 2022, a period in which the nation aspires to become a first world country.

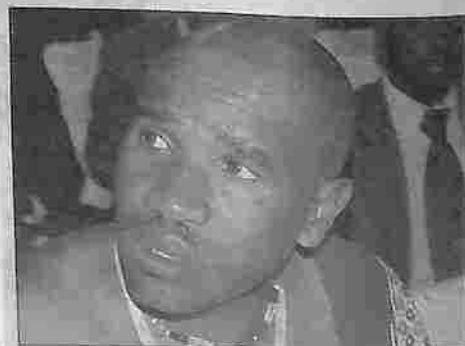
To achieve that goal, Dlamini said citizens should rid themselves of laziness.

Manzini North Member of Parliament Jan Sithole expressed similar sentiments. Speaking on behalf of the region's MPs, Sithole said the nation could not afford to fold its arms and decry the closer or non opening of new firms, especially in the textile sector.

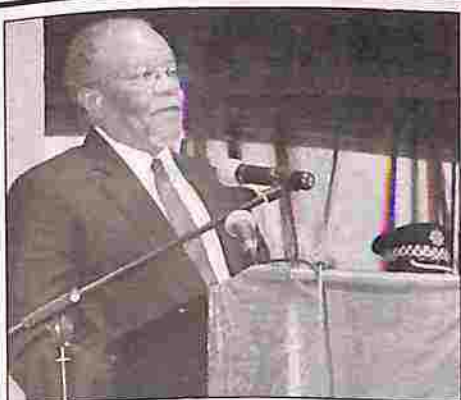
He said because people had been blessed with various skills and talents with which they could utilise to earn a decent living, it was imperative the country focused on that aspect of development.

He said one sure way in which a nation could eradicate poverty was through hard work.

Sithole said the focus now should be on opening local and even international markets for Swazi home-grown products. Those involved in small and medium enterprises, Sithole said, could end up being employers themselves if properly groomed.



GOOD IMAGE: Minister Mduduzi Dlamini.



ADDRESS: Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini addressing guests and participants during the SNAIP Investment Plan High Level meeting held at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre, Ezulwini yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



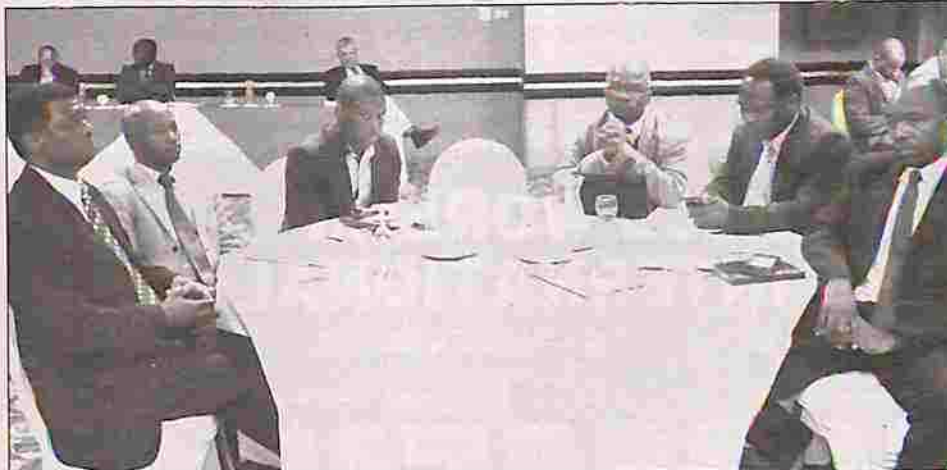
GOOD TO MEET YOU: Prime Minister meeting Qatar Ambassador to Swaziland Yousef Bin Mohammed Yousef Al-Mahmoud while African Development Bank Chief Agricultural Economist Alberto Mendes and WFP Country Director in Swaziland look on.



CHIT CHAT: Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini sharing a light moment with legislators Titus Thwala, Johane Shongwe, Joseph Souza and PS Emmanuel Dlamini on his arrival.



YOU SEE: Micro Finance Unit Director David Myeni sharing some thoughts with Dalcru General Manager Simanga Simelane.



ALSO THERE: Government, parastatals and the private sector were also represented at the high level meeting.



HEY: Senator Ndumiso Mdluli and Phil Mnisi were also among those present.



The European Union



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The Imprest Administrator Technical Cooperation Facility (TCF), Aid Coordination and Management Section, Ministry of Economic Planning and Development, on behalf of the National Authorising Officer of the European Development Fund (EDF), invite applications for the utilisation of the Conferences, Seminars and Training Facility under the Government of Swaziland/European Union TCF.

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Please Note: All applications should be submitted in 1 Original and 3 Copies

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MBABANE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CONSULTANCY TO FACILITATE THE REVIEW OF THE MUNICIPALITY'S INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP)

The Municipal Council of Mbabane is in the process of reviewing its Integrated Development Plan (IDP) to ensure its relevance thus enhancing effective and efficient service delivery whilst stimulating further development in the City.

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Proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes and deposited into the Tender Box located next to the Council's revenue offices at the following address;

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P.O. Box 1 Civic Offices, Mahlokohla Street
Mbabane

Not later than 12:00hrs on Friday 12th August, 2016 at which time the technical proposals will be opened in public. On the outside of the envelope shall be clearly marked:

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(Not to be opened until 12 noon, Friday 12th August, 2016)

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH FINALLY INTRODUCES STAFFING NORMS

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

THE ministry of health, through support from the World Health Organisation (WHO) and CHAI, has completed and introduced the staffing norms which were disseminated to stakeholders at Mountain Inn on Wednesday.

The process of developing the staffing norms began in 2012 and has been a journey aimed at introducing the science of recruiting health professionals. Staffing norms, alongside other important documents, will help to determine the number of workers required by each cadre (skill mix) for the health sector to



CHANGE: WHO Health and Promotions Officer Kevin Makadzange, Ministry of Health Under Secretary Simon Kunene and Grace Namagada following proceedings during the introduction of staffing norms conference. (Pics: Gugu Simelane)

carry out its mandate, which is to provide health services to the public.

The staffing norms will help the ministry of health to justify requests for new positions

from the ministry of public service. It will also be used for planning and prioritising on staff recruitment, staff deployment, training and performance monitoring.



MY VIEW: Ministry of Health HR Thabsile Simelane making her remarks during the meeting.

Different health facilities were visited during the development of the staffing norms to ascertain the number of health workers in each one of them.

The visited health facilities include among others, Dvokolwako, Emkhuzweni, Matsanjeni, Sithobela and Nhlanguano Health Centres, Mankayane, Pigg's Peak and Mbabane Government Hospitals, Siteki Public Health Unit and some clinics in the regions.

Methods

Human Resources Officer within the ministry of health Thabsile Simelane, who was part of the team, explained that the staffing norms used scientific methods, workload-based norms, nurse and patient ratios as well as doctor and nurse ratios, which were applied uniformly across the sector.

She told the gathering comprising officers from the ministry of public service and other stakeholders that when developing the staffing norms, they looked at 18 cadres including medical officers, specialists, single and double qualified nurses, nursing assistants, dental surgeons, dental therapists, radiographers, sonographers, darkroom attendants, pharmacy assistants, lab assistants and adherence support, to name but a few.

Budget

Speaking during the launch of the staffing norms, Health Under Secretary Simon Kunene stated that the ministry was now preparing for the next financial year and in the budget there was the HR component, hence the staffing norms would equip them for the next budgeting process.

"We hope that next year we will be able to report our new positions.

I know that we always look at the economic situation but with the staffing norms, I hope we will create enough evidence on why we need additional doctors," he said.

Improve


Kunene said as a ministry they were committed to making the work environment conducive for health workers in order to improve job satisfaction.

Ministry of Health HRH Advisor engaged by WHO Grace Namaganda presented the findings of the staffing norms.

She said in some cases they found that there was task shifting especially in lab services as well as pharmacy.

In some areas they found there were few posts established than the required ones to accomplish the workload.

She stated that the next step would be the development of an HRH action plan as well as multi-year staffing plan which would be submitted to the ministry of public service.



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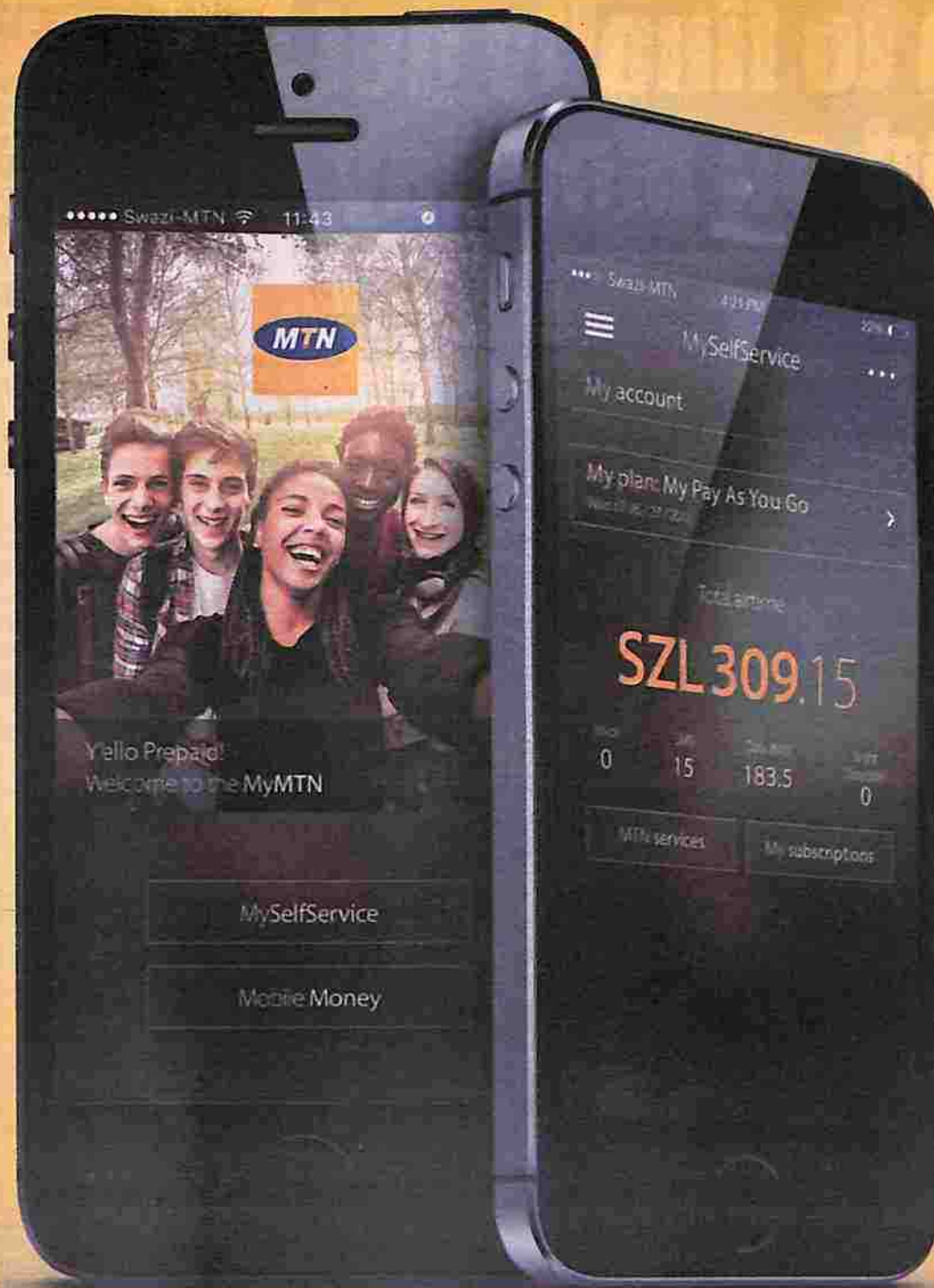
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Lavumisa to finally get clinic land on Monday

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

LAVUMISA residents will be happy to know that the land on which the clinic is to be built will be formally allocated next Monday.

This was confirmed by Lavumisa Town Board Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Manzi Mthupha.

This was during a telephone interview with this newspaper on Monday.

"The land will be formally given

● The land will be formally given to the ministry of health by an ad hoc committee from the ministry of housing and urban development. This will be a formal procedure as the land has already been identified by Lavumisa Town Board

to the ministry of health by an ad hoc committee from the ministry of housing and urban development. This will be a formal procedure as the land has already been identified by the Lavumisa Town Board," Mthupha said.

The good news was also confirmed by Somtongo Member of Parliament (MP) Sandile Nxumalo.

He said he was also informed by Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane about the date of August 1, 2016.

"The minister suggested that if the land ends up not being allocated on this date, we should come up with another plan that will help us find an alternative land where the clinic will be built," Nxumalo said.

He said the minister has also contemplated taking the project away from Lavumisa, if the land took forever to be given.

The alternative plan, according to the legislator, was still not in place. He said they would look for another land if circumstances pushed them to do so because they did not want to have the project taken away from them.

Serious

The project in Lavumisa must be envied by other legislators in other constituencies as they are also in serious need of clinics.

Since Nxumalo is aware of that fact, he knows how easy it can be to take the clinic project to other constituencies.

"The minister does not just want to take the project away from us. But she will be forced to do so if we do not pull up our socks because the money to implement the project is from the World Bank," he said.

Minister of Housing and Urban

Development Phiyayinkhosi Mabuza is aware of the project, but not aware of the exact date on which the formal allocation would be done.

"That is supposed to be done by the allocations committee within our ministry," Mabuza said.

Minister Ndlela-Simelane said they were ready to implement the project. They were only waiting for the ministry of housing to allocate the land.

Expressed

The residents of Lavumisa recently expressed worry the clinic project could be taken from them. The project was said to be in the region of about E6 million.

On July 15, the residents took to the offices of Lavumisa Town Board to have a word with the CEO about the project. They wanted Mthupha to make sure the ministry of housing finally allocated land to the area's authorities to build the project.

If you need any help, just call us, Americans tell Mhlangeni people

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

MHLANGENI residents are encouraged to liaise with US Embassy if they want their OVC to be assisted in their new NCP.

This was said by United States of America (USA) Ambassador to Swaziland Lisa Peterson.

She said on Wednesday when she was opening a new Neighbourhood Care Point (NCP) at Mhlangeni under LaMgabhi Inkhundla.

The NCP was initiated by former Ambassador to Swaziland Makila James.

Peterson encouraged the Mhlangeni residents to make a formal application if they wanted any kind of help from the American embassy.

The NCP will accommodate 40 orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC) who are aged between one and five.

The NCP currently has 35 plastic chairs to be used by the children. Peterson said they were very happy to have lent a helping hand that would better the situation of children of Mhlangeni.

She said the Government of



JUST CALL: The NCP that was officially opened by the USA Ambassador Lisa Peterson on Wednesday at Mhlangeni under LaMgabhi Inkhundla. (Courtesy pictures).

USA would continue to work together with the Swazi Government to make lives better for the citizens of this country.

LaMgabhi Member of Parliament (MP) Sicelo Jele thanked the American ambassador for lending a helping hand to the people of Mhlangeni.

By so doing, Jele said, the USA Government was helping the Swazi Government because the

children who have benefitted from this gesture belonged to the Swazis.

"I also thank the chief of the area, Prince Shishi II for allocating land for the Americans to build the NCP," Jele said.

He also thanked all the people who provided their time and labour to make sure the NCP construction was a success. The LaMgabhi legislator, however,

stated that more work needed to be done to make sure the NCP was fully functional.

He appealed to every Swazi who could help in any way to do so because the children would need food on daily basis.

Anyone who had any kind of food, Jele said, was welcome to contribute towards the wellbeing of the children.

He said it would be bad for the children to spend a day or even half a day without having food in their stomachs.

He also urged the people of LaMgabhi, particularly those from Mhlangeni, to take good care of the NCP.

Jele also highlighted that there was a need to build more NCPs in the other five chiefdoms that make up the LaMgabhi Inkhundla. The chiefdoms include LaMgabhi, Luhleko, Ngwenyameni, Dvudvusini, and Nhlulweni.

The event was graced by Mhlangeni Constituency Councillor (Bucopho BeNkhundla) Dumisani Mbuli. Mhlangeni Royal Kraal representatives Joseph Mwel and Aaron Dlamini were also there to grace the event on behalf of the chief. They asked the American ambassador to buy toys for the children.

GetBucks adopts 400 Mashobeni pupils

By Sizwe Dlamini
Piggs Peak

ABOUT 400 children from the Mashobeni Methodist Primary School were adopted by micro finance company GetBucks after it took the institution under its wing.

The adoption took place last Friday at Mashobeni.

The adoption of the school will see the start of a long term relationship whereby GetBucks will partner with the institution to help support them in much needed daily, as well as long term resources.

This is according to Managing Director of GetBucks Swaziland, Lenus Oosthuizen who said: "We are strong believers in making a difference by identifying corporate social investments that have a bearing on community growth and development."

Looking around I don't see walls, school blocks, teachers and pupils but only the melting pot of future leaders that will deliver the community from hardships and propel it towards possibilities and a bright future".

Oosthuizen stated that the initiative

would also see GetBucks funding the ongoing supply of maize meal to the school to ensure each child receives at least one nourishing meal a day.

Oosthuizen further said; "going forward, GetBucks will help with teaching and educational aids to ensure practical results driven education. It will also assist with the development of the school's existing garden project which forms the basis of a practical and hands on education".

Siphiwe Magagula, Principal of the school said; "This partnership is an answer to our prayers for while, the school is receiving funding from government, we need additional funding to cater for the 400 learners here. All the children will benefit from the assistance provided by GetBucks and for that we are truly grateful".



THIS IS YOURS: Lisa Peterson (r) opening the NCP with Mhlangeni Indvuna Joseph Mwel (l).



WITNESSING: A section of the residents of Mhlangeni who attended the event.

UK's Abbey Gate College spend over E60 000 at Mlindzini High

Stories by Observer
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Nhlangano

AT least 14 learners, two teachers, and one expedition leader from Abbey Gate College, a school in Chester, United Kingdom, have brought life to the forgotten and remote community of Mlindzini, under Mahlangatsha Inkhundla.

They have constructed a new kitchen worth around E60 000 for Mlindzini High School, as well as donated several learning materials. The learners arrived three weeks ago in the country, courtesy of Sense Africa, a UK based holiday planning and tour operator run by Jenny Bowen.

They camped at the rural school, where they literally assisted the builders in setting up the structure.

An official opening ceremony for the kitchen was held on Wednesday, and was attended by Members of Parliament for Mahlangatsha and Gege Tinkhundla, Bongani Hlophe and Mbongiseni Malinga, respectively.

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COMPLETE: The newly built kitchen at Mlindzini High School constructed by Abbey Gate College learners was officially launched Wednesday.

"The twinning of Abbey Gate College and Mlindzini High School is a sign of good bilateral relations between the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Swaziland," said MP Malinga, in his address.

He expressed his gratitude to the visitors for what he termed "their life-changing" engagement with

learners, adding he hoped it would culminate in improved learning for pupils.

Hlophe, on the other hand, heaped praises on the school's Head teacher Ernest Mabaso, for his active role in establishing relations with Abbey Gate College, and said the partnership between the two distant sister-schools had

brought meaningful benefits to the rural community of Mlindzini.

"We are glad that this partnership has been extended to Mbita and Mlindzini Primary Schools, which are feeder institutions to the high school.

We hope pupils in these schools will be inspired to dream big, and discover the endless possibilities of this world," said MP Hlophe.

Both Hlophe and Malinga went on to donate various items to the visitors and Mlindzini.

Hlophe donated the school's and country's blended golf T-shirts, as well as Swazi *emahiya* (kangas), while Malinga pledged new uniforms to all pupils who will excel with a merit in the forthcoming Form Three exams.

Malinga also pledged to donate E1 100 to a fund set up by the community for refurbishing the poor road that leads to the school, while Hlophe pledged an undisclosed amount.

Mlindzini High School, although administered under Mahlangatsha Inkhundla (Manzini region), is right on the border of the two tinkhundla (constituencies) and much closer to Nhlangano.

Endless memories to take home - UK learners

EMOTIONS swept the classroom where the kitchen opening ceremony for Mlindzini High was held on Wednesday when Abbey Gate College learners bid farewell to pupils and parents, having spent close to a month at the school.

Speaking on behalf of the visiting pupils, Georgina and Douglas said they were proud of the great friendships they had established with Mlindzini pupils, and said they would cherish their experience in Swaziland for a lifetime.

"We have so many memories to take home.

The experience has been life-changing, as we have changed the way we think about life, education, family, health and each other," they said.

Challenged

They challenged their Mlindzini peers to dream big and attain "a great future".

Abbey Gate College teacher Andy Austen greatly thanked the community members for their active involvement in the kitchen construction project, noting the whole expedition had seen relations between his school and Mlindzini High strengthening in spite of the geographic distance between the two.

"We developed better understanding of our cultures, and were overwhelmed by the warmth and friendliness of people wherever we went to in Mlindzini and Swaziland," said Austen.

More Abbey Gate learners here in 2018 - Sense Africa

UNITED Kingdom's Abbey Gate College will be sending more volunteer tourists to the country in 2018, in the form of learners and teachers, to engage in humanitarian work in rural areas like Mlindzini.

This was revealed by Sense Africa Director Jenny Bowen, who – at the official opening ceremony of Mlindzini High School's new kitchen constructed and donated by Abbey Gate College learners – was visibly overwhelmed.

"I have been to this country many times, but nothing compares to this year's experience at this community. I am delighted to announce that my company will be bringing more learners from Abbey Gate

College in two years' time, to also engage with you and experience the love and friendliness of the Swazi people," she said.

Bowen has come to be touted as "a friend of Swaziland", following the fruitful partnership she forged with the country through the Swaziland Tourism Authority (STA).

Addressing the gathering on Wednesday, STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini said he had known Jenny for a long time, as they met at international travel trade shows.

"By camping at a remote area like this, Abbey Gate College learners will attest to their peers and families back home that Swaziland is indeed beautiful, friendly,

and safe," said Dlamini.

"Your taking time to be here is a lesson on its own, in that Swazi children will now identify with people from distant lands, share ideas with them, and aspire to be what they represent.

Tourism, indeed, makes people come together for the good. We are confident that, as you go back, you will be our ambassadors," he said.

Meanwhile, Sense Africa is also hosting a similar group made up of 16 learners from St. Helen and St. Katharine School, also from the UK, who are at Tambankulu, building a resource centre for HIV/AIDS-orphaned children.

The centre will be officially opened tomorrow.



TOGETHERNESS: Mahlangatsha Inkhundla MP Bongani Hlophe (4th from left), Gege Inkhundla MP Mbongiseni Malinga (far right), community leadership and Mlindzini High School Headteacher Ernest Mabaso pose with Abbey Gate College learners and staff.



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Qualifications and Skills

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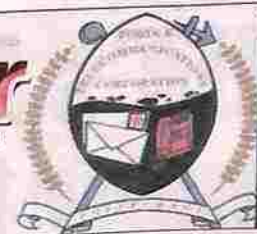


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SwaziTelecom Charity Cup Update

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SD can't stand changing those stinking nappies of her Asian baby

THE debate on the justification of the proliferation of Asians masquerading as investors in Swaziland is now heating up to unprecedented levels, bordering on fears the nation could be propelling itself towards xenophobic eruptions.

In the meantime the Swazi Commercial Amadoda that is responsible for Swazi business on Swazi Nation Land has been actively allowing Asians to replace indigenous Swazis in the countryside by facilitating them to obtain permits and operate.

The government structures from the ministry of commerce, to that of home affairs, have been actively assisting Asians to obtain papers to remain and operate business in the country over the years.

Former Minister of Enterprise and Employment Lutfo Dlamini once howled that he was not responsible for what he called *Emandiya aLutfo*.

Bribing

It was around this time that the Asians found an opening into the Swazi economy by mainly bribing their way through to obtaining papers by fraudulent or illegal means simply because the system allowed them to take that advantage.

Now why is it that we are turning to pointing a finger at the Asians for having been invited into the country to take over Swazi owned business by offering gifts to government officials and to permit or licence holders?

I remember one politician from Herefords about a decade ago who literally walked about with an Asian 'business partner' everywhere in Buhleni in a desperate show of how connected to the world of business he was.

Every politician had to be connected to some Asian who was ever ready to distribute blankets and expired food-stuffs in the constituencies to bolster the politician's chances of seducing votes from the public in return for the politician's muscle in facilitating for residential and business papers.

Now this issue has turned to become

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ONCE BLAMED: Former Minister of Enterprise and Employment Lutfo Dlamini.

one that must be cleared by yours truly, the taxpayer, heavens!

We have also not forgotten how 'businessmen' such as Umbutfo Baghdad who sold second hand clothing and tuscany blankets (*imigacambongolo*) at the car park of Betta Parts in Manzini managed to get his Swazi papers through politicians, thus opening floodgates for the import of Asians from as far afield as Bangladesh, including slumdogs.

Owners

We have also not forgotten how previously Asians, especially the Durban Indians, would front Swazi business-people to appear as owners of retail shops and buses. In the east we have also seen how businesspeople have grown into giants yet we always knew there was an Indian behind.

It would seem that must have proven costly and now the Asians have become Swazis themselves and have come out from operating behind certain personalities to take charge from the fore, thanks to governance inefficiencies.

They trade in the country with their double or triple citizenships while the law enforcing agents and the justice system cheers them on.

Coming to the 'innocent' Asian investors, if they exist, government must consider introducing more stringent controls such as tracking them on arrival in the country through a data base that would make it possible to know at any particular time whether they are doing what they claim to have come for in the country and are at the designated place, this applies to all foreigners.

Some foreign nationals have the tendency of taking advantage of the Swazi population because of poor governance, lame law enforcement and a teething justice system that is a product of a long culture of corruption.

In Uganda in the seventies Britain sent British Asians to administer the land and build infrastructure in Uganda, which they did to benefit themselves until President Idi Amin realised in 1972 that those Asians

were actually up to some mischief, having near total controls of the Ugandan economy in their hands. The story goes that Amin went to Tororo where he had a dream about Indians milking a cow without feeding it. On August, 5, 1972, Amin said Allah (God) told him to get rid of the British Indians.

On Saturday evening Amin made the announcement about his dream to the nation. On Monday, he signed a decree in parliament where he informed his cabinet about his dream and subsequently his decision. The Asians were given three months until November 9, 1972, to leave Uganda.

The other story is that Amin wanted to marry a Gujarati woman he had set his eyes on at a lavish party hosted by take-it-all business mogul Sherali Bandari Jaffer.

Businessman

But as you know all Indians they hardly intermarry let alone a businessman of Jaffer stature giving his daughter to Amin the Ugandan.

The only known sexual exchanges among Africans and Indians are one way-the Indian men to the African or Swazi girls and not the Swazi men to the Indian girls.

Enough of Amin, Uganda and his Asians. Senate in Swaziland has taken very keen interest in addressing the issues of the influx of Asians into Swaziland. The major problem is that of marginalisation of the indigenous Swazi out of a business space he owns by foreigners who are exporting their own social problems such as unemployment to Swaziland at no return at all. In another era Swaziland would be benefitting from foreign labour be it migrant or slavery but instead the country has its resources drained by unscrupulous business and sent out of the country to benefit other nations at the overall expense of the

Swazi, the owner of the business space. Instead while the average Swazi working for Asians is regarded as cheap labour, the authorities in government make us believe that Swazis should be contented with this arrangement because the Asians are the best thing to happen to an impoverished country like ours.

The Asians are providing for a vacuum or a void that has been created by a society that cannot take care of its own affairs such as running grocery shops and sell substandard goods. The Swazi requires the expertise of an Asian to pack rice, bananas, potato chips and peri-peri on the shelves and sell it. The Swazi cannot import used cars from Asia or fly to Guangdong to purchase plastic shoes to sell along Betfusile Street in Mbabane.

Now where does all this debate take us to? Somewhere, no doubt. Somewhere, where we shall get to the bottom of things lest we be viewed by other nations as attempting to shift the blame of our failures upon foreign nationals.

Swaziland must not be seen to be targeting Asians but must simply put its house in order so that it can provide for fair play, it must equitably provide for its citizens instead of cheapening them with the *dvuladvula* insult, Swazis deserve better dividend from the national good called empowerment and assisted through use of opportunities that avail themselves instead of letting these fall in the hands of foreigners and later turn to blame the foreigners for making use of same.

Asians will ask Swaziland what it is doing about other nationals who masquerade as gospel peddlers by sneaking into the country and acquiring our national papers through fraud, obviously assisted by local syndicates of pastors that feed on the gullible citizens by way of tithes. The crab blames its child for walking sideways.

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ON THIS DAY

...July 29

1588 - The English defeated the Spanish Armada in the Battle of Gravelines.

1754 - The first international boxing match was held. The 25-minute match was won when Jack Slack of Britain knocked out Jean Petit from France.

1773 - The first schoolhouse to be located west of the Allegheny Mountains was built in Schoenbrunn, OH.

1786 - "The Pittsburgh Gazette" became the first newspaper west of the Alleghenies to be published. The paper's name was later changed to "The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette."

1874 - Major Walter Copton Winfield of England received U.S. patent for the lawn-tennis court.

1914 - The first transcontinental telephone service was inaugurated when two people held a conversation between New York, NY and San Francisco, CA.

1940 - John Sigmund of St. Louis, MO, completed a 292-mile swim down the Mississippi River. The swim from St. Louis to Caruthersville, MO took him 89 hours and 48 minutes.

1950 - Disney's adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island" was released.

1957 - Jack Paar began hosting the "Tonight" show on NBC-TV. The name of the show was changed to "The Jack Paar Show." Paar was host for five years.

1957 - The International Atomic Energy Agency was established.

1958 - The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) was authorised by the U.S. Congress.

1968 - Pope Paul VI reaffirmed the Roman Catholic Church's stance against artificial methods of birth control.

1975 - OAS (Organization of American States) members voted to lift collective sanctions against Cuba. The U.S. government welcomed the action and announced its intention to open serious discussions with Cuba on normalisation.

1981 - England's Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer were married.

1983 - Steve Garvey (Los Angeles Dodgers) set the National League consecutive game record at 1,207.

1985 - General Motors announced that Spring Hill, TN, would be the home of the Saturn automobile assembly plant.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



MONICA CALHOUN (TV ACTRESS) - July 29 1971 - 44 years old

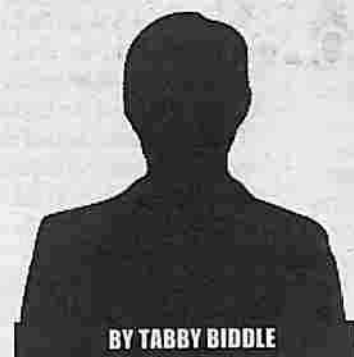


Munro CHAMBERS (TV ACTOR) - June 29 1990 25 years old



SISTERHOOD: Women dancing in one of the One Billion Rising Revolution marches.

ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, GIRLS



BY TABBY BIDDLE

LOS ANGELES - Last year at the Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, President Obama took to the stage with a video message inviting the millions of people watching to join a new campaign, #ItsOnUs, to end violence against women and girls.

"Tonight we celebrate artists whose music and message help shape our culture," he said. "Together we can change our culture for the better by ending violence against women and girls."

There is no doubt that art is an integral part of a cultural system, and has a significant influence on its political system and ideology. To be an activist, you do not need to march on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Creative expression plays an important role, particularly for women, as this is how women give birth to feminine conscious-

ness in society. As President Obama acknowledged, artists have a unique power to change minds and attitudes, and get us thinking and talking about what matters.

That's exactly what Eve Ensler, Vagina Monologues playwright, activist and Founder of One Billion Rising, has done.

One Billion Rising grew out of the conversation Eve started through the Vagina Monologues. It is now the largest global action to end violence against women and girls in human history.

It has since grown to the One Billion Rising Revolution, a new escalation of the movement that calls for a radical shift to end the global epidemic of abuse that women face worldwide and bring in a paradigm of equality, dignity, and freedom for all women and girls.

"One in three women across the planet will be beaten or raped during their lifetime.

That's one billion women and girls," says Eve.

"Every February, we rise - in hundreds of countries across the world," says Eve.

"We rise to show our local communities and the world what one billion looks like and shine a light on the rampant impunity

and injustice that survivors most often face."

"We rise through dance to express joy and community and celebrate the fact that we have not been defeated by this violence. We rise to show we are determined to create a new kind of consciousness - one where violence will be resisted until it is unthinkable."

Since 2013, activists in over 200 countries have staged dances, political and artistic events, and rallies - or **RISINGS** - bringing the issue of violence

"We rise to show our local communities and the world what one billion looks like and shine a light on the rampant impunity and injustice that survivors most often face."

against women and girls front and centre, garnering worldwide media attention, changing laws, and demanding justice and an end to the rampant impunity that women survivors of gender violence face.

Last year in Los Angeles, women, men and youth rose at prisons for reform of the justice system; they rose on television sets to demand a shift in media coverage and representation of women; they rose at a memorial for veterans to demand justice for survivors of sexual assault in the military; and they rose at LA City Hall to speak truth to - and with - power.

"Rising is about evincing the spirit of feminism; challenging deeply rooted inequities, embracing commonalities and acting on our collaborative power," says Cathy Hillman, President of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the U.S. National Committee for UN Women.

Rising, particularly through music and dance, is also about liberating women's voices and bodies from the fear, silence and shame that comes from living in a patriarchal society, where women are taught to keep themselves small, hide their true expression, and "act like man" if they are going to make it anywhere.

Tabby Biddle rose in partnership with the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the U.S. National Committee for UN Women, the Million Mamas Movement, and One Billion Rising Los Angeles in West Hollywood.

There was music, dance and special One Billion Rising guests, including Michael Beckwith, founder of Agape International Spiritual Centre.

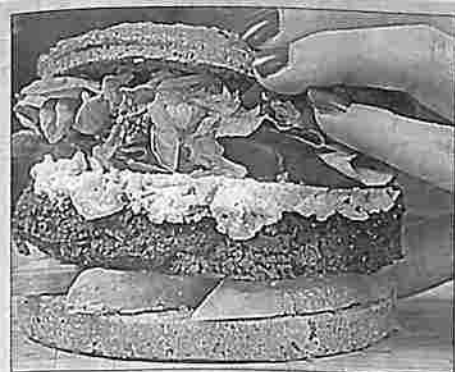
Did you ever consider that expressing yourself through music and dance is a very important political act?

If you are in the Los Angeles area, you come dance with her in #thaPeaceMob flash mob at One Billion Rising in West Hollywood. Come early and learn the steps, or watch the video.

Tabby Biddle, M.S. Ed., is a women's leadership mentor and coach, specializing in helping women find their voice. She is the author of the bestselling book, Find Your Voice: A Woman's Call to Action.



your HEAL+H section



CURE BURGER: The bizarre 50 ingredient creation burger is packed with green tea, kimchi and cashew cheese and it can even cure a hangover!

Would you try 'healthiest burger in the world'?

LONDON - With vegetarian and vegan diets rising in popularity, healthy alternatives to high fat treats aren't hard to find.

But London-based nutritionist and chef, Libby Limon, has taken her quest for a guilt-free burger a step further by creating what has been dubbed as the 'world's healthiest burger'.

Packed with 50 superfood ingredients, the 'nutri-burger' is comprised of a matcha gluten-free bun and a beet, natto [fermented soybeans], quinoa and mushroom patty.

The burger is also served with a side of purple and orange sweet potato fries with superfood seasoning and a cacao shake with sweet potato, bee pollen, seaweed, coconut oil and black pepper.

Also included in the feast are ingredients like cider vinegar, hemp protein powder, Wernutkin 'boursin' cashew cheese, acai Pulp, activated almonds, white matcha tea powder, heritage tomatoes and kimchi.

The entire nutrient-packed meal is currently part of a special on discount website Groupon, where people can enter a free prize draw to taste the meal in real life at the Magpie and Stump pub in London.

For no charge, people can also download the intricate recipe and make the guilt-free meal themselves.

According to the site, lab reports show that the the ORAC (Oxygen Radical Absorbance Capacity) value for the meal is 68 400 μmol TE... the equivalent of eating 1.5 kilograms of blueberries and three kilograms of cooked broccoli. *Daily Mail*

ZIKA VACCINE 'BREAKTHROUGH'

Scientists claim to have identified landmark formula for a jab to stop the epidemic

WASHINGTON - Scientists believe they are on the cusp of developing a vaccine to protect people from the Zika virus.

Two new studies released yesterday have identified antibodies that halt the infection by binding strongly to it.

The first, by the Washington University School of Medicine, studied antibodies from the Zika virus itself which successfully neutralised African, Asian and American strains of the infection. Meanwhile University of North Carolina scientists examined antibodies produced by survivors of dengue fever, a similar mosquito-borne virus. Both discoveries have been hailed as some the most precise investigations into Zika to date as the virus sweeps the



EFFECTS: Zika is a concern for pregnant women as they face a risk of giving birth to a child with a malformed skull and brain. Officials have urged expectant mothers to avoid travelling to infected areas. *Daily Mail*

world - and threatens to infect millions more before the epidemic burns out. They have emerged just a day after the

US Health Department started the first human trials of another experimental vaccine. *Daily Mail*

Human trials begin for zika jab

Inovio Pharmaceuticals administered its first dose of an experimental Zika vaccine to a human volunteer on Monday.

The firm has approval from the US Health Department to carry out tests on 40 people.

It has already had successful results from tests on mice and monkeys.

The selected participants are based in Philadelphia, Quebec City, and Miami - the most at-risk cities in America. Results are expected to come later this year.

The first study by the Washington University School of Medicine was published in the journal *Cell*.

It identified six antibodies that bound strongly to Zika virus, and the precise spot on the virus that the antibodies recognised.

Study co-senior author Professor David Fremont said: 'Importantly, some of our antibodies are able to neutralise African, Asian and American strains of Zika virus to about the same

degree. 'A vaccine designed to elicit similar antibodies might be able to protect people from Zika strains world-



wide.' Testing mice, Professor Fremont's team used a technique called X-ray crystallography to zero in on the binding site. They

locked the virus and the antibodies into place together - or crystallised them - and visualised the adjacent structures by bouncing X-rays off them. *Daily Mail*

Wit and Wisdom

1. "Without ambition one starts nothing. Without work one finishes nothing. The prize will not be sent to you. You have to win it." - **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

2. "Change the way you look at things and the things you look at change." - **Wayne W. Dyer**

3. "Although the world is full of suffering, it is full also of the overcoming of it." - **Helen Keller**

4. "I will not try to convince you to love me, to respect me, to commit to me. I deserve better than that; I AM BETTER THAN THAT... Goodbye." - **Steve Maraboli**

5. "Renew, release, let go. Yesterday's gone. There's nothing you can do to bring it back. You can't 'should've' done something. You can only DO something. Renew yourself. Release that attachment. Today is a new day!" - **Steve Maraboli**

6. "Whatever the mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve." - **Napoleon Hill**

7. "You have to accept whatever comes, and the only important thing is that you meet it with the best you have to give." - **Eleanor Roosevelt**

8. "It's not what we do once in a while that shapes our lives. It's what we do consistently." - **Anthony Robbins**

9. "Never say anything about yourself you don't want to come true." - **Brian Tracy**

10. "Make the most of the best and the least of the worst." - **Robert Louis Stevenson**

11. "A person doesn't have to change who he is to become better." - **Sidney Poitier**

12. "I can't think of anything more disheartening than living a life without a clear purpose." - **Daniel Willey**

13. "You are where you are right now because of the actions you've taken, or maybe, the inaction you've taken." - **Steve Maraboli**

14. "At school, new ideas are thrust at you every day. Out in the world, you'll have to find your inner motivation to seek for new ideas on your own." - **Bill Watterson**

15. "Grateful souls focus on the happiness and abundance present in their lives and this in turn attracts more abundance and joy towards them." - **Stephen Richards**

16. "You make mistakes, mistakes don't make you" - **Maxwell Maltz**

17. "A photograph shouldn't be just a picture, it should be a philosophy." - **Amit Kalantri**

18. "You are the perfect creation of God. Don't allow you to be down. God is experiencing through you." - **Amit Ray**

Why fake tan may give you wrinkle

NOTHING makes a woman feel as sexy as a slimming, golden tan. And owing to awareness of the harm caused by the sun's UV rays, fake tan and its just-back-from-the-Med glow have never been more popular.

One in three women now use fake tan products and the industry is worth £100 million a year - with sales rocketing 38 per cent over the past year alone.

And with formulations improving all the time, orange streaks, blotchy legs and stained hands are less of a worry.

It would seem we've finally got this tanning lark cracked. Or have we? For ask around, and users

- Fake tans contain ingredient that reacts with your skin's outer layer
- Causes oxidative stress, which may lead to lines, wrinkles and sagging
- One in three women use fake tan, the industry is now worth £100 million a year

have all manner of health concerns, ranging from wrinkles to skin irritation and cancer.

Added to this, experts aren't convinced ingredients in fake tan - or the methods of application - are good for us.

Reaction

That's because fake tans work by reacting with your skin's outer layer, which is mainly comprised of dead skin cells. Known as the Maillard reaction, it creates compounds that turn the cells brown. The active ingredient in this reac-

tion is dihydroxyacetone, or DHA. Derived from sugar beet or cane, it's been used since the Twenties as a skin colourant. It is also responsible for giving fake tans their characteristic biscuit smell.

While dermatologists and cancer experts agree artificial tans are safer than real ones, they are still not risk-free.

The Maillard reaction causes oxidative stress - a type of damage much like you'd get from pollution or even sunbathing - in the superficial layers of skin. *Daily Mail*



SIDE EFFECTS: Experts say that fake tan may cause lines, wrinkles and sagging by damaging the skin.

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.5%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	7.5%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.00 per litre
Replacement	E11.05 per litre
Diesel	E10.95 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES



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Swiss France/SZL	14.4934	14.5308
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3232	1.3350
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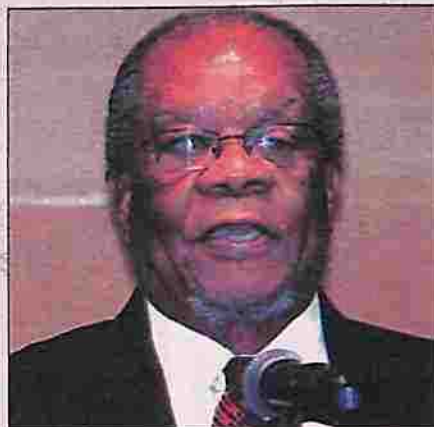
SNAIP E20 BILLION TARGET KEY FOR POVERTY ELIMINATION

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu

PRIME Minister Sibusiso Dlamini says the size, complexity, and high cost of the Swaziland National Agriculture Investment Plan reflects the amount of work necessary to eliminate poverty and improve food security.

The total budget of the plan is about E20 billion. Before the pledges yesterday, only about 36.1 percent of the total budget was raised and 63.9 percent was still to be raised according to the project portfolio indicative budget presented.

"What singles out SNAIP is the size and complexity of the plan and, inevitably the very high cost. But that is what can happen when you face reality. If the amount of work and the respective cost of the programme necessary to achieve the required objectives are very substantial, then it must be faced and the required resources mobilised."



The prime minister was speaking during the SNAIP investment plan high level meeting held at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre, Ezulwini.

Comprised

The meeting comprised of representatives from the African Development Bank, Taiwanese International Development Cooperation Fund, Food and Agricultural Organisation and other United Nations agencies, New Partnership for Africa's Development, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa,

POVERTY ELIMINATION: Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini addressing participants at the SNAIP investment plan high level meeting held yesterday at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre, Ezulwini yesterday.
(Pic: Simon Shabangu)

non-governmental organisations, and private sector who were expected to pledge financial and other assistance to the programme.

The prime minister said now that the planning stage was exhausted, it was time for implementation.

He said the action programme or roadmap has to identify, and articulate, time bound, quantified and measurable outputs to be achieved, as well as target outcomes that capture the effects of the outputs.

"Once responsibilities are agreed upon the nation must see a powerful ethos of getting work done and

outputs achieved, with thorough monitoring and reporting on progress," he said.

Dlamini said the SNAIP was a very substantial plan and was in line with national frameworks, such as the National Development Strategy, Poverty Reduction Strategy.

"Our own SNAIP plan is also in harmony with the Regional Agricultural Development Plan approved in last week's meeting in Swaziland of the Southern African Development Community ministers of agriculture and food security," he said.

The prime minister urged the stakeholders to show the same support they did during the production of the plan.

He said partnership was now more important than any other time before for the plan to be independently validated as being achievable with the available technical and other resources.

"May that partnership please continue into the next crucially important stage, that of implementation."

...SNAIP TO REDUCE RURAL POVERTY, DOUBLE AGRIC JOBS

MEANWHILE, the prime minister says if successfully implemented SNAIP can reduce significantly the level of rural poverty, and double the level of employment in the agriculture sector.

SNAIP objectives are to increase the contribution of agriculture to the overall economic development of Swaziland, reduce rural poverty and improve food and nutrition security.

The prime minister said there was nothing new about these objectives as they were, and have been for many years, the central drive for greater national prosperity.

However, he said with the nature of SNAIP, over the designated 10 year period, if successfully implemented, "it promises to reduce significantly the level of rural poverty, and double the level of employment in the agriculture sector within that period."

The five main thematic areas of SNAIP included natural resources management, improved access to market and value chain, food supply and

reducing hunger, agricultural research, extension, training, education, institutional support and agricultural knowledge management.

The prime minister said under natural resources management mainly three large dams would be built, that would provide access to water and higher productivity levels for smallholder farmers.

He said improved access to market was also important as in a predominantly rural environment smallholder farmers have simply lacked resources to take their produce beyond their immediate communities.

"The importance of transforming primary agricultural products, through agro-processing, into higher value downstream product is what, in modern parlance, is called a no brainer, in other words, it is very obvious and valid."

The premier said building skills and providing techniques to adapt to climate change was equally important, as well as uptake of new technologies and improving coordination and information management.

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FSE&CC applauds govt trade facilitation measures

Stories by Linda Dlamini

THE Federation of Swaziland Employers and Chamber of Commerce has applauded the efforts made by government with regards to trade facilitation.

Speaking during a breakfast meeting organised by the Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority for businesses interested in going to the East3Route Investment Seminar, FSE&CC representative Andrew Le Roux said what started out as a tourism initiative, has now grown into a dedicated trade and investment promotion platform, which aims to reduce trade barriers, and promote the movement of people, ideas, goods, services and capital to flow more freely across borders.

"In the context of low economic growth and the current economic climate, the facilitation of trade and investment between countries, and the significance of initiatives such as these, cannot be over-emphasised," he said.

Le Roux said the investment seminar was an opportunity to contribute more to the growth of not only the Swazi economy, but that of the region as well.



MY TAKE: FSE&CC representative Andrew Le Roux.

"Especially for neighbours to work together for the promotion of better flow of both goods and services," he said.

He said even as other countries and regions in the world may be becoming more protectionist and isolationist, they firmly believed they were stronger, and would grow faster for the betterment of the people and the economy, "if we work together and actively promote regional integration and cooperation."

"However, we always can, and must, do better. We therefore

call on all participants to make it easier for businesses and people in the region to take advantage of these opportunities, in order to facilitate trade and tourism," he added.

He said the aggressive operationalisation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the four countries under the East3Route speaks to publicising, promoting and implementing the terms agreed upon to create awareness of the opportunities that exist within these countries.

However, there were a number of challenges like the consistency of entry requirements and costs in the various ports of entry where there was no reciprocity in easing trade, "for example the over E2 800 charge for Swaziland registered trucks to Mozambique."

Meanwhile, Le Roux also applauded the implementation of the ASYCUDA world system.

"This system has made the border customs processes easier, however, we need to streamline practical obstacles and stumbling blocks in the process, such as broadband. By extending the main border hours to 24 hours, the free movement of goods and people between the countries would be achieved," he said.

Le Roux implored the regional governments to align and better integrate sales tax and foreign exchange flow, requirements and approvals, cross-border, to reduce the time and costs of doing business regionally.

"Eliminating some of these challenges would go a long way to further facilitate the free movement of goods, people and services in the region and allow countries to take full advantage of these potential opportunities," he said.

Identify services, products in demand - commerce ministry

THE ministry of commerce, industry and trade has encouraged the business community to identify products and services that are in demand in Mozambique and the rest of the East3Route countries.

Principal Secretary Jinnoh Nkambule in his speech during the breakfast meeting organised by the Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority held at the Royal Villas yesterday said the ministry's key goal was to universally expand export markets for goods and services produced in the Kingdom of Swaziland.

He said the seminar was an integral part of the East3Route initiative which seeks to promote cross border trade and eco-tourism development between the four participating countries being Swaziland, Mozambique, Seychelles, as well as the provinces of KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga of the Republic of South Africa.

Nkambule said the seminar would bring together representatives of the public and private sectors to forge mutual partnerships to bolster cross border trade and investments.

"As a ministry, we are looking forward to results driven business-to-business engagements and through our extended arm, being the Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority, we will be hands-on to provide every form of support that is needed for the duration of the event in Maputo," he said.

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Yardstick

"Let me inform you that our yardstick for success of the conference will be business deals completed as well as networking that have the potential to create business in the future," he said.

Adding, he further detailed the current trade relations of the host country Mozambique.

"Through our cordial relations with Mozambique, we are already exporting our products to that country in different areas such as wood products, wires, meat and meat products, eggs and various vegetables, to name but a few.

"We as a country import from our neighbours products which include but not limited to electricity, sea food, cement and other building material and nuts and nuts derivatives.

"Additionally, Swaziland uses Maputo port as one of its main trading ports for commercial cargo. The Kingdom of Swaziland is also active in providing services in Mozambique mainly in the construction industry there," he said.



IDENTIFY: Principal Secretary Jinnoh Nkambule.



SPEAKERS: SIPA Chief Executive Officer Phumelele Dlamini, Federation of the Swaziland Business Community President Henry 'Tums' Du Pont and SIPA Head of Investments Promotion Martin Masilela. (Pics: Linda Dlamini)

SIPA urges businesses to take advantage of East3Route

THE Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority has urged businesses to take advantage of the investment seminar that will be hosted by East3Route in October.

Speaking during a breakfast meeting hosted by the Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority, Head of Investment Promotion Martin Masilela said the upcoming seminar was aimed to promote trade amongst member

states and also provide an opportunity for business people of the region to network.

Masilela made an example that a contact today could be a contract tomorrow, and therefore networking was an integral part of doing business.

"The investment seminar acts as a stimulus for economic activity for all member countries. This comes about as the seminar creates a dialogue between all eco-

nomics actors, private sector, regulators and public officials in the country's economy," he said.

Masilela further said the seminar would be a platform where businesses could showcase their products and services and also possibly form partnerships with other countries.

The East3Route investment seminar will take place in Maputo, Mozambique on October 17.

"We appreciate what government is doing to aid trade in the region and thus encourage businessmen to take advantage of it," said the Federation of the Swaziland Business Community President Henry 'Tums' Du Pont. Du Pont said FESBC was 100 percent behind what government was doing.

However, he cautioned that the talks need to be fruitful and translate into profits for businesses.

MINISTER ORDERS REVIEW OF FUEL FUND CONTRACTS

CAPE TOWN – Department of Energy Minister Tina Joemat-Pettersson has ordered the Central Energy Fund (CEF) to conduct a review of Strategic Fuel Fund (SFF) contracts since 2014.

This follows the alleged unlawful sale of R5bn worth of fuel stocks this year, as well as the SFF irregularly expressing interest in buying Chevron SA assets last month.

The Democratic Alliance said allegations had been made that Joemat-Pettersson and CEF chief executive Sibusiso Gumede had colluded without permission from Treasury to sell R5bn worth of fuel stock/reserves contravened section 54(2d) of the PFMA.

"Rotation of strategic stock has therefore both technical and economic benefit for the country," the CEF said in a statement this month. The rotation will be investigated by the auditor-general.

With regards to the Chevron deal, the CEF said in June that the actions of SFF did not comply with governance requirements. The SFF chairman and the acting CEO



REVIEW NEEDED: South Africa's Department of Energy Minister Tina Joemat-Pettersson.

resigned and the CEF said it would urgently address the gaps in governance compliance. "The group further regrets the perceived misalignment with the minister of Energy and the Department of Energy," the CEF said in a statement in July.

"An offer to purchase by an entity

of the Department of Energy requires express consent from the Minister of Energy as the ultimate Shareholder representative," DoE director-general Thabane Zulu said in a statement last month. "This was neither sought nor obtained."

Fin24



MTN readies for 2017 Nigeria listing

JOHANNESBURG – Africa's biggest mobile network, MTN, is taking steps to ensure the listing of its shares on the Nigerian Stock Exchange, the company said yesterday.

MTN's listing on the NSE is part of a settlement arrangement with Nigeria's government amid the company being fined last year for failing to disconnect 5 million unregistered SIM cards.

MTN previously faced a \$3.9bn fine for the transgression but the company last month announced a settlement of 330 billion naira to the Nigerian government.

Another key part of the settlement was a promise by MTN to list its shares in the country.

"MTN Nigeria is pleased to announce that its board of directors has resolved to pro-

ceed with preparations for a listing of MTN Nigeria on The NSE as soon as commercially and legally possible and has established a management task team with the responsibility to guide the company towards a listing," said MTN.

"At present, MTN Nigeria is targeting that the listing takes place during 2017, subject to suitable market conditions," said the company.

Transaction

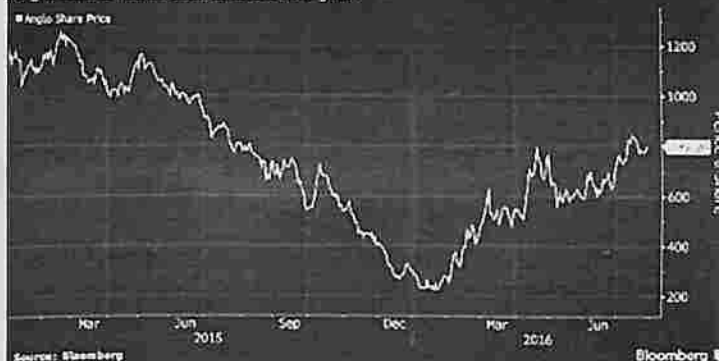
MTN further said that it has hired Stanbic IBTC Capital and Citigroup Global Markets as its joint transaction advisors.

MTN currently has a listing on South Africa's Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) where its share price traded at R144.74 at 09:37 yesterday with a market capitalisation of R266.76bn.

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Stock Rebounds After Slump

Anglo shares more than doubled this year.



DECLINE: Anglo American profits have dropped.

Anglo American profit drops 23% on commodity rout

LONDON – Anglo American, which is seeking to turnaround its business to withstand a collapse in commodity prices, said first-half profit dropped by 23 percent.

Its net debt declined to \$11.7bn. Underlying earnings for the six months through June fell to \$698m from \$904m a year earlier, the London-based company said in a statement on Thursday.

Excluding some items, earnings per share declined to 54 cents, beating the 26-cent average of six analysts' estimates compiled by Bloomberg.

Anglo wants to cut debt to below \$10bn by year-end, from \$12.9bn in December, to reassure investors it can survive lower raw-material prices.

The century-old firm plans to sell more than half of its mines and exit iron ore and coal to focus on top assets, diamonds,

platinum and copper. The stock has more than doubled this year and is the best performer in the UK's FTSE 100 Index.

Anglo, once South Africa's biggest company, has said it will raise more than \$3bn from asset sales this year to help meet the debt target. In April, the miner agreed to sell its Brazilian niobium and phosphate unit to China Molybdenum Company for \$1.5bn and is in talks to offload coal mines in Australia.

The shares closed at 799.2 pence in London on Wednesday and reached a one-year high on July 13. The stock slid 75 percent last year as commodity prices tumbled by the most since 2008 amid a slowdown in China, the top consumer. The company reported a first-half net loss of \$813m, while sales fell 20 percent to \$10.6bn.

Bloomberg

Zimbabwe Stock Exchange hits record low

HARARE – The Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) sunk to a new low record this week with a whole day's trade accounting for only US\$105 (R1,497.56) on Wednesday.

This was the worst day for the stock market since Zimbabwe officially adopted the US dollar as its preferred currency in 2009. The Zimbabwe dollar was abandoned that year when it became worthless after several years of hyperinflation.

According to Zimbabwe's online financial publication, The Source, even the few remaining foreign investors who had "carried" the market through its bad times are now abandoning Zimbabwe, in particular over the last year.

ZSE chief executive Alban Chirume said he saw no recovery ahead and cost cutting measures, including redundancies, were on the cards. The Zimbabwe business com-



DROPS: The Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) sunk to a new low record this week.

munity is speculating about whether Zimbabwe's Stock Exchange could survive.

Despite lack of foreign investor confidence, Deputy President Emmerson Mnangagwa said the state would soon launch a US\$500 million (R7 131.25) maize project on 400 hectares of land, and that most of the crop would be irrigated.

Mnangagwa, himself a successful

maize farmer, did not disclose where the money to finance this "command" maize project would come from.

He told local journalists that Zimbabwe would attempt to become self-sufficient in maize again.

"This is a national programme and as such the public, private sector and farmers must come together and cooperate in the funding. *ANA*

SABMiller trillion rand deal now in disarray

LONDON – AB InBev's R1.47trn takeover bid for SABMiller was thrown into disarray after the target company suspended integration of the two brewers following a rebellion from shareholders who say they haven't been compensated enough for the pound's recent plunge.

SABMiller managers asked employees to halt work knitting together the two companies, with CEO Alan Clark saying in an internal memo that "there should be no



contact with AB InBev with immediate effect." Advisers continue to work on the transaction, and SABMiller's board hasn't decided to walk away from

the deal as it reviews an improved offer from AB InBev, people familiar with the matter said. The brewers declined to comment on the memo reviewed by Bloomberg News.

What looked like a done deal just weeks ago has morphed into a battle pitting the world's biggest brewer against SAB investors who oppose terms they say withered since the UK voted last month to leave the European Union.

Bloomberg

Galaxy S7 sales lift Samsung

Focus on SA scene

PEOPLE FEELING LESS CLOSE TO ANC AND DA - STUDY

JOHANNESBURG – People's "feelings of closeness" to the ANC and DA have slowly dwindled over a seven-year period, according to a recent study.

The South African Social Attitudes Survey (SASAS) showed that since 2008, the number of ANC supporters who said they felt either not close or not at all close to the party increased from 14% in 2008 to 22% in 2015.

In 2008, 12% of DA supporters said they felt this way, and in 2015, 23% shared this view.

In contrast, EFF supporters, although fewer in number than the ANC's and DA's supporters, felt very close to the party. In 2015, 55% of EFF supporters who took part in the study said they felt very close to their party.

The data was collected by the Human Sciences Research Council's Jare Struwig, Stephen Gordon and Benjamin Roberts. They are responsible for the SASAS, a nationally representative, repeated cross-sectional survey conducted annually since 2003.

The sample for the study was 3 500 adults aged 16 and older living in private homes.



ONE MAN ONE VOTE: Posters which are found all over South Africa.

According to the study, racial minorities mostly indicated they would vote for the DA.

"Racial minority members tend, on average, to name the DA as the party they feel close to and the aggregated level of attachment has grown for certain groups. In 2008, for instance, 25% of coloured women selected the DA, but in 2015, 44% of this group selected this party," the study says.

Indian women were also more like-

ly to select the DA in 2015 than in 2008.

Most black adults identified the ANC as the party they felt close to, although fewer black men selected the ANC in 2015 (60%) than in 2010 (67%).

"It was interesting to note that almost a tenth (9%) of black African men named the EFF as the party they felt close to in 2015," the study states.

News24

ANC candidates standing as independents to be fired

DURBAN – Former African National Congress councillors in KwaZulu-Natal, who chose to stand as independent candidates in the upcoming local government elections, will be formally fired from the party.

The party's provincial secretary Super Zuma, speaking at a mini-political rally on Wednesday, told supporters that the councillors who had decided to stand as independent candidates would be dismissed from the party to ensure that they did not accrue benefits that councillors received for serving a full term.

Asked by ANA to provide details, Zuma said that he would reveal details of the deci-

sion at a press conference in Durban. The party has been wracked by divisions in the build up to the local government elections that take place on August 3. In KwaZulu-Natal

many aspirant ANC and SA Communist Party members, some of whom were councillors, are standing as independent candidates after they failed to be nominated or re-nominated by the

party. In some wards the rivalry between those who have been nominated and those who have not has been fierce and there have been many wards where the party faithful claim that the nominated candidates have been imposed on them.

Africa News Agency



DUBBING: KZN ANC Youth League has endorsed Dlamini-Zuma (Left) for president.

KZN ANC Youth League endorses Dlamini-Zuma for president

DURBAN – Outgoing African Union Commission chair Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma received her strongest endorsement in KwaZulu-Natal that she should succeed her former husband, President Jacob Zuma as the leader of the ANC.

Thanduxolo Sabelo, the ANC Youth League's KwaZulu-Natal secretary speaking at a political rally in KwaMashu where Dlamini-Zuma was the

key note speaker, he said: "What we are saying as the ANC Youth League is that we are ready for a woman president. She is heading 54 African states. What is a country? Really?" He said that the ANC in KwaZulu-Natal was leading the charge to ensure that women filled key positions. "We believe, even the ANC, not only in government can be led by a woman."

Africa News Agency

Axed SABC journalists return to work

JOHANNESBURG – Seven of the axed SABC journalists reported back to work yesterday after the public broadcaster did an about-turn, saying that it would not proceed with further legal action.

The journalists arrived early yesterday morning with huge smiles on their faces. They hugged and held hands as they entered that SABC building in Johannesburg.

Lukhanyo Calata has reported back to work in Cape Town. The six Johannesburg journalists are Foeta Krige, Suna Venter, Krivani Pillay, Busisiwe Ntuli, Thandeka Gqubule and Jacques Steenkamp. They were fired after they had criticised the broadcaster's policy to not show footage of violent protests. Ntuli said she was surprised by the shock about-turn from her employers. "We were expecting to go to court today. We don't know what to expect, but I am happy that I am back to work," she said. Krige, Venter, Steenkamp and Pillay were refused entry by the SABC on Wednesday morning when they reported for duty, despite the Labour Court ruling that their dismissals were unlawful. *AFP*

Malema promises freedom overnight in Ekurhuleni

JOHANNESBURG – EFF leader Julius Malema has promised residents of Etwatwa, in Ekurhuleni, freedom, saying their neighbourhood would change overnight if they voted for his party.

Addressing hundreds of people, including many children still in school uniforms, Malema told residents on Wednesday afternoon they would not be out in their numbers at his meeting if they had jobs, because they would be at work at that time.

"The cross is going to give you power," he said from the back of the Economic Freedom Fighters' campaign truck, to enthusiastic cheers from the crowds. "Because you voted the EFF, freedom is coming tomorrow, to Etwatwa, to Daveyton, to all of Ekurhuleni. The power to change your life is in your hands, don't say 'I didn't know'. We told you."

"Now you're leaving here a better person," he said.

Malema said it did not matter if EFF members were assaulted or arrested for what they believed in, because they would ultimately realise "true freedom".

He made derisive remarks about President Jacob Zuma, and mentioned his trial on a rape charge in

2005 and 2006, and his reputation as a philandering polygamist.

Later, Malema told residents of Reiger Park that Ekurhuleni was the EFF's home.

According to two tweets by Jacaranda News, Malema again attacked Zuma at that event, criticising him for his philandering and for the way he handled money.

"Don't be misled by that big head, it has nothing," he said.

He warned women against sleeping with T-shirts with Zuma's face on them. "I don't trust that guy with women, I am scared of him," he said.

Earlier in the day, he changed plans for his first "community meeting" in Tembisa. Instead of making a public address, he visited families affected by Tuesday evening's tornado. At least 100 homes were destroyed or had their roofs blown off.

The Ekurhuleni metro is one of the ANC's strongholds in Gauteng. Deputy Trade and Industry Minister Mzwandile Masina is contesting the metro as the party's mayoral candidate. Masina was ANC Youth League national task team leader after it was disbanded in 2013, and after Malema was expelled from the party in February 2012. *News24*

Lotto winner claims R87-million

JOHANNESBURG – One lucky person in Limpopo is very happy.

Lottery operator Ithuba says a man has finally claimed last week's Powerball jackpot.

It's understood he bought his winning ticket at a petrol station

in Mokopane. The prize is worth a whopping R87-million.

Ithuba says it's validated the ticket, but the winner will only get his money, once he's met with officials. It's the fourth biggest cash prize in the history of South Africa's lottery. *eNCA*

THE CRIMSON SHORE:

RESIDENTS CONTINUING WITH BRUTAL SLAUGHTER OF PILOT WHALES

FAROE ISLAND - Tossing and turning in a scarlet sea, the dozens of pilot whales cannot escape the knife blows raining down.

Driven into the shallows, where they are forced to bathe in the blood of their relatives and companions, their distress is palpable as hunters hack at their smooth sides.

Once they are dead — or, at least, dying — hooks and ropes haul their bodies ashore, where crowds of people, many of them children, have gathered to watch this bloodthirsty spectacle.

Tragically, the whales, the victims of this brutal human behaviour, are here as a result of their innate sense of loyalty.

Such is their devotion to their extended family that if one member becomes stranded on land, the rest of the pod will remain with the stricken animal, even if they endanger themselves.

Hunts

But this same loyalty drives them all towards the lances that await them on the shore. The whales stick together, so they die together.

This week, the Faroe Islands in the North Atlantic witnessed the latest grindadrap, or grind, as these hunts are called.

A pod of whales was sighted off the islands and 25 boats set out in pursuit. In the course of two hours, the men



BLOOD SPOT: Faroese, who are semi-autonomous from Denmark, insist what they are doing is legal and sustainable. (Daily Mail)

herded the whales inshore and eventually caused something called — in a euphemism a politician would envy — an 'assisted stranding'.

There, on Hvannasund Beach, the Faroese were waiting with their weapons. Of the 200 whales in the pod, 120 were killed. With distinctive dome-shaped heads, they come in two species hard to tell apart, long-finned and short-finned, and they can be found just about anywhere in the ocean.

Length

They are often collectively referred to as blackfish because of their colouring — although they are not fish but mammals like us. As whales go, they are not large; five metres is

about the maximum length.

They are renowned for the intense and close nature of their society — unusually, females and males stay in the same group as their mothers. They display something close to grief when members of their pod die: pilot whales in the North Atlantic have been spotted forming a protective circle around one adult and a dead calf.

Certainly, they seem to have an emotional life. Volunteers who have helped them when they became strand-



GRUESOME: This week 25 boats set out to chase the pod, forcing them on to Hvannasund Beach, where the Faroese were waiting with their weapons. Of the 200 whales in the pod, 120 were killed.

Scottish beaches have talked of the creatures 'following' them with their eyes, and making plaintive cries. Remarkably, when they were in distress, the animals responded positively to female voices, particularly when the volunteers sang. They seemed to find the sounds soothing.

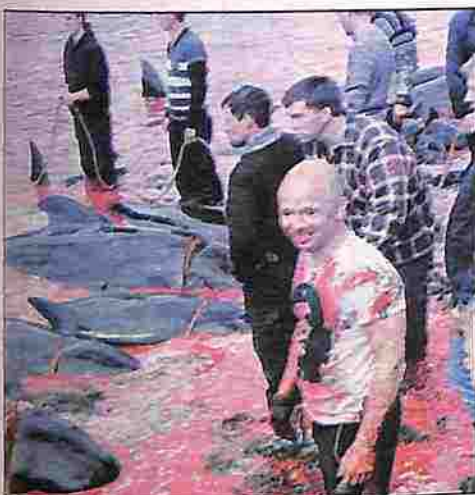
Intelligent

Observers have noted, too, that pilot whales seem to enjoy annoying sperm whales, bumping and nipping the huge yet timid animals for no discernible purpose. These intelligent and curious animals are, like many whales and dolphins, very vocal. Early research revealed that pods — their large family groups — develop their own traditions,

such as distinctive diets, even when several pods live in the same area, and unique calls. The newborns within a group soon learn to mimic their elders' clicks and whistles. "We suspect that these (observations) are the first visible tip of an iceberg of blackfish culture," wrote Hal Whitehead and Luke Rendell in *The Cultural Lives Of Whales And Dolphins*.

The culture of the Faroese people has long involved whaling. When the animals are sighted close to shore and conditions are calm enough, the call goes out — once by word of mouth, now by phone call and social media — and the islanders race to the water.

Daily Mail



WHAT A SHAME: The Faroe Islands in the North Atlantic witnessed the latest grindadrap, or grind, this week. Activist group Sea Shepherd say it is not legal, and are preparing action against the Kingdom of Denmark to try to stop the killing.

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From herdsmen to central bankers

SEKOMA - Molefi Ramantele, a small-scale livestock farmer who ekes out a living in Botswana's arid scrubland, lost a third of his cattle in the drought that has scorched southern Africa. "My life is my cattle. I have never seen it so bad. It will take me years to get them back," the 67-year-old said of his livestock, often the main measure of household wealth in rural African economies. Farmers, game reserves and central bankers across Southern Africa are among those set to count the cost for years to come of the drought that wiped out livestock, pushed up food prices and caused power shortages and protests. *Reuters*

New S Sudan VP Is 'Illegal'

SUDAN - South Sudan's former vice president and prominent opposition leader Riek Machar has told Al Jazeera that his replacement by President Salva Kiir is "illegal". In an exclusive phone interview on Wednesday, Machar said: "I'm still the first vice president of the Republic of South Sudan. The appointment made yesterday by President Salva Kiir is illegal. It has no basis because the peace agreement does not give him the powers to appoint a first vice president under the current circumstances." *AllAfrica*

20 cases of sexual abuse reported

UNITED NATIONS - The United Nations said on Wednesday there has been at least 120 cases of sexual violence and rape against civilians in South



Sudan's capital Juba since fighting erupted three weeks ago between troops loyal to the

country's rival leaders. Heavy fighting involving tanks and helicopters raged in Juba for several days between troops loyal to President Salva Kiir and those backing Vice President Riek Machar earlier this month. At least 272 people were killed before the leaders ordered a cease fire.

Reuters

Punishment looms for war veterans

HARARE - Thousands of Zimbabweans have rallied in support of President Robert Mugabe days after war veterans called the 92-year-old a corrupt dictator. Uncertainty over his successor is accompanied by public anger at hardships.

Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe addressed a rally of his supporters at the headquarters of the ruling ZANU-PF party in Harare on Wednesday. *AllAfrica*

Displaced, forgotten in CAR

OUHAM - As the humanitarian workers drive in to each village, people assemble around their vehicles or drag plastic chairs and benches to the shade to discuss the latest events: Which places have been attacked, burned or looted by armed groups, the number killed in this place or that, where people have fled to and how many have arrived from surrounding areas in search of safety. *AllAfrica*



MUGABE FIGHTS BACK AFTER PROTESTS

HARARE - Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe on Wednesday launched a blistering attack on anti-government activists, foreign embassies and disaffected war veterans as he sought to assert his grip on power following recent protests.

Mugabe addressed thousands of supporters outside the headquarters of the ruling ZANU-PF party, issuing a clear threat to Evan Mawarire, the pastor who has become the figurehead of a new opposition movement.

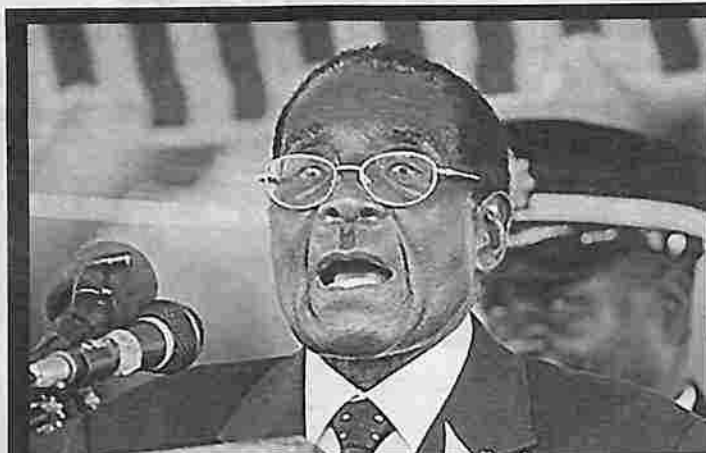
"The Mawarires. I want to warn them very strongly," Mugabe said in a fiery 45-minute speech.

"ZANU-PF will not tolerate any nonsense.

"Once you begin to interfere with our politics, you are courting real trouble.

"We know how to deal with our enemies who have been trying to bring about regime change."

Mugabe, who took power in 1980 and is now aged 92, has often used his security forces to



I WILL CONTINUE: Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe.

crack down ruthlessly on any sign of dissent in Zimbabwe.

But a wave of street demonstrations and strikes has shaken his government, which has run out of money and is struggling to pay its soldiers and civil servants.

In the latest sign of growing national instability, veterans of Zimbabwe's independence war, who have previously been loyal

supporters of the president, issued a statement last week denouncing him.

"When we find out who the people were, the party will discipline them. The punishment will be severe," Mugabe said in his first comments on the veterans' criticisms.

Earlier this month, many offices, shops and some govern-

ment departments closed for a one-day strike to protest over the country's economic collapse that has been worsened by a severe drought.

Mugabe on Wednesday also repeated his accusations that western countries were fuelling opposition against him.

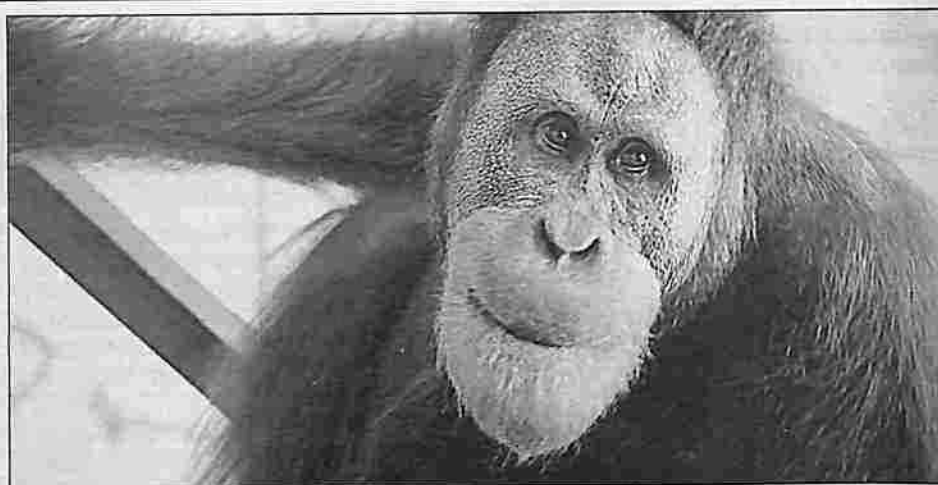
"The foreign embassies in the country that are interfering with our politics... I want to warn them to desist from it," he said.

"[They] try and subvert our system of government."

Authorities in Zimbabwe have alleged the French and US envoys support the popular 'ThisFlag' protest movement, named after the hashtag first adopted by Mawarire.

Mugabe's audience on Wednesday was made up of party loyalists, many of them waving the party flag and wearing party regalia displaying his portrait. "There is one centre of power and that is Comrade President Mugabe."

AFP



REMARKABLE: The great ape that can form vowels like a human: Remarkable ability of eight-year-old orangutan Rocky could shed light on origins of speech. During the study, a researcher made random sounds, varying the tone or pitch of her voice. Rocky then mimicked the sounds, which the team compared against a database of orang-utan calls. (AP)

Human rights watch blames Burundi gang on rapes

BUJUMBURA - Members of Burundi ruling party's youth league, Imbonerakure, and some others from the security forces had repeatedly raped women since the political crisis erupted in May last year, Human Rights Watch (HRW) said on Wednesday.

HRW said in a report that many of the victims were family members of perceived government opponents.

"Policemen or men wearing police uniform had commit-

ted rape," added the report.

The report said the rapes happened in the capital, Bujumbura, but also in several provinces of Burundi, the authors being armed persons.

From May to September 2015 more than 300 women and girls were reported to have been raped as they were trying to flee to humanitarian aid in Tanzania.

"Attackers from Burundi's ruling party youth league tied up, brutally beat, and gang-raped women, often with their children nearby", said

Skye Wheeler, a researcher for the Women's Right Division of HRW.

He added that many of the victims had suffered long-term physical and psychological consequences. In Tanzania refugees' camps, rape victims got emergency care for HIV, he explained.

"But, one woman who did not receive such emergency care became pregnant from the rape. Another found out later she was HIV positive", he said.

AllAfrica

Britain not bankrolling Mugabe's regime

HARARE - Britain's ambassador to Zimbabwe has denied claims that her government is secretly supporting President Robert Mugabe's regime, according to a report on Wednesday.

Zimbabwe's privately-owned News Day quoted Catriona Laing as saying that the United Kingdom would not give money to Mugabe's regime until it introduced key administrative reforms.

These included good governance, an end to police brutality and respect for court orders.

Loans

"No United Kingdom taxpayers' money has been or will be used to fund the government of Zimbabwe. Any decision on future UK support for a multi-year International Monetary Fund programme will be based on the considerations described above," Laing was quoted as saying.

The British government had reportedly been pushing a package to pay off \$1.8bn in arrears to multilateral donors, which would allow Zimbabwe to take out emergency IMF loans.

According to an article by Ian Birrell published on Nehanda Radio, British diplomats and officials in the department for international development were behind this. They apparently favoured stability over respect for human rights or support for opposition figures fighting a brutal regime

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World News

TRUMP URGES RUSSIA TO HACK CLINTON'S EMAILS

MIAMI - Donald Trump sensationally challenged Russia on Wednesday to hack into Hillary Clinton's emails as a furious Democratic campaign accused the Republican nominee of inviting foreign spies to meddle in the US presidential election.

At a sweeping news conference, the New York billionaire tried to undermine his White House rival, astonishingly implying that Vladimir Putin used a racial slur against US President Barack Obama and promised a heyday of US-Russian relations under a Trump presidency.

His remarks provoked outrage from the Clinton campaign and left some Republicans wincing. His running mate, Mike Pence, hurriedly clarified that the party was not soft on Moscow and Trump tried to roll back his remarks.



PLEASE: Donald Trump sensationally challenged Russia to hack into Hillary Clinton's emails. (Google)

Attacking Clinton as she prepares to accept her party's formal nomination, Trump turned his guns on a previous email scandal dating back to her time as secretary of state and more than 30 000 emails deleted on grounds of being personal and not related to her job.

"Russia, if you're listening, I hope you're able to find the 30 000 emails that are missing. I think you will probably be rewarded mightily by our press," Trump said.

The Clinton camp responded immediately and furiously. "This has to be the first time

that a major presidential candidate has actively encouraged a foreign power to conduct espionage against his political opponent," Clinton's Senior Policy Advisor Jake Sullivan said.

"This has gone from being a matter of curiosity, and a matter of politics, to being a national security issue."

While the FBI declined to recommend charges against Clinton over the email scandal, its conclusion that she was "extremely careless" with classified information has seen the Democrat lose her polling advantage to Trump.

The row spotlights deep US distrust of Russia, fuelling yet another day of headlines about whether Russian agents may have hacked into Democratic Party emails which, once leaked, hugely embarrassed the Clinton campaign.

AFP

Obama passes torch to Clinton

PHILADELPHIA - US President Barack Obama on Wednesday called on Democrats to carry Hillary Clinton to victory over Donald Trump, saying the 2016 White House race was not just about party politics, but the nature of American democracy.

The two-term president offered potent testimony on the third night of his party's national convention about how Clinton, his onetime rival, became an ally and trusted advisor.

Painting Republican nominee Donald Trump as a know-nothing who cozies up to dictators, Obama said November's vote was "not just a choice between parties or policies; the usual debates between left and right".

"This is a more fundamental choice," he said, telling convention delegates in Philadelphia - the city where America's constitution was written - that this was a battle for the very "meaning of our democracy".

"This is a more fundamental choice - about who we are as a people, and whether we stay true to this great American experiment in self-government," he said.

Obama spearheaded a day-long effort by Democrats to depict Trump as unfit to be commander-in-chief, contrasting the political neophyte with his more experienced Democratic rival.

Trump, he said, was "not really a plans guy. He's not really a facts guy either."

Daily Mail

Canada seeking help to fight overdose deaths

MONTREAL - The Canadian province of British Columbia on Wednesday appealed for action from Ottawa after recording a surge in overdose deaths from the powerful opioid fentanyl.

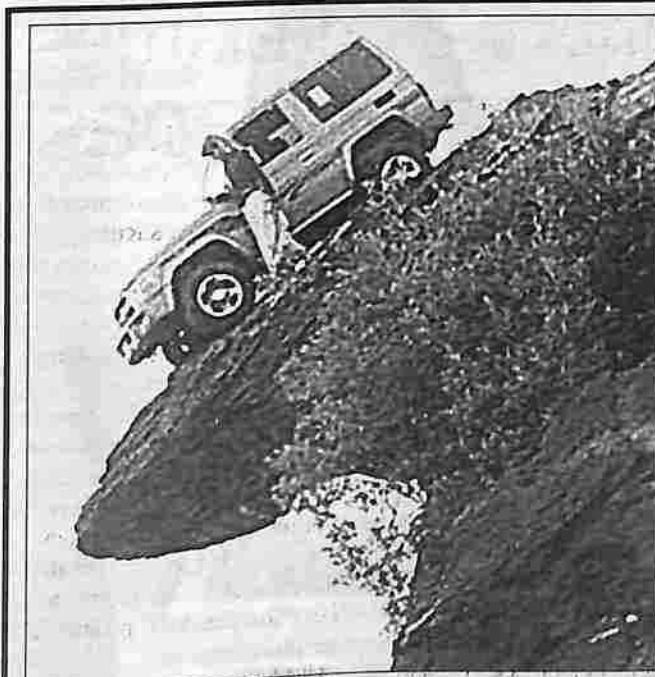
Premier Christy Clark called the situation "alarming, frightening," noting that the province recorded 371 fentanyl overdose deaths from January to June, a 74 percent jump.

"We are asking the federal government to restrict access

to pill presses... pursue stronger penalties, escalate charges on those who import and traffic fentanyl, ask Canada border services to search and examine all small packages for fentanyl so it stops coming across our borders," she said. Clark also announced the formation of a joint task force on overdose response, bringing together health authorities and law enforcement. Its purpose is "to get the deadly drugs off our streets and get people the help they need," she said.

The Pacific coast province declared a public health emergency in April following a spate of fatal overdoses. Since then, health authorities have distributed antidote kits for opiate-based drugs. Across the border in the United States, deaths from opioid drugs such as fentanyl, which killed the singer Prince in April, almost doubled from 2010 to 2014, according to the latest statistics from the US Drug Enforcement Administration.

AFP



CLIFF HANGER: The man appears to be standing at the edge of the Fafa Mountain in Saudi Arabia with his car perched in a precarious position. While some on social media said the driver had behaved in a reckless fashion, others shared their disbelief and suspected the images may have been altered or taken from an angle to make it look more terrifying than it really was. (Daily Mail)

BRIEFS

Biden says Trump has 'no clue'

PHILADELPHIA - Levelling a blistering attack on Donald Trump, US Vice President Joe Biden put on his rhetorical hat as "middle-class Joe" on Wednesday and told Democratic delegates and millions of television viewers that the billionaire businessman "has no clue" about the needs of working-class people or what makes the nation great. "He's trying to tell us he cares about the middle class?" Biden said at the Democratic National Convention. "Give me a break." AP

Le Monde bans images of suspects

PARIS - France's Le Monde daily said Wednesday it would no longer publish photographs of killers responsible for terror attacks to avoid giving them "posthumous glorification". The country's biggest rolling news television channel, BFMTV, later confirmed that it was following suit, as did Catholic daily La Croix. And the Europe 1 radio station said it was going further and not "naming terrorists". "We realised after the Nice attack that we were very uncomfortable about a series of photos from the attacker's past," Le Monde's Managing Editor Jerome Fenoglio told AFP, referring to widely circulated images of Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel flexing his muscles and salsa dancing. AFP

14 drug convicts to be executed

JAKARTA - Indonesia will execute 14 drug convicts including at least four foreigners this weekend, the attorney general said on Wednesday, stepping up a "war on drugs" that has drawn international condemnation. Those executed will include nationals of Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Pakistan and India. H. Muhammad Prasetyo told reporters at the state palace. News of the impending executions prompted condemnation from the United Nations and the European Union. Reuters



Pope's aide investigated

SYDNEY - Australian police said yesterday they are investigating child abuse complaints against Vatican finance chief George Pell, but had not yet decided whether to press charges. It follows explosive allegations against the cardinal aired by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation on Wednesday, which he strongly denied. "That's a matter that we investigated and still are investigating," Victoria Police Chief Commissioner Graham Ashton said of the claims. AFP

Hinckley Jr. freed after 35 years

WASHINGTON - John Hinckley Jr. who wounded US President Ronald Reagan and three other people in a 1981 assassination attempt, should be freed after 35 years and released to live with his mother, a federal judge ruled on Wednesday. US District Judge Paul Friedman said Hinckley no longer posed a danger to himself or others and could be released from a government psychiatric hospital in Washington. AFP



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Compiled by Nomfundo Sifundza

PARTY TILL THE SUN COMES UP

All in: Hip hop, house, comedy, gospel and jazz in **one** weekend

ONE might lack the appropriate words to better describe the goodness that comes with this weekend. First of all the entertainment industry records history as the first ever comedy DVD recording goes down tonight at Sibane Hotel.

Be sure to be thoroughly bushed by Sunday so that you have room for jazz music down at Simunye Country Club. In a mother of all weekends, there are all genres of music aimed at pleasing you and yours. Make it worth it, party all you can!!

TONIGHT

WHAT: Mdura's live ZeroChill DVD Recording

WHERE: Sibane Hotel

The man has without a doubt made a name for himself. We are now looking at Swaziland's own Trevor Noah. Join him tonight at Sibane Hotel and get treated at the VIP section as executives. There shall be a holding room for the VIPs where they will be treated to live music, drinks and finger foods. The VIP experience shall start at exactly 6:30pm and will last until 7:20pm and also the VIP will be included in the main DVD insert recording. You want to appear on that clip, right? Make it down to Sibane Hotel then.

General tickets are available at Sneakers Manzini, Ocean Basket as well as in Ezulwini and Mbabane.

WHAT: Total Gold Series
WHERE: House on Fire

The Total Gold Series launch kicks off with the crowd's favourite The Soil. You can only imagine how better it will get as the series continues.

Make it to House on Fire tonight. Doors open at 8pm. Tickets cost E300 and VIP ones retail at E550.

WHAT: 360 Sesla Launch
WHERE: Solanis

The Afroteinment founder will be entertaining fans at The Mall later today then catch him at Solanis tonight. You best know he dishes out the best mixes.

WHAT: Mr and Miss Pigg's Peak
WHERE: Gobolondlo Hall
All roads lead to Pigg's Peak for the Mr and Miss Peak beauty pageants tonight at Gobolondlo Hall. The pageant that was put on hold



SOULFUL: DJ Tira and Floewe.



ROCKING: The Soil.

has now made a comeback and many cannot wait to see who is the fairest of them all.

WHAT: Royal; Nights with PsychoLution

WHERE: Pub n Grill

Hankey Banister present Royal Nights with PsychoLution at Pub n grill. Hosted by King Terry featuring Lady Zee, Young Zii, Eimsofly, Kryptic and the spin doctors.

Entrance is only E50 and E70 for VIP.

WHAT: On the run price tag
WHERE: Swaziland Theatre Club

The Stukie Motsa Foundation presents the 'on the run price tag play' which is also to intensify the fight against the killings of our fellow brothers and sisters living with albinism. The play is on tonight and tomorrow between 7pm and 9pm.

Tickets cost E100.

WHAT: D Month end Groove

WHERE: TC Pub n Rest

DJ711 and DJ Bean are ready to

keep you dancing till the sun comes down at TC Pub n Rest.

No entrance fee but food and drinks on sale.

WHAT: Mozambique vs. Swaziland

WHERE: The White House

Cross border friends strengthen ties with Swaziland at the White House tonight and it also going



GOING PLACES: Nothando Hlophe.



FEATURED: PhyscoLution and DJ 711.



JOCULAR: Mdura and Mandy.



down tomorrow.

Performers include DJ Delux from Mozambique and DJ Stitch from Swaziland.

There is a long list of Swazi and Mozambican DJs ready to rock your weekend.

TOMORROW

WHAT: Spirit of Praise Recording

WHERE: Carnival City

Swaziland stand up and give a warm round of applause to Nothando Hlophe. From just a Woman in Praise competitor to recording an album in a space of less than a year then baaaam she is recording with South African group, Spirit of Praise tomorrow at Carnival City.

WHAT: Mahalias Album Launch

WHERE: Royal Swazi Convention Centre

The former Joyous Celebration singer will be launching her album in Swaziland tomorrow at the

Convention Centre. This one calls out for all gospel music lovers to go down the valley and witness live worship at its best.

WHAT: Floewe's acoustic night

WHERE: Sibane Hotel

The soulful Floewe does wonders with her voice. Catch her at Sibane Hotel tomorrow.

WHAT: Drama Competition fundraising

WHERE: The George Hotel

Catch Swaziland's only female comedian at The George Hotel starting at 10:00am till late. With E40 you will be treated to the best talent from a young age group as high school pupils from the Mbabane-Manzini corridor will be delivering drama plays as a build-up to their competitions.

WHAT: Indibano Jazz Festival

WHERE: Simunye Country Club

The big guns of jazz music are at it again. Tomorrow at the Simunye Country Club music will be served right on to your plate as Itallo and friends go down.

SUNDAY

WHAT: Sundae Good Music

WHERE: Ronde vu

(Esibayeni Lodge)
South Africa's Prince Kaybee will be at the Rondevu for a chill session alongside China and Soul T. Local artists who will be there as well are; DJ Wicked, Crooks, Cece, Mistosoul, Fantasy and Papz. Entrance fee is E70 and E120 for VIP.



PsychoLution for Royal Nights

By Phumelele Mkhonta

FOLLOWING the success of the first episode, 'King Terry' and his team are back for the second edition of Hankey Bannister Royal Nights, this time headlined by hip hop phenomenon PsychoLution tonight at Pub n Grill, Ezulwini.

Royal Nights aim to put the spotlight mainly on Swazi artists and show the world that the talent in the country has reached headline status.

Performing alongside PsychoLution will be Young Zii, known for being one half of the 'Makhulu Baas' duo YnV and Eiamsofly, who currently has the number one video on the beat down.

Also featured is up and coming rapper, Kriptic, who will be performing in a slot that will be introduced tonight and is powered by Skyworld Travel and Tours.

Handling the decks will be veteran spin doctors and relatively new deejays, So What and Lady Zee.

Lady Zee gave a thrilling performance at the last Royal Nights that had the dance floor packed with the crowd asking for her to come back for a second set.

"We have been working around the clock to make sure everyone that comes through has an experience like no other. We want the people that came to the last Royal Nights to see that we've gone a level higher and will go even higher at the next one," said 'King Terry' who is one of the Royal Nights organisers.

Not only is Royal Nights back with its original partners Hankey Bannister, Big Siz Beats and 'King Terry' but it is also joined by Skyworld Travel and Tours, Deck8de and Mookelwear.

The Royal Nights team says "it's only the beginning".

Entrance fee is E50 for general and E70 for VIP.

AMANDA DU PONT DISSES SWAZILAND

By Nomfundo Sifundza

SWAZI-born South African based actress Amanda Du Pont dissed the Swaziland National Arts and Culture department yesterday in an interview on SABC3 for awarding her with a lifetime achievement award at a young age.

The beauty claimed nothing happens in Swaziland hence the lifetime achievement award she got when she was only 21 years old.

"No one had done anything at that time; they just wanted to say congratulations and well done".

To which the host of the show applauded and the audience clapped hands also congratulating her on her achievement.

Amanda was apparently invited

for the interview after a video clip of her boasting about her acting abilities was seen. Also on the subject was her relationship with presenter of 'Man Cave' Janez. The actress is reportedly in a better place now after the bad things rapper, Cassper Nyovest, put her through whilst they were still an item.

Amanda is a daughter to local businessman, Henry du Pont who is the owner of Tums Water World in Sidvokodvo.

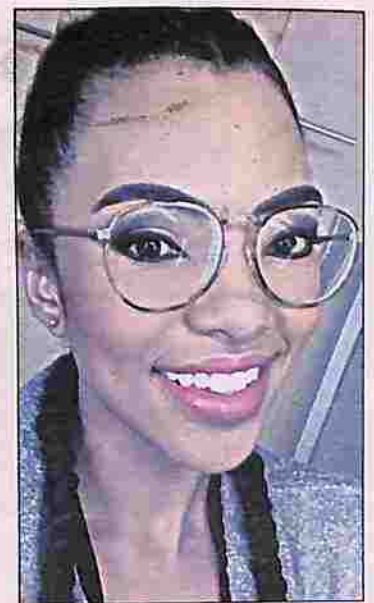
After earning her bachelor's Degree from the South African School of Motion Picture and Live Performance, she received a scholarship to attend the New

York Film Academy.

The actress has been on a number of South African soap operas including acting as villain 'Lelo' on Skeem Sam in which she speaks Siswati, mixed with English.

Her Swazi fans were disappointed by her comments as they stated "actually there is a lot that happens in Swaziland, our artists really work hard" said one who preferred her name not to be revealed.

Meanwhile, SNCAC Chief Executive Officer Stanley Dlamini stated that he did not recall the beauty being decorated with an award of such magnitude



MXM: Amanda du Pont.

and requested that the council would appreciate if Amanda brought forth a certificate proving the honour was bestowed upon her.

Dlamini added "she must have gotten a best actress award not a lifetime achievement one as this we would most probably give to a personality that has served in the industry for some time".



'We will ensure the house is on fire'

By Phumelele Mkhonta

THE Soil's new song bird Theo Matshoba promised to bring House on Fire down with a marvellous performance they will render tonight.

Matshoba explained how her fellow group members were excited by the beauty of the country.

"My band members tell me Swaziland is an amazing place to be and I cannot wait as this will be my first perfor-

mance. We promise to bring the House on Fire down," Matshoba stated.

South Africa's acappella group 'The Soil' is due to perform at House on Fire in Malkerns.

Their performance marks the launch of the Total Gold Series. The Total Gold Series is set to bring out the best of international acts at the House on Fire iconic amphitheatre; other artists who are yet to grace the country will be announced at the show.

Theo is the 20-year-old vocalist who replaced Buhlebendalo Mda who was the original vocalist for The Soil.

Buhle, as she is affectionately known, took a break from the group to undergo training for her ancestral calling.

Gates open at 8pm and tickets are available at Debonairs Mbabane and Gables. They are also available at Mandela's Internet Café at E300 for general and E550 for VIP.

Miss Cultural Heritage calls for Lubombo girls

By Majaha Nkonyane

FOLLOWING a successful hosting of the Miss Cultural Heritage 2015 where Nosipho Dlamini shone amongst the rest, the committee is out again hunting for the fairest of them all, in the regional recruitment process.

The committee will this weekend begin its recruitment process and first on the list is the Lubombo region, where tomorrow the committee will be at Siteki Hotel hosting registrations for interested girls.

"We would like to encourage all the girls in the Lubombo region to register and be part of this year's competition," Miss Cultural Heritage Public Relations and Marketing Officer Sedatla McClain said.

The process, which is part of the Arts and Culture office will last the whole day and seeks to bring girls from the Lubombo region first before moving to the other three regions of the country.

The committee is engaging in their proposed road show which will be conducted in the four regions of the country in the following dates.

- Tomorrow at Siteki Hotel
- August 6 - Nhlanguano Youth Centre
- August 13 - Pigg's Peak
- August 20 - Manzini

The regional recruitment process seeks to register at least five girls in a region.

In a case where there are less girls, it will be automatic for all of them to make it to the national eliminations which are set for early September just after the national Reed Dance.



SOUL CANDI LECTURER TO LAUNCH ALBUM AT FINESSE

By Phumelele Mkhonta

SOUL Candi Institute of Music lecturer Nigel Moyo is set to launch his album titled 'Nizhede Soul' at Finesse Pub in Mbabane today.

Soul Candi Institute is a music brand based in South Africa that provides deejaying production and music business classes. It has produced big names with the like of DJ Shimza, Da Capo, Heavy K and many more. Nigel Moyo is

not only a lecturer but he is a tribal house music composer, producer, mixing and mastering engineer, percussionist, ethnomusicologist, father, son and brother.

Moyo expressed his love for the country adding he would redefine music leaving fun lovers yearning for more.

"I love Swaziland because it's a cultural country which takes

their traditional aspect very seriously, hence whenever I deliver, they always appreciate the tribal and ancestral performances.

The response I get is always amazing, and inspires me to work harder.

Swaziland is like my 3rd home now after Zimbabwe and South Africa as

they also look up to me and appreciate my sets.

"I would also love to applaud DJ Ca\$h who has been behind my gigs in Swaziland.

"We have been friends since I started playing in Swaziland in 2013.

"Working with him is very inspiring as we always motivate and support each other in the deejaying and music industry," commented Moyo.

Entrance fee is E20 before 6pm and E30 afterwards.



MUSIC MAN: Nigel Moyo.



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HIGHLIGHTS



Oprah Time
Sunday at 20:00 on TLC Entertainment (135)

Oprah chats with seven-time Grammy winner Pharrell Williams, one of

the most innovative and sought-after artists in the music industry today.

Indian summer's
Sunday at 21:01 on BBC First (119)

An epic drama set in the summer of 1932 where India dreams of independence, but the British are clinging to power.

Ralph Whelan - the dashing Private Secretary to the Viceroy - and the rest of the Indian Civil Service begin the annual move to Simla. Here, the doyenne of British society, Cynthia Coffin, prepares the exclusive white

British Club for the summer season, and she has a plan to help the ruthless Ralph realise his ambitions. But when Ralph's beautiful sister Alice arrives with her baby - having fled a broken marriage - a heady cocktail of racial tension and forbidden love looks set to threaten Alice's newfound happiness and her brother's ascending career.



First Stars
Monday at 00:30 on Ebony Life TV (165)

Hosted by Zainab Balogun and Tosin Odunfa, 'First Stars' is a competitive reality show that gives young filmmakers the opportunity to show their creativity and skills to global audience.

They get a chance to be mentored by renowned filmmakers and also produce a feature length film sponsored and shown in theatres nationwide with a cash prize for the winners.



Harvey Beaks
Monday at 12:40 on Nickelodeon (305)

A crime-wave has hit Little bark. Fee is the culprit and now Harvey has to figure out if it's

better to be true to the rules or your friends. Harvey is worried and insists the twins move in with him.

EMMY AWARDS ON M-NET

SUPERB shows from your favourite DStv channels dominated the 68th Emmy Awards nominations announcement last week, with over 113 shows that you can see on DStv nominated.

It came as no surprise that shows on our very own M-Net channels continue to lead the pack with an impressive 67 nominations - get the full list here.

Other DStv channels also shone with FOX (125), HISTORY® (186), BBC First (119) and Cartoon Network (301) bagging 46 nominations collectively.

Nominees announced

Some of the top quality shows

that featured prominently in nominations include: Game of Thrones (M-Net Edge, 102) with 23 nominations, the highest total for any show and star-studded courtroom drama American Crime Story: The People v OJ Simpson (FOX, 125) receiving 22 nominations.

Popular DStv favourites featured in the coveted outstanding lead categories, including the critically acclaimed British series, Downton Abbey (BBC First, 119) for Outstanding Drama Series.

The epic family saga and 2016 remake of Roots (HISTORY®, 186) bagged three nominations including Outstanding Limited

Series.

Taraji P Henson got the nod for Lead Actress in a Drama for her portrayal of Cookie Lyon in the hit television drama, Empire (FOX, 125).

The 68th Emmy Awards ceremony will be hosted by Jimmy Kimmel and will air live on the morning of Monday September 19, on M-Net channel 101 at 02:00 and the repeat will be during prime time 19:30.

To feel every moment with the very best that TV has to offer - tune into your favourite DStv channel to catch the hottest, award-winning entertainment.

Who will win The Voice Nigeria?

ON Sunday, Africa will tune in to AfricaMagic Showcase (151) and AfricaMagic Urban (153) to discover who among the final eight contestants - Nonso Bassey, Chike, Viveeyan, Brenda, Dewe, Cornel, Arese and Patrick - will emerge as the winner of The Voice Nigeria and claim the amazing prizes of a recording contract with Universal, an SUV worth seven million Naira from AfricaMagic and a four-night, all-expense paid trip for two to Abu Dhabi, courtesy of Etihad Airways.

The semi-final of the show last week Sunday was memorable as Waje, 2Baba and Timi Dakolo thrilled the audiences at home and in the studios with new and previously unheard songs while Patoranking, performing alongside surprise act Phyno, debuted 'Money', a single of his highly anticipated album, GOE.

The evening was also memorable as each contestant vying for a top spot went up a gear with simply some of the most amazing performances of the show.

Nonso gave a beautiful rendition of Tina Turner's classic 'Simply the Best' while Chike went out of

his comfort zone singing Kcee's hit dance song 'Pullover'.

DNA stunned the crowd with their amazing rendition of 'Give Me Love' by Ed Sheeran and their evictment after the sterling performance elicited an emotional reaction from the audience.

Arese channelled her spiritual Afrobeat persona as she gave a sultry rendition of music legend Fela Kuti's Palava while Patrick sang 'Humble' Smith's 'Osinachi' and Michael, who got evicted later on in the show, got the coaches shuffling to James Brown's I Feel Good. Cornel gave a dose of high-life singing Flavour's 'Oyi' (Catch Cold) while the petite but big voiced Vicky sang 'Elastic Heart'

by Sia. Dewe who continues to show tremendous growth sang Bob Marley's 'Could You Be Loved' as he made it into the top eight.

David Operah gave an amazing rendition of Fela Kuti's 'Lady' and Brenda went reggaeton with 'I Wish' by Waje while Viveeyan sang Beyoncé's 'Sweet Dreams'. David Operah was voted out of the competition in what turned out to be yet another emotional departure of the night.

Public voting opened immediately after Sunday's show and closed on Wednesday. To vote for your preferred, first ever winner of The Voice Nigeria, simply send their respective sms number to 33120.



International
Celebrity News

Khloe Kardashian looks skinnier than ever

HOLLYWOOD - She's lost 40 pounds - and hit the gym daily - since splitting from husband Lamar Odom in December 2013.

And Khloe Kardashian looked skinner than ever as she showed off her incredibly toned body in San Diego on Wednesday.

The 32-year-old flaunted her tiny waist and toned shoulders in a strapless jumpsuit as celebrations for her grandmother's birthday continued. The reality television star has



SEXY: Khloe Kardashian.

trimmed inches from her waist and hips, whilst impressively keeping her bust and backside curved.

She rocked the elegant all black one-piece which showcased her stunning figure, alongside her sisters and Scott Disick. Vamping it up with bright red lipstick,

the blonde beauty parted her hair on one side and styled it in classic Hollywood waves. *Dailymail*

Emma Willis bans husband from Strictly Come Dancing

LOS ANGELES - He may be an "amazing dancer" but don't expect to see Matt Willis on Strictly Come Dancing anytime soon. The Busted star's wife Emma Willis has admitted she has banned him from competing on the show due to fears of the infamous "Strictly curse".

"Matt could do Strictly, because he's an amazing dancer. Every now and then he will bust out a pirouette in the middle of the living room and

our daughter will be like, "Wow, Daddy!" Emma told

The Mirror. But I don't want him grinding against hot women. I do get jealous, but I think that's normal." Emma admitted: "I'm a jealous person. If my husband is around a younger, good-

looking woman, I'm like, 'Stop looking at them!' We're women - and for the most part, I think it's a natural thing that we all have in us." *Hellomagazine*



BANNED: Emma and Matt Willis.

Julia Roberts breaks silence on Garry Marshall's death

HOLLYWOOD - Julia Roberts is mourning the loss of one of Hollywood's most beloved figures.

Legendary director, producer and writer Garry Marshall unexpectedly passed on July 19, bringing together a laundry list of A-listers whose careers he is often credited in launching to remember the timeless contributions he gave to film and television. Roberts is no exception to his legacy, with her portrayal of a naive prostitute



MEMORIES: Julia Roberts and the late Garry Marshall.

opposite Richard Gere in the Marshall-directed *Pretty Woman* serving as a major catalyst for her stardom. The Oscar-winning actress spoke to *People* magazine on the profound loss, saying, "To know Garry Marshall was to love him. And I was luckier than most to have loved him for my entire adult life and luckier still to have been loved by him because his love was

unconditional, inexhaustible and magical." *Dailymail*

Dr Dre wins court case

LOS ANGELES - The Los Angeles District Attorney's office has rejected the case against Dr. Dre following an incident at his Malibu home earlier this week. The DA released the following statement: "A misdemeanor charge of exhibiting a concealable firearm in public was declined due to a lack of sufficient evidence."

E! News has confirmed that the music mogul, real name Andre Young, was detained by police after authorities responded to a call "regarding an

allegation of a man brandishing a firearm," the press release explains. The call was made by a man who was stopped in his vehicle on Pacific Coast Highway in front of Dre's residence. "He said a male at the residence ordered him

to leave and produced a handgun. The alleged victim said he drove away after seeing the handgun." Police "searched, handcuffed, and briefly detained" the celeb while deputies investigated the incident. *Dailymail*



CLEARED: Dr. Dre.

SA Celebrity News

Masasa reflects on being called 'too ugly' for Scandal!

JOHANNESBURG - She may be one of the country's finest actresses but Masasa Mbangeni has had more than her fair share of social media hate over the years.

Speaking to *Destiny* magazine recently, Masasa reflected on hatred she has received on social media and recalled how in the early days of her career fans would often pick on her, going as far as ask her bosses at Scandal! to drop her from screen



BULLIED: Masasa Mbangeni.

because she was "too ugly."

"In the early days of my career, I used to suffer really bad bullying on social media: fans of the show (*Scandal!*) would demand that I be removed from it because I was 'too ugly,'" she told the magazine. Masasa has

spoken before of her battles with depression, telling fans in an Instagram post that she went through downers that left her with "a lack of motivation to get up and live, never mind move."

Drum.co.za

Kwesta not into the flashy spending

JOHANNESBURG - While most celebrities often spend millions on expensive houses, cars, and exotic vacations, it turns out Kwesta has opted for a more frugal and normal lifestyle. Speaking to *DRUM*, the Ngud' hitmaker revealed that despite the meteoric rise that his career has witnessed, he remains uninterested in the "flashy lifestyle" that often comes with being a celebrity, adding that his top priorities are taking care of his family and remaining true to himself.

"I only want to provide for my family. I'm not into a flashy lifestyle because I want to remain myself. I



LALA VUKA: Kwesta.

will always be me, regardless of the heights of success I reach," he told the publication.

Kwesta has a three-year-old daughter, Khai, with his current girlfriend of six years. He explained that the both of them have played a role in keeping him afloat in the wake of his massive success.

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This is how Sfiso Ncwane plans to beat piracy

JOHANNESBURG - Musician Sfiso Ncwane and his wife, Ayanda, have got a grand plan to stop piracy in South Africa.

Piracy is a big issue in the country, with musicians said to be losing out on thousands of Rands in royalties each year because of the problem.

The scourge has caused a number of high-profile musicians to speak out

against piracy over the last few months, but Sfiso and his wife think they might have found a solution.

Ayanda took to Instagram this week to reveal that she and her husband are planning to fight piracy not by dropping the price of their music, but by taking their work "straight to the people," and opening up pop-up CD stores in areas

where permanent stores are not present. *sowetan*



HAS A PLAN: Sfiso Ncwane.

Dali Mpofu pokes fun at AKA's academic history

JOHANNESBURG - During the celebrations of the Economic Freedom Fighters' (EFF) third birthday on Tuesday, Advocate Dali Mpofu took to Twitter to applaud the party's leaders academic achievements, but not without poking fun at AKA's academic history as well.

While it may or may not have anything to do with AKA's previous twitter feud with Julius Malema and Mbuyiseni Ndlozi, Dali seemingly took aim at the rapper's academic profile when one Twitter user mentioned the

music group, Entity, which the One Time hitmaker used to be a part of, alongside Dali's son Sizwe.

"If there's anything I'll thank @AdvDali Mpofu for is paying for Entity's album," the Twitter user wrote, during Dali's series of celebratory tweets.

The Twitter user further commented, saying Sizwe was the best rapper in the group, and as a result of Dali's decision for his son to quit Entity and focus on school, they were left with AKA

Timeslive



LEARNED FRIEND: Dali Mpofu.

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TODAY

Jabu and Zama are like moths to a flame. Pam's plan to surprise S'Khaleni is met with unlikely opposition.



LOVE BIRDS: Jabu and Zama.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Nina has a breakthrough as she tells Obakeng her regrets and holds his hand and he lets



her. Nikiwe is shocked as Gabriel sits at the Sibeko breakfast table with Lincoln's blessing. Aunt Tilly arrives and looks down on Lerato going to party in a short black dress.

SHOCKED: Nikiwe.

Muvhango

TODAY

Gizara has a plan to stop Vusi from taking over the chieftaincy. Busi's world comes crashing down. James makes a desperate phone call. Mulimisi lays an impossible task on Shonisani.



DESPERATE: James.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

David decides to kill Lerato himself. Reneilwe is gutted when she learns that Zolani got married. Zinzi comes up with a brilliant plan to cheer her mother up.



DEAD OR ALIVE: Lerato.



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CAPRICORN - Your relentless pursuit of anything hidden or secret makes you a researcher or investigator bar none. Emotionally, you are also hot stuff, rushing into areas and handling subject matters that others would never come near.



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AQUARIUS - Ideas are flowing today and if you have been elected to convince the boss or the planning committee of some changes, you will be successful. Your outward seriousness and no-nonsense approach to things are obvious to all.



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ARIES - Ideas and communications are topics of interest and concern for you now. Getting the facts and making sure that people get your message straight can make all the difference in the world—and any shortcomings in these areas can cause problems.



LIBRA - You have strong, stable emotions and tend to draw around you the perfect environment. The thing you need is at hand. In addition, you receive good fortune and much support from friends and relatives.



TAURUS - You do not like making speeches, but when elected as a scheduled speaker, you can plan each word perfectly. You can communicate with great enthusiasm.



SCORPIO - You may feel left out or passed over just now. Your own requirements may appear to limit and separate you from where the rest of the gang is headed. This is a short-term situation but it needs your attention. All work and no play can be very draining of your energy.



GEMINI - A surge of feeling independent and liberated, and an interest in trying new ideas, may take hold of you now. You have plenty of enthusiasm and warm up to things and people quickly.



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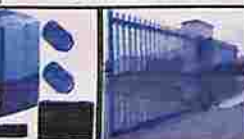
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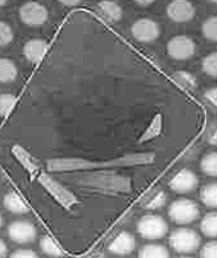
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lakhe (Mkhweli
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Thokozile Mavis
Nxumalo has
responded to Lord's
call. Memorial service
at St. Michael's
chapel on Friday July
30, 2016 @ 12:00pm.
Short service at
kaShali @ 8:30pm.
There will be no night
vigil. Funeral service
at Nkhamba Anglican
Church starting at
5:00am on Saturday.
Announcement by
Siphiwe Fakudze on
behalf of the family



In memory of my wife
Holland who passed
away on 20 July
2016, a memorial
service will be held at
DUPS cremation on
28 July 2016 at 3pm.



Mabhebi Ivis
Dlamini usishiye
emhlabeni. Kwatiswa
eMalangeni endlu
yaNdialudzaka, baka
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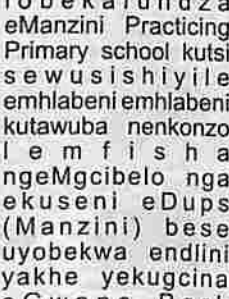


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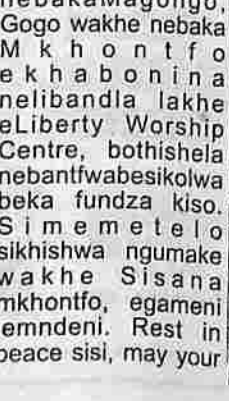
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Kwatiswa tihlobo
nebangani ba
Cebile Phetsile
Makhubela
lobekafundza
eManzini Practicing
Primary school kutsi
sewusishiye
emhlabeni emhlabeni
kutawuba nenkonzo
lemfisha
ngeMgcibelo nga
ekuseni eDups
(Manzini) bese
uyobekwa endlini
yakhe yekugcina
eGwane Park
Cemetery nga 7am
ekuseni. Kwatiswa
bakaMakhubela,
nebakaMagongo,
Gogo wakhe nebaka
Mkhontfo
ekhakhakhe
nelebandla lakhe
eLiberty Worship
Centre, bothishela
nebantfwabesikolwa
beka fundza kiso.
Simemetelo
sikhishwa ngumake
wakhe Sisana
mkhontfo, egameni
lemndeneni. Rest in
peace sisl, may your



Kwatiswa tihlobo
nebangani
baJohannes Zongo
Masango kutsi
akasekho emhlabeni.
usishiye mhlaka 26
July 2016.
Ulongcwatjelwa
eSpiki emathuneni
mhlaka 31 July 2016
kutoba nemlindzelo
ekhaya lakhe
eMalandalahle
ngeMgcibelo bese
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ngumndeneni waka
Masango.



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Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni ngeMgcibelo Jellinah Bhembe (ulaDladla) eSiyendle kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bakaBhembe ekhakhakhe, bakubo kaDladla, libandla leGwamile eSiyendle nebase Maphakameni eMakerns. Ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo, kulindzelwa ngalesihlanu 30/07/2016. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumyeni wakhe Mphethi Petros Bhembe. Rest in peace Mavundla.



Family and friends of Bhayloni Sigwane are notified of her demise. Funeral will be held on the 30th July 2016 after a night vigil on Friday at her home Maphatsindvuku. Announcement by Mfanzile and Mavela Sigwane on behalf of the family.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baMsongelwa Israel Dlamini kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ubekwa endlini yakhe yekugcina ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 30/07/2016 ekhaya lakhe eBethany

emva kwemlindzelo ngalesihlanu mhlaka 29/07/2016. Kwatiswa bakaMabuza ekhakhakhe, bantfwabakhe bonkhe, bomshana wakhe kanye nemaJericho onkhe. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguThemba "Mkhushukhushu" Dlamini egameni lemndeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baAlletha Thembe kile Mhlanga wase Mookihoek lobekendze kuNunu Zephaniah Tsabedze kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ekhakhakhe eMbutfu ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 30/07/2016. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Ymele indodana yakhe.



Kwatiswa tihlobo taka Nhleko, bakaNdzimandze eSiteki nebaku G e g e, naseVuvulane nelibandla lemaWeseli kutsi Gogo Emma Koshi Chitsekile Nhleko akasekho emhlabeni, ufihlwa ekhaya eKutsumuleni ngeMgcibelo 30/07/2016 emva kwemlindzelo ngalweSihlanu. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Themba Nhleko egameni lemndeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo, nemndeni, nebangani baMhleleleki Mkhabela kutsi akasekho emhlabeni lobekafundzisa eGundwini High School. Utawufihlwa eMhlambanyatsi eMaplazini mhlaka 30/07/16 emva kwemlindzelo ngalesihlanu. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumkakhe Bonsile Mkhabela egameni lemndeni. Kwatiswa labake bafundzisa naye eNdwandwe High School, Hlathikhulu Central High kanye nebaka Zombodze National High School.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baLomagugu Thandi Ndzinisa kutsi sosishiyile. Kwatiswa bakhakhakhe kaNdzinisa eNjanini, bakubo kaNkhosi eLubhuku, bekhahonina kaFakudze eDvokodweni kanye nelibandla lakhe Ukukhanyokusha Church in Zion. Utawufihlwa ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 30/07/2016 ekhaya lakhe eSiweni kuMalindza emva kwemlindzelo ngalesihlanu. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Boyssen Ndzinisa umyeni wakhe.



Kwatiswa tihlobo, bangani nelibandla laseKushi kutsi Constance Nacawa Dlamini laNgcosa akasekho emhlabeni. Kune memorial service mhlaka 29/07/16 e A. M. E Church (Kushi) eMlumati nga 2.00pm emva kwayo kubemlindzelo. Ufihlwa ekhaya lakhe eZibonele kaHohho nga 5.00am mhlaka 30/07/2016. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Mhlambi Phineas Dlamini egameni lemndeni.



Relatives, friends and colleagues of Doreen Poppa 'Skhey' Fakudze are notified of her demise. She will be laid to rest at her home kajezi, Siteki on Saturday 30/07/16 at 05H00. Memorial service at Divine Healing Ministries at 14H00. Night vigil at her. Announcement by family.

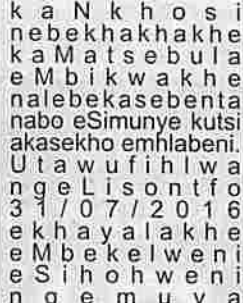


Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni waThelma Sibongile Khumalo ulaThwala kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bakhakhakhe bakaKhumalo nasekhaya kubo kaThwala. Inkono yesikhumbuto ingalesihlanu nga1:00pm mhlaka 29/07/2016 eSt. Pauls (Manzini). Utawufihlwa

ngeMgcibelo 30/07/2016 emvakwemlindzelo longalesihlanu 29/07/2016 ekhaya lakhe eFairview South. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baMlungisi Isaac Hlatshwayo lobekasebenta kaEuro Engineery. Kwatiswa bakubo ku G e g e nebekhahonina kaNkhosi nebekhakhakhe kaMatsebula eMbikwakhe nalebekasebenta nabo eSimunye kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ngeLisontfo 31/07/2016 ekhaya lakhe eMbekelweni eSihohweni ngeMuvu kwemlindzelo. Lokhipha simemetelo nguyise wakhe Mandlenkhosi Elmon Hlatshwayo egameni lemndeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo, umndeni nebangani baMoses Mlungisi (Lulu) Langwenya kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utofihlwa ekhaya kubo eMbekelweni kaLekelele ngeMgcibelo 30/07/2016 emvakwemlindzelo ngalesihlanu 29/07/2016. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngubabe wakhe uMngameli A. S. Langwenya.



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baJames Mlamuli Maseko lotalwa nguPhilip Maseko kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa baka Maseko eNsenga, kaZwane ekhahonina nebaka Mdluli ekhakhakhe. Bazalwane base kuPhumleni nebase Zwelisha nebase semsebenzini wakhe ka Guard Alert kutsi nabo babeKhona. Ufihlwa eLundzi ekhaya kubo ngeliSontfo mhlaka 31 July 2016 emvakwemlindzelo ngalesihlanu mhlaka 30 July 2016. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguyise wakhe Philip Maseko egameni lemndeni.

Friends and relatives of Gcina Philip Gama are notified that he is late. Night vigil will be Friday 29 July 2016 and will be laid to rest on Saturday 30 July 2016 at his parental home Nkhaba (Lubuyane). Announcement by his father Thoshi Gama on behalf of the family



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baSibongile Mavis Mnsi lowendze kaMalinga kutsi akasekho emhlabeni utofihlwa ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 30/07/2016 sikhatsi ngu 6:00 ekuseni ekhaya lakhe kuGege. Lokhipha simemetelo ngu Justice Jimmy Malinga umyeni wakhe egameni lemndeni.



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LJUNGBERG REFEREES TRAINING MATCH

as Gunners prepare for friendly against MLS All-Stars

LONDON - Arsenal legend Freddie Ljungberg helped out at the Gunners' latest training session in the USA by taking on a new role as the man in the middle.

Ljungberg refereed a training match between the Arsenal players as they prepared for yesterday's pre-season match against the MLS All-Stars.

The 39-year-old Swede is coach of Arsenal's under-15 team but was assisting Arsene Wenger at the senior side's training session at the San Jose State University on Wednesday.

The match against the MLS All-Stars is one of four remaining friendlies for Arsenal ahead of their opening Premier League fixture at home to Liverpool on August 14.

Wenger is bidding to lead his team to a first



CHIT-CHAT: Ljungberg (left) and Wilshere share some thoughts as they take a breather in the Californian heat.

Premier League title since 2004, the season during which 'The Invincibles' went unbeat-

en in 38 matches. Arsenal chief executive Ivan Gazidis has admitted that the club 'need

to win' major trophies and are constantly feeling the pressure to deliver them.

Gazidis told the New York Times: "We need to win the major titles, and we feel that pressure every day."

"And so for us, there is a sense of disappointment and frustration that last season we finished in second place. Second place isn't what we're aiming for. We're aiming to win it."

"Achieving consistency provides us with the opportunity to compete at that level and try to win it every year, and that's obviously a good thing."

"But that's not our objective. Our objective is to win the major trophies, and to put the club in a position where it can consistently compete for the major trophies. And I would add, very importantly for us, to do it in a way that's consistent with our club values."

Daily Mail

Moyes will not make wholesale changes to Sunderland's backroom staff

LONDON - David Moyes is set to keep faith with the backroom staff he inherited from Sam Allardyce as Sunderland head into the new Premier League season.

Sportsmail understands the Scot has no immediate plans to bring in his own men and will instead work closely with assistant boss Paul Bracewell and the highly-rated Robbie Stockdale. Moyes, though, has not ruled out making an appointment once he has surveyed the job on his hands at the Stadium of Light. But, for now, Bracewell and Stockdale will have a chance to impress the new boss and it is almost certain they will remain as part of the first-team set-up.

Indeed, former Middlesbrough defender Stockdale is extremely popular within the camp and Allardyce, having never worked with him before, was more than happy to let the 36-year-old take charge of the majority of training sessions last season.

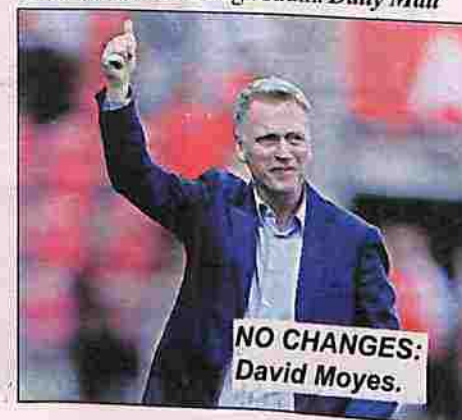
Goalkeeping coach Adrian Tucker will also continue in his role. Billy McKinlay - Moyes' right-hand man at Real Sociedad - is one likely addition further down the line, as is trusted lieutenant Jimmy Lumsden.

Meanwhile, Moyes - currently leading the squad on their pre-season tour of France - has been boosted by the news that classy former Bayern Munich midfielder Jan Kirchhoff wants to stay at the club.

"I can imagine staying here at Sunderland, I feel good here and I would like to stay," said the 25-year-old, who has just 12 months to run on his current deal.

"I think we will find a solution. There are always two sides - the club would like me to stay and I feel good here."

Jermain Defoe, meanwhile, is set to miss Sunderland's two remaining pre-season fixtures because of a thigh strain. *Daily Mail*



NO CHANGES: David Moyes.

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STOP IT: Pitso Mosimane.

Mosimane tells PSL clubs to stop the CAF excuses

PRETORIA - Sundowns have booked a place in the Champions League semi-finals following a 1-0 victory over Zamalek at Lucas Moripe Stadium on Wednesday night.

The Brazilians have accumulated nine points so far in the group stages this year – a perfect record – and actually also beat ES Setif away before they were expelled, meaning Sundowns have really won four out of four.

Sundowns' progress in Africa also helps South Africa maintain two spots in the CAF Champions league, which was initially secured by Orlando Pirates a few years ago.

Mosimane has now challenged PSL teams to start taking the opportunity of playing

in CAF more seriously.

"We work so hard to make sure South African teams play there and we take it seriously, and some people they don't care about it," Mosimane said at the post-match press conference.

"Sometimes, rather have people who really want to participate, like Platinum Stars. They really want it, they are happy to be part of it.

"It's not only good for us, but it's good for the country, good for Bafana, it's beautiful. We need to play in this space.

"It's good when people really look at it properly because sometimes teams take 11 players with two substitutes," he added, clearly referring to Kaizer Chiefs in the CAF Confederation Cup. *kickoff*

Ertugral confirms his three captains for Bucs

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates head coach, Muhsin Ertugral, has confirmed that the team will have three captains under his guidance in the upcoming season.

Having returned from a successful pre-season camp in Potchefstroom with the team, the Turkish coach and his technical team are in the advanced stages of preparing the side for the new Absa Premiership campaign.

Ertugral has confirmed that the three captains for his team will be Oupa Manyisa,

Happy Jele and Thabo Matlaba. Ertugral: "My captains are Oupa Manyisa, Happy Jele and Thabo Matlaba. These are young men who have done a lot for

SA football. My three captains will be my coaches on the field, have faith in them and their leadership," (Edited)," The Turk

is quoted as saying by Bucs' Media Officer

Thandi Merafe, via Twitter. The Bucs neers will be coming up against Kaizer Chiefs in the much anticipated pre-season Soweto Derby at FNB Stadium tomorrow afternoon. *soccerladuma*



ZAMALEK COACH RESIGNS AFTER SUNDOWNS LOSS

CAIRO - Zamalek coach Mohamed Helmy has resigned after the Egyptian giant's 1-0 loss to Mamelodi Sundowns, while captain Hazem Emam has been suspended over an altercation with a team member.

Zamalek chief Mortada Mansour announced in a late Wednesday press conference that

he accepted Helmy's resignation and had appointed Mohamed Salah as interim coach.

He added that he decided to suspend Hazem Emam after he allegedly brandished a table knife in a team member's face.

The team will square off against twice African champions Enyimba on August 14 in the CAF Champions League. *AFP*

CAPE CITY SIGN LATVIAN INTERNATIONAL DEFENDER

CAPE TOWN - Renars Rode has signed as a free agent after spending last season on loan at Sigma Olomouc in the Czech Republic, having come close to joining Mpumalanga Black Aces before the club ran out of their foreigner quota.

The 27-year-old Rode has spent most of his career at

top Latvian side Skonto, who famously won the domestic championship in 14 of their first 15 years of existence after being formed in 1991.

Rode enjoyed championship success there in 2010.

The central defender has four international caps, the last in March 2014, and

scored a late equaliser for his side in a World Cup qualifier against Slovakia. He becomes the latest signing for the newly-formed Cape Town City, who purchased the top-flight status of Black Aces at the end of last season. The club has also signed Tshepo Gumede (Orlando Pirates), Roland Putsche (Wolfsberger AC,

Austria), Shaquille Abrahams (FC Cape Town), Duncan Adonis (Ramblers), Never Ngcuka (Cape United), Ebrahim Seedat (Milano United) and Matt Sim (Western Sydney Wanderers, Australia), on top of the players they have brought down after buying the franchise of Black Aces. © *Mzansi Football*

Arsenal's 'disciplined' transfer policy working

LONDON - Arsenal Chief Executive Ivan Gazidis has again defended the club's summer transfer window business.

The Gunners have signed three players so far – Granit Xhaka, Takuma Asano and Rob Holding – but have faced criticism over their reluctance to strengthen in perceived key areas.

A first-choice striker has long been the desire for many Arsenal fans, while Per Mertesacker's recent injury leaves the club short in central defence.

Gazidis defended the club's business last week, and has done so again after recent backlash.

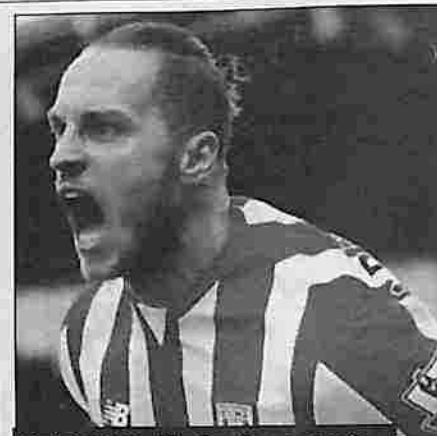
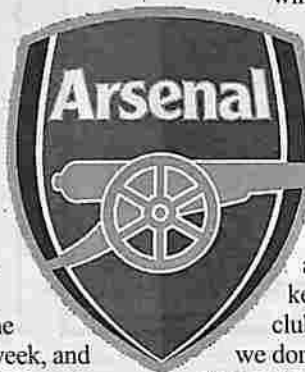
"We don't sign players in response to public pressure," he said. "We sign players because we believe they will progress us as a club. We're really disciplined about that. We have to be. We don't have the financial resources of some of the other clubs.

"If we went out and just tried to compete only on the basis of spending more than others in

transfer windows, that wouldn't be a successful strategy for us. We have to be very disciplined about staying true to our values, staying true to the foundations of the club and making sure that we make smart decisions.

"Looking ahead in this transfer window, we're going to retain that discipline. We will certainly add players if we think and our manager thinks they add value to our squad. We're actively in the market, as is every other club. We won't do it if we don't see the value that's added to our squad.

"That's the reason why our squad has developed over the last few years. That's the reason it is stronger today than it was five years ago. I think anybody paying attention to what we've actually done with our squad will recognise that philosophy and that approach has given us a squad that is capable of competing to win the Premier League and we're very hopeful about the direction of travel." *teamtalk*



STAYING: Marko Arnautovic.

Arnautovic extends Stoke City stay

LONDON - Marko Arnautovic has signed a new four-year contract with Stoke City, scotching rumours the Austria international was set for a move to Premier League rivals Everton.

Arnautovic, 27, was Stoke's top-scorer last season and has become a popular figure with Potters' fans since joining the Midlands club from Germany's Werder Bremen in 2013.

Austria's group-stage exit at Euro 2016 would not have harmed Stoke's hopes of keeping hold of Arnautovic, who had one year left on his previous contract.

Writing on his Instagram page on Wednesday, Arnautovic - who also posted a photograph of his contract signing - said: "I am proud and thrilled to finally let you know I am going to remain a Potter and will continue playing with my team and for my fantastic fans.

"I suppose sometimes it takes a bit longer to make the right decision and this one comes from my heart. My family and I could not be happier. Can't wait for the season to begin!"

Stoke Chief Executive Tony Scholes added: "We are delighted that Marko has decided to commit his long-term future to the club.

"It has been a lengthy process but these things often are. Marko is settled in England and very happy at Stoke City which is why he has taken the decision to re-sign for a further four years."

He added: "It's a major boost to us as we prepare for the new season."

Arnautovic's new deal comes in a week where Stoke have signed Wales midfielder Joe Allen from Liverpool and also brought in winger Ramadan Sobhi from Egyptian club Al Ahly.

Stoke finished ninth in the table last term, a place above deposed champions Chelsea. *AFP*

Chiefs not after Pienaar's signature

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs Football Manager Bobby Motaung has poured cold water over rumours of an imminent move for former Bafana Bafana international Steve Pienaar.

Motaung explained on Wednesday that the Soweto giants had decided not to make a move for the former Everton player as club management felt they were already well stocked in terms of having experienced players on their books.

"When you sign a player like Steven it is mostly with an eye on mentorship and on the expectation that his experience will rub off on the other players in your team," Motaung was quoted as saying by Times Live.

"We already have senior players like 'Shabba' (Siphiwe Tshabalala) and 'Itu' (Itumeleng Khune) here doing exactly that. What would be the point of going out of our way to bring in



IT'S NOT TRUE: Kaizer Chiefs Manager Bobby Motaung.

Steven to do the same thing?

"I think we are okay in the mentorship department."

Following the revelation made by Motaung, Sundowns appear to be the favourites to land his signature, especially after coach Pitso Mosimane recently stated his admiration for the player.

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Zidane hands son Enzo his first senior appearance

MADRID - There was a Zidane in the technical area and another one on the pitch for Real Madrid in Ohio on Wednesday evening as father Zinedine gave son Enzo his first minutes of senior football in the famous white shirt.

Enzo Zidane came on at half time in the 3-1 defeat by Paris Saint-Germain as his dad made big half-time changes having seen his first team go 3-0 down in the first period.

Enzo came on in midfield to replace Lucas Vazquez as Zidane changed his entire team in the International Champions Cup friendly.

"We were off the pace but we have only had 10 days training. We showed more aggression in the second half," said the Real Madrid manager of the defeat dealt him by Unai Emery, who after years of coaching Europa League teams, is used to getting his side fighting fit from the first kick. In addition to the admission that things picked up with his son on the pitch he singled out the youngsters after the game saying: "We have to use the youth system because when they get the chance they show how good they are. We have to take it very slowly with them but this was a good experience," the senior Zidane said.

...for Real Madrid in friendly defeat by PSG



FIRST CHANCE: Enzo Zidane (r) came on at half time in the 3-1 defeat by Paris Saint-Germain as his dad made big half-time changes having seen his first team go 3-0 down in the first period.

Enzo, who was tidy in possession but unable to help Real claw back the deficit, was one of four half-time debutants and joined Martin Odegaard in the second string side. The Norwegian is hoping to go out on loan this season although reports in Germany suggest his estimated £1 million salary has put off several Bundesliga clubs.

Neither Odegaard nor Enzo was the second-half star as Marcos

Asensio showed why he will be first in the queue this season when Zizou turns to youth this season. The Spain Under 21 international is back from last season's loan spell at Espanyol and hit the post with Madrid's best second-half chance.

Although he was not the star performer it was still a milestone for Enzo and another step towards the Zidane dynasty ruling on and off the pitch at the Bernabeu. *Kickoff*

Mercedes enjoys Lewis vs Nico F1 battle

GERMANY - Toto Wolff has admitted that Mercedes' philosophy of signing two 'number 1' drivers will never be perfect.

His comments come after the latest public disagreement between Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg, who are both staying at the team until the end of 2018 at least. At the Hungarian GP, Hamilton disagreed with Rosberg not being penalised in qualifying to the point that he even visited race control for clarification about how much a driver needs to slow for yellow flags.

Bild newspaper now claims that Hamilton will raise the issue again in today's race briefing ahead of the German grand prix at Hockenheim. The report said Mercedes is not overly happy with Hamilton's stance, especially having raised the issue directly with Charlie Whiting. Hamilton said: "I don't think I influenced the stewards' investigation."

For his part, team boss Wolff

says he is happy with Mercedes' current driver lineup but admitted it is "not perfect".

Sport Bild: "A perfect pairing would be two number ones at the same level, both capable of winning the world championship and not generating any controversy."

"But this is an illusion that does not exist. We have opted for this philosophy for the benefits it has to the team but with the disadvantage that we have to do a lot of people management."

"There is always one winner and one loser, one happy and one unhappy one each Sunday."

Wolff added: "Their relationship is constantly changing, it's up and down, but they're in their fourth year and fighting for the title for the third time and so far it has gone relatively well. "We don't know for how long that will be the case, and there may be a point in which we say 'We did it for four or five or six years but can't do it any more. *Wheels24*

I was married to an amazing man

JOHANNESBURG - South African racing driver and one half of the 'Adventure Couple', Gugu Zulu, was laid to rest yesterday, with his funeral service at the Rhema church in Randburg, Johannesburg.

Zulu died while attempting to summit Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania earlier in July 2016. The 38-year-old had complained of flu-like symptoms two days before he died.

Zulu's body was repatriated on July 21 and a memorial was held in his honour at the Kyalami race track on Tuesday (July 26). More than

1000 people attended the emotional ceremony in which friends and family shared their experiences of the deceased racing driver's career. Zulu's mother Puleng and wife Letshego spoke at the memorial.

Some of those in attendance at Zulu's funeral include SA Minister of Sport and Recreation Fikile Mbalula, Mayor of Johannesburg, Parks Tau, Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng and Gauteng Premier David Makhura.

Letshego Zulu: "I was married to an amazing man, and it breaks my heart he is no longer here with us."

But he was a man of many people, he loved so many people. I was never jealous of that love

because I knew I was his first lady.

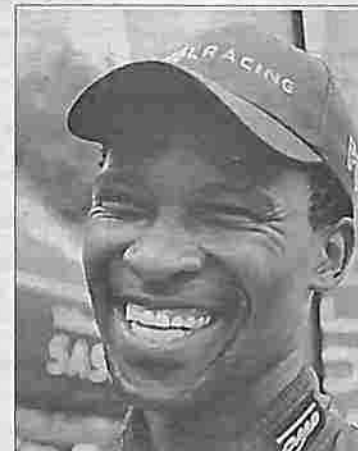
"I'm going back, I'm going back to the mountain. I'm going back to Uhuru Peak."

"Gugu was never shy to ask for what he wants. I always was. He always used to nudge me and say 'You have all these contacts around you, call them'."

"With that being said, I'd like to make a plea to all of you to help me

continue the legacy. Gugu cared for the world. He did so much for so many people. Selflessly. He was away from home a lot, for charitable purposes. "In a years' time I will summit on Mount Uhuru on Mandela Day."

"I think we all need to come together, with the Tanzanian president, and fight for the plight of the many people who have lost their lives. We should erect a mini medical facility at Uhuru. *Kickoff*



REST IN PEACE: South African racing driver and one half of the 'Adventure Couple', Gugu Zulu.

Venus coasts into Montreal 3rd round

MONTREAL - Venus Williams breezed into the third round of the Rogers Cup in Montreal on Wednesday with a straight sets rout of Barbora Strycova as home hope Eugenie Bouchard upset 11th seed Dominika Cibulkova.

Sixth seed Williams, 36, showed no sign of lingering weariness following her defeat in the final of the WTA Stanford event in California last weekend, maintaining her 100 percent record over Strycova with a 6-3, 6-0 win. Williams was pleased to have wrapped up the win in under an hour after a marathon three-hour battle with Strycova in their previous encounter. "It was definitely more straightforward I think than all of our other matches," Williams said. "I didn't mind that, especially after playing a lot last week, just to be able to come out and hopefully advance to the next round. "It's been intense. Usually I don't play this much back-to-back. But I knew what I was going to do going into the year, what it was going to take." *AFP*



IN: Venus Williams breezed into the third round of the Rogers Cup.

Sarri unhappy with how Higuain left

NAPLES - The Napoli striker had his release clause of €90m activated by the Serie A champions last Sunday and is now the most expensive transfer ever between two Italian clubs.

Partenopei fans, former players and officials have decried the transfer, and now the club manager has weighed in with his opinion.

"It's hard for me to speak of Higuain after seeing him wearing the Juventus shirt," Sarri told *Il Corriere dello Sport*. "I'll talk about it, but not gladly. It was his own decision,



LEFT: Gonzalo Higuain.

because our offer matched what was offered away from here.

"From a personal point of view, I'm left embittered," he continued. "I was expecting at least a phone call, be it just five minutes before he had his medicals. But I'm old enough not to be surprised."

"The lads too expected a farewell. That I know of, there was nothing."

Crying

"But there's no use in crying over spilled milk. We're strong, and last year we played three games without him and made six points. I'd say that isn't bad."

"We lost a decisive player, the strongest striker in the world. In any case, I am Napoli's Coach and I must give [Manolo] Gabbiadini faith. He has means to be developed."

"We'll make good Higuain's absence by spreading out the responsibilities on the collective game. We haven't lost the desire to play the way we like." *Kickoff*

Bobby Motaung unaware of Kaizer Chiefs captaincy issue

JOHANNESBURG - Following the club's underwhelming 2015/16 season which was Simphiwe Tshabalala's first as skipper, there have been whispers from sources inside the Amakhosi camp that Willard Katsande is being put forward to

lead the team. However, Motaung claims he doesn't know if such a decision has been made.

"I don't know that. That's news to me. I'm hearing it for the first time from you," he tells *KickOff.com*.

Motaung adds that they are happy

with the team they have assembled for the upcoming season.

"We are very, very happy. Very happy and confident and comfortable. The chairman, myself, the coach, everybody, we are quite content, that's the future. This what we have and this is what we are

confident with going to the league," he concludes.

Tshabalala will miss Chiefs' clash with arch-rivals Orlando Pirates in the Carling Black Label Cup as he is still making his way back from knee surgery.

Kickoff



MODIFIED: The kick-off restart can now go backwards

A number of new laws will come into force for the first time in the Premier League when the new season kicks off.

The International Football Association Board (IFAB) announced more than 95 alterations to the laws of the game last season after 18 months of consultation, with many of the changes trialled

at Euro 2016.

Here's an overview of some of the major amendments:

CHANGE 1:

Kick-off

The kick-off restart can now go backwards.

As seen at Euro 2016, the ball no longer has to go forward at kick-off. The previ-

ous law stated the ball had to go into the opposition half at the restart, but it has been changed to allow it to move in any direction, as long as it "clearly moves". This change has paved the way for one-man kick-offs, as seen at Euro 2016.

CHANGE 2:

Pre-match red cards

LAWS OF THE GAME

It will now be possible to get a red card before the match starts.

Referees will be able to give a player a red card before the match kicks off. This allows officials to punish red-card offences (e.g. violent conduct) in the warm-up or as the two teams line up in the tunnel. The new law states a player may be sent off any time between the pre-match inspection and when the referee leaves the field at the end of the game.

CHANGE 3:

An end to the 'triple-punishment law'

Players may only receive a yellow card if they concede a penalty.

The previous 'triple-punishment' law meant a player who denied a goal-scoring opportunity in the box was automatically red-carded



and handed a suspension, as well as giving away a penalty.

The law has now been changed so players committing accidental fouls that deny goal-scoring opportu-

nities in the penalty area will not be automatically sent off, with a yellow card sufficient punishment.

As the amendment states: "When a denial of a goalscoring opportunity

VACANCY



REVENUE ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT (ROVING)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified individuals to fill the vacant position of Revenue Assistant Accountant (Roving) in the Corporation.

MAIN PURPOSE

The role involves assisting the Revenue Accountant with various revenue aspects such as receipting, capturing data, preparing journal adjustments, maintenance of receipts and printouts, reconciliation of daily and monthly accounts, keeping accurate daily cash records as well as producing and filing relevant reports.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- AAT Level Three/ Diploma in Commerce
- Minimum three (3) years practical experience in a similar environment
- Computer literacy
- Knowledge of EDAMS will be an added advantage

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/COMPETENCIES

- Knowledge of accounting procedures, practices and control systems
- Knowledge of accounting and financial principles
- High degree of accuracy and attention to detail
- Ability to provide high quality responses to customers in a courteous and professional manner
- Stress tolerance in a high pressure environment
- Analytical thinking abilities
- A proactive approach to work
- Customer Service Skills
- Knowledge of SWSC policies & procedures

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The incumbent will be responsible for the following:

- Receipting
- Records keeping
- Reporting
- Daily balancing
- Banking
- Reconciliations
- Adjustment and journals
- Safe custody of valuables
- Adherence to revenue policies and procedures

REMUNERATION PACKAGE

The position has a competitive salary and other benefits associated with the level of the position.

APPLICATIONS

Please submit your applications with an up-to-date detailed résumé and certified copies of academic certificates to:

The Human Resources Manager,
Swaziland Water Services Corporation,
PO Box 20, Mbabane
On or before: Friday 5th August 2016.
Email: humanresources@swsc.co.sz

Candidates not contacted within one month of closing date must consider their applications unsuccessful.

"We are an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer"

Emtfonjeni Building, Corner MR 103
and Cultural Village Drive, Emtfonjeni.
Tel: 24169000, Fax: 2416 3616
Visit: www.swsc.co.sz

VACANCY



ARCHIVING OFFICER

Applications are invited from suitably qualified individuals to fill the vacant position of Archiving Officer in the Corporation's Corporate Services Department.

MAIN PURPOSE

The incumbent will be responsible for managing the registry and shall ensure the maintenance, classification, storage and preservation of SWSC records including responsibility for providing access to records with long-term, historical value in accordance with record-keeping systems, database.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Diploma in Records Management/Information Science or equivalent
- Three (3) years practical experience working in archives, records management and or information settings.
- High level of Computer literacy
- Light duty driver's license

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/COMPETENCIES

- Knowledge of the information preservation and/or archiving principles
- Records management, Information Storage and Indexing Solutions
- Data Capturing
- Budgeting
- Safety Health and Environment Standards
- A proactive approach to work
- Working in an ISO 9001 certified environment will be an added advantage.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Records Maintenance Plan/ Safe records keeping
- Reporting
- Information Safety and Security
- Data Bank
- Operation and maintenance of an Electronic Data Management System
- Effective Information Sharing/Communication
- Proper File Tracking and Maintenance System
- Effective and Secure Registry Operation
- Develop and maintain a shelf list inventory

GRADE

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CHANGES AS 2016/17 LOOMS



offence is committed by a defender in the penalty area, the penalty kick effectively restores the goalscoring opportunity so the punishment for the player should be less strong (e.g. a yellow card) than when the offence is committed outside the penalty area.

However, when the offence is handball or clearly not a genuine attempt to play or challenge for the ball, the player will be sent off."

CHANGE 4:

Treating injuries

Players will be able to receive treatment quickly on the pitch if they are injured in a challenge that results in a yellow or red card.

If a player is fouled and hurt by an opponent who subsequently receives a yellow or red card for the challenge, the injured player may be quickly treated on the pitch without the need to leave the field of play.

It was widely seen as unfair that a player injured by a serious foul was forced off the pitch for treatment, temporarily placing the fouled team at a numerical disadvantage.

CHANGE 5:

Changing boots/equipment

Assistant referees or fourth officials will be able to check players before they return to the pitch.

A player who briefly leaves the field (e.g. to change boots) may have his new boots checked by an assistant referee or fourth official before returning to play.

Previously, the player required the referee's permission to return.

CHANGE 6:

Penalties

Feinting once the run-up is complete will result in a yellow card for the taker.

Among several minor changes to the laws regarding penalties, potentially the most interesting is the amendment to yellow card a penalty taker who "illegally feints" once his run-up is complete.

This means slowing to a stop immediately before shooting is not allowed,



CLARIFIED: The offside rule has once again been clarified.

with a yellow card and an indirect free-kick to the opposition the result.

The law does stress feinting during a run-up is still permitted.

CHANGE 7:

Infringements by substitutes/team officials

Diego Simeone watched much of Atletico Madrid's win over Malaga from the stand after he was sent off.

Atletico Madrid boss Diego Simeone was sent to the stands in April after a member of his backroom team threw a ball onto the pitch during a La Liga game in an attempt to interrupt an opponent's attack.

To address what was threatening to become a growing trend, the law has been changed so that if play is stopped due to interference from a team official or substitute, rather than the award of an indirect free-kick or drop ball, the referee will now award a free-kick or penalty kick to the opposition.

CHANGE 8:

Colour of undergarments

Hector Bellerin's undershorts are the same colour as his shorts.

The new rule states undershorts/tights must be the same colour as the main colour of the shorts or the lowest part of the shorts. This takes into account shorts with a different coloured hem.

Undershorts must still be the same colour as the main colour of the shirt sleeve.

CHANGE 9:

Offside

The offside rule has once again been clarified.

A couple of minor clarifications to the off-

side rule. The law now states the halfway line is neutral, meaning a player must have part of the body (excluding arms or hands) in the opponents' half to be flagged offside.

A free-kick resulting from an offside will now always take place where the offence is committed.

CHANGE 10:

Handballs

Yellow cards will be awarded when handballs prevent a promising attacking opportunity.

In an effort to stop referees brandishing yellow cards for every handball, "preventing an opponent gaining possession" has been removed from the list of bookable offences.

Handball is now a yellow card offence when "it stops/interferes with a promising attack".

CHANGE 11:

Restarts

When taking a corner, the ball must clearly move.

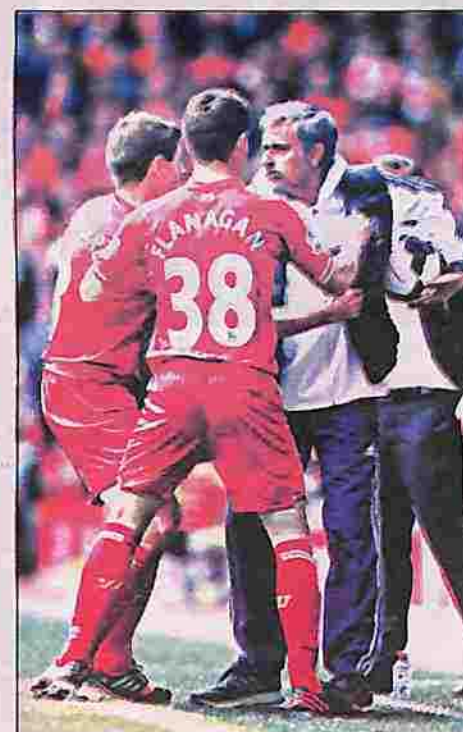
The phrase "clearly moves" has been added to the law on restarts, meaning attempts to trick the opposition by lightly tapping the ball at a corner (or free-kick) and then dribbling will come to an end. This amendment is part of a renewed emphasis on what constitutes sporting behaviour "within the spirit of the game".

CHANGE 12:

Player behaviour

Referees have been asked to clamp down on situations when players contest their decisions.

Referees have been urged to take a stronger stand on "intolerable behaviour" by



players following a joint statement by the Premier League, English Football League and FA.

Running to contest decisions, arguing face-to-face with officials, and "visibly disrespectful" actions will result in yellow cards.

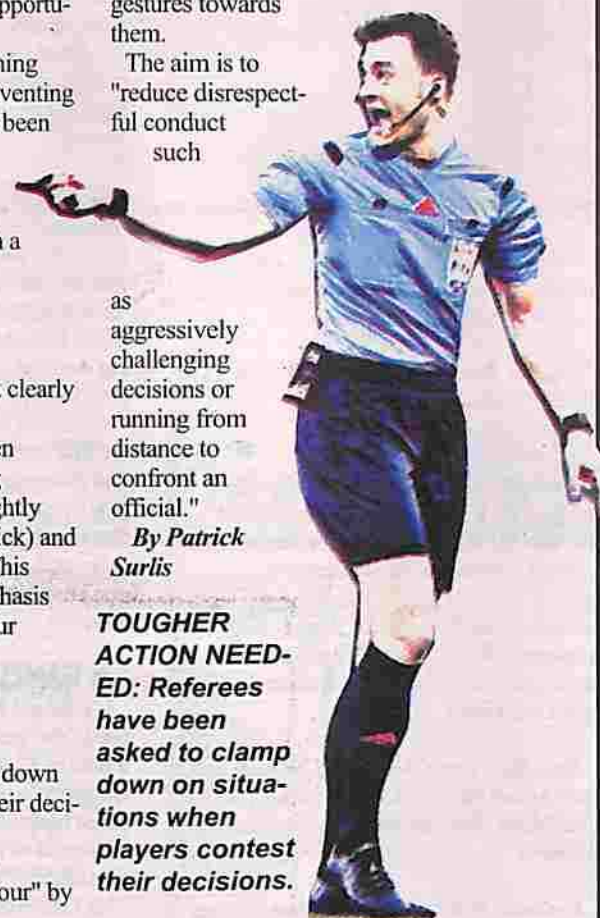
Red cards will be issued to players who confront officials and use insulting and/or offensive language or gestures towards them.

The aim is to "reduce disrespectful conduct such

as aggressively challenging decisions or running from distance to confront an official."

By Patrick Surlis

TOUGHER ACTION NEEDED: Referees have been asked to clamp down on situations when players contest their decisions.





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● France midfielder Paul Pogba, 23, is set to complete his move to Manchester United for a world record £112m, with a Juventus source saying the deal is done. *(Sun)*

● Real Madrid have also been linked with Pogba - and coach Zinedine Zidane reckons "everybody" is interested in his compatriot, adding "anything can happen" before the transfer deadline. *(Sky Sports)*

● Alternatively, the Champions League winners accept that they cannot compete for Pogba and are ready to turn their attention to signing Newcastle midfielder Moussa Sissoko with the Magpies wanting £30m for the 26-year-old. *(Daily Telegraph)*

● Everton defender John Stones, 22, is set to join Manchester City for £50m - and the deal could be finalised this week. *(Daily Mail)*

● Arsenal have spoken to the agent of Valencia's German defender Shkodran Mustafi, 24. *(Emanuele Giuliani on Twitter)*

● Manchester City centre-back Eliaquim Mangala, 25, could replace Mustafi at Valencia - if City sign Stones. *(Sun)*

● Chelsea have bid £38m for Napoli's 25-year-old Senegal defender Kalidou Koulibaly. *(Sky Italy)*

● Liverpool could be beaten to the £20m signing of 22-year-old Benfica midfielder Anderson Talisca - by Championship side Wolves. *(A Bola - in Portuguese)*

● Southampton are interested in signing Barcelona striker Cristian Tello, 24, for around £10m and Malaga midfielder Recio, 24 for £5m. *(Sun)*

● Barcelona want 23-year-old Newcastle striker Ayoze Perez to serve as back-up to Lionel Messi, Neymar and Luis Suarez. *(IBTimes)*

● Leicester striker Leonardo Ulloa, 30, has told Manager Claudio Ranieri he wants to leave the Premier League champions to join Swansea in a £10m deal. *(Sun)*

● Swansea also want to sign Sevilla and Spain striker Fernando Llorente, 31, on loan. *(IUSport - in Spanish)*

● However, the former Juventus player could be close to a move to Real Sociedad. *(ESPN)*

● Leicester midfielder Andy King, 27, will sign a new contract to stay at the club until 2020. *(ESPN)*

● New Sunderland Manager David Moyes has turned down the chance to sign Aston Villa defender Micah Richards, 28, for £5m. *(Northern Echo)*



DU's CORNER

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

WITH DUMSANE SIBANDZE
PLS Youth Development
Communications Manager



ALL ROADS LEAD TO MALINDZA

OUR second community visit is at Malindza tomorrow, starting at 10am.

We are expecting all the teams involved to attend this event without fail and they should bring along their players, public relations officers (PROs) and supporters.

This is the second community visit after the first one held at Engcina last weekend.

We can only encourage people from Malindza, Mpaka and surrounding areas to avail themselves so they get the chance to interact with players and officials from their favourite teams.

SwaziTelecom has never disappointed when it comes to such events and tomorrow will not be different. All will be done in the name of charity as we know what the SwaziTelecom Charity Cup is all about. This time around the teams will be constructing a soup kitchen for over 200 children.

Come one, come all and let us work together for the benefit of the less privileged in the country as we push towards making a better life for all. *Asambeni ngoba lena Yam Nawe.*

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all the teams that participated in the community visit in the past weekend. Everything went well and according to plan. It was good to see people working to make the lives of others better.

Again, we say bravo to the teams for their sterling work last weekend and changing the lives of their fellow Swazis. There is little doubt that charity was the biggest winner at the end. This is the way to go and I salute all those who were present.

GAMEDZE IS THE MAN

We should be proud for having one of the greatest soccer administrators in Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze, a successful Mbabane-based businessman, who is the Chairman of the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS).

Mr Gamedze has brought a real sense of stability in the local game. He has provided leadership in terms of the whole precinct upgrade. The man is a great asset of the local sport.

He has revolutionised our football and this is there for all to see. His



HARD AT WORK: PROs Mfanimpela Mngomezulu, Frank Hurube, Sandile Gwebu, Sibusiso Manana and PLS Officially Dumsane Sibandze working.



CLEARING: Players and officials clearing the yard.



HELPING HAND: The players working hard.

passion for development is unmatched and we thank him for introducing the PLS Reserve League.

We thank the chairman for committing himself to youth development despite the economic challenges. He saw it necessary to commit himself to football development. He said this provided an opportunity for the youngsters to showcase their talent at the big stage. We hope he will continue with this footing until the country becomes a football powerhouse in the continent.

SPTC MD

May I also take this opportunity to salute SPTC MD Petros Dlamini for investing in the youth. The inclusion of the Under-20 in the

Charity Cup is true testimony that the company was committed to the development of local football. SPTC is continuing to play a major role in the transformation of football in the country and we can all bear testimony to that.

Our football has now taken the right direction because of the support from companies like SPTC.

The company has been a football partner for all these years and with the national team Sihlangu doing well in the international scene, we thank SPTC for their efforts. To you MD I say your efforts can never go unnoticed. You are indeed helping their Majesties in as far as the Vision 2022 is concerned.

FROM THE PLS CEO

The Premier League of

Swaziland (PLS) CEO John Mazibuko is also thanking all those who took part in last week's community visit.

He has also sent his words of appreciation to the teams that took part in the Charity Cup community projects because the reports he got are that everything went well.

Mazibuko is also thankful to the PLS staff along with their Swaziland Posts and Telecommunications Corporation (SPTC) staff members for the immense hard, commitment and dedication they are giving to Charity Cup events.

He is also urging all teams to be part of the Malindza community visit tomorrow without fail.

Until we meet again next week, see you in Malindza!

Under-20 Charity Cup draw today

By Qondile Shongwe

SOCCER - THE SwaziTelecom Charity Cup 'Yam' Nawe' Under-20 draw will be conducted today at Sigwaca House.

Four junior teams have been selected to be part of the tournament and these include: defending champions Young Buffaloes, Mbabane Swallows, Mbabane

Highlanders and Manzini Wanderers. SPTC Corporate Communications Manager, Nqobile Magagula, commended the PLS Chairman Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze for including the development sides in the tournament.

"We all know that the PLS wants to have the juniors included in whatever competitions they have and it is not different this time

around because there will be a competition for the Under-20s," she said. PRO of the tournament, Dumsane Sibandze said the U-20 tournament would be played on August 6 being a Saturday where they would eliminate each other with the finals played on the next day.

"More logistics on the U-20 tournament will be announced tomorrow at the Sigwaca House.

But we should note that we commend the efforts by the chairman in developing our football," Sibandze said.

He stated that gates would open at as 4:30am on Sunday (August 7) as they are expecting throngs of supporters at the stadium. This is done to ensure smooth running, especially because we don't want long queues on the day. "We do urge people to tag another person along when going to the games in the spirit of charity," he said. Entrance fee is E50.

Ndlazi, 'Stumbo' for 'Downs coaching post

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCKER - SOUTH Africa-born coach Kenny Ndlazi is likely to make a return to elite league side Manzini Sundowns.

The coach, who headed the team's technical bench in the 2010/11 season, is amongst other coaches, who are in line for the position at the 'Kappa Boys'.

The well-travelled Ndlazi, who was last in the country as Manzini Wanderers coach in the 2014/15 season is up against the team's former coach Rodney Stumbo Charles, who guided the

team to their first Swazi Telecom Charity Cup victory in 2011.

Information gathered is that Ndlazi was in the country yesterday to meet with the team's boss with regards to the position.

Manzini Sundowns PRO Muzi Matsenjwa confirmed the matter when sought for comment yesterday.

Position

"It is true that Ndlazi is one of the coaches we are talking with for the position of coach in the team. Stumbo and another international coach are also in the picture," he said.

The PRO said the team was yet to take a decision after consulta-

tions with all the candidates.

"We are hoping the process will be fast seeing that the season will be starting soon. It is pre-season and it will be good to have the coaches drill the team before the season starts," he added.

The PRO, however, stated that they would retain coach Musa Manyatsi, who had been drilling the team since mid-last season.

"Musa is still our coach and this is not to say we are replacing him. The challenge is that he is a qualified teacher by profession and cannot be there full time hence the reason the team wants to appoint someone, who will be full time," he said.



MIGHT RETURN: Kenny Ndlazi.

Swazi legends for 'Crime Prevention Campaign' in Big Bend

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCKER - BIG Bend folk will get the opportunity to see the country's football legends in action this weekend.

This will be during the 'Crime Prevention Campaign' to be hosted by the Royal Swaziland Police Service in Big bend tomorrow.

The Swazi legends, which are under TZD Sports Management Company, include Celmusa 'Sis Monica' Vilakati, Tubie Terblanche, Osborne Nzima, Nhlanhla Maphanga and former international Sibusiso 'Spoko' Dlamini.

Interviewed yesterday, TZD Director Zakhele Dlamini said the team would flex their muscles against Law Society team.

"We will be playing on the day and we invite the community to come in their numbers and be part of the excitement," he said.

Dlamini said they were happy to be part of such an event as they would get the opportunity to educate youngsters on life after football.

"As former players, we invite people to come and be part of this very important campaign which will start with a walk from Big Bend bus rank to U-tech High School at Sarin. We will have our players including the likes of Jerry 'Mbazo' Gamedze motivating the youngsters on how to continue living positively after football.

"The youngsters will be educated on the dangers of drugs, which can lead one to a life of crime. As legends, it is part of our objectives to educate players on how to live as football players in order to be successful in life. We are very grateful to the NatCom for inviting us to be part of this event," he added.

Dlamini then invited the community to attend the event as there would be a number of stakeholders present on the day.

"There will be drugs on display on the day and this will provide parents the perfect opportunity to see what these drugs look like so they can be able to identify them when they come across them in their respective homes. There will also be officials from the Psychiatric Centre, who will be educating on the psychological effects of drugs," he said.

Miladys donate E15 000 worth of clothing to Swallows

By Sanele Jele

SOCCKER - MILADY'S Mbabane yesterday donated clothing worth E15 360 to Mbabane Swallows.

Speaking during the brief handover, Miladys Branch Manager Mongezi Sukati said giving back to the community was part of their social responsibility.

"We are very happy today to announce that we are donating these clothing items to Mbabane Swallows. We hope this will go a long way in helping the under-privileged people in the country. We want to thank our customers for supporting us, we are doing this because we also get so much support from members of the public," said Sukati. He said the reason they choose Mbabane Swallows was because they had carried out the job well last year.

"We have a good partnership with Swallows following last year's donation of clothing worth close to E40 000. We are happy to partner with them



GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY: Mbabane Swallows National Supporters Committee Secretary Jackson Dlamini with Milady's Branch Manager Mongezi Sukati during the donation of clothing worth E15 360. (Pic: Sanele Jele)

yet again because they are also a successful team. Their supporters are well behaved too," he added. Mbabane Swallows National Supporters Committee Secretary Jackson Dlamini thanked Miladys for partnering with them.

"It is quite an honour to receive such a kind gesture from Miladys. We will identify certain individuals, who will benefit from this donation. It will not be Mbabane Swallows supporters, who will benefit from this donation but we will distribute this among the needy in the country. We hope our relationship with Miladys

will continue to grow," Dlamini said. The team recently donated clothing items and food parcels worth E3 000 to an elderly of Ngculwini, Eluhlokohla.

The 'Birds' will also be taking part in the Swazi Telecom Charity Cup slated for Somhlolo National Stadium next week Sunday. They will face-off with Manzini Wanderers in the one-day tourney which was won by Royal Leopard last year. Proceeds from this 2.2 million sponsored tourney will be distributed to less privileged people.

It's a tricky Charity Cup draw - 'Madze'

By Sanele Jele

SOCCKER - SIHLANGU Head coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga says it is not easy to predict the winner in this year's Swazi Telecom Charity Cup.

Mbabane Swallows will face-off with Manzini Wanderers while defending champions Royal Leopard will have a date with Mbabane Highlanders. The one-day tournament is slated for Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday next week.

Interviewed yesterday, Bulunga said the draw was tricky since it's a pre-season tournament.

"If we use last season's statistics, we can predict a Swallows versus Leopard final but this is football and anything can happen. The teams have been in off-season and we do not know their new players. Some might have signed good players. I am optimistic this is going to be an exciting tourney," Bulunga said.

The Sihlangu mentor went on to say that the Charity tourney would help him look for new players to join Sihlangu.

Handy

"We want to beef the squad and this tourney will come in handy in as far as new players, who might join us for the camp for the Malawi match are concerned. However, I am going to keep most of the players we used in the COSAFA Castle Cup. It will only be a matter of beefing up the squad."

Commenting on Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst and Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa's failure to earn a contract with South African side Bloemfontein Celtics, Bulunga said it was merely football politics.

"Both of them are good players and this is why they are also in the national team. They proved themselves in the COSAFA Castle Cup hence a number of SA teams were after their services. It is so unfortunate that they could not be signed but I strongly believe it was because of football politics," he said.



DIFFICULT TO PREDICT: Sihlangu Head coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga.

All set for Milky Max quarterfinals

By Sanele Jele

SOCCKER - IT's all systems go for the Milky Max knockout tournament quarterfinals tomorrow.

Hhohho Regional Football Association Development Officer, Sibonangaye Dlamini said they had finalised everything pertaining the games.

"We have a busy schedule this

weekend as a number of tournaments will be taking place. The Milky Max knockout tournament sponsored to a tune of E10 000 will see the Under-13 Lobamba junior teams battling against each other. The tournament is now at its quarterfinals stage and the games will be played at Lobamba Sports Ground," Dlamini said. He further said there would be two other tournaments taking place this weekend.

"Veemac Investments also

sponsored the Under-15 tournament to a tune of E6 000. The tournament will also be played at Lobamba Sports Ground soon after the Milky Max."

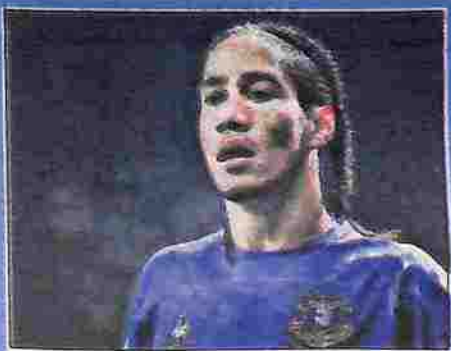
He said there will also be the Mahindra Tournament which will take place at Msunduzi

Milky Max fixture			
Gunners	vs	Umiilo	9am
Real Masters	vs	Bombers	9:50am
F.Stars	vs	Reaction	10:35am
Tinyosi	vs	V.Lions	11:20am

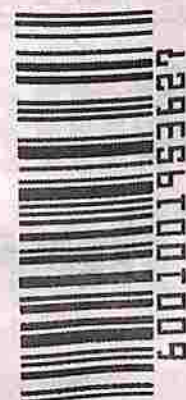
Sports Ground pitting the Mbabane Junior League teams, Under-13 and Under-15.

Dlamini pleaded with parents to allow their children to attend the games.

"It would also be nice to have the parents coming to rally behind the kids. We are also pleading with teams to keep time so that we finish in time," he added.



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No extra time in Charity Cup semis

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - THERE will be no extra-time in the SwaziTelecom Charity Cup semi-finals to be played at the Somhlolo National Stadium next Sunday.

This is according to the rules and regulations released by the Management Committee (MC) yesterday.

Article 10.2 of the rules states that if no winner is decided within 90 minutes, penalty shoot-outs shall take place; up to the sudden death penalties, if still no winner is decided after the normal five penalties apiece.

Winner

The rules, however, state that extra-time will apply in the finals of the tournament if there is no winner in 90 minutes.

The E2.2million sponsored one-day tournament will see four teams battling it out for the E900 000 first prize.

The MC is yet to release the fixture which will determine the first and second semi-final.

It was, however, stated that the first game will kick off at 9am and the second at 11am while the finals have been slated for 4pm.

Meanwhile, Article 12.5 of the rules states that no club shall have direct communication with the sponsor and that teams to contravene this season shall be summoned before a Disciplinary Committee and shall be fined no less than E40 000 if found guilty.

'DINO' IS MATSAPHA UNITED CEO

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - AFTER telling his former employers Mbabane Highlanders not to consider him for a leadership position, the team's former CEO Celucolo 'Dino' Dlamini is headed for Matsapha United.

This is the name (Matsapha United) that will be assumed by RSSC following their application to the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) for a name change.

Information gathered by this publication is that the former Highlanders CEO has been asked by the leaders of the team to join the side ahead of the new season.

A source close to the matter confirmed that Dlamini was

- Will be officially unveiled next week
- Happy to have joined new team
- Disappeared from 'Bull' just before the end of last season



indeed one of the former officials of the Mbabane side that had been asked to join the team.

"The former CEO will be joining Matsapha United and there are other officials set to become part of the team. Talks between the two parties are at an advanced stage and it will be official soon," said the source.

Dlamini also confirmed the matter when sought for comment yesterday.

"It is true that directors of the team approached me to join them

and after considering a number of factors I agreed to their request.

One of the reasons is when they showed me how we would work together, I noticed that theirs will just be to support me as opposed to interfering with my duties which is something I do not like."

He said they were now finalising a few logistics here and there.

"What is left now is for us to sign on the dotted line as soon as everything is in order," he said.

Dlamini, however, stated that he was still a Highlanders person at

heart and would always support the team, which he said was special to him having been born and raised in it.

Dlamini stunned many when he accused Highlanders Managing Director Bheki 'Rubber' Simelane of not being honest and also urged him not to consider him for any position in the team's Management Committee.

This was during Highlanders AGM held at the MD High School two months back.

Players declare war ahead of Charity Cup

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - SWAZITELECOM Charity Cup participants have declared war ahead of the one-day tournament slated for the Somhlolo National Stadium next Sunday.

Giants Mbabane Swallows will take on Manzini Wanderers while the tournament's defending champions Royal Leopard have a date with Mbabane Highlanders.

Interviewed yesterday, the players stated that this was a must win tournament, especially with the E900 000 first prize at stake.

Motivation

The players also noted that the individual prizes were motivation enough for them to fight for the honours in the pre-season tournament.

Mbabane Highlanders Captain Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze said they would settle for nothing but a win during the tournament.

He said it was their time to claim the trophy after missing the tournament in the last few years.

"We are ready for this tournament and want to win at all costs.

We have been preparing for this tournament and I am positive that we will do well on the day. We have signed new players and

judging from what we have seen at training, they are very good and capable of contributing positively.

"All I can do is urge our supporters to come and rally behind the team and also get a chance to see what the team has in store ahead of the new season," he said.

Meanwhile, Leopard attacking midfielder Zweli 'Mlilo' Nxumalo said they were all about one thing, and that was defending the championship title.

"This is our trophy.

We won it last year and are going to defend it this year.

It will not be an easy game against Highlanders but we will reach the final and go on to reclaim what belongs to us," he said.

Win

Manzini Wanderers captain Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya said it was time to win a trophy and that the Charity Cup would be the first. "It is a good draw and we know that we will not have it easy against Swallows as they are a very solid team.

But we want to win and that is what we are going to do on the day of the tournament. We have new players and the spirit in camp is high.

"We still have one more week to intensify our preparations and we will make good use of the seven days ahead to prepare," he said.

