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BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III posing with USA Special Envoy, Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greefield and USA Ambassador to Swaziland Lisa Peterson and two other officials. The special envoy had private talks with His Majesty at Mandvulo Grand Hall yesterday afternoon. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)



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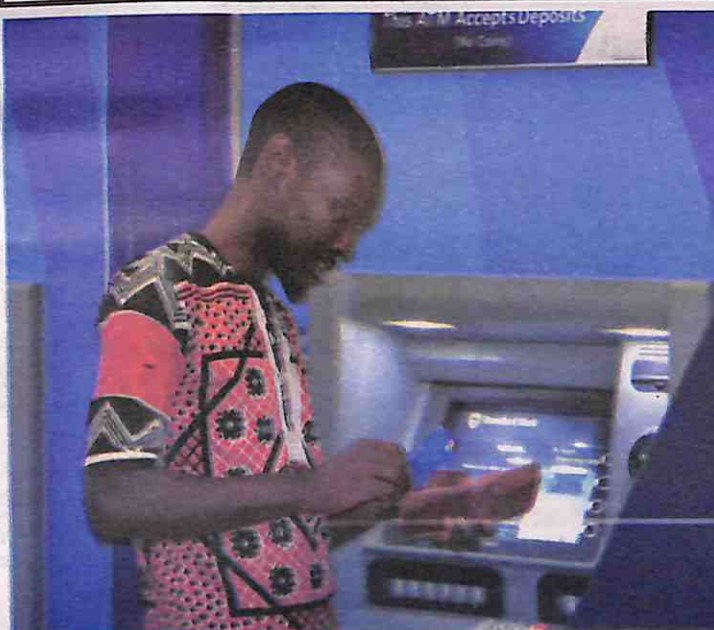
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King meets US special envoy at Mandvulo

By Simon Shabangu
Lozitha

HIS Majesty King Mswati III yesterday met the American special envoy, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield.

The King met with the special envoy at the Mandvulo Grand yesterday afternoon for private talks.

The assistant secretary was accompanied by the US Ambassador to Swaziland Lisa Peterson and two officials. Details of the talks between the King and the U.S. envoy could not be ascertained as this was a closed meeting. The United States and Swaziland have long standing good relations which have led to the two states cooperating in many developmental projects. The US embassy recently completed construction of a E2 billion state of the art office structure at Ezulwini



POSE: His Majesty King Mswati III posing with USA Special Envoy, Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greefield and USA Ambassador to Swaziland Lisa Peterson and two officials. The special envoy had private talks with His Majesty at Mandvulo Grand Hall yesterday afternoon. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

which proves the good relations that exists between the two countries.

The United States seeks to maintain and strengthen the bilateral relations that have existed since the kingdom became independent in 1968. US policy stresses continued economic and

political reform and improved industrial relations.

Principal US officials include Ambassador Lisa J. Peterson, Deputy Chief of Mission Sarah Morrison, and Peace Corps Country Director Nwando Diallo. The US maintains an

ABOUT THE SPECIAL ENVOY

AMBASSADOR Linda Thomas-Greenfield, a member of the Career Foreign Service, has served as the Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of African Affairs since 2013. In this capacity, she leads the bureau in the Department of State focused on the development and management of U.S. policy toward sub-Saharan Africa. Prior to this appointment, she served as Director General of the Foreign Service and Director of Human Resources (2012-2013), leading a team of approximately

400 employees who handled the full range of personnel functions for the State Department's 70,000-strong workforce – from recruitment and hiring, to evaluations, promotions and retirement. Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield's 34-year Foreign Service career includes an ambassadorship to Liberia (2008-2012), and foreign postings in Switzerland (at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations), Pakistan, Kenya, The Gambia, Nigeria, and Jamaica, reads the Ambassador's profile in part.

embassy in Mbabane, Swaziland.

The United States assists Swaziland with a number of HIV/AIDS initiatives and programs implemented through the US Agency for International Development (USAID), Centre for Disease Control (CDC), the Peace Corps, African Development Foundation, the Department of Labour, and the

Department of Defence. In addition, the US supports small enterprise development, education, military training, institutional and human resources development, agricultural development, and trade capacity building.

The US is also the largest bilateral donor to the Global Fund, Swaziland's principal HIV/AIDS funding source.

E1.2M PROPERTY LOST IN MALAGWANE ACCIDENT

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

PROPERTY worth over E1.2 million was lost during the Malagwane hill accident and would never be compensated by anyone.

This revelation is contained in the report of the commission of enquiry set by Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini to look into the accident. The commission was to look at the causes of the accident, which occurred on April 29, 2014.

It discovered that the amount of money mentioned was just lost and the owners of the properties valued at that amount should forget about getting anything in return.

The reason for that was that the properties were not insured. The properties included cars and other valuables like cash and businesses.

The report stated that the motorists whose cars were not insured were very traumatised by the accident.

Many, if not all of them, had to watch their cars burnt beyond repair. The commission was also of the view that the accident was exacerbated by the fire because even vehicles that were not involved in the collision ended up catching fire.

Some of the motorists were quoted in the report, where they were narrating their experiences at the time of the accident. Themba Dlamini said his car was burnt completely in the accident.

He was driving a Nissan NP 200 utility van, which was registered HSD 420 AH, worth E140 000. Dlamini was lucky because his car was insured.

"I saw the truck passing quickly with flames underneath. I then came out of my car and jumped over the wall dividing the highway lanes to stand on the side of the road. The truck was on fire and it lit the road as it came down. The fire lit the vehicles and my car also caught fire and was burnt completely," Themba Dlamini was quoted as saying.

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Zanele Chunku Mabuza is one of the motorists who will not be compensated for her lost properties. The properties she lost were worth E82 970. They included a yellow Corsa van, which was registered USD 900 AH and was

worth E35 000. Another car she lost was a Corsa van registered JSD 824 AM, which was worth E45 000. She also lost E2 970 in respect of E500 cash, a Nokia S2 cell phone, and a handbag. "A truck sliding on its side

came crashing down the hill and bumped onto my car from the back. A flame started as the truck exploded. I was about five metres from the truck when it exploded... I want compensation to buy my two cars, which were not insured," Mabuza said. Sicelo Dlamini said he heard a long bang on his car. The truck fell next to his car and it was burning at that time. He opened the door and came out of his car and as he did, he noticed that he was bleeding.

He also noticed that his car was starting to burn. His car was burnt completely and the fire fighters could not help him as they arrived 20 minutes later. He was driving a Toyota van registered FSD 633 BH. He also lost a form of income

as a studio engineer. He suffered a loss of E85 000.

Nelson Dlamini told the commission that when the accident occurred, he was processing the insurance. He said he lost over E150 000 and his car was written off. Lwazi Mngometulu's car was also not insured.

He was no longer able to sell his goods as a farmer. At the time, he used to supply Mbabane Market vendors and Pick 'n' Pay with vegetables. Vusi Ndingamandla commended government for setting up the commission.

This told him that government cared about its people. He said he would like to be compensated by whoever was responsible for the accident.

BELOW IS THE TABLE SHOWING THE LOSS OF PROPERTY

Name of witness	Owner of property	Damaged property	Costs of damage	Compensation status	Uncompensated loss
1.Mohammed Hanson Monsoor	Mohammed Hanson Monsoor	BMW 5 series, FHL 911 MP. Valuables (Wrist watches, cellphones groceries)	E400 000 E164 000	Insured None	E164 000
2.Themba M. Dlamini	Themba M. Dlamini	Nissan NP 200 utility van HSD 420 AH. Valuables	E140 000 E1 500	Insured None	E1 500
3.Zanele Chunku Mabuza	Zanele Chunku Mabuza	1.Yellow Corsa USD 900 AH 2.Corsa van registered JSD 824 AM. Valuables (Cash E500, Nokia S2, Handbag)E2 970	E35 000 E45 000 E2 970	None None	E82 970
4.Sicelo A. Dlamini	Sicelo A. Dlamini	1.Toyota van FSD 633 BH. 2.Loss of earnings as studio engineer	E55 000 E10 000 per month	None	E85 000
5.Lwazi Welcome Mngometulu	Lwazi Welcome Mngometulu	Toyota Hilux HSD 250 AL	E90 000		
6.Mbuso Dube	Mbuso Dube	VW Polo BSD 990 BM	E70 000		
7.Lolo		Vehicle Trailer QSD 954 BM	E5 000		
8.Peter Smoor	Peter Smoor	Kia Seranto FSD 515 AH	E150 000	E120 000	E30 000 shortfall
9.Jabu Jukes Aubrew Shongwe	Jabu Jukes Aubrew Shongwe	VW Golf with a sporting kit. Cash	E170 000 E2 000	None	E170 000 E2 000
10.Nelson BB Dlamini	Nelson BB Dlamini	Toyota Quantum SD 942 BH. Blower. Brush Cutter. Loss of business.	E330 563 E7 000 E9 800		E150 000
11.Saneliso Dlamini	Saneliso Dlamini	Toyota Quantum PSD 411 AH			
12.Vusi Makhubu	N.G Transport	Toyota Quantum JSD 772 AH. Loss of earnings			
13.Vusi Ndingamandla	Vusi Ndingamandla	VW Golf JSD 849 AM	E60 000	None	E60 000
14.Zanele Takhona Siyaya	Zanele Takhona Siyaya	VW Jetta LSD 285 PM	E100 000	None	E100 000
15.Tengetile Hlophe (Mrs Ndingamandla)	Tengetile Hlophe	Toyota Yaris DSD 285 PM	E180 000	None	E180 000
16.Sipho Vusie Mashaba	Sipho Vusie Mashaba	Toyota Conquest QSD 195 AM	E30 000	None	E30 000
17.Marjore Bethusile Mavuso	Marjore Bethusile Mavuso	Hyundai Accent NSD 883 AL	Not provided	Insured	
18.Rachel Phindile Masuku-Shongwe	Rachel Phindile Masuku-Shongwe	Toyota Corolla XSD 621 AM	E51 000	Insured	
19.Mphiwa Maseko	Mphiwa Maseko	Logico Logistics Truck NSD 883 AL	Insured		
20.Spencer Kunene (deceased)	Unidentified	Toyota Hilux LDV LSD 919 AH	E150 000	Not confirmed	
21.Doctor Samuel Simelane	Chrisilda Transport	Horse HFG 421 MP	E2 million	Insured	

WOMAN KILLED IN COLD BLOOD AT MP'S HOME

COVER STORY

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Logoba

AS cases of domestic violence continue to rise, another woman identified as Fikile Magagula was killed in cold blood by her boyfriend at Logoba at Kwaluseni Member of Parliament Mkhosi Dlamini's homestead.

Magagula was found lying in a pool of blood by the MP's homestead gate with a stab wound on the left side of her chest.

The incident which occurred on Tuesday night left the community shocked.

However, it is said the tenants were not aware of what was

happening because they thought the two were just talking as they usually did since they were in a relationship.

Contention

Sources close to the matter said the bone of contention between the two was that the boyfriend came over and asked to have a word with Magagula who was inside the MP's homestead.

It is said the deceased did as she was told by her boyfriend and they went out of the homestead to talk by the gate.

Information gathered is that the man who is alleged to be the deceased's boyfriend intended to go with Magagula to his place for a sleep over.

It is said the girl however

refused which is something that did not go down well with the boyfriend as he is alleged to have then stabbed her and left her lying next to the gate.

Alarm

It is said a passerby found the lifeless body of the woman and raised the alarm.

When called about the matter the MP Dlamini said he was aware of the incident but did not have detailed information.

The MP said he cannot comment much on the matter as he was also going to conduct his own investigations and find out what really happened.

Deputy Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the



BAD OMEN: Kwaluseni MP Mkhosi Dlamini with MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini during a party session recently. A woman was killed in cold blood by her boyfriend at MP Dlamini's homestead at Logoba Tuesday night. (File pic)

incident.

She said a woman was discovered on Tuesday night lying in a pool of blood with a stab wound on her chest. Vilakati said a man who is alleged to be the deceased's boyfriend has been arrested in connection with the murder.

...It's a second murder incident

THIS is not the first incident whereby the family members of Kwaluseni Member of Parliament (MP) woke up to bloody scenarios.

In January 2015, the family woke up to discover that a man had been stabbed to death inside their homestead.

It was reported that the man had an argument with his girlfriend before he met his untimely death.

One local publication reported that the man was discovered the next day morning naked with a stab wound.

Cops to host campaign against domestic violence

DEPUTY Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Phindile Vilakati condemned such violent acts.

Vilakati said as police officers they are really concerned with the escalating number of murder cases reported.

The deputy PICO said this coming Friday they will be engaged in a campaign at Siphofaneni where they will be sensitising the public about such offences. She advised people to sort out their problems amicably saying that violence is never the answer.

The deputy PICO advised that people are free to visit the police station to receive counselling if they are faced with difficult situations as the Royal Swaziland Police Services has structures designed for that.

SWAGAA making progress on SODV Bill



SWAGAA Public Relations Officer Slindelo Nkosi said they are making significant progress towards the enactment of the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill.

She said they are working well with the Members of Parliament as they are also pushing for it to come into effect soon.

Nkosi stated that it is unfortunate that such an incident had to happen in

MAKING PROGRESS: SWAGAA Public Relations Officer Slindelo Nkosi.

Dlamini's constituency as the MP has been one of the legislators at the forefront in fighting for the SODV Bill to be a success.

Recently SWAGAA in collaboration with European Union and COSPE ran a campaign which started with a march and ended with a meeting held at Divine Healing Ministries where Bishop Nash Shongwe promised women that he would consult with Ligoqo about speeding up the enactment of the SODV Bill.

PS urges teachers to submit CVs

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

A greater fraction of the 1 500 civil servants who are on the verge of missing their salaries are teachers, PS Pat Muir have revealed.

The principal secretary in the ministry of education and training asserted that the said reports about government withholding salaries for workers, who have not yet submitted their curriculum vitae (CVs), is real.

Muir was speaking during a farewell function for retired Deputy Principal of Maloyi High School Aaron Mnsi.

The PS urged all teachers to submit their CVs. The public service board was recently reported to have taken the stand as a way of curbing what have grown to be known as ghost employees. Government was reported to be losing millions of Emalangeni in salaries to none existing employees.

The resubmission of CVs was therefore said to work as a tool to verify the existence of employees.

...'Our educational system not good enough'

PRINCIPAL Secretary in the Ministry of Education and Training Pat Muir has come out to acknowledge that the country's educational system is indeed not up to standard.

The PS said the quality of education in the country no longer serves the purpose of catering for the needs of the nation.

Muir was speaking during a farewell function for retired Deputy Principal of Maloyi High School, Aaron Mnsi.

Muir said the ministry has since realised that the quality of education being offered does not meet the demands of the society. He said as a

Muir said the ministry has learnt that most of the civil servants who have been reluctant to resubmit the said documents are teachers. He said as such, the ministry urged those teachers to submit the said documents as soon as possible.

"This issue is real, and if you take it

result, the ministry is currently working on logistics to engage consultants to look into the educational system, and probably look at the possibilities of improving it.

System

The PS said currently, the educational system was mainly based on teachers giving information to the children on any subject instead of allowing the children to work out solutions of any subject.

"Looking at the declining quality of our education, we have since asked for assistance from UNESCO and other consultants to look into the possibility of improving it," said the PS.

lightly, you are definitely not going to get paid," he said.

Meanwhile, the PS thanked those who have complied with the call to resubmit their CVs.

Muir said this was a serious exercise which government has engaged in to monitor its employees.

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MINISTER LAUNCHES BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Mbabane

AS the month of Breast Cancer Awareness begins, the ministry of health has revealed that it is making great strides in the battle against cancer.

Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane said this yesterday during the launch of the 2016 Breast Cancer Awareness month themed 'a short check for a long life, start breast and cervical cancer screening today'. Simelane who was represented by Principal Secretary Dr Simon Zwane said as a ministry, she is happy to say they are making strides in combating the scourge.

She said the country has two Oncologists operating breast clinics at the Mbabane Government Hospital, Manzini City Council and Hlatikhulu Government Hospital.

Opportunity

Simelane said these clinics together with others provide an all year round opportunity for screening. She said another development towards winning the battle was the newly built chemotherapy treatment unit at the Mbabane Government Hospital.

She said that currently there seem to be sufficient knowledge on breast and cervical health. However, the practice

... This year's campaign is themed 'A short check for a long life, start breast and cervical cancer screening today'



WORLD HEALTH: Dr Tigest Ketsela Mengestu from the World Health Organisation delivering her speech during the Breast Cancer Awareness Month launch.

which translates the knowledge is still low as this was revealed in a recent Knowledge, Attitude and Practice study whereby nearly 100 percent of respondents had sufficient knowledge on issues of breast and cervical cancer with only about 20 percent having ever screened.

"We all know that early detection of the disease remains the cornerstone of its control. This tells us that we still have a long way to go to ensure that knowledge about breast and cervical



HEALTH MATTERS: Ministry of Health Principal Secretary Dr Simon Zwane delivering a speech on the Minister Sibongile Simelane's behalf. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)

cancer is reflected in screening habits," the minister stated.

Concerned

She said as a mother, wife and daughter, she realised that the risks of not screening are not worth taking where people's health is concerned. Simelane said women who are the highest at risk of breast cancer are well noted for doing everything in their power to keep the home running but do nothing or very little to take care of their health.

Stop accusing each other of 'muti' get tested - Minister

THE minister of health said it is about time people stop accusing each other of witchcraft and go for cancer screening.

She said it has been stated by the World Health Organisation that breast cancer kills over half a million women every year making it the number one cancer affecting women in both the developed and developing world. The minister said sadly many women diagnosed with breast cancer in Swaziland despite the level of awareness are still not aware of the condition or refusing to admit and attribute their condition to "muti" or witchcraft and do not seek early treatment until they are in a later stage which makes it very difficult to treat.

Simelane said however, with the necessary care, a woman diagnosed can recover to live a healthy and productive life and it is for this reason that awareness, diagnosis and treatment services for breast cancer are so vital.

She added that improved awareness on the issue of men's breast cancer is also needed as they are often diagnosed late due

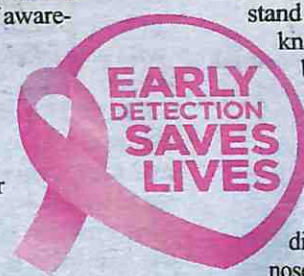
mainly to a state of embarrassment or confusion that they may have what is often thought of as a woman's disease.

The minister urged the public to join tomorrow's march as the country observes October as breast cancer awareness month. The minister said she is always pleased that Swaziland year after year is able to join the rest of the world to set aside the whole month of October to intensify public education on breast cancer and to show support and stand with all those who

know the pain of breast cancer. She added that too often, precious lives are interrupted or cut short by cancer partly because the disease was diagnosed late and minimal

help could be given and due to the part of the body that is affected and how that part does something essential for life.

"Most cancers found at an early stage do not kill; so a lot of effort is placed on promoting early diagnosis when treatment is likely to work best hence the significance of the theme to use a short time to check or screen that will give you a long time resultant effect," she stated.



SWAZILAND



GOVERNMENT

Ministry of Public Service

PRESS STATEMENT

1. Pursuant to the conclusion of the Payroll and Skills Audit Exercise in September 2014, the records indicated that not all Public Servants had been enumerated. The enumeration was extended from May till August 2015. Again the records indicated that not all Public Servants been enumerated. A last and final opportunity has again been afforded all Public Servants who had not been enumerated for the month of August 2016. Once again not all Public Servants had been enumerated.
2. In a last effort to have all bona-fide Public Servants to be accounted for, Government has extended this period till close of business on the 4th October, 2016.
3. All non-enumerated personnel appearing in Government payroll shall be subjected to a freeze of salary by close of business on the 4th October, 2016.
4. The unfreezing of those salaries shall be upon presenting oneself for enumeration at the Ministry of Public Service (Government Inter-ministerial Complex), with the required documents as notified by their respective Ministries and Departments.
5. Bona-fide Public Servants who are verified after the deadline will have their salaries unfrozen and paid in the normal government salary arrears system the following month.
6. Government would like to further assure public servants that Government is still committed to the objectives of the Payroll and Skills Audit and as such the exercise is still on course.

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MELODY: The Police Royal Band serenading the crowd.



Only 35% of police officers are female

THE police force is still lagging behind when it comes to gender balance as only 35 per cent police officers are female.

This was revealed yesterday during the Swaziland Breast and Cervical Cancer Network 2016 International Breast Cancer awareness month launch.

In a study conducted by Ndiphetho Olive Mabila in his 'Problems and Perspectives in Management, Volume 12, Issue 3, 2014 survey', he states that it must be noted that the Royal Swaziland Police Service is a male-dominated institution.

He stated that his findings proved that the Manzini region had a higher number of respondents 60 per cent and Hhohho had 40 per cent during a survey he carried out in 2014.

Senior Deputy National



GRATEFUL: National Commissioner of Police representative, Senior Deputy National Commissioner Lydia Dlamini making her remarks.

Commissioner Lydia Dlamini making her remarks on behalf of the national Commissioner of Police Isaac Mmemo Magagula said as a police service they are grateful to have been

chosen amongst a host of other entities to be the launching pad for the 2016 International Breast and Cervical Cancer Awareness Month.

Dlamini said this is more so because almost 35 per cent of the police staff complement comprises of female police officers including civilian support staff members, who are also vulnerable to developing breast and cervical cancer.

Dlamini urged all officers to observe Pink Fridays, she urged all female staff members to go for screening tests at any health centre around the country.

Dlamini said the paradigm shift for the organisation to also give priority focus on health and welfare issues has further been enhanced by the establishment of health centres at the Police College and at Ngonini OSSU.

MY 2ND LETTER HOME FROM TAIWAN



I am still in Taiwan, and this is my second letter home.

Waking up to a note under my door alerting me that I should not go outside because of the typhoon really made me curious.

I actually wanted to go out to see what the animal called typhoon looks like. Remember I had been warned by the ambassador back home about the typhoon and I was looking for-

ward to meeting it and guess what, I hate typhoons. I had to stay in the hotel for the whole day yesterday because of the heavy rains and very strong winds. To me it was like everything would be blown away. For a moment I became worried.

I can't travel all this way to die here, no ways. Typhoon better go away. On the other side, I really did not mind staying in the hotel. Remember, it's not just any hotel but the Sheraton Grand Taipei Hotel, so you know what am talking about.

Oh again, I am yet to come across a black person in this hotel. Looks like am the only one, how nice once again. I seem to get all the attention. I was at the hotel the whole day. It was food, sleep, food again and sleep again.

With the free wifi here I had to catch up on Isibaya on YouTube. I was worried about Qondi because when I left home she had collapsed. With all that happening, the typhoon did not stop outside. I then tried to get a couple of pictures through the closed windows because you really could not open it.

It was really bad outside. Now I know what a typhoon is and I don't want it to come to Swaziland. *Hhawu*

tindlu tase 'Skom' (Msunduzi) nkosiyami. Ang'khohlwa lang'phuma khona. Being bored of sleeping, I then asked if there was any gym at the hotel only to realise that they had one of the best gyms.

It was then time for me to go and pump some weights. I immediately became the master when I got there. I found two Taiwan guys struggling with 40kg weights. I tried to assist them before adding more weights on top of the 40kg. There they looked at me; I got under the weights and did 10 reps with 80kgs, double what they were struggling with.

Clapped

They smiled and clapped their hands. Being Swazi I enjoyed that and I added 20kg more to make it 100kg, this time around I managed 8 reps. Then that's when they asked how long I have been doing weights. I told them I am a regular feature at the gym. Only that a certain Thwala guy doesn't want me to knock off early from work because I have to see off my sports pages.

I told them am now used to that, which means I don't do much at the gym anymore. We then did shoulders and arms together and obviously they still could not match me.

We then went to the sauna and that was it. For a moment I had forgotten about the typhoon. But as soon as I came out of the gym, I could hear the strong winds outside. I didn't know this typhoon can take the whole day non-stop. I took a clip of the storm and then went to my room. Wow! A white lady cleaning my room, it's a first. I was even tempted to take a pic but I did not. Very polite lady, ever smiling. Oh by the way everyone is smiling and welcoming here, I love this place. With the heavy rains and winds, it is still hot.

I then went to eat, obviously trying something new and I really love the food here. Shamrock and Picadilly, not forgetting Lomphofu *abeme kan-cane*. Soon after having dinner I then went straight to bed.

I struggled to sleep as I am still adjusting to the time zone, since we are six hours ahead here. I woke up to look for a charger only to see another note again. I read it and it was again a warning about the typhoon. Another day in the hotel, no.

Oh great, the typhoon is gone and it was time to go to Taipei 101, the tallest building here and the 5th tallest in the world.

It has the fastest elevator in the world. Wow! What a tall and nice building. We went to the 89th floor where you get a clear view of the whole city, very nice. I enjoyed taking a couple of shots there. Honestly I can't explain the beauty of this building. You just have to be here to believe it, SALUTE. The elevator is indeed fast but you can't feel anything while in there. I hope it's not the last time I visit Taipei 101. We spent about two hours in there but still it was not enough. Oh nice, we will be having dinner there. Food galore, I tell you. Taiwanese and their food, you can't touch, they know their story.

Yes along the street you find people working on the aftermath of the typhoon, making sure the place is clean and things are back to normal.

I hate the typhoon. Nice cars passing by, BMW, Lexus, Porsche, Volvo, Mercedes Benz, you name it, they have it and the dominant colour is black and their taxis are yellow. Too many motorbikes, looks like everyone owns one.

Tomorrow it's the fastest train, can't wait... am loving Taiwan, my new home away from home.

Sports Editor Mphikeleli Msibi

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6 NATIONAL NEWS

MHLATANE HIGH WINS SCHOOLS DEBATE

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

HIGH school girls have called for re-usable menstrual cups instead of disposable pads and for nappies instead of diapers as one of the solutions to manage waste.

These were some of the solutions offered by contestants that participated in the Buycash Schools Debate 2016 that was eventually won by Mhlatane High. The topic for the debate was; Who is responsible for the management of waste, government or the community?

The tense debate featured three-member teams from Mswati High, Sobokazane High, Mzimnene High, Mayiwane High, Ndzingeni High and Mhlatane High who all had to speak for six minutes each in an effort to impress the four judges.

The judges included Environmental Information Officer Belisile Mhlanga, Inspector of Schools Patricia Mahlobo, Sales Representative at Macmillan Swaziland Nomcebo Mngomezulu as well as Bio Safety Project Co-ordinator Dumile Sithole.

The debate was held at the Gobolondlo Hall yesterday.

Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Jabulani 'Buy Cash' Mabuza made a surprise appearance at the debate, which delighted the pupils. The debate was punctuated by entertainment provided by the various schools' dance groups and rappers.

...girls want re-usable menstrual cups instead of disposable pads



HAPPY PEOPLE: Winners of the Buy Cash 2016 Debate; Mbongiseni Dlamini, English teacher Nokwanda Simelane, Manda Tsabedze and Nomcebo Mncina from Mhlatane High School; proudly holding their prizes.



POSE: All 18 contestants with Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs as well as Pigg's Peak member of parliament Jabulani Buy Cash Mabuza at the Buy Cash school debate 2016.

Minister Mabuza is also a Member of Parliament for Pigg's Peak Inkhundla.

Coming to the conclusion, all the schools agreed that it was the communities' responsibility to manage waste and not government.

The contestants offered interesting ways on how to reduce waste, urging the public to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

School	Position	Marks%
Mhlatane High School	1	85%
Ndzingeni High School	2	81%
Sobokazane High School	3	74%
Mswati high school	4	72%
Mayiwane High School	5tie	69%
Mzimnene High School	5tie	69%

Man shot by cops sues govt E5.6m

By Linda Jele
High Court

A banker is suing government for over E5.6 million after he was mistakenly shot in the leg when Mbabane Police were aiming at his vicious dog.

Musa Vilakati of Beverly Hills in Mbabane has claimed that he was shot by police officers from the Mbabane Police Station on November 8, 2008. He claimed that the two officers were known to him and he described them as Mbhamali and Makhanya.

He claimed that the incident happened at the entrance of his home when he was returning from playing pool at the Swaziland Theatre Club. Just as he entered his home on his motor vehicle, he noticed that his dog, a boer bull was charging towards someone at the gate and when he rushed to stop it he noticed it biting a police officer outside his gate.

He claimed that while taken aback by the presence of police officers at his home, he rushed to move the dog from the police officer, which he managed to do. He claimed that there were two police officers who had arrived in a police van and they threatened to shoot his dog.

Enforcers

He further claimed that while he was pleading with the law enforcers not to kill his dog, explain their presence at his home, one of them fired a shot which hit his leg.

He argued that he was shot as a result of the officer's negligence when attempting to gun down his dog and he suffered injuries on his left leg.

The matter appeared before High Court Judge Ticheme Dlamini yesterday and Vilakati was represented by lawyer Musa Shongwe from Makhosi Vilakati Attorneys.

He claimed that he suffered damages amounting to E5.6 million, which government should pay as compensation because the officers were acting in their capacities as civil servants.

The attorney General's Principal Crown Counsel Vusi Kunene and Crown Counsel Zandile Nsimbini appeared on

behalf of government in the matter.

They opposed Vilakati's application.

Vilakati, in his evidence in chief, claimed that when he questioned the police on their visit at his home, he did not get a response. He also claimed that the station commander at the time also questioned them, but they failed to give a clear reason for their visit.

Kunene cross-examined Vilakati extensively. He put it to him that the police officers had received a report that there had been an armed robbery at Pine Valley and while going to the scene Vilakati's motor vehicle passed at high speed and they pursued it.

He said the officers assumed that it might be the armed robbers. Kunene said the officers indicated to Vilakati to stop, but he did not and they followed him home.

Injured

"When you arrived home, you set your dog on the police officers and one of them was severely injured and his uniform torn. Since you are suing government, do you intend to compensate the officer who was injured by your dog?" Kunene asked.

Vilakati denied that there was any police vehicle that signalled to him to stop. He claimed that he was not even driving at high speed. He also wondered why the police officers were in the Thembelihle Township if they were supposed to be going to a scene at Pine Valley.

The matter continues today.

CLAIM	AMOUNT
Hospital and Medical expenses	E160 000
Future medical expenses	E250 000
Loss of income	E200 000
Estimated future loss of earnings	E3 million
Pain, suffering and loss of amenities of life, disability and disfigurement	E2 million
TOTAL	E5 610 000

Donny's family appeals for contributions

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

FORMER Swazi Observer Editor Donny Nxumalo's family is appealing for any form of contribution from the public to assist in burying their son who passed away on Monday at his home at Mlindazwe in Siteki.

The Nxumalo family has asked those who may want to contribute to contact Themba Ndimiso Dladu, former schoolmate of the deceased on this cell-phone number 7611 6325. "We are using his former school-mate number and account since we want transparen-

cy," a family member said.

The family member said those who would want to help in monetary terms would deposit into Dladu's First National Bank account: 62291506099. Others that maybe contacted are Twini Nxumalo at 7604 6116, Precious Simelane at 7613 2234 and Ncamsile Matsebula at 76333535.

Nxumalo will be laid to rest on Sunday at Mlindazwe at 6am. He was known for his jovial character amongst his peers and members of the public.

Nxumalo worked for over 10 years at different intervals in this publication.

Before his demise, he had indicated his fondness to return to the publication



RIP: Former Swazi Observer Editor Donny Nxumalo.

for a third spell, as he was on the verge of starting a new column.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 04TH, 2016
MEETING STARTS AT:
0830HRS

AGENDA

- The Annual Report
- The Audited Financial Report
- Launch website

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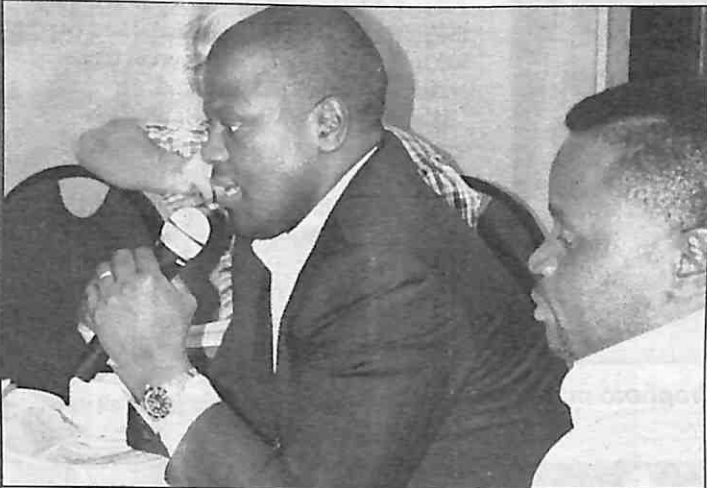


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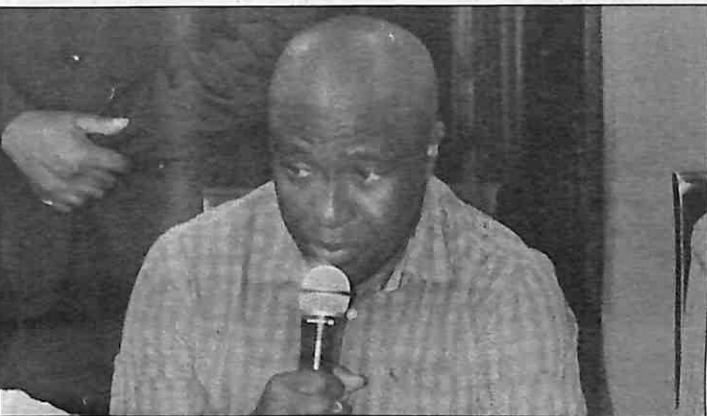
'THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING MANZINI COUNCIL AGM'



CUT IN SUBVENTION WORRYING: Stakeholder Phiwayinkhosi Ginindza expressed worry regarding a reported cut in the Government subvention.



GOOD WORK ON TRAFFIC CIRCLE BUT: Businessman Harry Nxumalo wanted to know if the Manzini-Mbadlane highway will not affect the new-look traffic circle.



JAZZ IT UP: Manzini businessman Itallo Dlamini commented on Council's performance.



WE CONCUR: Councillors Sandile Bhembe and Jabu Shiba in full concentration during the AGM.

...All your comments have been noted and Council will work on them



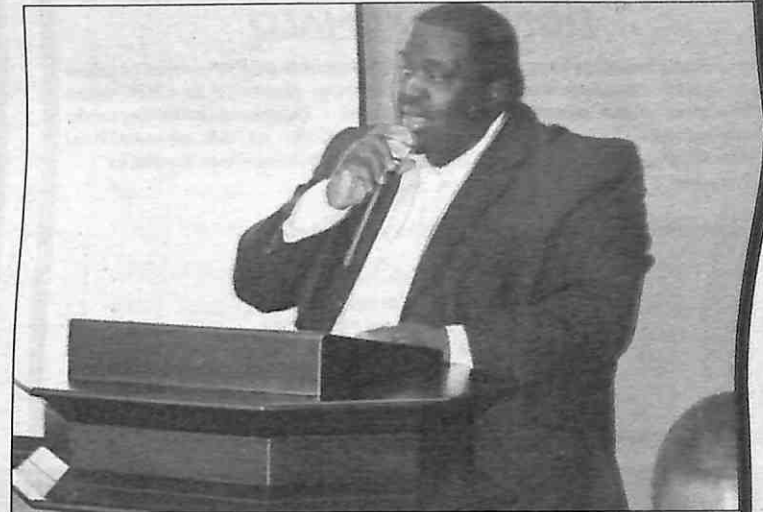
EQUAL TO THE TASK: Manzini Council Chief Executive Lungile Dlamini proved she is on top of her game as she responded to all questions with ease.



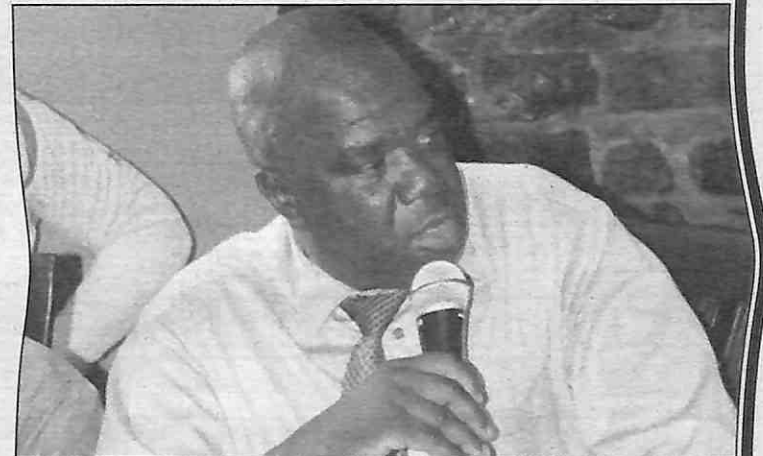
PRIORITISE THE MANZINI MARKET: Stakeholder Mr Madzinane implored Council to prioritise the Manzini Market in her list of projects.

AGM SNIPPETS

- "We appreciate Council's service delivery despite the huge shortfall in revenue. Please educate the Thursday Market informal traders on cleanliness. They leave the Satellite Bus Rank very dirty after trading"
- "In the face of the dwindling Government subvention and slow rates payment by property owners, you seriously need to start looking for other revenue streams"
- "Please prioritise maintenance of all the Manzini cemeteries"
- "Please operationalise the Satellite Bus Rank"
- "Prioritise sporting facilities in the city so that the youth can have something to do. Also partner with Manzini Club so that the Manzini golf course can be properly maintained"
- "The dwindling Government subvention is a cause for concern. Does it mean municipalities will now have to survive on loans? And will that be sustainable?"
- "What do you mean when you say Manzini's vision is to be a World Class African City? Please unpack"
- "In all your plans for the city, don't forget to give the Manzini market priority"
- "I hope the Manzini-Mbadlane highway will not destroy the beautiful work that you are doing at the traffic circle"



FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE: Manzini Mayor Councillor Khethokuhle Dlamini urged stakeholders to continue attending meetings and influence decision-making.



HEALTH MATTERS: Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital Administrator Leonard Dlamini also shared ideas on how Council could improve on her performance.



LET'S TALK FIGURES: Manzini City Treasurer Fikile Gama presenting the audited financial statements of the Municipal Council of Manzini to stakeholders.



SPORTS FACILITIES PLEASE: Patrick Gamedze pleaded with Council to up her game in terms of the availability of more sports facilities.

Death Notice



DONNY NXUMALO

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Donny Bhekukuhle Didi Nxumalo lotalwa ngu Enoch Nxumalo longasekho na Dorothy Nxumalo la-Chibi wase Mlindazwe kutsi sewuhambile emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bakaNxumalo Endlalambi, eSipiki nakaHhohho, nebakaChibi eSiteki, nebakaThusi eSiteki kagogo wakhe. Utawufihlwangellisontfo ekuseninga 6 mhlaka 2 October.

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Rest In Peace

COUNTRY RELEASES UPDATED DIGITAL ORTHOPHOTO MAPS



GEOGRAPHY: A still copy of a digital orthophoto map of Mbabane. (Pics: Gugu Simelane)

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

THE department of the surveyor general in the ministry of natural resources and energy has updated and produced recent digital orthophoto maps of Swaziland.

Minister Jabulile Mashwama officially launched the digital orthophoto maps at the Mountain Inn Hotel yesterday. The minister said digital orthophoto maps support all national projects that require the use of geospatial information.

She said all government ministries need to have the digital orthophoto maps. "For instance, the ministry of health will easily locate all its health facilities, while the ministry of education and training can locate all its schools," she said.

The minister said the 17th United Nations General Assembly adopted an expansive and ambitious set of development goals that aim to end poverty in all its forms by 2030.

The 17th Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have succeeded the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) at the UN's chief initiative for advancing basic living standards in the world and addressing a range of issues, including armed conflict, climate change and equality.

"It is not surprising that 13 of the 17 goals require the use of geospatial information. This means that countries without up-to-date geospatial information will have difficulty achieving these goals. Swaziland would be no exception to this situation," she said.

The minister then urged all users of the geospatial information to take advantage of the digital orthophoto maps while it is still new as it has a short shelf life.

She said the major developments that are going on in the country will soon render the product ineffective, hence the need for revision.

The minister further allayed fears of security issues now that there are digital orthophoto maps available. "There is no need for anyone to think that they are now at some sort of risk now that the digital orthophoto maps are available, there is nothing entirely new that will be exposed by the maps that was previously hidden," she said.

Surveyor General Sydney Simelane revealed that the last maps were produced in 1999 hence it was time to update them. He said the digital orthophoto maps are very clear and the smallest thing one can see in the map is a picture of a cow.

Simelane explained that with the digital orthophoto maps the image is taken above ground. He said the image has varying scales, and when capturing it gives the exact image without any distortion.

"There are many uses of geospatial information, it can be used for management of natural resources, land resources, mineral resources, water resources, energy resources," he said.



NEED: The Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama making her remarks during the launch.

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SWAZILAND WATER SERVICES CORPORATION WATER RATIONING SCHEDULE

Areas supplied	Areas Including		Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates
St Marks	St Marks Primary, All Saints, St' Marks High School, Mbovane	Closing Date	29-Sep-16	5-Oct-16	11-Oct-16	17-Oct-16
		Opening Date	3-Oct-16	9-Oct-16	15-Oct-16	21-Oct-16
Somhlolo Road (Lower)	Profund, Sifundzani Primary, MVA Building, Mona Flats.	Closing Date	29-Sep-16	5-Oct-16	11-Oct-16	17-Oct-16
		Opening Date	3-Oct-16	9-Oct-16	15-Oct-16	21-Oct-16
Somhlolo Road (Upper)	Queens gate, SCOT, Sandla, Kent Rock, 35, Alliance Church, Selection Park	Closing Date	29-Sep-16	5-Oct-16	11-Oct-16	17-Oct-16
		Opening Date	3-Oct-16	9-Oct-16	15-Oct-16	21-Oct-16
Neoboza Road	Hlanganani, Mabhala, Assemblies of God, Dalriach West	Closing Date	29-Sep-16	5-Oct-16	11-Oct-16	17-Oct-16
		Opening Date	3-Oct-16	9-Oct-16	15-Oct-16	21-Oct-16
Lower Checkers	Manzana Zone 1, Mbabane Central High	Closing Date	29-Sep-16	5-Oct-16	11-Oct-16	17-Oct-16
		Opening Date	3-Oct-16	9-Oct-16	15-Oct-16	21-Oct-16
Motshane	Motshane Clinic, Motshane Training Centre	Closing Date	30-Sep-16	6-Oct-16	12-Oct-16	18-Oct-16
		Opening Date	4-Oct-16	10-Oct-16	16-Oct-16	22-Oct-16
Ngwenya	Ngwenya Industrial Area, Village, Border Gate, Atlas	Closing Date	30-Sep-16	6-Oct-16	12-Oct-16	18-Oct-16
		Opening Date	4-Oct-16	10-Oct-16	16-Oct-16	22-Oct-16
Makhlokholo	Makhlokholo, Sitibeni, Nkoyoyo (Malayinini, Maplazini), Mpolonjeni	Closing Date	30-Sep-16	6-Oct-16	12-Oct-16	18-Oct-16
		Opening Date	4-Oct-16	10-Oct-16	16-Oct-16	22-Oct-16
Mangwaneni	Mangwaneni, SEC HQ, Edamu, Phansi Kwe Highway, Mvakwelitje	Closing Date	1-Oct-16	7-Oct-16	13-Oct-16	19-Oct-16
		Opening Date	5-Oct-16	11-Oct-16	17-Oct-16	23-Oct-16
Nkwalini	Lomkiri, Zone 2/3/4, Christian University	Closing Date	1-Oct-16	7-Oct-16	13-Oct-16	19-Oct-16
		Opening Date	5-Oct-16	11-Oct-16	17-Oct-16	23-Oct-16
Mahhwalala	Zone 6, SAIM, Upper Checkers, SWSC Flats	Closing Date	1-Oct-16	7-Oct-16	13-Oct-16	19-Oct-16
		Opening Date	5-Oct-16	11-Oct-16	17-Oct-16	23-Oct-16
Golf Course	Malunge, Eveni, SWSC Staff Quarters	Closing Date	2-Oct-16	8-Oct-16	14-Oct-16	20-Oct-16
		Opening Date	6-Oct-16	12-Oct-16	18-Oct-16	24-Oct-16
Thembelihle	Thembelihle, Beverly Hill, Woodlands, Mbuluzi, Castle HOTEL, Dingabantu, Mbandzeni Street	Closing Date	2-Oct-16	8-Oct-16	14-Oct-16	20-Oct-16
		Opening Date	6-Oct-16	12-Oct-16	18-Oct-16	24-Oct-16
Sidwashini	Qobonga, Sidwashini South, Ndingilizi, Dark City, Manzana	Closing Date	2-Oct-16	8-Oct-16	14-Oct-16	20-Oct-16
		Opening Date	6-Oct-16	12-Oct-16	18-Oct-16	24-Oct-16
Mbangweni	Mbangweni, Mobeni	Closing Date	2-Oct-16	8-Oct-16	14-Oct-16	20-Oct-16
		Opening Date	6-Oct-16	12-Oct-16	18-Oct-16	24-Oct-16
Mountain Drive	Mountain Drive	Closing Date	3-Oct-16	9-Oct-16	15-Oct-16	21-Oct-16
		Opening Date	7-Oct-16	13-Oct-16	19-Oct-16	25-Oct-16
Fonteyn	Fonteyn School, Fonteyn Stores, Mdzangwini, Sibhoteleni	Closing Date	3-Oct-16	9-Oct-16	15-Oct-16	21-Oct-16
		Opening Date	7-Oct-16	13-Oct-16	19-Oct-16	25-Oct-16
Mseni Drive	Mseni Drive, Litete, Sifundzani High School, Luvivane, SPTC Flats	Closing Date	3-Oct-16	9-Oct-16	15-Oct-16	21-Oct-16
		Opening Date	7-Oct-16	13-Oct-16	19-Oct-16	25-Oct-16
Pine Valley	Pine Valley Road	Closing Date	3-Oct-16	9-Oct-16	15-Oct-16	21-Oct-16
		Opening Date	7-Oct-16	13-Oct-16	19-Oct-16	25-Oct-16
Msunduzi	Corporation, Thokoza, Korinte, Gobholo, Macobolwane, Ext 3, Mobeni Flats	Closing Date	4-Oct-16	10-Oct-16	16-Oct-16	22-Oct-16
		Opening Date	8-Oct-16	14-Oct-16	20-Oct-16	26-Oct-16
Mountain Inn	Mobeni, SWSC Depot, Mbabane City Depot, Malagwane, Bahai	Closing Date	4-Oct-16	10-Oct-16	16-Oct-16	22-Oct-16
		Opening Date	8-Oct-16	14-Oct-16	20-Oct-16	26-Oct-16

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M	MORNING	10h00 - 14h00
A	AFTERNOON	14h00 - 17h00
E	EVENING	17h00 - 21h00
O	OFF	

DATE	DAY	GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D	LR 1	LR 2
1	SAT	E	O	M	A	O	✓
2	SUN	A	E	O	M	✓	O
3	MON	M	A	E	O	✓	O
4	TUE	O	M	A	E	O	✓
5	WED	E	O	M	A	✓	O
6	THU	A	E	O	M	O	✓
7	FRI	M	A	E	O	✓	O
8	SAT	O	M	A	E		
9	SUN	E	O	M	A		
10	MON	A	E	O	M	O	✓
11	TUE	M	A	E	O	✓	O
12	WED	O	M	A	E	O	✓
13	THU	E	O	M	A	✓	O
14	FRI	A	E	O	M	O	✓
15	SAT	M	A	E	O		
16	SUN	O	M	A	E		
17	MON	E	O	M	A	✓	O
18	TUE	A	E	O	M	O	✓
19	WED	M	A	E	O	✓	O
20	THU	O	M	A	E	O	✓
21	FRI	E	O	M	A	✓	O
22	SAT	A	E	O	M		
23	SUN	M	A	E	O		
24	MON	O	M	A	E	O	✓
25	TUE	E	O	M	A	✓	O
26	WED	A	E	O	M	O	✓
27	THU	M	A	E	O	✓	O
28	FRI	O	M	A	E	O	✓
29	SAT	E	O	M	A		
30	SUN	A	E	O	M		
31	MON	M	A	E	O	✓	O

GROUP A	
Pigg's Peak	3480
Mayiwane	3950
Sihhoye	2690
Nkhaba	3880
Nkhaba	3870
Mpisi	5650
Kent Rock	827
Moses Hlophe	5330
Moses Hlophe	5370
KaLanga	1240
Lobamba	950
Big Bend	1853
SPM	108
Manzini 1	507
Mankayane	1070
Mankayane	1030
Nsoko	5040
Hlathikhulu	2170
Lawuba	4340

GROUP B	
Pigg's Peak	3440
Mayiwane	3970
Dvokolwako	1320
Pine Valley	810
Kent Rock	824
Moses Hlophe	5340
Moses Hlophe	5380
Magwabayi	542
Mpaka	1227
Edwaleni	104
Manzini 1	504
Sidvokodvo	2950
Nsoko	5050
Lawuba	4350
Nhlangano 1	2120

GROUP C	
Endzingeni	3810
Sihhoye	2660
Nkhaba	3860
Pine Valley	830
Moses Hlophe	5350
Siteki	1230
Thompson	622
Siphofaneni	5740
Thabankulu	3977
Big Bend	5014
Matsapha	2300
Usutu	1094
Sidvokodvo	636
Nsoko	5060
Lawuba	4370
Nhlangano 2	4240

GROUP D	
Mayiwane	3940
Sihhoye	2670
Nkhaba	3890
Mpisi	5640
Balegane	2610
Moses Hlophe	5360
Siphocosini	925
Siphofaneni	5760
Siphofaneni	5770
Riverbank	5090
Siphocosini	925
Manzini 1	508
Usutu	1093
Sidvokodvo	630
Hlathikhulu	2180
Lawuba	4360
Nhlangano 2	4230

LAST RESORT 1	9am-12pm	12pm-3pm	3pm-6pm	6pm-9pm
Matsapha	2343	✓	✓	✓
Magwabayi	580	✓	✓	✓
Magwabayi	530	✓	✓	✓
Nhlangano 1	2140	✓	✓	✓
Ezulwini	931	✓	✓	✓
Stonehenge	709	✓	✓	✓

LAST RESORT 2	9am-12pm	12pm-3pm	3pm-6pm	6pm-9pm
Siphocosini	920	✓	✓	✓
Magwabayi	570	✓	✓	✓
Manzini 1	503	✓	✓	✓
Ezulwini	932	✓	✓	✓
Kent Rock	821	✓	✓	✓

GROUP A	Affected Area
Pigg's Peak 3480	Luhlangotsini, Nkomanzi, Malanti Primary
Mayiwane 3950	Vusweni
Sihhoye 2690	Mananga
Nkhaba 3880	Maphaleni, Nkhaba Inkundla, Nkhaba Royal Kraal, Malolotja
Nkhaba 3870	Mabhawu, Mnyokane, Nkhaba Clinic
Mpisi 5650	Lube, Nkili, Lukhisi, Mbebeleni, Nsingweni, Bhekinkosi, Ekusimuleni, Sidvokodvo, Lubhaceni
Kent Rock 827	Checkers
Moses Hlophe 5330	Siyeni, Tiantfwin, Maliyaduma, Global Village, Madonsa
Moses Hlophe 5370	Logoba, Matsapha, Mbikwakhe Clinic, Mhlaleni
KaLanga 1240	SOS Village, Kalanga Clinic, Kalanga Inkundla, Mzilikazi behind Fire, Nazarene
Lobamba 950	Tiyeni
Big Bend 1853	Bar J, Hlandze Village, Makhebeleni, Mabhoko, Phasentsaba
SPM 108	Edwaleni, Mphini Umphakatsi, St Bernard Mission
Manzini 1 507	Zakhele, Eticancweni, Ngwane Park, Sidzakeni
Mankayane 1070	Mabovini, Ngwenphisi, Fakudze, Mahlangatsha, Sincusa, Nsangwini, Mgomfihweni, New Hebron, Edilini, Sidwala
Mankayane 1030	Lushikishini, PWD, Mabovini Kadede, Cana
Nsoko 5040	Nisela, Nsoko Shopping Complex, Ndzavane
Hlathikhulu 2170	Ntuli Location, Ngenesakeni, Magele, Salem, New Ward, Mdabula, Madulini Mkhitsini, Mahlanini, Mbabala
Lawuba 4340	Moihook, Mbeka, Mbhoke

GROUP B	Affected Area
Pigg's Peak 3440	Glen Township, Emoyeni, Casino Staff House, Phophonyane, Gobotondo, Ntfontjeni
Mayiwane 3970	Mayiwane, Mawombe, Lugongondwane, Herefords, Mantfontini, Nkomanzi
Dvokolwako 1320	Manzana, Mnjoli
Pine Valley 810	Mbuluzi
Kent Rock 824	Thembehle, Golf Course, Dalriach, Woodlands
Balegane 2620	Dvokolwako, Madlangampisi, Msinda, Mahlabatsini, Buhlebuyeza
Moses Hlophe 5340	Sterkstroom, Tiantfwin, St Michaels
Moses Hlophe 5380	Mphembekati, Bhodo, Mbekelweni
Magwabayi 542	Emgonyeni, Hillview, Joy Mission, Ntabamhoshana, Bulunga, Endodeni, Lomveshe
Mpaka 1227	Malindza, Sulutane, Dvokodweni, Sigcaweni, Tjedze
Edwaleni 104	Gebeni
Manzini 1 504	Ngwane Park
Sidvokodvo 2950	Nhlabeni, Njelu, Gundwini, Hillview, Gundwini Nazarene, Nkwadini, Bugeleni, Siphula, Esikhaleni Selusekwane, Thembeni, Sicelelweni
Nsoko 5050	Nsoko, Mbutfu
Lawuba 4350	New Heaven, Mashayekhatsi, Mkomonye, Ngudzeni, Kalidzameya, Nijani, Phansesigwe
Nhlangano 1 2120	Mathendele, Ecinweni, Zombodze, Ekuthuleni, Mthombe, Mahlanini, Nhlanga, Ngwabi, Makhwela, Mbangweni, Nzongomane, Khiza

GROUP C	Affected Area
Endzingeni 3810	Endzingeni, Mlungundlovu, Mphondla, Emuma, Emzinnene, Makhomweni, Entandweni
Sihhoye 2660	Sihhoye, Mangweni Tintonini, Mphofu, Ntab'inezimpisi, Mhlangatane, Ndwabangeni, Mavula-Nhlambeni
Nkhaba 3860	Mnyokane, Nkhaba, Malolotja, Mhlosheni, Hawane
Pine Valley 830	Dalriach East, Fontyn, Mdzangwini, Hlobane, Pine Valley
Moses Hlophe 5350	Ticantfwin, Mphembekati, William Pitcher, Fairview
Siteki 1230	Kalanga, Lonhupheko, Lukhwakhweni, Lukhula
Thompson 622	Magevini Flats, Mbuleni, Eteteni, Swazi National High, Kwaluseni UNISWA
Siphocosini 920	Mantabeni
Siphofaneni 5740	Gilgal
Thabankulu 3977	Vuvulane, Mafucula, Tsambokhulu
Big Bend 5014	Crookes
Matsapha 2300	Mfabantfu, Lozitha, Zombodze
Usutu 1094	Montigney Forestry Compound, Dwalile, Mongcongco, Lundzi, Mbuluzi, Zondwako
Sidvokodvo 636	Nkomonyi Precast, Nkomonyi Golf Course, El Ranch
Nsoko 5060	Nisela Safaris, Lubulini, Mqongwane
Lawuba 4370	Hluthi Town
Nhlangano 2 4240	Holneck, Maseyisini, Ndlovunga, Mahamba, Matimatima, Makhosini

GROUP D	Affected Area
Mayiwane 3940	Ngonini
Sihhoye 2670	Tshaneni
Nkhaba 3890	Mnyokane, Malanti, Nkomanzi, Ekufikeni, Elshaddai, Embutini, Luhlangotsini, Dryhoek, Ndeva, Lusekwaneni
Mpisi 5640	Bhuda, Mpisi Training, Ngogole, Mdumezulu, Ntabeni, Thulwane, New Thulwane, Mafuteseni, Msabane
Balegane 2610	Mzaceeni, Maguga, Ebulandzeni, Nkomanzi, Cetjwayo
Moses Hlophe 5360	Makhloveni, Sicelelweni, Sobhuza Clinic
Siphocosini 925	Sigangeni
Siphofaneni 5760	Mkhweli
Siphofaneni 5770	Siphofaneni Town, Madlenya
Riverbank 5090	Bar-J, Manyovu, Crookes
Siphocosini 925	Sigangeni, Mary Watt
Manzini 1 508	Mhobodleni
Usutu 1093	Bhunya Police, Mshweni, Macembe, Luhleko, Majotini, Ngogole, LeMagabhi, Mhlabubovu, Mawelawela Correctional
Sidvokodvo 630	Railway, Tri Cash, Tums WaterWorld, Sidvokodvo Farms, Kalangakalingeni, Dvumbe, Khohwane, Moti
Hlathikhulu 2180	Madulini
Lawuba 4360	Mbulungwane, Kahhohho, Jerusalem, Nhlentjeni, Mbebeleni
Nhlangano 2 4230	Phola, SWSC, Jabulani, Simemini, Mlambo, Nzongomane, Mashobeni, Gege, Magubheleni, Dudusini, Siyendle, Gege, Gege Border post

LAST RESORT	LAST RESORT
Matsapha 2343	Tubungu
Siphocosini 920	Mantabeni
Magwabayi 580	Metro, Hub, Cathedral
Magwabayi 570	Liqhaga, SNPF, Auto Zone
Magwabayi 530	Coates Valley, George Hotel
Manzini 1 503	RFM, Zakhele
Nhlangano 1 2140	Ndubazi, Nhlangano Town, Ext III
Ezulwini 932	Corner Plaza, Sibane, Calabash
Ezulwini 931	Mountain Inn
Kent Rock 821	Baylor Clinic, Leites
Stonehenge 709	Mbabane Clinic

GOVT SETS BENCHMARKS FOR HIGHER LEARNING INSTITUTIONS

● they must create a conducive environment for learners with physical disabilities.

By Sabatha Dlamini
Mbabane

GOVERNMENT has made it compulsory for all institutions of higher learning that their establishments should be conducive for learners with physical disabilities.

These are requirements for establishing and operating a higher education institution contained in the Regulations for Higher Education Institutions.

Education and Training Minister Dr. Phineas Magagula tabled the regulations in parliament this week

for debate and subsequent adoption.

The regulations required that the site should support physical and general welfare of students, on top of being conducive for learners with physical disability.

These conditions and criteria shall, in terms of the regulations, govern the establishment of a higher education institution or a qualification awarding institution.

Other institutional and academic requirements to be imposed by the regulations were that the site selected for the institution shall be suitable from an academic point of view and

have sustainable availability of water, electricity and furniture.

The regulations required that a prospective higher education institution should display capacity to mobilise physical, human and financial resources to establish a viable institution.

In the case of a university, the prospective provider shall have to make available at least 10 hectares of land. Virtual universities, however, shall be excluded from the condition of land.

For small training institutions, consultancies, and those located in



REQUIREMENTS:
Minister of Education
Phineas Magagula.

cities, the Council shall make its discretion, following an assessment on a case by case basis.

A prospective higher education institution shall ensure that provision has been made or will be

made for library, laboratory facilities and other facilities required for efficient delivery of programmes.

The institution shall further be required to frame proper rules regarding the efficiency and discipline of its staff and other employees, and ensure that appropriate regulatory framework and mechanism is provided for regulating academic and administrative matters of the institution.

The institution shall also have to provide the Executive Secretary with the organisational structure of the institution and in drawing up the organisational structure into faculties and departments, the standard and quality of teaching and efficiency of the system must be ensured.

'Killer' woman claims it was self defence

Stories by Linda Jele
High Court

A drinking spree by a petrol attendant and her two friends ended on a sad note when she allegedly stabbed a man to death with a knife.

Simphele Tondza Nzima of Egebeni in the Manzini region was arrested and charged with killing Muzi Nkomondze by stabbing him once on the back with a knife.

The incident happened at Endlinilembi in the Manzini region and Nzima, aged 28 years, was enjoying alcoholic beverages with her two friends in a local shebeen.

The incident is alleged to have taken place on May 21, 2016 and she has been kept in custody ever since.

She appeared before High Court judge Qinisile Mabuza to move an application to be admitted to bail on Tuesday. She was represented by Mbabane lawyer Vusi Thomo from Elvis Maziya Attorneys.

The office of the director of public prosecutions did not oppose the application.

In her affidavit, she claimed that the offence was committed in self defence because Nkomondze was the initial aggressor. She claimed that while they were enjoying their drinks in the shebeen, Nkomondze picked an argument which resulted in a fight.

However, the three women assaulted him and won the contest, she alleged. She claimed that Nkomondze, not pleased that he had been

given a hiding by women, threatened to mobilise his friends to avenge.

"I suggested to my friends that we change the shebeen since he had threatened to mobilise his friends to teach us a lesson. We changed the drinking spot, but lo and behold, on our way to the other shebeen, about five armed men including Nkomondze attacked us.

He wanted to stab me with a knife, without any reason whatsoever and as such, his death occurred during such unlawful attack," Nzima alleged.

She submitted to the court that her continued detention was detrimental to her since she has three minor children dependant on her.

She claimed that she maintained the children from wages she earned from her job at a fuel filling station. She submitted that she would not evade trial if freed on bail, especially because she is a bona fide Swazi citizen.

Bail, was by consent fixed at E15 000, E3 000 of which was cash and she was ordered to provide surety to the value of E12 000.



Widow wins back hubby's flats from secret lover

A widow was all smiles after the High Court ruled in her favour in a dispute with her late husband's secret lover over ownership of flats at Logoba.

Euneth Ndzabandzaba, a widow of the late Daniel Ndzabandzaba instituted legal proceedings against one Thulie Fakudze seeking an order interdicting her from setting foot on flats situated at Logoba and collecting rentals. The matter was heard by High Court Judge Nkululeko Hlophe.

The court was told that Fakudze had been a secret lover to the deceased while he was married to Euneth in civil rights. Euneth told the court that the flats, which were leased to tenants belonged to her late husband's estate, but Fakudze hung on to them claiming ownership.

However, Euneth told the court that the money used to build the flats were proceeds of her late husband's terminal benefits after he had retired from his employment in one of the sugar producing companies. However, the deceased had secretly invested on the flats only to tell his wife about

them on his death bed and directed her to take over ownership to be part of the estate.

However, Euneth received resistance from Fakudze who also claimed she was the owner of the flats and denied that their construction had been funded by the deceased.

The judge called upon the parties to lead evidence, which revealed that the flats had been constructed by Ndzabandzaba during his lifetime. Fakudze's evidence was thrown out the window for being untruthful and an after thought. She was accused of having influenced a number of people to testify in her favour yet they had earlier on informed the Logoba Royal Kraal and the master of the High Court that the flats belonged to Ndzabandzaba.

In her evidence, judge Hlophe stated, Fakudze was inconsistent.

The judge said she at first contradicted her evidence before the Logoba Royal Kraal where she had admitted that the flats belonged to Ndzabandzaba. However, in court, she changed and said she owned the flats having built them from proceeds of her salon and sale of clothes

businesses. However, she failed to submit proof that she ever owned a business.

"I am convinced that she (Fakudze) is a manipulative person and not trustworthy when I look at the fact that she was making witnesses change their versions at will at times to their embarrassment. She, for instance, managed to obtain an affidavit from one Simon Masina to go against a position he had not only established when he revealed the flats to Euneth in line with what her dying husband had told her," Judge Hlophe said.

The judge said Fakudze had told the court that she bought the said Masina a car, which proved why he then changed tune on court to favour her. The court ordered Fakudze to move out of the rented flats and never set foot again or interfere with their ownership. Fakudze was also directed not to collect rentals from the flats.

The court declared that the flats belonged to Ndzabandzaba and rentals should from now on be paid to the master of the high court for the benefit of the estate. Fakudze was ordered to pay costs of the application.

NOTICE

**SWAZILAND COMPANIES ACT NO.8 OF 2009
SECTION 62 (2)**

Notice is hereby given that I have reasonable cause to believe that the under mentioned company.

**2000 INVESTMENTS INTERNATIONAL
(PROPRIETARY) LIMITED**

Incorporated under the laws of Swaziland, is not carrying on the business, the Directors and the Shareholders of the same company have applied for deregistration. The name of the aforesaid company, will unless cause is shown to the contrary at the end of two months from the date hereof be deregistered and struck-off the Swaziland Registrar of Companies, and the company be dissolved.

**MSEBE MALINGA
FOR: REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES**

Teacher wants to divorce hubby for assaulting her

A teacher wants out of her marriage with businessman Mduduzi Manyatsi because he allegedly assaulted her in front of their children.

Cebisile Hlatshwayo has instituted legal proceedings seeking an order calling upon Manyatsi to restore conjugal rights, failing which a decree of divorce should be granted. She has alleged that her husband of 11 years engaged in extra marital affairs with two women on different occasions while their marriage subsisted.

These were allegations contained in Hlatshwayo's affidavit she filed through her law firm Mkhabela Attorneys, merits of which were yet to be tested before court. Manyatsi is yet to file his responses to the allegations.

She claimed that they contracted a civil rights marriage in community of property in 2005 and they established their home at Mvutshini.

Hlatshwayo said they had two minor chil-

dren. She claimed that all was rosy until in 2010 when Manyatsi got involved with another woman. She claimed that Manyatsi, again engaged in an extra marital affair with another woman from Nelspruit, South Africa. She alleged that he usually travelled to Nelspruit between 2013 and he stayed in South Africa for the whole of 2015.

"The issue of the second extra marital affair by the defendant was reported to the plaintiff's church board, where the defendant confessed to the board to have engaged in the extra marital relationship with the said woman. The defendant confessed further that the said woman was his live-in lover who was at some point pregnant with his child, but later on suffered a miscarriage," read Hlatshwayo's papers.

She further claimed that her life had become unbearable for her since 2010 and alleged that her husband was very abusive to her, emotionally, physically and verbally. She alleged that at some point he assaulted her with fists

all over her body in the presence of their minor children and her sister.

"The defendant has failed to afford the plaintiff love and affection as a spouse and has failed to respect the plaintiff as his wife. The defendant has exhibited a violent attitude towards the plaintiff," read the papers.

It was further claimed that Hlatshwayo never felt safe at her matrimonial home due to the alleged abusive behaviour of her husband. In fear of her life, she allegedly moved out of her home and stayed with a relative from September 1, 2016. It has been alleged.

She claimed that as a result, she has been denied conjugal rights, which are inherent within the marriage institution. She has applied for an order of restoration of conjugal rights or a divorce if he fails. She has also applied for an order granting her custody of their minor children and E1 500 monthly maintenance for the two children until they are self supportive. The matter is pending before court.

TWO OFFICERS STABBED, WOUNDED IN BAR BRAWL

By Starsky Mkhonta
Hlatikulu

IN one of the bizarre incidents, two police officers were stabbed and almost killed in a bar brawl after allegedly arriving at the bar drunk and started being a nuisance to other patrons.

The two officers were off-duty. It is said the officers in their drunken stupor started by verbally attacking patrons who retaliated in physical combat, resulting in a bloody skirmish.

Though it's not clear what was said during the verbal confrontation, but so heated was the exchange that the two ended up being brutally stabbed.

The incident happened in one of the popular watering holes in Hlatikulu last week. It is said initially three police officers came to the bar (name withheld as management could not be reached for comment) and they already looked soured.

They started being provocative, something that annoyed some of the revellers who found themselves forced to rebuke their (police) conduct. With the situation becoming tense, the three officers were involved in a long argument with some patrons telling the officers where to get off.

The bar bouncer tried to intervene and reason with the police officers to calm down but they were already in a fighting mood. He is said to have told the officers to behave or leave the bar.

However, his advice fell on deaf ears as the officers decided to be militant and jumped for the bouncer's throat as he tried to push them out since they were causing trouble.

Reports are that the officers refused to go out as they pushed and shoved the bouncer but that was when the other patrons got involved and started beating the officers.

The bouncer was on the receiving end of some blows by the officers after he managed to push them out of

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UNAWARE: Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.

the bar, but that was just the start of the fight. It is alleged that having felt the vicious blows the bouncer reached for a sharp object, which is suspected to be a knife, and drilled it into two of the officers.

One of them fell to the ground and the revellers had a field day as they pounced on him, slapping and kicking him as he seemed helpless.

It is said the fierce fight lasted for almost 30 minutes.

One of the officers tried to run away but because of the drunken stupor he was in, he got caught and was heavily assaulted and he was allegedly heard screaming and asking for forgiveness.

There are claims the injured police officers did not bother to lay charges against anyone even against the bouncer who had stabbed them with a

knife.

The reasons for not laying a charge were not clear even though it is suspected that they feared that the incident may expose their wild behaviour.

It is said the officers are well known for their 'love' of the bottle.

The skirmish, which has been kept a secret at the Hlatikulu Police Station, is said to be the talk of the town. The officers have been avoiding the lime-light since the incident.

The injured officers were expected to return to work yesterday after being off duty for almost a week.

Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said there was nothing reported to the police about one of their own being stabbed during a bar brawl.

She said there was also nothing reported on any injured officers. "No such incident involving our officers has been reported," said Assistant Supt Vilakati.

Vilakati, however, said it would be regrettable to discover that something of this nature did take place. She described such as an unacceptable behaviour and conduct which cannot be tolerated whether one is off duty or not.

"It's not for me to say how an officer should conduct himself or herself in public. In uniform or out of uniform, whether one is on duty or off duty, officers are always supposed to conduct themselves in a respectable manner.

"We do not want to believe something of this nature did take place," said Vilakati.

Malinga had come all the way from Gege to submit his fingerprints at the police headquarters.

Constable Dumisani Dlamini concurred with Malinga while adding that his investigations proved that Magagula used illegal means to take the cellphone from the complainant. The phone was recovered and it was said Magagula had already sold it to another person around town.

National Court President Chief Lembelele Dlamini sentenced Magagula to nine months in jail or an option of a E700 fine.

On another note, two tenants who reside in the same compound at Manzana were involved in a fight and a 47-year-old man ended up being sentenced to pay a fine of E500 or spend seven months in jail for common assault.

It is alleged Bheki Maziya assaulted Jameson Ngozo using fists and open hands after he pointed at him for no apparent reason.

Hand over that dagga to police – Principal told

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlangano

POLICE have advised the school principal who is allegedly keeping dagga in his office to hand it over to them or else face the consequences.

There are rumours doing rounds that a principal in one of the schools not far from Hlatikulu and under Nkwene constituency, has been keeping dagga in his office for almost two months.

This dagga was allegedly confiscated from some of the pupils in one of the classrooms.

Two male pupils were later identified as the culprits and were punished for the act.

It is said the dagga was confiscated last term and the worry now from some of the teachers as well as pupils was the failure by the administration to hand it to the police as it normally happens during cases like these.

There are claims that because of the period the dagga has been kept in the office, it could end up disappearing from the office. O

thers suspect that if the school authorities hand over the dagga to the police, it could incriminate the pupils.

This could see the pupils slapped with criminal charges even though they have served the punishment meted on them

by the school.

Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said there was no way a school's office could be used as a 'storeroom' for any exhibit or material or item which should be police responsibility.

She said police should be informed about any item or material suspected to be having elements of crime.

"It's a crime to keep any exhibit whether it's a lost and found, it should be handed to the police.

"Our advice to that principal is that he or she has to hand over the dagga to the police or face the wrath of the law. We can charge the principal with possession, so the sooner he or she hands it over the better," said Assistant Supt Vilakati.

The police mouthpiece said it was a serious crime to keep the substance of this nature as it is illegal to possess it in the country.

She said should the said principal continue keeping dagga even after warning, then the law is going to take its course.

"Should we investigate and find that indeed the principal is keeping the dagga in his office, then we are going to be left with no option but to effect the law," she said.

Help pouring in for child-headed home

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza
Mbabane

FOLLOWING recent reports by this publication about a child headed family of Nsalitje the public has come out in numbers to assist the family.

According to Mncedisi Billa Dlamini, who first met the family and then created a fund to clothe, shelter and pay school fees for four of the family members, the response was great as a number of people donated clothes and groceries.

"The country has really responded well following the coverage that was done by your newspaper of this family. We will be going there on Sunday to give them the first batch of the items that were donated by the nation," Dlamini said.

He went on to add that some companies were touched as well and they will be going there courtesy of Pub and Grill, whose donation will be revealed on Sunday.

The family of four is raised by the eldest daughter, who is 16 years old, and had to drop out of school to ensure that her siblings got the help and care they deserved.

Dlamini, however, specified that even though a number of people showed interest in helping the children it was not enough. "We are still going to appeal to the public for any kind of help because we can get clothes and food but that will not provide shelter.

"So, we are asking even for bags of cement or blocks to build a house for the children, to keep them safe during the rains and especially from predators as there are girls too," he said.

Dlamini added that even the eldest of the four children needs to go back to school next year, which is something that can be possible with the assistance of the public, by paying for her school fees.

"She might have sacrificed with her happiness for her siblings yet we cannot watch her throw away her life just like that. She is a girl and will grow up to be a woman tomorrow, so we need to start today to build her a better future not just for her siblings but her children as well. I

I am appealing to the country to help us change the fate for these young people, it is doable if we do it together," Dlamini mentioned.

ILLEGAL GAMBLER ROBS MAN CELLPHONE

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane

A well-known illegal gambler was arrested and charged with robbery of a cellular phone.

Jabhane Magagula is known as the man who uses three cards for gambling around town, whereby he constantly approaches unsuspecting victims and challenges them into a gambling game. Often items such as cash, cellphones and other valuables are usually at stake.

In most cases, Magagula is always in the company of other two men when they play this game and members of the public are always left in tears as they lose cash and other valuables.

Magagula appeared at the Mbabane National Court for stealing a phone. However, this time he was not charged for using his tricks but force as he allegedly robbed one Sifiso Malinga of his cellphone while seated

near the Police headquarters building.

The soft-spoken gambler vehemently denied the charges laid against him while adding that Malinga gambled with his cellphone and lost.

According to the charge sheet, it is said Magagula approached Malinga under the trees opposite the Police headquarters building while in the company of two men and allegedly threatened to assault the complainant while demanding his cellphone.

"They insulted me and bossed me around, then Jabhane took my phone and they ran away. I tried following them but I could not catch up with them.

I asked for help but they disappeared into the busy Mbabane streets. I then reported the matter to the Mbabane City Police Post," Malinga alleged.

In addition, Malinga denied that he had gambled but insisted that he was attacked by Magagula. The incident happened on March 23.

First National Bank of Swaziland Limited

Abridged Financial Statements For The Year Ended 30 June 2016

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the year ended 30 June 2016



	2016 E'000	2015 E'000
Interest and similar income	337 418	264 642
Interest expense and similar charges	(77 954)	(53 753)
Net interest income before impairment of advances	259 464	210 889
Impairment of advances	(28 431)	(14 276)
Net interest income after impairment of advances	231 033	196 613
Non-interest revenue-Net	318 046	277 850
Other losses	-	(1 016)
Income from operations	549 079	473 447
Operating and administration expenses	(259 631)	(228 966)
Income before tax	289 448	244 481
Indirect tax	(10 932)	(8 648)
Profit before tax	278 516	235 833
Income tax expense	(77 240)	(65 351)
Profit for the year	201 276	170 482
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Items that may not subsequently be reclassified to profit or loss		
Re-measurement on defined benefit post-employment plans (loss)/ gains		
Actuarial gains/(loss) for the year	4 981	(3 315)
Deferred income tax on (gains) / losses arising during the year	(1 370)	912
	3 611	(2 403)
Total other comprehensive income for the year	204 887	168 079

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 June 2016



	2016 E'000	2015 E'000
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	636 967	418 971
Net advances	2 555 986	2 321 597
Investment securities	456 553	316 090
Derivative financial instruments	8 432	4 473
Accounts receivable	43 552	21 858
Amounts due from related parties	830 078	620 430
Deferred income tax asset	24 146	16 051
Property and equipment	60 480	27 286
Total assets	4 616 194	3 746 756
EQUITY		
Capital and reserves attributable to equity holders of the parent		
Share capital	27 642	27 642
Share premium	2 686	2 686
Other reserves	142 602	123 503
Retained earnings	560 516	441 950
Total equity	733 446	595 781
LIABILITIES		
Deposits	3 017 185	2 753 336
Share based payments liability	5 700	8 555
Derivative financial instruments	12 029	4 586
Defined benefit post-employment liability	27 786	21 244
Accounts payable	162 073	62 503
Provision for other liabilities and charges	25 151	20 394
Current income tax liability	6 529	5 507
Amounts due to related parties	626 295	274 850
Total liabilities	3 882 748	3 150 975
Total equity and liabilities	4 616 194	3 746 756



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SWAZILAND FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

We have audited the annual financial statements of the First National Bank of Swaziland which comprise the directors' report, the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flow for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes, as set out on pages 4 to 96.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and in the manner required by the Financial Institutions Act of 2005. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the bank as of 30 June 2016 and of their financial performance and their cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and in the manner required by the Financial Institutions Act of 2005.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dated 28 September 2016

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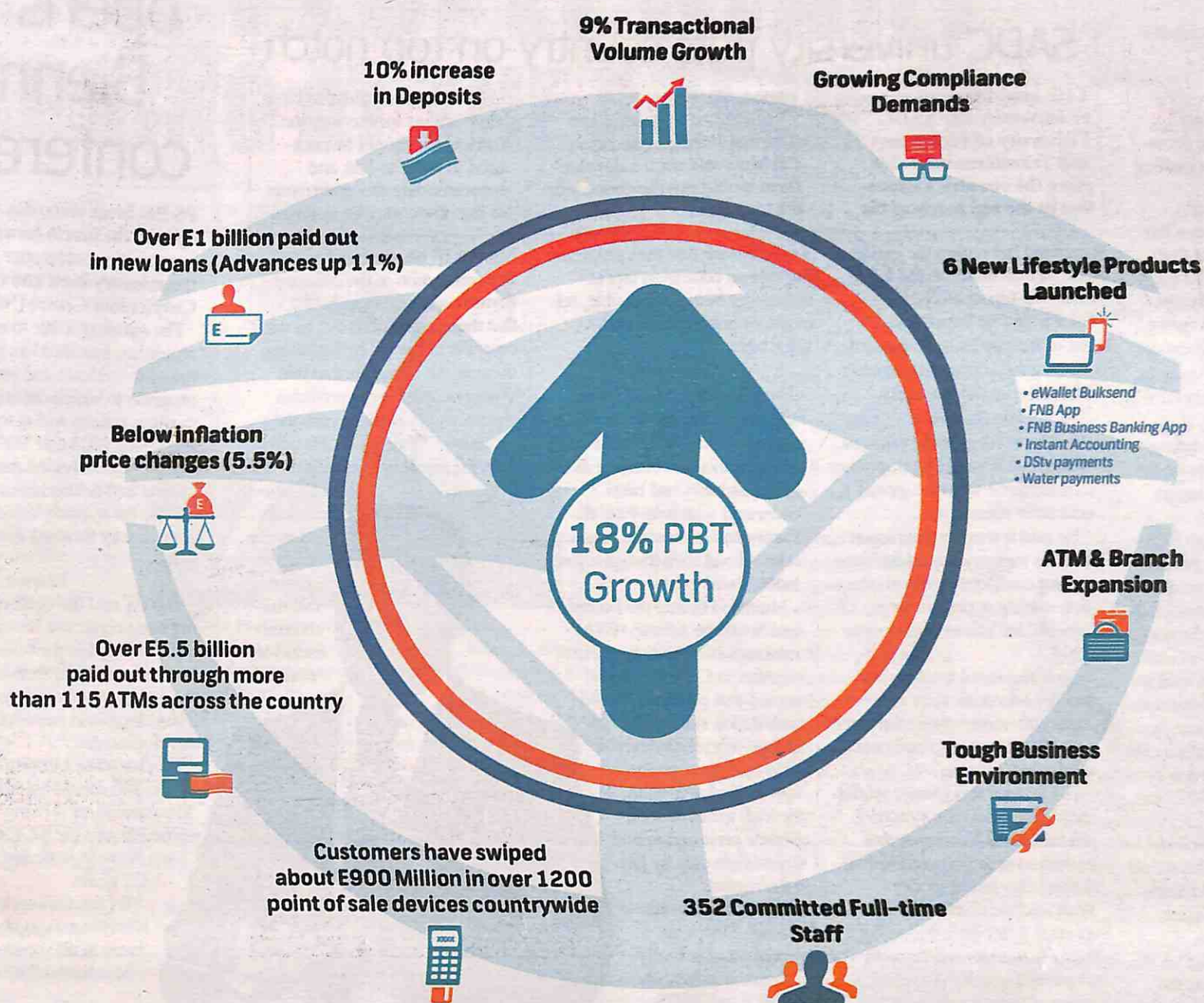
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Performance Commentary



Economic background

The country has traversed very challenging economic territory during the year under review. A weak and prolonged global recovery, slow progress in reducing SACU dependence, continuing pressure on the national budget, some uncertainty over economic and political developments within our largest trading partner, South Africa, and a long drought have all weighed down on growth prospects.

The primary sector has displayed very strong resilience and innovation under the prevailing circumstances. However, mid-sized downstream businesses have been hit a lot harder and the Bank has escalated its provisions for credit impairments accordingly.

Pricing pressures

The banking sector is undergoing significant pricing pressure, as evidenced by the capping of some transaction fees. The Board has mandated specific interventions that will help mitigate the major revenue losses anticipated from the regulatory limits. Despite these interventions, Non Interest Revenue growth is expected to be tepid, if not negative. We reiterate our prior year comments on welcoming robust engagement on planned interventions to help attain desired positive disruption alongside continued stability.

Compliance

Compliance demands and the need to upgrade and modernise compliance monitoring capabilities are adding to the cost of doing business. The bank views this as a long term investment to achieve greater levels of trust with our customers, who should expect wider contacts from the bank on record updates.

Modernising our customer interface

Significant investment is being made in improving how customers interface with the bank. Some of the work being done will take some time to yield returns but current pilots are showing exciting possibilities.

Investment in People

The toughest challenge we have is sustaining meaningful investment in our People. It is a challenge this team has accepted with keenness. From modernising workspaces to finding easier 'ways of working', the journey towards revolutionising our business Culture towards better workplace relations and delivery of excellent service continues.

CURRICULUM TO CHANGE IN 2019

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Matsapha

PRIMARY teachers and learners must embrace themselves for a curriculum change come 2019.

Ministry of Education and Training Principal Secretary Pat Muir said the implications that Free Primary Education (FPE) had on the quality of education proved to be an issue of concern.

He said the country's education must be globally relevant hence the need to change the school's curriculum.

The PS was speaking during the 4th Biennial Conference on Curriculum held at Esibayeni Lodge.

Muir said since the first FPE cohort graduated from primary school last year (2015) adding that the ministry's greatest challenge now is access at the secondary school in terms of inclusivity, affordability and quality.

The PS said he raised the issue as he was cognisant of the fact that the national curriculum centre biennial conference was conceived at a time when FPE was introduced in 2010.

"The conference enabled stakeholders to seriously deliberate on the new phenomenon and pertinent issues and concerns were raised," Muir said.

He said one of the biggest issues that were raised was the implications that FPE had on the quality of education.

Muir said this has proven to be an issue of concern, not only in

SADC university puts country on top notch

THE establishment of another university, the SADC University of Technology and Transformation will place the country's education in the top notch of the

region.

Ministry of Education and Training Principal Secretary Pat Muir said such a development would put the country in the top notch.

However, it would also have implications for the way the curriculum should be packaged in order to link and accommodate this endeavour, so that there may be synergy.

Swaziland but within the entire globe, as articulated in the EFA monitoring report of 2015.

The PS said he hoped that some of the papers to be presented during the conference would address the quality concerns.

The PS said the country's education must be globally relevant, adding that it would be important to understand what the global education agenda was.

He said it was for this reason that the ministry would be introducing competency based education starting at pre-primary schools and primary schools in 2019.

Muir requested teachers and teacher educators such as colleges and universities, educators as well as learners to embrace the curriculum change.

The PS said this change would enable the education system to produce globally competitive learners in order to contribute to a knowledge based society.

Muir said the conference was important as it brought together educators, parents and learners and paves a way by providing a common understanding on the direction that education should take.

The PS said as a ministry they

would ensure that the curriculum provide an education that is holistic by being; accessible, relevant, of good quality and affordable.

Accessibility

The PS added that it was in light of this that the focus of the ministry would be more towards quality education because issues of accessibility had been addressed with help from the European Union at the primary school level even though a few hiccups still exist.

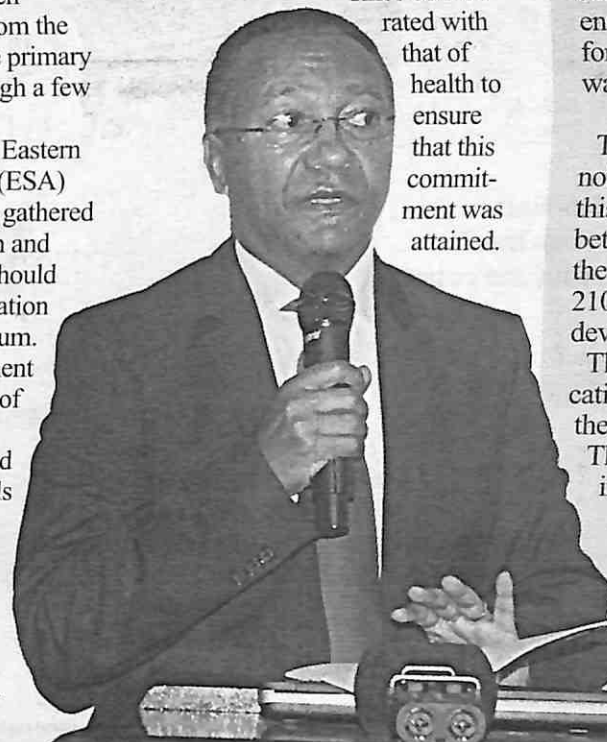
Muir said during the Eastern and Southern African (ESA) ministers of education gathered together in Cape Town and agreed that countries should include life skills education in their school curriculum.

He said the commitment was formed as a result of the high incidences of teenage pregnancies and school drop outs by girls in the region.

Muir said it was also because of the high prevalence of sexually transmitted infections and HIV and AIDS among young people of school going age. Muir said His Majesty King

Mswati III has declared an HIV free generation in the 2016 parliament opening speech. "I note that these aspirations can be successfully achieved by including them in the curriculum so that young people can be provided the necessary skills to curb the situation," Muir stated. He added that the ministry of education has

since collaborated with that of health to ensure that this commitment was attained.



CONCERN: The Ministry of Education PS Pat Muir.

PS officially opens 4th Biennial conference

PS Pat Muir yesterday officially opened the fourth biennial national curriculum conference hosted by the ministry itself and the National Curriculum Centre (NCC).

The meeting is due to end today and would see stakeholders get an opportunity to evaluate and interrogate the progress to which the ongoing curriculum reform was at towards attaining vision 2022 and SDG four.

Muir said he hoped that the presentations and deliberations would enable the ministry of education to forge a way forward in a positive way.

Reason

The PS said the conference could not have come at a better time than this, adding that the reason being was between now and then (referring to the 3rd Biennial conference held in 2014) there had been numerous developments.

This had direct implications on education and should be tapped into, as the curriculum is being reformed.

The PS said the NCC was soldiering on with regards to the Vision 2022 goals.

"Without an appropriate and relevant education, development at all spheres can never be attained," he said.

Woman smashes Ben 10's phone over a message

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane National Court

A jealous sugar mama has been fined E2 000 for smashing her Ben 10's smart phone valued at E3 000.

Mzwandile Mhlanga (23) of Mbabane claimed that his job is now on the line as the destroyed phone was vital at his workplace.

While on the other hand, Nomphumelelo Sibandze (30) said she has had enough with the pain inflicted by her allegedly abusive 'Ben 10'.

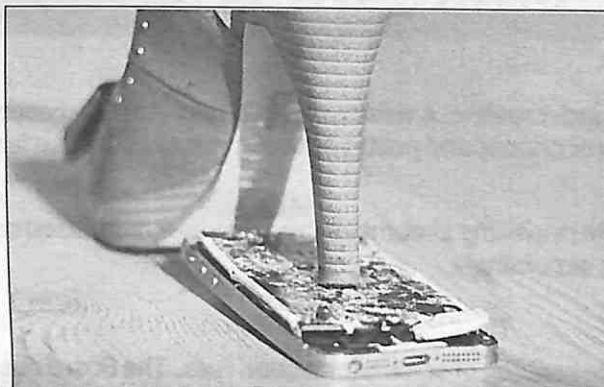
Sibandze told the Mbabane National Court that the man, who is seven years her junior, assaulted her twice in a space of a week. They have been dating for nine months.

Assault

"I reported the assaults with the police and he was arrested and now he is waiting to appear before the Magistrate's Court.

He first assaulted me last Monday then did it again on Friday during a heated argument regarding a sweet Whatsapp text message he had received on his phone.

He broke my arm while assaulting



me using an iron rod," Sibandze said in court after Mhlanga opened charges against for damaging smart phone.

Denied

Sibandze, who showed the visible injuries on her arm, denied that she intentionally smashed the phone.

She claimed that she fell on the floor while they were fighting over it after the message had popped up.

Sibandze had visited her 'Ben 10' when the incident unfolded.

"We made a promise to be faithful to each other and when a message which read 'baby' popped up, I got confused and demanded answers from him, then he started assaulting me," she added.

However, Mhlanga, who appeared as a complainant, insisted that the sugar mama smashed his phone on purpose.

Pained

"I know my woman, she is a very jealous girlfriend, I even told her that it was not

the first time she took my phone and asked about the people I chat with on Whatsapp. I will not lie, her actions pained me a lot as she knew I mainly use the phone at work," Mhlanga said.

Mhlanga demanded that Sibandze compensate him as he needed his phone's back fixed. He said he had only used the phone for less than a year and it cost E3 000.

Court President Chief Lembelele sentenced Sibandze to a fine of E500 or seven months in jail but made it clear the fine should be effected after she had paid the E1 500 for compensation after damaging property of another individual who happened to be her 'Ben 10'.

Driver granted E5 000 bail ... for reckless driving, resisting arrest

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

A 27-year-old public transport driver from Buhleni was granted bail of E5 000 for reckless driving and resisting arrest.

The Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court heard how Quantum driver Simanga Khumalo drove recklessly, thus endangering the lives of four passengers inside his vehicle and resisting police arrest.

The incident happened at Mayiwane at 20:00 hours on Saturday evening.

According to the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) Services records, Khumalo was on his way to park the Quantum at its residence at Buhleni when he came across a police van on patrol.

It indicated that he must stop so that the police could search the Quantum, however, Khumalo sped-off and the

police pursued him.

He drove to the Quantum's residence at Mayiwane where he abandoned it and ran into nearby bushes.

The police van eventually reached the quantum only to find its driver's side door open and four passengers seated in the back.

Bushes

The police then inquired where the driver was and the passengers stated that he bolted out, leaving everything behind and in the bushes.

The police then began a search for the driver of the quantum after finding his personal details from his employer at Mayiwane.

Khumalo was eventually arrested a week later on Saturday in Pigg's Peak by patrolling police and appeared before Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini.

His trial was set for January 20, 2017 and his bail was set at E5 000 by the magistrate.

MOST PEOPLE START SMOKING AT THE AGE OF 12

Stories by Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

MOST people start smoking between the ages of 12 and 18.

Mental Health Nurse Hansin Lukhele said smoking was the most common form of drug addiction even higher than alcohol abuse.

He urged adults to be more vigilant especially when their children reach the above age group.

Studies also showed that tobacco and cannabis usage was high within the youth and that smoking was just as dangerously addictive as cocaine or heroin because cigarettes contained nicotine. "The addictive power of smoking is not to be underestimated, this is because addiction can happen immediately. There is an addictive and active substance found in cigarettes known as nicotine which is just as



REMARKS:
Mental Health Nurse Hansin Lukhele speaking during an event held at the Gobolondlo hall.

addictive as cocaine and heroin. We therefore urge pupils not to even try that first cigarette as we fear addiction," he said.

Lukhele said addiction occurred as the body builds up a tolerance to the nicotine requiring more and more of it to feel

good.

"When a person smokes they inhale nicotine that goes straight to the brain and alters the mood, but the body quickly builds up a tolerance for that substance, they require," he added.

Lukhele said most people who

started smoking could always trace it back to their adolescent age and such people stated that they were just trying the cigarette once with the intention of quitting after. "Most adolescents start smoking either through peer pressure or through curiosity. However, it is very dangerous as the cigarette they smoke contains nicotine that first gets the body addicted to it then it builds up a tolerance that makes the body want more and more of it," he said.

Lukhele said parents who smoke were more likely to pass the habit on to their children than parents who do not.

"Parents are role models to children, therefore if a parent smokes that habit is more likely to be copied by the child, whereas parents who do not smoke are more likely to have children who abstain from the practise completely."

Pigg's Peak Town Council partners with HMCS

His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) has partnered with the Pigg's Peak Town Council to enlighten non-management council employees and correctional inmates on oriental plants.

The training will take over two weeks and it involves 34 town council employees and four inmates.

According to the Pigg's Peak Town Council report, such a

partnership was listed as a mutually beneficial.

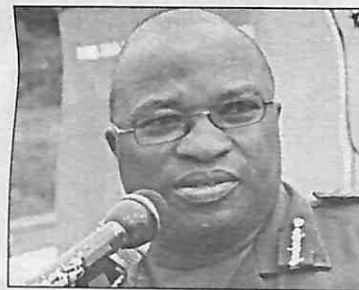
The town council received expertise from correctional officers imparting landscaping information in all forms from planting to maintaining plants to the employees.

The training gave inmates a chance to also learn and rehabilitate themselves in preparation to be released back into society with valuable skills to help them

cope with the lack of employment that has riddled the country.

Pigg's Peak Town Council also donated gardening tools as a symbol of appreciation to HMCS at the head office in Mbabane.

Tools donated included garden forks, garden spades, garden rakes, backpack garden sprays and distance measuring wheels, the tools were received by the Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase.



RESPONSIBLE:
Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase.

Pensioners want PSPF to be an independent company

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

THE Public Service Pension Fund (PSPF) must not be a government company, but should be an independent company.

This was said by Dominic Nxumalo, who is the secretary of the Mbabane branch of the Swaziland Pensioners Association.

Nxumalo said such a decision was not a mandate that came from them as members of the fund. He said they did not know what the reason for making that decision was. "We want PSPF to be removed from Category A, which makes it a government company, to category B, which makes it an independent company," Nxumalo said.

The former St Mark's High School principal said this was one of the resolutions they took



INVITED: Hhukwini MP Saladin Magagula, Lobamba MP Michael Masilela and Mbabane West MP Johane Shongwe

during a meeting held last week Wednesday at the Mater Dorolosa (MDS) Church Hall in Mbabane.

He said they had invited Members of Parliament (MPs) to the meeting and these included Hhukwini MP Saladin Magagula, Lobamba MP Michael Masilela, and Mbabane West MP Johane Shongwe. It is said the MPs found that certain procedures were not followed before the

PSPF was made a government parastatal.

They found that such a move was illegal and it had to be reversed as they ordered acting Minister for Public Service Jabulani Mabuza to reverse the decision. It is said the minister failed to submit proof to parliament to the effect that the Fund had been removed from Category A. Nxumalo said they wanted government to make the reversal

before parliament went to recess which would be before the end of the current year.

He said if government failed to do that, they would implement ways to force government and the fund to implement the reversal. They promised to make a lot of noise until they were heard. He said as they were members of the fund, they should be recognised as important stakeholders of the fund.

The pensioners also wanted the fund to increase the burial benefits for its members.

Currently, the benefit stands at E7 000 and they wanted it to be E10 000.

They said they took that resolution because they saw that the fund was doing well and was used to invest in different assets.

It would be fair for them to enjoy the benefits of the good performance of the funds than to see it doing well and gain nothing.

Pupil drinks for the first time, assaults cousin

A 20-year-old pupil from one of the high schools in northern Hhohho appeared in court for assault charges and says he was advised by his football to celebrate by drinking.

Saneliso Hlatshwayo had appeared before Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini for assaulting his cousin Dumsani Magagula.

The assault happened last Saturday at the Zinyane drinking hall in Pigg's Peak.

Hlatjwako informed the court that during the day, his football team at Malanti won an intense football game, so his coach informed all the players that they were all allowed to go out that night for a few drinks to celebrate. "I was told by my coach to go and celebrate my team's win by drinking. So I did, unfortunately for me it was the first time that I had ever touched alcohol I drank three bottles of beer and I ended up fighting my cousin and he was injured," he said.

Magagula was assaulted with fists and bites from Hlatshwayo who was eventually pulled away by bystanders.

Police were called, they arrived an hour late and they arrested Hlatjwako.

The magistrate sentenced him to 10 months in a correctional facility if he failed to pay the E2 000 fine for assault.

Hlatjwako was further warned by Dlamini that drinking was reserved for people who had completed school.

Blockade teachers' case postponed

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

THE case involving two male teachers who allegedly placed stones on the road leading to cabinet offices has been postponed to October 20.

Mcolisi Ngcamphalala and Mbongwa Dlamini could not state their side of the story after being arrested in



February 3, for blocking the road leading to the cabinet offices, as

Prosecutor Buddy Masango asked the court to postpone the matter as he was not feeling well.

In their last appearance in court, the senior prosecutor had a verbal showdown with the suspects' lawyer to the extent that Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati had to intervene.

However, the high number of teachers who crammed the court left disappointed after learning that trial could not proceed. The attorney representing the two also insisted that his clients were ready for trial but the matter could not take off in respect of the sick prosecutor. Vilakati then postponed the tension-filled case to October 20, whereby the two are expected to mitigate.

Meanwhile, Delisa Mndzebele (58) has been granted bail of E500 after he allegedly stabbed a cow valued at E5 500 belonging to Joseph Matsebula. However, trial could not proceed when he made an appearance at the Mbabane Magistrate's Court as his matter was postponed until April 20, 2017.

SD has 201 health institutions

By Mbono Mdluli
Lobamba

SWAZILAND has about 201 health institutions.

Minister for Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane told senators on Monday that the country had 187 clinics adding that a number of hospitals were also available in the country. These included Good Shepherd and the Siteki Referral Hospital in the Lubombo region. She said in the Manzini region, there was the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial (RFM), Mankayane Government, TB Hospital, and the Psychiatric Centre.

Hlathikhulu Government Hospital was situated in the Shiselweni region, while Mbabane and Pigg's Peak Government were

found in the Hhohho region. The minister mentioned that the country had five health centres. This brings the number of public health institutions to 201.

The minister was responding to concerns from the senators who wanted updates on the decentralisation of health services for the people in the respective communities.

The legislatures also wanted the minister to state why it was difficult to get medication for most Swazi citizens, especially in the rural areas.

Senator Lindiwe Ngwenya had moved the motion and it was seconded by Senator Prince Fipha.

They pleaded with the minister to go and investigate why it was difficult to decentralise health services. She was advised to

bring back a report on the investigations within 30 days after the adoption of the motion.

"There other problem is that health motivators (*bagcugcuteli*) are no longer as many as they used to be. Their number should be increased so that there should be easy access to health care," Ngwenya said.

Prince Fipha said the situation in the health institutions was painful because there were a lot of queues and people were finding it difficult to get help.

He suggested that maybe, if health services were to be decentralised, such problems would be alleviated.

"One day, I went to one health institution and there were people who were conversing with one another. They said we made a mistake by getting independence from the British because if they were still in power, such would not be happening," Prince Fipha said.

Senator Chief Mvimbi Matse said there should be health services within the premises of parliament. This, according to Matse, was to allow people within the premises, including lawmakers, to easily access health services.

Senator Prince Kekela submitted that health motivators should have medication with them. "They used to have medication so that if someone is sick in our communities, he can get first aid before going to the nearest health institution. It is sad now that they do not have the medication," Prince Kekela



HEALTH CARE: Minister for Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane.

said. Senator Menjeni Mahlalela advised the minister to look out for corrupt practises within the ministry. "There has never been a shortage of medication in the country. There are some pharmacists who collude with public health workers to steal the medication for their pharmacies," Mahlalela said.

Ndlela-Simelane thanked the senators for raising such concerns. She welcomed the motion and promised to do as the senators instructed her ministry.

She informed the Senators though that her ministry was in the process of using gogo centres as clinics. She said this had been necessitated by the fact that health institutions were still not enough to decentralise health services.

King applauded for officiating Amitofo opening

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlengano

YUAN Tong Primary Principal Dumisani Dlamini has thanked His Majesty King Mswati III for officiating the opening of the school.

Yuan, is a wing of Amitofo Care Centre (ACC) at Makhonza.

His Majesty visited the centre last month, on September 7, where he toured the entity while being led by Amitofo Director Master Hui-Li. The King further named the school with a SiSwati name, Jabulani.

The principal said the King's visit to the entity, was a lifetime experience that he

would cherish for the rest of his life.

"We are thankful to His Majesty for personally coming to officiate in the opening of our school. The Swazi leader, is such a great King and I also like his sense of humour," said Dlamini.

Dlamini who was once employed by government as a teacher at Makhosini High School, said he was also impressed when His Majesty named the school, Jabulani.

"Amitofo Care Centre has no better way of thanking him.

Bayethe! Wena Waphakathi!," said Dlamini. He also said he was still not sure how the King came up with that name but he stated it must be for a reason.

Correctional officials assaulted, stripped me naked - detainee

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

A 25-year-old detainee was allegedly assaulted and stripped naked by His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) officials.

Maradonna Machawe who is currently on remand and detained at the Pigg's Peak correctional facility appeared before Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini for theft charges. He alleged that he and two other fellow inmates were assaulted by Pigg's Peak correctional officers.

He stated that he and the other inmates were made to strip naked and were then assaulted by the officers all over the body with fists and kicks. He informed Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini that the previous night he was beaten by four correctional officers who made him strip naked. "I just thought I should inform you that the warders beat me last night all over the body with punches and kicks with



BEFORE HIM: Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini.

two other inmates after they made us strip naked," he said.

Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini then asked one of the officials inside the court room to answer to the allegation, to which, one officer denied such.

"We did not assault Machawe, we were breaking up a fight that had started at the correctional facility after one inmate was assaulted by another group of inmates," the officer said. Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini then asked Machawe to report the issue to the welfare division at the correctional facility so that an investigation could be opened to find out what really happened.

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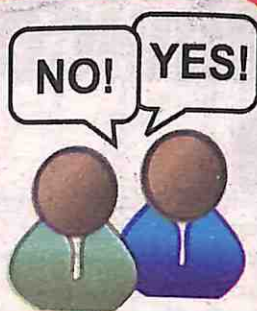
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NOMTHI ON THURSDAY



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Nomthandazo
Nkambule

THOUGH we want to remain positive about the country's Free Primary Education Programme (FPE) in public schools by government, but it has always been quirky since its launch.

FPE since its virgin roll-out, has been marred by unpleasanties; ranging from crowded classrooms, to lack of teachers, stretching over to accommodation struggles for teachers and unfortunately, the list is endless.

It was good of government to tap into free education as it has been the norm across the world since 2000 owing to the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Needless to say and to correct some citizens, FPE is not unique to Swaziland, it's not special to us (I repeat). Simply put, countries around the world convened, deliberated and agreed on free education. And it's happening all over and some products of such a programme I am sure have migrated to higher grades with some having started tertiary.

Trend

FPE is what I can call 'the new education trend by governments across the world' and that's how far I can simplify it.

The free education programme I believe was introduced amongst other reasons to ensure that the poorest access education. Education is a fundamental human right and that is why our government frowns upon those that keep their children at home because they cannot pay school fees, when there is FPE.

Education also plays a key role in any country's economy, it is 'warrant' to human development which is profound in the improvement of any economy. If you have an engineer that country will develop, there is a teacher that person will educate our children, they grow up and they become bankers. Education is that important.

Six years later into the FPE implementation locally, we still have problems and they are unending. What could the problem be? I do

Free Primary Education without European Union

● Needless to say and to correct some citizens, FPE is not unique to Swaziland, it's not special to us (I repeat). Simply put, countries around the world convened, deliberated and agreed on free education. And it's happening all over and some products of such a programme I am sure have migrated to higher grades with some having started tertiary.

not want to believe that we rushed into effecting it but I blame poor planning. Its fine we are known for signing conventions and leaving them to collect dust in the offices, but having signed for free education, government I believe was supposed to stand such ground, interrogate it and ascertain what it really entails before rolling it out. FPE excites many parents and I do not blame them, but government disappoints in this regard.

Each year, there are numerous complaints about this programme especially by principals who man our respective public schools. Many a times they have asserted 'akusebenteki'. Not that they want parents' hard earned cash like the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA), but, because they know the situation on the ground.

Threats

The money paid for each pupil, the head-teachers have said over-and-over again that it is too meagre and they are not taken seriously, too bad. Instead numerous threats are directed at them and the school chairpersons have tried to intervene but no one is interested in lending them an ear. Then some call FPE, 'the FPE of controversies'.

We all want FPE to be a success so that the country scores brownie points somewhere, but government is not being realistic.

The latest on FPE was that the country's development partner, the European Union (EU) will stop funding children under this programme.

And my mathematics says by now government should have a back-up plan so as to counteract EU's pulling out.

It also tells me that EU's FPE

support will cease on December.

Though we have this predicament, the Minister of Education and Training Phineas Magagula failed to give our honourable legislatures a definite answer as to what the plan was as EU has minused itself from FPE.

Infact the minister did not answer those questions at all. Our legislatures were honourable enough this time as they talked sense unlike in

the diapers debate, anyways.

I think EU's withdrawal from FPE is a blow to the country and as we rightly reported, it's shocking to the nation. We know how government operates and we can bet the problems associated with the FPE will linger on and it will get messy. Come January, there will be no plan to circumvent EU's withdrawal, but government will continue politicking and will be far from being realistic. Circus?

Realistic

The country should re-do the FPE's drawing board, whilst it's sad that top-ups should be effected, but I believe it's being realistic and living up to the situation.

The Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini has been coy on government's financial position this year amidst the decline in the receipts from the Southern African Customs Union (SACU). He is mum on the finances because he knows government is running out of cash and Caesar (SRA) is having a tough time reaching its target. There will be FPE in the country without EU's help. But what is the plan?



FAILED TO GIVE ANSWERS: Minister of Education and Training Phineas Magagula.

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1982 - In Chicago, IL, seven people died after taking capsules of Extra-Strength Tylenol that had been laced with cyanide. 264 000 bottles were recalled.

1983 - The War Powers Act was used for the first time by the U.S. Congress when they authorized President Reagan to keep U.S. Marines in Lebanon for 18 more months.

1983 - "A Chorus Line" with performance number 3 389 became the longest running show on Broadway.

1984 - Irish officials announced that they had intercepted the Marita Anne carrying seven tons of U.S.-purchased weapons. The weapons were intended for the Irish Republican Army.

1984 - Elizabeth Taylor was voted to be the world's most beautiful woman in a Louis Harris poll. Taylor was at the time in the Betty Ford Clinic overcoming a weight problem.

1986 - Mary Lou Retton announced that she was quitting gymnastics.

1988 - The space shuttle Discovery took off from Cape Canaveral in Florida. It was the first manned space flight since the Challenger disaster.

1990 - "Millie's Book" by First Lady Barbara Bush was the best-selling non-fiction book in the U.S.

1992 - Magic Johnson announced that he was returning to professional basketball. The comeback ended the following November.

1992 - Brazilian lawmakers overwhelmingly voted to impeach President Fernando Collor de Mello.

1993 - Bosnia's parliament voted overwhelmingly to reject an international peace plan unless Bosnian Serbs returned land that had been taken by force.

1994 - The U.S. House voted to end the practice of lobbyist buying meals and entertainment for members of Congress.

1998 - Hasbro announced plans to introduce an action figure of retired U.S. General Colin Powell.

2008 - The Dow Industrial Average lost 777 points. It was the largest one-day decline to date. The drop came after the U.S. House of Representatives had voted down a \$700 billion bank bailout plan.

2010 - In China, Canton Tower became operational.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Kevin Durant
(Basketball Player) -
September 29, 1988 -
28 years old



Stephen Twitch
(Dancer) -
September 29, 1982 -
34 years old

Abstinence remains the best choice for adolescents, young people

MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



BY
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IT is that time of the year, when speech and prize-giving events are dominating newspaper headlines.

But instead of the learners that excel in their educational pursuits catching the eye, standing out like a sore thumb, are the disturbing increased numbers of school dropouts related to pregnancy. The disturbing newspaper reports tell us that teenage sexual activity remains a widespread problem facing our society today – mainly because many are choosing to begin sexual relations at an early age only to realise too late that the right to have sex comes with many realities and responsibilities. With each performance report during the various speech and prize-giving events, we learn of the continued increase in the number of teenage girls who are forced to drop out of school due to pregnancy.

The sad reality is that this (pregnancy and school drop-out) is not just costly for the girls but is costly to their families and society in general, as well. Pregnancy, childbirth and motherhood transform the context in which the young mother (sometimes even the father) live the rest of their lives. It can lead to colossal loss of educational opportunities, which in turn results in perennial limitations on life's opportunities namely employment and future earnings. Ultimately, failure to continue with education means that the young person has limited means of positively contributing to society. This at a time when we have Sustainable Development Goals that are specifically targeted at girls and women's participation in socio-economic development including public office, as leaders of society.

On the personal level, early and unintended pregnancy is also a major health issue since science informs us that young people who engage in early sexual activity face health risks, including emotional and psychological harm, and exposure to sexually transmitted infections (including HIV), and unsafe abortion.

Prevalence of school dropout due to pregnancy

The school environment is most often viewed as protective as it provides a structured setting in which children receive support and develop their capabilities through knowledge. It seems however, that the increasing levels of school enrollment due to the good Free Primary Education and OVC schools support, lead to many young women (and men of course) to remain enrolled at the primary, secondary and high school level into their late teens due to delayed school entry,

FLIES SPREAD DISEASES SO KEEP YOURS ZIPPED.



and high grade repetition.

The Annual Education Census (AEC) Report 2013, provides some insight on enrollment trends, repetition through the grades, and school dropout. The 2013 report shows that a total of 3705 (1785 females and 1920 males); 2285 (1233 females and 1052 males); and 968 (585 females and 383 males) dropped out of school for various reasons, at primary, junior and senior secondary respectively. Of these, pregnancy related school dropout was recorded at primary school level at 152 female and 27 male pupils; at junior secondary there were 491 female and 125 male pupils; while at high school level there were 292 female and 62 male pupils.

The figures are quite high and taking into account that those reported to have dropped out for family reasons were not probed further, they clearly compromise the efforts to prevent HIV infections further. Given the HIV incidence rate of 3.84 among girls aged 18-19, the state of affairs paints a gloomy picture for the country. On the surface, the high pregnancy rates do not only have a direct bearing on HIV infections but secondary through the non-use of condoms.

HIV infections concern for girls

By far, the predominant mode of HIV transmission in the country is heterosexual intercourse (96%). The reported number of students that dropout owing to pregnancy speaks volumes about their HIV risks as the pregnancy is a direct consequence of unprotected sexual activity. Considering that the 2010 Multiple Indicator Cluster index (MICS) found that about 3.8 % of young girls started engaging in sex before their 15th birthday (compared to 2.6 % for boys), then the problem is even bigger.

In 2014, the Ministry of Health reported that 17% of all deliveries were by adolescents, while an independent study from Nkalashane Clinic in the Lubombo region showed that teenage pregnancies constituted 26% in 2014.

The Nkalashane Clinic study titled "Risks factors for teenage pregnancy and the youth perspectives on teenage pregnancy and health needs in Nkalashane, Swaziland" also found that teenage mothers' partners were 5.2 years older (range: 1-14

years) and the majority of the teenage mothers reported relying upon their baby's fathers for financial support after giving birth.

That the young girls are engaged in sexual activity with older partners is a HIV risk in itself. The further economic dependence exposes the young mothers to all sorts of abuse that may lead to increased HIV risks. For many, childbirth spells the end of their educational endeavors, resulting in limited means of ensuring a good life for the newborn and herself.

There are cases however, mostly from affluent families, where the young mother is able to resume school after the brief interruption resulting from childbearing. For these, the challenge is dealing with the emotionally wrenching experience of an unplanned pregnancy and all its sexual and reproductive health consequences and learning from it.

HIV infections concern for boys

Although this is not common in Swaziland, for many of the young men that do drop out of school as a result of impregnating a partner (and accepting paternity), the immediate concern is to find work opportunities to fend for the baby and the new family. With little education, the choices are usually limited and they find themselves taking odd jobs that do not pay enough to allow them to fulfil their roles as parents.

As the realities of a restrictive environment begins to take its toll, their hopes begin to fade and many become angry and engage in delinquent behaviour (including crime and alcohol and drug abuse). Knocked back by life, they in-turn want to show their masculinity in terms of sexual activity and the number of sexual partners, which further increases their HIV risks.

Abstinence a brilliant idea

All the evidence shows that adolescent girls and boys are engaging in sexual relationships, so there is a clear need to help them exercise their right to health, including accessing safe, effective, affordable and acceptable sexual and reproductive health services, especially those relating to pregnancy, HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STI) prevention, testing and treatment.

Importantly however, both adolescent girls and boys need to be allowed to grow up in an environment where they can be the best they can be, by being encouraged to abstain from early sexual debut to avoid teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (including HIV), while keeping them in school.

The youth need to be assisted to understand that sex is not the beginning and end of the world and that choosing to delay sexual debut and abstain from sexual activity is a brilliant choice for many reasons, including the following:

- Abstinence offers a 100% guarantee that an adolescent girl and young woman will not get pregnant before she is ready. This means that she can continue her academic pursuits without the worry of disappointed parents, wailing babies and changing diapers (which if the Members of Parliament have their way, would also mean washing nappies).

- No sex at all is the only 100 % guarantee for preventing sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Remember that while the latex condom can prevent some STIs, it does not fully prevent against those STIs that can infect other areas not covered by the sheath, like the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), gonorrhea, or genital herpes, among others.

- The act of having sex with an individual has psychological repercussions. If there is a break-up, increased chances of depression and unstable mental health are higher. Choosing to delay sexual debut helps limit cases of attempted suicide that is a result of depression.

- Practicing sexual abstinence helps one to get to know his/her boundaries and develop a stronger sense of emotional and spiritual growth within themselves but also with their partner. It also helps give an indication as to whether the person you are with is in it for YOU. For your personality, your interests, and all of the great things about you besides sexuality. There is need to incorporate pregnancy prevention and promote gender equality in the life skills education provided in our schools (essentially integrate comprehensive sexuality education), to help ensure that girls remain in school, and that girls and boys alike, are motivated to play a role in ensuring that this happens. This means that again everyone must play their part; parents need to revisit their parenting role; communities must go back to old age practices of community parenting through the "umntfwana wemmango" ideologies; churches must wise up to the realities of young people and preach an updated gospel of a lost generation; older men must take responsibility and not find solace in young insecure girls. The list is endless, but it begins with you.

Cracks starting to show now



By Melanie Verwoerd.

SITTING in Parliament recently, watching President Jacob Zuma stumble through his most recent Question Time, I could not help to think that the cracks are finally showing.

None of the usual giggles were there and none of his bravado could save him. It was the day when he showed weakness and uncertainty for the first time.

Interestingly, MPs were confident that proceedings would not erupt into the chaos we have come to expect when the EFF and President are in each other's company. The speaker had agreed that a motion by EFF's Floyd Shivambu on the state of affairs at SAA, could be debated on the same day. Strategically it was to follow the president's question time, presumably to ensure that the EFF would not again disrupt the President to the point where they would be thrown out of the chamber, thus not being able to speak to their own motion.

It seemed to work at first. MPs from Cope took to the floor to object to Zuma's presence and left the chamber.

Calm

The EFF seemed remarkably calm even as the speaker told Julius Malema to sit down when he raised a few constitutional points around the president and the Nkandla judgment. For a few seconds it looked as if he would listen to the speaker and that she for once had matters under control. But then, as usual, Baleka Mbete got distracted by a note from the parliamentary adviser. Malema, with his admirable ability to make rousing speeches off the cuff, utilised the opportunity to the full. By the time the speaker focussed on him again, he was in no mood to stop.

The ANC was screaming at Malema, who clearly enjoyed it and repeatedly called the president a criminal. The Speaker tried to shout louder, but that only provoked the members even more. Eventually Malema stopped and agreed to sit down,

● Question time expired shortly after, but instead of immediately retreating to his office as usual, the President stayed at the podium. He was visibly angry. A silence descended on the House. Then he spoke. He was tired of being insulted and attacked when he came to the House, he said. Something had to be done; otherwise he would rather not come back.

presumably not wanting to be thrown out. There were more points of order from other parties and then Shivambu raised one. Agreed it was not really a point of order, but then again these days very few are. The speaker told him to sit down, but like many before him, he insisted on a ruling. Suddenly, like an exasperated mother who had had enough, she ordered Shivambu to leave the chamber.

There was an audible gasp from the gallery. "What did he do wrong?" asked a woman in an ANC T-shirt in front of me – a question Shivambu rightly asked the speaker as well. But Mother Baleka was in no mood to answer. The reason was clearly because she said so. In protest the EFF left the chamber voluntarily so that they could return for the SAA debate later, albeit without Shivambu. The Chief Whip of the DA, not wanting to be upstaged by the EFF, also raised a point of order, calling the president and his actions repugnant.

I looked over at the president who had, for the 35 minutes it took Mbete to regain control, sat behind the podium in the centre of the chamber. He struck a lonely figure, like a child made to sit on the naughty chair. As insults were thrown at him, he seemed to slide deeper down in the bench, almost disappearing behind the podium.

Halting

When he finally got to answer the questions, he read the prepared responses in his halting manner. Follow-up questions were mainly left unanswered and it all became rather boring. Minister Jeff Radebe, nodded off a few times. Bathabile Dlamini chewed nuts whilst paging through photos on her iPad (note to MPs: the public in the gallery can see what you are doing on your iPads). Other ANC MPs were texting or reading.

This was nothing new, but it struck me that the ANC caucus was simply not defending their president. He was on his own and it seemed that he felt it. There were none of the usual giggles. He was angry and annoyed, but kept his feelings under control until fairly close to the end. "I am saying there is no war in government", he responded to a question about Treasury. (Pravin Gordhan did not look up from a document on his desk.) "Cyril Ramaphosa said there was", heckled a member of the opposition. "You must ask Cyril Ramaphosa then," the president snapped back and glared briefly in the direction of the Deputy President.

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House, he said. Something had to be done; otherwise he would rather not come back.

And so thanks to one of his big allies, Baleka Mbete, and her inability to control the proceedings, we finally saw a crack in the president's rock hard veneer of calm denialism. Can it be that he is feeling the pressure of the divisions in the ANC under his leadership, or the impact of the ongoing saga with Pravin Gordhan on our economy, or the endless series of scandals around people close to him?

Perhaps, but recent proceedings raised a few frightening questions around Zuma, his successor and Parliament.

Firstly: Baleka Mbete is increasingly being mentioned as a possible successor for Jacob Zuma. Apparently she is very popular amongst the ANC Premier League. The ANC Women's League wants a woman next time round, so presumably they will support her too. But what she demonstrates for all to see is that she cannot run Parliament. And if you cannot run a parliament, how can you run a country?

Pressure

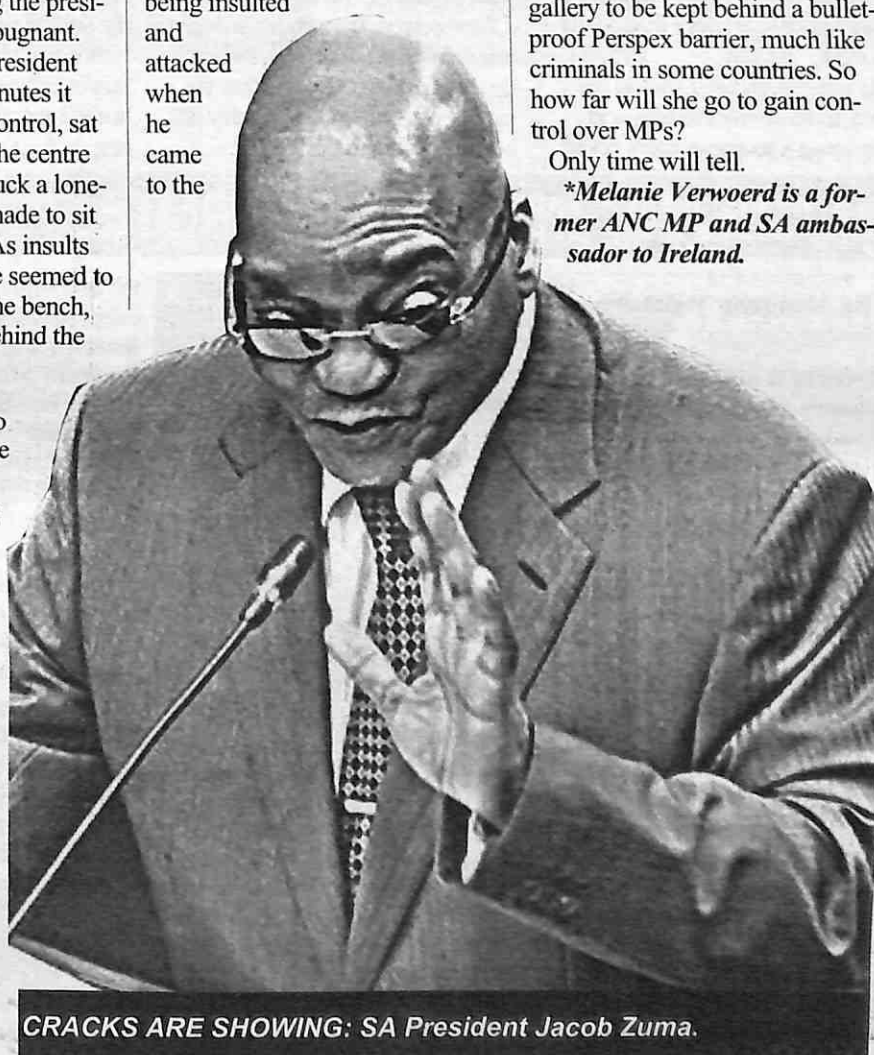
Secondly, Zuma, possibly for the first time, allowed the opposition's criticism to get to him. He looked like a man under pressure and he allowed the opposition to see his weakness. But as we know from Nenegate, when he is under pressure or fearful of showing weakness, the president does not react well.

He hits back. Of course as in the case of Pravin Gordhan, he leaves the dirty work to his foot soldiers. So what will they do next?

Thirdly, I wonder what the Speaker will do in reaction to the president's outburst? She already wants the visitors in the public gallery to be kept behind a bullet-proof Perspex barrier, much like criminals in some countries. So how far will she go to gain control over MPs?

Only time will tell.

**Melanie Verwoerd is a former ANC MP and SA ambassador to Ireland.*



CRACKS ARE SHOWING: SA President Jacob Zuma.



1. Believe that life is worth living and your belief will help create the fact. **William James**

2. Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment. **Buddha**

3. It is not length of life, but depth of life. **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

4. The price of anything is the amount of life you exchange for it. **Henry David Thoreau**

5. Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans. **John Lennon**

6. Life is half spent before we know what it is. **George Herbert**

7. Life has become immeasurably better since I have been forced to stop taking it seriously. **Hunter S. Thompson**

8. The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience. **Eleanor Roosevelt**

9. The aim of life is self-development. To realise one's nature perfectly - that is what each of us is here for. **Oscar Wilde**

10. A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination. **Nelson Mandela**

11. Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less. **Marie Curie**

12. Why should we live with such hurry and waste of life? We are determined to be starved before we are hungry. **Henry David Thoreau**

13. To live is so startling it leaves little time for anything else. **Emily Dickinson**

14. The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook. **William James**

15. Let us not take ourselves too seriously. None of us has a monopoly on wisdom. **Queen Elizabeth**

16. Compassion is not religious business, it is human business, it is not luxury, it is essential for our own peace and mental stability, it is essential for human survival. **Dalai Lama**

17. Our task must be to free ourselves... by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature and it's beauty. **Albert Einstein**

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First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	8.0%
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
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Moving Forward

BEEF PRICES LIKELY TO SOAR DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON

By Linda Dlamini

CONSUMERS might have to buy beef at higher prices during the approaching festive season.

The current El Nino induced drought has resulted to tight supply and over 100 000 cattle reportedly died.

University of Swaziland (UNISWA) Senior Lecturer and Agricultural Economist Jeremiah Rugambisa said the drop in the supply of beef in the economy against the increase in the demand of beef would likely lead to an increase in the price of beef by December.

"As there is no water, cattle will continue to die resulting in a drop in the number of cattle in the country which will in the medium term result in increasing prices of beef," he said.

He said with the festive season around the corner which would be characterised by family gatherings, demand was projected to surge during this period.

"The level of demand during this period is likely to increase more than normal while supply will continue to drop, therefore a price increase is more than likely to occur," he said.

As a result, he said should the price increase materialise, and then lower income earners could

resort to substitute goods.

Substitute meat products for beef could include goat meat, pork and mutton.

"The buying power of the middle income earners will likely allow them to be able to afford beef products," he said.

As reported, the current drought has resulted in over 100 000 cattle dying, thus it follows that the supply of cattle in the country has been significantly affected.

Reports, however suggest that the worst could be over as the country is expecting La Nina, the opposite of El Nino.

As previously reported, local meteorologist Sifiso Nzalo said they were aware that there might be above normal rainfall during the summer season.

"It is true that major rainfall might be heading to our shores but we are still to do another forecast in August which will be

more precise about upcoming weather patterns. These are just projections and not validated but the possibility is very high," he said.

This increase in the price would likely affect inflation adversely.

In a recent monetary statement released by Central Bank of Swaziland Governor Majozi Sithole, he said food inflation also contributed to the increase in inflation.



SWAZILAND INTENDS TO PROTECT AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY

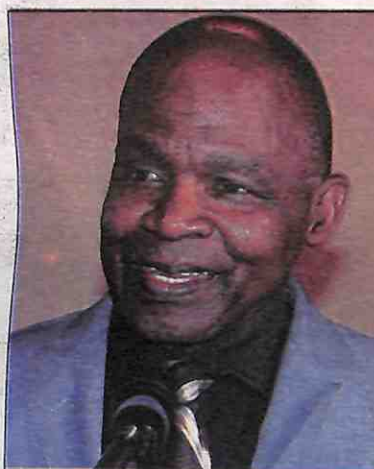
By Manqoba Makhubu

MINISTER of Commerce, Industry and Trade Gideon Dlamini says the country intends to protect the agriculture industry as the SADC-EU EPA comes into full force in October 1.

He said this would be critical to guard against dumping.

Dumping, in reference to international trade, is the export by a country or company of a product at a price that is lower in the foreign market than the price charged in the domestic market.

"The export market is highly characterised by dumping, especially because EU member states have advanced technologies, hence they are able to produce at very low costs and they further have the capacity to export substantial volumes of products," he said.



NO TO DUMPING:
Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Gideon Dlamini.

The SADC-EU EPA is reciprocal which means that the SADC member states, SACU countries and Mozambique have also opened their market to the EU.

However, it took full account of

the economic and societal differences between the countries involved and therefore, allowed Southern African countries to protect budding and fragile industries.

The minister said they were also working with the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) to set up grading and testing laboratories, "we have asked for an expert to help us in the procurement of the relevant machines."

Adding, Dlamini said the Swaziland Standards Authority (SWASA) was also working on global standards, especially agro-processing standards. "We are also capacitating our trade section so that they can be in a better position to assist businesses," he said.

Dlamini encouraged the private sector to take the responsibility to train businesses on standards, "this is an opportunity for con-

sultancy businesses."

Asked if local manufacturers were capacitated adequately to compete with global conglomerates, He said enough efforts have been made thus far, especially by setting up the relevant support infrastructure.

"But, it is a long process, yes some businesses have been already sending their products to the EU, however, we encourage mass participation in order for businesses and the country to fully benefit from the agreement."

As a response, Dlamini said there would be a series of workshops and seminars to spur mass participation.

"I would like to thank the EU Delegation for their advices and support throughout the negotiating process up to where are now and all the stakeholders who have rendered support towards this initiative."

MTN's MOBILE MONEY NOW HITS E73.2 MILLION A DAY

By Manqoba Makhubu

SWAZI MTN is currently circulating more than E73.2million in Mobile Money wallets shared between individual subscribers, corporate business and agents per day.

Compared to almost the same period last year, the circulation has increased by about 75 percent as it edged around E40 million in October 2015.

Responding to a questionnaire sent by the business desk to the company, MTN Swaziland Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Luphondvo said whilst this was an average figure, the service was growing at a very high speed.

"We have an excess of just over 401 896 registered subscribers on the platform. Daily we welcome new customers in this platform who would like to enjoy the convenience that comes with Mobile Money," he said.

Recently, the company was given the green light by the Central Bank of Swaziland to increase the Mobile Money limit from E4 000 to E25 000.

He said basic payments were the most dominant services, "these take the form of person to person remittances wherein subscribers send money to each other on the platform and withdrawals (cashing out)."

On the advanced products, customers have an option to buy airtime and pay for different utilities, particularly the purchase of electricity vouchers, amongst other plans.

"Some of the benefits of the service include free registration, free cash-in, convenience, accessibility and financial inclusion. For agents or service providers, there is performance-based commission. This is based on the volume of transactions performed on the



platform," said Luphondvo.

He said the product was affordable when transmitting funds and transactions occur real-time with free SMS notification.

"We have a number of products such as purchasing electricity, paying water bills, and insurance premiums that are absolutely free on the platform."

He said the company would continue to drive innovation in the context of Mobile Money, just like it does in other areas of the business.

Guided

Luphondvo said these developments were guided by a comprehensive product roadmap which was jam-packed with innovations that would definitely excite the company's 'valued customers.'

Retail payments or the purchasing of goods using Mobile Money, is another growing option for customers that do not necessarily want to withdraw cash.

Luphondvo said DSTV premium

payments were also working seamlessly on the platform, "we are just closing up some contractual obligations and the product will be available to the public soon."

He said the recently published story on school fees payment through Mobile Money from the e-Government office was also available on the menu.

"We are currently working on compliance requirements with government who is a critical stakeholder in this respect. We are looking forward to the time when parents will not have to brave the scorching sun between December and January trying to settle school fees."

He said other products under development in the not so far future were Cross Border Remittances, Savings and Loans on Mobile Money, and customer experience enhancing products to cater for youth and the elderly who may not have Mobile phones or are below the contractual age.

Method validation key for export companies

Stories by Linda Dlamini

METHOD validation is important for export oriented companies especially when it comes to accreditation.

Quality Assurance Specialist Bhengkosi Vilane said method validation was required to produce meaningful data and results in the laboratories.

Vilane said methods should be validated by companies to be in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025:2005.

According to the International Standards Organisation (ISO) website, ISO/IEC 17025 was first issued in 1999 by the ISO and the International Electro technical Commission (IEC), "It is the single most important standard for calibration and testing laboratories around the world. Laboratories that are accredited to this international standard have demonstrated that they are technically competent and able to produce precise and accurate test and/or calibration data." The ISO said in essence, the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) arrangement guarantees that test results were mutually acceptable between different governmental and regulatory

organisations on regional, national and international levels and that these test results meet the same minimum standards for quality regardless of the lab's accreditation body.

Each member of the agreement recognises other members' accredited laboratory as if they themselves had performed the calibration because the MRA ensures that each laboratory is actually complying with the same minimum standards.

Vilane said in method validation the first step was to define the analytical requirements, "after that one needs to identify and develop a method."

"The next step is plan validation experiments after which the experiment can be carried out. The data is then assessed for fitness of purposes," he said.

He went on to say if the analytical requirements were met then a statement of validation would be issued; if it is not met then the whole processes recurs.

"Validation is not complete without a statement of fitness for-purpose," Vilane mentioned.

Vilane said a fit for purpose statement meant that the data was sufficiently reliable to the extent that any decision based on it could be taken with confidence.



LUCRATIVE LAVUMISA CLINIC TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES

CONSTRUCTION companies have been invited to tender for a lucrative contract to construct a clinic at Lavumisa.

Government in conjunction with the International bank of Reconstruction and the European Union has invited sealed bids from eligible bidders for a construction of a new clinic at Lavumisa.

According to a statement issued by government, they have received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the health, HIV/AIDS and TB Project, and intend to apply part of the proceeds towards payments under the contract for construction of a clinic at Lavumisa.

"Bidding will be conducted through the national competitive bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's guidelines; procurement of goods, works and non-consulting services under

World Bank loans and credits grants by the World Bank borrowers January 2011," reads the statement as part.

The statement said interested eligible bidders may purchase a complete set of bidding documents upon submission of a written application upon payment of a non-refundable fee of E800.

"The method of payment will be in cash and the bidding documents will be sent to interested bidders in hard copy only," the statement said.

The statement said bids must be received on or before October 31.

"Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone interested on October 31, 2016," reads the statement as part.

Government said all bids should be accompanied by a bid security of E220 000.

Govt spent E1.4bn on civil servants salaries

By Linda Dlamini

GOVERNMENT spent about E1.4 billion on civil servants wages and salaries in the first quarter of 2016.

According to the Ministry of Finance first quarter performance report 2016/17 said this was around 57.5 percent of the first quarter recurrent expenditure and 27.7 percent of the total annual personnel budget.

The report said this figure was expected to increase going forward once the salary review negotiations have been concluded.

The ministry of finance said the annual budget for government financed capital projects is E2.7 billion.

"Based on the latest information available, E181 million or rather 7 percent of the total budget has been realised so far in quarter one.

"The main releases were E73 million for Ministry of Economic Planning and Development, E50 million for Swazi National Treasury and E16 million for Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade," reads the report in part.

The ministry of finance said in terms of actual expenditure four percent of the total government financed capital budget has been spent based on the latest data.

The main spending ministries were the Swazi national treasury, ministry of economic planning and development and ministry of information, communication and technology.

Transfers

"Expenditure on transfers like subsidies, grants and social benefit: Internal and external transfers have been estimated at E463 million and E39 million, respectively. The expenditure on transfers is 20.5 percent of first quarter recurrent expenditure and around 10.5 percent of annual transfers' budget," said the ministry of finance

The report said while the outturn for capital projects seems to be low, it was important to note that the first quarter of any fiscal year usually has a low outturn owing to slow ramp up of capital projects.

Also, payments were still being posted on the treasury system; hence the actual expenditure for first quarter is likely to be understood for now.

The report said the spending in goods and services in government amounted to E608 million which was around 22 percent of first quarter recurrent and 20.2 percent of total allocated for goods and services.

The ministry of finance said the budget department continued to strive in re-established fiscal discipline and sustainability which remains key to macroeconomic sustainability.

"The budget department in consultation with government ministries agreed for an early release requested by line ministries which totalled E432.9 million. Planned spending amounted to E3.4 billion for the quarter and actual spending including amount requested for early release became E2.6 billion," the ministry of finance said.

The ministry explained the reason for the governments lower spending.

"The reason for the lower spending was because of controlled release funds and controlled cash management and commitment control exercised by the ministry of finance aimed at managing available cash versus government pressing needs," the ministry of finance said.

FUEL PRICE LIKELY TO RISE BY OVER 40 CENTS

JOHANNESBURG - Last month's fuel price reductions will be short-lived after all, with the latest figures from the Department of Energy showing that a price hike is inevitable.

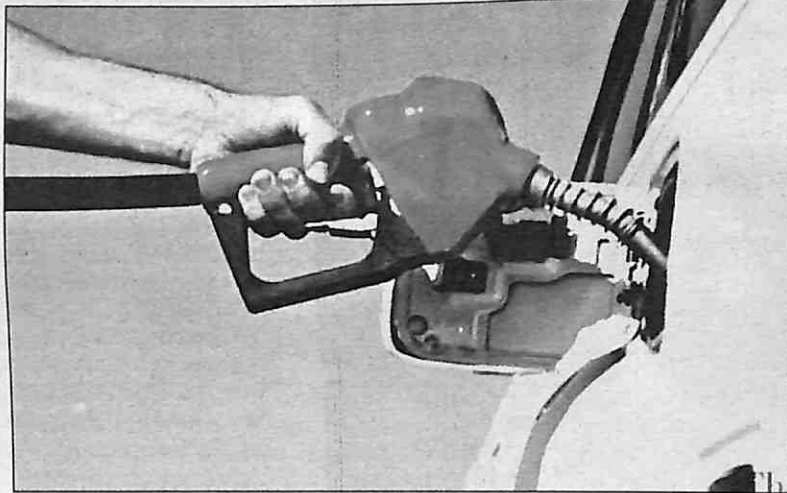
So far the month of September, up to the 27th, has seen an average petrol price under-recovery of 43 cents a litre and with just two days left to be factored into the equation, a price increase of between 40 and 45 cents is looking likely.

The diesel price deficit currently stands at 23 cents so anything in the 20-25 cent range can be expected.

A litre of 95 currently costs R11.69 at the coast and R12.17 in Gauteng and, while 0.005 diesel retails at R10.10 - R10.49.

On the bright side, the inflationary pressures do appear to be easing.

Around the middle of the month the average under-recovery had been running at 51 cents a litre and



rising, thanks to the daily figure hovering around the 70 cent mark in the preceding days.

Thankfully, the deficit has been shrinking since then (it was only 21 cents on September 27), helping to erode the average for the month to 43 cents. This is largely due to the

rand having bounced back in the latter half of the month, trading at R13.50 to the US dollar at the time of writing, from a September low of R14.66. Oil prices have also been behaving, for the most part, with Brent Crude currently trading at \$46.25 a barrel. **IOL**

Uber launches food delivery service in SA

JOHANNESBURG - Internet ride-sharing app Uber has officially launched UberEATS in South Africa yesterday as the company pushes into the local food delivery space.

The service offers users the opportunity to have take-away food parcels delivered to them.

UberEATS is an on-demand service that taps Uber's network of partner-drivers to deliver meals from restaurants.

The service boasts an average delivery time of 30 minutes from order to drop off, company officials said at an event.

Deliveries can be tracked in real-time with a range of top restaurant chains partnering with the service.

The service, at first, will be available in Johannesburg's northern suburbs with a plan to expand to other major centres.

Customers who use UberEATS

will receive a promotional code, which lasts for two months, and will give them R100 off a meal if they order from food partner of the service.

UberEATS is also its own standalone app and to date has only been available in London, Melbourne, Paris, Singapore and multiple cities in the US and Canada.

Expanding on this, South Africa is part of over 20 countries in Europe and Asia where the service is scheduled to be launched yesterday.

Meanwhile, the launch of

UberEATS in South Africa comes after Uber launched its ride-sharing app in South Africa in 2013.

Since then, the service has grown to have over 4 000 partner drivers across Johannesburg, Pretoria, Cape Town, Durban and Port Elizabeth.

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Cell C 'gives away' cash in new contract drive

CAPE TOWN - South Africa's number three network Cell C has embarked on an aggressive market move in which it is giving away up to R10 000 to customers.

The company, which has around 24 million subscribers in South Africa, yesterday announced the addition of its new contract packages in its 'Pinnacle' suite range.

Earlier this year, Cell C launched its Pinnacle plans and the company yesterday said that three of this category's packages will be renamed to Pinnacle 600, Pinnacle 1000 and Pinnacle Unlimited.

Pinnacle Unlimited customers, for example, can now receive unlimited calls, unlimited SMS's and 3GB of data with an added promotional 7GB of data for the duration of their contract term.

"They will also receive 1 000 free Wi-Fi Calling minutes and a whopping R10 000 cash back," said Cell C.

Customers can take up a SIM-only plan or bundle any device on a 24-month contract, said Cell C.

Meanwhile, Cell C also plans to give away money for its Pinnacle 250 packages.

Customers of Pinnacle 250,

at R299 per month, receive 250 minutes, 250 SMS's and 250MB of data.

As part of a summer promotion, Cell C said customers will receive an additional 500 minutes, 500 SMS's and 1 000 Wi-Fi Calling minutes per month - for the duration of their contract term.

"On the Pinnacle 250, customers will also receive a R3 000 cash back bonus, just for signing up with Cell C,"

said the company in a statement.

Cell C's new plans range from the Pinnacle 50 through to Pinnacle 400 and target a wider array of customer.

The company further said that customers signing up for a Pinnacle 100 and above, from October 1 2016 to January 31 2017, will "receive triple the value on inclusive voice and SMS, as well as an additional 1 000 minutes to call any-net using Cell C's Wi-Fi Calling service".

This is not the first time that Cell C is using cash giveaways to win over customers. Last year, Cell C launched an initiative to give customers up to R10 000 to help buy themselves out of contracts with other networks.

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Billionaire Christo Wiese invests over R24bn more in Steinhoff

JOHANNESBURG - Christo Wiese, South Africa's richest man, is investing a further \$1.8bn (R24.3bn) in Steinhoff International Holdings to help finance the furniture retailer's acquisition spree in Europe and North America.

Steinhoff may raise as much as €2.45bn (\$2.75bn) as it also offered shares to other investors, including a fund that's linked to South Africa's programme to promote black own-

ership, the company said yesterday. Steinhoff shares rose 3.4 percent to €5.23 at 11:12 in Frankfurt, compared with the stock placing of €5.055, Tuesday's closing price. On the JSE the share was changing hands 3.7 percent firmer at R78.79.

Worth

Wiese, whose net worth is estimated at \$6.6bn (R89.1bn), according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, said last month Steinhoff isn't done with deals as acquisitions

are part of the company's DNA. Steinhoff snapped up UK discount chain Poundland Group and Mattress Firm Holding of the US in the past year as it aims to challenge the likes of Ikea.

"The real story here is around Wiese, confirming the financial backing and the acumen which he brings to the company," said Mark Hodgson, a Cape Town-based analyst at Avior Capital Markets.

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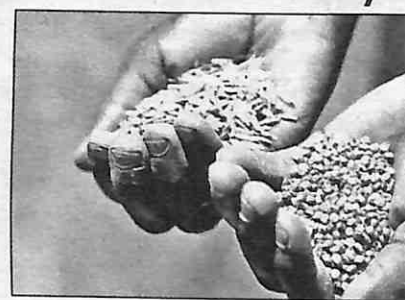
Grain crop estimates rise steadily

JOHANNESBURG - The agriculture department crop estimates committee has made a slight upward adjustment of SA's maize and wheat harvest forecast for 2016.

A prolonged drought during the past two seasons has lowered the expected maize yield by almost a third from a usual harvest of 12-million tons to about 7.536-million tonnes.

That, however, is 3.3 percent higher than the previous forecast.

The committee expects wheat pro-



duction to be 1.7-million tonnes from last year's 1.4-million tonnes.

The latest estimate is 1 percent or 17,350 tonnes more than the previous

forecast. The adjustment is due to good rains in winter-crop districts.

On Tuesday the December 2016 wheat future contract was valued at R4,088 rand a tonne, while the yellow maize contract was valued at R3,008 rand a tonne.

The committee expects sunflower seed production to be 755,000 tonnes, 1.65 percent or 12,250 tonnes more than the previous forecast. The production estimate for soybeans decreased to 741,550 tons, which is 1.16 percent or 8,700 tonnes less than the previous forecast.

iNet Bridge

MTN denies claim it moved \$14bn illegally from Nigeria

CAPE TOWN - MTN Group yesterday released a statement denying reports that its Nigerian unit had illegally repatriated around \$14 billion out of the country.

The company said the reports referred to allegations made on the floor of the Nigerian Senate that MTN Nigeria (MTNN) had illegally repatriated \$13.92 billion out of Nigeria over a period of 10 years in collusion with a number of com-



mercial banks. MTNN chief executive Ferdi Moolman said: "The allegations

made against MTNN are completely unfounded and without any merit." **Fin24**



SEYCHELLES PRESIDENT TO RESIGN AFTER POLL LOSS

VICTORIA – Seychelles President James Michel announced his resignation on Tuesday, saying he will stand down on October 16 after his party lost legislative elections.

The surprise announcement came after an opposition coalition in the former British colony broke the ruling party's four-decade grip on power earlier this month.

The 72-year-old, who was elected for a third five-year term last December but by a wafer-thin margin, is expected to be

replaced by his vice-president Danny Faure.

"After 12 years as president, the time has come to hand over the reins of power to a new leader.

Leader

A new leader who will take Seychelles to the next frontier of its development," Michel said in a nationally televised address.

In polls earlier this month the opposition coalition of the Seychellois Democratic Alliance won 15 parliament seats against 10 for the ruling Parti Lepep, known as the People's Party

locally.

Parti Lepep has been in power since a coup in 1977, a year after independence, and it had won a majority in every election since the return of multi-party politics in 1993.

Michel, who has served as president as well as head of government, also paid the price after last December's presidential elections, in which he was re-elected but with 50.15 percent, only 193 votes more than opposition leader Wavel Ramkalawan.

AFP



TO RESIGN: Seychelles President James Michel.

Morocco goes bilingual as king rounds off reforms

RABAT - Morocco is adopting Amazigh spoken by its Berber community as an official language alongside Arabic, rounding off a reform programme launched by King Mohammed VI in 2011.

The government adopted bills on the use of Amazigh and on the right to strike, the royal palace said on Monday night.

It said the language bill covers "the methods of [its] integration in education and in different sec-

tors of public life" in Morocco.

The cabinet also approved the establishment of a royal institute on Amazigh culture.

On the labour front, conditions and terms have been adopted on the right to strike, a first in the history of the former French colony.

With the Arab Spring in full swing and pro-democracy protests breaking out in February 2011, Mohammed swiftly drew up a package of constitutional

reforms aimed at around 20 laws being passed by the end of 2016 on public and institutional life in the North African kingdom.

Parliamentary elections are scheduled for October 7, after which legislators are to adopt the last two bills.

The new constitution in 2011 recognised Amazigh, three dialects of which are spoken in Morocco, as an official language along with Arabic.

The Amazigh bill defines its

use in the administration, public services, schools, "information and communications, and cultural and artistic creation".

The Tifinagh alphabet of the Berbers has already started to appear on public buildings, vying for space with signs in Arabic and French, and a Tamazigh-language television channel went on the air three years ago.

According to a 2004 census, eight million people - a quarter of Morocco's population - speak a dialect of Amazigh. **AFP**

Timber imports banned in Gambia

BANJUL – The Gambia on Tuesday announced a ban on importing timber after years of accusations from neighbouring Senegal that it profits from illegal logging across their border.

Gambian loggers have long benefited from lax oversight of Senegal's southern Casamance forest to take prized rosewood timber over the border before exporting the logs to China.

The Gambia's Information Minister Sherrif Bojang told AFP "the ban on the importation of logs into the country is being enforced" following a presidential decree on the topic last week. "The security personnel manning the borders are instructed not to allow any log to enter the country," the decree read.

However ecologist Haidar El Ali, a former Senegalese environment minister who spearheads the movement to protect Casamance's forests, said he thought the move was simply a short-term strategy by President Yahya Jammeh.

"I think it's a just a big charade in the run-up to the elections, where he is under a lot of pressure," El Ali told AFP.

Jammeh is seeking a fifth term in power to extend his 22-year rule over the country, but faces an unusually united opposition at the election in December.

"He wanted to make a show because the farmers are complaining about the exhaustion of their soil," a result of deforestation, the former environment minister said. **AFP**



AMAZING: Young tribesmen from the Maasai heartland in southern Kenya are swapping their spears for GPS equipment in a bid to protect lions as part of a conservation scheme in Africa. The tribesmen, dressed in traditional clothing, set out most days to track the lions, giving the co-ordinates of their locations to conservation charities. In return, they are rewarded with livestock for their tribes and the programme has already seen lion numbers in the area increase. (Daily Mail)

Rival strongman to have voice in govt - Libyan leader

PARIS - Libyan prime minister-designate Fayez al-Sarraj says military strongman Khalifa Haftar, who controls the north African country's main oil ports, should be represented in a new, more inclusive government.

"We have no other choice but dialogue and reconciliation," Sarraj told AFP in an interview in Paris on Tuesday.

"No one wants an escalation

or a confrontation between Libyans," he added, less than two weeks after Haftar's forces seized control of the strife-ridden country's "oil crescent".

The Libyan leader pledged to "quickly" submit "the composition of a new government in which everyone will be represented in a balanced way."

Sarraj, who met with French President Francois Hollande on Tuesday, said: "We should

be united to fight the terrorism that is spreading in Libya."

His fragile unity government, formed in March following a UN-backed deal in December 2015, is backed by the international community.

But the Government of National Accord (GNA) has struggled to impose its power across a country riven by violence since the fall of dictator Muammar Gaddafi in 2011.

AFP

BRIEFS

Toll from Egypt migrant boat sinking

ROSETTA - Rescue workers on Tuesday pulled dozens of bodies from the hold of an Egyptian fishing boat that sank in the Mediterranean Sea carrying hundreds of migrants trying to make it to Europe, bringing the toll from the disaster to more than 200 dead. As the dead were brought to a pier outside the coastal city of Rosetta, families of the missing went through the grisly task of searching through the body bags for their loved ones. Women broke into screams and some men collapsed whenever they recognised someone, some only by their clothes because of the bodies' condition after nearly a week in the water. **AP**

Gabon's strongman Ali Bongo sworn in

LIBREVILLE - Ali Bongo was sworn back in as president on Tuesday after Gabon's top court controversially validated his disputed election win, extending his family's rule over the oil-rich nation into a fifth decade. The 57-year-old used the ceremony to appeal for unity after the deadly violence that followed the announcement of his victory last month. He pledged to ensure "equal opportunities" for all in the new government "which I will name in a few days. I pledge to devote all my efforts for the good of the Gabonese people and to ensure their well-being... and respect and defend the constitution and the rule of law," he said. **AFP**

Helicopter crash kills six in Angola

LUANDA - Six people were killed when a helicopter chartered by US oil giant Chevron crashed off the



coast of Angola, security forces confirmed Tuesday. The accident happened late Monday near the oil-rich enclave of Cabinda, Captain Armando Nzawisa of the Angolan armed forces, who is heading emergency operations, told AFP.

Four Angolans and two expatriates were killed. "The helicopter crashed in bad weather en route to a Chevron platform," Nzawisa said. **AFP**

Top South Sudan journalist found dead

JUBA - A respected South Sudan journalist, Isaac Vuni was reportedly found dead alongside a road, three months after he was abducted from his home by unknown gunmen. According to BBC live, Vuni's wife, Lucy Jua, confirmed that her husband had been found dead in what she believed to be a politically motivated murder. "Last Thursday we were informed that he was killed, but there is no information. Two youth or three found him dead, so they buried him. We don't even know where he was buried. No information up to now," Lucy was quoted as saying. **BBCNEWS**

US military kills 4 al-Shabaab fighters

MOGADISHU - The US military says it has killed four al-Shabaab extremists in Somalia in what it calls airstrikes in self-defence. A US Africa Command statement on Tuesday says the extremists launched attacks on Somali troops and their US advisers on Monday in a village near the port city of Kismayo. The statement says Somali forces returned fire, killing several extremists, but the attack continued. The US then conducted its strike, killing four fighters. US forces have carried out several airstrikes in Somalia in recent years, killing many al-Shabaab leaders. The extremist group is now mostly active in rural regions but continues to launch lethal attacks in many parts of this Horn of Africa nation, including the capital. **AP**

Focus on SA scene

DA, ANC IN PRETORIA COUNCIL BUST-UP

PRETORIA - What started as a complaint about political office bearers, allegedly appointed illegally by mayor Solly Msimanga, culminated with bottles, chairs and other missiles flying across the Sammy Marks council chamber on Tuesday.

The ordinary sitting of the council degenerated into chaos again when ANC councillors threatened to physically remove the two officials.

ANC caucus leader Mapiti Matsena complained to council Speaker Rachel Mathebe about Tiyiselani Babane's appointment as strategic executive head. He said the post was not advertised. Matsena used to occupy the same position under the ANC leadership of former mayor Kgosientso Ramokgopa, while Babane was a councillor for Cope.

The ANC regional number two also criticised the appointment of former



CHAOS: ANC and DA members in a scuffle during the Tshwane City Council meeting.

DA chief whip Marietha Aucamp as chief of staff, saying the law didn't provide for that position in the municipality. He also questioned the appointment of Gert Pretorius, the new chair of chairs in the council.

Matsena said the appointment was

illegal because Pretorius was not a chair of any committee and thus did not qualify to be a chair of chairs. Matsena then vowed the meeting would not continue unless Babane and Aucamp left the council chamber. iol.co.za

No discussion in ANC about replacing Gordhan - Mantashe

CAPE TOWN - Pravin Gordhan remains the finance minister and there is no discussion in the ANC to replace him, the ruling party's secretary general Gwede Mantashe has said.

"There is no such discussion... the president, deputy president and ANC have offered support," he said at the RMB Morgan Stanley Big Five Investor Conference in Cape Town on Tuesday. "When it comes, we will engage it. But what should be allowed is to govern and to appoint any minister to any portfolio." He emphasised that it was not ministers who made the ANC, but the party which produced

"competent cadres" to run portfolios. "There is no debate about that." He referred to how some questioned Nhlanhla Nene's takeover of the portfolio from "darling of the markets" Trevor Manuel.

When Nene's credentials were realised, the noise died down and when he left he too was a "darling", Mantashe said. Last month, the Hawks insisted that Gordhan present himself at their offices to make a warning statement regarding his alleged contraventions of the National Strategic Intelligence Act and Public Finance Management Act.

These related to his approval of for-

mer SARS commissioner Ivan Pillay's early retirement in 2010 and the creation of an intelligence unit at the service. Gordhan refused to comply with the demand. Mantashe said the ANC had openly told the relevant parties to stop their public spats. "Because, say there is a case to answer for Minister Gordhan, it doesn't send any confidence if you run your battles in public." "If needs be, give him a summons, he must go to court." He said the "Hollywood approach" of sending questions did not solve anything. "You must never paint the picture that you are an institution fighting a government you are a part of." eNCA

Madonsela in final push to conclude cases as end of term looms

PRETORIA - With 14 days left until Public Protector Thuli Madonsela has to vacate the office and make way for a successor, she says she and her staff are in a race against time to finalise a few reports, including one on state capture.

"Today marks exactly 14 days before the end of my non-renewable seven year term of office and, naturally, my team and I are racing against time to finalise several cases that the people of South Africa have entrusted us with," Madonsela told reporters in Pretoria on Tuesday.

"Contrary to popular belief, the workload that remains to be dealt with in the next two weeks is a mixed bag of cases that involve ordinary people as well as the so-called high-profile cases."

Madonsela said some of the matters they were racing against time to finalise included an investigation into the RDP system. She said an interim report had been released earlier leaving them with the final report into the matter to work on.

"We also released an interim report on the millennium development goals where we were doing a systematic investigation focusing on health and poverty. We are now finalising the final report. We also conducted a systematic investigation on the illegal conversion of panel vans - that too is being finalised," she said.

Madonsela added that there were a few high-profile cases that also needed to be dealt with, including one relating to the funeral of former president Nelson Mandela. News24

Madonsela should not abuse her power - Motsoeneng

JOHANNESBURG - Public Protector Thuli Madonsela abused her power to serve her own agenda during her investigation into former SABC COO Hlaudi Motsoeneng, he insinuated on Tuesday.

"I respect that office of PP but I want to emphasise that people should not abuse their power when they deal with issues. Sometimes when you want to reach a certain conclusion, if there are no facts to reach that conclusion, don't push beyond the facts," Motsoeneng warned. Motsoeneng was speaking after the SABC board chairperson Professor Mbulaheni Maguvhe announced that he would be heading its corporate affairs division.

Motsoeneng hinted that he was abused during Madonsela's investigation.

He said Madonsela's meetings with him during her investigation were open to the public, something he said was unprecedented in a Public Protector's investigation.

"The SABC is reviewing the PP. People went in my disciplinary hearing and during my disciplinary hearing most of them distanced themselves. It was a public disciplinary hearing and people said they have never been to the office of the PP. If you can go to court you will be



DON'T: Public Protector Thuli Madonsela.

shocked about those transcripts. Just go and do your work and check what happened on that meeting between me and the PP."

Madonsela said her office will be taking legal action against the SABC board following the appointment of Motsoeneng to a senior executive position.

"The starting point will be to find out what was the process of appointing him. Was that position vacant? What were the requirements before he was appointed to it?" she told reporters in Pretoria.

"That position would have been advertised before the previous incumbent was appointed. What were the requirements? What processes were used to determine that Mr Motsoeneng is now fit to be an executive in the SABC and to be fit for that specific position?" News24

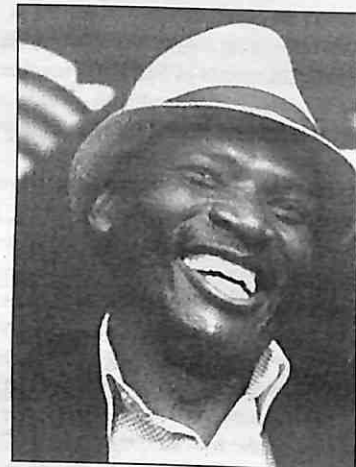
Motsoeneng not qualified for new SABC job - COPE

CAPE TOWN - Former SABC COO Hlaudi Motsoeneng did not qualify for the new job he was given at the broadcaster, Cope said yesterday.

The DA has also questioned the "speed and secrecy" of Motsoeneng's appointment as group executive of corporate affairs, which the SABC announced on Tuesday.

Cope spokesperson Dennis Bloem said Motsoeneng's appointment was irrational, then and now. "The bottom line is the man doesn't even have matric or qualifications to qualify him for such an executive post," he said in a statement.

The SABC board was setting a bad example to the country, Bloem said. "What is the SABC trying to tell the younger generation? That matric is useless? That they can still be executives without education?" DA MP James



NOT QUALIFIED: Former SABC COO Hlaudi Motsoeneng.

Selfe said the party would consult its lawyers about Motsoeneng's new position. He said the announcement that the SABC's executive committee (CEO, CFO and COO) appointed Motsoeneng to the position "smacks of irregularity." News24

Students forget progress made towards free education

CAPE TOWN - South Africa is a victim of its own success with many having forgotten the ANC's progress towards providing free education, said party secretary general Gwede Mantashe on Tuesday. He said there were around 150 000 black students at universities across the country in 1994. Today there were just over 800 000, thanks to government increasing funding for higher education. "Now that is a success story," he said at the RMB Morgan Stanley Big Five Investor Conference in Cape Town.

"Today when fees must fall nobody remembers the promise that was made that 87% of students in South Africa are in no-fee schools. That is free education," he said.

Mantashe also pointed out that students at technical and vocational education and training students (TVET) colleges received a grant and not a loan if they qualified for the National Student Financial Aid Scheme.

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Swiss parly votes to stop Muslim women from wearing burqas in public

- Switzerland's politicians narrowly approved a draft bill on a sweeping ban
- Populist right-wing Swiss People's Party (SVP) has proposed the new law
- It gained 88 votes for and 87 votes against while 10 people abstained
- Parliament is likely to hold a referendum before actioning the burqa ban

THE Swiss parliament has taken one step closer to banning Muslim women from wearing burqas in public.

Switzerland's lower house narrowly approved a draft bill on a sweeping burqa ban yesterday, but a full ban is still at least two years away.

The proposal by lawmaker Walter Wobmann of the populist right-wing Swiss People's Party (SVP) won 88 votes, just squeezing out the 87 votes against while 10 abstained. Wobmann's bill was nearly identical

...but full ban is still two years away



LOOMING BAN?: The proposal by lawmaker Walter Wobmann of the populist right-wing Swiss People's Party (SVP) won 88 votes, just squeezing out the 87 votes against while 10 abstained.

tical to a measure approved in a 2013 referendum in the Italian-speaking canton of Ticino banning the full-face Islamic veil.

The Ticino ban came into force in July this year, and fines range from 100 Swiss francs (\$100) to 10 000 Swiss francs (\$10 000).

Wobmann said the goal of the national burqa ban was to 'maintain public order and respect for the dignity of women'.

Lawmakers are expected to hold off on actioning the ban and are likely instead to ask the nation to weigh in with a referendum.

An initiative has been launched to collect the 100 000 signatures needed to hold a public vote on a burqa ban.

Polls say Swiss voters overwhelmingly support a ban, but a vote could still be two years away.

Even if the ban is endorsed through a referendum, Switzerland's government would still need to draw up a law proposal, which would then be subject to a final parliamentary approval. The vote came as countries across Europe confront tough debates over the role of individual religious liberties, amid rising anti-Islam clashes fuelled by immigration.

France was this summer embroiled in a row over bans on the burkini, a full-body Islamic swimsuit, in resorts around the Riviera. A poll published earlier this month showed Britons are strongly in favour of a burqa ban.

Switzerland's population of eight million includes an estimated 350 000 Muslims.

The wealthy Alpine nation has seen a number of high-profile disputes involving its Muslim minority, including fines slapped on parents who refused to allow their daughters to take part in swimming lessons, and a case where male students refused to shake the hands of their female teachers. *Daily Mail*



NO TO BURQAS: The Swiss parliament has taken one step closer to banning Muslim women from wearing burqas in public, illustrated by these women in Hyde Park in the 1990s.

Funeral Notice



Relatives and friends of Musa Nduku "Chief Mabhovulane" Mkhonta are notified of his demise. Funeral at eLucolweni kaGasa Dzakasini on Saturday 01 October 2016 after a night vigil on Friday 30 September 2016

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BRIEFS

German police shoot dead refugee

BERLIN - German police shot dead a knife-wielding Iraqi in a refugee shelter who was attacking a Pakistani he suspected of having sexually abused his young daughter, police said yesterday. The 29-year-old Iraqi died after being hit by several police bullets late Tuesday in the asylum seekers' shelter in the central Berlin district of Moabit. Police were called to the shelter after the 27-year-old Pakistani man allegedly sexually abused an eight-year-old girl in a nearby park, BZ daily reported. When police detained the suspect and led him away in handcuffs, the girl's father lunged at him with a knife, yelling "you won't survive this," according to witnesses. **AFP**

Syrian army retakes Aleppo district

DAMASCUS - Syria's army took control of a rebel-held district in central Aleppo on Tuesday, after days of heavy air strikes that have killed dozens and sparked allegations of war crimes. In the first advance since announcing plans last week to retake all of the divided city, pro-government troops seized the Farafra district northwest of Aleppo's historic citadel, a military source told AFP. "After neutralising many terrorists... units are now demining the area," the source said. The push follows several days of Syrian and Russian air strikes on rebel-held Aleppo neighbourhoods - some of the fiercest bombardment of the five-year conflict so far - after a ceasefire deal brokered by Moscow and Washington collapsed last week. **AFP**

Thais probe babies with microcephaly

THAILAND - Thailand is testing three babies and an unborn child with microcephaly whose mothers are infected with Zika to see if the infants' condition is linked to the virus, the Public Health Ministry says. Zika causes only mild symptoms in most, including fever, sore eyes and a rash. But pregnant women with the virus risk giving birth to babies with microcephaly - a deformation that leads to abnormally small brains and heads. There have been no confirmed cases of Zika-related microcephaly in Thailand so far, but authorities have been monitoring 36 pregnant women infected with the virus. **AFP**



World Bank reappoints President Kim

WASHINGTON - The board of the World Bank has unanimously agreed to name Jim Yong Kim to a second term as president, the global lender announced on Tuesday. Kim had been the only candidate in a process criticized by World Bank staff and campaigners as lacking in transparency and dominated by the United States. In a statement announcing the decision, the Bank's board offered a strong endorsement of Kim's record, including setting the goal of eliminating extreme global poverty by 2030 and an internal reorganisation to promote better coordination which provoked staff dissent. **AFP**

Schools closed, fishing boats recalled

SHANGHAI - China shut schools and cancelled dozens of flights as Typhoon Megi made landfall in the southern province of Fujian yesterday with winds of close to 120 km per hour (75 mph), the official Xinhua news agency said. Megi, which has killed four people and injured more than 523 in Taiwan since roaring in from the Pacific, made landfall at 4:40 am local time (2040 GMT Tuesday). Chinese authorities issued their third-highest severe weather warning in anticipation of the storm. Xinhua said more than 120 000 people who work close to shore or at sea have been moved by Fujian authorities. **Reuters**



FORMER ISRAELI LEADER SHIMON PERES DIES

RAMAT GAN - Israeli ex-president and Nobel Peace Prize winner Shimon Peres died yesterday, his personal doctor told AFP, some two weeks after suffering a major stroke.

The 93-year-old died in his sleep at around 03:00 (midnight GMT), Rafi Walden, who is also Peres's son-in-law, told AFP.

He died surrounded by family members, a source close to Peres told AFP.

Peres had been in hospital near Tel Aviv since September 13, when he was admitted feeling unwell after suffering internal bleeding.

Israel has been on edge over the health of its last remaining found-



RIP: Former Israeli president Shimon Peres.

ing father, who had been under sedation and respiratory support in intensive care.

Peres held nearly every major office in the country, serving twice

as prime minister and also as president, a mostly ceremonial role, from 2007 to 2014.

He won the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize jointly with prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for his role in negotiating the Oslo Accords, which envisioned an independent Palestinian state.

Respected

The former hawk turned dove was widely respected both in Israel and abroad.

After suffering the stroke, he received an outpouring of support from across the world, including from Pope Francis, US President Barack Obama, the Clinton family, Donald Trump, Britain's ex-pre-

mier Tony Blair and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon called him "tireless in seeking peace between Israelis and Palestinians".

There had been signs of improvement last week.

On September 18, Peres's office said doctors planned to gradually reduce his sedation and respiratory support to judge his response.

His personal physician and son-in-law Rafi Walden had said at the time that Peres had seen "very slow, moderate improvement".

But on Tuesday, a source close to Peres said his condition had taken a downturn and he was "fighting for his life". **AFP**



TALLEST OF THEM ALL: Seven-foot-tall (2.13m) Rumeysa Gelgi, 19, from Turkey, is the world's tallest female teenager and relies on a wheelchair to get around as her bones can't support her body. The teen has the extremely rare Weaver Syndrome, which causes accelerated bone growth. She says she's never felt unhappy about her condition as her parents (right) have helped her cope by making her feel special. (Daily Mail)

Alabama lawmaker tweets Clinton's husband 'likely a rapist'

HARTSELLE - An Alabama lawmaker unhappy with Hillary Clinton's allegations during the presidential debate that Republican Donald Trump is sexist expressed his disapproval by tweeting the Democratic nominee's husband is "likely a rapist".

AL.com reports Ed Henry posted to Twitter just after the debate: "It is ironic that Lying Hillary blast Trump as a sexist when she is married to Bill, who is likely a rapist."

The tweet copied in Trump's campaign manager, Kellyanne Conway.

Former president Bill Clinton was accused of rape by Juanita Broadrick while running for governor of Arkansas in 1978. He's adamantly denied the charges.

Henry is co-chair of Trump's Alabama campaign. He attended the GOP convention in July as a Trump delegate.

Efforts to reach Henry were unsuccessful. **AP**

Governor Christie seemed happy about bridge gridlock

NEWARK - Governor Chris Christie was told about the epic 2013 traffic jam at the George Washington Bridge while it was under way, seemed happy about it and joked sarcastically that there was nothing political going on, a former loyalist testified on Tuesday in the scandal that helped destroy Christie's White House ambitions.

David Wildstein, a former executive at the agency that oversees New York-area bridges and tunnels, took the stand for the prosecution at the trial of two one-time Christie allies accused of engineer-

ing the four days of gridlock to punish a Democratic mayor for not endorsing Christie. Wildstein has pleaded guilty in the scheme.

Wildstein's account was the first testimony to suggest that Christie knew about the plot while it was unfolding.

Christie has repeatedly denied that and has not been charged with a crime. On Tuesday, the Republican governor said: "All kinds of stuff is going on up in a courtroom in Newark. I want to be really clear: I have not and will not say anything different than I've been saying since January 2014." **AP**

UK brushes off Johnson's off-colour poem about Turkish president

ANKARA - British foreign minister Boris Johnson on Tuesday brushed off as "trivia" an offensive poem he wrote about Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, boasting of the strength of Ankara-London ties even after Britain's vote to leave EU.

On his first visit to Turkey as top diplomat, Johnson called for a "jumbo free trade deal" with Ankara that would strengthen economic relations that take in everything from cakes to washing machines. Johnson, who is of partly Turkish ancestry, described

Turkey as "the land of my fathers", emphasising that relatives had worked in senior Turkish foreign ministry positions.

The flamboyant former London mayor, who helped lead the successful campaign for Britain to leave the EU, had in May penned the winning entry in a competition on offensive poetry about Erdogan, published by the conservative British magazine The Spectator.

But he said he was "delighted" the poem had not come up at all during talks since he arrived in Turkey earlier this week. **AFP**



With Majaha Nkonyane

CHURCH NEWS



Scripture Union to host Fundraising dinner

SCRIPTURE Union in a bid to celebrate 150 years of existence is hosting a fundraising dinner, which will be held on November 4 at The Gorge Hotel dubbed "Reconnect and Come with us".

The dinner is one of many activities that are in the pipeline to raise funds for the big celebration.

The dinner is hosted for the pur-

pose of reconnecting with old members which the union lost over the years and people's lives that have been touched by the union over the years. The big celebration is scheduled for 2017.

Scripture Union is working on a number of activities towards the celebration, the plan is to share experiences, accomplishments and further strengthen the plan and the vision of the union.

"We would like to encourage all our members, both new and old to come support this initiative as we are in the process of raising funds.

We are looking forward to hosting this dinner as it will go a long way in preparing for the big celebration. We would also like to invite the corporate sector to support this initiative and the Christian body at large",

Scripture Union Director Nompumelelo Nyawo said.

The dinner will be graced by government officials and guest artists that will be rendering music at the event. The artists are yet to be confirmed by the organisers.

Tickets to the dinner range from E350 per person and it will cost E3000 for ten people when they come as a group.

Guest Artist Votes gain momentum

By Phumelele Mkhonta

ASPIRING artists have shown great interest towards the Spirit of Praise double launch to be held at the Mavuso Trade centre on October 08.

The votes in the second week have moved from 126 to 602 as the highest votes.

The aspiring guest artists are tasked with sensitizing people to vote for them in order to make it to the big stage on the day.

After the voting process, the winner will join Swazi Praise during rehearsals which are due to start on October 03. In the first week of votes, Shlengiwe Dlamini was leading with 126 votes but things took a twist for a different turn when Sphiwe Nyaweni shot to 602 votes in the second week.

This leaves Sihle Mamba at second position with 446 votes, whilst Sphiwo Ndlangamandla has 437 votes whilst last week's runner up Shlengiwe is now at position four with 285 votes.

"It is encouraging to see how the number of votes have accumulated in only two weeks, this is as a sign that the aspiring artists are serious about the upcoming double launch opportunity. We are looking forward to hosting our very own and promote local artists.

I would like to further encourage aspiring guest artists to continue get votes as this is, a big opportunity to showcase their talent," Leserato Events management Sjabulile Vilakati said.

When compiling this report the votes accumulated even more, changing the last week's figures to double the number. Voting closes at midnight on September 30 and winners will be announced on VOC FM.

VOTES

Sihle Mamba - 1347
Sphiwe Nyaweni - 1192
Sphiwo Ndlangamandla - 1180
Makhosonke Mavimbela - 776
Senzo Gamedze - 558

The event will see renowned Spirit of Praise members mount to the stage where they will be joined by 13 Swazi Praise artists and Nothando Hlopho.

Swaziland Gospel Music Awards receive massive applications

ACASWA (Association of Christian Artists in Swaziland) PRO Ronnie Dlamini revealed to this publication that the Swaziland Gospel Awards 2016 have received a massive number of applications for the different categories that have been created.

The Swaziland Gospel Music Awards is an event that seeks to celebrate Swazi gospel musicians and their achievements; it occurs every other year. It further seeks to recognise those that have contributed positively to the gospel music industry over the years.

This year's awards are set to be on December, 10 at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre.

"We are having a good response in as far as submitting forms by artists; we are also receiving calls from South



MANY APPLICANTS: ACASWA PRO Ronnie Dlamini.

African artists enquiring more about the awards. We are so much excited and the team would love to encourage artists not to disappoint their fans and keep on working hard for more improvement and innovation.

"The massive applications also portray that we do have talent and people are showing that they

follow the industry.

We invite all the business people and the public to come to The George Hotel on Thursday (today) where nominees will be unveiled and companies interested in sponsoring categories will be welcome. Some companies are showing interest in this event," said Dlamini.

...Registration closed

ACASWA PRO Ronnie Dlamini also stated that registration has officially closed.

"Registration for each category was E100 for artists who are ACASWA members and E500 for artists who are non-ACASWA members. This is just to encourage artists to sign up with ACASWA.

"Nominees will then be announced on September, 29 (today) at the Swaziland Gospel Music Awards Corporate Launch; we urge corporates to attend this event. Eventually, winners will be announced on 'thee day' which is December, 10," said Dlamini.

Chaplaincy education in the pipeline

THE Chief Coordinator Chaplain Southern Africa, Bishop Enock Maseko says there is need to workshop leadership of different stakeholders about the importance of chaplaincy.

Maseko says the current perception is that chaplains are just reserved for security forces and only responsible for leading funerals in their different forces. "We want to change that perception and educate people about the roles of chaplains.

Infact every institution including companies must have their own chaplains because such people are trained to care for the spiritual and emotional needs of the people in that particular organisation.

This is the task we have to educate relevant stakeholders" he said.

He added that they are currently listing a few institutions includ-

ing the church forums among others who they will workshop before they roll out another course sometime next year.

He said they were happy about the response they received for recent course they held at the New Covenant of Jesus Christ Ministries International in Matsapha.

He says if people were well informed about this, the response would have even been better stating that all institutions need to have this kind of service instead of waiting for the situation to be worse and people find themselves having to seek services of psychiatrists in worst cases because there is no office responsible for spiritual needs.

On another note, Maseko noted that they will be presenting certificates to the participants of the recent course adding that this event will be held in about two weeks time. He said they attract-



POSING: Bishop Enock Maseko with participants of the chaplaincy course held at the church recently.

ed 17 participants from different sectors related to the chaplaincy discipline including four participants from South Africa, one from DRC Congo while the rest were locals.

He also noted that the facilitator from Emergency Services Chaplaincy Southern Africa Rooney Berry was doing a great job with the presentations.

He said among the responsibilities

of a chaplain which they instilled in the participants was to provide spiritual support to emergency personnel and support services.

The participants were also armed with skills to provide pastoral support to the emergency services and their families. Former Minister of Justice David Mathse was also among the participants.

MATHEW 9: 20-22

20. And, behold, a woman, who was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment:

21. For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.

22. But Jesus turned and saw her. "Have courage, daughter," He said. "Your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment.



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EXCITED YEBO MZALA, YEBO GOGO ARTS FEST ARTISTS SPEAK OUT

By Phumelele Mkhonta

THE Yebo Mzala Yebo Gogo Arts Festival headliners expressed their excitement and anticipation on performing in the country this coming weekend.

This festival is an initiative by Afro-soul vocalist and guitarist Mbongiseni 'Bhuloja' Ngubane and Liladi. The festival is slated for tomorrow and Saturday at the Swazi Plaza in Mbabane. The festival will also see other activities like the country music area, kiddies corner, local theatre corner, art and craft exhibition, a fashion show and many more other activities. Here is what the artists said;

FEMI

Femi Koya is the new face of African renaissance, combining Afrobeat and Jazz, gospel and blues, West African Highlife, with a nostalgic Sophia town flavour, his music is a rich blend of deep and sultry jazz, and contemporary grooves.

He promised to bring down the West African taste to the country.

"I will be bringing you hardcore West African beat on Saturday at the Yebo Mzala Yebo Gogo art festival. I am looking forward to seeing you there. Blessings to you all," said Koya.

SOWETO STRING QUARTET

Soweto String Quartet thanked Yebo Mzala Yebo Gogo Arts Festival for bringing together quality musicians to Swaziland and also wished the festival a prosperous future and many more years of bringing musicians to the country.

The Soweto String Quartet is a group that needs no introduction. Soweto has always been alive with music, and this band represents its vibes.

The dance rhythms of Kwela, the syncopated guitars of Mbhaqanga, the saxophones and trumpets of swaying African jazz and the voices of people singing in joyous, easy harmony.

CAMERON WARD

"When I received the call and invitation from my good friend Bhuloja to perform at the Yebo Mazala Yebo Gogo Arts Festival I was elated as it was one of the greatest news I have received in a while.

I love Swaziland so much and I have good memories. I am humbled, excited, honoured and very happy to perform in Mbabane, Swaziland this weekend, it is going to be amazing, exciting and joyful," said Ward.

Cameron Ward is counted amongst



the men's man as a jazz maestro and a professional personified. He is arguably one of the most versatile guitarists of his generation.

He has a beautiful tone, great improvisational ideas, superb speed and knows how to make you dance to the African beat that's equal to none.

KUNLE AYO

Kunle Ayo, the most celebrated

Nigerian guitarist expressed how the Kingdom is home and he cherishes being here.

"Swaziland is home to me now and I always look forward to going back there. I'm really excited to come support my friend and brother Bhuloja as this has always been the norm and I can't wait to see my fans again and experience the warmth and beauty of the Kingdom," said Ayo.

SBU J SHOW NEXT FRIDAY

By Nomfundo Sifundza

THE highly anticipated 'Prisoner of words unsaid' show headlined by the immensely talented Kasi poet Sbu J has been shifted to October 7.

Sbu J, real name Sbulelo Jele is known in the local entertainment industry for his amazing way with words as he rhymes in both Siswati and English fluently.

Jele made the statement yesterday as he made it clear that he wants to give people the show he knows best they deserve hence pushing the show to next Friday.

The humble poet also pleaded with those who have

already bought tickets to kindly hold on to them as no other detail has been changed other than the date.

The show is still expected to kick off at the same said time (19:00hrs) at the Theatre Club, in Mbabane next week Friday.

System

Jele said that the ticket delivery system was working very well for them as during the time of the interview his team was on the road to deliver tickets to people who had called and requested for them.

The prisoner of words unsaid' show is Jele's first ever show and the poet revealed that he was eagerly looking forward to sharing his well crafted poetry on the night.

Floewe, Velemseni, Joseph Alexander and KrTC rock Nelspruit

By Phumelele Mkhonta

SWAZI musos, Floewe, Joseph Alexander, Velemseni and KrTC rocked White River near Nelspruit at the Casambo Jam Session this past weekend which were part of South Africa's Heritage Day Celebrations.

Hoisting the Swazi flag sky high, the four were invited at the fast growing and exciting arts gathering as headlining international acts.

They performed alongside music veterans; Mzilikazi wa Afrika, Musa, Rashen and a host of other Mpumalanga based artists. Casambo Jam Session organiser Carol Sanderson expressed that she believes in and supports local talent.

"The Casambo brand is one that supports local talent. This we do through the suppliers we source products and services from, and these come from various industries; or the brands that we form partnerships, associations and collaborations with. When Casambo was born in 2011, we knew then that our vision extends far beyond borders, far beyond culture, far beyond race, far beyond all the dynamics that often limit us as people of Africa and the citizens of the World.

"For us at Casambo, having such amazing talent from Mpumalanga, Swaziland and Mozambique this past Casambo Jam Session, is a really a huge milestone in terms of the milestones we are achieving monthly, to see a more socially and cultur-



ON THE MIC: KrTC.

ally cohesive experience at Casambo, in terms of music, crafts, fashion, accessories and a vast array of products and services that are accessible from Africans by Africans. This fittingly happened during the Heritage Weekend Celebration in South Africa.

The four Swazi artists that performed - KrTC, Velemseni, Floewe and Joseph Alexander Brown are truly a reflection of the talent that exists in Africa. We would like to see more of these four amazing individuals who transcend all present when they perform from the depths of Afro centric sounds to tunes so melodic that the heavens open up when they sing, rap and play instruments.

The messages they deliver not only heal and rejuvenate; they actually inspired change and development within and in our communities," said Sanderson

HMCS CHOIR SLATED FOR MELTING POT

By Simon Shabangu

THERE will be no resting for His Majesty's Correctional Services Choir choristers as they are now preparing to compete at The Melting Pot National Choral Festival slated for Carnival City on 29 and 30, October.

The choir is fresh from being crowned champions of the winning Old Mutual National Choir Festival regional eliminations in the large category. The choir has already secured space in the finals of this competition to be held in December as they are in fifth position in the log standings after their Sunday's victory.

The choir is now destined for yet even tougher competition as the cream of the crop from the South African Choral music scene is lined up for competition to feature 10 choirs all selected among the best in the large category selected from the different provinces around South Africa.

HMCS will be the only local choir to compete in this prestigious competition. From the South African scene the likes of; Serumula Performing Arts Academy, Sounds of Joy Chorale, Bagale Chorus, Sounds of Joy Chorale, Heavenly Voices and Zwelitsha Adult Choir are among those lined up for the competition.

The choir conductor Melisizwe Zwane said they are hard at work now in preparation for this competition.

"This Saturday we start off with our preparations which were already underway for this particular competition. We are going to have a tight schedule because the competition will be in about four week's time which is not a long time. We were juggling our work when preparing for NCF so I must say that work is halfway done and I am sure we will be fully ready in two weeks time" he added.

He noted that they have a lot of pressure especially with the time frame because at the same time they have to prepare for the finals. He however maintained

that they will be all out to compete in South Africa and hopefully bring the trophy home.

There is a lot of money at stake for winning choirs in this competition to the tune of E250 000 for the winners in the western song category and same amount for winners in the African piece category.

There is also E150 000 prize money for a choir that wins in the Isitibili category which is a folk song piece of choice connected to the choir's culture and tradition.

This will not be the first time the choir will feature in this competition as they first participated back in 2013 as guests; also in 2014 as a competing choir as well as last year when they won the Isitibili category in the same competition.

Meanwhile there are two categories in their competition the other one being the giants of the game where top five choirs will be competing for E1 million prize money for the champion in the category.

The festival, according to the founder and CEO Gcisa Mdlulwa is in honour of Oliver Reginald Tambo who is South Africa liberation icon who was also a music composer and conductor of note.

"While four years is a notable achievement, 2016/2017 would be the centenary year of Tambo a revered and sometime understated man of South Africa's Liberation. The immense sacrifice of OR Tambo secured the freedom of this country as he worked tirelessly with the international community to alert the world of the oppression of a beautiful and soulful people. Tambo's legacy is intertwined with the heritage of this country and this October his enormous contribution will be celebrated in two provinces for the first time ever.

It is no secret that OR Tambo was a dedicated chorister, conductor and aficionado; and the continued growth of this festival is testament to the man legacy of the man," said the CEO of Melting Pot Arts Festival.

SA's 2LANI, C9Nine and Deep Xcape to fire up Solanis

By Phumelele Mkhonta

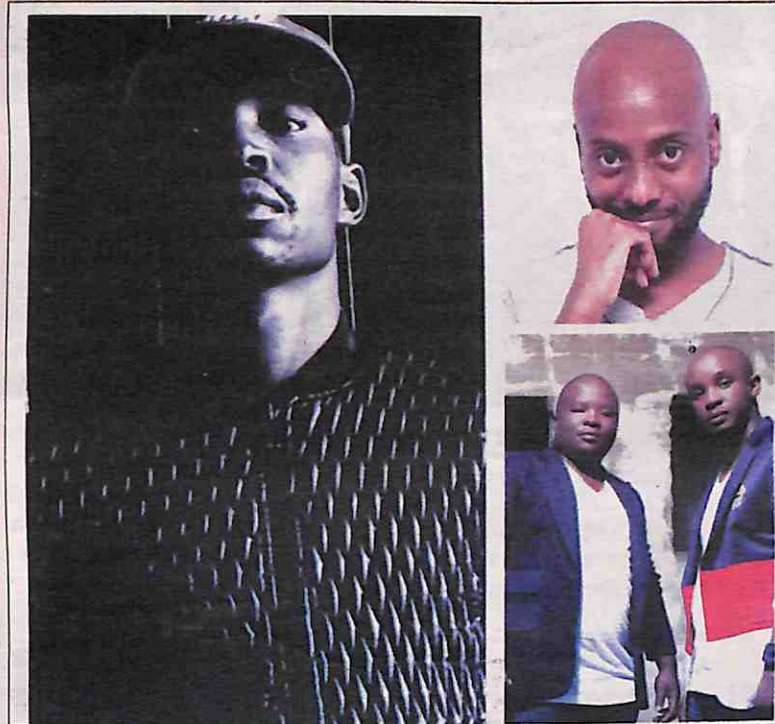
SPRING seems to be shaking up the entertainment industry these days and fun lovers should brace themselves with fun filled days; Solanis Shisanyama being no different as it hosts three big South African deejays this weekend.

The show is dubbed 'Music Unites Sessions' and the main acts are 2lani the Warrior, C9nine (a duo) and Deep Xcape.

The show is hosted under the courtesy of Antidote Music and Music Unites and it will be held at Solanis Shisanyama in Mbabane this Saturday starting as early as 2pm until the crack of dawn.

According to Mmeli Hlanze who is one of the organisers, performing alongside the South African acts will be Swazi's finest deejays which are; Tibza, Flava, Mseto, Msakrie, Mac Deep, Sooks, Secret Souls, Culolam, Katz and Jazzinsoul.

"Our MC for the night will be no other than Banele Mansoor. As an added extra, there will be 'Do It Now Recordings and DeppStiched CD and merchandise give aways to various lucky attendees. Some of the merchandise will be available for sale to the general public as well. Presale tickets are available at Solanis Executive Lounge (Dzeliwe



Street" said Hlanze.

About the House Maestros

Transcending the underground with the utmost credibility, C.9ine's sophisticated, hypnotic house sounds have placed the duo amongst the new generation of industry leaders in South African electronic music.

On the other hand, 2Lani The Warrior has been breaking down dance floors all over the South

African club scene since 1997.

Deep Xcape, known by many, has been in the house music scene since 2008, he started making production music back in 2004 and he was backed up by his Diploma in Sound Engineering. His standing within the music industry has seen him play alongside international house deejays such as Vick Lavender (Sophisticado Record's) and Charles Webster (Miso Records).

Quad Element to Premier Video

By Majaha Nkonyane

LOCAL Afro Jazz band Quad Element, have shot their first video "it's a love thing" and it will be shown for the first time at Sibane Hotel September 30 during the band's acoustic night.

The band is billed to perform at the fifth Sibane Hotel acoustic night, the band is giving their fans first preference. The video after its premier will then be uploaded on sites like YouTube and be aired on television channels.

The video is a four minutes video

that is a combination of vernacular language and English language. The lyrics on the song speak about love and goes on to ask one partner to hold the hand of the other.

"The band is very happy to have shot the first video that will premiere on the upcoming show at Sibane Hotel, we are hopeful that our fans will enjoy it. We have made sure to give it our best and work with professionals who have produced quality. We would like to encourage people to come support us on the night as we have big things in store for them", Band member Enkosi Mdluli said. The band will be per-

forming in one of the busiest weekends at Sibane as the hotel apart from hosting Quad Element it will also host a gospel show.

The gospel show is dubbed spring time praise, artists to feature on the night include Nondumiso Nhleko, Sunshine M, Mqobi Maseko, Sihle Zwane, Tsah, and Symphony. Both shows are scheduled to start at 19:00.

The hotel is offering the Swazi nation with a buffet of entertainment which caters for both Gospel lovers and Quad element fans. Whilst tickets to spring time festival are sold at E100, Quad Element's show will have tickets sold at E100 for singles and E150 for couples.

Below is the order of the performance for the choirs at the finals.

GIANTS OF THE GAME

1. SA Singers (KwaZulu Natal)
2. Voices of the Nation (Gauteng)
3. Kopano Chorus (Gauteng)
4. Gauteng Choristers (Gauteng)
5. African Chorus (KwaZulu Natal)

Top 10

1. East rand TACC (Gauteng)
2. Serumula Performing Arts Academy (Lesotho)
3. His Majesty Correctional Services (Swaziland)
4. Bagale Chorus (North West)
5. Sounds of Joy Chorale (KwaZulu

Natal)

6. Heavenly Voices (Western Cape)
7. Zwelitsha Adult Choir (Eastern Cape)
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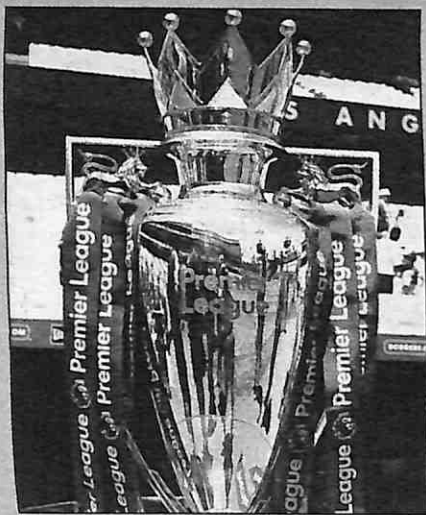
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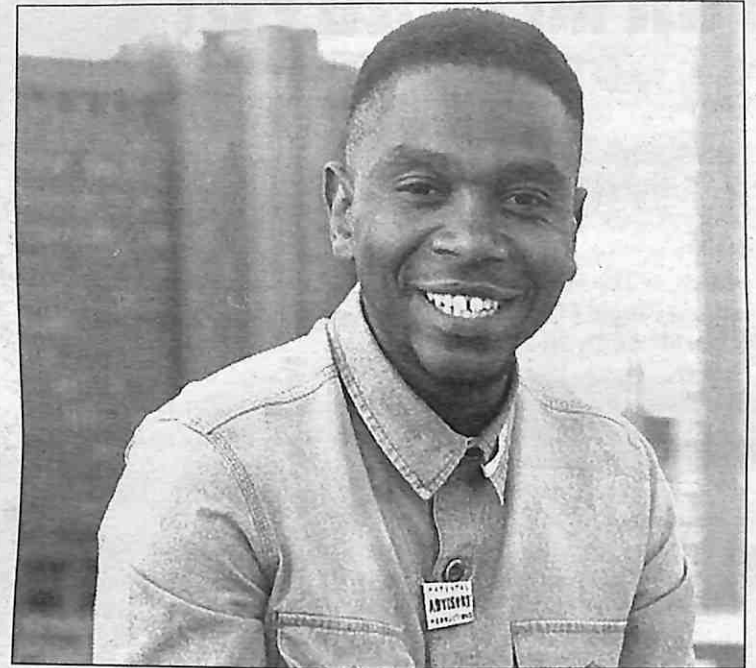
LOVE BACK RETURNS

BROKEN Heart Syndrome is a medical term referring to a short-term heart condition that's often brought on by stressful situations.

With the return of Love Back to Mzansi Magic on Tuesday 11 October, one can only hope this show will reduce the number of broken hearts when it takes on the mammoth task of reuniting lovers.

The new season will see Thomas Gumede, former Love Back presenter, return as the presenter of Season 4 when he takes up the reins from Season 3 host Wright Ngubeni. Gumede is excited to be back in the role of what he describes as "playing cupid, but not really" and hopes to spread "uthando" all over Mzansi.

"Nothing makes me happier than seeing two people find their way back to each other. Asking for love back doesn't always have a positive ending, but I enjoy the process of being there, in the moment, and helping someone ask for a second chance. It feels like I am playing cupid, but not really," said Gumede, who is also the producer of the show.

**BROKEN HEARTS: Thomas Gumede.**

Kicking off the first episode of the season, we meet 31-year-old Ndlaleni Mkhwanazi from Dlamini in Soweto. Ndlaleni wrote to Love Back because she wants her ex-wife to give her another chance. Ndlaleni divorced her partner, Dimakatso, when the truth about Ndlaleni's infidelities surfaced. Ironically, it was Ndlaleni who filed for divorce.

I've made mistakes and I've

accepted that. I cheated on her, with a girl I always wanted in high school," recalls Ndlaleni, somberly.

Will Dimakatso find it in her heart to forgive Ndlaleni and give their relationship another chance?

Hearts will be broken, others mended when Love Back returns for a new season on Mzansi Magic (161) on Tuesday, 11 October at 20:00.

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International Celebrity News

Beyonce and Justin Bieber lead the 2016 MTV EMAs

NEW YORK- It's always one of the most highly-anticipated awards shows of the year.

And the 2016 MTV EMAs are set to be a must-watch event since Beyonce and Justin Bieber are leading the pack with five nominations apiece.

Following closely behind is fellow singing sensation Adele with four nods to her name.

Also boasting four nomination are Best Rock nominees Coldplay, Best New Act nominee Lukas Graham and Best Male candidate Shawn Mendes. Adele's record-shattering hit Hello, Justin Bieber's



LEADING THE PACK:
Beyonce.

electronic pop track Sorry, Lukas Graham's soul-pop ballad 7 Years and the Seeb remix of Mike Posner's dance smash I took a pill In Ibiza also earned nominations for Best Song. *Showbiz*

Angelina Jolie treats her six kids to pizza

LOS ANGELES- Her split from Brad Pitt was announced less than a week ago.

And Angelina Jolie is clearly determined to keep their six children out of the dramatic divorce proceedings, after a huge pizza delivery was seen arriving at her rented LA mansion on Monday.

The 41-year-old Mr And Mrs Smith star's pizza arrival comes



DETERMINED: Angelina Jolie.

shortly after it was revealed she has asked for sole physical custody in her divorce filing in what is set to be a battle between the pair.

After the divorce announcement,

the stunning star has upped sticks with her children and moved into a rented mansion in Los Angeles - where her pizza delivery was seen arriving. *Showbiz*

Naomi Watts Steps Out Solo

NEW YORK- Naomi Watts is keeping calm and carrying on.

The actress was spotted walking her dog in New York City Monday

evening shortly after news broke that she and longtime love Liev Schreiber called it quits after 11 years together. The King Kong star looked casual in cuffed jeans and a red and white striped shirt,



CARRYING ON:
Naomi Watts.

which she paired with a pair of Vans shoes.

"We've come to the conclusion that the best way forward for us as a family is to separate as a couple," the couple said in a statement to E! News on

Monday. "It is with great love, respect, and friendship in our hearts that we look forward to raising our children together and exploring this new phase of our relationship." *Eonline*

Katy Perry Votes Naked, Then Gets Arrested

NEW YORK- Katy Perry made a bold statement on Instagram Monday: "Tomorrow, i use my body as click bait to help change the world."

The pop star followed through, as she teamed up with Funny or Die and Rock the Vote on Voter Registration Day to get people to the polls on Nov. 8. Perry wants people—especially young people—to get involved in the political process. Hair, Perry shared some "great" news with viewers. "This year, you can look like s--t when you vote," the "Rise"



singer said. "Yup, I've briefly scanned the Constitution, and nowhere does it say you can't just roll out of bed and come to the polls in whatever state you woke up in." *Eonline*



SA Celebrity News

Black Coffee apologises - AKA's team accept 'sincere'

JOHANNESBURG- DJ Black Coffee has apologised for slapping AKA's road manager Tshiamo Letshwene.

The two were involved in an altercation in the early hours of Sunday at the DSTV iRock Music Festival in Polokwane.

The clash was recorded on a video that went viral. In it, Black Coffee is seen arguing with two men and later landing a stinging klap on Letshwene, sending his cap flying to the ground. Raphael Benza, of Vth Season Talent and



SORRY: DJ Black Coffee.

Entertainment Marketing Agency, said Black Coffee's management had expressed his regrets and apologised about the incident telephonically. *Sowetan*

Scoop is no one-woman man

JOHANNESBURG- TV personality Siyabonga 'Scoop' Ngwekazi revealed that he is not interested in monogamous relationships, claiming that it is "hard to just be with one" woman.

Taking to Twitter on Monday evening, Scoop launched a series of tweets opening up about the difficulties of dating



REVEALED: 'Scoop'

only one woman, explaining that there are "many fine a** women". Therefore, confident and unafraid, he asserted that he is in a relationship with multiple women, and is "faithful" to all of them. *Timeslive*

Trevor celebrates a year in Daily Show

HOLLYWOOD- It's no secret that when SA-born comedian Trevor Noah took over the helm of the Daily Show from Jon Stewart a year ago not everyone supported the move.

Trevor was a 'relatively unknown' comedian from SA who represented a dawn of change for the show. So it is not unusual that the comedian has received a fair



DON'T CARE: SA-born comedian Trevor Noah.

amount of criticism as viewers get comfortable with his style of comedy.

Trevor, who celebrates one year on the show this week, spoke to US publication Vice about his journey this far.

During the interview Trevor opened up about the backlash he's gotten and how he's handled it. *Timeslive*

Pearl Thusi grateful for SA love

NEW YORK- In celebration of everything that she had accomplished while away from home, and it being the day of her Quantico premier, fans and fellow celebrities, the likes of Terry Pheto, Fikile Mbalula, Khanya Mkangisa and Nandi Madida alike all celebrated National #PearlThusiDay.

After making her debut on the show, Pearl took to social media to thank everyone back home for all their support.

She went on to say that if she's managed to inspire anyone with the work shes done then her mission has been accomplished. "If



GRATEFUL: Pearl Thusi.

I've inspired one person with this then it's all the noise I need," she said.

Robert Marawa also showed his girl love: "You wanted this. You worked damn hard for this. You sacrificed for this. *Drum*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST



ISIBAYA

TODAY

Mpiyakhe pulls a surprise move at a UTA meeting.

Mabuyi's doubts are reawakened when she learns the true events behind Sbu and Thandeka's break up. Fezile learns why Qondi has not been available.



SURPRISE MOVE:
Mpiyakhe.



ISIDINGO

TODAY



LIED TO:
Nikiwe.

Gabriel lies to Nikiwe, saving himself from being caught out. Majola berates Angelique for snitching on him. Kamogelo is furious that she's being painted as a cheap girl.



Muvhango

TODAY



SECRETS: Thandaza.

Serithi goes behind Thandaza's back. KK offers Matshidiso a job. Mpho throws Hangwani out of her hospital room.



TODAY

Kop is struggling at work. Emmanuel asks Zinzi to give his demo to Doc. Friction between Bongi and Doc causes her to skip her video shoot. Suffo refuses to forgive Niki. Puleng worries that the baby won't be Suffo's.



WORRIED: Niki



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WANT SOME RECYCLED POPCORN, ZOE?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY RECYCLED?

I FOUND IT UNDER THE COUCH CUSHIONS.

EWWW! AS IF!

I THINK THERE ARE A COUPLE OF M&M'S AT THE BOTTOM.

WELL, MAN, BE JUST A TASTE...

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I'M HOME, HELGA!

I HOPE YOU CAME HOME WITH AN APPETITE!

I CAME HOME WITH FOUR APPETITES!

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A crossword puzzle grid with 14 numbered starting points for words. The grid is composed of black and white squares. Numbers 1 through 14 are placed in the top-left corner of the starting squares for each word.

Across

8. Elinor Loredan in the 2008 movie, Inkheart (5,6)
9. Mary Embrey in the 2008 movie, Hancock (8,6)
10. Liam Neeson is Bryan Mills in this 2008 movie (5)
12. Ugarte in the 1942 movie, Casablanca (5,5)
13. Paris in the 2004 movie, Troy (7,5)
14. Derek Zoolander in the 2001 movie, Zoolander (3,7)

Down

1. Billy Costigan in the 2006 movie, *The Departed* (8,2,6)
2. Admiral Hood in the 1984 movie, *The Bounty* (8,7)
3. Sofia Serrano in the 2001 movie, *Vanilla Sky* (8,4)
4. 'Major' Walter Bradbury in the 1975 movie, *Paper Tiger* (5,5)
5. Ethel Thayer in the 1981 movie, *On Golden Pond* (9,7)
6. Polly Prince in the 2004 movie *Along Came Polly* (8,7)
7. Anne Stanton in the 2006 movie, *All the King's Men* (4,7)
11. Milo in the 2007 movie, *Slueth* (4,3)

For my people

On the roof of a very tall building are four men; one is asian, one is mexican, one is black, and the last one is white. The asian walks to the ledge and says, "This is for all my people" and jumps off the roof. Next, the mexican walks to the ledge

and also says, "This is for all my people" and then he jumps off the roof. Next is the black guy's turn. The black guy walks to the ledge and says, "This is for all my people" and then throws the white guy off the roof.

USELESS FACTS

1. There were always 56 curls in Shirley Temple's hair.
2. The eyes of a donkey are positioned so that it can see all four feet at all times.
3. Worcestershire sauce is essentially an Anchovy Ketchup.
4. Rhode Island is the only state which the hammer throw is a legal high school sport.
5. The average lifespan of an eyelash is five months.
6. A spider has transparent blood.

BRAINTEASERS

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Yesterday's brain-teasers

1. It starts out tall, but the longer it stands, the shorter it grows. What is it?
Answer: A candle.
2. What belongs to you but is used more by

others?
Answer: Your name.

Today's brainteasers

1. What goes up and never comes down?
2. How can a man go 8 days without sleep?

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Takhona, Grade 7, Khanyisile

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12 DEATHS



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Relatives and friends of **Molelekeng Sibongile** are notified of her demise. Funeral will be held at her parental home Makholweni on Saturday, 03/06/2016 after a night vigil. Memorial service to be held at St Pauls Methodist Church at 2pm on Friday. Announcement by Mkhonta family. May your soul rest in peace.

JOB 13:15

Though He slay me,
yet will I hope in him;

I will surely

defend my ways to

his face.



The Masuku family would like to notify friends and relatives of **Stephen Mgwu Masuku's** demise. A memorial service will be held at Bosco Skill Centre on Friday 30/09/2016 at 2pm. Funeral will be on Sunday 02/10/2016 at Mafutseni after a morning service that will start at 06:00am, no night vigil. Announcement by the Masuku family.



Tihlobo nebangani ba **Nomsa P Mthunzi** tiyatiswa kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa baka Mabuza, baka Mthunzi kaZombodze E muva, bakaKhumalo ekhabonina, bakaVilakati eBuhleni, bakaMavimbela kaNjobo. Ufihlwa ngeliSontfo 02/10/2016 ekhaya eNgogola eMngcengcemeni emvakwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumake wakhe egameni lemndeni.

JOB 13:15

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Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Ambrose Mqgibelo "One-One" Dlamini** lotalwa ngumntfwanenkhozi Membina kutsi sosishiyile emhlabeni ngekutume ka lokukhulu. Kwatiswa bekhakhakhe kaMdluli eNgwazini, kaThwala eSiyeni nebekhabonina kaMaziya kaLanga. Inkonzoyesikhumbuto ingeMgcibelo 01/10/2016 esontfweni eCathedral kaManzini nga 12 emini. Utawufihlwa ekhaya kubo eNyakeni ngeliSontfo 02/10/2016 ngemuva kwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.



Kwatiswa tihlobo ta **Mduzi Vincent Maseko** kutsi sosishiyile emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bekhahabonina eNgcoseni kanye nabonina bebantfwana babaletse. Utawufihlwa ngeliSontfo 02/10/2016 emvakwemlindzelo ka Zondwako eBhunya. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumakabo Pat Maseko egameni lemndeni.



MAY YOUR SOULS REST IN PEACE



Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba **Ephraem Ben Shongwe**, baka Dlamini ekhakhakhe eNhlango eMbowane, ekhabonina eMpuluzi kaZwane nelibandla leNdiphethe liyacelwa lithuba umsebenti. Ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo 01/10/2016 emvakwemlindzelo ekhaya kakhe eSiphocosini (Embo). Siteshi kuse Embo esikolweni. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni



Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni, bazalwane belibandla leNkhosi Jesu Krestu nebakaMagagula kaDvokolwako kutsi akasekho emhlabeni **Almon Mndzebele**. Utawufihlwa ngeliSontfo mhlaka 02 October 2016 emva kwemlindzelo ekhaya lakhe eMankayane-Kulingatane. Simemetelo sikhishwa bantfwabakhe egameni lemndeni.



Relatives and friends of **Bhekani Daniel Ndlovu** are notified that he has responded to the Lord's call. Funeral will take place on Saturday 01/10/2016 at 6am at Mlindazwe, Lavumisa after a night vigil. Announcement by family

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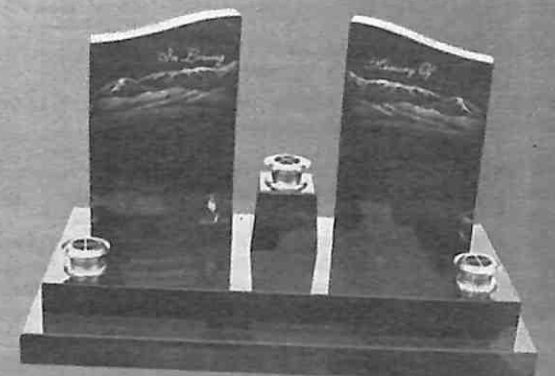
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) NOTICE No.2/2017:

SWAZILAND RAILWAY SALARY REVIEW EXERCISE

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SWAZILAND RAILWAY, invites all interested parties to respond to above mentioned RFP. The RFP documents may be inspected and obtained on and after Thursday, 29th September 2016 from the Accounts Office at SWAZILAND RAILWAY, HEAD OFFICE BUILDING DZELIWE STREET MBABANE, during the office hours 09h00 to 15h30. The TENDER documents will only be available until 15:30 hours on 04th October 2016. (NB: No tenders will be issued after this deadline).

All queries regarding the collection of the tender, please contact The Secretary of the Tender Board on 2404 2486 or email sifiso.zubuko@swazirail.co.sz.

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A compulsory clarification/briefing meeting will be held on Wednesday, 05th October 2016 at 09:30 hours, at Swaziland Railway Head Office, Main Boardroom in Mbabane.

The Tender document must be presented in order to gain entry to the compulsory briefing session as the briefing attendance certificate must be signed at the end of the session.

The Tender shall close punctually at 15h30 on 21st October 2016 in the tender box located at the main entrance of the Swaziland Railway Head Office in Mbabane. The documents should be submitted in a plain sealed envelope clearly marked "Tender No.2/2017 - Salary Review" and must not bear any name or mark, which would identify the Tenderer. The closing of the RFP will be preceded by an opening ceremony of the tender documents at Swaziland Railway Head Office Main Boardroom.



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TENDER NOTICE No.5/2017

EXHUMATION, RELOCATION AND RE-BURIAL OF GRAVES AT ZONWAKO, MBANGAVE, MLINDAZWE AND ZENUKENI FOR THE SWAZI RAIL LINK PROJECT

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A compulsory clarification/briefing meeting will be held on 12 October 2016 at 09:30 hours at the turn off to Zondwako just after passing Bhunya Mill.

The Tender document must be presented in order to gain entry to the compulsory briefing session as the briefing attendance certificate must be signed at the end of the session.

The tender shall close punctually at 15h30 on 27th October 2016 in the tender box located at the main entrance of the Swaziland Railway Head Office in Mbabane at Reception. The documents should be submitted in a plain sealed envelope clearly marked "Tender No.5/2016 - Exhumation, re-allocation and reburial of graves" and must not bear any name or mark, which would identify the Tenderer. The closing of the tender shall be preceded by an opening ceremony of the tender submissions immediately after the closure.



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FUSTRATED:
Madrid coach's Zinedine Zidane.



REAL MADRID PEGGED BACK

BERLIN - Zinedine Zidane believes his Real Madrid side did not deserve to draw their Champions League tie against Borussia Dortmund.

The Spanish giants went into the last five minutes a goal ahead of their Group F opponents, having gone 2-1 up through Raphael Varane in the 68th minute. However, substitute Andre Schurrle secured a point for the home side with just three minutes to go, smashing the ball high into the net from inside the box to cost the reigning champions two points.

The Real manager was happy with his side's performance, but admitted a third successive draw was a disappointing

result. "The players played a great match. The result is a difficult one to accept because we deserved a bit more," Zidane said, as reported by Four-Four-Two. "When you concede three minutes from the end it hurts, especially given the effort the players put in. But it is not a bad result.

I think in the first half we suffered a bit because they pressed a lot and we knew it is a difficult place to come against a good team, but I am very proud of the game we played.

It was complete in every sense but the shame is it is three games in a row now we have drawn."

Dailymail

TENDER NOTICE No.4/2017

EXHUMATION, RELOCATION AND RE-BURIAL OF GRAVES AT LUYENGO, NCABANENI, NHLULWEINI AND MHLANGENI FOR THE SWAZI RAIL LINK PROJECT

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A compulsory clarification/briefing meeting will be held on 11 October 2016 at 09:30 hours at Junction to Mankayane along the Luyengo - Bhunya Road.

The Tender document must be presented in order to gain entry to the compulsory briefing session as the briefing attendance certificate must be signed at the end of the session.

The tender shall close punctually at 15h30 on 27th October 2016 in the tender box located at the main entrance of the Swaziland Railway Head Office in Mbabane at Reception. The documents should be submitted in a plain sealed envelope clearly marked "Tender No.4/2016 - Exhumation, re-allocation and reburial of graves" and must not bear any name or mark, which would identify the Tenderer. The closing of the tender shall be preceded by an opening ceremony of the tender submissions immediately after the closure.



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SCHMEICHEL REVELS IN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WIN

LEICESTER - Kasper Schmeichel has risen through the leagues with Leicester, and now the goalkeeper is revelling in playing Champions League football.

Schmeichel helped Claudio Ranieri's side to back-to-back European wins with their 1-0 victory over Porto at the King Power Stadium, the 90 minutes with the Portuguese giants giving him the chance to play opposite his boyhood hero Iker Casillas.

The 29-year-old Denmark international, who signed a new Leicester deal in the summer, posed for a picture at full-time with Casillas as he took the chance to meet a man who was one of his inspirations growing up.

Posting the picture of him with Casillas to his Instagram page, Schmeichel wrote: "What a night! Amazing result and unbelievable atmosphere! Very special night for me playing against one of my boyhood idols."

Schmeichel helped Leicester to their surprise Premier League title triumph last season, earning them a shot at competing at Europe's top table.

And they've certainly impressed in the competition so far, the victory over Porto following a 3-0 thrashing of Club Brugge away from home. Back in goal to face Porto after some time out with injury, Schmeichel saw his team come out on top thanks to a first-half header from striker Islam Slimani.

The goal was Slimani's third in four games for the Foxes since joining in the summer, all of which have been scored with his head.



RISEN: Leicester's goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel.

At the other end, Schmeichel had little to do until the final 10 minutes when the Foxes came under pressure from a late Porto surge.

The Dane comfortably dealt with a strike from distance from Hector Herrera and saw an effort from Porto substitute Jesus Corona deflect off Marc Albrighton and hit the post, but his team held on to make it six points from six. "We suffered in the last 10 minutes but it was important to win," said Leicester boss Ranieri. "Concentration was high, we were resilient, I'm very happy."

We played with our spirit. The last pass wasn't always there, but Riyad Mahrez made one fantastic pass for Slimani."

Dailymail

Juve cruise past Zagreb

ITALY - Striker Gonzalo Higuain scored his first Champions League goal for Juventus as the Italian title holders made light work of their visit to Dinamo Zagreb with a 4-0 drubbing of the Croatian champions in their Group H match on Tuesday.

Miralem Pjanic fired

Juventus ahead with an opportunist finish before he turned provider for Higuain, who chested down the Bosnian playmaker's superb pass and side-footed it past Dinamo's 18-year old keeper Adrian Semper.

Higuain's Argentine compatriot Paulo Dybala made it 3-0 with a rasping shot from 30

metres shortly after the break as Juventus, who were held by Seville to a goalless home draw in their opening match, kept up the pressure.

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Brazilian Dani Alves completed the rout with a heavily deflected free kick in the 85th minute as Dinamo's bold 4-3-3 formation gave the visitors too much room to operate.

Reuters



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1. The position: Deputy Director; Revenue Management (Ref: DDRM)

Main purpose of the job:

To provide strategic guidance to Member States in the implementation of the SACU Revenue Sharing Formula as well as ensure the timely availability of comparable and reliable trade statistics across the SACU region.

Key Areas of Responsibility / Principal Accountabilities

- Assist in the maintenance and reporting of valid and reliable intra-SACU trade data, customs revenue, excise revenue and economic data by Member States;
- Monitor transactions into and out of the Common Revenue Pool;
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- Provide technical advice to SACU institutions as well as technical support to the Technical Liaison Committees;
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Educational Qualifications Required:

A Master's degree in Statistics and Economics or Econometrics or equivalent qualification.

Relevant Work Experience and Competencies Required

- Minimum 8 years relevant experience with strong quantitative skills.
- Experience in statistics and information management systems.
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- Excellent conceptual, analytical and communication skills
- Strong quantitative skills
- Experience in engaging with regional and international organizations with a view to further technical cooperation

2. The position: Records and Information Officer (Ref: RIO)

Main purpose of the job:

To manage the operations of the Secretariat's Documents and ensure that the organization's records are kept safe and maintained in a systematic manner.

Key Areas of Responsibilities:

- Develop and implement a Records Management Strategy Records Management Policy and Procedures;
- Manage and coordinate the implementation of policies and procedures for Record - Keeping System;
- Ensure Records are filed according to the approved filing system to provide quick and efficient retrieval of information and facilitate the implementation of authorized disposal and retention;
- Review records management procedures and guidelines to ensure adherence legislation;
- Identify essential records and establish a disaster recovery plan
- Monitor adherence to information security classification and classification procedures;
- Establish and enforce archiving, dissemination and disclosure policies of the Secretariat;
- Ensure that the maintenance, preservation and disposition of records are carried out in a professional manner;
- Control the Records Management budget.

Educational Qualifications Required:

- Bachelor's Degree in Records/Information Management or Library Studies or relevant field.
- Relevant Work Experience and Competencies Required
- Minimum 7 years demonstrated experience in records and information management.
- Proven experience of managing a records or information Centre.
- Thorough knowledge of professional record management principles, methods, techniques and procedures
- Computer literacy including database management, word processing and spreadsheets.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Good planning and organizational skills.
- Ability to work in a multicultural environment.

Applications must be accompanied by a detailed CV, e-mail and telephone contact details, certified copies of ID, educational qualifications and at least 3 contactable references. Quote the reference number and job title. Applications must be submitted to Human Resources Manager, SACU Secretariat, Private Bag 13285, Windhoek Namibia. Fax: +264 61 245 611 or +264 61 279 864 / email: applications@sacu.int

The closing date for applications is 18th October 2016.

For further information, please visit our website at www.sacu.int.

Should you have received no response within 4 weeks of the closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful in this instance, as correspondence will be limited to shortlisted candidates only.



TENDER NOTICE No.3/2017

EXHUMATION, RELOCATION AND RE-BURIAL OF GRAVES AT GEBENI, NDINDA, MPHINI AND NTONTOZI FOR THE SWAZI RAIL LINK PROJECT

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The tender shall close punctually at 15h30 on 27th October 2016 in the tender box located at the main entrance of the Swaziland Railway Head Office in Mbabane at Reception. The documents should be submitted in a plain sealed envelope clearly marked "Tender No.3/2016 - Exhumation, re-allocation and reburial of graves" and must not bear any name or mark, which would identify the Tenderer. The closing of the tender shall be preceded by an opening ceremony of the tender submissions immediately after the closure.



ORLANDO PIRATES HELD AT HOME BY STARS

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates' hopes of returning to the summit of the ABSA Premiership were dashed on Tuesday evening when they were held to a 1-1 draw at Orlando Stadium by Platinum Stars.

The Buccaneers looked to be on course for all three points and a return to pole position when Thabiso Kutumela scored later on, but Dikwena's Thobani Kunene equalised in injury time to ensure the visitors deservedly claimed a share of the spoils.

Stars were the first to threaten a goal, with attacking midfielder Robert Ng'ambi latching onto a poor clearance from Issa Sarr and striking a shot from the 'D' of the box that flew just wide of the target in the 13th minute.

It took another 10 minutes before Pirates had their first real effort on goal, with Oupa Manyisa pulling the trigger from outside the box only to see his shot drift wide of Mbongeni Mzimela's left-hand upright.

However, that chance signalled a change of momentum which saw Pirates go up a gear or two and begin to find their rhythm - though Stars did create perhaps the best chance of the first half on 34 minutes from which Ndumiso Mabena failed to test the goalkeeper.

Dikwena threatened again early in the second half, with Henrico Botes out-jumping Sarr to meet a long ball into the box only to see his header flash just wide of the mark.

Africa News Agency

ONE ON ONE: Siphwe Mnguni of Platinum Stars challenges Thabo Matlaba of Orlando Pirates during the ABSA Premiership match.

I'M OFF ON HOLS!

Allardyce speaks out after England axe

LONDON - The 61-year-old spoke briefly to the waiting media outside his Bolton home this morning to discuss his Three Lions exit.

A visibly crestfallen Allardyce admitted he doesn't know if he'll ever manage again.

But now - after 67 days, and one game, in charge - he plans to put his feet up and vowed: "I'm off abroad to chill out and reflect."

Allardyce claims he was a victim of entrapment in a sting that saw him

explain ways round the third party ownership of players, which is banned by the FA.

He said this morning: "On reflection it was a silly thing to do but I helped out someone I have known for 30 years."

"It was an error in judgement and I paid the consequences."

"Entrapment has won on this occasion and I have to accept that."

Allardyce's reign ended in shame. He leaves a legacy of being the short-

est serving manager in England history and will forever be remembered as the man who brought the nation's plight to a whole new low.

He officially left by "mutual consent" - although the suggestion is he was left with no choice but to quit his £3m-a-year job.

Big Sam said: "The agreement was done very amicably with the FA and I apologise to those and all concerned in the unfortunate position I've put myself in."

"I have a confidentiality agreement and I can't answer any more questions. I am going to go and reflect on it. I would like to wish Gareth (Southgate) and all of the England lads the best."

Asked if the job would be his last in football, he said: "Who knows. We'll wait and see."

Southgate has agreed to take charge of the Three Lions for the next four games while the FA search for a full-time replacement.

Earlier Allardyce issued a statement in which he offered a "wholehearted apology" to the FA for embarrassing the governing body.

Dailymail

BLAUGRANA RIGHT TO SACRIFICE CHILEAN FOR TER STEGEN

MANCHESTER - This time was inevitably going to come. When Barcelona signed Claudio Bravo and Marc-Andre ter Stegen as replacements for Victor Valdes in the summer of 2014, the Chilean was the experienced head in La Liga, the German a man for the future.

So letting the South American leave merely means that things have gone to plan.

Bravo was everything that the Catalan club had hoped he would be. Having spent several years at Real Sociedad, he came in and provided experience in La Liga in Luis Enrique's debut season while Ter Stegen started in the Champions League and the Copa del Rey. In the end, Barca won it all that year - and the two goalkeepers were excellent.

In his second season at Camp Nou, the Chilean came in to steady the side after a difficult month for Ter Stegen at the beginning of the campaign.

Barca's defence had been shaky and again his experience proved vital.

As in his debut campaign, Bravo was first choice in La Liga, with Ter Stegen preferred in the cup competitions. Again it worked well - and the Catalans claimed the Primera Division once more.

But both men wanted more. No elite goalkeeper is content with a bit-part role - even at a big club like Barca - and after winning the Copa America for a second successive summer, Bravo came back with a demand: he wanted to be the undisputed starter.

And after sitting on the bench for Germany at Euro 2016, Ter Stegen returned with a similar request. So something had to give. At his first press conference in pre-season, Luis Enrique said that he was delighted with his two goalkeepers and that he wanted them both to stay along with third-choice shot-stopper Jordi Masip. *Goal*

Pogba continues to set pulses racing at Manchester United

MANCHESTER - Paul Pogba is making sure everything is in working order ahead of Manchester United's second Europa League group game against Ukrainian-side Zorya.

Pogba scored in United's 4-1 win over Leicester as he appeared to have finally found his best position in Jose Mourinho's starting XI, with a more free role alongside Ander Herrera in midfield.

With Old Trafford set to play host to the side who finished fourth in the Ukrainian Premier League, Pogba decided to undergo a medical check-up on his condition.

In a picture posted on the midfield star's Instagram account, captioned 'heart beats', Pogba strikes a contemplative pose whilst wearing a monitor on his torso. No doubt his BPM would have been going through the roof after scoring his first United goal on Saturday. Although Pogba is no stranger to the scoresheet, after making his dramatic return to the Manchester club in the summer the strike takes on extra importance.

"It feels great to get my first goal at Old Trafford," Pogba told the club's website. "For me it was very good and very important. I hope it won't be

the last one." The central midfielder, who Mourinho landed from Juventus, drew criticism for his early performances upon his return.

However former Old Trafford midfielder Quinton Fortune believes Pogba's 'humble' personality will see him thrive this season, wherever Mourinho picks the Frenchman.

"Like every human being he wanted to do everything at the beginning," Fortune said at the Soccerex Global Convention. "That happens with the pressure, the price tag, but now he looks like he's taking it in his stride, not trying to do stuff he hasn't before."

"We all know, even before he left, what he was like."

He's got stronger at Juve, he's a better player now for that experience.

"He scored a good goal so that will settle him down. He's a very humble guy. You speak to everyone at the training ground and the say he's an amazing kid who isn't fazed by the hype."

"He's coming from Italy where it's more tactical."

The Premier League is tough. Some players take a season to adapt, he's having to adapt quickly because of the price tag. Some wouldn't be able to deal with it. *Dailymail*

'Why I Struggled At Real & Man Utd'

BERLIN - Bayer Leverkusen striker Javier Hernandez has explained why he thinks he struggled at Manchester United and Spanish giants Real Madrid.

The 28-year-old left United for Leverkusen at the beginning of the 2015-16 campaign, after a season-long loan spell at Los Blancos. Hernandez believes a lack of game time at both of his former clubs hampered his progress and goalscoring form.

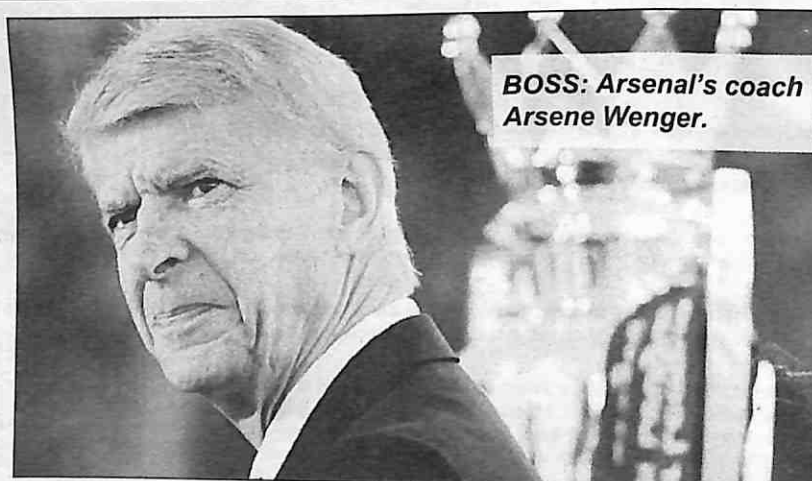
"I am playing more (at Leverkusen), I am making more minutes," Hernandez told El Pais. "I got very few opportunities at Madrid. It was very difficult for me. I hardly got any game time during the first half of my time there. I repaid the faith shown in me during the second bit of my spell at Madrid. "At Manchester United, meanwhile, I had the fourth best goal-per-minute ratio in the history of the Premier League."

"That's why I think the only reason things are going so well for me at Bayer Leverkusen is that I get regular first-team football now. "I do not miss Spain to be honest. I miss my loved ones who are living in Mexico. But I have been relatively happy everywhere I lived. I am very happy in Germany now. *AFP*

Wenger in-line to become England manager

LONDON - The FA will attempt to prise Arsene Wenger away from Arsenal at the end of the season and install him as the new England manager, reports The Daily Telegraph.

Sam Allardyce left his position as manager on Tuesday, just 67 days after he was installed in the role, leaving the Three Lions desperately in need of a new boss. And Gunners boss Wenger, who is celebrating 20 years at the London club, is a serious candidate, with the FA already understood to have approached him before choosing Allardyce. However, Arsenal will not let go of their long-serving manager - whose contract at



BOSS: Arsenal's coach Arsene Wenger.

the Emirates Stadium expires next summer - easily, and owner Stan

Kroenke still hopes to agree a contract extension. *Goal*

TEVEZ COULD 'QUIT AT THE END OF THE YEAR'

BUENOS AIRES - Carlos Tevez has admitted he could call time on his footballing career by the end of 2016.

The 32-year-old, currently playing with boyhood club Boca Juniors, has had spells with Manchester United, Manchester City and Juventus.

However, Tevez, who has long flirted with the idea of an early retirement, has spoken out over his frustration with a number of aspects of the Argentinian domestic game.

Top of these was the increasing pressure placed on his club by external factors such as the media, who he deems responsible for a three-match ban received earlier this month for dissent.

"The penalty was given to me by journalists and not the committee," he told Fox Sports. "They pushed to give me three matches."

... as Argentine striker grows frustrated with football

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Carlos Tevez.
(AP)



"If we draw, Boca are in crisis - River [Plate] not so much," he continued. "They [River] tie and play well, everything is nice. I enjoy football but not everything that surrounds it."

Tevez was also critical of the short-term approach to fixture planning, adding: "In Europe you know what date you will play each team for the first six months." *Daily Mail*

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LIVERPOOL - Liverpool's wide range of goalscorers this season is a direct result of their attacking style, according to manager Jurgen Klopp.

The Merseyside club have scored 16 goals in six Premier League games this season, with Philippe Coutinho, Adam Lallana, Sadio Mane and James Milner scoring three each.

Midfielders Roberto Firmino and Jordan Henderson have also found the back of the net in the top flight this season, while strikers Daniel Sturridge and Divock Origi are yet to open their account.

Klopp does not fuss over who scores the goal, as long as the team keep winning.

"It's a result of our style. We need to have different players in and

around the box. When the players make these movements, go these ways, they are in a (scoring) situation," Klopp told the club's website.

"In this moment, they score - very nice. I don't care, actually, who scores the goals - if there's one player who scores 50, I have no problem with this as long as we win."

Liverpool are fourth in the league standings, having beaten Arsenal, Chelsea and champions Leicester City this season.

Klopp's side travel to Swansea City on Saturday. *Reuters*



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The Dutchman was sacked in May, allowing the club to appoint Jose Mourinho, but had big plans should he have remained.

Virtual reality goggles are said to offer tactical and 'game play analysis' whereby players can review clips shot through their own eyes during matches.

United's stars could have paused footage on the goggles to take a 360 degree look at what was around them at specific junctures.

Developed by Beyond Sports, the technology is being used at PSV Eindhoven this season, with virtual reality footage pooled from 'already existing camera or tracking infrastructure'.

But the news that Van Gaal could have brought virtual reality to Manchester will raise eyebrows at Carrington after the communication difficulties between management and squad last year.

It is argued that players up and down the country do not respond to video clips, with experts looking for new ways of projecting messages, while Van Gaal used the headsets in the weeks before Holland's World Cup run in Brazil two years ago.

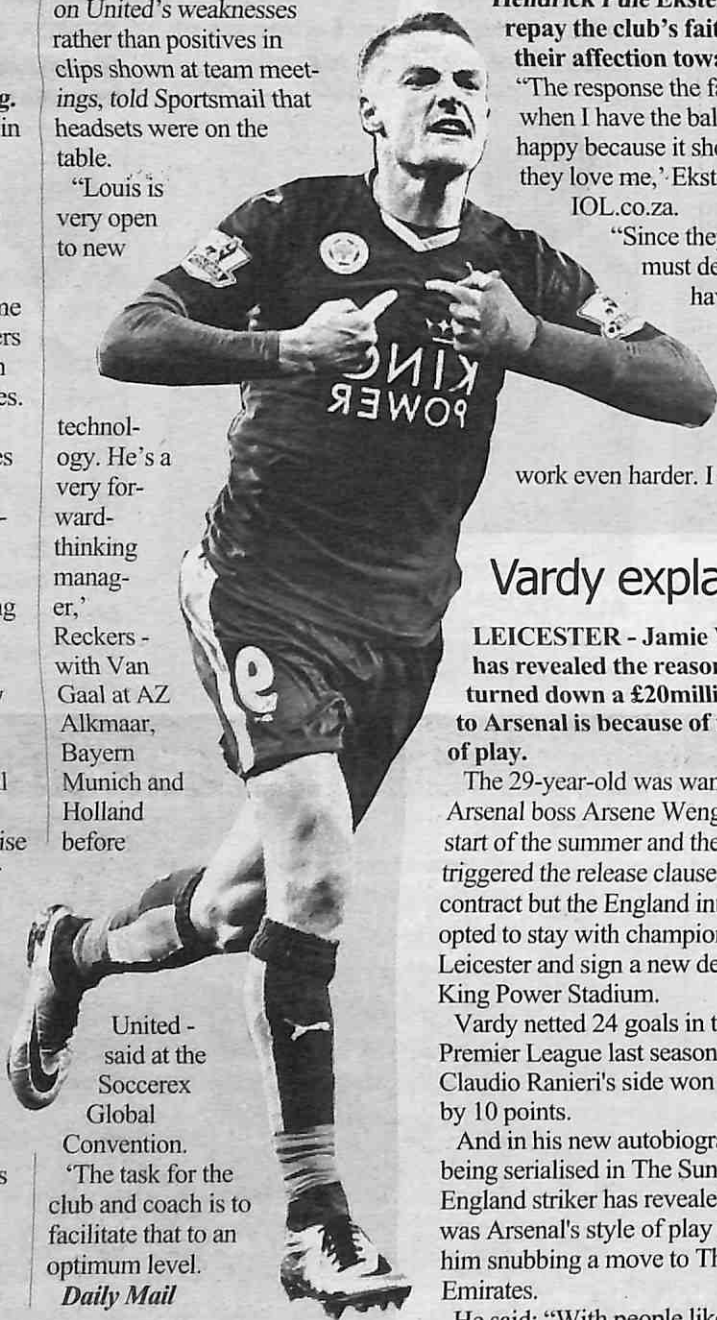
Max Reckers, Van Gaal's performance analyst who was

heavily criticised for focusing on United's weaknesses rather than positives in clips shown at team meetings, told Sportsmail that headsets were on the table.

"Louis is very open to new

technology. He's a very forward-thinking manager," Reckers - with Van Gaal at AZ Alkmaar, Bayern Munich and Holland before

United - said at the Soccerex Global Convention. "The task for the club and coach is to facilitate that to an optimum level." *Daily Mail*



Ekstein wants to leave a legacy at Kaizer Chiefs

JOHANNESBURG - This has led Kaizer Chiefs midfielder Hendrick Pule Ekstein eager to repay the club's faithful for their affection towards him.

"The response the fans give me when I have the ball makes me happy because it shows that they love me," Ekstein told IOL.co.za.

"Since they love me, I must deliver. I haven't done much to be honest with you. I need to work even harder. I want to

create and score goals," Ekstein added.

The 25-year-old was promoted from the club's development academy at the start of the 2014/15 season, but failed to get in any contention for a starting berth under then incumbent Stuart Baxter. He appears to have won the plaudits of current coach Steve Komphela as he has become a prominent figure in the starting eleven to date which has him believe it's going to be his season.

"I think that this is going to be my season. It helps that the coach believes in me," Ekstein said.

The Bekkersdal-born is delighted with the game-time he has been getting and sees this as an opportunity to leave his blueprint at the club. "I think that my game is improving because of the regular

game-time that I am getting, even though I lose a lot of balls," Ekstein said. *Goal.com*



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LEICESTER - Jamie Vardy has revealed the reason he turned down a £20million move to Arsenal is because of their style of play.

The 29-year-old was wanted by Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger at the start of the summer and the Gunners triggered the release clause in his contract but the England international opted to stay with champions Leicester and sign a new deal at the King Power Stadium.

Vardy netted 24 goals in the Premier League last season as Claudio Ranieri's side won the title by 10 points.

And in his new autobiography being serialised in The Sun, the England striker has revealed that it was Arsenal's style of play that lead him snubbing a move to The Emirates.

He said: "With people like Alexis

Sanchez and Mesut Ozil creating chances, Arsenal felt they could benefit me as much as I could them.

"But I also thought about the tactical aspect.

"You look at Arsenal's style of play and they don't get the ball forward quickly in the same way Leicester do for those runs I like to make in behind the defence.

"One thing that didn't worry me was the idea that I wouldn't be the 'main man' at Arsenal."

And Vardy insists it was his concern about how he would fit in at Arsenal that made him turn down the move rather than any loyalty to Leicester.

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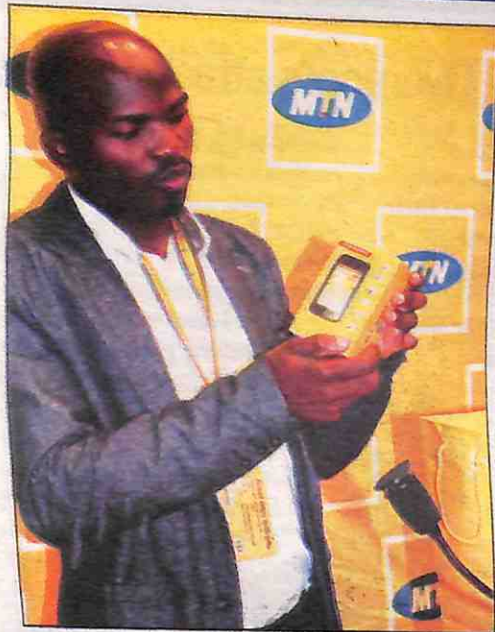
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"I am happy with how everything has turned out.

"The dream continues," Claudio [Ranieri] texted me after I agreed to stay. That's exactly how I felt, too."

Vardy and Leicester have made a much slower start to this campaign with the striker netting just twice in the Premier League this season but they have won both their matches in the Champions League.

Daily Mail



IT LOOKS LIKE THIS: MTN Senior Manager-Segments Marketing Meshack Maseko displaying a new cellphone Samsung Galaxy J1 Mini won by 12 soccer fans in the score prediction competition during the MTN Premier League grand opening at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



WE THANK YOU: Queen Shongwe speaking on behalf of the winners.

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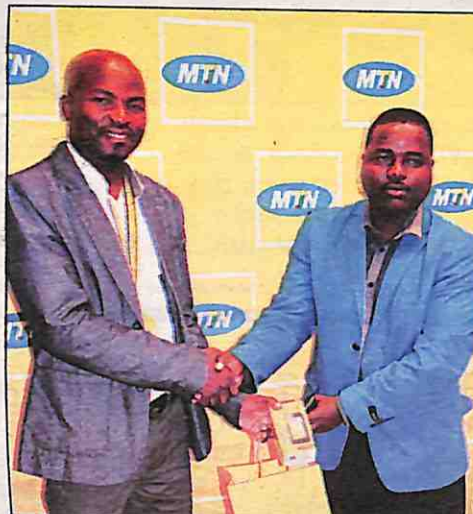
Y'ELLO: Score prediction winners displaying their prizes.



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TWICE: Maseko presenting a Samsung Galaxy J1 Mini to Mangaliso Nkambule who predicted correctly in the first and second games. He won two cellphones.



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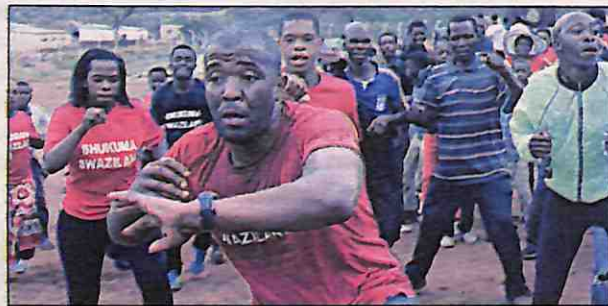
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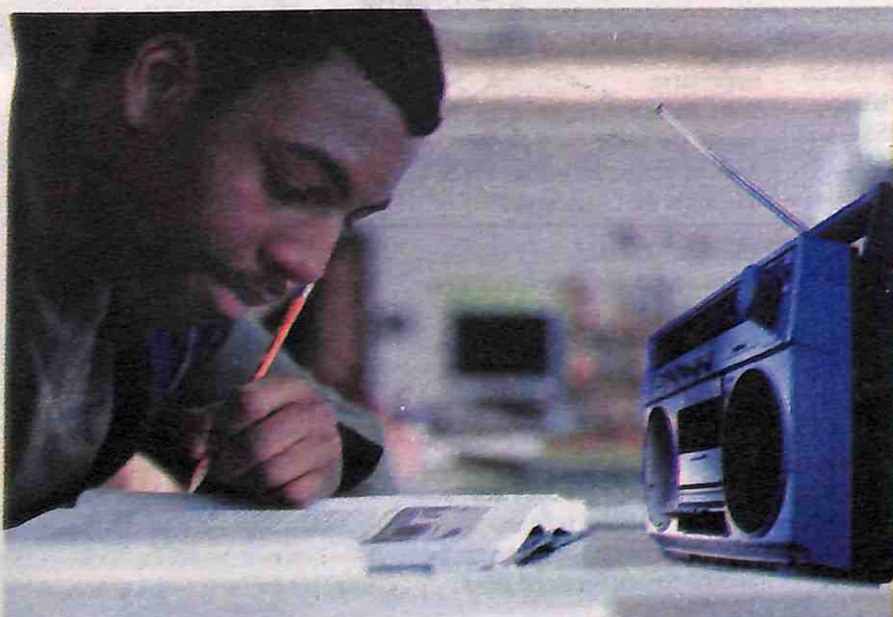
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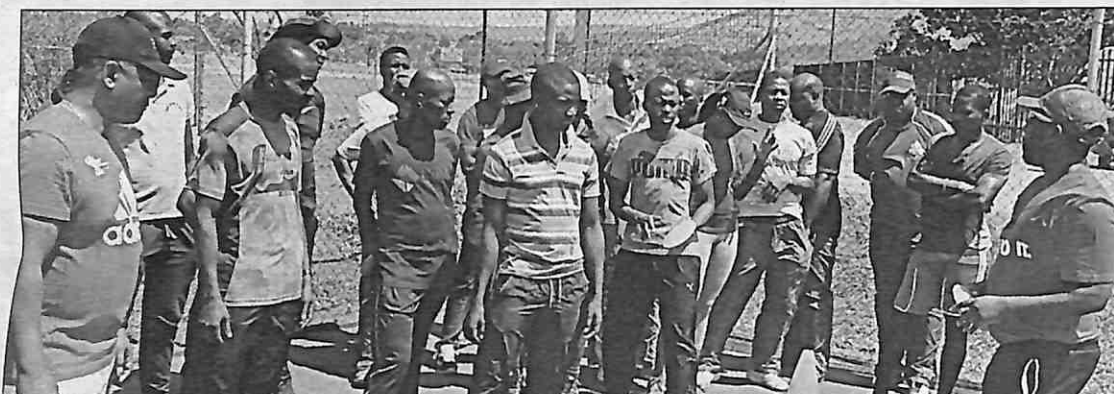
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COSTLY: Mbabane Highlanders fans.

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Meanwhile PLS Executive Member Mduduzi 'Tsotsi' Mabila said all they want is fair play in football and not the violence witnessed during games.

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PLS executive member Peter 'Touch' Magagula said they would deal with such fans who taint the image of the game, the PLS and sponsors.

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Redirected

"There was massive traffic congestion at that time and I redirected the traffic to the forest road to avoid more vehicles being burnt. I evacuated the other passengers from the burning cars and there were four ladies who were



HERO: Zenzele Ace Dlamini.

unconscious and I was compelled to carry them on my back to safety by putting them on the Manzini-Mbabane lane," Zenzele Ace Dlamini was quoted saying in the report.

QUEEN SHONGWE, 11 OTHERS WIN SMART PHONES

By Sanele Jele

SOCCKER-SWAZI MTN has awarded mobile phones to 12 lucky customers who correctly predicted the Yello' Sunday scores.

This was during a press briefing held at MTN Head quarters at Ezulwini where each customer received a mobile phone, cap, T-shirt, cooler bag as well as a gigabyte of data and E10 worth of air-time.

Announcing the winners was the company's Senior Manager Consumer and Business Segments Meshack Maseko who congratulated

ed them.

"As we highlighted during the MTN PLS Grand Opening press conference last Thursday that fans would win fabulous prizes, we managed to give away fantastic prizes during the MTN Yello' Sunday games, where by the first 2000 fans won themselves caps, vuvuzelas and T-shirts, to mention but a few. We are pleased as a sponsor to support football and we will continue to do so. Today we will give away 12 mobile phones (4G Samsung J1) to supporters who correctly predicted the scores on Sunday," he said.

He then read out the mobile numbers of the winners, and each winner was called.

Upon receiving the call, some of the supporters who were inside the MTN Conference boardroom were certified winners.

Predicting

Noteworthy is that Mangaliso Dlamini of Malindza won two mobile phones after correctly predicting two games scores, which was Malanti Chiefs versus Sikhalo Se-africa which ended in 3-0 in favour of the former and Manzini Wanderers' 0-1 loss to Royal Leopard.

Interviewed after receiving his prizes Nkambule thanked MTN for the kind gesture.

"Well, there was no secret in predicting here. I just understand local

football. I am a Wanderers' supporter but I knew they would lose on the day because we were lacking strikers. I want to thank the sponsor for such prizes, this will go a long way as previously I was using an old MTN cheap 2G cellphone with no internet and radio," said Nkambule.

Another notable winner was popular radio listener and Mhlambanyatsi Rovers fan Queen Shongwe.

"I want to thank MTN for supporting local football. We appreciate what they are doing for local football. This helps young boys to stay away from drug related issues who could be empowered through the sponsorships. I urge other fans to

Country to be represented in 2020 Paralympics - 'Cruiser'

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCKER - MINISTER of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David Cruiser Ngcamphalala is hopeful that the country would be represented in the next Paralympics Games to be held in 2020.

The minister was responding to questions posed by the house of Senate which wanted to know what his ministry was doing to ensure representation in these Games.

It was Senator Lindiwe Ngwenya who wanted to know what the sports ministry was doing to empower those living with disabilities in sports.

She also wanted to know the measures taken by the ministry to prepare them for the

Paralympics.

The minister said they were already grooming athletes to be part of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) sanctioned Games.

"We are currently training people with disabilities so that they are ready for the Games in 2020. These athletes are being trained through the Shukuma Swaziland Programme and we have introduced it at Mzimpofo, Siteki and Mbabane," he said.

Deputy Senate President Ngomuyayona Gamedze praised the Senator for bringing up such a pertinent question.

He said this showed that Senators cared about people living with disabilities in the country.



HOPEFUL: Sports Minister David Cruiser Ngcamphalala.

CASTLE FINAL KIT PRESENTATION TODAY

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCKER - Castle Premier Challenge finalist Mbabane Swallows and Royal Leopard will be presented their kits today.

The kit presentation will be held at the Swaziland Beverages premises in Matsapha this afternoon starting at 3pm.

The two sides will battle for the E800 000 carrot during the finals of the tournament scheduled for Somhlolo National Stadium on Saturday.

Kick-off time for the much anticipated clash is 3pm.

This was confirmed by the tournament's PRO Mxolisi Dlamini yesterday.

"The teams will get their playing kits for the final tomorrow (today) during an event to be held in our offices at 3pm," he said.

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THE FIXTURE

Saturday at Somhlolo National Stadium

Mbabane Swallows vs Royal Leopard 3pm

- THE WINNERS
- Game 1
- Majahonkhe Gamedze - Lobamba
- Mangaliso Nkambule - Malindza
- Menzi Kunene - New Village
- Ngwenya
- +268 7844 8396 - not present
- Game 2
- +268 7665 9362 - not present
- Nelson Shongwe - Ludzeludze
- Mangaliso Nkambule - Malindza
- Queen Shongwe - Mpolonjeni
- Game 3
- +268 76920484 - not present
- Zwakele Dlamini - Zombodze
- Thulani Sikhondze - Nhlabeni
- Ngcingimphaka Dlamini - Lobamba
- support MTN and local football," she said.

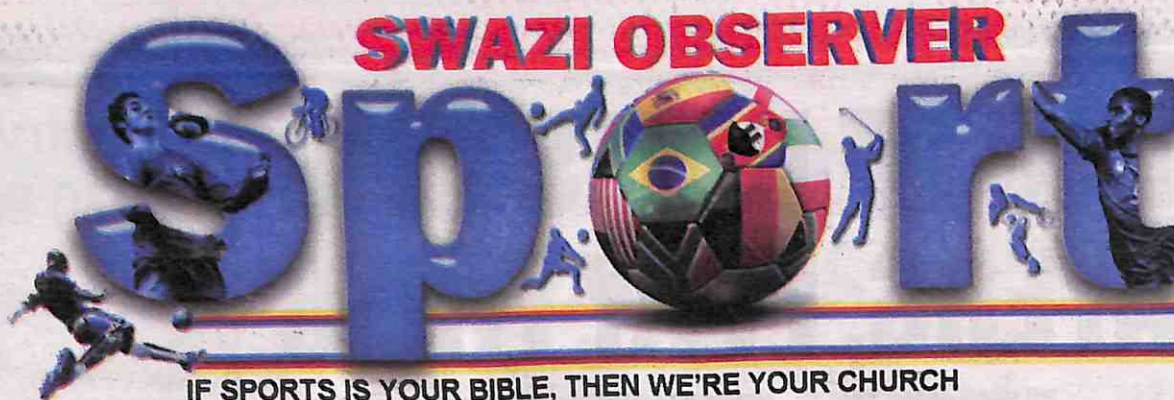
RESULTS

ABSA Premiership

Free State Stars	0 - 2	Kaizer Chiefs
Golden Arrows	1 - 1	SuperSport
Baroka FC	1 - 4	Chippa United

UEFA Champions League

Arsenal	2 - 0	Basel
Atl. Madrid	1 - 0	Bayern Munich
Monchengladbach	1 - 2	Barcelona
Besiktas	1 - 1	Dyn. Kiev
Celtic	3 - 3	Man City
FK Rostov	2 - 2	PSV
Ludogorets	1 - 3	Paris SG
Napoli	4 - 2	Benfica



IF SPORTS IS YOUR BIBLE, THEN WE'RE YOUR CHURCH

Thursday September 29, 2016



'Rubber' defends 'Bull'

Leave 'Rubber' alone - Gamedze warns supporters

...Victor says supporters gave MD power to lead the team they should live with it

By Sanele Jele

SOCCKER-THE Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) Chairman Victor Gamedze has come to Mbabane Highlanders Managing Director Bheki Rubber Simelane's rescue.

The Chairman hit back at some Mbabane Highlanders supporters whom he said wanted to sabotage Simelane by engaging in unbecoming behaviour during games.

Gamedze was addressing the issue of supporters harassing teams in the dressing rooms during games during a press briefing held at the Sigwaca House yesterday. He said the briefing was not to address violence but to call to order rowdy supporters who act in such a manner.

"It is abnormal in football to see supporters hold their own team hostage. Fans need to accept results and continue supporting their teams. I also want to make it clear that the team does not belong to the fans but to the director. It is the very fans that gave Simelane the power to lead the team and now they want to dethrone him in a rather unsportsman-like way. We encourage fans to engage team directors for a proper dialogue whenever they want to voice their grievances," he said.

The meeting comes shortly after the conduct of some Mbabane Highlanders supporters who wanted to invade the team's dressing room after their 2-3 loss to Mbabane Swallows at the Somhlolo National Stadium last Sunday.

"We have witnessed such conduct from supporters persistently occurring at the stadiums.

This weekend unfortunately it befell Highlanders. We condemn such behavior from these fans. Some teams have lost back to back with huge score lines but their supporters did not act in such a manner. It is disappointing to say the least and we ask Highlanders supporters to desist from such unbecoming behavior," Gamedze said.

Also present during the meeting were PLS Executive members Mduduzi 'Tsotsi' Mabila and Peter 'Touch' Magagula, Chief Operations Officer (COO) Pat Vilakati and Mbabane Highlanders Director Rubber Simelane.



'LOSING TO 'BIRDS NOT THE END OF THE WORLD'

Stories by Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCKER - MBA-BANE Highlanders Managing Director Bheki Rubber Simelane says losing one league match against arch-rivals Mbabane Swallows is not the end of the world.

The MD made these remarks during the introduction of the team's new assistant coach Terisayi Changara in Sidwashini yesterday.

The 'Black Bull' as Highlanders is affectionately known, lost 2-3 to Swallows during the MTN league grand opening at the Somhlolo National Stadium. This was their second consecutive loss to the red and white in the space of less than a month as they suffered a 1-3 loss dur-

ing the second leg of the Castle Premier Challenge semi-finals. Making his remarks during a briefing yesterday, Simelane said they had decided to beef up their technical team in order to assist the team's Head Coach Meck Mwase. He said just like last season, the team would be challenging for the league honours hence the need to strengthen the team.



not judge us about this because there are other games that we are still going to play. The league is a marathon and not about one team," he said.

The MD said they had confident that the current squad would play well in the new campaign.

Confident

"We want to improve the squad and we are confident that our technical bench will help us achieve our goals," he said

He said they were happy to have Changara and South African born coach Velaphi Zulu, join Mbabane Highlanders as assistant coaches.

Simelane noted that the two would be with the team for

Strong

"Highlanders' is a big team and therefore needs strong and experienced people to lead the squad. We want to win the league and we are confident of doing just that come end of the season. Losing just one game to Mbabane Swallows is not all that matters. People should

Terisayi happy to join 'Landers

FORMER premier league rookies Tambuti Coach Terisayi Changara expressed joy over joining giants Mbabane Highlanders as their number two.

Changara, who led the sugar belt outfit to league promotion, was unveiled during a press briefing in Sidwashini yesterday.

The former XI Men midfielder will work together with team's Head Coach Meck Mwase and South African born mentor Velaphi Zulu the team's assistant coach. Making his remarks during the briefing, the coach

said he was happy to be part of a big team like Highlanders. He expressed gratitude to the team's MD Bheki Simelane for giving him the opportunity to join the side. "I am also happy that I will be working with both coaches especially Mwase whose philosophy I like very much," he said. Zulu also added he was happy to be part of the black and white ensemble. "I am happy to be part of a winning team and look forward to working with the coaches. I am a holder of a CAF B License and will share my experience with the team," said the Mpumalanga



WELCOME HOME: Mbabane Highlanders Coach Meck Mwase flanked by his assistants Velaphi Zulu and Terisayi Changara during the official unveiling of the two coaches held in Sidwashini yesterday. (Pic by Qondile Ntiwane)

born mentor. Meanwhile, Mwase said he was looking forward to a fruitful relation-

ship with the coaches as they worked towards the betterment of the team