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Yesterday's thunderstorm left a trail of destruction after lightning struck the Nkonyeni Golf Estate gate house, igniting the thatched roof, razing it to the ground. (Courtesy pic)

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CLARIFICATION

RAILWAY NONSENSE

REPAIRS FOR TRAINS INVOLVED IN DEADLY CRASH TO COST E30M

STORIES BY MLONDI MPANZA

The Swaziland Railway has been left with a cost of at least E30 million in expenses for the repairs of the trains which were involved in the accident that claimed the life of a train driver, whilst his assistant sustained severe injuries.

This was revealed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Swaziland Railway (SR), Stephenson Ngubane when making his submission to the ongoing Commission of Enquiry following the fatal accident that happened last December when a train from Komatiport crashed into a stationery one at Mpaka Depot behind the administration offices.

He said this on Thursday during his appearance which was followed by that of the Director of Engineering in the company, Bhekithemba Dlamini.

Ngubane told the commission the train that crashed into another belonged to Transnet Freight Rail also known as 'TFR' and SR was responsible for the repairs of the trains hence the estimate cost.

In a separate submission, Dlamini also added the cost was high due to the fact that the extent of the accident had seen the engines of all four locomotives that made up the train being damaged beyond repair and therefore they had to be removed and replaced by new ones due to the impact of the accident.

The impact was said to be extensive because it was suspected all the engines were running at the time of the accident, despite that the train had no load on it.

It was however said these can only be assumptions until an

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Chief Executive Officer of the Swaziland Railway (SR), Stephenson Ngubane when making his submission to the ongoing Commission of Enquiry of the accident that happened last December at Mpaka Depot.

interpreter was found who would read into the black box in order to be in a position to know what actually transpired on the day of the accident.

Hopeful

Ngubane said the interpreter had to be sought from the neighbouring South Africa and were hopeful they would soon get the services of one to solve the puzzle.

It was submitted the black box generated an email which was sent to Dlamini, his assistant, mechanical engineer and tech-

nician in the event there were any faults on the train; however none of such was received on the day.

Case

Dlamini told the commission although there were four locomotives making up the train, but only one was leading, in this case being SR002 and controlled by one driver.

Explaining on his findings, Dlamini said it was surprising to note that first, second and last locomotives had been badly damaged more than the third

one.

He also stated the trains were new and had just been out of their warranty as he substantiates his claim that they were fully functional.

On another note, the CEO told the commission they had since taken on corrective measures to prevent such from the near future, one of which was the recent installation of a train derailer at the Mpaka Depot. This is a device used to prevent fouling off a rail track anything that may be present on the track without authority.

The CEO said this would help control runaway trains which could be due to different reasons, amongst which would be a case such as the one at hand or due to mechanical faults.

"A derailer will avoid unauthorised entry by problematic trains into the depot since there are equipments and people," he told the commission.

Ngubane said the decision to implement such measures was subsequent to an observation that safety at the Mpaka depot was not at par despite that they always try to manage what they have but such accidents always show them where there are concerns they might have overlooked. He said just the movement of the train alone was a health concern for the company because they transport delicate and hazardous loads which needed to be treated in a safe manner at all times as he made an example that in the past year they had a consignment of explosives. But, just like all companies he cited the challenge of funds as one that limits them in that as much as they allocate the funds for the different needs but these are never enough although they try and do as much as possible in taking safety as very much a concern.

these dynamics we have to alternate the employees in light of shortages more-so because Mpaka is a passing by point, while Matsapha is the main and critical depot."

He then explained whether the headcount of the staff would not have mattered on the day, except that this was an issue of not observing the rules of the rail industry.

This is to mean there is a certain restriction point which a driver has to stop at upon

approaching a depot - for which he then communicates with the controller of his arrival who then has to authorise his entry. However, in this case this rule was not observed as the trained passed this particular point without alerting any of the controllers.

Ngubane went to the extent of noting it was possible for a train to spend the whole day at that point, as long as it has not been authorised, the rule held it should not move.

Not enough staff on day of accident

It has been submitted there was not enough staff at the Mpaka depot on the day of the accident.

However, this was disputed by the CEO to be one of the contributing factors which might have led to the accident.

According to information sourced from the submissions made in the ongoing commission of enquiry, the Mpaka depot was short of an officer

who had been redeployed to the Matsapha main depot.

The CEO, Stephenson Ngubane told the commission the Swaziland Railway was a network with the challenge of being a dynamic service provider.

This means the company's headcount may be good but there were dynamics that happened on a daily basis.

Therefore, "it is because of

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RAILWAY NONSENSE

.....call for more drivers by Commission of Enquiry

It has been suggested the Swaziland Railway hires more train drivers in order to prevent the occurrence of an accident due to fatigue.

The suggestion was made during the ongoing Commission of Enquiry because this issue seems to be one of the main factors that contributed to the accident.

At the time of the accident, it was suspected the driver and his assistant had fallen asleep during the trip due to fatigue as they are alleged to have worked more hours than normal.

Adjusting

However, the CEO revealed they had since adopted corrective measures which are to the extent of adjusting the working hours, particularly for the train drivers to avoid such in the future.

When asked on the shifts used at the organisation, Ngubane responded by stating there were three shifts available which were from

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7am to 5pm for the Sidvokodvo depot, 8am to 4:45pm for the headquarters and eight hours for the train drivers which should make up 48 hours weekly.

Although, he said the eight hours per day was not possible for the train drivers hence he had personally instructed the drivers to take 12 hours daily upon which it was at their discretion to down tools upon completion of their shift.

He said this was because of the complexity of their job in that, "For instance, a trip from Mpaka to Lavumisa takes around 10 hours due to the fact that the rail is shared amongst the trains, so this means the eight hours a day elapses before the completion of trip and it would not make sense to leave the train in the middle of nowhere."

Ngubane said this meant

after the completion of the shift, no driver should be anywhere near the operations, but off site and "if a driver decides to stop immediately after his shift despite his location, nothing will be done to him because he would be exercising his right."

He pointed out they were challenged with the issue of drivers in the sense they only had one instructor for a course which took 18 months for 15 drivers.

Issues

He said from a group of the 15 drivers, they were affected by issues such as chronic diseases which meant they would find themselves with only 10 drivers at the end of the course. But, he did note they would look into shortening the length of the course, at-least to a ear to cover up the shortage.

...Attempts to brake train were made

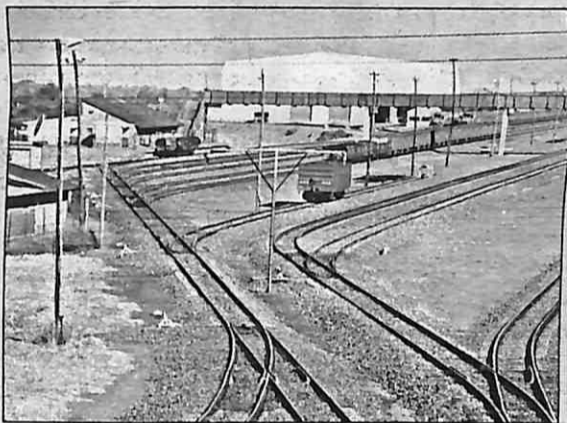
An inspection of the train wreckage by the Director of Engineering, Bhekithemba Dlamini revealed there were attempts to brake the 'runaway' train.

He said he came to this conclusion at his discretion as an engineer as he stated the brakes normally have a sign of retraction if there had been efforts to brake and in this case, such was noted in the train.

This was after he had been asked by the Commissioners to share his own observation of what happened in the accident - for which he said the impact gave the impression the four locomotives were all running when the crash happened.

"Otherwise, if they were not running, there would have only been the impact only and not the damages to the engines and all," he said. He added this had also been the assessment of the trains manufacturing company before stating he was certain if the train had a driver it would not have stopped on time when the brakes were applied.

The director also disputed the possibility of the train crashing due to a



The Swaziland Railway Mpaka depot where the train accident happened and will cost the company E30 Million for repairs.

mechanical fault as he stated the fact that it drove all the way from Komatiport to Mpaka without any reports of faults is one sign that it was on its best condition.

Faults

This is despite the commissioners revealing it had previously been submitted the train had delays during its trip which were subsequent faults which he maintained that he had not been made aware of such as the director.

He further assured the commission he would furnish them with mechanical reports for all four locomotives to prove at the time of departure from their workshop they had been certified as fit to

prove they had no fault.

On the same note, the director was asked on the reliance of the 'vigilance' of the train which is basically a safety button which needs to be turned over every 90 seconds to make sure the crew is still concentrating.

Concurring to the fact that it was possible the driver and assistant slept despite the good functioning of the vigilance button, he said, "the vigilance button can be switched off subconsciously and by either of the two."

If not turned off, it is said the button then turns off the engine of the locomotives since there would no longer be anyone controlling the train.

We are embarrassed - Local Kombi Association

STORIES BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

"Many bad things happen which we have to put an end to at the bus rank."

Swaziland Local Kombi Association General Secretary Ambrose Dlamini said this as response to allegations that primary school going children are being violated in stationary kombis within the Manzini Bus Rank.

He was approached after advice from owners who were shocked by the denials of one Sabelo Dlamini who said he was the chairman of the association on Monday.

Sabelo called on Monday to caution this reporter about tarnishing the name of their business as kombi operators and demanded to see this publication's editors on Tuesday.

Despite having been given leeway to see the Acting Editor Alec Lushaba, he failed to pitch and instead resorted to grant the Times of Swaziland an interview where he denied such could occur.

Expressing his concern about the lives of the young girls who get violated, Ambrose revealed how they were not only being taken advantage of in the bus rank, but were further taken to flats during the day where all sorts of unmentionables were bound to happen.

His revelation supports newspaper articles a few weeks ago about a young primary school going girl who disappeared for three weeks only to resurface in a conductor's flat.

"You are aware that conductors carry a lot of money and are in control of it," he said during the telephonic interview.

He said there were agreements between drivers and the conductors which came about due to the latter controlling the money.

"There are situations where drivers have to teach the conductors as part of their transactions to drive and they at times give them the vehicles so as to enable them to run errands," he said adding how this resulted in accidents occurring.

He revealed how some of the young girls were not just violated within the bus rank but were then taken to the flats where sexual exploits occur.

"You are aware kombis can park for hours on end at the bus rank while they await their turn to get on the platform and load passengers," he said.

He admitted their employees tended to be a law unto themselves, "Basisebentisa kabi

Police plead for assistance in policing bus rank

The Royal Swaziland Police Service this past week

vowed to do something about the allegations that minor children get violated in the Manzini bus rank.

Last week, the Sunday Observer revealed how primary school going children are allegedly preyed on by drivers and conductors who in turn use stationary kombis as bedrooms for sexual exploits.

The shocking revelations spurred on the police who then called for the interview this past Wednesday in order to ascertain the extent of the sexual abuse.

Speaking during an interview at the headquarters, Domestic Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences (DCS) Unit's Mbongeni Mlangeni said they were concerned about the allegations as what was happening was violation of the law.

"People should know that it is a crime for anybody to sit back and allow sexual abuse of this nature to happen. So it is our prerogative to intensify our programmes within the schools so as to make children aware that they are being violated," he said while in the presence of acting Chief Police Information and

labanye baba."

He added how it at times happened conductors could then, while waiting their vehicle's turn, take the kombis to their flats or board another with the young girls who usually bunk school.

Promised

"It starts out with the young girl being promised to get a free ride to their destination. You find the child sitting in a kombi on that promise and from there, the crude relationship blossoms with the promise of money being the factor attracting them," he said frankly.

He called on all stakeholders to assist them quash these occurrences.

"We are all parents at the end of the day and when young girls' lives are violated, their future gets ruined," he said.

Ambrose said it was very embarrassing for them as business owners to note their customers (the little ones) were

Communication Officer Phindile Vilakati.

He said it was therefore of utmost importance that members of the public assist them in rooting out such occurrences, not only in the bus rank, but where ever else they could be taking place.

Perpetrators

On the issue of patrolling, Vilakati said there were visible patrols which take place but they were at a disadvantage because they were then spotted by the perpetrators who usually stop what they are doing long enough to let them pass and carry on with their shenanigans.

"Patrolling will never be enough if we do it alone without the assistance of the members of the public," she said while calling for the public to be vigilant and helpful on the issues of crime prevention.

She encouraged reporting of all crimes and escalation to the next level whenever there seemed to be inaction.

"Members of the public are urged to escalate complaints to the next officer all the way to the station commander whenever they note that nothing is seemingly being done within a reasonable time," she said.

not safe in their hand.

"If the children are being treated this way by our employees, it means they will have no fear of being reprimanded by anyone who comes across them," he said while calling for community parenting as the way to quash such behaviour from happening.

Assist

"I hope the city council rangers can help us in this regard and assist us whenever they see misplaced children who then fall victim to such," he said.

He further stated how there was a need to rope in their own employees such as marshals as well as the drivers and kombis.

"We would like to discourage sitting in parked kombis as this then brings about the temptation to court the young children who have been promised discounts and are attracted by money," he said adding how only those in platforms should have people inside.

Please let us know of any crime. The police pleaded to members of the public to make use of their toll free line 999 or 9999 to report crime and whenever there is a need to esca-

late matters, to call regional commanders for assistance.

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INGWENYAMA CUP CULTURE KICKS OFF

BY SIMON SHABANGU

Ingwenyama Cup Culture started on a high note in the Manzini region at Mavuso Exhibition and Trade Centre where a number of culture groups came through to compete for a space in the prestigious cultural competition.

The competition continues in the Manzini Region as it proceeds to Mankayane today where groups are also expected to come in their numbers and take part in this competition. The committee, led by Prince Hlangabeza said they have decided to do two regional eliminations per region to try and reach out to almost every group that might be interested in participating in the competition which is His Majesty King Mswati III's brainchild sponsored by MVA.

Top three winners in the regional elimination will get prize money to help them prepare for the final. The current situation is that the first position finalists will proceed to the final with a chance of the first and second runner-up also being called to compete in the finals. The committee is still yet to decide on that according to Prince Hlangabeza. In the group stages first position will get E2 000 cash, Second position E1000 while third position pockets E500. In the Timbongi category first position gets E700, Second position gets E500 while third position holder gets E300.

THE WINNERS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

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| Sibhaca | 1. Mbelebeleni | Ingadla | 1. Ngculwini |
| | 2. Ngculwini | | 2. Logoba |
| | 3. Tindaladini | | 3. Nhlabeni |
| Lutsango | 1. Lozitha | Timbongi | 1. Sicelo Dlamini |
| | 2. Zombodze | | 2. Celemasiko Dlamini |
| | 3. Kwaluseni | | 3. Nonsikelelo Shongwe |



Ingwenyama Cup Committee Chairman Prince Hlangabeza making his remarks during the first day of the Ingwenyama Cup Culture competition at Mavuso Trade Centre yesterday. Looking on are Prince Bukhosi who is chairman of the culture component of the competition and Sandile Nxumalo who is a member. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



The panel of judges in focus as they judge the Sibhaca teams.



Sibhaca group from Mbelebeleni who emerged overall winners pictured in action.



Sibhaca team from Tindaladini doing one of their captivating stunts during their rendition.



Young Imbongi Celemasiko Dlamini who came second receiving his prize from Prince Hlangabeza.

EMOTIONAL

STORIES BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

Bishop Nash's son Pastor Sikhumbuzo Shongwe has paid lobola for his fiancée Jabulile Nkonyane after announcing their engagement at Divine Healing Ministries in March this year.

Sikhumbuzo was accompanied by his family to Ngculwini where he paid 14 cattle as dowry for his fiancée. Interviewed yesterday, the pastor said he was still overwhelmed with emotions as reality started to kick in when his members of his family left his homestead headed to his fiancée's homestead with the herd.

"I was very emotional such that I had tears in my eyes when I watched this happening and to me it was moving. I thank God for where I am today and what I have managed to achieve because it was through his guidance that I have gotten this far. Who would have thought that one day my family would support me in such a big decision and have in-laws welcome me with warm hands," wondered Shongwe.

He said the support of his family, members of his congregation - Phumulamcashi Divine Healing Ministries branch, his friends as well as the Nkonyane family for making his wish of proving his love for his fiancée possible was heart warming.

He singled out the support of his parents and businessman Victor Gamedze, whom he said played a big role in making the day a success. The couple which is planning to get married early next year was dressed in matching outfits and were joined by their close friends for their big day. Festivities are expected to continue today at Ngculwini following the conclusion of the lobola negotiations.

Sikhumbuzo Shongwe terrorised us - Minister

Minister of Sports, Youth and Culture Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala has applauded Pastor Sikhumbuzo Shongwe for changing his life before it was too late.

The minister, who is the former Mafutseni Police Station Commander, recalled how the reformed Manzini bad boy used to be known as bad news among the police. The minister said he was very proud of Shongwe for the changes he has made in his life and he could indeed testify that he was now a different person.

"I know Sikhumbuzo from long ago when he used to be bad news with the police and used to terrorise us. I have seen the transformation in him and it is commendable that he has managed to change his life around. Even today I am still amazed; when I came here I wanted to see that he is really taking steps in the right direction by taking a wife. His decision of getting saved was a good one," he said.

The minister said Shongwe paying dowry for his wife showed that he was a responsible person now, as compare to the old Sikhumbuzo everyone used to know. Ngcamphalala congratulated Shongwe and his fiancée and wished them the best as they prepared to start a family together.

Lightning destroys Nkonyeni gatehouse

Nkonyeni Golf Estate became the latest casualty of storms yesterday when a bolt of lightning struck the gatehouse leaving it in ruins.

Last week heavy storms accompanied by wind left a trail of damage in several homesteads in Lubulini and surrounding areas in the Lubombo region.

Without significant rains, the

storms have left a trail of damage for a country that is still reeling from effects of El Nino which has affected the entire Kingdom and the Southern Africa region.

Police Acting Chief Information and Communication Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the Nkonyeni incident last night.

She said the guards were able to

escape unharmed, despite the extensive damage caused by the lightning.

Normally, severe lightning follows when the temperatures have been too high, like yesterday with the Highveld which normally enjoys low temperatures recording a maximum of 35 degrees and the Lowveld with maximum temperatures reaching close to 40 degrees.



Nkonyeni gate house gatted by fire after lightning yesterday afternoon.

PASTOR SIKHUMBUSO SHONGWE PAYS LOBOLA FOR FIANCE'E



Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David Ngcamphalala pictured with family and friends of Pastor Skhumbuzo Shongwe and his wife Jabu Nkonyane. This was during the Lobola ceremony where Shongwe paid a herd of 14 cattle as dowry for his wife at Ngculwini over the weekend. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



The couple pictured with friends and relatives.



Former Redemption Story member Mxolisi Khumalo and his wife Gugulethu also attended the ceremony.



Family and friends following proceedings of the ceremony.



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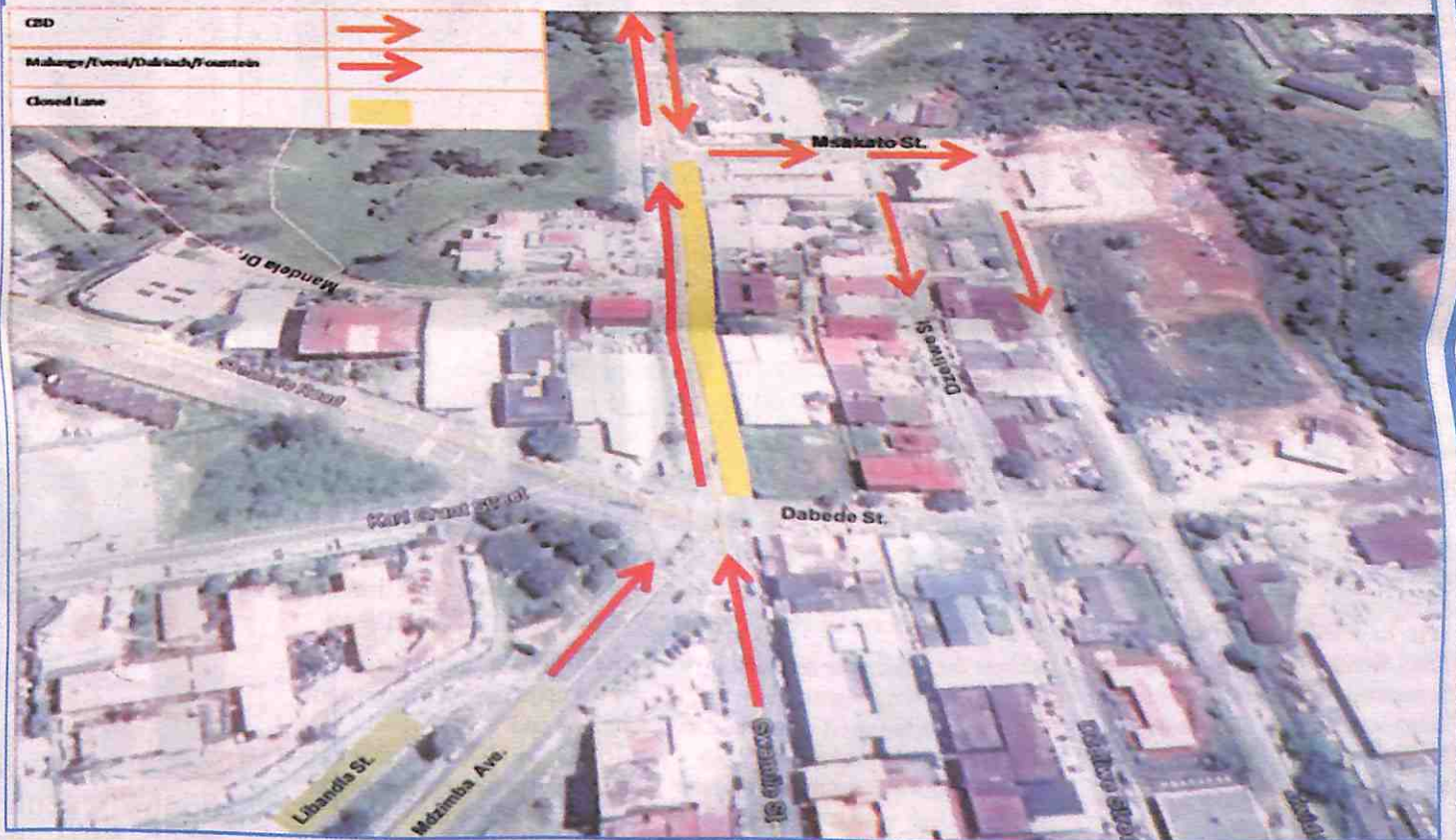
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'WE MADE A GOOD CALL SHUNNING ICC'

BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

"We knew from the very beginning we made a good call," was the Government Spokesperson Percy Simelane's response when asked for a reaction concerning the exodus of countries from the International Criminal Court (ICC).

For the past few weeks, countries such as Burundi, South Africa and Gambia have been making headlines after they announced processed of withdrawing from the ICC. Noteworthy however, is Burundi's president signed a decree to leave the ICC which hasn't been handed to the United Nation Secretary General Ban Ki-moon as per withdrawal procedure.

Simelane said, "Our decision not to be party to the organisation in question was influenced by our national interest and not by the number of African countries joining," while keeping modest about the stance which saw the country being one of the only three countries in Southern Africa to withdraw from the Rome Statute include Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

He said the exodus was not an eye opener to the country, "...as we knew from the very beginning we had made a good call."

Simelane, despite being modest said, "We normally think before we ink or look before we leap as it were."

In the same voice, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mgwagwa Gamedze said the country investigated conventions prior to ratifying them.

"As a country, before we ratify any convention, we look at what do they entail and what laws we have because we have to domesticate them in line with the laws of the country," he said.

He said it was in this spirit they avoided the intergovernmental organisation and interna-



tional tribunal that sits in The Hague in the Netherlands.

Gamedze said their main reason for avoiding the ICC was the membership in the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) is a group of states which are not formally aligned with any country. The country has over the years shunned invitations to the ICC with the last one being in 2008. During that period, the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC)—a global network of more than 2 500 civil society organisations—wrote to His Majesty King Mswati III and former Prime Minister Absalom Themba Dlamini urging Swaziland to prioritise its accession to the Rome Statute.

The 'revolt' by African states has been said to have been an intention in the last few years after the realisation that only African leaders were targeted by the court.

All investigations have targeted only Africans.

Last year, South Africa was berated for failure to detain Sudan President Omar Al-Bashir

The African union resolved to stop cooperating with the ICC last year, and the revolt has been viewed as response to the resolve.

The outcry by African countries also largely stems from the Caveat in the Rome Statute that indicates that the permanent five members of the UN Security Council can also tell

the court whom to charge. Despite countries such as Russia, China and the USA not being part of the ICC, they are permanent members of the UNSC.

Africans who have been investigated by the ICC

Joseph Kony
Leader of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), a guerrilla group that formerly operated in Uganda.

Georgia
ICC Prosecutor authorised to open proprio motu investigation: 27 January 2016

Current focus: Alleged crimes against humanity and war crimes committed in the context of an international armed conflict between 1 July and 10 October 2008

Current regional focus: According to the Prosecution's request for authorisation to investigate: in and around South Ossetia

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Central African Republic II
Situation referred to the ICC by the CAR Government: May 2014

ICC investigations opened: September 2014
Current focus: Alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in the context of renewed violence starting in 2012 in CAR.

Current regional focus: Throughout CAR
Mali

Situation referred to the ICC by the Government of Mali: July 2012

ICC investigations opened: January 2013
Current focus: Alleged war crimes committed in Mali since January 2012

Current regional focus: Mainly in three northern regions, Gao, Kidal and Timbuktu, with certain incidents in Bamako and Sévaré, in the south

History of the ICC

On 17 July 1998, the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court was adopted by

Three women killed, eight injured in bus accident

BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

Three women were killed on the spot when a car they were travelling in lost control and rammed into a stationary bus at Nkomazi.

The car was descending the steep hill while the ascending bus had reached a stop to allow passengers to get off when the car lost control and smashed straight into the bus. Three of the four passengers who were in the bus are said to have been killed instantly, while the fourth passenger was admitted in hospital and was in a critical condition by yesterday evening. Eye witnesses believe the women in the condor were travelling from a traditional ceremony as they were dressed in traditional gear.

Seven passengers who were in the bus were also injured in the accident and were receiving treatment yesterday. Acting Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the accident. "We can confirm a car crashed into a bus after it lost control and three people have been confirmed dead. One person has been admitted while seven were injured and are receiving treatment," she said.

a vote of 120 to seven, with 21 countries abstaining. The seven countries that voted against the treaty were China, Iraq, Israel, Libya, Qatar, the United States, and Yemen.

The ICC has the jurisdiction to prosecute individuals for the international crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes.

The ICC is intended to complement existing national judicial systems and it may therefore only exercise its jurisdiction when certain conditions are met, such as when national courts are unwilling or unable to prosecute criminals or when the United Nations Security Council or individual states refer investigations to the Court.

CJ GETS STANDING OVATIONS AT LAWYER'S DO

BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

In what can be said to a complete turn from times past, lawyers gave Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala a standing ovation during their annual dinner held at Libandla Room at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre on Friday night.

This happened when the CJ was called to receive his token of appreciation after the well attended dinner. Lawyers sang praises to the CJ as they revealed to be honoured by his presence and the fact that he took their occasion to respond to one of the most pressing concern they had, concerning the constitutionality of the Supreme Court judges.

The CJ's attendance was the first in the four years the dinners have been held to have someone of the office attend.

The Law Society of Swaziland (LSS), which hosted the dinner, had threatened to boycott the Supreme Court session if full-time judges of the Supreme Court were not appointed.

The CJ used the opportunity to



The Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala was applauded by lawyers during their annual dinner on Friday for pointing out the Supreme Court sitting with LSS President hailing the move as constitutional. (Photos: Thembeke Dlamini)

address the issue as he revealed how His Majesty King Mswati III.

In response to the CJ's speech, LSS President Ben J Simelane said they were thankful to hear their concerns had been dealt with accordingly.

"We are grateful for the compli-

ance to the constitution as we call for the upholding of the constitution," he said.

The dinner took a different format this year as presenters taught the lawyers valuable skills.



Lawyers Macilongo Ndlovu and Simanga Man having fun.



Judge Titus Mlangeni sharing a light moment with SRIC s Zombodze Magagula

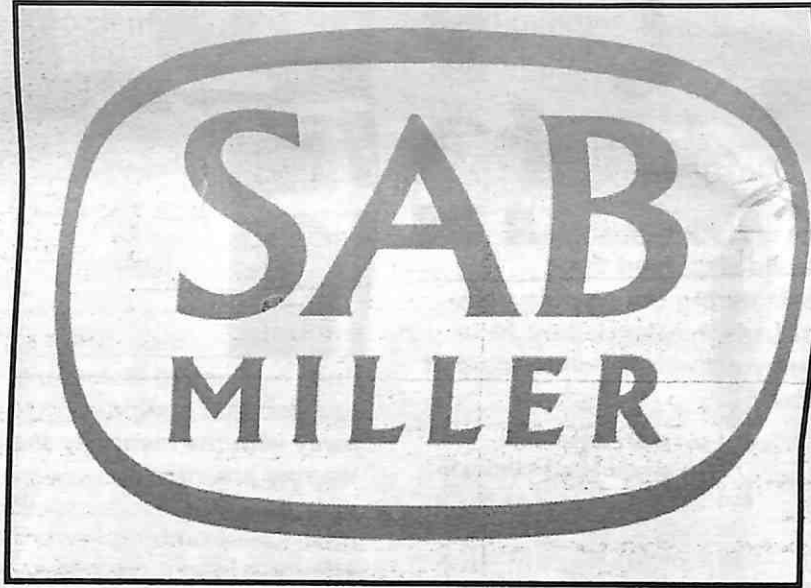
SABMILLER TAKE OVER; SWAZILAND BEVERAGES ALLAYS FEARS

BY MLONDI MPANZA

The recent take-over of SABMiller which also affects the Swaziland Beverages (SB) has brought about fears in so far as job losses are concerned.

Swaziland Beverages has however come out to allay fears among the staff saying no changes are expected in the company's operations, at least in the short term.

SB's Corporate Affairs Director Mpumelelo Makhubu said this in response to questions that were posed to him on allegations of changes already taking place within the company following the takeover, which include staff being moved to new departments as means to try and accommodate them in the new system. This information had been revealed to Sunday Observer by well placed sources who alleged that it was also not certain what would happen to the current batch of managers with the new company bringing along their own. They said, "As of October, 10, a lot has been happening in terms of the movement of employees, particularly the management with some being moved around. We really do not know what will happen, except that we sense there could be retrenchments." However, Makhubu has disputed this. "No changes are expected to the operations of Swaziland Beverages in the short term and the operation is continuing as usual," he said. Reports at the time of the negotiation of the deal were to the effect



that it had cost around £79bn and the multimillion agreement was described as the third largest corporate deal that will see the new company produce almost one third of the world's beer. Of note, the deal also touches on Coca Cola Beverages Africa (CCBA) which is one of the key suppliers and shareholders of SABMiller. According to their contract, in the event the SABMiller decides to sell its shares, Coca Cola had the right to buy SABMiller's stake and this newspaper has been reliably told by Makhubu that the negotiations for the acquisition were ongoing. This was after it had been rumoured that Coca Cola was threatening to pull out of the deal due to reasons which could not be verified, but SB Corporate Affairs Manager stated that, "As announced on

October 11 2016, Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV (AB InBev) has confirmed having been notified by The Coca-Cola Company (TCCC) of its intention to acquire AB InBev's stake in Coca-Cola Beverages Africa (CCBA). AB InBev is negotiating the terms of the transaction with The Coca-Cola Company at a global level, according to the contractual arrangements." He also said that the soft drinks business of Swaziland Beverages did not form part of CCBA and so it was not part of the proposed acquisition. The deal between InBev and SABMiller was agreed last year, but in July AB InBev was forced to raise its offer following a fall in the pound in the wake of the Brexit vote. AB InBev increased its offer by £1 a share to £45 a share and this is according to international reports.

OWEN OUT OF SIPA SAGA

BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

Timely intervention by new Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza assisted Minister Owen Nxumalo pull out of intervening in the Swaziland Promotion and Investment Authority saga where cleaners had complained about their CEO.

Nxumalo, who is also Member of Parliament for the Manzini South constituency could have found himself in a sticky position what with his involvement in the saga which saw cleaners forwarding grievances to him. The cleaners were on the verge of submitting a petition about their grievances and had their MP as their voice as he was vocal on their issues.

Asked about his role in the SIPA debacle now that he was minister, Nxumalo this past week revealed that he had to pull out as the new minister promised to tackle the issue. He admitted that his position would have been tricky in the event an intervention had not been forthcoming as he had entered into the fray as their MP, something which hadn't changed.

Immediately after the appointment of the additional two ministers, Principal Secretary in the ministry of commerce Jinnoh Nkambule paid a visit to the aggrieved employees to deliver a message from new Minister Mabuza.

Nkambule reportedly visited the employees stationed at the SIPA headquarters before proceeding to the Mavuso International Trade Centre to meet the staff largely made up of cleaners there.

Incidentally, the meeting came



PULLED OUT: Minister Owen Nxumalo.

just a day before the employees had planned to deliver a petition to the minister on various grievances pertaining to their welfare. Nkambule reportedly informed the employees that the minister had requested them to continue with work and promised that their concerns were being attended to.

Nkambule told the workers that the minister said all their concerns had been forwarded to him and he was in the process of addressing them.

The employees, it was established had planned to deliver the petition raising concerns that they have not been awarded a cost of living adjustment for the years 2016, which stands at 4.9 percent.

They were also going to petition the ministry to demand payment of their outstanding overtime allowances for working at the trade in fair 2015 and 2016, among other concerns.

'CHINA POPULAR WITH SWAZIS, AFRICANS'

BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

CHINA, regarded as a development model has gained favour with Africans, including Swazis.

This is according to the latest findings of Afrobarometer, a pan African, non-partisan research network, which has also conducted numerous surveys in the country.

The report which was released on Monday states that in the eyes of Africans, China was a strong contender against United States in influence and popularity as a development model. The research which covered 36 African Countries involved 56 000 respondents on China's growing presence in Africa. China was ranked second as a development model for Africans, with the US coming out a favourite.

The Washington Post reported that across the countries surveyed, 63 percent of respondents thought China's economic and political influence in their country was positive. In Mali, 92 percent of citizens

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said China's influence in Mali was positive. Worth noting however is that Swaziland is one of the few African countries that also shows to pay high regard to South Africa as a development model. Four other Southern African countries, namely Lesotho, Namibia, Malawi, and Zimbabwe, thought South Africa is the most highly regarded development model.

The countries in which less than half of the respondents had a positive opinion about China's influence included Algeria, Egypt, Ghana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Morocco and Zimbabwe. The survey results also show that China, cited by 24 percent of respondents, becomes the second most popular model for national

development. Only the United States, which scored 30 percent, leads China, while about one in 10 respondents prefer their former colonial powers (13 percent) or South Africa (11 percent) as a model.

Afrobarometer asked, "In your opinion, does China's economic development assistance to your country do a good job or a bad job of meeting the country's needs, or haven't you heard enough to say?" More than half of the survey participants thought China's development assistance was doing a good job in their country, with Malians again having the highest proportion of citizens with favourable attitudes (88 percent).

Key findings of the Afrobarometer report

- On average across 36 African countries, China is the second-most-popular model for national development (cited by 24% of respondents), trailing only the United States of America (30%). About one in 10 respondents prefer their former colonial power (13%) or South Africa (11%) as a model.

- Countries and regions vary widely in their admiration for various development models. In Southern and North Africa, China matches the United States in popularity, and in Central Africa, China takes the lead (35% vs. 27%). In five Southern African countries (Lesotho, Swaziland, Namibia, Malawi, and Zimbabwe), South Africa is the most highly regarded development model.

- A plurality of Africans see their former colonial power as wielding the greatest external influence in their country (28%), followed by China (23%) and the United States (22%). China's influence is

perceived to be highest in Zimbabwe (55%), Mozambique (52%), Sudan (47%), Zambia (47%), South Africa (40%), and Tanzania (40%).

- Almost two-thirds (63%) of Africans say China's influence is "somewhat" or "very" positive, while only 15% see it as somewhat/very negative.

Favourable views are most common in Mali (92%), Niger (84%), and Liberia (81%).

- A majority (56%) of Africans also see China's development assistance as doing a "somewhat" or "very" good job of meeting their country's needs.
- The most important factors contributing to a positive image of China in Africa are its infrastructure/development and business investments and the cost of its products, while the quality of its products gives its image a black eye. Political and social considerations rank low among factors affecting China's image on the continent.

REMOVE MENTALITY THAT WOMEN ARE INFERIOR

STORIES BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

Pupils from 23 schools around the country called for the removal of the mentality women are inferior to men during the closing ceremony of the World's Largest Lesson held at Sibayeni Lodge on Friday.

The mixture of primary and high school pupils took turns depicting their understanding of the lesson which focused on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5 which promotes gender equality.

Swazi National High School's Temlandvo Matsebula called for equal representation of women in positions that matter such as Parliament. She decried the constitution of males being at 94 percent whereas women were at six percent in Parliament and said such an imbalance was uncalled for in the struggle for gender equality. The young lass said women were often labelled as the weaker sex and called inferior with men being



Siteki School for the Deaf pupils displayed the Sustainable Development Goals during the closing ceremony of the World's Largest Lesson attended by 23 schools where children displayed their understanding of Goal 5. (Pics Thembeke Dlamini)

given the position of superiority.

She called for a stop in women's bodies being suppressed and choked in order to fail to realise their full potential. "Who came up with the line a woman's place is in the kitchen," she asked.

She challenged and called for the doing away with the line as it impedes on women getting educated to become engineers, doctors

and any other aspiration.

"Men use the word woman in order to look down at each other. They talk of weaker men walking like a woman, talking like a woman, fighting like a woman," she said.

"If women are weak, who raises children alone? Who stays up at night nursing a sick child and wakes up in the morning to go work," she asked adding men rely



Poet Temlandvo Matsebula pleaded that people do away with the mentality that women are inferior.

on women to be great. On the other hand, KaZakhali High School's Nokwanda Dlamini rendered a reverting poem where she asked why the essence of the African Queen stayed hidden whereas she had enough substance to make a difference.

Manzini Infant practising pupils

hailed the development goal as setting the country in the right direction as it would help the country enable them to get jobs of their choice. They said inequality was tantamount to an injustice as equality brought about solutions.

Nomalungelo pleaded women should not be ostracised, "Let the girl child be the greatest," she said while calling for the targeting of all forms of violence against women and children.

An animation by Mphundle High School pupils had the audience in stitches as it depicted a young boy who mocked his sister's responsibility in the house while ignoring the need to help her.

By stroke of luck, a body swap occurred making the young boy aware of the extent of the chores which his sister had to endure. The animated video was illustrated by a seven year old while the high school pupils did the voice over and story idea. On the other hand INCEF Chief, Adolescent, Protections, Learning and Development Leonard Kamugisha thanked the ministry of education for endorsing the initiative as well as the teachers who took responsibility of orienting students on Goal 5. He praised the pupil's creativity as they demonstrated their understanding of the goal.

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The Golden Girls motivated pupils to strive to be the best.



Leonard kamugisha thanked the ministry of education and teachers for teaching the pupils.



The Mphundle High School pupils who created an animation of gender inequality depiction.

Have fun with yourself, laugh at your mistakes

Golden Girl and African Alliance Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Nelisiwe Mabuza reminded pupils about avoiding being hard on themselves whenever they make mistakes. She stated how belittling was part of a journey one had to go through in order to succeed. "You have to be centred on who you are.

Together

It doesn't matter what is being said about you as long as you know yourself," she said. She, together with SPTC General Manager Corporate Services Sharon Maziya and

Junior Achievement Board Chairperson Nokukhanya Gamedze were introduced by peer and Matsapha Town Council CEO Gcniwe Mabuza to motivate pupils during the ceremony. The women motivated children to work towards their goals and strive to reach them.

Quartet

Giving pearls of wisdom, the quartet revealed they purposed to be the mirror which young girls could look at while striving for greatness.

"It doesn't matter where you come from, you all have it in you to succeed," said Fakudzwe

who said she was groomed on the analogy of a driver of an old car having to prepare way ahead for a journey to Mbabane as opposed to the owner of a new car.

"They both reach Mbabane at the end of the day. The difference is the time taken," she said while calling for those who struggled in grasping at school to persevere and work harder so as to pass.

The women emphasised the spirit of support for one another should prevail while keeping in mind likeminded friends can assist them succeed.



The Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini receiving a special report which had been compiled on the work done by Cheshire Homes in the country.



President of the Federation of the Disabled in Swaziland (FODSWA) Mandla Methula sharing his testimonial while Themba Xaba who was the Programme Director looks on.



Princess Lindiwe delivering the speech on behalf of the Cheshire Homes patron Highness Inkhosikati LaNtentesa.



President of the Federation of Swaziland Employers and Chamber of Commerce (FSE&CC) Andrew Le Roux making his presentation.

CHESHIRE RECEIVES TWO VEHICLES ON 30TH ANNIVERSARY

BY MLONDI MPANZA

Cheshire Homes on Friday night received two vehicles which were donated by its benefactors during the organisations' 30th anniversary.

The two vehicles, a brand new Toyota Avanza and Quantum were donated by the Royal Swazi Hotel and a good friend of Cheshire, respectively.

The donations were made during the event which was held at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre which was graced by the presence of Princess Lindiwe who represented the Patron of Cheshire Homes, Her Royal Highness Inkhosikati LaNtentesa, and the Prime Minister Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini who was the guest speaker and the Republic of China on Taiwan Ambassador Thomas Chen amongst the guests.

The organisation also received a donation of E45 000 from the Public Service Pension Fund (PSPF), as well as donations from Artists Honest Mhlanga and "Train" who did paintings on stage during the event and later auctioned between E1 500 and E2 000.

This came at the right time as the organisation depends on donations and sponsorships for survival and it was said that it requires a minimum of E250 000 per month to be fully functional.

Ideally, service users are also requested to pay a nominal fee towards their therapy and treatment costs, however due to the educational and employment challenges most people with disabilities face, they are often unable to contribute towards these costs and fees.

Making his remarks, the prime minister revealed of a disability profile which had been conducted by government in 2011 which found more than 170 000 people which are equivalent to more than 10 percent of the population in the country were identified as disabled. He said, "clearly, these will show



One of the beneficiaries of the Cheshire Homes giving her testimonial on how she had been rehabilitated at the Homes. She said she was now a teacher and her pupils were doing well despite living with disability. (Pics: Mlonzi Mpanza)

differing degrees of severity, but we can see how extensive the challenge is across the population. In many of these causes, disability causes poverty or exacerbates existing poverty."

Therefore, as the country aims for the first world status by 2022, that first world gives a very high priority at all levels to helping the disabled live normal lives. He said sustaining that philosophy was not only a responsibility of the public health service but it demands commitment by every citizen of the country.

This is whether the government makes a fair subvention allocation, the private sector making contributions, financial and otherwise or just the adult

in the street going out of the way to help a disabled person, there is a moral and humanitarian obligation to give those with disability the chance to live as normal life as possible.

"And on individual basis, helping someone less fortunate, everyday of one's life is a wonderfully rewarding feeling. Yet I have to say and I shudder when doing so that more than a few people in our society still believe being around the people with a disability can bring bad luck," he added.

He said such beliefs were wrong which meant people with disability, especially children were hidden in their homesteads and are not given opportunity to participate and contribute to society.

Speaking through her representative, Princess Lindiwe, the patron Inkhosikati LaNtentesa paid a special tribute to His majesty king Mswati III for supporting her in her duties as patron of the organisation.

She said this was a significant responsibility that she was honoured to carry through vigour.

The patron also acknowledged the hard work done by the pioneers of the work since the establishment of the home.

"I also salute the resolute guidance and support of the Board of Directors who willingly give their time, financial resources and experience for the benefit of all the people utilising the home," said Her Royal Highness.

She also applauded the dedication of the staff that are always on the ground on a daily basis giving the services to people living with disabilities, as well as the government for the support and all companies and individuals who contribute financially and otherwise in daily sustenance of the organisation.

The event was also attended by representatives of the different benefactors of the Homes, as well as the Minister of Health, Sibongile Simelane, together with her Principal Secretary, Dr. Simon Zwane.



The Dream Tenors were also there to entertain the audience during the dinner on Friday.

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Presenting credentials can take years

BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

New ambassadors will not necessarily present credentials immediately as the process can take up to three years.

This was revealed by Minister of Foreign Affairs Mgwagwa Gamedze this past Thursday after the announcement of the reshuffle of envoys in the different country missions. He was in essence responding to questions on how the new High Commissioner to South Africa Dumisile Sukati would present cre-

entials to President Zuma as she was supposed to meet him last month. Minister Gamedze said it was no train smash as it at times happened that envoys only got to meet their designated country's leaders at the eve of their departure.

The recent reshuffle saw movement of diplomats from one post to the other.

Njabuliso Busisiwe Gwebu will be ambassador of the Kingdom of Swaziland in the United States of America (USA), while Reverend Abednigo Ntshangase who was

Ambassador in the US has been moved to be High Commissioner of Swaziland to the Republic of Mozambique. Dumisile Sukati who was High Commissioner to the United Kingdom was transferred to be High Commissioner to the Republic of South Africa.

Christian Muzi Nkambule will be High Commissioner of the Kingdom of Swaziland to the United Kingdom, while Mloni Dlamini will be High Commissioner to the Federation of Malaysia.

Zwelethu Mnisi, who was

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Swaziland to the United Nations has been transferred to be Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office and its agencies in Geneva. Joel Musa Nhleko who was Ambassador in Brussels has been recalled back home to be the Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and non-resident Ambassador to Singapore. On the other hand, Sotja Mphucuko Dlamini who was principal secretary in the min-

istry of foreign affairs will be transferred to be Ambassador of Swaziland to the State of Kuwait.

Melusi Martin Masuku who held the position of Chief of Protocol officer was transferred to be Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Swaziland to the United Nations Office in New York, United States of America, while Sibusisiwe Mngometulu will be Ambassador of Swaziland to the Kingdom of Belgium and Permanent Representative to the European Union, African Caribbean and Pacific Countries.

WALTER BENNETT REPORTS COUNCIL TO LABADZALA

BY MLONDI MPANZA

Even though the case of restructuring at the Municipal Council of Mbabane has been concluded, Mbabane Businessman, Walter Bennett is not prepared to let the matter go to rest.

This follows a revelation that the former senator has been to Ludzidzini where he met with the King's Council where he informed them of the irregularities in the process.

Bennett had gone there to send his gratitude to the council for their intervention in the matter which had long been dragging between the Municipal's management and the workers who were eventually 'booted' out of the organisation.

The revelation was made by the former Mbabane mayor during an interview with this newspaper where he stated that amongst the objectives of his visit was to, "sensitise the council that all did not go down well with the negotiations over the restructuring process at the Mbabane Council."

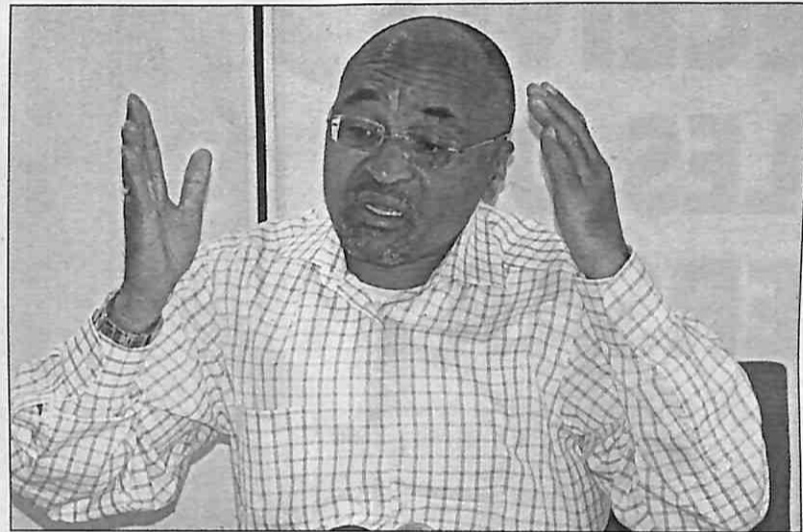
Amongst the irregularities he pointed out was the workers negotiation team which was not as proactive as it should have been in that they did not give timely updates to the workers about the developments in the process.

This, he described as a defiance of the order by the Ludzidzini Council in that one of the recommendations was to conduct the negotiations in a holistic manner, but this did not happen.

For instance, he said the restructuring process was to the effect that the retrenched employees would form companies which would be given first preference for the out sourcing of certain services, instead, he alleged the services were being sourced from other companies besides these.

"Just the other morning I was in the traffic lights when I stopped next to some vehicle when its occupants peeped through the windows and starred at me. As I tried to figure out why they were staring at me, I noted that their vehicle was branded with names of some company I had seen providing services for the Council and that made me suspect its one of the bogus companies engaged by the Council for services," he said.

He also alleged another irregularity was that the chairman of the negotia-



tions was a member of the management which he believes was another factor that gave the impression this was a coup on the employees because under normal circumstances, a third part should have been sought instead.

Bennett's sentiments are also subsequent to a visit to his office by the workers before they finally went home where they are said to have complained of issues such as being told to stay away from work as of the end of September whilst their letters held that their last day would be a week later.

Honest

He alleged if the council was efficient and honest, they would have issued out these letters on the first day of September so that the employees would leave at the end of the month.

He said such occurrences were unfortunate because innocent employees were sent home as means to control the Council's wage bill while he alleged there were officers within the management who earned around E1.7million per annum.

The businessman wondered if it would not have made sense to cut down on such hilarious packages for just one individual in order to save jobs for the over 200 retrenched employees who had families which were dependant on them.

"Some of these employees had over 10 years left before reaching retirement, were servicing loans which were known by the management, had school going children they needed to fork school fees but all that was not considered because this was meant to benefit certain individuals at the Council," he said.

Following the conclusion of the exercise, the workers wrote a letter to

the Mayor, Bennito Jones where they also sought for his intervention in the case for the same reasons that had seen them going to the Ludzidzini Council and Bennett.

They sought for audience with the mayor, claiming that the exercise was done against the law and it defied the order by the Ludzidzini Council.

This is in the sense that the collective agreement used to compensate those affected by the restructuring was alleged not to be the one the Ludzidzini Libandla ordered the Council to use.

In their order, the Ludzidzini Council ordered that the matter be put to rest whereby the 2007 policy would be set aside because it no longer applied and instead use the 2012 policy in implementing the restructuring process.

Such claims were, however, met by comments from the CEO who disputed them and stated that this had actually been in line with the Ludzidzini Council's order.

...Possible increase for CEO?

The recent departure of the retrenched workers at the Council could have benefits for the Chief Executive Officer, Gideon Mhlongo who could soon get a raise.

This is because it was agreed in one of the many meetings that soon after the conclusion of the restructuring exercise, the CEO's salary will be reviewed and this is contained in one of the documents in possession of this newspaper.

At present, the CEO is getting a monthly salary of E142 000 and equates to around E1.7million per annum.

This is despite the fact that over 100 employees have recently been retrenched because the Council's wages bill was said to be too high.

Bennett said it was surprising that while the wages bill was said to be too high but there was no breakdown on the remuneration packages of the management, clerical officers and staff to justify the axing of the innocent employees.

"Such things make me wonder why the recommendations from previously done commission of enquiries have not been implemented even?" he wondered.

Blind eye towards Mbabane Council

Walter Bennett is struggling to get answers on why the Cabinet, together with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development were turning a blind eye on the operations of the Mbabane Municipal Council.

"It is strange that the Mbabane Council is the only one that is not being monitored by the parent ministry and we do not know why that is the case," he said.

He said this council was doing as it please making an example with the retrenchments which caused an uproar from the workers but the ministry has never bothered to address the issue.

Bennett said the cabinet was also singularly quiet, except for when parliament has to issue out money for the exercise and all these stances were shocking.

However, he blamed this on 'attitude' which he said was the main problem both with the employer and the employees.

He said it was for this very same attitude that worker issues were not given the attention they deserved in organisations, particularly the government as well.

Discussions

"A glaring example is when there are discussions over market related salaries which were of course not market related in terms of operations, he said."

He said in light of the difficult times experienced by the government, parastatals should be coming to the table to bring back profits, but none of such is being done, instead more is being drawn from the struggling government.



STOP SEXUALISING WOMEN TO SELL OBJECTS

STORIES BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

The Gender and Children Consortium is disappointed by the trend to portray women and girls as objects to sell products, or as sex symbols.

Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse Executive Director Cebile Manzini-Henwood highlighted this during the media engagement cocktail which took place at Gigi's Restaurant at the Royal Swazi Hotel this past week. She called for the issue to be interrogated by the media in order to connect how it contributes to violence against women and girls in particular.

Manzini-Henwood highlighted this after calling for a need to change the way issues of gender based violence (GBV) gets reported by the local media in order to decrease the

sense of familiarity, desensitisation and the unresponsiveness to the problem among the Swazi people.

She said, "The media has a critical role in ending gender based violence for example, in a country like Swaziland where violence has reached alarming disaster proportions, the media is a strategic tool for bringing change."

She pleaded for the media to start building understanding of why and how GBV occurs.

This she said would help journalists move from reporting on such incidences as surprise or an unpredictable family tragedy.

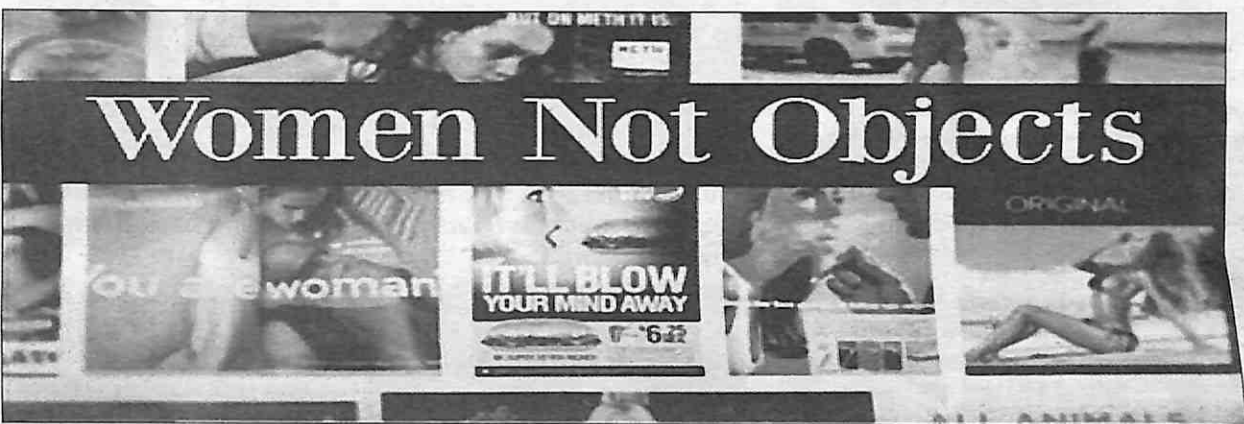
She called for the issue to be reported as systemic acts of violence against vulnerable populations in a context that condones and promotes social norms and values which perpetuate the violence.

"There needs to be a shift to reflect



Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse Executive Director Cebile Manzini-Henwood.

the pattern in the violence we see, the trend in various forms of violence, the causal factors such as alcohol and substance abuse are pathways to perpetration of violence borne from experiencing violence or witnessing violence as a child.



SODV bill includes the rape of men

Whereas past legislation pussyfooted around the definition of rape when it came to men, the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill label it for what it is.

Over the years grey areas in the constitution concerning sexual violation of men has been reduced to sexual assault or sodomy, thus carrying lesser retribution.

Explaining the bill, Bantswana Legal Officer Ntombikayise Nyoni explained how the proposed legislation was purposed to do away with gender inequalities and provide protection to women, men and children who are more vulnerable.

She explained how it was purposed to also strengthen certain common law position and statutory provisions while providing for the successful dealing in a non discriminatory manner with sexual offences and domestic violence.

She revealed how the bill introduced several new offences which were previously accepted by society albeit with reservations and the infrequent reporting as crime.

New offences which feature in the bill include unlawful stalking which is explained as following, loitering, watching, approaching a person, phoning, faxing or emailing to such an extent that the act causes the stalked person apprehension or fear.

Offences involving children include indecent treatment of children through exposing them to sexual acts or indecent films or pictures as well as maintaining sexual relations with children.

Of note is that the bill proposes to make criminal compelling or causing children to witness sexual offences.

Sexual offenders will be placed on a national register

People found guilty of sexual offenders will be placed on a registry.

Bantswana Legal Officer Ntombikayise Nyoni explained that those who have been convicted of such crimes will be placed on the register in order to have them monitored and prohibited from interacting with children for up to ten years after their conviction.

This is set to come as relief

for those who children and fear the return of their relatives after serving their sentences.

She revealed how the SODV bill proposed the establishment of national register for sex offenders and designation of registrar who will monitor it.

"Removal may only be considered after ten years after the completion of the sentence for a first offender," she said.

Victims can seek protection order

The SODV Bill proposes victims seek a protection order against the perpetrators of sexual and domestic violence.

She revealed how aggrieved people who were directly affected could apply for the order as well as any person whom the court considers as a material interest in the well being of the applicant and the applicant is not in a position to give such authority because he is a minor, mentally disabled, unconscious.

The bill, when enacted, will enable counsellors, health service providers, social workers,

teachers as well as police officers to apply for protection orders for the benefit of victims.

The protection order prohibits respondents from committing any acts of domestic violence, getting help of another to commit the offence, staying in the same residence with the applicant, entering or attempting to enter premises, approaching within a stated distance of the residence, contacting or attempting to conduct the aggrieved person and it also revokes the right of the respondent to own weapons.

Gogo to finally get house from MP three years after promise

BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

Gogo Lynah Mtsetfwa (nee Magagula) says she can finally die in peace. The elderly woman of Mafutsemi is overjoyed with a two room house being built at her homestead; three years after the Member of Parliament Christopher Gamedze promised her a new house.

The *Sunday Observer* first paid a visit to the elderly woman's homestead last year, to be met by the elderly woman who was very bitter about the unfulfilled promises.

Members of the community raised the question on the promise after it was noted she still lived in the same dilapidated house. Following this visit, Gogo Magagula revealed the MP paid her a visit along with Maurice Du Pont who has sponsored the construction of the elderly woman's house.

"Soon after you came here the MP accompanied by Du Pont came to pay me a visit and told me they would start construction soon.

"At that time I had no hope however that they would return, but after a while Du Pont returned with a plan for the house and construction started soon after," she said.

The member of parliament is finally fulfilling a promise he made to the Gogo Magagula while campaigning to be a member of parliament in the

2013 elections. She revealed in a previous interview the state of the house was so bad such that each time there were strong winds the children were forced to hide in the toilet in fear of the house collapsing with them inside, while she remains inside.

These are her three grandchildren who are double orphaned, as the others have finished primary school and were taken by their paternal distant relatives.

Gamedze assured this reporter last year he had not forgotten about the promise made to the woman but was mobilising resources to build for her this year. This promise has since been fulfilled as he has managed to get a sponsor to build a two room house for the family instead of the one room that was initially promised.

Magagula confirmed the MP, who is a now also a Cabinet minister, has been actively involved in checking progress of her house as he had promised he would be handing it over soon.

"I am overjoyed that I will be living in such a house I had lost all hope. My heart was very bitter every time I watched the house I lived in but I am just glad God has answered my prayers.

"I have no words to thank the MP for what he has done for me, I can finally die in peace knowing my corpse will be kept in a proper house before my burial," she added.



Gogo Lynah Magagula's stands in a house finally constructed by the Member of Parliament with the assistance of a sponsor. (Pic: Noxolo Nkabinde)

...Gogo thanks the Swazi Observer

The elderly woman has thanked the Swazi *Observer* for the role played in changing her life for the better.

Gogo Magagula acknowledged even the first time the then parliamentary candidate Christopher Gamedze paid a visit to her homestead in 2013, he was in the company of a team from sister publication the *Saturday Observer*.

This publication followed up on the matter after residents raised their concerns over the elderly woman who was still living in the same dilapidated

house. She said following the first article that was published about her, she received different donations of food hampers and nine blankets for the grandchildren she stayed with.

Gogo calls her new house 'Paris' and often tells her children when they misbehave she will not move into 'Paris' with them.

She also appreciated the efforts of following up on the pledge by the parliamentarian.

Magagula is expected to move in to her new house soon after Gamedze has handed over the house to her upon completion.

CLOSE TO 2000 PARTICIPATE IN BRAVE THE BREAST CHALLENGE

BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

The annual 'Brave the Breast Challenge' continues to grow in leaps and bounds as more Swazis are acknowledging the importance of participating in such an event that benefits breast cancer survivors amongst other things.

Close to 2 000 people participated in the challenge yesterday which involves walking from Woodlands Conference Centre to the Mantenga Water Falls which is the shorter distance, or hiking towards Shebba's Breast Summit which is slightly longer.

Among the throngs that participated was the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala and the Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane both who participated in the walking distance.

Minister Ngcamphalala was among the people who were in the lead as by the time most of the participants were closer to the destination he was already on his way back.

The event is hosted annually by the Swaziland Breast and Cervical Cancer Network (SBCCN).

The network's Public Relations Officer Nolwazi Dlamini said they were impressed with the numbers of the participants which continued to show growth. She said it was their aim to get 2 000 participants and they came close to reaching their target.

"We have recorded close to 2 000 people in today's walk and we are glad to note there is a gender balance, and a notable participation of the youth and an increase in women.

"We are also impressed with the number of men, who participate without fail as they get a chance to test for breast cancer, contrary to the belief in the past that breast cancer was only diagnosed in women," she said.

Money collected during the annual event is used to run co-activities in the communities, rural areas, churches, and other places for free in a bid to raise awareness. Dlamini also said some of the proceeds were used for funding testing for breast cancer at health facilities to avail it free of charge, as well as assisting survivors with specific medication prescribed by the doctor after a patient has been diagnosed.

The event was made possible by the generous support of many local businesses and organisations including Nedbank, Swaziland Royal Insurance



Minister of Health Sibongile Ndlela-Simelane also participated in the challenge. (Pics: Noxolo Nkabinde)



Other participants opted for the hiking challenge.



Some of the participants that opted for the walking challenge rather than the hiking.



SRIC staff members also participated in the challenge.

Corporation, Inyatsi, Ezulwini Municipality, Amphath Trust, Swazi Med, Swaziland National Trust Commission, Serendipity in Motion, Lidwala Backpackers Lodge, Whole-

Sum Living Group, All Out Africa, ADE, Swaziland Meat Industries, Parmalat, Logico, Bandag, SWAKI, Woodlands Ezulwini as well as Mountain Inn.



Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala was among the people who were in the lead.



Some of the participants rest and pose for pictures after reaching their destination before heading back to the starting point.



Even the young participated in the Brave The Breast Walk Challenge.



Gugu Dlamini - Dladla in matching T-shirts with her daughter Sandzi after completing the challenge.



Another poster found along the way.



CELESTE, NINA SET WOODLANDS ALIGHT

BY LUNGELO NKAM-BULE

South African comedienne Celeste Ntuli and Nina Hastie set Woodlands Conference Centre on fire on Friday night during the inaugural Spring Comedy Night. The two funny women were the headlining acts of the comedy show which was packed to capacity.

The leading South African female comedians proved to their audience why they were called the best in the industry. Nina Hastie, a Trending SA host, was first to go up on stage at just before 10pm. Babes we Goldbone, as she refers to herself, dedicated her set to 'blessers'. 'Blessers' are aged and well-monied men who use their wealth to lure girls and in turn spoil them. She made fun of their appearance saying in order to be a 'blesser', one needed to have a big stomach, wear sharp pointed shoes (kick and bhoboza). She pointed out that their favourite drink was aged whisky such that they ordered these at food outlets like Nandos.

"In South Africa you are sure to find 'blessers' at any Newscafe. Do you guys have Newscafes," she asked to which the audience said no. She then asked where 'blessers' in the country were found and the audience said at a very famous hangout spot in Ezulwini. Nina said the next time people went to this spot they should look for men wearing floral shirts, sharp pointed shoes and have a big stomach. "If you see someone dressed like that, then you have found yourself a 'blesser'."



An aerial view of a section of the crowd who attended the Spring Comedy Night.

She then wondered why women who were always with 'blessers' drank Savanna. "I swear Savanna is the side-chick's must-have drink. You see someone in the company of a man drinking Savannah you know in that moment that they are the side chick," she pointed out making the crowd laugh.

Nina, who was only on stage for a few minutes, then introduced fellow comedienne Celeste who is well known for her role as Siphokazi on popular soapie Isibaya. Celeste showed off her not so good dancing skills when she got on stage. The full figured comedian immediately sent the crowd into stitches when she finished her dance routine. Celeste said she wanted to talk about the importance of appreciating women of all body sizes because they all had different roles to play. "Thina izidudla we are good for winter," she said. She said the advantage that slim women had over them was when people asked for their pictures they easily did it yet they on the other hand would for two weeks work on the right angle that won't display

certain things that should remain hidden. The explicit comedian continued to make the crowd laugh by making jokes of the roles of different women. She was on stage well over 45 minutes and throughout her set the crowd laughed non-stop.

Speaking to the media after her set Celeste said this was the first time for her performing in the country and she was definitely coming back. "Swaziland is amazing, I was so scared when I came here wondering if people would turn out, wondering if they would love us, and they did," she said. She said she was definitely going to visit Swaziland as part of her 'Black Tax Tour'.

"We will come again, the crowd was out of this world," she said. Nina also said she had been blown away by the reception and she would definitely come back. "You know what, Celeste and I will just come back together because the crowd here is delicious," she said.

An informed source has confirmed to this publication that two leading ladies of comedy were coming back this year.



Part of the audience at the event.

...Sands the man of the moment

Local singing sensation Sandz was the last act of the night and as always he gave an outstanding performance.

The local musician who will soon release his album 'Sands of time' rendered two of his hit songs and had everyone on their feet. When he got on stage he rendered the track titled 'vuma' which was featured on Isibaya as a sound-

track. This song got many singing and on their feet.

But, it was his newest single 'Tigi' that got everyone in the room on their feet. The song that many have dubbed Swaziland's song of the year, was received by screams and dances. The crowd sang along and danced with the artist in lead. When he was done people were heard screaming for more but due to his tight



Man of the moment Sandz performs his hit single 'Vuma'. schedule Sandz had to go to another event where he was expected to perform.



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CURSE REVERSING PROPHET COMING

BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

...as Apostle Jeremiah partners with Nigerian prophet

Abible thumping, curse reversing prophet is coming to the country courtesy of Faith Christian Fellowship Ministries founder, Apostle Jeremiah Dlamini.

Nigerian based Bornfree International Ministries Senior Pastor Philip Osung will be a guest during revivals in Ngwane Park from November 8.

Fresh from hosting Malawian Prophet Shepherd Bushiri's spiritual son Wiseman David, Apostle Dlamini revealed how he discovered the Lagos based pastor on television after watching his channel, Smile TV for some time.

"What impressed me about him is how he prayed for people," Apostle Jeremiah said adding how he was accurate about his prophecies.

"I found that he is gifted and I felt this was what the country needed. His prayers impressed me because of the way he reversed curses to the curser thus freeing those he prayed for," he said.

Explaining his fascination with the reversal of curses, Apostle Jeremiah explained that they kept people from succeeding in life whereas abundant life was promised to all.

He also revealed how Pastor Osung also prayed for deliverance from self imposed curses which people have no recollection of, resulting in their



Faith Christian Fellowship Ministries founder, Apostle Jeremiah Dlamini will be hosting Nigerian based Bornfree International Ministries Senior Pastor Philip Osung.

prosperity not realised whereas their God given destiny was that of greatness.

"He prayed for people to get released from all strong holds that the devil might have on them which are usually of evil spirit origin. Swaziland will never be the same again," the man of God said. He further invited those who aspire to be

great to take advantage of the visit by the prophet who he said would leave them with prosperous prophecies.

"The services will be held at the site of the first Faith Christian Fellowship Ministries as a sign of restoration for God's will. Pastors are also invited to get their deliverance and prophetic word and to also be mentored by the man of God

who will have private sessions with them later," he said further adding how they would have to register with him first.

On the other hand, Pastor Osung, in a message explained the purpose of his visit saying, "I am coming to the nation of Swaziland in the Power of the Holy ghost. The people of Swaziland will smile again despite of their past."

He explained that his church was situated at lasu Igando Express Way, Akesan Junction Igando Lagos Nigeria. The ministry started on May 2, 2010 and the pastor stated that it was now the leading and biggest ministry in the area.

"It is one of the fastest growing ministries in the city of Lagos, with proven signs and wonders," he wrote adding, "I am also an author of over 60 books, including Let's pray for Nigeria, Living in Prosperity, 15 keys to unlimited success, Breaking the Cycle of Delay, Prophetic Destinies in Satanic prison, God has a need and many more." He stated how he was seen as one of prophetic voices in Nigeria due to many national prophecies he has given and their fulfilment including the prophecy of the death of the two Rectors of Maritime Academy. "All these prophecies and videos are available on my Facebook page," he wrote. Explaining his calling further, he said, "I am an Evangelist by calling with strong prophetic, healing, deliverance and miraculous anoint-



Nigerian based Bornfree International Ministries Senior Pastor Philip Osung

ing. The strongest grace upon my life, is that of the opening of barren wombs, which we see on daily basis. I also have the prophetic grace for financial prosperity. I have seen several dead people come back to life. I have seen countless numbers of barren women now with children, and so many poor people now multimillionaires."

He explained that he was the chief executive officer of Smile TV as well as a spiritual son to Apostle Johnson Suleman.

For sessions with Pastor Osung, contact Apostle Jeremiah 767 10029

Old coins popular with pupils for SPTC coin boxes

BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

The public has found a way of disposing of their old coins which are no longer acceptable in most shops and public transport by reserving them for use when using public phones to make phone calls.

These coins are still very much popular with primary and high school going pupils who say they collect the coins at their homesteads to use them to communicate with their friends and family members. Some of the pupils this publication spoke to were those who said they were not allowed to carry their mobile phones to school with them, and while in town they used the coins for calling in public phones.

This follows the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) phasing out about E66 million worth of old coins by August 31, 2016. According to previous reports, this projection was based on the total value of coins which were in circulation within the country at that time.

The public was encouraged to go to the Swazi Post centres nationwide to change their old coins for the new coins.

All old coin series (dated 2013 backwards) of the 10c, 20c, 50c, E1, E2 and E5 denominations shall cease to be used as a medium of exchange in the Kingdom of Swaziland effective from September 1, 2016 and these have been replaced by the new series

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of the same denominations dated 2015.

CBS Governor Majosi Sithole previously said the bank decided to introduce the new series of coins based on seven principal reasons. Part of the reasons were that there were two versions of the five, 10, 20, and 50 cents coins with a different diameter, weight and material.

At the same time there were three versions of the E1 of different diameter, weight and material. He said this had serious repercussions to retailers and processors of coins in the industry.

There was a mad rush to change the coins, before the deadline was postponed to December 2016.

The pupils are usually found queuing in the afternoons and mostly on

Friday afternoons. "Our parents have no use for the old coins anymore and the process of taking them to the post office is strenuous especially if you are going to take E5.

Instead you find all these coins all over the house and we just collect them to call our friends as most of the time we leave cell phones at home," said Sikoluhle Matsenjwa.

Another pupil, Zinhle Nkambule said she had gone from collecting the old coins in her house to asking all her relatives for them and she would make it a point of using them each day after school. The SPTC coin boxes are also popular at tertiary institutions country wide where students have also discovered the alternative way of disposing of the old coins.

SPRING COMEDY NIGHT



Mdura was the programme director of the night and he spiced things up with jokes of his own. (r) LOL competition winner Smallz was also one of the local acts who performed.



Former Swazi TV news reader Rose Hamilton laughing at one of Celeste's jokes.



A kombi passing next to the newly constructed bridge where 14 people died after the Quantum they were in was swept away by floods two years ago at Lushikishini. The deadly bridge was at the level in which the kombi is passing at, although this is not to suggest this is the one that drowned with the people. (Pics: Mloni Mpanza)

BY MLONDI MPANZA

While the predicted heavy rains for this summer may be welcome by many following a dry spell, the same cannot be said for the community of Lushikishini who will be worried over having to cross the killer bridge at Mawelawela River which up to date has not reached completion.

Two years ago, a kombi headed for Lushikishini was swept away by floods while crossing the bridge and in the process claimed the lives of 14 passengers who were aboard the kombi.

Investigations revealed the accident could have been caused by the fact that the bridge was low-level and therefore the government through the ministry of public works and transport has to react and construct an appropriate one as of last August.

However, the bridge has not been completed and this was evident in a visit to the bridge by this publication which saw the Chief Roads Engineer, Vincent Dlamini stating the delays were caused by the unavailability of working material from the government.

The fact that government often ran out of working material was greatly lamented because it had a negative influence on a number of critical projects which needed urgent attention, although Dlamini assured the community the bridge would soon be constructed.

UNAVAILABILITY OF MATERIAL DELAYING COMPLETION OF 'KILLER BRIDGE'

Once again, this publication made a follow up visit on the bridge in the past week upon which an excavator was found preparing stones on one of the two dangerous bridges which need to be reconstructed.

Bridges

These bridges are 100metres apart from each other and the ministry has already constructed the deadly one although it has not been completed, whilst the second is the one which the excavator was found working on.

This is in light of recent rain which have been recorded around the country where in some places they left a trail of destruction which in turn saw the Royal Swaziland Police issuing a warning, particularly cautioning the public about crossing bridges with water flowing above them.

During the visit, it was noted in one of the two bridges water was flowing above it and thus bringing about the same concern that has previously been raised which is suspected to have led to the deadly accident.

An officer who was found at the site told this reporter they were leveling the stones in preparation for applying concrete as the slab for the bridge before they could bring the box culverts which will elevate it to the desired level where water would flow underneath without causing trouble.

Details

"I may not know the specific details in as far as the project is concerned but our major challenge is the availability of working material which has also affected the construction of another 100metre bridge at Velezizweni as by now we should have long concluded the works," he said.

It is worth noting the state of the bridge is in contradictory to a promise made by the Principal Secretary, Makhosini Mndawe in 2015 that the bridge would be complete before that year's raining season.



Another bridge at Mawelawela which is about 100metres away from the deadly one. Already, water is flowing above the low level bridge which is yet to be constructed.

Ghanaian 'meme kid' a hit with local Facebook users

BY NOXOLO NKABINDE

A Ghanaian child became instant internet sensation when a picture of him keenly scribbling in a piece of paper has stolen the hearts of many across the continent, and local social media users are no exception.

Chubby cheeked Jake Amo has become so famous in a short space of time, such that his pictures have managed to raise thousands that could manage to send a number of other children in the village to school. The original image was captured by award winning US photographer Carlos Cortes and shared by Ghanaian artist Solomon Adufah as part of his Homeland Series outreach programme.

Publication

This is according to ThisIsAfrica publication which was the first publication to trace the origins of the image.

In an Instagram post of the image which has since gone viral, Adufah wrote that "Jake was one of the children I taught in Ghana. He was always gentle and quiet. Ever present in class and was eager to learn every day." The picture went on to be shared countless times and made into memes to suggest captions varying from possible thoughts of a police officer while issuing a ticket to a school prefect jotting down the names of his noisy classmates. Local social media users also joined in the conversations of the famous Jake memes, with some even sharing different suggestions of the captions. Jake's picture has been flooding Facebook and Twitter users' timelines.

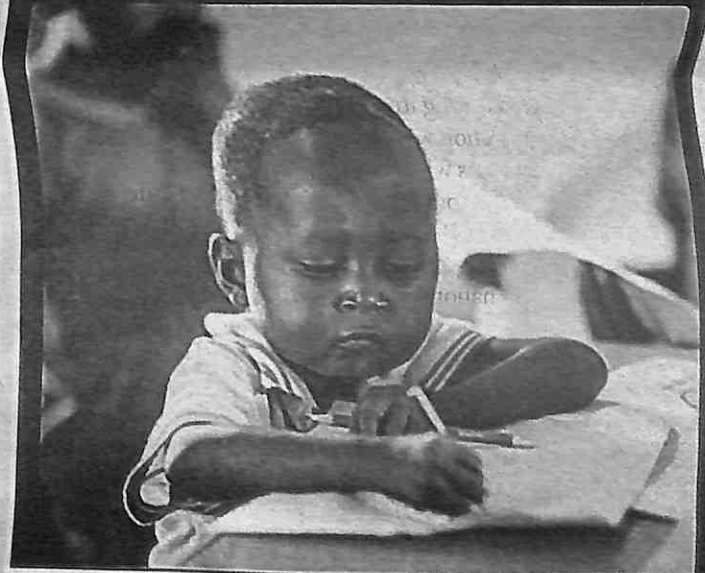
Curiosity over the origins of the boy grew however, with users Across Africa eager to know more about him. "The

image of the 4 year-old boy, named Jake Amo who is pictured engrossed in his writing was shared by Ghanaian artist, Solomon Adufah. Jake is from the village of Asempanaye, Koforidua, in Ghana... Adufah shared the picture on Instagram in January as part of the artist's 'homeland series' where he travels to various communities in Ghana, and other African countries to help underprivileged children in local communities, providing them with resources and teaching creative studies workshops," reads the report.

The iconic image was taken in August 2015 during Adufah's visit to his home country Ghana and the artist taught and mentored creative studies and art at Jake's school in Asempanaye. Speaking to ThisIsAfrica about his journey and experience with the children Adufah said "we spent every day in class drawing and expanding our creative imaginations. All the children were very eager to learn and ask questions. They wanted to know so much."

Adufah posted about Jake on his Instagram page saying he had met him during his Art workshop with other children. He said each child received brand new set of crayons, pencil colours, pencils, toys and other wonderful goodies. "I've experienced firsthand the impact just the little act of kindness can make in the lives of the less privileged. The amount of joy and happiness they have in their heart despite their living conditions speaks volume about their inner beauty." Following the image going viral across the continent, Adufah has started a fundraising campaign for Jake and his classmates with the aim of building an art school in Ghana to help children with afterschool programmes.

You: But I was here just 30 minutes ago, do you really have to sign me in again?
New Security Guard:



One of the memes that have been created about Jake.



WRITER'S NOTE...

“Look how I manoeuvre to the pressure, look how they elude me a legend. They specific with the season, I go hard from January to December. These haters to me like what Mr Price is to Markham’s.” – A Reece. Paradise is finally out, so we can finally wake up and scream what a life! Paradise!

Good day dear readers and welcome once again to ASPIRE. Today, we bring to you a young person who is in the entertainment industry, and is so keen on holding it down as the best, even if it means going up against those who have taught him all he knows. He goes by the name Pepe Nkambule – younger brother to Sakhile Nkambule of Swazi Jive – the entertainment stable widely known for hosting the best Hip Hop festival in the country – Hipnotik.

The youngster chats to us about his entertainment stable – Nothing But Greatness, and the struggles of balancing school work and his passion – the entertainment business.

The past week, we had the inaugural Swazi Hip-Hop Awards, and we get to talk with artists to hear their say on the concept, its execution and what the idea means to the industry.

On page 18, we have Istayela, and I’m sure you all know by now that Paradise is out and the past week, we had the MAMA’S in our neighbouring country – South Africa, so we bring you the major talking points.

On 19, we introduce a talented youngster by the name of Chaboy, who says and I quote “can’t wait to make Swaziland, one of the leading countries in the musical scene.” We round everything off, with our poem of the week, and a brief message from yours truly to aspiring artists.

Till we meet again let’s converse at sbusisodlaminitheg@gmail.com, and let me know of any suggestions you might have, so we can make ASPIRE to be great.

Have a good read, a good week, and never forget to spread love. Cheers.

SBUSISO DLAMINI.

Aspire A Youth Section On Youth Issues By The Youth

OUR MESSAGE TO HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

BY PEPE NKAMBULE.

The first time I heard of the made in High School tour, I thought it was a really great idea, I imagined it being the brilliant concept which would help unearth the raw yet undeniably great talent that is all over our country.

I have also been very eager to meet and get to hear more about the vision from those who are working on the idea. So, with that ladies and gentlemen, I bring to you Pepe Nkambule - the founder of Nothing But Greatness, which amongst other things does the Made in High School Tour.

Can you take us back to your childhood, and give us memories which played a role in the young man you have turned out to be.

Well I did my primary school at Usuthu Forest primary, and at that time, all I wanted to do was to be a Disk Jockey (DJ). This was inspired by Tenderness who was always with my brother but when I got to Form Two at Waterford, I realised how DJ’s didn’t become billionaires yet promoters did, so an idea popped in my head – what if I came up with my own show? That’s when the dream started.

You have revealed that your brother’s friend played a huge role in your love for the turntables, so is your brother the one who inspired your label - Nothing But

Greatness?

NO! Sakhile did not inspire

me in any way. Yes, I have learnt from him and his crew because

I’m always around them when they are organising and everything, so that’s how I learn. I’ve seen them have shows with only 10 people attending to shows where they have 10 000 people attending, so yeah, that’s just it. I learn from them, but he is not the reason I do what I do. As I said, earlier, the whole dream was money driven. I

always wanted to become a billionaire and I grew up in a family, where I had people who were in the entertainment business, which is also something that was in my heart. One and one came together and a two came up.

How has it been so far?

The tours around high schools have been very gruelling to be honest. We have had to work extremely hard in trying to convince principals and their deputies that this is a good initiative. But, all hell seems to break loose when we tell them that we will be making money because we also incur costs because of the event. That’s when the long rules we’ve never heard of are brought to our attention, and it’s all just too much to deal with.

We would like to plead with principals in schools around the country to understand why we are doing what we are doing. It is not because we want to make a quick buck on the expense of school hours and premises rather we are after promoting arts, clean fun and entrepreneurship. I mean, if we are going to host a show at a certain school, the learners there get first preference.

They are also going to be on the line up so they can showcase their talent. They also can’t expect us to do the concerts for free, because we incur costs. I mean there are sound costs. There are transportation costs, so how on earth are we going to cover all that if we do a free show.

We are also on the route of promoting entrepreneurship,



Give advice to young people on the following:

Drugs – Stay away. I believe the best way to win that battle is to stay busy. You still have your future to think about, don’t ruin it.

Girlfriends/boyfriends – That’s a tricky one, a definite taboo subject in our country. But I think we all need someone of the opposite sex who will help us understand some things better and add value to our lives. We just need to know when to draw the line.

Wearing a pink bandana

As we walk into the office with Pepe, my colleagues turn their heads in amazement as to why a boy (Pepe) would wear a pink bandana. One of them is quick to ask him and

he simply answers – “For that very reason. Look, just when I walked in, probably most people saw me and want to know why I have a pink bandana on. It’s part of our culture, to do things that have never been done, to break new ground!”

But to be specific, with this one, it’s for the Breast cancer awareness. I am showing my support, and I learnt somewhere that the nation will be having a walk on Saturday - (yesterday), so I’m just rocking it to raise awareness.

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■ INAUGURAL

INAUGURAL SWAZI HIP-HOP AWARDS - ARTISTS HAVE THEIR SAY;



Our industry is surely but slowly trying to get a few things right, and the past week, we had our very first Hip-Hop awards in the country. Yes, we need people who will come with ideas like these in the country – I mean people who are not specifically in the music, but who take notice of the culture. So, with that, I decided to talk to a few artists and hear their view on the awards.

1. 80 SCRIPT – I won two awards on the night – best male artist and best lyricist. Honestly, when I heard about the whole idea, and the fact that my name was involved, I was skeptical, because I hadn't been briefed. That's the main reason why I chose to keep a safe distance from it and I couldn't even attend the awards because I was preparing for something else, but the fact that I've won has changed my whole perspective on them.

Yes, I do admit that the execution could have been better, but hey, no one can be perfect on their first try. We can't lie and act like this is not a great thing for the industry. That's why those who organised them deserve credit; they came with an idea, and worked on seeing it to fulfilment. We now have something that rewards those who are working hard in our industry. This means that as an artist, I have something to work towards achieving, because I know that's there's someone else whose working on being better than me. Let's just support those who worked on the awards and allow them to go back to the drawing board and work on their flaws.

2. MOZAIK – To be quite frank, you are putting me in a difficult situation because I don't want people saying because Mozaik didn't win an award, and now, he is bitter, but because you insist, let me tell you my piece.

Firstly, I didn't know anything about the awards. I only got to hear about the awards from fans that came to tell me that they were voting for me. That's when I heard that Zwa, someone I know from way back – was the one working, on everything, I contacted him, and I was like hey dawg, how can you use my name without telling me. He answered me and told me that he was working on it, and he even made a WhatsApp group where he had artists, all in the name of helping him to exe-

cute the idea better, but I guess he wasn't interested.

That's the main reason I can't say it was a game changer, because the whole idea wasn't executed right. That's the reason I wasn't even present at the awards, although that doesn't change the fact that the industry needs people like the organisers of the awards. People who take the initiative to be innovative and bring a different angle to the game.

3. PRODIGAL SONZ – We are very happy to have been nominated, the nomination alone means a lot to us. We have been nominated two times before (NACA) and it is very humbling to see that our fans are watching and listening... most of all, loving our craft after so long in the industry. It is encouraging and it gives us strength to keep pushing and making good music. Our main mission is to live, learn and Write about our experiences, our mistakes, our resolutions so that our fans may learn and not make the same mistakes we make. And Hip-hop has allowed us the rare opportunity to be ambassadors of the youth, thus we speak and they listen and we always take into consideration that someone looking up to us will do what we do and act like us. So being group of the year mean we have to by all means be a good example.

The awards were a success in terms of organisation and it's a very good concept. We just feel it could have been done better. All players in the game could have been made aware and involved, now it looks bad when some artists shy away from the event, it doesn't make it a national event. We hope that the team organising this event will work harder next time in terms of advertising and having more people involved.

It's always a great idea to award someone for the work done; it encourages them and puts everyone under pressure to perfect their craft. Which is definitely a gospel we all have been preaching. For us to get to first world status we have to be in competition not against each other but be on level A-plus always.

4. KANGAROO – I think the idea is a really a good one, more so because it's the first of its kind. Most countries already have hip hop

awards, and although it's important for us to point out the things that need to be improved on, we shouldn't do away with the idea. Personally, I wasn't interested, but I obviously recognise the award, because it shows me that I have fans who voted for me even though I wasn't even campaigning for votes.

5. KING TERRY – Personally, I think the Hip-Hop awards are a great idea. It is glaring to everyone that they need to be improved on, but you know there's always room for improvement.

I think, as a country, we need to take a leaf from our neighbours and unite more. Yes, we are in competition with each other, but that shouldn't change the fact that we are all working towards one common goal – to improve our industry.

All in all, good luck to the winners, they probably deserved to win on the criterion that was used to win. I think that also has to be transparent. People should know what they should do in order to win, and the voting process must be clear.

All in all, albeit the fact that I didn't attend the awards, I have picked up a few points from talking to these artist. Firstly they all seem to agree on one thing – the fact the concept is a brilliant one.

They do however think that the idea could have been executed better. Now, it's upon the organiser to make sure that the next one is at a better standard than this one. We can't have artists who win awards but don't even know anything about the awards. That's not acceptable. The less said about the snub, the better and or, the voting processes, why complicate it so much. Why not use just one form of voting or if you choose to make a couple – let them be transparent enough. A wise man once told me that sometimes, silence is the best form of communication!

These were the winners on the night;

Award Winners:

- Best Group of the year - Prodigal Sonz
- Best Lyricist of the year - 80 Script
- Best Hustler of the year - Courtesy (KrTC)
- Best Hip-Hop DJ of the year - DJ Supa CDQ
- Best New Comer of the year - Lyrical Busta
- Best Hip-Hop Producer of the year - Subjamz
- Best Hip-Hop Male Artist of the year - 80 Script
- Best Hip-Hop Female Artist of the year - Originelle
- Best Hip-Hop Songwriter of the year - Mr Kangaroo
- Best Track of The year - Illa Penboy
- Best Collabo of the year - Qibho & Sands
- Best Club banger of the year - Lyrical Busta
- Best Mixtape of the year - Summerson
- Best Video of the year - Broken C'fer
- Best Album of the year - PsychoLution
- Best Ringtone Track of the Year - L.C.Bizzy
- Most Popular Hip Hop Artist of the year - L.C.Bizzy.

and that means we have to see a bit of profit, so that we grow. These young people who perform at the events are aspiring entertainers, so it would be very nice to repay them, even if it's not as good as big shows such as Hipnotik or Bushfire pay.

How have you been able to balance your studies and the business?

It has been very hard. There was a point in time where my parents asked me to quit, because my teachers were complaining that because of my lack of time, my studies were suffering. But, I couldn't quit because it's my dream, but I know very well how important education is, so I had to work on that.

On the importance of quality products

In our team, we believe that we rather spend four weeks working on a song that will last for the next year, instead of working one day on a song that will hardly last one week.

When is the next concert?

Next year. We will be starting everything afresh, and we hope that principals will work with us.

Your first show was at Waterford, and then you had the next one at Sifundazni and you were looking forward to Enjabulweni, why are you involving private schools only?

Because of the same reason – principals. I mean, we were just starting out with those schools you mentioned and we couldn't even go to some. So, we wanted to start with schools where we had some bit of 'knowledge' of both the school authorities and the students, but it also proved to a challenge. We also tried a public school – St Marks, and we couldn't win, so man it's hard. We are willing to travel to all the schools, and then have one big festival at the end of the year, but all that rests on the shoulders of principals.

Your aspirations

To make Nothing but Greatness the biggest stable in the country. Note the fact that I didn't say entertainment. This is because we are planning on broadening our scope further, to more than just housing Disk Jockeys, rappers and actors but sports personalities as well. We want to spot talent in the sports fraternity, and help them develop to the level of great sportsman.



I'STAYELA S'YALAHLELA

LAST Saturday, MAMA'S watched the much talked about. The big blow however for me, was when Daily Show host – Trevor Noah announced that he would not be make it as host due to an ear infection. He expressed his disappointed in a long letter that he penned and posted on Twitter. Bonang, the Queen herself proved once again why she was the perfect choice to be trusted with the duty of hosting the show, just 24 hours before. Her delivery was "TV perfect" and she balanced out the few awkward moments when the teleprompter 'messed up' Nomzamo and Yemi. They don't call her Queen B for nothing; she earns it, time and again.

1. Hooray! Cassper Nyovest has had his ponytail cut: and this comes after the self proclaimed new age *pantsula* lost about 12.6 kilos. He says he feels "sexier and confident".

The new age Doc Shebeleza, as the artists refers to himself, debuted his new look on the MTV MAMAs red carpet on Saturday night at the Ticketpro Dome in Johannesburg where he was to later bag the Best Live Act Winner).

Dressed in a slick black and white tuxedo, he looked like a CEO, for real! "Speaking on the red carpet about ditching his ponytail which has been a huge part of his brand for years, Cassper said that it's part of his 'new image'. "I'm growing up bro, my brand is growing up. I'm a CEO now. It's time for me to boss up and clean up," he said, chuckling.

I personally think it's a great decision. I am not one who is always quick to judge, but on a serious note, I would not have a ponytail, in like forever!

Anyway, back to the good news, by the time you read this, the fill up Orlando Stadium event would have already taken place, but then it deserves mentioning because it looks like it will be history in the making. Scoop as the MC is a masterstroke and as he said (Scoop) – "THAT IS THE HISTORY. WHETHER YOU ARE A PART OF IT OR NOT. OKSALAYO, IT WILL BE MADE AND IT WILL HAPPEN. CHOOSE WISELY #FILLUPORLANDO)." I heard they had 100 cameras to the show, so we shall be saved by technology. It will shoe us everything that went down, Africans are taking it upon themselves to break new ground. Hope our artists are learning. It is much NEEDED that they risk, otherwise everything will stay is it is, and they will have no one to blame but themselves.

2. A Reece's debut album Paradise is out – The 19 year old's



much anticipated album finally dropped, and it is more than what we expected. I think what basically characterises or rather themes the album is that A Reece is bringing us closer to the more musical person that he has turned out to be. He is showing us the artist who has been under Ambitioz Entertainment, and as I've said before, everyone knows what a beast he was before he signed under the label.

He wasn't scared to challenge anyone, and he even went as far as throwing shade at Cassper Nyovest with a track titled – Cassper picture".

In the album the youngster really proves that he has been working hard and further answers all his critics in the album. It was also very nice of him to also show us 'that' side of him, you know, the unapologetic, fearless young king with tracks such as "family" and what you in for?

Tweezy has gone absolutely crazy over the youngster's project and he describes it as "Tlean".

As expected though, people have come out to compare his album with Nasty C's "bad hair", but I think it's not right because these are two artist with different styles that are needed in the industry. Let's let the young boys give us the music, and let's do our part – support and turn up. Still can't wait him to be back in the country.

3. Do you guys remember Shekinah Dornell? – Yes, that bubbly 22 year old, who was first introduced to the South African music scene when she was a finalist on hit reality TV show South African Idols season eight in 2012.

As the youngest competitor on the season at the age of 17, Dornell held her own until she was booted out and went back home in Durban to focus on her studies. After her departure from Idols, Dornell retained a low-profile in the media until after high school. "Lessons I learnt from Idols always come in handy in my studies and especially in the industry... As soon as I was done with Matric I went through my old connections from when I was on Idols and that helped me reconnect with relevant people," she said. Since the release of her hit singles 'Take It Back to the Beach' and 'Let You Know,' Dornell is in huge demand now and regularly performs at big events including the glamorous Miss South Africa and the Metro FM Music Awards, to name a few. The hit song Let

You know, featuring Sketchy Bongo, who was recently signed to Sony Music, is set for release in the US and internationally soon.

Dornell says cracking it in the music industry after her absence was not easy. "You go through

your phone and you contact absolutely everyone who became your friend when you were famous on Idols and you ask them to listen to your new sound and no one gives you the feedback you are hoping for," she says.

Her big break came late last year when after months of fooling around in the studio with fellow musician Kyle Deutsch paid off with their hit single, Take It Back to the Beach, which has generated major airplay from radio stations and was the "national anthem" in Durban during the past festive season. The starlet has a tattoo of her father's name on her hand which she says is a daily reminder of her role model. Her adoptive mother moved to the US a few years ago, but she says she keeps in touch with her as much as she can. "I visit her as regularly as I can.

She lights up when she talks about her family. "My sisters are the ones I talk to everyday," she adds. She has also been working very closely with fellow Durbanite Nasty C, on a couple of tracks. I hope to hear more from her, and I confess that she was my favourite during the season eight South African Idols show.

(Additional information sourced from the S.A Hip-Hop magazine)

POEM...

If

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;
If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim,
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same..
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and building them up with worn-out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings,
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings - nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And - which is more - you'll be a Man, my son!

CHABOY - THE NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

Chaboy, real name Muzi Mathunjwa hails from Nhlanguano in the Shiselweni region. The 16 year old is a born and bred Southerner, currently attending his high school at Evelyn Baring High School.

The youngster who is a rapper and also does producing is signed under Life Time Music Empire, a music stable based at the Hub of the country - Manzini.

He says he discovered his music talent at the tender age of 12, where he started writing his own lyrics, but he didn't take it much into consideration until he turned 13, when he first went to studio.

Introduced

A year later, at only - 14 years - he introduced himself to beat mak-

ing after he got inspiration from Jay Spitter, the Swazi born artist and producer signed under the infamous South African powerhouse entertainment stable - Mabala Noise Entertainment. Jay Spitter was to later mentor the youngster by showing him the strings, and he responded by working hard and dedicating himself.

One can be forgiven to forget the young ma's age when you consider the work he has done already. He made the beat of DJ Toxik's debut single "One Night Only", and that very same year he produced a hit "Ziyawa" by Trippy King 20 featuring EimsofY and Spitmatic which made it to the top5 on the SBIS 2 Top 20 Charts.

Beginning of this year, he signed

with EimsofY at Life Time Music Empire.

The label consists of Eskay, EimsofY, Producer Young Pro, Cargo, Ruffle, Phantom BlaQ, Flame, NR, Bozza and Mav. They are also in association with HD Africa and Ngwane Hop.

Currently his song "Bass" with Suicide and Xhibit has been recently in the top 20 too, making the cut to the top 10.

His latest release is titled "Me & You" and it is available for download on popular music application - Audiomack.

The song points out a couple reuniting after a break up. The kid focuses on a number of things happening in life, as he points out he believes it's the right way to make

music. "I believe we should make music people can relate to, which is why I always write about things most people can relate to."

It is no doubt he is by far the youngest producer taking the game by storm, well

maybe I haven't met some, but in the meantime, Chaboy is the new kid on the block to watch out for.

His sound is that of the

future, a musical genius indeed. He is currently working on his debut EP titled "Future Sound EP" on which he has worked with fellow squad members EimsofY, NR, Diba Diba, and Eskay to name a few, and will soon be releasing a single from the EP titled "Actor" featuring EimsofY and NR, whose music will be directed by HD Africa. Everything will be done by this summer so expect a lot", is all the youngster could say

It may seem difficult to handle both his music career and academic work, to some, many in fact but the boy assures us balancing the two isn't much of an issue with him. "I handle both; I choose never to limit myself. I believe anything, and everything that my mind conceives, it can achieve."

When we quiz him about his aspiration he simply says - "It is my mission not a dream to make Swaziland one of the leading countries in this music scene."

It also humbles me a couple of our artists are also on the same mission, so if we drop

the ball, we have no one to blame but ourselves."

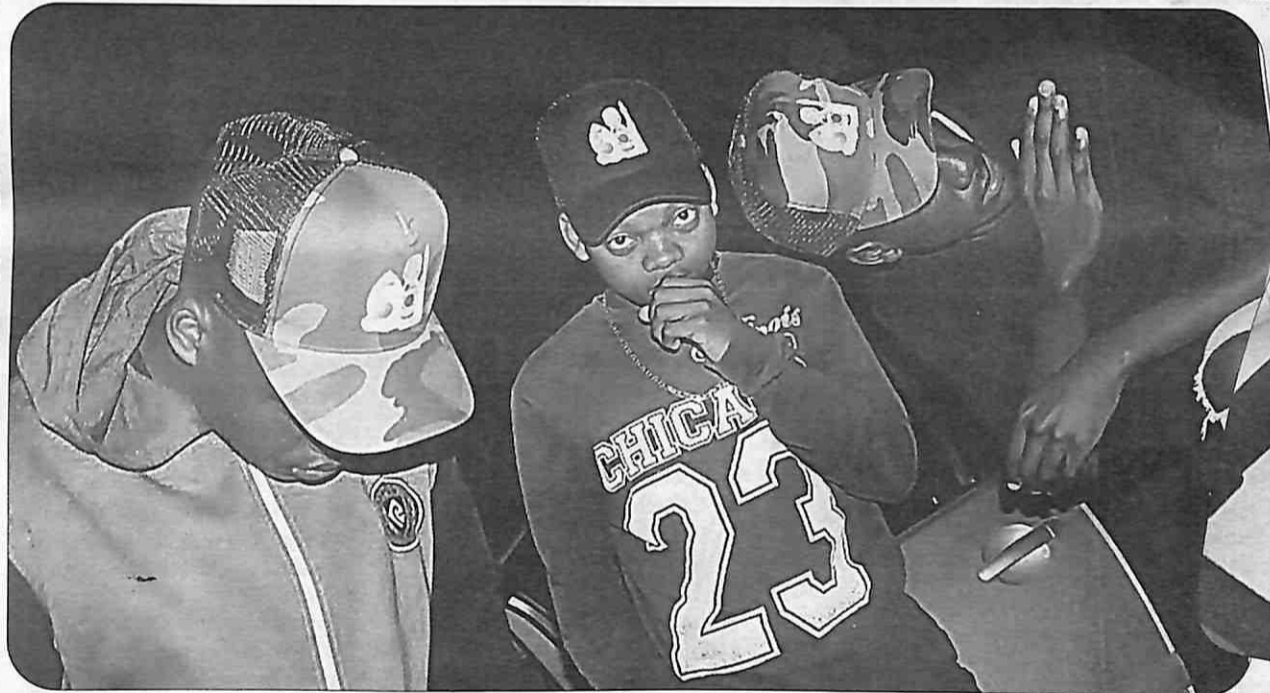
Well said young man, and we wish him the best as he continues with the hustle. Hook us up when that single and EP is done bra,

but as you know, we won't be lenient on you just because you are young, so work hard, and dedicate yourself!

As you know, here at ASPIRE we demand bars.

Nothing less, but more is always welcome!

You can converse with him on social networks, on Twitter @TraplordChboy, and on Facebook as Traplord Chaboy.



From the writer....

Ladies and gentleman, young people mostly, this message is directed to you.

A couple of months ago, I and the editor of the paper planned to do this youth section you are now reading.

The main objective we had was to catch young people whilst they were still young, and get them hooked into the habit of reading - a good habit, I have to say. Far from the consequences other habits have.

Anyways, the second thing we wanted to try and do, was to support young talent and give them the maximum exposure they deserve.

Now, whilst I was interviewing our cover star today - Pepe Nkambule of Nothing But Greatness fame - he stressed on a point we might overlook when we work on the sec-

tion.

See, I will be honest, mostly, young talented people are skeptical of even approaching us because they think we only interview friends and acquaintances, so they think just because they don't know anyone from the media - they shouldn't come to us. They choose to bury themselves in their rooms where they pump that music or hide what they drawing or writing they might have done.

Progressing

Hence, they are not progressing as an industry.

If you a young person, and you are complaining about the songs you hear on radio, if you happen to think it isn't the true reflection of the talent we have in the country, take it upon yourself to change that. If you don't, who will?



As I've said before, if you have anything you feel like you need to show to the world, it is as easy as contacting us in the email that we always give in our writer's note. It won't help if you have anything good, but you

don't show it.

A colleague of mine truly hit the nail in the head when he answered Pepe by saying, "In the absence of the best, we listen to the rest."

BRIEFS

Guinea-Bissau ex-navy chief eyes job back after US jailing

BISSAU - A former Guinea-Bissau navy chief convicted in the US of drug trafficking has asked to resume his military career after returning home having purged his sentence, sources said Friday.

Jose Americo "Bubo" Na Tchuto was sentenced to four years in jail by a New York federal court this month but was released for time already served.

Na Tchuto, who returned home on October 22, asked President Jose Mario Vaz about resuming his military career during an audience with the West African nation's head of state, sources said.

"I have returned from a trip which took me away from the country for three years. It's normal that on my return that I come and see the armed forces' commander in chief," he told reporters. **AFP**

US calls on China to cut coal imports propping up N. Korea

BEIJING — A senior US official urged China yesterday to work with the US to close a loophole on North Korean coal imports that Washington believes has been critical to propping up the isolated country's finances.

Deputy Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in Beijing ahead of talks with Chinese officials that Chinese coal imports from North Korea contributed to US\$1 billion in revenue for Pyongyang last year. The US has been seeking new UN sanctions to stymie North Korea's economy and force leader Kim Jong Un into abandoning his nuclear and missile programs. North Korea has conducted two nuclear tests and 24 missile tests this year, demonstrating its progress toward its stated goal of being able to strike the US with nuclear-tipped weapons. **AP**

Experts warn of more quakes for Italy

ROME - Italy's major risks commission cautioned Friday that there may be more powerful earthquakes to come following two this week in the country's mountainous centre and a deadly one in August.

"There is no current evidence that the (seismic) sequence underway is coming to an end," it warned.

The National Commission for the Forecast and Prevention of Major Risks (CGR) said that in the wake of the August 24 quake that killed nearly 300 people it had identified three areas at risk for further seismic activity.

The areas were "adjoining the fault responsible" for the disaster which levelled entire villages, it said in a statement referring to the fracture in the earth's crust where quakes can occur. **AFP**



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CLINTON SHAKES OFF FBI PROBE

DES MOINES - Hillary Clinton embarks this weekend on the frenetic final 10 days of her White House campaign, determined to shake off renewed controversy over the FBI probe into her private emails.

The 69-year-old Democratic candidate, vying to become America's first female president -- is still the frontrunner to win the November 8, election over her Republican rival Donald Trump. **Successor**

Clinton has a clear lead in the polls, and voting has already begun in 34 of 50 states to choose a successor to President Barack Obama, who will hit the campaign trail again next week in defence of his onetime secretary of state. But her momentum was



threatened Friday by a renewed eruption in a scandal that has long dogged her in the race: investigations into her use of a private email server while at the State Department.

Trump gleefully seized on news that FBI agents are investigating a newly discovered group of mails sent to Clinton's private address, to see if they exposed any US secrets. **AFP**

Iceland votes in snap polls after Panama Papers scandal

REYKJAVIK - Icelanders voted yesterday in a snap election that could see the anti-establishment Pirate Party form the next government in the wake of the Panama Papers tax-dodging scandal and lingering anger over the 2008 financial meltdown.

Voters are expected to punish the incumbent coalition after the Panama Papers revealed a global tax evasion scandal that ensnared several senior politicians and forced former Prime Minister Sigmundur David Gunnlaugsson to resign.

Although the current government of the conservative Independence Party and the centrist Progressive Party survived the scandal, it promised



Leader of the Left-Green movement in Iceland Katrin Jakobsdottir attends a debate in Reykjavik, Iceland.

a snap election six months before the end of its term in spring 2017. "We're losing support (because of the) big anti-establishment (feeling)," Birgir Armannsson,

member of parliament for the Independence Party, told **AFP**. The Pirate Party, founded in 2012 by activists, anarchists and former hackers -- has been campaigning for public transparency, institutional reform, individual freedoms and the fight against corruption.

Three separate polls, released a day before the election, showed that the Pirate Party could gain up to 21 percent of the vote and the Left-Green movement up to 16.8 per cent.

Each of the polls, conducted by the University of Iceland, research company MMR and Gallup, indicate the incumbent conservative coalition government will most likely be voted out. **AFP**

Severe southern African drought to worsen - UN

MAPUTO - The impact of the most severe drought to hit southern Africa in 35 years is expected to worsen in the coming months, a UN climate envoy warned Friday.

"The crisis has yet to peak," Macharia Kamau, special envoy on El Nino and climate, said at the end of a four-day trip to Mozambique.

The devastation, which has affected some 18 million people across the southern African region, will be at its worst around January next year, he said.

Mozambique, with 1.5 million people reeling from the drought, is one of the worst-hit countries,

along with Zimbabwe, Malawi, Lesotho and southern Madagascar.

"For many children, women and the elderly, the next few months will be about looking at survival straight in the face," Kamau told reporters in Maputo after visiting water-starved districts a few hours' drive from the capital.

"Frankly, what I saw there saddened and shocked me. We saw stretches of land, bone dry and desolate," he said.

Some parts in Mozambique have not seen rains for three years, according to the country's natural disaster management agency. **AFP**

Wits urges Zuma to declare fee protests a national crisis

JOHANNESBURG - The University of Witwatersrand (Wits) urged President Jacob Zuma on Friday to address urgently the crisis in higher education that has seen thousands of students abandon classes calling for free education in the past six weeks.

The council said although Higher Education Minister Blade Nzimande was trying to address the crisis, there was "no sufficient appreciation of the fact that this is a national crisis of significant proportion" and that it therefore required Zuma and his office to "lead the thinking" on resolutions.

"The council of the University of the Witwatersrand therefore calls on President JG Zuma urgently to establish a multi-disciplinary deliberative gathering that will explore sustainable funding options for higher education, which must ensure that no student who qualifies academically is excluded for financial reasons," the institution said.

The #FeesMustFall campaign has been marred by violence, death, injuries and destruction of property as running battles between the protesting students and police raged on.

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Donald Trump, energetic, brash and tenacious

WASHINGTON - Impulsive, immoderate and politically untested, Donald Trump did not exactly seem to fit the profile of a candidate for the most powerful job in the world.

But with his boundless energy and outsized ego, the billionaire Republican has defied all predictions, proving to be a tenacious adversary for the far more experienced Hillary Clinton in the race for the White House.

Delivering corrosive speeches that play to the frustrations and insecurities of Americans in an evolving world, the 70-year-old Manhattan real estate mogul has become the voice of change for millions of them.

And he has blown up a Republican Party still struggling to understand his supporters, and still baffled by how, or whether, to dance with Tornado Trump.

Before launching his campaign in June 2015, Trump was known mainly for his immense fortune; for the luxury hotels, golf courses and casinos bearing his name; for the tabloid-worthy details of his divorces; and for being the star host of the reality TV show "The Apprentice."

All of this made his a familiar face in American households.

But he has also shown himself to be a formidable political animal, and an unlikely populist hero with his promise to "Make America Great Again." Trump is not afraid to say anything, really anything at all. He hits his opponents where it hurts. He decries a "rigged" system, denounces political officials as "corrupt" and says "the media poisons the mind of the American voter."

He offers simple solutions for the most complex of problems -- he says he will build a wall along the Mexican border, paid for by Mexico, to stop illegal immigration. **AFP**

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THE BREAST CANCER ISSUE



**'BREAST
CANCER
IS HORRIBLE'**

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WRITER'S NOTE:

Studies have shown breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in women after lung cancer. It is further reported the incidence rates have been stable in white women and increasing slightly in black women. The breast cancer network in Swaziland has over the years tried to create awareness especially during the Breast cancer month. However, after asking. Many young people and some of my colleagues about the cancer it is evident that the network still has a lot to do because the people I spoke to don't really know much about the cancer. Many Swazi women have come forward to say they have battled with this cancer and they came out victorious, therefore it is important for the network to come up with more aggressive campaigns to create more awareness around this cancer so more women survive it. Further it is important that breast cancer awareness campaigns are not only left off to be done in October but be done anytime because this is a huge problem in the country.

This week, hip hop female artist of the year Originelle revealed to this publication that much as she had not directly battled with the disease it had affected herself and her family after they found out her mother was battling with the disease which she later defeated. Originelle revealed that prompted her to educate herself on the disease and therefore she would do whatever it took to help the breast cancer network starting by joining the public in the 'Brave the Breast' walk. Originelle also called on other entertainers to throw the weight on whatever campaign the network came up with because it was a very serious disease. As SCENE we applaud young entertainers like Originelle who acknowledge there is life beyond themselves and their craft and who also realise they can use their status to promote a good cause. During the interview she made it clear seeing her mother battle with the disease gave her renewed respect for all cancer survivors.

What is worth putting out there is breast cancer does not affect women only but it affects men as well. We would like to plead with every Swazi to make a stop at a medical facility or do a home test at least once a year because early diagnosed cancer is curable. Let us be proactive and not wait for the signs and symptoms make testing a habit.

TILL NEXT WEEK. BE BLESSED!!

WARNING SIGNS OF BREAST CANCER

The warning signs of breast cancer are not the same for all women. The most common signs are a change in the look or feel of the breast, a change in the look or feel of the nipple and nipple discharge. If you have any of the warning signs described below, see a health care provider.

If you do not have a provider, one of the best ways to find a good one is to get a referral from a trusted family member or friend. If that's not an option, call your health department, a clinic or a nearby hospital.

In most cases, these changes are not cancer. For example, breast pain is more common with conditions than with breast cancer. However, the only way to know for sure is to see a provider.

If you have breast cancer, it is best to find it at an early stage, when the chances of survival are highest.

BREAST LUMPS OR LUMPINESS

Many women may find their breasts feel lumpy.

Breast tissue naturally has a bumpy texture. Some women have more lumpiness in their breasts than others. In most cases, this lumpiness is no cause to worry.

If the lumpiness can be felt throughout the breast and feels like your other breast, then it is probably normal breast tissue.

Lumps that feel harder or different from the rest of the breast (or the other breast) or feel like a change should be checked. This type of lump may be a sign of breast cancer or a benign breast condition (such as a cyst or fibroadenoma).

Learn more about benign breast conditions. See a health care provider if you:

- Find a new lump (or any change) that feels different from the rest of your breast
- Find a new lump (or any change) that feels different from your other breast
- Feel something that is different from what you felt before

■ It's best to see a provider if you are unsure about a new lump (or any change). Although a lump (or any change) may be nothing to worry about, you will have the peace of mind it was checked.

If you have had a benign lump in the past, don't assume a new lump will also be benign. The new lump may not be breast cancer, but it's best to make sure.

NIPPLE DISCHARGE

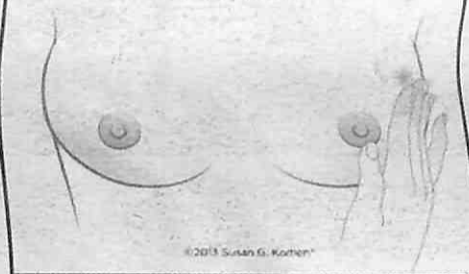
Liquid leaking from your nipple (nipple discharge) can be troubling, but it's rarely a sign of breast cancer.

Discharge can be your body's natural reaction when the nipple is squeezed.

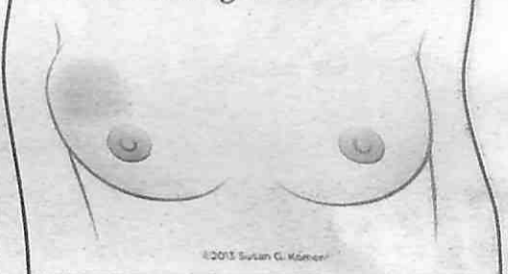
Signs of a more serious condition (such as breast cancer) include discharge that:

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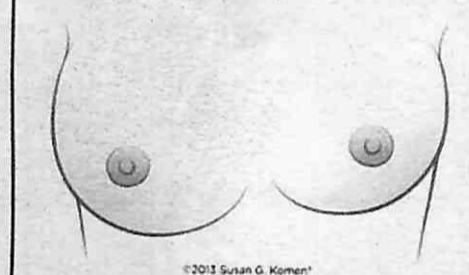
- Lump, hard knot or thickening inside the breast or underarm area



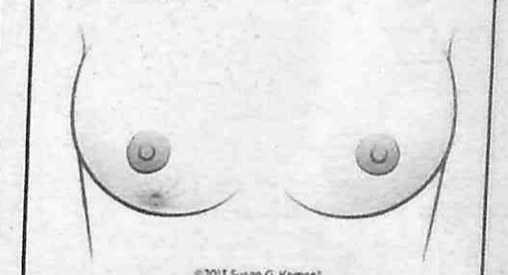
- Swelling, warmth, redness or darkening of the breast



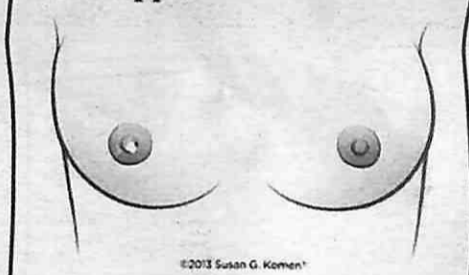
- Change in the size or shape of the breast



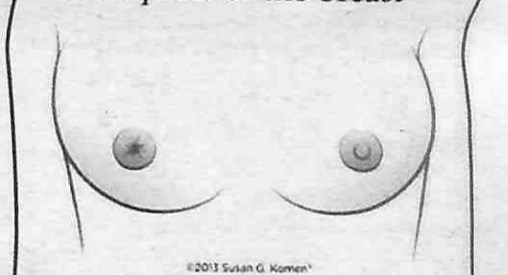
- Dimpling or puckering of the skin



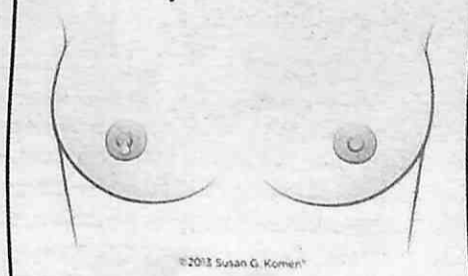
- Itchy, scaly sore or rash on the nipple



- Pulling in of your nipple or other parts of the breast



- Nipple discharge that starts suddenly



- New pain in one spot that does not go away



- Occurs without squeezing the nipple
- Occurs in only one breast
- Is bloody or clear (not milky)

Nipple discharge can also be caused by an

infection or other condition that needs treatment.

If you have any nipple discharge, see a health care provider.

CELEBRITIES THAT BEAT BREAST CANCER



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Angelina Jolie.

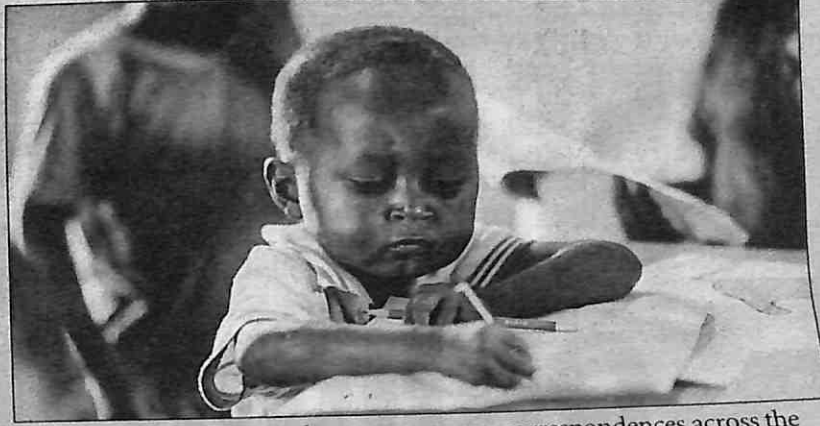


Kathy Bates.



When we started watching the social scenes we were looking for things that had everyone talking. This is exactly what Jake has managed to do. Jake is that young boy with a stern face that has been circulating with different captions. The captions are always on point and we can say

beyond any doubt Jake is the meme of the year. He reminds me of the stick man called Billy that had everyone talking. So Jake is a young guy from a village in Ghana and his picture was taken by one Solomon who was trying to get help for Jake and other children from his village. His village is one the many



poverty stricken villages in that country. Solomon with friends were in that country to help where they could and they took pictures to create awareness of their plight. According to reports ever since Jake broke the internet the #FundJake initiative has gotten

many correspondences across the world. It is reported they recorded the highest donations in just 24 hours. Solomon the guy behind the initiative has thanked internet users for sharing Jake's picture in the process making people curious on who Jake

really is. The curiosity has resulted in many people knowing about the campaign and many people making donations.

For those that don't know Jake is the meme, the young guy whose picture has been used as a meme and has been circulating in social media. He is stern faced and he is writing something. The picture has been given different captions and each caption is funny and it seems to be fitting whatever he was writing. According to the photographer, when the picture was taken Jake and other children had received crayons, pencils and other stationery so they were test driving their new tools.

So while we have fun with the cute little guy let us make it a point to check out the Fund Jake campaign and we help where we can.

SIGNS, SYMPTOMS OF BREAST CANCER IN MEN

For a long time breast cancer was associated with women only. Recent research has shown it is not limited to women, it affects men as well.

Men all over the world have been urged to join women and get tested for the cancer. A large ongoing study of causes of male breast cancer has identified several genetic variations associated with breast cancer risk. It reveals the effect of these genetic variations on risk is different for men and women. This suggests differences in the biology of breast cancer in men and women. Work is ongoing to further evaluate these differences. Breast cancer tests can be done both at home and at a medical facility. Below are signs that men should look out for, these are common symptoms of breast cancer in men.

- A lump or swelling, which is usually (but not always) painless
- Skin dimpling or puckering
- Nipple retraction (turning inward)
- Redness or scaling of the nipple or breast skin
- Discharge from the nipple

Sometimes a breast cancer can spread to lymph nodes under the arm or around the collar bone and cause a lump or swelling there, even before the original tumor in the breast tissue is large enough to be felt.

These changes aren't always caused by cancer. For example, most breast lumps in men are caused by gynecomastia (a harmless enlargement of breast tissue). Still, if you notice any breast changes, you should see a health care professional as soon as

MALE BREAST CANCER

The main **RISK FACTORS** for breast cancer in men is elevated **ESTROGEN** levels, prior **RADIATION** exposure, and a **FAMILY HISTORY** of breast cancer.

Male breast cancer is a **RARE** cancer type and only comprises **1%** of all breast cancers.

The most common **SYMPTOM** of male breast cancer is a **LUMP** behind the nipple.

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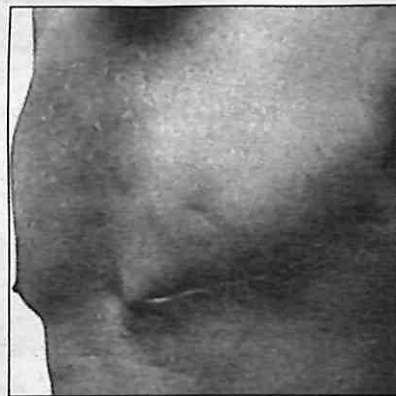
Like breast cancer in women, the **PROGNOSIS** for male breast cancer largely depends on the **TUMOR STAGE**.

Male breast cancer **STAGING** (reflecting the degree of tumor spread) is identical to female breast cancer.

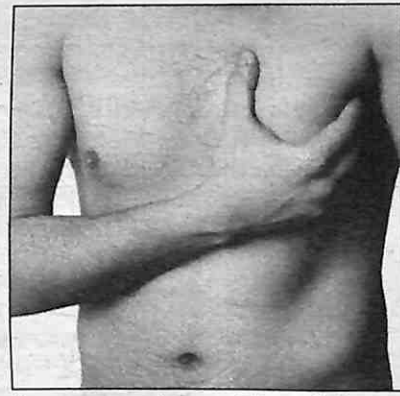
The most common type of male breast cancer is **INFILTRATING DUCTAL CARCINOMA**.

SURGERY is the most common initial treatment for male breast cancer. Other treatments include chemotherapy, hormonal therapy and radiation therapy.

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breast cancer in men. These different types of cancer are dependent on the genes of the man affected.

■ TYPES OF BREAST CANCER IN MEN

Reports done around the world show men rarely have themselves checked up for breast cancer yet they are also not spared from this cancer. We compiled a list of the types of

■ DUCTAL CARCINOMA IN SITU (DCIS)

Ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS; also known as intraductal carcinoma) is considered non-invasive or pre-

invasive breast cancer. In DCIS (also known as intraductal carcinoma), cells that lined the ducts have changed to look like cancer cells. The difference between DCIS and invasive cancer is that the cells have not spread (invaded) through the walls of the ducts into the surrounding tissue of the breast (or spread outside the breast). DCIS is considered a pre-cancer because some cases can go on to become invasive cancers.

■ INFLTRATING (OR INVASIVE) DUCTAL CARCINOMA (IDC)

Invasive (or infiltrating) ductal carcinoma (IDC) starts in a milk duct of the breast, breaks through the wall of the duct, and grows into the fatty tissue of the breast. At this point, it may be able to spread (metastasis) to other parts of the body through the lymphatic system and bloodstream.

At least eight out of 10 male breast cancers are IDCs (alone or mixed with other types of invasive or in situ breast cancer).

Because the male breast is much smaller than the female breast, all male breast cancers start relatively close to the nipple, so they are more likely to spread to the nipple.

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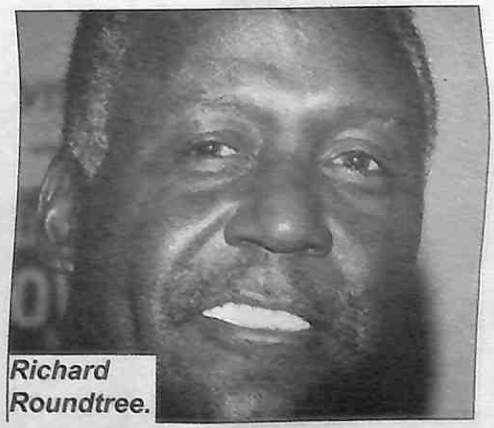
Lillian Dube.



Zoleka Mandela.



Mbali Maphumulo.



Richard Roundtree.

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■ INVASIVE) LOBULAR CARCINOMA (ILC)

This type of breast cancer starts in the breast lobules (collections of cells that, in women, produce breast milk) and grows into the fatty tissue of the breast. ILC is very rare in men, accounting for only about 2 percent of male breast cancers. This is because men do not usually have much lobular tissue.

■ PAGET DISEASE OF THE NIPPLE

This type of breast cancer starts in the breast ducts and spreads to the nipple. It may also spread to the areola (the dark circle around the nipple). The skin of the nipple usually appears crusted, scaly, and red, with areas of itching, oozing, burning, or bleeding. There may also be an underlying lump in the breast.

Paget disease may be associated with DCIS or with infiltrating ductal carcinoma.

■ INFLAMMATORY BREAST CANCER

Inflammatory breast cancer is an aggressive, but rare type of breast cancer. It makes the breast swollen, red, warm and tender rather than forming a lump. It can be mistaken for an infection of the breast. This is very rare in men.

She was recently awarded best hip hop female artist at the Hip hop awards. She goes by the name Originelle and her biological name is Makhosazane Thwala, a name given to her by her grandmother.

She was recently in the spotlight for her collaboration with South African female MC Gigi Lamayne. The hard-working, pint-sized University of Pretoria student speaks of Gigi Lamayne with great fondness and says she has learnt a lot from her.

Originelle is not your ordinary MC but she is one with a heart of gold. She looks at life outside herself and is prepared to use her rapper status to make a great impact and difference in the world.

During an interview with this publication she revealed as entertainers they had a responsibility to make a positive change in the world.

She has thrown her weight behind the breast cancer network, not because her mother is a survivor of the diseases but because she realises there is still more the network has to do in as far as creating awareness and educating the public goes.

She said over the years she had learnt of the 'ignorance' about this disease and this for her was a challenge to lend a hand and lend her status.

The head strong petite MC sat down with us and opened up about her mother's struggle with the cancer.

This is what she said:

CANCER
"I found out my mother had cancer a week after New Years in 2013, so I was 17 at that time," she opened up. She said when she found out she had never really thought about breast cancer existing in the country.

"I knew there was something called breast cancer but I honestly felt it was something for the movies. It was not in our dear Swaziland so I didn't really comprehend what was going on. So I think as a country we still have a long way to go in terms of awareness and the facilities necessary find this cancer," she said. "I also think hospital facilities must make it as big of an issue as AIDS is, in as much as it is a very underrated disease it's

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just as serious because the first time my mother realised she was sick, nobody knew what it was at the hospitals. It was only in South Africa where they could recognise the symptoms and at that time she was

on the 3rd stage which is a stage away from death," she narrated. She said that this showed that the network needed all the support it could get to up its 'game'. "So we need to be very aware of it as a country

because it is a serious issue. It can happen to anybody at any time and it is not confined to one sex," she continued.

Originelle said this scare got her so passionate about the fight

against breast cancer and would stop at nothing until the message is sent across. "Like I said I feel this is very important and must be given the importance it deserves," she said. She said that it was for this reason that she was planning to use her music to create awareness. "I will definitely use my craft to spread the word, not just for breast cancer but for any other ills be it social, medical or otherwise," she said.

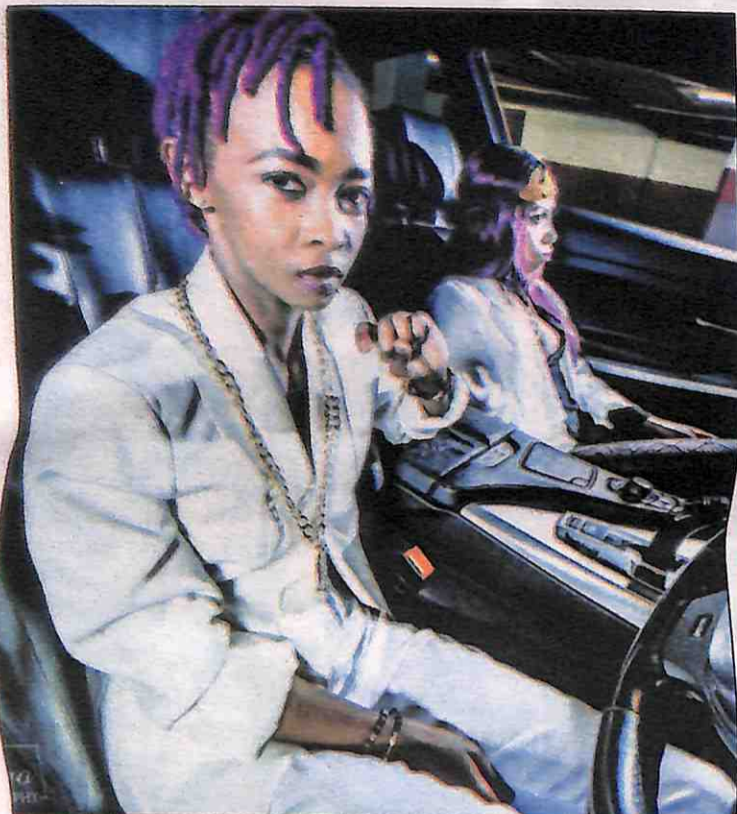
She added that because of the sensitive and how close to her heart the course of the network is she hoped that one day she would work with the network hands on. "It is a very sensitive topic. I remember in high school in October I'd always wear my pink ribbon and try giving as many people, telling them to wear it because it's October. I'm very passionate about spreading the word about it because like I said I thought it was only something that happened in the movies and when it actually happens to you it is the most painful thing to experience," she elaborated. She said having an organisation of the breast cancer network nature was not something to be taken lightly hence it must be supported in any way possible," she added.

"To have such an organisation is just a true blessing because now someone that was once in the dark like myself is able to contact the organisation for any help such as counselling, medical funds if one can't afford it and to make a difference honestly," she continued. "The organisation is a great initiative and I do see myself working with them for as long as possible not just for my mother but for all the survivors!" she emphasised.

Speaking about joining the many Swazis at the 'brave the breast walk' she said it wasn't her first time and definitely was not the last.

"My family and I walk each year but I guess as I grew and started to understand the growth of various events I figured we





could actually make this bigger," she said. She further said because of her craft she had an added advantage to create awareness. "I also have a voice and platform and these things aren't forever so I would love to use it to my advantage while it is still possible to do," she pointed out.

MUSIC

The winner of the hip hop female artist and she is super grateful. "Female Hip Hop Artist of the Year means a lot for me," she said. She said she was very honoured to have received this award "I am also grateful to everyone that voted and gave my music an ear, this isn't just an award, for me this is a voice for all females that are underrated or not looked to as great because they find themselves in a male dominated environment that unconsciously allows us to doubt ourselves as women relative to the men," she explained. She said the award was for every woman who was hustling and conquering a male dominated industry.

"So this award is for all the females in Swaziland who are going through that. We need to remember how great we are and how magical we can be," she continued. She said this award had encouraged and challenged her to work even hard on her album which was set to come out soon.

Furthermore Oriiginelle pointed out she was looking forward to working with many local artists.

"I'm still very interested in those without a platform because I know how frustrating it is to know you have a talent but nobody wants to pay it no mind," she said. She said this was because she had been

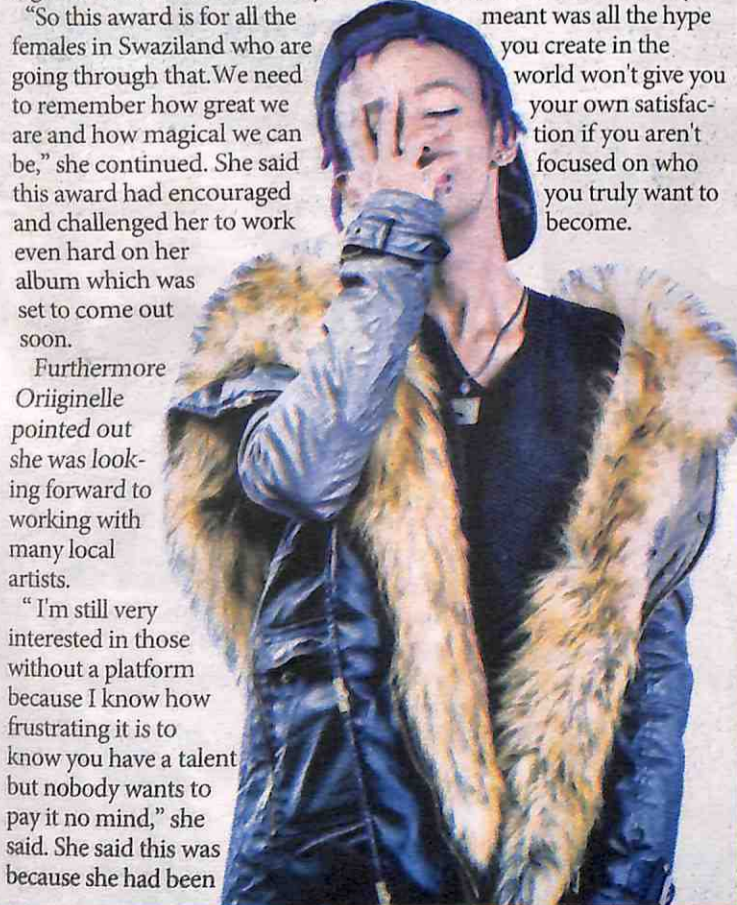
where they were. "An artist I would absolutely love to work with PsychoLution he's an absolute Mufasa at what he does," she added.

On her collaboration with the exceptional Gigi Lamayne she said she had learnt a lot. "I honestly think I learnt what every artist needs to learn from Gigi," she chuckled "I learnt to be very humble.

You need to understand who you are and where you are from because this is a very brutal industry it can chew you up and spit you back out but you need to understand your vision and stick by it because if you want something and you truly want it, it will happen," she told us.

Furthermore she said she had learnt the need to feed your focus and starve your distractions. "Always remember who you are and where you are from because no matter the waves you make, when close to the shore it's just a bunch of light moving waters satisfying people's feet," she said.

She said what this basically meant was all the hype you create in the world won't give you your own satisfaction if you aren't focused on who you truly want to become.



Movie Review



BEN-HUR
Available in Theatres

If nothing else, "Ben-Hur," directed by Timur Bekmambetov from a script by Keith R. Clarke and John Ridley, is a masterpiece of condensation.

The celebrated 1959 version of the saga, once the most-Oscar-winning-picture-of-all-time, clocked in at almost four hours. The silent version was about two hours and twenty minutes, no marathon but still longer than average for its time. This movie, on the other hand, gets the job done in pretty much exactly two hours.

The briskness was but one reason I found this quasi-Biblical epic strangely refreshing. This version of the strange novel concocted by Union Army General Lew Wallace in 1880 (a warrior's apologia for Christianity that surpassed 1852's previous record holder "Uncle Tom's Cabin" on the best-seller lists) begins as Judah Ben-Hur (a steely Jack Huston) and his onetime friend Messala (Toby Kebbell) are facing off in a chariot race.

Talk about beginning on a high note—the chariot race of the William Wyler-directed 1959 film, starring Charlton Heston and Stephen Boyd, is that movie's climax. But fear not, the scene is just a preview, and we flashback, after a few expositional points in narration from Morgan Freeman (who, fear not, is also a character in the picture), to Judah Ben-Hur's noble household in Jerusalem eight years before, and see Judah and his Roman adopted brother Messala (note the slight change in relations) riding horses together care-free, until an accident places Judah in the care of his friend. It's a bit of a one-set-of-footsteps moment that has a big payoff later on.

Wallace's novel was subtitled "A Tale of the Christ" and this movie was produced by Mark Burnett and Roma Downey, who've parlayed Burnett's success with reality television into a shingle devoted to making movies with pronounced Christian content. Hence, this "Ben-Hur" has more Christ in it than any previous version. And a lot of philosophizing in the dialogue. "You confuse peace with freedom," one character opines at a certain point; at another the ideal



of a "civilized world; progress, prosperity, and stability" is proffered, which sounds like a setup for a take-down of secular humanism. When first seen, Jesus (Rodrigo Santoro) is carving wood, and overhearing a conversation between Judah and his later-to-be-converted wife Esther (Nazanin Boniadi), he gently pipes up, "Love your enemies." "Love your enemies? That's very progressive," Judah responds. Soon, when he's stripped of his home and family and enslaved on a galley ship, he will have the opportunity to turn those words over.

The characters all speak in a completely contemporary tone, which shows the influence of—what do you know?—Scorsese's "The Last Temptation of Christ," which was criticized for (among other things) having the Apostles talk like they'd

just hopped off the IRT. This is not particularly bothersome, it turns out. In the net plus department, once the action really gets going, it's quite good.

The sea battle during which Judah makes his escape is a really effective bit of action moviemaking—one of those scenes that compels you to exhale when it's finally over. It's frantic and loud, but not particularly over-the-top, which is unusual for Bekmambetov. Also unusual is the relatively restrained violence—there's a lot of brutal behavior in the picture but its depiction is relatively restrained, another first for its director, whose work in the likes of "Night Watch," "Day Watch," and the abysmal "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" lacked a lot of worthwhile qualities, nuance being one of the bigger ones.

SOMIZI'S BUYS TWO CARS WORTH R3.3M IN ONE WEEK

In just one week, choreographer and Idols judge Somizi Mhlongo has bought two cars worth R 3.3 million.

On Thursday afternoon, Somizi added a flashy R1.5 million ride to his fancy car collection.

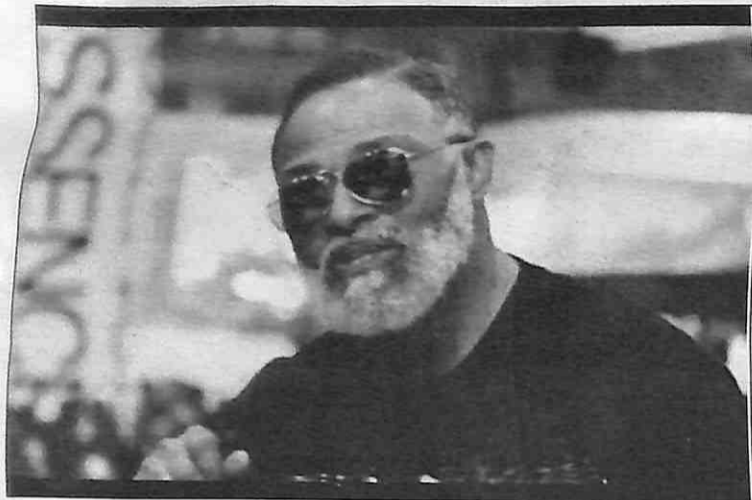
The week before, he was show-

ing off his brand new BMW i8 worth over R1.7 million.

Somizi took to social media to flaunt his new Mercedes Benz G350d.

His mom was right there to celebrate with him.

Congratulations Somgaga!



Mkhulu bae no longer coming to KZN fest

Most women in Durban, KZN who were hoping to bump into Mkhulu Bae at the Essence Festival have been left with mixed emotions.

The news has broken that he is no longer coming.

Rumours had been doing the rounds that US fashion model and teacher Irvin Randle (54), better known as Mkhulu Bae or Mr Steal Your Grandma on social media, was coming to the festival to share his knowledge of fitness and fashion.

eThekweni Municipality spokeswoman Tozi Mthethwa on Monday confirmed that Mkhulu Bae was not in the line-up of guest speakers at the concert taking place from 8 to 13 November in Durban.

She said the municipality was reacting to unconfirmed reports about Randle's participation in the festival.

Noxolo Xulu (32), from Lamontville, south of Durban, said: "I was looking forward to the festival because I thought Mkhulu Bae was coming to Durban. He is so sexy for his age and he dresses smartly. I wanted him to give Durban men tips on how to dress and how to get rid of their mkhabas."

Disappointed Zinhle Ngcobo (28) from Umlazi Township said: "This is not fair to all the ladies who were looking forward to seeing him."

While some women were disappointed, some said they didn't care. These were some of the tweets: @simply_sphume: Asinandaba noma uMr Steal Your Grandma #MkhuluBae angasezi eMzansi, we have our #MalumBae #MduMasilela.

At the time of going to print, Randle had not replied to an email sent to him.

'Playing Wandile's like creating a masterpiece'

If you thought Wandile in Generations - the Legacy is really a boy, you'd better think again!

The role is played so convincingly by the beautiful Chi Mhende, that you would never suspect anything about her gender. Chi was encouraged by her father to explore when she was young and was taught to read books by her mum. She said she knew about the character before the audition through the brief and had done her research.

"The character is a 19-year-old soccer player who is a gentle, sensitive and beautiful young man."

"The reason a woman plays the role of a man is because the character was a transgender and the actor must be able to play both roles," said the outspoken young woman.

Chi said her chest was strapped tightly to hide her boobs.

Describing her role, she said it is like an artist who has been assigned to create a masterpiece.

"This is how excited I was about my role." She said through the role she wants people to know that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender lives matters.

"For every boy and girl who has a different story to tell, let Wandile be the angel who gives them a voice.

"It is important that gay people are part of our community."

"I hope in the future people won't have to ask what LGBT stands for." She said her preparation for the role starts with a



warm-up of 30 minutes. She explained she has a naturally deep voice, but Wandile's is a bit lower than hers.

"I feel a vibration in my chest when he speaks," said the talented actress.

Chi added her new storyline answers a lot of questions about Wandile, and the character allowed her to practise her craft as an actress.

"Viewers are going to see what Wandile always wanted to be."

Chi added when she walks on the street, people make remarks like "Haibo intombazana", meaning is she a girl and "Uyaxoka", which means she is lying.

Nonhle announces her early retirement

South African actress and TV personality Nonhle Thema

announced her early retirement from the entertainment industry.

She took to social media to make the announcement.

"Shout out to @bonang_m who's holding it down proper in this presenting game... I'm so proud of her. I have retired and I'm happy the industry is in good hands", she wrote.



Babes launches anti-drug campaign

Local singer, Babes Wodumo, recently came under fire with many claiming that her latest track, Mercedes, is linked to drugs.

Speaking to The Juice her manager Victor Dlokolo explained, "There is nothing in the lyrics that say anything about drug use, the song is about Mercedes - the car brand"

Now, the record label, West Ink, has made an official statement: "Firstly we would like to extend our sincere heartfelt apologies for the seeming confusion that has emerged following the release of our proposed follow up & highly sought after single for Babes Wodumo titled Mercedes which has since stirred a wave of controversy and opened up a debate regarding a dangerous substance of the same name which has become synonymous with the underground KZN community."

CELEBRITYNEWS BRIEFS

I'm keeping the ring!

She is alleged to have split from her billionaire fiancé James Packer following a dramatic fight in September.

But Mariah Carey was still wearing her engagement ring when she stepped out for dinner at celebrity hotspot Nobu in Malibu on Thursday evening, enjoying a catch up with friends - including her choreographer and backing dancer Bryan Tanaka, who Packer was allegedly 'jealous' of.

The 46-year-old singer's \$10 million bling was hard to miss, perhaps hinting that she's not ready to turn her back on the relationship just yet. Designed exclusively for the businessman by Mariah's close friend Wilfredo Rosado, the 35-carat blinder is the size of singer Beyonce and TV reality star Kim Kardashian's engagement rocks combined.



'Lewis and I dont talk'

They called time on their on and off eight year relationship in 2015. And now Nicole Scherzinger, 38, has revealed she no longer talks to her former Formula 1 beau Lewis Hamilton, 31. Appearing on Saturday night's Jonathan Ross Show, the X Factor judge admitted she 'sincerely' wishes the sports star 'happiness'. She said: 'I don't see anything negative, I think it's quite natural when people separate and go their own ways and you just have to be adult about it and just always wish the other person happiness, success and love like sincerely and I do.' When asked whether they still stay in touch, the Poison hitmaker - who first started seeing the race car driver in 2007 - was frank in her omission. She added: 'Yeah we don't, like, talk. I think that he is the best driver since Ayrton Senna and I think that he's probably going to win this year and I only wish him happiness and success.'



Jennifer Lopez to star in NBC's Bye Bye Birdie Live! in 2017

Say hello to Jennifer Lopez in NBC's forthcoming Bye Bye Birdie. NBC says the actress-singer will headline its 2017 live holiday musical. She will play Rosie, the role

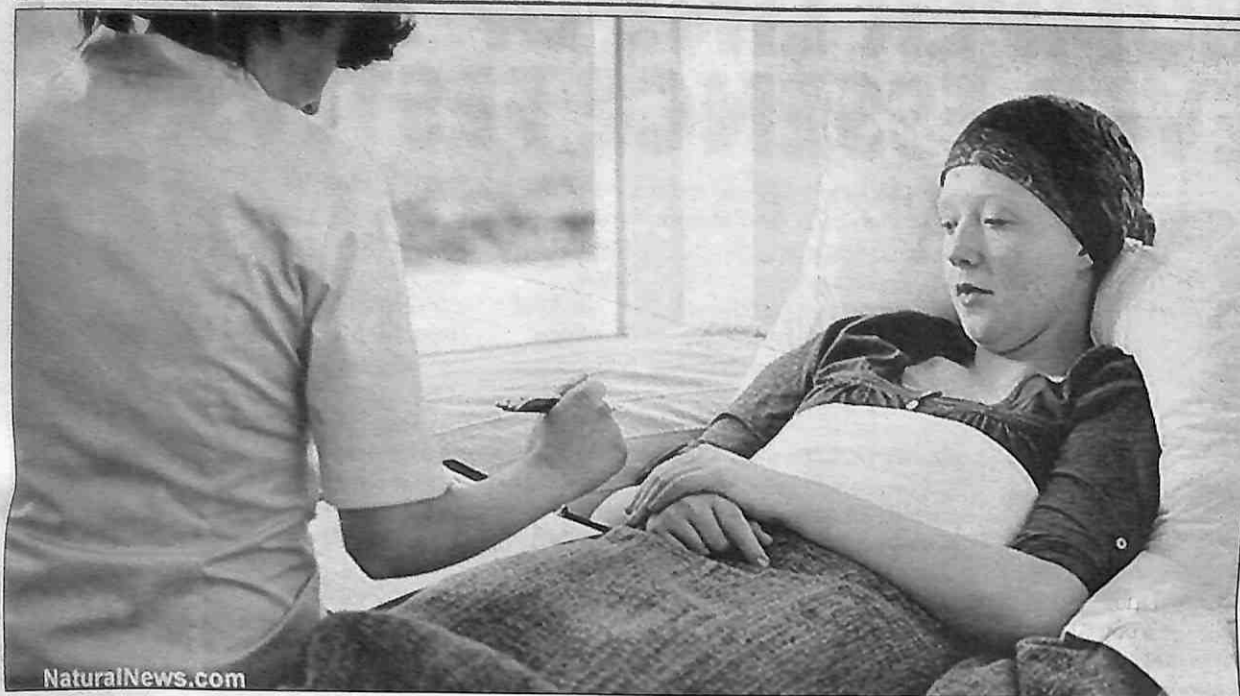
originated on Broadway in 1960 by Chita Rivera. Tony Award-winning Harvey Fierstein will write the script. Bye Bye Birdie Live! airs a year from now as the next in NBC's annual live-musical tradition.

Hairspray Live!, starring newcomer Maddie Baillio, is set to air on Dec. 7.

Birdie is an homage to circa-1950s rock 'n' roll mania and centers on the character Conrad Birdie, who is reminiscent of a young Elvis Presley.

ABC aired a 1995 TV-movie version starring Jason Alexander and Vanessa Williams.





THE AGONY OF WATCHING A CANCER PATIENT SUFFER

It is an undesirable pain to watch anybody in agonising mourns and groans, even your worst enemy. The kind of pain you fall asleep in and wake up to.

The kind of pain that makes you want to scream out loud but even after you have, it does not go away. It does not stop. Pastors and Evangelists come to pray for you and speak about how joyful life is in heaven. The one thought left then is of heaven, a longing to reach to the father and say "Lord, Thank you but to that pain, No thanks". When cancer has reached the dangerous stages where it is deemed fatal it is more than agonising for the people who live with a cancer patient than the patient herself/himself. To live everyday observing the body of your loved one deteriorating day in and day out. Sometimes you wish to take their place, sometimes you wish God would just relieve them off their pain whilst sometimes you wonder why God would subject one to such physical pain.

LUMPS

At some point in life I discovered a lump in my left breast the same time a close friend discovered theirs. We both went for operation.

The test results were; mine was just fungi whilst my friend's was cancerous. Much to our disbelief and that's pretty much when the gruelling pain started.

She unlike me was courageous upon the shocking discovery but one thing for certain neither she could ignore was the countless chemotherapy visits to the doctor and mostly her deteriorating body.



A chubby young woman being devoured by a disease science has proven incurable after 'whatever' stages. She has since recuperated thanks to the chemotherapy and most of all thanks be the most high.

Cancer is cruel, be whatever type it could be. It is a silent killer. Take for instance cervical cancer, how sad it is to know that outside you seem and look fine but inside you are dying slowly but surely.



Cancer is cruel. The discovery shocks one to the marrow and all that they lived for comes crumbling down on their feet because thoughts of death are inevitable.

A message to all cancer patients; you are not the hair nor are you the skin but you are soul that lives within.

Finally always remember that your present situation is not your final destination. The best is yet to come.

By Nomfundo Sifundza



Foods to eat to avoid cancer

A bowl full of bright green steamed broccoli. You say either "Yum!" -- or "Where's the double cheeseburger?" But you know the broccoli is good for you, especially sans melted cheese. The question is, how good? And more to the point, can it -- or any food -- help prevent disease, such as cancer?

The answer is yes -- some foods do show cancer-fighting properties, though no one is yet able to say one food or another can stop cancer in its tracks. Still, a body of research suggests an overall healthy diet filled with colorful fruits and vegetables is the key to skirting heart disease, diabetes, and possibly cancer, too.

In fact, scientists know more about what not to eat -- processed meats, salty foods, sugary drinks, huge helpings of red meat -- than which fruits and vegetables to pile on your plate.

But they do know those foods matter.

A comprehensive review of thousands of studies on diet, physical activity, and weight conducted for the World Cancer Research Fund and the American Institute for Cancer Research pointed to the benefits of eating mostly foods of plant origin.

Foods such as broccoli, berries, and garlic showed some of the strongest links to cancer prevention.

They're low in calories and fat and power-packed with phytochemicals and antioxidants that may help reduce your cancer risk.

ANTIOXIDANTS, PHYTOCHEMICALS, AND CANCER

You've heard of antioxidants, such as vitamin C, lycopene, and beta-carotene, which are in many fruits and vegetables. Studies suggest that people who eat meals that are rich in fruits and vegetables have a lower risk of cancer.

A variety of chemicals from plants known as phytochemicals also seem to protect cells from harmful compounds in food and in the environment, as well as prevent cell damage and mutations, says Jed W. Fahey, ScD, MS, a faculty research associate at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, who studies how cruciferous vegetables help protect against disease.

A diet that could ward off cancer really doesn't look that different from the healthy foods you should be eating anyway, says Wendy Demark-Wahnefried, PhD, RD, a professor of behavioral sciences at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. That means plenty of fruits and vegetables, as well as whole grains and lean meat or fish.

MALE CELEBRITIES WHO BEAT CANCER



Hugh Jackman.



Mark Ruffalo.



Lance Armstrong.



Mr. T.

Behind the Scene

BUMPER LINE-UP AT FIRST EVER ESSENCE FESTIVAL



ALL Roads will lead to the City of Durban in the Kwazulu Natal Province as it play host of the first ever Essence Festival to be hosted in Africa.

The city has put together a line-up not to be missed as it brings international award winning international artists as well as the cream of the crop from South Africa covering almost all music genres.

The festival takes place from November 8 to 13 at the iconic Durban ICC and the Moses Mabhida Stadium. It covers a number of interesting topics and activities including fashion, food expo and seminars where a number of topics will be discussed. It also includes a number of international speakers including the likes of Steve Harvey.

The awaited part of the festival will include be the two music concerts on the November 12 and 13 with the first night dedicated to the best hip hop talent on the continent including award winning rivals AKA and Casper Nyovest, Nigerian born Davido, Whiz Kid, Burna Boy and Ricky Rick while and Afro-soul powerhouse Thandiswa Mazwai is set to entertain fans with an unforgettable music experience.

The line-up also boasts house and kwaito music heavy weights including internationally acclaimed DJ Black Coffee, DJ Tira, DJ Zinhle, Oskido, Biz Nuz and Babes Wodumo.

Renowned Durban celebrity and business-woman of note Zanele Mbokazi-Nkambule will lead the thousands of gospel music lovers expected at the show in the proceedings dur-

ing the Sunday show. This show also promises to be an exciting affair as it features gospel groups including the likes of Joyous Celebrations, Sifiso Ncwane, Mary Mary, Lady Smith Black Mambazo, Dr. Tumi, Hlengiwe Mhlaba, Thobekile, Ayanda Ntanzu, Izinceku and Malusi Mbokazi.

During the other days the festival will be free and open to the public where it will deliver an all-encompassing lifestyle and empowerment experience which will also include a beauty and style expo featuring designers from across the continent showcasing and selling their products. The Arts, Craft and Design pavilion will showcase some of the best visual arts South Africa and the African continent produce whilst all attending will also be treated to the different culinary tastes the festival has to offer. The Money and Technology colloquium including the Durban Business Fair will be the platform for empowerment" she added.

Head of Durban Tourism Phillip Sithole confidently said "This festival enhances our destination image by creating global awareness and attracting tourism business to generate future inbound travel. We are hoping that through this partnership with Essence, we can infiltrate the USA Market and the rest of The African continent to encourage visitor arrivals to our city. Special tour packages have already been formulated and marketed all over Africa including the USA" she said. Tickets are available countrywide at Computicket and Shoprite.



SUNDAYCOMMENT:

No information fuels rumours

The reshuffle of envoys has put to rest rumours pertaining to who-goes-where in the case of the country's diplomatic representation abroad.

For months on end, the nation has been fed 'lies' on possible new high commissioners as well as ambassadors while the 'new faces' pleaded ignorance.

Several were congratulated while others possibly feared their fate.

This is the nature of Swaziland's politics. Things drag on for too long.

Over a month ago, the Sunday Observer revealed, without naming her, how erstwhile Swaziland High Commissioner to the United Kingdom (UK) Dumisile Sukati was expected to present credentials to South Africa.

However, she was not there despite her name having been forwarded to the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) Directorate which vetted and included her in the list of diplomats to meet Zuma.

Reasons forwarded by the government through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Principal Secretary Sotja Dlamini were to the effect that there was no re-shuffle until an announcement could be made locally through a press conference.

Secret

It is disheartening to note how the South African government knew of her before the announcement locally. This goes to show how things are kept secret for too long in the country while processes are being completed.

It sadly looks like locals do not deserve to know what other countries are privy to.

Time wasting usually results in lost opportunities and this allows for rumours to take root and become the truth.

With the country geared towards first world status, information should not be held for too long. In fact, processes should be done at a fast rate due to advancement in technology.

With the breakneck speed at which information dissemination takes place (thanks to 4G), dilly-dallying leaves a lot of people behind, even government.

It is shocking to still have senior officers who are unfamiliar with the internet and its uses as well as advantages.

Just one document, can be disseminated to thousands of people within a second. If disseminated the correct way and through secure portals, the validity of the document will not be questionable. As it is, Swaziland is fuelled by rumours of certain developments on a daily basis simply because information gets withheld.

The example used above is an attempt to bring to the fore the folly of failure to be transparent by government. It becomes difficult to ascertain the country's position in certain issues if information is held back. It also becomes difficult to dispel rumours in the absence of the real truth.

Granted, there is, one can suppose, always a good reason calling for government to play cards close to the chest, however, at the end of the day, the rumours are not healthy for everybody involved.



BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

Analysis & opinion

SUPPORT CANCER VICTIMS CORRECTLY

This past week presented an awakening of sorts towards the image of cancer and its awareness. Everything was brought to perspective by a survivor who posted a picture of her breast during her treatment on Facebook.

It was ugly and really painful to see.

Yesterday saw over 2000 participants take part in the annual Brave the Breast Challenge. Well and good. This shows that Swazis are not just pressing like on Facebook or retweeting on Twitter, they are taking action, taking part.

It is commendable to see ordinary people stand up and be counted as people who want to contribute something to causes out there because if you are on social networking sites, you get shocked at the amount of tomfoolery that goes with supposedly supporting causes.

No-bra Day. Yes, there is such a day which people claim is for showing solidarity towards people who have or have survived breast cancer.

Who came up with such a day? For the uninitiated, on this day, women post pictures of their chests clearly showing their nipples due to not wearing a brassier to hold them back.

This is said to be supposed to be of comfort to those who have or have been treated of breast cancer.

Sadly, most of the people I know who have had cancer, due to having detected it late, lose their breasts. So it becomes difficult to understand how not wearing a bra supports those who have lost their breasts and wish they had something to fill their bras with.

Some, despite having breasts made from skin grafts, wish they could have nipples which show through their clothes so I don't understand how this day is of comfort to them.

Cancer of any kind is horrible. Treatment of any cancer is gut wrenching and has some of the worst side effects of modern medicine so sexualising and making it cute on the internet is really heart breaking for those who have been affected by it.

Some may say, to each his own, while others may pull the freedom of expression card.

However, there should be a distinct line between mockery and freedom of expression. To say it in a way the majority of people will understand, most of these 'support causes' are un-Swazi in their approach because they exclude the affected.

(At the risk of evoking blasé feelings at the use of the un-Swazi term, there is a need for the nation to sit down and really define what it means to be a Swazi because we have been fed with the un-ness for so long, at times we don't know how to be.)

The support of causes should make sense to the affected and really contribute in terms of solidarity. Other odd observances gaining recognition as intended to show support for the fight against cancer include 'No Make-Up Day'.

Sadly these are so glorified that locals have even started observing it, albeit a few days after the western world due to following trends the day after and because of FOMO (fear of missing out). Pictures of their faces

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sans make-up seem gratified and somehow think someone exhausted by the heaving of the stomach caused by chemotherapy will be comforted. Those on treatment have tales to tell about the effects of chemotherapy, radiation and the surgeries they have to endure in order to get better.

The realities of cancer include knowing that one is genetically predisposed and therefore can't really celebrate remission because the fear of it returning is all too real. Knowing how cancer can kill can be traumatic for those affected.

Those in treatment live in a blur wherein most of that which they remember is usually associated with pain of the trauma.

Depending on the type of cancer, such as that of the cervix, knowing that one will never have children is the price to pay for the gift of life as well as is living without breasts in the case of a breast cancer survivor who has had a mastectomy.

Let us back track a little bit. Being genetically predisposed basically means being genetically susceptible to having cancer because of having parents or grandparents who had cancers in their bodies while remission is the respite every cancer victim wishes for, the time the cancer seems to be healed, even though it may be temporary.

On the other hand a mastectomy is when the breast is surgically removed.

So, before putting up pictures of nipples and clean faces as support for cancer awareness, think of the side effects people on chemotherapy go through.

Fatigue. Fatigue is feeling tired or exhausted almost all the time. It is the most common side effect of chemotherapy.

Pain. Chemotherapy sometimes causes pain.

- Headaches
- Muscle pain
- Stomach pain

Pain from nerve damage, such as burning, numbness, or shooting pains, usually in the fingers and toes.

Pain usually gets less with time. However, some people have permanent nerve damage. This can cause symptoms for months or years after treatment.

Mouth and throat sores. Chemotherapy can damage the cells inside the mouth and throat. This causes painful sores in these areas, a condition called mucositis.

Mouth sores usually happen 5 to 14 days after a treatment. The sores can get infected.

Diarrhoea. Some chemotherapy causes loose or watery bowel movements. Preventing diarrhoea or treating it early helps keep you from getting dehydrated (losing too much body fluid). It also helps prevent other health problems.

Nausea and vomiting. Chemotherapy can cause nausea (feeling sick to your stomach) and vomiting (throwing up).

Constipation. Chemotherapy can cause constipation. This means not having a bowel movement often enough or having difficult bowel movements.

Blood disorders. Your bone marrow is the spongy tissue inside your bones. It makes new blood cells. Chemotherapy affects this process, so you might have side effects from having too few blood cells.

Nervous system effects. Some drugs cause nerve damage.

This can cause the following nerve or muscle symptoms:

- Tingling
- Burning
- Weakness or numbness in the hands, feet, or both
- Weak, sore, tired, or achy muscles
- Loss of balance
- Shaking or trembling

Changes in thinking and memory. Some people have trouble thinking clearly and concentrating after chemotherapy.

Sexual and reproductive issues. Chemotherapy can affect your fertility. For women, this is the ability to get pregnant and carry a pregnancy. For men, fertility is the ability to make a woman pregnant. Being tired or feeling sick from cancer or treatment can also affect your ability to enjoy sex.

Appetite loss. One might eat less than usual, not feel hungry at all, or feel full after eating a small amount.

Hair loss. Some types of chemotherapy cause hair loss from all over the body. It may come out a little at a time or in large clumps. Hair loss usually starts after the first several weeks of chemotherapy. It tends to increase one to two months into treatment.

THE BENEFITS OF BEING A PART OF THE JA GLOBAL NETWORK



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JA BOARD CHAIR

One of the elements that inspire and excite me about working for JA Swaziland is the element that we are a part of the Africa and global network.

This therefore gives a platform for our young people to be a part of the international competitions that allows them to get international recognition for their work. Today I would like to take some time and address the benefits that being part of the Africa and global network entails for JA Swaziland.

First and for most, JA Swaziland is a member of the Africa Regional Office which is located in Accra, Ghana has staff responsible for providing financial accountability and compliance and capacity building for implementing staff to ensure program consistency and quality.

One of the benefits of a centrally-managed project such as this is that it allows for JA to aggregate impact, share learning and innovations across geographies, observe and extract best practices that can be 'lifted and shifted' across different contexts, as well as piloting and scaling up innovations. It also provides the opportunity for interaction and knowledge sharing within



Mjinggo High School.

the programme.

We had the opportunity on Thursday to showcase our National Expo competition to the Regional CEO Elizabeth Bintliff whom I believe had a wonderful exchange programme being a part of Swaziland. We have had so many triumph moments over the years when we won the regional competition in three out of five of its existences. It therefore places JA Swaziland in a better position to engage in a skills sharing platform with the rest of the continent as to how the JA programmes could be enhanced to have greater impact in the lives of young people.

The motivation behind the establishment of the Regional competition was the fact that there was an opportunity to create a signature showcase for Junior Achievement and the high school students who benefit from the impact of the JA

Company Programme and thus the Regional Company of the Year Competition was established. This annual celebration of success allows young people to demonstrate their business acumen and spirit of entrepreneurship in a competitive environment (with their peers from different countries) which will engage business, education and policy leaders as well as the media. The competition is not simply a business competition for young people. The goal is to balance the business achievements of each company as a whole with the personal development of each individual member.

Therefore, for a company to win this award, it is not sufficient just to run a financially successful JA company or to have created an exciting product or service. JA company members must also demonstrate that they understand how and why

the company performed as it did.

The benefit that young people who enroll in our programme get to enjoy is the creation of an international network with likeminded entrepreneurs who can therefore become a support system for the upcoming entrepreneurs to thrive in the business arena. Speaking to Maame Yankah the communications officer from the regional office on the plans to extend the JA alumni network across countries, she had the following to say; "JA Africa believes that its greatest resource is the vast network of alumni – young Africans who have completed training in JA's courses. They exist by the thousands and provide the best testimonies of the impact of their work.

"Our vision for the future depends heavily on our ability to tap into the resources, the potential, the knowledge and the networks of

the young people who have benefited from training in JA programmes and to leverage this network to reach an even wider demographic of youth across Africa. We are still in discussions about how to create an Africa network that links students to resources and to one another across the continent."

As of 2017, the World Wide Competition is expected to resume. This competition will now provide an even bigger stage for young people to showcase their entrepreneurial talents among other counterparts from all around the world. This will also increase the alumni network that will be created where we expect young people from our programmes to interact with the rest of the world.

It has a potential to build recognition for our country at the world stage as well. While our continent may not have access to enough resources that will assist develop the business ideas that come up from this programme, I believe this platform will also tap into the international resources that are available to young people.

As I conclude, I would like to congratulate Mjinggo High School who has won the national expo competition and therefore progressing to Zimbabwe during the first week of December for the Regional Competition.

Swaziland is the defending champion for the regional title and we believe that Mjinggo will make us proud in representing our country well. Most importantly I hope this young people will make use of this networking platform and return to our country transformed and better positioned to develop their upcoming art enterprise.

NMC's drought response and job creation initiative



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When the National Maize Corporation (NMC) introduced the idea of developing distribution centres around the country, the main inspiration around the idea was to use these distribution centres as a response to the persistent drought faced by the country.

It is a fact that Swaziland is not new to such drought situations but the levels at which the current drought is, is by far the worst the country has experienced over

three (3) decades. This drought, which is characterised by below normal to almost non-existent rainfall; high temperatures and dry spells, has, and continues to put local farmers and Swazis in general in a difficult and disastrous position, where they have been unable to produce enough maize to feed themselves, let alone sell to the NMC. What hit a nerve with NMC leadership was particularly the matter of people not only finding it difficult to produce enough to feed themselves but also the fact that they were unable to access maize with ease even at purchasing level. This often meant that people would have to travel from the different parts of the country to Matsapha to purchase maize. Not only was this consuming a very valuable and irreplaceable resource – time – but it was also fast consuming money that could be spent purchasing more maize for themselves and their families and dependants. The inconvenience that came with people travelling from different ends of the country to NMC in

Matsapha is simply immeasurable!

Therefore, NMC saw this as an opportunity to launch distribution centres across the country with the main objective being to relieve people of the burden of the pressures caused by the drought by ensuring easier access to maize. The targeted areas, therefore, were the drought stricken and highly vulnerable and these were mainly in the Lubombo, Shiselweni and part of Manzini Regions, where businesspeople had been identified to take advantage of this opportunity.

Having looked into the benefits of the distribution centres to the people of Swaziland, the NMC also saw the entrepreneurial opportunities for the people in that these distribution centres further be owned and run by local business people in the communities. Not only did the National Maize Corporation extend aid to the people by bringing maize closer to them and thereby cutting expenses associated with travelling to purchase maize from the

NMC main depot in Matsapha, but NMC opened entrepreneurial opportunities to the people of Swaziland and further created job for Swazis, thereby contributing to the challenging fight against poverty and unemployment in the country.

The NMC CEO, is always quick to clarify that such things are not just being "for the people" but as leaders in different positions and portfolios of the country, it is important to look at such initiatives as those of the country as a whole; initiatives that will outlive the individual and will go on to serve the nation.

Dependants

Looking at the statistics where on average, it is said that one person's income takes care of five dependants; this initiative is not to be taken lightly at all.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the world's population will increase by one-third between now and 2050. If current income and consumption growth trends continue, the FAO estimates that agricultural production will have to increase by 60 percent by 2050 to satisfy the expected demand for food. Agriculture must therefore transform itself if it is to feed a growing global population and provide the basis for economic

growth and poverty reduction.

And even though the NMC may not be able to accurately forecast the success of the distribution centres post the drought period, one thing is for sure: The distribution centres have been of great help to the people of Swaziland thus far, and they hold massive potential for further expansion. Hence, NMC continues to explore and look into the possibilities of adding even more distribution centres around the country.

Spill-offs of the development of the distribution centres includes job creation in the different communities, which ultimately contributes to poverty alleviation in the long-run: expansion of businesses in the transport sector as the NMC has had to hire local transport providers to transport maize to the different distribution centres around the country and due to the demand of the maize, transport owners have had the opportunity to be engaged by suppliers to ferry maize imported from other countries into SD

The distribution centres are certainly an expensive activity to pull off, but the NMC's mandate drives the company to soldier on through the challenges as they work towards the ultimate goal; that of food security for the country.



GENDER AND RELIGION – A TIMELY BOMB TO EXPLODE STILL:

FEMINISM COULD BE ENGAGED AS PART OF GRAPPLING WITH GENDER ISSUES

It was such a great honour for HURISWA in collaboration with CANGO to host the Multi-Faith Dialogue last Tuesday, at the Royal Spa Convention Centre. Firstly, one must highly appreciate religious leaders who graced our occasion.

I must admit that putting together a Multi-Faith meeting is not a child's joke. The abled leadership of Rev Zwanini Shabala, of the Church Forum, in chairing such a meeting is appreciated indeed.

We appreciate those who were asked to make interventions and present papers, without which this dialogue would have not been a great success. One issue that was put on the table during this dialogue was Gender and Religion, as presented by Dr Sonene Nyawo, a lecturer at UNISWA.

She answered our cry that the University should reach out to the people, as all the theories they teach could make more sense if they establish outreach programmes to assist us on the ground on how we can deal with ever increasing challenges. Gender and Religion does impact on Human Rights discourse, because it tackles issues of stereotypes, discrimination and oppression of women who are also made in the image of God. Let me share some highlights of this presentation.

GENDER DISCRIMINATION

Dr Nyawo's introductory remarks raised our blood pressure when she cited an ancient prayer which is still in use, Orthodox Jewish men say, 'praised be God that he has not created me a Gentile; praised be God that he has not created me a woman; praised be God that he has not created me an ignorant man.'

Citing this prayer, Nyawo underscored the reality that women are faced with under religion, which unfortunately still continues to be used to discriminate women and promote gender stereotypes. She argued that through this trio of

blessings, a Jewish man expresses his happiness and appreciation for the opportunity to connect to God. What remains disturbing in this prayer is these pejorative misperceptions about women especially in this religious tradition, where women were (are) so little thought of as not to be given obligations of the same seriousness as men. It is indeed saddening that religion unfortunately is still being used to oppress women and somehow there is an urgent need to revisit some religious thoughts and practises that are not uplifting women. Any form of oppression is indeed a violation of their rights.

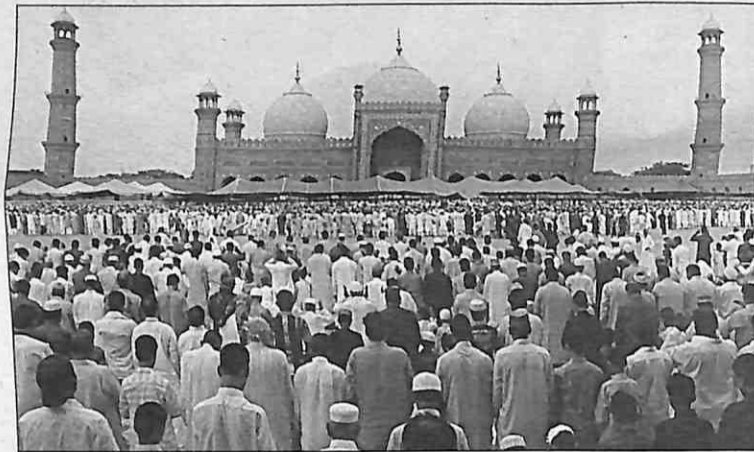
PATRIARCHY IN SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Dr Nyawo's intervention highlighted the unfortunate oppression women face because of patriarchy. Accordingly, "Patriarchy is generally defined as an ideology, a way of thinking, feeling and organising human life which legally, politically, socially and religiously enforces male dominance and power.

Culture, society and religious bodies are therefore structured on this principle." What remains a big challenge is that patriarchy promotes men and put them in more advantageous positions where they assume power and control. It is so unfortunate that in the process women are forever subjected as lesser beings and must always be living in the shadow of men. What makes this even more hurting is that religion is used to belittle a human being to feel a lesser being, surely God cannot condone such. We have a lot of work to do as religious leaders to ensure all forms of oppression are removed in religious entities. Religion should lift women up and address patriarchy, and ensure men in particular develop a better view about women.

RADICAL FEMINISM

On radical feminism Nyawo says,



"Radical feminism holds that patriarchy is a universal phenomenon that has existed across time and cultures, and it oppresses all women, irrespective of race, class or ethnicity in varying degrees. This system, radical feminists believe, allows systematic domination of women by men, where men exploit women, and men are chief beneficiaries of this exploitation, whilst women are victims. With radical feminists, the family institution is identified as the primary source of women's oppression in society." We, therefore have a task to review such views because they certainly destroy any good that might be found with a proper understanding of feminism as a theory and part of Gender discourse.

REVISIT FEMINISM THEORIES AND VOICES

There is an urgent need to re-visit feminist voices and consider the wrong perceptions that have been created. Dr Nyawo challenged the religious to reflect on Gender and Feminism because this has been wrongly presented and misunderstood. Accordingly she says, "People imagine a stereotypical image of an angry, man-hating, unattractive and whiny woman screaming irrationally about imagined insults. As a result, women find themselves prefacing statements about the need for equality and civil rights for women with the caveat, "I'm not a feminist,

but..." From this we can see that there is a lot of ground that needs to be cultivated, so that we are all empowered to understand what is at stake.

LIBERAL FEMINISM

Dr Nyawo stated that there is liberal feminism which she defines as, "Liberal feminists share some common beliefs with radical feminists in that they argue that oppression is a product of socialisation that keeps men in power positions; hence they are concerned with sexism and discrimination against women in all social units. They believe that women have the same capacity as men for moral reasoning and agency, but that patriarchy, particularly the sexist patterning of the division of labour, has historically denied women the opportunity to express and practice this reasoning. Religious leaders must engage more on the role of women especially in labour related issues. We need to redefine what is perceived as oppression and seek for a common understanding.

CULTURAL FEMINISM

Dr Nyawo shared what one could consider a useful approach as we grapple with feminism as a theme. She says, "The cultural feminist's approach to gender differs from the earlier highlighted theories in that it addresses women's social locations

in society by focusing on gender differences between women and men. Cultural feminism is sometimes called "romantic feminism" or "reform feminism" It mostly concentrates on the liberation of women through individual change, the recognition and creation of "women-centred" culture, and the redefinition of femininity and masculinity."

A NEW AFRICAN FEMINIST ETHIC

Dr Nyawo concluded her presentation calling for a new approach on Feminism, and she said, "In the African indigenous thought system, culture and religion are hardly distinct from each other, and the two entities can never claim to be static. Hence, we need to embrace in our religious systems an African feminist ethic which some feminist scholars and activists advocate. Just as the African ethic, the African feminist ethic calls for important values such as respect, kindness, courtesy, consideration and friendliness in the relationship between people from different cultures and faith systems."

RELIGION AND FEMINISM

While we still have a lot of ground to cover on gender and feminism in particular, we certainly need religious leaders to reflect deeply on such salient issues, and ensure that religion speaks to these issues. We have tended to condemn even before engaging these issues. A wise approach will be for the religious community to create forums where Multi-Faith society responds to such issues being raised by feminists theories. By the way, gender is a human rights matter.

Feminism, though perceived negatively, we certainly have issues that we can engage more and correct any myth that we might have. Feminism is another way of grappling with gender issues, which are part of a Human rights discourse.

Understanding cremation



We will be going to Buhleni next week Saturday (November 5,) together with our distinguished partners Nedbank, Premier and MTN.

We would like to thank them for holding hands with us for the past two years as we continue to work happily together for the greater good. It always gives us a huge sense of fulfillment to meet our valued clients, new, old and prospective. It is also a good thing for our customers to see us in person, so that they can put

faces to the people they are entrusting with managing their investments.

We go out into the communities to get closer to our customers who sometimes do not have branches near them, but like everybody else, they also need our services. During these roadshows, our clients are able to sign up for new policies, update policy details of older clients, collect premiums, as well as respond to queries.

One of the queries we frequently get regarding cremation. Although we have been providing this service for quite a few years now, it is a fairly new concept. Slowly but surely, the number of people requesting this service is steadily increasing. About 3% of services conducted by Dups Funeral Home per month are now crematorium services, which is quite

a leap from the situation a few years ago. There is still a number of people who still frown on cremation. A few months ago, during a radio show, one of the presenters argued that the bible said "dust to dust", meaning that people ought to be buried. "It doesn't say fire to fire so people should not be cremated," the presenter said. There still are many misconceptions about cremation, so we will go on to explain what the process of cremation entails. Most people usually dismiss some concepts because it is normal to be wary of things you don't really understand. When you throw naysayers into the mix, people might actually end up missing out on a good thing because they did not take time to understand it.

One of our Facebook followers said it had taken him a long time to understand cremation, but upon proper reflection, realised that it was stress free. "You just place your

loved at your house or within your flowers at home," he said. Apart from the convenience raised by the customer, cremation also is cheaper than the normal burial.

If you feel you would rather be cremated, you write an affidavit and have a copy given to your family, attached to your funeral policy. A copy can also be given to your lawyer, if you have one. Alternatively, if a loved one is already deceased and the family would like him/her cremated, they would need to come and request for the cremation. Cremation forms are then given to a family member to complete and certify, after which a date and time for the cremation is set.

Cremation is done under the most tranquil and respectful circumstances for the departed as well as for the relatives. A short prayer service is done by the relatives and friends at the Dups Chapel, and they even get the

chance to bid farewell to their loved one. Cremation then takes place after the prayer service. The family would not have to worry about a night vigil, catering for mourners gathered at the house overnight, renting tents, chairs, and if you are in Mbabane and other areas where water is scarce, having to make arrangements for mobile toilets or water to use for ablution purposes and for cooking.

If you do not have a Dups branch near you, and cannot come to the roadshows but would like to join the family, you can also register for a policy online by visiting www.dups-group.com. You can also call us on 2505 2028 to find out more about cremation, or pay us a visit at our offices in Manzini, Matata, Matsapha, Simunye, Nhlangano, Mbabane, Piggs Peak and Siteki. Alternatively, you can send queries to info@dups-group.com, www.facebook.com



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LUSWANE

EmaSwati respect fellow human beings. The birth of a child is received with joy among Swazi people. *Emaswati ayakuhlonipha kuvela kwemuntfu emhlabeni.*

We believe that a human being is born because Mvelinchanti allowed that to happen. *Luswane* is well respected in the family level because he or she is a sent angel to replace someone's position within the family. He or she is a messenger sent to fill a space of somebody very important within the family who passed on, a long time ago.

A name for the baby was not randomly given but certain things were observed, *bekubukakala kutsi loluswane lubuyise bani lapha ekhaya* then he or she named after that person.

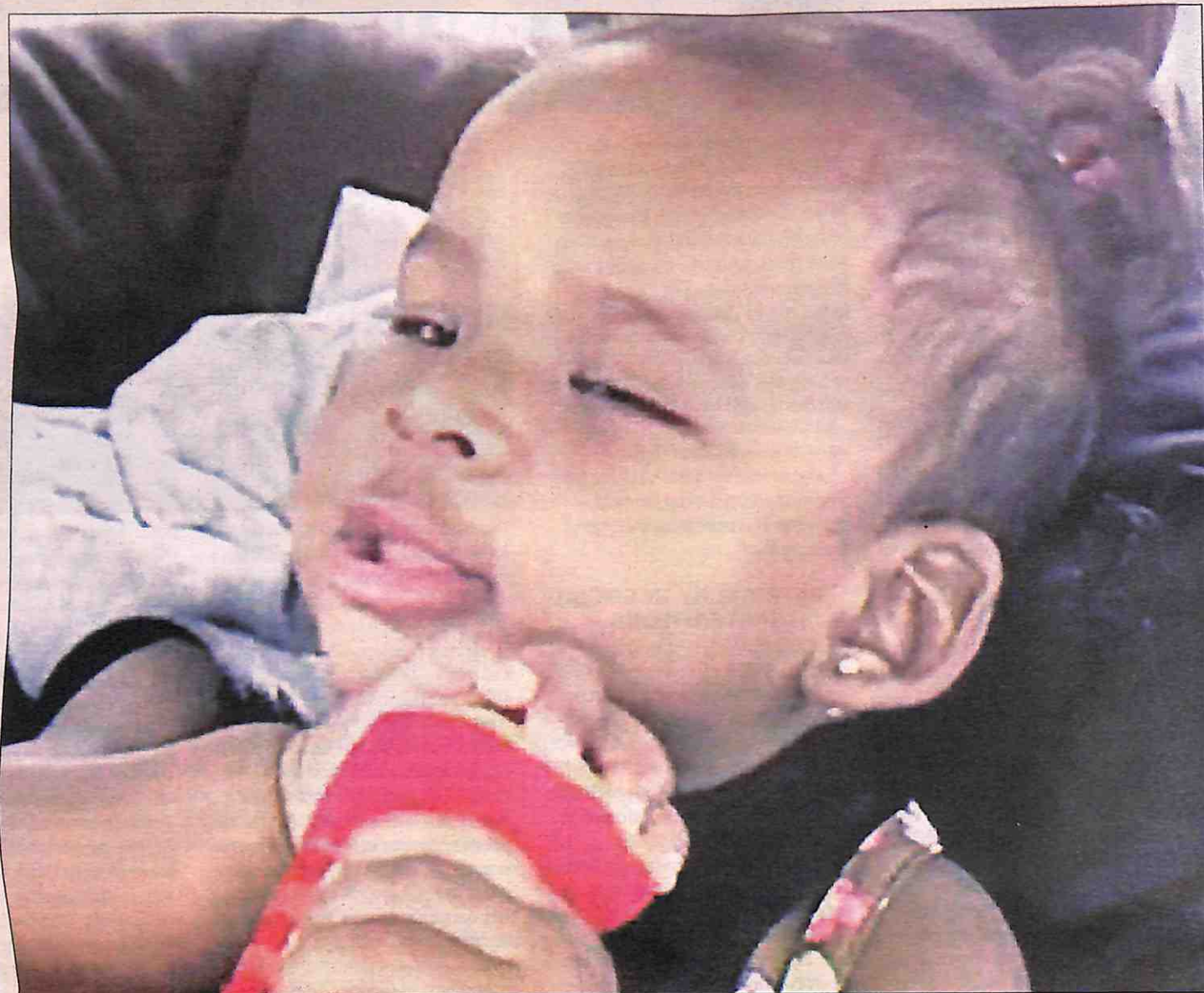
However, things have changed, names are given even before the baby is born, and names no longer hold a significant meaning. We have also adopted baby showers. We celebrate the child even before he or she comes to this world.

We as Swazis consider it as a bad omen *ngoba tsine sitsinakutalwa umntfwana sibonga kwehlukana kwetidvumbu.* *Luswane* has more power than the living even though he or she cannot control some situations or occurrences. It is for that reason *umntfwana lomncane uyasetfwala simo tsite.* *Luswane luyabikwa kubanikati belikhaya lungamani njeluvakale selukhala.* *Mkhulu nobe gogo ngibo lababikela labalele nakuvela umuntfu emhlabeni bamcelele tinhlanhla kanye netibusiso.*

It is for that reason *emaswati atsi* if the baby is born outside marriage, the father of the baby must pay a fine of five cattle and the fifth one is slaughtered soon as they come with it. *Ngumdzalaso. Ayidliwa tintfombatane letisetiphetse kahle. Iyaye idliwe ngulasebatele nalasebendzile kanye nebantfu labadzala.*

It is general knowledge that the gestation period of a human lasts for about nine months. During this time the mother is given *timbita* that ensures the health of the baby and will also help have a safe delivery. It is expected that during delivery the baby must cry, we interpret this as the baby lamenting on coming to this cruel world and the battles that he will have to fight throughout his life.

Immediately after the baby is out he is given to the mother to put on her chest, this is to further strengthen the bond that has been created over the nine months.



Furthermore, the baby gets its first bath and it is dressed. Usually this is done by an elderly person.

Luswane luyahlonishwa kakhulu, umtedlane uhlala endlini akaphumeli ngaphandle aphindze enhloko adukele kuhlonipha luswane kanye nebanikati belikhaya nem-mango lahlala kuwo. Ebukhosini indlu lahillala kiyo unina weluswane ibiyelwa ngelugagane. Bantfu besilisa abasondzeli kiyo. Iminyaka lemibili unina weluswane ugaba ematinta emalangeri le nanawo akalahlwa nakuphela leminyaka lemibili.

Nakendlula emhlabeni lomntfwana lamatinta uhamba nawo. in addition to this, umuntfu wesifazane lobuya kuwesilisa akayi endlini lapho kunelwaswane khona ngobe wenta njalo utalibangela kutjokota.

Umuntfu wesilisa akaluboni nhlobo luswane lolusebovu nobe ngabe nguyise walo.

It is also important that *luswane lubhunyelwe ngetinyamatane takubo*, this protects the baby from being attacked by illnesses and demons as we have mentioned before that *luswane luyahabula. Nguleso sibongo sinetinyamatane taso.*

It is very dangerous *kubhunyelwa umuntfu ngetinyamatane letingasito takubo.* This can complicate the life of the child as *lamadloti lakumele kutsi ngabe ayamsibekela* are not those that have been challenged to do so will lead the child astray from his people. It is very important for a woman to be sure of the baby's paternity to avoid such complications. It is for that reason *umntfwana lon-*

gasebentisi sibongo sakhe ngobe angasati uvama kuba nenkinga.

The baby steadily grows and there comes a time *lapho kuwakhona inongwana*, if the baby is a boy *inongwana yakhe igujelwa phansi ngesencele endlini kagogo* and if it's a girl *igujelwa esibayeni.*

This act ensures that the child will never forsake his family, he might be gone from home for a long time but he will always remember *kutsi ekhaya kusekhaya.*

Moving on, if a baby is born out of marriage and he or she lives with the mother's family, it is important that *kucale kubikwe sisu* and after the baby has been born *amikiswe kubo bayemubona, babuke tandla netinyawo* which are the two things that shows an identity of a person.

FSE&CC at the forefront of reinforcing corporate governance



The Federation of Swaziland Employers and Chamber of Commerce, will on Monday, November 21, host its Annual Gala Dinner with the theme: King IV – Reinforcing Corporate Governance. The FSE&CC has already secured a Guest Speaker from the Institute of Directors in Southern Africa, Ansie Ramalho, who has a vast experience on issues relating to corporate gover-

nance. Ansie is currently the King IV Project Leader at the Institute of Directors in Southern Africa. The role involves ensuring the successful finalisation of the King IV Report on Corporate Governance for South Africa, to be launched in November 1, including design of process and governance structures, liaison with stakeholders and content management and editing. She regularly consults, writes and presents on the various aspects of corporate law, directors' duties and governance. She also serves on a number of technical committees that drive initiatives in these areas, including the King Committee for Corporate Governance in South Africa, the Integrated Reporting Committee

South Africa and the Global Reporting Initiative Focal Point Advisory Group.

Mervyn King, non-executive Chairman of PwC's Business School and Chairman of the King Committee says: "An updated code became necessary because of international and local developments in corporate governance. King IV builds on the strengths of King III and provides enhanced guidance on emerging topics such as integrated thinking, levels of assurance and IT governance".

Hence, like its predecessors, the King IV code focuses on the concept of stakeholder inclusivity and highlights that organisations are not merely responsible for the economic

bottom line but critically need to consider the societal and environmental impacts and outcomes of their operations. The code also brings to the fore, the role of ethical and effective leadership. The Voice of Business in Swaziland is fully in support of this code as it believes that today's leaders must deliver seamless strategy and operational excellence. This leadership role encompasses: providing direction to organisations through strategy; giving effect to that strategy through the development of appropriate policies; providing oversight over management's implementation of the strategy; and demonstrating accountability and transparency through disclosure. The discharging of these duties and the

adoption of the King IV code, therefore, provide an organisation with the necessary building blocks for a sound foundation of good corporate governance.

King IV is structured as a report that includes a Code, with additional, separate supplements for various sectors and categories of organisations including SME's, NGOs, Public sector organisations and entities, Municipalities and Pension funds. The Code contains both principles and recommended practices. It is envisaged that the Code principles and intended outcomes will be applicable to all organisations irrespective of their form of incorporation, with the practices to be applied on a 'proportionality' basis depend-

Nangabe inongwane seyiwile kufanele kutsi imikiswe ekhaya kubo lomntfwana. Moreover, umntfwana uyamikiswa kubo bayomuhhula tinwele tekucala. Loku kwentelwa sizatfu tsite.

History has it that it was emphasised that a baby should be breast fed until the age of two years, breast milk is very essential in the health of a baby as it contains colostrum. In addition to this, breast feeding also strengthens the unbreakable bond between the mother and the child. True as it might be, the artificial milk does sustain a child but it is not as healthy.

The importance of breast feeding is emphasised in the Swazi way, if by any reasons the mother of the baby is not able to produce milk or is sick, the baby is given to a family member who is also breast feeding or the grandmother to breast feed the baby. *Umntfwana utalib-hujunga lelibele lize likhiphe libisi.* However, at the age of two, the baby is fully developed he is able to eat solid foods.

This is when *asalunyulwa*, on this day the grandmother wakes up at dawn *ayewukha inhlaba*. No one knows about this day, not even the mother of the baby. She comes back and smears the aloe on the breasts of the breast feeding mother.

While doing this, she utters a few words to the child telling him that the aloe is bitter and spits out. Soon after she finishes smearing the breast with the aloe, she tells the child to try it and when he does he discovers that it is indeed bitter and starts crying. He will attempt again and find that is still bitter *bese uyalidvuba*. When this happens the grandmother adores the child even more. He start to spend more time with the grandmother and may even spend a night with his grandmother. Once he starts sleeping with the grandmother, this means that *makoti sangakhululeka alamise*.

In conclusion, times have changed. The manner in which we receive a baby and orient him/her to life is completely different from what our grandparents taught us.

There are now very few females who have time to breast feed their babies. We now live in a very busy world and life calls both the husband and the wife to fend for a living thus the children of our time are much fragile in character as well as emotionally.

Asekhona yini emaSwati lahlonipha luswane? Kusengenteka yini lomuhla umubone umuntfu longumtedlane? Mangakhi emadvodza lasakholelwa ekwakheni lilawu nobe sonkhe sesivuka netinswane emakamelweni?



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FEEDING BABY WHITE RHINOS

Wildlife conservation is one of Swaziland's biggest trump cards, as this contributes to the sustainability of the tourism industry in the country. Tourists from all over the world visit Africa to see the untainted beauty of nature and wildlife, hence it remains imperative that Swaziland sustains her nature and game reserves.

Jenny Bowen, Director of Sense Africa, recently had every tourist's dream moment while in the Kingdom, where she had an almost unbelievable opportunity to not just engage with, but also 'feed' our wildlife literally. She shares her October blog post with her followers from all over the world, and we share it. Please enjoy:

"I could hear the snuffling, snorting and mewing of the two baby rhinos anticipating their midnight feed. Needless to say I was a little bit blurry eyed as I staggered downstairs to prepare their formula milk. I imagine it is rather similar to feeding small children except that the quantities are vast! We are talking litres here..."

I'd been really lucky as I had been invited to go and stay at Mkhaya Game Reserve in Swaziland and had been "roped" into helping feed a couple of baby white rhinos, not the normal thing you get asked to do when someone offers you a bed for the night.

I arrived in the late afternoon in time to see the rhino have their 6 o'clock feed. They had been born in December 2015, just when the drought had really begun to impact on grazing animals. White rhino are grazers and therefore need lots of grass each day, an enormous amount. Unfortunately, due to lack of grass in the game reserve, the female adults had not been able to eat enough grass in order to lactate and as a result the young calves were removed from the care of their mothers so they could be hand fed.

During the day the rhino roamed freely in a very large enclosure and spent their time in the company of a couple of Swazi ladies who seemed to be able to expertly control these very boisterous animals. The first time I saw them I spent 15 minutes hiding behind a tree whilst the small rhino (a small rhino being over 200 kg) cavorted on the other side. I knew very well that I would certainly come off worst if contact was made. There were also a number of large tractor tyres in the area so that suckers like myself could dive into them for safety, rhinos can-



not jump. I used the tyres a lot! In the evening the rhinos come in for the night and stayed in a room in the house, a room made rhino proof with secure doors and matting on the floor.

These rhinos were being fed every three hours around the clock which was pretty exhausting for everyone concerned especially those doing the midnight and 3 o'clock feed. And this is where I came in. I was shown how to mix up the formula for each of the rhino, they were slightly different because one was male and one was female and also they were different in size as well. I was also given instructions on how to sterilise everything before and after feeding and how to actually feed them.

Concerns

The formulaic milk was made up in 2L plastic coke bottles and had a teat put on the end. While feeding the two main concerns were to stop the rhino from guzzling the milk too quickly and to prevent them from sucking the teat of the bottle off and ingesting it. So I was shown how to hold the bottle with my index and second finger wrapped around the teat so that I could alter the flow by pinching the teat and also keep hold of it if it unexpectedly came off the bottle. The easiest way to do all of this was to shove your fingers, with teat, into the rhinos mouth!

So there I was at half-past midnight holding four plastic bottles of milk and warm water and the sound of overexcited baby rhinos in the anticipation of being fed. As they are rather boisterous and over exuberant in feeding there was a chest of drawers



Director of Sense Africa, Jenny Bowen.

immediately inside the door. So when you opened the door outwards you are face-to-face with the chest of drawers and not charging rhino. I could then lean over the barrier and feed the rhino without having my shins fractured. They were very demanding, probably because they were very hungry, but once the teats were in their mouths they suddenly calmed down and it was easier to manage them. What a wonderful experience being that close to young rhinos, a real privilege to experience this.

After a swift change in bottles and ensuring both rhinos finished their feeds at the same time the youngsters settled down pretty quickly. By the time I'd finished sterilising bottles and had got things ready for the feed at 3 o'clock in the morning, I could hear the gentle snoring of the rhinos behind the door. Who knew that rhino snored!

I cannot wait to get back to Mkhaya and help out with the feeding again. No doubt they will be much larger, more boisterous and overwhelming.

There are not many people that can say that they've had their fingers sucked by a baby rhino!"

Till next week...

ing on the nature and size of the organisation.

What is of major interest, nonetheless, is the fact that King IV is envisaged to be more outcomes orientated. It places accountability on the governing body (e.g. the board in companies) to attain organisational outcomes of an ethical culture, sustainable performance that creates value, adequate and effective control and sound stakeholder relationships, through the discharge of its responsibilities relating to strategic direction and approval of policy. It aims to reduce the 'tick box' or compliance approach to governance.

As a consequence of this approach, King IV has only 16 principles (compared to King III which has 75 principles). These principles demand that the governing body should:

- Set the tone leadethically and effectively
- Ensure that the organisation's ethics are managed effectively
- Ensure that the organisation is a responsible corporate citizen
- Lead the value creation process by appreciating that strategy, risk and opportunity, performance and sustainable development are inseparable elements
- Ensure that reports and other disclosures enable stakeholders to make an informed assessment of the performance of the organisation and its ability to create value in a sustainable manner
- Serve as the focal point and custodian of corporate governance in the organisation
- Ensure that in its composition it comprises a balance of the skills, experience, diversity, independence

and knowledge needed to discharge its role and responsibilities

- Consider creating additional governing structures to assist with the balancing of power and the effective discharge of responsibilities, but without abdicating accountability
- Ensure that the appointment of, and delegation to, competent executive management contributes to an effective arrangement by which authority and responsibilities are exercised
- Ensure that the performance evaluation of the governing body, its structures, its chair and members, the CEO and the company secretary or corporate governance professional result in continued improved performance and effectiveness
- Govern risk and opportunity in a way that supports the organisation in defining core purpose and to set

and achieve strategic objectives

- Govern technology and information in a way that supports the organisation in defining core purpose and to set and achieve strategic objectives
- Govern compliance with laws and ensure consideration of adherence to non-binding rules, codes and standards
- Ensure that the organisation remunerates fairly, responsibly and transparently so as to promote the creation of value in a sustainable manner
- Ensure that assurance results in an adequate and effective control environment and integrity of reports for better decision-making
- Ensure as part of its decision-making in the best interests of the organisation, that a stakeholder-inclusive approach is adopted, which

takes into account and balances their legitimate needs, interests and expectations

- If it is the governing body of an institutional investor, ensure that the organisation responsibly exercises its rights, obligations, legitimate and reasonable needs, interests and expectations, as holder of beneficial interest in the securities of a company."

The legal frameworks for governance in Swaziland for private sector and public sector are the company law, the Financial Management and Audit Act, the Public Service Act, and Public Enterprises (Control & Monitoring) Act. For bookings, individuals and businesses who would want to attend the Gala Dinner should contact the FSE&CC at the earliest convenience as spaces are limited.

MIND THAT ERROR

ADIDI UYO



Rounding up more prepositional faults



The headline of the news story has no preposition, as you can see: "UNISWA's Mbabane Campus Closed" – Times of Swaziland, October 19, 2016. But the story's fourth paragraph of one sentence had four prepositions – excluding the two infinitive markers, and one of them is faulty. Read the sentence and see if you can place your finger on which of the four prepositions is wrong.

To facilitate the exercise, the four prepositions have been highlighted. "UNISWA regulations stipulate that if students boycott classes for 48 hours in protest and the administration figure (sic) that they could damage property, it reserve (sic) the right to direct them to vacate the premises of the institution at a stipulated period."

Which of the four prepositions did you find to be faulty? Certainly, it is the fourth one, "at." The preposition, "at," usually precedes a particular place or point in time. But the logic of the sentence dictates that the preposition which we need to use here must be the one that has to do with the "length of time," that is, "for."

Although **faulty preposition** is the focus of our review, that sentence cannot be made whole, unless we also correct the two glaring errors of **subject-verb disagreement** which leap at us, as indicated by the word in the brackets after the two words, "sic." After correcting the error of disagreement, the sentence should now read: "UNISWA regulations stipulate that if students boycott classes for 48 hours in protest and the administration figures that they could damage property, it reserves the right to direct them to vacate the premises of the institution for a stipulated period."

Prepositions, we may note, are the smallest of words, yet one of the most instrumental in speech or writing. Among the eight traditional parts of speech, the preposition has the shortest words, beside the interjection. Prepositions, as a whole, include words that range from two to seven letters, the fewest among the lexical classes.

However, prepositions pervade sentences, most of which cannot stand without them – like this particular one you are reading right now, for example. Try to remove the words, "of," "without," and "for" from the sentence and see what becomes of it. The pervasiveness and instrumentality of prepositions make them rank very high on what may be termed the scale of lexical indispensability.

A news story in the Observer On Sunday, October 15, 2016 bore this headline, "Only six civil servants trained by govt for PhDs." And the lead of the story read, thus: "Since 2001, government has trained only six civil servants for PhDs within various ministries and departments." As far as prepositions go, can you find anything common to the headline and the lead of the news story?

Of course, common to the headline and the lead is the preposition, "for," and in both cases it constitutes a **faulty preposition**. Government couldn't be training civil servants "for PhDs," no way!

The disclosure of this piece of information may not be complimentary to the Government, but the fact of the matter is that what Government has accomplished was the training of six civil servants "up to" the PhD level, not "for PhDs." I'm sure you can see the difference, can't you?

"The raging debate on the separation of powers has been dominating headlines lately. Senate President Gelane Zwane has rightly been concerned at how this could

affect not only the Parliament she forms a part of but those which will follow." This is the first paragraph of the first editorial in the Times of Swaziland, March 1, 2016, titled **SEPARATION OF POWERS**.

The **faulty preposition** in the opening paragraph of that editorial comes in the second sentence, and it pertains to the word, "at." When we are "worried" about something, as the Senate President is reported to be, the correct preposition that collocates with, that is, follows, "concerned" is "about," not "at."

Again, the sentence cannot be made whole, unless two other errors in the sentence are corrected. The first is the error of **omission of an obligatory word** and the second is that of **incomplete correlative conjunction**. Both corrections have been highlighted in the revised version: "Senate President Gelane Zwane has rightly been concerned about how this could affect not only **this** Parliament, **which** she is a part of, but **also others** which will follow."

In the Observer On Saturday, October 15, 2016 was this news story with the headline, "Gender equity a priority within RSP, half of recruits women." The penultimate paragraph of the story reads, thus: "The prime minister also informed the King on how the Swazi nation worked closely with the police in the global campaign in turning back crime stating the throughout this campaign the nation supported the police."

As you might have detected, that sentence harbours quite a number of errors; but let us try to restrict ourselves to only the error of **faulty preposition** in it. The preposition, "on," which comes before the clause, "how the nation worked closely with the police," is wrong. The correct preposition should be "about."

Without going into the nature of the other errors in the sentence, we may revise it, as follows: "The prime minister also informed the King about how the Swazi nation worked closely with the police in the global campaign to turn back crime, stating that throughout its duration, the people came forth with vital information."

There is a great difference between the two two-letter prepositions, "at" and "of," as the following item shows. In the Times of Swaziland, October 24, 2016, was a news story with the headline, "Alex, Nqobile want divorce." The first sentence of the second paragraph of the story reads, thus: "Fakudze is the founder and Chief Executive Officer at

Faze In, an advertising agency company based in Mbabane..."

On two counts, the preposition, "at," is guilty. One: Fakudze cannot be the founder "at" Faze In. And, two: Fakudze cannot be Chief Executive Officer "at" Faze In. Argument: The preposition, "at," does not convey the sense of "belongingness," much less, "ownership," which Fakudze has with Faze In. In both cases, the correct preposition should be "of." Fakudze is the founder of Faze In, of which he is also the Chief Executive Officer.

As instrumental as prepositions may be to speech and writing, liking them very much, so much so that we feel compelled to use them always, can be a problem – a grammatical ailment known as **prepositional predilection**. Diagnose this sentence and determine whether its use of the preposition which has been highlighted therein amounts to this peculiar ailment or not: "Indicators have shown that the Asians arrive into the country through the borders and the KM III International Airport." This is the penultimate paragraph of a news story with the headline, "4 Asians arrested as cops hunt illegal immigrants" – SWAZI NEWS, October 15, 2016.

This might be a digression of sorts, but, tell me, what is meant by the construction, "Indicators have shown"? What indicators? Since this is a news report, shouldn't "records," some specific official records from Government sources, be the basis of the story?

Anyway, let us focus on the grammatical problem of interest, here: to wit, the use of the preposition "into," in the verbal phrase, "arrive into." The question is: "Do we need the preposition, 'into,' after the verb, 'arrive,?' Besides, is the verb, "arrive," the correct word, in this instance?"

Let me answer the second question, first, by drawing your attention to the verb in this headline: "10 Asians enter SD per day" – Times of Swaziland, October 25, 2016.

I think, the verb, "enter," is preferable to the verb, "arrive," in this context, because the latter has a tone of official sanction, whereas the former has a tone of official discomfort or inconvenience.

In any case, if the verb, "arrive," must be used, instead of "enter," then, "into," the preposition after the verb, "arrive," should be excised. Otherwise, "into" would look like a good case study of prepositional predilection, a form of **faulty preposition**.



JOY NDWANDWE'S ZONE LEADERSHIP

God was at eThunzini, Nkambeni on October 15, 2016 a date, which goes into my books as memorable and historic. For me *Sibhimbi* began on Friday, when my sister Singlelily and I went for practice eThunzini, though we were late. *Indvuna* Lutfwacula, the king's emissary gave orders, Sibaya at crack of dawn, noon *eNdlunkulu*, and 1pm presenting *u* Mnguni Ndlaluhlaza to the people. Spending time with elders was a significant moment for my writing the Ndwandwe legacy. We spent quality time with Ndlaluhlaza and *umama webe* Mnguni from Mbelebeleni Royal Family before the hectic activities began.

ENDLUNKHULU

At the *eNdlunkhulu* we were given a historical narrative by Mnguni Mfanawemutfwalo, first son of Mgcobeya, grandson of LoMqayi son of Madanga, son of King Zwide. Mnguni Mtfwalo explained how at eBulandeni and Nkambeni, we are a progeny of King Zwide. Therefore we are royalty and do not contest kingship. Hence the Dlamini royal family sent a delegation to King Zwide to ask for a Queen mother, *litala* Nkosi. Tsandzile, LaZidze the mother to King Mswati II, as the royal family understands our spirituality and strength of DNA, blessed with intellect. This is how we find ourselves eBulandeni and Nkambeni. Madanga our forefather followed his sister, LaZidze to support her during Incwala, when she needed protection for her son Mswati II.

eThunzini, Nkambeni where the *Sibhimbi* was held, was first built during King Mbandzeni's reign. As per protocol, a cow was taken to the king and the land was demarcated as it stands today. This is according to Mnguni Mtfwalo as King Mbandzeni son of King Mswati II gave instructions.

Many wondered how the Ndwandwes will be on the Nkambeni side, whilst Malamulela Magagula remains on the other side. The mountain that brings the shade, eThunzini, where our leaders are placed to rest, is sacred and rich with wildlife as it was hunting ground during *Butimba*. Mnguni Mtfwalo witnessed the later building of *umphakatsi*, eThunzini as a young cattle herder. He also witnessed three chief installations, his brother Zwide, his son Madanga and now his grandson Ndlaludlaza.

On the source of conflict with Magagula, Mnguni Mtfwalo born of a Magagula mother as there are ongoing and historical intermarriages between the families, in his view the conflict began over a Methula girl, his father Mgcobeya and uncle Peter Magagula son of Moyeni were pursuing. Then Magagula (xenophobic moment) reminded the Ndwandwes on how they found and protected them. Later Magagula sent a delegation to King Sobhuza II to request the return of their land. According to *u*Mnguni, the King was clear that this land belongs to the Ndwandwes. This was a historic decision taken by King Mswati II. Therefore he would not be in a position to change this decision. All his predecessors had affirmed it, that is, King Mbandzeni and King Bhunu. Hence Mnguni Mtfwalo was happy that today *Sibhimbi* is being celebrated as this has been a long and tedious journey worth the enjoyment.

HANDING OVER THE REIGN

We left eNdlunkulu after a short prayer, singing *Sabele* Nkonyane *ye*Nkosi, *uyayeyeza u*Mnguni, until we stepped outside *emaguma*. This celebration through singing and dancing began, the arena was filled with high level energy of joy. God was at eThunzini, Nkambeni on October 15, 2016. The official

SIBHIMBI SEMNTWANA NDLALUHLAZA

**Taking order
from Mama
webe Nguni.**



**Pass on order
to uMntwana
Ndlaluhlaza.**

installation, began when Indvuna Gumedze stated how that day was a great day for officially handing over the land and spears to Ndlaluhlaza. Mnguni Bamebelela Ndwandwe was next, confirmation that we have official installed Mnguni Ndlaluhlaza. As a leader, all matters to king and government will go through him henceforth. "This is the legacy of your forefathers including your forefather Madzanga. We pray that you lead with dignity such that this land does not perish in your hands," Bamebelela said.

Mnguni Bamebelela stated how uMntwana was born Celumusa and will be known as Ndlaluhlaza, his leadership name. Thus, calling all members of the family to respect and protect him. Ndlaluhlaza must do the same whilst treating everyone equally.

He cautioned him on how the spears received are not for killing, but for celebrations. Even if he would find his regiments committing adultery with his wife, he should not use those spears. He said he must rather call the family of the man and discuss the matter at hand without spilling blood. This rule of not killing applies to all including his worst enemies. He shared, how when collecting the certificate from the king, His Majesty Mswati III blessed Ndlaluhlaza with 60 leadership years. The Chief's representative shared their collective happiness that this day has been a success, and they thank all who contributed positively. As it is evident that Ndlaluhlaza has support, in moving forward urged everyone to respect and support this leader, blessed by king. Anyone who has reservation about his leadership must swallow bitter pills and focus on respect. No one can change the king's decision, hence respect is the only way forward. As chiefs they know Ndlaluhlaza as a man of respect, hence they hope that everyone will respect him, even when he takes sensitive decisions.

The king's emissary Indvuna Lutfwacala stated how that day symbolised His Majesty's response to the rope that the Ndwandwe family have been preparing to bind the two families. This journey began with beNguni presenting Ndlaluhlaza to the king, talking is cheap but it's not a commodity. Hence he wishes his mouth had 'emafahlawane' such that what he says is heard loudly and clearly. Even though he is

young to be an emissary, he speaks loudly and clearly that eThunzini yiNdlunkhulu yaseNkambeni. And that all beNguni need to support Ndlaluhlaza as this would be a renowned legacy. To Ndlaluhlaza as he assumed leadership, he is expected to work like a spade towards the right direction.

Ndlaluhlaza was warned about how to expect negativity and gossips, and to deal with them. As not everyone is blessed with positivity, that is *silima*, a stupid persons. He is required to be patient with them as in the future the king may command him to fetch them. When he has killed a stupid person, how will he respond to royal command? His Majesty said he is like biblical Ester who seemed lazy to do God's work, but it was discovered that her contribution was effective. Therefore, he has asked to be an effective leader and hero through his work, as he is now the arms that ties the rope as a bond between the Ndwandwe family and royal family.

CONCLUSIONS

My identity was affirmed, *Sibhimbi* at crack of dawn, where we danced inside Sibaya, singing Ndwandwe songs was exciting. A moment I will forever cherish as dancing barefooted is excellent therapy. And doing so in the name of my family whilst chanting ancestral songs was spiritually uplifting and a joy.

This moment of joy will carry me into my resting place, it ignited the LaZidze soul within me. Such that later during the day when dancing people thought I had a shot of whiskey, yet was dancing from the soul. The ancient soul that used to dance to these songs was alive within me, an experience I will forever cherish.

As my physical and spiritual identity merged and transformed me into this royalty with no geographic kingdom was unstoppable during dancing. Finally, let me thank Ford Company which was represented by Dlundu for the van as *setfulu*, gift. The support was overwhelming, people voted with their feet and cars for Chief Ndlaludlaza, to us uMntwana wesive sebe Mnguni. *Nkoyane yeNkosi, Nkabanhle zombile, enye izaya emakhosi enye emazinyane beMnguni, Wena weGudu Nkomo, Nxumayo!*

Education struggle is real for people with autism

In the following weeks this column will be in the able hands of *Charlotte Nyatanga* who will bring to us the autism narrative as it pertains to Swaziland.



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Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a group of developmental disabilities that can cause significant social, communication and behavioural challenges, in varying degrees.

It is life-long and is present from early childhood. Some of the red flags for autism are language delay, lack of eye contact if you call the child's name or try to engage him/her, lack of social interaction, sensitivity to loud sounds, repetitive behaviour, and difficulty in handling routine changes, among a host of other symptoms.

Although it is not clear how many people have autism in the kingdom, the fact is that there is a substantial number, substantial enough for relevant authorities to want to avail facilities targeted at improving their quality of life.

In Swaziland there are many severe deficiencies in the world of individuals with autism and their families. These range from non-availability of medication sometimes, lack of a solid support system for parents, the stigma associated with the condition, and of primary concern, non-availability of ideal educational structures for children with autism.

I am very thankful to have conducted some interviews with some mothers of autistic children. Many are not willing to talk about their experiences with the condition.

I do hope that as we continue discussing this condition, more people will come forward to share their stories, with hope that when the powers that be read real stories from real people, the challenges surrounding autism in the country can be addressed.

The general consensus in the autism community in Swaziland is that not enough is being done to foster inclusive education, especially in government schools. When people discuss educational inclusion, what immediately springs to mind are wheelchair ramps, braille, and equipment for the deaf. Those with intellectual difficulties are usually sidelined.

Deserves

While most parents would have secured schools for their children several months before the beginning of the new academic year, those with autistic children will be tearing their hair out with absolutely no clue where to send their children. The choices are very limited, and are usually not ideal. Now, that is extremely sad because every child deserves an equal shot at life regardless of how they were created.

Children with autism are not write-offs. They are quite capable of learning, but do so in a different way and at a different pace than typical children. We cannot preach acceptance or equal rights for people with disabilities when there are certain groups that aren't being sufficiently catered for.

Parents of typical children have a wide array of school choices. When your child has autism and you are in Swaziland, you mostly have to settle for any school that will accept your child, even when, with a breaking heart, you can tell that your child is not really getting

the help he needs. A parent would sleep better knowing their child is getting the best care possible at school, and is not just getting tolerated or even being discriminated against.

This happened to Sakhile* of Mbabane when she enrolled her autistic daughter, Nomsa*, at a certain school. When she met the person who would

be her child's teacher, she was very upbeat and assured her that she knew how to deal with autistic children as she had also studied Psychology. Not long afterwards, Sakhile got a distressing text from the teacher, who said she couldn't handle Nomsa anymore.

Thorny

She was hyperactive, would just walk out of class at will to just look around, and could not concentrate on one thing at a time. Sakhile took her to a local pediatrician so that she could get medication to help her settle down, but the doctor declined to do so. (The issue of medicating children with autism is a thorny one, and will be tackled in upcoming instalments). The teacher said Nomsa had to come to school with an assistant from home as she could not cope on her own. In her own words, "It would help a great deal and release some pressure off me."

Sakhile said when there is someone she has a connection with, Nomsa behaves a little better. She then decided to send her helper with the child, but the helper quickly quit her job because she did not want to accompany the child to school. She probably felt this was not what she signed up for.

Sakhile's sentiment is that the teacher did not create a relationship with the child and wrote her off without even trying. Consequently she had to pull her child out of school for a few days to arrange for another assistant. "The teacher's complaints always implied that my child is a burden. When we first met her, she allowed the child to be and when we tried to control her, she would say, "No, leave her alone. Let her be herself!" She said she did Psychology, but if you did psychology then you should know how hard your words would hit a person and you would choose your words carefully when you complain," she said.

There are a number of private schools that are doing their best to equip themselves to include pupils with autism by providing the right amenities such as Occupational and Speech Therapy at the schools to avoid the hassle of children missing school, and their parents missing work on a regular basis to seek the treatments at hospitals. But what happens to those that cannot afford private schools? They do not get an equal chance at education and sadly just fall through the cracks. There are also quite a few pre-schools taking children with autism, but when they're old enough to go to primary school, there are just not enough schools to accommodate them.

In the next instalment, we will discuss how the Enjabulweni Learning Centre came to be, and how it happens to be the dream school for many parents with autistic children.

If you have any comments on this article or any disability issues you would like explored, please get in touch on 7810 3501 or charlonyatanga@gmail.com.

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VALENCIA SET FOR ARM SURGERY

MANCHESTER - Manchester United's Antonio Valencia under went surgery yesterday after fracturing his arm, the English Premier League giants announced.

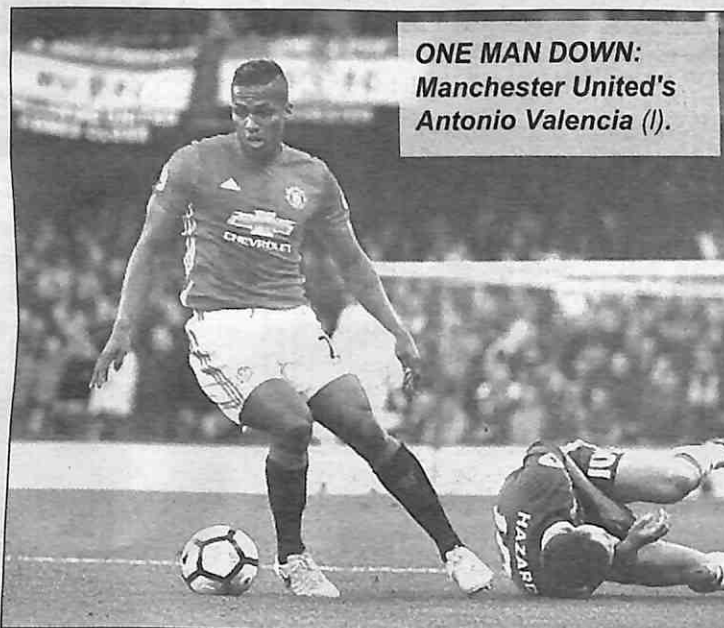
Ecuador defender Valencia, 31, has made 11 appearances in all competitions for United so far this season.

But he was missing from Jose Mourinho's squad for yesterday's league match at home to Burnley, with United confirming his injury via a Twitter feed statement that said: "Antonio Valencia has a fracture in his arm and will have surgery today." Valencia, who made his name as a winger before featuring as a

right back under successive United managers, has been replaced in the team to play Burnley by Matteo Darmian. The 31-year-old Valencia's absence means he has now joined fellow defenders Eric Bailly and Chris Smalling in being sidelined through injury.

"They were the three players that start almost every match in the Premier League and now we lose all three in the same period," United manager Mourinho told broadcasters before yesterday's kick-off at Old Trafford.

"But that's football and it's an opportunity for others to play. We trust Darmian and we trust Marcos Rojo to have a positive influence." © AFP



ONE MAN DOWN: Manchester United's Antonio Valencia (l).

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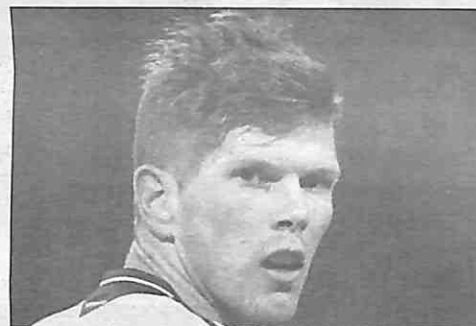
BERLIN - Schalke will have to make do without the services of Klaas-Jan Huntelaar for several weeks due to a knee injury.

The Netherlands international suffered the knock in Schalke's final training session ahead of yesterday's Revierderby against arch-rivals Borussia Dortmund and consequently faced a spell on the sidelines.

"Ligament injury during our final training session: Schalke will be without Klaas-Jan Huntelaar for several weeks," a brief statement on the club's Twitter account read.

"Get well soon, Klaas-Jan."

Huntelaar's injury will come as a major blow to head coach Markus Weinzierl ahead of the highly-anticipated clash with Dortmund at Signal Iduna Park, with Breel Embolo also unavailable due to a serious ankle injury. The absence of Huntelaar and Embolo means Weinzierl is likely to give Franco Di Santo the nod up front in the coming weeks. *Goal*.



INJURED: Klaas-Jan Huntelaar.

'PERSONALITIES' MUST DRAG US OUT OF POOR FORM - KOEMAN

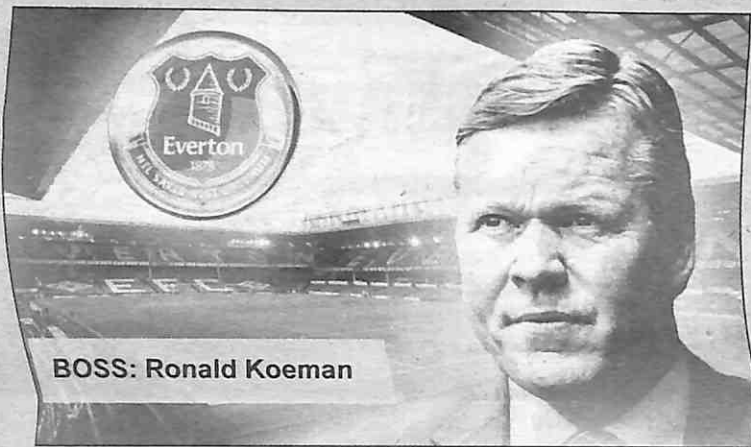
LONDON - Ronald Koeman is looking to the "personalities" in his Everton side to steer the Toffees back into brighter form.

Everton made an excellent start in the Premier League this season as they followed up an opening home draw with Tottenham by winning the next four games on the bounce.

But they have failed to take maximum points in any of the four fixtures since then, with a clash against West Ham at Goodison Park next up today.

Koeman, who left Southampton to take over as Everton boss in June, has stressed it cannot be "always sunny" for any club - but has also emphasised a swift improvement in results is needed.

"Of course, we know if you don't win in your last four in the Premier League, then every time you come more close to a must-win game," the Dutchman said.



BOSS: Ronald Koeman

"We need to turn it around. It happened also at Southampton - it is not always sunny. You don't win always. You get in difficult, tough times and then, really, you need to support each other. That's important. "If everything goes well it's easy to come in the team and play. But what we need now really is the personalities to turn it around. "And I think we have enough personalities in the

team." Everton, who went into the weekend in sixth place in the table, have conceded eight goals and scored 13 in their nine games so far. They have scored only three in the last four, and Koeman wants to see the Merseyside outfit develop more of a cutting edge in attack, with Romelu Lukaku, who has netted six times in total, receiving more support. "Overall I am happy about the defensive organisation

in the team, but not our offensive aspect," Koeman said.

"We need to improve and be more clinical. We need to have more productivity.

"It's a big difference between Romelu and the rest in scoring goals and we need to make that better." Today's contest will be Everton's first home match since the one-year anniversary of the death of their most successful manager, Howard Kendall, and the club will pay tribute to him at the game. Having won the league with the Toffees once as a player, Kendall then did it twice as boss, during a spell in which he also guided them to an FA Cup and European Cup Winners' Cup triumph. "Although you can't compare what happened in the past, what I can say is I hope one day I (could) be so successful as he was as a manager - but that will be very difficult."

Teamtalk

Bilic admits 'love' for Goodison Park, relishing return

LONDON - Slaven Bilic will be on familiar territory when West Ham attempt to put Wednesday's crowd trouble behind them.

The Hammers last Sunday head to Everton, where boss Bilic played for two seasons after leaving Upton Park in 1997.

The contrast between the old-school charm of Goodison Park and the vast open spaces at West Ham's new London Stadium could not be greater, even if the violent scenes at the EFL Cup game against Chelsea were an unwelcome throwback to the 1980s. And Bilic admits he remains a fan of Everton's tight ground - and not just because West Ham clinched a dramatic 3-2 win there last season.

"It's a great stadium to play at," he said. "I love the stadium, and

ACCEPTS: Slaven Bilic.



not because I played there. "It's going to be packed, it's a great stadium and also because we have a great memory from last year. Okay, I played there and

everything but it's mostly because of the stadium and the crowd is very good there."

Unfortunately for Bilic West Ham will also face a familiar foe

in the shape of Romelu Lukaku.

The Belgium striker has scored every time he has played against West Ham, a total of eight goals in as many appearances and a stat that not even Bilic could quite compute. "They have so many options up front," he added.

"They are a very physical side, they have pace up front. They have Lukaku who, I don't know how many he has scored - eight goals in 10 games against us, or whatever I read yesterday.

"So he is always scoring against us, unfortunately, so that's also going to be interesting.

"It will be a great game. They need points. We need points."

Bilic has another attacking weapon of his own, though, with £20.5million summer signing Andre Ayew finally fit again.

Teamtalk

BUSQUETS, ROBERTO ALMOST JOINED REAL MADRID - SCOUT

BARCELONA - Sergio Busquets could have been enjoyed a totally different career had he accepted an invitation from Real Madrid to join their youth ranks in 2005.

The midfielder who has gone on to win six La Liga titles and three Champions League crowns with Barcelona, not to mention a European Championship triumph and World Cup win with Spain, was spotted by Madrid's Catalunya-based scout Manuel Romero while still unattached. The capital outfit were keen to bring a player of considerable promise onto their books, but their interest in Busquets drew a rapid response from Barca, who moved to ensure a home-grown talent was not allowed to slip through their net. He was not the only promising midfielder Real had their eye on either, with Romero revealing Sergi Roberto was also targeted before opting to remain closer to home.

"I invited Busquets to train with Madrid for a week, but after seeing our fax, Barcelona signed him," Romero told Cadena SER. *Goal*.

POGBA MISSES JUVENTUS, JUVENTUS MISS POGBA

MANCHESTER - When Luke Shaw was asked last week what Paul Pogba had brought to Manchester United, the left-back quipped: "A lot of dance moves in the dressing room!" It was a harmless attempt at humour but nobody else was laughing - except for maybe Juventus general director Beppe Marotta, who revealed at the club's annual shareholders' assembly on Tuesday the Italian champions had made a €72 million net profit on the Frenchman's world-record transfer to Old Trafford.

However, the sad fact of

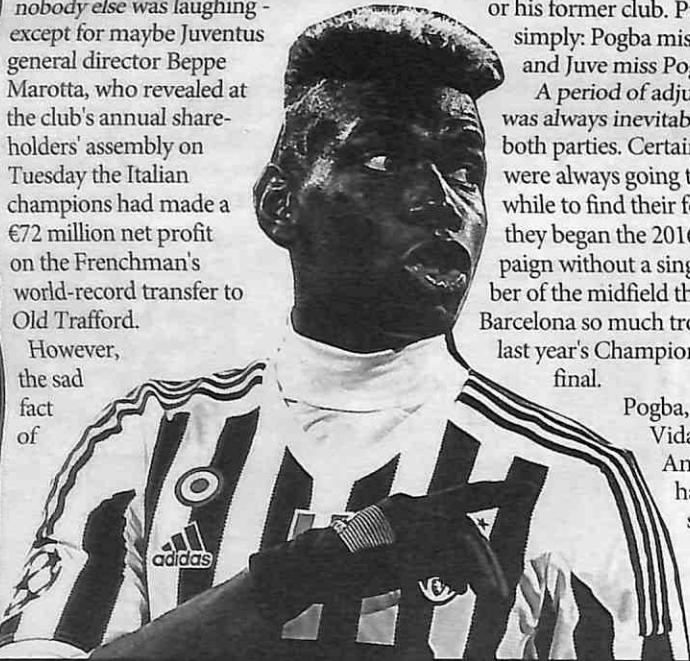
the matter is while Pogba's move to Manchester represents a great deal for both the midfielder's agent, Mino Raiola, who made a sickening €27m on the transaction, and the Bianconeri's bank balance, it is not working out well for either the player or his former club. Put quite simply: Pogba misses Juve - and Juve miss Pogba.

A period of adjustment was always inevitable for both parties. Certainly, Juve were always going to take a while to find their feet, given they began the 2016-17 campaign without a single member of the midfield that gave Barcelona so much trouble in last year's Champions League final.

Pogba, Arturo Vidal and Andrea Pirlo have all since left Turin, while Claudio

Marchisio missed the start of the season of through injury. The hope now is the latter's eagerly-awaited return, which came against Sampdoria in midweek, will bring a level of balance and direction to a team that looked worryingly rudderless in the recent losses against AC Milan and Inter. The early signs are encouraging, with the Italy international having turned in an accomplished display in a facile 4-1 victory for Massimiliano Allegri's men.

Still, there is no denying Pogba's imposing presence is missed in midfield and PSG's stubborn refusal to allow Blaise Matuidi to move to Turin has only looked more and more costly as the games go by. Indeed, it is no surprise Juve are now planning to strengthen their squad - in every sense - by signing Axel Witsel in January rather than pick the Belgian up for free when his contract with Zenit expires next summer. Of course, while Juve have missed Pogba's explosive, match-winning brilliance, they are undeniably getting by without him. The Bianconeri were two points clear at the top of the Serie A table ahead of yesterday's showdown with Napoli. **AFP**



Paul Pogba.

Mourinho bars Rooney from United escape

MANCHESTER - Wayne Rooney will not be allowed to leave Manchester United in the January transfer window despite his frustrations at losing his starting place at Old Trafford and interest from his former club Everton.

Ronald Koeman, in charge at the club Rooney left to join United in the summer of 2004, has become the first Premier League manager to express an interest in signing the England captain should Jose Mourinho be prepared to allow him to leave. Mourinho stated categorically not only will Rooney, 31, be told to forget leaving but he also expects the experienced veteran to play a key role in his attempts to return United to the top of the English game. "I know he can still play at the highest level. I know he's the type of player I need," said Mourinho.

"He can play at the top level. I can't say what's going to happen when he's 32, 3, 4, 5 but what I can say is he's a very good player, a very important player for us. He's going nowhere.

"We like him, he likes us. He's not happy in the last matches because he was on the bench but I think he

is even unhappier when he's not on the bench because he's been injured and has to stay in the stands.

"There are no problems at all. He's my captain. He is the team captain. He behaves like that.

"In all my career I have had just a couple of players, they didn't want to play and sometimes they wanted to hide when things got hotter."

Koeman had earlier talked, in general terms, about a potential interest in Rooney, who left Goodison as a 19-year-old in a 20 million transfer in the summer of 2004. "Even when we get a one time possibility Rooney is an option for Everton, I'm very pleased," said Koeman.

"I am not at United, I don't see sessions and every game. It is a decision of the manager of Manchester United.

"But he is 31, he is not finished, he still has two or three years at least at the highest level.

"Wayne Rooney is a top player and, of course, if one day he is available of course we would like to have him but it is too early and I don't like to speak about players who are under contract at other teams." **AFP**

Evert sees post-Serena 'new era' taking shape

SINGAPORE - Women's tennis has entered a new era no longer dominated by Serena Williams, 18-time Grand Slam winner Chris Evert said yesterday.

"I don't think nobody will dominate in the near future anyway like Serena Williams, and kudos to her, it shows how great she was as a player, but I think now this is how we're going to form some new rivalry where the girls will have to play it out," she said at the WTA Finals in Singapore.

"We're going to see new winners every single week, different winners every single week. The variety and depth, different age groups, different styles of play, so I think we're entering a new era," Evert told reporters at a joint press conference with fellow legend Martina Navratilova.

The elite season-ending competition has been the most evenly matched in recent history with American powerhouse Williams skipping the event due to a shoulder injury and Russian Maria Sharapova still serving out a doping suspension for the banned medication meldonium.

Navratilova, who also won 18 singles Grand Slams in her career, said it was "not quite" a changing of the guard but that the game is now much closer - though players still need to watch out for when Williams returns.

"There's a saying that when you injure a king, you have to make

sure to kill [him] because they have a habit of coming back," she said with a laugh.

Asked about Sharapova's return next year, Navratilova said: "Well she didn't dominate when she was playing but top four, absolutely."

She defended Sharapova over her doping ban, pointing out meldonium was a drug that had been allowed for many years.

"It was pretty clear she wasn't meaning to cheat as I've said many times before. She took a drug that was legal for so many years..."

"The price that she's paid and is still paying is bigger than her mistake but that's how it goes. Now she has an opportunity to come back," Navratilova added. **AFP**



Serena Williams,

Matsuyama three ahead as McIlroy fades

SHANGHAI - Hideki Matsuyama maintained a three-shot lead after a "satisfying" third round of the WGC-HSBC Champions in Shanghai yesterday, but Rory McIlroy's chances all but melted away on the back nine.

Saturday is known as "moving day" in golf parlance but in the case of McIlroy, who started the day six behind the Japanese world number 10, it was in the wrong direction. The world No three got to the turn at three-under for the round, including an astonishing birdie at the long eighth hole.

But the FedEx Cup champion saw the course claw all his gains back before birdies at 16 and 18 gave him some consolation.

McIlroy finished at nine under in a tie for eighth place after a 70, but is now eight shots adrift of Japan's world number 10.

Matsuyama sprayed 19 birdies and six bogeys all over the course with memorable attacking golf during his first 36 holes, but he reined in his aggressive instincts

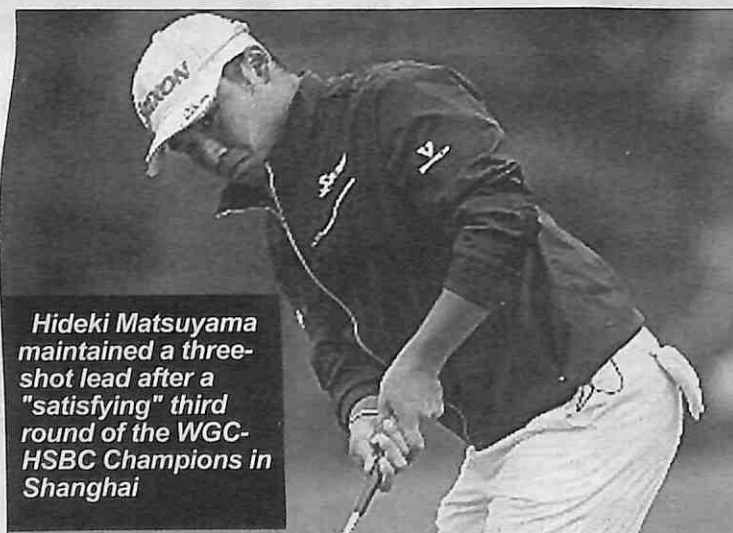
yesterday to card a bogey-free four-under 68 and move to 17-under par.

"The first two days, making lots of birdies was a lot of fun, but the quietly spoken 24-year-old told reporters through an interpreter.

"But today, when you're in a position to win, playing smart and making no bogeys was very satisfying."

Matsuyama started the day three shots clear of Russell Knox and maintained the margin courtesy of a crucial birdie at the final hole. "It was a big, big birdie to take the lead from two strokes to three," said Matsuyama. "I had 248 yards to the pin. Faded a three-wood in there."

The first Japanese player to make the world's top 10 since Jumbo Ozaki in 1998 is bidding to become the first Asian to win a World Golf Championships event. But he will face a fierce battle from defending champion Knox, who will make his own piece of history if he can be the first player to retain the Old Tom Morris Cup today.



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Rosberg has 'homework' to do in Mexico

MEXICO CITY - World championship leader Nico Rosberg wound up third in Friday's second free practice at the Mexican Grand Prix and said he faced "a lot of homework to do" to improve his performance yesterday.

The German was four-tenths of a second off the pace set by fastest man Sebastian Vettel of Ferrari and his Mercedes teammate defending three-time champion Lewis Hamilton.

"It's been an unusual day out there," said Rosberg, who is 26 points clear of Hamilton with three races remaining. "The low temperatures and a very green track.

"So, it's been a bit of a steep learning curve to understand what to do with the tyres, how to get the best out of them and also the long runs.

"We really learned a lot and it's not been a bad start overall, but we have a lot of homework to do tonight.

Progress

"The car was feeling okay on the medium tyre, but even there, we need to make some progress to understand where we can find some more performance.

"Ferrari are quick here and they look like a bit threat, but let's see how it goes tomorrow."

Hamilton said he was enthused by the big and enthusiastic Mexican crowds and he had a solid day in terms of race preparation.

"The cars are faster, but our lap times are pretty strong already.

The track feels better to me than it did last year and I feel a lot more comfortable in the car so I hope I can carry that right through the weekend."

Hamilton was fastest ahead of Vettel in Friday morning's opening practice session and knows he has to repeat his victory in last Sunday's United States Grand Prix to keep his title challenge alive. **AFP**



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'IDEA OF LIVERPOOL WINNING LEAGUE FILLS ME WITH DREAD'

LONDON - Ryan Giggs believes Liverpool have a "real chance" of winning the Premier League this season - and admits the prospect is one that fills him "with dread".

The Reds, in their second season under Jurgen Klopp, went into the weekend level on points with Manchester City and Arsenal at the top of the table as they bid for a first league title since 1990.

Former Manchester United winger Giggs, who won 13 Premier League crowns during his time at Old Trafford, thinks Liverpool's lack of European commitments this season could prove decisive. They missed out continental competition by losing last season's Europa League final to Sevilla.

Writing in the Telegraph, Giggs said: "During that final against Sevilla, it occurred to me if Liverpool



BELIEVES: Ryan Giggs.

had this season without the draining effect of European football, and had recruited well in the summer, then they would have a real chance of challenging for the Premier League.

"With a year at the club, Klopp would be better suited to the

demands of the English game, his players would be well adapted to his way of playing and they would have no mid-week distraction from the task at the weekend.

"Liverpool have put themselves in contention this year." *Teamtalk*

PREMIER LEAGUE GIANTS ON HIGH ALERT

LONDON - Arsenal, Chelsea and Man United could all be tempted to make a move for PSG midfielder Marco Verratti, who is under "attack" from the media.

The Italian appeared to be involved in a fiery exchange with manager Unai Emery after being substituted early in the 0-0 draw against Marseille last week. However, Verratti's agent

has spoken of his disgust at the subsequent reports in the press since and threatened this client will leave the club if he continues to be victimised.

"Verratti wants to win at PSG," Donati Di Campli told Rai Sport. "However, if these attacks from the French media continue then Marco will evaluate his position and will probably leave Paris." *Teamtalk*



CELEBRATION: Marco Verratti.

Man United to rival Chelsea for £35m defender

LONDON - Manchester United are reportedly ready to go to war with Chelsea over Roma and Germany international defender Antonio Rudiger.

According to the Daily Mail, Jose Mourinho is planning a major defensive overhaul with Chris Smalling, Daley Blind and Matteo Darmian all moving on to make way for some fresh faces.

The Red Devils have conceded the second-most goals of any club in the top 10 of the Premier League this season and, with Eric Bailly ruled out for two months, it leaves Mourinho with a defensive crisis as he also does not have complete faith in the likes of Phil Jones, Marcos Rojo and Luke Shaw. Improving the defence with Mourinho's major task in the January transfer window and has identified Chelsea target Rudiger, regarded as one of the best young centre-backs in Europe, now that the 23-year-old has recovered from a lengthy spell on the sidelines. *Teamtalk*



'I GENUINELY DON'T KNOW IF I HAVE ARSENAL FUTURE'

LONDON - Jack Wilshere admits he does not know if he still has a future at Arsenal after a devastating series of injuries has prevented him from fulfilling his potential at the club.

The 24-year-old joined Bournemouth on a year-long loan deal in August and has impressed in his spell on the south coast, having helped Eddie Howe's side to four wins and two draws in six Premier League games. A succession of injury problems saw him fall down the pecking order at Emirates Stadium, with manager Arsene Wenger bolstering his midfield with the signings of Mohamed Elneny and Granit Xhaka in 2016. And Wilshere, who has a contract with Arsenal until 2018, says he could pursue his career elsewhere as he looks to recapture his best form.

"I haven't really thought about my future beyond getting a season under my belt and just trying to improve as a player," he told *The Daily Mail*. "I genuinely



ADMITS: Jack Wilshere.

don't know if I am going to end up at Arsenal or somewhere else.

"If you'd asked me two months ago if I was going to finish my career at Arsenal then I would have said, "Yeah, of course."

"The fans have been great to me, the boss has been great to me. I have a lot of friends there. But sometimes that's the way football is. Two months ago I wouldn't have seen myself being here, but here I am. And I'm enjoying it." *GOAL.COM*

Liverpool boss Klopp welcomes Coutinho, Clyne transfer talk

LONDON - Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp has shrugged off reported interest from Real Madrid and Barcelona in Reds duo Philippe Coutinho and Nathaniel Clyne.

The former has been linked with a move to La Liga for some time, with his Brazilian flair seemingly well suited to life in the Spanish top-flight.

Real are the latest side said to be keeping a close eye on his situation, with former Anfield favourite Jamie Carragher admitting Coutinho would no longer look out of place among the Santiago Bernabeu 'Galacticos'.

Clyne is also generating transfer talk in that part of the world, with Barcelona said to have turned their attention to the England international as their search for a suitable successor to Dani Alves at right-back contin-

ues. Klopp is aware of the pre-January gossip, but the German tactician is reading little into it and believes the stories should be viewed as positive, rather than potential distractions and cause for concern.

He said in the Express: "That's a really good sign! Only the big clubs, yes?"

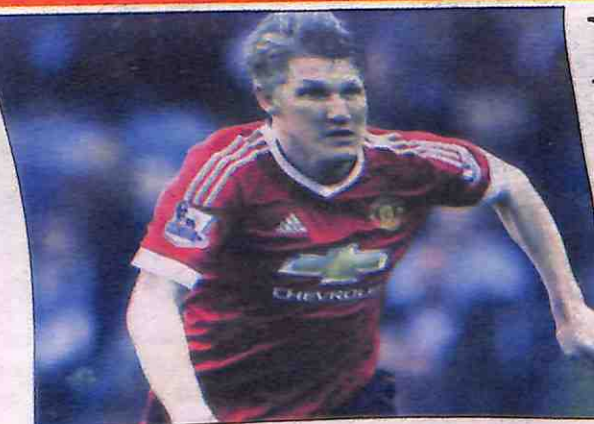
"A few months ago it was like: "He will go to Aston Villa and try to bring them back to the Premier League."

"What can I say? It's better that they talk about Real Madrid and Barcelona.

"How many matches have we played? Nine? ****ing hell, nine matches and we talk about all this stuff.

"Do they want to get them in winter or the next window? Do they think they can buy Clyney in winter? Come on. It's nice but not important." *Goal*

Ballack slams lack of respect for Schweinsteiger



OUTCASTED: Bastian Schweinsteiger.

MANCHESTER - Manchester United outcast Bastian Schweinsteiger deserves far greater respect for his achievements in a lengthy career, according to his former Germany team-mate Michael Ballack.

Schweinsteiger has not featured for United since being removed from the first-team squad by manager Jose Mourinho before the start of the season. The 32-year-old suffered further humiliation

this week when he was left out of the club's official team photo, making it clear there is little chance of a recall by Mourinho. And Ballack, who played alongside Schweinsteiger for Bayern Munich and Germany, has hit out at his compatriot's treatment.

"The very least Schweinsteiger should receive is the respect he deserves for the great performance he has had," he wrote via his official Twitter account. *Goal*



Philippe Coutinho.

South African SOCCER

ABSA PREMIERSHIP

15:30 Mamelodi Sundowns v Cape Town City
15:30 Baroka FC v Polokwane City
15:30 Highlands Park v Free State Stars

'We are coming up against the best team in Africa'

CAPE TOWN - Cape Town City's Robyn Johannes is confident that his side will be at their best when they face the African champions, Mamelodi Sundowns today.

City will travel away to Loftus Stadium today, for their seventh Absa Premiership fixture, where they will come up against a Sundowns who are determined to get their league-campaign underway.

The football fraternity expected fatigue to creep in and hinder the team's form. However, Head Coach Pitso Mosimane has proven that his side has got what it takes to get right underway with their title-defending campaign the very next day after touching down in Mzansi from Egypt. Sundowns claimed a 2-0 victory over Polokwane City in the Telkom Knockout challenge last night, and now both City and Masandawana will go in to Sunday's clash on the back of a win.

"It's obviously an important fixture for us, we've come off a positive result in the cup. We want to make sure that we continue with positive results, but it is just as an important game for Sundowns too, they need to get going in the league."

Soccerladuma



SAVER: Ng'ambi.

Ng'ambi saves Stars at Chippa

PORT ELIZABETH - Chippa United were held to a 1-1 draw by Platinum Stars in the Absa Premiership game played at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium in Port Elizabeth on Friday night.

The draw took the Chilli Boys to fourth on the league standings, while Dikwena climbed up to 10th spot.

The Chilli Boys were awarded a penalty just 12 minutes into the game when Stars defender Gift Sithole handled the ball inside the box. Marc Van Heerden stepped up to take the penalty shot, but he was denied by Stars goalkeeper Mbongeni Mzimela to ensure that the game remained goalless. Dikwena managed to contain the Chilli Boys until the referee blew the halftime whistle. Stars coach Cavin Johnson made a tactical change when he pulled out defender Luvolwethu Mpeti for striker Ndumiso Mabena in the 59th minute. **Backpage TXT**



THE SKY IS THE LIMIT: Mamelodi Sundowns.

DOWNNS CAN DEFEND THE CAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE NEXT YEAR

PRETORIA - Legendary Mamelodi Sundowns winger Joel Masilela believes that they can defend the title next year and follow in the footsteps of teams before them like Egyptian side Al Ahly and DR Congo outfit TP Mazembe.

"You know football is a funny game. You just have to believe and be positive. But yes of course they can defend it if they go at it the right way - their way. They can defend it," Masilela told Goal.

"They have got to go out there and compete," he said. The Brazilians were crowned African champions last Sunday after a 3-1 aggregate win over Egyptians Zamalek in the final. They made sure this time after missing

out on the chance initially in 2001 against Ahly, where Masilela featured under the late Ted Dumitru. Boasting 35 players and an astute technical team and support from club president Patrice Motsepe, 'Fire' believes these are the traits that will catapult them to yet another African crown next year.

"With the squad that we have and the coach and his entire technical team, it is possible to win it again. We can defend it. We can win it for the second time. It is possible," Masilela added. Following their continental crown, Downs now have the privilege of being the first South African team that will participate in the Fifa Club World Cup in Japan in two months time. **Goal**

BAFANA BAFANA TO FACE MOZAMBIQUE IN MAPUTO

JOHANNESBURG - The South African Football Association (Safa) has announced Mozambique as Bafana Bafana's opponents for the upcoming Fifa week.

The international friendly will be played at Estadio do Zimpeto in Maputo on November 15, with kick-off scheduled for 19h00 CAT.

South Africa and Mozambique last met during the 2014 African Nations Championship (Chan) tournament, which Bafana, under the tutelage of the then head coach, Gordon Igesund, recorded an easy 3-1 win over their opponents. Bernard Parker scored twice for the

hosts, with Hlompho Kekana also finding the back in spectacular fashion at the Cape Town Stadium after the Mozambicans had gone ahead through Diogo in the 11th minute.

Mozambique are currently ranked 95th in the world and 25th on the continent, while the South Africans remain 62nd and 13th in the world and Africa respectively.

Bafana however, will first have to play Senegal in the 2018 Fifa World Cup qualifying campaign before they can start worrying about their neighbours. The two nations will go head to head at Polokwane's Peter Mokaba Stadium on November 12, 2016. **Goal**



Bafana Bafana

Moriri to join Highlands?

JOHANNESBURG - Former Mamelodi Sundowns midfielder, Surprise Moriri could be set to join up with the PSL's new boys, Highlands Park.

It was revealed last week in Soccer Laduma that Moriri was spotted training at Highlands. The player's representative, Francesco Ferreri has since confirmed the news to the Siya crew. "I can confirm that Surprise has been training with Highlands Park for just over two weeks, and Gordon Igesund knows the player well from their time together at Sundowns," Ferreri told the Siya crew.

It was previously revealed that Moriri had been waiting on a decision to be made by management at Sundowns, as he looked to give the last years of his footballing career to the club that he plied his trade at for more than a decade. However, at the time, Siya sources revealed that the club opted against extending the player's stay at Masandawana, after his contract came to an end on June 30.

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IN TRAINING: Surprise Moriri.

'ROGER DE SA WILL BE BACK AT AJAX'

CAPE TOWN - Ajax Cape Town CEO Ari Efstathiou suspects Roger de Sa will return to the club "in some or other capacity" in the future.

Coach De Sa quit the Urban Warriors this week following the club's poor start to the season, which has yielded two points from six games and a first-round exit in the Telkom Knockout.

Ajax have since promoted their former head of youth Stanley Menzo to the hotseat.

"Roger will be in the history books of our club. It's a very difficult job to take over an Ajax Cape Town team," Efstathiou told KickOff.com.

"As much as everybody says that clubs with a bigger support base and bigger demands are difficult jobs, I think this is probably harder with Ajax because he has to work with a budget and has got a mandate that he has got to use academy players. "I'm at his door every day asking which academy players he's gonna be playing and he's been fantastic with that.



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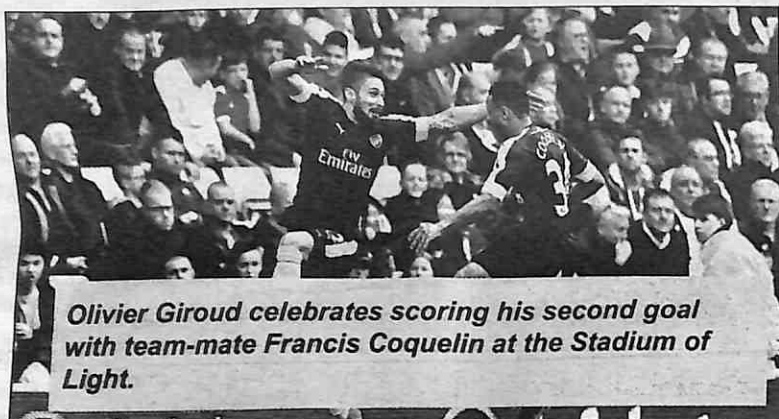
GIROUD DOUBLE GIVES WENGER HEADACHE

...as Gunners condemn David Moyes to worst 10-game start to a season in Premier League history

LONDON - Arsenal are top. Sunderland are bottom. But this was more like Premier League versus non-League on an afternoon where David Moyes and his sorry side set an unwanted record.

The Black Cats have now equalled the worst 10-game start in Premier League history - they have just two points and seven goals - and Moyes would have heard his own crowd's expletive-laden assessment of their team. As for Arsene Wenger, this did not really tell us anything new, for his second-string could have beaten this rabble.

Alexis Sanchez was the two-goal star man, while Olivier Giroud strengthened his claims for inclusion from the start with a late double after emerging from the bench. Somehow, Sunderland were level entering the final 20 minutes after a Jermain Defoe penalty cancelled out Sanchez's first-half opener.



Olivier Giroud celebrates scoring his second goal with team-mate Francis Coquelin at the Stadium of Light.

But the Gunners fired three times in just six minutes and 20 seconds to stun the Stadium of Light.

There were boos on full-time, and you could hardly blame them.

Sunderland's best chance of nicking an unlikely result might have arrived inside the opening 60 seconds when Jordan Pickford's hurried clearance almost broke the arm of Sanchez. Saying if the Chilean was forced off there would have

been plenty others queuing up to inflict damage on this feeble Sunderland side.

Such as Alex Iwobi, who went close with a header from a Hector Bellerin cross which Pickford flapped over the crossbar.

Sanchez's incisive through-ball sprung Mesut Ozil clear soon after but the German steered straight into the arms of Pickford.

Daily Mail

De Boer gives himself 7 out of 10

ROME - Inter Milan coach Frank de Boer awarded himself seven out of 10 for his efforts with the Serie A side so far yesterday and said he had the backing of the club's owners.

The Dutchman, who had never previously coached or played in Serie A, was appointed only two weeks before the start of the season and has made a slow start, losing six out of 13 competitive matches.

A 2-1 win over Torino on Wednesday has given him some respite although Inter are still only a modest tenth in the table and defeat against Sampdoria last Sunday could easily put his position back in the balance.

"I'd give myself seven out of 10 because I can look everyone in the eye.

Progress

"We've come a long way already and we've made great progress," he told reporters.

"Clearly there have been ups and downs but we've made great strides forward and know where we want to get to."

De Boer said he had the full support of Chinese electronic retailers Suning who own the club as well as Inter's Indonesian president Erick Thohir.

"The club's backing is always very important for a project, it allows you to relax a little," he said.

"It's not only important for the coaching staff but the players too. It's great to work in an environment like this when you feel the owners' support."

Reaction

De Boer said midfielder Marcelo Brozovic, dropped after his angry reaction to being substituted against Hapoel Beer-Sheva in a Europa League match last month, had responded well

since being brought back into the team.

"Brozovic reacted brilliantly and gave the best possible response. He knows he made a mistake, apologised and is now meeting our expectations," De Boer said. "He worked hard, came back into the side and is playing well."

Rapport



Sevilla miss out on top spot with draw

MADRID - Sevilla's struggles away from home in La Liga cost Jorge Sampaoli's men top spot as lowly Sporting Gijon held the Europa League holders to a 1-1 draw yesterday.

A point takes Sevilla level with Real Madrid at the top of the table, but behind the European champions on goal difference.

Madrid were in action at Alaves yesterday, while Barcelona and Atletico Madrid can also usurp Sevilla with wins over Granada and Malaga respectively.

Sevilla snapped a 22-game winless streak on the road in their last away league game at Leganes and got off to the perfect start in Asturias when Luciano Vietto raced onto Wissam Ben Yedder's flick-on to dink home his fourth goal of the season.

Sporting are now without a win in seven matches, but responded just 16 minutes later when Moi Gomez volleyed home Roberto Canella's cross. Chances flowed at either end of an entertaining first-half as Franco Vazquez struck the post for Sevilla, while Sergio Rico brilliantly saved from Borja Viguera at the other end.

Sevilla were dealt a huge blow at halftime when the inform Samir Nasri had to be replaced due to injury.

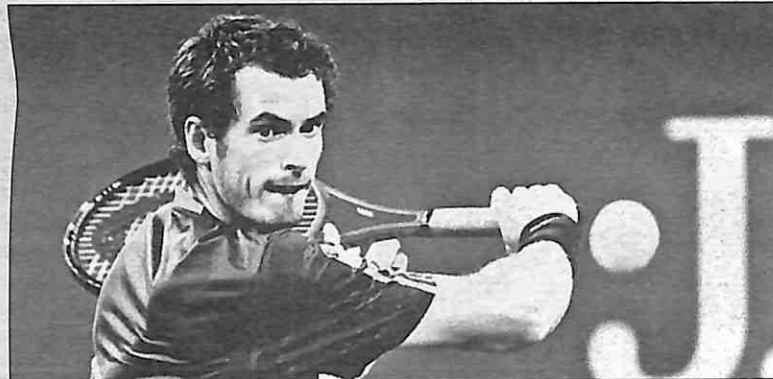
And the Andalusians missed the creativity of the on-loan Manchester City midfielder in the second period although they came closest to a winner from set-pieces as Adil Rami headed inches wide before Gabriel Mercado bundled a loose ball onto the post. © AFP

Murray into Vienna final after Ferrer pulls out of semi-final

VIENNA - Defending champion David Ferrer pulled out of the Erste Bank Open with a left leg injury yesterday, granting top-seeded Andy Murray free passage through to the final.

Tournament director Herwig Straka said Ferrer was visiting a private clinic where doctors advised him not to play. Further details on the Spaniard's injury were not immediately available.

In his 11th final of the season, Murray will take on Jo-Wilfried Tsonga or Ivo Karlovic. The Scot won the tournament on his only previous visit here, in 2014.



A tournament victory for Murray in Austria, coupled with a success at next week's Masters event in Paris would see him crowned world No.1

in the rankings for the first time in his career, as long as incumbent Novak Djokovic does not reach the final in France. *The Guardian*

Loew to extend Germany reign until 2020

BERLIN - Germany's World Cup-winning coach Joachim Loew is set to extend his reign until 2020 amidst reports his new contract will be confirmed on Monday by the German FA (DFB).

German daily Bild reported yesterday the 56-year-old, who took charge in 2006, will pen a two-year extension to lead Germany's defence of the World Cup in Russia in 2018 and to the European Championships in 2020.

Loew, who led die Mannschaft to their fourth World Cup title in Brazil two years ago, is set to receive a huge pay rise to four million euros per year.

His current contract, which expires after the 2018 World Cup, reportedly earned him an annual salary of around three million euros.

The DFB's president Reinhard Grindel refused to comment when approached by SID, an AFP sub-



German coach Joachim Loew is set to extend his reign until 2020.

sidiary, but he is believed to want to get the deal sealed before the German FA meets in Erfurt on November 3-4.

If Loew stays in office until 2020, his 14-year reign would make him the joint second-longest serving

Germany coach, equal to Helmut Schoen (1964-78).

Sepp Herberger holds the 28-year record, from 1936-64, during which time he led West Germany to their first World Cup title in 1954. © AFP

BURNLEY FRUSTRATE UNITED, MOU SENT OFF

MANCHESTER - Tom Heaton's saves frustrated his former club Manchester United as Burnley drew 0-0 at Old Trafford yesterday to secure a first Premier League away point of the season.

Heaton dived to palm away a Jesse Lingard header and spread himself to block a powerful Zlatan Ibrahimovic volley against a United side who finished with 10 men as midfielder Ander Herrera was sent off.

United manager Jose Mourinho was sent to the stands at half-time for protesting too vehemently to the officials, having seen Matteo Darmian denied a penalty after being caught by Jon Flanagan's trailing leg.

The draw means that United have gone four Premier League matches without victory and have fallen eight points behind the leaders.

Wayne Rooney, back from a thigh injury, appeared as a substitute for the final 17 minutes, but could not inspire a victory, blasting over from Daley Blind's low free-kick deep into stoppage time.

Former Manchester United youth goalkeeper Heaton was



Burnley's Andre Gray, left, and Manchester United's Marcus Rashford battle for the ball during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford, Manchester, England, yesterday. (AP)

inspired on his return to Old Trafford.

He had already made a couple of straightforward stops from Ibrahimovic and Juan Mata when he raced off his line to block the former Sweden forward, who had latched onto a well-judged through pass from the Spaniard.

Burnley, whose defence included another United academy graduate in Michael Keane, were well organised as they frustrated the home side.

But they were indebted to Heaton as United started to find gaps in the later stages of the first half. He dived to his right to push

the ball aside after Mata had dug out a left-foot shot from the edge of the penalty area.

Heaton was grateful to see former Manchester City defender Ben Mee throw his head in the way of Ibrahimovic's shot after a lovely drag-back flick from Paul Pogba set up the chance.

But the England international was inspired as he palmed away a powerful Lingard header from Herrera's right-wing cross, before tipping over a 25-yard Pogba drive moments later.

Burnley lost left-back Stephen Ward to injury just before half-time and his replacement Flanagan escaped a strong penalty shout within two minutes of coming on.

The Liverpool loanee seemed to clip Darmian's trailing leg right on the edge of the area, but referee Mark Clattenburg dismissed the home side's appeals.

Mourinho protested too strongly during the interval and began the second half in the Sir Bobby Charlton Stand. Having taken a seat near the front of the stand, the manager was then ordered to move further back.

AFP

Lewandowski, Robben secure easy win for champions

MUNICH - Robert Lewandowski ended his Bundesliga drought with a double in Bayern Munich's comprehensive 3-1 victory over Bavarian rivals Augsburg at the WWK Arena yesterday.

Having failed to find the net in any of his past five top-flight outings, Lewandowski was enduring his worst barren run since 2013-14, but he returned to form as part of an exceptional partnership with Arjen Robben.

The pair sat out the 3-1 DFB-Pokal victory against the same opponents on Wednesday, but were back in the line-up as Carlo Ancelotti made eight changes, with Thomas Muller, who missed a penalty in that match, among those dropping to the bench.

A fantastic first touch from Robben's incisive pass saw Lewandowski sink his first Bundesliga goal in six weeks and he returned the favour for the Dutchman - recalled to the Netherlands squad in the week - to add a quickfire second. The duo combined again three minutes into the second half, Robben reprising his role as supplier when

Lewandowski rounded Augsburg goalkeeper Marvin Hitz. Koo Ja-cheol was denied from the penalty spot in the midweek clash, but pulled one back for Augsburg, though they were unable to deny Bayern a victory that keeps them two points clear of RB Leipzig, who won 2-0 away at Darmstadt, at the summit. Augsburg captain Paul Verhaegh returned in one of three changes from Dirk Schuster and had a swerving 25-yard drive palmed away by Manuel Neuer inside four minutes. Lewandowski produced an uncharacteristically heavy first touch in the box which was seized upon by the onrushing Hitz, but he did not make the same mistake in the 19th minute. **Goal**

Aguero brace brings relief to Guardiola

MANCHESTER - Sergio Aguero's brace ended Pep Guardiola's worst run as a manager as Manchester City turned on the style with a 4-0 win at West Bromwich Albion yesterday.

Aguero has been linked with a move away from City after being dropped for a Champions League tie at Barcelona recently, but he underlined his value with clinical first-half goals at the Hawthorns.

The Argentine forward, who had gone six games without a goal, then turned provider for Ilkay Gundogan on 79 minutes before the latter sealed it in the closing moments.

Victory ended City's six-match winless run in all competitions and was the perfect preparation for their Champions League clash with Guardiola's former side Barcelona on Tuesday.

City, who made eight changes from Wednesday's 1-0 defeat to Manchester United in the League Cup, rarely looked in danger and controlled much of the game as they matched their biggest Premier League win of the season.

West Brom forced the first opening when Nacer Chadli's first-time effort swerved away from goal after Craig Dawson won the ball on the byline and Salomon Rondon teed him up.

City responded with a floated effort from Raheem Sterling



Manchester City's Sergio Aguero, celebrates with teammates after scoring his second goal during the English Premier League soccer match between West Bromwich Albion and Manchester City, at the Hawthorns in West Bromwich, England, yesterday. (AP)

that forced a save from Ben Foster and the visitors had the ball in the net in the ninth minute when Aguero squared for Nolito to tap home, but the effort was ruled out for offside.

City began to exert control and forced two chances in

quick succession. First Sterling tested Foster with a fierce volley that was palmed away, then John Stones produced a glaring miss after being left free from Nolito's cross, firing wide from five yards out.

Given the pressure from the visitors, it was no surprise when City took the lead.

Gundogan split the Baggies defence as Aguero peeled off his man and slotted home across Foster from an acute angle.

THUMPING STRIKE
Aguero was in superb form and set up the next chance when he robbed Darren Fletcher in midfield and fed Gundogan, whose pass released Nolito.

His shot beat Foster but hit Gareth McAuley in front of the line.

City fans didn't have to wait long for a second goal as Aguero claimed his 13th of the season. It was a thumping strike to live long in the memory as he took advantage of some sloppy passing from Dawson and Fletcher just outside the Albion box to rifle an unstoppable drive into the top corner of the net.

Two minutes after the break, David Silva's skidding left-foot drive clipped Nolito and deflected just wide.

Gundogan was next to try his luck when he attempted to pick his spot inside the box, but his side-footed effort trickled wide. **Reuter**

Ronaldo hat-trick extends Real's lead

MADRID - Cristiano Ronaldo returned to goalscoring form with his first hat-trick of the season despite also missing a penalty as Real Madrid extended their lead at the top of La Liga with a 4-1 win at Alaves yesterday.

Ronaldo's wayward form in recent weeks had come under the spotlight, but he turned the game around after Deyverson had put Alaves into a shock early lead.

The Portuguese levelled from the penalty spot before his deflected effort put Madrid ahead at the break.

Ronaldo saw another penalty saved 12 minutes from time, but wasn't to be denied when he slammed home Marcelo's cut-back after Alvaro Morata's cushioned lob had made the game safe.

Real now lead Sevilla by three points at the top of the table and Barcelona by five.

However, Barca can cut the gap back to two points with victory at home to Granada later yesterday.

Real's unbeaten run stretches to 26 matches, but their defensive struggles continued in Vitoria as Zinedine Zidane's men got off to the worst possible start when Deyverson pounced on an error from Madrid goalkeeper Keylor Navas to slot Alaves into a seventh minute lead. **AFP**



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo, makes a scissor kick during the Spanish La Liga soccer match between Real Madrid and Deportivo Alaves, at Mendizorroza stadium, in Vitoria, northern Spain, yesterday. (AP)

Tottenham held by Leicester

LONDON - Tottenham had to settle for a 1-1 draw at home to Champions Leicester, although Vincent Janssen did grab his first league goal for the club.

Leicester beat Spurs to the title last season and they frustrated Mauricio Pochettino's men again, Musa's second-half equaliser cancelling out Vincent Janssen's first Premier League goal from the penalty spot.

The draw gives Leicester their first point away from home in the league this season while Tottenham have now gone five matches without a victory. Janssen's goal will come only as a crumb of comfort for Spurs, who have struggled for attacking fluency since beating Manchester City so impressively here at the start of the month.

Harry Kane could be back from injury for the north London derby against Arsenal next weekend and it seems the striker's return cannot come soon enough.

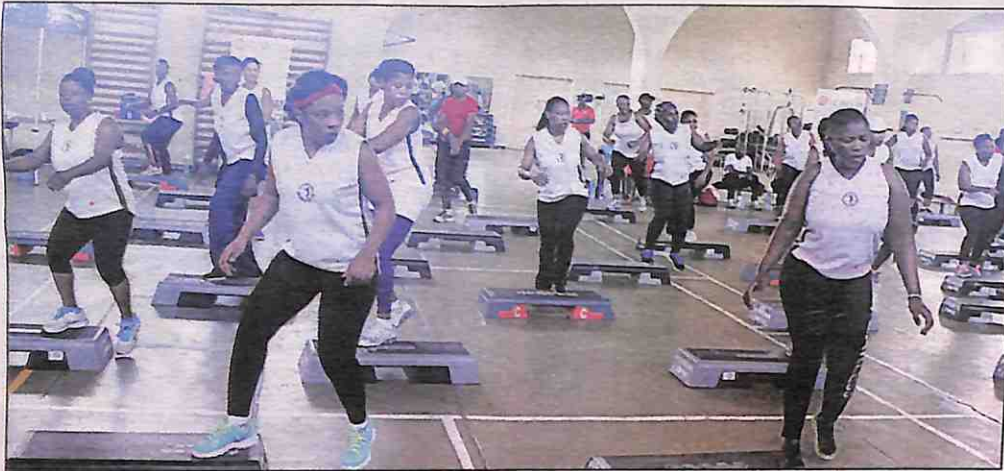
Leicester, meanwhile, are now eight points behind their opponents in the table but they showed some of the old resilience that has been so far lacking in their stuttering title defence. Their fans certainly delighted in running through an impressive repertoire of triumphant chants before kick-off including, "Tottenham Hotspur, we're waiting for you", a response to Spurs supporters hopefully singing "Leicester City, we're coming for you" during the run-in last season. **Teamtalk**

AURIELA INTERNATIONAL AEROBATHON

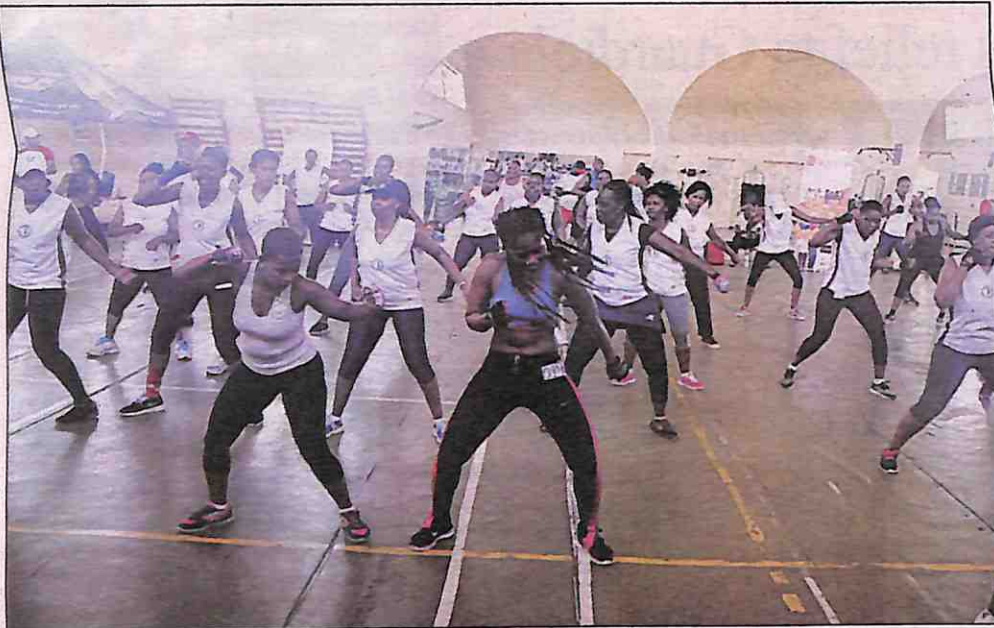
hosted by His Majesty's Correctional Services



Over 100 turned up for the Auriela International Aerobathon hosted by His Majesty's Correctional Services in Matsapha yesterday. (Pics: Sanele Jele)



The ladies sweating it out during the event.



The athletes in full swing during the aerobathon.



These two ladies could not be left out of the aerobathon.



Correctional Services Director of Sports Dan Mavuso posing with some of the participants after the event.



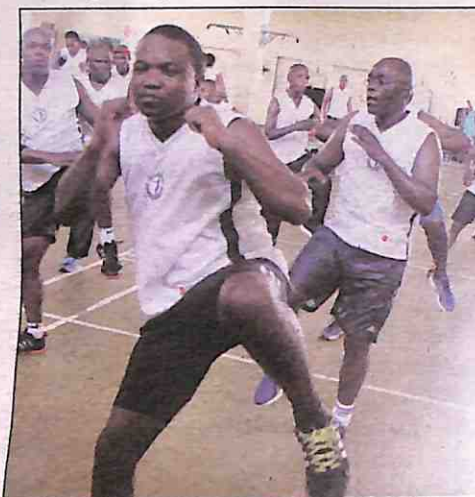
Instructors Lucky Matsenjwa and Sipiwo Mdziniso sharing a light moment after their session.



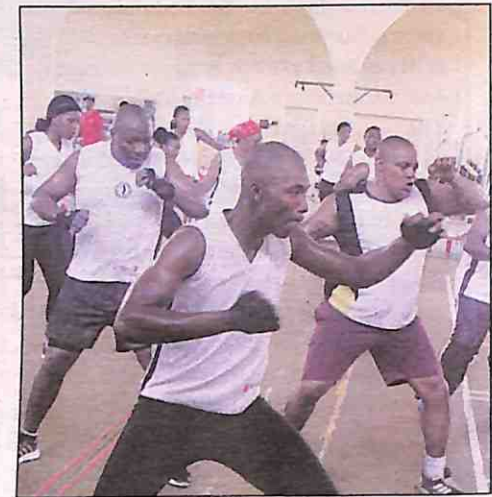
Correctional Services Muzi Lushaba and Dan Mavuso pose for a picture.



Aurelia Accessories representatives Slindile Shiba and Lindo Matsebula following the proceedings.



One of the athletes in full concentration.



Some of the male participants enjoying the session.



The athletes going through their paces.



MTN Premier League 2016/17

PREVIEWS

BATTLE OF THE TITANS IN FORCES DERBY

Royal Leopard vs
Young Buffaloes
Somhlolo National
Stadium, 1.30pm

BY SABELO
MAJOLA

SOCCER - After being eliminated by Royal Leopard in the Castle Premier Challenge semis over a month ago,

Young Buffaloes will be looking to get back at their counterparts in their first meeting of the premier league at Somhlolo National Stadium this afternoon.

Level on twelve points and occupying the second and third spots in the log, the statistics prove both teams have the same capabilities hence supporters can be guaranteed a thrilling encounter in this first game of the Yello Sunday

Teams	Young Buffaloes
Royal Leopard	Head coach: Dominic Kunene
Head coach: Sifiso 'Nuro' Ntibane	Captain: Mphile Tsabedze
Captain: Sifiso Nkambule	Key players: Phiwa Dlamini, Ndoda Mtsetfwa, Nhlanhla Gwebu
Key players: Muzi Dlamini, Mathokoza Thwala, Bonginkosi Dlamini	Match winner: Sanele Ngcamphalala
Match winner: Lungelo Tsabedze	

But Leopards are favourites to get the maximum points out of this clash as they have won two of the four past meetings with Buffaloes, the other two games ending in a stalemate. The defending champions have had back to back losses that opened the gap between them and first placed Mbabane Swallows and they would be all out to try and curb the difference in points.

They however go into this game oozing confidence after thrashing Mbabane Highlanders in their previous league game last Sunday. Although faced with casualty as most of their players are nursing injuries, the team's coach Sifiso Nuro Ntibane was upbeat, stating there was no looking back after collecting the points at Highlanders' expense.

On song Wanderers meet City

Midas City vs Manzini Wanderers
Somhlolo National,
3.30pm

The last time the two sides met in the campaign, it was Midas City who snatched all three points, narrowly escaping with a 1-0 victory last season and Manzini Wanderers would be out for vengeance while also looking to close the gap on the log leaders.

Having won their last encounter against Red Lions in the campaign, Wanderers are on a roll and they get threatening by each game. The Hub giants complete the top four with 11 points after winning three games out of seven played. A victory could see them climb the log as only a single point separates them from second and third placed, excluding Mbabane Swallows who are at the summit with a 12 points gap.

It doesn't look good for City as they have managed only one victory in seven games as

Teams	Manzini Wanderers
Midas City	Head coach: Clement Sibandze
Head coach: Caleb Ngwenya	Captain: Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya
Captain: Tower Ndaba	Key players: Sifiso Motsa, Allie Motsa, Mfanafuthi 'Taribo' Bhembe
Key players: Mncedisi Kunene, Dlamini Frank, Trust Mkhandawire	Match winner: Aladeon Kola
Match winner: Simanga Shongwe	

The MTN Premier League log:

Position	P	W	D	L	GF	GAGD
Mbabane Swallows	8	8	0	0	18	3 15 24
Young Buffaloes	7	3	3	1	9	5 4 12
Royal Leopard	7	4	0	3	10	7 3 12
Manzini Wanderers	7	3	2	2	9	5 4 11
Manzini Sundowns	8	3	2	3	7	10 -3 11
Green Mamba	8	2	3	3	5	5 0 9
Moneni Pirates	7	2	3	2	7	11 -4 9
Red Lions	8	2	2	4	8	14 -6 8
Midas City	7	1	4	2	6	7 -1 7
Mbabane Highlanders	7	1	3	3	7	8 -1 6
Tambuti	7	2	0	5	5	12 -7 6
Sea Birds	7	1	2	4	7	12 -5 5

(yesterday's game not included)

most of their outcomes are dominated by draws.

The single points have not helped much to salvage the Caleb Ngwenya led charges currently sitting fourth from bottom with a mere seven

points.

They have more pressure to get the points than their opponents in this game and Wanderers should be cautious against the Mbabane side.

NFD LOG LEADERS MATSAPHA UNITED ON A ROLL



BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

Matsapha Utd..... (1)3
Vovovo..... (0)0

SOCCER- Star Studded Matsapha United edged closer towards clinching the E50 000 first round incentive after recording a 3-0 emphatic victory over Vovovo. The Matthews 'Chaka Chaka' Mandlazi led side was on fire and all over the capital city side which failed to match the opposition in front of over 300 football lovers at the Mavuso Sports Centre on Friday night. Goals from John Neguyhini, Sifiso Maseko and Sidumo Shongwe were enough to hand United their eighth straight victory which saw them jump to 22 points on the log.

It was Neguyhini who was first to register his name on the scorer's chart in the 37th minute while Maseko and Shongwe scored in the 54th and 76th minute, respectively. Speaking after the match, the Mozambican born Matsapha United mentor said he was happy with the performance of his players on the night. "I am over the moon after collecting the maximum points which we needed in order to keep our dream of gaining promotion to the elite league alive. Credit should go to the boys for working extra hard to ensure that we achieve our mandate," he said. Asked if they would be beefing up their squad in the next transfer window, the former Manzini Wanderers

and Mbabane Highlanders coach said they were still to sit down and analyse the current squad. "We need to be able to handle any situation that may hinder our way during the course of the season. With that said we will have new additions if need be to ensure that we have enough depth in our team," he said. Meanwhile the losing coach Edwin Matsebula attributed their loss to lapse in concentration. "I think we lost the match before kickoff. We were a bit over confident following our good previous result last week and this made us complacent. "We also conceded soft goals due to some defensive errors which we have to rectify going to our next match," he said.



Limkokwing and SANU players vying for the ball during the SUCSA soccer games held at Kwaluseni Campus yesterday. (Pic: Sabelo Majola)

Kwaluseni kick off SUCSA games on a high

BY SABELO MAJOLA

SPORTS - Kwaluseni Campus started the Swaziland University and College Sports Association (SUCSA) games on a high note yesterday. The games held at Kwaluseni, Voctim and Ngwane College yesterday saw the Campus winning most of their games in the different sporting disciplines. Kwaluseni emerged victorious in men's soccer, thrashing Christian University 5-1. The Campus also stunned Christian University in the men and ladies volleyball, winning 3-1 and 3-0 in the categories respectively. Other interesting games played on the day saw Luyengo Campus humiliate Ngwane Park also 4-0 in men's soccer while SANU demolished Limkokwing 55-01 in netball.

SUCSA Games Administrator Hamilton Nxumalo said he was impressed with the turnout in all the sporting codes. He did, however, highlight the difficulty they face in terms of acquiring sponsorship for the games. "It's amazing the commitment and enthusiasm from the students in the field of play despite the fact that they are competing for nothing at this stage. We have approached a few corporate entities with the hope that they will invest in these games because there is no better investment than these future stars," he said. He noted that pool and darts games would kick off on November 5 as only one game between VOCTIM and Ngwane College was fixtured for this week. "The groups had to be rearranged due to the absence of Police College and Correctional College," he said.

SELECTED SUCSA RESULTS:

SOCCER-MEN			
SCMU	1	UNISWA	5
Ngwane Park	0	UNISWA	4
NETBALL			
LUCT	1	SANU	55
Ngwane Park	26	UNISWA	24
VOLLEYBALL - MEN			
Ngwane Park	0	UNISWA	3
SCMU	1	UNISWA	3
LUCT	3	SANU	0
VOLLEYBALL - LADIES			
Ngwane Park	0	UNISWA	3
Christian	0	UNISWA	3
LUCT	0	SANU	3

Over 100 attends International Aerobathon Day

BY SANELE JELE

SPORTS - Over 100 athletes turned up for the Aurelia Accessories sponsored International Aerobathon hosted by His Majesty's Correctional Services. The third edition of the tournament was held at the College's Gymnasium in Matsapha yesterday. Drilling the aerobathon which lasted for about six hours was Correctional Instructors Lucky Matsenjwa and Lucky Mdziniso. The Correctional Services team had partnered with the Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council during the event which was sponsored to a tune of E15 000 and Logico provided the participants with energy drinks. Speaking after the event, Correctional Services Sports Director Dan Mavuso said they

were impressed by the attendance recorded on the day. "We are happy with the attendance. It was big considering the very hot weather conditions today and other numerous events across the country. Such events are very beneficial to the nation because they promote a healthy lifestyle and networking amongst those in attendance. Mavuso then expressed gratitude to the SNSRC, their sponsors and the athletes for their contribution towards the success of the event. SNSRC CEO Darius Dlomo shared the same sentiments saying it was vital for Swazis to exercise. "The weather was just perfect. We would have a healthy nation if engage in such activities. As a Council, we appreciate what Correctional has done today and we will continue supporting them," Dlomo said.

Red Lions mindful of Swallows threat

BY SABELO MAJOLA

SOCCER-After losing 0-3 to Green Mamba on Friday night, Red Lions will have to pull up their socks as they would be hosting a rampaging Mbabane Swallows this coming Tuesday. Interviewed after the game on Friday, Red Lions' head coach Zwelibandzi 'Botsotso' Khoza said they would have to prepare hard for the game against Swallows. Khoza said they would have to work hard on dealing with crosses because that's where the former was dangerous. "We couldn't deal effectively with crosses against Green Mamba and we could be punished in the next game if we don't work on this aspect," he said. The last time the two teams locked horns in a league encounter, it was Swallows who emerged victorious, thrashing Red Lions 3-0 last season. The coach further attributed their loss to Green Mamba to inadequate warm-up time and conceding an early goal, something he said destroyed their momentum. He however stated that they were not yet panicking and that they would achieve their mandate of staying in the premier league. "There is still a long journey ahead and there is not much difference in the points except for the leaders who have opened a huge gap. "Our mandate is to survive and we are not yet worried but are working on meeting the objective," he said. Meanwhile, Green Mamba head coach Hebert Maruwa said it was good to score goals, something that has been a problem for the team since the season started. "We had a good game, defended well, scored goals but we are yet to turn the corner," he said. Green Mamba will play Midas City on Wednesday night at Somhlolo.

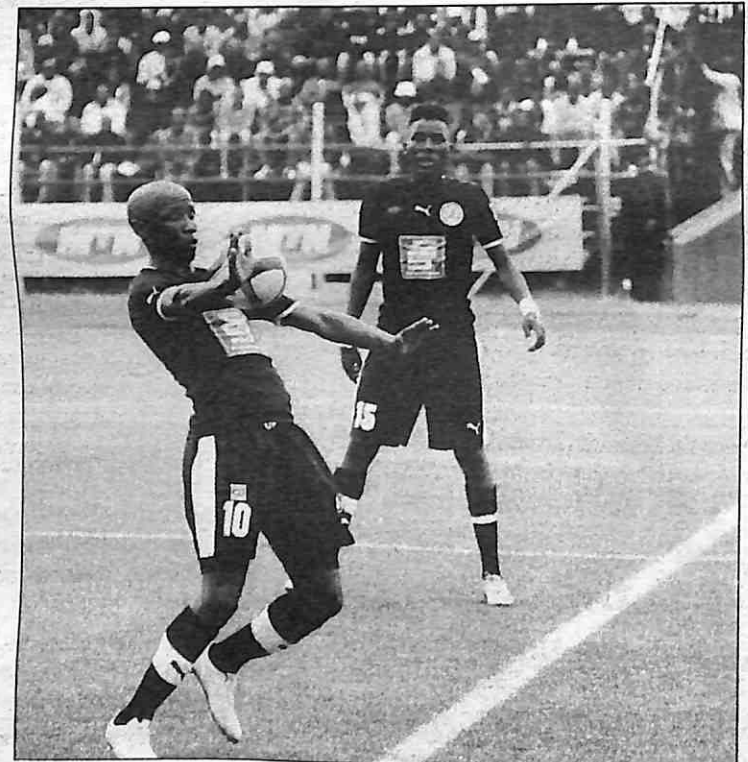


Murape joins Meso at SA's Magesi FC

BY SABELO MAJOLA

SOCCER-Former Manzini Wanderers and Zimbabwe born mentor Sheppard Murape has teamed up with former Mbabane Highlanders dribbling wizard Patrick Meso at South Africa's National First Division side Magesi Football Club. Murape parted ways with Manzini Wanderers hardly a month with the Hub giants because he didn't possess the required License A coaching qualification. A reliable sources close to the team revealed that the veteran mentor has joined NFD outfit, replacing Jacky Ledwaba. The former Amazulu striker was reported to have gone AWOL at the club, appearing

again after a week only for him to find that the club had already appointed Mighty Jali who was once an Orlando Pirates' team manager during the days of Bibby Mutombo as technical director. Jali is also the owner of Mighty FC that plays in the Limpopo ABC Motsepe league. **Players** Murape, former Black Leopards coach who worked with local players including Sibusiso 'Spoko' Dlamini and Wonder 'Samba-Jive' Nhleko, has a huge task ahead as Magesi are currently at the bottom of the SA NFD with only five points after eight games. They have managed only one victory and two draws while losing all the other matches.



LANDERS PLAYERS LEFT STRANDED WITH NO TRANSPORT FARE

STORIES BY QONDILE NTIWANE AND SABELO MAJOLA

SOCCER – trouble still seems to be following Mbabane Highlanders as their players were left stranded after their training session yesterday.

Information gathered by this publication is that the players, who resumed training on Friday after being inactive for a week, were left stranded in one of the Filling Stations garages around Mbabane after returning from their morning session at Mhlambanyatsi Sports Ground.

A source close to the matter revealed to this publication that the players waited for over three hours for the team's officials to come and give them bus fare as per the norm

after the training session.

The source stated that efforts to get some of the newly appointed interim task team members proved futile as their mobile phones were not available on the network.

"It was a sorry sight as the players remained at the Station unattended and had no bus fare to go to their respective homes. Some of the players, especially those who leave nearby, eventually left while the others were eventually saved by good Samaritans who offered to fuel the team Kombi.

Sought for comment, some of the players, who preferred anonymity, confirmed the matter yesterday.

"We had to stay at total for close to three hours because we didn't have transport money to go back home. The situation was bad

because we tried calling the relevant people but they were not available," said one of the players.

Another player said they were disturbed by the incident as they are still trying to come to terms with everything that has happened in the team.

He said they were hoping the problem would soon come to an end.

Highlanders Patrons Chairman Isaac Shabangu said he was not aware of the matter when contacted yesterday.

"I didn't get any information on players being stranded after training, its news to me.

Actually, I don't directly deal with players but the people who does is the task team," he said

Mass meeting slated for today called off

The much anticipated Mbabane Highlanders Mass meeting slated for this morning has been called-off.

The meeting, initially slated for the MDs Primary starting at 9am was to be attended by the Patron, players and team supporters was meant to discuss the current issues affecting the team. This follows the resignation of the team's Managing Director Bheki Rubber Simelane last Thursday.

Information gathered is that the meeting was called-off after some of the team's elders stated that it would not be okay to host the meeting before deliberations with other stakeholders. Highlanders Chairman of Patrons Isaac Shabangu confirmed the matter when sought for comment yesterday. "All I can say is that we will be meeting with the task team and

other structures within the team. It is after this meeting that our supporters will be informed of the mass meeting," he said. Simelane who took over the team in 2013 took the decision after he was attacked by the team's supporters after their 0-3 defeat to police outfit Royal Leopard at the Somhlolo National Stadium last Sunday. The conduct of the supporters, who were demanding for his exit in the team, resulted in Simelane being driven away in a police casp.

The team's Patron led by Isaac Shabangu have since taken over the team and have appointed a task committee to help normalize the situation in the team. The committee comprises of former Chairman Charles 'Ace' Jele, former MC Chairman Musa Masuku, and Sandla Mamba.

SWALLOWS BUY COFFIN FOR DECEASED SUPPORTER, PLEDGE ASSISTANCE.

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER – Mbabane Swallows has not only pledged their assistance to the family of deceased supporter Thabsile Maswane Nkambule but went as far as buying her coffin.

The staunch supporter was buried this morning at her home in Ntfontjeni, Northern Hhohho.

This was revealed by the team's chairman Victor Gamedze after the team's league clash against Manzini

Sundowns at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. Gamedze addressed the throngs of Swallows supporters who were sitting on the right stand of the Royal box, requesting them to behave at the funeral.

"We have lost one of our soldiers and as a team we took the responsibility to assist the family in purchasing the coffin. That was just one of the multiple things we are yet to do for the family. We urge each and every one of you to take precautions and be vigilant on the road," said

Gamedze.

It was also announced during the brief meeting that the team had contributed half of the transport money that was paid by the supporters to attend the funeral.

This was highlighted by the team's CEO Sibusiso Manana during the meeting.

"Initially, each fan was supposed to pay E100 for the return journey but the team paid half of the money, which means the supporter would now pay E50," he said.

Tambuti stun Sea Birds

BY SANELE JELE

TAMBUTI..... (0)2
SEA BIRDS..... (0)0

SOCCER- Sugar belt side Tambuti stunned Manzini Sea Birds after beating them 2-0 during their game played at Mayaluka Stadium in Big Bend yesterday.

It was goals from Talent Mandizadza and Ugochuckwe Ohakwe scored in the second half of the clash, which earned the premier league rookies their third victory of the season, a feat that has seen them jumping from second from the bottom to position eight on the log.

Tambuti made sure to use home ground advantage during the game and were all over the Manzini based outfit which is languishing at the basement of the log. Tambuti's Roy Mamba could have been first to score but he missed a clear cut chance 30 minutes into the game after his face to face shot inside the box was swallowed by Sea Birds Bafana Ngwenya.

Manzini sea Birds were dealt a blow after their player Colani Dlamini had to be rushed to hospital after colliding with Tambuti's Siboniso Ndzabandzaba who was also substituted during the game.

Tambuti midfielder Mpendulo Ngidi was unfortunate not to score two minutes before the breather as he failed to connect an Ohakwe pass.

Tambuti continued with their good run in the second half and it was in the 63rd minute when Mandizadza connected, with a ground shot, an Ohakwe back pass inside the box.

The goal came three minutes after Sea Birds' Mfundo Zwane was sent packing by the referee following a rough tackle on Ngidi. Sea Birds were unfortunate not to find an equaliser four minutes later as Sihle Magagula, who was set up by striker Muzi Tsabedze, was denied by goalkeeper Thokozani Mkhulusi

Ohakwe who was a constant nightmare to the opposition benefited from a goal mouth scramble in the 77th minute.

The teams

Tambuti

Thokozane

Siboniso(Sanele),Ishmael,Machawe,Salakahle,Bhekinkhosi,Talent,Mpendulo,Zwakele,Roy,Ugochukwe.

Sea Birds

Bafana,Thembinkosi,Sibusile,Gcinizwe,Sibonginkhosi,Colani(Mfundvo)Sihle,Muzi,Nkosing Nkosing'phile, Mbongiseni,Wandile

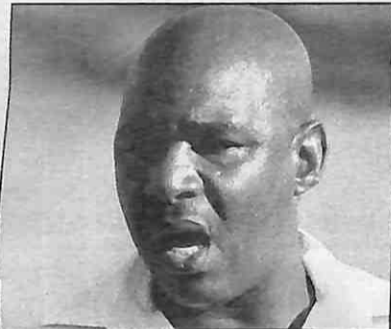
Koki believes only Swallows can beat themselves

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER-Mbabane Swallows head coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati is convinced that there is no local team that will stop his side except when they are playing against themselves.

Swallows beat Manzini Sundowns 2-0 to record their eighth straight win in the premier league on Friday night and Vilakati said the talk doing rounds that Sundowns were the only capable side to stop 'Birds' was proved wrong.

"I'm not considering the statistics that much but we are taking one game at a time. I have heard people saying that this was the game we would lose but only Mbabane Swallows can beat themselves. The



Mbabane Swallows coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati.

last three games to the campaign are as equally important and we won't be ahead of ourselves but continue to work hard," he said.

Vilakati was also impressed by Talent 'Tower' Maphosa who replaced Mandla Palma due to injury

towards the end of the first half, citing that he articulated his role perfectly while Phindafuthi Dlamini didn't get a taste of the game against his former side that was playing Swallows for the first time since he left them. Vilakati said Dlamini is a quality player but he should work hard for his place.

Meanwhile, Manzini Sundowns head coach Godfrey Tamerepi said they gave Swallows a good run but conceding an early goal put everything on Swallows favour.

"They took their chances and they defended very well. We couldn't deal with their crosses and it was pathetic but hopefully we would recover and be ready for the next match," he said.

Sundowns play Royal Leopard at Mavuso Sports Centre on Wednesday night.

THE MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG:

Teams	P	W	DL	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Mbabane Swallows	8	8	0	18	3	15	24
Young Buffaloes	7	3	3	9	5	4	12
Royal Leopard	7	4	0	3	10	7	12
Manzini Wanderers	7	3	2	2	9	5	11
Manzini Sundowns	8	3	2	3	7	10	-3
Green Mamba	8	2	3	3	5	5	0
Moneni Pirates	7	2	3	2	7	11	-4
Tambuti	8	3	0	5	7	12	-5
Red Lions	8	2	2	4	8	14	-6
Midas City	7	1	4	2	6	7	-1
Mbabane Highlanders	7	1	3	3	7	8	-1

RESULTS

MTN premier League

Red Lions	0	Green Mamba	3
Swallows	2	Sundowns	0
Tambuti	2	Sea Birds	0

Playing today

Somhlolo National Stadium		
Leopard	vs	Buffaloes
City	vs	Wanderers



National First Division log:

Teams	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Matsapha United	8	7	0	1	18	4	14	22
Malanti Chiefs	8	4	0	4	16	4	12	16
Vovovo	8	4	2	2	12	9	3	14
Madlenya	8	4	2	2	10	6	4	14
Amalanda	8	4	4	0	9	9	0	12
Hlatikhulu Tycoons	8	3	3	2	9	5	4	11
Bad Boys	8	2	1	5	10	9	1	11
Mbabane Citizen	8	3	5	0	12	14	-2	9
City Warriors	8	2	4	2	7	13	-6	8
Sikhalo	8	2	5	1	4	10	-6	7
Hub Sundowns	8	1	4	3	7	9	-2	6
Ludzeludze Brothers	8	0	6	2	3	17	-14	2

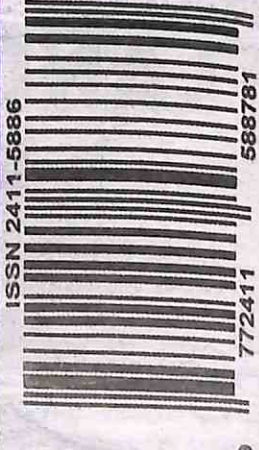
MTN National First Division fixture and results

Matsapha United	3	Vovovo	0
Madlenya	2	Hub Sundowns	0
Ludzeludze Brothers	1	City Warriors	1
Amalanda	3	Bad Boys	1
Mbabane Citizens	1	Sikhalo	0
Malanti Chiefs	1	Hlatikhulu Tycoons	1

RESULTS	
29 October 2016 Absa Premiership Orlando Pirates	0-0 Kaizer Chiefs
Premier League	
Tottenham Hotspur	1-1 Leicester City
West Bromwich Albion	0-4 Manchester City
Manchester United	0-0 Burnley
Middlesbrough	2-0 Bournemouth
Watford	1-0 Hull City
Sunderland	1-4 Arsenal
Liverpool	4-2 Palace
FIXTURES	
30 October 2016	
Absa Premiership	
15:30 Mamelodi Sundowns	v Cape Town City
15:30 Baroka FC	v Polokwane City
15:30 Highlands Park	v Free State Stars
Premier League	
15:30 Everton	v West Ham United
18:00 Southampton	v Chelsea

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FAR FROM OVER: 'LANDERS' PLAYERS STRANDED

...The trouble at Mbabane Highlanders seems to be far from over as the team's players were left stranded after their training session yesterday.
...Mass meeting scheduled for today called off



Mbabane Highlanders fans disappointed after their team lost against Royal Leopard. (File pic)

PIRATES, CHIEFS IN GOALLESS STALEMATE

JOHANNESBURG - For not the first time in recent history, the Soweto Derby between Orlando Pirates and Kaizer Chiefs ended in a goalless stalemate with neither able to break the deadlock in an Absa Premiership clash that flattered to deceive at the FNB Stadium in Soweto, on a steaming hot Saturday afternoon.

Despite plenty of energy and goal-mouth action throughout the 90 minutes, both teams failed in their attempts to rattle the back of the net as the 90 000-odd supporters crammed inside the 2010 World Cup final venue left rather disappointed.

The Buccaneers suffered an early blow with Luvoyo Memela ruled out of the clash minutes before kick-off - Riyaad Norodien replacing the attacking midfielder in the starting eleven.

Eager to grab the slice of good for-

tune with both hands, Norodien went about to impress Muhsin Ertugral and his technical team with the Ajax Cape Town winger the best player on the park in the first-half. After Michelle Katsvairo and Mpho Makola squandered chances in the opening 15 minutes of the game, Nordien sparked Pirates to life - setting up Thabo Rakhale in the 23rd minute. Norodien burst down the left flank, cut inside before finding 'Jomo' who - with a sight at goal - was guilty of a heavy first touch allowing Itumeleng Khune the chance to rush off his line and gather the ball. Chiefs best chance of the opening stanza fell to Hendrick Ekstein on the cusp of half-time. Ramahlwe Mphahlele made a lung-busting run down the right before picking out his teammate who could only succeed in skying his volley attempt over the crossbar from close range. Both teams continued to

press forward in search of the opener after the interval and Pirates should have hit the back of the net in the 49th minute. Tendai Ngoro broke through on goal before setting up Gift Motupa - the midfielder, with the goal at his mercy, unable to direct his first time shot on target.

Chiefs were the better team in the closing exchanges of the game and after Ntsikelelo Nyauza cleared Ekstein's attempt off the line, Tshabalala - in his 28th Soweto Derby appearance - forced Brighton Mhlongo into a good save from range in the 76th minute.

With another 0-0 on the cards, Edward Manqele looked to change that and came close in stoppage time; Issa Sarr with a timely block to deny the Glamour Boys forward.

A point moves Chiefs back to the top of the standings, unbeaten Pirates move up to fourth. **Backpage TXT**

