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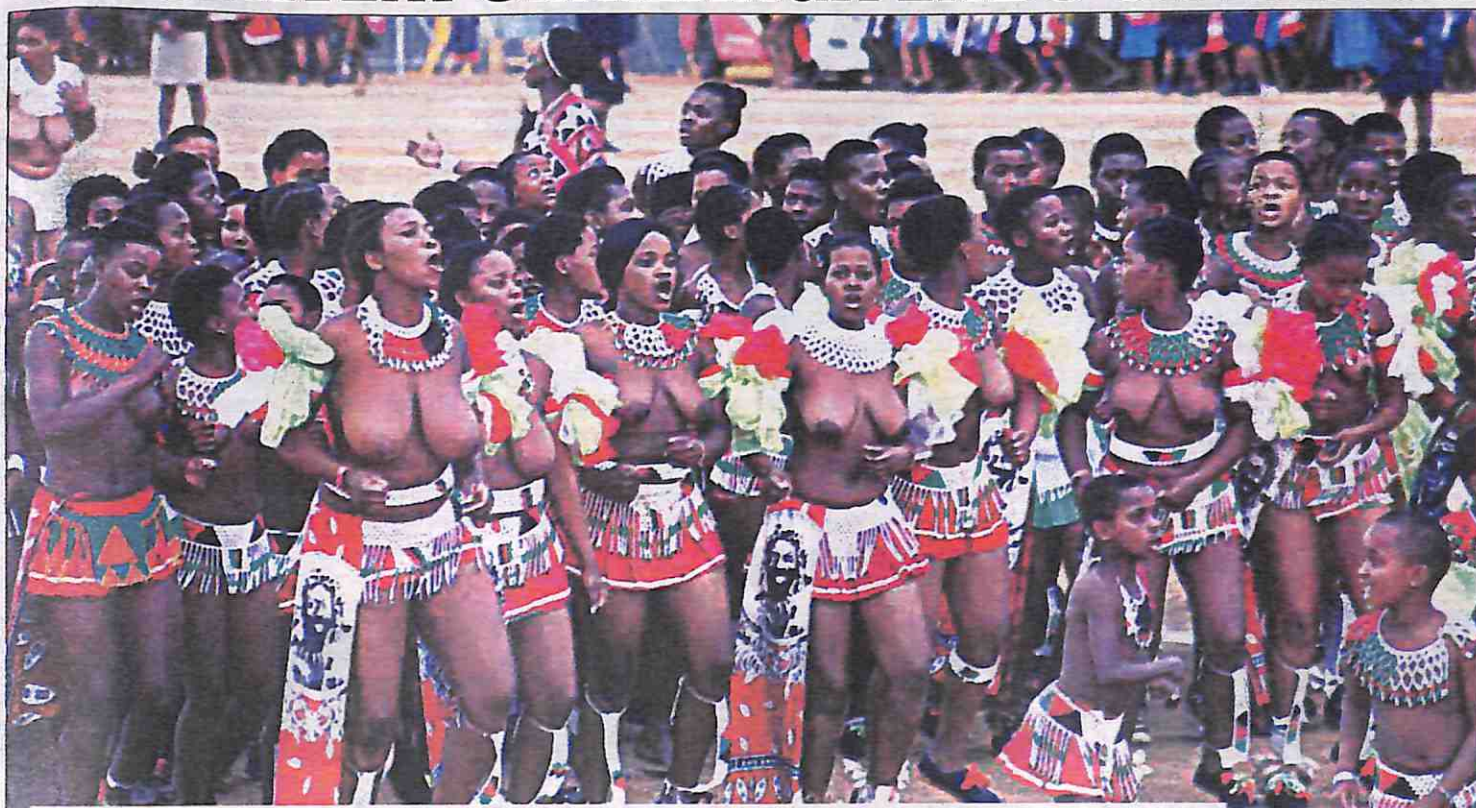
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SHISELWENI UMHLANGA ENDS ON A HIGH



THIS IS HOW WE DO IT: Maidens from SA displaying their talent during the main day of the Shiselweni Umhlanga ceremony at Mbangweni Royal Residence yesterday. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

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After pleading guilty, man asks court if it was right for cops to lock-up his child

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THRILLING: Inkhosatana Sikhanyiso and Liphovela MaMashwama dancing up a storm.

SIKHANYISO, TEMASWATI STEAL THE SHOW AT SHISELWENI REED DANCE

By Lungelo Nkambule
Mbangweni

The Shiselweni Reed Dance ended on a high yesterday as a rare sight was witnessed when Inkhosatana Sikhanyiso and Princess Temaswati did the *giya* dance together.

Shiselweni maidens and people who had come to watch the ceremony were treated to a spectacle when Inkhosatana Sikhanyiso and Princess Temaswati did the singular dance together.

As per the norm, Princess Temaswati did her singular dance and she was fetched by her Ngabezweni regiment which did the widely known Beyonce move 'formation'.

Characterised

Thereafter, Sikhanyiso took to the arena and did her singular dance which was characterised by the moon walk and break dancing.

Sikhanyiso was meant to be fetched by other princesses from the Shiselweni region but instead Princess Temaswati was seen coming forward to fetch her, much to the amusement of the audience.

People were heard saying they had never seen



this in their lifetime but still appreciated it.

The princesses were then joined by princesses from the Shiselweni region and they headed back to their respective regiments.

Waving

Just as when everyone thought it was over, the princesses then came forward and started waving to the crowd using their shields, something that sent the crowd into wild jubilation.

According to the announcers at the reed dance, this gesture by the princesses meant they were waving goodbye because the reed dance was

finally over.

The event was attended by His Majesty King Mswati III, *Emakhosikati*, the Royal family and diplomatic envoys, amongst others.

Also present amongst the imbali was Liphovela LaMashwama, daughter to Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama, who was also present at the reed dance.

Imbali overseer Hlangabeza Mdluli, said the maidens' numbers were ballooning and soon the Shiselweni reed dance would be as big as the national one.

MLANDVO DLAMINI'S DEATH:

SKULL WAS CRACKED OPEN

Stories by Sizwe Dlamini
Mgobodzi

...At the vigil on Saturday, some mourners alleged that Mlandvo's body was found to have multiple stab wounds and serious cuts, both on the front and back sides of his body

POST-MORTEM results of the late Mhlatane High School pupil Mlandvo Dlamini (19) say his skull was cracked open with a heavy weapon.

The young Mlandvo was allegedly killed by Zakhele Ndlela who reportedly found him naked in his home with his wife last Sunday.

Sources close to the family revealed the results confirmed their worst fear that their child was brutally killed and a who was arrested last week and released on E50 000 bail.

The young schoolboy was laid to rest at Mgobodzi yesterday where hundreds of people came to pay their last respects, including his peers from Mhlatane High School.

Blamini

The death of Mlandvo got the small community where he hailed talking, with a section blaming Ndlela for the brutal act while others called for the head of the wife who wooed a young boy in her bed. The sympathisers of the young boy have got the rumour mill on overdrive with unconfirmed snippets of the postmortem. At the vigil on Saturday, some mourners alleged that his body was found to have multiple



stab wounds and serious cuts, both on the front and back sides of his body.

The mourners said this casts doubts to the known version that Ndlela may have been alone when he attacked Mlandvo after finding him in a compromising position with his wife.

Some residents suspect that the boy may have been lured to the home with a mob already on standby to pounce when he entered.

The mourners claimed that it was impossible for Ndlela to catch-up with the young man, especially after he had

a head start by jumping out through the window.

"In the beginning we all thought that Mlandvo was killed by Ndlela but after careful investigations, we have heard people who were at the murder scene say that the boy was called to the house by the woman who was under duress because her husband and eventual suspect murderer had confiscated her cell-phone.

Victim

"The victim then got to the homestead on Saturday night not knowing that the husband Ndlela and his friends were around. He was eventually attacked," alleged one mourner.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba asked members of the public to bring forward any information that would help uncover additional truths about the tragic murder.

"A post-mortem has already been done by the police and the findings are yet to be shared with all the stakeholders but additional information is always welcome because it aids police investigations that lead to eventual arrests," he said.



SAD: Mlandvo's mother seated in the midst of family members who were offering her words of comfort, during his funeral at Mgobodzi yesterday.

...OVER 500 MOURNERS PAY THEIR LAST RESPECTS

OVER 500 mourners, who included pupils from Mhlatane High School, paid their last respects to Mlandvo Dlamini who was laid to rest in his home area, Mgobodzi yesterday.

Mlandvo was son to former Ntfontjeni Member of Parliament Henry Dlamini. Speaking at the night vigil on Saturday evening, Mhlatane High School Principal Dr Mandla Dlamini said that although Mlandvo has passed away, his joyful spirit will continue to linger on at the school. "Mlandvo was diligent in his

work and this prompted us as a school to hand him the opportunity of being the school's official bell ringer.

"This responsibility showed how much we the teachers of Mhlatane valued the young man," he said.

Emotional

Also speaking at the vigil was Timphisini Member of Parliament (MP) Apton Ndlovu who said it was important that the public provided emotional support to the Dlamini family at this time of need. "It is a very trying time for the Dlamini

family and it is at times like these that we the public must show our support by first being present at the funeral and also by praying day and night for the family. This will help the family to heal.

"What happened to this young man was bad but it is not for us to judge, as Christians it is our duty to help all people, regardless of our own feelings.

"Today a lot of people have come out to provide emotional support and that alone shows that people still care for each other," he said.



SUPPORT: Some of the 500 residents who came out to support the Dlamini family. (Pics: Sizwe Dlamini)

WEEK WILL BLOW HOT, COLD

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

FORECASTERS have predicted a warm to cold week

ahead.

According to information sourced from the Swaziland Meteorology Services, the week will be warm in the Highveld and hot in the

Lowveld.

However, on Thursday temperatures are expected to drop to 13 degrees in the highveld and to 19 degrees celsius in the lowveld," said the fore-cast. There will be occasional rain showers and thunder-

storms on Thursday

Today, there will be drizzle and fog, otherwise cloudy with partly cloudy intervals and cool but warm in the Lowveld, with a few thunderstorms mainly over the western parts of the country.

Mbabane	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big Bend
12/21	13/22	14/24	14/23	13/27	15/28
On Tuesday, it will be cloudy with fog at first, otherwise partly cloudy and Lowveld.					
14/27	15/28	16/30	16/29	15/32	17/32
On Wednesday, there will fog at first, otherwise sunny and warm but hot in the Lowveld, becoming cloudy later.					
11/13	12/14	13/16	13/15	12/18	14/19
On Thursday, there will be occasional showers and thunderstorms are expected otherwise cloudy and cold but very cold in the Lowveld.					

COPS LOCK-UP DRUNK FATHER WITH CHILD (2)

...The father alleged that they spent hours inside the police holding cells with the child and asked for the court's advice if such an act by the police was legal in the country

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Mbabane

COVER STORY

IN an act that could expose police's irresponsibility, a father has alleged that he was yesterday morning locked up in holding cells by police at Sigodweni Police Station with his two-year-old toddler.

The father alleged before the Manzini Magistrate's Court that his toddler was locked up in a cell with other drink-driving suspects by the police and spent a couple of hours in the cell with him.

He was awaiting a chance to appear

before a magistrate for trial.

Sakhile Kunene was arrested while driving along the Ludzeledze road in the early morning hours of yesterday. He was with the toddler, he told Manzini Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini on appearance.

Insisted

While police, through their mouth-piece, Khulani Mamba are refuting the sensational allegation, Kunene insisted under oath in court that indeed his child was locked up with him in a cell. Kunene was found to have taken alcohol that measured way above the legal limit in the country.

When his breath specimen was taken it read 0.70mg/l. During his appear-

ance before Magistrate Dlamini, he pleaded guilty to having driven a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

However, narrating the tale of events, Kunene informed the court that he was advised to drive to Elangeni very late to fetch his child as the minor was crying non-stop.

Consumed

The accused said he had consumed liquor before he went to sleep and when he drove to Elangeni he did not think the liquor was still in his blood system, thus he undertook the trip.

Kunene said on his way back with the child, he was nabbed by police who allegedly took him together with

the two-year-old child to the holding cells at Sigodweni Police station.

The father alleged that they spent hours inside the police cells with the child.

The accused asked for the court's advice if such an act by the police was legal. Magistrate Dlamini told the accused that it is wrong for officers to lock up a two-year-old baby.

The magistrate advised Kunene to take up the matter with the station commander of the police station.

However, the accused was not spared punishment for driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

He was sentenced to a year imprisonment with a fine option of E1 500.

Baby was fetched by relatives - Police PICO

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba refuted allegations made in court that police locked up a two-year-old with a drunk father.

Mamba expressed shock at the lengths suspects are willing to go in painting the police service black just to attract the court's sympathy.

He explained that after the arrest of Sakhile Kunene, his relatives were called to come and get the child at the police station and indeed they came.

The police mouth-piece stated that the officer, who was on the shift during the time of arrest, confirmed that when the accused was busted for drink-driving he was travelling with a baby.

He stressed that the child was never at any point in time taken into police custody.



RELATIVES FETCHED BABY: Chief PICO Superintendent Khulani Mamba.

GIRL (6) CRITICAL AFTER MAULING BY SIX DOGS

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

A pre-school girl (six) is in a critical condition after being mauled by six dogs at Buhleni.

The incident happened outside a homestead in the area last Thursday morning while the child was on her way to school. Ironically, Thursday was the World Rabies Day.

The name of the homestead in question is known by this publication but has been withheld due to the fact that police are yet to make an arrest.

Speaking to this publication on Saturday, a source, who is close to the matter, said the pre-schooler would have died if a passerby didn't help her.

"The child was on her routine way to pre-school and when she walked past the homestead, the dogs managed to get an



opening and pounced on her," said the source.

The dogs are under normal circumstances on the leash. The child's clothes were allegedly ripped by the pack of dogs as she fell to the ground.

A passerby came to the rescue of the child as he scared the dogs away and whisked the child to safety.

He took the child to Mkhuzweni Health Centre for treatment.

Meanwhile, members of the Buhleni community are angered by the fact that the dogs that mauled the child have not been put down yet. The mother of the minor declined to comment when approached.

She said she will continue to pray for her young daughter's life.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the incident and said the police are investigating the matter.

MINISTER 'CRUISER' MUM ON 2ND TERM

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlengano

"ASK me once Parliament is dissolved what I intend doing in future and right now allow me to carry out the mandate of my constituency that elected me in 2013."

These were the words of Sigwe Member of Parliament (MP) David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala, who is also Sports and Youth Affairs Minister.

Ngcamphalala said his focus for now was finishing his term of office before he could announce in public what his future plans are, including if he would be available for the 2018 elections.

The MP said he was still perched on accomplishing his mission and the promises he made to the electorate.

He said it would be improper to talk

about 2018 when the five-year period to serve was not over.

The newspaper had wanted to know if he would be seeking a second term in office in 2018.

"Allow me to finish this term and when Parliament is dissolved somewhere in April 2018, then it's when I am going to be in a position to say something about my next move or my future plans. I am fully focusing on what I was mandated by the people. Talking about dreams when you have not yet seen your first dream is not a right thing to do. Let me dream when seeing the work given to me by my masters, who in this case are the people of Sigwe done and complete," said MP Ngcamphalala.

The MP said what he would only be comfortable to talk about was how his constituency could assist seeing the country attaining the first world status

as per the dream of Their Majesties and the nation at large.

"Ask me how we can see the 2022 Vision achieved and to that I can gladly tell you what I am doing with the community to see us contributing towards that goal," said MP Ngcamphalala.

When told that people from the constituency were already planning to retain him as their MP in 2018, Ngcamphalala insisted that he was still focusing on his work to finish his term.

"Let people talk and as to what their opinion is let me not be drawn in that," said MP Ngcamphalala, who is already tipped to be retained even in 2018.

The former senior police officer, it is believed, is popular with not just people of his constituency but with everyone in areas under Lavumisa and 'overshadowing' even colleagues from the neighbouring constituencies.

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SHISELWENI UMHLANGA COVERAGE



BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III and Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini watching the performance of the maidens. This was during the Shiselweni Umhlanga Reed Dance. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



ALL SMILES: Princess Sikhanyiso and Liphovela LaMashwama during the reed dance.



KUDLALISELA: His Majesty King Mswati III and DRC King Shungu Kavabioko doing the giya dance (kudlalisele) to Inkhosatana Sikhanyiso and Liphovela LaMashwama at the dancing arena.



LEADING THE WAY: Princess Temaswati leading imbali of Engabezweni.



CLAD IN TRADITIONAL GEAR: Emabutfo during the ceremony.

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SHISELWENI UMHLANGA COVERAGE



ARRIVES: Arrival of His Majesty at the dancing arena.



HAPPY DAY: Members of the public who attended the ceremony.



YOUR MAJESTIES: His Majesty King Mswati III and DRC King Shungu Kavabioko.



JOVIAL MOOD: Imbali dancing past His Majesty at Mbangweni Royal Residence before proceeding to the dancing arena.



DANCING AWAY: The little ones in a jovial mood.



ROYALS: His Majesty doing his final round of kudlaliselela.



LOVED: Jubilant maidens waving to His Majesty.



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60 DD CASES REPORTED

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

ABOUT 60 motorists were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol over the past weekend.

Chief Police Information and

Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba yesterday said 60 motorists were arrested at the weekend, whilst the past one (weekend), there were 100 cases.

"There were 60 drink-driving cases reported over the past weekend while the previous one, there were 100 cases

reported," said Mamba. He further urged the public to drink responsibly and not get behind the wheel after drinking any alcoholic beverage. "We are aware that it is summer and people get too thirsty, but motorists should not drink excessively and forget to obey the laws of the country," he said.

Some motorists taking DD offence lightly

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

EVEN though drink-driving cases are deliberated almost on a daily basis in courts, some traffic offenders who were nabbed at the weekend for drink-driving said they do not commit the notorious traffic offence on purpose.

The court needed to know why drunk drivers continued to appear before court yet they (courts) always warn motorists to desist from this disturbing conduct.

The court emphasised that this conduct was now popular yet it put other road users on danger, whilst adding that the offenders do not seem realise that the offence was serious.

However, the number of offenders

nabbed for drink-driving that appeared this past weekend notably dropped as compared to the previous weekend. It is worth noting that the number of offences usually shoots up around month end.

In a chilly weekend, Vusi Dlamini was amongst those nabbed for drink-driving at Ezulwini on Saturday night. He told the court that he was sorry, adding that he learnt his lesson following the night-long experience of being kept at the Lobamba Police holding cells.

Dlamini said he did not commit the crime on purpose.

He said he was not aware he was drunk. Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini warned him not to drink and drive following the offender's request to be hand-

ed a lenient sentence.

He was fined E1 000 or 10 months imprisonment as a result of the 0.45 mg/l of alcohol content detected in his blood system.

Another drunk driver who was nabbed at Extension Three for driving a VW Golf whilst under the influence of alcohol told the court that driving while intoxicated was a mistake he did not anticipate. He said he will not commit the crime again. Norman Gwebu was fined E1 500 or 15 months imprisonment after being found guilty and convicted as per his own plea.

The court was almost empty as drunk drivers drastically dropped this past weekend, and the gallery was mainly dominated by relatives of the few offenders who made appearances.

My mother had sent me somewhere – drunk driver

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A male traffic offender who appeared before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati said when the police stopped him at Motshane, he was not aware that he was drunk as he was from taking a nap.

Sithembiso Lukhele said he was sent by his mother to pick up some items by the bus station when the police pulled him over and charged him for contravening the Road Traffic Act.

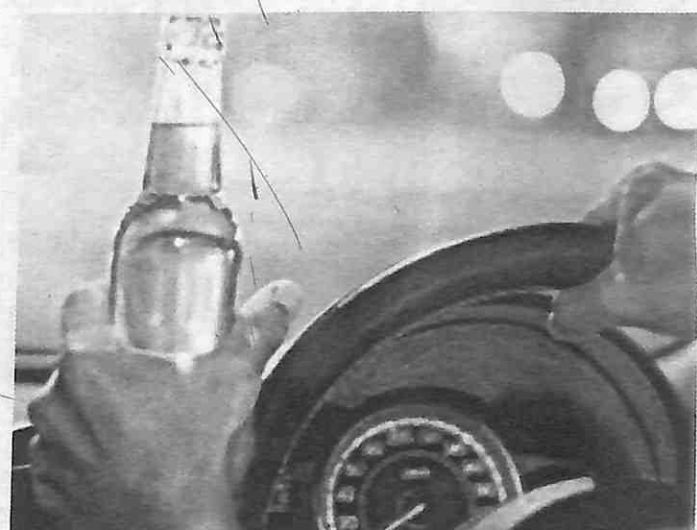
It was discovered that he had 0.63mg/l of alcohol content in his blood system while driving

the Toyota Corolla. Lukhele was arrested on Wednesday by the Mbabane traffic police and whilst making his appearance in court, he apologised and said he will not commit the crime again.

"When I drove the car I was feeling sober as I drank the previous night and had already slept it off. I was sent by my mother around my area. I am sorry Your Worship, I plead for leniency," he said.

He further said he was a parent and unemployed, therefore, a maximum fine would work against him. He told the court he had learnt his lesson.

He was fined E1 200 or 12 months imprisonment.



Zimbabwe divorce cases sour to alarming levels

BULAWAYO - The meltdown gripping Zimbabwe's once-prosperous economy has conspired with stress, and domestic violence to cause a spike in marriage breakups with the High Court in Harare alone registering 42 divorce cases in one week.

Legal experts and organisations that work with women told the Daily News this week that the high incidences of divorce point to the sad fact that the once-sacred marriage institution had become the latest victim of the prevailing tenuous socio-economic and political conditions.

On a weekly basis, an average of 42 registered marriages are being annulled, with thousands more going unrecorded since the majority of Zimbabweans are only married customarily with no marriage certificates.

Experts who spoke to the Daily News yesterday said going by the current weekly figures, this translates to at least 2 500 marriages being ended every year in the capital city alone. This is a sharp increase from the past few years. According to reports, by September in 2015, 1 102 couples had registered to terminate their marriages at the High Court in Harare and Bulawayo alone. The High Court in 2014 dealt with 475 divorce applications, while in 2013, 473 cases were recorded, an increase from the 425 recorded in 2012.

There are several reasons why many people are divorcing these days, which was not always the case not so long ago, as people valued the principles of marriage, experts said. *Bulawayo News*

Kombi driver with 0.35mg/l reading fined E1 500

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

A kombi driver who was nabbed for driving a public vehicle while

under the influence of alcohol had to part with E1 500 after his alcohol reading was found to be 0.35 mg/l.

Mcolisi Kunene was arrested near Matsapha Police College

while transporting congregants who were going to a night vigil. The accused, when mitigating before court, said he only drank one bottle of alcohol to quench his thirst and did not think that

he was drunk. The accused also informed the court that he was unemployed and is earning a living through piece jobs. He was sentenced to a year imprisonment with a fine option of E1 500.

Drunk vendor arrested for sleeping on the road

A street vendor who plies his trade by selling maize meal was arrested after he took one too many and ended up sleeping on the road near Malkerns Shopping Complex.

Zweli Nxumalo (38) was arrested and charged with conducting himself in a manner that posed a danger to him and other motorists.

The accused pleaded for mercy, saying he was under stress which is why he ended up getting drunk.

The accused informed the court that he had five children and they were stressing him.

He informed the court that he had been drinking traditional brew, which proved to be too much for him.

Nxumalo was advised to direct his money towards maintaining his children instead of buying alcohol.

He was sentenced to four months in a correctional facility with a fine option of E400.



Offender with highest reading claims he drank emahewu

A driver, who was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol, alleged that he had taken alcohol the previous night and on the day of his arrest he had only taken emahewu.

Senzo Kunene was arrested near Sibayeni area. When his breath specimen was taken, it read 1.05mg/l which was way above the legal limit of 0.37mg/l.

During his appearance before court, the accused said he was from a night vigil and had been sleeping for the better part of the night. He said he only woke up when he was told that there was a person who needed a ride to Kwaluseni. He woke up and drank emahewu and also took some for the way. He informed the court that he was shocked when he was informed that he had taken too much alcohol.

The magistrate told the accused that by looking at the alcohol reading, what the accused was saying was far from the truth. The accused was sentenced to a year imprisonment with a fine option of E2 000.

Other drink-drivers who appeared in court:
Mbongiseni Msibi E2 000 or 12 months
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NEVER BE INTIMIDATED BY 'UPTOWN SCHOOLS' - UNISWA LECTURER

Stories by Wonderboy Dlamini Siteki

THE common belief amongst children and parents that some schools are better than others may be far from being true as some prominent figures in the society are products of schools in the rural areas.

Pupils at Good Shepherd High School were last Friday given one simple but important message, that is; "if you can make it at Good Shepherd, you can make it anywhere."

This was during the school's speech and prize giving day where University of Swaziland (UNISWA) Lecturer Dr Simiso Mkhonta was guest speaker.

Mkhonta who is amongst the coun-



TOGETHER: Retired teacher David Nyoni (C) and Deputy Principal Musa Sifundza (R) pose for a group photo with other teachers at the school

try's few PhD holders in physics is a former pupil of Good Shepherd.

Speaking during the event, Mkhonta

said school going children must embrace their current schools and work for excellence without consid-

ering the name or location of the school.

He pointed out that for instance

Good Shepherd, having been only upgraded into a high school in 1996, has already produced two of the country's less than 20 PhD holders in physics.

Mkhonta said it was therefore not wise for pupils to only consider urban schools with the belief that they offer better education.

Meanwhile, Mkhonta urged the pupils to take their high school education seriously as it determined their future.

He noted that at high school, it is where a learner discovers his or her potential as it is the only environment where a learner takes the largest combination of subjects.

Mkhonta urged the pupils to know their stronghold and work towards perfection.

He further encouraged them to take on Mathematics and Physical subjects as they offer better opportunities.

Apparently, the education sector encourages the girl child to consider engineering careers as current statistics indicate that there are more men than women in the engineering industry.



BEST: Top performing pupil Denver Dlamini and his grandmother receiving his prize from Dr Simiso Mkhonta and the principal, Sanele Ngwenya.

Good Shepherd to host parenthood dialogue

AS the ministry of education and training is preaching the gospel of positive discipline, Good Shepherd High School is taking a step forward as it will be hosting a parenthood dialogue on Wednesday.

Principal of the school, Sanele Ngwenya said the school was working towards enhancing communication between parents and children. She was speaking during the speech and prize giving day last Friday.

Ngwenya said the administration had noted that some pupils were lacking support from their parents or guardians, hence performing poorly in their school work.

Having made this observation, Ngwenya said the school had planned for a parents' meeting where issues of communicating with children will be discussed.

She noted that some pupils would engage in intimate relationships with older men as a

result of lack of love from their parents. "Children need to be given sufficient love by their parents or guardians to prevent them from running into toxic relationships while looking for love," she said.

Meanwhile, the principal encouraged parents to communicate with the administration of the school in case of any challenges they faced with their children.

She stated that the school had a one-on-one policy wherein the administration addresses individual challenges faced by the pupils.

Reason

She said it was for this reason that they would not disclose internal challenges to the public.

"Like many other schools, we have our fair share of problems, but as a missionary school, we do not disclose such to the public but only address them on a one-on-one policy," Ngwenya said.



MUSIC: The pupils' choral choir rendering music during the speech and prize giving day.



TOP THEM ALL: The top performing pupils, Siboniso Mantimakhulu and Oswald Zulu receiving their prizes from Dr Simiso Mkhonta and the principal, Sanele Ngwenya.



HAND SHAKE: Dr Simiso Mkhonta honouring his former teacher at the school, David Nyoni.

'Renting flats for pupils a bad idea'

PARENTS who rent flats for their children in order for them to be closer to school may be on the wrong path as this is said to be having a negative impact to the children.

A large fraction of pupils attending school within the small town are said to be either renting flats or residing with relatives who stay closer to the schools.

Speaking during the speech and prize giving day, Good Shepherd High School Principal Sanele Ngwenya said this has proven to be a bad idea as it results to some pupils being unruly and performing poorly in their school work.

Highlighted

Ngwenya highlighted that the school was initially established to serve children from Makhewu, the largest com-



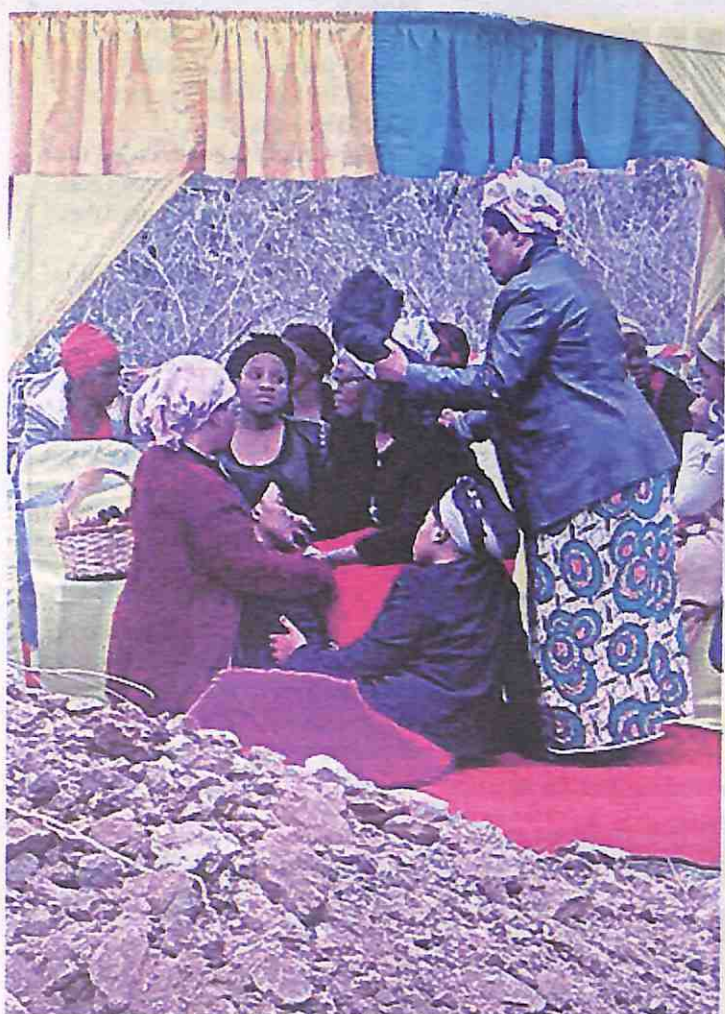
REMARKS: Good Shepherd High School Principal Sanele Ngwenya and Dr Simiso Mkhonta, a former pupil of Good Shepherd High who was a guest speaker making remarks during the Speech and Prize Giving Day last Friday.

munity closer to Siteki town. She noted that however, the school also accommodates children from as far as Mambane, Sitsatsaweni and Matsetsa. Ngwenya said children from such places normally do not perform well at school



as they face a number of challenges. At some instances, they would miss classes due to unavailability of transport and as a result, the school would not be admitting pupils from faraway places.

MLANDVO DLAMINI LAID TO REST



SAD: Mlandvo's mother seated in the middle on the ground while other family members try to console her at Mgobodzi yesterday.



FINAL RESTING PLACE: A B3 staffer laying the red carpet during the funeral for Mhlatane High School pupil Mlandvo Dlamini who was brutally killed last Sunday after being caught naked with a married woman. He was laid to rest yesterday at Mgobodzi.



SUPPORT: Some of the 500 residents who came out to support the Dlamini family.

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IT'S TIME: Mourners getting ready to go to the graveside.



BACK HOME: Mhlatane High School pupils leaving Mgobodzi after the funeral yesterday morning.



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Nominate your next Councillors this week -Nomination Day is on Thursday-

MBABANE – This week marks the next stage of the electoral process after the end of the stage whereby residents view the voters roll.

The certified Voters Roll is already at the Council offices. The Nomination Day is on the 5th of September 2017, between 9 am and 12 noon. This is a very critical stage of the electoral process as residents need to have the right information on what the stage entails.

Thabiso Masina, the Returning Officer for Mbabane, said Nomination Forms are still available but emphasised that they have to be returned on the specified day.

"We must emphasise that the Nomination Forms have to

be returned between 9 am and noon of the 5th September 2017. The requirements are that the nomination forms must be signed by 10 people and the registered voters that nominate a candidate have to be in the same ward as the candidate," said Masina.

"The two photo requirement that appears on the form is not necessary because photos of every one on the roll (and therefore eligible to be nominated) were taken during registration," added Masina.

He also pointed out that only registered voters can nominate candidates.

"That is also one of the key requirements when it comes to the nominations. Firstly, only people that are registered for the Local Government Elections can

nominate candidates. Secondly, registered voter can only nominate a candidate who is in his or her ward. A registered voter cannot nominate a candidate to stand in another ward," said Masina.



CEO addresses Local Community Committee members on local government elections.

Council gets ISO 9001 Re-Certification

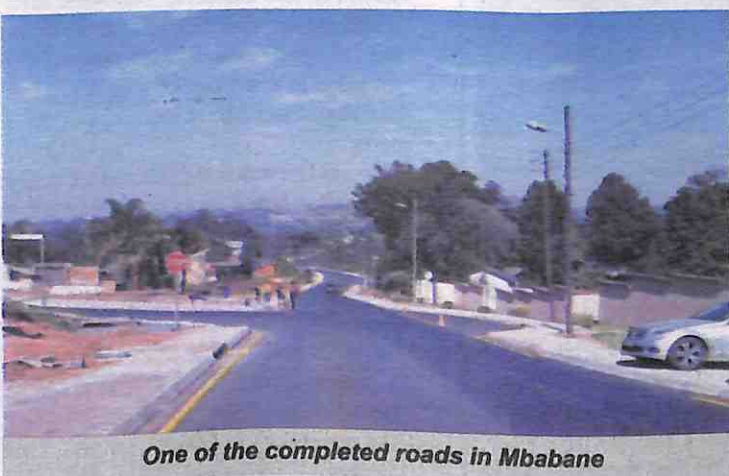
MBABANE - As part of the Council's commitment to meet or exceed customer requirements and enhancing customer satisfaction through active and continuous improvement of its quality management system, it engaged a certification body from South Africa (TUV Rheinland) to carry out an independent assessment of its ISO 9001 Quality Management System.

The purpose of this surveillance audit was to verify whether the management system still works in everyday operations of the Council. The ISO 9001 Quality Management System is an internationally recognised

standard that specifies requirements for a quality management system (QMS).

Organisations use the standard to demonstrate the ability to consistently provide products and services that meet customer and regulatory requirements.

The outcome of the assessment was very positive and the management system was found to be firmly established across all Council departments, and as a consequence, the ISO 9001 certification which was attained in 2013 was maintained.



One of the completed roads in Mbabane

SERVICE DELIVERY UPDATES

E2 MILLION HEALTH AND SOCIAL CENTRE FOR SIDWASHINI

MBABANE - The construction of a E2 million health and social centre for Sidwashini has started. The centre is expected to be completed by April 2018.

The centre will be located near SOS Children's village. The centre will offer clinic services and has a pre-school. Its operation will be modelled upon the Nkwadini Health and Social Centre.

DRAIN CLEANING ALONG PINE VALLEY, ZONE TWO

MBABANE - In preparation for the rainy season Council has embarked on the cleaning of the drainage system around Mbabane.

It is a known fact that certain parts of the city experience

flooding during heavy rains and the Council has intensified its routine drain cleaning schedule around the city ahead of the expected rainy season.

However, Mbabane residents are warned not to dump rubble and soil along streets as such materials clog the drainage systems during heavy rains. Drain cleaning is being conducted along Pine Valley road and along roads in Zone Two.

VEGETATION CONTROL

MBABANE - Also in anticipation of the rains, the Council's vegetation control schedule focuses on ensuring that there is no overgrowth along streets in the city.

Priority, for now, is being given to high pedestrian streets like roads leading to schools and

hospitals and clinics, road intersections and main streets in the central business district (CBD).

ROAD WORKS ON OUTBOUND GWAMILE ROAD, MDZIMBA STREET

MBABANE -Gwamile Road (outbound) is receiving a E2 million facelift.

The two lanes and the parking bays along Gwamile Road (outbound) will over the coming weeks be refurbished. The road works will also include the walkways. Road works will also take place along Mdzimba Street. Gwamile (inbound) received a facelift earlier this year which included the refurbishment of the two lanes, parking bays and the walkways.

E250 debt triggers 'war'

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

ANGER and madness are closely related.

This unique African adage proved true last month when two men settled a long standing debt through a violent fight.

Mandla Sukati made things worse for himself when he decided to forcefully take property amounting to the money owed to him by the complainant, Bheki Ginindza.

The offender said he was being owed E250 and he was tired of chasing after Ginindza for his money.

However, the confrontation then led to a nasty fight where the complainant was assaulted with a bottle on his head before being kicked and beaten by fists all over his body.

This then led to Sukati being arrested and charged with assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm

after Ginindza hurriedly opened a case of assault. When he was arrested over a month back, for the offence committed on August 15, he was remanded into custody pending the recovery of the complainant who was still hospitalised.

The matter then proceeded before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati where Sukati pleaded guilty and said he was driven by anger after Ginindza fought him when he asked for the money he owed him.

"I then decided to enter his house and take property amounting to the money he owed me but he then picked a fight. Your Worship, since it has been a long time I have been following him, I was angered by his attitude hence I ended up fighting back and picked up the bottle that injured him on the ground," Sukati said. He further apologised for his conduct. The court overlooked his excuse and lambasted him for taking the law into his own



BEFORE HIM: Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati.

hands. The court said he should have taken the legal route than to go the complainant's home and provoke him.

He was told that his actions lacked wisdom and that is why he was now appearing before the court.

"You could have opened a civil matter, or asked the police to assist

you get your money back but you took the law unto your own hands. We pay for our actions young man," the magistrate said. Sukati said he was unemployed and had two children who are dependent on him, therefore, pleaded with the court to be lenient. He was fined E2 000 or two years imprisonment.

We are innocent - Eveni Filling Station robbery suspects

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

THE three suspects alleged to have staged an armed robbery at Eveni Galp Filling Station in 2015 told the court that they are innocent.

The youthful trio told Senior Magistrate Phathaphatha Mdluli that the police arrested the wrong people as they were not the ones who robbed staff at the filling station using a pistol to scare them and made away with items valued at E33 550.

Amongst the stolen items, a sum of E15 314 was allegedly taken together with MTN airtime vouchers, electricity vouchers and SPTC One vouchers.

Phumlani Sithole, Frank Makama and Nicholas Manyatsi sincerely begged the court to acquit and discharge them as they were nothing linking them to the said crime.

They all pleaded not guilty to the offence said to have been committed on the month of June in 2013.

Whilst speaking in a court that included their family members, the trio insisted that the police made wrongful arrests.

The first accused person in the matter, Sithole told the court that he wanted out of prison as he had been detained for nothing.

Furthermore, Makama and Manyatsi shared the same sentiments. The alleged armed robbers represented themselves as they appeared before court.

"I was told by the police that one of the suspects was carrying a knife and it was believed to be me but the police never found any knife in my possession during their investigations.

The only thing or weapon that the police believed connected me to the crime was not discovered," he said.

However, he soon changed his tune when he told the court some items were recovered from him but quickly said he was given by somebody else and he did not know where they came from.

Trio

The trio defended themselves after the crown paraded a self-proclaimed traditional healer, who told the court the trio were his clients that visited him after committing the alleged armed robbery.

"I plead with the court to find me not guilty as it is clear I am not amongst those said to have committed the crime.

The police told me the information gathered was that six men robbed the filling station, however, they arrested us and never said anything about the other three, which shows we are innocent," Manyatsi said.

The matter took a twist last week when Senior Magistrate Phathaphatha Mdluli revealed in court that he was being threatened by some family members of the suspects.

He said he was being blamed for delaying the matter, hence announced he would take further steps if the threats persist.

The suspects are accused of armed robbery at the filling station on June 9 where they allegedly induced submission by Nonhlanhla Khumalo and Khulile Mbhele to the taking of property worth E33 550. The stolen items included money in cash amounting to E15 314, electricity voucher - E9 560, airtime voucher - E5 665, One SPTC recharge vouchers - E1 100, cigarettes - E1 836 and Swazi MTN starter pack - E75.

Thugs 'bag' E16 000 in bottle store break-in

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

POPULAR businessman and farmer Charles Rose had his liquor outlet ransacked by thugs who made away with over E16 000 as well as booze.

Rose owns Glenvuma Wine and Malt.

He learned about the break-in on Friday morning when one of his security guards alerted him that doors to the liquor outlet were found opened.

It is said the thugs probably took advantage when the security who was on duty was patrolling around the premises when they struck at the liquor outlet.

This is not the first break-in to have occurred in Rose's business.

In one of these instances, it is said a security guard was lucky after the place was attacked by heavily armed criminals who opened fire and a bullet missed him on the chest.

During Friday's robbery, it is said the criminals hammered the door and then they got inside.

The thugs took the till with them, together with a sizeable quantity of booze.

When reached for comment, Ross said he never thought it was criminals that were ransacking his business when he heard noise from outside when he was in the house. He said at times when he does not feel sleepy, he watches TV and on the day in question he was doing just that.

"It was at around 0300 hours when I heard the noise and I just ignored it as I thought if it was something else, the security guard could have come to alert me.

However, when my security continued with the routine of patrolling at about 0500 hours, he noticed that doors to the Wine and Malt seemed to have been tampered with and he came to report to me. I went to check and indeed I found the place in a mess. The till was not there and we also realised that they (thugs) took away booze," said Rose.

Rose said he suspected that the criminals were driving as he had heard the noise of a car afterwards.

Misfiring

"The car was misfiring and I suspect they came well prepared. Police from Hlatikulu have assured me that they will do everything to hunt down the criminals," said Rose.

Meanwhile, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the incident and appealed to the public to assist the police to find whosoever was involved.

"We are told that there was a break-in at Glenvuma Wine and Malt, a till and money stolen was stolen. Anyone who can have a clue on who could have done this should alert the police," said Supt. Mamba.

Glenvuma is situated between Mhlosheni and Mbulungwane.

Man resorts to dagga dealing after losing job

Stories by Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A man has claimed that he turned to dagga dealing after losing his job.

This revelation came to light when two men were nabbed by police officers for being in possession of dagga weighing 4.7 kg whilst at Ngwenya Border Gate.

Nkosinathi Simelane and Sebenle Motsa pleaded guilty to the offence, following their arrest on Monday. It is the mitigation of Simelane that caught the attention of the court

as he said he was trying to make ends meet after recently losing his job.

He said he was a breadwinner at home, hence he was forced by circumstances to enter the illegal market of selling dagga. He then apologised for committing the crime.

On the other hand, his brother Motsa said he was shocked when they were arrested as he had no idea his brother carried dagga in his car. "He asked me to accompany him to South Africa to buy tyres for his car. I did not know he was carrying the illegal drug. I am sorry for being found

in possession of the drug," he said. The magistrate warned them to desist from their conduct, whilst adding that it was wrong for Simelane to turn to dagga dealing after losing his job. Magistrate Vilakati said many people have been in the same trap, hence he was advised to change his ways.

Each person was fined E2 000 or two years imprisonment. On another note, a woman was also fined E2 000 after being found with dagga weighing 4.8kg while at Ncesi. She apologised for committing the crime and promised not to do it again.

Man nabbed with 11 kg of dagga

THE increasing dealings of dagga in the country saw a man having to hide some of his dagga blocks inside the dashboard of his car.

The police officers at Ngwenya Border Gate got suspicious of the car, and they conducted a thorough search where they uncovered 27 blocks of dagga weighing 11.3 kg.

Musa Dlamini pleaded guilty to the offence and further said he was remorseful for committing the crime. He said he was going to sell the dagga in South Africa. The court observed that such cases were on the rise and advised offenders



to stay away from the crime as it was a serious one in the country.

He was fined E3 000 or three years imprisonment. The bail of E3 000 was converted to the fine. The law-

breaker had pleaded with the court not to give him a custodial sentence as he was a family man.

He also promised not to partake in such dealings ever again.

I'M NOT THE FIGHTING TYPE- MAN WHO SEPARATED WITH WIFE TELLS COURT

By Sandile Nkambule
Supreme Court

A man who separated from his wife has filed an urgent application, seeking an order to have a car he bought for her returned to the family estate.

Jabulani Mndzebele said he was not the fighting type and all he wants is to have the family property back.

Appearing before High Court Judge Sipho Nkosi, the man said although his wife is now married to another man, he has no qualms with that as they are already separated.

However, he wants the car he bought for the family, which was sold by his wife returned.

The wife, Goodness Maseko, is alleged to have sold the car to their neighbour without her husband's consent or knowledge.

Maseko, who has been cited as the third respondent in the matter, is said to have sold the car to one Linda Thwala (second respondent) of LaMgabhi near

Bhunya and Thwala in turn gave the car to his daughter as a present.

Gifts

Mndzebele (applicant) told the court that as much as his wife is married to another man who also happens to be their neighbour, he has no qualms as they have long separated and no longer live with each other.

He said his wife now stays with the other man, but all what he wants is the return of the property, including gifts that were given to him as *umhlambiso* which were removed from their matrimonial home by his wife.

"My Lord I am not the fighting type and I have been following the right procedures before approaching this court as I want things to be done the right way.

She stays with the other man (Dlamini) who happens to be our neighbour," the

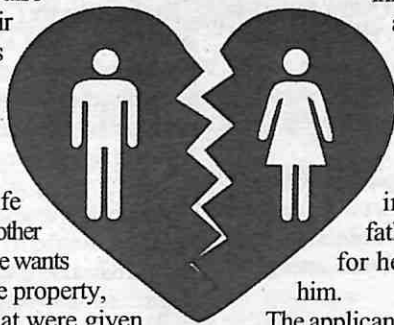
applicant stated.

He submitted before court that the car in question was spotted by him while at the Mbabane Government Hospital and requested the security person to inform its driver to call him as he left his cellphone number with the security.

Indeed the driver, who identified herself as Thandeka Thwala, informed him that her father had bought the car for her as a present, called him.

The applicant said he told Thandeka to tell her father that they should meet and discuss the issue since the car belonged to him and was not aware it had been sold.

Thandeka's father is said to have first cooperated as regards the matter, according to the applicant, but later changed tune hence he eventually approached the court for the return of the car which was sold without his consent.



Senior officials say SA Treasury is captured

JOHANNESBURG - Senior Treasury officials have accused Finance Minister Malusi Gigaba of "capturing" national Treasury, usurping the power of his director-general (DG) and establishing a parallel administration run by close aides in his office.

The claims were made by several senior Treasury executives and two other top government bureaucrats who work closely with the finance ministry.

They all raised red flags that appear to show how Gigaba, who was once a regular visitor to the Gupta family's Saxonwold compound, has pointed Treasury in a radically different direction from his predecessors.

These include allegations that:

- He is sitting on a decision by Direc-

tor-General (DG) Dondo Mogajane to appoint a company to conduct a forensic audit into Eskom's coal contracts with Tegeta Exploration and Resources, which was until August owned by the Gupta family and President Jacob Zuma's son, Duduzane;

- Gigaba brought in nearly 20 staff who have set up a parallel administration in his office;

- Gigaba does not consult deputy directors-general (DDGs) and other technocrats when making important decisions;

- Key documents and memorandums which should be seen by Mogajane before they go to Gigaba, are first sent to Gigaba's Chief of Staff Saki Mofokeng, legal advisor Kholeka Gcaleka and polit-

ical advisor Thamsanqa Msomi for their perusal and input.

Msomi, a member of the Denel board, is reportedly close to the Gupta family.

His board took Treasury to court in March over its refusal to allow Gupta-linked company VR Laser's joint venture with Denel to go ahead;

- The budgeting process, Treasury's core function, is being moved to the presidency for the 2018/19 financial year's budget; and

- There have been inexplicable delays in informing Water and Sanitation Minister Nomvula Mokonyane that her request to deviate from tender processes for the R16bn Mzimvubu water project has been declined. *News24*

No arrests yet for Philippi shootings that left 11 dead

CAPE TOWN - A special team of police detectives yesterday continued with their investigation into the mass shooting of 11 people in Philippi, Cape Town.

Western Cape police spokesperson FC van Wyk told News24 that there were no new developments to report concerning arrests for the shootings on Friday night.

"Currently, it is very calm in [the] Marikana [informal settlement]. Our members are still in the area monitoring the situation."

The area had seen mass bloodshed in the last week. It was understood that community leaders had raised their concerns about crime in the area in at least two meetings with police commanders in September.

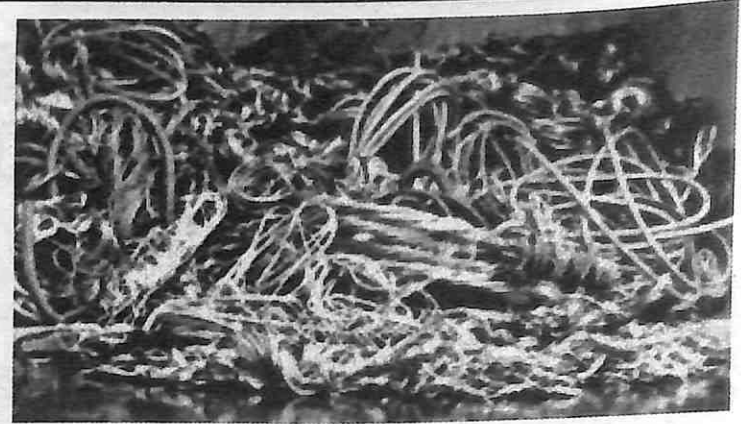
On Friday night, officers responded to scenes at the Marikana informal settlement where four people were shot dead inside a tavern, three inside a shack nearby, one outside the shack and two others were found lying dead between the shacks in the area.

One later died in hospital.

Around 300 residents stormed the Philippi East Police Station on Saturday afternoon, demanding that action be taken.

They speculated that the latest killings could have been in revenge for a mass shooting earlier this week, believed to be vigilante killings, or could perhaps be gang-related.

On Tuesday night, seven people were killed in the Nyanga cluster, under which Philippi falls. *News24*



Duo fined E20 000 for copper wire theft

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

TWO men were last Thursday sentenced to four years in a correctional facility after being found guilty for theft of copper wire.

The theft of copper wire is said to be currently rife in rural areas, and the latest incident was said to have happened at Maphungwane.

Initially, three men namely; Ntokozo Dladla of Mkhitsini, Wandile Nhleko of Mdumezulu and Bheki Tsela of

Fairview were arrested and charged with theft. They were alleged to have wrongfully and unlawfully stolen 150 metres of 100 pairs of copper cables belonging to the Swaziland Posts and Telecommunications Corporation (SPTC) which was valued at E26 250.

The first accused person was further charged with contempt of court, in that he wrongfully and unlawfully failed to appear before the Magistrate's Court when he was warned to do so.

When the matter was brought before court last Thursday, prosecutor Zanele Mabala filed an application to withdraw charges against the third accused person.

The charge sheet was then read to the first and second accused persons, and each of them pleaded guilty to the charge. The crown then opted to call in witnesses to prove commission of the crime of theft. A senior technician at SPTC, Thomas Mkhaphi told the court that they first received complaints from customers around Maphungwane, complaining that telephones were non-functional. He said upon conducting an investigation, they discovered that some overhead cables were missing. Mkhaphi further stated that it was not the first time that copper

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cables went missing in the area.

Mkhaphi's evidence-in-chief was not disputed by the accused persons. Meanwhile, the second accused person told the court that it was the first accused who asked him to

scout for cables in the communities. He disclosed that they were both working at a scrap yard at Matsapha.

The accused persons then asked the court to be lenient when passing sentence.

They were accordingly found guilty by the court and each of them was sentenced to four years in a correctional facility with an option to pay E10 000 fine.

NMC to inject E5 200 to SOS campaign

By Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

NATIONAL Maize Corporation (NMC) employees have pledged E5 200 towards the SOS Children's Village 'One Lilangeni' Campaign.

The employees pledged to fork out about E5 200 per annum towards the

SOS' campaign.

The pledge was made during the launch of the partnership between National Maize Corporation and SOS Children's Village for the 'One Lilangeni' Campaign held last Thursday at the Mountain Inn in Mbabane.

The launched partnership would see one Lilangeni for every Sihlobo rice, Lusendvo split beans and Mndeni

beans going towards the campaign.

Speaking at the launch, NMC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sabelo Msibi said the partnership between the two companies was in line with one of their strategic goals, which are to partner with other companies for development initiatives.

He also stated that they too were a part of the community, hence the partnership.

Explaining why they had chosen the three products (Sihlobo, Umn-deni and Lusendvo) he said it was because they understood the Swazi family setting. "The family setting is made of *sihlobo* (relative), *umn-deni* (family) and *lusendvo* (extended family). All these people are involved in the upbringing of a child," he said.



COMESA ENLISTS DIPLOMATS IN ADVOCATING REGIONAL TRADE, COMPETITION POLICY

By Observer Reporter
Mbabane

AMBASSADORS and high commissioners accredited to the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) convened in Livingstone, Zambia, for the second diplomatic conference on competition and trade.

The conference seeks to leverage on the diplomats' skills and networks to advocate for implementation of regional integration in their respective countries. Anchored on the theme: 'Enhanced Integration through Competition, Investment and Development', the conference was a new forum for sensitising the diplomats on the increasing importance of competition policy and law in ensuring that trade liberalisation

results in the intended benefits for the member states.

Currently, only 10 out of the 19 COMESA member states have operational national competition authorities.

The rest have only enacted competition laws but the competition authorities are not operational.

Challenges

Under this situation, the COMESA Competition Commission (CCC) is faced with different collaborative challenges in the enforcement of the regulations in the common market.

The mandate of the Commission is to ensure that the common market remains competitive, and that business actors do not deter the effective operations of markets.

In organising the diplomatic conference, the Commission and the COMESA Secretariat seek to facilitate deep-

er collaboration between COMESA and its institutions on one hand, and the governments of the member states on the other, in implementing regional integration programmes.

At the opening of the conference on Friday, the Chair of the Commission Thabisile Langa said competition policy was enacted to help nations achieve economic prosperity and increase the welfare of society.

"Competitive markets allow economic operators to adjust to changes and to innovate. Such markets ensure a level playing field and compels companies to innovate and operate efficiently," she said.

She added that a regionally integrated market required, not only compliance with the treaty obligations but above all the political will among the member states.

"In the past decades, there has been more emphasis on the role of political diplomacy in realising the regional integration agenda," Langa said.

"While the political will is fundamental for the achievement of regional integration, economic diplomacy over the years has become an essential tool as well."

Achievement

In recognition of this fact, the Commission is now seeking to leverage on the diplomats' political influence and networks at bilateral and multi-lateral levels to open the regional markets, and make gains towards the full achievement of the COMESA Treaty objectives.

The Minister for Commerce, Industry and Trade of Zambia, Margaret Mwanakatwe said there was need for harmonisation of national laws with regional law, namely the COMESA Treaty to foster stronger economic integration.

In her speech presented by the Permanent Secretary, Southern Province of Zambia Sibanza Simuchoba, the minister observed that inconsistent domestic rules among

member states have increased uncertainties and imposed additional transaction and compliance costs for international businesses.

"Regional integration will only be successful when businesses, consumers and governments become fully aware of the benefits and opportunities and being part of the global supply chains," she said.

During the conference, the diplomats were taken through the progress made in various regional trade negotiations frameworks. Notably, the progress made under the Continental Free Trade Area negotiations, the Tripartite Free Trade Area negotiations and the implementation of the COMESA Free Trade Area.

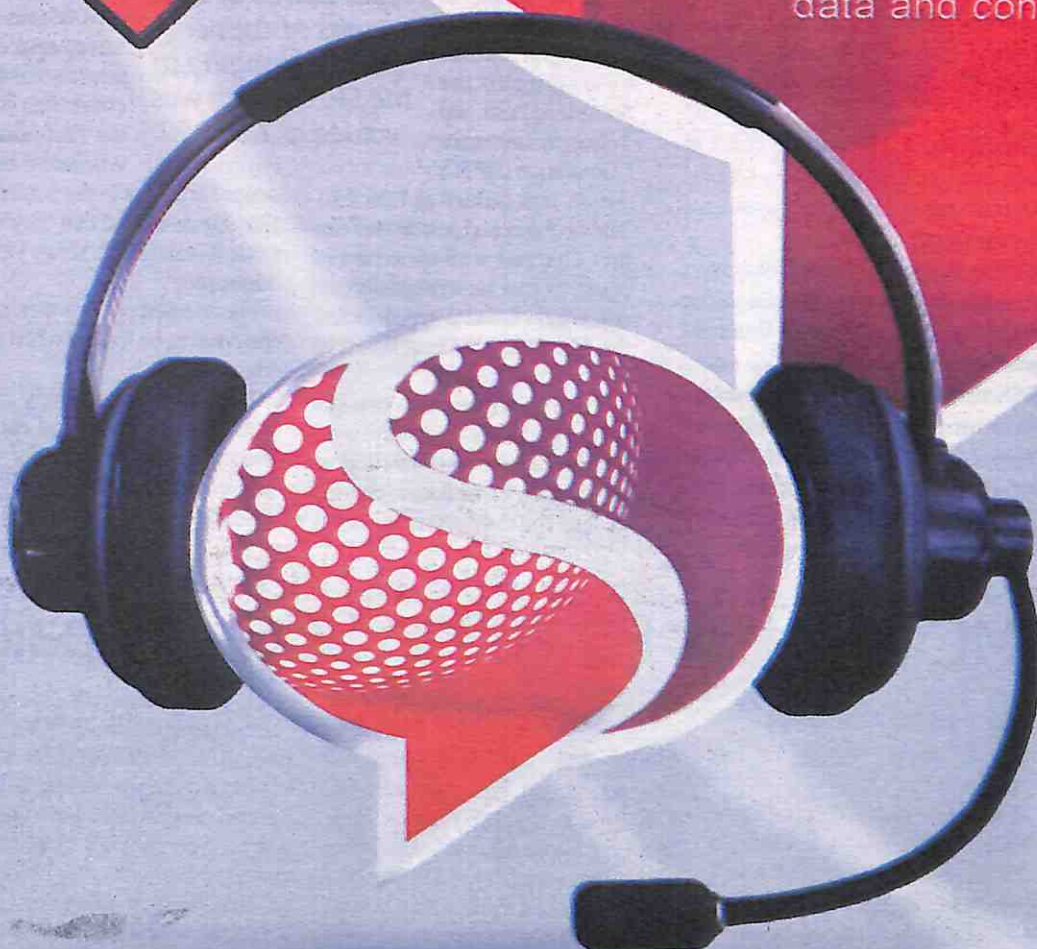
Other participants at the conference were African ambassadors based in Malawi, Commercial Attaches in COMESA Member States' diplomatic missions, heads of COMESA institutions and COMESA Secretariat.

The Chief Justice of Zimbabwe Luke Malaba and the Africa Union Delegate to Southern Africa, Dr. Auguste Ngomo participated in the conference.

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GISHHH: The cars bumped onto each other after the drivers failed to give each other the right of way after the traffic lights allegedly signalled the green light for both cars.



Taxi, car bump on each other at Gwamile

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane

A taxi driver and a woman rushing to church had a bad Sunday morning yesterday after their cars were involved in a road accident at the Gwamile Street traffic lights.

A grey Toyota Corolla 'Sisonkhe Taxi' had to abandon ferrying two passengers when a Toyota Spacio driven by a female bumped onto its left front tyre and bonnet.

Both cars were left with visible damages when the accident occurred at around 1045 hours.

The accident occurred when both drivers failed to apply brakes on time after the traffic lights signalled the green light for both opposing lanes.

The Spacio was coming to town whilst the Corolla was exiting town, headed towards CTO.

Soon after the accident, which drew a number of people on the busy street, the female driver remained inside the car until the police arrived after about 20 minutes the accident occurred.

The taxi driver was the busiest as he inspected both cars and called the traffic police.

He further attended to his two customers who he was ferrying when the accident happened.

The occupants were seen leaving the scene whilst the female driver on the other car was alone.

Both drivers held long discussions with the police as they explained what happened.



GRAND PRIZE: Jubilant Xolile Zulu receiving her microwave after opening an ordinary savings account during the SwaziBank Digital Banking activation at Bhunu Mall last Friday. **RIGHT - NOMAKUPHI:** Programme Director Themba Xaba encouraging members of the public to register for the SwaziBank Digital Banking. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

SWAZIBANK ENGAGES CUSTOMERS AT BHUNU MALL

By Observer Reporter
Mbabane

SWAZIBANK last Friday visited Bhunu Mall in Manzini in an effort to bring its products and services closer to the people.

Customers were assisted to download the recently introduced SwaziBank Nomakuphi Mobile App on the spot and new customers were able to open accounts there and then.

SwaziBank PRO Phehaya Vilakati said new and current customers were presented with gifts, SwaziBank water bottles, coffee mugs and T-shirts. It



YOU SEE: Swazibank's Bonsile Fakudze showing Lindelwa Dlamini how to register for Internet Banking.

was a literal funfair at the

SwaziBank stand next to Shoprite as many people came to open accounts, download mobile app, register for SwaziBank internet banking and for general enquiries. Vilakati said the bank would visit another area in due course "as we take banking and customer convenience to another level".

He said with the SwaziBank Nomakuphi Mobile App customers are able to purchase electricity units, airtime (MTN and Swazi Mobile), SPTC vouchers and transfer funds to accounts in other banks.

"Customers can also check their account balances using the mobile app," said Vilakati.



LET'S REGISTER: SwaziBank Marketing Executive Manager Lindiwe Shongwe assisting a customer opening an account.



FOR YOU: Manzini Branch Manager Mbuso Mavuso handing over a gift to Pastor Sikhumbuzo Shongwe.



HERE: Adam Dlamini also won himself a gift just after opening an ordinary savings account.

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BUILD IT COMES THROUGH FOR DROUGHT RAVAGED SITJENI

BUILD It Nhlanguano branch has donated a 10 000 litre water tank to the community of Esitjeni, an area near Ndunayithini under Sigwe constituency.

The tank worth over E5 000 was presented to the area's Member of Parliament David Cruiser Ngcamphalala who was accompanied by some of the elders from Qomintaba namely Mshiyeni Simelane and Mamatsekile Myeni.

The presentation took place at the company's premises last Friday. Build It Nhlanguano is owned by the Essa family and this family is popular with its respected longtime brand, the Builders Hardware and Supermarket, a brand which earned the family a name to many people not only in the region but throughout the country.

MP Ngcamphalala said he approached Sam Essa, the Director of Build It and told him that back at Esitjeni, people were still struggling in terms of water and what was a challenge was that even

when there could be a water tanker hired to bring water there, there would be nowhere to store the water.

He said Essa, as someone known for the passion of assisting, he then told him (MP) to come and get the 10 000 litre water tank.

Donating

"Essa, as someone who is aware of how drought is devastating areas under our constituency came to our rescue by donating this tank. He is a man with a caring heart and we know of a number of programmes that benefit the needy sponsored by his company.

"It did not take Essa even a second after I related to him how orphans we built a house for Esitjeni are now struggling to get water. This water tank will benefit not only the orphans but the whole community," said MP Ngcamphalala.

MP Ngcamphalala who is also Minister of Sports, Youth and Culture said it was companies like Build It that Swazis should support because of the contribution they

make in the communities.

"If we buy from Build It, it should be known that we are somehow doing a good thing as the little profit the company makes, it uses it to change and improve the lives of our unfortunate brothers and sisters.

"There are known programmes some which include feeding schemes, which are sponsored by the Essa family which has a history in the region and Nhlanguano has improved because of this family. What is also good with the Essas is that they have not only focused on assisting people in this town where its assets are but they have rescued even people from far away as evidenced by today's presentation," said MP Ngcamphalala.

Meanwhile, Sam Essa said the family assists a number of projects. He said what God had given the family, they would share with others.

He said it was part of his company's social responsibility to cater for needy members of society.

'CRUISER' WILL CRUISE NOW, IN FUTURE - ELDERS

IT is not just ordinary community members under Sigwe constituency who believe Member of Parliament David Cruiser Ngcamphalala will remain in the position for many more years to come.

It is believed that anyone who may wish to 'topple' the likable legislator may not succeed.

In almost all areas under Sigwe constituency, 'Cruiser's name is in everyone's lips.

Even those considered elders in the community including those at Qomintaba; they believe MP Ngcamphalala is irreplaceable.

'Cruiser' as the MP is affectionately known to many residents, it is said he was popular even before joining politics as he brought a number of developmental projects which covered all areas under this constituency.

Joining

Before joining politics, MP Ngcamphalala was a police officer and he started from the junior rank before 'graduating' to become one of the senior police officers and his last workstation was at Mafutseni where he served as station commander.

"Ngcamphalala has been involved in community development for the past 15 years. He continues on the foundation he laid even before we thought he would be our MP," said

Mamatsekile Myeni who is another important figure at Qomintaba. Myeni said judging from all what 'Cruiser' has done for the constituency; he was likely to win the 2018 elections.

"The only advice to all those wishing to take chances, let them do that at their own peril. Everyone is aware that Cruiser is still to cruise to victory now and forever.

"The fainthearted should not even attempt to face Cruiser as he will bulldoze them out of the way. *Sikhuluma nga gandaganda lapha lotoma endleni yakhe utohlifika,*" said Myeni.

Served

Mshiyeni Simelane who is one of Chief Gasa WaNgwane's generals who also served as Prince Tsekwane's *Indvuna* also echoed Myeni's words saying 'Cruiser' will remain the people of Lavumisa's darling.

His constituency is Sigwe, even those from other neighbouring constituencies, are benefiting from the projects 'Cruiser' has initiated. He is our Messiah and no one who served in this position before has achieved what he has achieved.

"We are not influencing anyone on who to vote for in the next elections, but Cruiser's good work, is going to see him being our idol. You may say what you want, this man is here to stay," said Simelane.

MP receives E30 000 sponsorship for hall

MP David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala has successfully secured a sponsorship of over E30 000 towards the construction of a hall at Ndunayithini umphakatsi.

Ndunayithini is one of the areas under Sigwe and it is one of the mini-chiefdoms of Qomintaba Royal Kraal which is Chief Gasa WaNgwane's main royal residence.

A hall at the *umphakatsi* is under construction, a project which is likely to end up costing plus or minus E300 000 to be completed.

MP Ngcamphalala told Shiselweni News that it was part of his responsibility to make sure that a respected place like *umphakatsi* receives all necessary attention.

Realising

He said when initiating the construction of the hall, he was aware where such a facility would be of help.

He said he realised it wasn't good for community members to hold meetings in the open so he engaged the authorities about building a structure.

The hall which is also to be used for staging events such as weddings and other activities will also have offices.

The MP said he would not disclose the sponsor at this juncture but would wait for a date when all parties agree for the presentation to be held.

"For now, let me not disclose who the sponsor is but I cannot hide the figure. It's going to be E30 000 and it could be used for material," said the MP.



RESPONSIBLE: Minister and Sigwe constituency MP David Ngcamphalala.

The MP said it was humbling to see companies or individuals responding positively to projects that benefit communities. "When I got elected, I made a commitment that I shall always remain loyal to my authorities and this project, it is one of the commitments I made and what is good about it is that it will be useful to everyone.

It has not been a good thing to have meetings held in the open and during bad weather; this is not something conducive to the people. We are all keen to see the Vision 2022 becoming a reality and institutions like '*imiphakatsi*', they should not be neglected if such a good vision is to be achieved," said

MP Ngcamphalala.

MP Ngcamphalala said there was no way he could neglect his chieftdom as what he is today, was because of it (chieftdom).

"I was not born a politician but it is the area where I come from which made me to be recognised. It can be stupid of me to forget my roots. Being a politician, it's something I should not carry in my head and I should be seen doing something for my community in return of what it has done for me," said MP Ngcamphalala who is said to be still popular to many people under the constituency because of what he has achieved for them.

'Ndunayithini yearly festival unites us'

THE Ndunayithini Festival which is held in the first week of May yearly, unites people from areas under Sigwe and Lavumisa as a whole.

The Ndunayithini Festival is the brainchild of local Member of Parliament David Cruiser Ngcamphalala. During this festival, apart from the meals served in abundance, the MP also invites all sponsors of the projects under the constituency to thank them in the presence of the electorates from all places.

It is also where soccer teams battle it out in a one-day knockout tournament to spice up the event.

Usually, the event is attended by directors of well established companies and other important

people including those with influence in the corridors of power and usually, even royalty attends.

Residents believe the yearly festival has become an important event to everyone and thanked the MP for coming up with such an idea.

Offered

"It's like our own showpiece which we feel unites us. It's the work of our MP who always thinks of what can be good for us. It is during this event where we get informed of what is offered by companies and organisations. It's like we have our own 'Trade Fair' as on this day we are visited by these companies and organisations which market their products. Cruiser brings this closer to our doorsteps," said Phile Myeni.

SEEK GOD TO OVERCOME EARTH'S CHALLENGES - CHIEF SIBASANI

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlangano

MAMPONDWENI Ruler, Chief Sibasani says people should seek God's intervention so as to overcome challenges.

He was speaking during the Shiselweni prayer service held at Evelyn Baring High School. It was the third edition of prayer services whose objective is to seek God's intervention in the fight against crime and other challenges faced by the region.

Good

The chief said it was a good thing to have everyone kneel before God in requesting his intervention where all others, means had failed.

The chief who is also a member of the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force (USDF) said as chiefs, they were thankful to all those who came with the idea that there should be such



IN NUMBERS: Christians cramming the hall during the Shiselweni regional prayer at Evelyn Baring High School.

services yearly in the region.

He said it was important that God's guidance be sought and for prayer to reach God, everyone needed to be purified.

"We all need to seek God's guid-

ance in overpowering all challenges including the topics that are listed as the ones that should be prayed for in this gathering. It's when we are all bathed with the blood of Jesus Christ, the only Son of God where we will

succeed," said Chief Sibasani.

Chief Sibasani said church leaders should lead the way and win the hearts of people and this would be done, by doing the right thing.

"You preach what you do and don't preach what you don't do. You need to be exemplary and for us to believe in you, let that be seen by your actions," said the chief.

Scourge

The chief said another scourge which had destroyed church leaders was that of undermining one another.

He said it should be known that there was one God and all churches should rely on him only.

"For others to do God's teachings, it should be you pastors or church leaders practicing that first," said Chief Sibasani.

The chief said he pitied some of his colleagues who could not be part of the services as the sermon touched on important issues.

"All the preachers who shared the



GUEST: Main preacher Reverend Noah Mamba who delivered a sermon which touched and pierced through the hearts of many of the Christians attending the regional prayer service.

stage, touched on important things and my colleagues could have picked something. They missed a lot and hopefully next year they will have a chance to attend this important service.

I personally feel purified by what has been shared to us by the pastors," said the chief.

'His Majesty King Mswati III is guided by God'

CHIEF Sibasani, the ruler of Mampondweni in the Shiselweni region has likened His Majesty King Mswati III to King Solomon from the bible.

Chief Sibasani said with the decisions made by His Majesty, it was clear that he was guided by the Almighty.

The chief said even those the King appointed in positions including politicians, it was clear that he was first guided by the Lord before endorsing those appointments.

The prayer service which has become a yearly activity in the region's calendar was attended by church leaders from different denominations as well as Christians from different churches in the region. In the forefront in preparations of the service for this year was the Nhlangano AIDS Training Information and Counselling Centre (NATICC) with the other partners such as the regional administration office and the Shiselweni Crime Prevention Department.

Remarks

In his remarks when he was speaking on behalf of chiefs from the region, Chief Sibasani said Swaziland was a lucky nation to be led by a wise leader in King Mswati III.

"His wisdom is not different from that of King Solomon. Our King has wisdom from God and this is proven by the appointments of those in leadership including those he has bestowed with leadership of

this region some of whom are pioneers of activities such as today's gathering," said Chief Sibasani.

The chief said through the leadership of His Majesty, some of those he entrusted in positions, had great ideas.

"It is through gatherings like this one which have made us famous for being a pulpit of Africa. Such gatherings should be encouraged as we can't triumph over our enemy the devil if we don't seek God's guidance and intervention.

Good

The good thing as a nation is that even Their Majesties, are God fearing leaders. This nation is known as a pulpit of Africa but it's time we are known as a pulpit for the whole world," said Chief Sibasani.

Meanwhile, Inspector Lucky Msibi who is the head of the Shiselweni Crime Prevention Department said he was impressed in the way things progressed in this year's service. "I think each year, the event improves, and hopefully next year, the service will be bigger and much better," said Inspector Msibi.

Inspector Msibi also thanked all those who were involved in the preparations saying everyone's input counted. He thanked the church leaders as well as the pastors lined up in praying for all the challenges that necessitated the service.

On the other hand, money collected as offering on the day totalled to E1 350.



BAND: His Majesty's Correctional Services band spiced the occasion.



OFFERING: A lady seen collecting offerings during the service.



WORSHIPPING: A section of the Christians who attended the service.



PREVENTION: Shiselweni Crime Prevention Coordinator Inspector Lucky Msibi making his remarks.



AMEN: Pastor Abednego Fakudze from High Praise Ministries who wishes all liquor outlets to close in the country.



PROJECTS: Tomatoe trees and green pepper fields.



TOUR: Minister Of Tinkhundla Administration and Development Mduduzi Dlamini and Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati touring the gardens.

RURAL RDA GETS PACK HOUSE, COLD ROOM

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya
Maseyisini

MINISTER of Agriculture Moses Vilakati says farmers should not be discouraged by the recent drought that affected the country in 2016/17 season as there are crops which can withstand the dry spell.

Vilakati was speaking at Maseyisini constituency where he was invited as a guest speaker during the launch of a pack house and cold room at Jabulani umphakatsi over the weekend.

The pack house and cold room will be at the Mahamba-Zombodze Regional Development Area (RDA).

"Government lives for community development and all ministries are working together to ensure that poverty is completely eradicated by 2022," he said.

He said the agricultural initiatives that he saw at Mahamba-Zombodze areas made him conclude Maseyisini constituency would be able to sustain itself in just a few years to come.

He said agriculture can contribute to the economy in a big way.

"The people of the area can reduce dependency and ensure that everyone has food on the table if we put more efforts into agriculture," he said.



DON'T BE DISCOURAGED: Minister of Agriculture conversing with the farmers during the launch of the pack house and cold room at Maseyisini Inkhundla. (Pics: Nozipho Sibiya)

He urged people not to be discouraged by the recent drought, as there were crops that withstand the dry spell.

The minister said people should be aware that if agriculture fails to meet the rising demands of food products, the growth rate of the economy could be affected.

"So raising the supply of food by the agricultural sector has a great importance on the economic growth," he said.

The minister was also impressed to

see officers from my ministry working well with the community at Maseyisini.

Vilakati further encouraged the community to consider embarking on agricultural activities at a larger scale for commercial purposes.

"We encourage subsistence agriculture, but it is also good to extend your line of thinking and start agricultural businesses, in this way you can hire people and poverty would be a thing of the past."



ATTAINING FIRST WORLD: Cabbages grown by the farmers.



THERE YOU GO: The farmers showing the ministers how some of the crops are ploughed on the ground.

Maseyisini farmers sell produce to Shoprite, Spar etc

MINISTER of Tinkhundla Administration and Development, who is also Maseyisini Member of Parliament (MP) Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini, has applauded farmers for putting more effort in agriculture.

He said there were more than 51 garden projects in the area and these included Mbukwane, Makholweni, Makhosini and Madliwa Yinja, to mention a few.

"I am happy that the members of these farming projects have even entered a competition such as the Woman Farmer of the Year and many others," he said.

He said these initiatives show that the people of that area would help in attain-



MY POINT: The Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Tinkhundla Administration addressing the farmers after the tour.

ing first world status by the year 2022.

"The construction of the pack house

and cold room will encourage farmers to grow good vegetables that will be

● "I am happy that the members of these farming projects have even entered a competition such as the Woman Farmer of the Year and many others,"

of high quality and be sold abroad," he said.

He further thanked NamBoard and the European Union (EU) for supporting farmers.

Commendable

"The work done by EU and NamBoard is very commendable as they equip farmers with the necessary skills," he said.

On that note, Patricia Sibandze-Simelane who entered the Woman Farmer of the Year Competition

said they were grateful of the support they get from their stakeholders. She further thanked the minister of agriculture for taking his time and going to Zombodze to encourage farmers to do more.

"The visit of both ministers to the area really encouraged us to work more harder," she said. She said their produce was sold to Shoprite, Thulokuhle Fruit and Veg, Food Town in Nhlangano, Spar stores and vendors.



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'CHRISTIANS SHOULD UNLEASH ECONOMY'

INSTEAD of boasting about church structures and number of followers, it is time the church possesses and take charge of the economy.

Speaker after another had lots to say regarding the economy which was being controlled by the wicked and unrighteous, while the people of God live in abject poverty. The loopholes such as boasting, infighting and lack of support for each other within the body of Christ was cited as the main cause of Christians missing the point and having economies controlled by the unrighteous.

The Spirit of Brotherhood, as depicted by other religions, is very thin if at all its there with fellow Christians, something that was frowned upon.

The Body of Christ is expected to play a major and crucial role in making sure that economies of countries are uplifted. The Body Of Christ should make sure that it penetrates all the Seven Mountains of Society', and stop focusing on one mountain (Spiritual Mountain).

All these surfaced during the recently held 8th Thought Leaders Summit held at the Rosebank Union Church a week ago.

The Global Business Roundtable had partnered with TBN Africa in hosting this life changing Summit whose theme was: 'The mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains and all nations shall flock to it' - and taken from Isaiah 2 verse 2. Some notable quotes:

• Where were we as Christians when our economy slipped through our fingers?
• Can a divided body of Christ fix the problems we face?
• The satanic kingdom is united

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



SWEET ANOINTING: Evangelist Angus Buchan anointing GBR members who were present at the Thought Leaders Summit. (Courtesy pic)

lished on the top of the mountains and all nations shall flock to it' - and taken from Isaiah 2 verse 2. Some notable quotes:

- Where were we as Christians when our economy slipped through our fingers?
- Can a divided body of Christ fix the problems we face?
- The satanic kingdom is united

- Change is orchestrated
- Most men of the cloth are concerned with titles, no spirit of servitude.
- God is a God of history, He keeps promises.
- The church is there to direct governments.
- The church has to be spiritually vibrant and socially significant

- To get on top, wisdom is needed.
- Why do we allow people living in the dark make plans for us as Christians?
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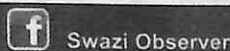
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ON THIS DAY

... OCTOBER 2

1937 - Warner Bros. released "Love Is on the Air." Ronald Reagan made his acting debut in the motion picture. He was 26 years old.

1941 - Operation Typhoon was launched by Nazi Germany. The plan was an all-out offensive against Moscow.

1944 - The Nazis crushed the Warsaw Uprising.

1947 - The Federatino Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) formally established Formula One racing in Grand Prix competition.

1948 - The first automobile race to use asphalt, cement and dirt roads took place in Watkins Glen in New York. It was the first road race in the US following World War II.

1949 - "The Aldrich Family" debuted on NBC-TV.

1950 - "Peanuts," the comic strip created by Charles M. Schulz, was published for the first time in seven newspapers.

1953 - "Person to Person" debuted on CBS-TV.

1955 - "Alfred Hitchcock Presents" debuted on CBS-TV.

1958 - Guinea, the French colony in West Africa, proclaimed its independence. Sekou Toure was the first president of the Republic of Guinea.

1959 - "The Twilight Zone" debuted on CBS-TV. The show ran for five years for a total of 154 episodes.

1962 - US ports were closed to nations that allowed their ships to carry arms to Cuba, ships that had docked in a socialist country were prohibited from docking in the United States during that voyage, and the transport of US goods was banned on ships owned by companies that traded with Cuba.

1967 - Thurgood Marshall was sworn in. He was the first African-American member of the US Supreme Court.

1988 - Pakistan's Supreme Court ordered free elections.

1989 - In Leipzig, East Germany a protest took place demanding the legalization of opposition groups and the adoption of democratic reforms.

1990 - The Allies ceded their rights to areas they occupied in Germany.

1993 - Opponents of Russian President Boris Yeltsin fought police and set up burning barricades.

1998 - Hawaii sued petroleum companies, claiming state drivers were overcharged by about \$73 million a year in price-fixing.

1998 - About 10 000 Turkish soldiers crossed into northern Iraq and attacked Kurdish rebels.

2001 - The US Postmaster unveiled the "Tribute to America" stamp. The stamp was planned for release the next month.

2001 - NATO, for the first time, invoked a treaty clause that stated that an attack on one member is an attack on all members. The act was in response to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the United States.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Roberto Firmino(soccer player) : October 2, 1991(26 YEARS)



Brendan Meyer(movie actor) : October 2, 1994 (23 YEARS)

FRESH EFFORT TO DIFFUSE KZN CRISIS

DURBAN - TWO legal opinions – one allegedly “personally” solicited by President Jacob Zuma – have given the leadership of the ANC in KwaZulu-Natal a lifeline by endorsing a decision to appeal a recent court decision invalidating the structure.

But the ANC's National Executive Committee (NEC) is not ready to run to court – yet – and it has instead delegated the national officials, including Zuma, to meet with the warring camps in the province today in a bid to find a political solution ahead of the national conference in December.

The NEC meeting last Friday was the last ordinary session under Zuma's term before he steps down in December and hands the party over to a new leader. The next sitting will conclude preparations for the conference.

City Press heard from those attending the weekend meeting, which was initially scheduled to continue until yesterday, but was adjourned following a “peaceful” session, that only one of the two legal advice reports was presented and accepted “without any discussion”.

Advice

The other report was mentioned, but details were not presented.

Insiders said the tabled legal advice, written by Advocate Vuyani Ngalwana SC, recommend that the KwaZulu-Natal ANC could appeal last month's Pietermaritzburg High Court ruling that nullified the 2015 election of the party's provincial executive committee following a court challenge by a group of disgruntled members.

It also proposed that the provincial executive committee be suspended for a period of three months pending the appeal to ensure that the processes leading to the party's conference were not tainted.

The NEC, however, resolved that



the officials take a different approach and instead try to bring the two opposing factions together in talks.

A member of the committee said: “We thought that is was the option that was acceptable to both sides. You cannot have a winner-takes-all situation, so it has to be a win-win for everybody.”

The member added that the proposal to set up an interim leadership in the province was therefore still on the table.

However, those close to the contested KwaZulu-Natal ANC leadership, led by ANC provincial chair, said the outcome of the NEC “means that the status quo remains and, therefore, Sihle remains in power”.

Reins

It is expected that Zikalala's backers will use the legal advice to push back against the disgruntled group associated with his predecessor, former provincial premier Senzo Mchunu.

Zuma has openly backed his former wife, Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, to take over the reins when he steps down, however, Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa is pre-

pared to run against her, as are up to six other aspirant candidates, including ANC Treasurer-General Zweli Mkhize, his predecessor Mathews Phosa, Minister in the Presidency Jeff Radebe, Human Settlements Minister Lindiwe Sisulu and ANC Chairperson Baleka Mbete.

City Press also heard that the NEC referred an appeal by disgruntled former soldiers of the ANC's military wing Umkhonto weSizwe (MK) to a 10-member committee led by former SA Reserve Bank governor Tito Mboweni.

Mboweni's committee is expected to report back to the powerful ANC National Working Committee, which will then make recommendations to the NEC.

The MK Military Veterans' Association, led by Kebby Maphatsoe, a staunch Zuma ally, had been accused of excluding other former soldiers from participating in its national elective conference in June.

The association also backs Dlamini-Zuma to become the next president of the ANC.

Meanwhile, a legal battle is loom-

ing in the Free State as detractors of provincial ANC Chairperson Premier Ace Magashule up the ante in a campaign against the “lifelong chairperson”.

Magashule, a Zuma supporter, has served as chairperson in the province since 1994.

Committee

His deputy, Thabo Manyoni, is looking to unseat him when the long overdue provincial conference eventually takes place.

Growing restless with repeated postponements of the congress, a group in the province that supports Ramaphosa is working on an anti-Magashule campaign.

The group, which will support former Free State MEC Mxolisi Dukwana, has considered approaching the NEC to compel the body to establish a provincial task team to take the province to the December conference, given that the mandate of the current provincial executive committee has expired.

But the group has now been promised that the conference will happen next month.

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Gauteng DA has the premier jitters for 2019

SILENT lobbying for positions has taken a new twist in the DA – with the name of Tshwane Executive Mayor Solly Msimanga being thrown into the hat as a possible strong contender to take over from John Moodey as Gauteng leader and eventually premier in 2019, should the ANC be ousted.

The party's provincial congress, which takes place in less than two months, will see few surprises if any.

The real battle will play itself out next year when premier hopefuls start publicising their campaigns for the province's top job.

The DA's pick for the position of Ekurhuleni mayor during last year's local government elections campaign, Galeb Cachalia, announced that he would also be contesting current Gauteng leader John Moodey in the November congress.

Moodey has indicated that he would be standing for re-election, but that he would not be standing

for the position of premier if the time comes.

Names which have been touted for the premiership so far include former youth leader Makashule Gana, Deputy Federal Chairperson Refiloe Nt'sekhe, Midvaal Executive Mayor Bongani Baloyi and Msimanga.

City Press understands that the so-called black caucus grouping within the DA had agreed to field one candidate for the premiership.

This understanding would be reneged on should both Gana and Msimanga avail themselves for the position.

“Solly and Gana won't contest each other, it can't happen. So far the conversation has been that Gana would be the choice given that Solly is still tied up with mayoral duties in Tshwane.”

“Solly may be personally ambitious but it would be political suicide to campaign for premiership while running a municipality gov-

erned by a fragile coalition.

“You can't have an absent mayor in a fragile coalition,” an insider in the caucus said.

There has also been talk that Msimanga was considering contesting Moodey for the position of leader. Those close to him say that would be an unlikely scenario.

“It wouldn't make sense. Remember, in the DA you don't need to hold a particular position – in this case provincial leader – in order to ascend to a position like premier, so it would be futile anyways. He would also be exposing himself to a revolt in Tshwane,” a source close to Msimanga said.

Msimanga, who is currently the provincial Chairperson, told City Press this week that he does not plan on standing for re-election in that position.

He did not answer on whether or not he would be standing for any other position.

On the premiership, the mayor

confirmed that he had been approached by a number of people already.

“Yes I have been approached by several people in this regard suggesting that I would be the best candidate for such a position.

“However, you can appreciate that I have been the mayor of the capital since the August 3 elections in 2016, and have been committed to stabilising a city that was mired in controversy, and where the former administration failed dismally to provide the services people so desperately need,” Msimanga commented. “I have built a strong team here, that has worked with me to stabilise the capital and particularly its finances...”

“Any decision taken will be carefully considered. In the main, those considerations will be about the residents of Tshwane, and will be done in consultation with the leadership of the DA and other relevant stakeholders ... There is still time...,” Msimanga added. CITY PRESS

GLOBAL THREAT: WHY WORLD WAR 3 COULD HAPPEN IN 2017

2017 has already seen a number of major terrorist attacks, which, coupled with rising tensions around the world and nuclear sabre-rattling from North Korea, have increased fears of a major military conflict.

The Sun has spoken to a range of military and terror experts about the threat of World War Three in 2017 - here is what they said.

Why is 2017 such a dangerous year?

Throughout the past year events have been taking unexpected twists and turns. Let's recap.

Britain has voted itself out of the European Union and continues to negotiate on Brexit.

There is continuing conflict in Syria with a chemical attack on civilians outraging the world.

President Donald J Trump then launched a US Tomahawk missile strike on a regime airbase.

Then there's North Korea pushing ahead with its ballistic missile tests in its bid to become a nuclear power.

In response Japan has carried out air attack drills and dished out leaflets on what to do should Kim Jong-un's nukes rain down.

Kim responded by reportedly telling its giant neighbour it would be a "piece of cake" to nuke Japan and leave it "blanketed in radioactive clouds".

ISIS is also being expelled from its so called Caliphate and its supporters are being encouraged to lash out with lone wolf terror attacks.

The jihadist atrocities in Manchester and London Bridge were two such examples of this carnage hitting the UK alone.

And top British military figures have warned how the UK has cut its forces back so much we would struggle to defend ourselves.

WHY IS SYRIA REGARDED AS A WORLD WAR 3 FLASHPOINT?

Last year, Putin raced to the rescue of Bashar Assad's regime, putting Russian on a collision course with the West.

Tensions later reached boiling



TITANS: North Korea's leader Kim Jong President, US President Donald J Trump and Russia President Putin.

point when at least 70 people were gassed to death by a nerve agent in the Syrian town of Khan Sheikhoun, prompting Trump to order missile strikes after blaming the regime for the attack.

Russia and Iran said they will respond to further American military actions following the US air strikes. In a joint statement, the command centre for the two countries and allied groups said "we will respond to any aggression".

The statement read: "What America waged in an aggression on Syria is a crossing of red lines.

"From now on we will respond with force to any aggressor or any breach of red lines from whoever it is and America knows our ability to respond well."

The US has blasted Iran for "alarming provocations" and said it poses a bigger threat of nuclear war than North Korea. Dr Alan Mendoza, executive Director at the Henry Jackson Society security think-tank, told SunOnline: "We've seen Russia increase its sphere of influence and been quite aggressive on its borders and seemingly getting away with it. And that will empower to do more.

"The Russians have had it all their own way. Time [Magazine] said man of the year 2016 was Trump but actually it was Putin.

"Everything has gone his way. Everything."

WILL ISIS START A WORLD WAR?

As ISIS flee their strongholds in Syria and Iraq they have the potential to embark on a world terror campaign with security chiefs fearing lone wolf attacks. About 850 people from Britain and Northern Ireland have travelled to support or fight for jihadist organisations in Syria and Iraq, British authorities believe. And around half have since returned to the UK, but the rest could follow when the so called Caliphate of ISIS is wiped out this year.

Vervan Khan, Director of Terrorism Research & Analysis Consortium, said: "It's nothing new, every time ISIS has losses, they attack abroad.

"It's a way of showing their supporters they are still strong and can seemingly attack at will.

"Big or small in scale, it 'puffs' them up like a blow-fish and distracts everyone from fans to media alike from what is happening."

As reported, ISIS fanatics are calling for lone wolf attacks in cinemas, malls and hospitals.

IS NORTH KOREA REALLY A THREAT TO WORLD PEACE?

According to a regime defector North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un's New Year's resolution was to be a fully fledged nuclear power.

Defector and former diplomat to the UK, Thae Yong-ho, said: "As long as Kim Jong-un is in power, North Korea will never give up its

nuclear weapons.

"The North will not give them up even if the country is offered \$1 trillion or \$10trillion in return."

Kim Jong-un has dubbed America's leaders a bunch of "rats sneaking around in the dark" amid claims the CIA plotted to wipe him out.

The country also threatened the US with a "full-scale" nuclear war and said it has the right to "ruthlessly punish" any American citizens it detains.

In a sign of its dangerously skittish nature, it even threatened to nuke Donald Trump's home town of New York to silence the president's ongoing mocking of their missile programme.

In July, 2017, the US Air Force deployed a number of supersonic bombers in a 'North Korea nuke drill' amid reports Donald Trump was weighing up a military strike against Kim Jong-un.

North Korea launched Hwasong-12 test missile on August 29 in a show of strength against Donald Trump and his partnership with South Korea.

WILL DONALD TRUMP RISK STARTING A WORLD WAR?

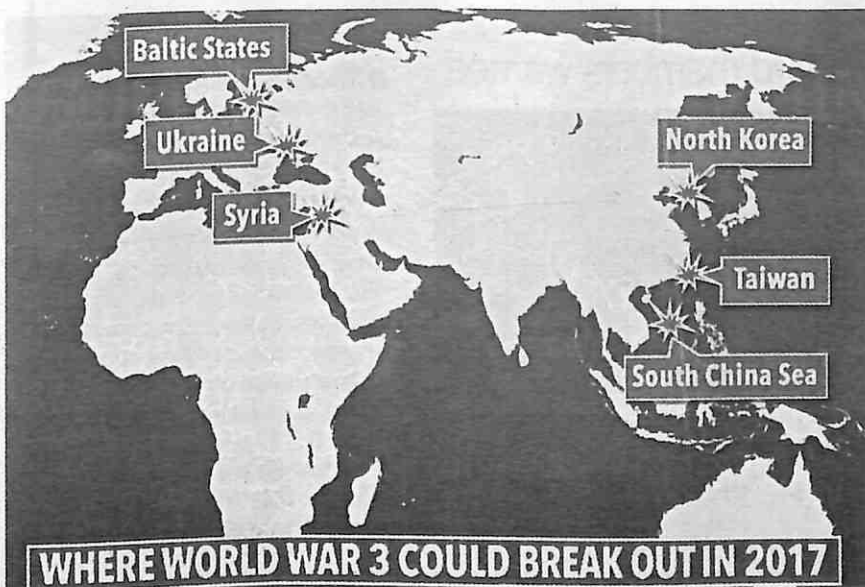
Arms-control experts say the rest of the world really should be worried about the potential fallout from some of the president's tweets.

John Andrews, International affairs expert and veteran foreign correspondent, told Sun Online: "He [Trump] will be a real challenge for diplomats.

"One of the reasons is that we've become used to there just being one genuinely unpredictable world leader and that was Kim Jong-un. "Now we have a second, Donald J Trump - and we are waiting to see how he will preside.

"There are big question marks over his character that came up during the campaign - is this alarmist? "It's difficult to know."

The Sun



Wits and Wisdom

● "Women want love to be a novel. Men, a short story."
— *Daphne du Maurier*

● "It crosses my mind that Cinna's calm and normal demeanor masks a complete madman."
— *Suzanne Collins, The Hunger Games*

● "It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end."
— *Ursula K. Le Guin, The Left Hand of Darkness*

● "The more clearly we can focus our attention on the wonders and realities of the universe about us, the less taste we shall have for destruction."
— *Rachel Carson*

● "Freedom lies in being bold."
— *Robert Frost*

"To give pleasure to a single heart by a single act is better than a thousand heads bowing in prayer."
— *Mahatma Gandhi*

● "Being a nerd, which is to say going too far and caring too much about a subject, is the best way to make friends I know."
— *Sarah Vowell, The Partly Cloudy Patriot*

● "there's one thing I've learned, it's this: We all want everything to be okay. We don't even wish so much for fantastic or marvelous or outstanding. We will happily settle for okay, because most of the time, okay is enough."
— *David Levithan, Every Day*

● "There are much worse games to play."
— *Suzanne Collins, Mockingjay*

● "When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves."
— *Viktor E. Frankl, Man's Search for Meaning*

● "I'm afraid that sometimes you'll play lonely games too. Games you can't win 'cause you'll play against you."
— *Dr. Seuss*

● "I know some who are constantly drunk on books as other men are drunk on whiskey."
— *H.L. Mencken*

● "If you have enough book space, I don't want to talk to you."
— *Terry Pratchett*

● "Love is like a tree: it grows by itself, roots itself deeply in our being and continues to flourish over a heart in ruin. The inexplicable fact is that the blinder it is, the more tenacious it is. It is never stronger than when it is completely unreasonable."
— *Victor Hugo, The Hunchback of Notre-Dame*

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.75%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	5.9%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10.75%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.25%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E11.80 per litre
Replacement	E11.85 per litre
Diesel	E11.70 per litre
Paraffin	E 7.95 per litre
Engen Garage	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 28 SEPT 2017		
CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.5935	13.6435
British Pound/SZL	18.1874	18.3128
Japanese Yen/SZL	8.2846	8.3128
Swiss France/SZL	13.9563	14.0019
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.2982	1.3152
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.6287	10.6746
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.8800	10.9191
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	15.9546	16.0133
Gold	1,280.0000	
Oil	59.8300	

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GOVT, PARASTATALS PROCUREMENT AT OVER E10 BILLION

Stories by Manqoba Makhubu

GOVERNMENT and parastatals procurement amounted to over E10 billion during the 2015/16 financial year.

This amounts to at least 25 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP).

It was on this basis that Swaziland Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (SPPRA) Board Chairman Dr. Gideon Mahlalela said procurement officers face a stern task to ensure that this money was spent wisely and also that part of it does not go down the bottomless pit.

Dr. Mahlalela was speaking during a stakeholder meeting hosted by the SPPRA for both government and public companies procurement officers held at the Royal Villas Hotel in Ezulwini last Friday.

"Your role is to save money from wasteful expenses to run the country better," he said.

One of the participants said due to the nature of their operating environment within government, sometimes, some procurement just come up and they will be required to obtain it as soon as possible, which then makes it difficult for them to minimise or contain unplanned procurement.

While he acknowledged that the aforementioned problem exists, SPPRA acting Chief Executive Officer Madoda Mngomezulu said this though should not be allowed to substitute public procurement risk management. "The amount that goes into procurement shows that you are in serious business. Control measures are also important because as we try to fast track to 2022, procurement is expected to increase. This then underscores the importance of procurement risk management," he said. He disclosed that

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WARNS: SPPRA acting Chief Executive Officer Madoda Mngomezulu addressing stakeholders. (Pics: Manqoba Makhubu)

the SPPRA was now working on public procurement risk management.

"Once we are done with it, we will then start engaging stakeholders," he said.

Procurement

Mngomezulu said this was important because huge monies have been lost through procurement fraud.

Adding, SPPRA Director Monitoring and Oversight Sibusiso Sibandze reminded public entities that they have to procure things that appear on their procurement plan.

"If 50 per cent of what you are procuring is not in your plan, how then can we say you have planned for your procurement?"

He urged them be compliant with the laws of the country.

"Our intention is to help you to comply and not stop you from buy-



IN ATTENDANCE: SPPRA's staffers Sifiso Dlamini and Zinhle Simelane taking notes.

ing," he said. To further assist public entities, Mngomezulu said they have issued a circular which provides for the payment of fees for training services rendered by the agency.

Empower

"Our objective is to work with you and empower you with knowledge, especially now that we have the capacity and resident skills on the different aspects of procurement," he said. SPPRA Procurement Manager Sifiso Dlamini said the agency would only charge a minimal fee to cover disbursements and costs associated with the training exercise as requested by the different entities. He said their trainings include different methods that organisations can use for procurement.

According to SPPRA Circular No. 1/2017, when submitting requests

for training, the requesting party shall pay fees to the agency.

The fees are E1 500 per session per day for a maximum group of five, E2 500 per session per day for a group of six and not exceeding 10, E4 500 per session per day for a group of 11 and not exceeding 15 and E6 000 per session for a group 16 and not exceeding 30.

Dlamini said the fees would be reviewed annually to take into account economic changes.

SPPRA Senior Capacity Building Officer Nokuphumula Mayisela said they were working with the University of Swaziland (UNISWA) to introduce procurement courses to ensure sustainable production of procurement officers. However, she said it would take between six months and a year to come up with the modules for the course.

Stay away from tender processes; board members warned

THE Swaziland Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (SPPRA) has warned board members to stay away from tender processes.

SPPRA Board Chairman Dr. Gideon Mahlalela said the board only has to provide an oversight role as the rest should be done by management.

"Boards should trust management and they can depend on the different committees to help them make the right decision," he said.

He said this was championed



BOARD: SPPRA board member Harry Nxumalo and Board Chairman Dr. Gideon Mahlalela.

by the King IV Report Business Judgment Rule.

Adding, SPPRA acting Chief

Executive Officer Madoda Mngomezulu said it would be difficult for board members to

"Boards should trust management and they can depend on the different committees to help them make the right decision,"

provide an oversight if they were part of the tendering process.

Dr. Mahlalela said when making decisions, it was also critical for organisations to think about the future and to engage citizens, especially on issues of procurement.

"We need to be committed and this is the only way we can run the country better," he said.

SSA'S UK CLIENT GUARANTEES SUPPORT AMID EU SUGAR REFORMS

By Manqoba Makhubu

AMID this month's European Union (EU) sugar reforms, one of the Swaziland Sugar Association (SSA) long standing customers, Czarnikow Group from the United Kingdom (UK) has guaranteed to continue supporting the association.

From yesterday, sugar beet growers and the sugar industry lost their long-term planning security regarding production quantities and prices in the EU market.

Representing Czarnikow during SSA's golden jubilee commemoration last Wednesday, Czarnikow Group Associate Director John Ireland acknowledged that the EU sugar reforms effective as of yesterday will put a lot of pressure on the industry.

For instance, he said projections reflect that sugar prices will come down due to an increase of imports into the EU. "But based on our long term relationship with the SSA, we will continue to work hand in hand and support the association. We look forward to work with SSA even in the next 50 years," he said.

SSA Chief Executive Officer Phil Mnisi thanked Czarnikow and other organisations including ED&F MAN, also from the UK for their relentless support throughout the past 50 years.

He said they also look forward to work with them in the next 50 years.

"We stand firmly on the shoulders of giants," he said.



GUARANTEE: Associate Director of Czarnikow Group Limited in UK John Ireland making a speech during the SSA golden jubilee commemoration. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

Mnisi said he remained upbeat about the future and prospects of the industry. "I am consciously aware that the sugar industry is pivotal to the livelihood of many people at grassroots level and will work tirelessly to keep it as a sustainable source of income for many more years to come," he said.

Tibiyo TakaNgwane Managing Director Dr. Absalom Dlamini said the increasingly globalising economic environment over the past 50 years has exposed the industry to a number

of threats and challenges including, but not limited to changing trade regimes, rules and policies, global warming, competition and economic instabilities.

But he said these challenges have also brought the best out of the sector.

"We have over the years responded by exploring more innovative ways of doing business, including introduction of new technologies, investment in research, adoption of good corporate governance strategies, strengthening of our partnerships with communities, sector players and market partners amongst others," he said.

Pending the deregulation of the EU sugar quota, SSA has been positioning itself to reduce shocks from the anticipated effects of the reforms outcome.

After the deregulation of the EU sugar quota this month, big producers would now be able to produce sugar in abundance and flood the EU market, hence prices would come down.

Speaking during the launch of the association's annual report, SSA Chief Executive Officer Phil Mnisi said they seek to increase participation in regional markets.

These include the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) and Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) to minimise exposure to the lower EU prices for the sustainability of the industry.

"Regional markets are the future of our sales to ensure sustainability of the industry and the economy at large," he said.

Banana sales increase by 50% to E56m

By Manqoba Makhubu

DESPITE a slump in most agriculture crops after the drought, banana production increased by nearly 50 per cent with sales amounting to about E56 million.

This is according to the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) and ministry of commerce, industry and trade company survey report 2017.

This increase was attributed to the continuous investment in the crop production by both citrus estates as well as expansions coming through Lower Usuthu Irrigation Project (LUSIP). "Citrus estates involved in banana production recorded an increase of more than 45 per cent in 2016 with a tonnage of about 8 500 MT," said the report. Under LUSIP, where production only commenced in 2013, the report said about 700 tons of banana was harvested in 2016 of which 20 per cent was sold through the formal market, the National Agricultural Marketing Board (NAMBoard) and the remaining 80 per cent was sold to the informal market. The report said the LUSIP II project was one of the projects that will benefit the agriculture sector. Recently, government secured a loan worth E178.6 million

from the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development for the LUSIP II extension. The project is expected to transform about 5 750 hectares of agricultural land from its present use of semi-subsistence level farming into diversified commercial cash cropping. About 2 259 households will benefit from the project. Lusp II Extension Project Manager Bafana Matsebula said about 150 permanent jobs will be created during the normal phase of the project and the figure for seasonal workers is projected around 2 000. "We anticipate finishing the canal by September 2019 and we will soon start irrigating after that," he said. The projects consist of six components; development of the main canal conveyance system to deliver water to the Matata area, construction of a tertiary dam system, farmland development on 5 750 hectares, farmer training, environmental mitigation and project management.

Other than sugarcane, farmers will also grow crops including banana, maize, dry sugar beans and vegetables. They will also practice livestock farming.

"We will also be looking at other crops that can be grown by farmers and also find markets to assist farmers," said Matsebula.

SBC group happy with Malkerns Square development prospects

By Manqoba Makhubu

SBC Limited, the group is content with the prospects that the Malkerns Square brings to the table.

The group says the Malkerns Square serves as evidence that its remains resolute in its desire to contribute to provide an avenue of ownership of affordable quality housing to the wide sector in the markets where it operates.

In its group results commentary, the group said the development was structured such that it incorporates first world living through its offerings to meet all the modern demands of a homeowner.

The development will include an accompanying commercial component to put in a nutshell the demands of the modern society.

"This commercial centre will include provision for a fuel/service station, bringing it value for the development, the municipality and to the Malkerns community at large," said the group.

Beginning early January, the developer, SBC has been conducting re modelling discussions with potential buyers.

In an early interview, SBC Limited Swaziland Chief Executive Officer Henley Rennie said the estate had been adjusted based on the feedback from these discussions.

He said the estate made up of villages will have control gates with no

taxis and trucks allowed for the safety of children, either riding bicycles or walking in the streets. There will also be limited speed for residents and visitors clearly marked on signs.

Rennie said the development would be done in phases to access what the market wants as they develop the estate.

"We are going to build in phases and then as market demand develops, we will also develop the estate," he said.

Housing units for the estate include one bedroom and two bedroom units up to high end or duplex houses. Select will be positioned to offer mortgage to buyers through a customised package.

This was further confirmed by the group.

"The Select franchise is positioning itself to provide mortgage funding to qualifying clients for the purchase and ultimate ownership of a part of aspirational lifestyle housing estate," said the group.

The group has continued to drive expansion. "In the case of Swaziland, the Siteki point of representation has started to yield a notable performance, which is encouraging from a footprint and distribution perspective. It improves access and the consequent value proposition to our client base through reduced costs that previously occasioned travel by various civil servants in that region," said the group.

Commerce minister launches inaugural National Quality Awards

By Majaha Nkonyane

MINISTER of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza has launched the inaugural National Quality Awards.

The awards were launched last week.

The minister said the awards were aimed to encourage higher standards in different sectors under the service industry.

"As we launch the first annual national quality awards, it is important to note that this is a ground breaking event for the country. Quality is critical to sales, cost control, productivity, risk management, and compliance," he said.

The ministry of commerce, industry, and trade was charged with the responsibility

of creating an enabling environment, development, and growth of business and industry for attainment of economic development.

It was further tasked to assist the country to produce quality goods and services.

Mabuza said the awards were also meant to stimulate the capacity of native businesses to produce goods and service offerings that can compete favourably in both local and global markets through adherence to national, international quality standards and regulatory requirements.

The awards are housed under the Regulatory and Quality Infrastructure Development (RQID) department.

The minister said the awards were in line with core policy objective five of the

National Regulatory and Quality Policy (2010) and its implementation plan of 2013-2017. He said customers appreciate products and services that were of superior quality and which satisfy customers' needs and wants over those of competitors. He also said high quality products and services provide businesses with a point of differentiation, thus giving economical gain. "A lot of local companies who wish to sell their products are currently facing several challenges which are related to quality. Potential customers in the market demand assurances that the products conform to their expectations before they pay for them and regulators demand assurances that products meet prescribed standards," he said.

Inaugural quality awards introduce five categories

FIVE categories have been unveiled for the inaugural National Quality Awards.

These are the Company/Organisation of the Year, Product of the Year, Service of the Year, Exporter of the Year and Individual Award.

Swaziland Standards Authority (SWASA) Executive Director Sihle Zwane said the awards were meant to give special recognition to those who were considered as leaders of quality development.

She said the awards will benefit organisations in a number of ways and will further enable organisations to assess their own level of commitment to qual-

ity and also indicate the extent to which this commitment was being deployed through every level of the organisation and in all areas of activity.

"After the process of self-assessment is completed, the organisation will be in a position to analyse its own strength and weaknesses," she said.

Recognised

She said the award winning organisations will be recognised as champions of quality movement and will further get a chance to publicise their achievements on their promotional materials.

"They will be presented with their award during a glittering ceremony in

the presence of top ranking personalities from government, professional bodies, and industry and consumer associations," she said.

She said the awards will help organisations strive to meet customer needs and expectations or requirements and promote the culture of responsible supply amongst manufacturers and retailers.

Zwane said this will help generate awareness on the importance of quality management to enterprises, enhance understanding of standardisation and quality principles and standards, as well as the role they play in promoting competitiveness.

JA sustains no-liquidation strategy for pupil's companies

Stories by Majaha Nkonyane

JUNIOR Achievement Swaziland has sustained its non-liquidation strategy for pupils' companies, participating under their JA Company Programme.

Addressing the Prime Minister Dr. Nkomo Dlamini during the JA National Conference held on Thursday, JA Board Chairperson Nokukhanya Gamedze said the strategy encourages pupils to start viable, scalable and sustainable businesses that would be transformed into real companies which will employ other young people and subsequently contribute to the economy and to the fiscus, through tax payments.

Gamedze said next year, all pupil companies that will make it to the top 10 will be offered a full entrepreneurship training and mentorship that was aimed at equipping them with the much needed skills for managing a real business.

The programme will be offered when the pupils complete their Form Five exams; the 2016 group will start their programme in 2018 while the competing one will start in 2019.

Gamedze said the strategy was aimed at ensuring continuity in the projects that were started by the pupils while they were still learners.

"It is worth mentioning your excellency that all schools that participate in the programme are winners. They have gained valuable knowledge and experience while participating in the programme. We are certain that this knowledge and experience will come in very handy in the near future as they pursue their entrepreneurship dreams," she said.



ENCOURAGING: JA Board Chairperson Nokukhanya Gamedze.

Gamedze said Dvokolwako and Vulamasango High Schools were fine examples of sustainability as they had stalls at the recently held Swaziland International Trade Fair (SITF).

"The pupils did this at their own cost," she said. Last year's runner-ups Vulamasango also showcased their products during the competition.

However, Gamedze said the programme would need a collective action from government, the ministries of commerce and education, the private sector as well as parents and pupils.

"We would like to appeal to all stakeholders to continue supporting this initiative in order to make youth economic participation a reality," she said.

She said JA would also continue to push its Out of School Youth Programme and will further join hands with the Swaziland Beverages Kick-Start programme, the Youth Enterprise Fund and the Swaziland National Youth Council (SNYC).

'Youth should compete amongst themselves only in tenders'

YOUTH Enterprise Fund Manager Bhkizwe Maziya says the youth should be considered in tenders.

He said this could promote entrepreneurship amongst the youth and further promote competition amongst them.

"It is very unfair that when the tender process is rolled out, big corporates, small businesses and the youth compete in one category as the tender is then won by big companies. Tender boards should consider separate categories for youth and small, micro and medium enterprises (SMMEs)," he said.

Maziya was making a presentation during the recent start-up grind session hosted by the Royal Science and Technology Park (RSTP) where he spoke on access to funding from both banks and non-banking financial institutions.

The session touched on different issues which included why proposals fail when submitted for financing.

Maziya said the common reasons included poor business planning or understanding, lack or poor market

research, poor business acumen, lack of technical expertise, poor credit worthiness, and lack of understanding by the financier, amongst others.

"There are businesses that manage to fail even after they are financed and this comes from unfaithfulness, where business owners divert funds; other businesses fail due to non-adherence to the business plan, which is supposed to be a guiding book for the business to operate," he said.

Maziya said there were interventions to be considered in order for businesses to thrive in the market.

These included; capacity building and constant monitoring, incubation programmes, availability of technical expertise, and development of sustainable business plans.

He also stressed on the importance of using business plans to drive businesses, complete value chain assessment and consider value addition, mainly for export.

"In order for businesses to succeed, entrepreneurs should consider collaboration as opposed to competition," he said.

SSEA team kick-starts Customer Service Week activities

THE Swaziland Service Excellence Awards (SSEA) team has encouraged companies to actively participate in the commemoration of the Customer Service Week.

The commemoration of the Customer Service Week begins today and will end on Saturday.

Last Friday, the award organisers hosted a Customer Service Expo at the Swazi Plaza.

Institute of Research Management and Development (IRDM) Executive Director and Chartered Institute of Customer Management (CICM) Country Representative Oliver Museka said the essence of the Customer Service Week commemoration is to ensure that organisations create a more comfortable environment for their customers.

"This is in line with the international community which will be celebrating the customer service week and our theme is 'Building Trust'. This is where we are ensuring that customers gain confidence about the brand and we are building trust amongst co-workers," he said.

The SSEA will be held on October 13 to mark the end of the Customer Service Week commemoration. The awards will be preceded by the Customer Service Expo held on September 29 and Customer Experience

Master Classes to run from October 11-12.

Museka said the awards were further meant to acknowledge customers who were the pillars that hold businesses.

He encouraged companies to continue practicing excellent service even after the week has elapsed.

"Companies are encouraged to engage in promotions, gifts for customers and have internal awards for their staff members. Other activities that the service excellence awards is introducing include voicing out complaints about poor service, together with acknowledging organisations that are doing a good job in taking care of their customers when offering a service," said Museka.

Interviewed during the expo held on Friday, MTN Customer Experience Manager Zanele Mavuso said they appreciated what the service awards had done to promote excellent customer service.

"As an organisation, we take customer service very seriously and this is a common practice for us internally. We value our customers and thank them for being with us. Customer experience is very important to us, it is a culture embedded internally with our staff," she said.

Compass Point taps into ICT gaps

THE information and communications technology (ICT) industry continues to grow steadily.

In realisation of this fact, Compass Point Developer and Administrator Thando Nkambule said they have decided to also tap into the space and introduce 'compass point,' which is a company business directory aimed at filling the gap in e-commerce.

"We are working on referencing all commercial data and making it available to the consumer, without the need to access the internet through the use of strategically located self-service kiosks to be used for search purposes for any and every service available," he said.

Nkambule said the process of finding a business through the use of an online search engine has proven to be most accurate, whilst the scale referencing was disproportionate.

He said they were working on bringing all commercial services data together, which will then be collected and maintained by locals who understand the local business environment.

Following which, he said this would be made available to the local population to facilitate easier searches for any services or commodities offline.

"We have a free standing interactive



TAP INTO SPACE: Compass Point Developer and Administrator Thando Nkambule.

kiosk with a screen which contains drop downs for browsing locations by category and quick links for direct access to the locations they are linked to. Each quick link bears the logo of the shop or service they have been linked to and to level out their placement on the quick links section, they are constantly rotating every five minutes.

Other features on the home screen are

the keyboard search button, the catalogue button and the point of interest map picture box," he said.

The interactive kiosk is also meant to simplify the process of price comparison as it provides information about different prices. Results are categorised into buildings, shops and products with the category shown above the first result under a particular category.



World News

Boris' Kipling poem recital 'not appropriate'

LONDON – Britain's ambassador to Myanmar was forced to interrupt Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson earlier this year as he tried to recite a nostalgic colonial poem by Rudyard Kipling in public during a visit to the country's most famous Buddhist site.

Johnson, who helped lead the Leave campaign in the 2016 Brexit referendum, is caught on camera starting to recite Kipling's poem, Mandalay, after striking a bell at the Shwedagon pagoda in Yangon.

"The temple bells they say," Johnson says in television footage by Channel 4. "Come you back, you British sol-



INAPPROPRIATE:
Foreign Secretary
Boris Johnson.

dier." As Johnson continues with his recitation of the poem which celebrates a soldier's love affair with a local woman during Britain's

colonial rule of what was then known as Burma, the ambassador tenses. "You're on mic. Probably not a good idea," British ambassador

Andrew Patrick said.

"What, The Road to Mandalay?" Johnson asked. "No. Not appropriate," the ambassador said. Johnson replied "good stuff" and then started to take photographs of the scene with his telephone camera. A spokeswoman for the Foreign Office declined to comment. Prime Minister Theresa May's appointment of Johnson, who in the run-up to Britain's referendum on EU membership compared the goals of the European Union to those of Adolf Hitler and Napoleon, caused consternation in European capitals.

Reuters

'Dozens' killed as army plane crashes in DRC

KINSHASA – A military transport plane belonging to the Congolese army crashed near Kinshasa on Saturday, killing "several dozen" people, military and airport sources told AFP.

The Antonov transport plane had just taken off and had "several dozen people" on board, an airport source told AFP, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The plane went down in Nsele, about 100km to the east of Kinshasa, capital of the Democratic Republic of Congo, the source said.

A local official in the area of the crash told AFP there were "no sur-

vivors".

The plane, which had a Russian crew, was carrying "two vehicles and weapons" and military personnel, a source at the army's headquarters told AFP, also speaking on condition of anonymity.

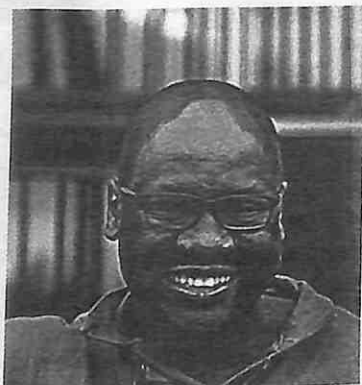
He said there were "between 20 and 30 people" on board when it took off from Ndolo airport in Kinshasa.

A witness at the crash site told AFP he had seen the plane "falling" out the sky shortly before 9:00 am but said there was no sign of any smoke coming from the aircraft.

AFP

Mugabe critic Mawarire acquitted of public violence

HARARE – A Zimbabwean court acquitted a pastor critical of President Robert Mugabe on charges of committing public violence and disorderly conduct. The charge was linked to an address Evan Mawarire made during a demonstration by university students earlier this year. Mawarire, who is also on trial for separate and more serious charges that he attempted to subvert the government, had been arrested in June after addressing medical students protesting against an increase in fees. Magistrate Tilda Mazhande said state prosecutors had failed to establish a case against the 40-year-old. Mawarire's High Court trial on



ACQUITTED: Evan
Mawarire.

subversion charges came to a close last Friday after eight state witnesses testified. His lawyer Harrison Nkomo said he would apply to the judge to have the case dismissed. *Reuters*

Trump blames Puerto Ricans for slow hurricane response

SAN JUAN – President Donald Trump on Saturday placed blame squarely on Puerto Ricans for the slow recovery from Hurricane Maria after critics complained that his administration's response to the US territory's plight was insufficient.

Eleven days after the devastating storm wiped out power, water and communications systems, more than half of the 3.4 million people on the island do not have access to drinking water, and 95 per cent remain without power, according to the US Defense Department.

"I'm a ticking time bomb on the verge of exploding," said Adeline Vazquez, 53, who needs a ventila-

tor for respiratory problems and whose building in the western city of Mayaguez does not have enough fuel to run a generator 24 hours a day.

Maria, the most powerful storm to strike Puerto Rico in nearly 90 years, has destroyed roads, making it difficult to get food, water and fuel around the island. The hurricane has killed at least 16 people, according to the official death toll.

Trump, who plans to visit the island tomorrow, fired off a series of angry tweets from his private golf club in New Jersey, taking aim at the mayor of San Juan, the island's capital and largest city.

Reuters



CHARMING: Members of Niger's Wodaabe Fula tribe are seen competing in the Gerewol, a week-long festival where bachelors compete for the attention of young women. The ritual makes up part of the Cure Salée - the 'Festival of the Nomads' - where the Wodaabe and Tuareg people gather to mark the end of the rainy season in Niger, Western Africa. Tribeswomen, who are allowed more than one husband, can choose to be 'stolen' if they like a man - and leave their previous partner behind. Banker, Mario Gerth, 40, captured the images as he travelled through Agazé, in the country's north, in September.

BRIEFS

Turkey inaugurates military academy

MOGADISHU – Turkey inaugurated on Saturday the largest foreign-run military training centre in Somalia, where local troops are due to take over the protection of a nation threatened by Shabaab Islamist attacks. Somalia's fragile government and institutions, including its national army, are backed by the African Union's 22 000-strong Amisom force and powers like the United States. *AFP*

Population stands at 95m

CAIRO – Egypt said on Saturday its population stands at nearly 95 million, in addition to an estimated 9.4 million who live abroad, according to the latest census figures. The figures were announced during a televised ceremony in which the findings of the country's latest census were read by Abu-Bakr el-Gindy, Head of the State's Statistics Bureau. The figure for Egypt's population — 94 798 827 million as of April — is an increase of 22 million since 2006, when the latest census was held.

AP

Anglophone region ordered

YAOUNDE – Cameroon authorities last



Friday banned all gatherings of more than four people, ordered bus stations, eateries and shops to shut and forbade move-

ment between divisions of its English-speaking region for three days to prevent planned protests. Anglophone Cameroonians plan to demonstrate on Oct. 1st, the day of their independence from Britain, over what they say is ill treatment and neglect by the predominantly Francophone government of President Paul Biya. *Reuters*

Military to control borders

IRAQ — Iraq's military is preparing to take control of the international borders of the northern Kurdish region. The preparations are part of the central government's stepped-up efforts to isolate the Kurds following their vote on independence earlier this week. They come a day after Iraq instituted a flight ban that halted all international flights from servicing the territory's airports. Iraqi troops now in Turkey and Iran were expected to start enforcing control over the border crossings out of the Kurdish region on Saturday morning. *AP*

1 300 polling stations sealed

BARCELONA – Police in Catalonia had already sealed over half of the 2 315 polling stations in the region mid-Saturday to stop an independence referendum from taking place, the Spanish government said, as separatists remained determined to fight for their right to vote. Teachers, parents, students and activists in this wealthy north-eastern region have leapt into action to defend the vote slated for Sunday, defying Madrid's warnings of repercussions by occupying more than 160 schools designated as polling stations, it said.

AFP

Focus on SA scene

ANC EC Conference: Province's leaders back Ramaphosa

EAST LONDON - Their supporters might differ on who to support for ANC presidency but the two influential ANC leaders in the Eastern Cape, each vying for the chairmanship, appear to be united behind Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa.

About 1 700 ANC delegates have gathered at the East London International Convention Centre for the party's eighth provincial conference. At stake in the conference, which has been marred by delays and disputes over issues of credentials, is the contestation of the chairmanship position between Premier Phumulo Masualle and Provincial Secretary Oscar Mabuyane.

Masualle has been provincial chairperson for the past two terms while Mabuyane has been secretary for the past two. Masualle has publicly pronounced on several occasions that Ramaphosa is the preferred candidate for the ANC presidency. Masualle's latest public platform was when Ramaphosa visited East London on September 17, where he told people at the Orient Theatre that Ramaphosa was



BACKING: ANC Eastern Cape Secretary Oscar Mabuyane and Chairman Phumulo Masualle.

the leader "that we can all look for when choosing the next ANC president".

Speaking at the official opening of the conference on Friday, Masualle said ANC leaders needed to dispel "that which we are perceived of which is corruption, complacency and arrogance".

"It is important that we go to the nation-

al conference in December with the most united voice possible.

"Despite differences, the Eastern Cape continues to be the envy of many, for the political and organisational structures that we have managed to put in place".

The Sunday Independent

Lifeline for SAA on Citibank debt

CAPE TOWN - A day before it had to repay its debt to US lender Citibank, government has bailed out struggling national carrier South African Airways (SAA) with R3bn.

The cash injection will prevent the airline from defaulting on its loans. "Government has approved the transfer of funds from the National Revenue Fund (NRF) to SAA to allow the airline to address the debt obligations to Citibank, thereby avoiding a default. Funds will also be used to assist SAA with its immediate working capital requirements," said National Treasury in a media release.

"A default by the airline on the R3bn would have triggered a call on the guarantee exposure totaling R16.4bn, leading to an outflow from the NRF and possibly resulting in elevated perceptions of risk related to the rest of SAA's guaranteed debt."

Treasury said the payment was done in terms of Section 16 of the Public Finance Management Act. It stated that this section of the act states that the minister of Finance can authorise the use of

funds to "defray expenditure of an exceptional nature which is currently not provided for and which cannot, without serious prejudice to the public interest".

Treasury added that a plan to improve the financial situation of the cash-strapped airline will be provided during Finance Minister Malusi Gigaba's mini-budget speech in October.

The SA national carrier needed to repay its debt obligation of R1.8bn to US lender Citibank by Saturday. The R3bn in funds provided by Treasury on Friday, meanwhile, means that the airline will also receive a cash boost of approximately R1.2bn for "immediate working capital requirements".

The R1.8bn in debt is part of a total of R6.9bn of SAA debt that was set to mature at the end of September.

Treasury Director General Dondo Mogajane previously told Fin24 that while negotiations with lenders might lessen this amount, giving the airline some breathing space, the Citibank debt could not be rolled over and needed to be repaid.

Fin24

Chairs fly, cops fire rubber bullets at ANC EC conference

EAST LONDON - The ANC's chaotic Eastern Cape provincial conference turned violent in the early hours of yesterday morning.

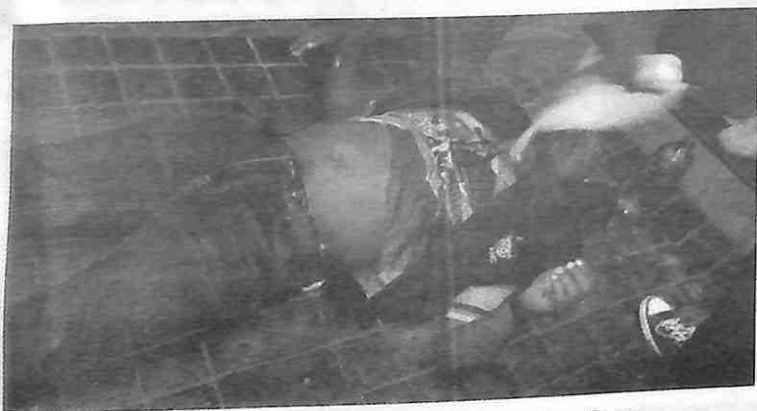
Delegates from opposing factions attacked each other with chairs, bottles and steel rods, leaving nearly 10 people injured.

Delegates took out their frustrations on each other, after they could not agree on who is legitimately supposed to participate in the conference.

The conference has been heavy with tension. ANC officials, however, say they didn't think the brewing unrest could lead to blood on the floor. "We see chairs flying, people got injured running for cover

moving all around the hall and I think that this is a very sad situation, especially for the province of the Eastern Cape. It's an excruciating pain I must say. There has to be a quick emergency meeting of the Provincial Executive Committee as well as the National Executive Committee members deployed to make a reflection of this situation," said Mlibbo Qoboshiyane, Eastern Cape ANC Spokesperson. But that meeting didn't take place. In fact while injured delegates were being treated outside, others were nominating new leaders inside the conference venue. Outgoing Chairperson Phumulo Masualle was not present when nominations were made.

eNCA



AFTERMATH: Delegates from opposing factions attacked each other with chairs, bottles and steel rods, leaving nearly 10 people injured.

RENAME MTHATHA AIRPORT AFTER MATANZIMA - MANDLA MANDELA

JOHANNESBURG - ANC MP and Mvezo chief Mandla Zwelivelile Mandela has called on the government to rename Mthatha Airport after the late Kaizer Daliwonga Matanzima of the Western Transkei, who was the prime minister of the former Transkei.

Mandla, grandson of the late struggle icon Nelson Mandela, was speaking at the funeral of Matanzima's wife, Nozuko Hazel Matanzima, in Gwatyu village near Cofimvaba on Saturday. The airport was previously known as the K D Matanzima Airport named after the then Transkei prime

minister.

Mandela said Matanzima's name could not just be erased from the history of this country. "There were people who visited us, wanting to name the airport in honour of Nelson Dalibhunga Mandela. We said if they want to honour Dalibhunga they must name the Port Elizabeth airport after Mandela," he said.

Jailed AbaThembu King Buyelekhaya Dalindyebo sent his condolences to the Matanzima family.

Sowetan Live



MY POINT: ANC MP and Mvezo chief Mandla Zwelivelile Mandela.

SACP DENOUNCES MAYOR MASHABA'S 'OPPORTUNISTIC', 'SPURIOUS' RACISM CLAIMS

JOHANNESBURG - The South African Communist Party has denounced what it referred to as the "spurious allegation of racial bigotry opportunistically levelled against the party" and its General Secretary, Blade Nzimande, by Johannesburg Mayor Herman Mashaba.

The party was commenting on a statement by Mashaba in which he said he was disgusted by racist remarks made about his MMC for public safety, Michael Sun, during COSATU's march against state capture on Wednesday, in which

the SACP and Nzimande also participated.

Sun was asked by Mashaba to receive a memorandum from COSATU on his behalf and meet representatives of the trade union federation.

Mashaba said that one of the COSATU leaders had introduced Sun as 'Mr Lee' and referred to him as a 'Fong Kong'. "To belittle a senior City official is one thing, but to racially abuse a passionate and loyal South African on the basis of his looks and descendants' origins is utterly shameful," Mashaba was quoted

as saying.

"As a black South African, and given our intimate understanding of racial abuse, I'm ashamed Michael was treated in this denigrating manner by my fellow people. Your words were an insult to every South African of Chinese descent," the Joburg mayor added.

However, the SACP hit back on Saturday, claiming Mashaba was the "first mayor of Johannesburg who is notorious for making widespread xenophobic utterances causing serious problems in the city". *Sowetanlive*

Tractors roll into Barcelona to **protect** polling stations

SPAIN - Hundreds of tractors rolled into Barcelona to protect polling stations ahead of the 'banned' Catalan independence referendum yesterday.

Striking images capture the moment more than 500 of the heavy vehicles were driven in to protect the '2 315 polling stations all over the region' - intended for the referendum that is said to have been banned by officials in Madrid.

Independence supporters, many wearing the colours of FC Barcelona or flying the estelada flag clung from the tractors in a loud, forceful show of strength.

Thousands of people cheer and wave esteledas, or Catalonia independence flags, during the 'Yes' vote closing campaign in Barcelona that was due last night.

The protest came as police seized more than 2.5million ballots in a Catalan town in a bid to scupper the referendum.

"The Guardia Civil (police force) seized 2.5 million ballots, four million envelopes and 100 ballot boxes in a warehouse in Igualada," said a source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The source said the company involved alleged the ballot boxes were 'for elections at FC Barcelona', without giving further details.

A spokesman for the football club confirmed that the company had indeed provided FC Barcelona with ballot boxes for elections of its president in the past,



PROTECTS: Catalonia's separatist leader Carles Puigdemont has defended plans to stage a 'banned' referendum - despite being unable to explain how independence from Spain would work.

but could not comment further.

Striking images capture the moment more than 500 tractors were driven into Barcelona for the Catalan independence referendum which has been banned by officials in Madrid.

Driving slowly along the city's broad boulevards in support, many of the tractors carried the Catalan pro-independence flag - the estelada - to the headquarters of the regional government.

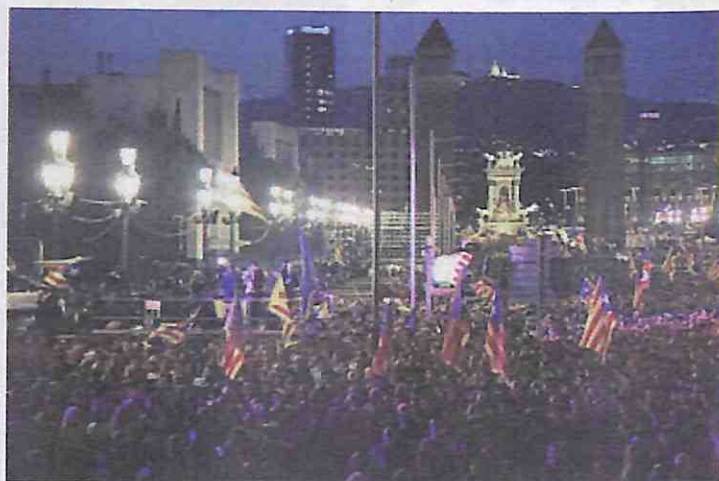
Similar tractor protests were held across Catalonia. While a conservative group in Madrid has set up a large, mock bal-

lot box in the centre of the city and urged people to vote on whether they want Catalonia to remain a part of Spain.

The act in Madrid's emblematic Puerta del Sol square on Friday came in criticism of Catalonia's planned referendum on secession. Despite this, the Spanish government has pledged to stop the referendum, which it says is unconstitutional. Supporters queue up to cheer on the agricultural workers proudly flying the estelada through Barcelona - despite fears the Spanish government could block the vote. *Daily Mail*



LIVE EXPERIENCE: Two young women watch on at the pro-independence rally at Plaza Espana in Barcelona due last night.



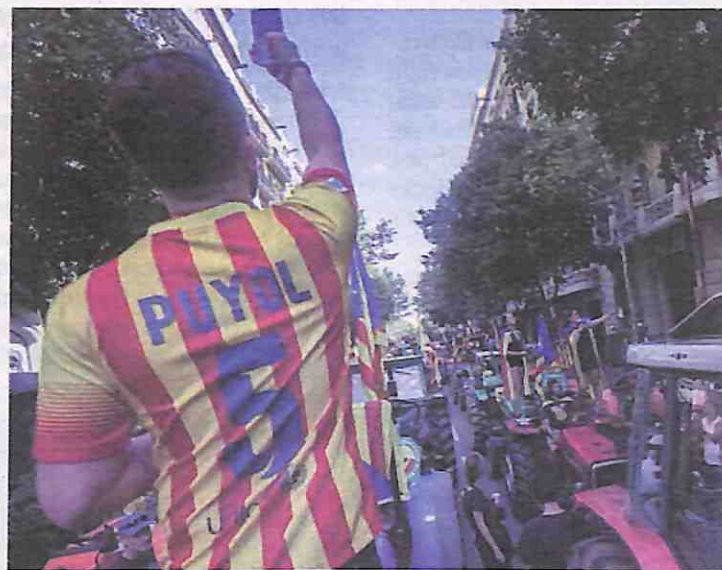
IN THEIR NUMBERS: Thousands of people cheer and wave esteledas, or Catalonia independence flags, during the 'Yes' vote closing campaign in Barcelona scheduled for last night.



IN ACTION: Independence supporters, many wearing the colours of FC Barcelona - the region's successful football club - clung from the tractors in a loud, forceful show of strength. While the estelada was draped around dozens of supporters.



LOVING IT: Raising her fist in support, one independence supporter on a tractor grinned happily while posing for a photograph with dozens of tractors rolling behind her.



SELFIE: Striking images capture the moment more than 500 tractors were driven into Barcelona for the Catalan independence referendum which has been banned by officials in Madrid.



BACKING: Supporters queue up to cheer on the agricultural workers proudly flying the estelada through Barcelona - despite fears the Spanish government could block the vote. (*Daily Mail*)



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ILLA PEN BOY FILLS UP MOGAMBO

By Lusito Tsela

DREAMS do come true.

Rapper Illa Penboy's dream to fill up Esibayeni Lodge's Cafe Mogambo was achieved on Saturday.

From the car park to the VVIP, VIP and general sections, the dance floor was packed with elated fun lovers who cared less what the chilly weather dictated.

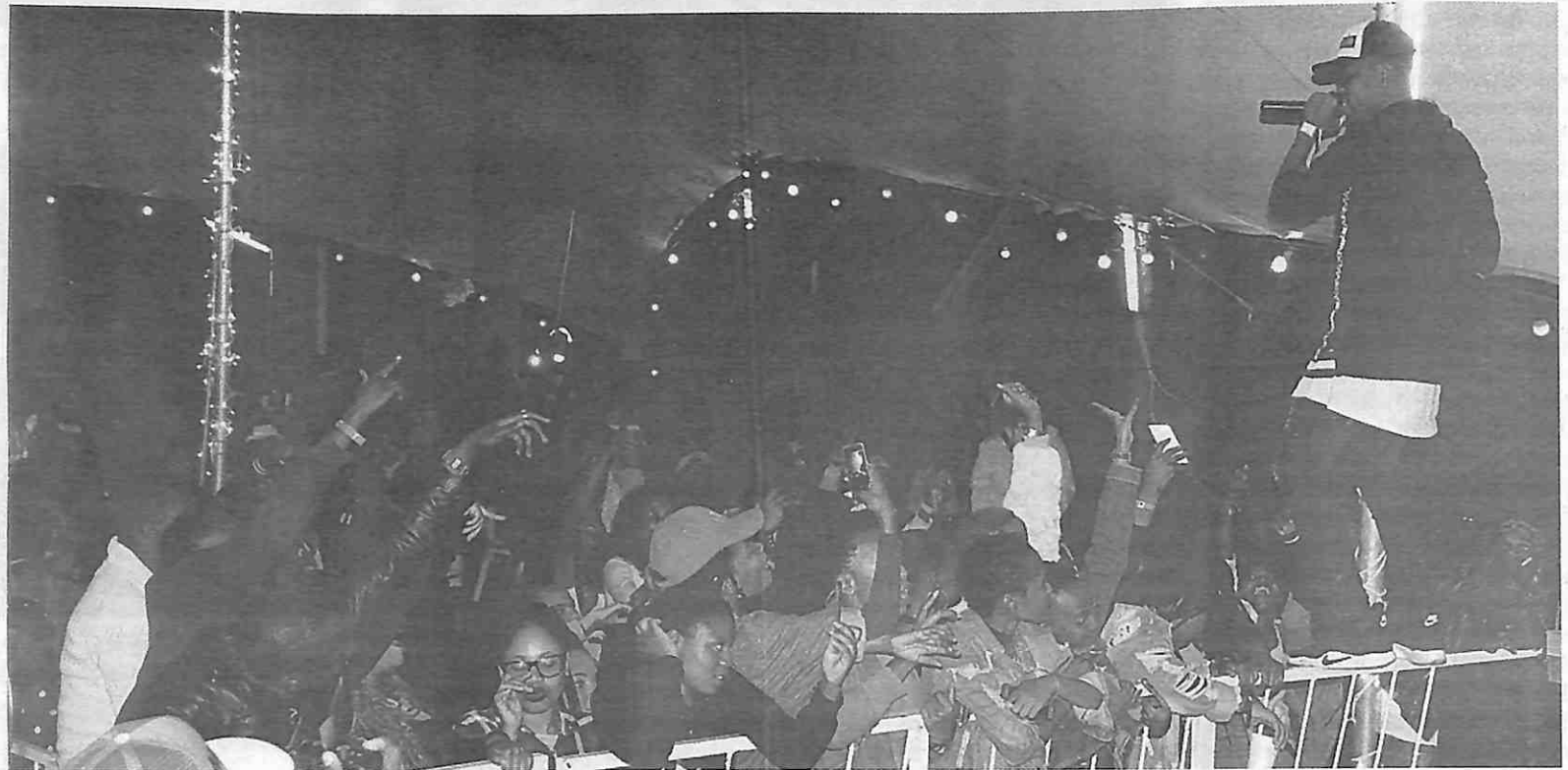
The event setting up was done as early as 6pm and all that was left was for fun lovers to come in and watch nothing else but Swazi musicians breaking it down on stage.

The hour came and so did fun lovers. The country's well-known personalities were also spotted at the event; DJ Karly B, MTN SWAMA awards committee member Penny Bouwer, Artists Manager Ginoh Kash and many more were also seen having the time of their lives at the show, staying true to the phenomenon of the industry this year #LoyaltoLocal.

DJ Wicked was the first on the turntables and he set the mood just right for the night by rendering the latest tunes, which got fun lovers moving their bodies to the rhythm of the beats.

Other DJs who took to the decks included Kool Swazi Entertainment's Njebza and Dukes.

Kangaroo, female rapper MQ and young Ciya proved that age is nothing but just a number as fans kept screaming her name and she made



UP CLOSE: Illa Pen boy getting up close and personal with his excited fans on Saturday at his 'Gcwalisa Mogambo' show, which was a success and oozed professionalism. (Pic: Lusito Tsela)

sure to give them their money's worth.

With the acrobatic host from South Africa on stage, Saneh, fun lovers witnessed hypnotising dance moves which obviously got some male revellers wanting to go up on stage, however, the hot lady just danced with an attitude of 'you can see but you can't touch' which got tongues wagging and wanting more, most importantly

she handled the fans well. Saneh was dressed in a body hugging blue jumpsuit, which exposed all her beautiful curves.

Time came when the man of the night, the brains behind 'Gcwalisa Mogambo' had to take to the stage.

Female revellers screamed their lungs out and without a doubt, everyone knew Illa Pen boy was on stage.

Fans sang along to his renditions and as he moved around the stage getting closer to his fans, it proved he knew what he was doing. Over and above, the show was a huge success as when everyone became warm, they did not leave the dance floor, but continued to dance till 6 am. Screams coming from the fans were sounds of joy, fun and without a doubt they got their

money's worth. Speaking to the show's Public Relations Officer Balindile Thwala, she confirmed that all their 3 000 tags were finished at the gate, which meant it was a great turn up for the show and history was made. Thwala said Illa was over the moon and grateful to Swazi MTN for believing in him when the industry he served had not given him a chance.



CELEB: South African Uzalo actor Ntokozo 'Mastermind' Dlamini empowering young girls at the 'Tea Cups with Character' High Tea held at Emfuleni Lifestyle on Saturday. Ladies could not contain themselves when Mastermind made his appearance as they all rushed to him for a selfie moment, holding and grabbing him whilst screaming out his name. (Pics: Ayanda Dlamini)



TOP SHAYELA: The ever gorgeous Gciniwe Fakudze was a marvel on stage.

YOU ARE POWERFUL THAN US, 'MASTERMIND' TELLS WOMEN

By Ayanda Dlamini

"THERE is something we need to remind you, that women possess a different type of power compared to men.

Men are very weak, we might be masculine but we are very weak inside. A woman is strong on her inside, though she might be soft outside. That is why you guys were chosen to have power that we cannot dare emu-

late as men, which is carrying a human being for nine months. Men can have all the money in the world but they can't have that power," stated Uzalo actor Ntokozo 'Mastermind' Dlamini.

The actor was the guest of honour at the 'Tea Cups with Character' High Tea held at Emfuleni Lifestyle on Saturday.

The high tea was organised by Matsapha Municipality and engaged young women from UNISWA Campuses and the Institute of Development Management (IDM).

The young girls came well-prepared for the high tea dressed in summer dresses, fascinators and coats to fight the cold.

The young girls were motivated on being women of character and leaders of tomorrow. Gciniwe Fakudze was a marvel on stage as she kept the young girls entertained whilst empowering them.

When Fakudze announced that the guest speaker was around the place (Emfuleni), the young girls screamed for the 'Mastermind'. Ladies could

not contain themselves when Mastermind made his appearance as they all rushed to him for a selfie moment, holding and grabbing him whilst screaming out his name. However, Fakudze made the day special for the girls as she made sure that every female who attended had a picture with the most loved actor.

'Mastermind' applauded the municipality for engaging young girls. "It is lovely to see the municipality engaging with young females. We usually overlook young girls but engaging

them in such high tea is a good concept. I was overwhelmed with the reception," said the actor during an interview.

The actor also revealed that he would be coming back to the country more often as they are working on projects that will involve youngsters. "I'm having an event in South Africa so I want to put here as well and right now I'm in talks with the municipality. I want to bring a programme that is very beneficial to the youth of Swaziland," he said.

'THREE KINGS OF FUNNY' SHOW

Stories by Lusito Tsela



RECITING: Enjay Khoza doing reciting her poem.



RIB CRACKER: Dr Shakes doing his part.



FOR COMEDY: Smallz the comedian entertaining the audience with his jokes.



GOBIS'COLO: Organiser Elfoe displaying some dance moves.

IN what seemed to be a cold night for others, it was a perfect night for laughter and fun during the 'Three Kings of Funny' show held at the Happy Valley Hotel on Friday.

The well attended show saw two kings of Swazi comedy, Mdura and Dr Shakes giving the audience their money's worth whilst Smallz left the comedy fanatics feeling robbed, making the night a 'two and a half kings of funny.'

The well attended show was also graced by Swazi Observer Managing Editor Mbongeni Mbingo, Swazi TV presenter Siphesihle Nkwanyane and SRIC Marketing Manager Sizwe Shongwe, to mention just a few notable faces.

The organiser of the show, who just came out of the shell as a comedian himself, Elfoe kept the guests entertained with his hilarious jokes as he mounted the stage wearing flops and cracked jokes about his father who was present on the night to support his son, calling his dad 'umbahlali' because of the way he used to beat him whilst growing up.

The show started later than the stipulated time, with Mthimbawawa filling in for Elfoe who arrived late, but the former did a good job as many could have sworn he was also part of the comedians.

First on the stage was local upcoming poet Enjay Khoza who mesmerised the audience with her poems and one could swear it was a poetry night. As if that was not enough, Majaha Nkonyane, another great poet of his own kind, took to the stage and continued where his predecessor had left, and the audience screamed as if the night was over yet it was only just the beginning.

The first 'king' took to the stage after



HOW COMEDY SHOULD BE: A section of the audience laughing their lungs out during the 'Three Kings of Funny' show held at the Happy Valley Hotel on Friday. (Pics: Lusito Tsela)



SPLENDID: Mdura at his best during his performance.

the poets had already set the mood for him and made sure not to disappoint. Dr Shakes is his name and obviously he proved what he could do to his 'patients' what other doctors failed to do in less than 30 minutes. He kept the audience in stitches as they laughed till he got off the stage, proving true to the 'laughter is the best medicine' phrase.



They do not call him a king for nothing, indeed he is a king in his own right and always marks his territory, that is none other Mdura who took over 40 minutes on stage and the audience enjoyed every second of it.

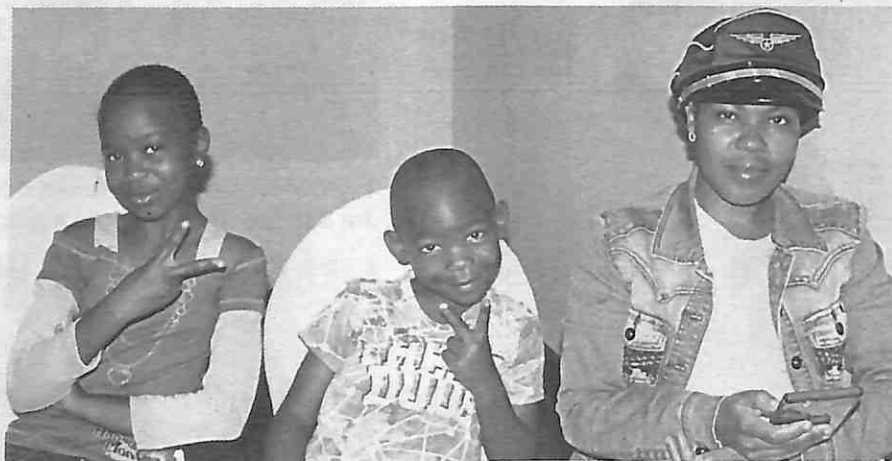
Mdura shared hilarious jokes about his family, particularly his father, who he recalled was a mechanic and every



ENJOYING: Swazi TV presenter Siphesihle Nkwanyane having a great time.

time he misbehaved he told him 'ngtokukhenikha mfana wam' and because he had seen his father fixing cars which were driven into the yard and after he had fix them, they would be towed, which he did not want to experience.

Before the last 'king' took over the stage, upcoming vocalist Judah Silitshena was given the opportunity to serenade the audience with his great music.



CAME TO HAVE FUN: Fufu, Siwakhile and Bold Dlamini also attended the show.

SMALLZ DISAPPOINTS, CHICKENS OUT

THE last 'king' on stage was Smallz who disappointed comedy fanatics when he rendered a less than 20 minutes set and then stormed out.

The LOL Comedy Competition winner rendered two jokes and just when the audience was still taken by his performance, he chickened out like he had quickly mounted the stage.

Talking to him after his unexpected departure from the stage, the comedian said he was very sorry he had to cut his performance abruptly because he was rushing to South Africa for the International Delphic

competitions and time was against him as the border gate was about to close.

However, it could not be ascertained why the pint-sized comedian did not stick to the programme of the night as he was supposed to be the first comedian on stage, considering that he had a journey to South Africa.

Smallz arrived at the venue just on time after Mdura's performance, of which he knew he would be the last act on stage.

The 'Three kings of Funny' organiser Elfoe expressed his gratitude to the Happy Valley Hotel and the audience who made the day possible.



ALSO PRESENT: Sebe and Semza attended.



COSY: Mxolisi and Nomsa Shongwe enjoying themselves.

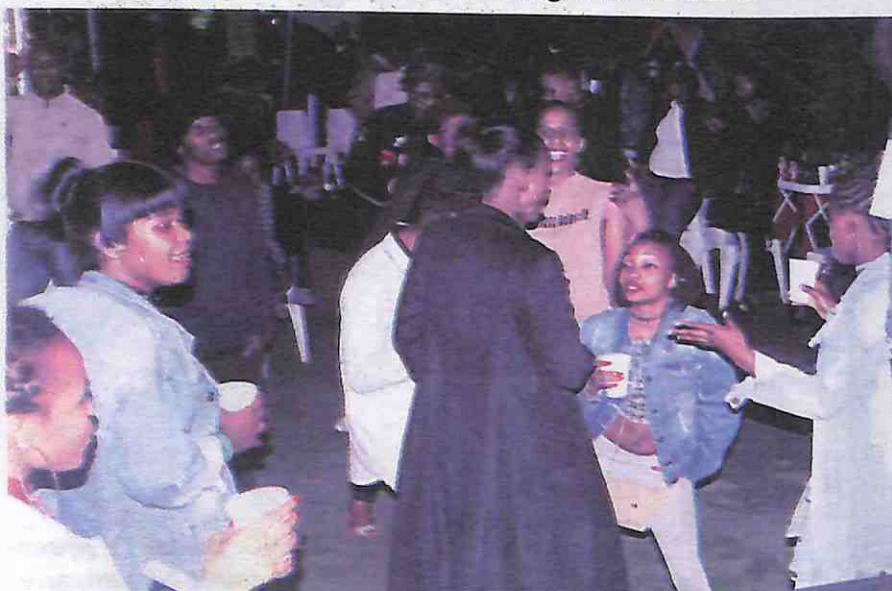
'GCWALISA MOGAMBO' SHOW



ON THE RISE: Vocalist Judah performing with his band.



LADIES: In the VIP section Sazi, Lisa and Nomfanelo were captured chilling.



DANCING IT UP: Revellers enjoying the music.



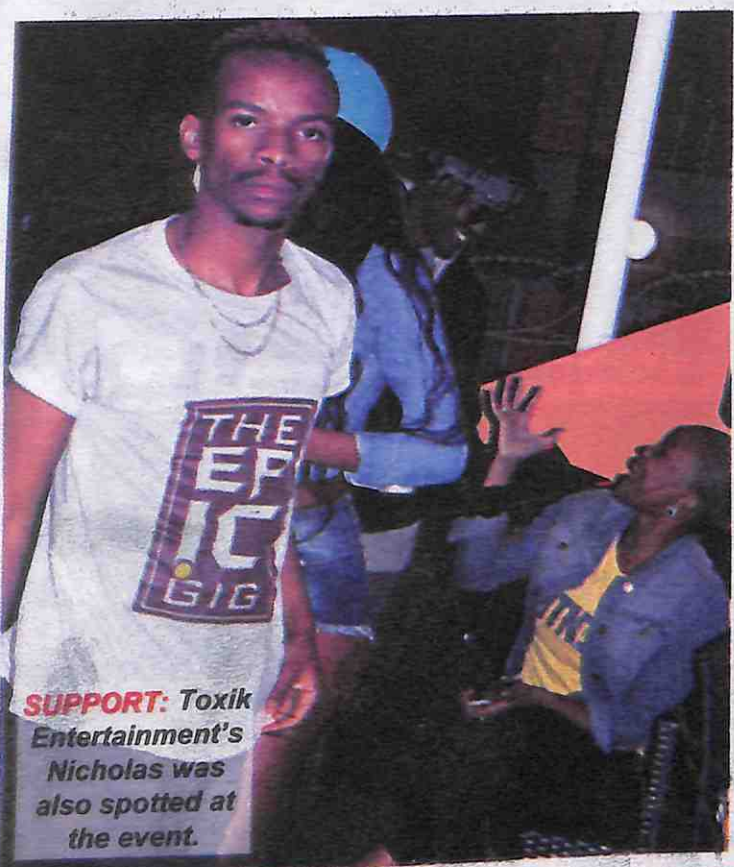
KOOL: DJ Njebza from Kool Swazi Entertainment belting good music on the decks.



DZEBERETSE: Rapper Illa Pen boy rendering his set during the 'Gcwalisa Mogambo' show on Saturday at Esibayeni Lodge. (Pics: Lusito Tsela)



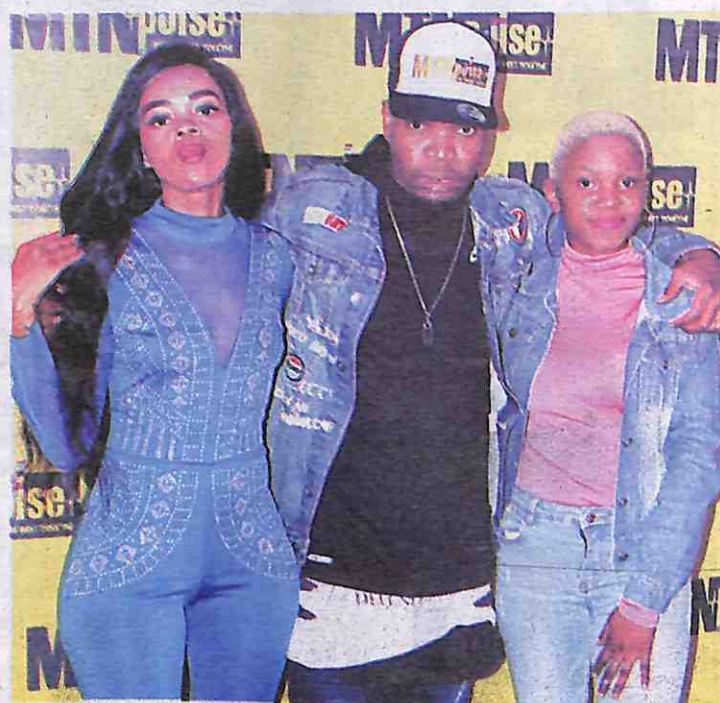
GOOD TUNES: DJ Wicked doing what he does best as he set the mood for the night.



SUPPORT: Toxik Entertainment's Nicholas was also spotted at the event.



TWERK MASTER: Sanah and Illa Penboy strike another pose in front of the MTN Pulse banners.



WITH THE LADIES: Host Sanah with the organiser Illa Penboy and the show's PRO Balindile Thwala.



BIG BOOTY: Local rapper NQ during her set.



ON THE RHYMES: Rapper Trippy King 20 also performed.



BROKE SUPERSTAR: Rapper Kangaroo rendering songs from his new album 'Broke Superstar'.



WHEN AGE IS JUST A NUMBERR: Ciya proved a phenomenal talent during her delivery.



ON THE DECKS: Twins of a Kind going through their paces.

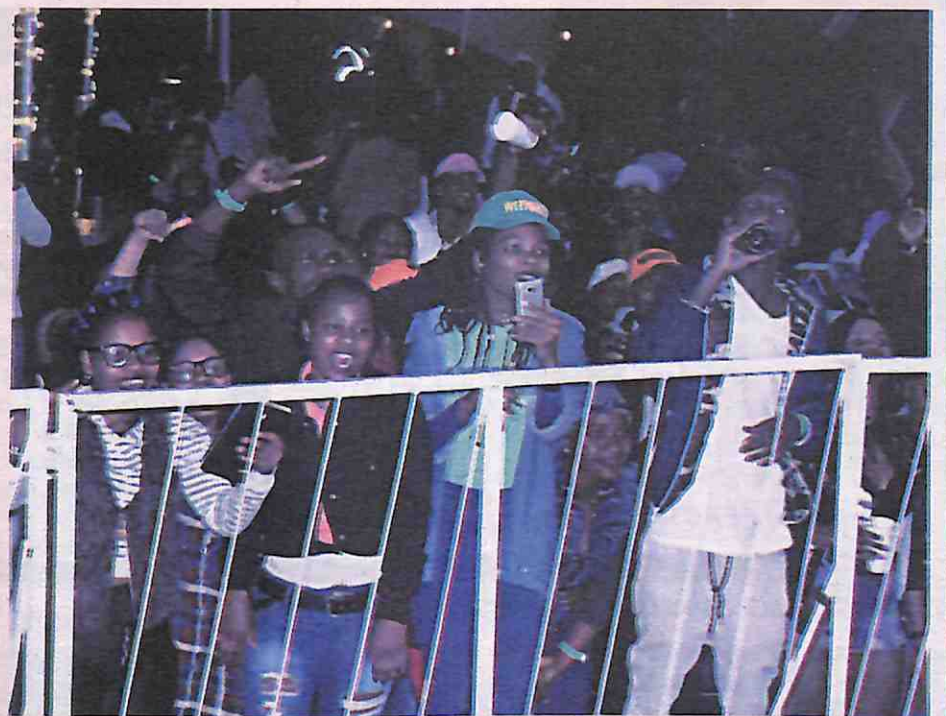


ALL SET: Swazi MTN's Lungelo Sambo assuring Illa that all was in place for the show.



CLUED UP: The Homeboys warmed up the venue with their rendition.

SCENES FROM THE DANCE FLOOR



International
Celebrity News

OJ Simpson released on parole

NEVADA - The former American football star and actor OJ Simpson has been released on parole after nine years in a Nevada jail.

He had been serving time for armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon and 10 other charges over a 2007 confrontation at a Las Vegas hotel.

Simpson was approved for early parole release at a board hearing in July.

In 1995 he was acquitted of the murder of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goodman.

In a Facebook post, Nevada Department of Corrections released an image and video of Simpson



Out: OJ Simpson.

signing documents and leaving Lovelock Correctional Centre early on Sunday.

They confirmed the 70-year-old had been released from the facility at 00:08 (07:08 GMT). *TMZ*

Marilyn Manson, 48 crushed by two giant pistol stage props

LOS ANGELES - Marilyn Manson has been crushed by a falling prop at his New York City concert.

The 48-year-old rock star was in the middle of singing Sweet Dreams when the props, described by witnesses as giant pistols, fell. He had just begun climbing on to them in the middle of his performance when they began to give way and 'toppled' on top of him, witnesses said. Several people rushed on to the stage but it took a number of minutes before Manson was stretchered off stage. The accident comes just a week after Manson said controversially that the Columbine shooting 'ruined' his career. *DailyMail*



CRUSHED: Marilyn Manson.

Kris Jenner Got Herself new bae

LOS ANGELES - There's some tea circulating online, about Kris Jenner's new man.

Here's what is being reported by the blog Industry On Blast:

Kris Jenner has been pretty quiet lately and we know why!!! She has reportedly been getting cozy with her Nigerian billionaire fiance! Kris dropped #CoreyGamble last year & made him sign an agreement to keep it hush! Notice his last post with Kris was ONE YEAR AGO on 9/27/16. Who is Kris' new man??? His name is #ChristopherCunningham and he's the heir of his father, who



NEW LOVE: Kris Jenner.

is an oil tycoon. Kris is reportedly selling the Calabasas mansion that KUWTK is filmed in and downsizing with Chris to a Manhattan Beach, California beach home. *MTO*

Hugh Hefner's wife will inherit nothing

LOS ANGELES - As the entertainment world reels from the sudden death of Hugh Hefner, attention has shifted to his widow, Crystal.

The former playmate - who, at (31), is 60 years his junior - wed the Playboy founder in December 2012.

But because of an ironclad prenuptial agreement and the fact that Hugh never added her to his will, the blonde bombshell will inherit nothing from his multi-million dollar fortune.

Hugh, who was affectionately referred to as Hef, reportedly died of natural causes last Wednesday



NO INHERITANCE: The late Hugh Hefner with wife Crystal.

night.

According to CNBC, the controversial businessman died in his home in Holmby Hills, Los Angeles, surrounded by loved ones. *DailyRecord*

SA Celebrity News

Social media reacts to #BeingBonang finale

JOHANNESBURG - After 14 episodes media personality Bonang Matheba's reality show Being Bonang ended on Friday.

The show which gave us a glimpse of the star's life will not have a second season as Bonang confirmed on Twitter.

"No Season Two... But, a big THANK YOU to everyone's who's loved and watched my show... Means the world to me," Bonang tweeted.

Drum



MIXED REACTIONS: Bonang Matheba.

Mampintsha slams claims he's overshadowing Babes' career

JOHANNESBURG - Big Nuz muso Mampintsha has slammed suggestions that he is overshadowing Babes Wodumo's career and taking much of her spotlight, telling TshisaLIVE that he has "no time for nonsense" said about him.

After helping to launch Babes' career, Mampintsha has sometimes been accused by fans of dominating the Wololo hitmaker's songs in an attempt to steal the limelight.

Mampintsha told TshisaLIVE that nothing could be further from the truth. "I don't have time, no time for nonsense."



SLAMS: Mampintsha

Timeslive

Zodwa Wabantu 'refuses' to take photo with Skolopad



RIVALS: Zodwa Wabantu and Skolopad.

CAPE TOWN - Controversial entertainer Zodwa Wabantu refused to take a photo with "rival" Skolopad at the Feather Awards nomination party last Thursday.

Local celebrities met at Constitutional Hill in Johannesburg for the announcement of the Feather Awards nominees. Artists Skolopad (real name Nonhlanhla Qwabe) and Zodwa

Wabantu were both nominated in the categories Socialite of the Year and Drama Queen of the Year, and both lived up to their titles. ALSO READ: Skolopad attends Feather Awards party in skimpy dress According to reports, when a photographer approached the controversial stars for a photo, Zodwa refused saying that it would not be good for her brand. *CityPress*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Thandeka receives tragic news. Ntandane gets caught in a messy situation. The Ngwenya plot comes together and Iris finds herself in hot water.



TRAGIC NEWS: Thandeka.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Barker roams the mine underground and the miners think they are seeing a ghost. When Majola won't say where her money is, Nina points a gun at him - ready to take him out. Kgothalo finally takes off the wedding ring.



AT GUN POINT: Majola.

Muvhango

TODAY



IN FOR A SURPRISE: KK

Livhuwani confronts Gugu. Matshidiso has a surprise for KK. Sthe bumps into an old friend.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



READY: Puleng.

Puleng is ready to exclude Suffo from her life. Mampho is sure she's lost Sifiso for good. Mawewe finds a surprising ally in his plan to free Bongi.

SATMAs turn political as peaceful protesters take to the stage

NORTH WEST - The South African Traditional Music Achievers Awards (SATMA) event held in the North West province on Saturday took a political turn when a group of young people peacefully walked onto the stage while the programme was under way.

A group of five young people with placards that read "#FeesMustFall" and "Pay Back the Money" peacefully joined a choir that had opened the SATMAs with the national anthem at the Mmabatho Convention Centre in Mahikeng.

The choir was singing a second song when they were joined on stage by the uninvited members, displaying the placards, some of which also



read "No to Child and Women Abuse" and "Stop Rape".

The whole drama unfolded while Public Service and Administration Minister Faith Muthambi was seated in the front row.

Sowetan

PICTURE OF THE DAY

When you buy new shoes
But no one looks at it



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

It probably wouldn't be too hard for you to get hot under the collar about the actions of someone born under either Cancer or Sagittarius. It might seem to you that they're taking the wrong path entirely. With Mercury now retrograde however, misunderstandings are possible. It may be that righteous indignation is inappropriate.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

You may feel the need to pose question to those who've set themselves up as experts. In this role that you could be both challenging and demanding. This could work well if you're trying to secure a deal.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

An 'all hands to the deck' feel to the day could be driven by a close colleague who is now aware that your decisions will impact greatly on their future. At a key meeting, not only could you get your point across, but you could leave with more ammunition than you've had for some time.



Aries March 21 – April 19

You could be magnificent today. Not only could you bring together a team, you could use your physical strength to shift objects that have been in the way for some time. Your efficiency rating could soar too. All that said, you could become exasperated and irritated with someone who's acting in a precious manner.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

There are times when you can be a financial force to be reckoned with. Today is one. It may be that you need to take action to protect savings. At a slightly different level investing in jewellery or even a piece of furniture could require particular attention.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

Style and fashion could matter more than usual. A shopping trip could be out of the ordinary as a result. You may be aware that you're making a purchase that will have implications in the weeks to come. Though it's unlikely that you will be involved in power dressing, you might still wish to give the impression that you know exactly where you're going.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

An Aries friend or colleague might need your assistance. It may be that they need you to act as intermediary, - probably because your technical skills are greater than theirs. Order and efficiency could matter more than usual too.



Leo July 23 – August 22

You could attract the limelight. However, this could leave you feeling most exposed. It's as likely that you'll be happy to let someone see that you do have a vulnerable side. This could actually be your secret weapon.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

Once again, your efficiency streak could be showing. Friends born under the Fire signs of Aries, Leo or Sagittarius might need your help particularly. Lively debate could be linked to a property issue. Again, the ownership of an item could come up for discussion. You might also have contact with a builder or designer who suggests a major alteration.



Libra September 23 – October 23

It's probable that you're being pulled toward the limelight. You may sense that someone is waiting for you to make a decision. However, taking action now might be too hasty. It may be that in your desire to maintain harmony (and please others), that you are losing sight of the bigger picture. A constructive meeting with someone born under one of the Fire signs of Aries, Leo or Sagittarius could reassure you however.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

More lively debate on financial and ethical matters seems likely. You may have been alerted to changes which you've sensed for some time but which haven't been openly discussed. What you glean today could confirm that your hunches were correct. Even so, now might not be the moment to confront someone. It's possible that their ideas are still in a state of flux.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

It might suit you to get involved in a lively discussion. Your particular expertise could be on the line. The value of something you own could be discussed also. You might also be involved in some kind of financial settlement. Making arrangements for travel is a further possibility.



BABY BLUES

I'M SORRY HAMMIE WASN'T INTERESTED IN THE MODEL AIRPLANE.

IT'S OKAY.

WHY WOULD ANY KID WANT TO LEARN THE ART OF FINE CRAFTSMANSHIP WHEN HE COULD BE SPENDING HIS YOUTH BLOWING UP SPACE ZOMBIES WITH VIDEO GAME BULLETS.

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BUCKLES



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



WORDS & MUSIC

PUZZLE CHOICE

Can you find the hidden words? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.



ALTO, ANTHEM, ARIA, BALLAD, BAND, BARI-TONE, BASS, BLUES, CHOIR, CHORISTER, CLASSICAL, COMBO, CONTRALTO, COUNTRY MUSIC, DUET, ETUDE, FOLK SONG, GOSPEL MUSIC, GROUP, OPERA, HIP HOP,

HYMN, JAZZ, KARAOKE, LULLABY, MADRIGAL, MUSICAL, NEW WAVE, POP SONG, PSALM, RAPPER, REFRAIN, RHAPSODY, ROCK, SERENADE, SONATA, SOPRANO, SWING, SYMPHONY, TENOR.

I didn't do that



After recess the first grade teacher announced "I am going to go around the room and ask you what you did during recess, if you can write what you did on the board you'll get a lollipop." The first girl asked was Jessica "Jessica what did you do during recess?" "I played in the sand box." "OK" the teacher said "let me see you write the word 'box' on the board." She did and got a lollipop. Next was Tom "I played with Jessica

in the sand box." "OK, let me see you write the word 'sand' on the board." He did and got a lollipop. The next one was Billy Goldberg "Well", Billy said, "I tried to play in the sand box, but Jessica and Tom threw rocks at me." "What?" The Teacher said "they threw rocks at you that sounds like outright anti semitism to me. If you can write 'outright antisemitism' on the board you'll get a lollipop!" Billy responded "but I didn't do that."

USELESS FACTS

1. The potentially fatal brain mushroom is considered a delicacy in Scandinavia, Eastern Europe, and the upper Great Lakes region of North America.
2. If improperly prepared, fugu, or puffer fish, can kill you since it contains a toxin 1 200 times deadlier than

cyanide.
3. It is almost impossible to find out what all the ingredients are that Papa John's uses in its pizzas.
4. Coconut water can be used as blood plasma.
5. Milt, which is a delicacy around the world, is fish sperm.

BRAINTEASERS
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Monday's brainteasers

1. The man who made it doesn't want it. The man who bought it doesn't need it. The man who needs it doesn't know it. What am I talking about?
Answer: A coffin
2. This word I know? Six letters it contains. Take away the last and only twelve remains. What is the word?
Answer: "Dozens"

Today's brainteasers

1. Yellow I look and massive I weigh. In the morning I come to brighten your day. What am I?
2. I am the beginning of the end, and the end of time and space. I am essential to creation, and I surround every place. Who am I?



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HIGHLIGHTS



Is'thunzi

Tonight 20:30 Mzansi Magic (161)

The most unlikely girl squad is back to champion girl power on the small screen! Is'thunzi returns for a second season, with the audacious Winnie leading her motley crew of 'ninjas' - Londi, Thish and Nox - as they navigate more of life's obstacles.



**Dr Christian will see you now
Tomorrow 20:55 | TLC
Entertainment (135)**

'S1/E2 - 1/2'. In his state-of-the-art clinic Dr Christian and his team of medical professionals will provide a unique and bespoke service, tailored to the needs of his wide range of patients.



**A taste of SA with Matt
Tebbutt
Tomorrow 20:00 | Discovery
Channel (121)**

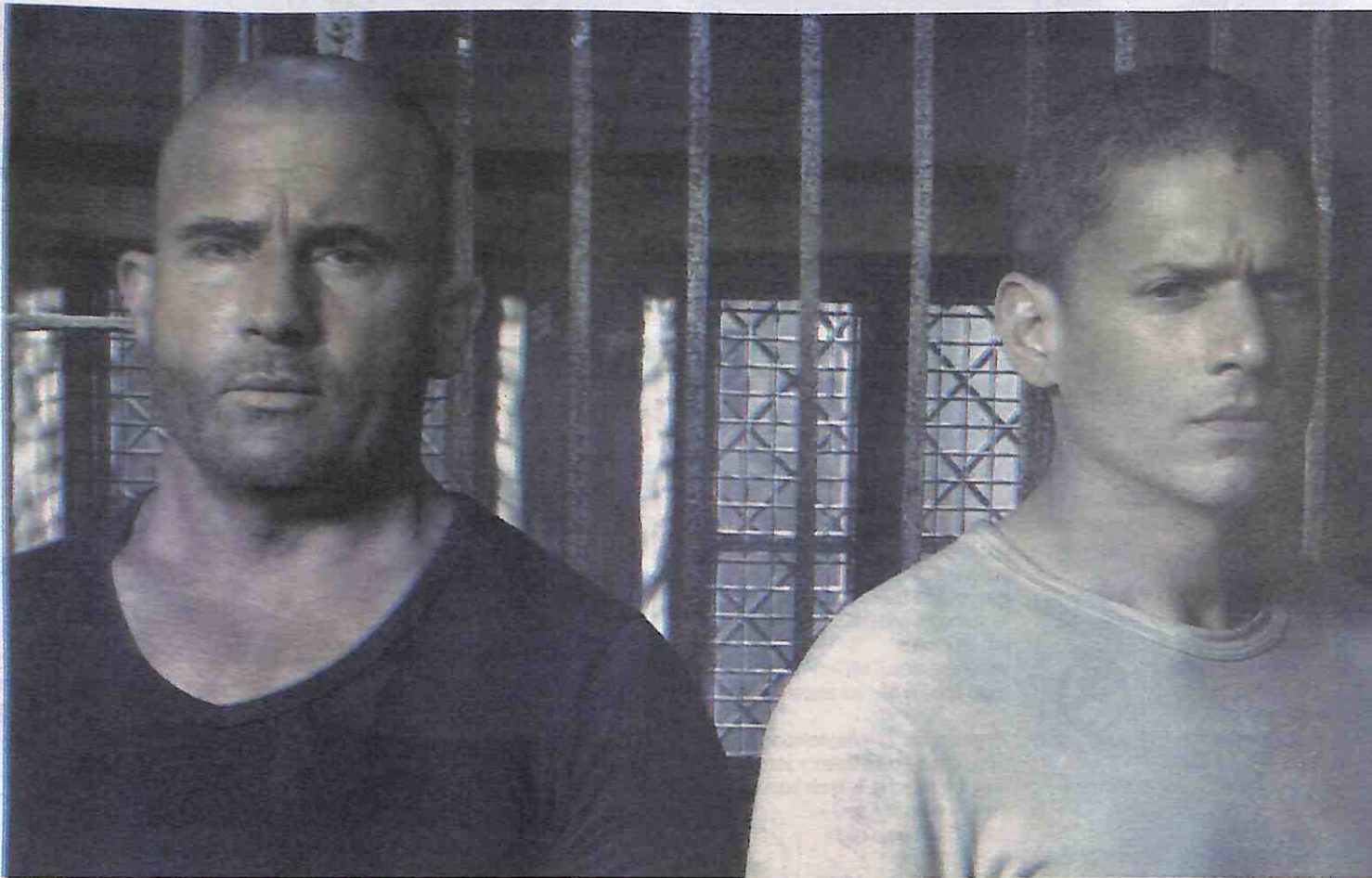
UK celebrity chef Matt Tebbutt takes a thrilling culinary journey through South Africa in this engaging documentary series. Matt travels on dusty roads and over green hills to meet chefs, cooks and farmers and create exciting meals from local ingredients. He discovers South Africa's regional specialties, heritage recipes and contemporary dining culture in equal measure. With a broad range of foods and techniques on offer, Matt experiences various ancient gourmet culinary origins, township food tastes, spice-laden street food and amazing rural feasts.

Fortitude

Thursday 20:02 | BBC First (119)

'S2/E1'. As the remote arctic town struggles with government cuts, a missing sheriff, and a strange new figure, a chilling discovery proves that the horror isn't over for our locals.

IT'S MEGA SERIES THIS OCTOBER



OCTOBER looks set to be an extra-ordinary month of series entertainment with the return of some of the most spectacular shows and premiere of new ones on DStv.

Kicking off the thrill session is Prison Break, on M-Net tonight at 19:00, which returns for a special fifth season after a seven-year break.

The multi-award nominated series picks up seven years after the apparent death of Michael Scofield (Wentworth Miller) his brother Lincoln Burrows (Dominic Purcell)

gets a call that Michael may still be alive. Today at 21:00 on Vuzu AMP, controversial and daredevil lawyer Annelise Keating (Viola Davis) makes a return to the screen for another drama-filled fourth season of 'How to Get Away with Murder'.

Still in tow are Connor, Michaela, Asher and Laurel, her four law students who weather every legal (and sometimes criminal) storm with her.

Hot on the heels is 'The Fixer' premiering its seventh and final season next Monday at 20:00. The sea-

son will focus on Olivia Pope and her new position as Chief of Staff for President Mellie Grant and the Command of B613.

It also depicts Quinn Perkins as the boss of her crisis management firm Quinn Perkins & Associates, as well as staff at the White House in Washington, DC., in their efforts to deal with and contain political scandals. Also tonight, BET is presenting a ground-breaking anthology series called 'Tales', whose plotlines are inspired by hip hop hits from N.W.A's *** tha Police

to Meek Mill's Cold Hearted and the Notorious BIG anthem 'I Got a Story to Tell'. At turns provocative and poignant, the series has set Black Twitter alight and attracted praise and criticism in equal measure. Tales will air on Mondays at 21:30 on BET.

On 17 October, DStv customers can look forward to the irreverent BAFTA award-winning chat show host from the Emerald Isle with a fresh season of 'The Graham Norton Show', to air every Tuesday at 20:00 on BBC Brit.

Local reality series on Mzansi

M-NET's local entertainment channel, Mzansi Magic brings back all new seasons of its hit shows to level the play field in October.

Heart-breaking truths will be revealed on Tuesday, 10 October at 20:00 on 'Utatakho Season 5' when Nimrod Nkosi takes the journey less travelled in a quest to help those on their path to find their biological fathers and dealing with the joy and pain that comes with learning their genetic background using DNA testing. More heart wrenching, gripping and dramatic endings will unravel as they come to learn truth about their parentage. Joining the team to offer psychological counselling and life coaching is Tshepiso Matentjie, who will guide families to deal with the revelation the best way they know how.

In the spirit of lightness and being the ears on the ground for viewers, 'All Access Mzansi Season 4' returns with the front row pass to all hot and trendy events on the same evening at 21:30. Tune in to find out which presenters hold the keys to the world of entertainment.

Come Wednesday, 11 October at 20:00, 'Papa Penny Ahee Season 2' will hit the small screens. If you think you have seen it all, prepare to walk a mile in his shoes as he shares the reality of being a Disco King. From creating a palace and trying to connect with long-lost family, to his wife claiming her independence and trying to lead a healthier lifestyle. We don't know what he'll say or do next - there is never a dull moment. Ahee! Make a date with Papa Penny and you might just be in on the secret.



In the wake of Thursday, 12 October at 20:00 Mzansi's favourite family, The Ranakas will gather around for a feast of drama when season 2 makes its debut with massive preparations underway for a wedding. Sibling rivalry reaches boiling point between the three sisters. Mama Siba sees a gap to pursuing her passion for cooking.

Dig in on season two of the popular cooking reality series, 'Let's Eat With Siphokazi' returning on Friday, 13 October at 19:30. The hit among culinary fans promises a fresh tantalising menu as this season's guests visit Siphokazi at a location of her choice. We also get a glimpse of her famous guests' homes to give viewers a taste of the celebrity life.

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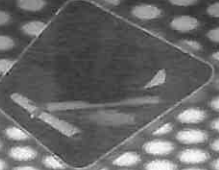
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BELLEW VOWS TO END HAYE'S BOXING CAREER

LONDON - Tony Bellew has vowed to end the boxing career of former WBA world champion David Haye in their December rematch in London.

The pair will meet on December 17 at the O2 Arena, the same venue where Bellew beat Haye in March.

"I'll be victorious and end Haye's career. Another loss to me closes the curtain on the Hayemaker," former WBC cruiserweight world champion Bellew said after the date was confirmed.

...when they fight in December 17 rematch at O2 Arena

Haye, 36, was fined £25 000 pounds for his conduct in the build-up to the previous fight, with intense news conferences and heated trash-talk between the big men.

Bellew stopped Haye, who had suffered an Achilles tendon injury, in the 11th round of their first fight.

"Bellew somehow won the lottery in our first fight, but believe me, he won't win the lottery twice," declared Haye. *Daily mail*



BLOW: The pair will meet on December 17 at the O2 Arena, where Bellew beat Haye in March.



It was a good night - Chad le Clos

HONG KONG - South African swimmer Chad le Clos claimed two silvers and a gold at the Hong Kong leg of the FINA/airweave Swimming World Cup on Saturday.

Le Clos was beaten by Russia's Vladimir Morozov in the 100m freestyle.

Morozov won a duel with Le Clos (46.10 seconds) in the 100m free, touching home in 45.91, before adding the 100m individual medley - but only after a tussle with home-crowd favourite Kenneth To. Le Clos (1:50.28) was surprised in the 200m fly by Tom Shields (USA), who ended the first cluster fourth. The American clocked 1:49.62, only dropping off the world-record pace set by Le Clos in 2013 in the final 50m.

The South African made it third time lucky on the night with a 22.52 swim ahead of Shields, home in 22.99, in the 50m fly, extending his remarkable run in

the event.

"It was a good night. The 200m fly was the one I was most upset about, I was a little bit slow. The 100m free, I can't complain.

"I'd like to have gone with Vlad, but it was a good time for me, so I'm very happy with that, and it was always going to be tough after two races so I just wanted to get the win - that's four years undefeated now in the 50m fly short course. The last time I lost was Doha 2013," said Le Clos.

This week, FINA announced an increase in prize money to \$600 000 for the top three men and women at the end of the series in November, with half of that going to the two winners.

Previously, only the winners were going to be rewarded.

Prize money will also be extended to the top eight men and women at the remaining clusters, instead of six earlier.

African News Agency

SAFA delegation off to Spain as part of exchange programme

JOHANNESBURG - SAFA President, Danny Jordaan is leading a delegation to Spain for a week-long visit as part of the SAFA and La Liga collaboration in a number of areas of the sport.

This high-level delegation consisting of all provincial NEC representatives will visit some of the top football academies in Spain and will exchange notes on the commercial facets and various other aspects of the game, including the expansion of women football.

The provincial representatives accompanying the SAFA president are Gerald Don (Western Cape), Abel Rakoma (Limpopo), Mzwandile Maforvane (Free State), William Mooka (Gauteng), David Bantu (Northern Cape), Mzimkhulu Fina (Eastern Cape), Gay Mokoena (Mpumalanga)



LEADER: SAFA President, Danny Jordaan is leading a delegation to Spain for a week-long visit as part of the SAFA and La Liga collaboration.

and Simphiwe Xaba (KZN). La Liga's Africa Office Director, Antonio Barradas is also accompanying the group to Spain.

Earlier this year, SAFA and La Liga signed a

Memorandum of Understanding to encourage collaboration between the two associations and boost the sport in South Africa. The MoU was signed by Dr Jordaan and La Liga President,

Javier Tebas.

In addition to sending officials on exchange programmes, the MoU provides an opportunity for SAFA to send a few promising young South African players to Spain to showcase their skills and train with top La Liga clubs. La Liga will also bring certified coaches to train local coaches as part of SAFA's drive towards achieving its Vision 2022 goals. The coaching will focus on schools, rural areas, women and grassroots football.

Last month, La Liga released 2000 soccer balls to SAFA. These balls will primarily be used to assist schools and women set-ups in rural areas of the country. Jordaan said that this week's visit to Spain was part of strengthening Vision 2022 because the focus was primarily on development aspects of the game.

African News Agency

We were the better team - Coetzee

JOHANNESBURG - Springbok coach, Allister Coetzee, believed his troops were the better team in their 27-27 draw against the Wallabies in their Rugby Championship match in Bloemfontein on Saturday.

"We do create opportunities; players must never be scared to take chances. We feel that we were the better team out there tonight," said Coetzee.

The Springboks missed a last minute penalty from long range to win the match, which was a good summary of his team's performance, said Coetzee - close but not quite enough.

"We created opportunities and that was the pleasing thing," said Coetzee.

"The fact that we did not convert all of those, was not. This was a fantastic test match, with the physicality right up there and the skill set on display was very good and we were part of that. There were foundations laid and lessons learned tonight that will take

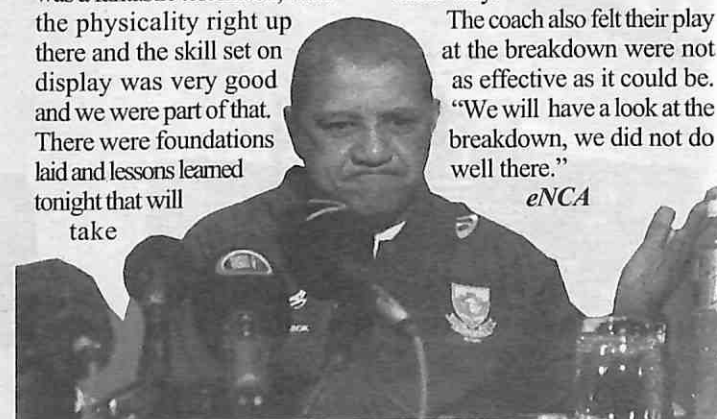
this team forward." The coach was impressed by the variety in play from his backline. "The physicality of our backs was good.

When we needed to go through them, we did and when we needed to go 'round them, we could. We played against an experienced and world class backline and shaped up well. We expected the brilliant playing conditions and wanted to play the ball wide at times, this worked well for us. We managed some good, wide passes."

Coetzee admitted that some of the areas did not go well. "We pride ourselves on our set-piece and a number of penalties went against us in the scrums. I will have to look at those scrum calls again, at times I felt the calls could have gone for us, but it went the other way."

The coach also felt their play at the breakdown were not as effective as it could be. "We will have a look at the breakdown, we did not do well there."

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IMPRESSED: Springbok coach, Allister Coetzee was impressed by the variety in play from his backline in their 27-27 draw against the Wallabies in Bloemfontein.

29 hurt in French stadium barrier collapse

FRANCE - Twenty-nine fans were hurt, four of them seriously, when a barrier collapsed on Saturday at a stadium in the northern French city of Amiens when away supporters celebrated a goal.

A fence separating Lille fans from the pitch gave way as they surged forward to celebrate a goal against Amiens, a regional rival which has just been promoted to the top flight in French football.

Several tumbled about one and a half metres (five feet) and were crushed by fellow fans who fell on top of them.

Referee Thomas Leonard suspended the match in the 16th minute as Red Cross and emergency workers rushed to help the injured, but the fixture was later abandoned.

The prefecture of the Somme department, or county, gave a provisional toll of 29 hurt, four of them seriously.

The incident happened when Lille's Fode Ballo-Toure ran towards the section of visiting fans after scoring the opening goal, prompting a surge that caused the barrier to give way.

Built in 1999, the Stade de la Licorne ('Stadium of the Unicorn') is the smallest of the 20 French Ligue 1 clubs, with a capacity of only 12 000. Renovation work is taking place throughout the 2017-18 season, as newly-promoted Amiens bring the ground up to a higher standard. The venue boasts an eye-catching, futuristic design with a transparent roof, which is being renovated. *AFP*

Personal tragedy sees All Blacks lock Retallick miss Newlands Test

BUENOS AIRES - All Blacks lock Brodie Retallick will miss the final Rugby Championship clash against South Africa next week after his wife Niki suffered a pregnancy loss, the team said yesterday.

Retallick was one of six players who did not travel to Buenos Aires for the clash with Argentina, which they won 36-10, and were scheduled to go directly to South Africa.

The other players - Sam Cane, Sam Whitelock, Liam Squire, Lima Sopoaga and Ryan Crotty - had all arrived in South Africa, while Retallick remained in New Zealand.

"Brodie and his wife Niki have lost their baby boy prematurely, which is incredibly sad news," coach Steve Hansen said in a statement on the team's Facebook page.

"As a result, Brodie will stay home with Niki and rejoin the team when the time is right.

"We're really feeling for them at this sad time and our thoughts are with them and their families."

Hansen added that Vaea Fifita, Ngani Laumape, Waisake Naholo, Luke Romano and Ardie Savea would return home from Argentina.

The All Blacks had already wrapped up the Rugby Championship before their win over the Pumas after South Africa and Australia drew 27-27 earlier in Bloemfontein.

The world champions have 24 points with one round of matches remaining, ahead of the Springboks on 13 and Wallabies on 10.

The Pumas have no points after five games.

Reuters

VERSTAPPEN VICTORY SHOCKS HAMILTON

- Max Verstappen put in an incredible performance to surge ahead of Lewis Hamilton and win the Malaysian GP
- Verstappen shocked Hamilton by making a blistering start and immediately attacking his pole position
- The Dutchman was able to hold on to his lead throughout the duration of a frenetic 56 laps in Sepang
- Things went from bad to worse for Ferrari, who lost Kimi Raikkonen before the race due to technical issues
- Sebastian Vettel worked tirelessly to claw back some ground following his disaster in qualifying on Saturday
- The German was locked in a battle with Daniel Ricciardo to in hope of desperately securing a podium finish
- Vettel finished the race with his car in a mess following a late collision with Lance Stroll

MALAYSIA - Max Verstappen won the Malaysian Grand Prix on the weekend of his 20th birthday - a victory that was set up by passing Lewis Hamilton, who still extended his championship lead.

In hot and humid conditions, Hamilton finished second with his title rival Sebastian Vettel driving from the back of the grid to a remarkable fourth-place finish. Daniel Ricciardo, of Red Bull, was third.

Vettel's damage limitation exercise was impressive but he now trails Hamilton by 34 points with five more races remaining, the next in Japan on Sunday.

But while the championship leaders played out their private battle on different parts of the track, Verstappen was adding lustre to his burgeoning name with a fine performance, his second career victory, by 13 seconds. His first in Spain last year had elements of fortune to it, but he was solidly impressive here in a very strong Red Bull.

He passed Hamilton at the start of the fourth lap at the first corner, darting through the inside with the help of the DRS boost device. Cue frantic applauding in the Red Bull garage and Verstappen's excited radio transmission: "That's how you do it."

He had been helped by Hamilton's battery losing some of its power, but it was a good pass nonetheless.

Verstappen now put his foot down, opening up a 1sec lead in a trice. That was soon up to 8sec. He was not threatened again, ending a run of problems that added up to seven retirements this season. His last and only podium of the year came many moons ago in China.

Hamilton looked strong in second, though he had thoughts as much as one man behind him as the one in front:



WHAT VICTORY TASTES LIKE: A victorious Verstappen (R) drinks from his champagne bottle as third-place Daniel Ricciardo celebrates with the Dutchman.

Vettel. 'He's 22sec behind but he might be a threat at the end of the race,' Hamilton was told, prophetically.

Indeed, Vettel carved through the field in his excellent Ferrari and was up to 10th and a point scoring place in nine laps. He thrust right into the mix by passing Sergio Perez's Force India and getting on the back of Mercedes' Finn Valtteri Bottas, running fourth. Vettel passed him in the pits. So now he was behind the top three - all of whose cars were fast enough to prevent him getting on to the podium, though he had a brief moment when it seemed possible he would get past Ricciardo. Vettel was hit by Lance Stroll's Williams after he finished. "Is that possible?" said Vettel. "Stroll just drove into me. I mean, seri-

ously." Vettel had to cadge a lift back to the pits on the side of Pascal Wehrlein's Sauber. A strange day for Vettel.

It was a bad day for Ferrari generally (Vettel's speed and performance, apart), with Kimi Raikkonen withdrawn from the grid with an engine problem. The constructors' championship is over bar the mathematics. The mood at Maranello must be shaky, given that Vettel's engine problem that demolished his qualifying afternoon sentenced him to the back of the grid.

"I don't know what it is yet exactly - I don't think anyone does," said Raikkonen. "It's impossible to say if I could have won but I'm pretty certain I would have had a very, very good car today."

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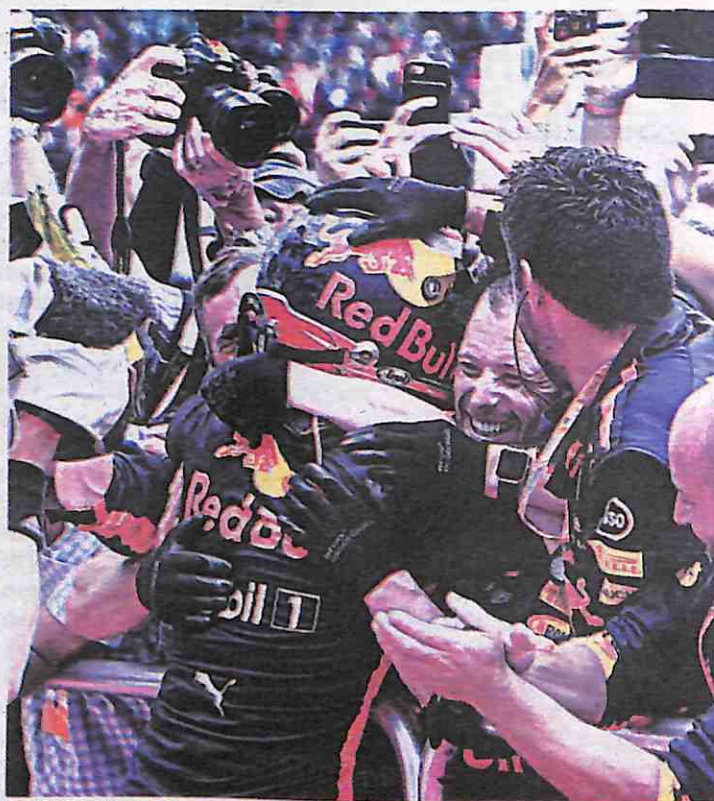
RESULTS FROM THE 2017 MALAYSIAN GRAND PRIX:

1. Max Verstappen (NED/Red Bull) 310km in 1hr 30:01.290 (average speed: 207 km/h)
2. Lewis Hamilton (GBR/Mercedes-AMG) at 12.770
3. Daniel Ricciardo (AUS/Red Bull) at 22.519
4. Sebastian Vettel (GER/Ferrari) at 37.362
5. Valtteri Bottas (FIN/Mercedes-AMG) at 56.021
6. Sergio Perez (MEX/Force India) at 1:18.630
7. Stoffel Vandoorne (BEL/McLaren-Honda) at 1 lap
8. Lance Stroll (CAN/Williams) at 1 lap
9. Felipe Massa (BRA/Williams) at 1 lap
10. Esteban Ocon (FRA/Force India) at 1 lap
11. Fernando Alonso (ESP/McLaren-Honda) at 1 lap
12. Kevin Magnussen (DEN/Haas) at 1 lap
13. Romain Grosjean (FRA/Haas) at 1 lap
14. Pierre Gasly (FRA/Toro Rosso) at 1 lap
15. Jolyon Palmer (GBR/Renault) at 1 lap
16. Nico Hulkenberg (GER/Renault) at 1 lap
17. Pascal Wehrlein (GER/Sauber) at 1 lap
18. Marcus Ericsson (SWE/Sauber) at 2 laps

DNF: Kimi Raikkonen

FORMULA 1/ DRIVER STANDINGS

Pos	Driver	Team	Pts
1	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes GP	281
2	Sebastian Vettel	Ferrari	247
3	Valtteri Bottas	Mercedes GP	222
4	Daniel Ricciardo	Red Bull	177
5	Kimi Raikkonen	Ferrari	138
6	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	93
7	Sergio Perez	Force India	76
8	Esteban Ocon	Force India	57
9	Carlos Sainz	Scuderia Toro Rosso	48
10	Nico Hulkenberg	Renault	34
11	Felipe Massa	Williams	33
12	Lance Stroll	Williams	32
13	Romain Grosjean	Haas F1	26
14	Stoffel Vandoorne	McLaren	13
15	Kevin Magnussen	Haas F1	11
16	Fernando Alonso	McLaren	10
17	Jolyon Palmer	Renault	8
18	Pascal Wehrlein	Sauber-Ferrari	5
19	Daniil Kvyat	Scuderia Toro Rosso	4
20	Marcus Ericsson	Sauber-Ferrari	0
21	Antonio Giovinazzi	Haas F1	0
22	Pierre Gasly	Scuderia Toro Rosso	0
23	Jenson Button	McLaren	0
24	Paul di Resta	Williams	0



WINNERS: Verstappen, who celebrated his 20th birthday on Saturday, celebrating with his Red Bull team after clinching the race victory.



Sparks flew between Max Verstappen and Lewis Hamilton as the young Dutchman stole pole from the Mercedes star.



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Mourinho fears international break could halt momentum

MANCHESTER - Manchester United Manager Jose Mourinho fears that his side could struggle for momentum after a majority of his players left for international duty following their crushing 4-0 Premier League win over Crystal Palace on Saturday.

United handed Palace their seventh straight loss of the season with Marouane Fellaini's brace sandwiched between Juan Mata's opener and Romelu Lukaku's late tap in.

Mourinho, who saw his side pick up a fourth league win of the season by a 4-0 margin, suggested the international

break could upset the team's rhythm with the potential for injuries an additional concern.

"I don't welcome the break, it's bad," Mourinho, whose side were held 2-2 at Stoke City after the last break in August, told British media on Saturday.

"We had the first break and two days after the players came back we had to play another game. It's not a good situation for us but moaning doesn't help. We have to wait for them and hope there are not many problems," the Portuguese said.

United, without long-term absentees

Paul Pogba, Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Marcos Rojo, face a tricky trip to Liverpool when Premier League action resumes on October 14, with games against Huddersfield, Tottenham Hotspur and Chelsea to follow.

After picking up 19 points from seven league games, United are second in the standings below neighbours Manchester City on goal difference.

Reuters

NOT AT EASE: Jose Mourinho is concerned his team may lose momentum with the international break ahead.

KLOPP WANTS XMAS EVE ARSENAL CLASH **SCRAPPED**

LONDON - Liverpool Manager Jurgen Klopp has called on television broadcasters to ditch their reported plan to move his club's clash with Arsenal to Christmas Eve.

It has been suggested Sky chiefs are keen for Liverpool's trip to the Emirates Stadium to be put back a day and have already made both clubs aware they want them to consider the prospect.

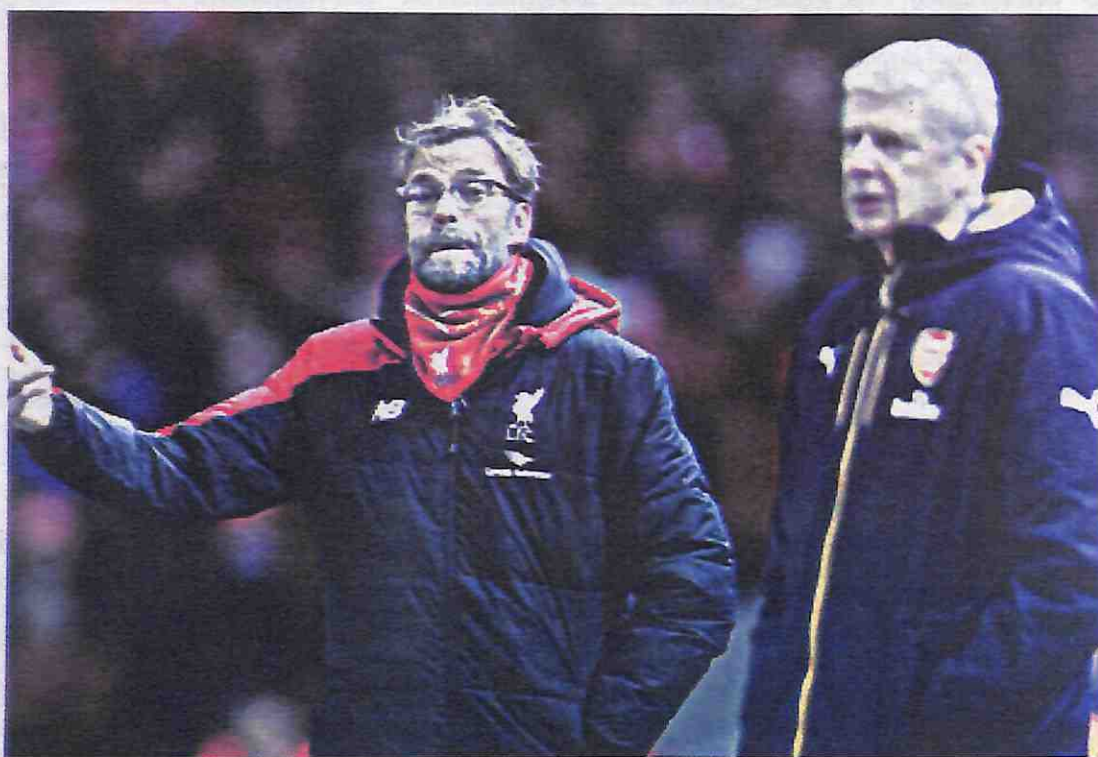
Klopp accepts the billions of pounds clubs are paid by the television company meaning they can have few complaints when issues like this arise, but he does not believe scheduling the match for the day before Christmas would make it attractive to fans.

"I really cannot imagine that anyone wants to watch football on that night," Klopp said last Friday.

"I really think it is no problem for people to be very concentrated on important nights on something other than football.

"If the supporters want to see a game on Christmas Eve then probably the television broadcaster will find a way to deliver it and obviously they've found a way already.

"I didn't know before the date it



SCRAPE IT OFF: Jurgen Klopp and Arsene Wenger have met seven times so far.

was possible but now I know it is possible.

"If we play on December 24 I am not sure we can fight against it. We are the last ones in this role who may have something to say about

the decision.

"But Sky has then to make a decision if they really want to do this, if they really want to bring supporters onto the streets that night, if they really want to bring all the

people who work for television away from home that night.

"For us it is not a normal time so if we don't play 24th we'll play the 25th or 26th. It is still Christmas for our families but not for us - we are

Aguero out for weeks

MANCHESTER - Sergio Aguero faces at least four weeks out after breaking a rib in a late-night car crash in Amsterdam.

The Manchester City striker was injured last Thursday when a taxi taking him and a friend to the airport crashed into a lamp post. The Argentine, who was on a day off, made the trip to see a concert, even though it was less than 48 hours before City face Chelsea at 5.30pm this evening at Stamford Bridge.

City Manager Pep Guardiola maintained yesterday that he had 'no problem' with the 29-year-old travelling abroad on his day off, although he admitted he was not aware of Aguero's trip.

Last night Aguero tweeted a picture of himself giving the thumbs up with the caption: "I'm home in Manchester after an exam by club doctors. It's a broken rib."

Recovery

"Hurts, but I'm fine, fully focused on recovery. Thank you all for the supportive messages."

After watching a concert by Colombian singer Maluma, Aguero and his friend were making their way to the airport at 11pm to board a private jet back to Manchester when the taxi skidded and crashed, wrecking the front of the car.

Describing what happened, Aguero tweeted: "The taxi I was riding made a wrong turn and crashed against a pole. It was a very heavy slam but seatbelts prevented it being worse."

Asked about Aguero's trip to Holland, Guardiola said: "I'm not the police. I only knew when I woke up. I don't want to know what my players do."

Daily Mail

CONTE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT STRIKER MORATA'S INJURY



LONDON - Chelsea Manager Antonio Conte expressed optimism about the extent of the injury that curtailed striker Alvaro Morata's involvement in Saturday's 1-0 loss at home to Manchester City.

Morata was substituted in the 35th minute of the game at Stamford Bridge, and appeared to gesture to his left hamstring as he left the pitch.

Conte hopes Morata's early exit spared him from a more serious injury, although he said the 24-year-old was unlikely to be able to join up with the Spain squad for their World Cup qualifiers against Albania and Israel.

"It's a muscular problem. I don't think it's a serious problem," Conte told his post-match press conference.

INJURED: Chelsea's Alvaro Morata.

"Because it stopped before becoming a serious injury.

"He said to me: 'Coach, I prefer to stop myself, otherwise I risk a bad injury.'

"The doctor in the next days has to check the situation. I don't think he's available for the national team."

Goals

Morata has scored seven goals in eight games for Chelsea since signing from Real Madrid during the close season.

Kevin de Bruyne's second-half goal earned City a 1-0 win that took them back to the top of the table, above Manchester United on goal difference, and left Chelsea six points off the pace in fourth place.

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KOMPHELA TO STAY DIGNIFIED AND FOCUSED

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs coach Steve Komphela says he will maintain his dignity despite some fans expressing their disapproval with the club's 2-1 defeat to Baroka on Saturday.

Despite enjoying a 1-0 lead in the Premiership clash at the Moses Mabhida Stadium from a George Maluleka strike, Amakhosi were eventually undone from goals by Lewis Macha and Gift Motupa.

As such, at the final whistle it appeared some sections of the supporters were not entirely pleased with the result. Nonetheless, Komphela retained his composure and said he understood the frustrations.

He told SuperSport, "It's about this job, you got to take it. When they voice their opinion, you have to be frank and say they are not happy with the result. Do you think they hate you? well something else, but you because they love their team and you deal with it."

"There's nothing you can do about what is said about you, the only thing you are in charge of is how you handle yourself. You still have to be dignified and stay focus, have respect and also have respect for them."

"You can't control anger from outside but you can control your emotions in terms of redirecting that anger and maybe showing some light."

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POSITIVE: Kaizer Chiefs coach Steve Komphela.



HANDS UP: Bafana Bafana players during a training session at FNB Stadium.

Bafana turn to sports psychologist ahead of must-win Burkina Faso clash

JOHANNESBURG - Bafana Bafana will have a sports psychologist in camp for their must-win World Cup qualifier against Burkina Faso at FNB Stadium on October 7, South African Football Association (Safa) CEO Dennis Mumble has said.

Mumble said the psychologist would work on the players' mental toughness after away and home 2-1 defeats against Cape Verde that have left Bafana's Russia 2018 ambitions almost in tatters.

South Africa can restore a faint chance of qualification with a victory against 49th-ranked Burkina Faso. Coach Stuart Baxter identified the mental aspect of his Bafana players as being key to the Cape Verde defeats.

His argument appeared to be strengthened by now confirmed reports that at least four players partied hard in the team hotel in Durban after the second loss on September 5. Mumble said SAFA will look at employing sports psy-

chologists to address this aspect.

"We have to work on the mindset of the players," Mumble said this week.

"What is it that we cannot get our players to raise the psychological preparedness for these kinds of big events? "Because there clearly is something wrong. "Every time I ask a coach, 'Why did the team perform in the way that it did?' the answer is always, 'The mindset'."

"So we are now really seriously talking to some sports psycholo-

gists to see that they come and work with the team on a permanent basis.

"And it's not just in a group setting. It's one-on-one. Because each player is different in character."

"And work with them consistently, even if it doesn't mean just in the camp itself, but outside it too. "The chief psychologist obviously is the coach. But there needs to be a level of professional psychology that needs to be applied here." *Times LIVE*

Bucs are on a good road - Micho

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates coach Milutin Sredojevic believes the club are making progress in their performances, after Saturday's 2-2 draw with Polokwane City in the Absa Premiership.

Despite taking an early lead through Thamsanqa Gabuza and generally dominating the play, Rise and Shine hit back to take the lead through Rendani Ndou and Rodney Ramagalela. A Gabuza equaliser in injury time to complete his brace spared Bucs from defeat.

Nonetheless, the Sea Robbers appeared to be the better side in the majority of the encounter and this is something Sredojevic touched upon after the contest. He told SuperSport, "We needed to be clinical, end to end stuff. We conceded two goals against the run of play at the time we had chances to score. "In the end I think justice is



slow but reachable. We didn't punish them after dominating. This is the best way to learn. This is by far the best football we've played from the football point. We created many chances but we could not convert.

"However, we're going into the break with critical analysis of why we conceded like this when we were supposed to have the emotional intelli-

gence to control the situation to not go in attack after a counter-attack.

A big team like Pirates need to play with domination and close counter-attack. "We are on a good road and happy with the point, regretfully we didn't win. The last goal is the sign of the mental strength from the team. I'm happy the players gave everything, respecting the badge." *Planet Sport*

Standard Bank drags Bobby Motaung to court for R300K

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs boss Bobby Motaung's financial woes don't seem to be going away, with another paper reporting yesterday that he stands to lose his petrol service business, allegedly due to bad debt.

The Kaizer Chiefs boss is allegedly ignoring financial institutions he owes money to.

Sunday Sun has reported that he and his wife need to settle R300 000 plus interest owed to Standard Bank.

Last week, according to a report in Sunday World, 'Bobsteak' was also half a million rand in arrears on a Bentley Continental GT that he purchased in 2014 for more than R4 million, including interest.

Wesbank reportedly took him to the High Court in Johannesburg after being "labelled a bad payer." Sunday Sun reports that it has now seen court documents suggesting that Motaung and his wife signed surety for a company called Gold Station Gold SA, which has interests in petrol activities in Gauteng. The company allegedly started defaulting on payments earlier this year and the Motaungs have allegedly been ignoring notices about the debt. Motaung failed to respond to requests for comment from the tabloid. *citizen*



PAY UP: Bobby Motaung, Football Manager of Kaizer Chiefs.

PSL DISCONTINUES ITS INVESTIGATION

JOHANNESBURG - The Premier Soccer League (PSL) has announced that it has discontinued its investigation into the circumstances that led to the fatal stampede that left two people dead outside FNB Stadium in July.

In a statement issued on Friday afternoon, the PSL said a decision was taken to discontinue the investigation as Sports Minister Thulas Nxesi has appointed a ministerial committee of inquiry to also investigate the matter. "The decision was arrived at for a number of rea-

...into the circumstances that led to Soweto derby stampede

sons, including the indication by Advocate Maleka SC and his team that the ministerial commission would be better able to obtain all relevant information in so far as it will have powers of subpoena covering those not subject to the jurisdiction of the League," the statement said.

Two people died and several others were injured, one critically, during the sold-out Carling Black Label Champion Cup encounter between Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates

in July. Pirates and PSL Chairman Irvin Khoza said in the aftermath of the stampede that Advocate Vincent Maleka would be asked to investigate the circumstances that led to the stampede.

Maleka was to investigate whether there were any safety and security-related shortcomings and he was to provide a full report to the PSL within 14 days.

That date elapsed and it seems many of the witnesses were reluctant to cooperate with Maleka and

preferred to avail their submissions to the ministerial committee of inquiry.

"The very existence of the committee has meant that other relevant role-players that would have in all probability volunteered essential information to Advocate Maleka SC were no longer prepared to do that," the PSL said.

"Understandably some felt they should not have to duplicate their preparation and efforts."

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RESULTS

ABSA Premiership			
Polokwane City	2-2	Orlando Pirates	
Kaizer Chiefs	1-2	Baroka FC	
Ajax Cape Town	0-2	Cape Town City FC	
Golden Arrows	1-1	Chippa United	
Bundesliga 2017/2018			
Hamburger SV	0-0	Werder Bremen	
Borussia M'gladbach	2-1	Hannover 96	
Eintracht Frankfurt	2-1	Stuttgart	
Wolfsburg	1-1	Mainz 05	
Augsburg	1-2	Borussia Dortmund	
Italian Serie A			
Genoa	0-1	Bologna	
Udinese	4-0	Sampdoria	
Premier League 2017/2018			
Chelsea	0-1	Manchester City	
AFC Bournemouth	0-0	Leicester City	
Manchester United	4-0	Crystal Palace	
West Bromwich Albion	2-2	Watford	
West Ham United	1-0	Swansea City	
Stoke City	2-1	Southampton	
Huddersfield Town	0-4	Tottenham Hotspur	
Spanish La Liga			
Leganés	0-0	Atlético Madrid	
Levante	0-2	Deportivo Alavés	
Sevilla	2-0	Málaga	
Deportivo La Coruña	2-1	Getafe	
Absa Premiership			
Bloemfontein Celtic	1-0	Bidvest Wits	
Platinum Stars	0-1	Mamelodi Sundowns	
Bundesliga 2017/2018			
Hertha BSC	2-2	Bayern München	
Freiburg	3-2	Hoffenheim	
CAF Confederations Cup			
TP Mazembe	1-0	FUS Rabat	
Supersport United	1-1	Club Africain	
Italian Serie A			
Torino	2-2	Hellas Verona	
Chievo	2-1	Fiorentina	
Benevento	1-2	Internazionale	
Lazio	6-1	Sassuolo	
SPAL	1-1	Crotone	
Napoli	3-0	Cagliari	
Premier League 2017/2018			
Newcastle United	1-1	Liverpool	
Everton	0-1	Burnley	
Arsenal	2-0	Brighton & Hove Albion	
Spanish La Liga			
Barcelona	3-0	Las Palmas	
Real Sociedad	4-4	Real Betis	



EQUALISER: Joselu equalises in bizarre fashion for Newcastle after Joel Matip's tackle rebounded off his shin and into the net.

JOSELU ANSWERS COUTINHO SCREAMER AS NEWCASTLE, LIVERPOOL DRAW

LONDON - Liverpool were held to a 1-1 draw at Newcastle United despite Philippe Coutinho scoring a superb long-range effort at St James' Park.

Former Reds boss Rafa Benítez made two changes to his Magpies line-up, with Javier Manquillo and Jonjo Shelvey handed starts in place of Chancel Mbemba and Isaac Hayden.

The visitors showed two alterations to the side which won 3-2 at Leicester City, with Sadio

Mane and Daniel Sturridge earning starting roles.

Mane passed up a shooting chance in the early stages following a quick break by Mohamed Salah, before a Sturridge chip floated harmlessly over the top.

Save
Matt Ritchie responded by forcing a save from Simon Mignolet with a shot from the edge of the area, before Sturridge threatened again for the visitors and Mane volleyed wide

of target. The hosts then enjoyed a great escape as a Georginio Wijnaldum effort from a Coutinho corner struck the woodwork, before both Dejan Lovren and Mane were unable to force the loose ball home.

However, they fell behind soon after as Coutinho found space 25 yards from goal and fired in a right-footed shot which was almost past the stranded Rob Elliot before he dived to try and make the save.

Teamtalk

Mnyamane secures draw for SuperSport

Pretoria - A late goal from Thabo Mnyamane secured a 1-1 draw for SuperSport United against Club Africain in the first leg of their CAF Confederations Cup semifinal match at the Lucas Moripe Stadium yesterday, October

1. The South African side dominated the early exchanges as they controlled the possession stakes and consequently the flow of the game, but their finishing was poor.

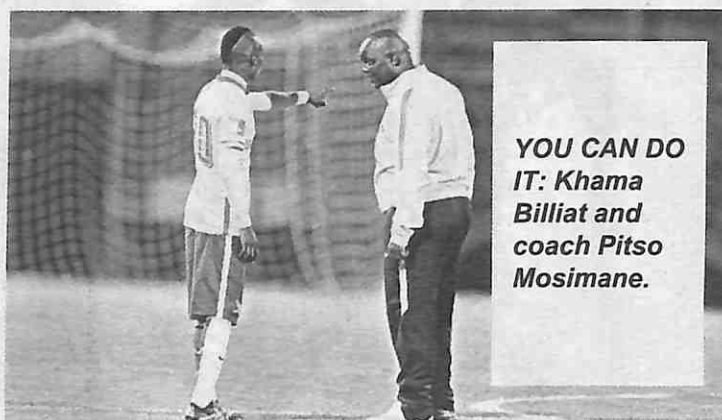
In the 21st minute Club Africain

took the lead, very much against the run of play, when Saber Khalifa converted from the penalty spot, 1-0. Despite going behind SuperSport continued to play the better football, but went into the half-time break trailing the Tunisian side by a goal. **Backpage TXT**

Khama Billiat inspires Mamelodi Sundowns victory

RUSTENBURG - Mamelodi Sundowns secured a 1-0 win over Platinum Stars in an ABSA Premiership match at the Royal Bafokeng Stadium yesterday afternoon.

The victory takes the Brazilians to fifth spot on the league standings, while Dikwena, who are winless this season, remain 16th on the table. The Brazilians got off to a perfect start as they broke the deadlock after Hlompho Kekana and Khama Billiat combined brilliantly just two minutes into the game.



A long ball from Kekana found Billiat, who beat his marker inside the Dikwena box, before firing past goalkeeper Mbongeni Mzimela to

YOU CAN DO IT: Khama Billiat and coach Pitso Mosimane.

make it 1-0 to Sundowns.

Billiat and Percy Tau were causing havoc in the Stars defence as they combined nicely in the opposition's half as they looked to double Sundowns' lead.

Tau came very close to scoring in the 17th minute when his effort from a well-taken free-kick shaved the upright with Mzimela beaten.

As the match progressed, Dikwena were able to contain the Brazilians, who were dominating the midfield battle through Kekana and Tiyan Mabunda. **Backpage TXT**

Messi strikes twice as Barca beat Las Palmas

BARCELONA - Barcelona's Lionel Messi scored twice in a 3-0 win over Las Palmas in a match played without fans following clashes between police and voters in Catalonia over a disputed independence referendum.

League leaders Barcelona tried to have the game postponed, local media reported, but their request was turned down by La Liga and the club announced 25 minutes before kick-

off that the game would be played behind closed doors.

Spanish riot police yesterday burst into polling stations across Catalonia, to try to halt the banned referendum on a split from Spain and Catalan officials said 337 people were injured in the crackdown. Sergio Busquets scored for the first time in the league in three seasons to give Barca the lead in the 49th minute, leaping to head in a curling corner from Messi.

The Argentine struck his 10th league goal of the season to double Barca's advantage in the 70th minute.

He barely celebrated the strike, adding to an atmosphere which was more akin to a training ground exercise than a league game.

Messi then latched onto a pass from Luis Suarez to pounce again in the 77th, sealing Barca's seventh straight win of the league season and maintaining their 100 per cent start in the



league and Champions League. Barca lead the standings on 21 points,

five clear of Sevilla in second. **AFP**

LOGS

Premier League									
Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	
Manchester City	7	6	1	0	22	2	20	19	
Manchester United	7	6	1	0	21	2	19	19	
Tottenham	7	4	2	1	14	5	9	14	
4 Chelsea	7	4	1	2	12	6	6	13	
5 Arsenal	7	4	1	2	11	8	3	13	
6 Burnley	7	3	3	1	7	5	2	12	
7 Liverpool	7	3	3	1	13	12	1	12	
8 Watford	7	3	3	1	11	12	-1	12	
Newcastle	7	3	1	3	7	6	1	10	
West Bromwich	7	2	3	2	6	8	-2	9	
Huddersfield Town	7	2	3	2	5	7	-2	9	
Southampton	7	2	2	3	5	7	-2	8	
Stoke City	7	2	2	3	7	11	-4	8	
Brighton	7	2	1	4	5	9	-4	7	
West Ham United	7	2	1	4	7	13	-6	7	
Everton	7	2	1	4	4	12	-8	7	
Leicester City	7	1	2	4	9	12	-3	5	
Swansea City	7	1	2	4	3	8	-5	5	
AFC Bournemouth	7	1	1	5	4	11	-7	4	
Crystal Palace	7	0	0	7	0	17	-17	0	

ABSA Premiership									
Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	
Baroka FC	7	4	3	0	11	5	6	15	
Golden Arrows	7	3	4	0	11	5	6	13	
Cape Town City	6	4	0	2	7	4	3	12	
Orlando Pirates	7	3	3	1	6	4	2	12	
Sundowns	4	3	0	1	6	3	3	9	
Kaizer Chiefs	7	2	3	2	8	6	2	9	
Bloem Celtic	6	2	3	1	5	5	0	9	
Maritzburg United	6	2	2	2	5	4	1	8	
AmaZulu FC	6	2	2	2	7	8	-1	8	
SuperSport United	4	2	1	1	5	4	1	7	
Free State Stars	6	2	1	3	7	8	-1	7	
Chippa United	7	1	4	2	5	6	-1	7	
Ajax Cape Town	6	1	2	3	5	8	-3	5	
Polokwane City	7	1	2	4	7	11	-4	5	
Bidvest Wits	7	1	2	4	5	11	-6	5	
Platinum Stars	7	0	2	5	2	10	-8	2	

Bundesliga									
Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	
Borussia Dortmund	7	6	1	0	21	2	19	19	
Bayern München	7	4	2	1	16	7	9	14	
Hoffenheim	7	4	2	1	13	8	5	14	
Hannover 96	7	3	3	1	7	4	3	12	
Augsburg	7	3	2	2	9	6	3	11	
Borussia	7	3	2	2	10	12	-2	11	
RB Leipzig	6	3	1	2	10	7	3	10	
Eintracht Frankfurt	7	3	1	3	6	6	0	10	
Schalke 04	7	3	1	3	8	9	-1	10	
Hertha BSC	7	2	3	2	8	8	0	9	
Bayer Leverkusen	7	2	2	3	13	11	2	8	
Wolfsburg	7	1	4	2	6	9	-3	7	
Mainz 05	7	2	1	4	7	11	-4	7	
Stuttgart	7	2	1	4	4	9	-5	7	
Freiburg	7	1	4	2	5	11	-6	7	
Hamburger SV	7	2	1	4	4	11	-7	7	
Werder Bremen	7	0	4	3	3	7	-4	4	
Köln	6	0	1	5	1	13	-12	1	

Italian Serie A									
Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	
1 Napoli	7	7	0	0	25	5	20	21	
2 Internazionale	7	6	1	0	14	3	11	19	
3 Juventus	6	6	0	0	18	3	15	18	
4 Lazio	7	5	1	1	19	9	10	16	
5 Roma	5	4	0	1	12	4	8	12	
6 Milan	6	4	0	2	10	8	2	12	
7 Torino	7	3	3	1	12	11	1	12	
8 Sampdoria	6	3	2	1	8	8	0	11	
9 Chievo	7	3	2	2	9	9	0	11	
Bologna	7	3	2	2	6	7	-1	11	
Atalanta	6	2	2	2	10	8	2	8	
Fiorentina	7	2	1	4	10	10	0	7	
Udinese	7	2	0	5	12	13	-1	6	
Cagliari	7	2	0	5	4	11	-7	6	
SPAL	7	1	2	4	6	12	-6	5	
Crotone	7	1	2	4	4	12	-8	5	
Sassuolo	7	1	1	5	4	15	-11	4	
Hellas Verona	7	0	3	4	3	16	-13	3	
Genoa	7	0	2	5	5	11	-6	2	
Benevento	7	0	0	7	2	18	-16	0	



MTN Premier League 2017/18

PREVIEWS


WELL DONE: Green Mamba head coach Harries Bulunga and the team's goalkeeper Siyabonga Simelane celebrating one of the team's goals. Green Mamba beat Manzini Wanderers 5-1 at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane and Sabelo Majola)

GREEN MAMBA BEAT MANZINI WANDERERS 5-1



HEADER: Green Mamba's Banele Mdluli heading the ball while Wanderers' Brian Vilane marks him.



ON AIR: Wanderers' Sifiso Matse and Green Mamba's Mpendulo Mamba vying for an aerial ball.



VICTORY: Green Mamba players celebrating one of their goals.



TUSSLE: Manzini Wanderers' Sihle Mkhonta and Green Mamba's Banele Mdluli in a tussle for the ball.

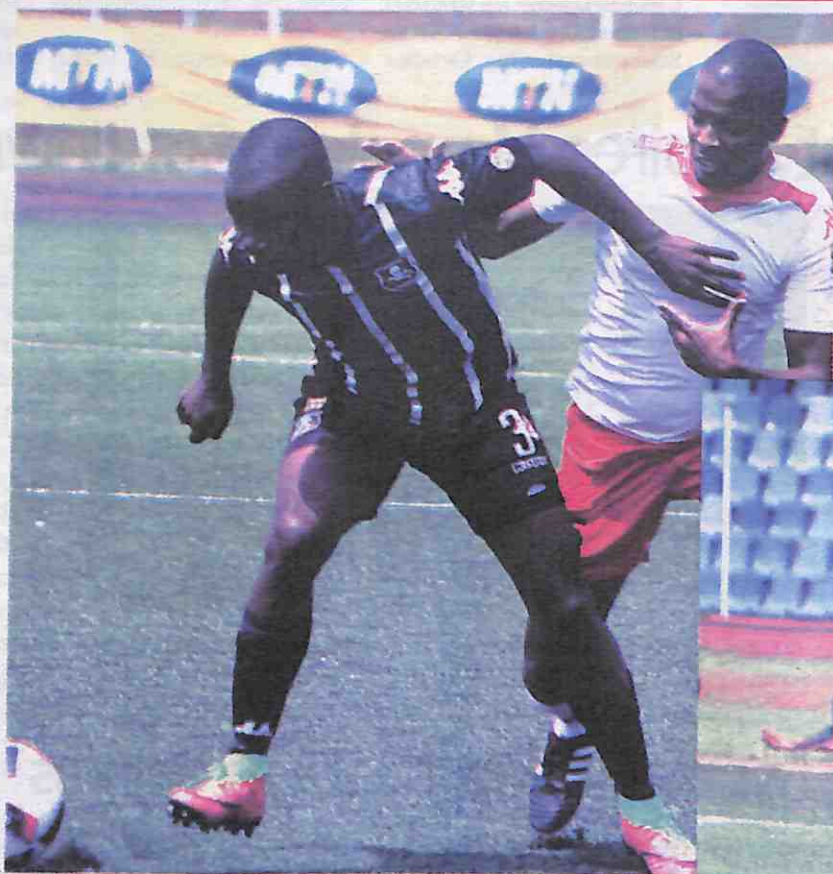


WRONG DIRECTION: One of the goals scored by Green Mamba.



NET: Midas City goalkeeper Bheka Christie lying on the turf helplessly as the ball hits the back of the net. City lost 0-1 to Moneni Pirates.

CITY LOSE 0-1 TO MONENI PIRATES



MY BALL: Pirates' Menzi 'Magawugawu' Simelane controlling the ball in front of Thando Shabangu.



FIGHT: Midas City's Linda Msibi evading a tackle from Moneni Pirates' Mncedisi Dlamini.

BATTLE: City's Njabulo Lukhele and Pirates' Fanelo Mamba fighting for the ball.





MTN Premier League 2017/18

PREVIEWS



SCORE: Mbabane Swallows' Sifiso Mabila in jubilation after scoring the team's lone goal. Swallows beat Mbabane Highlanders 1-0 at Somhlolo National Stadium during the MTN Premier League grand opening games yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane and Sabelo Majola)



RUN: Highlanders Mfan'fikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze dashing away from Swallows' Mandla Palma.



CONTROL: Swallows' Felix Badenhorst controlling the ball while Ndumiso Mabuza marks him.



AMEN: Swallows' Mamba 10 and Highlanders Silevu Bhembé posing for the camera after receiving best dressed fans rewards.



ALL SMILES: Mabila joined by his teammates in celebration.



WELL DONE MY BOY: Man of the Match Sandile Hlatjwako posing with his uncle Comfort Hlatjwako after the game.



VYING: Swallows and Highlanders players vying for the ball.



SWAYI SWAYI: Mbabane Swallows fans celebrating their 1-0 victory over Highlanders.



GLOOMY: Mbabane Highlanders bench in a sombre mood.



THE BULL: Mbabane Highlanders fans watching in disbelief as the team goes down at the hands of Mbabane Swallows.



HUG: Highlanders head coach Alou Badara and Swallows' Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati shaking hands after the game.



■ Chelsea forward Eden Hazard, 26, is set to sign a £300 000-a-week deal to make him the highest paid player in the Premier League. (*Sunday Express*)



■ But Manager Antonio Conte could leave Chelsea at the end of the season, according to sources close to the 48-year-old Italian. (*Sunday Times - subscription required*)



■ Carlo Ancelotti wants to replace Arsene Wenger as Arsenal manager after being sacked by Bayern Munich. (*Mediaset Premium, via Metro*)

■ Everton boss Ronald Koeman is lining up a £20m January move for West Ham striker and ex-Liverpool forward Andy Carroll, 28. (*Sun on Sunday*)

■ AC Milan are plotting a January transfer move for Arsenal forward Alexis Sanchez, 28. (*Don Balon, in Spanish*)



■ Arsenal are planning to give 25-year-old midfielder Jack Wilshere a new four-year deal. (*Sunday People*)

■ Chelsea are following Steaua Bucharest's 19-year-old winger Florinel Coman. (*Mail on Sunday*)



■ West Brom boss Tony Pulis has not ruled out a move for 29-year-old Watford striker Troy Deeney in January. (*Hertfordshire Mercury*)

■ Liverpool are keen on Sheffield United's 20-year-old winger David Brooks, who earned a Wales call-up earlier this week. (*Sunday Mirror*)

■ Manchester United and Liverpool are interested in Trabzonspor attacking midfielder Yusuf Yazici, 20. (*Fanatik, in Turkish*)

■ Newcastle United Manager Rafael Benitez, whose family still lives on Merseyside, would be open to a return to former club Liverpool in the future. (*Newcastle Chronicle*)



■ West Ham midfielder Reece Oxford, 18, is "massively disappointed" his loan move to Borussia Moenchengladbach was cut short. (*Sun on Sunday*)

PIRATES EDGE MIDAS CITY

By Sibusiso Masilela

Midas City..... (0)0
Moneni Pirates..... (1)1

SOCCER - MONENI Pirates returned to their winning ways when they beat wasteful Midas City 1-0 during an MTN Premier League match played at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

The Buccaneers did the job in the first half, thanks to Sihle Ndaba, who scored from the spot after a foul inside the 18 area box.

The referee did not hesitate but to point the penalty spot, much to the appreciation of the Sea Robbers fans, who came in their numbers.

The South African winger did the job at the stroke of halftime, sending Midas City goalkeeper Bheka Christie to the wrong direction.

The penalty came after City defender Machawe Mamba handled a Xolani Ngwenya shot.

Midas City created very few opportunities in the first half which were squandered by midfielder Mangaliso Magagula, who should have done better before the half-hour mark when he ballooned his effort over the crossbar.

The match went to break with Pirates leading 1-0.

The capital city side almost pulled one back four minutes into the second half but winger Mangaliso Magagula failed to tap home a Melusi Dlamini cross.

The match continued with both teams struggling in the final third but it was Pirates, who were a threat going forward.

Sihle Ndaba failed to register his brace of the



TUSSLE: Pirates' Menzi Simelane controlling the ball in front of Thando Shabangu.

afternoon before the hour mark when he hit the cross bar from the spot again.

The second spot kick of the match came after City defender Mayibongwe Mlipha fouled the speedy winger inside the box.

City striker Melusi Dlamini deprived his side a valuable point when he directed his strike over the bar after he broke free from defenders.

The two set of players failed to grab the E10

000 hatrick incentive as none of them visited the back of the net three times.

THE TEAMS:

City - Bheka, Mancoba (Siphosethu), Njabulo, Mlipha, Mangaliso, Sherperd, Spider Sikelela (Thando), Machawe (Tito)

Pirates - Thabiso, Thabo, Mthunzi, Samkelo, Magawugawu, Junior, Fanelo, Mncedisi (Nhlanhla), Mashaba (Allen), Xolani, Sihle (Njabulo)

'Ace' a happy man after win

By Sibusiso Masilela



GOOD ONE BOY: Green Mamba players during the game.

I was unlucky not to snatch E10 000 - 'Banny'

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - GREEN Mamba striker Banele 'Banny' Mdluli (man of the match) said he was **unfortunate not to win the E10 000 hatrick** carrot placed by MTN Swaziland. This was during their 5-1 win over Manzini Wanderers at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

The former Manzini Sea Birds and Sundowns player said this after netting a brace during their rout against the 'Weslians' where they also recorded their second league win.

"I was unlucky not to score the hatrick on the day after missing a chance late in the match. We played as a team and I am happy with the three points." He said they needed the three points.



UNLUCKY: Banele 'Banny' Mdluli.

"I am happy with the win and I would like to thank the Green Mamba family for the support they have given me and I promise to continue working hard throughout the season," he said.

Prize

Pirates defender Mthunzi Motsa, who walked away with the indi-

vidual prize after helping his team beat Midas City earlier on the day expressed his excitement over their win against the capital side.

"I am happy with the win. We needed the three points to boost the spirit in the camp and we hope to maintain the same momentum in the upcoming matches," he said.

Mbabane Swallows striker Sandile Hlatswako also won himself the same award after playing a vital role in his team's 1-0 derby win against Mbabane Highlanders.

"It was a great game and I must say I am happy with the win. We are not yet there but it is good we are winning."

He said they would keep working hard and achieve more.

"I am happy with the award but what is more important is that the team won."

SOCCER - MONENI Pirates coach Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini was a happy man after his side recorded their second win of the campaign against Midas City.

The towering mentor commended his charges for showing character to beat the capital side 1-0 at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

"I am happy we have won the match. We played against a tough team as they also wanted the three points."

Dlamini said the players were able to stick to the game plan even when put under pressure by the opposition.

"We managed to make use of the chances we created in the match but we are still to improve in certain areas. I am still hoping to beef up my team especially upfront."

He said this win would be a morale boost to the players.

"We needed to win this match and I am happy with the three points. We will go back to the dressing board and see where we can improve."

'Ace' said they would continue working hard and prepare for the next match.

Meanwhile, his counterpart Artwell Dlodlu attributed the loss to poor lapse of concentration.

"We played well but lost the match in the Middlefield where we failed to click and allowed the opposition to come at us."

"We need to work on that department and our finishing in preparations of the upcoming matches."

Dlodlu said they would put the loss behind them and focus on the next match.

"We are done and over with this match and we have to regroup and prepare for the next match."

'BIRDS' BEAT 'BULL' AGAIN

By Sibusiso Masilela
Mbabane

Highlanders..... (0)0
Mbabane Swallows... (1)1

SOCCER – DEFENDING champions Mbabane Swallows continued with their dominance over Mbabane Highlanders, recording their fifth consecutive victory against the 'Black Bull'.

The game played at the Somhlolo National Stadium was decided by a champion score of 1-0.

The special player of the 'big day' was right back Sifiso Mabila, who scored the elusive goal for his side twelve minutes into the nail-biting affair witnessed by close to 8 000 supporters, who crammed the venue to watch the biggest match in the country.

The Sihlangu pounced on a Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst flick on header from a Tony 'TT' Tsabedze corner to hit a rocket past the opposition goalkeeper Sidumo Vilakati.

The goal dampened Highlanders' spirit as they started the match like a house on fire, asking few questions in the opening minutes of the game.

Zambian striker Michael Musonda forced a fine save from Sandile 'Nkomishi' Ginindza with a ground shot after connecting a Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze pass.



FOLLOW ME:
Highlanders captain Xolani Sibandze in full control of the ball while Swallows' Wonder Nhleko tries to close him down.

Swallows took control of the match afterwards which saw desperate defending from the opposition. Malawian striker Gomez Gondwe saw his goal bound header cleared on the line by Highlanders defender Vusi Vilakati from a Wonder Nhleko corner.

Highlanders trusted striker Mfanifukile 'Fash' Ndzimandze failed to capitalise from a poor clearance from 'Nkomishi' as he directing his effort over the cross bar. This was after he was set up 'Chocco' Sibandze, who intercepted the ball from the keeper.

The defending champions enjoyed

the slender advantage going into the halftime. It was action all the way even in the second half as both teams maintained the fast flowing tempo with Highlanders still looking for an equaliser. Mlamuli 'Mlaba' Nkambule forced a fine save from 'Nkomishi' seven minutes into the second stanza with a great volley from 25 yards for a fruitless corner.

'Fela' though he had scored the second goal for Swallows in the 50th minute when he slotted home a second half substitute Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze cross but the goal was ruled offside.

The match hit the boiling point

deep into the half as 'Fash' and Mandla Palma were booked for unsporting behaviour by referee Mbongeni Fakudze.

Umkhonto Ka-Shaka' held on until the final whistle to continue controlling the bragging rights of the capital city since last season.

Teams:
Highlanders - Sidumo, Vusi, Peter (Vukile), Siphwe, Mcedisi, Ndimiso, Chocco, Mlaba, Fash, Menzi, Musonda (Antwi)

Swallows - Nkomishi, Mabila, Mkhweli, Stanley, Palma, D4D, Wonder, Felix, Gomez (Pupu), Sandile, Tony.

We are still grinding results – 'Koki'

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – MBABANE Swallows coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati says they are grinding results despite their 1-0 win over rivals Mbabane Highlanders at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

Vilakati said they were still not at their level best this season despite winning their fifth consecutive derby against the 'Black Bull' to jump to the summit of the log.

"We are still not at our best and I know a number of team members want to take advantage of that. I am, however, happy with the win. I feel like we were denied a genuine goal in the second half even though I was not at the right position when ball was played. This was not a great win but I am happy because we got the three points which matter the most."

He said they would have to continue grinding results until they get to their best.

"We will not rest but continue working hard in the upcoming matches. There is never an easy match for Swallows as all the teams want to win against us," he said.

'Koki' said he was happy his players grinded the result.

"We will take the three points and move on."

Meanwhile, his Highlanders counterpart Alou Badara said they were unfortunate to lose the match.

"We started the match well and we were supposed to score first in the first half. We conceded a soft goal due to lapse of concentration. We kept on pushing and maintained our game plan which was to close the opposition on the flanks but things did not go according to our plan. We have to pull our sleeves up and prepare for the next matches," he said.

We just failed to come to the party – 'Nyanga'

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER – MANZINI Wanderers Coach Nyanga' Crooks' Hlophe is a disappointed man after seeing his side go down 1-5 to Green Mamba.

Interviewed after the clash played at the Somhlolo National Stadium, the experienced mentor said his charges just failed to come to the party.

"I don't know what went wrong today. We were just not in the game. This was not the Wanderers of last week and I really do not know what went wrong," he said.

The coach said the result would take the team back in terms of their confidence building up to the game.

"I think we were deceived by scoring an early during the game and we relaxed. We were also exposed in the central defence," he said.

'Nyanga' said his players relaxed after they scored the first goal of the match, allowing Green Mamba to regroup.

"We just failed to come to the party and I must say this is not acceptable."

He said they would rectify their

mistakes and learn from them.

"We have to work on this and again build the confidence. We lost but we have to work hard and soldier on," he said.

Meanwhile, Green Mamba coach Harries 'Madze' Bulunga said he was happy to see his troops rattling the net.

"The team has been playing well in previous games but the difference today is that we managed to score goals. We created chances and made use of those chances in the end," he said.

The former Sihlangu mentor added that they would now have to manage the situation with their players.

"We need to ensure that the players do not get carried away after today to avoid issues like complacency," he said.

He added that their target was finishing the league in the top four.

"Anything in the top will be good for us. However, need to win at least one trophy this season," he said.

"Madze" said they would build from this match going forward.

"We will take it one game at a time and the three points is what we needed in this match. We now have to focus on the next match."

Green Mamba bite Wanderers in 5-1 massacre

By Qondile Ntiwane

Green Mamba..... (2)5
Manzini Wanderers..... (1)1

SOCCER – CORRECTIONAL Services side Green Mamba came from behind to massacre Manzini Wanderers 5-1 yesterday.

This was during the second clash of the MTN grand opening games at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

The hub giants were first to draw first blood exactly six minutes into the clash and it was none other than dreadlocked striker Mfanafuthi 'Taribo' Bhembe, who clinically headed home a Kola Oladeon cross.

However, that was to be their only goal as they chased shadows and failed to convert their chances.

Green Mamba were first to make an early substitution following the injury of defender Siyabonga 'Msholoz' Mdluli in the 21st minutes and was rested by Sanele Chauke.

The green and white outfit found the equaliser a minute later when Tebogo Motale headed home a Njabulo Thwala cross.

Green Mamba could have added to their tally in the 35th minute but a brilliant play by Alli Matse, who cleared the ball from the goal line, denied the opposition.

The Harries 'Madze' Bulunga-led charges were not to be let down and were all over the maroon and white outfit which resulted in their second goal three minutes



CONTROL: Wanderers Aladeon Kola controlling the ball in front of Green Mamba's Siyabonga Mdluli. (Pic: Sabelo Majola)

before the breather.

Mamba converted through Mxolisi Mkhontfo, who scored from a set piece after Wanderers goalkeeper Banele Dlamini handled the ball just at the edge of the box. The rampaging Green Mamba scored their third six minutes into restart through eventual man of the match Banele 'Barney' Mdluli, who unleashed a shot past the advancing Wanderers goalkeeper.

The goal saw Wanderers introduce Nigerian goalkeeper Roman in the 55th minute.

The Nigerian goalie, however, received

a rude welcome as Barney rattled the net after a good combination play with Musa Dlamini six minutes later to grab a brace.

The 68th minute saw Musa Dlamini convert a corner kick shot which deafened the South stand.

Teams:

Green Mamba - Siyabonga, Thabo, Samkelo, Banele, Siyabonga (Sanele), Mxolisi, Musa, Njabulo, Mpendulo, Banele, Tebogo

Wanderers - Banele (Roman), Sicelo, Ayanda, Brian, Sihle, Jose, Allie, Sifiso, Mfanafuthi, Kola, Mike.

Results

Absa Premiership

Polokwane City	2 - 2	Orlando Pirates
Kaizer Chiefs	1 - 2	Baroka FC
Ajax Cape Town	0 - 2	Cape Town City FC
Golden Arrows	1 - 1	Chippa United

Yesterday

Bloemfontein Celtic	1 - 0	Bidvest Wits
Platinum Stars	0 - 1	Mamelodi Sundowns

Premier League - Saturday

Chelsea	0 - 1	Manchester City
AFC Bournemouth	0 - 0	Leicester City
Manchester United	4 - 0	Crystal Palace
West Bromwich Albion	2 - 2	Watford
West Ham United	1 - 0	Swansea City
Stoke City	2 - 1	Southampton
Huddersfield Town	0 - 4	Tottenham Hotspur

Premier League - Yesterday

Newcastle United	1 - 1	Liverpool
Everton	0 - 1	Burnley
Arsenal	2 - 0	Brighton & Hove Albion

E30 000 hat-trick carrot untouched

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - THE E30 000 incentive by MTN Swaziland for players to score a hat-trick during the grand-opening games yesterday remained untouched as none of the players managed to do so.

The sponsors the league had set aside E10 000 for the first three players to score three goals in each of the games played at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

It was a case of near yet so far for Green Mamba striker Banele Barney Mdluli, who grabbed a brace during their encounter against Manzini Wanderers.

Other scorers on the day with a goal a piece were Green Mamba's trio of Khethokuhle Mkhontfo, Tebogo Motale and Musa Dlamini, Moneni Pirates Sihle Ndaba and Mbabane Swallows' Sifiso Mabila.

MTN Swaziland Senior Manager Brand and Sponsorship Meshack Maseko said it was unfortunate that the players failed to score the needed goals.

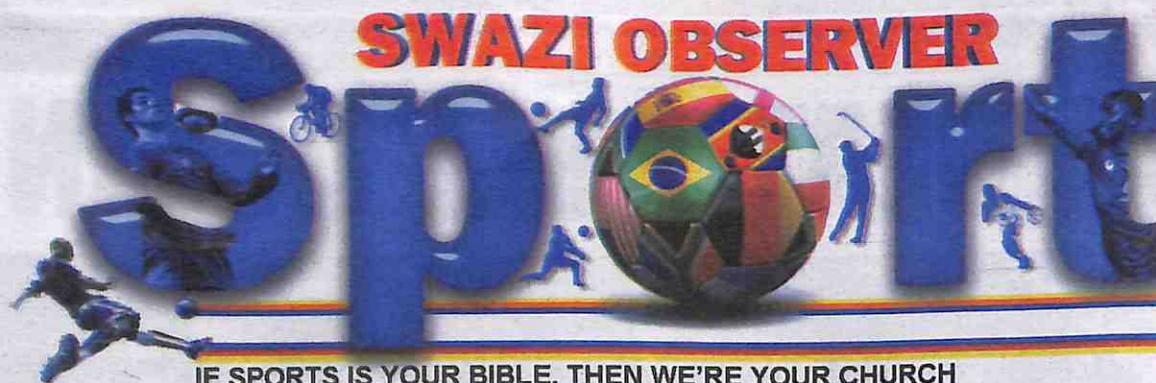
"We had put the money as an incentive for the Premier League players to score goals. It was so close for Green Mamba. All is not lost as this is a new concept and there will be another chance in the grand closing," he said.

WEEKEND RESULTS

Matsapha United	1	Vovovo	0
Buffaloes	1	Red Lions	0
Malanti Chiefs	2	Sundowns	1
Moneni Pirates	1	Midas City	0
Green Mamba	5	Wanderers	1
Mbabane Highlanders	0	Mbabane Swallows	1

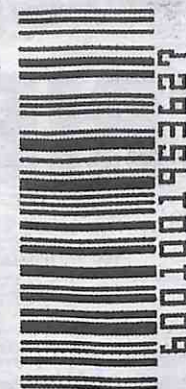
MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG

Position	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Mbabane Swallows	5	4	1	0	8	4	4	13
Matsapha United	5	3	2	0	7	3	4	11
Young Buffaloes	5	3	2	0	8	5	3	11
Malanti Chiefs	5	3	1	1	11	10	1	10
Royal Leopard	5	2	2	1	11	6	5	8
Green Mamba	5	2	1	2	8	5	3	7
Moneni Pirates	5	2	1	2	5	7	-2	7
Mbabane Highlanders	4	2	0	2	8	6	2	6
Vovovo	5	3	0	2	6	5	1	6
Manzini Sundowns	5	1	2	2	9	7	2	5
Manzini Wanderers	5	1	1	3	8	13	-5	4
Tambuti	4	1	0	3	5	10	-5	3
Red Lions	5	0	1	4	3	11	-8	1
Midas City	5	0	0	5	7	12	-5	0



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'BIRDS' WIN, 'BULL' 'WESLIANS' LOSE

By Mphikeleli Msibi
Sports Editor

SOCCER - EVEN though defending champions Mbabane Swallows are continuing to be a pale shadow of the rampant team they were last season, it would seem they just can't stop winning.

Yesterday at Somhlolo National Stadium, the 'Beautiful Birds' edged arch rivals Mbabane Highlanders 1-0 in a match watched by close to 8 000 fans, who crammed the country's only Mecca for the triple header.

The match between the two sides started on the high with Swallows scoring in the 12th minute through defender Sifiso Mabila in what was the only goal of the game, to continue with their unbeaten run. Mabila benefitted from a goalmouth scramble, to fire a hard shot past Highlanders keeper Sidumo Vilakati.

More goals were expected from this match but it was not to be as this was the only goal of the match.

Highlanders seemed to have been demoralized by the early goal as they started the match on a high but only to fumble their chances.

The match went to the break with Swallows leading 1-0.

The second half saw both teams up the tempo but it was Swallows who looked like they would score the second goal.

They indeed found the back of the net through Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst but only for the referee of the match Mbongiseni Fakudze to rule it offside.

The teams huffed and puffed in search for more goals but in vain as the match

...as Green Mamba, Pirates rage on

ended 1-0 in favour of the defending champions.

It was a great match and on the day Highlanders looked the better team, only to be let down by their substitutions.

Even though there was only one goal in this match, the teams tried to entertain the fans.

In the second game of the day, Correctional Services side Green Mamba proved to be too good for Manzini Wanderers whom they pummelled 5-1 in a one-sided match where the 'Weslians' literally failed to come to the party.

The hub giants started like a house on fire as they even scored first through veteran striker Mfanafuthi 'Taribo' Bhembe, who rose above all to fire past the opposition keeper with a great header.

Wanderers switched off after this goal, allowing Green Mamba to come at them. The green and white outfit then found the equaliser through Tebogo Motale, who headed in a Njabulo Thwala cross. The Harries 'Madze' Bulunga-led side scored their second goal through Mxolisi Mkhontfo, who scored from a set piece and the match went to the break.

Green Mamba ran riot and scored their third goal in the 51st minute through eventual man of the match Banele 'Barney' Mdluli, who unleashed a thunderbolt. Wanderers brought in Nigerian goalkeeper Roman, who also conceded two goals as 'Barney' rattled the net again with Musa Dlamini rounding off the scoring with the fifth and last goal.

It was indeed a bad day in the office for

Wanderers and they have to regroup. Their play and approach of the match let them down.

The first match of the day saw Moneni Pirates return to their winning ways when they beat Midas City 1-0.

They found their goal through Sihle Ndaba, who scored from the spot. And of course, the current standings reflect that City, who are yet to win a game since the start of the campaign, are at the bottom of the log.



PIECE OF
ART: Midas
City coach
Artwell
Dlodlu in his
unprofession-
al outfit.



GOAL: Swallows' Sifiso Mabila scores past the Mbabane Highlanders goal keeper while Midas City goalkeeper was beaten from the penalty spot.