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LOVERS MOTION FAILING TO GO THROUGH IN PARLY

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Lobamba

IT seems as if some spouses are still going to have their rights violated as efforts to enact a legislation protecting them is being stalled by both government and Parliament.

Members of Parliament (MPs) have been trying to move a motion that seeks to protect the rights of spouses in order for them to be able to inherit estates left by their lovers.

To make that happen, the motion wants to direct Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs Edgar Hillary to table a Bill that seeks to protect spouses to inherit the estates.

The efforts by Parliament seek to give effect to Section 34 of the Constitution. Section 34 says: "(1) A surviving spouse is entitled to a reasonable provision out of the estate of the other spouse whether the other spouse died having made a valid will or not and whether the spouses were married by civil or customary rites.

(2) Parliament shall, as soon as practicable after the commencement of this Constitution, enact legislation regulating the property rights of spouses including common-law husband and wife."

The motion was to be moved last Wednesday by Kubuta MP Njabulo

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He was supposed to be seconded by Manzini North MP Jan Sithole. However, it was felt that moving their motion would be improper because Hillary was not present in the House.

The MPs wanted to move the motion because they saw the presence of other Cabinet ministers. They were of the view that they would pass the message to Hillary so that he could action the motion.

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tunate again for the Kubuta legislator because when he was motivating his motion, the House had to adjourn because MPs could not form a quorum.

This time, Hillary was represented by Minister for Information, Communication and Technology Dumisani Ndlangamandla, who was ready to pass the motion to Hillary.

Speaker Themba Msibi tried to save the situation by ordering that the House should go for a five-minute break, hoping that by that time, the MPs would have come back to the House.

When Msibi came back to let the House resume its business, he found the situation worse than it had been before.

The MPs were less than 20 at that time yet they were more than 20, but less than 30, when he ordered the House to the five-minute break. The House cannot continue with any business if MPs are less than 30.



NO QUORUMA: Legislators inside Parliament. Members of Parliament have been trying to move a motion that seeks to protect the rights of spouses in order for them to be able to inherit estates left by their lovers.

Motion aimed at protecting live-in-lovers

THE motion on the protection of the rights of spouses is aimed at protecting even live-in-lovers.

This was said by Kubuta MP Njabulo Mabuza on Wednesday, when he motivated the motion he had moved in the House. However, Mabuza could not finish because the House could not form a quorum.

When called yesterday by this newspaper, Mabuza mentioned that there was a huge outcry from members of the public because some spouses, particularly women, were subjected to degrading treatment when their spouses died.

Live-in-lovers are people who live together as spouses, yet they have no formal agreement that could pronounce them as romantic partners.

Mabuza said even such people had to be protected because they could live together, preparing that one day, they would formally agree to be life time

partners.

It would be unfortunate to encounter death when the live-in-lovers were still preparing to formalise their union.

Spouses, according to Mabuza, were expelled when they encountered unfortunate situations of having lost their partners.

"At the Master of the High Court, you find that some estate cases are pending because the spouse's in-laws do not want to give the estates to the spouse," Mabuza said.

The MP said the aim of Parliament was to force the government to give effect to the Constitution because Section 34 of the supreme law wanted that to be done.

The Constitution, in Subsection 2 of Section 34, compels Parliament to enact legislation that will protect the rights of spouse, as soon as practicable, after the commencement of the constitution. The

Constitution received a Royal assent on July 26, 2005 and it started working on February 8, 2006.

However, up to this day, no legislation of that sort has been enacted by the legislature.

Mabuza said it was frustrating to note that on several occasions, the motion did not see the light of day whenever he moved it. Mabuza opined that maybe the problem would be the structure of the order paper. The business of the government had to take precedence in the House.

This means matters directly concerning the business of government are the first to be done in the House.

Matters concerning the people could then follow on the order paper. Mabuza even stated that the Speaker could not call MPs for a sitting if government did not have business to be done in the House on the day.

'Skhothane' ordered to pay E20 000 alcohol bill

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

THE Magistrate's Court has ordered the South African man who is believed to be part of the infamous 'Skhothane' crew to settle the E18 321 alcohol bill he failed to pay at the George Hotel.

Bongani Linda Mhlango (26) of South Africa was arrested for defrauding the George Hotel after he failed to settle a bill of E18 321.

The accused is said to have arrived at the George Hotel and started buying drinks, food and cigarettes for everyone at the bar. The accused made his first court appearance before Magistrate Philisiwe Simelane.

During the course of the trial it was revealed that the accused deceived the hotel staff by booking a room using Grace Travel Agents. It is alleged that hotel staff received an

email from the travelling agents saying they must give their client alcoholic beverages amounting to E2 000. It is alleged after that the travelling agent sent a proof of payment for E15 731.

However, later it was discovered that the payment the accused made through Nedbank was dishonoured and by that time the accused was long gone.

The taxi which he hired to ferry him to Ngwane Park was called and police were able to track him down and arrest him.

The court has since ordered the accused to pay the hotel his unsettled bill.

Mhlango informed the court that he will pay the money with the help of his girlfriend who is working in South Africa.

The accused is expected to be back in court on August 7, for judgment on the matter.

Mhlatane High Secretary changes tune on invoices

By Phesheya Kunene
High Court

MHLATANE High School Secretary changed her tune yesterday when she told the court she did sign invoices.

Queeneth Lukhele had previously denied this when asked by the defence.

However, CB Office Automations' attorney Bonginkhosi Magagula produced an invoice dated February 15, 2012, which was signed by Lukhele.

When he asked her about it Lukhele quickly told the court she did not recall such but confirmed that she did sign invoices.

This then led to Magagula asking the witness if she was lying before court as she was asked several times the previous days and she repeatedly told the court she never signed any invoices. She said she used to sign them a long time ago hence the result of forgetting about such.

This was during former Mhlatane High school principal Simeon Makhubu at the High Court.

The invoice in question was from CB Office Automations as Lukhele also confirmed that the company was working with

the school on a number of business dealings.

Furthermore, Magagula said Lukhele did not sign the invoices brought to her by Comfort Hlophe because she did not want to do so, not that her superiors were the rightful people to deal with Hlophe.

"Yes my Lord, I did not want to sign the invoices mainly because I did not see the listed items. I did not bother to ask Hlophe because it was not for me to question him," she said.

Lukhele confirmed that the E150 000 which was loaned to the school to pay for the examination fees was paid in three stages in 2010. She said there was a bank cheque of E60 000, an amount of E50 000 and E40 000.

She said all these monies were cashed by her at the bank.

The defence also asked her to explain how CB Office Automations paid for the incentives it sponsored for the teachers who performed well. However, Lukhele said she was not aware.

Magagula mentioned that the auditor made an error when it tasked Lukhele that she must call the company and demand invoices as they were submitted in 2010 but were misplaced by the school.

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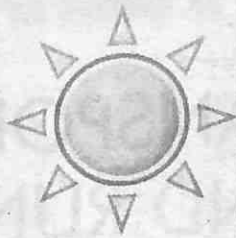
Expect warm weekend

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

TEMPERATURES are expected to remain warm over the weekend.

They will rise to a maximum of 29 degrees Celsius in the Lowveld while the Highveld will experience a rise of up to 24 degrees Celsius.

"It will be sunny and warm to hot in the Lowveld but windy at times," said the forecaster.



TODAY

Mbabane 8/22

Mankayane 9/23

Manzini 10/25

Siteki 11/24

Mhlume 9/27

Big Bend 10/28

Today there will be morning fog at high places, otherwise cloudy becoming partly cloudy and warm to hot in the Lowveld.

TOMORROW

Mbabane 10/23

Mankayane 11/24

Manzini 12/26

Siteki 13/25

Mhlume 11/28

Big Bend 13/29

Tomorrow, it will be sunny and warm to hot in the Lowveld but windy at times.

SUNDAY

Mbabane 11/24

Mankayane 12/25

Manzini 13/27

Siteki 14/26

Mhlume 12/28

Big Bend 13/29

On Sunday, it will be sunny and warm to hot in the Lowveld.

SCHOOLS TO FINALLY GET FOOD TUESDAY

COVER STORY

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

HEAD teachers around the country will next week Tuesday heave a sigh of relief as the ministry of education and training will be delivering schools' food rations.

Principal Secretary to the Ministry of Education and Training Pat Muir confirmed this. He, however, said not all schools would receive the food on Tuesday, but that the ministry would follow a schedule in its distribution list, which means some schools will get food later than Tuesday. "Food will definitely be available from Tuesday as the supplier will have the food by then. We have managed to sort out the problems that were surrounding the food crisis and finally food will be available for pupils. The ministry advises that schools that have their own mode of transport pick up their rations from Swaziland Milling," said the principal secretary. Muir said for now, the ministry would be distributing rice and beans to the schools and at a later stage it will be communicated with them on when and how to get the breakfast rations.

It is worth noting that since schools opened for the second term, government hasn't delivered food to any school in the country. The food crisis, worsened in the past weeks where in some schools teachers had to bring food for starving pupils from their homes. It is said teachers became compassionate when some children came

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...Principals call big meet over food

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

SINCE learners are now directing their anger at principals due to the food crisis in schools, the Swaziland Association of Principals (SWAPA) has called an urgent meeting this coming Monday.

SWAPA President Welcome Mhlanga has called an urgent meeting for all principals and school committee chairpersons in the country. The urgent meeting will be held on Monday at Mfanyana Hall at 9 am. "During the meeting we will discuss the food crisis and non pay-

ment of grants in our schools," he said. He said the resolutions or recommendations will be forwarded to the ministry of education and training," he said in an interview before the ministry announced that from Tuesday, schools would start receiving food rations. In mid-June SWAPA called for an intervention from government as most schools in the country had run out of food. The situation is said to be dire in such a way that the principals are now afraid that the situation might worsen. SWAPA President Welcome Mhlanga said the pupils in the schools are finding difficult to learn without having food in their schools.

to school on empty stomachs and complained of hunger in class. Teachers are said have brought bread, thin porridge amongst other dishes, just to supplement, especially for pupils from impoverished homes, who are either child headed or headed by elderly grandparents. The ministry has been providing schools with breakfast meals such as sorghum and mealie-meal, and for lunch, rice and beans. The 'zondle' initiative was started by government to supplement

for pupils from under privileged families. Early in the week, some head teachers called for the ministry of education and training to close schools and address the issue of the food crisis in the country. Head teachers from the poverty stricken areas in the Lubombo and Shiselweni regions felt the pinch the most, as children came to school on empty stomachs hoping to get food at school. Teachers have already predicted poor results in external examinations.

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Senior ACC Investigator suspended over ex-minister Sibusiso's case

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

A senior Investigator at the Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) has been suspended for alleged misconduct.

He is alleged to have leaked confidential and sensitive information concerning former Justice and Constitutional Affairs Minister Sibusiso Shongwe on his corruption case.

Patrick Mooi Dlamini of Makhohlolo has however filed an urgent application at the Industrial Court where he seeks an order declaring his suspension irregular and unlawful as he wants to go back to work. According to Dlamini in his founding affidavit, the court should under a Judicial Review of legality, set aside his suspension from work as it is inconsistent with Section 33 of the Constitution of the Kingdom.

Section 33 of the Constitution provides that "a person appearing before an administrative authority has a right to be heard and to be treated justly and fairly in accordance with the requirements imposed by law including the requirements of fundamental justice or fairness and has a right to apply to a court of law in respect of any decision taken against that person with which that person is aggrieved."

He stated in his application that he first held the position of investigator and was later promoted to the position of Senior Investigating Officer.

He submitted that June 29, 2017 while going about his duties in his office, the respondent (ACC) through

Chief ACC Officer Bheki Dlamini approached him and gave him a surprise letter of suspension from work.

Another Chief Officer Sipho Mtsetfwa also approached him and told him that he is being suspended for alleged misconduct and enquired about events leading to the arrest of the former minister Sibusiso Shongwe.

He further accused Dlamini of leaking confidential information as regards the corruption case against the former minister.

"I submit that the person I am alleged to have leaked the information to is Lillian Zwane also of the ACC," he stated.

He submitted in his papers that although he is on suspension with full pay, he however wants to go back to work since he has sensitive corruption cases currently investigating and that staying at home might jeopardise his investigations. He said people investigated for corruption related cases can dispose of evidence he was gathered as he was close to nailing them and that his continued suspension could blow the cases.

He argued in his application that the ACC can continue investigating him for the alleged misconduct while he continues with his duties since he is dealing with sensitive corruption cases.

Dlamini who is represented by lawyer Promise Msibi in the matter has cited the ACC Commissioner as the first respondent and the attorney general as the second respondent respectively and the matter was yesterday postponed by Industrial Court Judge Nkosinathi Nkonyane.

Government runs out of passports again

By Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

BARELY four months after restocking government has once run out of travel documents.

Four months ago there was a wave of relief in the country after the ministry of home affairs announced that the country had travel documents again after being without for about five months. The unavailability of travel documents which was dubbed a crisis by others was first reported in November last year and the ministry promised that they would have them before peak season in December but that never happened. Travel documents only arrived

in the country in March this year. Information gathered by this publication is that the ministry has run out of travel documents once again and people who had applied for them beginning of June are being turned back when coming for collections.

People who had been turned back when they had gone for collections said the officers keep giving unsatisfactory responses and that is when they realised that government had probably run out again.

Acting Principal Secretary in the Ministry Thandi Khumalo confirmed that they were currently not issuing out travel documents but said it wasn't due to a shortage but because they wanted the 30-page travel documents and issue out 60-page ones.

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"The ministry has decided to increase the number of pages in the travel document after realising that the 30 pages were too little and people kept coming back for new ones. We are waiting for the 60 page travel documents to arrive not that we have run out," she said.

Khumalo said she couldn't say when the traveling documents would arrive in the country as this was being handled by the PS Anthony Masilela.

"I am not sure when they will arrive as the PS who is currently out of the country on business is the person with the right answers. He is the one working on the issue, he knows best," she said.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL CONSENT IN TERMS OF THE MANZINI TOWN PLANNING SCHEME

I Helen du Pont, the owner of the property in question, hereby make a Public Notice in terms of Clause 1.5 of the 2013 Manzini Town Planning Scheme that I wish to apply for a **SPECIAL CONSENT** to establish a **Day Care on Lot 799, Township Thomasdale, Manzini.**

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP FOR SWACAA BOARD AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

It is "development unusual" at SWACAA: sleeves have been rolled up as the leadership gets down to the bolts and nuts of the business, learning and understanding concepts in their correct context.

The Board of Directors and management attended a Corporate Governance Workshop at the SASO (Southern African Safety Organisation) offices in Mbabane and as the Chairman Mr President Dhlamini stated:

"We are not going to take for granted the expectations that have been placed upon us by the mandate that we have been given; it is important that we conduct the business in the manner that our principals expect us to. We want to make sure that not only do we deliver results that should change the way of life of Swazis, but that we lay foundations for the sustainability of the organisation and the industry".

Dr Sikhomba Gumbi and Ms Thembayena Dlamini delivered the training in a vibrant and participatory fashion and they minced no words about what is and is not acceptable in corporate governance, particularly in state-owned enterprises. The course was also attended by the Director of Public Enterprise Unit Ms Busangani Mkhaliphi, who made a presentation on circulars governing parastatals.



Director General Mr Solomon Dube in conversation with Dr Sikhomba Gumbi and Ms Thembayena Dlamini from REDD.



Dr Sikhomba Gumbi clarifying a point to the participants of the Corporate Governance workshop.



Board Chair, Mr President Dhlamini, with Board members Ms. Nokuthula Dlamini and Ms. Nokwazi Mhlunga Mathabela at the workshop

SWACAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS VISIT MATSAPHA AIRPORT AND KMIII INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



Board Chair, Mr President Dhlamini, with Board Members, Mr. Douglas Litchfield and Ms. Nokwazi Mhlunga-Mathabela at KMIII International Airport Fire Station



Mr. Simphoe Nisoko illustrating a point to SWACAA's Board Members at Matsapha Airport

The Civil Aviation Authority's Board of Directors recently toured the facilities at Matsapha and King Mswati III International Airports.

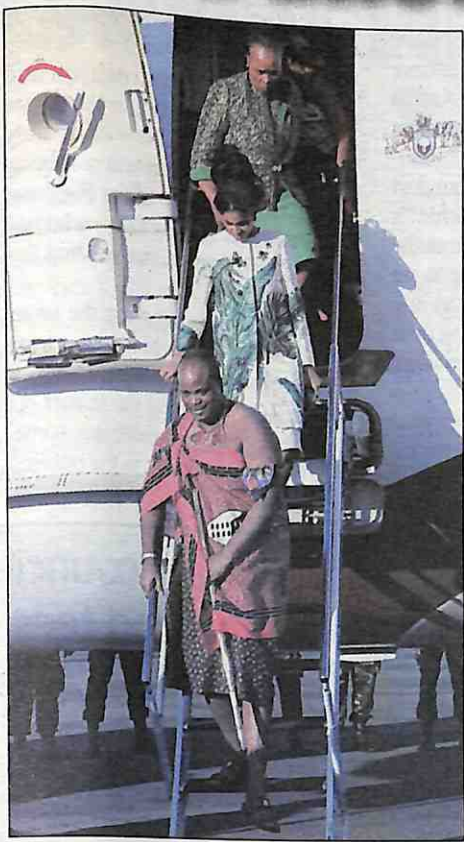
The objective of this visit was to understand what goes on behind the scenes in the regulatory and operational divisions of the Authority and to instil appreciation of the facilities on the ground and what challenges are posed by limitations.

As Deputy Chairperson Mrs Thandeka Dlamini summarised it:

"We need to understand what management presents to the Board so that our support is not limited by a lack of appreciation of material factors."

The tour started at Matsapha Airport and covered all the technical sites, including the fire station, before moving to King Mswati III International Airport. The terminal building and the ground handling equipment, the fuel farm and the boundary fence and air traffic control Tower were all inspected during the tour.

KING BACK FROM ETHIOPIA



BACK HOME: His Majesty King Mswati III and Inkhosikati LaMagongo alighting from the Siyinqaba private jet on arrival from Ethiopia where they had attended the African Union Summit. His Majesty returned home yesterday afternoon at Matsapha Airport. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



WELCOME BACK: His Majesty King Mswati III who was accompanied by Inkhosikati LaMagongo greeting Emazinyane on arrival at Matsapha Airport yesterday.



BAYETHE: Also present to welcome His Majesty were Emakhosikati and Emazinyane.



AWAITING: PM Dr Sibusiso Dlamini, Minister Phiwayinkosi Mabuza, Senator Mahlaba and heads of security awaiting the arrival of the King.



WENA WAPHAKATHI: The many who came through to welcome the King.



TO WELCOME: Buckwood Principal Giles Sutton and students from his school were also at the airport to welcome the King.



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Students of the University are advised that they may collect their end-of-year Examination Results on **Friday 7 July 2017** between **11.00 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.** at the venues listed below provided they are not owing:

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| Education | - Education Conference Room |
| Institute of Post Graduate Studies | - Office 209 |
| Science & Engineering | - Science Conference Room |
| 4. Institute of Distance Education | - Seminar Room |

The Supplementary Examination will begin on **Monday 17 July 2017**. It is therefore imperative that the results are collected on the day of release or shortly thereafter.

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The Management and Staff of the Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) take this opportunity to express their deepest and heartfelt condolences to the family, relatives and friends of Richard Magongo, who was a Linesman/Heavy Duty driver at the Stonehenge Depot in Mbabane.

Our thoughts and prayers go to his family, friends, colleagues at the Depot and the entire SEC team during this difficult time. All of us at SEC value the great moments we have shared with him for the past 27 years.

He will be laid to rest at his home Endzingeni - kaHhohho on Saturday the 8th July, 2017 after a night vigil on Friday the 7th July 2017.

POLICE PROBE CHIEF DAMBUZA'S WIFE HARASSMENT

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlango

THE harassment of Chief Dambuzi's wife is now reportedly being investigated by the police service top brass.

Inkshosikati LaMagagula, Chief Dambuzi's wife, was subjected to unbelievable torture at the hands of KaPhunga Police. It is alleged Inkshosikati LaMagagula was found at a family business at Mpophotha Shopping Complex without a valid trading licence.

She was then bundled into the back of a police van and then driven for a long distance at a bumpy gravel road

before later being taken to the Hlatikulu Police Station, where she was made to pay an admission of guilt fine of E500.

It's still unclear as to why the chief's wife was subjected to such kind of torture and as to why she could not be taken to the KaPhunga Police Station as it was known to be the local police station servicing the area.

Reports are that the seriousness and sensitivity of the issue has resulted to those in the police service hierarchy, springing to action with the purpose of finding out what actually happened.

Sources have revealed that the issue is now being handled by the police top brass at a regional level including the

office of the regional commissioner as well the station commanders.

Reports are that today there are plans to have a delegation of senior police officers including station commanders sent to Chief Dambuzi with the purpose of apologising over the incident.

Apologising

"The plan is to have top brass such as station commanders from the Hlatikulu and KaPhunga police stations sent to meet the chief's family with the purpose of apologising. The meeting is planned to be held tomorrow (today) and this is going to depend whether the chief is going to have time for that," said a source.

Station commanders at the two police stations (Hlatikulu and KaPhunga) have been identified Superintendent Annah Mathunjwa and Assistant Superintendent Pat Kunene.

The two, said sources, will from part of the delegation to meet the chief's family. Others have said the issue at the KaPhunga Police Station come as no surprise to some of the officers as one of those implicated has for a long time been protected whenever there were accusations against him.

"There are some police officers who are keen to see what will happen to one of those who had a hand in the harassment of the chief's wife. Others feel at

least there should be something done to this individual. Transfer of this individual which is highly likely is not going to be a good thing but some want him suspended," said another source.

Confirmed

Deputy Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati only confirmed that the matter was now being handled by the office of the Regional Commissioner Wendy Hleta who had only learned about it after reading this newspaper.

"The RC is now handling the issue. I'm not aware that there is now a team to be sent to apologise. What I know is that the RC is handling the matter but how she is going to handle it is something we cannot unpack to the public," said Vilakati.

PM unveils 13-member Health Task Team

Stories by Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

PRIME Minister Dr Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini has announced a 13-member task team to review the capacity of the Swaziland Medical and Dental Council, the working environment of medical and allied specialists and the efficiency of the Phalala Fund.

The task team was announced yesterday at the Cabinet offices, where various Cabinet ministers and principal secretaries were in attendance.

These appointments come after the inter-ministerial consultations that the Prime Minister held with doctors held on June 26. Subsequent to the consultations, a 13-member inter-ministerial task team has been approved by Cabinet. The PM said the task team will examine the legislative terms of reference defining the operation of the Swaziland Medical and Dental Council and assess its present capacity, staffing, resources and effectiveness. He said in making these assessments, the task team will need to examine the management structure of the medical and dental centres. "In this regard, consideration should be given to whether the tripartite system of management is still appropriate. We expect the task team to assess the

RETIRED Dr Joseph Nxumalo has been appointed to be the Chairman of the task team.

The task team is expected to start immediately, and make a presentation to Cabinet on August 1, with the final report to be submitted to Cabinet on August 17.

Prime Minister Dr Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini said the quorum for the task team meetings will be nine-people which shall always include the representative of the ministries of finance, public service and economic planning and development. Dlamini further urged all its members to apply themselves with dedication, resourcefulness and thoroughness for an outcome that is expected to benefit health service for the nation. "Government and its generous development partners have invested a great deal of money

training requirements for medical students and interns, as well as the standards, such as continual professional development, established for medical and dental professionals," he said.

Dlamini said there will also be a need to review the Swaziland Medical and Dental Practitioners Act of 1970 to assess its relevance and comprehensiveness in relation to the demands and standards of the present day. He said since the

Retired Dr Nxumalo to head Task Team

1. Dr Joseph Lucky Nxumalo
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3. Dr Nimrod Malekere
4. Dr Delisle Pearl Maseko
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Swaziland Medical Association is referred to in that Act, the link between the Association and the Council should be considered. He said the task team should also examine the existing regulation for professionals. He advised that an active interaction between the Swaziland Medical and Dental Council and both the Swaziland Nursing and Swaziland Higher Education Council, saying it is an important part of their respective

responsibilities. The PM further said the task team is to examine the issue of qualified Swazi medical specialists currently working outside the country, and obtain views on the incentives and the working environment necessary to encourage their return to Swaziland. "The proposed National Referral Hospital will, *inter alia*, provide further depth and additional specialist appeal to our professional medical environment.

Motorists slam council over new parking fees

By Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

MOTORISTS have described the parking changes to be implemented by the Municipal Council of Mbabane as impractical.

Motorists, who park along the busy Mbabane streets, have concurred with the Swaziland Consumer Association Chairman Bongani 'Bhanyaza' Mdluli that the changes by the council are unrealistic and impractical. This comes after the council through their Public Relations Officer Lucky Tsabedze announced that motorists would be charged as much as E60 if they were found parking longer than four hours on short term parking areas. Tsabedze said parking areas around the Central Business District had been divided into two, that is, long term parking and short term parking.

Explaining, he said the long term parking was designed for long term parkers, people who worked in the CBD while the short term parking areas were designed for motorists who had come to run errands in town and would spend four hours or less.

He said the motorists who parked on the short term parking areas regardless of whether they worked in those streets would be charged up to E60.

Motorists who work in the busy streets of Mbabane like Betfusile and Gwamile say the move by the council was impractical and have questioned the reasoning behind it.

The motorists said the move by the council was not feasible as it didn't make sense to them to park far from their places of work. People who work along Betfusile Street are expected to walk as far as 'Phezukwendlu' or in front of TEBA offices.

The motorists said the whole purpose of driving was for convenience but the move by the council was drawing them back to a space of inconvenience. "The whole purpose of driving is to never walk long distance, but now we are being coerced into walking. We want to step on the pavement and walk into our offices not this thing that they are forcing us to do," he said. Another who identified himself as Colani Shongwe said his offices are at Gwamile Street but the street was labelled under the short term parking areas. "What is it that they are trying to achieve? What informed this decision?" he wondered. He said the changes were impractical and they would not happen. "We will not be bullied by the council, they must first explain to us what informed the decision," he said.



CHANGES:
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SUSPECT BOLTS OUT OF MOVING KOMBI AS POLICE OPEN FIRE

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

A suspect jumped out of a moving kombi and ran into a nearby forest despite the police firing warning shots.

The incident happened at a roadblock outside Highlands Inn yesterday afternoon.

Reliable sources said the police were working on a tipoff that a man carrying a bag full of dagga was coming from Maguga.

The police set up a roadblock to arrest the man who was travelling in a blue kombi coming from Maguga.

The man is said to have seen the roadblock and as the kombi was stopping the man bolted out into a nearby forest. Police fired two warning shots into the air but the suspect did not stop," said the source.

Neglected

When this newspaper reached the scene, only sandals belonging to the suspect were found where he had left them.

Police officers were seen combing the forest searching for the suspect.

"We were looking for a suspect who jumped out of a moving kombi and ran into the forest.

"We did not shoot him because there were little children around, so we decided to fire warning shots into the air,"

● "The man is said to have seen the roadblock and as the kombi was stopping the man bolted out into a nearby forest. Police fired two warning shots into the air but the suspect did not stop"



EVIDENCE: Sandals left by the suspect at the scene outside Highlands Inn yesterday afternoon. (Pics: Sizwe Dlamini)

said a policeman found at the scene.

Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant

Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the incident, saying the suspect was still on the loose.



NOT HERE: Police searching the forest for the suspect.



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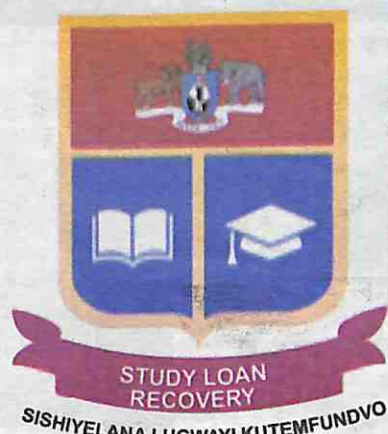
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Nephew strangles uncle

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya
Sihhoye

A 25-year-old man of Sihhoye has been arrested and charged with murder after allegedly killing his uncle by strangling him.

The numbing incident happened at Sihhoye last Thursday.

According to residents, the two were involved in a quarrel about money which the nephew had allegedly stolen from his uncle.

Sihhoye is an area in the Lubombo region, just near Tshaneni.

"Police arrived at the scene of incident at around 8pm, where they found the lifeless body of a man on the kitchen floor."

The man was transported to Dvokolwako Health Centre, where

he was certified dead.

The deceased was identified as Mathonsi was pronounced dead at the scene and the suspect was arrested.

After investigations by community police, it is believed the old man was strangled by his nephew, who is 25.

Apparently they got into an argument about money which the nephew had allegedly stolen from his uncle.

Tragic

"It is tragic that a family has to endure such a loss especially at the hands of another loved one," said neighbour.

"The family has our deepest condolences during this most difficult time."

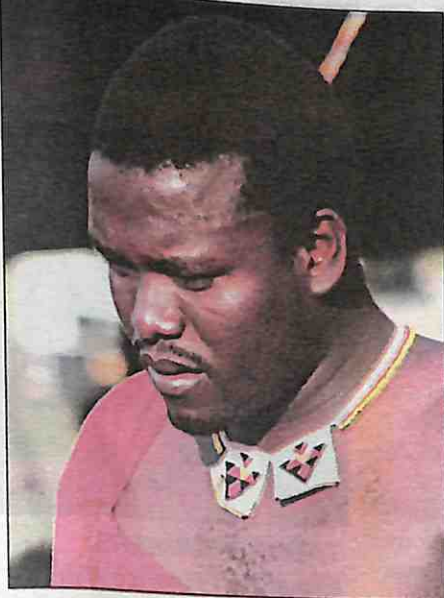
Acting Chief Police Information and Communication Officer, Assistant

Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the matter, stating that the suspect was arrested on same day of the incident.

"As we speak the suspect is behind bars waiting for trial," she said.

Police said investigation is ongoing.

CONFIRMED: Acting Chief Police Information and Communication Officer, Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.



PEACE MAKER: Nkambeni Chief Ndalahlaza.

Deceased's sons threaten to burn, kill suspect's home

THE late Mathonsi's sons are now threatening to burn the suspect's parents' home as they feel they want closure on the matter.

A source alleged that sons of the late Mathonsi after the funeral vowed to burn down the homes and kill the parents' boy.

"After the funeral Mathonsi's sons wanted an audience with the suspect's family, but they were stopped by other family members since they saw that the confrontation was going to turn out nasty," said the source.

After that they sent death threats to the family.

"The family then reported the matter to Tshaneni Police Station, where the police intervened in the matter."

Threats

Acting Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the death threats.

However, the situation had been brought under control by police with the help of the Nkambeni Royal Kraal inner council," family elder Madevu Mathonsi said.

"The inner council was sent by Chief Ndalahlaza to engage the two families. As far as I know the two families are at peace now.

However, you may never know since the elder sons of my brother are working in far areas and rarely come home," he said.

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Businesswoman robbers face two more charges

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

THREE men who were arrested last week for allegedly robbing a businesswoman her pistol and live rounds of ammunition have since been slapped with two more charges including that of attempted murder.

The accused persons, namely; Zakhele Dlamini, Mancoba Ndzimandze and Bongumusa Mngometulu made their first appearance before court last Wednesday.

They are facing a charge of robbery in that they acted jointly robbing one Vivian Williams of her 9mm pistol, 13 live

rounds of ammunition, a cellphone and cash amounting to E800.

The offence was said to have been committed early last month.

During their second appearance before Principal Magistrate Dumsani Magagula yesterday, the accused were informed of an amended charge sheet which now includes the new charges.

The charge sheet indicates that

the accused person face a charge of attempted murder, in that they wrongfully and unlawfully attempted to kill Williams by shooting her with a pistol with intent to kill her.

On the last count, the second accused person is charged with contravening Section (3) of the theft of motor vehicle Act 16 of 1991.

He is alleged to have wrongfully and unlawfully stolen a motor vehicle, a Toyota Corolla valued at E14 000, belonging to Jabulile Seya. The offence is said to have

been committed in January this year at Mpolonjeni.

Following the addition of the charge

of attempted murder, Prosecutor Zanele Mabila stated that the crown now opposes the bail application which was filed by the accused person during their first appearance last week.

The accused were advised to file their application at the High Court. Meanwhile, they were remanded into custody pending committal to the High Court.



SEC IN E1BN ELECTRICITY PURCHASE DEAL

● Currently, SEC is buying all of the electricity it supplies from Eskom, a company that supplies electricity in SA

By Mbono Mdluli
Lobamba

IN an effort to reduce reliance on South Africa for electricity, SEC has now entered into a deal that will see it sourcing power in the country.

This was revealed yesterday by Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini in the House of Assembly on Wednesday.

He was presenting a preamble on the Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) Guarantee (Lower Maguduza Hydro Power Scheme) Bill, 2017 before Members of Parliament (MPs).

SEC is a company tasked with the responsibility of supplying electricity in the country.

The parastatal is supposed to enter into the E1 billion deal with Middle Lusutfu Hydropower (Proprietary) Limited, which, according to Dlamini, will be working with Old Mutual Swaziland.

The deal is supposed to last for 25 years.

Middle Lusutfu Hydropower (Proprietary) Limited will be given an authority to operate the Lower Maguduza Hydro-electric Power Plant, which is situated at Edwaleni in the Manzini region, to produce hydro-electricity.

The company will then sell the electricity to SEC, which will then sell it to the public. It is worth noting that the E1 billion will be paid in a space of 25 years.

Dlamini told the House that the company is expected to produce electricity that is more than 20 megawatts. If things go well, the company could produce even more than the 20 megawatts. Dlamini said what was good about the project is that it could use renewable energy, which is encouraged by the international community because it is environmentally friendly.

Currently, SEC is buying all of the electricity it supplies from Eskom, a company that supplies electricity in South Africa. It buys about 300 megawatts of electricity from that company. The deal that SEC is about to enter into with Middle Lusutfu Hydropower (Proprietary) Limited will not make much of a difference. Dlamini said more electricity is still going to be bought from South Africa.

The ministry of finance is part of the deal because it has to provide a guarantee to the company to get the E1 billion over the said period, should SEC fail to pay the money. The minister was quick to assure the MPs that there were



TALKING NUMBERS:
Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini.

very minimal chances of such a situation. He said SEC was buying electricity, without fail from Eskom. It will use that money to buy electricity from the Lower Maguduza Power Plant. According to Dlamini, was that part of the money that goes to Eskom will be used within the country.

After making the preamble, only two politicians made submissions on the Bill.

These included Siphofaneni MP Gundwane Gamedze and Minister for Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama.

They all hailed the project as an initiative that could help the country in terms of electricity production.

The MPs then adjourned the debate and allowed the Bill to be discussed by the portfolio committee of the ministry of finance.



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Prince wants to produce coffee for HMCS

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

PRINCE Jabulani Dlamini is interested in producing coffee for His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS).

Prince Jabulani, is a son to Prince Dumisa who is based in England.

Prince Jabulani is interested in working with HMCS in producing coffee, which he claims would help boost the country's income.

He wants HMCS Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase to give him land measuring a hectare to implement this project.

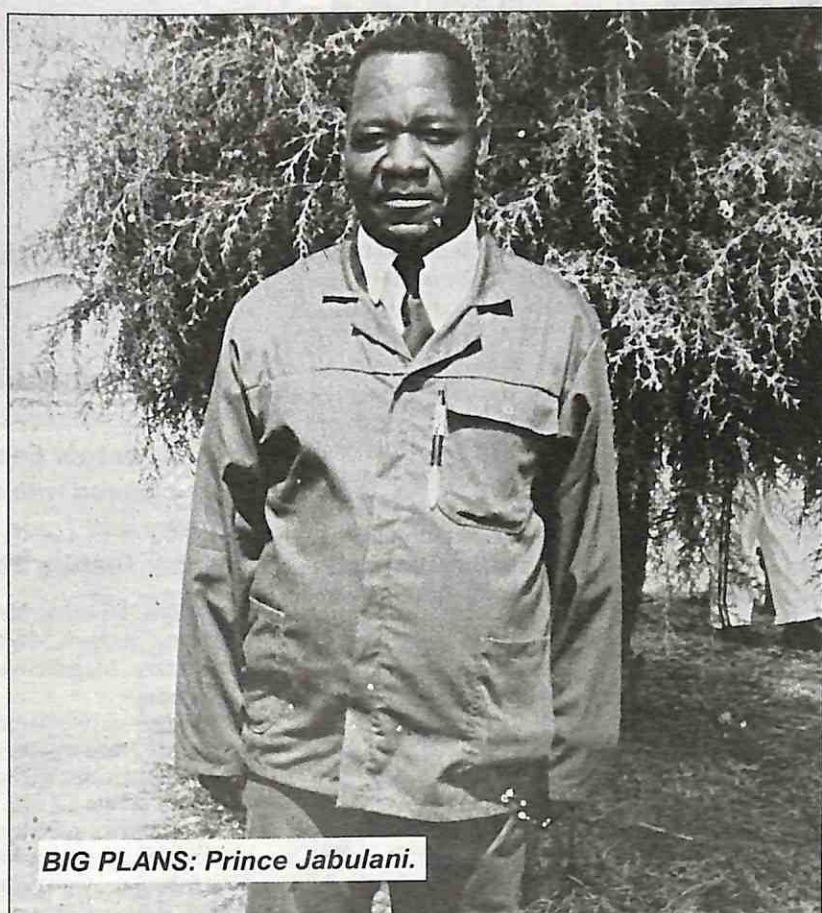
Dlamini, who stays at Logoba, Matsapha, approached this newspaper on Tuesday with the intention of informing the nation about the work that he claims to do.

He said he also welcomes any kind of assistance as he implements his project as it is aimed at helping the country improve economically.

He said the coffee project can also be cost-effective to HMCS because the coffee they are currently buying now would not be bought because it would be produced by the correctional institution.

The institution could also have income to implement other projects aimed at developing it.

The project, according to the prince, is aimed at enriching both the correctional officers and prisoners with the knowledge of producing coffee. This



BIG PLANS: Prince Jabulani.

could be a great source of income to both the HMCS and the country. Dlamini said coffee could be very productive as witnessed during the coffee production tests with the correctional institution.

"Coffee can be very productive when grown in a proper way and method. In a recent sample that had been done in

Matsapha Correctional Services, four bags were harvested in an area of 0.5 hectares.

This means eight bags can be produced in a hectare," he said. The prince said the coffee he was proposing was very important to the health of any human being because it cleaned kid-

...Also wants to produce cow fertiliser

THE prince now wants to introduce fertiliser made from crushed cow bones.

The fertiliser, according to the prince, is made by crushing used cow bones. The bones are crushed using a specialised machine up until they are powdery, and that is the first product.

The powdery product is crushed again in the second phase to an even finer fertiliser that becomes very handy if the soil has been over-used and has lost all its nutritious value and qualities.

Prince Jabulani said the fertiliser sought to improve a situation where-

by the soil is poor and can not produce good harvest yields. He said for this project, he was trained in Germany for two years. He said from this course, he was able to acquire a degree in making fertiliser.

The prince said this type of fertiliser does not come with side effects that affects harvest like the commonly used organic fertiliser. He said it would be a blessing for the Swazi nation to have access to such a product that can not harm crops, producing the harvest yield whilst, restoring soil to its natural nutritious state.

neys and boosted the immune system of human beings.

The prince said coffee could be grown in all the correctional service centres in the country and all convicts and officers could be well-equipped with information on coffee production enabling the prisoners to grow the coffee at their respective communities, if they want to do so, once done serving their sentences. The prince said he studied coffee production in Brazil in the 1980s and once did a coffee

production test with the correctional institution back in 2007.

HMCS Commissioner General Mzuthini Ntshangase, when contacted for comment, stated that he knew Jabulani Dlamini, who stayed at Logoba in Matsapha.

"I cannot confirm if he is a prince or not, but I know him as Jabulani Dlamini. He once engaged in a coffee production test with us several years ago. Unfortunately, that project was a non-starter," Ntshangase said.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Financial Services Regulatory Authority has finalized the drafting of the Consumer Credit Regulations 2017 which are meant to operationalize the Consumer Credit Act, 2016. Stakeholders are hereby invited to make comments and contributions towards the final Regulations.

The draft Regulations and a template for comments to be utilized in this exercise are available in the FSRA's website at www.fsra.co.sz/legal/. Comments should be sent to regulations@fsra.co.sz or faxed to +268 2404 7930 by the 31st July 2017 or hand delivered at the FSRA's offices at 2nd Floor, Ingcamu Building, Mbabane.

SANDILE S. DLAMINI
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ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENT OWNERS AND OPERATORS INVITATION TO A WORKSHOP

The Swaziland Tourism Authority is inviting tourism establishment owners and operators to a workshop to discuss the launch of grading.

This half-day workshop will be held at Happy Valley Resort on the 14th July, 2017, starting at 9am.

Should you need further clarification on the workshop, please contact Mrs. Nelly Mngomezulu at 24049675/93.



LEGALISE DAGGA - PUPILS

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

NORTHERN Hhohho pupils want government to legalise dagga.

In arguments which formed part of the northern Hhohho High Schools debate, the pupils encouraged government to legalise dagga and also allow citizens to export it thus injecting money into the economy.

The debate was held at the civic centre in Pigg's Peak on Wednesday.

Guest speaker at the event was minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade who also doubles as Pigg's Peak Member of Parliament (MP) Jabulani

Mabuza.

Mswati High School pupils said dagga could be used as an export product to aid government receive the much needed foreign revenue.

Dealers

"Dagga dealers are getting rich by selling the illegal plant and our government is desperately wasting precious resources trying to control and eliminate dagga production in the country.

Through law enforcement, why can't we legalise the plant and export products that we can make out of it to other countries?

That way the Swazi economy can grow by receiving revenue, we see the legalisation of dagga

as very important and could boost the country's ailing economy," said the pupils.

Meanwhile, pupils from Mkhuzweni and Magobodvu said the influx of Asians in Swaziland was bad for the country's economy.

"We see the influx of Asians as detrimental to the country's economy, these people come to Swaziland, make money and send it back to their respective countries leaving Swaziland bare.

They further pay Swazis a meagre salary of E1 500, as Swazis we should try our best to fight and take back our economy so that we can reach first world status by the year 2022," the pupils said.



DEBATE: Northern Hhohho High Schools pupils during the debate.

Ndzingeni High scoops debate championship

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

NDZINGENI High School has been crowned champions of the 2017 northern Hhohho High Schools debate.

The debate was sponsored by Pigg's Peak Member of Parliament Jabulani Mabuza in collaboration with Macmillan Swaziland, KOBWA as well as the Pigg's Peak Town Council. It took place at the civic centre in Pigg's Peak on Wednesday and featured a total of 10 schools. Each debate team had a total of four speakers.

The topic of the debate was could business lead Swaziland to first world status by the year 2022 where every Swazi would be earning E2 000 or above as a minimum wage. Each participant in the debate was allocated five minutes to convince the four judges namely Nimrod Mdluli, Nomcebo Mavuso, Lorraine Borah and Lungile Simelane on the topic. The names of the 10 schools that participated in the



WINNERS: Winners of 2017 Northern Hhohho schools debate Ndzingeni High School debate team pictured with the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza and English Teacher Thabiso Shongwe.

debate were; Mhlatane, Mswati, Ndzingeni, Timphisini, Mayiwane, Sobokazane, Magobodvu and Mkhuzweni.

The judges said they were very impressed by the enthusiasm that each of the participants showed during the debate.

First place went to Ndzingeni High School, followed by Mswati High School and third place was

Timphisini High School. Additional prizes up for grabs were best female and male speaker in the debate and these went to Sebentile Shongwe of Ndzingeni High who received best female speaker and Phumlani Dlamini from Mswati High School who received the best male speaker award. All the participants received awards of participation at the debate.



1. THE BEST: Sebentile Shongwe of Ndzingeni High School receiving best female speaker from the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza. **2. WELL DONE:** Phumlani Dlamini from Mswati High School receiving the best male speaker award from the minister.

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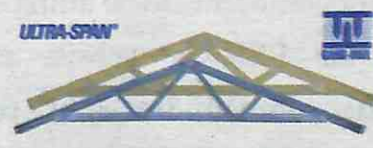
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FOREIGN NEWS

'Omar al-Bashir ruling enough justification to leave ICC'

CAPE TOWN - The chairperson of Parliament's international relations and co-operation portfolio committee said the International Criminal Court's ruling that South Africa ought to have arrested Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir is justification to leave the body.

The ICC found yesterday that SA should have arrested Bashir in 2015 when he visited the country to attend an African Union summit in Johannesburg.

News24

HMCS COOPERATIVE DONATES UNIFORMS TO ST HOLLY GHOST

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

ASIHLMISANE Savings and Credit Cooperative has donated school uniforms to pupils of St Holly Ghost Primary School.

The Cooperative is made of officers of His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS).

The school is situated in the belly of the Lowveld, under Mpolonjeni Constituency.

This is evidenced by the high num-



DONATION: Members of the Asihlumisane Savings and Credit Co-operative with the administration of St Holly Ghost Primary School during the donation of school uniforms.

ber of pupils who lack essential needs such as school uniforms, shoes, and more often attend classes on empty stomachs.

Chairperson of the cooperative, Calvin Khumalo presented the uniforms and shoes for needy children at the school on Wednesday.

Khumalo said they had recently conducted an assessment which indicated that most children at the school came from poverty stricken families.

Apparently, the co-operative's policy is to contribute to charity work at least once every year. They focused mainly on needy children from schools across the country.

Khumalo said during their visit at the school, they learnt that most children were without proper uniforms,

with some of them walking bare footed. This led to the organisation choosing the school for this year's project. In total, 62 pupils were given a full set of uniform. Khumalo said the organisation was also inspired by the HMCS Commissioner General Mzuthini Ntshangase who always advocates for charity work. Ntshangase is also a member of the co-operative.

Affected

The chairperson said they were hoping to make constant donations at the school as it is evident that it faces numerous challenges. Such challenges were said to have also affected the academic performance of the pupils.

Meanwhile, Inspector of Primary Schools Vincent Ginindza who represented the regional education office thanked the organisation for its kind gesture.

Ginindza said the ministry was thankful for such contributions as it is also faced with financial constraints which are also affecting the running of rural schools.

School dominated by orphaned children

To add to the numerous challenges faced by St Holly Ghost Primary School, a larger fraction of the pupils are orphaned children.

This is said to be affecting the performance of the children.

Speaking during the donation of school uniforms by Asihlumisane Savings and Credit Cooperative, Principal of the school, Patricia Magagula said they were currently struggling to maintain a constant running of the school due to challenges also faced by the families from which the children come from.

Magagula highlighted that the school was situated in an area which has experienced the worst effects of the recent drought. Moreover, Magagula said some children also played the role of parenthood in the respective families.

This was said to be an aspect which has also seen the school being listed as the worst performing school in external examination in the recent years.

Nonetheless, Magagula said they were working tirelessly to rise above the challenges and hoping to produce the best results at the end of this academic calendar. She also reported that their dream almost came true in the previous year when only one pupil failed in the Standard Five external examinations.

The principal thanked the HMCS in general for the kind gesture of donating school uniforms to the pupils. She pointed out that this would boost the children's self-esteem as they would now be wearing proper uniforms.



HAD SOMETHING TO SAY: Asihlumisane Savings and Credit Co-operative Chairperson Calvin Khumalo making his remarks.



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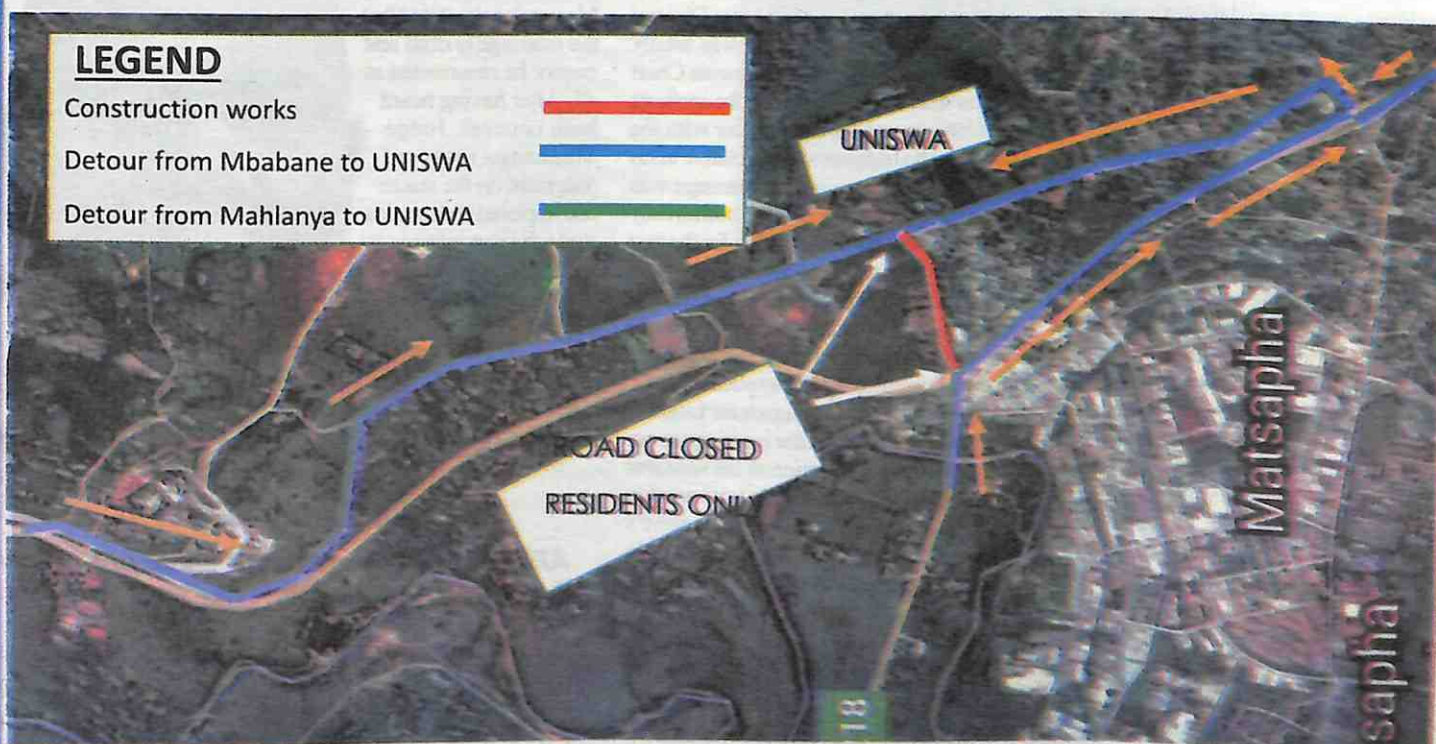
PUBLIC NOTICE

ROAD CLOSURE

The Ministry of Public Works and Transport - Road Department has embarked on the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the road from, and including the traffic circle past Gwamile VOCTIM to Kwaluseni Junction. These works shall take three (3) months, and are being undertaken by A.G. Thomas (PTY) Ltd from 10 July 2017 to 9 October 2017.

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LOMDASHI FARMERS' WAR FAR FROM OVER AS JUDGE RETURNS 50/50 RULE

By Zwelethu Dlamini

THE war between two haulage and harvesting groups assigned to harvest 670 hectares is far from over despite High Court Judge Siphon Nkosi having issued an order directing that the two contesting parties be in a 50/50 deal pending finalisation of the case.

This he said would save the farmers from a potential loss which might result from drying of the cane which is now ready for harvest.

The judge was quick to add that this was not the final decision as he needed time to go through the papers presented in court to ascertain the rightful contractor and to reach a final fair decision.

Nkosi stated that Wednesday's session was to find a way forward so that the association does not make losses due to the drying up of cane which is ready for harvest.

"All sugar cane that is required and ready for harvesting should be har-



RULLING: High Court Judge Siphon Nkosi escorted by police officers leaving the KaNgcamphalala Umphakatsi during the judgement of the war between Lomdashi Farmers and contractor on Wednesday. (Pic: Zwelethu Dlamini)

vested equally on the 50/50 agreement with immediate effect. This order shall prevail until the matter has been finalized in court," he said.

He added that he was not going to make decisions without careful consideration but would take this matter seriously so that a fair judgment is

issued so that no party will waste money on appeal. He further warned parties to respect the court order as the failure to do so is a punishable offence. He stated that burning of sugar is unlawful and evil and should stop as it is detrimental to the economy.

The judgment did not go down well with the members of the association and the Jozana Logistics directors as they were contesting against Kwasabalimi's involvement in the harvesting and haulage of their sugar cane.

While the chairperson of the scheme is complaining that in the previous year the company performed poorly and is still owing the scheme 2 per cent of the total harvest as per their agreements on the other hand Jozana Logistics is accusing Kwasabalimi of not abiding with the 50/50 judgment in the previous year and also bulldozing a share in a tender that was won by the former. It is worth noted that Wednesday's order has been accepted and found fair by

Kwasabalimi. The dispute saw Lomdashi scheme's sugarcane fields being reduced into ashes causing damage estimated at E2.5 million while some members were hacked and sustained serious injuries last month. This allegedly resulted from the feud between Mantjanga Investment trading as Jozana Logistics and Kwasabalimi.

The parties had engaged the courts where Jozana Logistics was contesting the sharing of the cane cutting and hauling tender with Kwasabalimi as they wanted them stop demanding a share in the tender. They said a previous court judgment had ruled in their favour as it indicated that Jozana was the rightful contractor not Kwasabalimi. They argued that the later judgement which allowed Kwasabalimi to have 50 per cent of their tender had elapsed.

However, Kwasabalimi has been accused of bulldozing 50 per cent of the tender. On Thursday June 28, the court had instructed the scheme to file its responding papers with a resolution concerning the two contractors.

MP Stezi files urgent appeal application against ruling on judicial separation

Stories by Sandile Nkambule
High Court

DESPITE getting a judicial separation from the Magistrate's Court, Dvokodweni Member of Parliament (MP) Stezi Dlamini insists that he wants out of his marriage from his wife Patricia Mphumelelo Dlamini.

The MP otherwise referred to as Musa Goodman Dlamini of Malindza's application was heard by High Court Judge Cyril Maphanga where he argued that Magistrate Lucia Lukhele erred in law in issuing the ruling on judicial separation.

Legally judicial separation is when a married couple is prevented from staying under one roof at their matrimonial home with one using alternative accommodation far from their home while the marriage subsists. Dlamini submitted through his Lawyer Zonke Magagula that his marriage with his wife Patricia Mphumelelo Dlamini (nee Nxumalo) is already dead and that keeping her under the guise of judicial separation will not do any good.

Instead, Dlamini who has been cited as the applicant in the matter argued that the ruling by the magistrate was only meant to keep him paying for his wife's rentals as she is staying at a rented flat at Ngwane Park.

Making his submissions before Judge

Maphanga, Magagula said the magistrate erred in law in holding that Dlamini deserted their matrimonial home at Malindza and when she made the decision on the judicial separation.

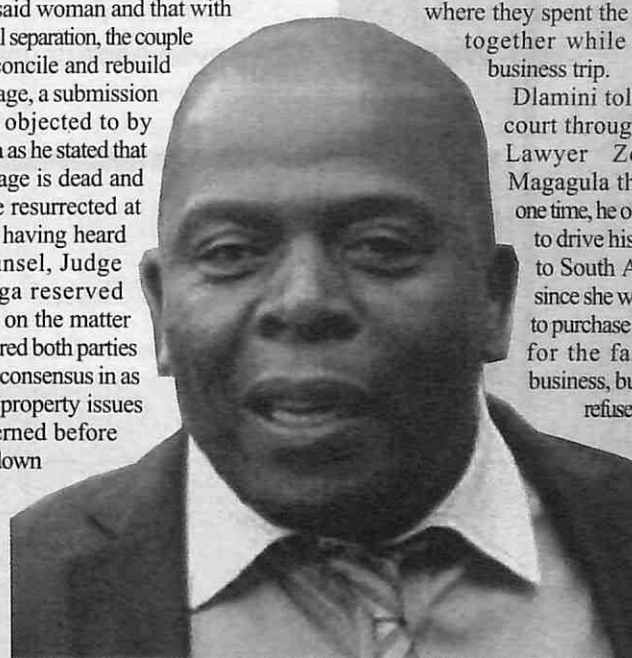
The evidence that was brought before the magistrate according to Dlamini (applicant) was unreliable as his wife (respondent) did not tell the truth when she said he committed adultery with another woman.

Further, Magagula submitted that the evidence given by one Malungisa Dlamini who is a brother to his wife was totally unreliable as he told the Magistrate Court that his sister informed him that the applicant was having an adulterous affair with the woman who happens to be a relative to his wife. He said keeping the marriage was out of the question since they had already separated with his wife, at least for the past five years and that the judicial separation is not healthy for both parties. The respondent had argued that the applicant was abusive and that he feared for her life, an argument that was disputed by the applicant.

He submitted that Magistrate Lukhele should have dissolved the marriage as per the applicant's application as his wife was in an adulterous relationship with another man. Meanwhile, the respondent's representative Lawyer Nonhlanhla Ndlangamandla submitted that the magistrate issued a proper ruling in that the couple

had to sort out something between them which included amongst others property issues and that a final decree of divorce would not be proper at this stage.

She also submitted that the applicant was indeed involved in an adulterous affair with the said woman and that with the judicial separation, the couple might reconcile and rebuild the marriage, a submission that was objected to by Magagula as he stated that the marriage is dead and cannot be resurrected at all. After having heard both counsel, Judge Maphanga reserved judgment on the matter and implored both parties to reach a consensus in as far as the property issues are concerned before he hands down his judgment on the matter.



APPEALS: Dvokodweni Member of Parliament Musa Stezi Dlamini.

Wife accused of committing adultery with family driver

MP Stezi Dlamini has claimed that his wife was having an adulterous affair with the family driver who is also their relative.

According to Dlamini (applicant) his wife used to travel to South Africa with the driver Bongani Dlamini where they spent the night together while on a business trip.

Dlamini told the court through his Lawyer Zonke Magagula that at one time, he offered to drive his wife to South Africa since she wanted to purchase stock for the family business, but she refused and

insisted she wanted Bongani to drive her there. His wife also filed a counter application in the court aquo (magistrate) where she accused her husband of having an adulterous affair with one Gcebile Nxumalo her sister. She submitted that she once found them at the applicant (husband's) parental homestead at Gundvini where they used to spend a night.

Her lawyer submitted that the applicant did all this in the name of sleeping with his *inhlanti* as the respondent could not give birth to a baby boy. She submitted that the judicial separation could work out since her sister (Gcebile) has since died and the possibilities of reconciliation are there.

She also submitted that she was no longer content with her husband sleeping with another woman considering the high prevalence of HIV/AIDS. She denied that she was having an adulterous relationship with Bongani and that they never slept at hotels in South Africa arguing that the only incident they did not sleep at home was when they found the border closed after 2200 hours and had to spend the night at the gate and only entered the country after 0700 hours the next morning.

Death threats cited during divorce application

PATRICIA Mphumelelo Dlamini alleged in papers during her counter application against the divorce, that her husband once threatened her.

She submitted that at one time, her husband told her to her face that either

of them would end-up in jail or at the mortuary if they continued staying together as husband and wife.

She stated that she was also subjected to assault by her husband while staying together at their matrimonial home at

Malindza.

However the applicant's Lawyer Zonke Magagula when making submissions yesterday, disputed the allegations made by the respondents to that effect.

He said there was not even a single day

when his client became abusive to his wife, but instead each time they had misunderstandings, he resorted to have the matter dealt with by the police or family elders (*Iusendvo*).

Occured

Magagula said at one time while at Gundvini, when an altercation occurred, his client told his wife to go with him to

the Manzini Police Station where he wanted the police to solve their problem, but his wife would not heed that advice.

Magagula disputed the allegations that there was a time when his clients threatened her by informing her that either of them will end up at the mortuary of jail and that there was no evidence of any assault against her.

SON FINED E3 500 FOR STEALING FATHER'S VEHICLE, DRINK DRIVING

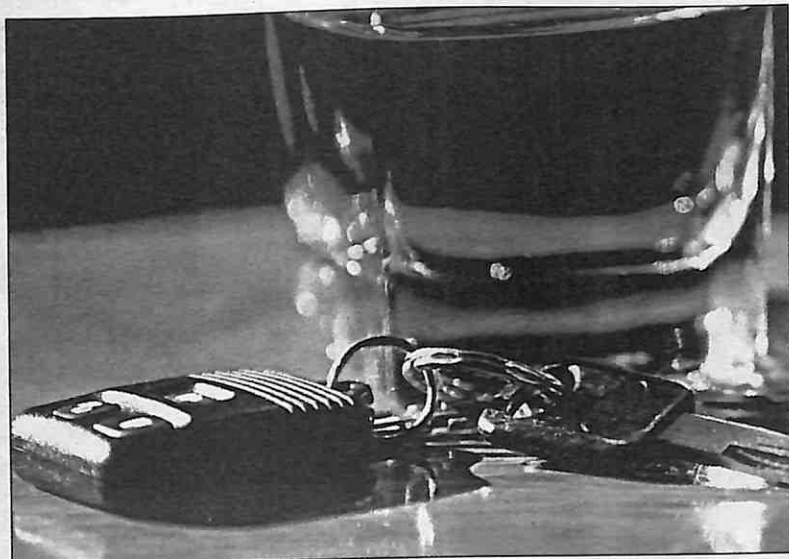
By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

A young man of Mpolonjeni who 'stole' his father's car and went drinking with friends found himself having to part with a sum of E3 500 after he was slapped with three counts of contravening the Traffic Act.

Siphelele Dlamini appeared before Magistrate Dumsani Mazibuko at Siphofaneni Circuit Court.

On the first count, he was alleged to have wrongfully and unlawfully driven a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Particulars of the offence included that a breathalyser test indicated that he had an amount of 1.04 mg/l alcohol in his system, which is way above the legal limit which stands at 0.38 mg/l. He was further charged with a similar charge, in that he wrongfully and unlawfully drove a motor vehicle without the consent of its owner, Kweni Dlamini. On the third count, the accused was said to have unlawfully driven the said motor vehicle along Big Bend-



Jabula road while knowing that he was not a holder of a valid driver's licence. When the charge sheet was read to him, the accused pleaded guilty to all the charges while conducting his own defence.

His plea was also accepted by the crown without leading evidence to prove commission of the charges. When asked on why he committed the offences,

the accused stated that he was tempted to take his father's vehicle and go drinking with his friends.

He was accordingly found guilty by the court on all charges. On the first count, he was sentenced to a year in a correctional facility with an option to pay E2 000 fine, while on the second count he was fined E1 000. He was further fined E500 on the third count.

Buhleni residents applaud RSP

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

BUHLENI residents have applauded Mliba and Buhleni Police for arresting the five terror gangmembers that had been terrorising Luve, Buhleni and Dvokolwako in June.

The five suspects were arrested on suspicion of assault and aggravated burglary. The warrants of arrest were executed following a string of violent raids, during which homeowners were either threatened or attacked.

The crimes took place since the beginning of last month (June).

The suspects were rounded-up and arrested on the early hours of last Wednesday while at Croydon stores enjoying their alcoholic beverages.

The residents applauded the efforts of the police in reducing crime in the area. The residents said they were usually robbed in broad daylight and during night time.

Some of the residents applauded the police for arresting the terror gang and confessed that they would be able to rest easily in their homes without fear

of robbery attacks.

However, some said armed robbery attacks were still happening in their neighbourhoods and therefore more gang members needed to be arrested.

Themba Dlamini a businessman said the presence of policemen in the area had helped in scaring thugs in the area.

"Robbers have stopped attacking residential houses or shops at night. I believe it is because of the active police presence everywhere," he said.

A teacher, Busin Majola said the collaboration of vigilante groups and the police had helped in reducing crime in the area.

She said she is even amazed that they were denied bail as some of the criminals are usually bailed by other gang members going back to the streets.

"We really appreciate the work of the police as they were able to arrest the gang as soon as they were alerted."

She said she can confirm to the public that Croydon which is one of the most crowded places in Dvokolwako, was now safer.

"No environment is free from crime, but police are doing their best to reduce crime to the minimal," she said.

Ex-Gege MP, friends to distribute shoes at Eric Rosenberg

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlangano

A former Member of Parliament with some of his former schoolmates want to assist needy pupils of their former school, Eric Rosenberg Primary.

Former Gege Member of Parliament Musa Kunene has teamed up with his former schoolmates of Eric Rosenberg Primary in raising money for purchasing items to be presented to needy pupils.

The first donation, according to Kunene would be held tomorrow.

The former legislator said they were planning to also identify needy members of some of the communities with the purpose of assisting them.

He said as former pupils of Eric Rosenberg Primary, they had planned to assist the school some time ago.

"By assisting the pupils, it's one way of ploughing back as this is a school

that was our foundation of what we are today," said Kunene who is a businessman and also a pastor.

Kunene said they were looking at distributing shoes to over 200 pupils at Eric Rosenberg Primary, all who have been identified by their teachers.

"The teachers have provided us with the sizes for these children who have been identified according to their needs as some will be presented with school jerseys as well as school bags. It's going to be a huge presentation," said Kunene.

Kunene said as former pupils, they

were also planning to establish a special fund where they will make contributions so that the school can manage to meet some of its needs.

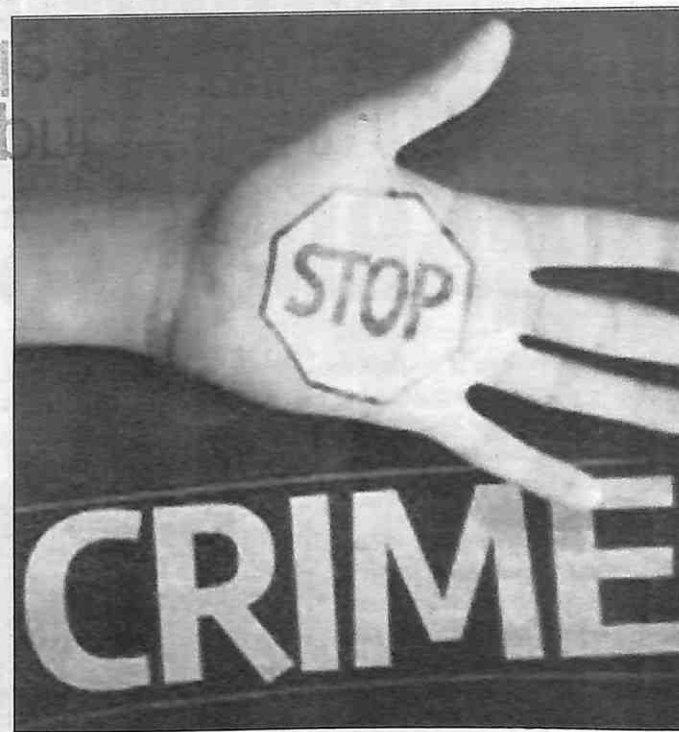
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Kunene added that they would soon consider assisting elderly people as some of them contributed to their upbringing.

"It's an exercise we

feel will be another way of assisting government in shouldering the burden of taking care of the vulnerable members of our society," said Kunene.



ZOMBODZE EMUVA WANT NTOFONTOFO AS NEXT MP

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlangano

WITH the 2018 national elections around the corner, many people are keen to join the race in their respective constituencies.

A handful of the aspirants in the Shiselweni region have made known their interests and despite that it is still too early for them publicly announce that indeed they will join the race, some have already been identified by the members of their communities as having the potential.

It is said at Zombodze Emuva one

of those said to have lined up to run for the elections is popular resident Mduduzi 'Ntofontofo' Nkonyane.

There is talk in the community that 'Ntofontofo' could be the next choice. 'Ntofontofo' is also one of the influential figures within the *umphakatsi* at Zombodze Emuva.

Deserved

A resident Sipho Simelane said as it is like a trend that all who have been given an opportunity to be the MP of Zombodze Emuva, serve only one term, Nkonyane also deserved a chance.

Simelane said he was not campaigning for Nkonyane but merely explaining his desire to see him as the

next MP.

He said Nkonyane seemed to be one of those who could be the solution to all the challenges faced by the constituency especially when it comes to clean water supply and other developments.

Campaigning

"I know how others are going to interpret this as campaigning for him. It's not that, but I feel a person like 'Ntofontofo' can be our Messiah. Water scarcity has been a problem we have been experiencing for decades and some of the people who have been elected have failed to assist with some always making empty promis-

es," said Simelane.

Simelane said 'Ntofontofo' is young and active when it comes to activities of the area.

Involved

"Apart from being a popular resident, he is known for his respect and kindness. Go to funerals, he is there. In community meetings he is there and not to add numbers but he is actively involved.

If we can get someone active like him, then we can kiss all our problems goodbye," said Simelane.

When called to find out if he was aware that people of his area were 'banking' hopes on him for the 2018 elections, 'Ntofontofo' said he could not divulge that he would stand for

the elections or not, come 2018.

"People can say anything but if they feel they have noticed something and are sincere by what they are thinking, I have to make up my mind first. Otherwise, I feel honoured if indeed there are people who think there is a potential in me but it's not a good thing to go public about one's future plans or what I aspire.

We just have to leave it there and let people say whatever they want but I am the one to make the decision when the time is right," said Ntofontofo.

'Ntofontofo' is currently employed by an NGO which works closely with communities of the region especially on issues touching on families and other responsibilities.



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THE SWAZITELECOM CHARITY CUP:



DPM's representative, Minister of ICT Dumisani Ndlangamandla presenting a cheque to the Swazi Telecom Charity Cup beneficiaries.

MODERNISING HEALTH THROUGH TECHNOLOGY TOWARDS VISION 2022

On July 1, 2017, the SwaziTelecom Charity Cup was officially launched by the deputy prime minister, who was represented by the minister of ICT, Dumisani Ndlangamandla at the Mbabane Government Hospital, OPD building.

The launch comprised of painting and refurbishment of ward 12, which is a male ward in the Mbabane Government Hospital. The E-health service was also launched at the Mbabane Government Hospital on the day.

The deputy prime minister greatly applauded the work that Swazi Telecom was doing in Ward 12, stating that it could not have come at a better time as the month of June was earmarked for promoting men's health by the ministry of health.

The DPM noted that health is a determinant of development of any country and it is on that premise that His Majesty's government has prioritised health. He further went on to commend SPTC, who chose to partner with the health sector to help mitigate health related issues in the communities we live in and encouraged many more corporates to establish strong alliances with the health sector and help the country realise its 2022 vision.

During the launch of the E-health service, doctors in Mbabane were able to call, interact and visibly see doctors based at Matsanjani Clinic (Shiselweni Region). This service will help sustain health care delivery by extending spe-



SwaziTelecom General Manager, Francis Dlamini explaining the technical aspects of the e-Health service.

cialist services and skills to remote hospitals and clinics across Swaziland. The DPM applauded Swazi Telecom for providing the service and mentioned that the service was all about extending health services to rural and remote areas with the main aim of mitigating health issues and saving lives overall.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: painting or ward 12.

ALSO PRESENT: Minister of health, who was represented by Minister Winnie Magagula, minister of sports was represented by Minister Owen Nxumalo, SPTC Board Chairman Dr Tambo Gina, SPTC MD Petros Dlamini, FA President Adam 'Bomber' Mtsetfwa, PLS Chairman Victor Gamedze, SPTC Management and staff and PLS teams.



SPTC Board Chairman, Dr Tambo Gina presenting a cheque to the ministry of health through minister of health representative Minister Winnie Magagula.



DPM's representative Minister of ICT Dumisani Ndlangamandla painting a wall in ward 12.



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GARBAGE IN GARBAGE OUT

THE more things change the more they stay the same, so they say. I was impressed this week when National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula read the Riot Act to new recruits at the Police College in Matsapha.

I really admired the commissioner for his high-energy kick-dust kind of address to the aspiring police officers. That was so typical of Magagula; so full of energy, vigour and passion. That's a true policeman.

Magagula told the recruits in no uncertain terms that he will not tolerate people who have joined the police service because of empty stomachs and to earn a salary, saying policing was all about being a calling.

He said officers who have joined the organisation to earn a salary were the main culprits in corrupting the entire police force.

They are the rotten potatoes, so to speak. Therefore, during his hair-dryer kind of address to the recruits the commissioner told them to shape up or ship out. I can understand the commissioner's passion. To an extent, I feel for him because I know very well how much he loves his job.

And I know very well how much he gets affected by seeing screaming headlines in the daily newspapers about corrupt officers.

The sad reality is that finding a police officer who has joined the police force as a calling these days would be similar to finding a virgin

at the maternity ward (as my dear friend would say). Chances are next to zero.

People are hungry outside Mr Commissioner. That's the plain truth unfortunately. Jobs in the security forces have not only proved as the best alternative these days but come with the kind of job security that you can hardly find anywhere.

But that's not the main thrust of the article today. The main concern is with regard to the recruitment process itself.

We know what happened in the army recently, so I won't bore readers by reciting what's probably the biggest recruitment scandal witnessed in the security forces in recent times.

Many a poor Swazi child is still licking their wounds in frustration and probably contemplating the worst after they had to be pulled out of the army training base at Mbuluzi because of a recruitment gaffe. Which is exactly where the real issues are with our security forces. So many people have suddenly become more desperate for jobs such that they are willing to pay anything just to get in the security forces.

So, Magagula can rant all he wants but the fact remains, the police jobs have become such an attraction for Swazis.

Gone are the days when jobs in the security forces were reserved for those who were last to raise a hand in class. Or when the same jobs were for people who grew up admiring being in the security forces.

In short, those who had a calling. It's the same all over. You cannot go to the Mbabane

Government Hospital nowadays and expect to find nurses who had the calling of the Florence Nightingale nursing principles.

People are hungry and somehow have to find jobs to feed themselves. Which probably explains Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini's concern with the way nurses treat patients at the hospital.

But that's a topic for another day. The reason I was citing that issue was to illustrate to the police chief that it may not entirely be his fault that the country is littered with so many corrupt police officers.

Yes, he may be partly to blame because of the system that allows such corrupt officers to get into the force in the first place. But we know what goes on in the recruitment processes and the cause of these problems.

I believe if screws could tighten at the recruitment point, then we

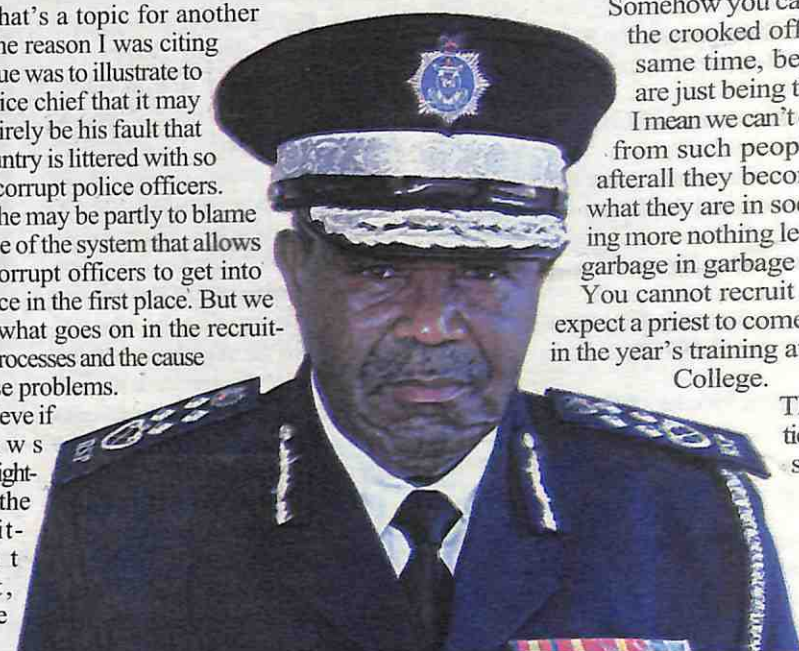
wouldn't be even discussing this issue. Of course, the dwindling economy of the country is also to blame for this problem, because people somehow find themselves having to go to the security forces.

And, as the commissioner rightly said, it is these people who go to the forces as an alternative that often cause the problems.

Somehow you cannot blame the crooked officers at the same time, because they are just being themselves. I mean we can't expect more from such people because after all they become exactly what they are in society, nothing more nothing less. In short, garbage in garbage out.

You cannot recruit a thug and expect a priest to come out of that in the year's training at the Police College.

That is practically impossible.



PASSIONATE: National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula

If it's fake, it's not news

PRETORIA - Bra Joe Thloloe, director of the SA Press Council and legendary Editor, recently made the following remark that stuck with me at a panel discussion about so-called fake news.

"If it's fake, it's not news," Thloloe said and pleaded with the public and the media to stop using the phrase "fake news".

The term has become a magical, all-encompassing phrase to describe a range of things: from patently false clickbait websites to legitimate news publications you don't agree with (think Donald Trump and Mzwanele Manyi).

I participated in a fascinating discussion about the issue at the National Arts Festival in Grahamstown this week and was again persuaded that "fake news"

should fall. The term simply doesn't help us grapple with the plethora of issues it tries to encapsulate.

The extremely helpful online resource First Draft News has distinguished between seven types of mis- and dis-information they believe are lumped together under the banner "fake news". I believe there are more than seven categories, but it's a useful starting point:

1. Satire or parody: "No intention to cause harm but has potential to fool." Think of a Zapiro cartoon, meme or the satirical American "news" website The Onion. The aim of these forms of media is to entertain and comment.

2. Misleading content: "Misleading use of information to frame an issue or individual." These publications or plat-

forms don't publish false news, but mislead their audience by portraying the facts in a skewed, biased manner. I would argue that the patently biased coverage of politics by the Gupta-owned ANN7, that clearly propagates President Jacob Zuma's faction in the ANC, falls under this category.

3. Imposter content: "When genuine sources are impersonated." This could be a comedian or publication that deceives its audience by pretending to be or speak on behalf of a real source. It's not harmful if clearly identified and understood by the audience.

4. Fabricated content: "News content is 100 per cent false, designed to deceive and do harm." This category was classically defined as "fake news" before

the water became muddied by Trump and other enemies of the truth. Several local websites like Mzansi Live or City Sun qualify under this category. They publish patently false stories, often referring to celebrities or politicians. Their content is distributed on social media networks like Facebook and Twitter by trusting readers and they make money by selling clicks to advertisers on Google.

5. False connection: "When headlines, visuals or captions don't support the content." This is a common complaint against legitimate sources of news, who are under increasing pressure to lure clicks by using sensational headlines.

6. False context: "When genuine content is shared with false contextual information." Publications with strong ideological biases often publish stories that suit their agendas, confirm their prejudices and serve as an echo chamber. A local example is Maroela Media,

a publication owned and operated by Afrikaner lobby group AfriForum which focuses mainly on (true) news articles about crimes committed against white victims, but largely fails to report on crime committed against black victims. The consequence is the existence of false perceptions that a genocide against white people is underway, particularly on farms.

7. Manipulated content: "When genuine information or imagery is manipulated to deceive." Examples could include the selective use of quotations by politicians to suit a pre-determined narrative or the manipulation of photos to aggravate or falsely portray an event or incident.

Mis- or disinformation is of course nothing new. Apart from number four - fabricated news, which is intrinsically linked to the business model of digital media - the remainder of the "offences" are as old as the news. In another time, we called it "bad journalism". News24

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ON THIS DAY

...July 7

1754 - Kings College opened in New York City. It was renamed Columbia College 30 years later.

1846 - US annexation of California was proclaimed at Monterey after the surrender of a Mexican garrison.

1862 - The first railroad post office was tested on the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad in Missouri.

1885 - G. Moore Peters patented the cartridge-loading machine.

1917 - Aleksandr Kerensky formed a provisional government in Russia.

1920 - A device known as the radio compass was used for the first time on a US. Navy airplane near Norfolk, VA.

1930 - Construction began on Boulder Dam, later Hoover Dam, on the Colorado River.

1937 - Japanese forces invaded China.

1946 - Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini was canonised as the first American saint.

1949 - "Dragnet" was first heard on NBC radio.

1950 - The UN Security Council authorised military aid for South Korea.

1969 - Canada's House of Commons gave final approval to a measure that made the French language equal to English throughout the national government.

1981 - US President Reagan announced he was nominating Arizona Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the US Supreme Court.

1983 - 11-year-old Samantha Smith of Manchester, Maine, left for a visit to the Soviet Union at the personal invitation of Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov.

1987 - Public testimony at the Iran-Contra hearing began.

1994 - Amazon.com, Inc. was founded in Seattle, Washington under the name "Cadabra."

1998 - A jury in Santa Monica, CA, convicted Mikail Markhasev of murdering Ennis Cosby, Bill Cosby's only son, during a roadside robbery.

1999 - In Sierra Leone, President Ahmad Tejan Kabbah and rebel leader Foday Sankoh signed a pact to end the nation's civil war.

2000 - Cisco Systems Inc. announced that it would buy Netiverse Inc. for \$210 million in stock. It was the 13th time Cisco had purchased a company in 2000.

2000 - Amazon.com announced that they had sold almost 400,000 copies of "Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire," making it the biggest selling book in e-tailing history.

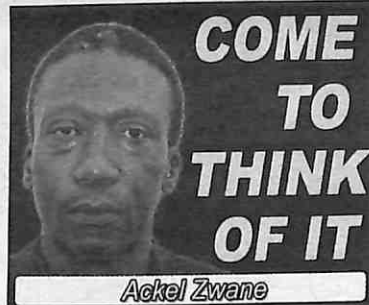
HAPPY BIRTHDAY



CASSIDY (RAPPER) - July 7, 1982- 35 years old
Sevyn



STREETER (RNB SINGER) - July 7, 1986 - 31 years old



COME TO THINK OF IT

Ackel Zwane

WE the public are still to be educated on what is the ultimate benefit to the motorist or rate and taxpayer of ever-increasing costs of parking in the country's cities.

With the uncontrollable influx of substandard vehicles condemned in Asian markets but a can't-do-without luxury to the poorly paid majority of this country, Swaziland is becoming home to among the largest fleet of imported cars in southern Africa that compete for the limited services that the urban governments can hardly ever afford.

The only thing we hear, however, is the announcements of increased parking rates without the equivalent improvement in service delivery or in capital investment with a view to develop the economy. The proceeds from the street collections only seem to enrich harvesters of the parking moneys. We are still to be educated better on why the municipalities decided to privatise this service in the first place if at all it was essential to manage the traffic congestion problems they are currently failing to manage.

Attack

This is no personal attack on the municipalities of Mbabane and Manzini but believe you me they still owe me the reasons why they opt to privatise or outsource services which by the nature of the establishment of urban governance they must be providing to the public at affordable rates.

If you may ask, first they privatised the abattoir services in both cities making urban meats unfit because they are most likely slaughtered in forests and smuggled into the shelves without undergoing the necessary inspections all because the cities closed down those services and the most ludicrous reason given was that the abattoirs were not profit making as though they were instituted to make profits in the first place.

Parking

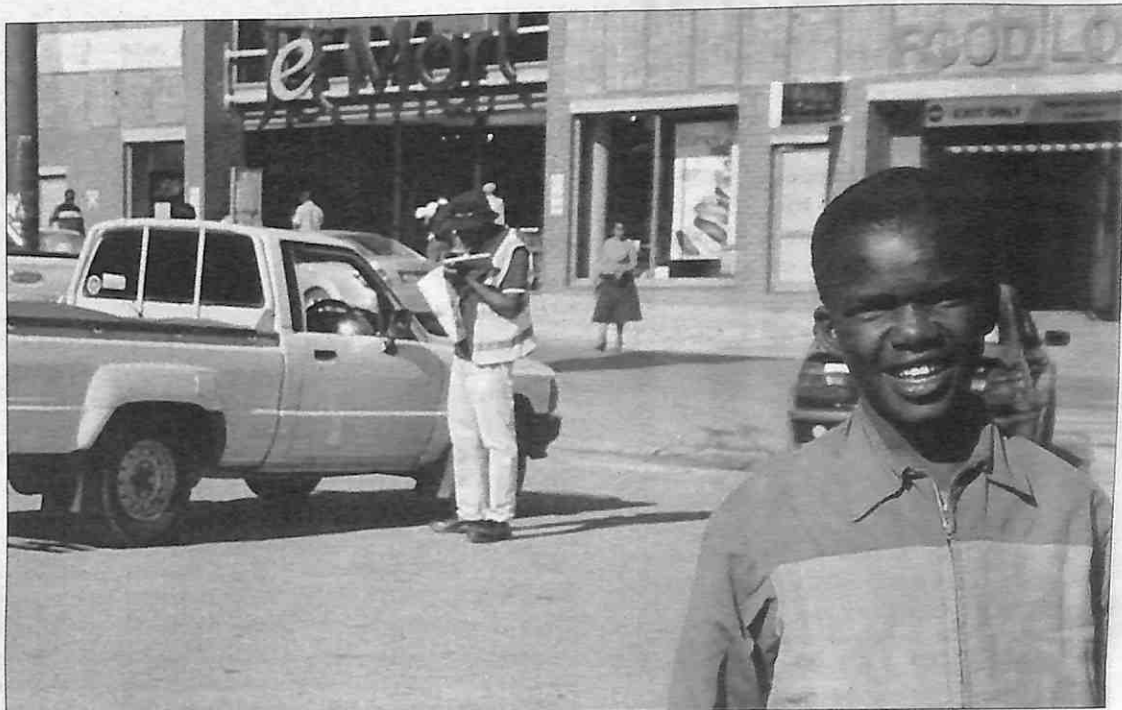
Now back to parking management; these services are also in private hands and the companies enjoying the harvesting of profits much to their growth at the expense of improved urban services.

If these moneys generated by the private companies were generated through efficient urban government management systems instead of enriching others, we would have been evaluating the capacity of our municipal service system in terms of delivery to the people and not in terms of giving business to friends and acquaintances through corrupt tendering processes.

This is not directed specifically to city parking management systems but to the rest of other service delivery assignments of urban governments.

When the garbage processing services were privatised we had thought it was a learning curve for the urban governments to one day take over the responsibility and make savings for

PAY FOR PARKING: DEVELOPMENT OR ANOTHER CASH COW



purposes of sustainability instead of profits for self-enrichment.

We are afraid that the municipalities, in the quest for profits, will privatise the sanitary services (toilets), another service that is always wanting with major sections of the cities already having given the responsibility to the private sector.

At the going rate we shall see municipality executives only sitting in office to swing in chairs, globetrotting, spending quality time in breakfast and dinner meetings, managers driving sleek cars throwing their weight about the residents of the cities in the name of inspections while on the other hand services will become so expensive that they will only be available in market prices.

Take the wage bill of the executives, up to E140 000 per month, that surely is enough to fix a 100 potholes all at once.

The parking management is already breeding its own headaches with the proliferation of informal car guides all because those tasked with managing the car parking service cannot invest in meters or influence legislation to provide for capital expenditure that will provide desirable results and not unnecessary spinoffs as is the case of the informal car guards in major parking lots around shopping or business centres. The cities now require even a new parking meter system that do away with

parking meters altogether and put an end to informal car guards.

Like in the case of Tshwane in South Africa, where the new system had to be taken through a public participation process and was to be only implemented after the municipality had promulgated its parking meter by-law. This was after it had been noticed that the system then used had a number of drawbacks and did not address the challenges associated with the proliferation of informal car guards.

These guards as may be seen fighting for customers at the President

Centre in downtown Manzini direct motorists to park in loading and bus zones, and harass visitors bringing business to the municipality.

They often are enemies of anything hygienic but are quick to bring their 'hot-wings' to the windows of motorist to demand payment despite that another payment is still to be made to

the 'mobile human meters'.

There have been benefits, however from realistic partnerships, partnerships that are informed and based on sound business principles with a view to making the user of the service, the consumer, derive maximum satisfaction, failing which the project dies a natural death.

Take Interpark, for instance, having operated for 40 years in South

Africa, it has seen a high incidence of pay at exit sites, especially at small sites and hospitals. But it has all along been following the European trend towards a pay on foot market at airports, large, medium and small retail centres and some hospitals. "Naturally, the pay on foot model eliminates traffic congestion and facilitates ease of traffic flow, particularly in retail centres as pay on foot pay stations may be spread at several points for quick and efficient payment."

In Swaziland it commenced with pay at exit technology, then introduced the first pay on foot site at River Stone Mall in Manzini several years ago. Activities took off from the outset as one landlord introduced paid parking to three of his properties at the same time in close proximity to each other - Swazi Plaza, The Mall and New Mall in Mbabane.

Parking

Maybe we still have to find out what the parking management system we adopt seeks to achieve. If it is aimed at dealing with the problems associated with congestion in the cities then it is far from ever achieving its objectives.

To prove this, attempt coming into any of the cities, especially Manzini on any day of the end of the month to experience the nightmares of being a motorist driving into central Johannesburg on any morning of a working day or driving out of Miami to Fort Lauderdale at the end of business. The situation may also be comparable to the experience of driving or walking in Tokyo during the rush hour.

But Swaziland is a very poor country with ample space that it has not made good economic use of in the past 50 years of independence. Instead it has opted to import metropolitan crises to itself by not closing in on the management of its cities.

your HEAL+H section

CHILDREN RAISED BY SINGLE MOTHERS DO NOT SUFFER

By Daisy Dunne For Mailonline

Children brought up by a single mother do not suffer compared to those from a traditional nuclear family, a study found.

Many women without partners now choose to start a family alone, with 4 675 females choosing to become pregnant by donor insemination in 2014.

Some experts have expressed concerns that children brought up by a single mother may not do as well because of a lack of a father figure.

But a new study has found that children brought up by a single-mother-by-choice do not suffer from poor well-being in comparison to those brought up by two parents.

Children of single mothers are no more likely to show signs of behav-

... Academics discover there is no difference to their mental health compared to those who have a traditional family

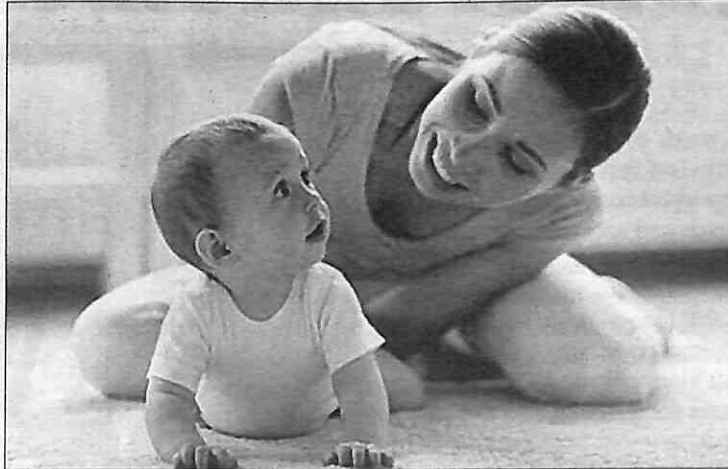
● Many women without partners are now choosing to become single mothers

● In 2014, 4 675 women chose to start a family by opting for donor insemination

● A study found children of single mothers aren't more likely to suffer poor well-being

● Children with single mothers are no more likely to have behavioural disorders

joural disorders than their counterparts raised in traditional families, the study found.



NO DIFFERENCE: Children brought up by a single mother do not suffer compared to a traditional nuclear family, a study found (stock image)

CHILD'S WELL-BEING DEPENDS ON BIRTH MONTH

Your child's well-being at school could all depend on what month they are born, according to new research.

A study has found children who are the oldest in their class are less likely to struggle with poor mental health. Poor mental health refers to range of behaviours, including struggling with worry and fear and finding it difficult to make good relationships with schoolmates. Researchers believe the additional stress of keeping up with older peers could prove a 'tipping point' for children who start school as one of the youngest in their class. They added children who were born prematurely or have learning difficulties are a particularly high risk of falling behind their peers.

Absence of father did not impact well-being

RESEARCH assistant Mathilde Brewaeys, from the University of Amsterdam, said: 'Children in both family types are doing well in terms of their well-being.'

'Single-mothers-by-choice and their children benefit from a good social support network, and this should be emphasised in the counselling of women who want to have and raise a child without a partner.' She added that the wrong assumption that growing up without a father is not good for children is based on research into divorced families who have experienced conflict.

'However, it seems likely that any negative influence on child development depends more on a troubled parent-child relationship and not on the absence of a father,' she said.

'Single-mothers-by-choice knowingly make the decision to raise

their child alone, in contrast to unintended single mothers'

How was the study conducted?

The study compared 69 single-mothers-by-choice who had knowingly chosen to raise their child alone and 59 mothers from heterosexual two-parent families with a child between the ages of one-and-a-half and six.

Most women in the study were financially stable, had received a higher education and had meaningful partner relationships in the past. The parent-child relationships, mothers' social support network and children's well-being were compared with family types.

What did the study find?

The study found there were no significant differences in emotional involvement or parental

stress between family types.

But single-mothers-by-choice were more likely to have a large support network made up of family, friends and neighbours.

And children of single mothers are no more likely to show signs of problem behaviour than their counterparts raised in traditional families, the study found.

The researchers said that this finding indicated that children from single-parent families aren't more likely to have poor well-being than their peers.

Children growing up with single-mothers-by-choice appeared to enjoy a similar parent-child relationship as those in heterosexual two-parent families.

The findings were presented at the 33rd Annual Meeting of the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology in Geneva.

Stepping into the ring is the best way to shed the pounds:

By Daisy Dunne For Mailonline

STEPPING into the ring is the best way to shed the pounds, a new survey has revealed.

Boxers can burn 800 calories over an hour in the ring - making the sport the most effective sport for weight loss, according to the research.

Squash was the second most effective sport for weight loss, allowing players to burn 748 calories an hour. In comparison, sex burns 200 calories an hour for a man but just 138 for a woman, the survey found. The results are from a new survey of healthy men and women, who recorded how many calories they burned while doing a range of physical activities.

● Boxing burns more calories than running, gym workouts and sex, survey reveals



BEST SPORTS FOR WEIGHT LOSS

1. Boxing (800 calories burned in an hour)
2. Squash (748 calories burned in an hour)
3. Rowing (740 calories burned in an hour)
4. Road running at a fast or medium pace (700 calories burned in an hour)
5. Swimming - front crawl or butterfly (680 calories burned in an hour)
6. Rugby (614 calories burned in an hour)
7. Football (612 calories burned in an hour)
8. Road cycling fast (604 calories burned in an hour)
9. Gym exercise (weights and cardio) (590 calories burned in an hour)
10. Running on a treadmill (580 calories burned in an hour)

Wit and Wisdom

● "You have to die a few times before you can really live." — *Charles Bukowski, The People Look Like Flowers at Last*

● "I like living. I have sometimes been wildly, despairingly, acutely miserable, racked with sorrow; but through it all I still know quite certainly that just to be alive is a grand thing." — *Agatha Christie*

● "If music be the food of love, play on, Give me excess of it; that surfeiting, The appetite may sicken, and so die." — *William Shakespeare, Twelfth Night*

● "You wouldn't worry so much about what others think of you if you realized how seldom they do." — *Eleanor Roosevelt*

● "Will looked horrified. 'What kind of monster could possibly hate chocolate?'" — *Cassandra Clare, Clockwork Angel*

● "You have your way. I have my way. As for the right way, the correct way, and the only way, it does not exist." — *Friedrich Nietzsche*

● "Show me a hero, and I'll write you a tragedy." — *F. Scott Fitzgerald*

● "None of us really changes over time. We only become more fully what we are." — *Anne Rice, The Vampire Lestat*

● "I have something I need to tell you," he says. I run my fingers along the tendons in his hands and look back at him. "I might be in love with you." He smiles a little. "I'm waiting until I'm sure to tell you, though."

● "That's sensible of you," I say, smiling too. "We should find some paper so you can make a list or a chart or something." I feel his laughter against my side, his nose sliding along my jaw, his lips pressing my ear.

● "Maybe I'm already sure," he says, "and I just don't want to frighten you." I laugh a little. "Then you should know better." "Fine," he says. "Then I love you." — *Veronica Roth, Divergent*

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.75%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	7.1%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	9.75%
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 6 JULY 2017

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.3596	13.4096
British Pound/SZL	17.2832	17.3479
Japanese Yen/SZL	8.4417	8.4726
Swiss France/SZL	13.8369	13.8858
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.2839	1.2940
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.1439	10.1886
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.3011	10.3365
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Weak currency can boost job creation, manufacturing

By Manqoba Makhubu

A weak domestic currency is a tailwind for even the smallest export business because it makes goods and services more affordable.

It was on this basis that Standard Bank Head- African Research Phumelele Mbiyo said he hopes the lilangeni/rand could remain weak long enough so that there could be a shift from thinking about the currency only from a consumer perspective to a production point of view.

From a production point of view, Mbiyo said a weak lilangeni/rand boosts the productive capacity and the competitive potential for local based manufacturers.

"So my hope is that all this negativity keeps the rand weak for us to think less about consuming foreign produced goods and more about producing more goods from our local markets," he said.

He was speaking during the Standard Bank Investor Services meeting held on Wednesday at the Royal Villas Hotel in Ezulwini.

Mbiyo said at the moment their view on the lilangeni/rand was not particularly concerning.

"When you look forward to the next year and a half, it doesn't seem likely that the rand will sell off significantly," he said.

Mbiyo said their view on the lilangeni/rand was that it will trade between E14 and E15 next year against the dollar.

Fundamental view

On a fundamental view, Mbiyo said it does seem that the local unit was undervalued.

"When you estimate the fair value of the rand on the basis of purchasing power parity, the rand should be stronger than what it is right now by 50 cents to E1. When you look at the real effective exchange rate of the lilangeni/rand, for a while it was more than two standard deviations below the long term average, it was quite weak on a total basis. By looking just at those two matrixes, it was evident that the rand was much undervalued," he said.

However, he also acknowledged that there were significant risks to the lilangeni/rand.

These included in part, politics and mainly the local currency ratings of the Republic.

Just recently, the lilangeni/rand hit a seven-week low against the dollar on Wednesday, after the



ALL EARS: Some of the captains of the industry who attended the Standard Bank Investor Services meeting on Wednesday they are; African Alliance CEO Nelisiwe Mabuza, SSX Financial Analyst Phila Sifundza, SNPF General Manager Business Development and Finance Langalakhe Dlamini, Liberty Swaziland Managing Director Dumisani Dlamini and SSX Manager Joyce Dlamini. (Pics: Manqoba Makhubu)



QUESTION: Old Mutual Pan African Asset Management Chief Executive Officer Gordon Bennett asking a question.



FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS: CBS General Manager Financial Markets Division, Melvin Khomo and Old Mutual CEO Muzi Bell.

African National Congress (ANC) proposed at a policy conference to nationalise the the South African Reserve Bank and expropriate land without compensation.

The rand traded at R13.4396 to the dollar at 5pm, the weakest since May18.

But, Mbiyo said the real currency risk was more than just temporal volatility and goes beyond the Republic junk status.

"Right now in South Africa more than 40 per cent of holdings of local currency bonds are held by

foreigners and most of those are in mandate that require South Africa to be one index or other. But, what happens if the local currency rating of South Africa is cut? In all likelihood, that money will all leave. For investors who have to follow these indices, if South Africa gets thrown out of the JP Morgan and the Global Bond Index for example, according to JP Morgan esti-

mates, there will be around R1 billion dollars worth of foreign currency holdings that will basically leave the South African bond market," he said.

All in all he said about \$17 billion was foreign currency investor holdings of local currency bonds

was also more likely to also sell down if South Africa were to be thrown out of various global indices.

"This threat is the biggest downside risk for the lilangeni/rand. Not whether foreign currency ratings is cut and South Africa is rated junk, it's the local

currency rating that matters most," he said.

Therefore, Mbiyo said the pressure on the local unit would come from the billions that might then leave the South African bond market.

With regards to political risk, he said it matters.

"It matters so much in terms of providing direction on economic

policy going forward. But what ultimately matters is whether or not South Africa gets downgraded such that it is thrown out of these indices," he said.

Even with that said, he said their core view was not particularly worrying.

"We are also pretty confident that the central bank is not going to continue to raise interest rates. We are also slightly more optimistic about the inflation outlook of South Africa than the central bank is. We think inflation will fall close to 4.5 per cent by the first quarter of next year and then perhaps gradually rise, but still remain between the 3-6 per cent target band over the course of 2018," he said.

Considering these factors, Mbiyo said the risks were shifting towards an easing.

Being within the same Common Monetary Area (CMA), the same could be said about the country.

"This outlook for South Africa is not inconsistent with developments in Swaziland. It will be justifiable in our view for monetary policy to be easing in Swaziland," he said.

When you look forward to the next year and a half, it doesn't seem likely that the rand will sell off significantly

Govt raises E134.5m under SG30 bond

By Manqoba Makhubu

GOVERNMENT has been able to raise E134.5 million from the auction of the SG30 bond.

The auction for the seven year bond was held on June 27.

According to the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) bond auction results announcement, the total amount on offer for the bond was E150 million. The settlement date was set on June

30. The bond was issued by competitive multiple bid auction and was open to the public including individuals, corporate and institutional investors.

The CBS reported that the total allotted was E134.5 million, competitive bids received amounted to E196 million and competitive bids accepted amounted to E133 million.

Non-competitive bids received amounted to about E1.5 million.

The annual coupon rate was placed

at 10.25 per cent and the maturity date will be June 30, 2024.

"The purpose of the issuance is to develop the secondary market, establish a fair market price which will compensate both the borrower and investors for interest rate risks and to facilitate financial intermediation, whilst also meeting government budgetary requirements," said the CBS.

Just recently, government had also announced a launch of the inaugural E2 billion infrastructure bond pro-

gramme which is expected to run between three and five years, where-in government will be tapping into the market at regular intervals when there is a need to finance infrastructure programmes.

The project sectors to be financed under the programme include Micro-Projects, the Technology Park, Roads Infrastructure and Nhlanguano Water Supply.

Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini said the bonds under the E2bn infra-

structure programme would run concurrently with the normal issuance programme as both issuances play different roles towards the development of the economy.

"The plain vanilla bonds are meant to create the yield curve for the market and are used as a benchmark for pricing by potential borrowers when they source funds in the capital markets. This programme is mainly focused on the development of the financial markets," he said.

SIA SENDS STERN WARNING TO UNREGISTERED CAs

Stories by Majaha Nkonyane

THE Swaziland Institute of Accountants (SIA) has issued a stern warning against unregistered chartered accountants.

"As a professional body we stand fully against any individual who practices in the profession without being registered. There are different bodies that subscribe under us as an accounting profession and as a regulating body we want to make it clear that these unregistered individuals will be fined," said SIA Executive Director Barnabas Mhlongo.

He said the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) urges accoun-

tancy bodies worldwide to unite with various professions, the business community, governments, regulators, and other organisations to maintain professionalism.

"Both accountants and auditors perform their respective functions on these bases of international standards of practice which have clear guidelines in identifying, for instance, indicators of fraud and other irregularities, and reporting these to the highest levels of authority," he said.

Mhlongo said if auditors, chartered accountants, registered accountants were not registered they will be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five thousand Emalangeni (E5 000) or three

years imprisonment or both.

"We would like to further urge members of the public to bring to the attention of the SIA any person they suspect to be carrying on as an Auditor, CA(SD) or RA(SD) and are not registered with SIA.

"This will help us better fight corruption as a country and improve the standard of the profession. A strong, consistent, and persistent advocacy effort is, therefore, essential. Clear communication and engagement with stakeholders, such as the government, businesses, citizens, and students is a priority to secure buy-in of these groups," he said.

BE WARNED: SIA Executive Director Barnabas Mhlongo.



ENHANCE LIQUIDITY:
Standard Bank Head-African Research Phumelele Mbiyo.

Local stock market advised to enhance liquidity

By Manqoba Makhubu

THE local stock market has been advised to avail information and enhance liquidity in order to improve market performance.

Responding to a question posed by Swaziland Stock Exchange (SSX) Manager Joyce Dlamini on what can stock market operators and companies do to improve performance in light of the volatility faced by the financial market, Standard Bank Head-African Research Phumelele Mbiyo said these two elements were key for stock market operators and companies to improve performance.

This was during the Standard Bank Investor Services meeting held on Wednesday at the Royal Villas Hotel in Ezulwini.

"Stock market operators and companies should make information available so that investors can evaluate the performance of companies appropriately. So disclosure of information is quite important," he said.

On another note, he said it was also important to enhance liquidity in the market to make it easy for people to buy and sell and for market makers to effectively intermediate flows.

"That is very helpful and I think those two are the most important aspects; full disclosures are very important so that investors can make independent assessments for the actual performance of companies as well as enhancing liquidity," he said.

Adding, he said the size of companies also matters. Typically he said investors could be attracted to big companies.

"But, certainly making it easy for intermediaries and intermediaries flows by making information available so that investors can make independent assessment for the performance of the company remains very important," he stressed.



NAMBOARD NAMES FRESH PRODUCE LEADING CROPS

FARMERS in the country have been advised on the products they can focus on when farming. National Agricultural Marketing Board (NAMBoard) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Siphephiso Dlamini said in general the market and consumer demand determines the type and quantities of fresh produce or crops needed at any particular moment.

"However, most retail outlets (formal and informal) stock a great deal of the following vegetables: spinach, cabbage, lettuce, carrots, butternut, potatoes, onions, tomatoes, green peppers, and beetroot," he said.

"Caution should be observed as fresh produce is perishable; farmers must identify markets prior to planting or at the earliest stage of production to avoid losses due to prod-



uct maturity and available markets," he said.

He said the prolonged drought from the past year still affects the quantities of vegetables and crops produced by farmers.

"The country was heavily hit by the drought as vegetable production is mostly practised by small-scale farmers who rely mostly on surface water from rivers, dams, and streams. During the drought season surface water bodies were close to zero per cent in large dams and dried up in most rivers and streams," he said.

As a result, he said the lack of water for irrigation halted vegetable production to a number of farmers in the country, thus reducing the overall availability of locally produced vegetables.

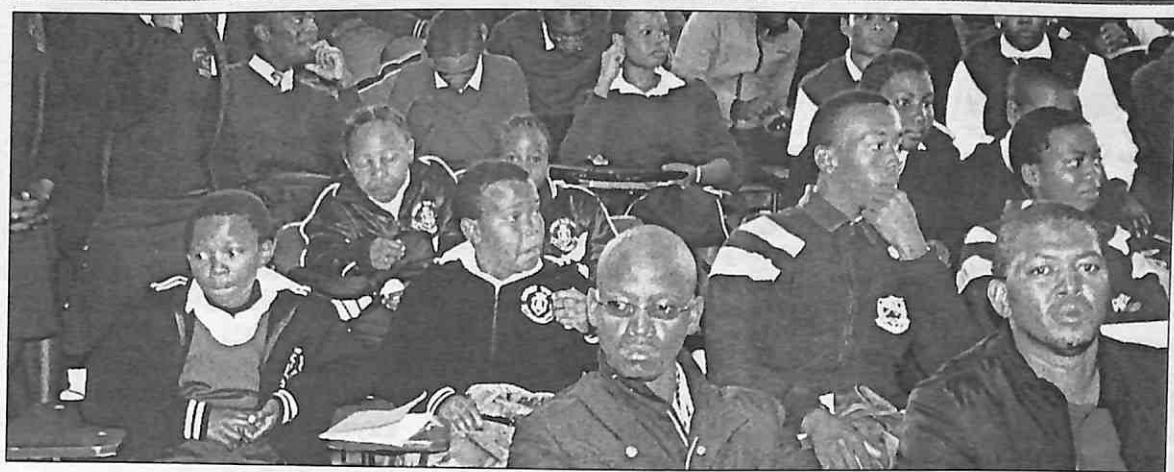
"It was noted that the severe impact of the El Nino drought that lasted for approximately two years were more pronounced in the second year of the drought where produce declined by over 35 per cent of suitable commodity lines. Cabbages suffered the

worst as volumes dropped significantly causing a surge in imports," he said.

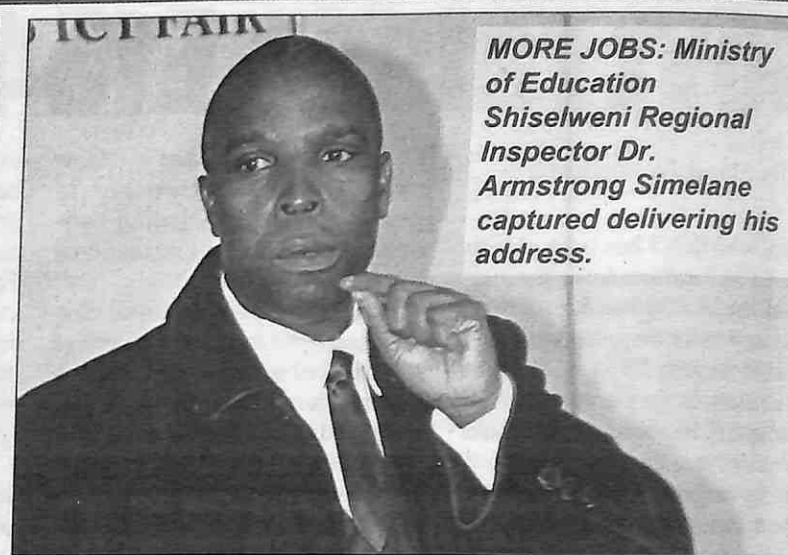
However, Dlamini said there has been a positive turnaround due to recently experienced rainy weather conditions.

"Improvement in the amount of rainfall experienced within the last six months significantly improved the availability of water in most part of the country.

"This has led to positive growth in the production of fresh produce (vegetables and crops) from most of the fresh produce farmers in the country. Production yield data is yet to be collated for the 2017 harvest season and indicators show a relatively positive outcome in productions yield and availability of locally produced fresh produce," he said.



ATTENTIVE: A section of the audience listening attentively to one of the speakers at UNISWA.



MORE JOBS: Ministry of Education Shiselweni Regional Inspector Dr. Armstrong Simelane captured delivering his address.



BUBBLY: Swazi MTN Foundation Coordinator Lando Dlamini speaking at UNISWA during the ICT Fair. (Pics: By Majaha Nkonyane)

ICT PRESENTS MORE BUSINESS, INDIVIDUAL OPPORTUNITIES

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE Information Communications Technology (ICT) space needs more companies and individuals.

This was disclosed by Ministry of Education Shiselweni Regional Inspector Dr. Armstrong Simelane. He was speaking at the ICT fair held yesterday at Kwaluseni.

The fair had pupils from different high schools competing in different categories which included, system development, PC assembly, ICT working models and problem solving.

"The ICT space is in need of software companies and I would like to encourage a lot of ICT capable individuals to come up with such companies. Innovations that will be relevant will be ones that address existing problems in society. In my study I was solving a problem of expensive books and the best way to deal with it is to use e books which are much cheaper," he said.

He said the ministry believes so much in ICT. "ICT is a core skill that is why we have introduced it to schools all around the country. We are also looking to also soon introduce e-learning in the country," he said.

The fair had numerous sponsors

that supported the event.

These included amongst others the United Nations educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) which pumped in E100 000, University of Swaziland (UNISWA) Foundation that provided labs and computers.

Swazi MTN Foundation also pumped E50 000 towards the fair.

Sponsored

"We are happy to be part of this event once again which we have been sponsoring since inception, in its first year we sponsored it with E20 000, and in the second year we sponsored it with E50 000 and we are happy to once again give E50 000 towards the

success of this event," said MTN Foundation Coordinator Landokuhle Dlamini.

The fair had 40 high schools and eight primary schools participating which was said to be the highest number of participants ever recorded in the past fairs. "We are happy to experience such growth in the fair and we are looking forward to even bigger numbers. Our winners in this fair will get a chance to travel to Lesotho where they will be part of the BOLESWA fair which is scheduled for September 7-9," said President of the ICT Fair Sphelele Mndzebele.

Dr Andile Metfula advised the pupils to take the fair seriously as it would help them a lot in tapping into a new space of being job creators than to be employees. "This is a big opportunity for the youth to become job creators than to be employees. This is also a chance to have small and medium enterprise developers in the ICT space," he said

Youth contribution to GDP expected to increase

By Manqoba Makhubu

THE engagement of the youth under the Graduate Enterprise Programme (GEP) is anticipated to significantly improve the country gross domestic product (GDP).

Southern African Research Foundation for Economic Development (SARFED) Regional Coordinator George Choongwa said this was because the graduates with their understanding of business initiatives have the potential to engage in better economic driven activities that might have a higher possibility of a ripple effect on both cross dimensional institutional growth and human capital development.

"This would mean that new business ventures would be developed that would in return attract more economic activities," he said.

Noteworthy, he said the idea of engaging youths from institutions of higher learning exhibits a greater likelihood of establishing their own businesses as well as demonstrating a higher potential to start innovative new enterprises.

"Research also dictates that the engagement and support of graduates into entrepreneurship programmes serves as an initiative for supporting economic growth in the sense that Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita can be improved," he further stated.

Choongwa urged the youth to also



HAD SOMETHING TO SAY: Southern African Research Foundation for Economic Development (SARFED) Regional Coordinator George Choongwa.

take advantage of how they would be assisted with relevant information on funding and other approaches that would be used to overcome the barriers that they would face in their entrepreneurial applications.

He also advised government to ensure that a number of supportive programmes and reforms aimed at stimulating entrepreneurship activity at national and local levels were also introduced.

"Access to finance can be improved through new seed funds and loan guarantees, engagement in exchange programmes, start-ups can as well be supported through new business incubators and training and coaching to entrepreneurs to increase their skills and com-

petences in this domain. This is because in most cases young people still lack the courage of becoming professional entrepreneurs. Instead they think that entrepreneurship is too risky for them to take as a full time career," said Choongwa.

Choongwa said the fact that the country was faced with the dilemma of high unemployment rate especially among young people makes the GEP one of the best initiatives.

"The rate of unemployment among the youth in the country is more than 50 per cent of the labour force, putting every graduate youth at a higher risk of being out of employment for a considerable longer period of time," he said.

BUSINESS EXTRA

ESKOM GETS R20-BILLION LOAN FROM CHINESE BANK

JOHANNESBURG - Eskom today signed a \$1.5-billion (R20.2-billion) loan agreement with the China Development Bank (CDB) at a signing ceremony held at Eskom's Johannesburg head office yesterday.

The facility will form part of the financing of the Medupi power plant.

Eskom's interim group CEO, Johnny Dladla, said the deal showed investor confidence in the utility and South Africa.

"The conclusion of this second loan agreement continues to demonstrate financial markets' confidence in Eskom and South Africa notwithstanding the challenging market conditions. We are confident that the

agreement will cement Eskom's relationship with the CDB.

"This loan will also aid us in ensuring that we complete the Medupi project and ensure the security of energy supply," he said in a statement.

Eskom's Chief Financial Officer, Anoj Singh, added that: "The loan fulfils our intent to diversify Eskom's funding sources; to date Eskom has secured 77 per cent of this fiscal year's funding requirement (including cash on hand). We remain resolute that we will fully execute the required funding for the year. We are confident that our liquidity levels and financial profile will continue to improve and stabilise."

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ALARMING ACCELERATION IN BUSINESS DECLINE

CAPE TOWN - The Standard Bank Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) on Wednesday showed private sector business activity in South Africa declined for the third successive month in June, with the rate of contraction accelerating the fastest since April last year.

The bank said its data showed the PMI slowed to 49 points last month, down from the 50.2 points in May, charging that this could be attributed to a reduction in the volume of incoming new business for the first time since October last year.

Contributions

It said new export orders declined for the eighth consecutive month.

Standard Bank forex strategist Shireen Darmalingam said it was worrying that four sub-components of the PMI recorded negative contributions last month which marked the sixth consecutive monthly decline in the index.

"The employment sub-component

reflected the largest decline in June, followed by output and new orders. Stocks of purchases also fell, although its subtraction from the overall index was more muted in June. We expect the index to remain pressured as the SA economy battles with low business confidence and slow economic activity as reflected in the recent recessionary quarter one GDP data," Darmalingam said.

Pressure

The PMI is a composite index calculated as a weighted average of five individual sub-components.

The bank said inflationary pressures in the private sector remained weak last month, despite strengthening slightly compared with May. Input and output prices rose at the fastest rates in four and five months respectively, albeit ones that were still among the weakest seen over the survey history.

On Monday, the ABSA manufacturing PMI also plunged to 46.7 points

last month from 51.4 points recorded in May, largely due to sluggish new order sales and lower business activity. ABSA's PMI business activity index eased to 45.4 points last month from the 52.3 points recorded in the previous month.

Steel and Engineering Industries Federation of South Africa (SEIFSA) senior economist Tafadzwa Chibanguza said the fundamentals of the South African economy remained too weak to support the manufacturing sector.

"At a deeper glance, this weakness is a function of a weak economy. This was also very evident in SEIFSA's first-quarter review of the metals and engineering sector, wherein those sub-industries with lower export-to-output ratios and more reliant on the domestic economy for orders performed the worst and, in fact, contracted in all instances," Chibanguza said.

Business report online

ANC mulls nationalisation of Reserve Bank

JOHANNESBURG - The ANC is mulling over the idea of nationalising the SA Reserve Bank but says its independence should be guaranteed.

Addressing the media on the outcome of discussions in the economic transformation commission at the ANC's national policy conference, party head of economics transformation sub-committee Enoch Godongwana said that private ownership of the SARB was an "anomaly".

However, he said that come what may, the independence of the Reserve Bank should be guaranteed.

Recommendations

"The independence of the Reserve Bank is sacrosanct and there is no intention in the recommendations (from the policy conference) to tamper with that. "It must remain independent." In the lead-up to the policy conference, there had been a strong push to nationalise the Reserve

Bank and bring it completely under the control of the government.

But Godongwana explained that, while the Reserve Bank had over 650 shareholders, their influence over the bank's mandate and decision-making was "neither here nor there".

He said even if the bank were to be nationalised, South Africans would still not be able to interfere in its operational mandate.

The proposal will be taken to branches for further discussion before it is again tabled before the national conference in December for possible adoption as policy.

On calls for a state bank, Godongwana said: "Our intention is that by the time we get to the conference, we should have clarified (the formation of a state bank)."

The ANC's national policy conference came to an end on Wednesday.

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Households net wealth is same as 2014

DURBAN - The Momentum/UNISA Household Wealth Index for the first quarter of 2017 has shown that households net wealth in South Africa increased marginally as compared with the fourth quarter of 2016, but it is still lower than a year ago.

Momentum, in collaboration with UNISA, measures the wealth of South African households on a quarterly basis. The index showed the combined real net value of all the goods households own (including residential property) and the money they saved and invested increased marginally to R6.99 trillion in the first quarter of 2017, up from R6.96trln in the fourth quarter of 2016. This figure was 1.3 per cent lower than a year ago. The index showed the small quarterly increase occurred for lots of right and some "wrong" reasons, according to the report. "On a macro level the right reason is because the real value of households' assets increased to R8.37trln, up from R8.36trln in the fourth quarter of 2016, which is 0.4 per cent higher.

Fin24

Retailers under pressure as consumers tighten their belts

JOHANNESBURG - As Stuttafords, the country's oldest luxury brand, prepares to close down next month, retailers are expected to come under pressure with South Africa's technical recession and rising unemployment.

The clothing sector is under severe pressure - as clothing is classified as "discretionary spend" from a consumer's budgetary perspective, meaning that when people are short of cash, they cut back in such areas, Stefan Salzer, a Partner and Managing Direc-

tor of Boston Consulting Group South Africa, said on Wednesday.

Salzer also said the entry of international players such as H&M, Zara, and Cotton On had put more pressure on local players Mr Price, Truworths, Foschini and Edcon.

Salzer believed that the retail industry as a whole was under pressure from the recession.

"Market pressures will remain high, international entrants will stay around - this is the 'new normal' for which the retailers need to plan.

"This puts pressure on achievable sales prices - to survive in such an environment, retailers need to be aware of this and offer great value (quality for price) to customers," Salzer said.

He also said retailers had to reduce all extra costs from their operations to remain in a healthy profitability state.

Currency swings

Retailers needed to understand their customer segments in detail to design their product range into the right "sweet spot" between low prices and

high quality, he added.

"Given the fluctuation of the rand to the dollar and other currencies, they need to plan for currency swings when sourcing product from the Far East," he said. 360 Asset Management equity analyst Daniel Isaacs agreed, saying that companies needed to try to make sure strained consumers could still afford to, and want to purchase their merchandise.

"The affordability comes down to the price and credit available," Isaacs said. *Fin24*



Mining Charter III may be problematic

JOHANNESBURG - While the transformation imperatives in the government's Mining Charter III, which was gazetted last month, were laudable, its unintended consequences are problematic.

Stelio Zakkas, the manager at Monitor Deloitte, on Wednesday unpacked the six compliance areas of the charter during a discussion on the strategic implications of it.

It was hosted by legal experts from Deloitte and Webber Wentzel and held in Sandton, Johannesburg, on Wednesday.

He told the 186 member audience comprising mining executives that ownership, one of the six elements which had attracted the most controversy, was the need for right holders to have a 30 per cent plus one black person shareholding within a year.

The 30 per cent target is split between an eight per cent for employees through share ownership schemes, 14 per cent for black entrepreneurs and eight per cent for mining communities. The shares issued to a community must be held in a "community trust", which must be created and managed by the yet to be constituted Mining Transformation and Development Agency (MTDA). *Fin24*

Focus on SA scene

ANC IS NOW MORE UNITED - JACOB ZUMA

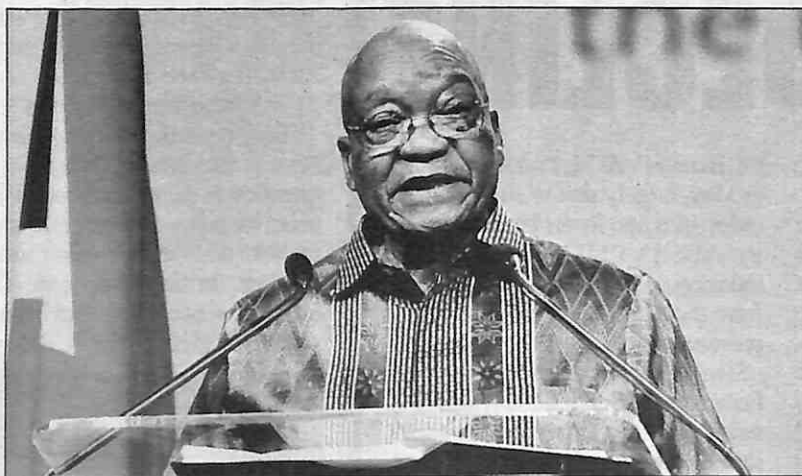
JOHANNESBURG - President Jacob Zuma used the start of his closing address at the ANC's national policy conference to emphasise that the party had come out of a week of discussions united.

This is despite reports of heated debate, especially around issues on economic transformation, land expropriation, the nationalisation of the South African Reserve Bank and the term white monopoly capital.

"This conference strengthened the culture of robust internal debate in the ANC, anchored on the principle that we can disagree without being disagreeable," he told delegates on Wednesday afternoon.

"After all, we are not enemies; we are comrades." Zuma said the ANC emerged from conference wiser and better in its understanding of its strengths and weaknesses.

"We have a keen understanding of the



ALL IS WELL: President Jacob Zuma.

challenges and how to overcome them." Proposals made at the conference would now be taken to branches for discussion ahead of the party's elective conference in December.

"We came here first and foremost to

review the policies of the ANC and to assess whether we are still on course with the execution of the goals of the national democratic revolution," Zuma said.

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ANC Women's League comment on its male delegates 'laughable'

JOHANNESBURG - COSATU on Wednesday criticised the ANC Women's League (ANCWL) for bringing six male delegates to the party's National Policy Conference (NPC), accusing the league of "playing into the hands of patriarchy."

"We find it laughable that the ANC Women's League could not find even six women amongst the thousands to articulate responsibly on the plight of women in present day South Africa," the trade union federation said in a statement.

"The federation believes that this statement is unfortunate coming from the

president of the ANCWL and indirectly plays into the hands of an intransigent spectre of patriarchy that continues to oppress women in the workplace and in our communities."

When asked during an interview why her organisation brought six men as part of the ANCWL delegation, its President Bathabile Dlamini reportedly said women "were too emotional during debates and needed (male) experts" for sober discussions.

COSATU said South Africa had thousands of women experts and intellectuals from which the ANCWL could have selected delegates.

"As COSATU, we believe that the

experts required to deal with women's oppression are the women themselves, who experience it on a daily basis. The federation remains determined to fight alongside other women and gender activists for justice for women, a voice for women and a decent life for women in the economy and in the community."

The matter crept up again during ANC NEC member Lindiwe Sisulu's NPC feedback session on social transformation on Wednesday afternoon, when a journalist asked how the ANC could speak out against patriarchy when the Women's League selected male delegates.

Sisulu replied that the social transformation commission did not deal with this as it was an accreditation matter.

African News Agency

Former assistants accuse Guptas of sexual harassment

JOHANNESBURG - In the latest in a series of scandals involving the Gupta family, several former employees are accusing the brothers of sexual harassment.

An investigation by AmaBungane and Scorpio reveal Tony Gupta asked his assistant to accompany him on an overnight business trip to Cape Town.

It was her first day on the job.

The woman claims she was given nothing to eat, but was repeatedly offered a beverage to drink, which she suspects was

spiked.

She says she was locked in a bedroom.

The woman claims Tony Gupta told her his PAs are expected to massage him and share a bed with him.

When the woman tried to call her husband, she was allegedly told she was not allowed to use her phone.

Another woman claims she was touched inappropriately, while another brother tried to blackmail her.

eNCA

Hawks HQ burglary linked to probe of Ntlemenza appointments

JOHANNESBURG - Computers and hard drives stolen from the Hawks national headquarters in Pretoria contained sensitive information relating to anti-corruption investigations involving the directorate's disgraced former head Berning Ntlemenza.

The Times has learnt that the electronic hardware stolen on Tuesday night contained information about the apparent irregular appointment of numerous people to senior and administrative positions within the elite crime-fighting unit.

The alleged irregular appointments were apparently made by Ntlemenza, who is fighting his dismissal by Police Minister Fikile Mbalula in the Supreme Court of Appeal in Bloemfontein. Hawks spokesman Brigadier Hangwani Mulaudzi confirmed that an internal investigation into appointments within the organisation was under way.

"It [the investigation] was ordered by acting Hawks boss Lieutenant-General Yolisa Matakata."

A Hawks source said the computers were stolen from the offices

of staff who deal with logistics and human resources.

"It wasn't only the computers taken. It was also the hard drives. There is information there which is highly sensitive about the appointments of certain people."

He said that police anti-corruption officers were investigating certain of these appointments.

"Those that were appointed were not the ones who scored the highest when it came to the employment tests."

They were well below on the rankings, yet somehow they landed up in positions of colonels and above," said the officer, who has insight into the appointments.

The officer, who cannot be named as he is not authorised to speak to the media, said other staff who were being investigated were administrative clerks.

"They occupy positions where they deal with sensitive information. Just because they are an admin clerk does not mean that their appointments must not be above board, especially given the information which they work with."

eNCA

Malema challenging constitutionality of Trespassing Act

JOHANNESBURG - The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) filed papers in the High Court in Pretoria on Wednesday challenging the constitutionality of the Trespassing Act.

The application comes on the back-foot of the land invasion case which EFF leader, Julius Malema, is facing at the Regional Court in Newcastle.

For now the land invasion trial, which was due to begin this week in Newcastle, has been postponed to September 1 pending the outcome of the High Court application.

NPA spokesperson, Luvuyo Mfaku,

confirmed that Malema's lawyer Tumi Mokoena had filed papers at the High Court.

"They are challenging certain sections of the Trespass Act 6 of 1959," said Mfaku.

The postponement, which was heard at the regional court in Newcastle yesterday, was processed in the absence of Malema and Mokoena.

The pair had asked the court for permission to be excused when they appeared briefly before magistrate Theunis Christiaan Lotter Colditz on Tuesday morning.

It emerged in court that Malema

was seeking a High Court order to declare the case against him unconstitutional, irrational and for it to be set aside. Malema is in hot water for calling on EFF supporters to invade unoccupied land in 2016.

According to the charge sheet, he has been accused of incitement to commit a crime on November 7, 2016, in Newcastle.

He has already been charged twice (in Newcastle and in Bloemfontein), under the Riotous Assemblies Act.

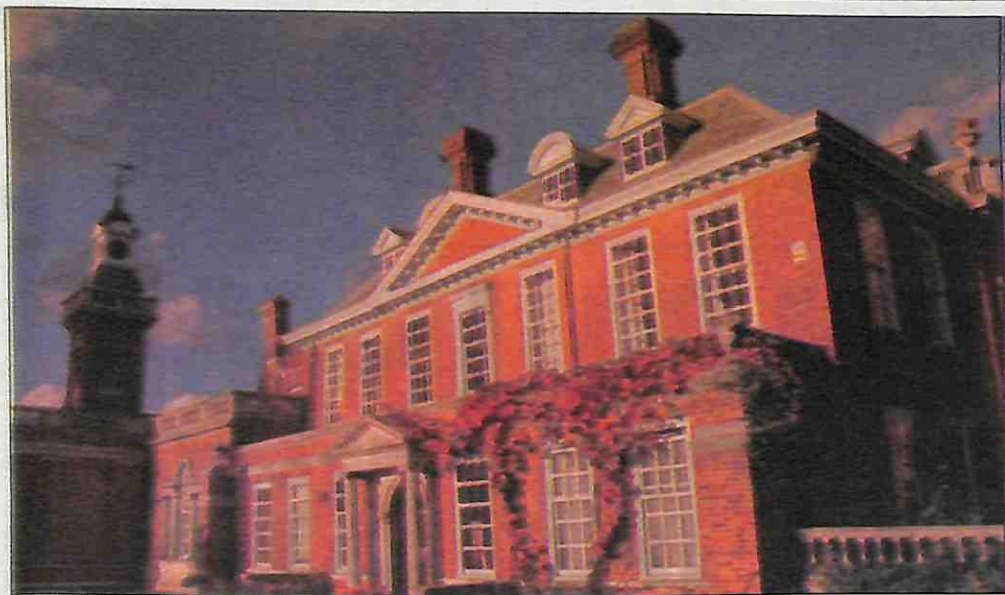
And he is currently challenging the constitutionality of the Riotous Assemblies Act at the Constitutional



CHALLENGER: EFF leader, Julius Malema.

Court. On Tuesday, shortly after the postponement, Malema told the media that he believed that the charges against

him were malicious and politically motivated. *News24*



DISPUTE: Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School in Elstree, Hertfordshire, are in a dispute with senior staff and pupils over its alleged 'Big Brother' methods. The school sparked controversy four years ago for taking the fingerprints of pupils without their parents' consent. (Daily Mail)

TOP PRIVATE BOYS' SCHOOL SPYING ON CHILDREN

HERTFORDSHIRE - A top private boys' school, where parents pay £19 000 per year, has admitted it snoops on pupils' social media accounts to ensure they aren't criticising the school online.

Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School in Elstree, Hertfordshire, are in a dispute with senior staff and pupils over its alleged 'Big Brother' methods.

This year, pupils have been protesting against the monitoring of their social media accounts.

The feud allegedly began after a student was reportedly suspended for criticising a recent 'Pride assembly', after he claimed it was 'for show'.

Speaking to The Daily Telegraph, a former pupil said that there had been growing ill-feeling at Haberdashers' in recent months over disciplinary procedures.

...it monitors pupils' social media accounts to ensure they aren't criticising the school online

He said, "the heart of the dispute is that the school monitors what pupils are doing and punishes anyone who criticises anything they do."

Headmaster Peter Hamilton said the monitoring is not 'draconian'.

He added, "we have Twitter and Facebook and you keep an eye on what is being said. If people are saying silly things you have to follow through. But I don't have a bank of screens in front of me that measures every twist and turn. There's nothing draconian."

"We did have an LGBT week, and it went off really well. You get some posters being put up, but it's got nothing to do with gay pride at all."

"We've been pretty upfront and open on all of those things. What you've got is a few people having a bit of a gripe and a grumble."

The school sparked controversy four years ago for taking the fingerprints of pupils without their parents' consent.

Parents complained after thumbprints of the pupils were taken for the school dining room's new payment system.

Parents said while a notice was posted on its website four days beforehand, the school did nothing else to alert them to the move or seek their permission, according to The Times.

The National Retail Services payment system sees boys press their thumb against a screen when buying food and the price is then charged to an account.

Parliament passed a law making it illegal to collect biometric data from children without prior written parental consent, or if the children object. **DailyMail**

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BRIEFS

24 truckers kidnapped in DRC

NAIROBI - Tanzania's foreign ministry said on Wednesday that 24 truckers driving in a convoy from the country had been kidnapped by the Mai-Mai militia in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. Foreign ministry spokesperson Mindi Kasiga told state television that the 21 Tanzanians and three Kenyans had been driving trucks belonging to two companies registered in Tanzania.

AFP

3 officers die in fierce Shabaab raid

NAIROBI - Three policemen were killed Wednesday in seven hours of fighting with suspected Shabaab militants who attacked their post in southeastern Kenya, police said. Regional Police Chief Akello Odhiambo said the attackers raided the Pandanguo Police Camp in the coastal Lamu region. "They razed a police camp and destroyed a Safaricom mast, disrupting communication among the security personnel based in Lamu. The gun fight took over seven hours before security agents took over the area," he said.

AFP

Calls for clarity over absent president

ABUJA - The president of Africa's most populous nation was last seen in public two months ago and since the start of 2017, he's been outside the country more than in it.

Nigeria's Muhammadu Buhari left for London on May 7 to receive medical treatment for an undisclosed condition. No date has been announced for the 74-year-old's return. But unlike his previous medical leave in the British capital in January and February, no pictures have emerged of him at Nigeria's diplomatic residence in the British capital.

AFP



Scores dead in road accident in CAR

BANGUI - At least 77 people died in a road accident in the Central African Republic, a hospital official said Wednesday. The accident occurred on Tuesday, about 12km outside Bambari, on the road between Bambari and Ippy in the centre of the country. Fifty-nine bodies were taken to the hospital morgue in Bambari and 18 others were taken by relatives to be buried, hospital official Michel Zahandji told AFP, while the Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) charity said 60 injured people were treated at the hospital.

AFP

Libya forces corner jihadists

BENGHAZI - Forces loyal to east Libya strongman Khalifa Haftar said on Wednesday they have cornered the last jihadists in a neighbourhood of second city Benghazi and vowed that victory is "imminent". The self-styled Libyan National Army said fighting in Soug al-Hout neighbourhood was over and its soldiers had advanced into the central district of Al-Sabri where they were surrounding the last jihadists.

AFP



TSVANGIRAI CALLS FOR NATIONAL PROTESTS

HARARE - Zimbabwe's main opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai of the Movement for Democratic Change has called for national protests in the southern African country to demand key electoral reforms ahead of the 2018 polls.

The former Zimbabwean prime ministers told a news conference on Wednesday that the opposition was ready to defeat President Robert Mugabe's ruling Zanu-PF party in elections due next year but the electoral playing field was not evenly balanced.

Without specifying the exact date of the protests, Tsvangirai said the mass action would be conducted

"soon".

Said Tsvangirai: "The MDC national executive today resolved to embark on a national action soon to force Mugabe and his illegitimate government to implement key democratic reforms ahead of next year's elections," said Tsvangirai.

"We want the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission [ZEC] to be truly independent. It must not only be said to be independent but it must act independently."

Last year, Zimbabwean police crushed protests organised by social movements such as #ThisFlag and #Tajamuka and arrested hundreds of protesters in what the opposition and human rights activists described

as "dragnet arrests". Some of those arrested are still facing charges in the courts.

Tsvangirai also demanded a new voters' roll before the next elections.

"We want ZEC to ensure that a new voters' roll is put in place in line with the new Constitution and we want the government to adhere to the Constitution in its entirety to ensure that there is rule of law in the country," added the former premier.

ZEC Chairperson Rita Makarau could not be reached for comment as she was not answering her mobile phone.

News24



WANTS CHANGE: Zimbabwe's main opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai.

'CRY MY BELOVED COUNTRY'

Twitter reacts to Zambian leader's declaration of state of emergency

LUSAKA - Social media was abuzz yesterday after Zambian President Edgar Lungu declared a state of emergency on Wednesday, following a series of apparent arson attacks in the southern African country.

Reports indicated that the move was likely to trigger fresh accusations of government authoritarianism.

See reaction on social media below "My government has decided to invoke article 31 [leading] to a state of public emergency," Lungu said in a nationally televised address.

"Practical measures as outlined tonight have had to be invoked."

Several fires, including one that burnt down the main market in the capital Lusaka on Tuesday, were described by Lungu as "premeditated acts which if left unchecked could have serious socio-economic consequences". Lungu vowed to take "stringent action" against those he suspected of having caused an inferno that razed the market. He maintained that the market was deliberately set on fire in an act bordering on "economic sabotage".

Political tensions have been high

in Zambia this year after the arrest and continued detention of opposition leader Hakainde Hichilema, a wealthy businessman who has run for president five times.

Hichilema narrowly lost elections last year to Lungu, and has alleged that the result was rigged.

In April Hichilema was arrested on treason charges after his convoy allegedly refused to give way to the presidential motorcade.

He has since been moved to a maximum security prison and it is unclear when he will return to court.

News24



HUSTLE: The hustle and bustle at the Awodai khat market highlights the importance of this slow-growing shrub to Harar. Ethiopia is the world's largest producer of khat and most of it comes from this region. About a third of the production is exported to neighbouring countries like Djibouti and Somalia. (AP)

Nigerian lawmakers want ex-president quizzed

ABUJA - Nigerian lawmakers on Wednesday said former president Goodluck Jonathan should give evidence at an inquiry into an oil block deal that has become a short-hand for endemic graft.

The probe centres on the \$1.3-billion (R17.5-billion) sale of OPL 245, an oil block estimated to hold nine billion barrels of crude, to petroleum giants Eni and Shell in 2011. Both firms are facing corruption charges in Nigeria and are being investigated in Italy over the deal, which allegedly saw high-ranking government officials pocket bribes.

"It (is) imperative that evidence should be taken from former President Goodluck Jonathan," the National Assembly committee investigating the deal said in a statement. Jonathan should testify because he was president "at the material time the ministers brokered the deal" and since his name features in the Italian investigation, it added.

A British court judgment also found that Jonathan did not act "in the best interest of Nigeria in relation to the deal", the lawmakers said. The attorney-general of Nigeria at the time, Mohammed Bello Adoke, has since said in court that all of his actions were "instructed by former President Goodluck Jonathan".

AFP

World News

QATAR CALLS FOR DIALOGUE TO RESOLVE GULF CRISIS

LONDON – Qatar's foreign minister called for dialogue on Wednesday to resolve the Gulf diplomatic crisis, accusing Arab states that had cut ties with Qatar of trying to undermine the nation's sovereignty.

"Qatar continues to call for dialogue," Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani told the Chatham House think tank in London, as the Arab states held talks in Egypt to discuss their next move.

"We welcome any serious efforts to resolve our differences with our neighbours," he said, adding: "we don't accept intervention in our own affairs." He accused Saudi Arabia and its regional allies of "demanding that we must surrender

our sovereignty as the price for ending the siege."

A group of Arab states led by Saudi Arabia had severed air, sea and ground links with Qatar, cutting off vital routes for imports including food. They also ordered Qatari citizens to leave their territories and took various steps against Qatari firms and financial institutions. The crisis raised concerns of growing instability in the region, home to some of the world's largest energy exporters and key Western allies who host US military bases.

Energy-rich Qatar had been defiant throughout the crisis, insisting it can weather action taken against it.

AFP



LET'S TALK: Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani.

Top Mali court orders changes to controversial referendum

BAMAKO – Mali's Constitutional Court dealt another blow to embattled President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita over a controversial referendum, saying changes his government wants to make to the national charter require "corrections".

A referendum on Mali's national charter was due on July 9 but was postponed indefinitely in the face of internal opposition in government and following protests by thousands of Malians.

The project is controversial as it would establish a Senate with a third of the seats appointed by Keita himself, leading critics to accuse him of consolidating his own power.

In a decision issued on Wednesday, the court noted that senators had a clear mandate of five years, except for those appointed by the president, whose terms were not specified. "There is room to correct this omission," it stated.

However the court sided with Keita over the most controversial aspect of the referendum – that the vote cannot be held democratically given the state of security in the country's north.

The court stated that given there were no "foreign troops occupying Malian territory," this argument was void.

A separatist rebellion in Mali's north was hijacked by jihadists in 2012, throwing the nation into chaos as they took over key northern cities. A peace deal signed in 2015 was aimed at curbing separatist uprisings but Mali's jihadists did not sign and have continued to wreak havoc despite an ongoing French-led military intervention to remove them.

Meanwhile former rebels still control the city of Kidal, and the state remains absent in large swathes of Mali's north.

Keita has attacked those who accuse him of seeking greater power by saying critics want to derail the nation's fragile peace process, given that the referendum would enshrine certain parts of the 2015 accord into the constitution. *News24*



SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST: Life in the darkness of Gaza's power crisis. Palestinians in the besieged territory are receiving just a few hours of electricity a day. Palestinians in Gaza now receive only three hours of electricity a day. (Daily Mail)

Indian guru's body to stay in freezer, says court

NEW DELHI – An Indian court on Wednesday allowed disciples of a spiritual guru to preserve his body in a freezer, as they believe he is in a deep state of meditation and will return to life.

Ashutosh Maharaj, founder of the multi-million dollar sect, Divya Jyoti Jagriti Sansthan (Divine Light Awakening Mission), apparently died of a cardiac arrest in January 2014.

But his followers insist he is in a deep spiritual state called samadhi and have controversially kept his body in a commercial freezer at his heavily guarded 40ha ashram in the northern state of Punjab.

On Wednesday the Punjab

and Haryana High Court dismissed a three year old petition by Dalip Kumar Jha, who claims to be his son, and who wanted his father's body to cremate him as per Hindu rituals.

Jha's lawyer, S P Soi told AFP that it was unclear whether or not the court approved the sect's argument that Maharaj was alive. "But they dismissed our petition which is disappointing and we will challenge it in the Supreme Court," said Soi.

The court while rejecting their plea set aside a 2014 judgement that had ordered his cremation after doctors confirmed him clinically dead.

His disciples had challenged the court's cremation order say-

ing he had simply drifted into a deeper form of meditation, something he did often in sub-zero Himalayan temperatures.

The guru, who is in his seventies, established the sect in Punjab's Jalandhar city in 1983 to promote "self-awakening and global peace", with millions of followers across the world and properties worth an estimated \$120m in India, the United States, South America, Australia, the Middle East and Europe.

Jha claims that the guru's real name was Mahesh Kumar Jha and he left his native village in eastern Bihar state in late 1970s before founding the sect.

AFP

BRIEFS

US confident it can stop N Korean ICBM

WASHINGTON – The Pentagon is confident it can protect the United States against an incoming North Korean rocket, an official said on Wednesday following Pyongyang's first successful test of an intercontinental ballistic missile. Tuesday's launch saw North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un fire a new type of missile from Panghyon aircraft plant, a site not previously associated with his missile programme, Pentagon spokesperson Navy Captain Jeff Davis said.

AFP

300 ISIS fighters holed up in Mosul

MOSUL – About 300 Islamic State fighters remain in the small patch of territory still controlled by the group in Mosul's Old City, a senior Iraqi commander said on Wednesday. Lieutenant General Sami al-Arabi of Iraq's special forces told The Associated Press that the militants' hold on Mosul has shrunk to a 500m² area. A large number of civilians are believed to be trapped in the ISIS-run enclave, with around 1 500 fleeing with every 100m advance by Iraqi forces.

AP

Belgium seeks suspects in terror case

BRUSSELS – Belgian prosecutors said yesterday they were looking for further suspects in an emerging terror investigation and that they feared a possible attack. "We are still looking for several terrorism suspects," Eric van der Sypt, the spokesman for the federal prosecutors' office, told VTM television. He, adding, "we fear they may feel cornered. We therefore fear there could be the same reaction as on March 22 (2016)," said. *AFP*



'Radicalised workers repatriated

SINGAPORE – Singapore has repatriated two Indonesian domestic workers who were "radicalised" by Islamists using social media, bringing the total number of such cases to nine since 2015, the second minister for home affairs has said. Authorities in the city-state said last month they had detained the first Singaporean for suspected Islamist radicalism as concern grows about the spread of the Islamic State (IS) group in Southeast Asia. The government has reiterated over the past year that the island nation is a target for Islamist groups and has urged the public to be alert.

Reuters

G20 protesters dispersed

HAMBURG – Riot police used a water cannon overnight on Tuesday to disperse several gatherings of protesters ahead of the G20 summit in Hamburg. Police first dislodged protesters who had set up tents in a park in the western district of Altona, according to police and media reports. "This is not a legal rally but unauthorised camping," said a police spokesman. *AFP*



IT'S A HIP N' JOYOUS WEEKEND

By Nomfundo Sifundza

WHAT a weekend it is going to be with the Hipnotik and Joyous Celebration shows happening tonight and tomorrow, you can't afford to be tucked in your bed.

Be sure not to miss out on the magic unfolding this weekend.

The Hipnotik Festival brings back Mr 'Ngyazifela Ngawe' Kwesta. He packed the audience at the Bushfire Festival and no doubt he will do the same at Hipnotik tomorrow.

Cassper Nyovest, Okmalumkoolkat, Nasty C, A-Reece you name them they will be in the country.



GET JOYOUS: MTN Joyous Celebration at Mavuso on Saturday.



TO FEATURE: Shekinah at MTN Joyous Celebration show which will be at Mavuso.

Pr-sale tickets cost E100 and are available from Mandela's restaurant, entrance is E150 at the door. Children under 12 are free to enter.

****SAVE THE DATE****

DR TUMI THE GRAND TOUR
Date: July 29
Where: Esibayeni Lodge

LINDA DLAMINI LIVE CD AND DVD RECORDING
Date: September 9
Where: Woodlands Auditorium

YOUNG MAKOTI SEMINAR
Date: July 29
Where: CODEC, Ezulwini

TONIGHT

HIPNOTIK FESTIVAL

Where: Behind Royal Villas Ground

Time: 6pm

The magic returns, on the line-up are the likes of Cassper Nyovest, Okmalumkoolkat, Siya Shezi, Kid Tank, Eimsofly and many more.

The fun or the magic never stops. It is also happening again tomorrow as; Adrienne Foo, Kwesta, Oskido, Nasty C and Fifi Cooper are on the line-up.

Pre-sale tickets are going for E250 and E350 at the door.

Tomorrow, tickets are going for E300 and they cost E450 at the door.

Golden circle costs E12 000 on both days at the door.

TOMORROW

JOYOUS 21 HEAL OUR LAND TOUR

Where: Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre

Time: 6pm

Live at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre it is none than the Joyous Celebration 21 'Heal our Land'.

Tickets are retailing at E250 and VIP is only E500.

CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Where: Mandela's Restaurant

Time: 11am

Swaziland's only Craft Beer Festival enters its third year with lots of music and of course beer this year.

FOR HIPNOTIK:
Cassper Nyovest and Kwesta at Hipnotik

JC Alumni star added to MTN JC

Stories by Ayanda Dlamini

MORE and more surprises are for Joyous Celebration fans in the country as it was announced yesterday that an alumni star has been added to the MTN Joyous Celebration 21 live show tomorrow.

According to MTN Joyous PRO Pamela Zwane, the star is well known and loved by Swazi fans. Zwane said she would not reveal the name of the Joyous Celebration alumni star for now.

"Joyous fans are in for a treat as an alumni star has been added to the line-up. All I can say is that, she is a lady who makes the crowd dance every time she hits the stage.

She was last here with Joyous in 2014 so it will be great having her at the show again," Zwane said. On top of that Joyous has a host



STAR IS WELL KNOWN: MTN Joyous PRO Pamela Zwane.

of new talent from all over South Africa to be unveiled on the night.



ALMOST DONE: The stage being prepared for tomorrow's show at Mavuso.

ALL SET FOR MTN JOYOUS CELEBRATIONS NIGHT

MTN Joyous Celebration is setting up their massive Heal Our Land stage at Mavuso Trade Centre for tomorrow's show.

The sound, stage and lighting team arrived on Wednesday and began set up at the venue in a bid to recreate the six metres tall structure.

The event PRO Pamela Zwane

said she was excited by the level of professionalism by the team.

Ensuring

"Joyous Production Manager Sharif has been up and about all over the venue ensuring that the stage is set up like the one that was at Carnival City.

"It will be a very special show

indeed," she said.

Zwane urged fans and supporters to buy their ticket to avoid disappointment. The event tickets are selling at E250 for general and E500 for VIP.

The event is brought to the country by MTN Swaziland and Destiny Group.

UMDABULA MAKE UP SHOW STILL ON THE CARDS BUT...

Stories by Simon Shabangu

MBEKEZELI Zulu of the Umdabula Festival fame said he was still hopeful the Umdabula make up show will occur.

The Umdabula make up show was instructed by the office of the Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture (SNCAC) CEO Stanley Dlamini after the mess of a crossover event last year.

Zulu said they had been in talks with the SNCAC CEO on how best the make up show could be done.

He was interviewed during the Durban July Festival in Durban as he was among the throngs of celebrities and business people who attended the annual show which attracts scores of people from all over the world.

Promised

Zulu said the CEO could be in a better position to respond to the issue stressing that they were however working on it as promised.

When the CEO was sought for comment on the matter, he said they had agreed that he (Zulu) had to pay all outstanding monies to all the service providers he used during the

● SNCAC CEO wants all debts cleared first

show, an undertaking he promised to make.

Compensation

"I sent him all the details of the debts he has to settle before we can even talk about the make-up show. I felt that it had to be first things first because there are people owed their monies. After he has settled the debts with the service providers we can then talk of a compensation show something which was promised to happen mid-year.

"We have also agreed that when the make up show is done it has to be organised through a local events management company to avoid a repeat of last December's dilemma" he said.

He added that the new policy that guides the council stipulates that there is no foreign event organiser who will come to the country and do a show without the involvement of a local company.

"They will have to abide by that rule when doing another show" Dlamini added.

AKULHLWA: Mbekezeli Zulu pictured at the Durban July Festival.

(Pic: Simon Shabangu)



Akulahlwa mbeleko ngakufelwa - Mbekezeli Zulu

ON another note Mbekezeli Zulu said he was planning another crossover show in December stating that he had learnt from last year's mistakes.

He said this time around he would partner with one of South Africa's big and respected brands to bring a massive show to the people of Swaziland.

"There is a saying which says *Akulahlwa Mbeleko ngakufelwa*, hence I have also decided that we do another show this year and this time around get all things right. I almost gave up on Swaziland but because of the good support, advice and co-operation, I have not."

"Given the response I received from the SNCAC CEO I have been encouraged to bring another show. We are still in talks but once everything has been finalised we will make an official statement," he added.

Zulu through Umdabula Events organised a crossover show at Tum's Waterworld on New Year's Eve where most of the artists that were lined up to perform did not pitch making the event an absolute flop.

Fun lovers who had purchased tickets to the show were left fuming as the Zulu failed to deliver on his promise.

Master P Drops single on his birthday

Stories by Ayanda Dlamini

THE renowned spinner Master P surprised his friends and fans on social media yesterday when he dropped his new track on his birthday.

Initially released on line at noon, the track subsequently flooded social media and created quite a stir, just hours before the Red, Hot & Daring Phenomenal Party was due to kick off.

The track was produced by non-other than Mozaik The Producer, and features well-known hip hop artist and friend to Master P, King Terry.

When asked by this publication about the inspiration for the track, Master P



stated, "This song is very close to my heart because it's a reminder to me, and to all of us, that we should continue to pursue our dreams with relentless passion and to keep our eye on the

prize.

Don't allow people's limited perception of your abilities define the way you live your life."

This concept is perfectly encapsulated in the hook, written and sung by Mozaik, "What good is the livin' if the living ain't good?"

This is one of the best works yet to be conceptualised by Master P and he is confident that everyone will love it because of the positive and emotive spin on it. The DJ further said; "ultimately we are all looking to establish a legacy that will benefit of our blood-line for generations to come.

The track has been made available as a downloadable link for a limited time frame on Twitter: Masterp_da_dj.

MORE LOCAL ARTISTS COMING OF AGE

THE country is coming of age when it comes to the music industry as more artists are releasing their albums and EPs.

MTN SWAMA nominee Bongane Shongwe popularly known as M. Triggerson has dropped his debut EP which will be available in December. The reggae singer has been nominated for Best Reggae Artists at the MTN SWAMA Awards. The EP is titled 'Swazi Gold' a compilation of five hot tracks produced by Alex Muti and managed by Gino Kash of Gstar Entertainment.

Sleepless

"The EP is about the ghetto lifestyle and mostly how we are raised and choose our lifestyle. The EP is deep and I took this project seriously. I had problems with my family hence I was kicked out from home and found myself on the streets. This EP is about my life's journey basically. Many people will

Skhubash drops 'Hummerime' album

SKHUBASH real name Sikhumbuzo Matsenjwa has dropped an 18-track album titled 'Hummerime'.

His album was produced by Eardrumzz Records. The 25 year old hip hop star, has firmly established himself as one of the leading hip hop artists locally. The artist has released a mix tape previously, titled 'It's My Time' in 2015 and a few weeks ago his 'Hummerime' album was released and it has been well received.

He is well known for his soul, dance and R&B music and his music has



get inspiration from it," M. Triggerson said. He is managed by G-star Entertainment, the very same home stable for hip-hop star Trippy King.

enjoyed airplay on all local TV and radio stations, and also on radio stations in South Africa, Malawi and the US.

Shared

He has performed at big festivals, roadshows and concerts. He has shared the stage with the likes of Kwesta, Mafikizolo, and Bucie and with almost all the big names in the kingdom. He got featured in an international track by M.seth, a track which features USA rapper 'Fujo' and Malawian 'Rifle Dynamic'.

"I saw talent in this guy and I'm hoping to make a name for him in the country and internationally," the producer said.

Pretoria's Amigos Productions signs Swazi Princess

By Nomfundo Sifundza

PRETORIA based Amigos Music Productions have signed Princess Bezizwe Dlamini daughter to Prince Mbuyisa as their artist under a 10 year contract, which was signed over the weekend in Orchards Pretoria.

The 28-year-old will now be the leading vocalist of three existing groups under the same label which are namely; Matlakala & Comforters, Masole A Tumelo and Bana Bakanana.

Sealing

The gospel singer will also record a solo album before the end of the year. Amigos Music is owned by Brigadier Johanness Ramathoka of the South African Police Services

Sealing the deal the princess performed last Saturday at Mamethlake Mpumalanga province during Limpopo's Thobela FM 57th celebrations with other well known faces in the gospel industry.

Interviewed

That same Saturday the princess was interviewed on Thobela FM by DJ Fantastic.

Previously these three groups were led by the late gospel legend Matlakala Ramathoka who



IN SONG: Princess Bezizwe performing last Saturday at Mamethlake Mpumalanga province during Limpopo's Thobela FM 57th celebrations.

passed away in April this year after suffering from chest pains.

Interest

During Ramathoka's funeral the princess, Deborah Fraser and Solly Moholo performed and that's how Amigos developed an interest in Bezizwe.

Bezizwe is also a radio drama actress/umdlalo wemoya under SBIS 1 and also Soul City's Lusweti drama series.

She also former leader of Imbali (Mbabane East). Bezizwe is also a student at Ngwane Teacher's College Nhlanguano.

International
Celebrity News

Tupac dumped Madonna because she's white

NEW YORK-Tupac's relationship with Madonna ran deeper than anyone knew.

In 2015, the Material Girl made headlines after revealing she had dated the rapper three years before his death in 1995. "One time I was mad at [David Letterman] when I said the f-word a lot, but the rest of the time was good," Madonna told Howard Stern. "I was in a weird mood that day. I was dating Tupac Shakur at the time, and he had got me all riled up about life in general. So, when I went on the show I was feeling very gangsta." Later that year, the rapper's brother, Mopreme Shakur,

**DUMPED: Madonna.**

told Vlad TV he helped facilitate the romance.
Eonline

Ben Affleck, Jennifer Garner stick together even after divorce

LOS ANGELES- Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck are sticking together, even after officially filing for divorce.

E! News can confirm the former couple celebrated the Fourth of July together in Los Angeles alongside their children, Violet, 11, Seraphina, 8, and Samuel, 5. The family kept their tradition alive, watching the patriotic parade in the Pacific Palisades.

"The Palisades Fourth of July Parade is an annual family tradition that's really important to Jen and the kids," a source told us. "Jen has been going to the parade for years and loves the community spirit and seeing friends come out. She always runs the 5km in

**JUST FRIENDS: Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner.**

the morning and then comes out for the parade in the afternoon."
MailOnline

David, Brooklyn Beckham cut dashing figures

LONDON - He's the son of one of the biggest names in soccer. And Brooklyn Beckham has clearly inherited more than his famous father David's good looks as the pair were spotted rocking sharp suits on Wednesday.

The 18-year-old showed off his sublime sense of style as he and his father, 42, left a private dinner in London.

While David opted for a dark blue outfit, his son went for a black suit and left the jacket open to show off his white shirt.

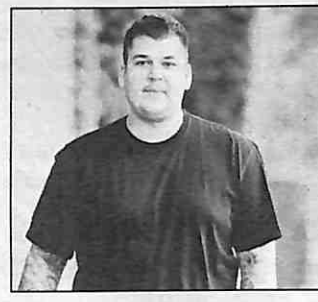
Brooklyn had his thick hair scraped back as well, and he too sported

**LIKE FATHER LIKE SON: David and Brooklyn Beckham.**

a pair of brown leather shoes.
DailyMail

Rob posts revenge porn of 'cheating' Blac Chyna

LOS ANGELES- Rob Kardashian has posted several nude photographs of his on-off girlfriend on Instagram and accused her of cheating on him with eight men in less than a month. The bitter online rant sparked a furious response from Chyna who accused Rob of beating her. Their feud began when Rob posted an image of his on-again off-again girlfriend wearing no underwear on Instagram Wednesday morning. He claims Chyna sent him the picture on July 4 before sleeping with another man. "This is from Chyna yesterday to me. I never been so dis-

**BITTER: Rob Kardashian.**

respected in my life. I just bought her 250K of jewelry yesterday. This woman is so disrespectful and I don't care," he wrote.
Mirror

SA Celebrity News

DJ Bongz leaves Mabala Noise

JOHANNESBURG - One of the original founders of Mabala Noise, DJ Bongz has announced that he has left the stable, which he has co-owned with politician Reggie Nkabinde. The DJ made the announcement on his Facebook page and said it was with immediate effect.

Bongz also revealed that he had started his own record label Gwara Gwara Entertainment. The DJ did not disclose the reasons for his sudden departure from Mabala Noise, but went on to wish the label the best through a series of tweets. The DJ made the announcement on

**GONE: DJ Bongz.**

his Facebook page and said it was with immediate effect. Bongz also revealed that he had started his own record label Gwara Gwara entertainment.
Sowetan

Lebo Sekgobela wanted to be a chartered accountant first

JOHANNESBURG - Gospel singer Lebo Sekgobela says that when she was younger she actually wanted to be a chartered accountant. Speaking to Anele Mdoda on Real Talk with Anele, the singer spoke about her initial desire to be an accountant. "But my family could not afford that, my mother was domestic worker." Lebo went on to say that though she could take herself to school and become a chartered accountant, she has seen what God can do and seen His greener pastures for her. She also opened up about how she went to many auditions and had

**ACCOUNTANT: Lebo Sekgobela.**

been rejected on all accounts but persevered and it is clearly paying off.
Drum

Robert Marawa's SABC warning -They are cowards

JOHANNESBURG- Robert Marawa is not an angry man despite being told about losing his Metro FM gig through colleagues after a circular was sent to staff at the SABC. He is calm because he claims he "expected something like this." That makes him even more dangerous. And after speaking to TshisaLIVE 10 minutes after the public broadcaster sent out a statement to the media about him "parting-ways" with it, Robert is not demure about his intentions.

"People will soon know who these people are and what they do. They go for soft targets. These are trumped-up charges borne of people who have scandals of their own and are

**WARNING: Robert Marawa.**

afraid to expose themselves." The popular presenter, who has been on Metro for over a decade, has been at the centre of a bitter feud with his employer for months.
SundayWorld

Kwesta takes over Live Amp

JOHANNESBURG- Award-winning rapper Kwesta will take over music show Live Amp today. The SABC 1 show will air a 30-minute special episode billed as 'A Kwesta Special' tonight. The 'Ngud' rapper will take viewers on a journey through his career, as he talks about being independent, working with new talent and about his plan to take over the international market.

Backed by a live band, Kwesta will deliver an explosive performance of his songs 'Mayibabo', 'Nomayini', 'Preacher' and 'Ngiyazifela'. According to a statement released by the show, each performance will be shot in front

**TAKING OVER: Kwesta.**

of an LED wall which will display exciting visuals created specifically for the show.
Sowetan

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Sihle has a near-death experience and makes an impossible demand of Samson. Siphokazi gets an offer she can't refuse. Meanwhile, Zakithi is flattered by Fezile's sms.

**FLATTERED: Zakithi.**

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Nikiwe's mental strain starts becoming apparent to Kgothalo and Benjamin. Obakeng comes under fire for not showing Kamogelo enough commitment. Gatanga takes his courting of Morongwa to the next level.

**UNDER FIRE: Obakeng.**

Muvhango

TODAY

**DEFIED: Azwindini.**

Ranthomeng decides that Lethu is coming home with him when he is discharged from hospital. Vhutshilo and Mulondo defy Azwindini's orders. Vho-Masindi tries to persuade Susan to get her discharged from hospital.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

**VISITOR: Lunga.**

Flavia tries to poison Pearl against David. Lungile comes to visit Lerato late at night. Kop tries to get some relationship advice from Jafta. Lungile learns how much Bongi is earning from the book.

How does this baby look more like John legend than john legend does?



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22 – JANUARY 19

You may be racing against the clock. Demand on your time is likely to be far greater than usual. Introduction to a group of people who could help you through a maze seems likely. Your thirst for knowledge may have grown in recent weeks and could prompt you to attend a course. On top of this, you might have cause to be cautiously optimistic that a financial deal is going to work out better than you could have hoped.



CANCER JUNE 22 – JULY 22

Not only could you find a bargain today, you could also attract the kind of task/job that's just your style. The only snag in all this is that enthusiasm could lead you to wanting to do more than is really feasible. Much might depend on the flexibility of a contract - which is something that might not have been considered and is fasing someone who's not used to this kind of creative thinking and negotiation.



AQUARIUS JANUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 18

Perhaps because someone infers you can't have exactly what you want, you could go into over-drive. You don't do regulations. The need for more - and, specifically, to expand your boundaries is likely to be very strong. Encouraged by someone born under Leo or Scorpio you could determine on a course of action and draw up a list and timetable that forms the basis for discussion.



PISCES FEBRUARY 19 – MARCH 20

Blood-sugar or even blood-pressure levels may not be as even as well balanced as you need them to be. You may be pushing yourself too hard and/or not looking after yourself: all which might be understandable if a younger person has managed to 'press all your buttons'. Help and understanding is likely to come from someone born under your own sign.



ARIES MARCH 21 – APRIL 19

Perhaps because things have been so pear-shaped, the desire to spoil someone could be great. That includes you. This would be a great day for a holiday or for in some way expanding your horizons. The effect you have on someone who's usually straight-laced could be marked: with them amused by your antics and willing to join you in bringing a playful, creative element to the day.



TAURUS APRIL 20 – MAY 20

True, you could be in 'excess mode' and might spend more than is wise. You might be looking for a particular gift though. The urge to improve your nest may be great - and could result in you buying a large piece of furniture or at least giving thought to a renovation project. Thoughts of a relative could recur frequently: perhaps you can only sympathise with what they're dealing with.



GEMINI MAY 21 – JUNE 21

True, you could feel overwhelmed by how much information there is for you to absorb. If on holiday it might be easy to deal with the onslaught of things you need to know. At work though you may need to accept a deadline now so as to have time free later.



SCORPIO OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 21

Today could find you at your brilliant best. Not only could you ooze charm, you could deflect a challenge deftly and ensure that the buck stops with someone who ought to be able to score a magnificent goal now that you've paved the way for them.



SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 – DECEMBER 21

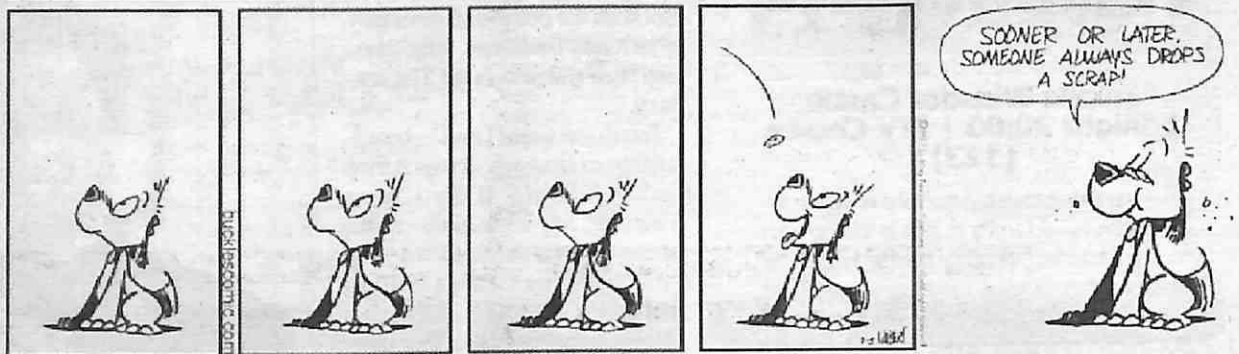
Your imagination could run wild. If driving, you could move too fast and come up against a speed check. Keeping your mind on the task in hand could be a problem. Yet you may be so enthused at possibilities that you perhaps can't wait to get to a place where you can really get started.



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Can you find the hidden words? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.



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SWING,
TENT,
TIGERS,
TIGHTROPE,
TRAPEZE.

LOL

Laughing Out Loud

Ten Times

The sixth grade science teacher, Mrs. Parks, asked her class, "Which human body part increases to 10 times its size when stimulated?" No one answered until little Mary stood up, angry, and said, "You should not be asking sixth graders a question like that! I'm going to tell my parents, and they will go and tell the principal, who will then fire you!" With a sneer on her face, she then sat back down. Mrs. Parks ignored her and asked the question again, "Which body part increases to 10 times its size when stimulated?" Little Mary's mouth fell open; then she said to those around

her, "Boy, is she gonna get in big trouble!" The teacher continued to ignore her and said to the class, "Anybody?" Finally, Billy stood up, looked around nervously and said, "The body part that increases 10 times its size when stimulated is the pupil of the eye." Mrs. Parks said, "Very good, Billy," then turned to Mary and continued. "As for you, young lady, I have three things to say: number one: You have a dirty mind; number two: You didn't read your homework; and Number three: One day you are going to be very, very disappointed."

USELESS FACTS

1. Men like to barbecue. Men will cook if danger is involved.
2. Men who have pierced ears are better prepared for marriage. They've experienced pain and bought jewelry.
3. If you buy your husband or boyfriend a video camera, for the first few weeks he has it, lock the door when you go to the bathroom. Most of my husband's early films end with a scream and a flush.
4. Be careful of men who are bald and rich; the arrogance of "rich" usually cancels out the "nice" of bald.
5. Marrying a divorced man is ecologically responsible. In a world where there are more women than men, it pays to recycle.

BRAINTEASERS
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Yesterday's brainteasers

1. There was an airplane crash, every single person on board died, but yet two people survived. How is this possible?

Answer: The two were married.

2. What goes up and down, but

still remains in the same place?

Answer: Stairs

Today's brainteasers

1. How far can you walk into the woods?

2. If you throw a red stone into the blue sea what it will become?



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NEWS



HIGHLIGHTS



Inside Windsor Castle Tonight 20:00 | ITV Choice (123)

Uncover the scandals, triumphs and betrayals of the royal family in this gripping new four-part series. 'Windsor Castle' is the ultimate symbol of royal might, grandeur and power, attracting tourists in their millions. But away from their prying eyes, the castle walls and turrets still guard the royal family's deepest secrets.

Street Outlaws Tonight 21:00 | Discovery Channel (121)

S4/E4 - Vs. Fast N' Loud: Build to Mega Race Part III". The Street Outlaws agree to race the guys from Fast N' Loud, while Farmtruck and AZN start on their budget build to race Aaron.



HIGH ALERT TOMORROW 21:10 | CBS REALITY (132)

S1/E1 - Welcome to Joburg". Welcome to Johannesburg - a city of renowned crime rates. Yet among the darkness, the Eblem brothers clean up the streets one bust at a time. This is High Alert.



Idols SA Sunday 17:30 | Mzansi Magic (161)

'S13/E1 - 13/1'. After a sensational season 12, Idols SA season 13 has begun! ProVerb, Unathi, Randall and Somizi are back, looking for the next big singing talent.

ROYALTY ON ITV CHOICE

THE British Royal Family is the oldest monarchy in the world. But with the pomp and ceremony of its many traditions, some question their purpose in the 21st century.

'The Royal Good Guys' - broadcasting exclusively across Africa on ITV CHOICE (DStv 123) on Thursday July 13 at 20:00 - looks at the charity work of the four princes - Philip, Charles, William and Harry.

Through the business of their charities, they are transforming the British Royal Family into a modern global brand. But how did it all start? And what motivates them?

The British Royalty's connection with charities goes back 300 years.

Countries

"Ever since the reign of Queen Victoria there's been an understanding within the Royal Family that there's an obligation to help charitable causes," says Robert Hardman, Royal author and journalist.

Prince Philip started the Duke of Edinburgh Award in 1956; it now exists in 140 countries, with more than a million young people taking part every day. We meet some of those young people in London, Kenya and Bratislava. Philip was also a founding member of the World Wildlife Fund and has been speaking out about the environment for decades.

Prince Charles is one of the biggest charitable entrepreneurs on the planet.

He's raised hundreds of millions of pounds for his charitable causes. The Prince's Trust began 40 years ago - it's now the biggest charity network in the UK helping countless people start new careers



and businesses. 'The Royal Good Guys' tells the story of a convicted drug-dealer who turned his life around thanks to a grant from the Prince's Trust. He started his own software company that he later sold for millions of dollars.

Works

The Royal Family's approach to charity work changed in 1981 when Prince Charles married Lady Diana. Diana was well known for her hands on approach to her charitable causes, famously visiting with people suffering with HIV Aids. After her untimely death her sons William and Harry decided to carry on with her good works.

Prince Harry created Sentebale, a charity in Africa where HIV affects one in three children. "I think that Prince Harry is certainly trying to model himself on the way that his mother approached charity, he wants to continue that legacy. He's not afraid to speak about what she did," says Robert Jobson, royal commentator. Harry is also the driving force behind the Invictus Games, an organisation that gives wounded soldiers a chance to recover through sport.

Prince William is patron of Centrepont, a homeless charity that was close to his mother's heart. We see him singing at a fundrais-

ing gala with Jon Bon Jovi and Taylor Swift. He also works with Tusk Trust and WildAid to save Africa's wildlife from poachers enlisting help from sports stars Yao Ming and David Beckham.

In 2011, William, Harry and Kate created The Royal Foundation to take a more business-like approach to charity. We attend the launch of their latest initiative, Heads Together, supporting mental health; it will be the 2017 London Marathon's official charity. The four royal charity entrepreneurs raise millions of pounds and help millions of people - and in so doing, hope to ensure the survival of the British Monarchy.

Something for the kiddies:

The best friends from Ponyville are back with new adventures that will strengthen their bond.

When the six ponies are summoned to solve a friendship problem, they discover a village where everyone has given up their cutie marks. Theirs will soon be gone forever too unless they figure out a way to get them back. In another episode, Rainbow Dash tries to stop winter so that her pet tortoise, Tank, doesn't have to go into hibernation. Sounds like a bad idea, right? Watch and find out.

Rabbids Invasion II: Monday, July 10 at 16:50 on NickToons (DStv 308)

We don't know where they came from. We don't know how they got here. But we do know this: they're here to play! Rabbids are curious little creatures that have invaded Earth and are on a mission to have tons of fun. This July, the crazy aliens think the moon has disappeared, then a Rabbid falls in love and one gets caught in a clothes dryer. When trouble is afoot, you know these furry maniacs are never too far away.



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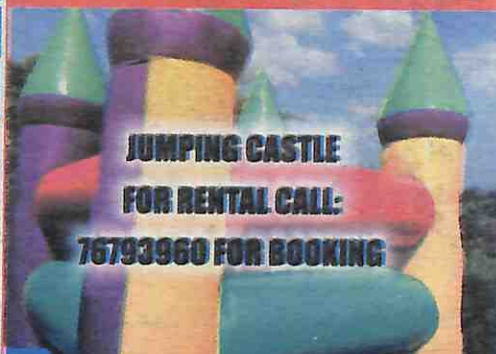
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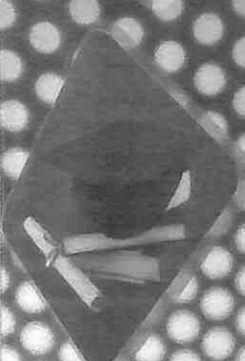
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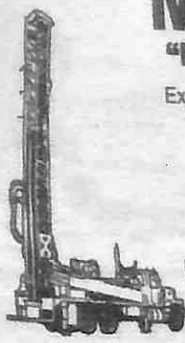


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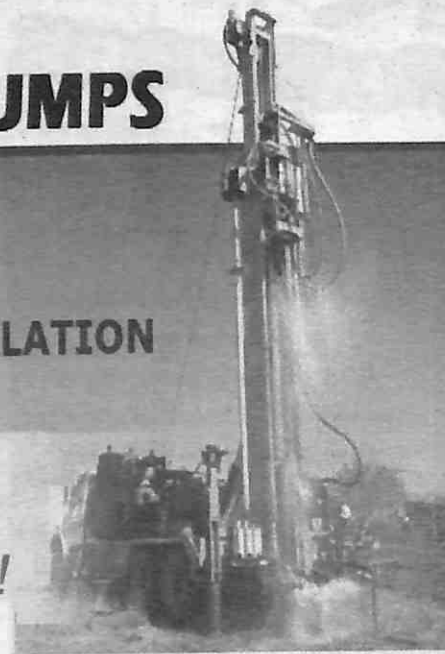
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15 DEATHS

Mr. Manuel
De Sousa

Relatives, friends and Business Partners are informed of the untimely passing away of Mr. Manuel De Sousa at Milpark hospital on the 30/06/2017. Funeral arrangements will be announced in due course. Announcement by the De Sousa family.

Ngabisa Nozipho
Mavuso
nee Dlamini

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baNgabisa Nozipho Mavuso nee Dlamini kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kutawuba nenkonzo yesikhumbuto ngaleSihlanu mhlaka 07/07/2017 esontfweni lakhe i Eagles Wings Ministries eMbabane ngensimbi yekucala emini. Ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo ekhakhakhe kalaMgabhi eTiyeni kaMavuso emvakwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngubabetala wakhe Enock Mavuso.

Mancoba
Nkosingiphile
Mnisi

VIGIL: FRIDAY
07/07/2017
FUNERAL: SATURDAY
08/07/2017
PLACE: ENTSANJENI

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Mancoba Nkosingiphile Mnisi eNtsanjeni kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. BakaMnisi eLuandeni, eKwakheni, eKutsimuleni nebaka Nkosi eNsingweni, nebantfwabakhe. Kuyalindzela ngaleSihlanu mhlaka 7, uyafihlwa ngeMgcibelo ekuseni mhlaka 08/07/2017, eNtsanjeni ekhaya kubo.

Simemetelo sikhishwa nguyise wakhe Mayaka Abel Mnisi.

Mbongiseni
Happyday
Motsa

VIGIL: FRIDAY
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PLACE: EMBIKWAKHE

Relatives and friends of Mbongiseni Happyday Motsa are notified of his sudden death. He will be laid to rest on 08/07/2017 after a night vigil on 07/07/2017 at his parental home at Embikwakhe. Announcement by his father David Motsa.

Ntombie
Zanele Nodolly
Shongwe

VIGIL: FRIDAY
07/07/2017
FUNERAL: SATURDAY
08/07/2017
PLACE: MANTAMBE

Friends and relatives of Ntombie Zanele Nodolly Shongwe are notified of her demise. She will be laid to rest on Saturday 08/07/2017 at her parental home Mantambe after a night vigil on Friday 07/07/2017. Announcement by her children

Mfanzile
Simeon
Mabuza

VIGIL: SATURDAY
08/07/2017
FUNERAL: SUNDAY
09/07/2017
PLACE: KAMABHOKO

Satisa tihlobo taMfanzile Simeon Mabuza kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa basekhakhakhe kaDlamini eTinyonini, bakaMabuza kaLuhleko, eNgcoseni, eSiphocosi, ekhabonina kaShabangu kalaMgabhi eBhunya. Usishiye emvakwekugula sikhshana. Umlindzelo ungeMgcibelo mhlaka 08/07/2017, afihlwe ngeliSontfo mhlaka 09/07/2017. Siteshi kukaMabhoko. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguRobert Mabuza babe wakhe lomncane.

Siphiwe
Thandeka
Mkhize

VIGIL: SATURDAY
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FUNERAL: SUNDAY
09/07/2017
PLACE: KWALUSENI
(KAMKHIZE)

Friends and relatives of Siphiwe Thandeka Mkhize are notified that she has passed away. Funeral will be on Sunday 09/07/2017 after a night vigil on Saturday at her homestead Kwaluseni (kaMkhize). Announcement by Mlungisi Mkhize on behalf of family.

Tengetile
Sikhulile
Magagula

VIGIL: SATURDAY
08/07/2017
FUNERAL: SUNDAY
09/07/2017
PLACE: EDLANGENI
ENTSINTSA

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baTengetile Sikhulile Magagula lobekatiwa ngekutsi ngu "Ngeti" kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ngeliSontfo mhlaka 09/07/2017 emvakwemlindzelo, ekhaya kubo eDlangeni eNtsintsa. Kwatiswa baka Makhanduva ekhabo nina nebaka Nzulee ekhaya kubo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Saladin Magagula uyise egameni lemndeni. 7603 8663.

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Gcina
Ndumiso
Mathunjwa

VIGIL: FRIDAY
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PLACE: NTABAMHLOSHANA

Relatives and friends of Gcina Ndumiso Mathunjwa, known as "Sgcinesh" are notified of his demise. Night vigil will be held on 07/07/2017 at his parental home Ntabamhloshana kamadam Mathunjwa. Funeral service starts at 0530am on Saturday 08/07/2017.

Evelyn
Phumaphi
Tsabedze

VIGIL: KUTE
FUNERAL: SATURDAY
08/07/2017
PLACE: SIPHOFANENI

Kwatiswa tonkhe tihlobo taEvelyn Phumaphi Tsabedze lotalwa nguSidzakwana Nehemiah Tsabedze na Agnes Lomabhunu (nee Ndzimandze) eMankayane kutsi sewusishiyile emhlabeni. Ufihlwa emathuneni eNgwane Park mhlaka 08/07/2017 ekuseni emvakwenkonzo lemfishane nga 0600hrs ekhaya lakhe eSiphofaneni. Kute

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Jabulile
Zodwa
Nhlabatsi

VIGIL: FRIDAY
07/07/2017
FUNERAL: SATURDAY
08/07/2017
PLACE: KASIKO
EMSINDZANGENKOSI

Tihlobo nebangani baJabulile Zodwa Nhlabatsi lotalwa ngu Mpiyakhe Eliot naNomcebo Margaret Dlamini. Tiyatiswa kutsi umlindzelo ungaleSihlanu 07/07/2017, ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 08/07/2017 kaSiko eMsidzangenkosi. Kwatiswa nebaseMgazini, eMabaleni, Mvutjini, New Heaven (Mashayekhatsi-kaNhlabatsi). Siemetelo sikhishwa ngu make wakhe egameni lemndeni.

Lungile
Phylis
Mngomezulu

VIGIL: FRIDAY
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PLACE: KAMKHWELI

Relatives and friends of Lungile Phylis Mngomezulu are notified of her sudden death. Funeral will be at kaMkhweli on Saturday 08/07/2017. There will a memorial service at kaMkhweli Assemblies of God on Friday 07/07/2017 at 2:00pm followed by a night vigil. Morning service will start at 6:00am. Announcement by family

Pastor
Nonhlanhla
Mndzebele

VIGIL: FRIDAY
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FUNERAL: SATURDAY
08/07/2017
PLACE: BHEKINKHOSI

Friends and relatives of Pastor Nonhlanhla Mndzebele of Nyakeni Metropolitan Evangelical are notified of her demise. Memorial service on Friday 07/07/2017 at Mfanyana Hall, Manzini. Funeral will be on Saturday morning on 08/07/2017 at Bhekinkhosi area after a night vigil.

Edith
Landlibhi
Ginindza

VIGIL: SATURDAY
08/07/2017
FUNERAL: SUNDAY
09/07/2017
PLACE: KALOBAMBA
LOMDZALA

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemneni wakaGinindza etindzaweni letehlukene, bantfwabeNkhosi beSitjeni nebekhabonina eLuyengo nema C.O.C phasi kwaGama kutsi Edith Landlibhi Ginindza lobekendze kuNtfwati Elias Ginindza naye longasekho usishiyile emhlabeni. Kulindzela ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 08/07/2017 afihlwe ngeliSontfo ekuseni nga 6:00am ekhakhakhe kaGinindza kaLobamba Lomdzala. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguPercy Ginindza egameni lemndeni.

REST IN PEACE

Elizabeth Salaphi
Matsebula
(nee Dlamini)

VIGIL: FRIDAY
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FUNERAL: SATURDAY
08/07/2017
PLACE: MBEKELWENI

The Makhanya family, Dlamini at Nkhomazi, Mashininis at Langeni, friends and relatives of Elizabeth Salaphi Masilela Matsebula (nee Dlamini) are notified of her demise. Funeral at Mbekelweni, Bushayankhomo on the 08/07/2017 after a night vigil on Friday 07/07/2017. Announcement by Matsebula Family

JOB
13:15

Though He slay me,
yet will I hope in him;
I will surely
defend my ways to
his face.

*The LORD is close to
the broken-hearted; he
rescues those whose
spirits are crushed.*

*It's almost unbearable
when so much hope
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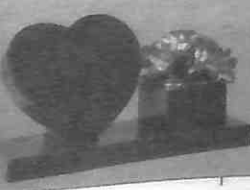


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Man Utd strike £75M agreement with Everton for Lukaku

MANCHESTER - Manchester United have agreed a fee of around £75m to sign striker Romelu Lukaku from Everton, according to British media reports.

The 24-year-old, who joined Everton permanently in 2014, scored 25 goals and provided six assists in 37 league games last season to finish as the league's second highest scorer. His exploits helped Everton secure a seventh-placed league finish.

The Belgium international rejected a new contract at Everton in March and has since been linked with former club Chelsea and German

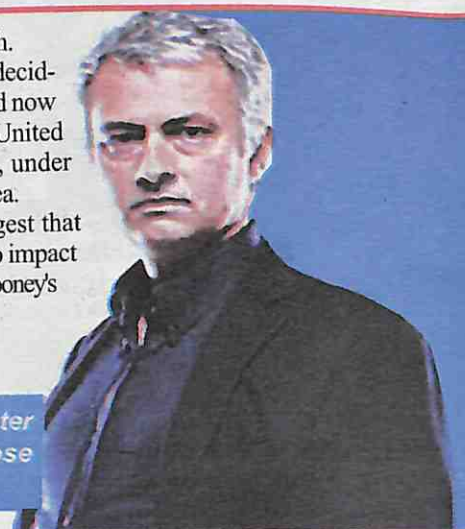
champions Bayern Munich.

Lukaku said that he had decided on his future in June and now looks set to reunite with United Manager Jose Mourinho, under whom he played at Chelsea.

Media reports also suggest that Lukaku's deal will have no impact on United forward Wayne Rooney's switch to Everton.

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1. Providing overall management of the Centre, which includes Preparing and managing the Centre's budget, staff supervision; work planning, monitoring and supervision and provision or coordination of staff training;
2. Soliciting and obtaining cash match funding from local government organizations and corporations;
3. Monitoring and maintaining compliance with several grant specifications; develop documentation procedures; review and ensure report accuracy.

Fostering Partnerships

4. Resource mobilisation; collaboration with the Dean to establish and maintain relationships with potential partners;
5. Preparing written proposals for major prospects, corporations, and foundations; developing and maintaining records; overseeing contacts, communication, and correspondence;
6. Collaborating with members of the Junior Achievement and University community to achieve goals;
7. Maintaining good public relations for the Centre by Soliciting ideas, sharing information and maintaining national presence through networking with other entrepreneurship centers' management.

Entrepreneurship development

8. Providing support for the educational mission of entrepreneurship programs;
9. Developing and promoting entrepreneurship opportunities for students and staff;
10. Collaborating with other economic development providers to identify the needs of businesses and create or join existing collaborative activities to address those needs.
11. Developing linkages with high growth businesses with a view to providing in-depth consulting as needed.
12. Organizing and participating in workshops and conferences related to identified business needs.

Attributes and Competencies

- Knowledge of business practices and procedures including budgeting procedures and techniques, rules and regulations governing business.
- Knowledge of basic marketing techniques.
- Good leadership and management skills to supervise and train assigned staff.
- Ability to research resources available to small businesses.
- Excellent verbal and written skills with the ability to research, compile, analyze, and prepare a variety of statistical and administrative reports.

Local and International Candidates

Duration of Appointment:

Three (3) years contract subject to renewal by mutual consent.

Remuneration

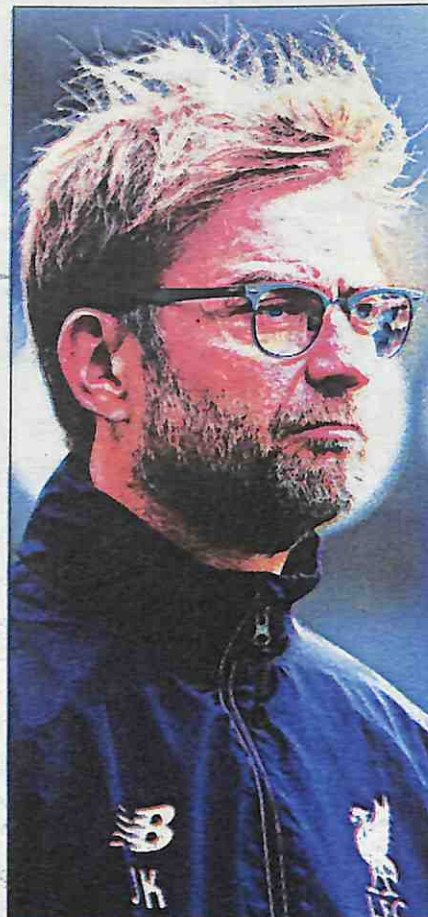
The remuneration package consists of a basic salary commensurate with the position, housing allowance, travel allowance, 10% inducement allowance, gratuity and 50% medical aid contribution.

Applications

Application letters with updated and detailed CV, certified copies of academic and professional qualifications, academic transcripts and names and addresses of three referees should be sent to:

The Registrar
University of Swaziland
Private Bag 4
Kwaluseni

Or emailed to: recruitment@uniswa.sz : not later than 31st July 2017



Klopp upbeat over improved Liverpool

LIVERPOOL - Liverpool can handle the pressure of opening their Premier League campaign and taking part in a Champions League playoff within the same week as they have a stronger squad than last season, Manager Jurgen Klopp has said.

Liverpool's fourth-placed league finish sealed a spot in the playoff round for next season's Champions League, the first leg of which will be held on August 15-16, with the second leg to be played the following week.

The Merseyside club start their league campaign on August 12 at Watford and Klopp believes that they can make a good start and seal a return to the Champions League after two seasons.

"We all know in a few weeks we have these qualifiers and there will be pressure on the game," Klopp told the club's website. "But now we have the time to prepare for this and we have to use the bases we created last year."

Reuters

LEICESTER CITY SIGN IBORRA FROM SEVILLA

LONDON - Leicester City have made defensive midfielder Vincent Iborra their second summer signing after agreeing a deal with Sevilla.

The Foxes have put their faith in the 29-year-old Spaniard by giving him a four-year contract and paying out a transfer fee of around £15million, although the club said it is undisclosed.

Iborra, who stands at six foot three, had spent four years with Sevilla and played both legs against Leicester in their Champions League Round of 16 clash last season.

He played 172 games for the La Liga side and won the Europa League on three occasions, but now is tasked with taking Leicester back up the Premier League table.

Iborra, who began his career at Levante, is the Foxes' second summer signing after centre back Harry Maguire joined from Hull City for £17m, and



NEW HOME: Vincent Iborra.

the club say he will immediately go out to join the pre-season tour of Austria.

Iborra told the club website: "I'm very happy to be here with Leicester City and I'm looking forward to experiencing the Premier League with my new team-mates next season."

"Everything about this club seems good and it's been great to meet my new team-mates. I've already spoken with them about the city and the club so I can't wait to get started."

West Bromwich Albion and Sunderland have also watched Iborra, who helped Sevilla to a fourth-place finish in La Liga last season, but he was free to leave after they resigned Ever Banega from Inter Milan. Leicester Manager Craig Shakespeare said, "I'm absolutely delighted that Vicente has joined us. He's a player with such a good pedigree from his time in Spain with Sevilla and he adds some really strong competition to our squad." *Daily Mail*



Anderson, Klaasen advance at Wimbledon

LONDON - South Africa's best have got off to a great start on the grass at Wimbledon.

Kevin Anderson surged through to the third round on Wednesday, with a comfortable win against Andreas Seppi (ATP 87), 6-3 7-6(4) 6-3.

SA's top doubles player Raven Klaasen and his American partner Rajeev Ram also bagged a straightforward first-round win.

Anderson continued to dominate with his serve as he did in the first round, as he fired off 16 aces. After struggling with some niggling injuries after his phenomenal French Open run and a lacklustre appearance at Eastbourne, which provided Anderson with just two matches on grass before Wimbledon, the South African number 1's prospects were looking dull.

However, Anderson's section of the draw has opened up significantly, as he ousted the dark horse of Fernando Verdasco in the first round.

Independent Media

ADVANCES:
Kevin Anderson.



WIMBLEDON FINES FOR TOMIC, MEDVEDEV

WIMBLEDON - Wimbledon bad boys Bernard Tomic and Daniil Medvedev have been fined for "unsportsmanlike conduct" following their controversial behaviour at the All England Club.

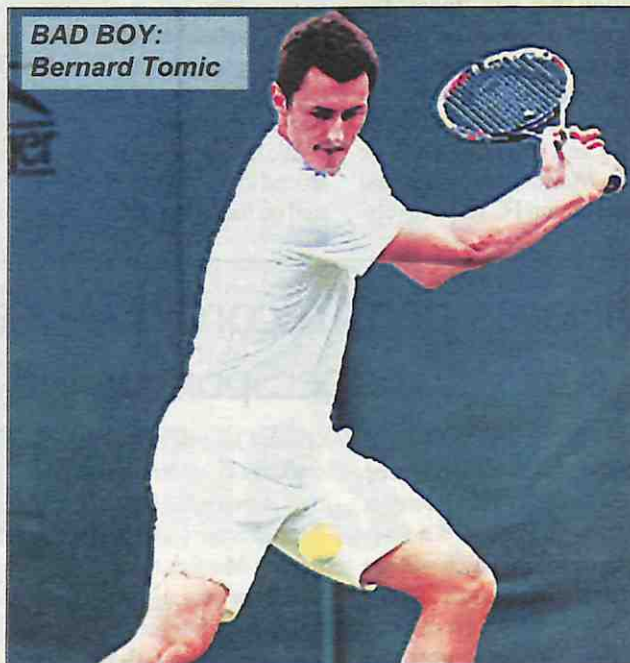
Tomic was hit with a £11 600 (\$15 000) fine after the temperamental Australian claimed he was "bored" during his lacklustre Wimbledon first round defeat against Mischa Zverev.

In an astonishingly frank press conference, Tomic also admitted he called for the trainer even though he was not injured to try to disrupt his opponent's momentum.

The International Tennis Federation responded by taking a significant chunk of the world number 59's £35 000 earnings from the tournament.

The 24-year-old's level of effort has frequently been called into question, and he said on

BAD BOY:
Bernard Tomic



Tuesday: "I couldn't care less if I make a fourth round at the US Open or I lose first round.

"To me, everything is the

same. I'm going to play another 10 years, and I know after my career I won't have to work again. AFP



SUSHI DEMAND AT WIMBLEDON

WIMBLEDON - The world's top tennis players are ravenous for sushi, with Wimbledon catering chiefs having to lay on twice as much of the Japanese dish this year to meet the growing hunger.

Pasta was the traditional carbohydrate-heavy dish of choice for tennis professionals but demand for sushi at Wimbledon has doubled year on year, said Anthony Davies, the All England Club's head of food and beverage.

"Making sure they have what they need in order to be match fit and deliver what they need to do on court is a big part of what we do," he told AFP.

"It's all about variety. Players make their own choices about what they eat. Pasta is a very, very popular dish because of the carbs -- but sushi has grown in popularity.

"It's has doubled year on year over the last three years.

AFP

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CITY TREASURER/DIRECTOR FINANCE

An opportunity has arisen for a suitably qualified and experienced individual to join our client, the Municipal Council of Manzini as a City Treasurer/Director Finance.

THE POSITION

This position is responsible for the provision of sound support service to the Council, coordination of the preparations of annual estimates of income and expenditure and managing the receipt, custody and disbursement of money and stores of the City Council in compliance with council policies, the Urban Government Act No. 1969, the Rating Act 1995, Staff Standing Order, Financial Regulations, directions or and instructions issued by the Council.

KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS

The City Treasurer is responsible for the following Key Result Areas:

- Exercising Financial Control • Ensuring adherence to Policies and Procedures
- Communication and Reporting • Staff Management and Supervision • Strategic planning

TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- A Bachelor's Degree in Commerce, Finance or equivalent • A post graduate professional qualification in accounting (preferably a Chartered Accountant) • Five (5) years relevant experience at management level

KEY BEHAVIOURAL COMPETENCIES

- Proficiency in judgment, tact, creativity to changing needs and situations • Ability to work with team members at each individual level of understanding • An engaging, innovative, tenacious and energetic leader • Well developed business and operational acumen • Extensive leadership skills • A track record of credibility and integrity

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- To the Recruitment Consultant, KQ Consulting (Pty) Ltd • By post to P.O. Box 710 Manzini • By hand to Kobla Quashie and Associates, Mallya House, Lot 137 Esser Street, Manzini • By e-mail to recruitment@kq.co.sz • Closing Date: 14 July 2017 • Late applications will not be considered • Selection will be subject to competency assessments, verifications and reference checks • Correspondence will be limited to short-listed applicants only.



CLUBLESS: Former Bafana Bafana striker Bongani Ndulula.

Forgotten striker Bongani Ndulula still clubless

JOHANNESBURG - Former Bafana Bafana striker Bongani Ndulula is still without a club after being released by Chippa United in January.

Not so long ago, the player's agent Tim Sukazi told KickOff.com that Ndulula will be training with a PSL team during the current pre-season, but has not specified which club it will be.

Before joining The Chilli Boys in June 2016, 'Drogba' had a spell at Kaizer Chiefs in which he made five appearances from the bench. His name last appeared on a starting line-up two years ago whilst at AmaZulu, where he scored 14 goals in 45 appearances.

During his time at Chippa, the 27-year-old went through strict fitness training under coach Dan Malesela, who was not satisfied with striker's weight at the time. He did not make a single appearance for the club.

"I haven't spoken to my agent yet, but I'm currently still at home training on my own," Ndulula tells this website.

His future remains under the radar as agent Suzuki kept quiet on the matter. *Kickoff*

Vonk thrilled with Ajax return

CAPE TOWN - Former Bafana Bafana goalkeeper Hans Vonk says his return to Ajax Cape Town as the Head of Youth Development has been "fantastic".

The 47-year-old represented the Urban Warriors 110 times during two stints in the Premiership and has been part of the youth structures at Ikamva for the past three months.

Vonk hailed the South African club's facilities and level of training as he looks to maintain the high level of academy graduates for the first team.

"Being back at Ajax Cape Town as the Head of Youth is fantastic and a great challenge," the former Heerenveen and Ajax Amsterdam gloveman told the club's official website. "The set-up at Ikamva is top class and very similar to the ones in Europe which is great in assisting the players' development into top-class players." *Teamtalk*

CHIEFS FOOTBALL MANAGER MOTAUNG LOOKS TO QUELL NATURENA RUMOUR MILL

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs have moved to dispel any rumours regarding their interest in certain players, stating they will "follow the correct procedure" when approaching targets.

Amakhosi have already confirmed the signings of Philani Zulu and Teenage Hadebe from Maritzburg United and Chicken Inn FC respectively.

The Glamour Boys have also been linked with a host of names, including Tshwarelo Bereng, Ndumiso Mabena and Bhongolethu Jayiya, although Chiefs football Manager Bobby Motaung has preferred to keep the club distanced from the transfer rumour mill.

"We have seen names bandied around in the media," Motaung said on the club's official web-

site. "We would like to reiterate that if there are players that we are interested in to sign we will follow the correct procedure."

"We do not want to destabilise other clubs and we also don't want to cause confusion to our supporters. Any player movement will be announced via our official media platforms." *Kickoff*

Williams pens record five-year extension to stay with SuperSport United

JOHANNESBURG - SuperSport United announced on Wednesday that Ronwen Williams has signed a five-year extension which will see him at the club until 2022.

The Bafana Bafana international goalkeeper joined the Matsatsantsa academy in 2005 and was promoted to the first team in 2011/2012 season at the age of 19.

Approaching

The 25-year-old is fast approaching 200 games for SuperSport United and is currently the longest-serving player at the club.

Williams has collected four trophies during his Matsatsantsa stay which include three Nedbank Cup trophies and a Telkom

Knock-Out title and will look to add more under his belt during his extended stay.

SuperSport United CEO Stanley Matthews said, "This is the first time we have given a player a straight five-year deal and Ronwen thoroughly deserves it."

Worked

"He has worked his way through the ranks from the age of 12 putting in many years of hard work in our academy and now in our first team."

"In a day and age where player loyalty is a rare commodity we are delighted to reward Ronwen for his dedication and excellent performances at the club both on and off the field of play." *African News Agency*



CELEBRATES: Ronwen Williams of Supersport United celebrating after saving a penalty during the 2017 Nedbank Cup semifinal game between Chippa United and Supersport United.

Chippa United have made an approach to Ajax Cape Town

CAPE TOWN - KickOff.com has learnt that midfielder Mark Mayambela could make his way to Chippa United for the 2017/18 PSL season.

Mayambela spent last term at Ajax Cape Town, where he was one of the preferred options for Urban Warriors head coach Stanley Menzo, making 19 starts in 23

ABSA Premiership appearances.

Established

However, it has been established that "Professor", as Mayambela is affectionately known, could be on his way out of Ikamva and

headed to Port

Elizabeth to team up with the Chilli Boys.

According to a source close to Chippa, the club have already sent an offer to Ajax for the playmaker.

"The club [Chippa] has already approached Ajax. Both parties are discussing," the source tells KickOff.com.

Chippa United have already signed Kert Lentjes from Maritzburg United to boost their squad for next season.

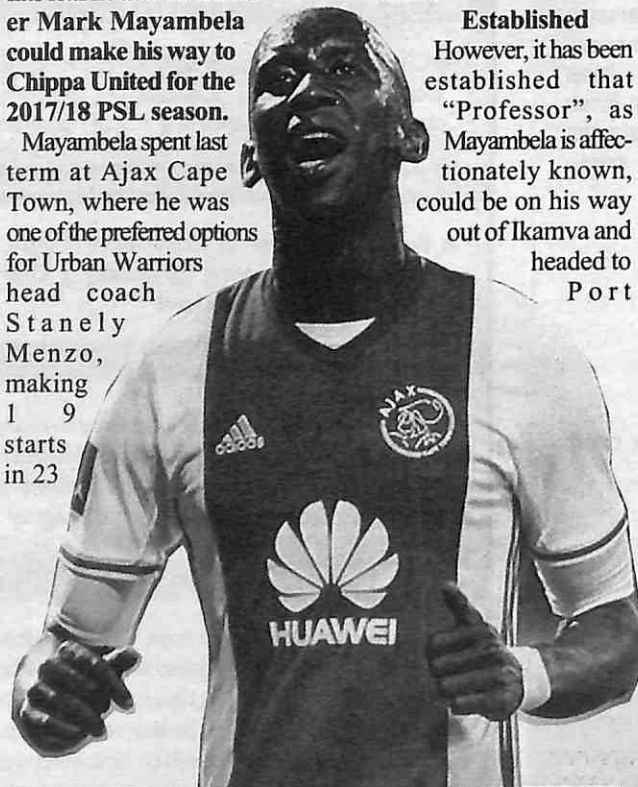
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APPROACHED: Midfielder Mark Mayambela.

(R) ABOUT TIME:

South Africa international Kamohelo Mokotjo



Bidvest Wits confirm arrival of defender Damjanovic

JOHANNESBURG - Bidvest Wits have completed the signing of Slavko Damjanovic, who joins the ABSA Premiership champions as a free agent, as revealed by KickOff.com.

This website yesterday broke the news that the Clever Boys had roped in the Montenegrin defender, who had already been training with his new team-mates for the past week.

The 24-year-old joins from topflight side FK Sutjeska Niksic in his homeland, but has previously plied his trade in Hungary and Serbia. *Kickoff*

Kamohelo Mokotjo's move to Brentford

JOHANNESBURG - Reports coming out of England suggest that South Africa international Kamohelo Mokotjo is on the verge of signing for Championship outfit Brentford.

Mokotjo has long been linked with a move away from FC Twente with several clubs in Europe including Brentford, said to be keen on his services.

However, the move failed to materialise in the past due to Mokotjo's ineligibility for a work permit following his exile from the national team.

Mokotjo recently acquired Dutch citizenship, and it seems that a move to England is now back on the cards and could be completed soon.

According to Sky Sports, Mokotjo to underwent a medical yesterday, with the Bees set to fork out around R15 million for his services.

Meanwhile, back home SuperSport United, a former Mokotjo club, confirmed that Michael Boxall is on his way out after failing to agree terms on a new deal.

Matsatsantsa were eager to tie down the New Zealand international, but Boxall declined the offer made by the Tshwane club. The 28-year-old is now set to leave the South African shores after just two seasons in the PSL.

Goal





BOUNCES BACK: Germany's players posing with the trophy after winning the 2017 Confederations Cup final football match between Chile and Germany at the Saint Petersburg Stadium in Saint Petersburg on July 2, 2017.

GERMANY BACK ATOP FIFA RANKINGS

PARIS - Germany leapfrogged Brazil and Argentina to move back atop the FIFA rankings released Wednesday thanks to the team winning the Confederations Cup last week.

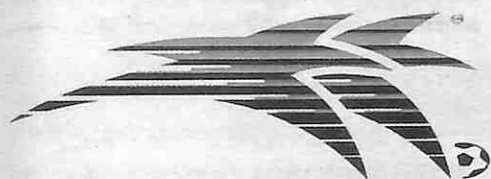
The world champions beat Chile 1-0 in the Russia-based tournament a year out from the 2018 World Cup to ensure

a first return to the top of the rankings in more than two years. Brazil fall to second and Argentina third, just ahead of European champions Portugal.

FIFA Rankings

1. Germany
2. Brazil
3. Argentina

4. Portugal
 5. Switzerland
 6. Poland
 7. Chile
 8. Colombia
 9. France
 10. Belgium
- AFP



Bafana Bafana climb one place to 64th in the FIFA world rankings

JOHANNESBURG - Bafana Bafana have climbed one place in the FIFA World Rankings released yesterday, and are currently positioned at number 64 on the global list.

They are number 13 in Africa, with their excellent away victory over Nigeria last month tempered by defeats to Zambia and Tanzania that followed. It is still well below SAFA's stated aim of being regularly in the top 20 on the global list, and number three in Africa.

Their next opponents in the World Cup qualifiers, Cape Verde Islands, continued their freefall and dropped 31 places to number 115 in the global list, and number 31 in Africa.

It was a little over three years ago that they briefly topped the African rankings, but have seen results dry up. Of the other two teams in the pool, Senegal stayed at number 27 on the global list and Burkina Faso dropped to number 44. In the African Nations Cup qualifying group, Nigeria dropped a single place to 39, Libya climbed five places to number 87, while Seychelles stayed at number 194.

Egypt remain the top-ranked side in Africa, followed by Senegal, DR Congo, Tunisia and Cameroon. Germany's success in the FIFA Confederations Cup has seen them rise to the top team in the world, followed by Brazil, Argentina, Portugal and Switzerland.

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Ex-Chiefs striker 'bitter, needs to prove a point'

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs is now history for Lewis Macha as he prepares for the 2017/18 season in the colours of Baroka FC.

The Zambian striker is on a one-year deal with Bakgaga and the Limpopo outfit has the option of extending the player's deal by another year. Chiefs confirmed last month that Macha's contract would be terminated.

The player has now joined Baroka as a free agent and M Sport Management's Michael Ngobeni has discussed Macha's plans for the upcoming season with his new club.

"He has signed a one-year contract with an option for another year. The boy felt that he wasn't given enough chance (at Chiefs) to prove himself.

"As a foreigner in a foreign land, one needs to be given a chance to adjust. He needs to prove a point and that is not a secret. I'm not going to be diplomatic to you, he is bitter and he needs to prove a point.

He still needs to play in the top flight and to score goals because he needs to be in the national team.

"He is happy about the move to Baroka. We are happy. We are all good to go. Look, Chiefs didn't sign the boy by default. They knew



BITTER: Former Kaizer Chiefs striker Lewis Macha.

him well from (the) national level and from Mozambique. But as you know, a club like Chiefs is a big club and a player needs a bit of time there to settle.

They (Chiefs) are under pressure themselves. Players differ, as some need time, while others adjust quickly," Ngobeni told the Siya crew.

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Ronaldo's museum has its latest exhibit as diamond-encrusted boots

MADRID - When you are Cristiano Ronaldo and you need to freshen up exhibits in your museum, sometimes another replica of the Champions League trophy just won't cut it.

So to jazz things up at the Museu CR7 the Real Madrid star has called on the help of diamond artist Tokunbo Daniel to add a touch of sparkle to the place.

The designer has made three boots which now take pride of place beside the rest of the Portuguese star's memorabilia, bringing a whole new meaning to the phrase 'twinkle toes'.

The latest is using one of his 2017 boots with a mosaic pattern encrusted around the rim of the sock and a golden heel.

One side of the boot even has a silhouette of the 32-year-old, while the Nike tick gets the full jewel treatment on the other side of the shoe.

The second boot is a homage to the striker's time in England although there is a glaring omission from a



trip down memory lane.

While the old Premier League motif sits proudly on one side and good old Barclays get their sponsorship down the other, there is a curious lack of any nod towards his team Manchester United.

Red tips of the studs and red initials along with his No. 7 on the heel hint at the Old Trafford colours, but that won't give away any clues to the casual observer.

It is a far cry from his third boot, the 'La Liga' model which has been

specifically designed in Real Madrid colours, as well as the name of the league down the front panel.

Tokunbo Daniel has several famous clients who swear by his work which predominantly makes use of Swarovski crystals, although he can create patterns with diamonds and emeralds too.

Arsenal winger Theo Walcott and Liverpool striker Daniel Sturridge have both donned caps created by the artist, which invariably sell for between £200 and £250 on his official site.

Designer Daniel has put the boots all over his Instagram, proud of his latest efforts in the line of diamond fashion.

It is a wonder the striker himself hasn't found the time to post one too, given it was revealed recently the star earns £310 000 for every picture he puts up on the social media site.

Daily Mail

Mabokgwane promises to restore Bucs pride

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates goalkeeper Jackson Mabokgwane describes last season a learning curve and promises to do better for the Buccaneers in the 2017/18 season.

The 29-year-old goalkeeper joined Pirates from Mpumalanga Black Aces last season, after deciding against remaining with newly formed Cape Town City.

Following his first season at the Mayfair-based outfit, the Bafana Bafana shotstopper has reviewed his own contribution and feels he didn't do too badly.

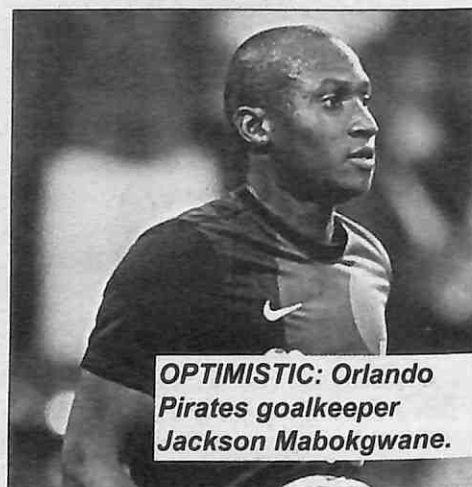
"For me personally it was a lesson - a step up;

a level higher - and it was a learning curve because when you look at the stats [at Pirates] and my games you will see it wasn't bad for me, personally," Mabokgwane tells KickOff.com.

The clubs goalkeeping department has come under heavy criticism as they conceded 40 goals in 30 league games last season.

The number one jersey was shared between Mabokgwane, Brighton Mhlango, and Siyabonga Mpontshane, but no one was able to retain their places under Muhsin Ertugral, interim coach Augusto Palacios and current mentor Kjell Jonevret.

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OPTIMISTIC: Orlando Pirates goalkeeper Jackson Mabokgwane.



CLOSER TO THE BONE, THE SWEETER THE MEAT

...Shukuma Football tourney enters final stage this weekend

By Dumisani Ntiwane
(Media Officer)

WELCOME to another edition of your favourite column.

Our Shukuma Football Tournament has reached fever highs. Four teams per region have now qualified for the semi-finals of the E200 000 sponsored tournament.

This means 16 Tinkhundla teams are now ready to battle it out in the next and last stage of the tournament.

You will recall that at the start of the tournament, we did mention that the semi and the finals of the tournament will be played in one day.

The semi-finalists will battle it out earlier on during the day before the finals stake centre stage later on in the afternoon. Games are slated for both Saturday and Sunday.

Each region will produce its own champion and runners-up.

The regional champions will smile all the way home with a lump sum of E8 000, with the runners up receiving E4 000.

It is the wish and desire of the Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC) to then have the regional champions facing each other hopefully in another one-day spectacular. This tournament will then produce the national champions.

Yesterday, the tournament's Management Committee (MC) met to discuss the progress and logistics of the tournament.

Amongst the resolutions taken was the decision to award Mbabane East Inkhundla passage to the third and final round. Well, Mbabane East had won their game 1-0 against Maphalaleni even though the latter had lodged a protest.

It is now history that the tournament's MC dismissed the protest after going through the finer details of the matter.

Congratulations are in order to the teams that have qualified for the semi-finals of the tournament in their respective regions.

A SHUKUMA LIKE NO OTHER

Hhukwini Inkhundla was the place to be last Saturday as the SNSRC delivered our flagship programme, Shukuma.

It was a day to remember for the Hhukwini folks, who came in their numbers to participate in the programme.

Needless to say, it was a well-attended event. For the first time, we staged a Shukuma 12km Challenge

Correctional Services athlete Nkululeko Gama was the winner of our first Challenge.

He outsprinted a field of close to 100 runners during the challenge, which marked the start of the Shukuma programme on the day.

QUALIFIED TEAMS:

HHOHHO REGION

Timphisini
Motshane
Mbabane East

Shiselweni II
Matsanjeni South
Hosea

Mtfongwaneni
Ludzeludze

MANZINI REGION

Mangcongco
Mkhiweni

SHISELWENI REGION

Khubuta

LUBOMBO REGION

Dvokodveni
Mhlume
Mpolonjeni and Nkilongo



He won the race with an impressive time of 33.02.04. He was closely followed by runner up Bheki Hlophe.

Hlophe clocked a time of 33.04.08 to finish second. Another Hhukwini resident Monday Nkambule finished third, while Mbongiseni Sihlongonyane and Gcina Shongwe were placed fourth and fifth respectively.

In the ladies' section, 15-year-old Sizakele

Dlamini surprised all and sundry when she outran a field of about 40 ladies to take gold. She was unstoppable on the dusty track.

Thabsile Gama was runner-up, while Simangele Dlamini took third position.

It was good to see the enthusiasm shown by the athletes and indeed everyone, who took part in the day's activities.

This was our first ever Shukuma Challenge

THE FIXTURES

SHISELWENI REGION

Sunday

King Sobhuza Memorial Stadium

Shiselweni 2 vs Hosea 9am
Kubuta vs Matsanjeni 11am

Finals: 2:30pm

LUBOMBO REGION

Saturday

Tambankulu Stadium

Mpolonjeni vs Mhlume 9am
Dvokodveni vs Nkilongo 11am

Finals: 2:30pm

HHOHHO REGION

Sunday

Prince of Wales

Mbabane East vs Motshane 9am
Ndzingeni vs Timphisini 11am

Finals: 2:30pm

MANZINI REGION

Saturday

Old Trade Fair Grounds

Ludzeludze vs Mtfongwaneni 9am
Mangcongco vs Mkhiweni 11am

Finals: 2:30pm

and we anticipate to have more of such races because these races have the potential of unearthing raw talent.

Like today for instance, we had a Form Three student winning the ladies section of the race. It shows that our children have so much potential but most of the time they do not get the platform to display their God given talent.

We were thrilled by the turnout and we will seriously consider staging such races in our Shukuma outreach programme at every constituency we visit.

Fun games included the kids' athletics, rope skipping, tug of war and a host of other games, which catered for both young and old.

NATIONAL SPORTS AWARDS: WE CAN'T WAIT

A lot is happening in the sporting world but the biggest event of all in the forthcoming weeks should be the inaugural National Sports Awards to be hosted by the SNSRC and of course in conjunction with our partners the Swaziland Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association (SOCGA).

We can hardly wait to crown the best 'jewels' of the sport. The sporting fraternity will recall that the awards seek to honour outstanding athletes in the kingdom.

The categories recognize individual sportspersons (males and females); sportspersons with a disability; national and international participants; sports administrators, national sports associations and the media.

The awards will be held sometime in September.

The categories are:

1. Outstanding Junior Sportsman
2. Outstanding Junior Sportswoman
3. Outstanding Sportsman
4. Outstanding Sportswoman
5. Outstanding Paralympic Performance - Sportsman
6. Outstanding Paralympic Performance - Sportswoman
7. Outstanding Sports Team
8. Outstanding Sports Coach
9. Outstanding Sports Leader
10. Outstanding National Sports Association
11. Outstanding Sports Journalist
12. Sports Star
13. Lifetime Achievement Sport Award

I will talk to you again next week. Until then Shukuma Swaziland!

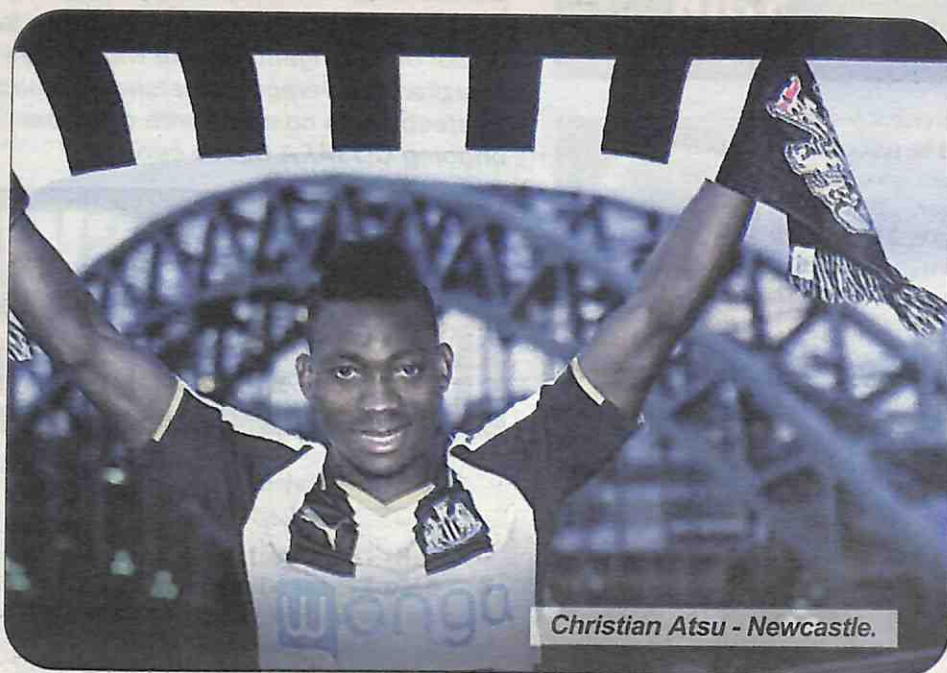
QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"There may be people that have more talent than you, but there is no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do." - Derek Jeter

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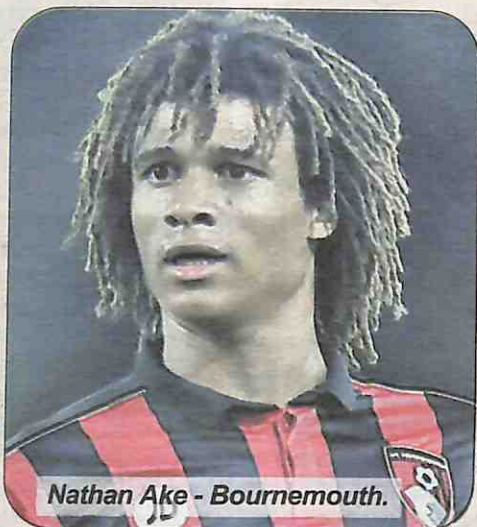
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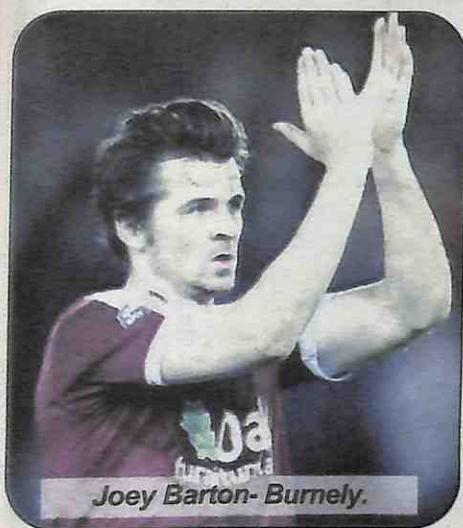
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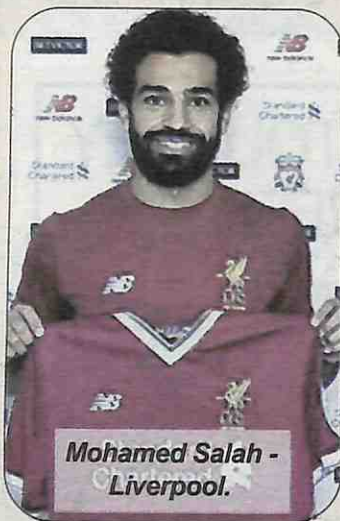
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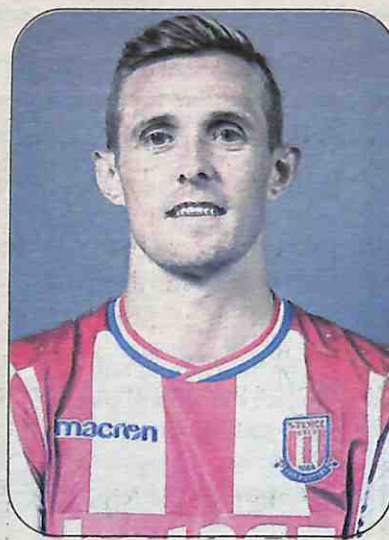
Pablo Zabaleta - West Ham.



Jordan Pickford - Everton.



Yaya Sanogo - Arsenal.



Darren Fletcher - Stoke City.



Jon Joe Kenny - Everton.

football talk

all your latest world football news

■ Wayne Rooney could be part of the bargaining tool to get striker Romelu Lukaku, 24, to Old Trafford, with United willing to pay a chunk of Rooney's wages to seal the deal. (ESPN)



■ The Red Devils have also made a £66m bid to sign Real Madrid striker Alvaro Morata, 24. (Marca - in Spanish)

■ Paris St-Germain are ready to make a £70m move for Liverpool midfielder Philippe Coutinho, 25, who scored 13 goals in the Premier League last season. (Le10 Sport via Daily Express)

■ Atletico Madrid are preparing to make a first formal bid of £22m to re-sign striker Diego Costa, 28, from Chelsea. (Guardian)



■ Gunners forward Alexis Sanchez, 28, is demanding £400,000 a week in wages to stay at the club, an increase of £125,000 a week on his current deal. (Daily Mirror)

■ Sunderland are weighing up a move for West Ham's 29-year-old winger Robert Snodgrass - although the Hammers' £8m asking price could prove a major stumbling block. (Newcastle Chronicle)

■ Defender Chris Gunter, 27, says he turned down a pay rise to remain at Reading after signing a new three-year deal this week. (Reading Chronicle)

■ Goalkeeper Iker Casillas, 36, says he will stay at FC Porto for another season. (As.com)

■ AC Milan and Trabzonspor have reached an agreement over the price-tag of 30-year-old midfielder Juraj Kucka. (calciomercato.com)

■ Paris St-Germain no longer want their 30-year-old midfielder Hatem Ben Arfa. (L'Equipe)

■ Brighton have their sights on Chelsea attacker Izzy Brown. The 20-year-old, who helped Huddersfield to promotion last year, is also attracting interest from Southampton. (Argus)



■ New Hull City boss Leonid Slutsky says he intends to make the most of his close relationship with Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich as he looks to take the Tigers back to the Premier League. The Russian says he is in talks about a number of possible loan moves for players from Stamford Bridge. (Daily Star)



CONGRATS: Winners of Castle Lager Swaziland Best Brew League Mseni Social of Nhlanguano posing with Castle Ambassador Siza Dlamini and Swaziland Beverages' Khetsiwe Dlamini. The team will travel today to Rustenburg to compete with other best Castle Brew League winners in the ongoing COSAFA Castle cup.

TEAM SWAZILAND LEAVES FOR COSAFA CUP

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCKER - THE Castle Lager Best Brew League winners from the country have joined the 2017 COSAFA Cup where they will be participating.

Their first stop will be to check in at Sandton Sun, go on a bus tour to the FNB stadium, and visit the SAB World of beer, before commencing best brew league activations with other winners from South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia among others countries.

Swaziland Beverages Brand Manager - Beer Mcolisi Dlamini said the team left yesterday.

He said they would transfer from the Sandton Sun to the Royal Marang Hotel today, having been joined by winning Traders from Swaziland, who left the country this morning.

The games will start tomorrow morning at the Royal

Bafokeng Stadium.

"This will be a two-day tournament and we hope the local team will represent us well after beating equally good teams in the country."

He said it was of particular interest that these 5-a-side games were more about celebrating friendship and having good times with football - the world's biggest sport.

Castle Lager believes friends are always there for each other and as such it is allowing consumers to celebrate their unique experiences.

"It is part of our dream to ensure we present great consumer experiences that play a meaningful role in their lives and always in a responsible way. We have belief that everyone who participated in these games will understand how easy it can be to stay active. We are sure they will enjoy their stay, interacting with other

consumers and players and also getting to meet some COSAFA legends. We believe the Swazi Team will benefit from Siza 'King Pele' Dlamini's coaching experience. We wish the team all the best. We believe they will be the one team to represent us well in the COSAFA Castle Cup this year"

The Swaziland winning team, Mseni Social, hails from Nhlanguano at the Mathendele Township. They navigated their journey to the regional finals through winning their Shiselweni competition and then conquering all teams from Hhohho, Lubombo and Manzini last Sunday at an activation held at Malkerns Correctional.

The Swazi team will be led by Siza Dlamini, who will also play with the legends against the various media personnel attending the COSAFA Castle Cup. The team is expected back home on Monday.

SHUKUMA FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT ENTERS FINAL WEEK

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCKER - ALL is set for the final stage of the Shukuma Football Tournament, which is slated for this weekend at different venues.

Both the semi-finals and finals will be played on the same day.

The Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC) Media Officer Dumisani Ntiwane announced in a press briefing yesterday that the games are slated for tomorrow in some venues and on Sunday in the other.

"The semi-finalists will battle it out earlier on during the day before the finals take centre stage later on in the afternoon. Each region will produce its own champion and runners up. The regional champions will smile all the way home



with a lump sum of E8 000, with the runners up receiving E4 000.

"It is the wish and desire of the Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC) to then have the regional champions facing each other hopefully in another one-day spectacular.

This tournament will then produce the national champions," said Ntiwane.

Yesterday, the tournament's Management Committee (MC) met to discuss the progress and logistics of the tournament.

Amongst the resolutions taken was the decision to award Mbabane East Inkhundla passage to the third and final round. Well, Mbabane East had won their game 1-0 against Maphalaleni even though the latter had lodged a protest.

"It is now history that the tournament's MC dismissed the protest after going through the finer details of the matter.

Congratulations are in order to the teams that have qualified for the semi-finals of the tournament in their respective regions," he said.

All roads lead to SSSA finals at Simunye tomorrow

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCKER - THE Swaziland Schools Sports Association will this coming weekend host the finals of the non-sponsored schools tournament, scheduled for the Simunye Stadium.

This was confirmed by the tournament's Secretary Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini yesterday. "Tomorrow (today) we will host the finals of the non-sponsored games which are part of the SSSA. The COPA COCA COLA sponsored tourney has come to an end and we are now focusing on the non-sponsored ones. These are the very last games this year because we are aiming to finish everything before the mid-term examinations begin."

Dlamini further thanked principals and parents for their support during the games.

He urged them to support the children in their finals as it was the most important day of the games. "Let me also take this opportunity to thank principals and parents for their support during these games. We thank the principals for allowing their children to take part and for making sure they are well fed and taken care of during the games. We hope the finals are violent free so that the tournament's good name is maintained," he said. The games kick-off at 8:30am and they will be played inside and outside the stadium.

THE FULL FIXTURES

Ladies soccer

Langeni vs Moyeni 8:30am (Stadium)

Nkalashane vs Makhosini 8:30am (Open ground)

Under-17 soccer fixture

Timphisini vs St Christopher's 9:45am (Stadium)

Bigbend vs Nhljetjeni 10:25am (Stadium)

Under-15 soccer fixture

Mankayane rep vs Mangwaneni 9:45am (Open ground)

Sinceni vs Nhlanguano Central 10:25am (Open Ground)

Open Primary soccer fixture:

Zombodze vs John Wesley 11:25am Open Ground

Ladies soccer finals 12:25pm (Stadium)

Under-17 soccer finals 1:35pm (Stadium)

Under-15 soccer finals 12:25pm (Open ground)

Open Primary soccer 1:35pm (Open ground)

Netball Under-17 fixture

Langeni vs St Michaels 8:30am (Stadium)

Charles Wesley vs Nhljetjeni 9:20am (Stadium)

Open netball fixture

Langeni vs Ngwane Park 10:05am (Stadium)

Dialisile vs Ngwane Central 10:50am (Stadium)

Under-15 netball

Cana vs Black Mbuluzi 11:35am (Stadium)

Open netball primary

John Wesley vs Hillside 12:10am (Stadium)

Lulakeni vs Mabondvweni

12:50pm (Stadium)

Under-17 netball finals 1:35pm (Stadium)

Open netball high school finals 2:35pm (Stadium)

Under 15 netball finals 3:20pm (Stadium)

Basketball

1st Semis

Girls:

1. KaSchiele vs Evelyn Baring

2. Nttonjeni vs Mhlalane

2nd Semis

Boys:

1. Nttonjeni vs St Christopher's

2. Mhlalane vs kaSchiele

Losers final 1(girls) and 2(boys)

Finals 1(girls) and 2(boys)

'BIRDS', DIKWENA MATCH FREE

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCER – THE country's Total CAF Confederation Cup envoys Mbabane Swallows will depart for South Africa this morning.

The 'Beautiful Birds' will face South Africa's Premiership side Platinum Stars in the second leg of the Group B match slated for Royal Bafokeng Sports Palace tomorrow night. It will be free to watch the match.

The red and white glamour outfit left the country by road this morning and they are expected to be in Rustenburg in the afternoon.

Mbabane Swallows General Manager Sandile 'Beyond 2000' Zwane said they would leave early today.

"We are leaving tomorrow morning

(today) for South African because they will be travelling by road. One of the reasons we are leaving early is because we want to arrive there on time. We are, however, hopeful our players will get enough rest ahead of the game," he said.

Preparation

Adding, he said the players had been training hard in preparation for the clash to kick off at 7:30pm.

"Training has been going well and the players are determined to get positive results from this game. We do also urge our supporters to support the boys as they prepare for this very important clash," he said.

Meanwhile, fans who want to travel with the team for their last match of the CAF Confederation Cup campaign have to pay E400 by tomorrow.

Swallows National Supporters Committee Secretary Jackson Dlamini said one of the buses was already full.

"I would like to encourage all interested fans to register and make payments urgently.

We now have one bus full already. Paying early will give us time to plan properly for the trip to Rustenburg."

Dlamini said they would leave Manzini at 7am and be at Mbabane at 7:30am.

He urged the fans to keep time to avoid disappointment.

"Like I have already said, transport will leave at the stipulated times in both cities. We want to arrive early in Rustenburg so that we get time to rest before going to the stadium to watch the match at 7:30pm."

Dlamini said they would return immediately after the game and expect to be back home by Sunday morning.



CUDE MANIKINI: Mbabane Swallows against Platinum Stars at Royal Bafokeng Sports Palace.

Lidwala Epilepsy Golf tournament starts tomorrow

By Sibusiso Dlamini

GOLF – ALL is set for the 6th annual Lidwala Epilepsy Golf Tournament.

The tournament will take place tomorrow at Nkonyeni Golf Estate and the tee-off time is 9am.

The golf day aim is to promote epilepsy awareness among corporate entities.

It is also a fund raising vehicle for the Swaziland Epilepsy Organisation (SEO) to effectively address the needs of people with epilepsy in Swaziland.

Communications and Events Officer Manqoba Nkambule said 20 teams had already registered to participate on the day.

Expected

"The tournament will be an individual stable-ford four ball alliance. Golfers, who will get a hole-in-one at hole 18 will get two years free premium cover up to E2 million for their home while golfers, who will hit a hole-in-one at hole 9 will get one year free premium for house contents to the value of E100, 000 – all courtesy of the tournaments anchor sponsor – Lidwala Insurance Company."

Nkambule said there would also be novelty prizes at all par 3 holes and at hole 1 and 17.

The Executive Mayor of the City of Mbombela Sibusiso Mathonsi is expected to grace the event.

"Over the last two years, the SEO has established relations with Epilepsy Mpumalanga and Limpopo wherein we jointly host the Epilepsy Golf Tournament in Dullstroom. It is our intention to host a fundraising golf day later this year at White River."

Meanwhile, Lidwala Insurance Company announced a sponsorship of E150 000 when the tournament was launched at Nkonyeni Golf Estate last month.

Lidwala's Witness Msibi said this was part of their social investment as it seeks to help locals affected by the disease.

Anticipated

"We would like to assist the SEO on the responsiveness of the diseases in the country and that is the reason behind sponsoring the organisation.

Hopefully this will go a long way in assisting preparations for the much anticipated event," she said.

On the other hand, SEO's director, Mbusomuni Mahlalela, said they were grateful to the sponsor for the generosity.

"We really appreciate the sponsorship and promise to use the funds accordingly. We also hope the company's employees will now have the courage to reveal their status on the disease as the first medication is declaring your status," he said.

Mahlalela also urged the nation to come out of the closest and speak out about epilepsy as more people will be helped in the process.

BOTSWANA TO HOST 2018 COSAFA CUP

SOCCER – SWAZILAND has again been overlooked as Botswana will host the 2018 edition of the COSAFA Challenge.

Sihlangu has already returned to the country after failing to win even a single match in this year's on-going COSAFA cup played in South Africa.

This was revealed by outgoing Botswana Football Association (BFA) President, Tebogo Sebege.

"We have been in contact with COSAFA and they reminded us that the 2018 tournament will be held in Botswana. We have since started our preparations and engagements with the government are on going," Sebege said. He further said the BFA could have hosted the tournament earlier, but had to meet some of the objectives. Meanwhile, Sebege said the BFA is worried about the poor performance of the national teams. In the last season, all the national teams (women and men) were taking part in the various competitions but neither managed to qualify for a major tournament. "Our national teams continue to lose in the first attempt of the qualifications. This is due to inadequate preparations; we intend to help in any possible way to stop this growing trend."

"There is need for adequate staff at



REVEALED: Outgoing Botswana Football Association President, Tebogo Sebege.

the BFA Secretariat. The BFA should appoint positions that will improve the image of the association. We have proposed a new management structure, that will take our football to the next level," he said. He further said there is a need for a full time legal officer as it is in line with the new constitution.

Still at the gathering, the BFA chief executive officer, Kitso Kemoeng made a case for a motion calling for the Premier League board to be independent. He said there is a need for the board to be made up of individu-

als who are not attached to the clubs. "The BPL board is made up of chairpersons of the clubs. The way it is structured, it does operational matters and that has hurt our game. Independent members should be elected into the board. The individuals should not be involved in day-to-day business of running any club," Kemoeng said. The motion was however rejected by the members thus meaning the chairpersons of the clubs will run the league board management structure, that will take our football to the next level," he said.

FIFA CONNECT REGISTRATION WORKSHOP NEXT WEEK

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER – THE National Football Association of Swaziland will next week host the FIFA Connect Registration workshop for teams.

The workshop will be held at Sigwaca House conference room, starting at 6pm.

Premier League of Swaziland COO Pat Vilakati said all teams should send representatives for the workshop.

He said teams should bring their laptops/tablets with them.

"The workshop will start with the elite league teams on July 12, to be followed by National First Division teams on July 19, then finally the juniors' leagues on July 26," he said.

Vilakati said teams should attend the workshop without fail.

THE FA will this season introduce the on-line registration of players, widely known as the FIFA connect.

NFAS media officer Muzie Radebe said this was in line with the implementation of the project. The NFAS

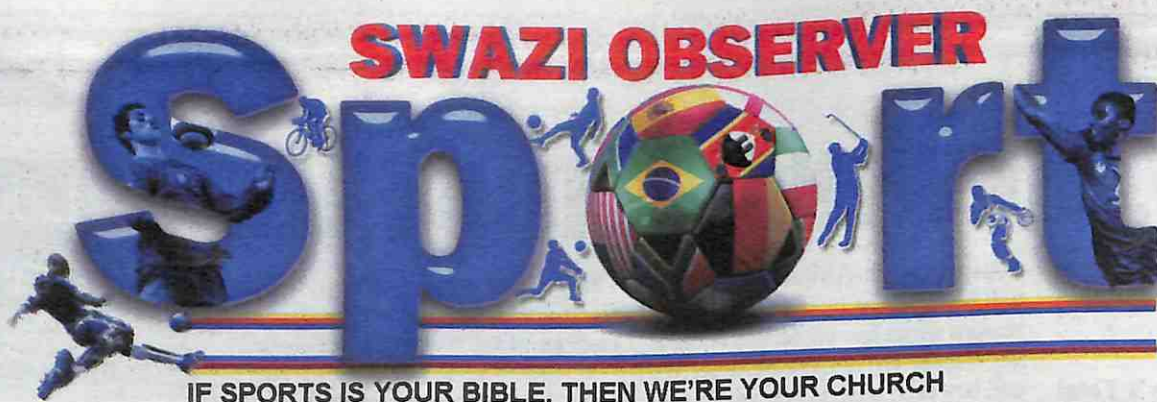
will be hosting the FIFA connect registration workshops for the relevant affiliate members namely; the regional member associations, the Premier league of Swaziland (PLS) and the Women Football League.

"This upcoming football season, the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) will implement the on-line registration of football players known as FIFA Connect. As a way to facilitate this exercise, NFAS will host the FIFA Connect Registration Workshop for the relevant NFAS's affiliates' members," read part of the statement.

Radebe further urged all the affiliates to attend without fail as the workshops were essential for the FIFA connect process, as failure to attend the workshop could lead to challenges in registration.

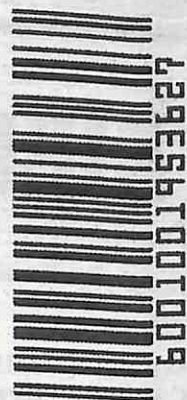
"The members of these affiliates are urged to attend these workshops as they are very essential for their registration as the FIFA Connect Registration is the only registration process that will be used from this season onwards, thus failure to attend will lead to registration challenges."

COSAFA CUP			
FIXTURES			
17:00	South Africa	vs	Namibia
19:30	Tanzania	vs	Lesotho
CAF CONFEDERATIONS CUP			
21:00	FUS Rabat	vs	Rivers
22:00	Club Africain	vs	KCCA
CAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE			
19:00	Al-Hilal	vs	Ferrovial Beira
19:00	Etoile du Sahel	vs	Al Merrikh



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'Fela' attracts PSL interest

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER – FORMER Mbabane Swallows and now DR Congo AS Vita player Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst is attracting Premier Soccer League clubs again.

The player was part of the Sihlangu squad that took part in this year's Castle COSAFA cup where the nation's pride failed to win a single match.

'Fela' scored the squad's lone goal in their 1-2 loss against Zimbabwe in the quarter-finals of the regional showpiece played in South Africa.

Badenhorst, who was previously linked with a move to Kaizer Chiefs, is attracting the interest of PSL clubs again, as confirmed by his representatives.

The player is currently contracted to AS Vita Club in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

According to South Africa's online publication, the attacking midfielder's South Africa-based agent, Ali Thloaele, has confirmed interest in the services of the 28-year-old. "There are a few clubs in South Africa that are showing interest in Felix. He is a top striker who has an eye for scoring goals," said Thloaele.

The former Jomo Cosmos player has another year remaining on his contract with AS Vita. Among some of his achievements in professional football, Badenhorst has won the MTN Premier League cups with Mbabane Swallows.

He was the top goal scorer at last year's COSAFA Cup held in Namibia.

SIHLANGU DROP 42 PLACES IN RANKINGS

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCER – FOLLOWING the 0-0 draw against Niger in the 2019 AFCON Qualifiers and the dismal run in the on-going Castle COSAFA Cup in South Africa, Swaziland has dropped 42 places in the latest (July) FIFA rankings.

Sihlangu dropped from position 90 to 132 this month and this can be attributed to their 0-0 loss in the first leg of the AFCON Qualifier played last month in Niger and the poor run in the COSAFA Cup where the team failed to win even a single match.

Sihlangu lost 1-2 against Zimbabwe in their opening match of the quarterfinals and Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst scored the lone goal for Sihlangu.

They also went on to lose 0-1 in the plate semifinals against Namibia on Tuesday night at the Moruleng Stadium.

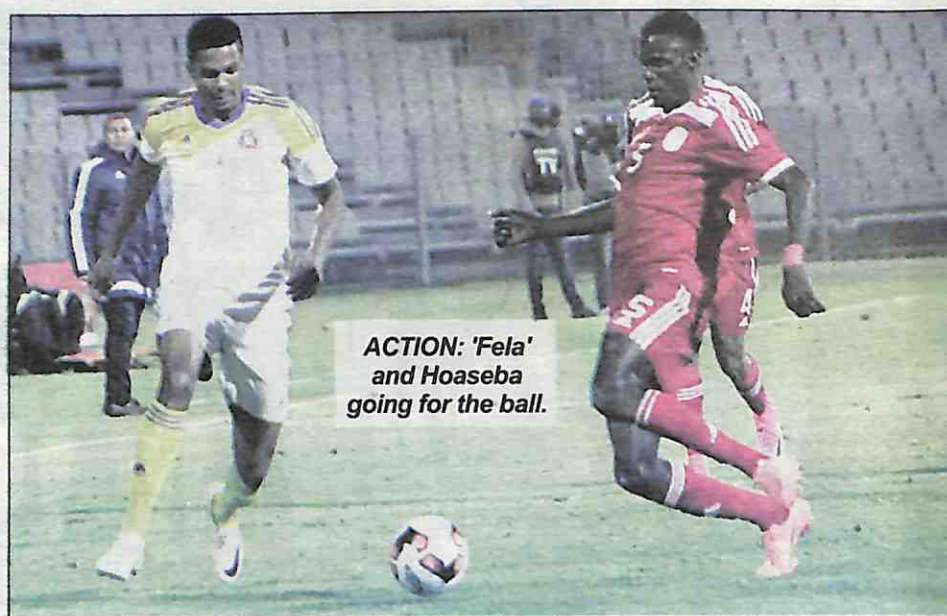
Concern

Interestingly, the Pieter de Jongh-led charges were on position 88 before they played their first official match under the new coach and this sudden drop is a cause for concern in as far as the national team's performance is concerned.

Noteworthy is that their AFCON 2019 Group L opponent, Niger and Tunisia have moved up with only Egypt dropping by four places.

The pride of the nation, however, remains above islanders Mauritius (1153), Comoros

● Nation's pride now is position 132 from 90



ACTION: 'Fela' and Hoaseba going for the ball.

(140), and Seychelles (184) in the Council of Southern African Football Associations region.

Sihlangu's next opponents, Zambia have moved up seven places to 92 in the latest rankings, as Germany have moved to the top.

Egypt, Senegal and DR Congo, Tunisia and Nigeria are the top five ranked sides in Africa.

The national team's failure to win a match in the competition means they will compete in the group stages of next year's edition unlike

this year where they joined in the quarterfinals.

Resume

The team will on Sunday resume camp in preparations of the CHAN qualifiers against Zambia and the match will be played next weekend at Somhlolo National Stadium.

Coach Pieter de Jongh could not be drawn for comment as his phone was out of network when tried last night.

SPOT THE BALL AND WIN E150 WEEKLY



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Sports Editor.

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Vovovo edge Madlenya, move closer to PLS promotion

By Sibusiso Dlamini

Vovovo..... (1)3
Madlenya..... (0)2

SOCCER – Vovovo FC are getting closer to realising their dream of playing in the MTN Premier League after beating Madlenya FC 3-2 during the play-offs match played at Somhlolo national Stadium last night.

Vovovo broke the deadlock in the second minute via the boot of Manila Mkhazazi, who capitalised from a goalmouth scramble. This was after Madlenya shot-stopper Mphakatsi Mkhazazi failed to deal with a Sibusiso Dlamini free kick.

After this goal, Madlenya tried to regroup and got back into the match with their troublesome forward Jules

Marie Korda Okuada creating all sorts of problems for Vovovo defenders.

But despite the chances created, Madlenya failed to get the equaliser and the match went to break with Vovovo leading by the solitary goal.

After the recess, Vovovo came back a much better side as they attacked in numbers with the likes of Mancini Mavimbela and Sibusiso Tfwala tormenting the opposition's backline.

Efforts

Their efforts finally paid off in the 54th minute when they scored their second goal through Bangle Dlamini.

The striker rose above everyone to head home a corner kick to make it 2-0. Soon after this goal Vovovo started dominating the match more as they would time and again test the opposition goal keeper. At this stage of the match, Vovovo were all over Madlenya, who also upped their game

in search for a goal.

Their defence was in sixes and sevens as they kept chasing shadows. Ndumiso Fakudze pulled one back for Madlenya in the 78th minute through a wonder strike, which was initially intended to be a cross, to set up a thrilling final 10 minutes.

Vovovo then scored the third through substitute Sandile Dlamini who benefited from miscommunication in the Madlenya defence.

With only two minutes added, Madlenya got a free-kick just outside the 18 area box, which was a wrong decision by Simanga Nhleko as a Madlenya player had handled the ball. Bakhe Matsebula stepped up and who scored a brilliant free-kick for the green and white ensemble, but they failed to come back into the match and Vovovo held on to the victory.