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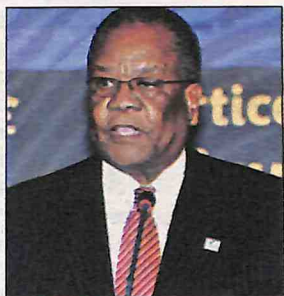
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Mbabane Alliance Church leader Reverend Johannes 'JV' Mazibuko cuts a cake while his wife Rose sings. **RIGHT-** The congregation responds as Mazibuko leads during his birthday celebration at the church yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

PRIME MINISTER TURNS 75...

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CLARIFICATION:

PM's Change of heart

In an article published in yesterday's Sunday Observer, 'PM's change of heart on dagga,' we reported that the prime minister had seemingly had a change of heart on his stance on the legalising of dagga.

This was based on an interview with the chairman of the parlia-

mentary team probing the use of dagga, MP Saladin Magagula, following a reported meeting between the two. We wish to clarify, however, that although the Prime Minister has agreed to meet with the parliament committee, this does not reflect a change of heart in his position.

The Prime Minister has not

moved from his position he explained during the Swaziland Editors Forum Breakfast Meeting and also in Parliament. We therefore unreservedly apologise to the Prime Minister for this misleading view, and further acknowledge that the article was not balanced insofar as his views not being sought as this would have clarified his position.

Standard Bank branch catches fire

In our article, 'Standard Bank branch catches fire,' published on Friday May 12, (Page 6), we erroneously reported that the Pigg's Peak branch of Standard Bank caught fire, allegedly from

an electric fault. It has since been brought to our attention that this is false, as this was a fire drill conducted regularly in order to ensure the safety of the building. This error is regretted.

NURSES THREATEN STRIKE OVER DRUGS SHORTAGE

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

...Pigg's Peak Government Hospital lacks important drugs like the strong painkiller Brufen.

PIGG'S Peak nurses have threatened to go on strike over the shortage of important drugs such as the strong painkiller Brufen at the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital.

Nurses interviewed by this newspaper said they feel like they should still go on strike as government is still failing to provide the public with important lifesaving medication.

They said it was almost impossible

to work at the hospital as patients could not always get the medication they required to treat them like Brufen.

"It is very difficult to work under such conditions when we do not have the required medication. This is a disaster as patients expect to get the necessary medication to treat them. How are we expected to work if there's no medication? It's supposed to be com-

mon sense but some people do not see it that way. We are a hospital and people come to us expecting to get better," said a nurse.

The source said a nationwide strike which nurses in the country had planned for today has been postponed indefinitely. "I feel this strike would have aided us as then government would have seen the importance of provid-

ing the medication at the hospitals in time," added the source.

"We are in a very precarious predicament and if we had gone on our planned nationwide strike tomorrow (today) as we had intended then we would have forced a change in the way government hospitals in the kingdom are run.

It makes no sense to me that a gov-

ernment hospital can have no medication like simple painkillers. It's quite laughable really and can only signify a collapse of the hospitals themselves," said the source.

Pigg's Peak Hospital Administrator Fikile Bulunga was unavailable for comment as her cellphone was not answered yesterday before compiling of the report.



Santa Lucia owes govt E600 000

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Lobamba

THE ministry of health has, up to now, failed to recover over E600 000 that is said to have been taken by Santa Lucia from government.

Santa Lucia, which is a company that renders services in funeral undertaking, is said to have entered into an agreement with the ministry of health back in 2005.

At that time, Mbabane Government Hospital, which is under the ministry of health, was facing a problem of having a faulty mortuary.

This made the hospital not to be able to keep corpses in its mortuary, in order to be buried decently by family members of the corpses.

This transpired in Parliament last Thursday when the ministry of health appeared before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC).

Santa Lucia is said to have come to the ministry's rescue by offering its mortuary to keep the corpses that should have otherwise been kept at the government mortuary. The deal is said to have been

made in 2005. In 2010, it was allegedly discovered that a sum of E676 000 was taken by the company, from the ministry, through fraudulent practises.

The ministry of health is said to have engaged the services of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) to investigate the matter.

However, up to this day, the case is still not concluded. The ACC is said to have found a challenge in dealing with the matter.

The challenge is said to have emanated from the fact that the deal was signed in 2005, when the Prevention of Corruption Act was still not enacted.

Parliament enacted the Act in 2006.

However, the ACC, in a letter it wrote to the ministry of health, stated that it could pursue the matter because the E676 000 is said to have been taken in 2007, when the Prevention of Corruption Act was already in force. The letter was given to the PAC by Ministry of Health Principal Secretary (PS) Dr. Simon Zwane.

Members of Parliament (MPs), who are also members of the PAC, were informed that the ACC had written a let-

ter to the ministry of health, asking for a focal person from the ministry. A focal person would be someone the ACC would be working with to pursue the matter. However, the ministry of health could not respond to the request by the ACC.

The MPs were informed of the letter after they wanted to know why it was taking a long time for the matter to be concluded. Zwane told the PAC that the matter was still investigated by the ACC. However, the letter, which was given to the PAC members by Zwane, highlighted that the ACC was still waiting for the ministry of health to give them the focal person in order to investigate the matter.

PAC Chairperson Thuli Dladla expressed her disappointment in the manner in which the ministry of health was handling the matter. She rebuked Dr. Zwane for not telling the truth when in fact, it was his ministry that was not cooperating with the ACC.

Dladla warned the ministry to pull up its socks on the matter because it had taken a long time.

The chairperson stated that she was actually afraid that the money could not come back because there was lack of seriousness in the way the matter was handled.

Health PS told to stay away from cannabis debate

MINISTRY of Health Dr. Simon Zwane was told in no uncertain terms to stay away from the cannabis issue as it was not his matter to discuss.

Dr. Zwane was told by Nkhamba MP Menzi Dlamini during the appearance of the ministry of health before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC).

Zwane made a joke about the MPs, who told Zwane and the officials of the ministry to investigate on the origin and destination of the E1 million worth of obsolete drugs that were busted in South Africa. The drugs are said to have been

busted in transit from this country last month. Manzini North MP Jan Sithole had told Dr. Zwane that it was very important to get to the bottom of the matter, even if the drugs were obsolete.

Sithole said the obsolete drugs were used for making deadly drugs like nyaope and woonga, which needed to be avoided at all costs because they could result in health hazards for a person who would consume them.

Upon hearing that, Dr. Zwane laughed. The PAC asked why he was laughing. He jokingly responded by saying he

laughed because the MPs were talking about avoiding drugs like nyaope yet they were the ones advocating for the possibility of legalising the growing of cannabis in the country. His statement provoked laughter inside the House of Assembly.

PAC Chairperson Thuli Dladla said Dr. Zwane should not be answered because he had closed his microphone when he made the statement, therefore, it was out of the hansard.

A hansard is a system used by Parliament to record submissions and debates by legislators and other people who could be called to Parliament to shed a light on certain issues.

MP Gideon complains about Santa Lucia

MKHIWENI MP Gideon Dlamini wants to know the operations of Santa Lucia because the Mkhiweni electorate, mainly the elderly, are complaining about the company.

The Mkhiweni lawmaker expressed this desire during the appearance of the ministry of health before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) last Thursday. MP Gideon was interested in knowing the ministry to which the company reported for doing its work.

However, upon being told by fellow PAC members that this was a private company, he said he would have to stop asking there

and then because the platform he was asking on was not the relevant one. The legislator said he had asked the question because Mkhiweni voters were complaining of this company, and now he was hearing more bad news about the company.

Matsanjeni North MP Phila Buthelezi said there were some companies that needed further regulation because of the sensitivity of their services.

He said some of these companies ended only by registering their companies with the registrar of companies in the ministry of commerce, industry and trade.

Too many 'actors' in key position – Health PS

ACTING in key positions like that of the accountant general, auditor general and attorney general (AGs) are making it difficult to work.

Ministry of Health PS Dr. Simon Zwane complained about 'actors' when his ministry appeared before the PAC last Thursday.

Zwane made a specific reference to the position of the accountant general (AG). He said his ministry was encountering difficulties in managing cash flow because they had no person to consult with at that time. He said his ministry was a very big one and it needed a person who could be accountable in terms of managing cash flow for the ministry.

However, it must be stated that the ministry of finance announced Dumsile Ngwenya as the new account-

ant general last Friday. The announcement was made during the appearance of the ministry of finance before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). The PAC, responding to Dr. Zwane's submission last Thursday, said it was indeed worrying to be in a situation where key position would only have people who occupied them on acting basis.

Matsanjeni North MP Phila Buthelezi said the country could not move forward when there was no substantive person who would be accountable for managing the country's cash flow.

Buthelezi said the country needed money to develop and a person who was going to be accountable for that money was needed. At that time, the seat of the accountant general was occupied by Samuel Mbingo on acting basis.

Cold front to continue this week

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

SIGNIFICANT pointers show that the cold front will continue throughout the week.

According to information sourced from the Swaziland Meteorology Services, the cold and mild weather will continue throughout the week.

Warm

Temperatures in the Highveld will remain below 25 Degrees Celsius while

in the Lowveld they will remain below 30 Degrees Celsius. "There will be fog patches at first, otherwise fine and mild but warm in the Lowveld," said the forecaster.

Today it will rain and there will be fog mainly over the western parts, otherwise cloudy with sunny intervals and cold but mild becoming warm in the Lowveld.

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Tomorrow there will morning fog at places, otherwise partly cloudy, mid but warm in the Lowveld.					
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MBABANE ALLIANCE CHURCH LAUNCHES FOUNDATION

Stories by Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

MBABANE Alliance Church (MBAC) under the leadership of Reverend Johannes Mazibuko, has officially launched its foundation that will help the needy in society.

Acting Prime Minister Senator Paul Dlamini officially launched the foundation at the church yesterday.

Speaking at the launch, which coincided with Alliance Senior Pastor Reverend Johannes Mazibuko's birthday celebration, Dlamini said the development of the country was everyone's responsibility, especially the church.

"The church, just like every other institution in the country, has the responsibility to steer the country towards development and the foundation by the church is a step in that direction," he said.

He added that they were aware that the church had over the past years been involved in charity work and the launch was just an official announcement of work already done.

Foundation

The DPM did not just launch the Foundation but led by example when he donated E3 000 towards it and another E2 000 for Mazibuko's birthday. The Jeje family, lawyer Zweli and his wife Thokozile, donated E10 000 towards the newly formed Foundation.

Dlamini stated that the work of the MBAC Foundation was a meaningful contribution by the church towards attaining first world status by 2022. "The work of the Mbabane Alliance Church (MBAC) Foundation, as already presented, will contribute towards this initiative," he said.

"It is through this Foundation that the role of the church will not be confined to just preaching and teaching precepts and principles of the Kingdom of God, but to ensure that the nation is anchored on Christian principles which provide societal values and hold people together in unity," he said.

MBAC leader Reverend Mazibuko



NEW VENTURE: Mbabane Alliance Church Reverend Johannes 'JV' Mazibuko with his wife Rose and dignitaries that came to support them during his function.

stated that the Foundation was nothing new, but they had decided as a church to make it official and have it registered as an official entity.

"This will in turn help the Foundation gain the public's confidence in the sense that it is easier to make donations to a registered entity than an unknown organisation," he said.

Help

He explained that the Foundation would not be exclusive to Alliance church members only.

"This is a public initiative by the Mbabane Alliance Church but it will benefit any member of society who is in need of help at the time, regardless of the church they attend," he said.

Mazibuko explained that they would be asking for donations from all members of the public not just MBAC brethren hence the beneficiaries must be all help needing people.

Church member, Mbabane top lawyer Zweli Jeje explained to the congregants when presenting the Foundation that it had come after the church saw the need that was out there and as part of their outreach programme, they would from time to time give food hampers and clothing to the needy.

"Scripture teaches us to give and take care of the needy. It doesn't say give the

remainder of what you have but give whole heartedly and we plead that congregants take heed of this scripture as they make donations towards the Foundation," he said.

Meanwhile Mazibuko was hailed for being a great leader during the official launch of the MBAC Foundation that coincided with his birthday.

Speaker after another that took to the podium, applauded him for being a great and exemplary leader.

Spiritual

Swaziland Sugar Association CEO Phil Mnisi, who spoke on behalf of Mazibuko's spiritual sons and daughters, said they were grateful to have a father like him who was exemplary and played a pivotal role in their daily spiritual growth.

Mnisi, who is a Pastor at Mhlambanyatsi Alliance Church, even went to the extent of beseeching leadership of the church to allow Mazibuko to preach for as long as he can.

"We know there are stipulated retirement ages by government but we don't want our father to stop preaching to us, he must not retire," he said, much to the excitement of the church members.

Mnisi said Mazibuko had done so much for them that included speaking blessings, guidance and encouragement into their lives.

'Divorce hurting society'

ACTING Prime Minister Paul Dlamini yesterday spoke against divorce, stating it was ungodly and people should refrain from it.

Dlamini speaking at the Mbabane Alliance Church double celebrations, said people should stop getting married to only divorce a few days later.

Dlamini said what irked him was that when people were getting married they invited everyone to witness their union but when divorcing they did not do so.

Dlamini attributed the increasing divorce statistics to people marrying for all the wrong reasons.

"People are getting married because their friends are mar-

ried or because of other reasons that aren't appropriate or enough to make a union last," he said.

He further stated that he had read somewhere that 200 people divorced on a monthly basis, even though he was not sure if this statistic was true for Swaziland.

Dlamini said these statistics were alarming to say the least and he congratulated Mazibuko for aging with the woman he had married many years ago.

"It is great that you are still married to your wife, when people are divorcing everyday," he said.

Dlamini's remarks concur with His Majesty King Mswati III's who also spoke against divorce early this year as it affected not just the two people but families.

Gifts galore for Reverend Mazibuko

IT was gifts galore for Reverend Johannes Mazibuko yesterday during his birthday celebration that coincided with the official launch of the MBAC Foundation.

Mazibuko got gifts worthy of a man of God as he received two cows, from Prince Masitsela and Bishop Nash Shongwe.

Prince Masitsela said he hoped that Mazibuko was documenting his teachings so that long after his passing, generations would still

benefit.

Mazibuko also received three goats, from Secretary to Cabinet Mbuso Dlamini, Reverend Eric Dlamini and Swaziland Industrial Development Company (SIDC) new Chief Executive Officer Phwayinkhosi Ginindza, who is also Chairman of the church.

Holiday

He also received a holiday voucher from attorney Zweli Jeje's family, amongst many other gifts.

He further thanked him for allowing them to serve, while he takes the backseat.

"Few pastors in the country allow services to go on without them standing up but you do that."

Humbled

That is you trusting us and we are humbled by that," he said.

Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala, who was standing in for Minister of Home Affairs Princess Tsandzile, also hailed Mazibuko for his work and further stated that Their Majesties were pleased with him for he continued to display fear of the Lord

and respected himself and all around him.

"You are respectful and you walk the talk and those are characteristics of a good leader, there is nothing bad that we have heard about you," he said.

Temawelase Mazibuko, speaking behalf of Mazibuko's biological children, said they were grateful for a father like him who always lived an exemplary life.

DPM Paul Dlamini also concurred with the other speakers, stating that in all the years he had known Mazibuko, he didn't even hear one bad thing about him.

No Biggest Braai record attempt this year

By Samukelisiwe Ginindza
Manzini

THE Biggest Braai by Philani Maswati Charity Organisation will not attempt to break the Guinness Book of World Records this year.

However, it will allow participants to break its own record. This year, the concept will engage the partici-

pants, where the group with the most members braaiing together, will take the first prize home.

This was confirmed by Philani Maswati Charity Organisation Chairman Lutfo Dlamini during a meeting held at Global Village yesterday.

The annual event will be on July 22 at a venue yet to be confirmed, even though so far the organisers have

proposed Mavuso Trade Centre.

Dlamini revealed that the group that will take the prize home will be those that are easily identified. "They should be wearing same clothing item or uniform identification, to show that they are of the same group - that is the criteria for this year."

They can be from the same companies, churches or even same clan and it's exciting because it's bringing families together," Dlamini mentioned.

However, for the group to be named victors, amongst them should be an elderly and disabled member partaking in the competition.

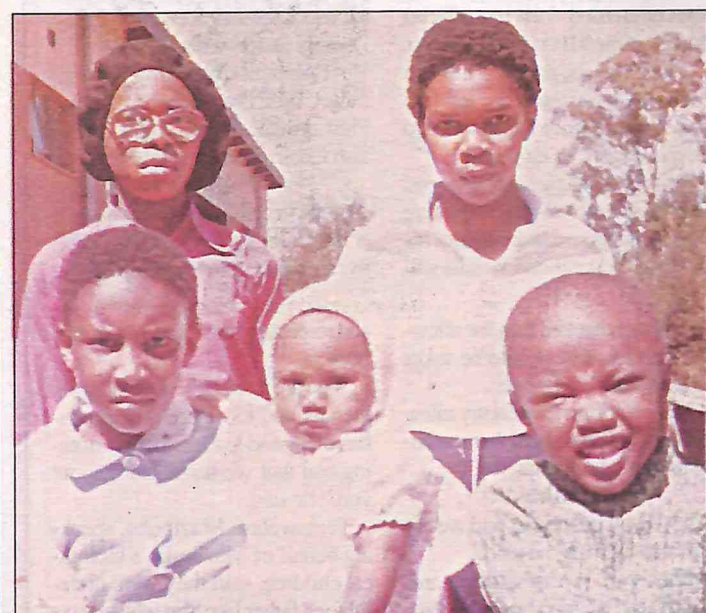
"We will also be giving a prize for the most creative braai stand, since this year we will not be giving braai stands," he revealed.

He went on to mention that braai packs and the rest will be offered to the participants.

"We want to benefit the street vendors of the area (Manzini), where

they will get to cook the porridge and prepare salads, but since we emphasise on hygiene, a restaurant that will be recommended by the city Council will be used to cook all these, so we are held responsible for the participants' health, should anything go wrong, not that we want it to go wrong," the chairman explained.

The day will end with a concert in the evening, where the money raised at the gates will go towards its fundraising.

HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY

PM ON TURNING

STORIES BY MBONGENI MBINGO
Managing Editor

Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini turns 75 years old today, and as usual, he has taken time out to speak about what the milestone means to him.

In a special interview to mark the birthday, the PM told this newspaper that he believes what is more important to him is that turning 75 years old reminds him of a commitment to maximise each day.

The PM believes that this birthday represents similar feelings for us all," he said, when asked about what this represents in his life.

"A life of 75 years split into three – ideally, the first 25 years growing up and receiving an education, the next 25 years developing a career and family and the third 25 years building on that and sharing one's knowledge and experience with others," he said.

About turning 75, however, he believes he is in good shape.

"The numbers have changed but, physically, the feeling has not," he states, adding, "one year more on the chart but one day only in the body. Nevertheless, I am very grateful for having reached this age and to have enjoyed so many years of good health."

Health wise, the PM said he feels strong as an ox, "though I think it is time the wagon behind me was removed!"

The PM, like any elderly person, said the 75-year service is a valuable barometer to health.

"I have very recently had that check-up, and so far, I am very satisfied with the outcome," he revealed.

No plans to celebrate - yet

Turning 75 years old is quite a big deal and often this calls for a big celebration. However, for the Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini, this is a near impossible, given that he is currently out of the country.

The premier is in the Republic of China on Taiwan where he is on a medical mission.

Today marks day 19 since he left for Taiwan, and the PM told our sister paper the Sunday Observer that he was not certain of his return date.

His birthday is today and, therefore, this means he is unable to celebrate the day with his family and close friends. When asked on any special celebrations, the PM said it is always very rewarding to celebrate one's birthday with family.

"It is, after all, an annual celebration and each one is yet another for which to be thankful to God," he said.

However, he elaborated, "there are no plans as yet for the big celebration owing to my being out of the country. I shall deal with that on my return."

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However, the prime minister is currently in Taiwan for that medical check-up, and therefore this means he is not able to celebrate with friends and family.

"Owing to my absence at the present time, there will not be any big celebration on the actual day of my birthday," he stated.

Like all birthday boys, he was asked what his wish is at this stage in his life and the quick response was that he wished for the continued peace, soli-

darity and harmonious co-existence of the Swazi people.

This was the PM's wish even last year. "Well, if I am given the opportunity, I would add to those desires the wish for a more stable climate and a really strong reaction to the investment incentives that government has put in place," he added. "It is through more investment, both domestic and foreign, that a significant portion of our job creation targets can be met. We want more of our people to be in sustainable livelihoods."



A YEAR OLDER



Excellent parenting is what made him

The prime minister owes his successful political career and life to his upbringing.

In fact, he says he owes it to excellent parenting, to be who he is today.

"My parents were staunch Christians who believed in raising their children according to Christian principles," he adds, when asked what contributed to the making of the man who would be prime minister.

The PM says his parents religiously ensured that he attended Sunday school from year zero!

"My mother was a homemaker and spent a lot of time

with us, especially during our formative years. She taught us the life history of exemplary youth in the Bible," he further adds. "Those include Joseph, Daniel, Abednego and Shadrack."

In addition, the PM said the life story of Jesus Christ as He prepared and executed His ministry added to the shaping of his life. The PM further added that his mother used Swazi role models during her teachings, such as notable role models of the time Hobart Magagula, father of Dr Hugh, who was the first Swazi to obtain a university degree.

Others included Dr Ephraim Dlamini, an educationist and

father of Inkhosikati LaNgangaza and another educationalist Leonard Sithebe, father of Robert, the Managing Partner of KPMG.

When asked if he ever thought he would be this successful in life, the PM's response is; "Yes, and No!"

"Yes, because I set myself the goal of high education and training. This I was able to, in a modest sense, achieve. No—because I did not expect a life in politics."

To this end, the PM says he grew up with a sole purpose of being an educated and decent citizen of Swaziland; "I think I have succeeded in a modest sense."



Prime minister on his targets

The prime minister is focused on completing all his initiatives that are in progress, in time for him to wrap up his current tenure as head of government.

He said he had plenty of targets to accomplish. The PM acknowledged that government is encountering a fall in its major source of revenue while expenditure tends to increase broadly in line with the cost of living.

"This means that resource constraints do limit the rate of

expenditure on public projects. Within those constraints, we have to continually prioritise and sustain the momentum," he disclosed.

Initiatives

He added; "Secondly, where it is necessary to launch new initiatives, then our aim would be to achieve good progress in these and ensure there is a smooth handover of responsibilities to a new Administration when the time comes."

The prime minister is, however, focused on his top priorities;

"one of the very top priorities has to be to see the work we have done on improving our business environment rewarded by a surge in new domestic and foreign investment." He said this will create jobs and additional economic growth.

"From the latter, will come increased tax revenue – whether corporate or personal tax – and from this the ability to finance improved public services across the board, and especially in health and education."



Any plans to slow down?

At the age of 75, the PM still responds to the question of slowing down with measured confidence on his ability to carry on.

He responds to being asked he was ready to slow down by first looking at what this would mean in his case.

"The term 'slowing down' is always a tricky one to address. If the measurement is in terms of the speed at which I sprint from home to office then I can

assure the reader that I always take it easy anyway, and will continue to do so," said the PM.

But, if the slowing down is measured by hours worked, "then the answer is again 'no', I do not expect to slow down."

He said he thinks that he structures his day well enough to manage the hours comfortably.

Asked, however, if based on his external travel, he did not consider slowing down too, as

that can be draining, again the PM was very categorical; "If we refer to official travel I have to say I do not find that tiring anyway. I am fortunate in being able to sleep normal hours whatever the time zone I happen to be in," he revealed.

"Our hosts during such visits are always very considerate. So, in summary, there is not really any need to slow down in this, the last section of my career as prime minister."



VACANCY: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

An opportunity has arisen for a suitably qualified and experienced individual to join our client, the Swaziland Nazarene Health Institutions (SNHI), as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO). SNHI comprises the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital and the nineteen Community Clinics. The organization receives government subventions.

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HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY

40 years in the business

The prime minister might be turning 75 years old today and obviously that on its own is quite a milestone. However, he is also achieving another milestone in politics—40 years in the business.

This takes some doing, and the PM has revealed what it takes to do the job he has done over the years and with such consistency.

Asked on his political milestone, the PM was understandably modest, saying it was not up to him to look at the type of qualities that it takes to achieve what he has achieved.

For good measure, the PM's political career speaks for itself; served as a back bench in Parliament for six years, as minister for finance for eight years, Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for four years, and on the King's Advisory Council for five years, and served as prime minister for a total of 17 years over four terms in office.

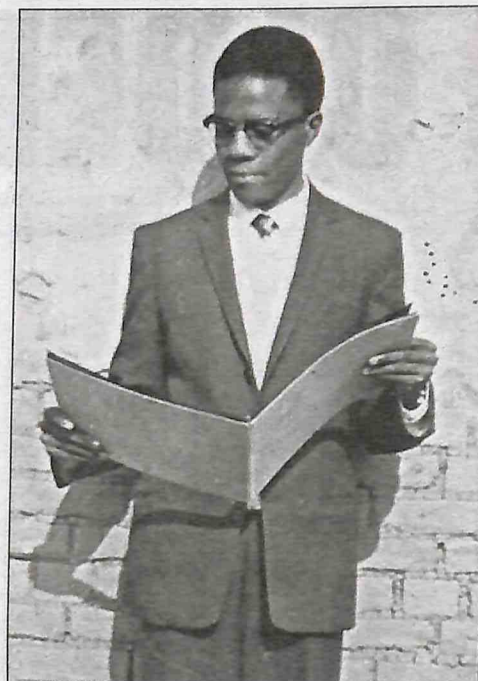
As such, the PM reveals, "You gain a considerable amount of experience in those positions over a total of 40 years."

"Placing that in context, I can say that the job of prime min-

ister in our country requires an individual to show leadership of the Administration in creating an excellent business environment for economic growth, providing a high standard of public service delivery, dealing effectively and efficiently with public challenges, and demonstrating the necessary support to our Head of State and Her Majesty the Indlovukazi."

Improved

In this regard, the PM has revealed that he does believe that his current members of Cabinet have improved as a whole.



His assessment is that his ministers have all improved, although to varying degrees.

"I trust that I have enabled them to be good leaders of their ministries while building and sustaining a sharp and productive focus on their respective key result areas," the PM said.

He further added that having continued, and further developed, the Performance Targeting and Appraisal Programme, this has enabled ministers to ensure that action produces measurable output, while enabling me to assess the quality of perfor-

mance.

When asked what the challenge has been for him and his Cabinet this term, the PM said that each year, they battle with that insoluble relationship between insufficient level of public revenue and a desired level of public expenditure.

"That may well be the biggest challenge.

Prioritisation

"It demands a great deal of prioritisation and re-prioritisation when cutting the suit according to the cloth, so to speak," he revealed.

Additionally, the PM has dis-

closed that his wish and pre-occupation in politics was foremost human resource development and notes that the country now has a record number of Swazis with academic PhDs and other higher qualifications.

Specialities

These include all professions, disciplines and specialities.

"In addition, national and social welfare infrastructure, including potable water, electricity, schools, health facilities, roads, etc, in every community," he points out as some of his priority areas.



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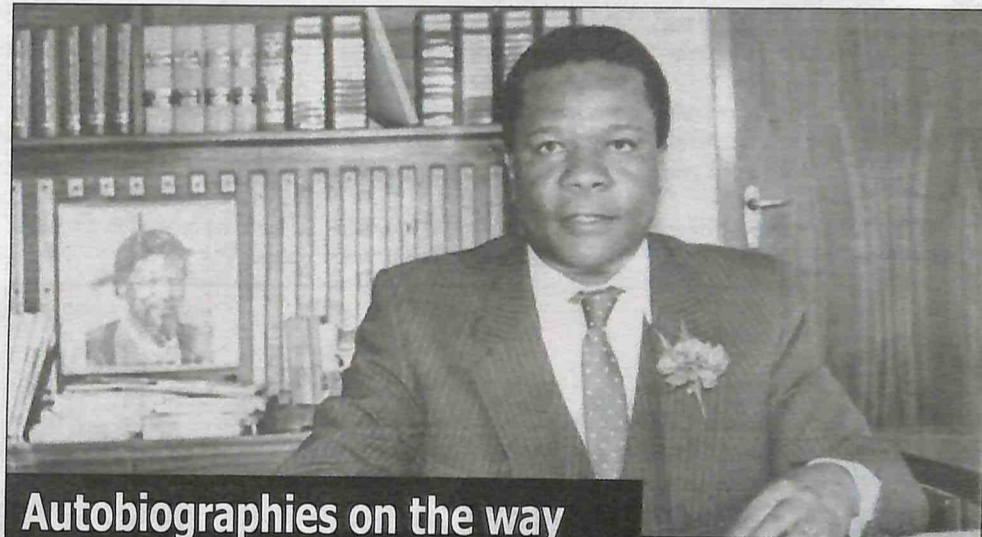
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1011314	NTOKOZO NICHOLAS DLAMINI	Mbabane Township, Mbabane, Hhohho Region	Plot No. 1281, Thembelihle, Extension 11, Luthaba Road, Mbabane Township	3577/15	18, 069.02
1005376	ELIJAH MANDLAKAYISE NHLABATSI	Mbabane Township, Mbabane, Hhohho Region	Plot No. 46, Sidwashini South, Mbabane Township	4060/15	10, 162.45
1003316	FARRELO'DISCOLL	Mbabane Township, Mbabane, Hhohho Region	Plot No. 46, Farm No. 188, Dalriach, Ncoboza Street	3258/15	9, 663.62
10002981	EVANGELICAL DISCIPLES CHURCH	Farm No. 2, Mbabane, Hhohho Region	Plot No. 869, Mantsholo Road	2666/15	13, 228.24
1003136	ZIBUSE MICHAEL DLAMINI	Farm 48, Mbabane, Hhohho Region	Plot No. 68, Fonteyn Road	3517/15	15, 799.19
1001696	CINDY LOMALUNGELO DLADLA	Extension 20, Mbabane, Hhohho Region	Plot No. 2215, Extension 20, Selelem Park, Beetham Road	4021/15	12, 343.57
1002636	SIPHO ADAM MATSEBULA	Farm No. 2, Mbabane, Hhohho Region	Plot No. 410, Fonteyn Road	2866/15	14, 144.63
1011521	MGCINI PETER SHONGWE	Lomkire Township, Hhohho Region	Plot No. 16-17, Lomkire Township	749/16	10, 416.26
1002427	MICHAEL MTSHALI	Farm 2, Mbabane, Hhohho Region	Plot No. 122, Farm No. 2, Fonteyn Road	2821/15	22, 362.43
1004128	MANDLA ELIAS MNCINA	Farm 315, Mbabane, Hhohho Region	Plot No. 7, Farm No. 315, Mbabane / Manzini Road	1876/16	20, 399.42
1003886	RAYMON BLAIZE GILBERT	Farm 188, Mbabane, Hhohho Region	Plot No. 856, Dalriach, Pine Valley Road	3320/15	15, 786.90
1005626	CONTRAPEST PROPERTIES LTD	Entabeni Township, Mbabane, Hhohho Region	Plot No. 9, Off Fonteyn Road	876/16	11, 163.40

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Autobiographies on the way

The PM has written two autobiographies, and they are on the way. Well, at least in the near future, as there is no timeframe.

However, asked what inspires him, the PM let slip that he has written two autobiographies, which will be published in the near future.

These, he revealed, focus on

the inspiration in his life.

"So I have to say – wait and see!" he commented on the question of what inspires him. He added, however, that he make special mention of the inspiration provided to him by Their Majesties and, of course, his parents, Reverend and Mrs John Mantfwantwa Dlamini.

"I could not have done my

job as prime minister without the guidance and support from Their Majesties which I count as inspiration," he emphasised.

"And the love and discipline, together with the home life and education, provided for me by my parents, created the inspiration that enabled me to work steadily to the position I hold today."



Dealing with demands, pressures of the job

With 40 years in politics, the prime minister has revealed the trick to his staying power, and how he improves year on year.

Asked how he deals with the demands of the job against the fact he is not getting younger, at least by age, the PM revealed the secret behind it all.

Firstly, he revealed that the demands of the job are as substantial as they always were. "That has not changed," he pointed out, saying that what changes was the subject matter with which he deals day to day, year on year.

"Yes, you are bound to get smarter simply because you learn from what

you encounter in the course of your work. If you did not do so, you should not be there in the first place," he stated. He continued to state that being

smarter does not reduce the workload. "It simply enables you to process matters more quickly, and hopefully more effectively, and get on to the next issue. Your

work is never finished." The PM has also revealed that as far as management and leadership style is concerned, he too has learned on the job and, as a result, grew in the job. "What is, of

course, a key factor is that you acquire knowledge as you go along. This has a cumulative effect and enables you to manage and lead more

effectively because you are better informed to monitor, advise and, where necessary, admonish."

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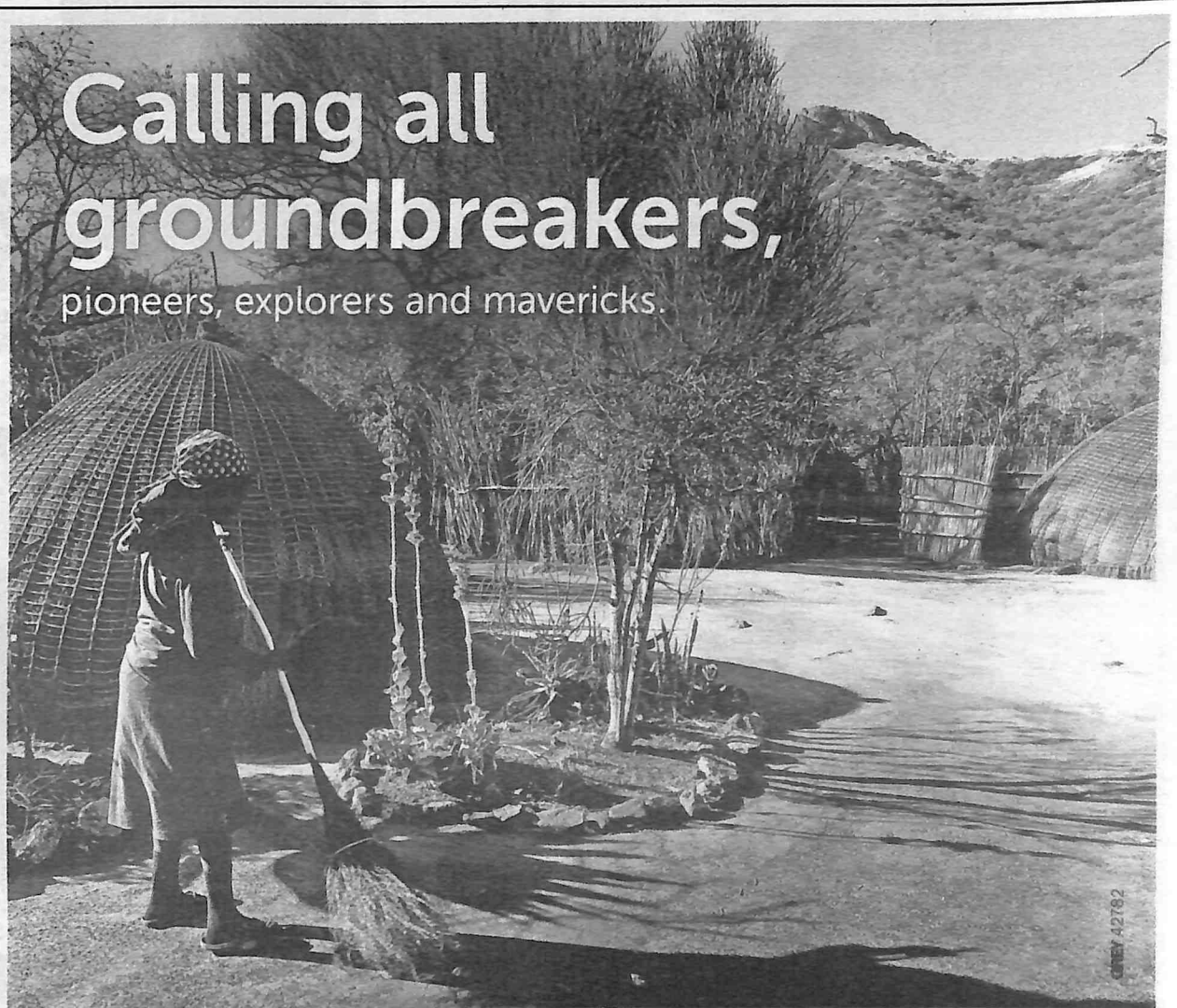
His message to the youth

To the young people who have parents and guardians, the prime minister says they are very lucky and should thank God.

He says the responsibility of the youth is to listen and implement the teachings as provided by the nation, especially good parents and guardians.

"The uppermost teaching is from the principles of Christianity and other good religions," he emphasises.

"Critical is the direction given by His Majesty, Her Majesty and the government. Parents should teach and train as provided by the book of Proverbs," says the PM.



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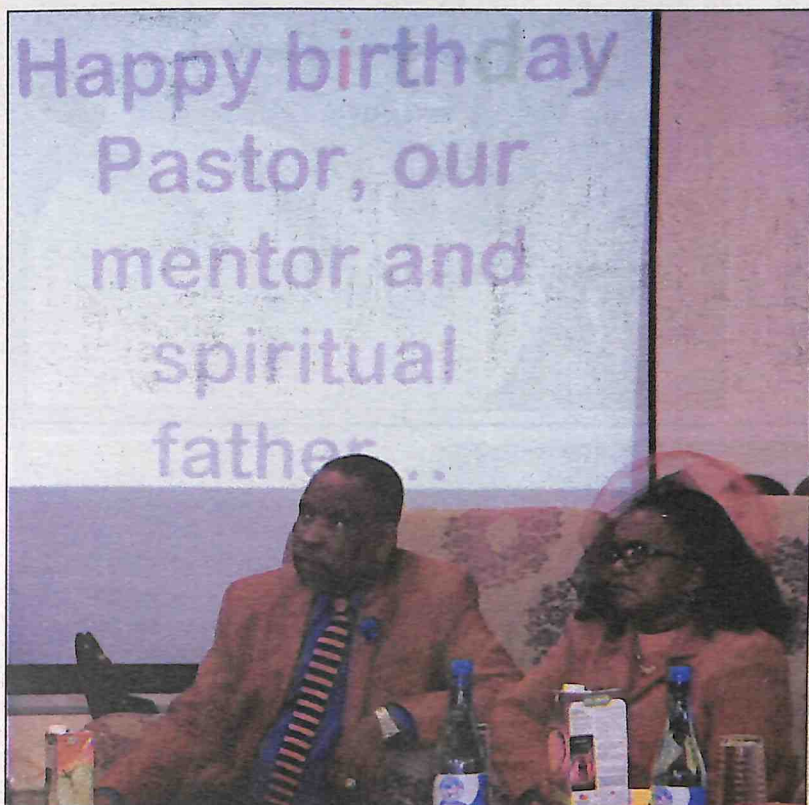
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REVEREND JV MAZIBUKO CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY WITH CONGREGATES



BIRTHDAY BOY: Mbabane Alliance Church leader Reverend Johannes 'JV' Mazibuko and his wife Rose following proceedings of the day during the reverend's birthday celebration at the church yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



BEAUTIFUL: Reverend JV Mazibuko and his wife Rose joined by their special guests of the day and Church Chairman Phiwayinkhosi Ginindza.



EMAWELASE: Reverend Mazibuko and his brother Mpendulo who works for the King's Office.



DIRECTOR: Bongani Dlamini directing proceedings of the ceremony.



GIFT: Secretary to Cabinet Mbuso Dlamini receiving a gift from Church Secretary Malibongwe Dlamini.

THANK YOU: Temawelase speaking on behalf of her siblings, Nontokozi, Sibusiso and Vuyo who are all the Bishop's children.



REPRESENTATIVE: MBAC Chairman Phiwayinkhosi Ginindza delivering his speech on behalf of the congregation.



FOLLOWING: Guests and members of the church listening to the sermon of the day.



HAPPY: Reverend Mazibuko cutting his birthday cake while his wife Rose looks on.



AS I SEE IT: Acting Prime Minister Paul Dlamini addressing the congregation at the church.



GOING TRADITIONAL: The church's Traditional Touch following proceedings of the ceremony.



CONGRATS: Pastor Phil Mnisi congratulating the Reverend on his special day.



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HEALTH FACILITIES RUN OUT OF NEVIRAPINE

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

IT would seem that the reported shortage of medicines in health facilities across the country will have more effect than what currently meets the eye.

A majority of health facilities in the Lubombo region, to be specific, are said to have gone over two months without the lifesaving medication for new-born babies, the Nevirapine syrup (NVP). At least this has

been uncovered after a week-long investigation after several mothers of new-born babies raised their concerns to this publication.

NVP is said to be the most essential form of medication which is mainly used to prevent HIV transmission from mother-to-child during birth or breastfeeding. It is normally given to babies born by HIV positive mothers, from the day of birth up to a certain period as prescribed by doctors.



...“We are affected by this situation, especially when it also affects our children who were supposed to be an HIV-free generation”

Concerned mothers who called this publication stated that they were unable to have the said medication for their babies from some health facilities as it was reported to have been finished

some

was on antiretroviral therapy, and had given birth to her second born early last month at one of the health facilities.

Affected

She said she was informed about the said medication shortage, and that the least she could do was hope that her baby does not contract the virus.

“We are affected by this situation, especially when it also affects our children who are supposed to be an HIV-free generation,” said the concerned mother.

While working on the matter, it however transpired that the said syrup (NVP) was delivered at some health facilities on Friday. “It is true, we have been without the babies’ syrup for about two months, but it was just delivered yesterday (Friday) morning,” said a nurse at Tikhuba Clinic. In recent reports, the ministry of health was reported to have acknowledged the shortages of some specific medication in hospitals and clinic. This was attributed to challenges faced by government and suppliers.

months ago. One of the mothers who did not disclose her identity revealed that she

My son is a devil worshipper - single mom

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

A single mother from Pigg's Peak has revealed that her teenage son is a secret devil worshiper and has tried to have him arrested for his beliefs.

Last Wednesday, the woman stormed the principal's office where her son was.

While at the school, the mother, Nolungelo Dlamini* (43) who is a widow and has two sons said that she had to warn other parents about a satanic group called ‘Sons of Satan’ that was available on famous social media network, Whatsapp.

Trouble

“My son had a very strong relationship with his father before he passed on in December, 2015. After that my boy became a recluse and a loner, I then bought him a smart phone it was my way of trying my best to get close to him and keep him out of trouble,” said Dlamini.

Unfortunately, the phone seemed push the son away, he then started spending more time on it, chatting to his friends.

Abusing

The mother said at first she did not mind it as she was happy to see him not abusing alcohol, but after some time she noticed a change in his behaviour.

He would walk around the house after school almost in a daze like effect listen to hip hop music on his headphones and not talk.

“Then on Tuesday evening, he left his phone on the charger and he forgot to lock it and to my horror I found a group named ‘Sons of Satan’ and my son's two other school friends had left him comments.

Moon

“One said in order to get that girl say this to the moon, and another message said in order for it to work chant at midnight, this scared me to a point where I had to come to the school and speak to the principal about his matter. I have also thought about having my boy arrested,” said Dlamini.

When reached for comments, the school's head teacher stressed the importance of protecting the school's name and reputation and pleaded that the name not be mentioned.

Practised

“Cases like these ones though they are not a norm, but are prevalent, Satanism is being practised and is not the last time we will see it. Parents should be more vigilant in their children's lives, as we teachers cannot monitor a child's phone it is not our place. In our school we confiscate at least one cellphone daily, this shows that too many children have these phones,” said the principal.

Meanwhile, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba said the child need not be arrested, but needs a prayer as this was a spiritual problem.

Name changed to protect the minor*

Chinese Association keen to sort health related challenges

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

THE Chinese Association in Swaziland is committed to assisting in dealing with health challenges so as to fulfill the World Health Organisations's (WHO) vision

Taiwan medical experts and public health professional have worked tirelessly to broaden the country's health and humanitarian efforts beyond borders.

According Vice Chairwoman of Chinese Association in Swaziland Kathy Liu, Taiwan has met its responsibilities as a global citizen to control and mitigate the impact of infectious diseases.

Taiwan has met its interna-

tional health obligations since 2009, when they were officially included in the World Health Organisation's (WHO) regulatory framework.

Response

“Our government has evaluated and fine-tuned our surveillance and response schemes to meet international standards in a timely manner,” she said.

She said a health crisis anywhere could easily become a problem everywhere.

Threats

“We will continue working with the United States through the Global Cooperation and Training Framework to help our Asia-Pacific and Southeast Asian neighbours as they develop their own abilities to respond to health threats.”

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HERE YOU GO:
Acting PM Paul Dlamini presenting two cheques of E2 000 and E3 000 to Thokozile Jele. The cheques were towards reverend JV Mazibuko's gift and the MBAC Foundation.



Search for remaining lion called-off

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

THE five-day search for one of the five lions that escaped from the

Kruger National Park near Mananga in Mpumalanga has been officially called-off.

According to information sourced from the Citizen Newspaper, the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks

Agency, responsible for the search and recovery mission, said it believed the lion might have returned to the park.

Missing

“We have decided to call off the search and rescue operation as there has been no sighting of the missing

lion since the other four were captured on Tuesday,” said MTPA CEO Johannes Nobunga

Escaped

The lions were believed to have escaped from the park last Monday. It was unclear how they got out. MTPA spokesperson said they would

now rely on community members near the area to alert them if the lion was spotted, urging them to continue to be ‘vigilant’.

The lions attacked some cattle on Tuesday morning. Since then, no other attacks on animals in the area have been reported.

70 NABBED FOR DD

By Nozipho Sibiyi
Mbabane

ABOUT 70 booze lovers have been arrested on the country's roads for driving under the influence of alcohol.

The figures were released yesterday by Royal Swaziland Police (RSP)

Service Chief Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba, who said the number showed a decrease from last week's reported cases.

"There were 70 drink-driving cases reported over the past weekend while the previous weekend 105 people were nabbed for drink-driving," he said. Those arrested have either

appeared in court for their troubles or would be having a date with the magistrate this morning.

Mamba urged the public to drink responsibly and not get behind the wheel after drinking any alcoholic beverage.

He added that the roads were clean over the weekend as there were no fatal accidents reported.



Young man hit with two traffic counts

Stories by Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A young man collected two traffic counts after deciding to drive a car for his heavily drunk friend.

The Mbabane traffic police locked up Siphesihle Mahlalela over the weekend following an unlawful discovery whilst staging a road block at or near the traffic lights at St Mark's area.

Siphesihle was found to have driven a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. He was further found to be driving without a valid driver's licence. The alcohol content detected in his blood system by a breathalyser stood at 0.70mg/l. The first offender pleaded guilty to both counts and he was convicted as per his own plea. When Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini gave him an opportunity to mitigate, Siphesihle told the court that the driver of the motor vehicle they were travelling in with was heavily drunk and could not drive. "They asked me to drive since I have the know-how.

36-year-old drinks, smashes car

LUCKY Gussm of Pakistan spotted a bandaged nose when making his court appearance yesterday.

The Manzini-based man negligently drove his Mazda sedan and lost control of it as it veered off the road. Gussm was driving at high speed when his car was involved in the road accident whilst driving along Jojo Street at or near Extension 3.

The first offender did not only fail to negotiate past a sharp corner but he also failed to apply brakes on time to avoid an accident.

He was charged with contravening Section 89 (1) of the Road Traffic Act 6 of 2007 before being rushed to hospital for treatment.

I do have a valid driver's licence but I left it at home since I did not think I would be driving," he said. He then asked the court to be lenient with him as he was apologetic for his actions.

This accident occurred in the early hours of yesterday morning whilst the heavily drunk man was rushing back home. Following a breath test conducted by traffic police, it appeared the lawbreaker had 1.37mg/l in his blood system.

When given a chance to mitigate, Gussm chose to be brief as he said he had told the police he was sorry for committing the crimes. "I am sorry to the court," he said.

The court fined him E1 500 or 10 months imprisonment for his first count. He was additionally fined E600 or five months imprisonment for negligent driving, which resulted in him causing a road accident.

Dlamini fined him E700 or three months imprisonment for drink-driving and an additional E200 or a month imprisonment for driving on a public road whilst unlicensed.

Drunk man over-speeds, charged

A drunk driver told the court being high made him drive his Toyota Yaris at high speed.

Veli Mkhaliphi did not only contravene the Road Traffic Act but he also put himself and other motorists at risk by over speeding while under the influence of alcohol.

When the Lobamba traffic police nabbed him at or near Langeni, it was discovered his blood system was boiling with 0.48mg/l alcohol content. The police wasted no time as they charged him with drink-driving.

He accumulated other traffic counts after he was caught driving at 134km/h on a 120km/h lane. He was charged with exceeding the speed limit. For his third count, he was charged with failing to comply with police orders, however, he pleaded not guilty to this count and the court acquitted

and discharged him as per his own plea.

During mitigation, Mkhaliphi told the court he drank the previous day. He was nabbed on Saturday night. He pleaded with the court to be lenient with him when passing its sentence.

"I slept and thought the alcohol content was no longer in my system. I have two children that I support; I am also a bread

winner at home. It was my first time committing both crimes and it was because of the alcohol," he said.

He was fined E700 or three months imprisonment for drink-driving and a further E200 or a month imprisonment for over speeding.



'It was a mistake'

A first time offender showed his remorse as he told the court drinking and further driving a car was his biggest mistake of the weekend.

Phila Nkonyane apologised before Senior Magistrate Nor' 'lanhla Dlamini for being found driving his Nissan whilst intoxicated.

The Mbabane traffic police conducted a breath test on him and discovered 0.51mg/l of alcohol content in his blood system. Nkonyane looked disappointed when appearing in court after he spent the night behind bars.

"I am sorry for committing the crime. It was a mistake, may the court also consider that I am a first time offender," he said.

He was warned by the court before being fined E800 or four months imprisonment.

On another note, a man from Rwanda also spent time behind bars after being found with 0.74 mg/l of alcohol content in his blood system. Nkurunzisa Gaston (44) was nabbed whilst driving a Mahindra. He was charged with two counts after being found to have negligently driven the car.

For his first count, he was fined E800 or five months imprisonment and a further E600 or four months.

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NOTICE

The general membership of SNAT Savings and Credit Cooperative Society is cordially invited to a BUDGET MEETING for the year 2017/2018.

DATE: 20 May 2017
VENUE: MAVUSO TRADE CENTRE
TIME: 10:00HRS

PROPOSED AGENDA

- Opening prayer
- Chairperson's remarks
- Minutes of the Last Budget meeting 2016/2017
- Budget Presentation 2017/2018
- Closure of the meeting

Please note that Registration will **strictly** be done between 08:00a.m to 10:00a.m. Members should **note** that Lunch shall only be given to those who have registered.

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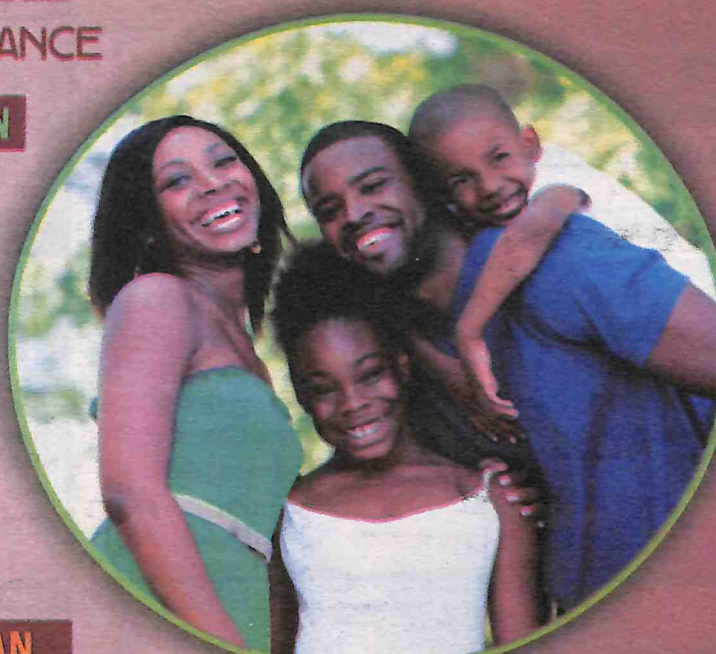
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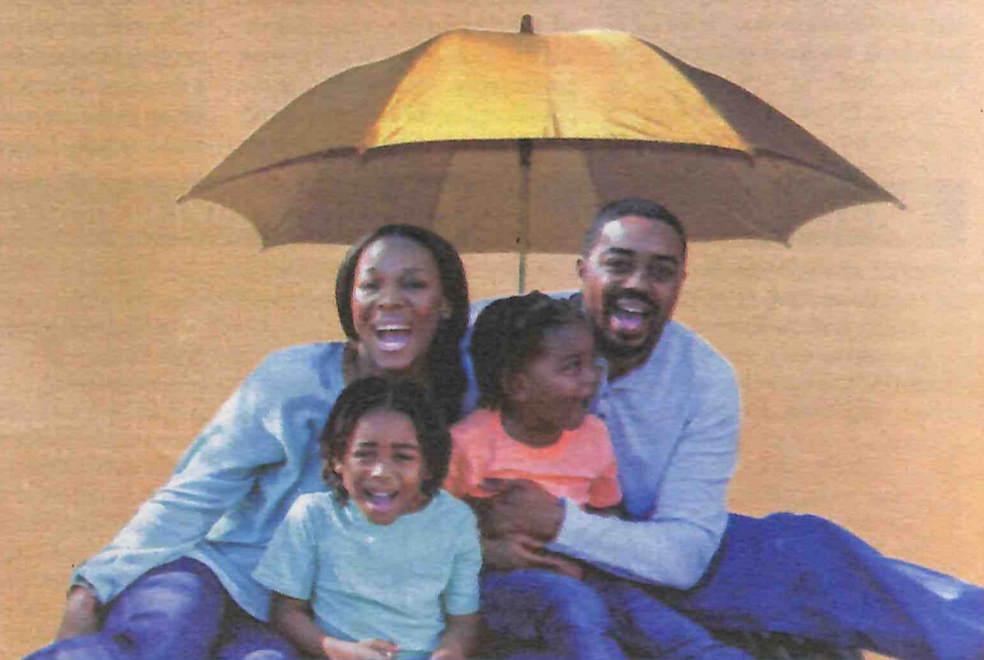
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EVUSWENI'S E1M PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION

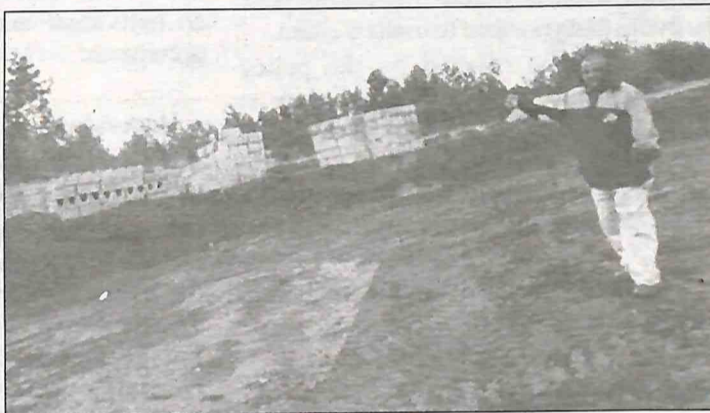
EVUSWENI Chieftdom is pleased with progress in the construction of a sports centre at Maseyisini, a project worth close to E1 million.

Authorities at the chieftdom said the sports centre is in their strategic plan covering a period of five years.

Headman Reggie Lukhele said Phase One of the project was funded by the World Bank under the Swaziland Local Government Project (SLGP) and was nearing completion. He said it was pleasing to see work in the project going smoothly.

"Things are going according to plan as this is a project which will add value to our community. With the sports field already levelled and all measurements meeting the FIFA standard, we are almost done with Phase One.

About 75 per cent of Phase One is done now and the sports field



PHASE ONE: Evusweni chieftdom Headman Reggie Lukhele pointing at the sports centre project at Maseyisini. Phase One, funded by World Bank under the SLGP programme, will cost close to E1 million.

will be opened for use for any of the sports activities," said Lukhele.

Lukhele said they were cherishing the fruits of the SLGP as their community was amongst those considered under this programme.

"We are humbled to be among

the first few communities to benefit under this programme. It is an indication that we will be counted as being focused to the 2022 Vision, a dream of Their Majesties which deserves the support of all of us," said Lukhele. Lukhele said once

Phase One was complete, they would be focusing on the next phase. He said they were nursing hope that there would be generous donors that would assist in the completion of the other phases.

He said with the World Bank, through the SLGP having played its role, they were looking forward to seeing other sponsors coming on board.

"There is still a lot of work to be done. This sports centre will have a multi-purpose hall, volleyball, tennis courts and many other structures for indoor games.

In actual fact, we want this to be the biggest sports centre in the Shiselweni region. It will have running tracks so that it hosts all the sports events one can think of," said Lukhele.

Lukhele said there would be a committee whose task would be to scout for sponsors and be involved in fundraising drives.

Involvement of inkhundla appreciated

"THE sports centre at Maseyisini is a project under our control team as the *umphakatsi* and that is not debatable but we have involved other stakeholders such as the constituency."

Indvuna of Evusweni Umphakatsi has clarified that the relationship between them and the *inkhundla* was a good one and those that were of the view that they were like a 'south and north' were mistaken.

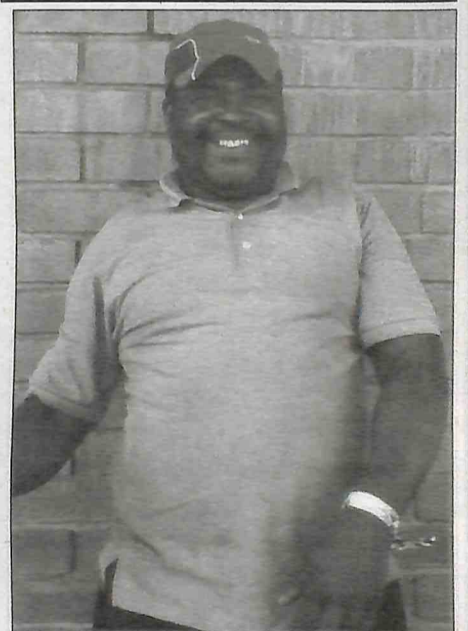
There is still no clear explanation on who between the *umphakatsi* and the *inkhundla* is in control of the project.

Others have been claiming it was a project under the *inkhundla* while some say it falls under the *umphakatsi*.

Lukhele said there was no need to discuss the issue as no one was not aware which of the two institutions has a say in the project.

Lukhele thanked the *inkhundla* team, especially Indvuna Yenkhundla Nonhlanhla Mhlanga, saying she was a dedicated woman and was one of those in the forefront to see the project succeeding.

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CAMPAIGNING: Mabonabulawe popular resident Nyoniandiza Zwane.

Zwane is popular in the whole constituency and is self-employed; running a grocery shop at Thandizwe. He is also closely related to the ruling household at Mabonabulawe under Chief Masiphula, the son of Princess Tsase.

Sponsors invited to assist in completing sports centre

THE sports centre that is under construction at Maseyisini, which is in the Evusweni strategic plan, may need about E6 million to cover the other phases, Indvuna Reggie Lukhele said.

Lukhele said with the World Bank under the Swaziland Local Government Project (SLGP) having funded the first phase of the project to a tune of close to E1 million, money has to be raised to start working on the other phases.

He said as this was a major project which is not only going to benefit Evusweni community

alone but the whole region, it was important that everyone assists them in raising funds.

"Judging from the way we want it to be, plus or minus E6 million will be needed to complete the other phases. This is a process, and it is not the sporting arena alone. It's a recreational facility which will have everything that would make it a fully-fledged sports centre that must meet international standards. We appeal to the businesspeople around Shiselweni for financial assistance, this extends to other entrepreneurs in the other regions.

This project will benefit the

country as a whole, hence we can appreciate assistance from anyone, including companies from outside the country," said Lukhele.

Considering

Lukhele said, they were also considering approaching government with the view of finding out how if it could assist in seeking sponsors for them.

"We are also considering seeking advice from the ministry of youth, sports and culture as this is the department for this project we have started. They have experience and can guide in achieving our goal," said Lukhele. Lukhele said businesspeople or

company owners willing to assist were invited to come and inspect the sports centre so they could have a clue on what was needed.

Lukhele mentioned that it was in their plan that the sports centre is used for many other activities, including those to attract people from the other countries. "Future plans for the project are that the sports field is used even to stage Premier League games or any other activity which will attract people from the neighbouring South Africa.

We will have even a swimming pool, which is something not available around to be used by residents and anyone on hot weather conditions," said Lukhele.

SHISELWENI I INKHUNDLA RESIDENT WANTS SEAT IN PARLY

"IT is my turn now as I have given others a chance and I expect them to support me as I think I have the potential to change things around."

There is word circulating in the community of Mabonabulawe that their popular resident could be among many others to try their luck, come 2018.

Nyoniandiza Zwane, the outspoken resident of Mabonabulawe at Mkhakhweni under Shiselweni I Inkhundla, says he is ready to join politics and as such would stand

for the 2018 elections. He said he was not about to blow his own trumpet but as someone who has been around, he was aware of the needs of his constituency. "I have assisted a number of people to become politicians and I feel it's their turn to assist me. I am not at all campaigning but my point is that should I decide to join the race, those that have tasted the privilege of being a politician, should also be supportive like I have been doing to almost all of them.

I was a campaign manager for

some who once served and they know that I played a huge role in them being voted to Parliament," said Zwane. Zwane said he will not mention any names of those he assisted, but those that served as MPs in the past include Patson Khumalo, Vusi Sithole (two terms), Wilson Ntshangase and the current MP Mandla Nxumalo.

Decide

"One or two of the former MPs are aware of my contribution in their victories.

I am not saying I will contest, but

should the people of my area decide that I should be part of the pack, I cannot refuse and, therefore, I hope the spirit I showed to some of the former MPs, will support me," said Zwane. Zwane said the constituency needs someone who lives with the people and knows all the challenges each community faced.

"The inkhundla has a total of five chiefdoms and they have varying challenges.

The elected individual, even if it is not me, should be of help to all these chiefdoms."



WINNER: Nelsiwe Vilakati receiving her voucher from Pick n Pay staff.

PICK N PAY CUSTOMER WINS E10 000 IN COMPETITION

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Matsapha

A Pick n Pay lucky customer won herself a E10 000 shopping voucher on Friday morning.

Nelsiwe Vilakati (56) of Nsenga who is a regular customer at the shop was announced the winner of the Heroes competition after shopping at Pick n Pay at Mahhala. The ecstatic Vilakati said she would use the voucher to buy a fridge since she had it in her plans to buy one this year but could not do so because of finances.

Vilakati said she is excited about winning the voucher, she said what she likes about Pick n Pay is that it is always super clean.

Pick n Pay Mahhala Store Manager Sanelisiwe Nhlabatsi-Motsa said the winners of the competition now stand a chance to win the grand price of E50



VOUCHER: Nelsiwe Vilakati receiving her E10 000 voucher from Pick n Pay Store Manager Sanelisiwe Nhlabatsi-Motsa for the heroes competition.

000. The store manager said the competition saw schools and customers participating and winners were announced on a weekly basis. She said the winners from the six Pick n Pay outlets

would then be combined to stand for the E50 000 grand price.

She further added that the voucher can be redeemed at any Pick n Pay outlet in the country.

KOMBI DRIVER GUILTY FOR CAUSING ACCIDENT

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

A kombi driver from Mangwaneni was fined E1 000 after causing an accident resulting in seven people being injured.

The Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court heard how Gcina Nkambule was arrested after he caused an accident in which seven passengers were involved.

The accident happened last Tuesday evening at Mangwaneni.

Nkambule said the accident happened after he tried to avoid cows that were sleeping in the middle of the road only to end up in the nearby bushes.

"I was driving back to my home-stead at Mangwaneni and it was very dark as the area has no street lights. I noticed cows sleeping

and sitting in the middle of the road and attempted to avoid them, I then veered off road and unfortunately, the speed in which I was driving forced the kombi to roll with all the seven passengers inside," said Nkambule.

The victims were then rushed to the hospital where they are recovering very well, added Nkambule. "The owner of the kombi then said he would fix the kombi but I hope I will not lose my job because I did my best to avoid the accident," said Nkambule.

Pigg's Peak Magistrate Simangele Mbatha then enquired about the owner of the cattle to which Nkambule said he had no knowledge of. Mbatha then sentenced Nkambule to one year in a correctional facility if he failed to pay the E1000 fine for causing the accident.



ENQUIRED: Pigg's Peak Magistrate Simangele Mbatha.

Two chiefdoms fighting over Ngwabi area

By Ntokozo Vilane
Nhlanguano

RESIDENTS are left in the dark after two chiefdoms claimed the ruling of one area.

The area in question is Ngwabi and is situated in the outskirt of Nhlanguano town. The two chiefdoms involved in the controversy are Mbangweni and Mbilaneni. The former is under the rule of the late Chief Nyakenye Masebula while the other one is under the ruling of Chief Malambule Mdluli.

It has been gathered that the two imphakatsi are both claiming authority of the area in question.

Some residents claim the area is under Mbangweni's rule while others believe Mbilaneni reserved all the rights of controlling Ngwabi.

This has seen Mbilaneni locating homesteads in the area.

The homesteads are alleged to be jumbled up, as no routine is being followed. In some instances, two neighbors are found to be under different chiefdom's ruling.

The matter started heating up a few months ago, when a certain homestead was to be located in a main track used

by the residents of Ngwabi.

The residents are said to have stood up and complained about it, eventually it was removed.

The home in question was going to block other residents' access to the main road especially those who used vehicles. Apparently, some homesteads had been allocated land on a grazing area and the Mbilaneni *umphakatsi* has been blamed for this. Speaking to this publication on Saturday one resident who claimed to be a senior citizen of the area, Freddie Masuku said Mbangweni had no authority over Ngwabi. "In as far as I know, Ngwabi is under the ruling of Mbilaneni chiefdom. I am a senior citizen here; ever since I was young this area's authorities were based at Mbilaneni not Mbangweni," said Masuku.

Masuku said Mbangweni chiefdom is just 'poking its nose' in matters that is not supposed to.

"We have never had such controversy before. The cause of this is that when the seniors die, the young ones

are not well oriented. They have less knowledge and that is why they end up messing things up," alleged Masuku.

The absence of a chief at Mbangweni has been seen as contributing factor in such a dispute. According to Esau Mkhonta, a resident of Ngwabi, if the installation of the area's chief would take too long, the dispute would drag on.

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any lines so that it can be clear to everybody where each chiefdoms authority's ends," said Mkhonta. Mkhonta told this publication that the Mbilaneni inner council does not represent their chief well. He alleged that they just come anyhow and locate homesteads which he suspects they do it without consulting the chief.

"I suspect that Chief Malambule is

not aware of the whole thing that is happening here. If he may conduct research, I guess he may be surprised to learn that there are homesteads alleged to be under his ruling yet not registered in his books. This homesteads are floating am telling you," said Mkhonta.

When sought for comment Mbangweni *Umphakatsi's* Indvuna, Sdava Mamba also alleged that the issue of boundaries has been a concern during the ruling of the current chief of Mbilaneni. The current Chief of Mbilaneni is Malambule Mdluli. He said they were living in peace with the late Chief Maphumzane of Mbilaneni.

"Kugangalolokhona, kusenguyise-beyingekho yonkhe lentfo yemsindvo lebesiphilisana ngekuthula. Lenzawo lokhuluma ngayo yase Mbangweni hhayi leMbilaneni labashokhona," said Mamba.

This can be loosely translated as (the current chief is not doing well, during his father's time there was no controversy pertaining boundaries we were living in peace. The place in question belongs to Mbangweni not Mbilaneni). When asked if a map that proves whose ruling the place in question falls under is available, he responded to the affirmative. However, he stated terms and conditions when this publication wanted to have a view and took a photo. "Yes a map is available however; we do not produce it to anyone.

We only produce it if someone claims a certain place is under his ruling and is has his own map. Then a third person acting as an arbitrator should be available. As for you journalists, forget, we cannot give it to you," said Mamba. Thami Thikazi Indvuna of Mbilaneni alleged that Mamba is not Indvuna of Mbangweni so he (Mamba) could not have the correct information. He said Mamba should ask the senior citizens so that he would be assisted.

"Ngwabi is under the ruling of Mbilaneni and we cannot argue about that. What that man is saying is incorrect, he should seek advice from the senior citizens. I wonder why he is busy talking about this because according to my information he is not the Indvuna, he is just an ordinary man. I am indvuna of Mbilaneni a registered one he is not registered so what can we take from him," said Thikazi.

It is not the first time Mbangweni is in a land dispute with other chiefdoms. Early last month this publication reported that this chiefdoms had a controversy with Esikhotseni chiefdoms over the ruling of Mgulantaba Mountain which is situated in Mashekesheni. This was after Stefanutti Stocks proposed to blast a rock in the said mountain. Esikhotseni felt the company did not consult them but Mbangweni. Mbangweni claimed Mgulantaba is under its rule.



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STILL on last month's World Congress hosted by the Global Business Roundtable at the Sandton Convention Centre, one will concur that a lot of thought provoking presentations still linger on, in one's mind. We still continue on last week's notable quotes from global experts under the theme: "Harnessing Africa's Resources for Beneficiation and Industrialisation".

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- Churches: most of them are now dominated by wrong shepherds who are there for self-interest. They fail to separate God's business from personal business
- Known fact is that nations rise and fall because of leaders: leaders determine the direction and destiny of the people they lead
- In most cases, there's lack of vision and purpose amongst those in leadership positions

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- Though it sometimes go unnoticed, time plays a crucial role in deal clinching and partnerships. However, most Africans are not time conscious, thus miss important and life-changing deals in the process
- Most leaders seek self-gratification and not their peoples. They focus on the now
- Africa's historical past also contributes to the current state of affairs:
- Africa is still stuck in the mindset that looks backward rather than forward (Legacy of slavery, colonial-

Lack of education/intellectualism: You can only do what you know, You can't teach what you don't know, You can't pass more rights to others than those you have

- There's this existing division of Africa into Anglophone, Francophone, Lusophone and Arab speaking countries

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ON THIS DAY

...MAY 15

1948 - Israel was attacked by Transjordan, Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon only hours after declaring its independence.

1951 - AT&T became the first corporation to have one million stockholders.

1957 - Britain dropped its first hydrogen bomb on Christmas Island in the Pacific Ocean.

1958 - Sputnik III, the first space laboratory, was launched in the Soviet Union.

1963 - The last Project Mercury space flight was launched.

1964 - The Smothers Brothers, Dick and Tom, gave their first concert in Carnegie Hall in New York City.

1970 - US President Nixon appointed America's first two female generals.

1970 - Phillip Lafayette Gibbs and James Earl Green, two black students at Jackson State University in Mississippi, were killed when police opened fire during student protests.

1972 - Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace was shot by Arthur Bremer in Laurel, MD while campaigning for the US presidency. Wallace was paralysed by the shot.

1975 - The merchant ship US Mayaguez was recaptured from Cambodia's Khmer Rouge.

1980 - The first transcontinental balloon crossing of the United States took place.

1983 - In Boston, MA, the Madison Hotel was destroyed by implosion.

1988 - The Soviet Union began their withdrawal of its 115 000 troops from Afghanistan. Soviet forces had been there for more than eight years.

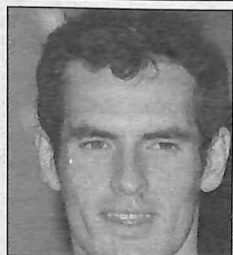
1990 - Vincent Van Gogh's "Portrait of Doctor Gachet" was sold for \$82.5 million. The sale set a new world record.

1997 - The Space shuttle Atlantis blasted off on a mission to deliver urgently needed repair equipment and a fresh American astronaut to Russia's orbiting Mir station.

1999 - The Russian Parliament was unable to attain enough votes to impeach President Boris Yeltsin.

2014 - The National September 11 Memorial Museum was dedicated in New York City.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Andy Murray - (tennis player) - May 15, 1987 (30 years old)



Madhuri Dixit (tv actress) - May 15, 1967 (50 years old)

WHY WE SHOULDN'T TRUST MOLEFE AT ESKOM

THE last day of the work week has of late slapped us with important news developments just as we start daydreaming about the weekend ahead.

As if on cue, reports about Brian Molefe's reappointment as Eskom CEO hit our newsroom and the rest of this country on Friday morning. The reaction to the development was, of course, stronger than the most potent fire water the Saxonwold shebeen could ever offer.

It wasn't only the Twittersphere that erupted in a storm of digital dismay. The ANC's harsh and open criticism of the Eskom board's curious move is yet another indication that what were once mere crevices of disagreement within the ruling party have become deeply entrenched fault lines that threaten to split the organisation.

Molefe's reappointment by the Eskom board - which, lest we forget, is accountable to Lynne Brown, the ANC-designated Minister of Public Enterprises - was "unfortunate" and "reckless," growled ANC spokesperson Zizi Kodwa in a statement fired off shortly after the story broke.

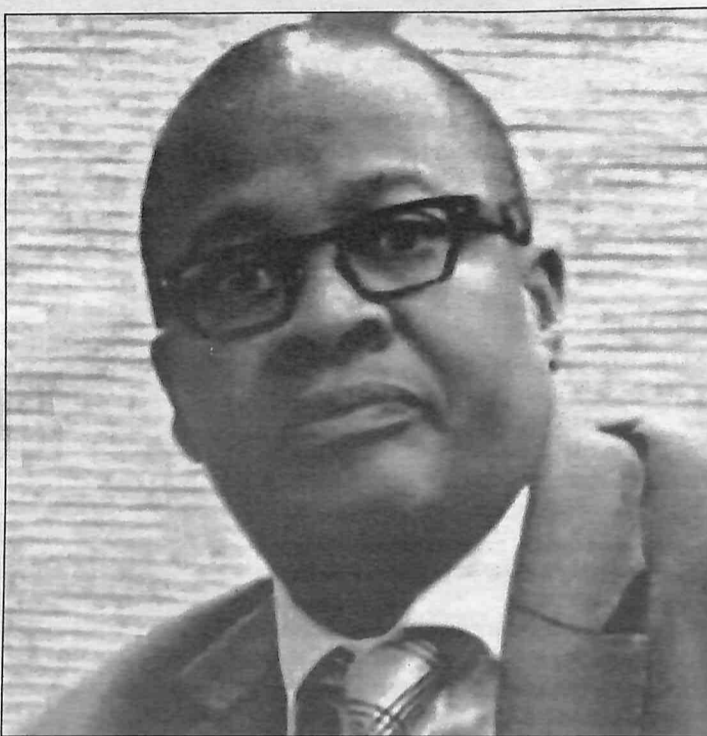
The statement went even further and directly lambasted the government of President Jacob Zuma for allowing Molefe to return to one of the country's most important state owned companies (SOCs) after he left Eskom "under a cloud" late last year.

The patch of bad weather Kodwa was referring to includes Molefe's dodgy conduct during his previous stint as Eskom boss, as highlighted by former Public Protector Thuli Madonsela in her 'State of Capture' report.

"The decision, therefore, to reinstate him in his former position without these matters being resolved is tone deaf to the South African public's absolute exasperation and anger at what seems to be government's lacklustre and lackadaisical approach to dealing decisively with corruption - perceived or real," read an ANC statement that must surely constitute the most venomous critique of Zuma and his allies that Kodwa and Co. have released to date.

The ANC has, of course, in the past openly aligned itself with public sentiment when it comes to government conduct generally deemed to be "reckless". One could debate over whether the ANC's previous and latest attacks on government constitutes an opportunistic attempt at political point-scoring, or, instead, a genuine disapproval of the manner in which the Zuma-led government is running the country.

● *My colleagues and I approach Fridays with a sense of dread*



WHY: Reinstated Eskom CEO Brian Molefe.

But what lies at the core of this particular ANC statement is a distrust in Molefe's ability to run Eskom in a proficient and honest manner. It is a distrust that we should all share.

Several years before 'state capture' would become such a prominent topic in our political discourse, Molefe was already linked to the infamous family who would later land him in hot water at Eskom.

In 2011, The Sunday Times reported that Zuma himself had personally intervened to have Molefe's tenure as Public Investment Corporation (PIC) CEO extended, allegedly to ensure that Molefe would rubberstamp a PIC loan to the Guptas in order for them to acquire their uranium mine, Shiva Uranium. The PIC loan did not materialise, but the Guptas did manage to score a plush R250 million loan from the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC).

There are further reasons to be suspicious about Molefe's dealings at the PIC.

In February, News24 revealed that Molefe had bought an upmarket property for what appeared to be a considerable discount. The transaction was significant and certainly warrants further scrutiny given the fact that the seller of the house was none other than the CEO of a PIC-owned investment company that was set up during Molefe's tenure as PIC boss. The deal seems fishy, to say the least.

When Molefe moved on to become the CEO of Transnet in 2011, the state-owned transport and logistics giant was gearing up to embark

on its Market Demand Strategy (MDS), an infrastructure and rolling stock investment programme that would see Transnet spend an astronomical R300 billion between 2012 and 2019. This is mega bucks, and the Guptas certainly took note. Investigative journalism unit 'amaBhungane' revealed in 2014 that VR Laser - a company in which Rajesh Gupta, the youngest of the Gupta trio, and Duduzane Zuma, were shareholders - had somehow been picked to provide steel-cutting services to the major locomotive manufacturers that won stakes in Transnet R50bn tender for new locomotives. Ka-CHING!

There are other Transnet deals concluded during Molefe's tenure as the parastatal's CEO that have the Guptas' grimy prints all over them, including the awarding of a telecommunications contract that saw alleged kickbacks being channelled to a 'letterbox' company linked to the family.

Eskom

Where Molefe goes, the Guptas score. This became particularly apparent during Molefe's previous tenure as Eskom CEO. The state owned power utility drew the ire of the Public Protector for the way in which it conducted its business with Tegeta Exploration and Resources, the Guptas' coal mining venture in Mpumalanga. The Molefe-led Eskom was the most active roleplayer in what appeared to have been a deliberate effort to suppress any chance of keeping Tegeta financially viable whilst the mine was owned by the Guptas'

predecessors. And after the Guptas bought the mine, the multi-billion rand Eskom coal contracts really started to roll in. Not to mention Eskom's astonishing decision to award Tegeta a prepayment of nearly R600m for coal it had not even delivered yet.

These questionable dealings - which Madonsela suggested in all likelihood contravened the Public Finance Management Act - of course coincided with a remarkable level of contact that Molefe maintained with the Guptas and some of their associates. Madonsela's report, for instance, highlights a total of 58 telephone calls between Molefe and Ajay Gupta, eldest of the Gupta brothers, between August 2015 and March 2016. This timeframe is significant given the dubious coal deals that the Molefe-led Eskom was concluding with the Guptas' Tegeta mine at the time.

And apart from a failed attempt at humour that saw Molefe shrug off his alleged visits to Saxonwold by referring to the country's most famous non-existent watering hole, Molefe has to date not been able to provide a clear-cut and straight answer that clarifies the reasons for his frequent stops at or near the Guptas' home suburb.

Nuclear future

I strongly suspect that there was substance in the earlier rumours that Zuma and the Guptas wanted to see Molefe at the helm of the country's Treasury. However, faced with a barrage of disapproval over such a move from within the ruling alliance, Zuma retreated a little and offered the somewhat more acceptable Malusi Gigaba as a compromise candidate to become finance minister.

This left Zuma and the Guptas with a bit of a conundrum; as an ordinary member of Parliament, Molefe's strategic value had significantly waned. The obvious answer to this problem was to move Molefe back to Eskom, where he would be ideally situated to breathe new life into Zuma's fantasy for large-scale investment in new nuclear power facilities.

Molefe's reappointment should therefore keep us all awake at night. If something as potentially crippling as the nuclear deal does go ahead, it will be South Africans, and not Molefe, who will have reason to shed tears.

- Pieter-Louis Myburgh is an investigative journalist at News24. His book, 'The Republic of Gupta,' is now available in stores and online. News24



SELF-MADE MAN:
Despite the fact that he was born into wealth, Donald Trump positions himself as a 'self-made man', the epitome of the American dream. (Reuters)

IS IT TIME FOR THE AMERICAN DREAM TO DIE?

COMMENTATORS tend to agree on two main reasons for the rise and presidential victory of Donald Trump.

His defiance of convention at a time when the institutions of democracy were (and still are) in crisis is often mentioned. Equally so, his successful manipulation of the public's emotions at a time of financial insecurity, anger, and disappointment.

But precisely because times are tough and many in the US are affected by unemployment and lack of prospects, it is still baffling to some that a billionaire — and quite an ostentatious one for that matter — could win the sympathy of large sectors of the working class. Did Trump win the elections because of — or in spite of — his wealth?

Contrary to Hillary Clinton, who like many in the educated elite publicly acts as if embarrassed of her wealth, Trump flaunts it. Wealth is a part of his image (think dramatic entrances in luxurious escalators and golden lifts).

Despite the fact that he was born into wealth, Trump positions himself as a "self-made man," the epitome of the American dream. In fact, one of Trump's selling points was that he would "make America great again": this meant bringing back the American dream.

The American dream, a term first coined in 1931 by historian James Truslow Adams, is the idea that anyone, regardless of their background and standing, can aim for a more prosperous life for themselves and their children. This dream has for some time been in crisis, and Trump himself went as far as bemoaning the dream's death. And overall, Trump's policies do not favour social mobility for the working class. How was it then that a billionaire who favours corporations and the

rich was able to emerge as a champion of the American dream?

The rejection of intellectualism

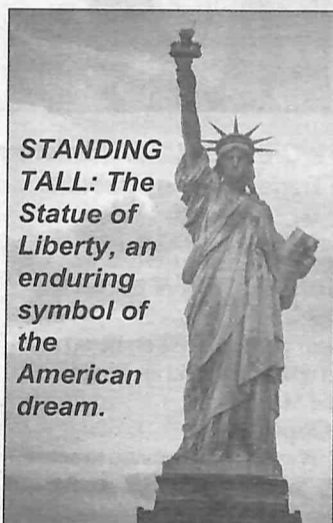
A few years ago, anthropologist David Graeber wrote about wealth and status in relation to the motivations of white working class voters in the US. He argued that the white working class votes for rich Republicans and not for leftist Democrats because, despite the fact that Democrat discourse tends to advocate policies that are (somewhat) more to their benefit, white working class people don't identify with leftist, intellectual politicians.

Higher education in the US, he said, is no longer a channel for upward mobility for white working class voters due to increasing fees and lack of financial aid. Therefore, universities and the intelligentsia that emerges from them are seen as sites of exclusion (although universities are still seen as channels for upward mobility for other sectors of society, such as ethnic minorities and migrants).

Becoming an intellectual is, for most of the white working class, not an option any more. This is a fact that has been linked to rising anti-intellectualism and the rejection of experts in the US as well as in the UK. It was also seen during the Brexit campaign. And it is why, as economic sociologist Wolfgang Streeck argues, "the election was as much about Clinton losing as Trump winning". As Graeber suggested:

"If people vote against their obvious economic interests, then it can only be because one cannot, really, separate the economic issues from social and cultural ones."

Republicans and the rich CEOs they defend and represent, on the



STANDING TALL: The Statue of Liberty, an enduring symbol of the American dream.

other hand, do not stand for the intellectual class (even if they are, in fact, Ivy League graduates too). A working class voter, therefore, identifies more easily with the wealth of the Republican than with the intellectualism of the Democrat because the agonising myth of the American Dream still tells them that wealth is something their children can hope to achieve (if they work hard, if they are lucky, if an opportunity presents itself).

Imagining the dream

In Trump's hands, therefore, wealth becomes something to be flaunted. He similarly flaunts a combination of other attributes and values, such as patriotism, strength, boldness and virility.

This aspect of Trump's image is important because patriotism is widespread in US American working class culture. The American dream of making it financially is tied to a set of patriotic cultural values, ideas and images.

These are reinforced in cultural events such as the hard-to-forget musical performance of the "USA Freedom Kids" which featured excessive use of the Stars and Stripes,

the repetition of words like freedom, and the allusion to the US as a world leader and military power. The idea of the American dream is built on the combination of "wholesome" US American values and military prowess.

Perhaps the combination of factors making up Trump's appeal is best represented in the epic USA-on-steroids image by artist James Heuser. This over the top image (which the artist claims has no political agenda), features Trump on a tank with golden fixings, cash being thrown around, and an eagle with a machine gun. The image was adopted by Trump fans, but could as easily be seen as a parody, or perhaps, as a representation of the American dream in the age of Trump.

Success

The success of Trump and his unashamed, extravagant display of wealth is the defeat of the claim "we are the 99 per cent", the slogan of a dream for equality that emerged with Occupy Wall Street. A Trump-like kind of wealth only comes at the expense of the lacks of others. Trump's status as a poster boy for the American dream legitimises the idea that this dream implies inequality, as well as reinforcing individual progress, a cult of the military, and anti-intellectualism (which in turn feed other elements of Trump's agenda, namely racism and islamophobia).

The question is: can this American dream-turned-apocalyptic-nightmare be redefined? Or must this pervasive myth be binned in order to strive for post-capitalist practices of equality, community and interdependence, in the US and beyond?

Paula Serafini, Research Associate, CAMEo Research Institute for Cultural and Media Economies, University of Leicester.
The Conversation.

Wits and Wisdom

● "I would challenge you to a battle of wits, but I see you are unarmed!"
— William Shakespeare

● "And those who were seen dancing were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music."
— Friedrich Nietzsche

● "Man is the only creature who refuses to be what he is."
— Albert Camus

● "I like work: it fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours."
— Jerome K. Jerome

● "Let us read, and let us dance; these two amusements will never do any harm to the world."
— Voltaire

● "I'm coming back into focus when Caesar asks him if he has a girlfriend back home. Peeta hesitates, then gives an unconvincing shake of his head. Handsome lad like you. There must be some special girl. Come on, what's her name?" says Caesar. Peeta sighs. "Well, there is this one girl. I've had a crush on her ever since I can remember. But I'm pretty sure she didn't know I was alive until the reaping." Sounds of sympathy from the crowd. Unrequited love they can relate to. She have another fellow?" asks Caesar. I don't know, but a lot of boys like her," says Peeta. So, here's what you do. You win, you go home. She can't turn you down then, eh?" says Caesar encouragingly. I don't think it's going to work out. Winning...won't help in my case," says Peeta. Why ever not?" says Caesar, mystified. Peeta blushes beet red and stammers out. "Because...because...she came here with me."
— Suzanne Collins, *The Hunger Games*

● "When I have a little money, I buy books; and if I have any left, I buy food and clothes."
— Erasmus

● "Books are the perfect entertainment: no commercials, no batteries, hours of enjoyment for each dollar spent. What I wonder is why everybody doesn't carry a book around for those inevitable dead spots in life."
— Stephen King

● "Those who dream by day are cognisant of many things which escape those who dream only by night."
— Edgar Allan Poe, *Eleonora*

● "The more I know of the world, the more I am convinced that I shall never see a man whom I can really love. I require so much!"
— Jane Austen, *Sense and Sensibility*

● "Malachi scowled. 'I don't remember the Clave inviting you into the Glass City, Magnus Bane.' 'They didn't,' Magnus said. 'Your wards are down.' 'Really?' the Consul's voice dripped sarcasm. 'I hadn't noticed.' Magnus looked concerned. 'That's terrible. Someone should have told you.' He glanced at Luke. 'Tell him the wards are down.'
— Cassandra Clare, *City of Glass*

● "I must not fear. Fear is the mind-killer. Fear is the little-death that brings total obliteration. I will face my fear. I will permit it to pass over me and through me. And when it has gone past I will turn the inner eye to see its path. Where the fear has gone there will be nothing. Only I will remain."
— Frank Herbert, *Dune*

● "If my life is going to mean anything, I have to live it myself."
— Rick Riordan, *The Lightning Thief*

● "If we knew what it was we were doing, it would not be called research, would it?"
— Albert Einstein

● "Sarcasm is the last refuge of the imaginatively bankrupt."
— Cassandra Clare, *City of Bones*

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.75%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	6%
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 12 MAY 2017

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.3450	13.3950
British Pound/SZL	17.1984	17.2628
Japanese Yen/SZL	8.4905	8.5215
Swiss France/SZL	13.2430	13.2887
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.2744	1.2819
Australian Dollar/SZL	9.8513	9.8895
Canadian Dollar/SZL	9.7494	9.7817
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	14.5000	14.5543
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SADC-EUROPEAN UNION EPA ENGAGEMENTS STILL ONGOING

By Manqoba Makhubu

MINISTER of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza says they are still pushing for the full implementation of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)-European Union (EU) Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA).

The minister said ever since the EPA was ratified, they have been pushing for the full implementation of the agreement.

"The roll out of the EPA is a continuous process and the ministry of commerce has prioritised the implementation of the agreement in the ongoing year," he said.

"We on a mission to sensitise both local businesses and prospect foreign investors of this market opportunity and other existing markets to that we can maximise the benefits that could be accrued by the country from such," he further stated.

Market

The SADC-EU EPA created a duty-free quota-free market access for all tradable products from the country to the EU which has a combined population of over 500 million inhabitants.

The minister who was in Namibia with His Majesty said with regards to the implementation status of the SADC-EU EPA, there were still ongoing engagements at different levels aimed at heightening the implementation of the EPA.

"Even during our engagements in business trips like this one, we always



WORKING HARD: Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza.

assure prospect investors that we have created a lot of market linkages, including this EPA, to give them confidence to come up and set up businesses in the kingdom," said Mabuza.

Opportunity

"We will also continue to sensitise Swazis as well to make use of this opportunity so that we can create more jobs and grow our economy," he added.

The country faces a stern task which includes, amongst other things, formulating a trade policy which will be linked with other policies

such as the industrial and tax ones.

During an investment seminar held last December, Pretoria based EU expert on Trade Promotion Godinez Aguirre De Carcer Ines said the kingdom also has to be branded as a country that produces high quality products.

Standards

"This is because the EU is a big, complex, with stringent public and private standards market that also requires trustworthy suppliers," she said.

She said there was also a need to help and capacitate small and medi-

um enterprises (SMEs) to also benefit from the agreement through technical support, especially on quality standards, principles of fair trade and economic support.

The minister said there have been remarkable developments to address these areas.

In January, the ministry of commerce, on behalf of government, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Republic of China on Taiwan on quality infrastructure cooperation.

The technical cooperation enshrined in the MoU covered all areas of quality infrastructure, including standardisation, metrology, accreditation, certification and technical regulations. It also involved evaluation observation, training, talent exchange and information sharing.

Mabuza said there were also five pieces of legislation that were being developed and these were the Regulatory and Quality Infrastructure Bill 2014, the Technical Regulations Framework Bill 2014, the Reviewed Standards and Quality Bill 2015, the Metrology Bill 2014 and the National Standards Measurement Bill 2014.

Implementation

He said this was aimed to heighten the implementation of the SADC-EU EPA.

Mabuza said they would work with the EU to develop a comprehensive export promotion strategy that would include undertaking a market analysis of the EU, targeting especially countries that have the potential to import the country's products.

SMEs losing confidence in the economy

By Majaha Nkonyane

IT generally seems as if small and medium enterprises (SMEs) are gradually losing hope in the economy.

The country recorded a growth of minus 0.6 per cent in 2016 from 1.9 per cent in 2015. Short-term prospects in 2016 and 2017 remain muted.

Tee & Jay Woodworks Marketing Manager Thabile Mdluli said though their performance in the previous year was better than anticipated, they chose to remain cautious as growth uncertainty lingers.

"What boosted our business were the diverse services that we offer," she said.

"We are however hoping to do better this year, and get more customers," she added.



Other businesses said their performance edged below their targets in the previous year.

"It has been tough on the side of business and unlike previous years, we have not been able to hit our E10 million mark.

Things are so bad that this financial year we are projecting at least E8 million," said PMT Manager Mlungisi Ginindza.

He said there was a need for the

country to pursue foreign direct investments.

"We appreciate what the King is doing for the country in continuously bringing investors.

It is without a doubt that we haven't been doing very well as a business and other businesses had to either retrench or close down.

We are hopeful though that things will change for the better," he said.

The businesses remain optimistic



of a good year as growth prospects linger.

Slomoes Corporation Sales and Marketing Manager Sisekelo Dlamini said though the country has had a tough time with regards to economic performance, they were hopeful that things would improve.

"Our annual target is E17 million annually and we might be able to be above that in this financial year. Fortunately we were able to reach our target in the previous financial year and are working even harder this year," he said.

15 MERGERS IN THE PAST YEAR

By Manqoba Makhubu

THE Swaziland Competition Commission (SCC) analysed 15 mergers in the past year.

SCC Chief Executive Officer Thabsile Langa said most of these were from the manufacturing and retail sectors.

This was a slight increase from the 13 mergers recorded by the commission in the previous year.

"This is not surprising as new research identifies manufacturing and retail as one of the six sectors with growth opportunities in Africa; all these sectors are characterised by high growth, high profitability, and low consolidation," she said in the commission's recently released March newsletter.

SCC recently approved an international transaction which was the acquisition of 50 per cent shares in the agricultural mechanisation and materials handling business of Barloworld South Africa by BayWa.

● **SCC Chief Executive Officer Thabsile Langa said most of these were from the manufacturing and retail sectors.**

Barloworld, listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) and with secondary listings on the London and Namibian Stock Exchanges has a subsidiary in the country being Barloworld Swaziland (Pty) Limited.

BayWa, incorporated and domiciled in Germany is traded on the Frankfurt and Munich stock exchanges. In the country, the company does not have any operations nor derive any economic benefit.

Therefore, SCC Manager Mergers and Acquisitions Phesheya Malaza said the transaction was approved without conditions.

"It should be noted that Barloworld Limited has a subsidiary in the country being Barloworld Swaziland (Pty) Limited which is not affiliated with the material handling and agricul-

tural mechanised equipment business of Barloworld and as such was not party to the transaction. In the analysis of the transaction the commission concluded that there are two relevant markets being the supply of material handling equipment in Swaziland and the supply of agricultural mechanisation equipment in Swaziland," he said.

"The commission determined that post-merger the market shares in the relevant markets, market concentration, countervailing power and barriers to entry would not be affected and that the transaction is unlikely to result in the substantial lessening or prevention of competition," he said.

Meanwhile, Langa said the commission mediated eight consumer

cases which were predominately relating to product quality.

She said it was important to recognise that good quality products and services were a major factor that would enable the country to compete globally.

Langa said the importance of quality production was also articulated by His Majesty King Mswati III in his speech during the official opening of the fourth session of the 10th Parliament.

Adding, she said they noted that His Majesty identified several sectors and industries that the country would be focusing on.

"The anticipated growth of these sectors will invariably mean an increase in commercial activity in these sectors. Most if not all this commercial



CHAIR: Swaziland Competition Commission Chief Executive Officer Thabsile Langa.

activity will require monitoring and intervention by the commission if and when there should be market failures," she said.

The commission has complementary functions comprising of competition oversight, consumer protection, market surveillance and enforcement.

Langa said this enables the commission to promote a level ground for enabling economic development and consumer welfare.

SCC conducts retail banking, broiler chicken market inquiries

THE Swaziland Competition Commission (SCC) conducted inquiries in retail banking and broiler chicken markets last year.

SCC Chief Executive Officer Thabsile Langa said this was aimed to promote a transparent, efficient and fair marketplace.

"In addition to those inquiries we partnered with competition authorities in Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius,

and South Africa in conducting a joint construction sector inquiry as part of an African Competition Forum (ACF) initiative," she said.

She said this was critical as the sectors identified in His Majesty King Mswati III speech during the official opening of the fourth session of the 10th Parliament demonstrated the critical role construction plays in infrastructure development.

"Therefore, the conclusion of this multi-jurisdictional study could not have been at a more opportune time to proactively inform policy in this sector. This collaborative approach to research will give us a broader understanding of economically significant sectors. It will also assist in creating a business environment that drives economic development," said Langa.

She said the commission forge ahead with its mandate, they will continue to diligently monitor the market in order to contribute to competition policies that will inform the framework in these priority sectors.

"We continue to encourage small and large businesses alike to heed the call articulated in the speech from the throne, for Swazi businesses to pull up their socks and be

in a position to compete with foreign firms technologically and otherwise. This will only be possible if firms in the country innovate to produce good quality goods and services; compete effectively in the country; and exploit economic partnership agreements and export goods to other countries such as Common Market for Eastern and South Africa (COMESA) and Southern African Development Community (SADC) member states and the European Union (EU)," said Langa.

WOFACO winner pockets E250 000 prizes in three years

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE reigning Woman Farmer of the Year Competition (WOFACO) title holder Mhlophe Mhlanga has won prizes worth E250 000 in the past three years.

Mhlanga said she had also benefited from a lot of exposure trips in her participation in the competition.

She dates back her success to 2015 when she joined the competition for the first time and claimed the third position.

"My short journey with the competition has been an exciting one. I have escalated from position three in my first year, moving to second position in the following year, and eventually winning the competition in 2016/17," she said.

Mhlanga said in all these years, the competition has given her exposure tours.

"I was able to win prizes and a trip to the United Nations Headquarters in New York. I have been able to get the privilege of joining the CSW61 conference where we spoke on Women Economic Empowerment in the changing world of work," she said.

The experience according to Mhlanga, has opened her eyes and she now stands in a better position than when she started out as a farmer.



BIG WINNER: Micro-Finance Unit (MFU) Programme Facilitator James Manyatsi with Mhlophe Mhlanga and Sonia Paiva posing for a picture.

"I have been in the farming industry for twenty years now and I have been able to grow as a farmer. This has also helped me in finding a way to help indigenous and rural woman who have different struggles in their everyday life," she said.

In her recent trip to New York, Mhlanga said she learnt a lot of helpful things that shaped her pattern of thinking in

the agriculture sector.

"The trip helped me understand that African women in the rural areas find difficulties in acquiring land, women are always given dirty work or less paying jobs.

Therefore we are now able to better assist most women in the rural areas with the help of companies involved in the project," she said.



More shops to move in at Woodlands Shopping Centre

By Manqoba Makhubu

MORE tenants are expected start moving in at the new Woodlands Shopping Centre.

These include amongst others Swazi MTN, Multiserv and Barcellos according to Swaziland National Housing Board (SNHB) Director Corporate Services Khulile Dlamini.

"Approximately twelve tenants for now will be housed within the shopping centre and these include a mini supermarket with a liquor store, restaurant, fast food outlet, a pharmacy, hair salon, a spa, nail and beauty parlor, Automated Teller Machines (ATMs), dry cleaner and a police post amongst others," she said.

Dlamini said with all things constant, they were expecting full construction to be completed by the end of June.

"Swazi MTN has confirmed and they are likely to open at the end of June when construction is anticipated to be completed," said Dlamini.

Shoprite opened last Wednesday. SNHB developed the commercial centre such that it could cater for the residents in the northern suburbs of the capital city by providing items that the immediate community uses on a daily basis.

SNHB invested over E40 million for the first phase of the shopping centre development which is situated along the Mbangweni, Beverly Hills link road.

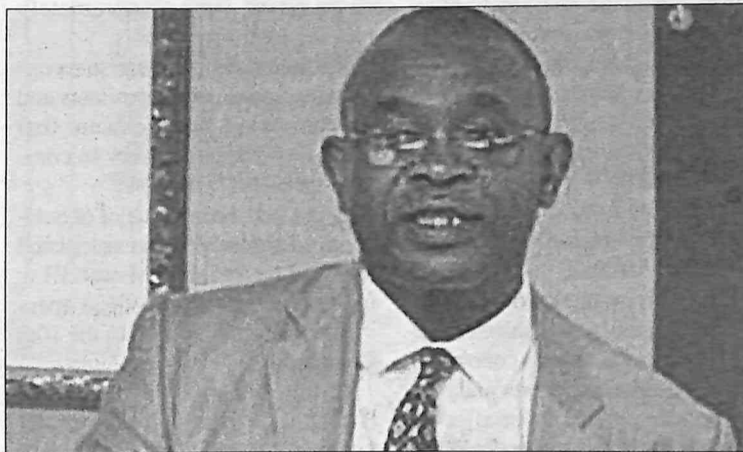
SEDCO PREPARES SMES TO AMASS GAINS FROM EPAS

By Manqoba Makhubu

THE Small and Medium Enterprise Development Company (SEDCO) will soon embark on a series of seminars to capacitate small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to amass gains on the different existing export market opportunities.

The special focus will be on intra-regional trade and the recently ratified Southern African Development Community (SADC) European Union (EU) Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and other intra-regional trade linkages.

SEDCO Managing Director Dorrington Matiwane said they would also be gathering thorny issues that



PREPARE: SEDCO Managing Director Dorrington Matiwane.

affect SMEs so these could be incorporated into policy formulation.

"There are also a lot of opportunities that SMEs could explore from

the different trade linkages, so we want them to know how they can benefit from the existing trade linkages," he said.

For example, he said the EU requires on a sustained basis a huge supply of vegetables.

Quality

"While we have farmers who produce high quality vegetables, most of their production remains low for sustainable supply of this kind of market," said Matiwane.

Therefore, he said they were targeting at least 500 farmers to see how they could assist them as a cluster to tap into such opportunities.

He said the beauty of the SADC-EU EPA was that it was duty and quota free, which would make the

country's produce to be competitive in the EU market.

Matiwane said they were also considering engaging SMEs from other beneficiary countries under the EPA so they could share their experiences with local SMEs.

"We will also rope in experts to assist us with light manufacturing to help SMEs apply technology in their trade to improve their product competitiveness," he said.

Fundamental

Matiwane said their fundamental objective was to also play a significant role in import substitution, stimulate growth and create more jobs for Swazis.

He said the seminars would also help SMEs to explore opportunities within the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) trade bloc.

To ensure that SMEs meet the quality standards prerequisites by the different international markets, Matiwane said they signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Swaziland Standards Authority (SWASA).

BUSINESS EXTRA

Energy minister; it's far from over for nuclear deal

JOHANNESBURG - Government isn't giving up - it's just planning to make a future deal harder to challenge in court.

Though Energy Minister Mmamoloko Kubayi will not appeal a High Court decision declaring South Africa's nuclear deal unlawful, this doesn't mean government has given up on its nuclear build plan agreements estimated at R1 trillion.

It just means going back to the drawing board.

Briefing the media in Pretoria on Saturday morning, Kubayi said South Africa would start the process of entering into new agreements with Russia, the US, China, Russia and South Korea.

"It is important to note that there is no intention to table the current agreements, but we will embark to sign new

agreements with all the five countries and table them within a reasonable time," she said.

The Western Cape High Court last month ruled in favour of NGOs Earthlife Africa and the Southern African Faith Communities Environment Institute.

The court found that agreements with the various countries were unlawful and unconstitutional. Public oversight and participation had been lacking.

Kubayi said while the department accepted the ruling it didn't necessarily agree with it and "major concerns" had been raised.

Failed

"I don't agree with the view that we have failed the nation as the department and we also don't agree with the view that National Energy Regulator of SA has failed the nation," she said,

adding that whatever was incorrect would be corrected.

"There are things we could have done better but we think as well that the judgment in certain areas has over-reached ... it has gone beyond one issue.

"It was as if the judgment was based on public opinion, not on the law."

Kubayi said going forward she would make sure that no mistakes were made so there could be no "mistrust" or "suspicions" raised.

"I don't want to find myself in courts every day; it's expensive. We do not have those resources and it's time consuming.

"I would rather have a process that is clean; that is clinical and that when it is scrutinised it can pass the test of scrutiny," Kubayi said.

Citizen



INSUFFICIENT: A bee keeper hard at work.

BEEKEEPERS STILL UNABLE TO MEET LOCAL DEMAND

By Majaha Nkonyane

BEEKEEPERS are still struggling to meet local honey demand.

Eswatini Kitchen Executive Director Sonia Paiva said there was still a huge gap in the supply of honey in the country.

"For the past three years, the industry has been hit hard by a shortage of honey which got even worse in the past year because of the drought. Apart from those factors, the industry still has a few suppliers which make it difficult to reach our target," she said.

Demand

Paiva said this was a setback as the industry has more customers in the international market. "We even have a bigger demand in the international market as we receive orders from as far as the United States (US). The international mar-

ket has demands that shoot up to three and a half thousand tons of honey and we are failing to meet that demand," she said.

Paiva said the industry took off on a good note, but lately has been underperforming.

Industry

"We have been in the industry for a long time now between 15-20 years and when we started we were able to meet the demand, lately it has been tough. The country has a big opportunity in this industry which can benefit the country vastly," she said.

"We have a huge opportunity which could be beneficial for beekeepers in the country.

This is an investment that has great rewards. We are hopeful that the recent rains will help boost the industry as the process involves a lot of flowers," she further stated.

JOHANNESBURG - Local airtime and starter pack distributor Blue Cellular has a vision to offer people around the country - especially those in rural communities - free Wi-Fi and data.

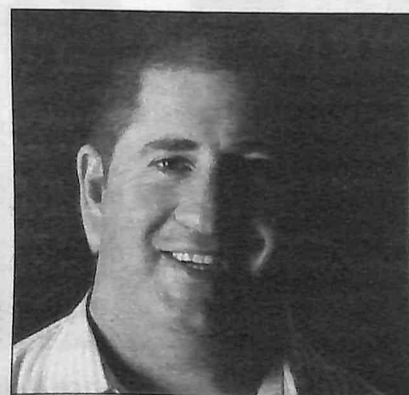
Barry Taitz, CEO of the company, was formerly a distributor of food items to impoverished communities and said his knowledge of people from poorer backgrounds made him recognise the need for his business.

"CEOs sit in offices and never know how poor people actually live," he told Fin24.

Blue Cellular deals with the distribution of starter packs and printed airtime receipts through mobile machines or through a mobile phone app.

Through the company, Taitz has a vision to provide those who purchase starter packs with promotional offers such as eCoupons and food specials - for example, if they buy a Coke they'll get free data, or vice versa.

Blue Cellular also plans to set up mobile



VISION: Blue Cellular CEO Barry Taitz.

base stations in containers to supply free Wi-Fi to communities to make use of the offers. "There are people who are poor and are starving; often people don't see what's going on. One of my objectives is to feed people," he said.

Legacy

"There are millions of people across the country who are starving. I would really like to leave a legacy behind; this

isn't about the money," Taitz told Fin24.

One of the company's goals is to empower people and hopefully create jobs, with informal vendors now able to sell entry-level smartphones from as little as R400 to customers.

"In a sense, this is being able to give someone a computer which can actually start a business through the internet for R400," he said.

In addition to this, Taitz said Blue Cellular is subsidising data for customers across its offerings of MTN, Vodacom and Cell C.

Most recently, Blue Cellular forged a partnership with Amaqhawe Esizwe Projects, which draws in previously disadvantaged communities through profit sharing and indirect benefits for individuals like discounts on major retailers. Customers who buy starter packs sold by Blue Cellular agents will have the knowledge that each and every cent spent on airtime or data will be contributing towards community upliftment and development. *Fin24*

World News

TRUMP CALLS FOR TOUGHER SANCTIONS AFTER N KOREA MISSILE

SEOUL - US President Donald Trump called for tougher sanctions against North Korea after it fired a ballistic missile yesterday in an apparent bid to test the South's new liberal president and the US.

"Let this latest provocation serve as a call for all nations to implement far stronger sanctions against North Korea," the White House said in a brief statement.

The missile flew more than 700 kilometres before landing in the Sea of Japan (East Sea), which is surrounded by the Korean peninsula, Japan and the Russian far east.

It impacted "so close to Russian soil, the president cannot imagine that Russia is pleased," the White House said.

North Korea "has been a flagrant menace for far too long", it said.

Multiple sets of UN and US sanctions against North Korea have done little to deter Pyongyang from pursuing its nuclear and missile ambitions. Trump has threatened military action against the North but recently appeared to have softened his stance,



SANCTIONS: Kim Jong-un's North Korea fired a missile 700km into the Sea of Japan (East Sea), which is surrounded by the Korean peninsula, Japan and eastern Russia.

saying he would be "honoured" to meet leader Kim Jong-un under the right conditions.

Provocation

New South Korean President Moon Jae-In, who was inaugurated on Wednesday, slammed the missile test as a "reckless provocation" after hold-

ing an emergency meeting with national security advisors.

He said the government strongly condemned this "grave challenge to the peace and security of the Korean peninsula and the international community", his spokesman Yoon Young-Chan said. *AFP*

TRUMP COULD PICK FBI HEAD WITHIN DAYS

WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump said on Saturday that he could announce his pick for FBI director by late next week, before he leaves on his first foreign trip since taking office.

"Even that is possible," he told reporters when asked whether he could announce his nominee by Friday, when he is scheduled to leave for the Mideast and Europe. The president spoke while flying to Lynchburg, Virginia, where he was giving the commencement address at Liberty University.

Four candidates to be the bureau's director were on Saturday in line for the first interviews with Attorney General Jeff Sessions and his deputy, Rod Rosenstein, at Justice Department headquarters.

The Trump administration is looking to fill the job, which requires Senate confirmation, after Trump abruptly fired Director James Comey on Tuesday. The first candidate to arrive was Alice Fisher, a high-ranking Justice Department official from the previous president George W Bush's administration. *AP*



PANICKING: Boris Johnson.

DON'T SACK ME, BUNGLING BORIS BEGGED MAY

LONDON - Panicking Boris Johnson begged Theresa May for reassurance that he would not be sacked as Foreign Secretary - because he feared he would be 'toast' if she won a thumping General Election majority.

The Mail on Sunday has been told that Johnson was worried he faced a humiliating demotion after being told that, if Mrs May wins a new Tory mandate on June 8, she plans to use it to radically reshape her Cabinet.

Well-placed sources say Johnson was so alarmed he asked No 10 to make it clear he would keep his job. His allies claim he was told: "Relax, you aren't going to be moved." However, other government sources say maverick Johnson cannot be '100 per cent sure' of

keeping his prestigious post.

"If she wins by a landslide she can do anything she pleases with the Cabinet," said one.

Johnson is understood to have asked Downing Street for reassurance shortly after May called the snap Election. A friend said: "Boris thought he was toast. He told us that he feared the worst, and expected to be moved from the FCO."

Rattled

He has been rattled by a series of recent run-ins with No 10 over the war in Syria.

The disclosure came as Johnson waded into the Election campaign yesterday with a new personal attack on Labour, branding Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn and Shadow Chancellor John McDonnell the party's 'Marx brothers'.

Daily Mail

MUTINYING SOLDIERS SEAL OFF IVORY COAST'S SECOND CITY

ABIDJAN - Disgruntled soldiers sealed off access to Ivory Coast's second largest city, Bouake, on Saturday, as protests over a pay dispute stretched into a second day despite government warnings of harsh punishments.

The revolt began in Bouake early on Friday before spreading quickly, following a pattern similar to a mutiny in January by the same group that paralysed parts of the West African state and marred its image as a post-war success story. Mutinying soldiers in Bouake went a step further on Saturday, blocking roads leading north and south out of the city. "We do not want to negotiate with anyone," said Sergeant Seydou Kone, one of the leaders of the uprising.

"We're also ready to fight if we are attacked. We have nothing to lose," Bouake residents said shops remained closed as soldiers, many of them wearing balaclavas, fired their weapons in the air and patrolled the streets in stolen cars.

Kone said the mutineers were also active in the commercial capital, Abidjan, and the towns of Korhogo, Daloa, Man and Bondoukou. A Korhogo resident confirmed gunfire there and said access to the main military camp had been blocked. In a statement broadcast on state-owned television late on Friday, Military Chief of Staff General Sekou Toure threatened the soldiers with "severe disciplinary sanctions" if they did not end the revolt. *AFP*

KENYA BUS ACCIDENT KILLS 19

NAIROBI - At least 19 people were killed in a crash between a bus and two trucks early on Saturday in a village northwest of Nairobi, police said.

The accident happened just weeks after a collision killed dozens in Kenya, which has notoriously dangerous roads. "We had a bad accident this morning where we lost 18 people on the spot," police commander Hassan Barua told journalists at the scene. A 19th passenger died in hospital. Police said the bus hit two trucks while trying to overtake one in the village of Gilgil, around 120 kilometres northwest of Nairobi. Several people

were in hospital, including the drivers of the trucks involved in the accident, police said. Kenyan police estimate around 3 000 people die each year on the country's roads, while the World Health Organisation puts the figure at four times that amount, at around 12 000 deaths.

Collision

At least 26 people were killed in April in a head-on collision between a bus and a truck on a highway between Nairobi and the country's second-largest city, Mombasa.

In December, a tanker smashed into several other vehicles before exploding, killing at least 40 people. *AFP*

BRIEFS

Italy expels Tunisian man

MILAN - Italy has expelled a 36-year-old Tunisian who had maintained contacts with the Berlin Christmas market attacker. The Interior Ministry said on Saturday that the Tunisian was identified after the attacker, Anis Amri, was shot to death near Milan following the Berlin truck attack that killed 12. The ministry says the man, whose name was not released, had supplied Amri, also Tunisian, with a cellphone after his 2015 arrival in Italy, and they remained in contact after Amri traveled to Germany. Officials said phone records indicated the Tunisian had contacts with extremists. He was detained in Turin on May 2 as he was trying to reach France.

AP

NASA delays moon rocket launch

CAPE CANAVERAL - NASA has delayed the first launch of its heavy-payload rocket until 2019 and decided against an idea floated by the White House to put astronauts aboard the capsule that is set to fly around the moon, the U.S. space agency said. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration had hoped to launch the Space Launch System, or SLS, rocket in November 2018. The rocket will send the deep-space Orion capsule on a high lunar orbit. The launch is part of NASA's long-term program to use the rocket to get astronauts and equipment to Mars.

Reuters

Obama takes on lunch regulations

WASHINGTON - Former US first lady Michelle Obama is calling on the Trump administration to think about delayed or scrapped policies. Obama has referred to a rule requiring restaurants to display food calorie counts, which has been pushed back again. It's believed the rule could be rewritten or scrapped as the White House rebuffs Obama-era regulations. Notice of this came shortly after Obama-era school lunch rules designed to fight childhood obesity were relaxed. She said, "you have to stop and think 'why don't you want our kids to have good food at school?' What is wrong with you? And why is that a partisan issue? Why would that be political?"

eNCA

Video encourages extremists

LONDON - Osama Bin Laden's son encouraged Muslim extremists to launch lone-wolf attacks against the West in a chilling video released last night. In the ten-minute footage, Hamza Bin Laden urges his followers to embark on suicide missions that cause most damage and go for 'the jugular of the enemy'. Bin Laden relays his message in Arabic with English subtitles, declaring: "This is advice for anyone who intends to carry out a martyrdom operation." As he speaks, the video shows pictures of terrorists who have launched successful attacks in the West.

Daily Mail

Filibus elected head of Lutheran

JOHANNESBURG - A Nigerian archbishop has become president of the Lutheran church. Archbishop Musa Panti Filibus was elected as head of the Lutheran World Federation on Saturday at an assembly held in Windhoek, the capital of Namibia. Filibus, 57, is the second church leader from Africa to lead the Lutheran federation since it was founded in 1947. He comes from the northeast region of Nigeria, which has endured attacks by the Boko Haram Islamic extremist group. The Lutheran federation says many churches in the area had to suspend activities two years ago to avoid militant assaults during worship services. Filibus replaces Bishop Munib Younan, who had served as president since 2010.

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Focus on SA scene

DA WILLING TO WORK WITH ANYONE TO REMOVE ANC

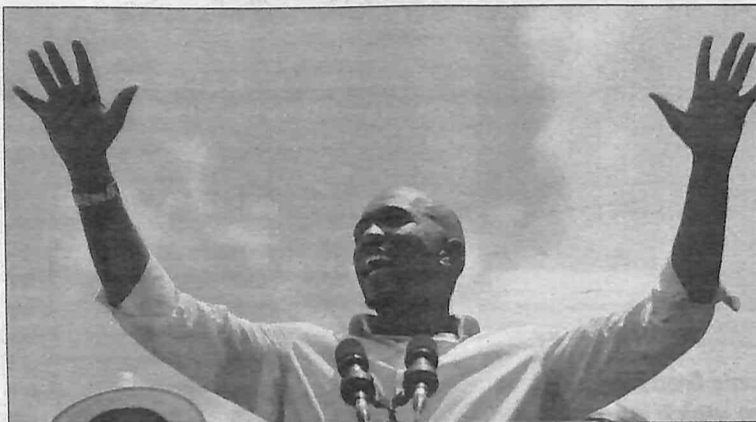
CAPE TOWN - Democratic Alliance leader Mmusi Maimane has reiterated the party's stance that it is willing to work with anyone who shares its broad values and is willing to work towards the removal of the ANC.

"As leader of the Democratic Alliance (DA), I have never shied away from the question of coalition governments," he told voters at a public meeting in Merweville, Beaufort West, in the Western Cape ahead of a crucial municipal by-election.

"Our stance has always been that we will work with anyone who shares our broad values, and is willing to work towards removing the ANC from every municipality, province, and ultimately the Union Buildings, come 2019," he added.

Maimane said the DA believed that the ANC was past the point of no return and that there was no saving it.

"Like many liberation movements, they are marred with corruption, are



COME JOIN US: DA leader Mmusi Maimane.

engaged in the capture of state institutions, and possess a general disdain for vibrant multiparty democracy. The ANC does not represent the interests of the people of South Africa, and as such cannot be trusted anywhere in government.

Politics

"Let us continue to lead the way in a new brand of politics and gover-

nance which sees political parties coming together and putting the interests of the people first, by voting out the ANC and forming coalition governments across the country.

I have no doubt that the recent emergence of coalition politics will only become more prevalent in the coming years - particularly come the 2019 National Elections." **TMG DIGITAL**

SABC

NEW SABC BOARD TACKLES COSTLY MOTSOENENG MESS

JOHANNESBURG - The SABC has 164 people working in its TV licence department, yet the corporation has been outsourcing TV licence fee collection to a company that has been underperforming.

This is one of the contracts that the newly appointed interim board will be terminating and referring to the authorities for a forensic investigation. The interim board briefed Parliament this week about a series of forensic investigations - including the auditing of questionable contracts and a review of the SABC's editorial policy - instituted since its appointment by President Jacob Zuma in March. Among the many

shocking revelations was that the SABC continued to outsource licence fee collection to Lorna Vision, which had failed to meet its target by more than 50%.

Contract

Interim board member Febe Potgieter-Gqubule said the board had decided to cancel the contract - scheduled to run until the end of July - ahead of time to save money. "With regard to the collections of licences, especially those that relate to renewals as well as new subscriptions, there is capacity within the SABC to do that. It would be much more efficient to do it in-house," she said.

News24

'ANC destined for mass burial if no change'

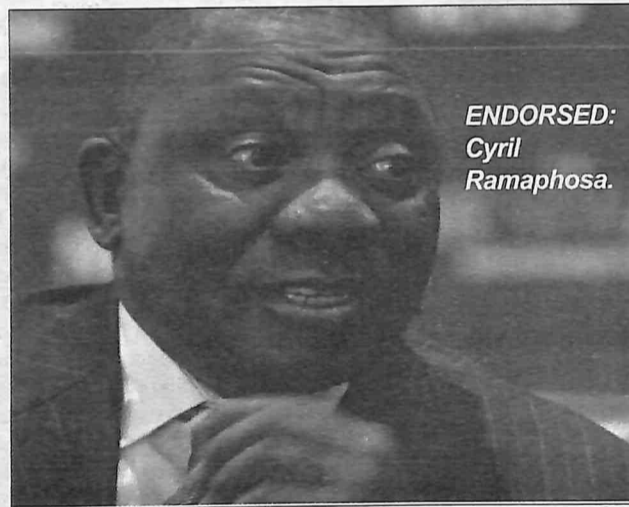
JOHANNESBURG - The ANC is destined for a mass burial if it doesn't change course, warned struggle veterans of the liberation on Saturday.

Speaking plainly at a conference held at the NASREC Expo Centre on Saturday, MK veterans said it is time for bitter truths to be told, and the party no longer holds the moral high ground. "We love the ANC, but we love the ANC that does the right things," said MK Council Chairperson Sphiwe Nyanda at a gathering of veterans who strongly feel that the ANC has strayed far from its intended path. The Gauteng ANC chairperson was unequivocal in his message. "We must be bold, honest and frank. We must tell one another the bitter truth for us to contribute to rescuing the African National Congress," said Paul Mashatile. **eNCA**

SANCO endorses Ramaphosa for ANC president

JOHANNESBURG - The South African National Civic Organisation (SANCO) on Saturday officially endorsed Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa to take over from President Jacob Zuma as African National Congress president at the ANC's December 2017 elective conference.

In a statement issued after SANCO's national executive committee (NEC) meeting in Johannesburg this weekend, SANCO General Secretary Skhumbuzo Mpanza called for sensitivity in handling the leadership nomination processes of the leader of the alliance (of the ANC, the SA Communist Party, the Congress of SA Trade Unions, and SANCO). SANCO believed it was important for



ENDORSED: Cyril Ramaphosa.

the ANC to emerge from the December conference with a "leadership collective that will see the revolutionary movement" regain the lost ground seen in the August 3, 2016

municipal elections. "Our analysis for the coming ANC elective conference in December 2017 is a potential for further deepened divisions in the movement". **African News Agency**

SACP TO CONSIDER GOING SOLO

CAPE TOWN - The South African Communist Party (SACP) is considering whether it should go it alone in the 2019 elections.

On Saturday it asked delegates at its provincial congresses in the Western Cape to debate the matter. The ANC's alliance partner reiterated its call for President Jacob Zuma to step down. The SACP says its alliance partner is set for an electoral failure and South Africa's fortunes will continue to slip if Zuma stays. "It's awkward to say this. I worked with the comrade in Lusaka, for instance. And we respect what the comrade did in the past. But comrade Zuma, in your own interest, resign. Step down. Please do this President Zuma," said the SACP's Deputy General Secretary Jeremy Cronin. He told delegates that the ANC was riddled with problems and continued to lose face with the electorate. He bemoaned the reappointment of Brian Molefe as Eskom CEO.

Controversies

"Hardly a day goes by without controversies. Last week we saw a deep rot prevailing inside our movement ... As an organisation it is very important that there is consultation. You can't act like a fly-by-night individual, advised maybe by a faction somewhere. A faction that may even exist in Saxonwold," Cronin said, Cronin said even if Zuma did not resign and survived a motion of no confidence, he could still face impeachment before his term of office is over. "For instance, an independent judicial inquiry into state capture could well be the basis ... Allegations that are coming out about the Seriti commission, how people were influenced directly by the president - that hasn't been tested by a court, but that in itself could well result in an impeachment," added Cronin. **eNCA**

ANC SUMMONS BROWN TO EXPLAIN MOLEFE RE-APPOINTMENT

JOHANNESBURG - Public Enterprises Minister Lynne Brown has reportedly been summoned to Luthuli House to discuss Eskom today.

Yesterday's newspaper reports suggest Brown has been told to give Molefe his marching orders or dissolve the board of the parastatal.

The governing party has rejected Molefe's re-appointment.

ANC spokesperson Zizi Kodwa

told eNCA the party condemned the decision as insensitive and reckless.

"You'll remember that late last year comrade Brian Molefe resigned from the power utility following a scathing report from the public protector and he cited a few things why he resigned. He deemed it necessary for good governance but also to protect the name of the power utility," he said.

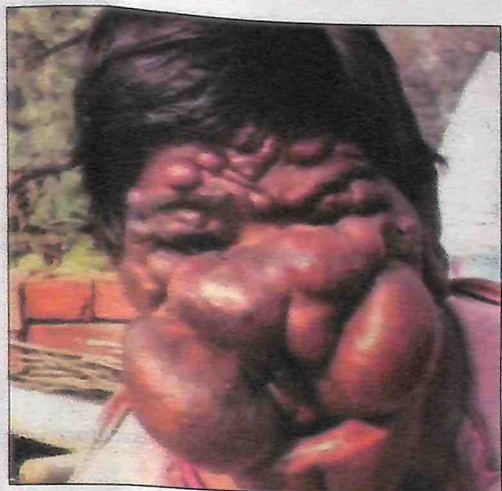
Now that Molefe was being rein-

stated, "we are battling with the perception and the reality of rampant corruption.

Issues

And without even conclusively dealing with those issues, it does not help the ANC but also damages our effort to fight corruption." Kodwa said. ANC Secretary-General Gwede Mantashe reiterated the party's dis-appointment with the move, saying: "I would think that it is a joke -

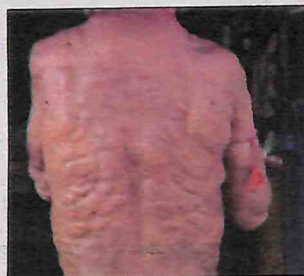
you take a person you put him into Parliament and within three months take him out of Parliament. That makes a joke of him and a joke of the ANC". Molefe's return to Eskom was made public on Friday, causing widespread dismay and criticism. He stepped down as its CEO last year after the public protector showed, in the report on state capture, that he was close to the Gupta family. **eNCA**



'GHOST BOY': A rare genetic condition left Mithun Chauhan's face and body covered in lumps which obstruct his breathing and sight. (Daily Mail)



TRANSFORMED: Chauhan with a goat, the teenager's tumours have shrunk dramatically after surgery.



LIFE SAVING SURGERY FOR 'GHOSTBOY'

● Teenager nicknamed 'ghost boy' because his horrific facial tumours scared other children can now see his face for the first time after villagers paid for surgery

NAWADA - A teenager cruelly nicknamed 'ghost boy' can now see his own face for the first time after strangers paid for surgery to remove his horrific facial tumours.

Mithun Chauhan, 16, from India developed lumps all over his face and body - engulfing his nose, mouth and eyes - when he was five due to a rare genetic condition.

Cruel classmates called him Ghost Boy - because when they saw him they ran in fear - and he was asked to leave his school.

But after an online crowdfunding campaign, villagers and strangers raised 600 000 rupees (£7 000) for a string of operations over the last six months to remove tumours.

Before, he was barely able to see or talk, but now he can even play cricket after his operation. In a video obtained by MailOnline, the teenager's tumours can be seen before his operation, completely covering his eyes and mouth.

Having undergone surgery to shrink the bulbous growths, he is now able to talk, smile and see. The clip shows him running around playing with another child after the operations, and pictures show him playing cricket.

Operation

Now the tumours have started receding, meaning you can make out the shape of his face. Mithun's family were grateful to villagers who were able to club together and raise enough money to pay for his operations.

Like most 16-year-old boys, Mithun Chauhan's mind is occupied by three things - going to school, playing with his friends and meeting girls.

But the rare genetic condition left his body covered in large swollen lumps, and he had convinced himself that he was destined to go through life alone.

Mithun spent his days at home because his swollen face frightened locals.

He couldn't go to school because other children ran away when they see him.

Talking in November, before the surgery, he said: "Why have the gods condemned me to a life like this?" the teenager said through the inflamed lumps around his mouth.

Daily Mail

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Swatini Entertainment

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ROSE AMONGST THORNS: 'Hello America' hit-maker Mandisa flanked by Mozaik and DJ Mbo. This was after Mozaik's performance at the Castle Lite Unlocks promo party. The first leg was held at the Albert Millin, Mbabane Club on Thursday night. (Pics: Ayanda Dlamini)



COULDN'T MISS OUT: Swaziland Beverages' Sipho Khoza and Khetsiwe Dlamini also attended the promo party.

CASTLE LITE UNLOCKS MILLIN

By Ayanda Dlamini

SWAZILAND Beverages hosted Castle Lite Unlocks party for their customers last Thursday night at the Albert Millin, Mbabane Club. The party was well-attended by well known personalities in the entertainment circles as Master P, DJ Mbo rendered good music. Music lovers were entertained as they danced up a storm. The cold breeze did not stop the music lovers from dancing non-stop as they were entertained by Mandisa Mamba; the 'Hello America' hit maker. She took over the stage at 7pm and introduced herself to the crowd before informing them how they stood a chance to win a ticket to the Castle Lite Unlocks.

Master P thrilled the music lovers when he rendered old school hip hop and RnB. Music lovers sang along to some of the songs rendered by the hip hop master. Mozaik also thrilled the crowd when he performed. He took over the stage at 10pm and gave his best. Music lovers pleaded for more and he did not disappoint as he duly obliged. Later DJ Mbo took over the decks and rendered his famous commercial house. He dished out his set till very late. Mandisa was served sauce on stage with her dance moves in her denim bum shorts, though she was not performing but entertaining the crowd as she was the Programme Director. Swaziland Beverages' Mxolisi Dlamini said the Castle Lite Unlocks concert is an 'Extra Cold' musical event that focuses on offering an innovative and immersive brand experience that speaks to the young and progressive.



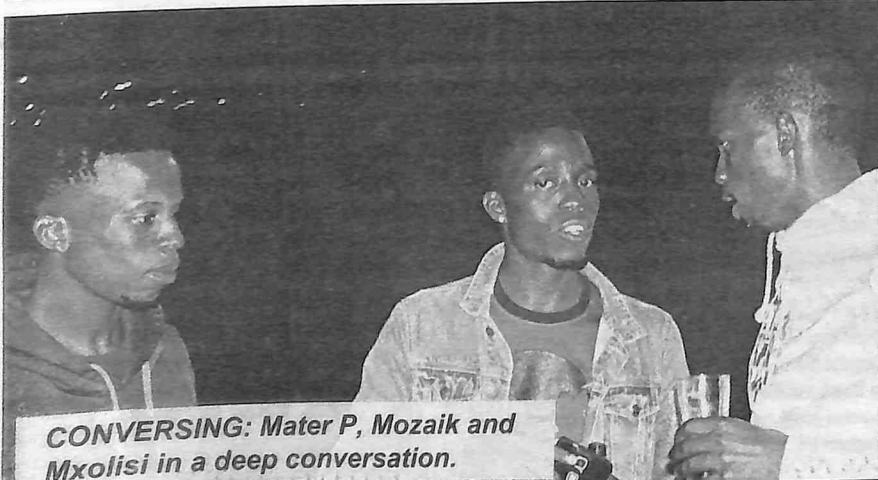
JUST A SIP: Fun lovers quenching their thirst with Castle Lite.



FEELING IT: Master P rendering old school hip hop.



ROCKING: Mandisa gave the attendees something to talk about.



CONVERSING: Master P, Mozaik and Mxolisi in a deep conversation.



VIEW: Side view of Albert Millin during the promo party Castle Lite Unlocks.



PRESENT: TV personality Mangaliso 'Elfoe' Masilela also attended the event.

Sponsors galore as...

SWAZI MOBILE TO SPONSOR MISS SWAZILAND 2017/18

Stories by Ayanda Dlamini

SWAZI Mobile has been listed as one of the sponsors for the Miss Swaziland beauty Pageant this year.

This was said by the new Miss Swaziland Director Nosisa Maziya at the beauty pageant's official launch on Friday at Summerfields Botanical Gardens.

Maziya said they were still in discussions with the new telecommunications company as to what they would be bringing in for the beauty pageant that will take place in October.

During the event, Miss Swaziland's Public Relations Officer Thembekile Magongo thanked the other sponsors that will be supporting the beauty pageant.

"We would like to thank our current sponsors; Megasound, MachNTech,



WITH THE LADIES: Zwelonkhe Maseko poses with reigning Miss Swaziland Linda Hutchinson and her princess Zethu Manana and Baby Mthimkhulu.

Summerfields Botanical Gardens, Maziya Enterprise and the TOS brand for finding us worthy partners.

We have pledge sheets circulating in the venue.

We'd like to appeal to you, that you too find us worthy to form a partnership with us. Let's make this year's pageant bigger and better,"

Magongo said in her speech.

Magongo pledged to give the best beauty pageant the country has ever had.

"As the Miss Swaziland team 2017/18, we plan to make our vision come to life," Magongo said.

Magongo explained how they intend to execute the beauty pageant.

"Our scouting series, is set to take place over a period of four weeks in all the four regions of our country.

Entry forms will be made available on our website as well as various outlets which will be revealed through all media outlets.

We intend to have four eliminations rounds, two of which will be aimed at determining and also inspiring a role model who will change lives by taking on effective social responsibilities," Magongo said.

Magongo said the first of the two challenges will be a social media challenge where the top 30 will be given certain social media responsibilities; aiming not only to get an impressive following, but also to get dialogues started to inspire.

"They should be able to create awareness on the issues currently crippling our society and in so doing appeal for assistance. The contestants will be judged on this and from that, the top 20 shall emerge," Magongo said.

...Top 20 finalists to assist in sponsors' CSR

According to the newly appointed Miss Swaziland PRO, the top 20 finalist will assist in Cooperate Social Responsibility (CSR) of the sponsors as one of the top 20 finalist's challenge to top 10.

"We will then move on to the sponsorship challenge whereby each of the top 20 should appeal to sponsors to assist them with the social responsibility issues they initially chose to tackle.

As a way to professionalize this year's pageant, we plan to host a

series of workshops to equip the finalists with tools to help them stand tall not just on the catwalk ramp but also in the boardroom.

We are hopeful that these workshops will assist them should they be called to make a presentation during this particular challenge," Magongo said.

Magongo mentioned that the judges would be selected professional and individuals who understand the title of Miss Swaziland.

"Our selection of judges in this

year's pageant will be a reflection of the kind of Queen we hope to crown. A beauty queens who is compassionate, has humility, is hardworking, ambitious, and steadfast in her endeavors.

We have decided to structure it this way so that by the time we get to the finals, we are confident that we are going in with contestants who came into this pageant to make a real difference in our country and perhaps the world at large.

This initiative will also contribute

towards making His Majesty's vision for 2022 just that much more of a reality.

Our team would love nothing more than to see all of our contestants take the crown but in the end there can only be one winner.

Our vow is to do our utmost to groom our ladies into influential members of society, bearing in mind that we also intend to take over that world stage and put our beloved country on the map," Magongo said.

CHANGE: Newly appointed Miss Swaziland PRO Thembekile Magongo making her remarks at the official launch of Miss Swaziland 2017/18 on Friday night. The event was held at Summerfields Botanical Gardens. (Pics: Ayanda Dlamini)

TGH comes alive in Karaoke night

By Nomfundo Sifundza

THE George Hotel in Manzini came to life as music lovers braved the cold and stopped at nothing to have fun in the name of music.

The hotel had hosted a karaoke night and even though only a few people made it to the session, those that did attested to having had fun.

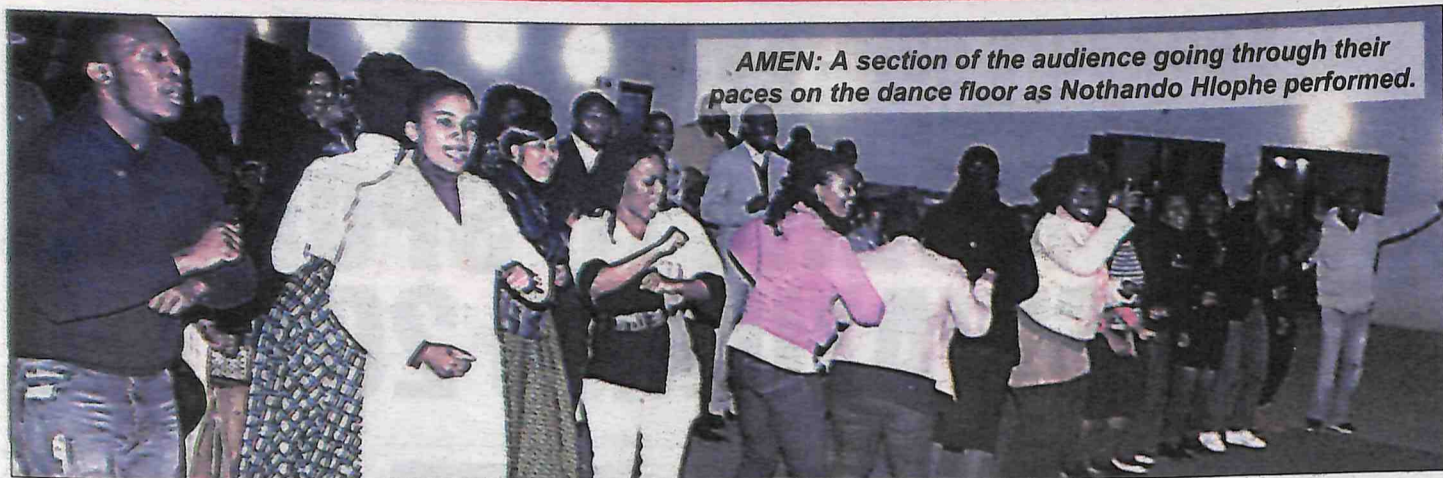
The singers were choosing songs from a piece of paper circulated around and also had help from the projector as lyrics were displayed.

The hotels manager Tobie Mayisela also entertained her guests as she took the microphone and sang whilst dancing, imitating American RnB superstars.



OH YES: Music lovers who made it to the karaoke night on Saturday.

YOU AND YOU: The George Hotel Manager Tobie Mayisela took her turn in the karaoke night hosted by the hotel on Saturday. (Pics: Nomfundo Sifundza)



AMEN: A section of the audience going through their paces on the dance floor as Nothando Hlophe performed.

GIAMI PSALMISTS ROCK I.T MANZINI

Stories by Nomfundo Sifundza

...Nothando's 'Khululugcobo' still a favourite

NELSPRUIT'S Giami Psalmists, a group of vocally gifted individuals, rocked International Tabernacle Church (I.T) in Manzini on Saturday as they launched their second album.

The group was accompanied by their pastor and other clergymen from the country who came out to support them.

These included Apostle Charles Samunenge and Alistair Sharpe.

Giami Psalmists were launching their second album titled 'Atmosphere for Change' and the first song they sang was track number one in the album.

The group's first 45-minute set on stage was not without a loud sound filling up the whole church. This then saw the vocalists singing on top of their lungs out trying to be above the instruments.

Also from Mpumalanga was Ndumiso Manana, affectionately known as Papa Ndu. The Siswati fluently speaking songwriter and pianist during his set featured songbirds Nothando Hlophe and Putuma Tiso to testify of God's goodness in his life.

"I have seen God in my life. When my wife was six months pregnant with our last born, the doctor couldn't see the baby when he did a sauna. That was a trying time in our lives so we left the hospital to return after an hour. I used the hour to pray for



HALLELUYA: Mpumalanga's Giami Psalmists serenading gospel music lovers on Saturday at International Tabernacle Church in Manzini.



LIKE THIS: Giami Psalmists member also displayed some dancing skills on stage. (Pics: Nomfundo Sifundza)

Dlamini danced the night away with upraised hands and in full cry.



my wife then when we got back to the health facility, the doctor could then see the baby," he related.

The soft-spoken award winning songwriter elaborated on a song before he led his team in singing it. He also shared how some of his songs are given to him in his sleep by God. "Sometimes I will be

deep in my sleep and I will hear something like this," he said, as he played the keys of his piano.

Veteran

Papa Ndu was introduced as a veteran in the South African gospel music industry by the MC Zweli Dlamini, who himself was having the time of his life during the show.

... 'KHULULUGCOBO' STILL A HIT

NOTHANDO Hlophe's hit song 'Khululugcobo' proved that it will never vanish from people's memories as when she sang the song, gospel music lovers belted out in prayer whilst others sang along.

Before the songbird was brought back on stage to render the hit song, in her first performance she is the only artist that got gospel music lovers on their feet and flocked the dance floor as she sang 'Wenhliziyu Yami,' a song she features Papa Ndu in.

Her performance brought life to the show as she danced the popular dance

moves these days. She did the 'nae-nae' and the dabbing, which was loved by the audience as they imitated her.

Requested

Proving yet again that she is a star, Nothando had gospel lovers eating from the palm of her hand as they requested for an encore soon after she had finished singing the song with Papa Ndu behind the piano.

SHONA PHANSI: Nothando Hlophe gets down during her collaboration with Papa Ndu.

NOTHANDO'S CORNER



ALL OF ME: This worshipper was deep in worship.

ALIKHO: Putuma Tiso rendering the song 'Alikho Igama' after she was called back on stage by the MC Zweli Dlamini.



LADIES: Sinethemba Vilakati, Gugu Sibandze, Atsi Dlamini, Joyous Celebrations' Nomthi Sibisi, Nqobile Mamba and Andile Bhembe.



IN SONG: Members of the audience got up on their feet as they joined Giami Psalmists in song.



MULTI-TALENTED: Papa Ndu doing what he does best on stage.



COME ON: Giami Psalmists lead singer watches as gospel music lovers dance up a storm.

CHEESE: Joyous Celebrations' Nomthi Sibisi posing with Atsi.



ATMOSPHERE FOR CHANGE: Worshippers had their hands up in the air half the time as the MC emphasised that indeed it was an atmosphere for change.

(R) I RECEIVE: Sbhonginkhosi Mathunjwa raises his hand as the Giami Psalmist pastor holds him in prayer.



Robbie's album set to be disqualified

JOHANNESBURG - Afro-pop superstar Robbie Malinga is likely to become the latest artist to suffer the biggest embarrassment at the hands of the controversial South African Music Awards (SAMAs) committee.

The committee plans to disqualify Malinga's album titled Robbie Malinga, which was nominated in the Best Afro-pop Album category.

At issue is that the album did not meet the SAMAs nomination requirements as



from the SAMAs

it comprises songs lifted from albums of various artists he produced.

The committee is expected to take a decision before the event is held at Sun City on May 26.

Sunday World

TO SUFFER: Afro-pop superstar Robbie Malinga

Concern over Brenda Fassie's legacy

JOHANNESBURG - In the week marking 13 years since the death of Brenda Fassie, her brother Temba bemoans the family's disappointment at the lack of support and will to maintain the superstar's legacy.

Themba charges that everyone who wanted a piece of his famous sister at the height of her career seemed to have forgotten her worth.

Honour

"A few years after Brenda's passing we were promised so many things in her honour as the family.

"And we received a lot of support; but now when we call the same people

to discuss contributions towards my sister's legacy, no one is willing to say anything to us," Themba says.

Promising

"Leading political parties were also very promising and we thought we could rely on them for support as they had promised. We are a bit uneasy at how we never hear anything from them anymore.

"It's just quiet and we get closed doors when we approach them."

He says as a family, they did not have any commemoration events to mark the anniversary of Brenda's death on May 9. *Sowetan*

International
Celebrity News

TI'S EX-WIFE TINY UPGRADES HER BODY

NEW YORK - TI and wife Tiny are moving forward with their divorce – and Tiny is making some MAJOR changes in her life.

In fact she's got a new body – after her latest LIPOSUCTION and BUTT SHOTT procedure.

Guess she wants to show T.I what he will be missing soon after their divorce is finalised. *MTO*

BOOTY UPGRADE:
Tiny.



CHERYL PREPARES FOR COMEBACK

LOS ANGELES - Her boyfriend Liam Payne is due to release his first solo single and her son is a month old, but Cheryl is already said to be in talks about making a musical comeback.

She's still finding her Bear-ings with her one-month-old baby boy but I can reveal new mum Cheryl is set to relaunch her music career.

The 'Fight For This Love' singer, 33, met with her record label Polydor this week and has already started planning her pop comeback.

It comes as boyfriend Liam Payne, 23, jetted over to LA ahead of Friday's release of his first solo single, 'Strip That Down'. *Mirror*



COMEBACK: Cheryl.

IDRIS ELBA NEW JAMES BOND

LOS ANGELES - He's the handsome actor who has been tipped as the new James Bond.

But Idris Elba, 44, has decided to add another string to his burgeoning bow - as a fairy godfather to help ordinary people's dreams come true.

The 'Luther' star looked sartorially savvy in a relaxed outfit at the launch of his campaign with drinks brand Purdey's at Soho House on Saturday, which has the tagline 'Thrive On'. The actor's campaign with the UK owned brand sees him appearing in several black and white



007: Idris Elba.

short films, in which he asks ordinary people what they want to be when they 'grow up'. *Mail Online*

KATIE HOLMES, JAMIE FOXX TAKE 'ROMANTIC' TRIP

PARIS - Katie Holmes and Jamie Foxx recently spent some time in the city of love, while her ex-husband Tom Cruise was not far away.

The two have sparked romance rumours since 2013 and have occasionally been seen together in public but have never confirmed a relationship. E! News learned last year that the notoriously private stars have been dating for years and that that is "not a secret among their friends."

"Jamie wrapped filming on Robin Hood and Katie flew in to Paris



ROMANCE: Katie Holmes and Jamie Foxx.

to meet him for a few days," a source told E! News exclusively. *Eonline*

SA Celebrity News

BABES BEATS MINNIE, PEARL, LIRA FOR COVETED AWARD

JOHANNESBURG - Babes Wodumo has once again proved how much of a 'national treasure' she is. The star was awarded the Coolest Local Female Celebrity in Mzansi by Mzansi youth at the recent Generation Next Awards. Babes was in the category with stars like rapper Fifi Cooper, songbird Lira and media personalities Minnie Dlamini and Pearl Thusi and Babes came out as number one.

The Generation Next Awards were held at the Sandton



THE BEST: Babes Wodumo.

Convention Centre on Saturday night. *Drum*

BRENDA FASSIE'S SON FACES EVICTION

JOHANNESBURG - Brenda Fassie's son Bongani, who this week publicly bragged he was rich after inheriting his mother's R20-million estate, is facing eviction from his Johannesburg apartment for failing to pay rent for almost three months. Bongani, a hip-hop artist who was also part of revered hip-hop ensemble Jozi, has been given an ultimatum by his landlord Landsford 'Livas' Japhet to settle his arrears by the end of this month or be evicted. *Sunday World*



EVICTION: Bongani Fassie and her late mom.

DUBE BOUNCES BACK WITH BAGS OF LAUGHTER

JOHANNESBURG - Some believe he is an infomercial giant who owns Clientele, but the truth is that at his core, Desmond Dube is a performer par excellence.

Dube is staging a TV comeback after eight years in theatre and infomercials. His last outing was 'Font'. And now he hosts and produces 'Karekters', a new comedy show coming on SABC2. "There are two projects I have always wanted to do - a movie project and an improvisation show based on local comedy and local jokes with relevant people we can relate to like a granny, an uncle or the village drunk." The result is 'Karekters',



BACK: Desmond Dube.

which is essentially a battle show for actors following storylines and challenges he throws at them from which they have to improvise and create a performance. *Sowetan*

RIKY RICK STICKS IT TO THE FASHION HATERS

JOHANNESBURG - Ricky Rick has been crucified for his fashion sense but has had the last laugh after making the latest cover of GQ Style South Africa.

Riky is the latest star to grace the cover of the magazine and took to Instagram to let his followers know how much it meant to him.

He reflected on how he and his friends have been seen as weirdos because of their style.

"Not too long ago, me and my group of friends were considered weirdos because of our sense of style. We were laughed at by the commercial crowd for the way we cut our hair and the way we wore 'weird' clothes. People like Scoop



FASHIONISTA: Ricky Rick.

Makhathini, Mome Mahlangu, Okmalumkoolkat, uSanele, Stilo Magolide and many others took me in and taught me it's okay to be different." *Timeslive*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY



HINT: Busi

Zitha has new orders for his dark inyanga. Busi thinks she knows the person behind Mabuyi's sudden change in behaviour.

ISIDINGO

TODAY



OFFER: Barker

Barker offers a hundred thousand compensation to each person who can prove they are originally from HD. But Sechaba and Basetsana reject it, which displeases a lot of people. Is it going to be money or land?

Muvhango

TODAY



SEDUCTION: Matshidiso.

Mulalo learns the real reason Teboho wants to have children with him. KK uses Matshidiso to seduce Rashaka. Will he fall for the trap? James and Nthabeleng Fikile are back in love.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



DIRE STRAITS: Puleng

Niki gets help from David. Suffocate finds Puleng just in time. Sabelo and Mapula receive bad news. Mapula puts the blame of the accident on Sabelo's absence. Lerato is faced with a difficult choice between the love of her life and the life she has built.

4000 years later and we're back to the same language...



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Prudent, responsible, cautious, reliable yet with considerable leadership abilities - implying the talent for taking educated risk. Capricorns can go far. With Saturn, your ruling planet, moving through Sagittarius between September 2015 and 2017, it's probable you'll embark on a course or research project that brings considerable reward when Saturn reaches your sign at the end of 2017.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

Quirky, determined, logical, eccentric and freedom-loving Aquarius. Your ruling planets are Saturn and Uranus. Your best day of the week is Saturday and your best colours are electric or deep, rich blue and anything metallic. Saturn's move into Sagittarius from September 2015 should bring a period of reward through networking with old and older friends especially encouraging your ambitions.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

Intuitive, sensitive, big-picture thinking, kind and thoughtful Pisces. Your ruling planets are Jupiter and Neptune. Your best day of the week is Thursday and your best colours are those of the sea: blue, green, lavender and silver. Slow moving Neptune is in your sign through to 2024 enhancing your aptitude for healing and creating a better world. Along the way there are beautiful relationships to enjoy and an emotional ocean to surf.



Aries March 21 – April 19

There are two possibilities and for some, both might operate. Firstly there could be good news on the work front that could, by working in partnership, bring you extra cash. Secondly there's high probability of being so much on someone's wavelength that words aren't necessary and real understanding is reached.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

A partner - or even a child's news, demands that you view the world differently. Sharing their excitement could give you just the lift you need. Though you might still be feeling emotionally disorientated, the fact that positive things are happening somewhere could be helpful. There might also be talk of a visit to a place you haven't been to before.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

You might have more work than you can handle. Yet you might also thrive on the fact that there are new opportunities. It may be that post the full moon, you feel encouraged. Yet part of you might also be wistful. This might be due to wishing you have more qualifications than you have. This could cause



you to review local courses and even consider signing on for one.

Cancer June 22 – July 22

The romantic centre of your brain could be activated. This could bring out the poet/ess in you. It might also lead you to believe you have more funds at your disposal than is actually the case. It might be advisable to leave credit cards at home. Energies might be devoted better to being creative - and thrifty. In this you could be successful; finding a way to reduce a bill.



Leo July 23 – August 22

Instinctive, warm, creative, extravagant and delightful Leo Your ruling 'planet' is the Sun, your best day of the week is Sunday and your best colours are gold, yellow and orange. With Uranus moving through another of the Fire signs until 2017, your life journey is set to include adventures bringing increased contact with new cultures.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

Nimble, versatile, analytical, constructive, meticulous and often mimically-gifted Virgo. Your ruling planet is Mercury, your best day of the week is Wednesday and your colours are Earthy greens and browns. With Neptune now in your opposite sign of Pisces, the need to find perfection is strong.



Libra September 23 – October 23

Charming, elegant, stylish, romantic and merger-making Libra Your ruling planet is Venus, your best day of the week is Friday and your colours are gentle hues of blues, pinks and violets. Pluto's passage through Capricorn until 2024 is shaking your very foundations - most likely prompting dramatic career changes, upheaval and even resettlement.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

Mesmerising, insightful, determined, resourceful and focused Scorpio: your ruling planets are Mars and Pluto, your best day of the week is Tuesday and your colours deep, deep red and black. Seeing and accessing passion is important to you. There's high probability then that you'll be attracted to those whose ambition you admire as Pluto (one of your ruling planets) moves through Capricorn (to 2024).



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

Yours is the sign of the optimist, the adventurer, the knowledge gatherer and crusader. Some may describe you as 'walking encyclopaedias'. From 2015 through to 2017, Saturn passes through your sign: perhaps indicating the need to have professional recognition of your efforts.



BABY BLUES



BUCKLES



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



PUZZLE CHOICE

WATER

Can you find the hidden words? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.

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LOL
Laughing Out Loud

THE BABY-SITTER

A young man agreed to baby-sit one night so a single mother could have an evening out. At bedtime he sent the youngsters upstairs to bed and settled down to watch football. One child kept creeping down the stairs, but the young man kept sending him

back to bed. At 9pm the doorbell rang, it was the next-door neighbor, Mrs. Brown, asking whether her son was there. The young man brusquely replied, "No." Just then a little head appeared over the banister and shouted, "I'm here, Mom, but he won't let me go home!"

USELESS FACTS

1. It is impossible for most people to lick their own elbow. (try it!)
2. A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.
3. A shrimp's heart is in its head.
4. It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.
5. The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is believed to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.

BRAinteasers
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERSFRIDAY'S
BRAinteasers

1. What has a head and a tail but no body?
Answer: A coin
2. If there are 12 fish and half of them drown, how many are there?
Answer: 12, fish don't drown

TODAY'S
BRAinteasers

1. Imagine you are in a sinking row boat surrounded by sharks. How would you survive?
2. How many times can you subtract 10 from 100?



DStv
Feel every moment

NEWS



HIGHLIGHTS



MY LITTLE PONY TODAY 13:55 NICKTOONS (1)

'S4/E1 - Princess Twilight Sparkle- Part 1'. Now that she is a princess, Twilight Sparkle has an important role to play in the Summer Sun Celebration. But those plans are put on hold when Princess Luna and Princess Celestia go missing.



11 TODAY 16:50 DISNEY XD (304)

We have a brand-new football show for you. The series follows a kid called Gabo and his passion for football. He gets recruited by Francisco, who is the coach at a prestigious sports oriented high school called IAD. He decides to offer Gabo a scholarship to become a student and join the school's soccer team, Golden Hawks. Gabo starts his adventure when he travels to Buenos Aires, where he will live at the IAD dormitories.



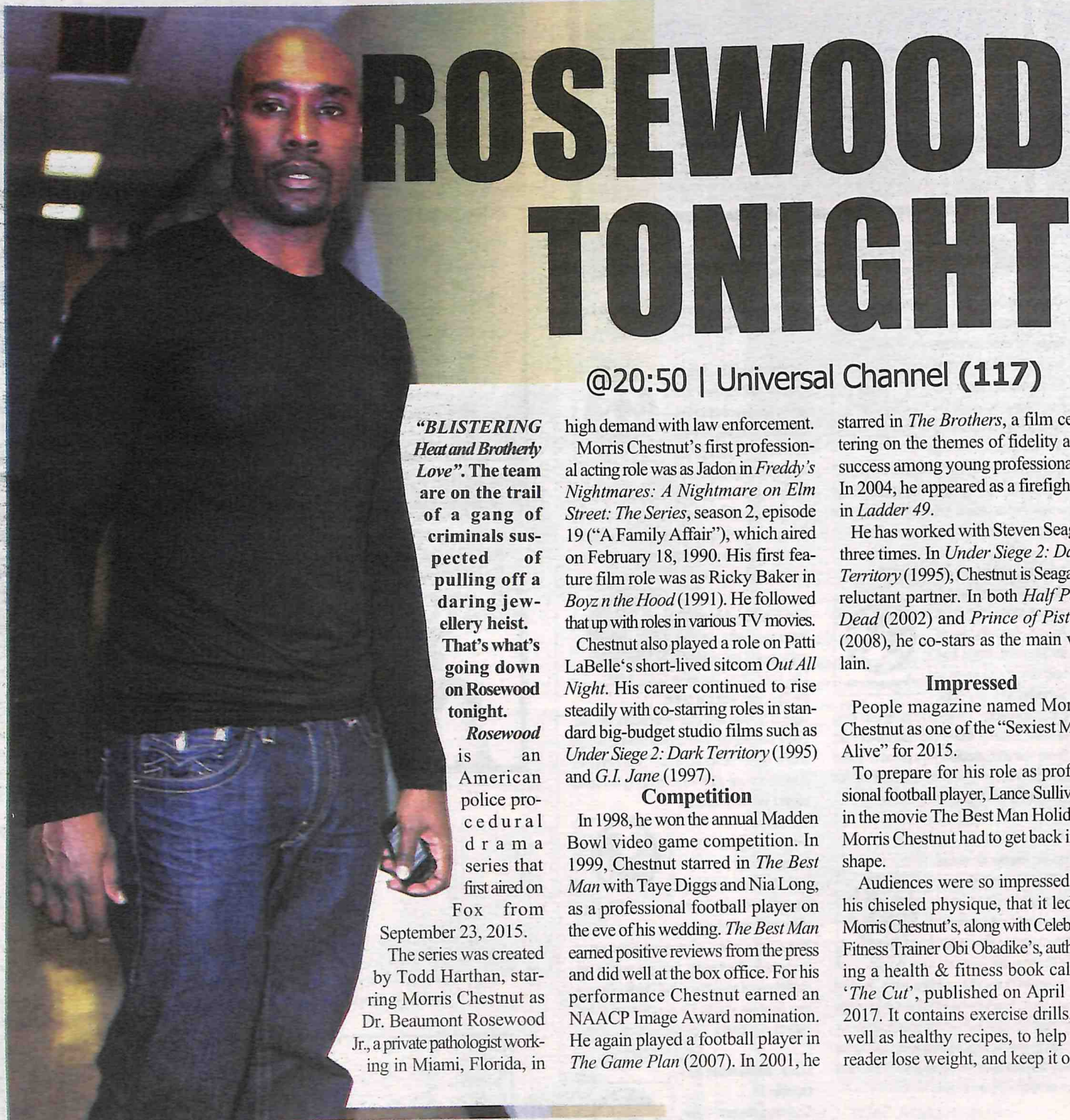
CAR CRASH TV TONIGHT 20:59 BBC BRIT (120)

Returning for a second series, Car Crash TV is bigger than ever and back with a bang! We're taking to the planet's highways and byways and discovering how not to drive, with the help of some staggeringly hilarious and down-right terrifying examples of motoring madness.



UTHANDO NO STEMBU THURSDAY 20:00 MZANSI MAGIC (161)

A reality show that dives into the topic of polygamy. Set in KZN, this is one man's story about how he views polygamy and what his four wives and his family mean to him.



ROSEWOOD TONIGHT

@20:50 | Universal Channel (117)

"BLISTERING Heat and Brotherly Love". The team are on the trail of a gang of criminals suspected of pulling off a daring jewellery heist. That's what's going down on Rosewood tonight.

Rosewood is an American police procedural drama series that first aired on Fox from September 23, 2015. The series was created by Todd Harthan, starring Morris Chestnut as Dr. Beaumont Rosewood Jr., a private pathologist working in Miami, Florida, in

high demand with law enforcement.

Morris Chestnut's first professional acting role was as Jadon in *Freddy's Nightmares: A Nightmare on Elm Street: The Series*, season 2, episode 19 ("A Family Affair"), which aired on February 18, 1990. His first feature film role was as Ricky Baker in *Boyz n the Hood* (1991). He followed that up with roles in various TV movies.

Chestnut also played a role on Patti LaBelle's short-lived sitcom *Out All Night*. His career continued to rise steadily with co-starring roles in standard big-budget studio films such as *Under Siege 2: Dark Territory* (1995) and *G.I. Jane* (1997).

Competition

In 1998, he won the annual Madden Bowl video game competition. In 1999, Chestnut starred in *The Best Man* with Taye Diggs and Nia Long, as a professional football player on the eve of his wedding. *The Best Man* earned positive reviews from the press and did well at the box office. For his performance Chestnut earned an NAACP Image Award nomination. He again played a football player in *The Game Plan* (2007). In 2001, he

starred in *The Brothers*, a film centering on the themes of fidelity and success among young professionals. In 2004, he appeared as a firefighter in *Ladder 49*.

He has worked with Steven Seagal three times. In *Under Siege 2: Dark Territory* (1995), Chestnut is Seagal's reluctant partner. In both *Half Past Dead* (2002) and *Prince of Pistols* (2008), he co-stars as the main villain.

Impressed

People magazine named Morris Chestnut as one of the "Sexiest Men Alive" for 2015.

To prepare for his role as professional football player, Lance Sullivan, in the movie *The Best Man Holiday*, Morris Chestnut had to get back into shape.

Audiences were so impressed by his chiseled physique, that it led to Morris Chestnut's, along with Celebrity Fitness Trainer Obi Obadike's, authoring a health & fitness book called *'The Cut'*, published on April 18, 2017. It contains exercise drills, as well as healthy recipes, to help the reader lose weight, and keep it of



Line of Duty creator shares inspiration

THE creator of the hit cop show Line of Duty – which returns to ITV Choice (DStv Channel 123) on Thursday, May 18 at 20:00 – has said that the killing of Brazilian Jean Charles de Menezes in the London Underground in 2005, inspired him to first write the hit show.

Jed Mercurio has said it was the tragic shooting of the 27-year-old by police, who mistook him for a suicide bomber, that inspired him to create the fictional anti-corruption unit AC-12.

Mercurio told British media: "The police at the scene genuinely believed de Menezes was a suicide bomber. They got within a few feet of him fearing he could blow them to bits, but they did it anyway, to protect the public. But at the inquest the police didn't trust the public to judge them fairly. The coroner even referred to the lies of two police witnesses. It took guts for those officers to board that train – courage that most of us don't have – and they deserve our respect and admiration. But the lies

dishonoured the service."

He says his intention with the show was never about police bashing.

"With *Line of Duty* viewers can root for the hero and they can root for the villain, because ultimately the difference between the two can boil down to a couple of bad decisions."

In the upcoming fourth season **Thandie Newton** will be taking centre stage as *Line of Duty*'s chief antagonist, following in the footsteps of **Lennie James**, **Daniel Mays** and **Keeley Hawes**.

The Zimbabwean born actress plays DCI Roz Huntley, who will find herself under suspicion from anti-police corruption unit AC-12 when concerns are raised over the handling of an investigation.

Roz has been described as AC-12's "most devious opponent yet" as the team try to get to the truth of the matter and cut through the lies and cover-ups by their fellow officers. Series regulars **Martin Compston**, **Adrian Dunbar** and **Vicky McClure** will be back fighting the good fight in the new fourth season of *Line of Duty*.

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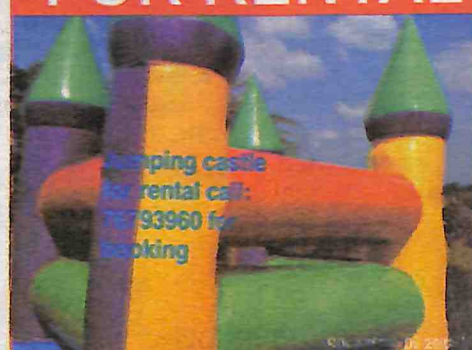
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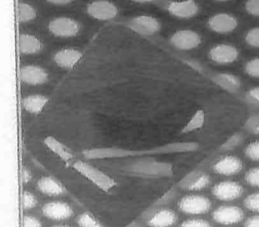
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'JUVENTUS DESTINED TO BEAT REAL MADRID IN CL FINAL'

MILAN - Juventus should be considered favourites for the Champions League, despite the fact they face the challenge of beating holders Real Madrid in the final, claims their legendary forward Alessandro Del Piero.

The Old Lady have barely been troubled en route to Cardiff, brushing aside Porto, Barcelona and Monaco in the knockout stages whilst only conceding one goal across the six games.

It is the second time in three seasons that Juventus have made the final, but Del Piero says this outfit is much superior to the one that lost to Barcelona in Berlin with the main difference being sheer belief.

Speaking to Sky Sports, he said:

... they have been the best team in the competition this year, says Alessandro Del Piero

"Two years ago was an amazing result, this year was predictable because Juve is an amazing team. Now they have a team that can win the Champions League, this is what everyone believed at the start of the season. "They've showed the best teamwork in terms of defence and attack, and it's something that is so fresh in this moment, they can be a team in every minute of the game."

It has been 21 years since Juventus last lifted the famously big-eared trophy, a triumph that Del Piero played a significant part in. And the retired striker has noted the eerie similarities between the two campaigns.

The Juventus team of 1996 beat Real Madrid in the quarter-final and unfancied French side Nantes in the semis. Then, they beat holders Ajax in the final.

This year, they played Barcelona in the quarters, unfancied French side Monaco in the semis and now face holders Real Madrid in the final. Del Piero says history may be repeating itself.

He continued: "There is some kind of history repeating, it's a long time I've been talking about the win in 1996, and we had the same quarter-final, semi and final. In the quarters the best team in Spain." *Daily Mail*

Manyonga breaks Diamond League long jump record

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa's Olympic silver medalist Luvo Manyonga broke the Diamond League record in Shanghai on Saturday.

After breaking the meeting record with his first jump, Manyonga produced a phenomenal 8.61m leap in the final round to clinch first place in the meeting by 39cm.

The top finish added to the 26-year-old's growing list of accolades this season. He notched up his personal best of 8.65m in April.

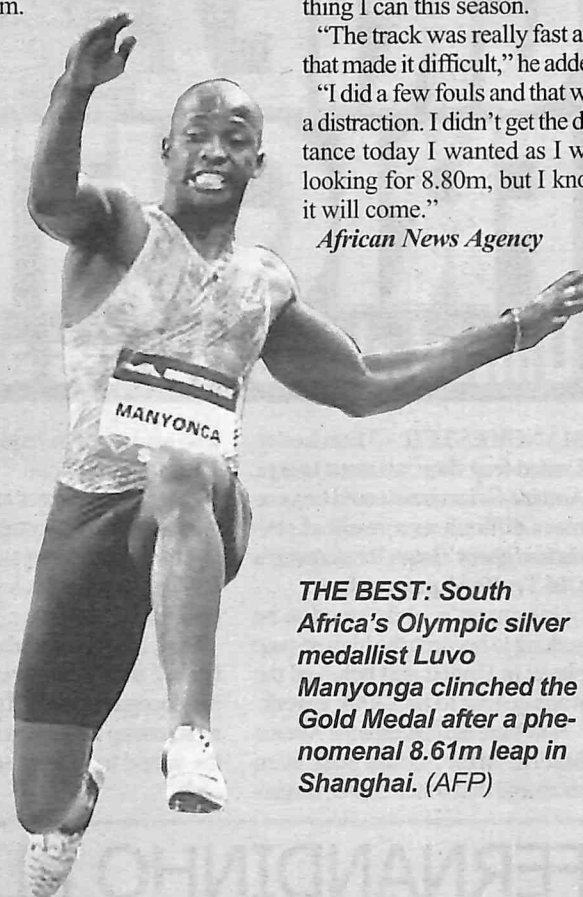
"I am pleased to win again," said Manyonga.

"My success has been down to hard work, training, dedication and commitment. I hope now to just go on and win everything I can this season.

"The track was really fast and that made it difficult," he added.

"I did a few fouls and that was a distraction. I didn't get the distance today I wanted as I was looking for 8.80m, but I know it will come."

African News Agency



THE BEST: South Africa's Olympic silver medallist Luvo Manyonga clinched the Gold Medal after a phenomenal 8.61m leap in Shanghai. (AFP)

Halep retains Madrid Open title

MADRID - Simona Halep thanked under-fire Fed Cup coach Ilie Nastase after defending her Madrid Open title by edging out Kristina Mladenovic on Saturday in a thrilling near three-hour final 7-5, 6-7 (5/7), 6-2.

The Romanian, who rose to fourth in the world rankings with victory, was congratulated on court by Nastase as she received the trophy.

Nastase has been banned from the French Open and Wimbledon after he was ejected from Romania's Fed Cup clash with Great Britain last month for a series of foul-mouthed rants directed at British captain Anne Keothavong and number one Johanna Konta.

However, the former world

number one was part of the delegation on hand to present the trophy named after his former Davis Cup partner and Madrid Open owner Ion Tiriac.

"Ilie thank you for coming, you are supporting me all match," said Halep.

Quality

Nastase's presence threatens to overshadow a high quality match in which Mladenovic played a huge part.

The Frenchwoman had won three of the pair's four previous meetings, including most recently meeting in Indian Wells back in March.

And it was Mladenovic who made the perfect start in a topsy-turvy opening set by jumping out to a 2-0 lead.

AFP



VICTORIOUS: Simona Halep retained the Madrid Open title after edging out Kristina Mladenovic 7-5, 6-7 (5/7), 6-2. (AP)

Elaine Thompson clocks fastest time in world this year

SHANGHAI - Olympic champion Elaine Thompson posted the fastest time in the world this year, to claim victory over 100 metres at the second round of the IAAF Diamond League in Shanghai.

The 24-year-old Jamaican, who claimed the 100m and 200m sprint double in Rio last summer, clocked 10.78 seconds to finish clear of United States' Tori Bowie and claim a maximum eight qualification points.

In a change to the format, each event at the first 12 meetings of this season's Diamond League is now worth points, with the top-performing athletes then competing in the finals in either Zurich or Brussels later this year.

Shaunae Miller-Uibo of Bahamas also set a world-leading time over 400m, seeing off American Natasha Hastings in 49.77 secs. Meanwhile there was a new meeting record in the men's 400m hurdles, where veteran former world champion Bershawn Jackson crossed the line in 48.63s. Jamaica's Omar

...to win over 100m at second round of IAAF Diamond League in Shanghai



FASTEST: Elaine Thompson (c) clocked a time of 10.78 seconds, to finish clear of United States' Tori Bowie. (AP)

McLeod was the winner of the men's 100m hurdles in 13.09s, 19-year-old Noah Lyles of the United States claimed maximum points over 200m in 19.90s,

and Olympic gold medallist Ruth Jebet set a new meeting mark of nine minutes 4.78 secs to claim victory in the 3 000m steeplechase. *Daily Mail*

Fans walk out as Inter slump to defeat again

MILAN - Angry Inter Milan fans stormed out of the San Siro to "have lunch" in protest as a Pietro Iemmello brace gave Sassuolo a surprise 2-1 victory yesterday.

A week after sacking coach Stefano Pioli, who replaced Frank De Boer two

months into the campaign, crisis-hit Inter's fans demanded a reaction.

Angry

Inter's players were met by the sight of several angry and offensive banners hung by fans at the San Siro, one claiming Pioli was "the only actor in a team playing

cameo roles".

But the protest proved futile as Inter produced a dismal performance that saw them slump to a sixth defeat from their past eight league games, leaving them in eighth, three points behind AC Milan and a Europa League qualifying place. *AFP*



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GRIEZ FRIGHTENING

United chiefs worries about striker swoop

MANCHESTER - Manchester United fear their attempt to sign Antoine Griezmann could become more difficult as a result of revelations about Zlatan Ibrahimovic's Old Trafford pay packet.

Griezmann is understood to be seeking to become the highest-paid player at United and believed the wage ceiling to be £300k a week.

Now there are concerns the Atletico Madrid striker could seek even more and that other United targets

will also seek to exploit the Old Trafford gravy train.

That is as a direct result of the Football Leaks investigation claiming Ibrahimovic is paid a massive £367k a week, plus a £2.8million goal bonus.

That has triggered concern at United that the figures will open the floodgates and lead to the agents representing top players from around the world to attempt to fleece the club.

On a more positive note for United, reaching the Europa League Final means they are now only one step away from Champions League qualification.

And achieving that goal would only help Manager Jose Mourinho land top targets like Griezmann, 26.

The France marksman is United's No.1 target in the next transfer window at £85million.

Daily Star

FERNANDINHO RUES CITY SLIPS

MANCHESTER - Fernandinho admits "something went wrong" with Manchester City during Pep Guardiola's frustrating first season in the Premier League.

City began Guardiola's reign tipped as title favourites after reeling off 10 consecutive wins in all competitions.

But they will end the campaign without a trophy as they scrap to qualify for the Champions League via a top four finish.

A 2-0 success over Leicester on Saturday ensured two more victories, against West Bromwich Albion and Watford, will guarantee them a place in Europe's elite club competition.

But Brazil midfielder Fernandinho acknowledges there is plenty of room for improvement after a spluttering season.

"This season has been tough for us – something went wrong – but at the end we still have a chance to go into the Champions League and I'm sure we can improve next season," he said.

"Guardiola has his own philosophy and we have proved already we are able to do what he wants.

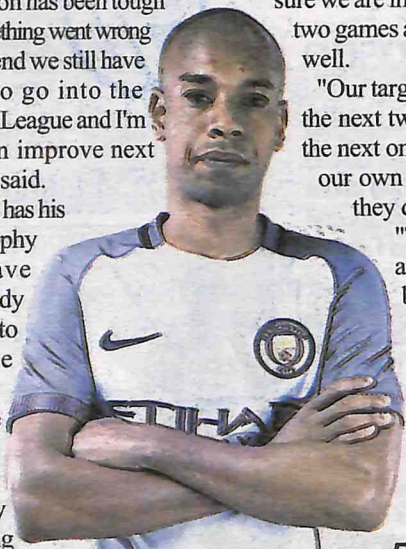
"We are trying to improve week by week, training session by training session. I'm

sure we are improving, for the next two games and for next season as well.

"Our target, our goal, is to win the next two games. Especially the next one at home in front of our own fans because I think they deserve it.

"Then the last game is at Watford, which will be tough again but we are ready for that."

AFP



RUES: Brazil midfielder Fernandinho.

Leicester saw Mahrez penalty

LONDON - Leicester City star Riyad Mahrez was given the chance to bring his side level against Manchester City from the penalty spot and duly succeeded in converting from 12-yards.

However, as the Algerian celebrated with team-mates, referee Bobby Madley quickly brought them back down to earth by disallowing the goal and awarding Manchester City a free-kick.

So what happened?

Television replays revealed that Mahrez, who slipped as he went to strike, deflected the ball onto his standing leg, changing the ball's flight and allowing it to float past Willy Caballero.

In accordance with FIFA law, a penalty taker is not allowed to touch the ball again until another player has come into contact with it or the penalty phase has ended. And while the law is designed

to stop people dribbling it into the net, Mahrez did indeed touch the ball twice and fall foul of the law.

That should be enough for Leicester fans to feel less aggrieved, if it were not for the fact that Atletico Madrid striker Antoine Griezmann did the exact same thing against Real Madrid with one crucial difference: the goal stood.

The Frenchman gave Atletico a 2-0 lead on the night in their Champions League semi-final after converting the spot-kick but replays showed the referee should have disallowed it and awarded a free-kick the other way.

Thankfully for the referee and Real Madrid, the decision did not have an impact on the final result with Los Blancos qualifying for the Champions League final regardless.

Daily Mail

Fighting spirit pleases Wenger

LONDON - Arsenal's "fighting spirit" has returned, Manager Arsene Wenger said after his side completed a third Premier League victory in a week, to roar back into contention for a top-four finish.

After a 2-0 loss at rivals Tottenham Hotspur last month, Arsenal looked dead and buried in pursuit of a 21st successive Champions League qualification but the Gunners have climbed to within a point of fourth-placed Liverpool.

Their impressive 4-1 victory at Stoke City on Saturday followed similarly convincing 2-0 wins against Southampton and Manchester United, respectively.

The Gunners still need Liverpool or Manchester City to drop points before they stand a chance, but Wenger's side have now regained crucial momentum and confidence ahead of their final two games against Sunderland and Everton.

"We had a difficult week playing Sunday, Wednesday and Saturday. We had three wins in a very convincing way so the focus is there, the desire to play together is there and the fighting spirit is there and of course we are very pleased for that," Wenger told the BBC.

Arsenal

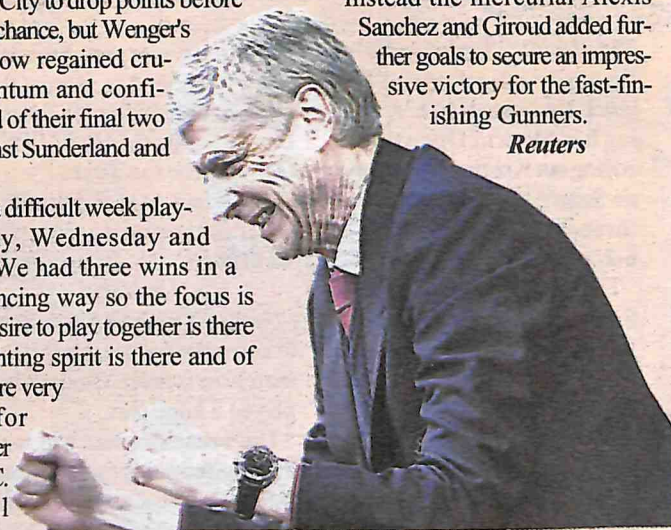
have struggled at the home of the abrasive Potters, not winning there since 2010, therefore the manner of victory was particularly impressive with a controlled defensive performance setting the foundations for their scintillating attack.

They controlled the game and led 2-0 through stylish goals from Olivier Giroud and Mesut Ozil before Peter Crouch pulled one back – with his hand – to set up a potentially nervous finish.

The atmosphere inside Stoke's famed Britannia Stadium ramped up and many would have been forgiven for expecting the Gunners usual frailties to come to the fore.

Instead the mercurial Alexis Sanchez and Giroud added further goals to secure an impressive victory for the fast-finishing Gunners.

Reuters



'JESUS, AGUERO CAN SHINE TOGETHER'

MANCHESTER - Pep Guardiola is certain Gabriel Jesus and Sergio Aguero can play together for Manchester City despite suggesting it was a disaster when they first linked up.

Guardiola surprisingly started with the fit-again Aguero on the bench as City moved a step closer to Champions League qualification by beating Leicester 2-1 at Eastlands on Saturday.

Third-placed City are three points ahead of fifth-placed Arsenal with two games remaining as they battle for a

top-four finish.

Jesus scored the penalty that put City two goals in front after David Silva had given them the lead with an effort that Leicester believed should have been disallowed for offside.

The Brazilian striker's arrival from Palmeiras in January has cast doubt over Aguero's long-term future at City, even though the Argentine has scored 31 goals this season.

The two forwards did start together for the 2-2 draw at Middlesbrough on April 30, but struggled initially before

clicking, and they had 12 minutes alongside each other against Leicester after Aguero came on as a late substitute.

"They played at Middlesbrough together, and in the first half it was a disaster. The second half was much better. Both of them have quality enough to see who wins the game for the side," Guardiola said.

"Gabriel can play on the left side if Aguero is in the middle. They can do that. In Brazil, Gabriel plays most of the time in the left."

AFP

South African SOCCER

Pirates have enough players, says Chabalala

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates legend, Tonic Chabalala, has said that he doesn't think that his former club should be signing any more players, with recent reports linking the club with Nyiko Mobbie.

It was revealed that Pirates are in talks with Mobbie in Soccer Laduma issue number 1022, with Pirates looking to bring the Free State Stars defender in for the right back position. Chabalala, however, is not convinced that they need to reinforce.

Depth

"I don't think it (a move for Mobbie) will be a good move, because if you look at the squad right now, the right back position already has a lot of depth, with the likes of (Themba) Sikhakhane, (Ntsikelelo) Nyauza and even sometimes (Thabo) Matlaba there," he told Soccer Laduma.

Chabalala concluded by saying that Pirates have a good squad, but that confidence and focus needs to be restored in the team.

Soccer Laduma

'WE CHOSE WRONG PLAYERS'

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs Chairman Kaizer Motaung has conceded that wrong choices were made when signing new players at the beginning of the season.

Chiefs signed Edmore Chirambadare, Mitchell Katsvairo, Lewis Macha, Keagan Buchanan, Enocent Mkhabela, Ryan Moon, Ramahlwe Mphahlele, Sibusiso Khumalo and Joseph Molangoane.

Of all the players signed, only Chirambadare, Mphahlele, Khumalo and Molangoane have been regulars this season. "It simply means we made the wrong choices," Motaung told the City Press.

"That's why the issue of review comes into play. We need to check if we did the right things or not. Obviously, we also need to look at our youth structure as there are



some good prospects".

Motaung believes players are overpriced when Chiefs want to sign them.

"The market is skewed as the player's value is determined by where he is going or who is interested in him - not by the actual value of the player.

"A player could be worth R500

000 to one club, but, when it comes to Chiefs, the asking price will be about R5 million. I think we must follow the European way, where everything is transparent."

Chiefs will now go two successive seasons without silverware, but Motaung has thrown his weight behind coach Steve Komphela.

"The first season was not so bad

as far as I'm concerned because we reached two cup finals, although we didn't do well in the league. With the team we have now, we are playing much better than last season and there is improvement. But we need to tighten up the loose ends as it is clear there is something missing," he said.

Citizen

AJAX SPRINTING TO THE FINISH LINE

CAPE TOWN - Ajax Cape made it three league wins on the trot with a fairly comfortable 2-0 victory over Bloemfontein Celtic at the Athlone Stadium on Saturday night.

The game was to be settled by two goals in the opening 20 minutes by

the Urban Warriors. Celtic were to enjoy most of the play after that, but they wasted a host of chances to get back into the match and remain just three points above the relegation zone with two matches to play.

The Urban Warriors were ahead after just three minutes when some

great interplay between Ayanda Makua and Bantu Mzwakali put Prince Nxumalo in on goal, the striker doing well to go around goalkeeper Patrick Tignyemb before scoring cleverly on the angle.

The lead was extended in the 19th minute when Nxumalo turned

provider by unselfishly returning Mzwakali's pass for the latter to tap into an empty net after having instigated the move with a surging run through midfield.

Celtic had chances to reduce the deficit, but Fiston Abduol's volley was well-saved by Brandon Peterson before Lyle Lakay blazed a shot into the stands on 30 minutes.

Citizen

PITSO MOSIMANE COMPARES CAF GROUP STAGE OPENER:

'They play amateur Sunday league football'

PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane was in disbelief at the type of football on display following his side's goalless draw with St George in their 2017 CAF Champions League group stage opener.

The Brazilians enjoyed more of the ball, but could not find a way past the Ethiopians over the 90 minutes, as the points were shared at the Lucas Moripe Stadium.

Mosimane believes that this was one of the easiest games Sundowns has ever played, and could not understand how Masandawana did not manage to score.

"To be honest, I have never seen a mild game like this. This was one of the easiest games ever played," he said.

"But what is the point in

saying it was easy if we don't win. We were not aggressive in the box upfront; we moved the ball and they hardly touched it, but what's the point?"

"I don't know if I watched the game in the right way or what, I think it was one of the easiest games. In the



Champions League, this was the easiest ever played here. But we didn't win, and I am disappointed."

So frustrated by the result and performance, 'Jingles' likened the match to a non-professional Sunday league game.

"Tonight there was no football - this was a Sunday league game. A nice Sunday afternoon game for over 30s," he said.

"I think after a month of training, I can put my boots back on and play. I could even do something."

Sundowns travel to AS Vita for their next CAF fixture, scheduled for Wednesday, May 24.

With two to go, it's do or die

JOHANNESBURG - With two games to go, the ABSA Premiership teams face a nerve-racking period as they fight to avoid dropping to the National First Division (NFD).

Teams that fail to reach the 30-point mark, which should ensure their safety, face a tense

two final games.

Apart from the title contest between Bidvest Wits and Mamelodi Sundowns, the real battle is at the bottom.

Wednesday's penultimate fixtures could determine who goes down.

Victories may save them any side among those below

position 11 could still be relegated, meaning Platinum Stars - who are on 31 points - are in the clear.

Not so for Bloemfontein Celtic, Free State Stars, Chippa United, Baroka FC and Highlands Park.

All five teams will be playing for survival on Wednesday, knowing that only victories may save them.

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National Emergency Response Council On HIV/AIDS

INVITATION TO TENDER

CONTRACT TITLE: CLIENT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM PROJECT:
SHORT TERM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
REFERENCE NO. PP/CONS/5/2017

The NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COUNCIL FOR HIV & AIDS (NERCHA) invites bids from eligible bidders for the provision of short term technical assistance in the following areas;

Section #1: Technical Assistance for Unique Patient Identifier
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Section #4: Technical Assistance for Software Development

These assignments shall be awarded separately.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from; THE PROCUREMENT MANAGER, NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COUNCIL FOR HIV & AIDS (NERCHA), PLOT 738 OF FARM 2, EMAJIKA ROAD, MBABANE, THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND, Telephone: (268) 2406 5000, FAX: (268) 406 5004/5/6 and inspect the bidding documents during office hours 08.30 to 16.30 at the address given below.

A complete set of bidding documents with the Terms of Reference in English may be purchased by interested eligible bidders from the 15th of May 2017 at the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee of E300. The method of payment will be Cash or Bank certified cheque.

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 10.00 am on Friday 26th May 2017. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below on Friday 26th May 2017 10am in the NERCHA Training Room.

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BENFICA CELEBRATE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE LEAGUE TITLE IN STYLE

LISBON - Dressing room selfies have become the established norm when football teams toast their success in the dressing room after the game.

But Portuguese giants Benfica have taken it to the next level as they marked a fourth successive league title by taking a moped for a spin.

The Lisbon-based club sealed a 36th title in their history after thrashing Vitoria Guimaraes on Saturday, and were clearly in no mood to hang around later that night.

Portugal international Eliseu led the celebrations in the dressing rooms as he spun around on a moped as his team-mates roared enthusiastically in a circle around him.

The 33-year-old appeared to enjoy himself, chuckling to himself as he drove it towards the camera to toast his side's continued domination of the Primeira

...as Eliseu takes a moped for a spin in the dressing room



CHAMPIONS: The Eagles toasted their success with beer and champagne on Saturday night.

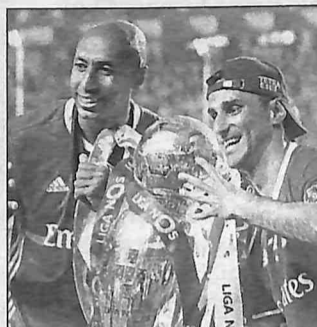
Liga.

Rui Vitoria's side secured their latest triumph by easing to victory over Guimaraes at the Estadio da Luz on Saturday.

The Eagles quickly settled any lingering nerves when Franco Cervi and Raul Jimenez put them

2-0 ahead after only 16 minutes.

Pizzi added the third after a one-two with Jonas and an emphatic finish and Jonas himself lobbed the fourth before half-time as Guimaraes, who had won their last seven league games, were blown away.



Jonas added the fifth with a penalty midway through the second half to complete the rout.

Victory gave them an unassailable eight-point lead over Porto, who were the last side to beat Benfica to the league crown in 2013. Celebrations continued into the night as the players embarked on an open-top bus parade through Lisbon to the delight of thousands of fans who lined the streets.

Daily Mail

Man City prepared to sell Kelechi Iheanacho

MANCHESTER - Manchester City striker Kelechi Iheanacho is set to become the most surprising member of manager Pep Guardiola's summer clearout at the Etihad Stadium with the club willing to listen to offers for the 20-year-old Nigerian.

German Bundesliga club Borussia Dortmund have already expressed an interest in the young forward who was tipped for the top by former City boss Manuel Pellegrini and has scored 21 goals for City despite making only 20 starts.

Under Guardiola however, Iheanacho's progress has been restricted by the £27million signing of young Brazilian international centre forward Gabriel Jesus and there is an acceptance he could move on to help finance a rebuild at the club this summer. Though there is likely to be Premier League interest in Iheanacho, Dortmund are likely to be able to offer Champions League football next season and the chance to play with star forward Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang if he stays at the club.

Manchester City are likely to ask close to £20million for a player they signed in 2014 from the Taye Academy in Nigeria and who is under contract until 2021. *Daily Mail*

Malesela expected to be reinstated by Chippa

JOHANNESBURG - Dan Malesela is expected to be reinstated as the head coach of Chippa United.

Malesela was placed on 'special leave' by the Chilli Boys at the end of April with Mbuyiselo Sambu taking over on an interim basis.

However, there has been indications that Malesela could be reinstated with two games remaining in the season.

When called for comment, Malesela said, "I can't speak, I'm driving to the airport."

The Chilli Boys are fighting for survival in the ABSA Premiership as they sit in 15th position, one point adrift of safety.

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'Xulu will leave Chiefs if Komphela is retained'

JOHANNESBURG: Xulu has managed a single appearance under Komphela this season, and his agent hinted that this could be his last season at the Soweto giants.

Defender Siyanda Xulu will leave Kaizer Chiefs if the club retains the services of coach Steve Komphela for the upcoming season, according to the player's agent Paul Mitchell.

Xulu has not been a regular under Komphela, and while he was transfer-listed at the end of last term, the 25-year-old utility play was given a second chance to revive his career.

Mitchell feels Xulu's chances of playing regular football are non-existent for as long as

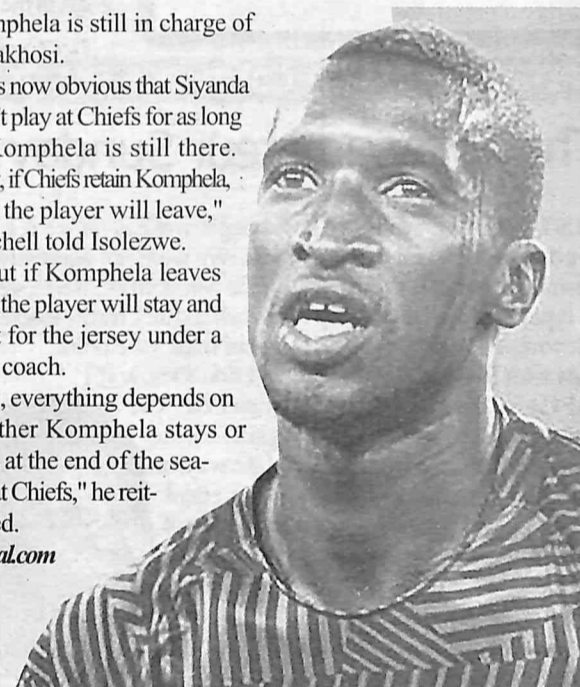
Komphela is still in charge of Amakhosi.

"It's now obvious that Siyanda won't play at Chiefs for as long as Komphela is still there. Now, if Chiefs retain Komphela, then the player will leave," Mitchell told Isolezwe.

"But if Komphela leaves then the player will stay and fight for the jersey under a new coach.

So, everything depends on whether Komphela stays or goes at the end of the season at Chiefs," he reiterated.

Goal.com



Hull City relegated from the Premier League

LONDON - Hull City crashed out of the Premier League yesterday as Crystal Palace secured their own survival with a 4-0 thrashing of their relegation rivals at Selhurst Park.

Marco Silva's side knew only a victory would give them a realistic chance of staying up, but goals from Wilfried Zaha, Christian Benteke, Luka Milivojevic and Patrick van Aanholt consigned them to the drop.

Third-bottom Hull, winners just once in their last six matches, return to the Championship just 12 months after their promotion via the play-offs.



DEJECTED: Hull City has been relegated from the Premier League after being thrashed 4-0 by Palace.

They paid the price for a chaotic campaign marred by poor signings

and boardroom turmoil.

The Tigers will join already rele-

gated Sunderland and Middlesbrough in the second tier next season.

Palace had needed a point to stay up and their dominant display completed boss Sam Allardyce's latest survival mission after he rescued Sunderland last season.

Safety

Swansea City's win at Sunderland on Saturday had left Hull with no margin for error and Palace's desire to secure their safety meant the stakes couldn't have been higher.

In the circumstances, the first goal would be crucial and Hull, who had won only once at Palace in 32 years, were getting a sinking feeling in south London once again after Zaha punished a terrible blunder to open the scoring in the third minute.

Daily Mail

LOGS

Premier League

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Chelsea	36	28	3	5	76	29	47	87
Tottenham Hotspur	36	24	8	4	73	24	49	80
Liverpool	37	21	10	6	75	42	33	73
Manchester City	36	21	9	6	72	38	34	72
Arsenal	36	21	6	9	72	43	29	69
Manchester United	36	17	14	5	52	29	23	65
Everton	37	17	10	10	61	41	20	61
West Bromwich Albion	36	12	9	15	41	46	-5	45
Southampton	36	12	9	15	41	47	-6	45
AFC Bournemouth	37	12	9	16	54	66	-12	45
Leicester City	36	12	7	17	46	56	-10	43
West Ham United	37	11	9	17	45	63	-18	42
Crystal Palace	37	12	5	20	50	61	-11	41
Stoke City	37	10	11	16	40	56	-16	41
Burnley	37	11	7	19	38	53	-15	40
Watford	36	11	7	18	37	59	-22	40
Swansea City	37	11	5	21	43	69	-26	38
Hull City	37	9	7	21	36	73	-37	34
Middlesbrough	37	5	13	19	27	50	-23	28
Sunderland	36	6	6	24	28	62	-34	24

Spanish La Liga

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Barcelona	36	26	6	4	108	34	74	84
Real Madrid	35	26	6	3	96	39	57	84
Atlético Madrid	36	22	8	6	66	25	41	74
Sevilla	36	20	9	7	63	45	18	69
Villarreal	36	18	9	9	53	32	21	63
Athletic Club	36	19	5	12	51	39	12	62
Real Sociedad	36	19	5	12	55	49	6	62
Eibar	36	15	9	12	54	46	8	54
Deportivo Alavés	37	14	12	11	40	42	-2	54
Espanyol	37	14	11	12	47	49	-2	53
Valencia	37	13	7	17	55	62	-7	46
Málaga	36	12	9	15	47	51	-4	45
Celta de Vigo	36	13	5	18	50	63	-13	44
Las Palmas	36	10	9	17	52	67	-15	39
Real Betis	36	10	7	19	38	61	-23	37
Leganés	36	8	9	19	34	53	-19	33
Deportivo La Coruña	36	7	11	18	40	61	-21	32
Sporting Gijón	36	6	9	21	39	70	-31	27
Osasuna	37	4	10	23	40	89	-49	22
Granada	37	4	8	25	29	80	-51	20

Absa Premiership

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Bidvest Wits	28	17	6	5	45	21	24	57
Mamelodi Sundowns	28	16	7	5	48	16	32	55
Cape Town City FC	28	15	7	6	44	31	13	52
SuperSport United	28	12	12	4	42	25	17	48
Kaizer Chiefs	28	12	11	5	38	26	12	47
Polokwane City	28	9	13	6	32	30	2	40
Maritzburg United	28	9	9	10	28	32	-4	36
Ajax Cape Town	28	9	8	11	29	34	-5	35
Golden Arrows	28	9	8	11	30	42	-12	35
Orlando Pirates	28	6	14	8	28	38	-10	32
Platinum Stars	28	7	10	11	30	32	-2	31
Bloemfontein Celtic	28	5	12	11	15	27	-12	27
Free State Stars	28	6	8	14	26	37	-11	26
Highlands Park	28	5	10	13	24	42	-18	25
Chippa United	28	5	9	14	24	32	-8	24
Baroka FC	28	4	12	12	25	43	-18	24

Italian Serie A

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Juventus	35	27	4	4	71	23	48	85
Napoli	36	24	8	4	86	36	50	80
Roma	35	25	3	7	79	32	47	78
Lazio	36	21	7	8	72	45	27	70
Atalanta	36	19	9	8	60	41	19	66
Milan	36	17	9	10	53	43	10	60
Florentina	36	16	11	9	60	51	9	59
Internazionale	36	17	5	14	64	46	18	56
Torino	36	12	14	10	65	61	4	50
Sampdoria	36	12	11	13	46	50	-4	47
Cagliari	36	13	5	18	51	69	-18	44
Udinese	36	12	8	16	44	50	-6	44
Sassuolo	36	12	7	17	49	56	-7	43
Chievo	36	12	7	17	40	55	-15	43
Bologna	36	11	8	17	39	53	-14	41
Genoa	36	8	9	19	34	60	-26	33
Empoli	36	8	8	20	28	58	-30	32
Crotone	36	8	7	21	31	54	-23	31
Palermo	36	5	8	23	31	74	-43	23
Pescara	36	2	8	26	33	79	-46	14

German Bundesliga

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Bayern München	33	24	7	2	85	21	64	79
RB Leipzig	33	20	6	7	64	37	27	66
Borussia Dortmund	33	17	10	6	68	37	31	61
Hoffenheim	33	16	13	4	64	37	27	61
Hertha BSC	33	15	4	14	41	41	0	49
Freiburg	33	14	6	13	41	56	-15	48
Köln	33	11	13	9	49	42	7	46
Bayer Leverkusen	14	6	2	6	21	21	0	20
Werder Bremen	33	13	6	14	58	60	-2	45
Borussia M'gladbach	33	12	8	13	43	47	-4	44
Schalke 04	33	11	9	13	44	39	5	42
Eintracht Frankfurt	33	11	8	14	34	41	-7	41
Bayer Leverkusen	33	10	8	15	47	53	-6	38
Mainz 05	33	10	7	16	44	53	-9	37
Augsburg	33	9	10	14	35	51	-16	37
Wolfsburg	33	10	7	16	33	50	-17	37
Hamburger SV	33	9	8	16	31	60	-29	35
Ingolstadt	33	8	7	18	35	56	-21	31
Darmstadt 98	33	7	3	23	26	61	-35	24

HAMILTON CLAIMS SPANISH GP VICTORY

BARCELONA -Lewis Hamilton roared back into serious contention for a fourth drivers' world title yesterday when he drove to a well-judged victory for Mercedes in a dramatic Spanish Grand Prix.

The three-time champion recovered after losing the lead from his 64th pole position to make the most of key strategic decisions and win with power and precision ahead of championship leader Sebastian Vettel of Ferrari.

Hamilton finished the 66-lap contest 3.5 seconds ahead of the four-time champion German, having blasted past him to regain the lead after 44 laps.

It was his second win in five races this year and the 55th of his career and it brought him within six points of Vettel in the title race. The German now has 104 points and Hamilton has 98.

Australian Daniel Ricciardo finished third for Red Bull, more than a minute adrift of



BACK ON TOP: Lewis Hamilton.

TIMES

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5. Esteban Ocon (France) Force India - Mercedes 1 lap
6. Nico Hülkenberg (Germany) Renault 1 lap
7. Pascal Wehrlein (Germany) Sauber - Ferrari 1 lap
8. Carlos Sainz Jr (Spain) Toro Rosso - Renault 1 lap
9. Daniil Kvyat (Russia) Toro Rosso - Renault 1 lap
10. Romain Grosjean (France) Haas - Ferrari 1 lap
11. Marcus Ericsson (Sweden) Sauber - Ferrari 2 laps
12. Fernando Alonso (Spain) McLaren 2 laps
13. Felipe Massa (Brazil) Williams-Mercedes 2 laps
14. Kevin Magnussen (Denmark) Haas - Ferrari 2 laps
15. Jolyon Palmer (Britain) Renault 2 laps
16. Lance Stroll (Canada) Williams-Mercedes 2 laps

r. Valtteri Bottas (Finland) Mercedes 28 laps
r. Stoffel Vandoorne (Belgium) McLaren 33 laps
r. Max Verstappen (Netherlands) Red Bull - TAG Heuer 65 laps
r. Kimi Räikkönen (Finland) Ferrari 65 laps
(rank: r = retired, nc = not classified)
Fastest Lap: Lewis Hamilton, 1:23.593, lap 64.

the leaders, ahead of Mexican Sergio Perez and his Force India team-mate Frenchman Esteban Ocon. German Nico Hulkenberg came home sixth for Renault, ahead of compatriot Pascal Wehrlein of Sauber, who lost his place due to a time penalty for a pit-lane mistake dur-

ing the race. Spaniard Carlos Sainz was eighth on the road, but classified seventh, ahead of Russian Daniil Kvyat who did a superb job for Toro Rosso after starting at the back of the grid, and Frenchman Romain Grosjean of Haas. **.Reuters**

Coutinho stars as Klopp's men run riot

LONDON - Liverpool took a huge step towards Champions League qualification as goals from Daniel Sturridge on his first Premier League start since January and the magnificent Philippe Coutinho helped them claim a comprehensive 4-0 victory at West Ham.

Sturridge had not started a top-flight match for Jurgen Klopp's side since featuring in a 2-2 draw with Sunderland on January 2, but displayed the clinical edge Liverpool have at times lacked in front of goal with a superb run and finish midway through the first half at London Stadium.

Prior to Sturridge's strike, it was the Reds who had come closest to opening the scor-



ing when Joel Matip's header struck the woodwork, though the visitors were fortunate that Andre Ayew did not restore parity on the cusp of half-time.

Ayew's poor finishing was duly punished, Coutinho taking matters into his own hands with two terrific solo efforts

in the space of four second-half minutes, although the second one came with a hint of controversy.

Georginio Wijnaldum, who had hit the crossbar in the build-up to Liverpool's second goal, clearly handled in his own area - inflicting injury. **Goal**

Man United see top-four chances evaporate with Spurs defeat

MANCHESTER - Homegrown hero Harry Kane scored Tottenham Hotspur's last goal at White Hart Lane as they bade farewell to their home with a 2-1 victory over Manchester United yesterday.

Kane, born up the road in Chingford, added to Victor Wanyama's early header to secure a victory that confirmed Spurs will finish in second place in the English Premier League and ended United's hopes of a top-four finish.

Demolition work at the Lane, Spurs' home since 1899, will start on Monday, with Mauricio Pochettino's side playing at Wembley next sea-

son before moving into their new ground, which is being built on the same site, in 2018.

The Lane has been graced by such Spurs greats as Jimmy Greaves, Steve Perryman and Glenn Hoddle and it was fitting that Kane, emblem of their exciting current side, should be their final goal-scorer there.

It was Spurs' 14th successive home league win -- equalling the club record, set over two seasons in 1987 -- and meant they finished a league campaign unbeaten at home for the first time since 1964-65.

An on-pitch ceremony featuring famous figures from the club's past



was due to take place after the match. Sixth-place United, who replied through Wayne Rooney, fell to a second successive league defeat,

having seen a 25-game unbeaten run ended by a 2-0 loss down the road at Arsenal last weekend. **AFP**

RESULTS

2017 CAF Confed Cup

Platinum Stars	1 - 1	MC Alger
Recreativo do Libolo	1 - 0	Al Hilal Al Ubayyid
TP Mazembe	2 - 0	CF Mounana

Italian Serie A

Torino	0 - 5	Napoli
Sampdoria	1 - 1	Chievo
Palermo	1 - 0	Genoa
Crotone	1 - 0	Udinese
Bologna	3 - 1	Pescara
Cagliari	3 - 2	Empoli
Internazionale	1 - 2	Sassuolo

Premier League

Tottenham Hotspur	2 - 1	Manchester United
West Ham United	0 - 4	Liverpool
Crystal Palace	4 - 0	Hull City

Spanish La Liga

Deportivo Alavés	3 - 1	Celta de Vigo
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NAPOLI THRASH TORINO TO MOVE SECOND IN SERIE A

ROME - Napoli thrashed Torino 5-0 yesterday to climb into second spot and keep some pressure on Serie A leaders Juventus.

Jose Callejon gave Maurizio Sarri's men the lead after seven minutes, beating Joe Hart with a low finish after being sent clear into the box.

Torino then held firm until the hour mark when Napoli doubled their lead, Dries Mertens pulling the ball back for Lorenzo Insigne to finish well from just inside the area.

The scoreline grew more emphatic as Napoli added three goals in seven minutes, Insigne turning provider for Mertens, who raced onto a throughball before cutting inside to smash a shot past Hart.

Callejon turned home a left-wing Mertens cross at the back post before the 30-year set up Piotr Zielinski to complete the scoring with Napoli's 107th goal of the season, a club record, ensuring they moved above Roma. **Goal**



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VOVOVO FC VS CITY WARRIORS



MARKING: City Warriors' Mancoba Groening and Vovovo FC's Sibusiso Thwala vying for the ball during the MTN National First Division League grand closing at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. Vovovo won 7-2. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



FOLLOW ME: City's Mavi Mamba outpacing Vovovo's Banele Dlamini.



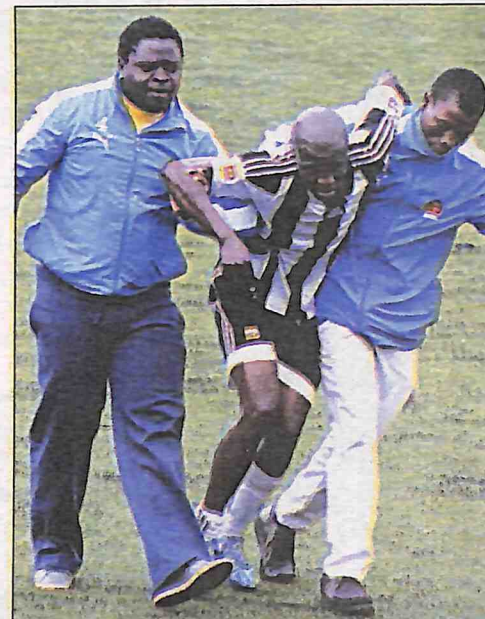
DRIBBLES: Vovovo FC's Sibusiso Tfwala attempts to go past Jabulani Tfwala.



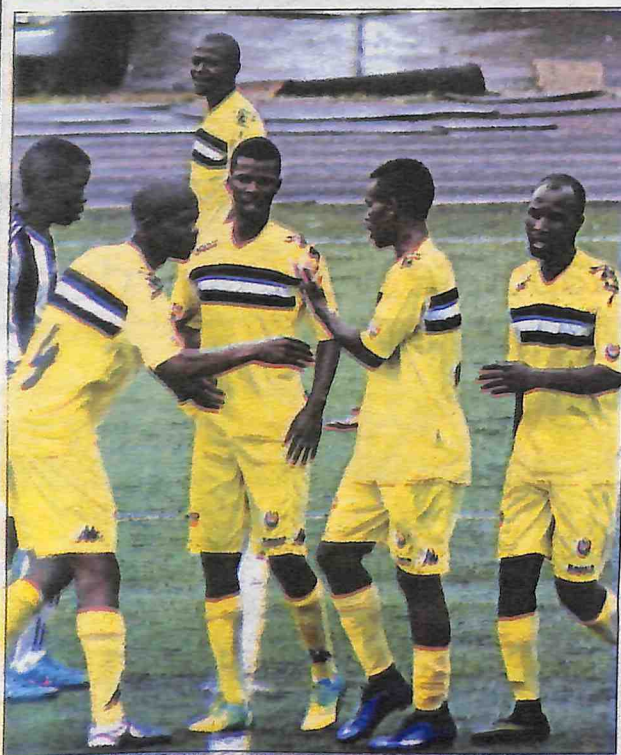
NET: One of Vovovo's seven goals.



HEADER: Mancoba Groening heading the ball over Mncedisi Dlamini.



OUT: Injured Warriors player being helped off the pitch.



JOY: Vovovo players celebrating their third goal.



SPORTSMANSHIP: Vovovo and Warriors players chatting during half time.



VYING FOR THE BALL: Ncamiso Maseko trying to go past Mancoba Groening.



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MATSAPHA UNITED BEAT MALANTI CHIEFS 2-0



ALL YOURS: FA executive member Nichodemus 'Ace' Mashwama and MTN Senior Manager Segments Meshack Maseko presenting the trophy and a E100 000 replica cheque to Matsapha United captain Vusumuzi Zungu for winning the MTN National First Division League at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



CHAMPS: MTN National First Division champions Matsapha United displaying their trophy and a E100 000 replica cheque at the stadium.



CONTROL: Matsapha United captain Vusumuzi Zungu winning the ball from Malanti Chiefs' Lindokuhle Fakudze during the grand closing of MTN National First Division League at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. United won 2-0.



SECOND GOAL: Sidumo Shongwe celebrating his goal.



CELEBRATING: Supporters joined the players in celebration.



GIFTS: Swazi MTN Senior Manager Segments Meshack Maseko flanked by Malanti Chiefs fans Sindi Dube and Victor Dlamini of Matsapha United after he presented them with gifts for being best dressed fans.



HAPPY PEOPLE: United CEO Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini celebrating with the players.



PUSHING: Dennis 'Yuki' Masina and Bhekisisa Shongwe fighting for the ball.



NO WAY: Mike Dombo attempts to go past Thembumenzi Mayisela.

football talk

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Antonio Conte has vowed to stay as Chelsea manager and will turn down an offer to take over at Serie A club Inter Milan. (*Sunday Mirror*)

Arsenal Manager Arsene Wenger has decided to stay for another season and wants to sign Leicester winger Riyad Mahrez, 26, and Middlesbrough defender Ben Gibson, 24. (*Sunday Express*)



Manchester United stand to lose a third of the value of their yearly sponsorship deal with Adidas - £22.5m - if they fail to beat Ajax in the Europa League final. (*Sunday Times - subscription required*)

United fear revelations about 35-year-old striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic's lucrative contract could see transfer targets - such as Atletico Madrid's 26-year-old forward Antoine Griezmann - make exorbitant wage demands. (*Daily Star Sunday*)



Atletico Madrid want United to meet keeper Jan Oblak's £85m buy-out clause if they want to sign the 24-year-old keeper. This means the Old Trafford club could switch their attentions to Inter Milan stopper Samir Handanovic, 32. (*Sunday Express*)

Borussia Dortmund are interested in signing Manchester City striker Kelechi Iheanacho, 20, who could be one of a dozen players to leave the club this summer as part of Manager Pep Guardiola's squad overhaul. (*Mail on Sunday*)



Bastian Schweinsteiger says the way he was treated at Manchester United was 'not right'. The 32-year-old midfielder left United for MLS side Chicago Fire in March. (*ESPN*)

Newcastle boss Rafael Benitez is keen to sign Leicester's 33-year-old centre-back Wes Morgan. (*Sun on Sunday*)



Real Madrid Manager Zinedine Zidane is set to sign a contract extension. (*Marc*)

But defender Pepe, 34, will leave Real at the end of the season, with Serie A his most likely destination. (*Marc - in Spanish*)



Bournemouth are preparing a £10m bid for Liverpool's 19-year-old defender Joe Gomez. (*Sun on Sunday*)

JAZZ BEAT RAIDERS IN EXCITING SNBL CLASH

Stories by Sibusiso Dlamini

BASKETBALL - YOUNGSTERS Manzini Raiders, despite their gallant performance, lost 45-98 against glamour capital city side Jazz.

The Samuel Samambu-led charges started the game brightly, making it clear to the seasoned team that they will not be walkovers.

They proved to all that the future of the sport is in safe hands.

The daring youngsters moved the ball around swiftly with the likes of Themba Noumonvi and Khetho Maseko finishing brilliantly, making Mzwandile 'States' Vilakati and co look average.

As the crowd cheered on the fearless youngsters, the seasoned team started capitalising on the silly errors from Raiders. When Jazz finally introduced Phindafuthi Dlamini, they started pushing the young-



sters using power play with Lwazi Mchobokazi and Jordy Shiba also contributing to the pressure piling.

The pressure destabilised Raiders and were thus dearly punished by Phinda's clean finishing.

However, Jazz failed to entirely dominate the youngsters, who would now and again get the whole crowd on their feet

with their mercurial skills.

Ephraim Kambala, Takudzwa Mhiza and Zusiswe Dlamini continued to gain the confidence as the game went on.

The entertaining match eventually ended 98-45 in favour of Jazz.

Meanwhile, in the match played earlier on, Manzini Titans beat Nhlangu Warriors 64-49.

We lack experience - Raiders

BASKETBALL - MANZINI Raiders coach Martin Samambu says the only let down for his side is lack of experience in the squad.

The coach said this after watching his side lose 45 - 98 to Jazz.

"It's quite clear to everyone that we lack experience in the squad. Most of these boys are in high school and the rest have just completed school.

It shows we are working hard but there are those silly mistakes we need to rectify. Coming into the game, I am proud of my boys. Yes, I do admit there is room for improvement but honestly, I'm really pleased with what the boys have displayed today. I think I only need a few experienced players to mix with the talent we have. We will certainly be competing soon," he said.

Meanwhile, his Jazz counterpart Sifiso Masuku was also a pleased man after the game.

"I think it was a great performance from the players. Our opponents showed their dedication throughout the match but I am happy with the fact that we were also an improved team today. Coming to the title, I think our objective every year is to always win the league and we will fight for that."

Correctional unbeaten run comes to an end

By Sibusiso Masilela

DARTS - SWAZILAND Royal Insurance Corporation (SRIC) E60 000 Darts League pacesetters Correctional 26-match unbeaten run finally came to an end after losing to Illovo at their own backyard; Correctional Hall on Saturday.

This comes after the sugar belt side handed the Matsapha based side their first loss of the season, beating them 14-10.

The win has seen Illovo maintain their third position with 63 points while Correctional are still sitting at the summit of the log with 78 points despite the loss. This was one of the exciting clashes over the weekend.

Defending champions and second placed Scandza also kept their grip on the title race after beating Umcobhe 17-6.

Police side RSP recorded two wins over struggling newcomers

THE FULL RESULTS		
Cubs	0-13	SRIC B
Kilowatts B	16-9	Makie
Correctional	10-14	Illovo
Ecco Watetr	13-0	Malkerns Darts Club
Umcobhe	6-17	Scandza
RSP	13-0	SRIC A
Makie	8-17	Manzini City Council
RSP	20-5	SRIC B
Manzini City Council	12-11	Kilowatts A

180 highlights:
Sizwe Simelane - Scandza.

SRIC A and SRIC, winning 13-0 and 20-5, respectively.

The most outstanding player of the weekend was Sizwe Simelane of Scandza, who scored the highlight 180 points.

Swaziland National Darts Association Public Relations Officer Bheki Nkonyane con-

firmed the results.

"We are happy with the progress of the league where we saw entertaining clashes over the weekend. We will release the logs tomorrow (today). We are looking forward to other exciting games next weekend," he said.

Zithande geared up for Comrades marathon

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - THRIVING Zithande Athletics Club wants to add more medals in their cabinet during this year's edition of the Comrades Marathon.

The 92nd edition of the world's biggest and oldest ultra-marathon is set to take place next month, (June 4).

The race will start at the Durban City Hall at 5.30am and ends 12 hours later at the Scottsville Race Course in Pietermaritzburg, covering a distance of around 88km.

Zithande's two seasoned athletes in Blessing Kunene, who was the first Swazi to cross the finish line in last year's edition, and Ntokozo Mamba, both obtained silver medals in the race.

The team's coach Nsizwa Thwala said they were looking to do even better this time around.

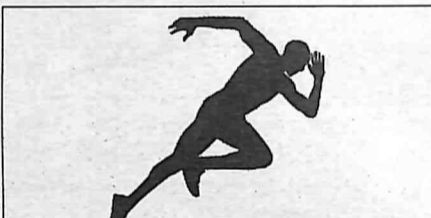
Just two weeks ago, the team hosted a 65km race from Zakhele, cutting through places like Sidzakeni, Lwandle, Maliyaduma, and Fairview then back to the starting point, in readiness for the Comrades.

"I can confidently say we are ready for the Comrades Marathon. We are going there with the attitude that we want to add more medals to the ones we accumulated in the same race last year."

The team will be captained by the hard-working, dedicated, and inspirational Samukeliso Nxumalo.

"Besides our silver medallists in Blessing and Ntokozo from last year's race, we also have other hopefuls in Mbonisi Mahlangu and Samukelo Nxumalo, who are also ready for the race," Thwala said.

Registration for the race opened on September 1 last year and closed on November 30, which means it is now closed.



WILLARD WINS USUTHU OPEN

By Sibusiso Masilela

GOLF - TOP golfer Willard Mkhwanazi has continued to dominate local competitions after winning the Usuthu Open.

The Mbabane based golfer outclassed fellow local golfers to be crowned as the champion of the annual tournament held on Saturday at the Mhlambanyatsi Golf Club. He scored a total gross of 146 points. Coming second was Teddy Vilakati at gross points 148 while Nathi Tsabedze completed the top three bracket at net points 149.

The longest drive was won by Sanele Myeni with the pair of Mphumelelo Makhubu and Mphumelelo Vilakati winning the nearest pin at 5/14 and 8/17, respectively.

THE FULL RESULTS:

- A Division**
1. Willard Mkhwanazi - gross 146 points
 2. Sifiso Vilane - gross 148 points.
 3. Teddy Vilakati - nett 143 points
- Longest Drive - Sanele Myeni
Novelties nearest to the pin:
8/17 - Mphumelelo Makhubu
5/14 - Mphumelelo Makhubu
- B Division**
1. Khulile Dlamini - gross 129 points
 2. Garry Hullett - gross 131 points
 3. Jabulane Ngubane - 115 points

MATSAPHA UNITED CROWNED NFD CHAMPS

By Sibusiso Masilela

Malanti Chiefs..... (0)0
Matsapha United..... (0)2

SOCCER – STAR-STUDED Matsapha United sealed their promotion to the Premier League after beating fellow promotion candidates Malanti Chiefs 2-0 in a gruelling title decider match played at the rain soaked Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

They are now E100 000 richer. The 'Deep Blue Ocean' had to wait until the second half to clinch the championship through goals from substitutes Nkosingamandla Nkambule and Sidumo Shongwe. The two teams failed to create chances throughout the first half of the match watched by over 200 football lovers under chilly weather con-

ditions. They were joined by Minister of Sports Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala, who, however, left the venue before halftime.

The match came to life in the second half as both sides began to play with intent, with the pair of Malanti's Thokozani Khanyile and his Matsapha countryman Vusumuzi Zungu shining in the belly of the park.

The coach Saul Chaminuka-led charges second half substitution paid dividend in the 77th minute when Nkosingamandla Nkambule, who rested Mike Dombo, finally broke the deadlock with a sublime finish from close range, giving opposition goalkeeper Mpendulo Dlamini no chance. The pint sized player tapped home a Sibonelo Dlamini low cross that was initiated by a good move from Zungu. Another



CHAMPIONS: MTN National First Division champions Matsapha United celebrating after being crowned champions.

substitute in veteran striker Sidumo Shongwe, who replaced former Sihlangu star Dennis 'Yuki' Masina, then sealed the win for the 2017

Results:

Citizens	0	Hub Sundowns	0
Brothers	3	Amalanda	3
Tycoons	1	Sikhalo	1
Madlenya	3	Bad Boys	2
City Warriors	2	Vovovo	7
Matsapha United	2	Malanti Chiefs	0

MTN National First Log

Teams	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Matsapha United	22	17	2	3	57	17	40	53
Malanti Chiefs	22	14	5	3	50	18	32	47
Vovovo	22	13	3	6	41	21	20	41
Madlenya	22	9	4	7	28	26	2	35
Mbabane Citizens	22	10	4	8	32	27	5	34
Hub Sundowns	22	7	6	9	25	27	-2	28
Amalanda	22	8	2	12	27	34	-7	26
Sikhalo	22	6	6	10	17	24	-7	24
Hlatikhulu Tycoons	22	7	3	12	22	46	-24	24
Bad Boys	22	5	6	11	23	41	-18	21
Ludzeludze Brothers	22	5	6	11	26	44	-18	21
City Warriors	22	4	5	13	22	47	-25	17

Teams:

MALANTI - Mpendulo, Siyabonga, Thembumenzi, Bhekisisa, Sifiso, Lindokuhle, Sicelo (Raphael), Khanyile (Zweli), Gomez (Mbhedze), Charles
MATSAPHA - Mxolisi, John, Sibonelo, Tjovitvo, Moses, Menzi, Dombo (Nkosingamandla), Mabaso, Yuki (Sidumo), Zungu Mkhalele (Wandile)

SwaziBank Cup runners-up a minute before fulltime when he tapped in a low cross from Mthobisi 'Mkhelele' Mdluli, ending the contest in favour of the flamboyant United. Meanwhile, the first match played at the same venue saw third placed Vovovo FC beating already relegated City Warriors 7-2.

...supporters urged to stop taking matter into their own hands and being violent

Stories by Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER – MBABANE Highlanders supporters have been blamed for the team's unfortunate situation in the MTN Premier League.

This was raised during the team's mass meeting held at the La Casserole Conference room in Mbabane yesterday.

The supporters are said to have contributed to the team's woes as they have on many occasions decided to take matters into their own hands. National Supporters Committee (NSC) Secretary Maxwell Masuku said the team's supporters resorted to violence in resolving

'BULL' SUPPORTERS BLAMED FOR TEAM'S TROUBLES

issues affecting the team and such conduct made things worse.

"We are where we are today because of the violence of our supporters. This has really delayed progress in the team and it is time it comes to an end. Our Disciplinary Committee had no powers all along but they now have powers to deal with all those who cause trouble," he said.

He stated that a code of conduct was passed during the closed meeting and would be used to guide all structures in the team.

"The code of conduct will ensure, amongst other things, that rowdy supporters are suspended for misconduct or even banned from the team's activities. Those found guilty of such will also be made to pay part of the fines imposed on the team by the PLS because of the violence.

"We are also going to add marshals to be on the lookout for the hooligans and also hand over those culprits to the police for prosecution," he said.



BLAMED: Mbabane Highlanders supporters contributed to the team's woes as they have on many occasions decided to take matters into their own hands.

Also present during the meeting were the team's outgoing patrons, namely Vuka 'Moi' Masilela, Moses Dlamini and Benson Dlamini. Masuku said the patrons appealed for calm from the supporters and urged them to desist from being violent. They explained

to the supporters that they, together with the directors, have the best interest of the team at heart.

"They explained to the supporters that they did all they could to save the situation in the team. They then asked that they refrain from hurling insults," he said.

14-TEAM PROPOSAL A NO-GO AREA - SUPPORTERS TOLD

SOCCER - THE 14-team Premier League of Swaziland proposal was said to be a no-go area for Mbabane Highlanders supporters.

The supporters wanted to know about the issue regarding the purported proposal by the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) governors during the meeting.

The supporters were, however, stopped from discussing the matter, which they were told was being dealt with by other structures.

"We refused to comment on this issue because it is not for us

supporters to deal with. We have no control over this matter and in as much as we would love to stay in the Premier League, we are ready for anything that will happen after the game against Mbabane Swallows," he said.

Masuku urged supporters to accept whatever result after the game.

Important

"This is a very important game for the team. But we need to accept anything that will happen on the day," he said.

He further stated that the supporters wanted an update on the

issue of the team's patrons. This follows a statement by the team's Board of Directors Chairman Zweli Jele stating that the structure would cease to exist as of next season.

"Nothing formal has reached our office on the issue of the dissolution of the patrons' structure. We will wait for management to inform us on these developments," he said.

NOTHING FORMAL: Board of Directors Chairman Zweli Jele.



'Landers AGM on June 25

SOCCER - MBABANE Highlanders will hold their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on June 25.

This was revealed by National Supporters Committee (NSC) Secretary Maxwell Masuku after the team meeting held at La Casserole Conference room in Mbabane yesterday.

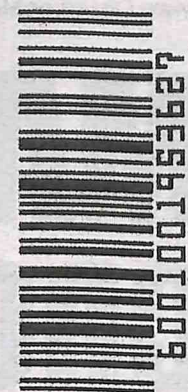
He said some of the important matters to be discussed during the meeting would be the presentation of the amended constitution as well as reports from the team's directors. "We are in the process of amending our constitution so that it is line with football. All structures within the team will work together in this process and it will then be presented to the supporters for adoption. "We are also looking forward to the reports from the directors. As supporters, we are fully behind them and hoping to find a way forward going into the next season," he said.

RESULTS				
EPL				
Crystal Palace	4 - 0	Hull City		
West Ham	0 - 4	Liverpool		
Tottenham	2 - 1	Man United		
La Liga				
Alaves	3 - 1	Celta Vigo		
Ath Bilbao	1 - 1	Leganes		
Betis	1 - 1	Atl. Madrid		
Eibar	0 - 1	Gijon		
Las Palmas	1 - 4	Barcelona		
Real Madrid	4 - 1	Sevilla		
Real Sociedad	2 - 2	Malaga		
Villarreal	0 - 0	Dep. La Coruna		

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By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - MBABANE Swallows' trip to Tunisia almost turned out to be a nightmare for the local side after head coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati nearly missed the match against CS Sfaxien played on Saturday night in Tunisia.

This was after the coach encountered problems with his passport at the OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg on Thursday afternoon where he is said to have been turned back home.

A source close to the matter revealed that the coach had to return home to sort his passport as it was not valid for the trip to Tunisia.

"The coach had to return home to sort his passport after he was told it had expired. He came back home on the same night to sort the document and travelled to Tunisia on Friday. He fortunately arrived on time for the match after reaching Sfax, the opposition side home side around 7pm (local time) which was two hours before the kick-off of the match," the source said.

Expected

No comment could be drawn from Swallows General Manager Sandile 'Beyond 2000' Zwane on the matter as he is still out of the country.

The 'Beautiful Birds' started their group stages campaign on a low note after suffering to a 0-1 loss against the three-time champions.

The local envoys are expected to

'KOKI' TURNED BACK AT AIRPORT

- Coach encountered passport problems in Johannesburg
- He later arrived two hours before the match

CS SFAXIEN FIRE COACH AFTER WIN

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - DESPITE getting off to a winning start after beating Mbabane Swallows 1-0 in Group B of the CAF Confederation Cup, Tunisia giants CS Sfaxien have shown their head coach Nester Clausen the exit door.

return home tomorrow afternoon through the Ngwenya Border Gate. The red and white glam-

GROUP B									
	P	W	D	L	GA	GD	Pts		
CS Sfaxien	1	1	0	0	1	0	3		
Platinum Stars	1	0	1	0	1	1	0		
MC Alger	1	0	1	0	1	1	0		
Mbabane Swallows	1	0	0	1	0	1	0		

our side will shift their focus to their Group B match against South Africa's Platinum Stars next week Tuesday at

The Argentine-born Clausen led the three-time Confederation Cup winners for the last time against the local envoys on Saturday night at the Stade Taieb Mhiri Stadium in the city of Sfax.

CSS bagged all three points, courtesy of a goal by Alaa Marzouki in the half hour mark.

According to reports from Tunisian

the Somhlolo National Stadium.

'Umkhonto ka-Shaka' will be boosted by the return of the suspended pair of Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze and defender Sifiso Mabila, who both missed the CS Sfaxien

publications, the coach was dismissed for a series of poor runs in the Tunisian Ligue 1 Professionnelle where CSS are fourth on the log with nine points in nine games.

Emission

According to the emission Sunday Sport, broadcast on Tunisian television, the new coach could be the Portuguese, Jorge Costa.

The former coach of Gabon was also present to watch the game on Saturday night.

match due to the infamous yellow card rule.

Suggests

Reports also coming within the 'Birds' nest suggests that the team have completed the registration of their newly signed trio of Siyabonga 'Msholoz' Mdluli, Gabriel Goshen and Ndumiso Ndaba with CAF ahead of their next match against the South African side.

...TORCH LIGHT 'TORTURE' FOR SWALLOWS

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - LOCAL giants Mbabane Swallows were subjected to 'torture' during their game against CS Sfaxien after being flashed with torch lights by the team's supporters.

Swallows lost 0-1 against the Tunisian based side at the Taieb Mhiri Stadium in Sfax on Saturday night.

Information gathered is that the thousands of supporters that had crammed the stadium started flashing torches at the Swallows players, especially at the goalkeeper Sandile 'Nkomishi' Ginindza.

Flashes

This was during the last minutes of the CAF Confederation Cup Group B opener.

Although it was assumed that the flashes were meant to disturb the attacking 'Birds', the real reason was never ascertained.

Meanwhile, a moment of silence was observed in honour of the deceased Mbabane Swallows CEO Sibusiso Manana before the kick-off.

Manana, who succumbed to death last week Friday, will be laid to rest on Saturday.

The 'Beautiful Birds' are expected to return to the country this evening.

Matsapha United join PLS top-flight in style

By Mphikeleli Msibi
Sports Editor

SOCCER - THEY are new. They are Matsapha United. And they are MTN National First Division champions.

The ambitious Matsapha side won the title and graduated to the top tier of local football after beating Malanti Chiefs 2-0 in a title decider played at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

Both teams came to this match having already gained promotion to the Premier League and this game only decided the champions in the NFD.

We have seen Matsapha United terrorising top-flight teams in the SwaziBank Cup and now the 'Deep Blue Ocean' will have a chance to do that week in and out next season after winning the National First Division

(NFD) trophy - and automatic promotion to the MTN Premier League.

Matsapha's rise to the elite of local football is nothing short of amazing and meteoric as they are only nine months old, having changed from RSSC United.

Defending

The team has done really well as they also reached the finals of the SwaziBank Cup, losing 0-2 to Young Buffaloes. They beat defending champions Mbabane Swallows, Manzini Sundowns and Manzini Wanderers on their way to the final and that should tell you something about them.

The players can probably look forward to a great party and bonuses from their Directors Siphon Shongwe and Victor Malambe, who dreamt of this achievement when they started the team last year.

Now the people of Matsapha, a place where the team hails from, can walk

around proudly knowing they have a club in the PLS.

However, the team will have to work tirelessly to plan for the new season, to avoid the possibility of having to return to the NFD after just one season in the elite league.

One of the players Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze said their target was a top four finish and one trophy in their maiden season in the Premier League.

Approach

Back to yesterday, the match started slow on a low note with the teams executing a cautious approach but it was Matsapha United who were always a threat when going forward.

Chances were few and far in the first half seeing that the pitch was also slippery which made it difficult for the teams to play their normal football. The match went to the break with the teams locked at 0-0.

Matsapha scored two second half



PREMIER LEAGUE BOUND: MTN National First Division champions Matsapha United displaying their trophy and a E100 000 replica cheque at the stadium. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

goals through Nkhosinamandla Nkhambele in the 77th minute and veteran striker Sdumo Shongwe in the 89th minute, to seal victory.

In the first match at the same venue,

Vovovo FC beat relegated City Warriors 7-2 in a one-sided encounter.

Despite winning with a huge margin, Vovovo were unable to dislodge Malanti Chiefs for the second spot.