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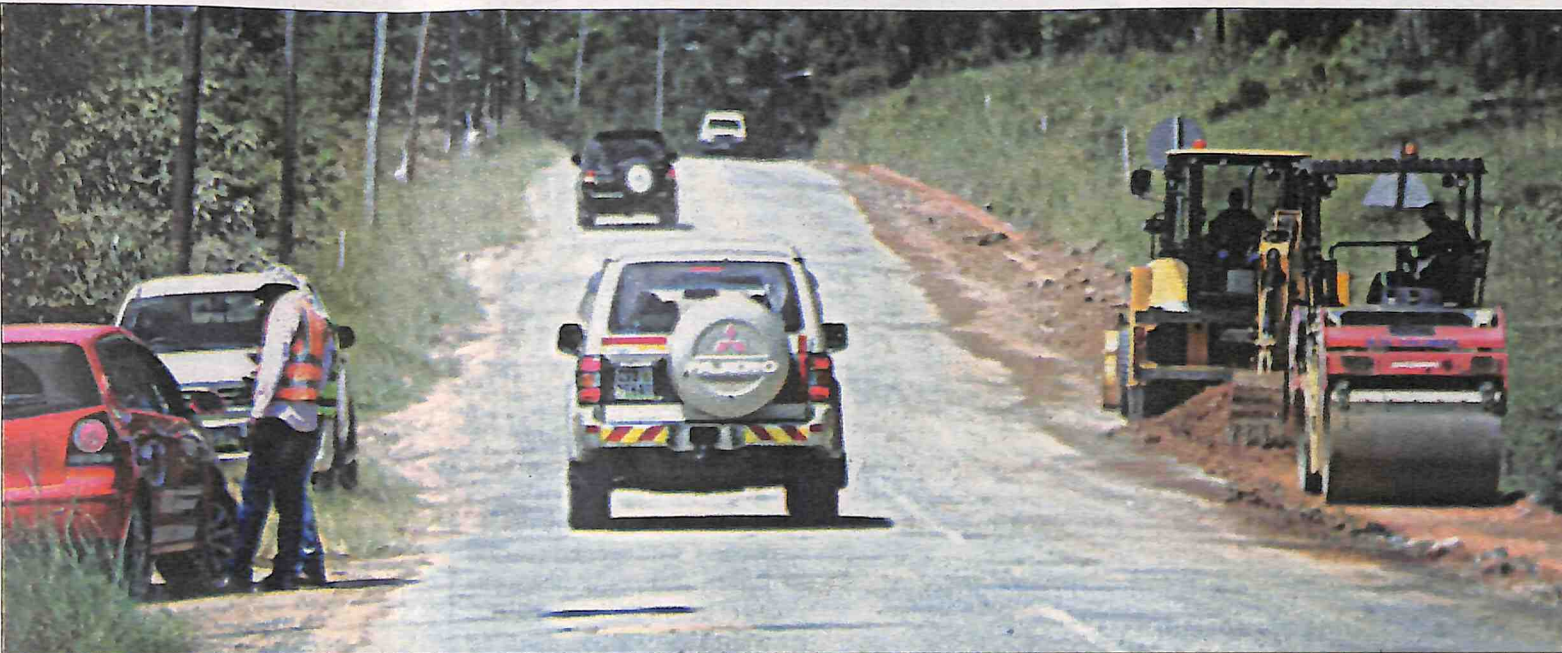
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Drunk father stabs own children

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2 NATIONAL NEWS

Father stabs own children aged 4, 6

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A 24-year-old father looked disturbed as he appeared before court for allegedly stabbing his children, aged four and six, with a sharp object at Mvutjini.

Nhlanhla Dlamini is alleged to have

committed the bizarre crime last Friday. The suspect is said to have stabbed each child once in the neck with an unspecified object.

Answer

According to reports, Dlamini failed to give the police a concrete answer as to why he stabbed his own children besides blaming it on alcohol.

He told the police he was too drunk hence his frightening behaviour. The

suspect is said to have attacked his daughter (6) and son (4) while inside his house at Mvutjini.

He was charged with two counts of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

Disappointed

Coming to court for his appearance, Dlamini cut a disappointed figure as Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati yelled the words "Lord have mercy" as he read

through the suspect's charge sheet.

Vilakati then asked for some elaboration from the crown's counsel, who responded by confirming that Dlamini was indeed the father of the children.

Inspection

"We apply for an inspection by the Social Welfare at the suspect's home, to determine the welfare of the children," the crown's counsel said.

Moreover, Vilakati could not hide

his disappointment as he told Dlamini the children would be taken away from him due to his alleged gory acts.

Safer

"We have to wait for the Social Welfare report, but the children have to be taken to a safer place, away from you," Vilakati said.

He was remanded into custody until March 31, pending the Social Welfare report.

All males must circumcise – NERCHA boss

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Matsapha

"IF your foreskin has not been removed and you live in the country, know that you have to remove it," said National Emergency Response Council on HIV and AIDS (NERCHA) Executive Director Khanya Mabuza yesterday.

Mabuza was speaking during the launch of the test and treat campaign for His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) at the Correctional Services in Matsapha. "We have to ensure that all males in the country remove their foreskins. We want to have those foreskins removed," Mabuza said.

He said the country has to intensify the circumcision programme amongst all male Swazis, saying it had been proven by studies that it reduces chances of HIV infec-



CIRCUMCISE: NERCHA Executive Director Khanya Mabuza delivering his speech.

tion by 60 per cent.

He commended HMCS Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase and his entire staff members for putting on a brave fight against the disease.

"I remember in 2007 when we started the HIV and AIDS programme within HMCS. It was not

easy and many people were asking if we were doing the right thing. Now I can say that we are going in the right direction with our fight against the disease," Mabuza said.

The director said the people who were asking them many questions back then helped by asking such questions. However, Mabuza stat-

ed clearly that by so doing, they delayed the whole process. He mentioned that the country was at a stage where it had to decide whether it won or lost the fight against HIV. Studies conducted in the fight against the disease, Mabuza said, proved there were a lot of chances for humanity to conquer the disease. The director reminded those who were present that the country had adopted four ways to use in the fight against HIV and AIDS. One of them was male circumcision. The second that he mentioned was to ensure the availability of treatment for people living with the disease. The third one was the protection of the Swazi girl child.

Mabuza urged Swazis to ensure that girls were protected from any situation that could lead them to contract the disease. The fourth one was to ensure that relations between HIV and tuberculosis were cut.

USA might pump E900m to fight AIDS

THE United States of America might pump E900 million to help Swaziland fight HIV and AIDS.

This was said by United States of America (USA) Ambassador Lisa Peterson yesterday during the launch of the test and treat campaign for His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS).

The launch took place at the HMCS institution in Matsapha.

Peterson said the campaign was connected to the USA government and the launch that was done by HMCS. The USA government was connected to the launch through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), which works through ICAP to provide support to HMCS on HIV and tuberculosis (TB). "Last Thursday, PEPFAR-Swaziland submitted its country operational plan for the next fiscal year and is hoping to receive almost E900 million," Peterson said.

She said new studies found that starting ART immediately after a positive HIV test could prevent serious HIV-related illnesses, such as TB. She further stated that ART reduced the amount of virus in a person's body, thus reducing the risk that HIV could be transmitted to a sexual partner.

The diplomat noted that male circumcision was important, but emphasised that there was a need for people to practise safe sex by using condoms. She said the HMCS campaign would help officers and inmates to be armed with knowledge to fight HIV. In this way, they will be protected from dying because of ignorance.

171 266 Swazis on ART

A total of 171 266 Swazis are now on anti-retroviral treatment (ART), the ministry of health has said.

This was said by Director of Health Dr. Vusi Magagula, who was representing Minister of Health Sibongile Ndelela-Simelane.

According to Magagula, the information above was recorded in December 2016 and the ministry continues to encourage more Swazis to start treatment.

Widely

The director gave a clear reason for them to do so. He said UNAIDS had laid out a clear path to follow in order to end the AIDS epidemic. That path is widely known in the public health world as the 90/90/90 path.

In other words, the only way for countries to achieve control of the epidemic is to ensure that 90 per cent of all People Living with HIV know they are HIV positive; that 90 per cent of those who are HIV positive are receiving Anti-Retroviral Treatment (ART); and that 90 per cent of those on treatment are virally suppressed, meaning the treatment is effective in keeping clients healthy and reducing

the virus to very low levels.

Magagula commended HMCS for the commitment towards achieving access to HIV testing, Prevention, care and treatment services for her community members – officers and their dependents and inmates.

"This is in line with the goal of the ministry of health, to have a healthy and productive Swazi population that lives longer.

Quality

Thus the ministry of health is working around the clock to ensure that all health institutions in the country are ready to provide quality comprehensive services to all Swazi citizen including in His Majesty's Correctional Services clinics," Magagula said.

Magagula said the HMCS efforts would certainly fast track the realisation of the 90-90-90 targets and hence fulfill His Majesty King Mswati III's vision of an AIDS-free generation in Swaziland by 2022. "Success always starts with a vision.

It's impossible to decide what route to take until we know where we are going," he said.

He said leaders from around

the world, including our leaders in Swaziland, agreed to achieve, in the next 15 years, a set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). A total of 17 of those goals are intended to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all.

Included in one of the SDGs is an almost astoundingly ambitious vision, which is ending HIV and AIDS epidemic by 2030, yet Swaziland wants to end this by 2022.

Devastating

The director said this did not mean there would not be anyone living with HIV in 2022. What it meant was that AIDS would no longer pose the national public health threat that it did nowadays and would no longer have such a devastating impact on so many individuals, families, and societies. Magagula believed such a goal could be reached.

What made Magagula to speak with so much confidence was the work achieved by his ministry in the past eight years.

"In 2008 only 28 health facilities were providing comprehensive HIV services (HIV testing and ART Services) and today these services have been decentralised to 166 health facilities," he said.

Prime Minister meets Mauritius counterpart

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

PRIME Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini yesterday met Mauritius Prime Minister Anerood Jugnauth.

Dlamini met Jugnauth in Mauritius at Westin Turtle Bay Resort & Spa, Balaclava, where the PM is attending African Economic Platform meeting.

The meeting was aimed at finding ways in which the two countries can facilitate trade activities amongst each other. The country could learn something from Mauritius, since Mauritius is one of the few African countries where doing business is easier.

The PM is currently attending a two-day forum, which started yesterday and is expected to end today. In the meeting, the PM advocated for African countries to ensure that their education systems produced what was required by industries in the continent. This could also help in ensuring sustainable development for African countries.

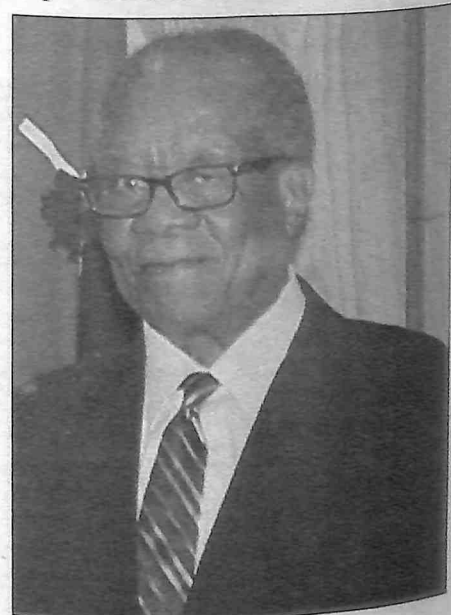
Various

The meeting is expected to gather various political leaders, intellectuals, business leaders, civil society and the private sector who will discuss global issues pertaining to the development of Africa.

It will also enable participants to reflect on ways to accelerate Africa's economic transformation through the implementation of Agenda 2063 which is a strategic framework for the socio-economic transformation of the continent over the next 50 years.

The AEP will focus on the role of the private sector in generating investment, promoting industrialisation and strengthening intra-African trade.

Other themes on the agenda include: higher education sector for skill development, research and innovation; and governments ensuring the implementation of fiscal and macro-economic policies for economic transformation.



MEETS COUNTERPART: Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini.

Stealing maid jailed 15 years

COVER STORY

By Phesheya Kunene
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

THE maid who stole from her employers and burned their house, causing damage worth over E1 million, was yesterday sentenced to 15 years in jail without an option of a fine.

Zenzile Tfwala was sentenced by Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini after a trial that lasted close to two months.

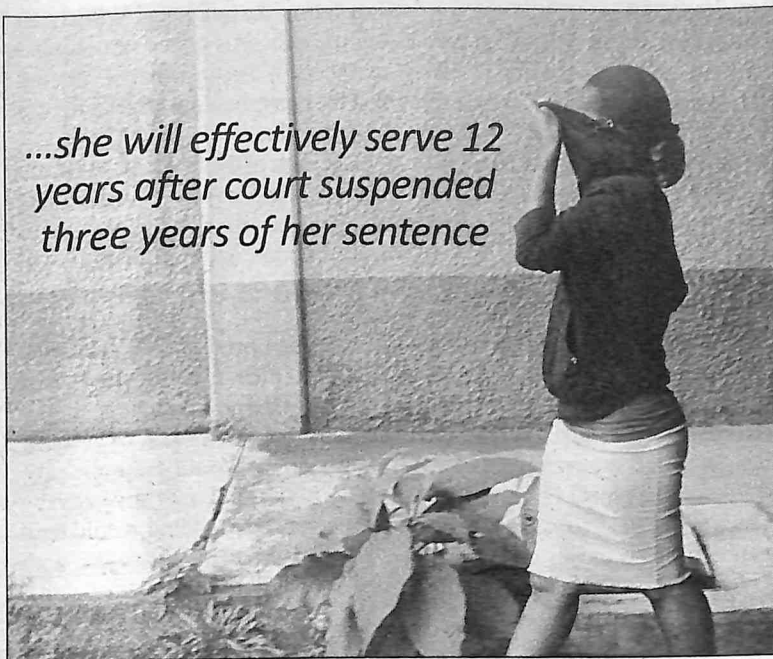
She was found guilty and convicted of breaking into her employer's house and stealing items valued at E54 080.

Conceal

As if this was not enough, the 27-year-old woman further burnt down the house while trying to conceal evidence. She committed her crimes in December 2016 and January 2017.

This evil act saw her employers, the Da Silva family, losing items worth E177 610. This figure excludes the E946 000 damages caused to the house. The total damage incurred by the family as a result of Tfwala's actions is

...she will effectively serve 12 years after court suspended three years of her sentence



CAN'T SEE ME: Zenzile Tfwala hiding her face after appearing at the Magistrate's Court recently.

estimated to be around E1.1 million.

The maid had been employed by the Da Silva couple in December 2016 to assist them with house chores at their double storey flat at Selection Park.

However, within days after she was employed, Tfwala engaged in evil acts

as she began stealing items from the couple. According to evidence led by Nishana Maharaj, Tfwala took advantage of their sad situation after they had to rush to South Africa following reports that Maharaj's brother was admitted in hospital.

She broke into the house and stole items as the couple was away. She pretended to have no idea about the break-in as she communicated with the couple on social networks.

However, the groundsman raised an alarm after noticing that the door leading to the main house had been damaged.

Concluded

The Da Silva couple was also present in court when the senior magistrate concluded the case yesterday, sentencing Tfwala to 15 years in jail with no option of a fine.

During his final submissions, Senior Crown's Counsel Mbutfo Mbingo asked the court to find Tfwala guilty since it was evident that she committed the crime and had made her former bosses suffer a permanent loss by committing the arson offence.

Mbingo had initially moved an urgent bail withdrawal application after the crown discovered that Tfwala had allegedly committed a similar offence in South Africa before sneaking back into the country. She had been granted bail fixed at E6 000.

During judgement, the crown counsel submitted that the court should give her a maximum sentence as it

was evident she planned the crimes and if given a minimum sentence, she would cause the same pain to other innocent people.

On the other hand, Tfwala apologised for her actions and pleaded with the court to be lenient with her.

However, Senior Magistrate Dlamini gave her a custodial sentence due to the nature of the crimes. Moreover, she was sentenced to five years imprisonment for breaking into the house with intent to steal and theft.

Separately

She was further given 10 years for burning down the house. The sentences were made to run separately.

However, three years was suspended from her sentence, meaning Tfwala will effectively serve 12 years in jail.

Tfwala was arrested soon after the arson offence on January 10. She had written a note designed to frame a former employee of the couple. Most of the stolen items were recovered; however, the car keys of the couple's Lexus were not located.

It was also discovered she escaped in Secunda, South Africa, following a similar incident, whereby she allegedly stole valued items belonging to a woman she used to work for.

Woman kills herself in front of 3-year-old child

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

THE community of Gundwini is still reeling in shock after a woman committed suicide by hanging herself in the presence of her three-year-old child.

The incident happened on Saturday morning.

However, the woman Sonto* was discovered by her husband at around 1900 hours upon return from work.

Information gathered is that Sonto had a misunderstanding with her husband prior to committing suicide.

Sources close to the matter said they did not think that the latter would decide to end her life because of the challenges she faced.

Wait

On the day Sonto allegedly committed suicide, it is said she let her husband Vusi* go to work as usual. The deceased then took a rope and locked herself in a house, leaving her three-year-old child to wait outside the door.

The woman is said to have then hanged herself inside the house.

The child spent the whole day sitting outside, thinking her mother would eventually come out of the house.

Little did the child know that her mother had decided to take her own life.

The deceased's husband is alleged to have come back from work only to find the child sitting at the doorsteps.

He enquired from the child about her mother's whereabouts and the

child who couldnot speak due to her age, pointed at the direction of the house to indicate that her mother was inside.

After knocking for some time, the father of the child allegedly finally lost his cool as he assumed that since his wife had locked the door and their child out, maybe she was with a man inside the house.

The husband reportedly violently kicked open the door in order to gain entry into the house. Neighbours are said to have started to gather outside the deceased's place of residence to ascertain what all the noise was about.

Suicide

To his horror, when the husband gained entry into the house, he found that his wife had committed suicide.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba, confirmed the incident.

He stated that police attended a matter of suicide at Gundwini on Saturday evening after a husband came back from work to find that his wife had hanged herself.

The community is in shock as a similar incident happened a few years ago, whereby a 20-year-old woman committed suicide two weeks after she was tekaed.

The woman in the 2013 incident is said to have hanged herself from a tree next to her marital home, two weeks after her marriage had taken place.

*Not their real names as it is a sensitive matter and the family is still to inform next of kin.

SD worst affected by El Nino in SADC

By Gugu Simelane
Mbabane

SWAZILAND was worst affected by the 2015 and 2016 drought.

This is according to the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Regional Humanitarian Appeal report for June 2016.

According to the report, 63% of Swaziland's rural population was food insecure.

This translated to 350 000 people who needed immediate food relief in a population of about one million rural people. The estimated total population in the country stands at 1.3 million people.

Other countries that were also badly affected by the drought were Namibia, Lesotho and Malawi.

The report states that in Namibia, 57% of the rural population was food insecure, which meant 729 000 people were affected in the rural areas in a population of 1.3 million. 596 000 of the population needed immediate relief in the total country's population of 49.3 million people.

In Lesotho, 46% of the rural population was found to be food insecure in a total rural population of 1.5 million.

The 46% translated to 709 000 affected people in the rural population. Lesotho's total population stands at 2.1 million.

Malawi also was the fourth country with the highest number of people who needed help during the drought. In Malawi, 6.5 million people were affected in the rural population of 14.5 million people. All the 6.5 million affected needed immediate population.



DRY SPELL: Swaziland was worst affected by the 2015 and 2016 drought.

The total population of Malawi is 16.4 million.

The least affected country when compared to the rest of the SADC region was Tanzania.

Only one per cent of the Tanzania's rural population was found to be food insecure, which is 359 000 people of the affected rural population. All the affected people needed immediate help in the population of 35.8 million people. The total population of Tanzania stands at 49.3 million people.

The report further states that the region recorded an overall maize deficit of about 5.1 million tonnes, which is a 10% decrease in production compared to the 2015 and the 15% drop compared to the five year average.

"The biggest declines were reported in Lesotho at 70% and Swaziland at 59%. South Africa, usually the main provider of the region, was itself facing a massive cereal deficit, which meant that other SADC member states who rely on South Africa had to import from elsewhere at a

significantly higher cost at a time of weakening local currencies," states the report.

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E50m not enough for Parly building

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Lobamba

THE E50 million allocated by government for the construction of the new Parliament building is not enough.

This was said by Prime Minister Dr. Sibusiso Dlamini in the report of the portfolio committee that monitors the operations of his office.

The report is on the 2016/2017 annual performance and budget allocation for 2017/2018 financial year. The budget for this office is about E273 million.

Parliament is under the office of the prime minister.

Dlamini said this in response to

Members of Parliament (MPs), who wanted to know if the E50 million would be enough to finish such a project. Such a question was raised by Kwaluseni MP Mkhosi Dlamini and Maphalaleni MP Mabulala Maseko.

The PM told the two legislators that the E50 million would surely not be enough for this project, which is expected to start soon after the approval of the budget.

"E50 million is not adequate for such a huge project. However, due to budget constraints, the project will be done in phases," Dlamini said. He went on to say the E50 million would be enough for each phase. He also assured the MPs that the nation would be updated on the progress of the construction of the Parliament building

from time to time.

Meanwhile, Nkweni MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini and Shiselweni II MP Mthokozisi Kunene called for the E50 million to be frozen. They wanted the money to be put under Head 60. The MPs argued that there was no clear programme of action for the construction of the building.

Taken

They said the money would be taken out of Head 60 once the programme of action was there.

Kunene further added that the E50 million budget allocation was not there when the budget was presented before the Finance Sessional Committee.

The PM pleaded with the legislators not to put the money under Head 60 because this could delay the con-

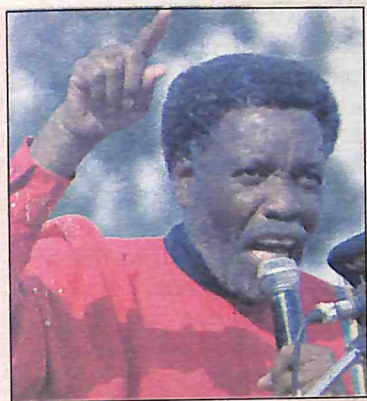
struction of the building. "Whilst noting the concerns of the honourable members, it has to be borne in mind that the construction of Parliament is long overdue.

Cognisant of the fact that a new site has been approved by authorities, delaying the project will be costly. A regular update and clarifications will be made as the project progresses," he said.

Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo pleaded with the PM to ensure that the new parliament building had offices for legislators and other facilities that would enhance productivity. The PM only answered by saying the new building would benefit a state-of-the-art Parliament, with funds permitting.



COMPLAINING: Prime Minister Dr. Sibusiso Dlamini.



UNHAPPY: Manzini North MP Jan Sithole.

CABINET UNDERMINING PARLY - JAN

MANZINI North Member of Parliament (MP) Jan Sithole has accused Cabinet of undermining the oversight role of Parliament.

Sithole said Cabinet was undermining Parliament in the sense that there were resolutions made by MPs, which were taken for granted by Cabinet.

"Why is Cabinet undermining the oversight role of Parliament with impunity? This is so because Parliament

took certain resolutions, but until today, government has not taken any action," Sithole said.

The MP made examples of the defiance, saying they were that:

- Parliamentarians still did not have access to the media through the ministry of information, communications and technology (ICT).
- The Estate Act from the ministry of justice and constitutional affairs

had still not been submitted to Parliament.

- The re-categorisation of the Public Service Pensions Fund (PSPF) as Category A company had still not been reversed.

- The re-imbursement of the 60 per cent scholarship allowance to students in tertiary institutions had not been implemented.

- The remittance of E200 million to the National Disaster Management

Agency (NDMA) by the ministry of finance.

- The Bill to facilitate the election of four women to Parliament had still not been tabled.

In response, the prime minister stated that Cabinet respected all the resolutions of the House.

He added that Parliament had a mechanism to regulate such issues through the Government Assurance Committee.



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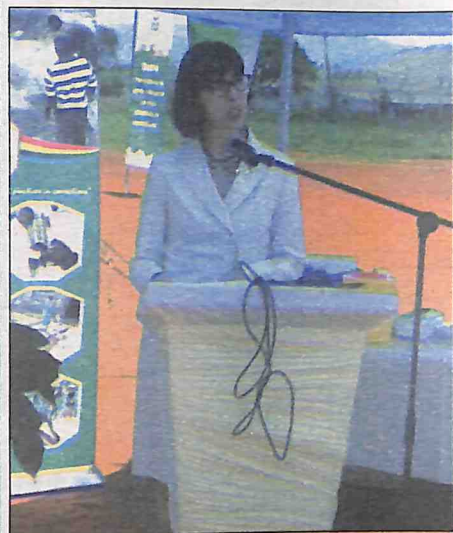
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HMCS TEST-AND-TREAT CAMPAIGN



LAUNCH: HMCS officials and other dignitaries posing for a group photo yesterday during a launch of a test-and-treat campaign that took place at Matsapha Correctional Institution.
(Pics: Mbono Mdluli)



MY POINT: US Ambassador to Swaziland Lisa Peterson delivering her speech.



PUBLIC TEST: Ntshangase (r) conducting a public HIV test.



REMARKS: HMCS Senior Medical Officer Kudzayi Ndlovu directing the proceedings.



IN ACTION: Some of the inmates rendering Sibhaca dance during the event.




IN HARMONY: HMCS Choir rendering music during the event.




WELCOME: Ntshangase (r) having a conversation with NERCHA Executive Director Khanya Mabuza.




HAND-SHAKE: HMCS Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase shaking hands with MP Thuli Dladla, who is also NERCHA Chairperson.



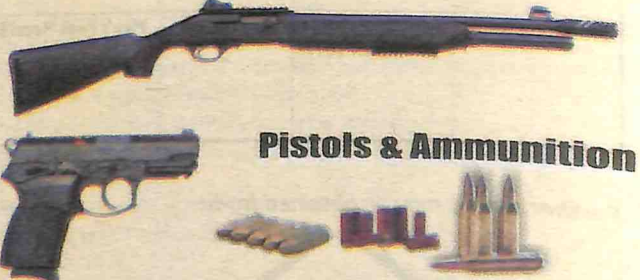
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6 NATIONAL NEWS

Ex-Times reporter indicted for corruption charges

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

FORMER Times of Swaziland Senior Reporter Mbongeni Ndlela has been indicted at the High Court on charges of contravening the Prevention of Corruption Act of 2006.

Ndlela, who was a Senior Investigative Reporter with the Times Group of Newspapers, was arrested in January 2016 for contravening the said act.

According to the indictment, Ndlela of Bulandzeni area, is guilty of the crime of contravening the act in that on or about January 25, 2016 at or near Mbabane in the Hhohho region, the said accused person, being a reporter with the Times of Swaziland, did unlawfully solicit or demanded E12 500 for his own benefit from one Nhlanhla Dlamini on account of the said accused not publishing or causing to be published a story on which Dlamini was to be featured.

Alternatively, the accused person is guilty of the crime of extortion in that on or about the same date at the same place, the accused, who was at all material times a reporter at the Times of Swaziland newspaper, did unlawfully and intentionally inspire fear in the mind of



EX-JOURNO: Mbongeni Ndlela.

Nhlanhla Dlamini, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Construction Industry Council (CIC), by threatening to publish a damning story, damaging to his career, unless the said Dlamini paid the accused a sum of E12 500 and did thereby commit the said offence.

The Crown is expected to parade nine witnesses and amongst them are four former colleagues of the accused person who are currently employed by the Times of Swaziland.

Other witnesses include investigating officers from the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) and the CIC CEO.

Following the indictment, the matter is now expected to be tried by the High Court at a date to be given by the registrar.

Fingerprints officers to plead not guilty

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

THE two police officers implicated in the sale of fingerprint clearances have said they will plead not guilty when their matter is heard at the High Court.

This is contained in the pre-trial conference where they indicated that they would enter a plea of not guilty.

The two are alleged to have deleted or cleared 44 criminal records of former-convicts who fear they might not

be employed, as a result of the criminal records which have proven to haunt many.

The two police officers; Sergeant Lucky Matsenjwa and Sergeant Senzo Matsenjwa, are alleged to have received a total of over E35 000 from the ex-convicts to have their criminal records cleared.

Charge sheet

This is the total amount of money reflected on the charge sheet as in some of the charges the amount allegedly received by the officers is not stipulated.

The ex-convicts, some of whom are

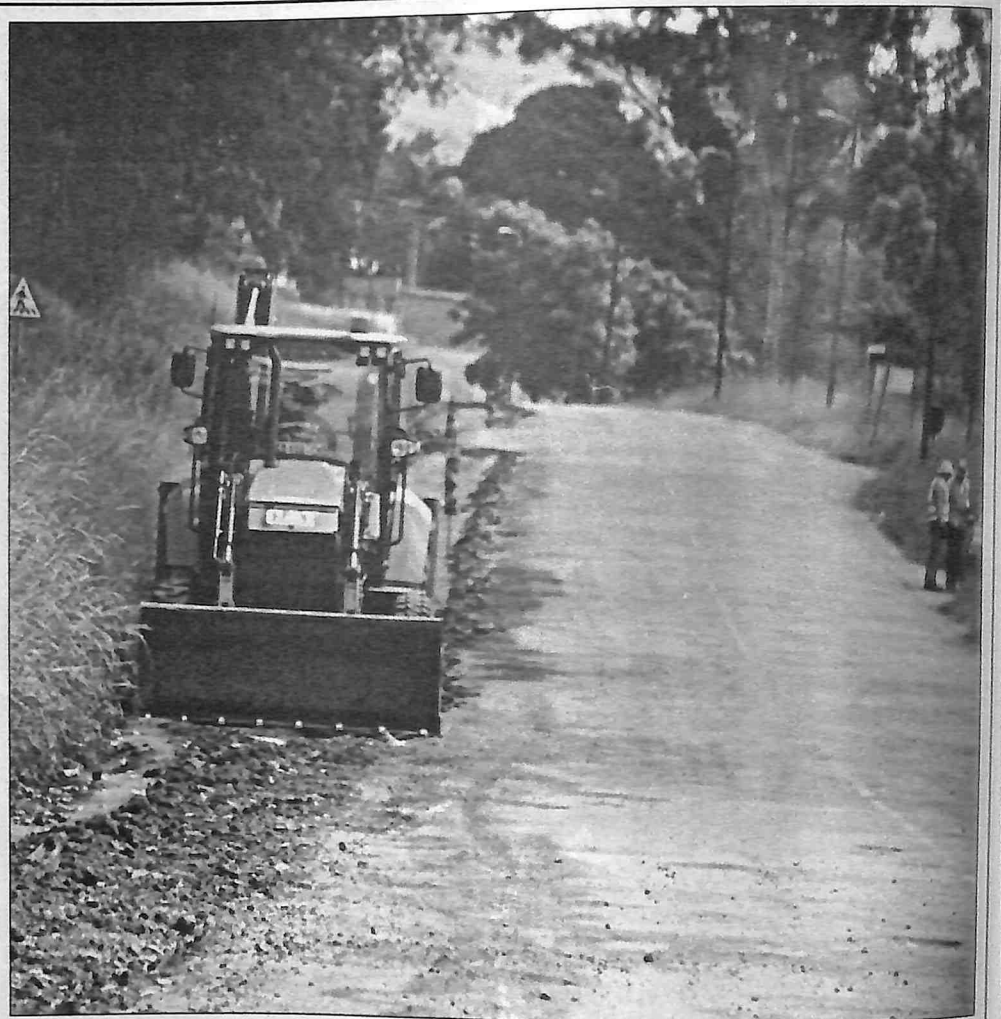
now in gainful employment after being cleared, were reportedly made to pay different amounts by the two law enforcers.

They were made to pay money ranging from E2 000 upwards.

Some of the ex-convicts are reported to have secured jobs in the armed forces after their criminal records were allegedly cleared or deleted by the two officers.

The officers are alleged to have committed the offences from way back as the year 2009 and they are currently out of custody on bail, which was granted by the High Court, pending their trial.

FINALLY: AG Thomas contractor has started upgrading the Mantsholo Road after a long time due to rains which have stopped for now.
(Pic: Lucky Simelane)



EIA SCOPING MEETING

**PROPOSED REHABILITATION OF THE
HAVELOCK CHRYSOTILE TAILINGS STORAGE FACILITY
AT BULEMBU**

Kobolondo Mining (Pty) Ltd proposes to unlock resource value by processing minerals through the rehabilitation of the Havelock Chrysotile Tailings Facility (TSF) at Bulembu, Swaziland. This is primarily a Rehabilitation Project to address the abandoned Havelock chrysotile asbestos dump.

In order to ensure that the potential environmental and social impacts of the proposed project are adequately identified and that appropriate mitigation measures are developed it is essential that Interested & Affected Parties are consulted on the potential environmental and social impacts.

In accordance with the Environmental Audit, Assessment and Review Regulations, 2000, there will be 3 (three) separate public meetings to which respective members of the public are invited where information about the proposed project will be presented. Each Scoping Meeting will also serve as a forum for the respective audiences to submit views, queries, concerns and suggestions on environmental and social aspects of the proposed project.

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue	Target Audience
Meeting No.1	Saturday, 25 th March 2017	10:00am	Eluhhumaneni No.1 (next to Bulembu Village)	Bulembu Community under Chief Prince Mnikwa
Meeting No.2	Saturday, 25 th March 2017	2:00pm	Bulembu Lodge Conference Centre	Residents of Bulembu Village under Bulembu Ministries
Meeting No.3	Wednesday, 29 th March 2017	10:00am	Pigg's Peak Hotel & Casino	Members of the Public including Interested & Affected Parties

Further details may be obtained from:



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Govt walks away with E6 000 from dagga dealing gogos

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

TWO elderly women who were arrested for dagga possession have 'gifted' E6 000 to government as the Manzini Magistrate's Court will not give them change.

Thoko Mtsetfwa (49) and Christina Shongwe (62), both from New Thululwane area, were arrested after they were found with dagga weighing eight kilograms each. After their arrest, the accused were given an option of E5 000 bail per person, which they paid.

During their appearance yesterday before Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini, the accused pleaded not guilty to the charges they were facing.

They told the court they had nothing to do with the dagga, as it belonged to their children.

Shongwe added that she made a living by selling fat cakes and had no money.

The magistrate said he does not believe the old woman's story as she was able to pay the E5 000 bail without any hustle and when asked where she got so much money, she said she sold some of her livestock.

Magistrate Dlamini said it would seem like the two had families which were dealing in dagga.

The two were sentenced to a year imprisonment with a fine option of E2 000 each. Since both had paid bail of E5 000 each, they asked that the court converts some of their bail option to be part of the fine.

E2 000 per person was taken from the E10 000 they had paid, they were informed that the remaining balance will not be given back to them as change, which meant each woman made a loss of E3 000.

Woman assaults boyfriend, relative after catching them having sex

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

A woman from Buhleni has assaulted her boyfriend and relative with a knife after catching them having sex.

Hawker Sibongile Simelane (34) has been granted E3 000 bail by the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court after she assaulted her boyfriend Zweli Mamba whom she found in bed with one of her distant relatives Celiwe Dlamini.

The incident happened at a rented room

in Buhleni on Sunday evening.

According to Simelane she was away in Manzini to get stock so that she could come back to Buhleni to sell the wares, only to find her boyfriend in bed with another woman.

Shocked

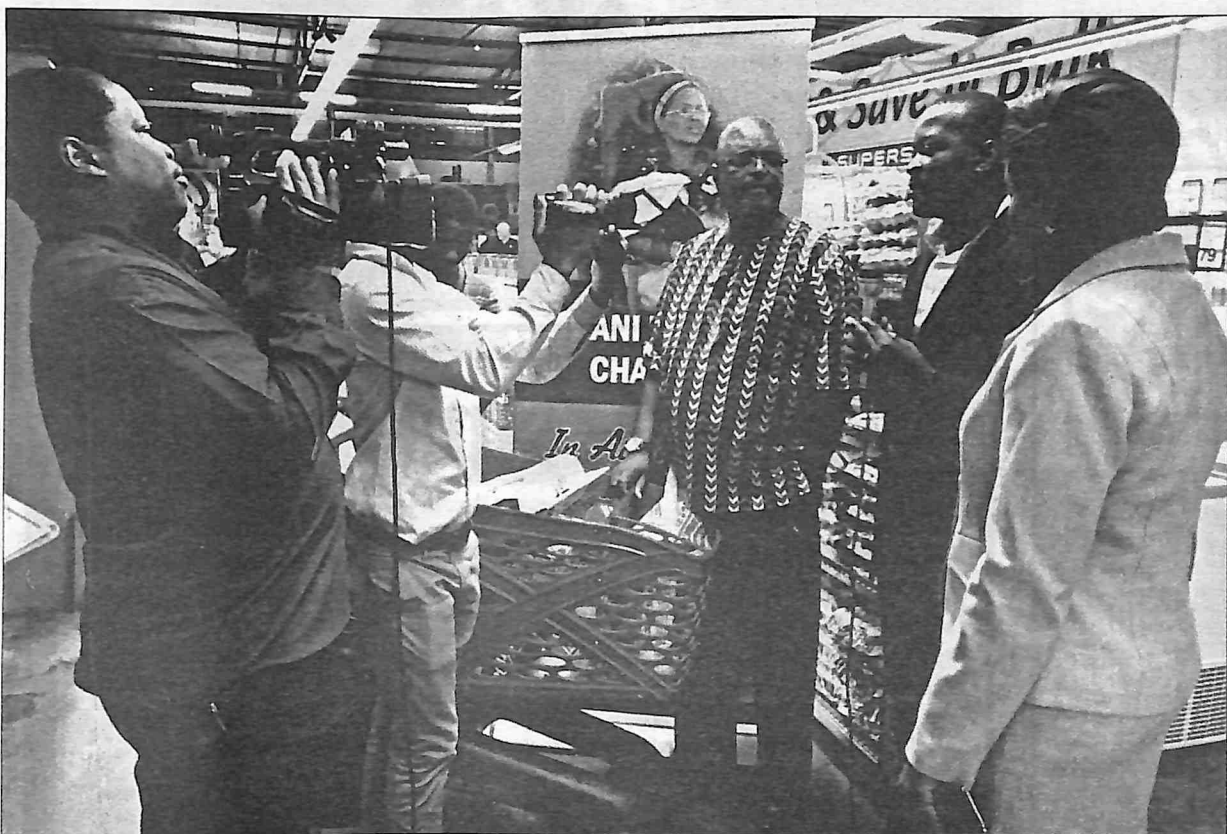
"I was shocked and saddened by the event, I do not know what came over me I just went into the kitchen and pulled the knife.

"I was only scaring them, I did not intend to injure Zweli Mamba on his left hand," said Simelane.

Simelane was arrested by the Buhleni police after they were called to the room by Dlamini who had made a quick exit during the ensuing commotion.

Senior Pigg's Peak Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini granted Simelane bail set at E3 000 for the assault.

"I will grant you bail set at E3 000 and if you do pay this bail I expect you, not to interfere with the crown witnesses in your assault case, namely, Zweli Mamba and Celiwe Dlamini I expect to see you here next week Monday for your next remand," said Dlamini.



Man gets groceries worth E1 500 courtesy of Philani Maswati

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

KHETHOKUHLE Laurence has received groceries worth E1 500, courtesy of Philani Maswati mobile money donation promotion.

Philani Maswati Chairman Lutfo Dlamini said there is E1500 worth of groceries' vouchers at stake in this promotion monthly.

Laurence is the winner of this month's promotion and the draw was staged at Mbabane Super Spar yesterday. Laurence donated E60 and he was announced the winner during the Philani annual general meeting held at Hlane. The raffle draw was conducted by Swaziland Broadcasting Information Services (SBIS) personality, Gcebile Mvubu.

Another winner was Sam Malambe who got E1 000 for being the lucky new member during the AGM.

The promotion is open to everyone with mobile money and who can donate money above E30 to Philani Maswati.

"By donating you stand a chance



HELPING HAND: SBIS Gcebile Mvubu helping Laurence collect his groceries.

to take part in a draw for the monthly prize of E1 500 grocery voucher," said Dlamini.

Dlamini said this would be their monthly campaign, to encourage all Swazi Observer readers to send donations of more than E30 through mobile money.

Money could be sent to 76482942 marking it Philani.

KIND GESTURE: Khethokuhle Laurence in the middle, Philani Maswati Chairman Lutfo Dlamini and Medical Advisor Dr Gcebile Buthelezi being interviewed by journalists after collecting his groceries worth E1 500 at Mbabane Super Spar yesterday. (Pics: Nozipho Sibiya)

LIQUOR NOTICE

It is hereby notified for general information that the Liquor Licensing Board will hold its sitting to hear the following applications at the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Conference Room on the **10th APRIL 2017** starting at **09.00am**.

Region Manzini

1. **SIZWE DLAMINI**, P. O. Box 24
MANKAYANE GRANT of a **WINE & MALT**
Liquor Licence situated at **PLOT 757**
MANKAYANE known as **PARKVILLE WINE & MALT**.

Any person who wishes to lodge an objection to the above-mentioned application may do so with the Secretary of the Liquor Licensing Board in writing, sending a copy to the applicant by registered mail to reach him/her at least ten days before the sitting of the Board.

SECRETARY LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD
P.O. BOX 451
MBABANE

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Royal Science & Technology Park

THE SWAZILAND INNOVATION PARK PROPOSED MASTER PLAN FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

EIA SCOPING MEETING

The Royal Science and Technology Park is proposing to install infrastructure for the Swaziland Innovation Park at Phocweni, on a Portion of Farm A/17, and Remainder of Portion 1033, Swazi Nation Land (SNL), on Land Concession No. 202C, which is adjacent to the Phocweni Army Barracks at Masundwini.

In accordance with the Swaziland Environment Authority (SEA) Environmental Audit, Assessment and Review Regulations 2000, members of the public are invited to a scoping meeting, where information about the project can be obtained. The meeting is also intended to give Interested and Affected Parties (IaPs) an opportunity to voice out their concerns regarding the project for eventual input to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

The meeting will be held on Friday March 24, 2017 at the Innovation Park site at 10:00 am. The Innovation Park site is accessed from the Mathangeni-Airport road through the MR-31 road to Masundwini. The site is on the right-hand side opposite Phocweni Primary School.

For details, written submissions, etc., contact:

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Employment Opportunity

A small but growing company in Manzini is looking for the following incumbent;

JOB TITLE: Head of Operations & Finance

Reporting to the MD, The incumbent will be fully responsible for the efficient day to day running of company. Incumbent must provide effective control of the company financial & operational systems, human resource, marketing and all administrative functions. He / she must make sure that all systems of the company adequately contribute to the delivery of the company's overall artistic and commercial objectives.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

- Degree in Financial, Risk & compliance, business management. A full accounting professional qualification i.e. CIMA / ACCA, will be an added advantage
- Previous experience in the financial and administrative duties.
- Minimum 5 years in SME Management
- Successful track record of managing operations
- Experience in managing staff performance and associated labour issues
- Ability to interact with people from all walks of life
- Self-motivated with a strong work ethic and enthusiasm for change
- Commercial acumen and ability to think creatively.

A market related salary package will be offered. Send application and CV to muzimotsa@gmail.com. Closing date for applications is **30/03/2017**.

If you do not get response within 14 days from closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful

8 NATIONAL NEWS

Umdabula Festival organiser dragged to court for E66 000 debt

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

UMDABULA Festival Organiser Mbekezeli Zulu has been dragged to court for failure to pay a Matsapha based company E66 000 in respect of T-shirts branded for the event.

Zulu from Lavumisa has been taken to court by Thapel Investments, a company based in Matsapha for failure to abide by an agreement for the payment of E76 000 which was supposed to have been paid in full by December 31, 2016.

According to Thapel Investments in its particulars of claim, in or around December, 2016, Zulu representing himself, engaged the

company which was duly represented by Thandiwe Ntshalintshali to supply a total of 365 t-shirts.

It was agreed that the company shall make full delivery of such shirts on December 31, 2016 and the company delivered.

However, Zulu only paid a sum of E10 000 on December 23, 2016 and failed to make the full and final payment of E66 000 on December 31, 2016.

In January, 2017, he acknowledged his indebtedness to the company by writing and further agreeing to make full payment of the balance on February 28, 2017.

However, to date he has not made any payment towards the settlement of his debt, according to the agreement he made in writing to the company.

The company further stated that Zulu has

failed, refused or neglected to pay the sum of E66 000 which is now due and must be paid to the company. The company now claims the payment of the E66 000 at an interest of nine per cent per annum with costs of suit at attorney and own client scale.

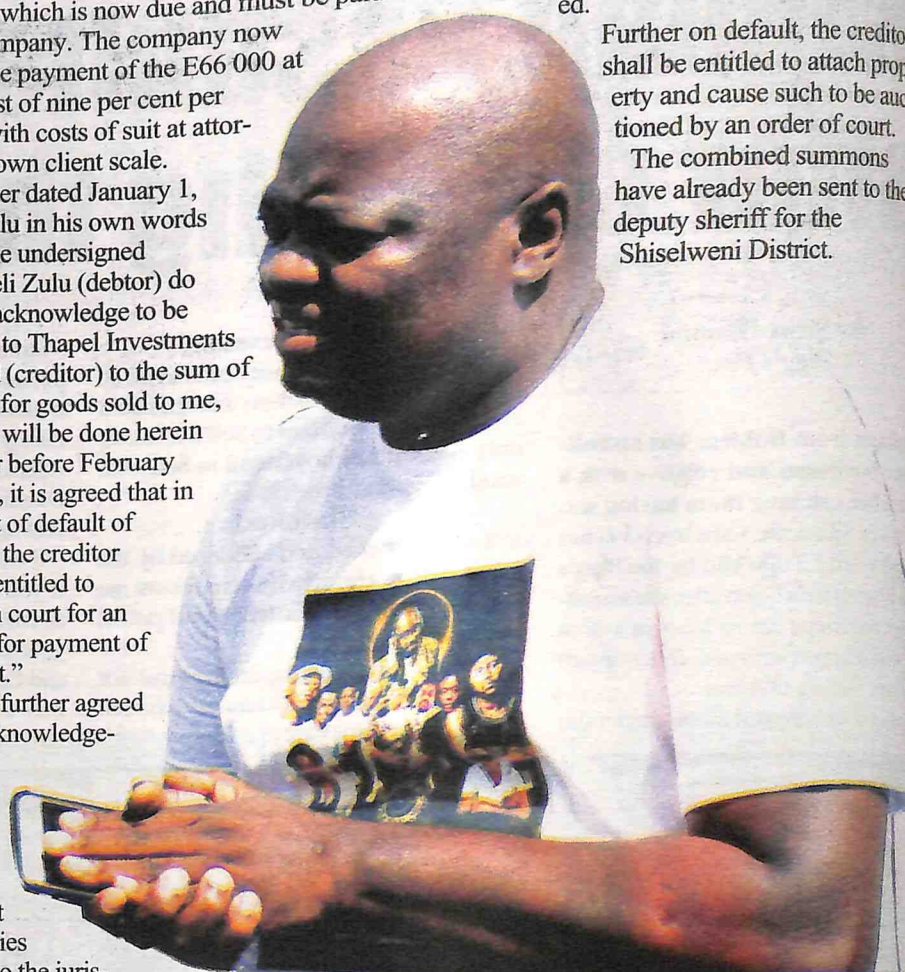
In a letter dated January 1, 2016, Zulu in his own words said "I the undersigned Mbekezeli Zulu (debtor) do hereby acknowledge to be indebted to Thapel Investments (Pty) Ltd (creditor) to the sum of E66 000 for goods sold to me, payment will be done herein full on or before February 28, 2017, it is agreed that in the event of default of payment the creditor shall be entitled to approach court for an order as for payment of such debt."

He has further agreed in the acknowledgement of debt agreement settlement that both parties consent to the jurisdiction of the Manzini Magistrate Court in disputes

that may arise as regards the agreement with the jurisdiction of the High Court not excluded.

Further on default, the creditor shall be entitled to attach property and cause such to be auctioned by an order of court.

The combined summons have already been sent to the deputy sheriff for the Shiselweni District.



TAKEN TO COURT: UMDABULA Festival Organiser Mbekezeli Zulu.

Africa's Leading Bank
is looking to employ a **Head:
Finance**



Main purpose of the job

- Setting the strategic framework for developing a value added finance function that provides customer focussed finance solutions to business problems
- To manage the overall functioning of the Finance Division of the Bank, including:
- Financial accounting;
 - Cost and management accounting; and
 - Tax and regulatory reporting.
- To ensure that financial controls and discipline are in place.

Key responsibilities

Strategy and objective setting

- Participate in the setting and agreement with executive management the Bank strategic finance strategy and objectives, based on the overall strategic direction of the Bank.
- Provide relevant inputs into the budgeting cycle for the development of the Finance Division's budget, including forecasting.

Reporting

- Review and sign off on annual financial statements for submission to EXCO and Head Office.
- Implement and maintain an accounting and financial management system that includes financial reporting, to meet requirements, and internal controls to comply with internal audit requirements and appraisal recommendations.
- Maintain best practice as guided by Corporate Governance.
- Monitor policy implementation and develop and implement procedures to manage risks.
- Anticipate organisational problems and develop strategies to counteract any potential impact.
- Review, monitor and ensure that statutory requirements are complied with.

Key performance measures

- Effective management of capital to ensure optimum use
- Managing the maximisation of profit and return on capital so as to exceed shareholder expectations
- Written and oral reporting of strategic, operational and financial issues to Executive Committees and Board of Directors to enable them to meaningfully direct the country operation
- Ensuring that all internal and external reporting requirements are timeously met, including preparation of monthly and quarterly accounts, Group Accounts and Statutory Annual Financial Statements

Knowledge, experience and personal competencies

- Suitable accounting degree with a Chartered Accountant Qualification (ACCA or CA(SA)).
- Minimum of 5 years post-qualification experience.
- Management experience, preferable at Senior Management level.
- An understanding of International Financial Reporting Standards.
- Experience in budgeting and strategic financial planning.
- An understanding of the regulatory environment. (Regulatory Reporting experience will be an advantage)
- Experience with tax regulations.

Applications are to be emailed to: recruitment@stb.co.za
The closing date for applications is 27th March 2017.

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Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

PURPOSE OF THE JOB

SIPA is a Public Enterprise organization established in terms of Section 3 of the SIPA Act, 1998. The objectives of the Authority are:

- To attract, encourage, facilitate and promote Local and Foreign Investment in Swaziland; and
- To provide a one-stop information and support facility to Local and Foreign Investors

Suitably qualified and experienced persons are invited to apply for the position of Chief Financial Officer.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Reporting to the CEO and key responsibilities are as follows:

- Keep proper books of account and other books and records in relation to the funds, undertakings, activities and property of the Authority;
- Prepare such statements of accounts as may be necessary to indicate the Financial status of the Authority at the end of each financial year;
- Cause the accounts of the authority to be examined, audited, and reported annually by auditors appointed by the Board;

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Bachelors or Master's Degree in Finance or Accounting plus professional qualification such as CA/ACCA/CIMA/CPA
- Good knowledge of IFRS, IAS and GAAP
- Good knowledge of Taxation Laws
- Extensive experience in Management Accounting
- Continuous Professional Development
- High level of computer literacy and competence (Accounting packages, MSWord, Excel)
- Ability to Analyse and interpret information

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Written applications to be accompanied by curriculum vitae and certified copies of certificates.

- E-mailed to: tintwa.invest@gmail.com
- Closing Date: **30 March 2017**
- Preference will be given to Swazi nationals
- Appointment will be subject to verifications, assessments and extensive reference checks
- Should you not get a response on or after the **12th April 2017** consider your application not successful.

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Cop assaulted by bar patron

Stories by Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

A police officer based at the Pigg's Peak Police Station has been assaulted by a bar patron from Mangwaneni.

This is a second incident involving the assault of policemen outside a popular bar, Jazz Time.

According to sources, the aggressor is Siyabonga Magongo (24) who had an altercation with the same officer outside the same bar the previous week.

"Two policeman were conducting a patrol around the bars in the area, only to be confronted by a very angry Magongo who held one of them by the uniform

and started to shake him violently," said the source.

The other officer then tried to intervene and subdue the situation but Magongo would not let him.

"Magongo kept shaking the officer and his colleague eventually managed to subdue the aggressor and arrested him," said the source.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the incident.

CONFIRMED: Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba.



...man granted E2 000 bail

MEANWHILE, yesterday, the man who assaulted a police officer was granted E2 000 bail by Pigg's Peak Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini.

Siyabonga Magongo (26) was arrested after he allegedly assaulted Pigg's Peak policeman Mancoba Vilakati on Saturday. The assault happened outside a bar in Pigg's Peak.

According to a charge sheet, Magongo is facing three charges; the first one being that he grabbed the police officer in question and then shook him violently, the second one was drinking

beer in public and the third one was resisting arrest.

Magongo pleaded guilty to the second charge of drinking beer in public and not guilty to the other charges.

"I did not pull and assault the police officer in question. Also, I did not resist any arrest, these claims are all fabrications made by the police and I will not plead guilty to any of them," said Magongo.

Senior Pigg's Peak Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini granted Magongo bail set at E2 000 and informed him to be with-



PRESIDING: Senior Pigg's Peak Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini.

in borders.
Trial date is set for October 6, 2017.

Skhakhane arrested for road accident

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

MATSAPHA property guru Skhakhane Dlamini has been arrested for ramming into another vehicle at Moneni

near Matata Spar.

Dlamini was arrested by the Manzini traffic police on March 5.

He made his first appearance at the Manzini Magistrate's Court yesterday, having been charged with negligent driving in that he drove his vehicle with

undue care and caused an accident by crashing into a vehicle driven by Alfred Maduna.

The accused is said to have driven negligently in that he failed to apply his brakes on time and avoid an accident which any reasonable driver would have avoided.

The accused pleaded guilty and told the court he made a mistake, which is why he ended up crashing into the complainant's vehicle.

When asked if he had made means of fixing the car, Dlamini told the court he had bought the car part which was damaged and further

gave the complainant E600.

Dlamini said he has since taken back the money and the part he brought because the complainant couldn't accept it.

The magistrate sentenced the accused to six months imprisonment with a fine option of E800.



SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES
SWAZILAND

SOS Children's Villages is an International Child Development non-profit organization that provides care for children at risk of losing, as well as those who have lost parental care. The Member Association of Swaziland is currently serving at least 3500 children and this is done through two methods; Family Based Care, as well as Family Strengthening. The association is currently functioning in the four national regions and aims to expand its coverage in order to meet the needs of more children.

Applications are invited for the following vacancy in the Mbabane Programme, SOS Children's Villages Swaziland:

GENDER FIELD OFFICER

The ideal candidate will be hired on a 2 year contract (renewable), Qualification requirements are as follows:

Education and Work experience:

- Diploma in community development
- Three years work experience in field work
- Three years work experience in data capturing and evaluation
- Added advantage: gender related work experience

Competencies

- Attention to detail
- Ability to work under minimum supervision
- Fluent in both English and siSwati (written and spoken)

Personal Attributes:

- Respect for individual persons and community hierarchy
- Endurance and involvement
- Genuine interest in gender related issues
- High level of tolerance; awareness of and respect for different cultures and religions

Position Summary

- The Gender Field Officer is the link between the National Gender and Advocacy Coordinator and the community
- S/he is also responsible for the effective implementation, monitoring, evaluation and data collection of the Grieg Gender Challenge initiatives
- S/he also monitors service delivery through the use of appropriate administrative forms and tools

PROGRAMME EDUCATION MANAGER

Applications are invited for the following vacancy in the Siteki

Programme, SOS Children's Villages Swaziland:

The ideal candidate will be hired on a 2 year contract (renewable), Qualification requirements are as follows:

Education and Work experience

- Minimum qualifications; Bachelor's Degree in Education
- Minimum 5 years work experience in Education/relevant field
- Experience in Educational Development Programmes
- Experience in Developing and Maintaining good relationships with other schools/ partners
- Experience in Promoting child centred education
- Ability to supervise pre-school teachers and supporting staff
- An understanding of Swaziland's national legislation relating to Children's rights

Competencies

- Fluent in both English and siSwati (written and spoken)
- Able to work under minimum supervision
- MS Office skills
- Drivers Licence

Personal Attributes:

- Strong interpersonal skills with the ability to work well in a team and to communicate effectively with colleagues, partners, etc.
- Good planning, organising and coordination skills with attention to detail and accuracy
- Ability to manage own time and to work under high pressure
- Conduct themselves appropriately when with and around children
- Trustworthy

If you are interested in the above post(s), please send a detailed CV and letter of application to; The National Human Resource Manager, SOS Children's Villages at Nhlalakahle Villiers Street opposite Cashbuild delivery site Manzini or fax application to 2505 8491 or email to: wendzile.zwane@sos-swaziland.org. Enclose a detailed CV and names of two most recent referees. If you are not contacted within 10 days of the closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful.

Closing date for applications is 30th March 2017

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VACANCY

INVESTMENT ANALYST

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the position of Investment Analyst, which currently exists in our organization. The position reports to the Chief Investment Officer.

Job Summary

Analyze existing, potential (new) investments, and new investment instruments with the objective of advising/assisting the Chief Investment Officer regarding suitability thereof for the PSPF portfolio taking into account expected risks and returns; and also monitor the performance of Asset Managers.

Key responsibilities:

- Monitor performance of Asset Managers relative to benchmarks and peers then make recommendations to the Chief Investment Officer
- Conduct research and investment analysis for new and/or existing projects, new investment instruments and make recommendations
- Conduct business, financial and industry research and due diligence
- Understand and keep abreast of global economic issues in so far as they may impact on the PSPF portfolio
- Build a sound relationship with the Regulatory authorities
- Fully understand the Fund's Investment Policy and Strategy as set out in the published document for formulating risk parameters for evaluating investment proposals
- Evaluate the risks associated with PE and to evaluate these risks in the context of the Fund's overall risk tolerance
- Apply performance and risk measurement techniques used to evaluate individual stocks and managers as well as overall Fund performance

Qualifications and Experience:

- B degree in Economics, Finance or Investments from a recognized institution. Preferably with ACCA or CFA or MBA or MSC in Finance.
- Minimum 4 years experience in financial markets or project appraisals or as an Investment Analyst.
- Previous experience in private equity an advantage.

Knowledge/skills and personal attributes

- In-depth Investment and Economic Analysis with high attention to detail
- Ability to build and manage relationships
- Be proficient in Microsoft Excel and PowerPoint
- Sound understanding and knowledge of legislative environment and local investment landscape
- Sound understanding of the broad asset classes both locally, South Africa and offshore
- Interpretation of financial statements
- Well established report writing and presentation abilities

Applications and Closing date

Written applications accompanied by a detailed Curriculum Vitae and certified copies of academic certificates clearly stating the post applied for in the subject line should be received not later than 28 March, 2017, before 16h00 addressed to:

Director Corporate Services
Public Service Pensions Fund
P. O. Box 4469
Mbabane
OR
Email: recruitment@pspf.co.sz

10 NATIONAL NEWS

INVEST MONEY INSTEAD OF SAVING IT - S'THOFENI

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya
Dvokolwako

SWAZI Observer Board Chairman S'thofeni Ginindza has challenged Dvokolwako High School teachers to start investing their monies rather than saving.

Speaking during the Dvokolwako High School awards ceremony last Friday, Ginindza urged attendants of the event to start investing their monies for future benefits. Ginindza, who is a Partner of African Alliance, said there was a difference between saving and investing.

"Investing is a way of saving your money for something further ahead in the future, while saving is a plan to set aside a certain amount of your earned income over a short period of time in order to be able to accomplish a short term goal," he said.

He said it pained him to see teachers not wealthy because all the edu-



TOP TABLE: Dvokolwako Principal Sabelo Sibandze, Swazi Observer Board Chairman S'thofeni Ginindza, Senator Ndumiso Mdluli and Mkhweni Member of Parliament Gideon Dlamini formed the guest list. (Pics: Nozipho Sibiya)

cated people are their products.

"I challenge all of the teachers here to start investing so they can be role models to the pupils they teach. Investing can make us accomplish vision 2022." Ginindza then invited the teachers to

visit African Alliance head offices in Mbabane so they could know more about investing.

He was impressed though that there were some teachers at the school who had invested with African Alliance.

'Run school like a business'

SWAZI Observer Board Chairman and African Alliance Partner S'thofeni Ginindza has advised Dvokolwako High Principal Sabelo Sibandze to run the school like a business.

Ginindza said America schools were administered like businesses.

"I am happy that Dvokolwako High has adopted the American style of running a school," he said.

He further thanked the Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC) for partnering with the school and producing good results.

"As I was listening to the speeches, I was impressed to learn that the school has turned its status within a space of a few years."

He made an example of Matsapha United, a team which he said was run like a business.

"We were able to beat the famous 'Van Damme' because we run the team like a business."



HAND SHAKE: Kenneth Carmicheal meeting the Swazi Observer Chairman S'thofeni Ginindza.

Dvokolwako High composes song for SWSC

SWAZILAND Water Services Corporation (SWSC) will now use a song composed by the school as their riddle (libika).

Part of the song is to the effect that SWSC is bringing about significant development in schools.

SWSC Strategic Director Sikhumbuzo Tsabedze said the song composed by the school for SWSC, thrilled many, including the SWSC management. Therefore, they would use it as their riddle on Swaziland Broadcasting and Information Services (SBIS). The song sang praises of the things SWSC has done in schools around the country.

He said as a company they were happy to be associated with Dvokolwako High since it (school administration), parents and teachers were committed. "They are united and have a vision of how they want the school to be by 2022. Together with the school authorities, we want it to be amongst the best performing schools in the country. The success of a nation is education as Professor Lydia Makhubu once said. We therefore want every child of the country to be educated," he said.

Tsabedze said good results were part of their journey with the



REMARKS: Dvokolwako Principal Sabelo Sibandze sharing the school's achievements since 2015-2016.

school. He further highlighted how happy he was that the school had organised a workshop whereby parents would be taught on ways of raising and educating a child.

According to the principal, the workshop would take place at the school this coming weekend and every parent who has a child at Dvokolwako is expected to attend without fail.



WELCOME: Some of the teachers who were recognised for their efforts on the day.

TOP PUPIL'S ADVICE TO PEERS

NOMPILO Dlamini, a top pupil in Form Five 2016 has inspired others to work hard in order to get E30 000 as promised by Swazi Observer Chairman S'thofeni Ginindza.

Dlamini received E3 400 from both the school and Mkhweni Member of Parliament Gideon Dlamini.

Dlamini said everyone was capable of being in the top 10. "All you need to do is study hard and be dedicated to you books," she said.

Last year, Dlamini obtained aggregate eight and was in the top 10 spot.

Dlamini wants to do medicine abroad, however, for this current year she enrolled

for nursing at the University of Swaziland (UNISWA).

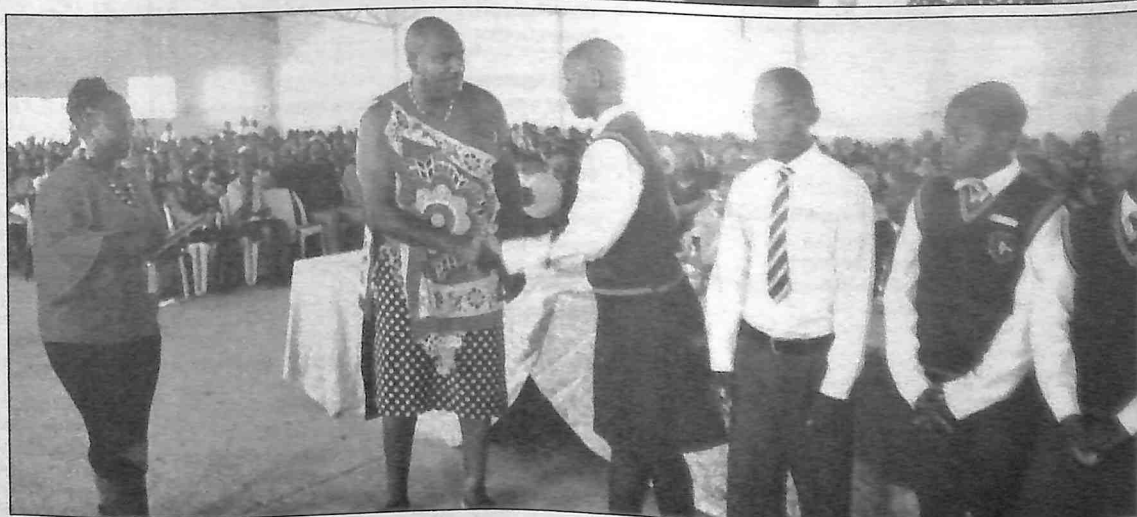
"I will do nursing for this year, then apply for medicine scholarship next year."

Awarded

Meanwhile, the school awarded five Form Three pupils who obtained Merit in 2016 and teachers who obtained 100 per cent pass rate in their subjects.

The Form Three pupils received E700 each while the teachers got E1 500 for their efforts.

The sponsorship came from SWSC, Macmillan publishers, Swazi Bank and other sponsors.



WEL-DONE: Junior Achievement team got certificates for their efforts. Looking on is Suzan Sibandze from SWSC.

ME TOO: Food and Nutrition teacher Sihle Dlamini receiving her token of appreciation from Ginindza during the awards day.



MINISTER ACCUSED OF PLOTTING AGAINST MP

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlangano

SHISELWENI II Member of Parliament (MP) Mthokozisi Kunene has accused Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini of being hell-bent to see him replaced in the next elections.

The infuriated MP minced no words and has told the minister to back off from his 'territory'. The MP claimed the minister was invading his constituency in a bid to decampaign him. Kunene has also claimed that the minister was assisting a certain individual to bounce back into politics.

He has claimed that the minister who is also Maseyisini MP, is on a crusade of having him not be considered for the elections in 2018.

Kunene alleged that Dlamini was also abusing his ministerial position as he brought his so called 'friend' to the Shiselweni II constituency for projects which should be executed by the current team.

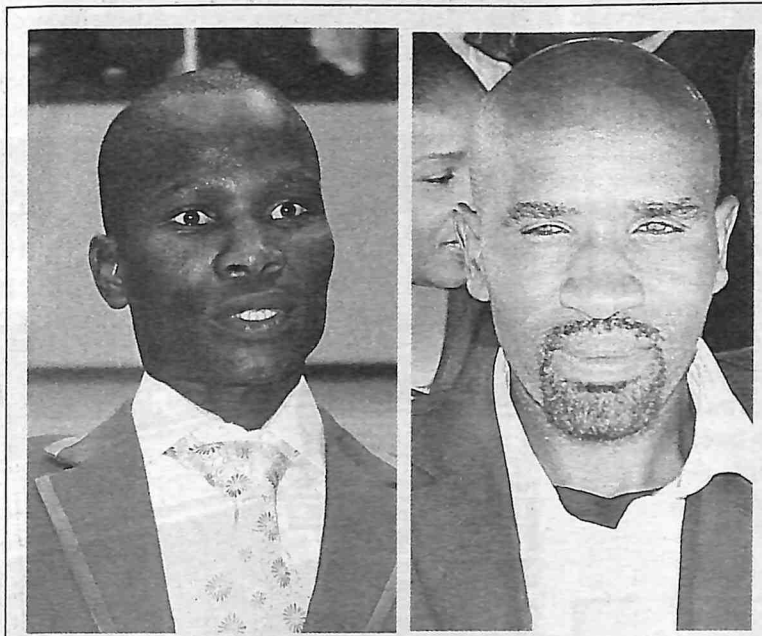
In an interview with this newspaper, MP Kunene emphasised that the minister should be aware of how dangerous it was to plot for someone's downfall without knowing what was likely to happen.

He said the minister and his friend, should both know it would not be a stroll in the park, as he would also use any means necessary to make sure they don't succeed in their plans.

"I am very disappointed in the way he is administering the ministry. He is busy sidelining me on projects he is supposed to implement with me. Instead, he is working with this individual (identifying him by name). He is bringing in a stranger when I am still in office. One can tell that 'Small Joe' does not understand the Tinkhundla system.

As someone who is heading the ministry, we should be looking up to him

● *Kunene alleged that Dlamini was also abusing his ministerial position as he brought his so called 'friend' to the Shiselweni II constituency for projects which should be executed by the current team.*



AT LOGGERHEADS: Shiselweni Member of Parliament Mthokozisi Kunene and Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini.

and he needs to be exemplary. I am forced to conclude that he is a confused minister and if he is not watched or monitored, the Tinkhundla system can crumble under our nose. I already doubt his capability," said MP Kunene.

The MP said the minister should have not brought a stranger on any project at Tinkhundla level when he (Kunene) was still in office.

He said the Minister has not even pretended that he wanted him (Kunene) out as MP in 2018.

He said he was worried as to how 'Small Joe' could undermine him and assist a stranger to campaign when the current team is still active in office.

"What he is doing is dangerous, the country is not safe under someone

like him tasked with role of leading such a ministry. We are not safe as a nation.

The ministry which is important in strengthening the Tinkhundla system is headed by a confused man and I feel it is the nation in general which is under serious threat. People who are given such a responsibility but are also seen supporting outside forces are dangerous.

We are a nation under threat as long as this ministry is led by 'Small Joe'," said MP Kunene.

MP Kunene said if nothing was done urgently, it was possible that when the minister leaves office, the ministry if not the system itself would be in total mess.

MP wants 'Small Joe' out of politics

SHISELWENI II MP Mthokozisi Kunene wants Minister Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini thrown out of politics for good.

Dlamini is also an elected MP from Maseyisini Inkhundla.

He is serving second term in office. He is now reportedly a sworn enemy of MP Kunene who accuses him of teaming up with a certain individual to have him 'ousted'.

MP Kunene said if it calls for him to pump money to have the minister thrown out of politics, he would raise any required amount to do that.

He said he was disappointed with the minister especially going behind his back and sneaking on to his 'territory' to start projects.

"He started it and he has to finish it.

I can't just fold my arms when I see that he is plotting against me. He is giving me a fight and he should be ready for a war. I can't allow him to disrespect me and I want

to prove to him that I can play and win the game he has started," said MP Kunene, who is one of the MPs who caused major upsets in the 2013 elections.

MP Kunene defeated former minister of health Benedict Xaba in the 2013 elections, a victory that was celebrated for months by many and it's however not known whether in 2018 he would be retained as an MP.

"It's time I roll my sleeves up as it's obvious that he wants to see my downfall. Let me make it known right now that that I am now going to do the same thing under his constituency where I plan to do whatever it takes no matter how much it will cost to oust him.

He should not make it out from the primary elections. That's how I want it to happen. I want to see him lose and he has to be stopped at the primary elections," said MP Kunene.

On the other hand, Minister Dlamini said he was in a good working relationship with MP Kunene as a neighbouring MP given that they were both from Maseyisini.

He added that the truth will set him free. He said apart from that their constituencies were neighbours, they were now homeboys as MP Kunene now resides at Mahamba which is an area falling under Maseyisini.

However, as the conversation progressed and questions posed to the minister in relationship to the startling allegations, 'Small Joe' then started disclosing how frustrating it was to work with MP Kunene.

"It's impossible to work with MP Kunene. Even when you try to assist him, he does not cooperate. On several occasions I have tried to assist him on certain projects under his constituency, he has never bothered to take me serious and now he is claiming that I am decampaigning him, when he is the one doing that himself.

People from his constituency are also frustrated by him. As a result, Maseyisini Inkhundla now finds itself having to attend to these people coming from his constituency some who have openly mentioned that they were not happy," said Minister Dlamini.

Security guards blackmailing man for 2015 incident

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

A man from Buhleni has claimed that security guards are constantly blackmailing him as they once found him having sex in a public place in 2015.

Sindiswa Magagula* aged 19 said the security guards demand money every time they see him adding that he now wants the guards to leave him in peace.

He said the guards want money so that he would not be reported for the 2015 public indecent incident which happened opposite the solitary scrape yard that is behind the Pigg's Peak government hospital on the eve of November 14, 2015.

"I admit that I was wrong to have sex in that area, but at the time I was just a school child. Now what is really painful



CONFIRMS: Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba.

is that the two security guards who caught me having sex have been blackmailing me ever since the incident occurred. Every

time they see me they demand money and this is not fair as I am unemployed at the moment," added Magagula.

He said he now needs help or advice as the security guards are threatening to have him arrested for the incident.

"But I had already bribed them, so now I do not know what is it that they want from me?" said Magagula.

RSP Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba said Magagula should open a case against his blackmailers as it was wrong for them to be taking his money.

"I encourage Magagula to come forward to any police station and report this issue so that we the police can investigate the matter and have the guards arrested," said Mamba.

Magagula is not the real name of the complainant.

Warder nabbed for DD

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

A member of His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) has been arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Sabelo Dlamini (29) was arrested on Sunday at Pigg's Peak after he was nabbed along the MR1 public road for driving under the influence of alcohol. According to court records, Dlamini registered a blood alcohol content of 0.71mg which is above the legal limit of 0.37mg.

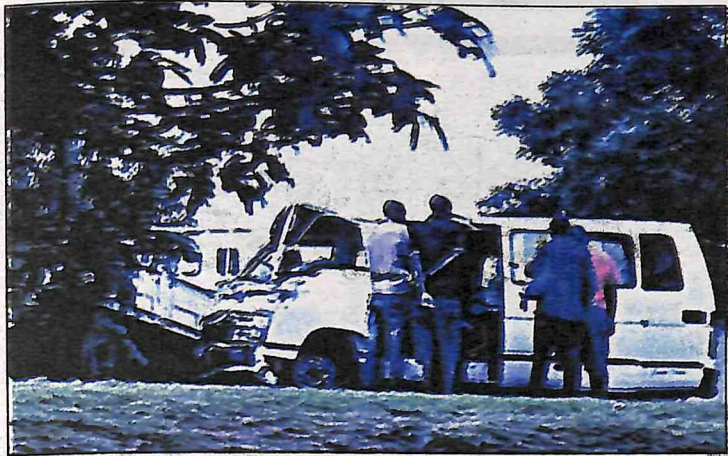
In court, Dlamini said he did not mean to drive his car while drunk, however, on this particular day he had a family emergency that forced him to drive.

"There was a family emergency, so I was forced to drive my car to my in-laws home. They had called me from the bar to come and help them, unfortunately I was arrested by the police who had set-up a road block," said Dlamini.

Senior Pigg's Peak Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini said the accused would be spending time at the Bhalekane correctional facility with the same inmates he secured if he continues to break the law.

"As a member of the country's security forces, it will be a shame for you to be arrested and spend time with the very inmates you secure. Therefore, I will sentence you to five months in a correctional facility if you fail to pay a fine of E1 500," the magistrate said.

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INSPECTION: Owners of the kombi inspecting the damage after the accident.



TAKEN AWAY: The kombi being towed away from the accident scene.

Kombi with passengers crashes into minister's truck

ABOUT eight people had to receive emergency treatment after the kombi they were travelling in crashed into the back of Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani 'Buy Cash' Mabuza's truck.

The accident happened along the MR1 public road right outside the Highlands Inn.

Eyewitnesses said the driver of the kombi which serviced the Pigg's Peak-Maguga route failed to apply brakes on time and collided with the truck as both vehicles were driving into Pigg's Peak.

"The kombi was following the truck, its driver tried to overtake but was impeded by oncoming traffic in the opposite lane. The driver then turned back into his own lane only to crash into the back of the truck injuring seven people in the process," said a witness.

The force of the impact resulted in the kombi losing its windshield and passenger's side door.

"Emergency services were phoned by the truck driver and eight people had to be rushed to the Pigg's Peak government hospital for treatment and multi-

ple check-ups," said the source.

Medical practitioners at the Pigg's Peak government hospital said one passenger; a woman in her 30s had to be referred to the Mbabane government hospital. She had sustained a double compound fracture in both her legs.

"We can report that all seven passengers from the accident have been treated and discharged after we conducted tests on them. Unfortunately one lady will be referred to the Mbabane government hospital for extensive treatment," said the practitioner.

CLOSE SHAVE: Eight people had to be hospitalised after the kombi they were travelling in crashed into the back of a truck. (Pics: Sizwe Dlamini)



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Required Information:

Interested suppliers who wish to be invited to tender should submit the following information:

1. Company profile with curriculum vitae of key personnel
2. Certified copy of Valid Trading Licence
3. Certified copy of Tax Compliance Certificate
4. Certified copy of Form "J" and Form "C"

Closing Date for Submissions:

The closing date for submissions is **NOT LATER** than **Monday, 27th March 2017@ 2:00 pm**, deposited in the tender box at PSPF Ingcamu Building, Ground Floor, Mhlambanyatsi Road, Mbabane, Swaziland. Submissions are to be enclosed in a sealed envelope and marked "PSPF THEMED ARTWORK EXPRESSION OF INTEREST". No late submission will be accepted. No facsimile, E-mail or other forms of submission will be accepted other than the prescribed.

Notes:

- The themes and techniques will be discussed with the selected firm working with the Interior Design Architect.
- The design for the interior is earth inspired artwork.
- Prospective firms are requested to submit their expression of interest outlining previous project undertaken and indicate how local artisans and artists can be engaged on the project.

For enquiries, please contact Jethro Ndlangamandla by e-mail only, E-mail: jethro@pspf.co.sz

Disclaimer: PSPF's decision is final and it is not obliged to give reasons for its decision to shortlist.



**SOS CHILDREN'S
VILLAGES**
SWAZILAND

Request for Proposals: Assessment of the Gender Issues and Development of a Training Manual (Mahwalala Community)

Purpose

SOS Children's Villages Swaziland is a Member Association of SOS - Kinderdorf International; a child welfare Organization. Under the Organization's new strategy, advocacy and gender have become a part of the focus of the work that we do. To this end, the organisation will be implementing the Grieg Gender Challenge in partnership with the Deputy Prime Minister's Office and other partners at Mahwalala, in the Hhohho region, which is an area covered in our Mbabane programme. In order to implement relevant and responsive initiatives, the Association will conduct a baseline study of gender issues that pertain to the Mahwalala community. The results of this study will identify, articulate, and document these issues in order to inform programming of the Grieg Gender Challenge.

Deliverables

The consultant will undertake an assessment that will identify gaps that will be addressed by the Grieg Gender interventions Mahwalala, Hhohho. The assessment will be centred on care givers, children and youth and the community leaders and should address the following key areas:

1. Compile systematic data and information, and an overall situational analysis of the living conditions of people living in Mahwalala; this should relate to gender rights and entitlements;
2. Provide a holistic analysis of similar or relevant interventions of different stakeholders working within the focal area;
3. Formulate analytical and strategic recommendations based on the research findings;
4. Develop a Training Manual for building the capacity of the target groups identified above

Contact person

For more information, a detailed Terms of Reference can be obtained from Tenele Mkhabela (tenele.mkhabela@sos-swaziland.org) National Office, Villiers Street, in Manzini (Opposite Cashbuild) Tel: +268 25058471/2/3.

Deadline 30th March 2017

Kukhanya's E446m Nhlangano-Sicunusa road project stops

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Magubheleni

KUKHANYA Civil Contractors might not be able to live up to its promise of completing the Sicunusa-Nhlangano road by May, as operations for the E446 million road project were halted almost three weeks ago.

One of the workers, who spoke to this publication on condition of anonymity, said they were informed by their superiors that government has not deposited funds into the company's accounts.

The workers, who have not been paid their salaries, said they had been told to be patient as their employer was trying to solve the situation.

When contacted, Kukhanya Corporate Affairs Manager Welile Shongwe said she is currently on leave hence could not comment.

She said only the ministry of public works and transport could address such an issue.

Late last year, work on the construction was halted when workers employed by a sub-contractor blocked the road and demanded their August pay.

Anticipated

The road had been anticipated to be complete by May, however, those who are on the ground had stated that by the look of things, such is impossible.

When the project commenced, it was disclosed that it would take only 24 months.

However, later on, Vusi Matsebula, who was acting as Public Works Principal Secretary, revealed that a new programme presented by Kukhanya revealed that there had been delays caused by delayed payments during the inception of the project where the funder (BADEA and OBID) suspended payments of Interim Payment Certificates.

Matsebula informed sister publication, the Observer on Saturday, that this was due to the involvement of a Portuguese entity, Gabriel Coutto.



NO COMMENT: Kukhanya Corporate Affairs Manager Welile Shongwe.

He said government had held successful negotiations with the funders to resolve this impasse and the project ran smoothly.

However, it would seem this time around the project is no longer running smoothly as operations have been halted.

Worth noting is that during the Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini's budget speech for the year 2017/18, he revealed that a provision of E60.2 million has been made for the procurement of heavy plant equipment.

The minister stated that accessibility to all parts of the country is fundamental in stimulating economic activity and enabling access to same hence government was targeting to upgrade all main roads totalling to 254km.

The minister said an amount of approximately E2 billion has been allocated in 2017/18 to implement on-going projects. The first project on his list was the completion of Nhlangano-Sicunusa road.

'Factory shells built on private farms'

By Mbono Mdluli
Lobamba

LEGISLATORS have revealed that factory shells are now erected on private farms.

This is said to be happening in areas closer to Lavumisa, mainly because it is near Richards Bay in South Africa.

This is a cause for concern to the MPs, who are worried by the possible pollution of the environment.

Somntongo Member of Parliament (MP) Sandile Nxumalo said the situation should be addressed by government urgently.

Nxumalo said this during the annual performance report debate for the ministry of commerce, industry and trade.

Nxumalo said he was worried by this state of affairs because there were no controls on how the waste would be disposed by the people working in the shells on private farms.

"We have many factory shells in Matsapha. There are controls on how waste materials



CONTROL: Somntongo Member of Parliament Sandile Nxumalo.

are disposed. The problem with the factory shells on private farms is that the disposition of waste would be a problem if not controlled.

Private

"The worse thing is that even government will not be able to control those shells because they are on private farms," Nxumalo said. The Somntongo MP then urged government to make use of the five hectares of land situated in Lavumisa.

The land was given by the ministry of housing and urban development to the commerce ministry for setting up the shells.



STAND IN: Minister for Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama.

Nxumalo argued that Lavumisa was an ideal place for businesses to be carried out because there was a railway line and road infrastructure to transport goods.

The place is also nearer to Richards Bay in South Africa. This can make it easy for investors to ship their products to overseas countries.

Minister for Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza was represented by Minister for Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama. The MPs urged her to bring written answers to Parliament.

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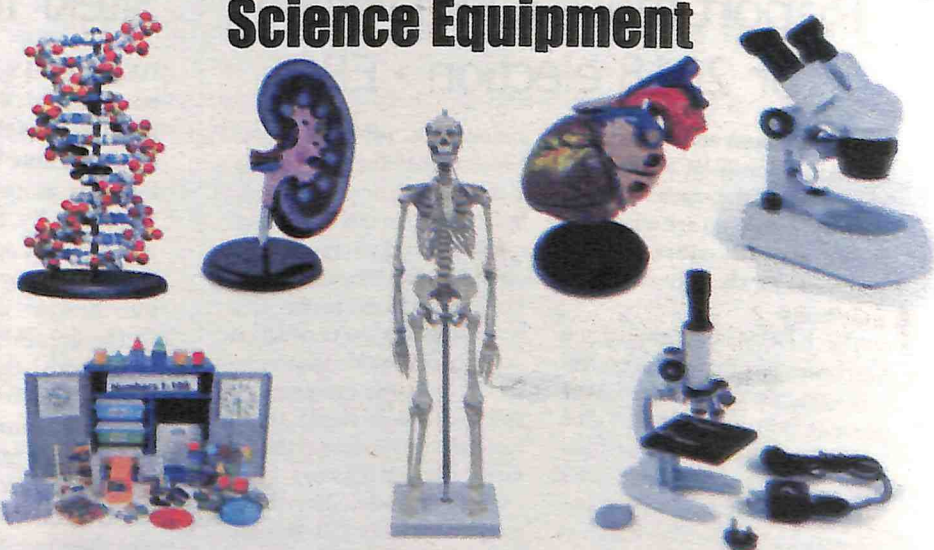


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MAPHUNGWANE RESIDENTS SING PRAISES FOR THEIR MAJESTIES

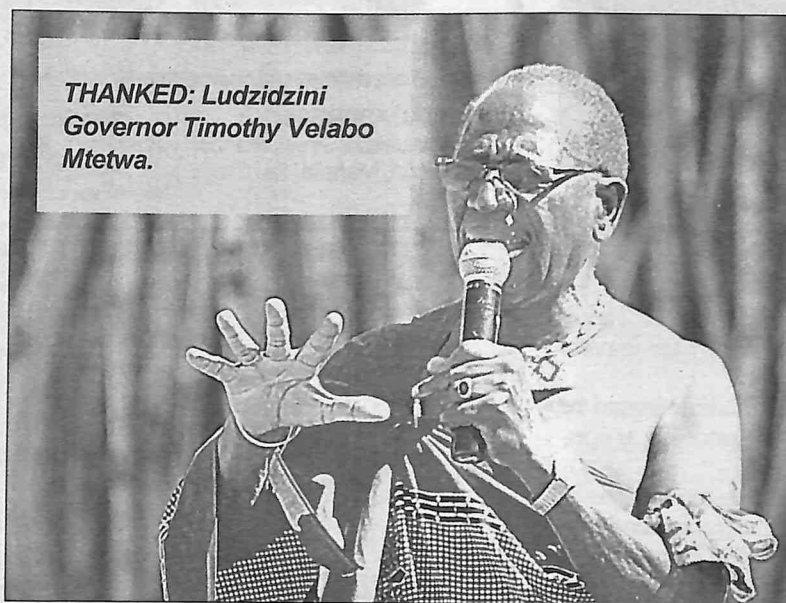
ABOUT a week after Ludzidzini Governor Timothy Velabo Mtetwa relayed a message from Their Majesties to Maphungwane Chiefdom, residents of the area have not stopped singing praises to the authorities of the country for restoring peace between two factions.

The chiefdoms have for the past seven years been divided into two factions as one of them was disputing the legitimacy of Chief Maliwa Maziya.

Such dispute was said to have also led to the delay of development projects in communities under the chiefdom. The residents have, therefore, been calling for the intervention of the country's authorities to restore peace and order.

Following this call, the Ludzidzini Council, led by Mtetwa, then visited the area where it called the opposition faction to order. Mtetwa stated in no uncertain terms that anyone who would continue disputing or claim ignorance on the legitimacy of Chief Maliwa would face the wrath of the law henceforth. Following this message, residents have been flocking to the Swazi Observer offices to relay their indebtedness to Their Majesties. Menzi Gamedze from Magwanyana stated that the clarity has helped those who have all along been fed with wrong information by the opposition faction. In fact, Gamedze said he was actually one of those who were not clear on which faction had the right information concerning the legitimacy of Chief

THANKED: Ludzidzini Governor Timothy Velabo Mtetwa.



Maliwa. "We have been relieved after getting the right position from the highest traditional council in the country, and we hope that from now on, residents of Maphungwane will reunite and work towards the development of the area," said Gamedze.

Sabelo Mamba of Dvumane also shared the same sentiments with Gamedze, adding they were now looking forward to improved relations between the residents. Mamba admitted that he has not been paying allegiance to any of the factions as he was not sure as to which one had the right information. But, he is now clear about the right position after the Ludzidzini Council set the record straight. "We are very grateful to Their Majesties for attend-

ing to this issue, and can only promise to illustrate our happiness by obeying the order," said Mamba.

Meanwhile, Indvuna of the *umphakatsi*, Moris Mbuli, also thanked the Ludzidzini Council for taking its time to visit the area. Mbuli said the council's message has already yielded positive fruits as more people now respect the *umphakatsi*. He further welcomed all residents of the area, even those who have been linked with the opposition faction to feel free to re-join the rest of them and pay allegiance to Chief Maliwa.

"The *umphakatsi* holds no grudges against anyone, so people are free to come here and take part in all activities henceforth," said Mbuli.

Ubombo Primary joins hands with SEC for Earth Hour

UBOMBO Primary School has joined hands with the Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) in celebrating this year's Earth Hour at UPS in Big Bend on Saturday.

To ensure that members of the public are educated about the importance of keeping the environment safe, admission at the event will be free. Earth Hour is an environmental initiative that started in Australia in 2007. It is an hour event whereby members of the public are encouraged to switch off all the lights, highlighting climate change and the sustainable use of energy.

Ubombo Primary Principal Lesley Visser stated that the school took environment issues seriously and labelled it institution as the 'Green school'. He said they had also initiated a paper recycling programme, that supports local employment and an active environmental club, through which UPS prides itself in being a litter free environment. It was reported that on March 9, UPS celebrated 'Trees and their impact on the climate',

by planting trees on the school premises. During this programme, children were also given seeds to take home for planting. The principal thanked the Matata Group that sponsored the trees and SEC who also assisted in organising the event.

This year, UPS and SEC are inviting the public, scholars and adults to bring their picnic blankets and enjoy the fun as the lights go off for an hour while only candles will be used to provide light. The principal added that there would be entertainment to include performances from local schools. "We will also be watching the events around the world as they are streamed live to Big Bend on the big screen through Skype," he said.

Food will be sold two. Meanwhile, members of the public are urged to bring their own cups and plates for refreshments. No glass or alcohol will be allowed on the UPS campus. Members of the public who may need further information on the event may contact Ruth Hlophe on 2363 6801.



Report those campaigning for 2018 election - EBC

THE Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) has urged members of the public to report individuals who are alleged to have already started campaigning for the upcoming 2018 elections.

The EBC stated clearly that it is a criminal offence to start campaigning for the elections before having been granted permission by the commission. This transpired during a civic and voter's education exercise which was conducted by the EBC at Khuphuka on Saturday. The residents had complained that some individuals were already hosting parties where they lobby for votes from the unsuspecting members of the public.

While conducting the civic edu-

cation, EBC officer Siboniso Nhleko stated that campaigning at this point in time was illegal. In fact, Nhleko said there was a specific period where elections candidates are allowed to lobby for votes from the public. This is usually after the nomination stage. Nhleko said anyone who would be found campaigning before this stage would, therefore, be hauled before court and face a criminal offence.

On another note, Nhleko commended the Hlane Constituency for having confidence in a female candidate in the 2013 elections. The constituency elected a woman as indvuna yenkhudla, and she became the only successful woman candidate in the entire Lubombo region.

Siteki Town Council gets order to impound loitering fowl

RESIDENTS of Siteki town must now take extra care for their domestic animals as the Council has recently been granted an order to impound loitering animals.

Specifically, the council had reported a certain resident to the Magistrate's Court for allowing his fowl to loiter into the town centre, causing a mess in the steadily developing town. Apparently, the Council has always been calling for residents to keep their domestic animals, mainly cattle and goats, away from the town centre as they caused accidents. Residents who failed to adhere to the call subsequently saw their livestock being impounded and kept in quarantine. They could only claim them back after paying a certain amount as penalty.

The issue of loitering fowl, however, remained unsolved as they could not be impounded; at least until last week when the Council was granted



an order to also impound fowl. Siteki Town Clerk, Sithembile Simelane, stated that following the order which was granted against one of the residents,

they will now be impounding any loitering fowl. She said the Council would be doing this as a way of keeping the town safe for visitors.

30 from Mahlangatsha Constituency get catering certificates

...the goal of the programme was to ensure that by 2022, the youth would be fully empowered

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya
Mahlangatsha

ABOUT 30 students from Mahlangatsha Constituency have graduated at Graig's Catering Consultancy last Thursday.

Congratulating the graduates, Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development Mduduzi Dlamini said he was aware that they experienced financial challenges at some point but he was proud they defied all odds and achieved their dreams.

Dlamini said the goal of the programme was to ensure that by 2022, the youth would be fully empowered with entrepreneurship skills so they may also start their own businesses.

He urged the graduates to take advantage of the different funds which government offered to start and grow their businesses.

"May I also urge others to take this opportunity to enrol in order to have skills and start their own businesses," the minister said.

Dlamini said His Majesty's vision was that Swaziland should have reached first world status by 2022, but such could only be achieved if people are educated and have life skills.

"Since 2014, a number of residents from five constituencies have graduated and are now employed. These include residents from KaPhunga,



GRADUATES: The graduates with Members of Parliament as well as Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development Mduduzi Dlamini in a group picture after the graduation at Mahlangatsha Inkhundla last week. (Pics: Nozipho Sibiya)

Hlane, LaMgabhi, Mafutseni and Lobamba. This shows that our young people are determined to succeed," he said.

Adding, he said at Hlane Inkhundla, 35 students graduated on the same programme (catering) and a majority of them were now employed at outlets such as Nandos and other food outlets in Manzini and Mbabane.

He said the participation of residents in the catering courses indicated that Graig's Catering Consultancy was determined to contribute to the country's economy.

Though there are no funds for the

programme anymore, the minister said he was pleased by the number of students who were enrolling and being equipped with life skills.

"In 2014 when this project started, it was financed by European Development Fund through Micro-Projects.

Started

It started at KaPhunga under Kubuta Inkhundla. Despite the funds running dry, people have continued to show interest and that is highly commendable," he said. Dlamini said he was impressed that last Friday's graduates were young people who were dri-

vers of the economy. He urged every citizen to work towards elevating hunger in the country by partaking in development issues in their different chiefdoms. "Attend meetings, be involved in the decision making process and in this way you will have no decision taken on your behalf."

The minister noted that they were on a drive to ensure that *imiphakatsi* were built the traditional way.

"We want to make sure they resemble our way of life. Everyone must be involved in this project since it is meant to teach even future generations about our way of life."

Tinkhundla ministry keen on rural development

SMALL business owners have applauded the ministry of tinkhundla administration and development for the great spirit of entrepreneurship.

Speaking on behalf of Graig's Catering Company, Muzi Mkhize said the ministry was one of the ministries that were keen on seeing development in the country, especially in the rural areas.

"The minister is always on the ground working with the people to create job opportunities," he said.

Mkhize said the recently graduated students would be able to survive in the ever busy food industry.

"With the skills acquired from Craig's Consultancy, you will make it in the many food outlets in the country," he said.

Mkhize also encouraged other tinkhundla to bring development to their constituencies.

It also transpired that about 10 students of those that recently graduated had been hired by Nandos outlets in Manzini while three who excelled would be hired by Craig's Consultancy.

Present during the graduation were Mahlangatsha Member of Parliament Bongani Hlophe, Mtfongwaneni MP Mjuluko Dlamini and many other dignitaries such as different bucophobenkhundla.

Mahlangatsha MP applauded for great work

MAHLANGATSHA Member of Parliament (MP) Bongani Hlophe has been applauded by the community for ensuring that six projects are completed in the community.

Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development Mduduzi Dlamini thanked Mahlangatsha Inkhundla for using all its budget allocation for the financial year 2015/16. "I have been

reliably informed that Coshabumnyama Group Scheme has a membership of 50 people.

The scheme contributed an amount of E106 700," he said. Also, Lohheyane Group Scheme had a membership of 17 and the scheme contributed an amount of E68 780 while the Ndleleni Primary School got fencing material. Dlamini thanked Hlophe for ensuring all the projects were imple-

mented.

"As government, we are custodians of the Poverty Reduction Strategy and Action Plan, we are also responsible for coordinating programmes that target achievements of the Millennium Development Goals."

He said improving the quality of life amongst the poor is one of the pillars of the poverty reduction strategy.



THANK YOU SIR: The graduate receiving her certificate from the Minister and Mahlangatsha MP Bongani Hlophe.



REASON TO SMILE: Buselaphi Mantimakhulu was also decorated on the day.



CONGRATS: Some of the graduates following proceedings during the ceremony.



REP: The graduates' representative delivering her speech.

PIGG'S PEAK TOWN COUNCIL'S CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

LAST Friday, the Pigg's Peak Town Council embarked on a clean-up exercise in the small

town of northern Hhohho.

The bulk of the participants for the clean-up were pupils from the various schools in Pigg's Peak; these included Mhlatane Primary, Peak Central Primary as well as Peak Nazarene Primary. The clean-up campaign started at the Gobolondlo

Hall and ended at the Pigg's Peak Police Station.

Present at the campaign were members of the Pigg's Peak Town Council, including Macambeni Councillor Victor Masango who said it was good to see children interested in protecting their environment.

"We are happy to have so many children during this important exercise.

The clean-up campaign will beautify Pigg's Peak and we hope residents can appreciate the exercise and join us during our next walk," said Masango.

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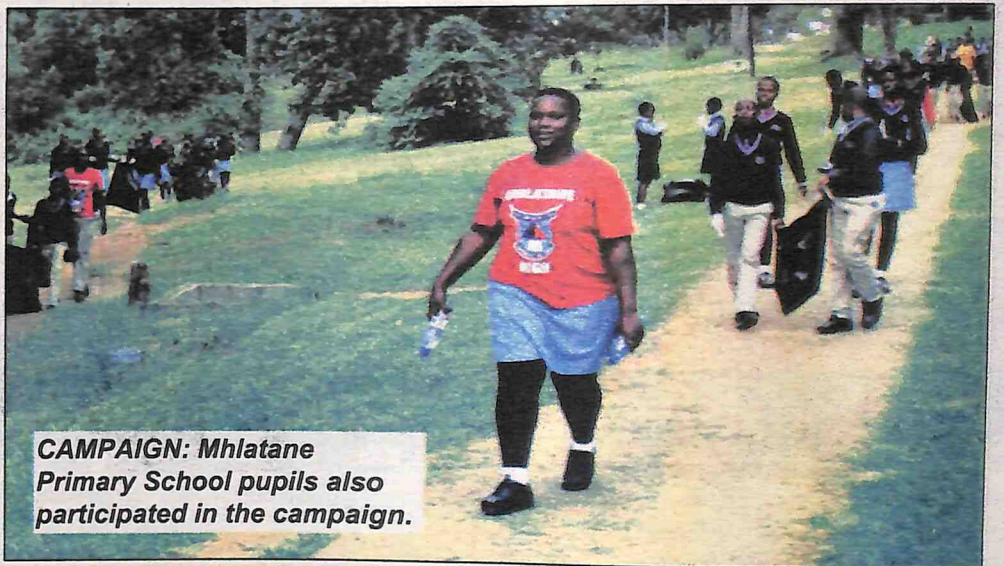
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THIS WAY: Macambeni Councillor Victor Masango directing the pupils during the clean-up campaign held in Pigg's Peak. (Pics: Sizwe Dlamini)



CAMPAIGN: Mhlatane Primary School pupils also participated in the campaign.

CEO, mayor & accountant have bank accounts in South Africa

By Starsky Mkhonta
Hlatikulu

HLATIKULU residents want Minister of Housing and Urban Development Phiyayinkhosi Mabuza to probe whether some of the councillors have opened bank accounts in South Africa.

The residents said rumours were doing the rounds that three individuals within the town board had bank accounts in the neighbouring country.

Those alleged to be having the SA accounts were the chairman, CEO and the accountant. The residents have also advised the minister to make a follow up on how funds were used by the town board.

The residents have also written to the minister advising him to institute a commission of enquiry into the operations of the town board.

"This town is the poorest yet it looks like the board members, particularly the chairman, the CEO and the accountant are living beyond their means.

It is also rumored that some or all of them have bank accounts in South Africa. "We therefore request the minister to investigate if indeed the money received from government and other related organisations is not misappropriated," reads a letter directed to the min-



TOLD TO ACT: Minister of Housing and Urban Development Phiyayinkhosi Mabuza.

ister. Money that the residents want the minister to investigate included that of capital projects, rates paid by government, rates paid by ratepayers, World Bank funds, subvention from government and many other funds collected by the town board.

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CONFIDENCE AND HUMILITY, THE SECRET TO GREAT LEADERSHIP

SUCCESSFUL leaders manage to be confident without being arrogant; they blend in humility to make room for other people's ideas.

When you feel incredibly confident, you instinctively know that you can handle whatever comes at you. You get to be on top of things and you make all the right moves because you are in the right zone. Many scholars are coming to see confidence as an essential element of internal well being and happiness, a necessity for a fulfilled life. Without it - you cannot achieve the flow as a leader.

The reality is that we are all attracted to confidence, the true, deeply felt kind that inspires us to follow great leaders to the ends of the earth. But if you go one shade darker, and then you find arrogance. The question gets to be, what is the distinctive line between confidence and arrogance? Humility seems to be the point in between the

two.

True confidence can stand out and outshine many shadows, and the biggest things it can do is to stand back and make room for others people's thoughts and ideas when leading a group.

Confident Humility

Both confidence and humility have giant roles in making a leader a respected person and an effective leader. The balance between the two can be incredibly delicate and nuanced so the question is, how do we get this elusive combo for ourselves, or rather how do leaders get to this elusive combo?

The science of confidence: why we have no idea how good we are at anything

Part of the reason that it is a challenge to get the right blend of confidence and humility, is that we do not know ourselves very well or rather we do not rate ourselves very well. Research cites that though it's statistically pretty impossible, 93% of us think we are

better-than-average drivers. And 94% of university professors rate their teaching skills as better than average. The average person thinks she or he is well, better than average.

Research further shows that we have a confidence problem or a humility problem; it seems we have a bit of both. It also turns out, the most incompetent of us are also the most likely to overestimate ourselves. In reality, the gulf between how good we are at something and how good we think we are at something is often huge.

Confidence Or Humility: Where Do You Fall?

So perhaps the first thing to know about building this perfect ratio is where you are now. Do you skew more toward arrogance, being too much or misplaced confidence, or self-deprecation which is too little confidence.

The gender quiz

Consider your gender. Overall, women

tend to err toward humility and men tend to err toward overconfidence. In studies, Research found that men, on average, rate their performance to be 30% better than it is. The other measure that can be used is to consider the part of the world which you come from.

Psychologist David Dunning says that where you fall on the spectrum varies by your part of the world and its culture. Eastern cultures are more likely to value self-improvement, while Western culture venerates self-esteem. For us Africans, we tend to fall on the gender measure.

Self check on signs of low confidence

The Confidence Code offers up a many great anecdotes about how low confidence manifests itself; here are a few telltale signs you might recognise:

- You have a long list of all the things over the years you wish you had said or done or tried—but did not.
- You don't initiate salary negotia-

tions—or if you do, you value your worth too low.

- You hesitate at key moments.
- You imagine that whatever you have done, whether it's a triumph or a failure, is the focus of everyone else's attention.

Any of the above signs says that you have low confidence.

Self check on overconfident

Martin Babine says that the following behaviours might be helpful to look out for, if you feel you might be veering into arrogance.

- Work your accomplishments into the conversation
 - Don't focus on what you do not yet know or are seeking to learn
 - Express no curiosity about whom you're interacting with
 - Enter into interactions mostly for reasons of potential self interest
 - Treat servers, drivers, or other service personnel different than those you meet in a professional context
- Great leaders have a good balance on both confidence and humility.

When reason leaves the building

THIS past weekend would've seen a historic event take place as all the important stakeholders in higher education got together to discuss solutions to the ongoing challenges in the sector.

The convention, which was to take place at the Eskom Centre for Advanced Learning in Midrand, was convened by former Deputy Chief Justice Dikgang Moseneke, and a number of other elders and respected figures such as former Justice Yvonne Mokgoro, writer and expert in African indigenous knowledge systems, Prof. Pitika Ntuli, former minister under President Nelson Mandela and founding Secretary General of Cosatu, Jay Naidoo, businessman and Chairman of Telkom SA, Jabu Mabuza and Secretary General of the South African Council of Churches, Bishop Malusi Mpumlwana, to name but a few.

Few people know that this forum played a vital role in dissolving the tension on campuses last year, through highly sensitive talks with student leaders, university managements and government, including President Jacob Zuma.

It was the coming together of some of the most respected members of our society in one of our country's darkest hours to say, "Enough. Enough now. We have to talk."

Over the course of months after the violence ended, the forum worked with stakeholders to prepare for what would culminate in the past weekend's event. Provincial conventions were held in all nine provinces and every possible student organisation was included.

So when proceedings started on Saturday morning, everyone was on board. Everyone from university vice chancellors, to student deans, SRC repre-



sentatives, student organisations, including every political faction, parents, government, the Minister of Higher Education Blade Nzimande, church representatives, the Human Rights Commission, Statistics South Africa, the National

Prosecuting Authority, the Public Protector's office, the banking and business sectors, and the electoral commission attended. Everyone agreed on the collective mandate: to use the safe space created to debate and negotiate

what is necessary for the country to move forward and the higher education sector to survive. Everyone would have a turn to speak and say their piece and everyone's input would be valued and considered. As Moseneke said, it was the who's who of higher education.

And so it was an utter disappointment to see months of highly sensitive work behind the scenes go up in smoke when angry students disrupted the convention before it could even get started.

The plenary had barely begun when students started shouting down speakers, booing with every mention of Nzimande's name, demanding white people to leave and threatening to set the venue on fire. It ended with chairs flying, water bottles thrown at people, and sound and lighting equipment being knocked over. The vice chancellors fled for safety and the minister's security team had to hasten him out.

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1991 - 27 people were lost at sea when two US Navy anti-submarine planes collided.

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1994 - Dudley Moore was arrested for hitting his girlfriend.

1994 - Steven Spielberg won his first Oscars. They were for best picture and best director for "Schindler's List."

1994 - Wayne Gretzky tied Gordie Howe's NHL record of 801 goals.

1994 - Bill Gates of Microsoft and Craig McCaw of McCaw Cellular Communications announced a \$9 billion plan that would send 840 satellites into orbit to relay information around the globe.

1995 - New Jersey officially dedicated the Howard Stern Rest Area along Route 295.

1995 - Tokyo police raided the headquarters of Aum Shinrikyo in search of evidence to link the cult to the Sarin gas released on five Tokyo subway trains.

1999 - Israel's Supreme Court rejected the final effort to have American Samuel Sheinbein returned to the US to face murder charges for killing Alfred Tello, Jr. Under a plea bargain Sheinbein was sentenced to 24 years in prison.

2000 - The US Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that the US Food and Drug Administration had overstepped its regulatory authority when it attempted to restrict the marketing of cigarettes to youngsters.

2001 - Nintendo released 'Game Boy Advance'.

2002 - In Pakistan, Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh was charged with murder for his role in the kidnapping of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl. Three other Islamic militants that were in custody were also charged along with seven more accomplices that were still at large.

2002 - In Paris, an 1825 print by French inventor Joseph Nicéphore Niépce was sold for \$443 220. The print, of a man leading a horse, was the earliest recorded image taken by photographic means.

2003 - It was reported that the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed up 235.27 (2.8%) at 8 521.97. It was the strongest weekly gain in more than 20 years.

2016 - It was reported that the Kepler space telescope had captured the visible light of a "shock breakout" when the star KSN 2011 exploded. It was the first time an exploding star's brilliant flash shockwave had been captured.

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Sonequa Martin-Green
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AS we continue looking at the various types of pastors leading churches today, we will conclude our teaching by looking at the last 4 kinds of pastors:

9. SICK PASTORS (Revelation 3:14-19)

Description: Physically okay but 'spiritually sick.' Sick because they don't know the Lord, they are sinful, ungodly, evil, immoral and wicked. Though they sometimes find themselves leading large congregations, yet, they preach the Jesus they have not met. They only use their spiritual activities to cover their spiritual nakedness.

Basic Motives: They don't know why they are in the ministry. They want to be like the Jones and Joneses. They are copycats. They struggle with sin, evil and low self-image. They take out their anger, sin and frustration on the people. They are sick because they lack basic leadership skills. They are sick because they are not good examples and role models to follow. They are sick because they operate under curses and disobedience.

Demerits: They have destroyed the lives of people under them. Furthermore they are carnal, covetous, stingy, have an unforgiving spirit and are ready to curse and destroy people who dare question their ungodly activities. They usually kill churches and cause stagnation by making the saints to sin and backslide. Sick pastors will always produce sick churches that will find growth very difficult and stagnation very easy.

Way Out: Repent, seek the Lord, apologize and do a new work.

12 KINDS OF PASTORS TODAY - PART 3

Revelation 3:14-19

10. WOUNDED PASTORS

Description: They have experienced back-stabbing, disappointment and calamities in ministry. Their work has given them a hard blow. Through some mistakes and ignorance, they have been wounded in ministry. They are therefore bitter, sad, hurting and hateful in the ministry.

Basic Motives: Vengeance, retribution and survival. They have been wounded by sin, the devil, people, partners, colleagues and members. Some have lost wives, husbands, children, names, properties and health in the course of doing ministry.

Some have deep pain due to betrayal by mentors, leaders, associates and spouses. And the wounds are fresh and new.

Demerits: Bleeding hearts, hurt feelings, lack of trust, discouragements, frustration and quitting the ministry. They don't help anybody in the ministry anymore and they are always sceptical of people's intentions. The unforgiveness in their hearts hinders the flow of God's spirit in them. As long as they don't allow the Lord to heal them, their churches will always suffer the hangover of their wounded hearts.

Way Out: Release the past; hand-over your hurts unto the Lord and march on in faith. Forgive and forbear.

11. TECHNOLOGY PASTORS

Description: They are pastors on the move, who are always on the fast lane of life. Moving from city to city, nation to nation, making money at the expense of the souls under them. They spend weeks away from the church. They jump from

place to place in the name of doing ministry while the church at home is dying and scattering. They monitor by means of audio and video messages of sermons.

Basic Motive: Money, pleasure and properties. They use God to better their way of life. Their living standard is above the income of their church. They always travel for ministry and business deals. While travelling, they continue to monitor the church through phone, emails, websites and phone-in-conference calls. They use these technologies to conduct services on Sunday and at vigils. In some cases, they stay permanently abroad and control the church from there.

Demerits: Their associates are not trusted and they are given responsibilities without authority. The church goes through turmoil, murmuring and lack of care, nurture and empowering. Such pastors lose their churches and their people. They eventually capitulate to the God of mammon, pleasure and fame. They lose their God and their ministry. God usually replaces them with capable people who have a heart for things of eternal value.

Way Out: Genuine repentance, restoration and rediscovering the basic purpose of ministry.

12. GROWING PASTORS

Description: Though they are very few, these are pastors after God's heart. They are called and commissioned by the Lord. They pursue a God-given vision. They display high integrity, character, godliness and a heart for things of eternal value.

They are not perfect, but growing everyday. They are balanced, learning, open to change and full of the Holy Spirit.

Basic Motive: They desire to make an impact for God. They want to see lives, families, nations and cities transformed for the Lord. They have no personal empire to build; rather they want to extend the frontiers of God's kingdom throughout the whole world. They see ministry as opportunity to serve, help and empower others. They de-emphasise money, gain and pleasure.

Strengths: They invest in people; sharpen their leadership skills; maintain good relational skills; work over their weaknesses; build godly character; empower, equip and enable others to rise up to their highest potentials. They are not threatened by the gift of others. They speak the truth with grace and seek to disciple everyone for the Lord. They ensure that the church is built on the true, undiluted and balanced Word of God. They pastor growing churches where the people are genuine Christians that continually grow in the things of the Lord. They raise leaders and equip them to carry on the work of God.

Results: Good, healthy and growing churches that will go on to affect things positively for God.

CONCLUSION

From these descriptions of 12 kinds of pastors, we can see that 'only one' can really lead the church to true and sustainable growth.

This is the reason why the majority of our churches are sick, stagnant, crisis trodden and are dying today because they are being pastored by the wrong kind of pastors.

If you are a pastor, where are you? You can repent and change today to be a growing pastor in all ramifications so as to lead the church into the future. This brings us to the end of this series. Until next week.

How a United Nations platform to stop biodiversity loss could up its game

Maud Borie, University of East Anglia and Aleksandar Rankovic, Iddri

BIODIVERSITY, the variety of plant, animal and microbial life on Earth, is still declining.

For many years there have been calls for some sort of scientific body or initiative to be set up to encourage the international community to shoulder its responsibilities over biodiversity. In the scientific literature in particular, several authors argued that a more efficient and permanent organisation to convey scientific works to governments could help meet international commitments to stop biodiversity loss.

In 2005 a process was started that led to the establishment of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, IPBES. The IPBES was finally established in 2012 as a United Nations body. It recently published its first reports and has several others under way.

Biodiversity keeps declining despite lots of accumulated knowledge and numerous international and national commitments to act.

How could IPBES help change this?

Not the first of its kind IPBES is far from being the first attempt at synthesising knowledge on the causes and consequences of biodiversity loss. It's rooted in a long line of global environmental assessments. A prominent example is the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Since the early 1980s, it's produced a number of reports documenting the impact of man-made climate change. It received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. The general assumption is that such initiatives can help address environmental issues by providing usable knowledge to policy and decision makers.

When it comes to biodiversity, a wide-ranging number of ecological studies have been published over the last century. They document habitat and species loss stem-



PLATFORM: In a crowded landscape, IPBES could make an important contribution to conservation. (Aleksandar Rankovic)

ming from human action. Several assessments have also been carried out. The most notable were the Global Biodiversity Assessment, released in 1995 and the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment released in 2005.

It's also well admitted that current species extinction rates are much higher than at previous times in the history of the Earth. In fact, they are estimated to be a thousand times higher than they would be without human influence. As a result, several authors coin the current period as Earth's sixth mass extinction.

But actually quite unique The International Union for the Conservation of Nature identifies five main sources of threats to biodiversity. They include: habitat loss and degradation, invasive alien species, over-exploitation of natural resources, pollution and diseases, and human-induced climate change. These threats can be considered the direct drivers behind biodiversity loss.

Conservation policies which try and address these threats have a long history. For instance, there are no less than six international conventions that address biodiversity conservation in some way. The Convention on Biological Diversity, signed during the 1992 Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit, is one example. It aims to achieve a list of targets to stop biodiversity

loss worldwide by 2020. It's unlikely that this objective will be met, given the current trends. Despite an accumulation of knowledge and multiple policy initiatives, biodiversity is still eroding.

In this crowded landscape, IPBES could make an important contribution to conservation. It could help understand why biodiversity keeps declining despite international and national commitments to act. The fact that it operates differently from previous assessments could be key. IPBES is more ambitious in its principles and functions. In particular, it aspires to be more inclusive of knowledge from the social sciences and the humanities, and of non-academic knowledge.

How IPBES can make a difference

When IPBES adopted its conceptual framework different ways of making sense of human-nature relations were debated. An important feature of this framework is the fact that, so-called, indirect drivers are given particular attention. In IPBES terms, these drivers include:

Institutions and governance systems and other indirect drivers.

They include how decisions are taken and implemented, how power is exercised, and how responsibilities are distributed. Assessing the available knowledge and these indirect drivers is key to identify the root causes of biodiversity loss. In other words, it's there where we can identify what, in our societies, is pushing the direct drivers described above. This is also how we can understand why some conservation policies have worked and some have not.

Getting there might be challenging. IPBES released its first thematic report on pollination, pollinators and food production in February 2016. It was very detailed regarding the direct drivers, like changes in land use or heavy pesticide use, affecting pollinators.

But the assessment covered the indirect drivers, like harmful sub-

sidies and policies that hamper the sustainability of food systems, poorly. This means that important governance aspects, which are likely behind the trends in direct drivers, were left out. The platform aspires to recognise multiple knowledge-systems and is a remarkable attempt to go beyond traditional natural sciences as the sole basis for decision-making. In practice, the inclusion of other forms of knowledge and expertise is proving a challenge. In particular, social scientists, and the variety of disciplines useful for policy analysis and evaluation, are still largely under-represented among its experts. And so is the case for indigenous knowledge-holders.

A way forward: assessing governance settings

One of the most innovative aspects of IPBES is the recognition that knowledge on governance settings, like how societies are organised, how economies work, how power is distributed for example, should be assessed as well. This requires the participation of social and political scientists.

Even though biodiversity loss is a global phenomenon, in the sense that it's observed everywhere, biodiversity issues like deforestation, aquatic pollution, and poaching take a variety of forms in different regions that need to be understood in their complexity and actual messiness.

For IPBES to be different from previous assessments, and perhaps more effective in supporting biodiversity conservation, the main challenge will be to encourage governments to provide more support to it and actually nominate diverse experts. It's also crucial to ask it to include knowledge on indirect drivers of biodiversity loss in its works.

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The Conversation.

Wit and Wisdom

1. "I'm about to make a wild, extreme and severe relationship rule: the word busy is a load of crap and is most often used by assholes. The word 'busy' is the relationship Weapon of Mass Destruction. It seems like a good excuse, but in fact in every silo you uncover, all you're going to find is a man who didn't care enough to call. Remember men are never too busy to get what they want."
— Greg Behrendt

2. "Romance is the glamour which turns the dust of everyday life into a golden haze."
— Elinor Glyn

3. "I used to believe in forever, but forever's too good to be true"
— A.A. Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh

4. "What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family."
— Mother Teresa

5. "Tomorrow's life is too late. Live today."
— Marcus Valerius Martialis

6. "He was born with a gift of laughter and a sense that the world was mad."
— Rafael Sabatini, Scaramouche

7. "Rachel: You're a half-blood, too? Annabeth: Shhh! Just announce it to the world, how about? Rachel: Okay. Hey, everybody! These two aren't human! They're half Greek god!... They don't seem to care."
— Rick Riordan, The Battle of the Labyrinth

8. "Happiness quite unshared can scarcely be called happiness; it has no taste."
— Charlotte Brontë

9. "Silly things do cease to be silly if they are done by sensible people in an impudent way."
— Jane Austen, Emma

10. "Wounds turn into scars and scars make you tough."
— Aisha Tyler

11. "Read, read, read. That's all I can say."
— Carolyn Keene, The Secret of the Old Clock

12. "The only calibration that counts is how much heart people invest, how much they ignore their fears of being hurt or caught out or humiliated. And the only thing people regret is that they didn't live boldly enough, that they didn't invest enough heart, didn't love enough. Nothing else really counts at all."
— Ted Hughes, Letters of Ted Hughes

13. "Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home."
— Edith Sitwell

14. "If you take a book with you on a journey," Mo had said when he put the first one in her box, "an odd thing happens: The book begins collecting your memories. And forever after you have only to open that book to be back where you first read it. It will all come into your mind with the very first words: the sights you saw in that place, what it smelled like, the ice cream you ate while you were reading it... yes, books are like flypaper—memories cling to the printed page better than anything else."
— Cornelia Funke, Inkheart



DWINDLING: Biodiversity, the variety of plant, animal and microbial life on Earth, is still declining.

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.75%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	8.2%
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 17 MAR 2017

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	12.7067	12.7567
British Pound / SZL	15.7176	15.7794
Japanese Yen / SZL	8.8816	8.9142
Swiss France / SZL	12.7513	12.8002
Botswana Pula / SZL	1.2364	1.2451
Australian Dollar / SZL	9.7715	9.8163
Canadian Dollar / SZL	9.5453	9.5793
Mozambique Meticals / SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro / SZL	13.6940	13.7479
Gold	1,227.8800	
Oil	49.9000	

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'I CAN'T HELP OWING RATEPAYERS'

...Minister of Housing and Urban Development Phiywayinkosi Mabuza says Council has green light to auction property, amid concerns about the Rating Act.



Stories by Manqoba Makhubu

AS things stand, the Mbabane ratepayers who are in a desperate bid to save the auctioning of their properties might have to bite the bullet, come March 31.

Despite that the Rating Act waits to be amended and has been challenged twice and thrown out in court, Minister of Housing and Urban Development Phiywayinkosi Mabuza said the Council can still use that instrument to carry the auctioning process.

"That is the only instrument that

the Council can use to make people pay and most people are reluctant to clear their rate payments and in most cases they pay after the notice publication. Even in this case, nothing stops the Council from auctioning properties for defaulters should they fail to clear their rate payments after the deadline of the notice," he said.

Acceptable

Ratepayers under the Mbabane Ratepayers Association, amongst other things, had argued that the current Rating Act cannot be used as an acceptable legal instrument to conduct the auction of proper-

ties after it was challenged in court and lost twice and was struck down, following an appeal by the local governments.

They also argued that it was unfair for the Council to auction property while the Act awaits to be amended to ensure that vulnerable groups under the deputy prime minister's office, including the elderly, orphaned and vulnerable children and people living with disabilities, don't lose their ultimate reserves.

Asked about the stance of the ministry on this issue, the minister confirmed that there are ongoing talks to ensure that the above groups could

be assisted. However, he said the discussions were currently at the level of officials.

"We were also requested to review the Rating Act to incorporate these groups.

"The Mbabane Council also led the way was drafting a policy. But the pending legal issues of the Act have stalled its review process. We hope that once the legal issues are dealt with, the legislation will be taken to Cabinet to be reviewed," said the minister.

However, the minister said the aggrieved ratepayers are welcome to schedule a meeting him.

ABOUT 100 CHILDREN TO GET CLEVER SAVINGS TRAINING

THE Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) will train over 100 children to develop the culture of saving and entrepreneurship as it joins over 132 global countries to commemorate the Global Money Week next week.

Convened by the Child and Youth Financial International (CYFI) based in Netherlands, the Global Money Week is an event aimed at inspiring and encouraging children to learn about money, saving, creating livelihoods, gaining employment and becoming entrepreneurs.

CYFI works with organisations globally, especially financial institutions and central banks, in promoting the development of child and youth friendly financial products.

The Global Money Week is celebrated from March 27 to April 2.

Speaking during a press conference held at CBS head office, the Governor Majozi Sithole said the commemoration theme, 'Learn, Serve, Earn,' was in line with the ministry of education to produce pupils who will not only seek white collar jobs, but also create employment opportunities.

Partnered

Hence, the CBS has partnered with the ministry of education and the Micro-Finance Unit (MFU).

The pupils who will participate during the weeklong activities have been drawn from 16 schools, four in each region and three pupils per school.

The other participants will be a maximum of six college students per institution from five higher learning institutions.

Sithole said the aim of the event was to promote the development



RARE OPPORTUNITY: Acting Chief Inspector of Primary Schools Wilson Ngcamphalala answering a question while CBS Governor Majozi Sithole looks on. (Pics: Manqoba Makhubu)



TRIO: CBS Manager Financial Stability Wellington Motsa, MFU Director David Myeni and Research and Information Officer Phumzile Nhleko-Mtsetwa.

of economic citizens amongst the youth, to inform encourage children and the youth to take interest in expanding knowledge and engage in responsible finance management matters as well as ensure that children and the youth have access to safe trustworthy financial services, that they have the skills, knowledge, attitudes and opportunities required to responsibly and prudentially use those services.

"Through this event, we hope to expose pupils and young people to information that will assist them to

be financially literate and not only make well-informed financial decisions, but also think about the career choices that will provide the desired financial dreams," he said.

Celebrate

To celebrate the event, the CBS, MFU, Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA), banks, non-banking financial institutions and the ministry of education will engage with the children and youth.

They will have an opportunity to tour commercial banks, non-financial institutions, the Swaziland Stock

Exchange offices, central bank cash centre, dine with executives, including the governor, present an essay on why is it important for children to start saving from an early age and further recommend strategies to enable children to save.

Adding, Sithole said banks will mount child help desks in the various banks to attend to issues that the children may want to know pertaining what products are available for them. He appreciated the partnership between the bank, MFU and the ministry of education.

"As we institutionalise the event, we hope more partners will participate in the future to make a continued success," he said.

Conference

Also present during the press conference was MFU Programme Director David Myeni and Acting Chief Inspector of Primary Schools Wilson Ngcamphalala, amongst others.

Ngcamphalala thanked the CBS for coming up with the idea.

"It is relevant to us as a ministry to teach children to save at early stages," he said.

He also thanked the rare opportunity that will be enjoyed by the pupils to visit facilities such as the central bank.

"I don't want to testify that I have never been here before. We really thank you for availing your institutions to enable children to visit such facilities," he said.

The governor said he believed that educating children and young people about their social economic rights and responsibilities was key to creating a generation of capable adults who can make wise financial decisions for their future.



OBSERVING: Members of the public observing the proceedings.



FIT FOR A PRINCESS: Senator and Swazi Observer Board Member Princess Phumelele (left) receiving her gift from NHTC Principal Phumizodwa Pato.

SEPARC to trace handcraft centre graduates

By Linda Dlamini

MINISTER of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza has commissioned the Swaziland Economic Policy Analysis and Research Centre (SEPARC) to ascertain economic benefits of the National Handicraft Training Centre (NHTC) in the economy.

Speaking at the NHTC graduation ceremony held in Ezulwini, Mabuza said the purpose of the study was to trace the graduates of NHTC since 1995.

"The study will determine their employment status, self-employment status, employer's satisfaction and the challenges they come across as they execute their duties. The study is also expected to recommend the means and ways of improving the operations of the NHTC to a high standard recognised nationally and internationally," he said.

Mabuza said the study may redirect what the NHTC currently was doing and rebrand the centre by improving the marketing of its services and also to expand and migrate from giving certificates to diploma levels.

"Having said this, it gives me great pleasure to be informed that NHTC has taken the strides to be recognised by the Swaziland Higher Education Council as it applied for registration paying the way for it to be accredited by the Council tasked to make sure that all the training



RELAX: Minister of Commerce Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza seen here relaxing on the gift he was given by NHTC. (Pics: Linda Dlamini)

institutions and colleges are registered with the council for them to operate in the country," said the minister.

Mabuza said the graduating students should make use of the handicraft skills they have obtained to start and grow businesses in order to compete with other businesses.

"It gives me great joy that all the students graduating are the first group that have been taught basic computer skills. The world we do business in is now

technology based so everyone should be computer literate in order to promote innovation," he said.

Mabuza said he has been made aware of the history of the NHTC which dates back to 1974.

"It was established with the cooperation between the Kingdom and the Republic of China (Taiwan). Then it was called the Handicraft Development Centre, where handicrafts were designed, tested and developed," he said.

SNAU seeks to be registered through Parliament Act

By Linda Dlamini

THE Swaziland National Agricultural Union (SNAU) has called upon the ministry of agriculture to formally register the union by an Act of Parliament given the role it plays in the agricultural sector.

Speaking during the closing ceremony of the three days Agribusiness fair and expo hosted by the University of Swaziland (UNISWA) at the Luyengo Campus on Saturday, SNAU President Absalom Lukhele said the role of the union was defining, quite visible and as a result needs more recognition from government.

The agribusiness trade fair was hosted by UNISWA in conjunction with the Swaziland Investment and Promotion Authority (SIPA)

"The reasons are now obvious and visible that necessitates a Memorandum of Understanding between SNAU and the ministry of agriculture," he said.

Policies

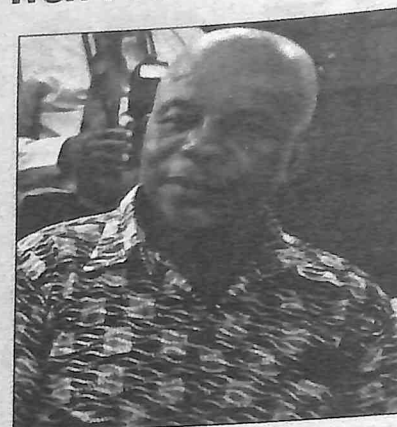
Lukhele said government should formulate and implement land policies to ensure that good farming land was protected.

"Without a land policy, our agricultural learning institutions to me as a farmer become meaningless, as the student who graduates from these institutions will have nowhere to showcase their knowledge," he said.

Lukhele said the present status quo in the country was meant to produce more food consumers than food producers.

"This situation automatically creates job opportunities for people in other countries as they export to us. That what is happening, we are providing a market for other countries. This environment does encourage our young people to embark in agriculture," said Lukhele.

The president said while there



POLICY: SNAU President Absalom Lukhele listening to the proceedings. (Pic: Linda Dlamini)

were land policies in the ministry of agriculture, they seem to be gathering dust somewhere.

"The ministry should implement land policies to protect agricultural land," he said.

Lukhele said he has recently observed people settling on land which was previously a marshland.

No doubt

"These people no doubt erected their structures during the past drought season however what troubles me is what will happen if the rains continue even next year and the marshlands become wet again," he said.

Representing the Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati, Ministry of Education and Training Principal Secretary Pat Muir assured the SNAU president that he will convey his message to the minister.

"On behalf of the minister I would like to congratulate UNISWA for successfully hosting another edition of the Agribusiness trade fair," he said.

Before the closing ceremony Muir alongside the UNISWA Vice Chancellor Professor Cisco Magagula was given a tour of the various stands which were showcased on the day.

Corban Build extends footprint to Sithobelweni

By Manqoba Makhubu

CORBAN Build Hardware which boasts 100 per cent Swazi ownership has opened a new shop at Sithobelweni creating 15 new jobs in the process.

The new hardware store branch will be officially launched this coming Saturday according to Marketing Manager Reggie Kunene.

This new opening now represents seven outlets in different locations around the country and a total of over 85 jobs created by the company in a space of about two years since 2015 when the company opened its first shop in Manzini.

The new shop is located opposite Maloyi High School and is housed under Emakholo Shopping Complex.

"We are very proud to have played a significant role in creating job opportunities in the country. Our aim is to expand our job creation endeavours and foot-

print throughout the country," he said.

Kunene said their essential aim was to first create a sustainable base in the country and then later on take up opportunities within the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region.

"We have already earmarked a number of markets within SADC, but we are treading cautiously and have prioritised starting at home first. This will help us redefine our business model as we grow and better equip us to compete effectively in international markets," he added.

Recently, Kunene told this publication that the company was assessing possibilities of opening a branch in Mozambique. He further stated that they have roped in international experts to help them improve their operations.

Thus far, he said they have made a strong track record of opening and establishing new businesses and they were

proud to have shared the company's profits with different communities through their corporate social responsibility programme.

"We have made it one of our priorities to plough back to the communities in which we exist and we will continue doing so and impact as many lives as possible," said Kunene.

He also thanked the support showed by customers in their various existing outlets.

"If you support us, rest assured that you are putting money in the hands of Swazis and nothing is important more than that in our economy, as it helps uplift the living standards of our fellow citizens," he said.

The business adventure journey does not end at Sithobelweni for Corban Build; Kunene hinted that they will be soon launching another shop at Sigwe and with a few other undisclosed outlets in the pipeline.



SPREADING WINGS: Corban Build Hardware recently launched a branch at Ngculwini. The hardware will be launching another branch at Sithobelweni.

ABOUT 57 STANDARDS OUT OF 179 DUE FOR PUBLISHING

By Linda Dlamini

THE country has made strides in ensuring that the quality infrastructure in the country is aligned to international best practices.

This was said by Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza at the official opening of the International Standards Organisation (ISO) regional training on good standardisation held at Sibane Hotel yesterday.

"We hope to be amongst Africa's best countries on issues of standards

and quality, and we hope this will be achieved through collaborating with international organisations like ISO and other national and quality institutions from both Africa's regional and sub-regional countries," he said.

The minister extended his appreciation to the ISO for giving the country and SWASA the opportunity to host the training's.

"We strongly believe that this is a result of consented efforts as a country towards ensuring a global footprint in our drive to make our nation a better place for all who want to invest in it. We also believe such has also

been a result of the confidence you have in our national standards body, whom without their support such a training exercise would not have been possible," he said.

Training

The minister said the training would provide basis for safeguarding the country's international and regional markets through confidence brought by the application of the principles to be learnt during the training. "This will not only boost international trade for the region but will also improve inter-regional trade amongst countries in the region. Participants should

be able to apply what has been learned from the training in their different countries to ensure confidence of products and services supplied from those countries," he stated. Mabuza said the government is committed to ISO and further thanked ISO for the support the country has continued to receive from the organisation over the years.

"As a country a total of 179 national standards have been published so far, 57 standards are due for publishing and the standards body is working on work programme eight which covers 40 standards.



NOTED: Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza.

It is hoped a lot shall be learnt from the training to ensure continued effectiveness and efficiency in the provision of standardisation solutions to business and the public sector organisations," he said.



NEW BILL: In 2015, he said foreigners with land holdings above the proposed cap of 12 000 hectares will - once the land holdings Bill is signed into law - need to sell any excess agricultural holdings.

Bill launched to ban foreigners from buying farm land in SA

CAPE TOWN - Rural Development and Land Reform Minister Gugile Nkwinti published the Regulation of Agricultural Land Holdings Bill on Friday, giving stakeholders until April 16 to submit comments.

If promulgated as an act, the law will ban foreigners from buying agricultural land and require them to enter into long-term leases.

Foreigners selling land would also have to offer the minister "the right of first refusal to acquire ownership of such agricultural land holdings", Nkwinti explains in the gazetted bill.

The Bill will see the creation of a Land Commission, which will oversee the collection and dissemination of all information regarding public agricultural land in South Africa.

Impact

The reason for this is because "the nature, extent, trends and impact of land acquisition, land use and investment in the country's land by foreign persons remains unknown as no comprehensive database exists to develop an understanding of such", Nkwinti explains.

"The decade from 1997 to 2007 was characterised by significant shifts in ownership and land use including increasing acquisition of agricultural properties by foreign nationals in certain regions," said Nkwinti. There is also an "absence of reliable information regarding the extent of agricultural land holdings owned by South Africans in terms of race and gender as well as the use

and size of the land in question".

Gender

As such, once the act commences every owner who owns a private agricultural land holding "must lodge a duly completed notification of ownership in the prescribed format with the commission within 12 months from the date of the commencement of this act".

In this notification, they will be required to detail "the race, gender and nationality of the owner; the size and use of the agricultural land holdings; any real right registered against and licence allocated to the agricultural land holdings; and any other information as may be prescribed". Regarding the redistribution of agricultural land, black people must be offered the right of first refusal. "If no black person... acquires the redistribution agricultural land within the prescribed period, such land shall be acquired by the minister within the prescribed period.

"If the owner of the redistribution agricultural land and the minister are unable to reach an agreement on the purchase price, the minister may, subject to legislation regulating expropriation, expropriate the redistribution agricultural land in question," said Nkwinti. Regarding a cap on how much land can be owned, Nkwinti said the minister will "determine the categories of ceilings for agricultural land holdings in each district" after the act is in place. In 2015, he said foreigners with land holdings above the proposed cap of 12 000 hectares will -

once the land holdings Bill is signed into law - need to sell any excess agricultural holdings.

During his 2015 State of the Nation Address, President Jacob Zuma shocked the nation by announcing that foreigners in future would "not be able to own land" and would be forced to lease properties. He did not spell out what would happen to existing foreign-owned land, but said local farmers' land would also be restricted to 12 000 hectares.

Reversing the legacy of colonialism and apartheid the aim of the Regulation of Agricultural Land Holdings Bill is to reverse the legacy of colonialism and apartheid and to ensure a "just and equitable" distribution of agricultural land to Africans, the minister explained. "The complexity of multiple tenure regimes as a result of a history of settler and imperial colonialism, dispossession and social engineering was acknowledged in the 1997 White Paper on Land Reform which proposed a further Green Paper on Tenure Reform. The current land tenure system can be traced back to the wars of colonial dispossession, which was entrenched through the heretic system of apartheid; and, legitimised through laws such as the Natives Land Act of 1913; the Native Administration Act of 1927; the Native Trust and Land Act of 1936; the Group Areas Act of 1950; the Promotion of Bantu Self-Government Act of 1959; the Bantu Authority Act of 1951; and, the Bantu Homelands Citizenship Act of 1970." *Fin24*

Brimstone shares soar on strong demand for Sea Harvest

JOHANNESBURG - Brimstone's share price has shot up by almost 10 per cent, as demand for Sea Harvest's initial public offering (IPO) increased, resulting in R1.329bn being raised.

Brimstone Investment Corporation - which owns Sea Harvest - announced late on Friday that a strong demand for Sea Harvest shares resulted in the entity increasing the size of the share offer.

The amount was raised with the issuance of 106 333 334 shares at a price of R12.50 per share, it said. The settlement date is at the start of trade on Thursday, when the shares will be listed on the main board of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE).

Brimstone has two listings with its one [JSE:BRN] share price trading 9.68 per cent higher at R17 a share by 11:00 on Monday and the other share [JSE:BRT] trading at R14.50. The proceeds from the Sea Harvest listing, which was announced in February, will

be used to repay debt and will be allocated to further investments.

Sea Harvest was first established in 1964 with operations in South Africa and Australia with leading brands in the fast-moving consumer goods sector. It is also one of the largest black-owned fishing companies in South Africa.

Last year, Sea Harvest secured control of Australian company Mareterram and owns 56 per cent of the prawn fishery.

Felix Ratheb said in a statement that Mareterram's strategy is "very closely aligned" with Sea Harvest's strategy of becoming a global vertically integrated agri-business. This subsidiary plans to expand to China, according to Brimstone CEO Mustaq Brey. Brimstone, the majority shareholder of Sea Harvest, with a stake of 85 per cent, reported a 22 per cent increase in its revenue and a 147 per cent increase in operating profit for the financial year ended 31 December 2016.

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Eskom completes Majuba rebuild after silo collapse

CAPE TOWN - Eskom has completed the construction of a permanent coal-handling facility at the Majuba power station, which includes the rebuilding and reinforcement of silos and a conveyor system.

In a statement issued yesterday, the power utility said Silo 20 was rebuilt and Silos 10 and 30 were reinforced. This follows the collapse of the coal storage silo at the coal-fired station in Mpumalanga in November 2014.

At the time, Eskom said the silo had cracked. The conveyor belt systems used to feed coal to the power station were also damaged, resulting in load shedding across South Africa.

Before the collapse Majuba supplied 3 600MW of power, roughly 10 per cent of South Africa's electricity.

To enable coal supply to the station, an immediate solution entailed the installation of mobile feeders on Silos 10 and 30's boiler incline to make it possible to supply coal to the units. This ensured that at least four out of the six boiler incline conveyors could supply coal to the units.

An interim solution was put in place from March 1 2015, involving the construction of a conveyor system that bypassed the coal silos and provided a reliable coal supply to all six units.

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WORLD BANK ANNOUNCES \$57 BLN IN FINANCING FOR AFRICA

WASHINGTON - The World Bank on Sunday announced \$57 billion (R725.11 billion) in financing for sub-Saharan Africa over the next three fiscal years.

Of that total, \$45 billion will come from the International Development Association, the World Bank fund that provides grants and interest-free loans for the world's poorest countries.

The package will also feature an estimated \$8 billion in private sector investments from the International Finance Corporation, a private-sector branch of World Bank, and \$4

billion will come from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the bank's unit for middle-income nations, World Bank President Jim Yong Kim said in a statement.

Germany, which hosted a meeting of the G20 countries Friday and Saturday, said that a partnership called "Compact with Africa" would be a priority of its presi-

dency this year of that club of powerful nations. Of all the countries in Africa, only South Africa is a G20 member.



The World Bank

"This represents an unprecedented opportunity to change the development trajectory of the countries in the region," Kim said. "With this commitment, we will work with our clients to substantially

expand programmes in education, basic health services, clean water and sanitation, agriculture, business climate, infrastructure and institutional reform," he added. Kim left for Rwanda and Tanzania on Sunday in a show of World Bank support for the entire region. The new financing from the International Development Association will target 448 projects that are already underway in sub-Saharan Africa. The region accounts for more than half of the countries eligible for this kind of financing from the IDA, the bank said.

AFP

Vodafone to create Indian mobile giant

MUMBAI - Vodafone Group agreed to merge its Indian unit with Idea Cellular to create a leader in the world's second-largest mobile phone market.

Vodafone Group, which owns a majority stake in SA's Vodacom, and Idea Cellular will initially equally own the venture.

The European carrier will control 45.1 per cent of the combined company after selling a 4.9 per cent stake in the new entity to billionaire Kumar Mangalam Birla's holding companies, according to a stock exchange filing yesterday. Birla's companies will take a 26 per cent holding, with the remainder being held by the public.

The enlarged wireless operator would have 395 million subscribers, exceeding those of market leader Bharti Airtel.

Start up

The transaction will help Vodafone unload an unprofitable business that has prompted it to announce \$12 billion of additional investment and writedown to fight competition from billionaire Mukesh Ambani's start up.

The new company is worth \$23.2 billion, based on the combined enterprise value of \$12.4 billion for Vodafone India and \$10.8 billion for Idea Cellular. The Birla companies will pay 108 rupees (\$1.7) apiece for the 4.9 per cent stake in the merged entity, Saurabh Agarwal, head of strategy at the group, said at a press conference in Mumbai.

The companies will have to pay 130 rupees a share if they want to raise their stake in the first three years and pay the market price in the fourth year, he said.

Shares of Idea Cellular fell 7.6 per cent to 99.90 rupees as of 1:26 p.m. in Mumbai, after initially surging as much as 15 per cent.

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PUZZLED: SAA Chairperson Dudu Myeni.

Myeni is puzzled why SAA execs are sitting on draft action plan

CAPE TOWN - South African Airways (SAA) Chairperson Dudu Myeni questioned why her executive team is not implementing a draft plan to respond to an Ernst and Young (EY) forensics report that revealed 60 per cent of the total procurement by SAA could be subject to weak business controls.

"The report has been considered by the executive and a draft proposed action plan provided," she said in written answers to Parliament's standing committee on finance on Friday.

"It remains in draft form and the question must be asked what is the executive doing about finalising this and putting in place actions to implement its recommendations." Her response follows a draft report that SAA revealed to the media on December 8 2015, a day before Nhlanhla Nene was fired as Finance Minister.

It said EY selected a total of 48 contracts across SAA, Air Chiefs, Mango and SAA Technical to study. The purpose was to identify and - if applicable - quantify the losses caused by "failings" in either

the procurement or contracting phase or implementation phase of the identified contracts.

The 48 contracts represent a significant portion of the largest contracts with SAA. The report shows that 28 of these 48 contracts (60 per cent) are improperly negotiated, poorly contracted or weakly managed, according to the statement by SAA. "A logical deduction must be that, if these - many of which are the largest contracts awarded - suffer these weaknesses, then the bulk of the smaller contracts will be at least (as bad), if not worse," said SAA. News24

Uber president leaves after six months

NEW YORK - Ridesharing giant Uber took another hit with the departure of its President, Jeff Jones, after just six months, US media reported Sunday.

Jones' departure comes after a series of difficulties at Uber, Recode and The Wall Street Journal reported. According to Recode, Jones had voiced dissatisfaction with the company's strategies.

Reached by AFP, Uber would not

conform the report as of late Sunday.

"It is now clear, however, that the beliefs and approach to leadership that have guided my career are inconsistent with what I saw and experienced at Uber, and I can no longer continue as president of the ridesharing business," he said in

a statement to Recode.

Uber CEO Trevor Kalanick had asked for his resignation.

San Francisco-based Uber has also been rocked by disclosures about a culture of sexism and its covert use of law enforcement-

evading software.

Kalanick also made a hasty exit



Mining law could hurt industry

PRETORIA - The interpretation of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Royalty Act on expenses incurred by mining companies may have dire consequences for the embattled industry.

The interpretation by the South African Revenue Service (SARS) could result in costs, passed on by mining companies to customers in terms of transport, insurance and handling of minerals, to be excluded when determining gross sales.

The gross sales price will then be artificially inflated by these costs. As gross sales forms the basis for the royalty calculation, mining companies face a fundamental increase in royalty tax.

The mining tax committee of the South African Institute of Tax Professionals (SAIT) says there is a "significant" concern that, if a reasonable and practical interpretation is not found, companies will have to approach the courts.

One company, United Manganese of Kalahari, has already approached the courts for a declaratory order on the interpretation set out in the draft binding general ruling published by SARS. The case is set to be heard in May.

SAIT has requested that the finalisation of the ruling be postponed until the case has been heard in the High Court.

The principle of not penalising beneficiation was one of the issues addressed during the initial negotiations on the "resource rent" (royalty fee on minerals) as far back as 2004.

Insurance

It was also agreed that transport, insurance and handling costs would be excluded to determine what the price of the mineral will be at the "first saleable point".

The principle that must be applied, and which had been agreed upon in the early discussions around the resource rent, is that the royalty cannot be imposed on the transport, insurance or handling costs. It must be charged on the value of mineral.

According to SAIT, the answer to this latest issue, is the draft explanatory memorandum that was never published in a final version.

The draft memorandum stated that the calculation of gross sales disregards the transport, insurance and handling expenditure that is incurred to effect the disposal of a mineral resource.

In terms of the binding general ruling it now seems that SARS will not allow the exclusion of the costs if the taxpayer cannot offer documentary proof of the expenditure passed on to the customer.

Keith Engel, CEO of SAIT, says the seller must show that the transport costs are specifically reflected in the gross sales price agreed to by the purchaser.

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Focus on SA scene

PHAHLANE DISMISSES CONSPIRACY THEORIES ABOUT BURGLARY AT CJ'S OFFICE

JOHANNESBURG - Acting National Police Commissioner Khomotso Phahlane yesterday brushed aside conspiracy theories about the theft of computers containing sensitive personal information from the office of the chief justice.

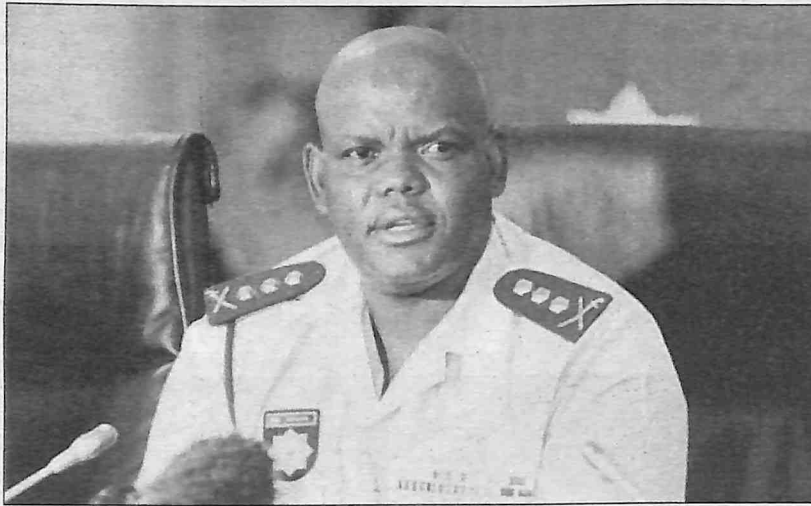
Fifteen computers, some containing sensitive information about the country's 250 judges, were stolen from the human resources section of the office in Midrand, Johannesburg, on Saturday.

Phahlane, speaking on Talk Radio 702, said police would ignore baseless, unfounded allegations about the burglary and focus on establishing who had entered the offices, what they knew about the security system and what was taken.

"Our (mandate) is not to focus on rumours, ours is to investigate a crime," he said.

Opposition political parties and the Council for the Advancement of the South African Constitution (CASAC) said the burglary was highly suspicious, likening it to the Watergate scandal, which led to the fall of US president Richard Nixon.

CASAC's Executive Secretary Lawson Naidoo said, "This incident may mark a crucial turning point in our constitutional democracy. It is a potential 'Watergate moment', in which the independence of the Judiciary is not just undermined but brazenly challenged. We must act to guard its independence



NO CONSPIRACY: Acting National Police Commissioner Khomotso Phahlane.

which is key to ensuring our democracy is protected and sustained."

The Watergate scandal, which unfolded in the 1970s, saw burglars break into the Democratic national committee headquarters.

Their arrest exposed a political dirty tricks campaign.

DA chief whip John Steenhuisen tweeted that his money was on State Security Minister David Mahlobo having a hand in the matter - which was quickly shot down as a wild allegation by the ANC.

CASAC said it was imperative that the investigation was speedy, thorough and free of political interference.

"Given the doubts and uncertainties

over the independence and integrity of the SA Police Service and the Hawks, it will be necessary to have independent oversight over this investigation.

"An appropriate mechanism to ensure there is public confidence in the investigation must be put in place," said CASAC.

The State Security Agency has rejected claims about its involvement in the burglary.

"We note with serious concern the baseless accusations made by some insinuating our involvement in #ChiefJusticeOfficeBreakin," it said in a series of tweets.

Tmg Digital

How ANC aims to fight 'myth' of inevitable decline

JOHANNESBURG - The ANC can avoid following the fate of other liberation movements which die after achieving freedom for their people, the party has said.

The ANC is currently engaging its members and society over its policy discussion papers, ahead of the party's national policy conference in June.

On Sunday, the ANC's subcommittee Chairperson on Political Education Nathi Mthethwa, held a briefing on the party's strategy and tactics document.

"We are dispelling and debunking the myth that it's inevitable, [that] you can't do anything [to prevent the movement dying]," said Mthethwa.

He said the 105-year-old movement and its alliance partners still had a chance to self-correct.

The ANC has been rocked by factional squabbles, ahead of its 54th national elective conference in December where President Jacob Zuma is expected to step down as president of the party.

"The ANC and its alliance partners in government [are] at their weakest point if [the local gov-

ernment] elections... are anything to go by," said Mthethwa.

The party lost control of several municipalities, including all major metros in Gauteng, relying on a coalition in order to hold onto power in Ekurhuleni.

Mthethwa said the internal fights, money politics and factionalism were not helping the liberation movement to move the country forward as it was supposed to.

He said the liberation movement had started losing power in the second decade of freedom but that it was not a natural trajectory, but rather due to subjective factors.

"There is no science in asserting that naturally a liberation movement has to lose

power after 20 years," said Mthethwa.

"There are things we need to do, if we do them we obviously going to dispel this myth."

He said failing to do so, would leave the ANC and its alliance partners "in a serious quagmire, including losing power."

"It's within our capacity as the movement to forge ahead at the helm of society or reverse our gains," he added.

News24



Cops on standby in Soweto as protests continue

SOWETO - There was pandemonium in parts of Soweto as protesters burned tyres close to the highway.

Officials says residents were protesting over a piece of land they wanted to occupy.

Metro rail has confirmed that train services between Dube and New Canada stations were cancelled due to protest action causing operations to be unsafe.

Train commuter Sponono Makgatho says PRASA should

have bused customers travelling between Naledi and New Canada.

Gauteng Metrorail spokesman Lillian Mofokeng said service delivery protests had halted operations since 4am. Motorists are being warned against driving anywhere close to the Soweto Highway.

The transport provider said they will be closely monitoring the situation as it develops but are unable to confirm when the lines will be running again.

eNCA

Metro officer shot at eight times

CAPE TOWN - An off-duty metro police officer is in a critical condition after he was ambushed when he travelled home on Sunday.

City of Cape Town mayoral committee member for safety and security, JP Smith, said eight shots were fired at his vehicle and three bullets hit him. "Metro Police Constable Mkontwana was ambushed at the intersection of Eisleben and Highlands Drive in Mitchell's Plain on his way home

to Mandalay on Sunday night just after 9 pm," Smith said yesterday morning. The officer was rushed to hospital and had to undergo an emergency operation on Sunday night at Gatesville Melomed hospital. "We will do everything we can to support his family. Our special investigations unit and the metro police will work closely with the South African police to make sure that we bring an arrest to those persons responsible," Smith said. *Timeslive*

DA copying ANC's racial agenda - Zille

CAPE TOWN - Western Cape Premier Helen Zille has turned on her own party, saying the Democratic Alliance risks falling prey to "African racial nationalism".

The DA then instituted disciplinary proceedings against Zille, who has since apologised for offending fellow South Africans. But yesterday Zille fought back in a column published by news website Daily Maverick.

"Speaking while white' is considered the ultimate sin, in terms of the increasingly popular ideology called 'critical race theory'," Zille said.

"The real danger is that the DA, in its quest for votes, may start to swallow every tenet, myth and shibboleth of African racial-nationalist propaganda, including the scape-goating of minorities, populist mobilisation and political patronage."

Zille is currently being investigated by her party and might face charges

after she tweeted on Thursday: "For those claiming legacy of colonialism was only negative, think of our independent Judiciary, transport infrastructure, piped water, etc." A second tweet read: "Would we have had a transition into specialised health care and medication without colonial influence? Just be honest, please."

The tweets drew wide-ranging criticism.

Members of her own party, including DA leader Mmusi Maimane, distanced themselves from Zille's remarks.

In her column this week, the former DA leader said South Africans paid lip service to equal citizenship and that every opinion was judged on the basis of the colour of the person who expressed it. She said institutionalised cor-

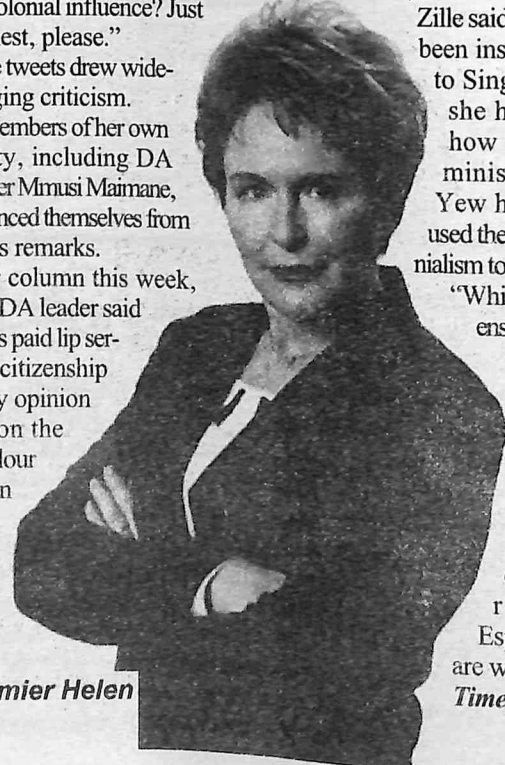
ruption would be next.

"If this were to happen, it will be irrelevant whether we win or lose elections, because we will no longer offer an alternative. That is why these debates are not a diversion. It is essential to have them," she added.

Zille said her tweets had been inspired by a trip to Singapore, where she had witnessed how former prime minister Lee Kuan Yew had "generally used the legacy of colonialism to his advantage".

"While travel broadens the mind, I tend to forget that, on returning to South Africa, it is best to shrink your mind again to fit the contours of political correctness. Especially if you are white."

Timeslive



URNS ON HER PARTY: Western Cape Premier Helen Zille.

'DAD, LOOK, THAT LAMB HAS FIVE LEGS!

LONDON - A pair of young farmers have found themselves an unusual new pet - a little lamb with five legs.

Zara Bayley, 10, was left stunned when she discovered one of her new lambs had an extra limb.

She noticed the mutation when she helped her dad deliver the baby animal.

Now Zara and her brother Jake, 12, have christened him 'Forest' and persuaded their dad Mark to let them keep him as a pet.

The little lamb, which is entirely healthy apart from the mutation, was born at 6:30am last Wednesday on the family's farm near Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

Mark, 47, who is a Director of Mark Bayley Ltd, said: "We were amazed and couldn't believe it. I have never seen anything like it.

"I went out to look after the lambs as they were being born and my daughter Zara was with me.

Forest is completely healthy apart from his fifth limb - and the other lambs love playing with him

"I hadn't noticed when my daughter said, 'dad, look, that lamb has

- Ten-year-old Zara Bayley helped her farmer father deliver the baby sheep
- She was stunned when she noticed the lamb had an extra limb
- But now she and her brother Jake have kept 'Forest' on as a pet
- The little lamb is completely healthy and loving life on the farm



ADORABLE: The little lamb called 'Forest' is completely healthy apart from his fifth limb - and the other lambs love playing with him. (Daily Mail)

five legs'.

"I had to look on the internet to make sure he was OK and find out if anything like this had happened before.

"We checked him over and he seems to be fine. He was healthy, drinking from his mother, and

doing everything he needed to do."

Zara Bayley, 10, and her 12-year-old brother Jake, persuaded their father to keep Forest on as a pet

'Forest' seems largely untroubled by his extra leg, despite not being able to use it properly.

When he moves, the fifth limb

appears to dangle at his side rather than move independently.

However, according to Mark, it has caused a stir among the other lambs.

He said: "I was sat watching the lambs yesterday and 'Forest' was happily playing with the rest of

them.

"There was one lamb that looked at 'Forest', and then down at itself, as if to wonder why it was missing a leg.

"It was very sweet."

Zara and Jake have quickly formed a bond with the little lamb and have convinced their dad to keep him.

Jake even wrote a newspaper report on 'Forest' at school that day.

Mark says his only problem is with the lamb's name - the farmer lives in Derbyshire and Forest is the name of their local football rivals in Nottingham

Mark said: "We are going to have to keep him, but I'm fine with that.

"We have plenty of other sheep and cows on the farm.

"I'm not sure about the name though. As we are from Derby, people keep telling we should have called him Ram, after the Derby County football team.

"Forest is actually the name of their rivals, so we'll have to be careful."

Daily Mail

'Ex-boyfriend caught cheating - everything must go!'

MELBOURNE - A jilted woman has taken revenge on her cheating boyfriend by selling his belongings following a break-up.

The 26-year-old woman hosted a garage sale in South Yarra, south-east of Melbourne, between 10am to 2pm on Sunday.

A bright yellow sign seen taped to a tree near the yard sale read: 'Ex-boyfriend caught cheating. Everything

must go!'

The young Melbourne woman hosted the garage sale alongside her housemate who helped the university student sell all of her unfaithful boyfriend's possessions after she discovered his infidelity.

"No it wasn't a very good break up - it was a pretty bad breakup so we thought we'll just make something fun out of it," she told 7 News.

Among the items up for sale were his clothing, shoes, video games, movies, exercise equipment, books and speakers.

She also decided to shed some of her own belongings, including high heels and handbags to the pile of items up for purchase.

The woman said she plans on putting the money towards a trip overseas.

Daily Mail



HEAVY HEART: A Melbourne woman has taken revenge on her cheating boyfriend by selling his belongings during a garage sale on Sunday following their break-up. (Daily Mail)



CHEATER: A sign seen taped to a tree near the yard sale read: 'Ex-boyfriend caught cheating. Everything must go!'

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BRIEFS

Schulz chosen to challenge Merkel

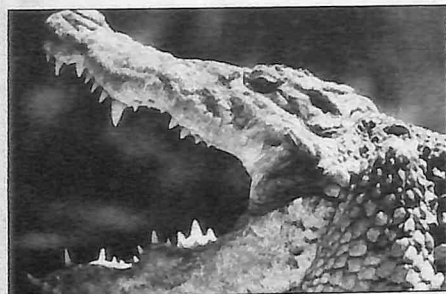
BERLIN - Martin Schulz on Sunday officially became Chancellor Angela Merkel's chief rival at Germany's September general election, leading the leftwing challenge to unseat arguably the world's most powerful woman. The bearded Social Democrat, already credited with giving his ailing party a strong shot in the arm, was unanimously elected SPD leader and standard bearer at a one-day congress in Berlin. **AFP**

N Korea rocket test underway

SEOUL - North Korea's latest rocket engine test showed "meaningful progress" in its missile capabilities, Seoul said yesterday, as the nuclear-armed state steps up its controversial weapons development programmes. The North's leader Kim Jong-Un oversaw the "successful" test of the powerful new rocket engine, state media said Sunday, in a move apparently timed to coincide with a trip to Asia by new US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson. **AFP**

Croc takes fisherman in Australia

SYDNEY - A fisherman, whose body was pulled from the water yesterday was likely killed by a large crocodile, police said, after his empty dinghy and speargun were found in northern Australia. The 35-year-old was fishing alone off Innisfail, south of Cairns in Queensland state, and was reported missing on Sunday evening when the boat and floating speargun, which was pierced through a fish, were discovered. An aerial and water search was launched with a body retrieved yesterday morning. **AFP**



Airport shooting sparks debate

PARIS - Police questioned and then released relatives of a man shot dead at a Paris airport, as investigators sought clues about why he attacked an army patrol in an incident that has pushed security to the forefront of France's election campaign. Paris prosecutor Francois Molins said late on Saturday that the man, named as 39-year-old Ziyed Ben Belgacem, had shouted he was there to "die for Allah" when he tried to seize a gun from a woman air force member on patrol at Orly airport. **AFP**

Cops use tear gas in Paris

PARIS - French police fired teargas in clashes with hooded demonstrators in Paris on Sunday as thousands marched against "police brutality" after the alleged rape of a black youth with a police baton. The February attack on the man, identified only as a 22-year-old named Theo, cast a spotlight on rough policing methods in France and triggered riots in the gritty suburbs surrounding Paris. **AFP**



BREXIT PUTS EU LIFEblood OF BRITISH HOSPITALS AT RISK

LONDON - With British hospitals, already struggling to fill their ranks, Brexit could make life even harder for the National Health Service as EU doctors and nurses either stay away or prepare to leave.

The state-run NHS is hugely reliant on EU immigrants to look after ageing Britons, and the latest data after the Brexit vote has put the sector on high alert.

"We risk facing a serious staff shortage which will only further worsen pressures on our NHS," Charlie Massey, head of the General Medical Council (GMC), told a parliamentary committee last month.

About 60 000 EU nationals work in the NHS, representing about five per cent of its staff of 1.2 million.

A survey commissioned by Channel 4, published on March 13, showed that 42 per cent of



them were considering leaving in the next five years, and that 70 per cent considered Britain a less appealing place to work in the wake of the referendum.

The number of EU nurses registering to work in the NHS has already plunged by 90 per cent since Britain voted to leave the European Union in June, according to figures from the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

Only 101 nurses signed up in December, compared with 1 304 in July, in what Jackie Smith, the council's Chief Executive, called "the first sign of a change" after the referendum.

Janet Davies, Director of the Royal College of Nursing, the main association of British nurses, told AFP that the national healthcare system already had 24 000 nursing vacancies and it

"simply could not cope without the contribution from EU nurses".

British Prime Minister Theresa May has so far refused to grant residency rights to the estimated three million EU citizens living in Britain, saying this should depend on an agreement on the status of about 1.2 million British nationals in other parts of the union.

"We want guarantees soon," said Joan Pons, a 41-year-old Spanish nurse working in Gorleston, Norfolk, who has been living in Britain for 17 years.

In Spain, "all the nurses wanted to come here but they are now looking at other countries like France". Pons is a campaigner in The3Million movement, an advocacy group set up following the referendum that wants residency rights for EU citizens. **AFP**



ON TOUR: Prime Minister Theresa May.

PM May starts UK tour before pulling Brexit trigger

LONDON - Prime Minister Theresa May visited Wales yesterday as part of a plan to engage with all the nations of the United Kingdom before she formally launches Britain's departure from the European Union.

May was due to trigger Article 50 of the EU's Lisbon Treaty, beginning two years of formal divorce talks, by the end of this month, and her office said she would be visiting Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland to hear people's views. Last year's Brexit referendum exposed splits that could threaten the unity of the UK, with Scotland and Northern Ireland delivering pro-EU majorities but finding themselves outvoted by the English and Welsh, who were in favour of leaving the bloc. **Reuters**

New Zealand expels US diplomat after police probe stymied

WELLINGTON - A US diplomat has been expelled from New Zealand after Washington refused to waive diplomatic immunity so police investigating a serious crime could question him, officials said.

Details of the alleged crime have not been revealed but local media reported the diplomat left the South Pacific nation last week suffering a broken nose and black eye.

Foreign Affairs Minister Murray McCully said he was "disappointed" at the US refusal to waive immunity and in response asked for the person's withdrawal from New Zealand.

"Officials in Wellington and our ambassador in Washington DC have clearly conveyed to the United States the expectation that foreign diplomats obey the law in New Zealand and are seen to face justice in New Zealand," he said in a statement released to AFP yesterday.

Issues

Police said they were called to an incident in Lower Hutt, on Wellington's outskirts, in the early hours of March 12, which "involved an individual from the US embassy in Wellington".

By the time they arrived, the person had left the scene and no arrests were made.

Attempts to further investigate hit a diplomatic brick wall.

McCully said foreign affairs officials relayed a police request to waive immunity but their US counterparts refused.

Local media named the diplomat as Colin White and said he left Wellington with his wife and children.

TVNZ, which broke the story, reported that White was a technical attach who had been working closely with New Zealand's intelligence service, the spokesperson for the US embassy said they were "communicating with New Zealand authorities" on the issue. **AFP**



SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST: Last month, Iraqi forces resumed their assault on the city of Mosul, which has been under the control of the Islamic state of Iraq and the Levant group (ISIL, also known as ISIS) since 2014. The eastern side of the city was recaptured in a three-month offensive that ended in January, but the west, with its densely populated maze of narrow streets, is thought to pose a greater challenge. Families who have fled ISIL describe only being able to eat one meal a day with parents sometimes going without food in order to feed their children. (DailyMail)

Africa News

10 KILLED IN LATEST KENYA DROUGHT CLASH

NAIROBI - At least 10 people have been killed in the latest clashes in drought-hit Kenya between rural communities fighting over pasture to graze their animals, police said yesterday.

Herders from the Borana and Samburu communities fought a gun battle on Sunday in an area in the centre of the country called Kom,

where both groups had taken their livestock to graze, said Charles Ontita, police chief of the town of Isiolo. He said 10 people were killed in the confrontation and two wounded, "but we have deployed more officers there".

The deaths come a week after 13 people were killed in the western Baringo region when Ilchamus and

Pokot herdsmen clashed over grazing at an area called Mukutani.

On Sunday in Mukutani, four police officers were wounded when suspected Pokot herdsmen fired on their vehicle as they escorted members of the Ilchamus community to safety, according to Baringo police.

In response to the spreading violence in both parts of the country,

President Uhuru Kenyatta on Friday announced the deployment of troops to Baringo and Laikipia regions.

Kenya, like elsewhere in the Horn of Africa, is suffering from drought, but with national elections due in August, many suspect that politics is also at play in the recent violent confrontations.

News24



DEATH: Twenty pupils died after trees fell on them while swimming in a river during a storm in Ghana. (AFP)

PUPILS DIE IN FREAK TREE ACCIDENT

ACCRA - Twenty pupils died after trees fell on them while swimming in a river during a storm in Ghana, emergency officials said.

Ghana National Fire Service spokesman Prince Billy Anaglate said the "unusual incident" happened on Sunday afternoon, when a group of high school pupils were swimming at the Kintampo waterfalls, a popular tourist destination in the Brong-Ahafo region.

Anaglate told AFP that a brew-

ing storm caused trees to topple and fall on the teenagers while they were in the river.

Hospital

They were swimming in the river when there was a storm, a windy atmosphere that had uprooted some of the trees and they had fallen on some of them -- those who were apparently swimming," Anaglate said. 18 pupils died at the scene while two others died in hospital, Anaglate said, adding that 11 more were receiving treat-

ment, including one of the school administrators in charge of the trip.

"We extend our condolences to the families of the dead and pray for the injured," said the country's Tourism Minister Catherine Abelema Afeku in a statement. Accidents ranging from deaths caused by mass flooding to petrol tanker explosions happen sporadically in Ghana because of lax regulations and disregard for rules.

AFP

Egypt's Sisi to meet Trump in early April

CAIRO - Egypt's leading state-owned newspaper says President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi and US President Donald Trump will meet in Washington next month.

Al-Ahram says in a front-page report on Sunday, the two leaders will meet during the first week of April, in what will be Sisi's first visit to Washington since taking office in 2014. Sisi and Trump have already shown a bond when they met in September on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly. Trump, at the time the Republican presidential nominee, said there was "good chemistry" and Sisi said Trump would "without a doubt" make a strong leader. Cairo and Washington are expected to forge closer ties under Trump following years of tension over the Obama administration's emphasis on human rights and Cairo's perception that it supported the now-outlawed Muslim Brotherhood. AP

Algeria's ailing Bouteflika makes first appearance

ALGIERS - President Abdelaziz Bouteflika appeared on television on Sunday for the first time since a visit by Germany's chancellor was called off last month because of the Algerian leader's ailing health.

State television showed the 80-year-old president receiving Algeria's Minister for African Union and Arab League affairs, Abdelkader Messahel. On February 20, German Chancellor Angela Merkel called off a scheduled visit to Algiers at the last minute because the veteran president was suffering from "acute bronchitis". Bouteflika won re-election in 2014 to serve a fourth term, despite having suffered a mini-stroke the previous year that has affected his speech and mobility. He has been confined to a wheelchair since the stroke, meeting foreign guests at his home in Zeralda, west of the capital, and making few public appearances.

AP

Free Zimbabwean contraceptives smuggled for sale in SA

HARARE - Every month, Nancy (not her real name) and her business partner travel to Zimbabwe to stock up on Marvelon family planning pills.

She smuggles them back into South Africa, where she sells them at a healthy profit to other Zimbabweans who, for various reasons, don't want the contraceptive pills dispensed in South African clinics.

Nancy's suppliers are hospital staff in Zimbabwean hospitals who sell the pills to her for R5 a blister pack. Marvelon is distributed at hospitals, clinics and pharmacies through the Family Planning Council of Zimbabwe, which is supplied by UNICEF.

Sometimes Nancy hides the pills in her clothes and luggage, but usually she pays bus drivers and cross-border taxi drivers R1 per blister pack of 28 pills to transport them for her.

If she runs short of stock, she buys packets for R10 from a "wholesale" supplier in Johannesburg who also illegally imports the pills from Zimbabwe.

Nancy says she has 100 customers a month in Springs alone, and she sells the packets for R20 to bulk buyers or R30 to individuals. By contrast, GroundUp found that Marvelon tablets sold for about R130 per 28 tablets in Johannesburg pharmacies. Although contraception is free at public health facilities, the drug supplied is Oralcon.

"We also supply other people who sell in places like Daveyton, Tsakane, Duduza [where her business partner operates], Nigel and Brakpan. We also advertise through our Apostolic Church, which has many branches," says Nancy.

Nancy used to be a teacher. She has a small vegetable stall,

but with two children at university and two at high school in Zimbabwe,

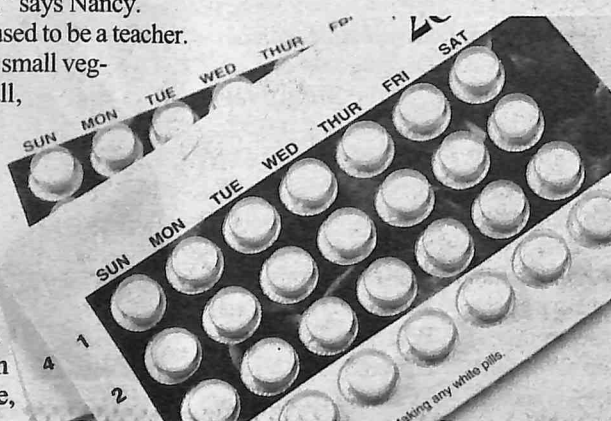
she struggled to make ends meet.

"My husband is sick and has not worked for a long time," she says.

The contraceptives are also smuggled to Botswana and Namibia. Nancy sells mostly to Zimbabwean immigrants, but among her customers are also immigrants from Mozambique, Lesotho and Malawi.

One woman says she has been buying from Nancy for 18 months. "When I asked for the pills I used to use in Zimbabwe at the local clinic in KwaThema, they said they do not have them," she says.

AFP



BRIEFS

3 suicide bombers kill 4

MAIDUGURI - A Nigerian police officer says three suicide bombers detonated themselves on Saturday night, killing at least four people in Maiduguri, the Borno state capital.

Spokesperson of the Borno state police command, Victor Isuku, said the attackers were a male and two teenage girls believed to be working for Boko Haram, Nigeria's homegrown Islamic extremism rebels.

AFP

Saudi Aramco resumes oil deliveries

CAIRO - Egypt has received its first two oil shipments from Saudi giant Aramco after deliveries were suspended for several months over political differences, an oil ministry spokesperson said on Sunday. "On Friday and Saturday, we received the first two deliveries after a resumption of the contract with Aramco," oil ministry spokesperson Hamdi Abdel Aziz told AFP.

AFP

5 bags of cash seized

KADUNA - At least five large black bags containing bundles of cash valued at \$155 000 were reportedly seized at a Nigerian airport last week.

Nigeria's anti-graft agency, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) said on its website that

the cash, in the local naira currency, was still sealed when it was discovered near the check-in points at the Kaduna airport. The anti-graft unit said the bags were found during a regular screening, and the five bags were "unattended and without tags containing fresh bulk items suspected to be money".

News24



3 000 migrants rescued off Libya

ROME - Around 3 000 migrants were rescued off the coast of Libya on Sunday as they tried to cross the Mediterranean to Europe, the Italian coastguard told AFP. "After some calm days, migrants are arriving in large numbers, taking advantage of a window of favourable weather," said a coastguard official.

The rescue was undertaken in 22 separate operations coordinated by the Italian coastguard.

AFP

US Africa Summit without Africans

AFRICA UNION - A summit in the US to discuss sustainable development in Africa had no African delegates because they had all been denied visas to enter the country, it was reported yesterday.

About 100 Africans were barred from entering the US to attend the African Global Economic and Development Summit, which takes place every year at the University of Southern California, The Independent reported.

Timeslive



NONHLE JOSTLES FOR MTN SWAMA AWARDS

By Nomfundo Sifundza

SENSATIONAL gospel child star Nonhle Mthethwa has joined the hot contest for recognition in the forthcoming MTN SWAMA Music Awards, which were launched last month at a colourful event that was graced by the Prime Minister, Dr Sibusiso Dlamini.

The gospel star, who rose to fame five years ago following the release of her debut album, debuted her campaign for nomination this past weekend through a colourful digital banner that was posted on various social media platforms.

Among the categories she is vying for, 'Best Gospel Artist' is one of them – making it one of the most contested in the current nomination exercise. Some gospel artists who are expected to contend for the same include Mduduzi 'Magawugawu' Simelane, Apostle Vusumuzi Maculuvu, and P1.7 among others.

"We are delighted to see that artists across the board are taking these awards seriously and with great enthusiasm, as they are aware on what is at stake."

We hope fans will respond to calls for nomination by their respective stars, and double the effort when the voting period opens," said Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini, Chairman of the MTN SWAMA Music Awards organ-

SHHA founder endorses Awards

FOUNDING Director of the Swaziland Hip Hop Awards (SHHA) Zwakele Mkhonta has thrown his weight behind the inaugural MTN SWAMA Music Awards.

Mkhonta, who last year successfully hosted the first SHHAs, said the proliferation of award shows in the country spoke to the growth and development of the music industry.

SWAMA President Lutfo Dlamini had mentioned last year when he endorsed the SHHAs that Mkhonta's concept of the SHHAs compelled them to postpone the SWAMA Awards to this year so to give him (Mkhonta) the mileage and support he deserved.

"We are excited to see such the number of award shows in the country growing, something which every artist takes as positive and encouraging."

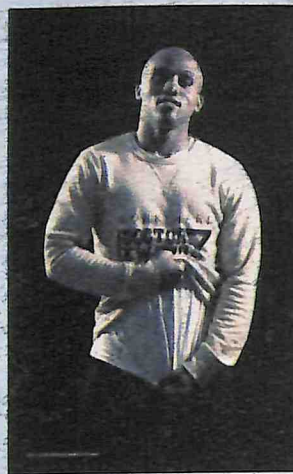
This will ensure that we invest more time and resources in perfecting our art in order to stand a chance to be rewarded through these awards," said Mkhonta.

He lauded title sponsor MTN for their investment into the arts sector through their sponsorship, and said such trendsetting

ising committee.

Dlamini stated that the voting period will open soon after successful nominees are unveiled after April 30; the closing date for nominations.

Nominations are done through SMS. Fans send names of their



ENDORSES: Founding Director of the Swaziland Hip Hop Awards (SHHA) Zwakele Mkhonta.

ideals should be emulated by other private and public entities. "Investing in the arts is investing in the future of the youth. The arts sector in other countries serves as an alternative and viable form of employment. Initiatives like these (MTN SWAMA Music Awards) would definitely make artists take their craft seriously, as they get to make a living off the same," said Mkhonta.

favourite artists and the category they are nominating them for to 79262.



Thulisile Phongolo.

Best Hip Hop Award Category most popular

By Ayanda Dlamini

SINCE the nomination process began on the MTN SWAMA Awards, the best hip hop category has a leading number of nominations.

This statement was released by the MTN SWAMA Awards Chairman Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini yesterday.

"The most we have recorded so far is the Best Gospel, Best Hip Hop, followed by the Best gospel artists, Best Dj, best New comer, Best Afro Pop, Best Producer," Dlamini said.

"We have received an overwhelming response from members of the public and musicians. Many artists are currently running campaigns online urging fans to nominate them and thousands of Swazi music supporters have sent smses," Dlamini added. He also urged artists to continue nominating themselves as well by sending an sms of the name of the artist and category to 79262.

"We would also like to encourage artists to also make it a point to nominate themselves instead of leaving it all up to the fans, one sms per category is enough."

Fans are encouraged to continue nominating, let us know who the best artists are, according to the consumers! Don't forget to nominate the Best Female and Best Male as well," Dlamini Stated.

Nominations

According to Dlamini, Song of the year category is the least popular category so far, "So far the Song of year has received the least nominations followed by Best Reggae, Best Soul, Best Jazz and Best Music Video," Dlamini confirmed.



COMING UP: Pastor Bakhe will be hosting a Ladies Seminar on how men operate.

Pastor Bakhe to reveal 'naked truth' about men

By Phumelele Mkhonta

DUE to the growing zeal amongst single ladies on how men operate, Pastor Bakhe saw it noble to host a seminar dubbed 'The Naked Truth about Men' which will tackle related issues to single women on Saturday.

The seminar will be at CODEC, Ezulwini. According to Dlamini, there has been a great interest shown by single ladies around the Kingdom on the seminar. Some of the topics to be tackled at the seminar are: 'How to Know He's the one', 'The Common Tricks Guys play', 'Misconceptions about Marriage', 'The Common Relationship Traps Ladies should avoid', and 'How to make things Work with Him'.

The host also revealed that ladies fall in almost the same love-relationship traps, and it is

high time they be empowered, by being informed on the common love-relationship traps: Abuse, cheating, financial exploitation, conflicts, heartbreak, divorce, etc.

Dlamini will be speaking alongside his wife, Nokwanda Dlamini, who is a counselor and social worker by profession, and James Nkambule, who is a corporate world leader, and has been married for over 22 years.

"We will be having young and senior single ladies. The seminar is a must attend for any single lady, in spite of how old one is."

If one will at a point in time meet, interact with a man; that lady needs to attend this seminar. I encourage parents to send their daughters (teenagers). As a counselor I have handled painful cases of girls that get impregnated by men, and be dumped", revealed Dlamini.

Generations Namhla for Déjà Vu Cocktail Lounge

By Ayanda Dlamini

Generations The Legacy's star Thulisile Phongolo popularly known as Namhla on screens will be gracing the Swazi soil and meeting fans at the Déjà Vu Cocktail Lounge.

According to SwaziBoy Entertainment's Mthunzi 'Shadow' Zwane, the star will be one of the guests at DJ Zoe's birthday party on March, 31.

Thulisile Phongolo began her

acting career when she landed the role of Zama on the third season of the SABC 1 drama series titled 'Tshisa'. She had a brief spell as a presenter on e.tv's Craze, where she worked alongside Zola Hashatsi, Kriya Gangiah and Stephanie Sandows among others.

In 2014 Thulisile Phongolo was cast as Namhla Diale the daughter of ex-convict Lucy Diale, in the soap, Generations the Legacy. She is one of the lead actresses on the soapie Generations.

CULTURAL DANCES CLOSE INTERVARSITY GAMES WITH A BANG

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE BOLESWA Intervarsity Games were closed with a bang on Thursday as both universities displayed their flair in captivating cultural dances.

Fellow students were thrilled when maidens rendered a very energetic performance as they threw their legs high doing the 'ingadla' dance.

The crowd just lost it when the 'Sibhaca' team danced 'Isizingili' which came with a lot of energy and more dance moves.

The Sotho cultural group also displayed beautiful dances clad in ani-

mal skin, regalia and their famous thatched hats with their performance lasting for about 15 minutes and the crowd continually screamed as they were on stage.

To close the ceremony, the Swazi students, now with the university support staff, was welcomed back on stage by the programme director to do yet another dance.

This time they did a simulation of *Umtsimba*, which got the attention of many in the hall.

Soon after Lutsango took centre stage and did two songs and this was shortly followed by 'Umgubho' by Emajaha and the audience joined by standing as this marked the end of the ceremony.



LET US DANCE: Sotho students making their way to the stage for their cultural dance.



MC: The event was directed by one of the students and he kept things in order throughout the day. (Pics: Majaha Nkonyane)



MAKOTI VIBES: This was the scene during the *Umtsimba* simulation by the local students.



IN FULL SWING: Imbali displaying their energetic dance at Kwaluseni Sports Emporium.



AND THE WINNER IS: Chief Gamedze handing over the trophy to Herbert Maziya, who is the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. He accepted the trophy on behalf of UNISWA as they were the overall winners.



IN ACTION: Sotho women doing their cultural dance; they were a marvel to watch.



LET ME HELP: Ladies exchanging the load during the *Umtsimba* simulation on stage.

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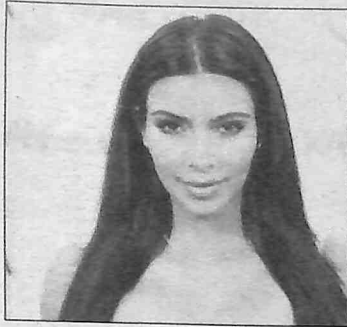
International
Celebrity News

They're going to rape me - Kim

PARIS - Kim Kardashian recounted the horrific night she was robbed at gunpoint on Sunday's episodes of *Keeping Up With The Kardashians*. The reality star believed she was going to be raped and killed on the night of her Paris robbery. The heist was France's biggest jewelry theft involving a private citizen in more than two decades.

There were 17 arrested in connection to the armed robbery and 10 have been charged so far. The thieves stole an estimated \$10million worth of jewels including her 20 carat engagement ring.

Sunday night's episode gave the 36-year-old reality star the platform to



SCARED: Kim Kardashian.

describe the disturbing events that transpired on October 3, after months of news reports, speculation, and silence on her behalf.

Arnold Schwarzenegger busted cycling without helmet again

SIDNEY - Arnold Schwarzenegger was spotted riding a bicycle in Melbourne without a helmet on Saturday, after being stopped by police for doing the same thing two years prior.

And yesterday the movie star was at it AGAIN, caught riding around without protective gear, this time in Sydney.

Worse still the 69-year-old took his son Patrick, 23, along with him, and Patrick didn't have a helmet on either.

Despite red helmets hanging off the father and son's matching bikes, the pair appeared to ride off without putting them on.



BUSTED: Arnold Schwarzenegger.

While Arnold had nothing to protect his noggin at all, Patrick made do with a grey baseball cap.

Just as it is in Melbourne, wearing a bike helmet is legally required in Sydney, and there is a \$319 fine if you are caught without one. *Mirror*

Kat Graham Hospitalised

CALIFORNIA - Kat Graham's rep confirms the Vampire Diaries star was hospitalised last month, but says it was for food poisoning, not a bad reaction to a pot brownie.

TMZ had on Sunday posted photos of the 27-year-old actress appearing unresponsive on grass while being treated by paramedics, saying the pics were taken outside a hotel's restaurant in Palm Springs, California. The outlet reported she ran out, saying she felt unwell and needed to go to the hospital, then started throwing up, passed out, woke up and was transferred to an

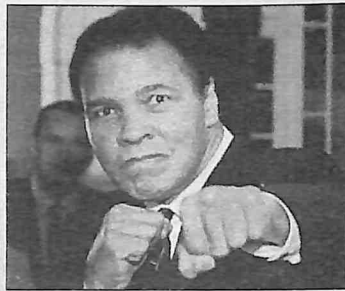


HOSPITALISED: Kat Graham.

ambulance. TMZ quoted sources at the resort as saying the actress had eaten a cannabis brownie earlier in the day. *TMZ*

Stars honour Muhammad Ali's Legacy

LOS ANGELES - For more than two decades, family, friends, and loved ones of the late Muhammad Ali have celebrated Ali's legacy together at Celebrity Fight Night, an annual event founded by Jimmy Walker to raise money for the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center in hopes of finding a cure for the disease. Reba McEntire, a good friend of Ali returned for her twelfth year as emcee and presented Harrison Ford and Italian fashion designer Stefano Ricci with the 2017 Muhammad Ali Celebrity Fight Night Awards, awards given to those who best represent the



HONOURED: The late Muhammad Ali.

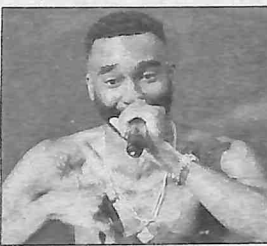
qualities associated with the Champ and his fight to find a cure. *Eonline*

SA Celebrity News

Riky Rick won't apologise to Metro FM

JOHANNESBURG- Controversial hip-hop star Riky Rick has refused to apologise to the SABC for attacking Metro FM at the station's awards ceremony in Durban last month and instead called it a "f***ing radio station". "I will not sacrifice my morals and all that s**t to be on the f***ing radio," he said.

The rapper's diatribe was captured in a five-minute video clip that was sent to the SABC bosses and



NOT SORRY: Riky Rick.

his then boss Reggie Nkabinde by Metro FM boss Sibongile Mtshali. He started off by telling his screaming fans that his music would no longer be played on all the radio stations because he refused to apologise for attacking the station at its awards ceremony beamed live on SABC1.

CityPress

DJ Sbu to launch own radio station

JOHANNESBURG- Former Metro FM DJ Sibusiso Leope is set to complete his comeback to the big league with the launch of his own online radio station next month.

Leope, who currently hosts a breakfast show on private radio station Rise FM, also aims to bring in some of Mzansi's big names in the entertainment industry as presenters and DJs.

While he would host the new station's breakfast show, former Bafana Bafana and Kaizer Chiefs star Jabu Mahlangu and musician and TV



MOFIRE: DJ Sbu.

presenter Zola are understood to be in the line-up. *DailySun*

Jason Goliath opens up about attempted suicide

JOHANNESBURG- Comedian Jason Goliath has shared telling details about his dark battle with depression, which led to him contemplating suicide on numerous occasions.

In perhaps his most candid moment since entering the comedy world in 2011, Jason explained that when he was younger he "chased money and success".

It was this hunger for success that caused him to slump into depression, when a business venture he was involved in, failed.

"I felt worthless and that the world would be a better place without me. The recurring thought I had



OPENS UP: Jason.

was driving into a bridge on the highway. I remember thinking I could just put my foot on the accelerator and take a sharp right. People know that I am a petrol-head and love speed.

Timeslive

Businessman to sue Black Coffee over FAM brand

JOHANNESBURG- Award-winning international DJ Black Coffee has been threatened with a lawsuit by a Limpopo businessman over the use of a name for his arts academy.

This comes after Black Coffee, real name Nathi Maphumulo, announced on social media this month that he will be launching a youth academy called FAM.

But that did not go down well with Matodzi Makananisa, who claimed that the name was similar to his FAME brand.

Makananisa owns FAME Awards, FAME Charity Cup and FAME Creative school of the arts and his company is based in Limpopo.

FAME stands for Film, Arts, Music



SUED: Black Coffee.

and Entertainment and the vehicle has been used over the past few years to honour top achieving artists of all disciplines from Limpopo.

SundayWorld

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Mpiyakhe has disappeared and the Zungus are growing increasingly desperate. Meanwhile, Zama fights for her life.



DISAPPEARED: Mpiyakhe.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Angelique discovers where she really stands when it comes to Tyson. Zukisa sees just how much the Zondile's have poisoned Khanyiso against her. Gabriel decides it's time he goes legit when it comes to business.



BOGUS: Gabriel.

Muvhango

TODAY

Mrs. Gumede's stalker comes clean. KK accuses Azwindini of witchcraft. Thandaza gets an unwelcome visitor.



ACCUSED: Azwindini.



TODAY



SMELLING BLOOD: Suffocate.

Emmanuel finds Gumede's letter and rushes off to find him. Puleng is an unexpected source of support for Niki. Suffocate wants TK dead. Sis Bee sets Blossom up on a date with Mthombo.



Vin Diesel

Vin Petrol

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22 – JANUARY 19

You may be required to think about larger sums of money than usual - tuning in to interest rates and other complexities as you do. A companion may be finding this awesome too - despite the fact that they have some experience in this area.



AQUARIUS JANUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 18

It may be clear to you that others see you differently. The image you have of yourself could undergo a change too. This could be connected to a change in your financial circumstances.



PISCES FEBRUARY 19 – MARCH 20

The romantic in you could be out in force. A subterfuge could really appeal to you. Words and music may be involved.



ARIES MARCH 21 – APRIL 19

Friendship with someone whose organisational skills are well known could grow (they might delegate something to you - and to your financial advantage).



TAURUS APRIL 20 – MAY 20

On some level you may be dealing with loss or the awareness that you'll need to give something up. Contact with an insurance company seems likely too.



GEMINI MAY 21 – JUNE 21

Someone's 'good idea' could have you captivated - even if it means shifting things round yet again. The prospect of advance both at work and in financial matters could bring a smile too.



CANCER JUNE 22 – JULY 22

The magic continues. Rapport with someone improves. More importantly, what you achieve at work sets you on a new course.



LEO JULY 23 – AUGUST 22

A message from someone you're close to could bring you pleasure - yet also bring doubts. For some reason you may not believe what's been said - regardless of the fact that colleagues and friends advise you to think positively.



VIRGO AUGUST 23 – SEPTEMBER 22

The fact that your domestic life doesn't seem to be running smoothly might not faze you at all. You can draw on experience. You might also have more resources available than in the past.



LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23 – OCTOBER 23

Love is in the air - and you could be involved in subterfuge. You might also be asked to help a friend who can't yet visualise their future. Discussing options and investments could be on the agenda.



SCORPIO OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 21

An acute bout of 'grass being greener' could set you thinking about where you really want to live and work in the future - and just how much more 'transplanting' you can take. Domestic and emotional change could be following you around.

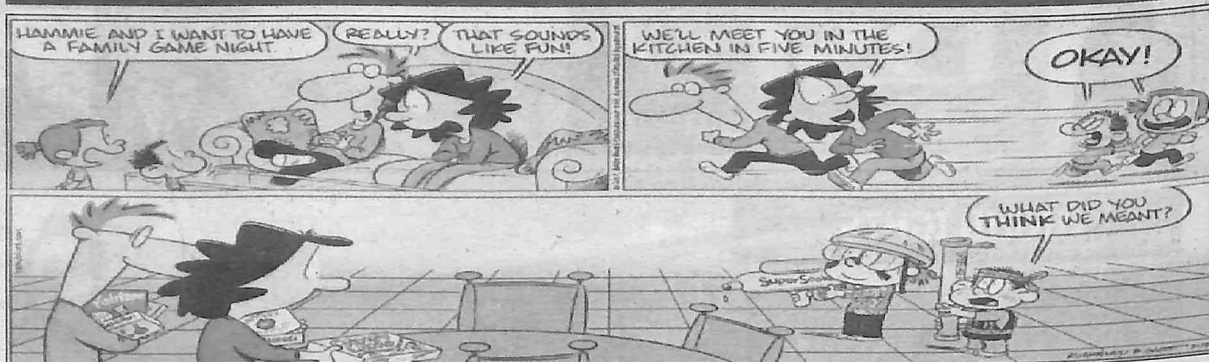


SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 – DECEMBER 21

A flurry of communications could leave you none-the-wiser about the action you're going to take.



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A guy goes in for a job interview and sits down with the boss. The boss asks him, "What do you think is your worst quality?" The man says "I'm

probably too honest." The boss says, "That's not a bad thing, I think being honest is a good quality." The man replies, "I don't care about what you think!"

USELESS FACTS

1. Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
2. In most advertisements, including newspapers, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.
3. Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.
4. The only real person to be a Pez head was Betsy Ross.
5. When the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers plays football at home, the stadium becomes the state's third largest city.

BRAinteasers
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERSYesterday's
brainteasers

1. You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?

Answer: An ear of corn

2. What word in the English Language is

always spelled incorrectly?

Answer: Incorrectly

Today's brainteasers

1. What goes up a chimney down but can't come down a chimney up?
2. grows when it eats, but dies when it drinks?



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HIGHLIGHTS



Little Miss Atlanta

Tonight 20:00 | TLC Entertainment (135)

In the highly competitive world of child beauty pageants there's only one crown and everyone is going to do whatever it takes to win. This documentary series follows three young African American pageant contestants and their mothers as they prepare to compete in the intense world of

pageantry. Ranging in age from three to ten years old, the girls are always in it to win it, but it's the stage mothers who eat, sleep and breathe pageants. Whether it's spending thousands of dollars on a single competition or leaving the hall in a rage, these mothers will stop at nothing to make sure their daughter is a winner. Premiering tonight



HOMELAND

TONIGHT 20:00 | M-NET EDGE (102)

The sixth season of the critically acclaimed, Golden Globe-winning political thriller

returns with Emmy-winner Claire Danes reprising the role of the highly efficient - and extremely volatile - Carrie Mathison.



Murdoch Mysteries

Tonight 20:00 | ITV Choice (123)

S10/E1 - Great Balls Of Fire Part 1". Murdoch sus-

pects that rivals for a wealthy bachelor's affections may be responsible for a debutante's murder.



EMPIRE...KNOW YOUR LEAD CHARECTORS

Thursday 21:00 | FOX (125)

S3/E10 - Sound And Fury'. The head of a music empire's three sons and ex-wife all battle for his throne.



TERRENCE HOWARD - LUCIOUS LYON

Terrence started his career on the small screen when he first nabbed a small appearance on the series 'Family Matters' and 'Coach'. Other opportunities followed with a showing on 'Picket Fences' and the role of Jackie Jackson in the telefilm, 'The Jacksons': An American Dream.

With all his credits, it wasn't until 1995 that he first caught viewers' attention as a despicable cowboy in the drama 'Dead Presidents' (1995). He then moved onto Mr. Holland's Opus (1995), playing Louis Russ. Although the character was originally penned

for a white actor, after seeing Howard in a guest role on Coach, the director decided he was the actor for the part. Howard, who had already

made a deal to work on a German miniseries, took a huge pay cut to perform in the film. But all was not lost, because the film allowed Howard to meet and learn from Richard Dreyfuss, who gave him invaluable information on the film industry.

In 1996 Howard landed a starring role in the sitcom, 'Sparks'. Unfortunately, the show didn't garner much interest with viewers, and was canceled by the end of its second season.

Three years later, he stole the spotlight playing Quentin in the film 'The Best Man' (1999). As a supporting character, he received nominations from Chicago Film Critics Association and the Independent Spirits Awards and won an Image Award for Outstanding Supporting Actor. The next year he landed the role of Cassius Clay in the telefilm, 'King of the World', which was soon followed by a number of major roles in feature films like 'Big Momma's House' with Martin Lawrence and 'Angel Eyes', starring Jennifer Lopez. In 2002, he won a Black Reel award as Best Supporting Actor in the TV movie Boycott. Since then, he has played roles in 'Hart's War' (2002) alongside Colin Farrell, 'Biker Boyz' (2003) with Laurence Fishburne, and 'Ray' (2004) with Jamie Foxx.

In a wrap, it his character as Lucious Lyon that has reflected on his personal life and also made him a hit.

Taraji P Henson – Cookie Lyon

Taraji Henson was born on September 11, 1970, in Washington, D.C. She landed her first professional acting gig on Smart Guy.

In 2001, she got her big break in the film 'Baby Boy'. Her performance led to the role of Shug in 'Hustle and Flow' and in 2008 she earned an Oscar nomination for her part in 'The Curious Case of Benjamin Button'. Henson went on to appear in such films as 'Think Like a Man' (2012). She also starred in the television drama 'Person of Interest' from 2011 to 2013. In 2015, Henson returned to television with Empire, a hip-hop take on the soap opera format that's generated huge buzz. She stars as Cookie Lyon, the ex-wife of music industry titan Lucious Lyon (Terrence Howard). Cookie seeks to claim her share of her ex-husband's business after serving 17 years in prison. Henson's character quickly emerged as a fan favourite for her cutting remarks and flashy fashions, and the show became one of the year's big breakout hits. In 2015, Henson was nominated for an Emmy for Lead Actress

in a Drama for her work on the show, and early the following year won a Golden Globe, her first. Making the way to the stage for her acceptance speech, Henson collected cookies from a table and gave them out to peers in the audience in honour of her character.



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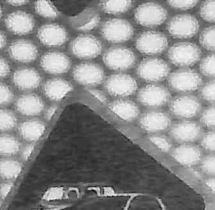
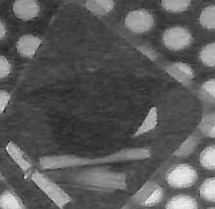
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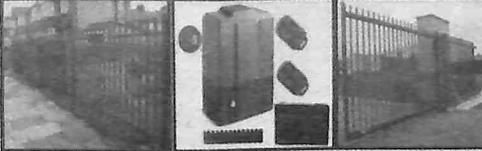
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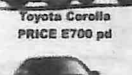
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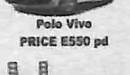
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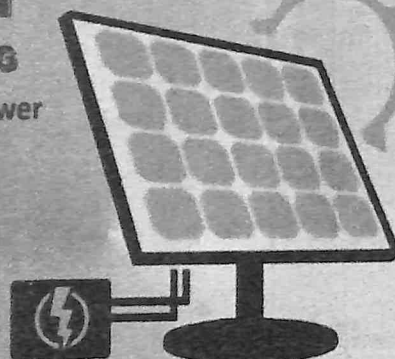
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ARJEN ROBBEN THROWS TANTRUM AFTER BEING SUBBED

.. as his Bayern Munich team-mates enjoy laugh at his expense

MUNICH - Bayern Munich boss Carlo Ancelotti is not concerned about Arjen Robben's attitude after the winger looked angry when he was substituted on Sunday.

Bayern were 1-0 up away at Borussia Monchengladbach with five minutes

of normal time to play when Robben was brought off for Renato Sanches.

The 33-year-old trudged off the pitch before slumping in the away team dugout.

His team-mates, including Xabi Alonso, saw the funny side and could-

n't help but laugh at the Holland captain.

When asked about the incident, Ancelotti said he wasn't concerned about the behaviour of a player who has been at the club for nearly eight years. *Daily Mail*

Derry City captain dies just hours after leading his side to a win

DERRY CITY - A young Irish football star was tragically found dead in his bedroom on Sunday, just hours after winning a crucial match.

Ryan McBride was captain of Derry City and led his team-mates to a stunning 4-0 victory against rivals Drogheda United the day before his shocking death.

Sources said Ryan, 27, had mentioned feeling unwell after Saturday's match, and had gone home.

The Candy Stripes centre back is believed to have been discovered in his bedroom, where he sadly passed away, at sometime during Sunday.

A close family friend of Mr

McBride, who lived in Derry's Bluebell Hill Gardens close to Brandywell Stadium, confirmed the sad news that he has passed away, but was too distraught to speak any further.

Crowds of supporters gathered around his house to hold a vigil for the rising soccer star on Sunday.

The cause of his death is unknown. The Irish Daily Mail has approached the PSNI press office for comment.

The news sent shockwaves through the world of Irish football, and several prominent attendees left the FAI International Awards, which were held in Dublin, when the news came through.

AFP



TRAGIC: Derry City captain Ryan McBride, 27, was found dead in his bedroom on Sunday.

Federer climbs to sixth in rankings

PARIS - Roger Federer jumped four places to sixth in the latest ATP rankings released yesterday, leapfrogging rival Rafael Nadal following his Indian Wells Masters triumph.

Federer eliminated Nadal in the fourth round on his way to his fifth India Wells title, beating fellow Swiss Stan Wawrinka in the final.

Andy Murray holds on to number one slot despite his second-round exit from India Wells while Novak Djokovic, also an early victim at India Wells, retains number two spot ahead of third placed Wawrinka.

ATP rankings released yesterday:

1. Andy Murray (GBR) 12,005 pts
2. Novak Djokovic (SRB) 8,915
3. Stan Wawrinka (SUI) 5,705
4. Kei Nishikori (JPN) 4,730
5. Milos Raonic (CAN) 4,480
6. Roger Federer (SUI) 4,305
7. Rafael Nadal (ESP) 4,145

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Kylian Mbappe talks Arsenal, Manchester United interest

MONACO - Monaco starlet Kylian Mbappe has taken Ligue 1 by storm this season, attracting interest from a number of Europe's top clubs, including Arsenal and Manchester United.

However, the French forward insists he is remaining 'very calm' about the reported interest as well as dismissing the idea that his performances have been extraordinary.

Mbappe continued his brilliant form with another man-of-the-match display, scoring two goals and winning a penalty in his side's 3-0 victory over Caen on Sunday.

The brace saw the 18-year-old take his tally for the season to 19 in all competitions, with 14

coming in his last 12 outings. 'I would not say that what I do is extraordinary,' he said. 'I would just say that I am able to do what I know best. I would not say it's extraordinary. 'Extraordinary is a player who can score 60 goals. There are not a lot. Otherwise I think we would overuse the term. I would not say it's amazing but I'm on a good run.'

'Sorry, but I do not look at what the English press say. I remain very calm about the attention I get,' Mbappe said.

'I get up in the morning and I go to practice like everyone else. I try to work to improve myself every day and I try to do on the pitch what I do during the training sessions.' *Daily Mail*

Conte praises Costa's 'great discipline'

LONDON - Chelsea Manager Antonio Conte praised striker Diego Costa for his "great discipline" on Saturday following the Blues' victory over tough-tackling Stoke.

Chelsea battled their way to a 2-1 win in an ill-tempered game thanks to

87th-minute strike from Gary Cahill, extending their lead at the top of the Premier League to 13 points.

Costa received a yellow card after 17 minutes for dissent after a challenge left him on the floor, but kept his cool during a running battle with the Stoke defenders and struck the post in the second half.

"It is not simple to get a yellow card after a few minutes," said Conte.

"Diego is showing in all this season, not just this game, great discipline, great commitment. He showed me [his ability] to think for the team and not for himself and I want this from my players, this type of behaviour. He was great, he played a difficult game but he always showed danger for the defensive line for Stoke," he added.

Conte

said that it was part of the game for opponents to try and provoke players, "I think that it's normal to try to bring a player to be angry and then to react and to commit another foul. It's normal, this."

"I think the great news is that Diego is showing [himself] to be a great player, also in this aspect."

"I know in the past sometimes he has received two yellow cards and not finished the game, but this season I have to be pleased for him and for his behaviour," added Conte.

Stoke boss Mark Hughes, meanwhile, dismissed accusations that he had ordered his players to target the fiery Spanish hitman.

"We didn't do that, absolutely not," he insisted. "More likely he targeted our players, to be perfectly honest."

"We wanted a competitive game and I think that's what it was. I really enjoyed it - a good Premier League game with no quarter given or asked," added Hughes.

"I played in that position for many years and I think he's an outstanding striker, but on occasions he's got elements of his play that he doesn't need to have."

"He can still have an edge, he can still have an element of looking after himself without all the rest of it. I think it takes away from his image as a player."

"It's not necessary, but maybe that's how he generates his feeling in the game and he needs that element to produce his best work. I just think it detracts from what a good player he is."

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WENGER WANTS TO STAY ON AT ARSENAL

LONDON -Beleaguered Arsenal Manager Arsene Wenger has decided to stay at the club, according to British media reports yesterday.

The Daily Telegraph and Daily Mirror said Wenger will inform Arsenal's board he wants to extend his contract, which expires at the end of the season.

West Bromwich Albion manager

Tony Pulis also said Wenger told him he intended to stay on after Arsenal's 3-1 defeat at The Hawthorns on Saturday.

"I'll be surprised if he goes," Pulis told reporters after Saturday's game, as revealed in yesterday's newspapers. Asked why he thought Wenger would stay, Pulis replied: "Because he told me."

Wenger, 67, has come under fire from fans after Arsenal were thrashed by Bayern Munich in the Champions League and slipped out of the Premier League's top four.

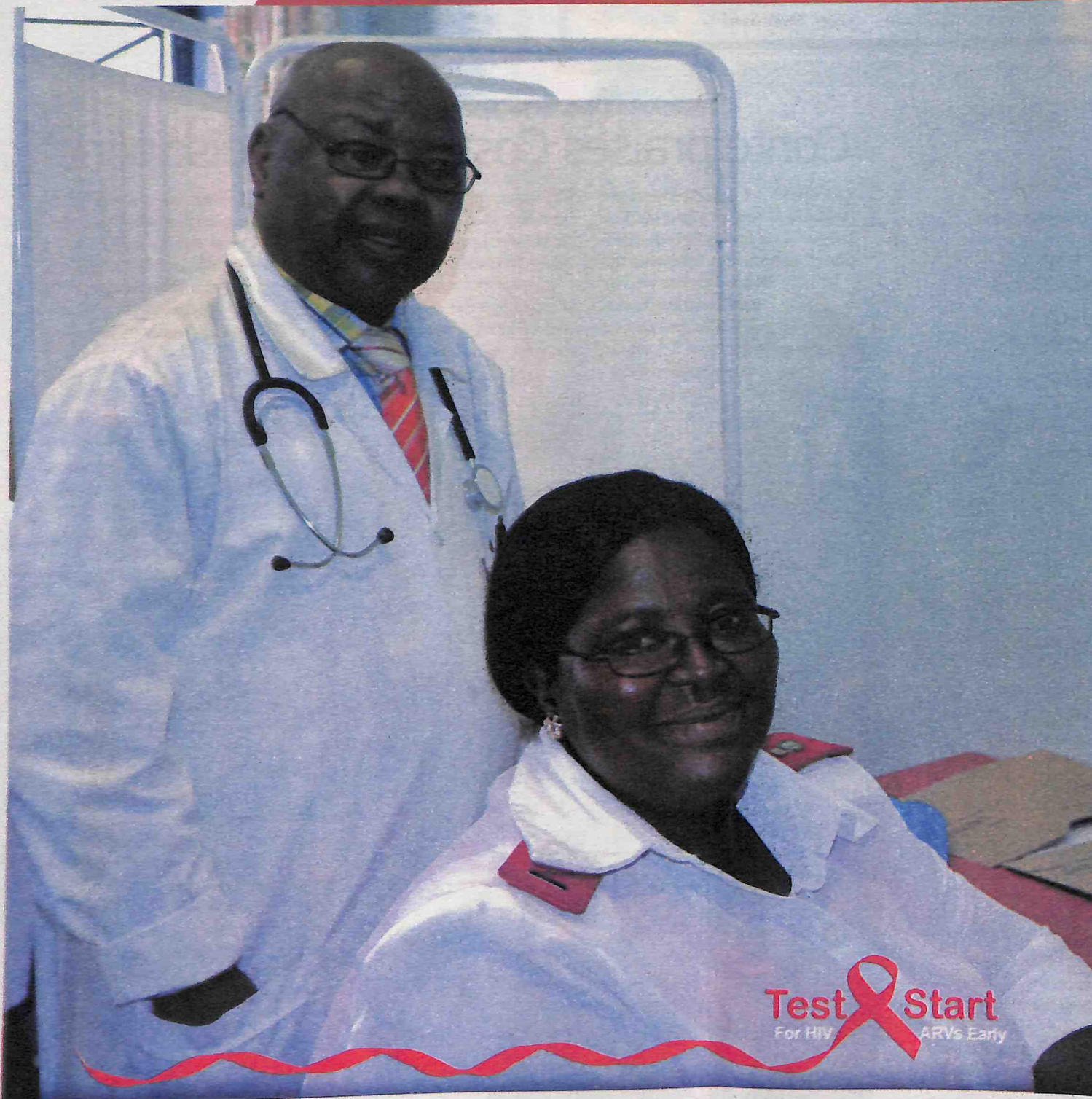
Supporters renewed calls for him to step down during and after the defeat at West Brom, with some holding up "WENGER OUT" banners.

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Sir Alex Ferguson to manage in Michael Carrick's testimonial

...as legendary Manchester United boss expresses delight ahead of special day

MANCHESTER - Sir Alex Ferguson will grace the touchline at Old Trafford with his managerial presence once more with the Manchester United legend set to play a role in Michael Carrick's testimonial.

The most successful manager in United's history expressed his excitement at his dugout return and hailed Carrick's 11-year contribution to the club.

Ferguson told MUTV: "I think the best bit will be seeing the players, to be honest with you."

"No [I don't miss managing]. I miss the big games of course but I made my decision and I'm enjoying it."

"I don't have to worry about you lads or the agents or the press conferences and having to control that press secretary of mine!"

"I'm delighted Michael is getting a testimonial."

It tells you Manchester United are probably the only club in England that can do that. Players do tend to stay a long time here. We don't have players here one minute and gone the next."

The match itself will be United's 2008 Champions League-winning side against an All-Star XI.

Daily Mail



RETURNS: Former Manchester United Manager Alex Ferguson.





LAFFOR CREDITS TEAMWORK FOR CAF PROGRESSION

PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns forward Anthony Laffor has deflected praise on the rest of the squad after his late goal saved the Champions of Africa an embarrassing early exit from the CAF Champions League.

The Brazilians were starring at shock exit on the away goals rule to Ugandan Champions Kampala Capital City Authority, after Geoffrey Sserunkuma handed Kasasiro Boys the lead after 30 minutes.

However, Laffor managed

to equalise nine minutes from time to level the scoring, to help Pitso Mosimane's side progress to the group stage of the continental showpiece, with a 3-2 aggregate result. "Scoring that goal was not about me." *Sport24*

Da Gama excited by Bafana squad for upcoming friendlies

JOHANNESBURG - Bafana Bafana interim coach Owen Da Gama is excited by the squad at his disposal for the friendlies with Guinea-Bissau and Angola.

Bafana will host Guinea-Bissau at Moses Mabhida Stadium on Saturday (15h30) before tack-

ling Angola three days later at Buffalo City Stadium (19h30 kick-off) in East London.

All of Da Gama's men have reported for national team duty with the exception of France-based midfielder Keagan Dolly, who is expected to join his compatriots in Durban tomorrow.

Overseas-based players Thulani Serero, Andile Jali, Kermit Erasmus, Luther Singh, Lars Veldwijk and Kamohelo Mokotjo are also in camp.

However, there is still uncertainty about the availability of Mokotjo to play for South Africa *Sport24*

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There will be a mandatory site meeting on Friday, 24th March, 2017 starting at 10.00 am at Mhlume Training Centre.

Completed tender documents must be deposited into the Tender Box situated at Reception in the Simunye Administration Building before 10:00 am on Wednesday, 12th April, 2017.

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NOTICE OF RATES ASSESSMENT FOR THE PERIOD 01 APRIL 2017 – 31 MARCH 2018

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 27 (1) of the Rating Act of 1995, that Council has levied the following differential property rates on each Lilangeni for land and improvements as per the Mbabane Municipal Council Valuation Roll:

A) PRIVATELY OWNED PROPERTIES	2017/2018
1. Developed Private Residential Properties	
a) Land	1.64%
b) Improvements	0.26%
2. Developed Commercial Private Properties	
a) Land	3.22%
b) Improvements	0.92%
3. Vacant Private Properties	
a) Residential	2.61%
b) Commercial	5.12%
4. Developed Government Residences	
a) Land	2.79%
b) Improvements	0.72%
5. Public Open Spaces	0.17%
6. Exempted Properties	
a) Land	0.0%
b) Improvements	0.0%
7. Residential Special Consent	
a) Land	1.97%
b) Improvements	0.48%
8. General Industrial	
a) Land	3.46%
b) Improvements	0.99%
9. Office & Buildings - Government	
a) Land	2.99%
b) Improvements	0.89%
10. Vacant - Government Properties	
a) Residential	3.99%
b) Offices	5.96%
1. Government - Industrial	
a) Land	5.71%
b) Buildings	0.98%
2. Leased Private Residential Properties	
a) Land	2.11%
b) Improvements	0.52%

The rates become due and payable on the 30th April 2017 and rates bills (assessments) shall be mailed to property owners before this date.

Section 30 of the Rating Act provides for a penalty of 15% per annum to be charged for each month or part of a month on rates remaining unpaid after the expiry of two (2) months from the date on which the rates become due and payable.

Payment by Instalments

The Rating Act of 1995 permits payment by instalments. Ratepayers who wish to take advantage of this facility must contact the Rating Section as soon as they receive their rates notices.

It is very important to note that instalment agreements are authentic only if they are signed by the relevant Council officials. It is therefore, important that property owners visit Council offices, specifically the Rates Section to get more information and sign the agreements.

No request to enter into an agreement for instalment shall be entertained after the 30th June 2017.

Notification of Addresses

The attention of all property owners in the urban area of Mbabane is drawn to Section 37(4) and (5) of the Rating Act which reads as follows:

The owner/s of any immovable property shown in the valuation roll shall notify the local authority of his personal address within two weeks of acquiring such property and, thereafter, within two weeks of any change of his personal address.

An owner who fails to comply with subsection (4) shall be guilty of an offence.

Please Note

All property owners who, by the 30th April 2017, would have not received their rates bills should indicate such to Council.

Ratepayers are also requested to provide identity numbers to update contact details of their properties.

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Suarez suspension an advantage for Brazil



ADVANTAGE: Luis Suarez.

MONTEVIDEO - Brazil visit Uruguay on World Cup duty this week, with midfielder Casemiro suggesting the absence of Luis Suarez will give the five-time champions an advantage in the top-of-the-table clash in Montevideo.

The Barcelona striker has scored 31 goals in 41 appearances for his club this season but will miss the Brazil game after picking up a yellow card in Uruguay's last World Cup qualifier, a 3-1 defeat by Chile.

It was only his second yellow in eight games but came at an opportune time for Brazil, Casemiro said.

"We can't deny it, of course it's better playing Uruguay without Suarez," the Real Madrid player said on Brazilian radio yesterday morning. "Suarez is a great player."

The striker missed the first four games of the South American qualifiers as part of a nine-game international ban imposed after biting Italy's Giorgio Chiellini in the 2014 World Cup.

Uruguay won three of their first four qualifiers without him and have continued their run of good form to sit second in the 10-team South American qualifying group with 23 points from 12 games.

Brazil, who have won their last six qualifiers under new manager Tite, top the table with 27 points and believe they are just a point or two away from securing one of the four automatic qualification places for Russia 2018.

Twenty-eight points was enough to qualify the fourth-placed team for the 2010 and 2006 tournaments, the last time all 10 South American nations played the qualifiers.

"We hope to qualify now," said defender Gil. "Our thoughts are always on winning and we hope to cement our place for the World Cup, and a draw (could do that)," he said.

After the Uruguay game, Brazil face Paraguay in Sao Paulo five days later. *Reuters*

Dele Alli's parents in legal fight

LONDON - Tottenham and England star Dele Alli goes into the international week with a family dispute gathering momentum.

Alli's parents Denise and Kehinde, who split when Dele was three, are pursuing legal action because neither of them signed his first professional forms with MK Dons as a 16-year-old, allegedly in breach of regulations.

Since the age of 13, Alli has lived with Alan and Sally Hickford — parents of Harry Hickford, another MK Dons academy player. Alli considers Alan and Sally his mum and dad, but they have never officially adopted him. The Hickfords' signatures are on Alli's MK Dons contract but their status at the time — only the homeowners of his digs by the letter of the law — is the loophole being exploited by his parents. Denise and Kehinde are estranged from Alli to the extent he took the family surname off his Tottenham shirt at the start of the season. *Daily Mail*



INTERESTED: Barcelona superstar Neymar.

FIFA ban ref for life after Bafana, Senegal game

ZURICH - FIFA have banned Ghanaian referee, Joseph Lamptey, for life after he 'unlawfully influenced' the result of Bafana Bafana's clash with Senegal.

The statement read:

"The FIFA Disciplinary Committee has decided to ban the Ghanaian match official Joseph Odartei Lamptey from taking part in any kind of football-related activity (administrative, sports or any other) at national and international level for life.

The official was found guilty of breaching art. 69 par. 1 (unlawfully influencing match results) of the FIFA Disciplinary Code during the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ qualifying match between South Africa and Senegal on 12 November 2016."

Committee.

"Further information concerning the South Africa v. Senegal match in question will be provided once the decision becomes final and binding.

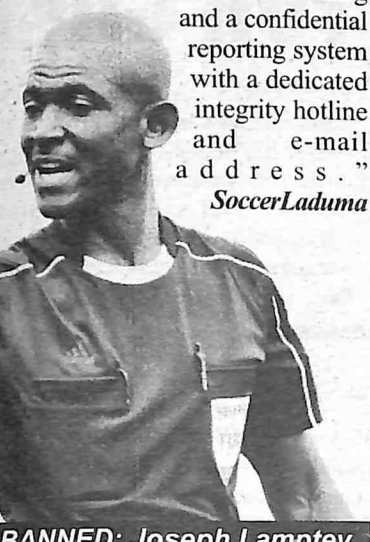
"FIFA follows a zero-tolerance policy on match manipulation and is committed to protecting the integrity of football. As a result, FIFA will continue with its ongoing efforts to combat match manipulation through a variety of initiatives, which include the monitoring of

international betting and a confidential reporting system with a dedicated integrity hotline and e-mail address."

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On the other

hand, all charges against the Ghanaian match official David Lionheart Nii Lartey Laryea, whose behaviour had also been the subject of investigations, were dismissed by the FIFA Disciplinary



BANNED: Joseph Lamptey.

Werner set for Germany debut

BERLIN - World champions Germany open their 2017 campaign by bidding farewell to veteran forward Lukas Podolski while rising star Timo Werner is set to make his debut against Gareth Southgate's England tomorrow.

Germany have struggled to settle on a striker to replace all-time top-scorer Miroslav Klose, who scored 71 goals in 137 internationals, and retired after they won the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

"I do wonder where the next Miroslav Klose is?" Germany's head coach Joachim Loew asked a year ago before adding Klose to his coaching staff.

"Where is the striker, who plays in the middle, who is quick, has a strong header and is dangerous in front of goal?"

Loew believes he has his answer and wants to blood Werner with one eye on June's Confederations Cup in Russia. The 21-year-old fleet-footed striker drew the attention of Loew, and Liverpool, according to reports, with a series of dynamic performances and has so far bagged 14 goals for Leipzig in their first Bundesliga season. Loew says Werner has the poten-

tial to be world class and will test his rising star against the Three Lions.

Werner admitted he nearly crashed his car when the Germany call-up came.

"I had to be careful not to tear the wheel off," Werner told Die Welt.

"I had just been shopping and had to pull over.

"If I play in my first international, it will be an honour."

As Loew breaks in a new striker, he will be waving goodbye to Galatasaray's Podolski.

The international friendly against Southgate's Three Lions in Dortmund doubles as swansong for Podolski, who retired from international football last year, but has been called up for a farewell appearance.

The 31-year-old has scored 48 goals in 148 appearances for Germany, but has not held down a first-team place since the Euro 2012 finals.

Loew is likely to start with Mario Gomez, who has scored for Wolfsburg in his last three games, with RB Leipzig's Werner either alongside him or coming off the bench with Podolski on the wing.

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WARMING UP: Germany's forward Lukas Podolski.

Weekend Sports Results

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CAF Confederations Cup

Mbabane Swallows	3	Azam FC	0
MTN National First Division			
Hub Sundowns	1	Bad Boys	1
Matsapha	3	Brothers	1
Malanti Chiefs	3	Mbabane Citizen	4
Tycoons	0	Vovovo	2
Amalanda	2	City warriors	0
Madlenya	1	Sikhalo	1
SwaziBank Cup Under-20			
Red Lions	1	Green Mamba	2
Tambuti	4	Midas City	1
Manzini Sundowns	2	Mbabane Highlanders	0
Moneni Pirates	1	Manzini Sea Birds	1

Esibayeni Lodge E200 000 Under-17 League

Midas City	0	Pirates	0
Sundowns	1	Buffaloes	1
Swallows	1	Green Mamba	5
Leopard	3	Highlanders	3
Wanderers	2	Red Lions	0
Pirates	0	Tambuti	3

Milky Max Mbabane juniors league - U13

Dark city	2	Umbelebele	3
Mangwaneni	1	Swallows	1
Real Tec	2	Supersport	1

Mandla Mahewu Mbabane juniors league - U15

Swallows	3	C&M	0
Supersport	3	PMT	0
Sidwashini	1	Hurricane	3
Dark City	1	Hurricane	4
Imbumbi	4	SOS	1

Mbabane Juniors league

Free state	3	All Stars (U17)	0
Classic	3	Fighters (U17)	0
Umbelebele	9	Mangwaneni (U20)	0
Hurricane	0	Lusoti (U17)	7
Supersport	3	Junior Stars (U17)	1
Interstars	3	Mpolonjeni (U20)	5
Phalafala	4	Amawe (U20)	4
All Stars	3	Mphalati (U20)	0

All out Lobamba Juniors League

U13			
L. Cosmos	0	Tinyosi	1
Y. Bombers	3	M. Invaders	0
R. Masters	1	Emajukujuku	0
E. Stars	0	Gunners	0
V. Lions	0	Sunrise	1
L. Dynamos	0	F. Reaction	0
U15			
Junior stars	0	Power stars	1
Sunrise	3	M. Invaders	0
Gunners	5	L. Dynamos	1
Umilo	0	F. Reaction	3
R. Masters	4	Tinyosi	0
V. Lions	0	Y. Bombers	2

Mandla Mahewu Mbabane league

Promotion			
Thembellhle	1	Flying stars	1
Pot O Gold	0	FC Vaal	1
Manzana	0	Amawe	1
Sandia	1	Teal Tec	3
Veni Cosmos	0	White City	0
Double action	1	Corporation	0
Mb. Celtics	1	Pine valley	1
B. Division			
Free style	1	Classic	3
Mphalati	1	The Wailers	1
Mpolonjeni	4	Movers	1
Lusoti	1	Mbabane United	2
Junior Aces	0	Darkies	1
Junction	2	Manthsho	2
Supersport	2	Mangwaneni	2
R. Dynamos	0	Interstars	2

Swazi Trac Hhohho Super League

Southern zone			
PMT	4	V. Killers	2
Wizards	3	M. Invaders	1
B. Ocean	1	Swazi Sun	2
Burning Spear	1	Gordon Stars	1
Umbelebele	0	Tinyosi	0
Sibovini	1	Sibuyeni	2
Northern zone			
Galaxy	4	Manchester	4
Pachanga	2	B. Swallows	2
Ndlalambi	1	19 Celtics	2

Nkonjaneni	1	N. Swallows	3
Vultures	3	Mvuma	0
M. Arsenal	1	Horo	1

Sikhumbuto Timpisini league

Red lions	1	AK 47	4
Mb. Swallows	0	Matsamo	1
Gunners	2	Njakeni	1
Soccer Rose	3	Choppers	0
Mshaheni	2	Star Wanderers	1
Stone	1	Blue Birds	1
Mv. Sundowns	2	Golden Arrows	0
H. Pirates	2	Zamalek	2

B. division

Combustion	1	Young Tigers	0
Vusweni	5	All Stars	1
Mb. Y. Swallows	2	Ellegence	1
Juventus	3	Mv All United	1
Kudwaleni	2	Sikhaleni	0

MP Bakhanyisele Mabulala & Menzi Dlamini Maphaleni league

Eastern Stream			
Umkhokha	2	Lisesesele	0
Junior Stars	0	Y. Lovers	1
Thuluzobona	0	Hotspurs	4
Khulungwane	0	Manchester	1
Barcelona	1	Blue Birds	2
Luvunjelo	2	Professionals	3
Rangers	0	Xi Experience	1
Western stream			
Lunkanka	1	Hill Stars	1
Jubukweni	1	Top Classic	1
Siphambanweni	0	H. Fighters	2
Academy	1	Early Sunset	1
Rollers	1	Mighty Birds	3
Sunrise	0	Love & Peace	2

MP Bakhanyisele Mabulala & Menzi Dlamini Maphaleni league

Umkhokha	2	Lisesesele	0
Junior Stars	0	Y. Lovers	1
Thuluzobona	0	Hotspurs	4
Khulungwane	0	Manchester	1
Barcelona	1	Blue Birds	2
Luvunjelo	2	Professionals	3
Rangers	0	Xi Experience	1

Ntabanezimpisi League

Skom Boyz	2	Golden Arrows	0
Buhleni Aces	1	Hungry Lions	1
Sigodlo	0	Kappa Kappa	0
R. Bombers	6	City Cosmos	2
Manchester	1	Special Killers	2
Y. Professional	1	Mduez	3
City Stars	3	Super Stars	4
Fontotje	3	M. Arsenal	1
Seven Stars	2	M. Sundowns	0
Seven Stars	4	City Cosmos	0
Fontotje	0	Special Killers	1
Kappa	0	Mduez	0
Y. Professional	2	Super stars	5
City Stars	1	Hungry Lions	2
Manchester	0	Buhleni Aces	3
M. Sundowns	5	M. Arsenal	2
R. Bombers	7	Golden arrows	0
Sigodlo	1	Skom Boyz	0

Pot construction Sigangeni League

Sigangeni	2	Community	3
Chiefs	3	Eagles	3
Total xi	0	Express	0
Villa sport	2	Ntsetse	2
Kupheleni	2	Cannibals	0
Real United	2	Heroes	2
Fighters	1	Kangaroo	0
M. Celtics	3	Nationals	2
Real Touch	0	SD Civils	2

Futis Nkhaba League

Motjane	6	Atletico	0
Crocodiles	1	Ngwenya	2
Shooting Stars	1	Barcelona	1
Super Stars	1	Majotini	2
Celtics	3	Manyisa	2
Motjane	3	Atletico	1

Shark Mhlangatane league

Eastern stream			
Swallows	14	Bombers	0
Liverpool	1	Manjengeni	3
Seven stars	1	H. Defenders	3
Real aces	2	Tigers	4
Ximen	1	T. wizards	1
Cosmos	1	Rovers	2
Makhweya	1	N. Castle	1
Western stream			
Arsenal	2	Chelsea	4
Movers	4	Thuluzobona	1
Manchester	1	Celtics	0
Democracy	1	Lonhlanane	1
Fighters	2	City Stars	1
Weirma	0	Professionals	4

MP J Ndawandwe Nzingeni league

Eastern stream			
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Sweet banana	1	Young stars	0
K. Celtics	3	Supersport	1
Rebels	2	Professionals	1
Winners park	1	Arsenal	0
Y. Chiefs	0	Aces	0

Western stream

Gebhulas	1	M. Celtics	6
Mphondla	1	Happiness	0
Lozaza	2	KK	2
D. Darkies	0	Red Sea	2
Academy	3	Super Aces	2

MP Sompisi Ntfontjeni league

Hellenic	2	Pirates	1
Nintinyane	3	Chelsea	2
Mbabatane	6	Black stone	0
Uprises	3	Royal Madrid	1
Barcelona	2	United Aces	1
Teenagers	1	Express	4
Trounge	1	Seven Up	0
Liverpool	2	Zibonele	1

Malindza Zonal League

Siweni United	5	Juventus	1
Dvokodweni	4	Emahlokhloko	1
Zamalek	4	Malindza United	3
Lubhuku	1	Home sweepers	0
Seven Stars	1	Gabi Gabi	1
Malaheni	0	Bhelebane	0
Juventus	3	Lubhuku	0 (VER-
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Manzini Regional Football Association

FA Rainbow Stationery Manzini Super League

CNB Rovers	2	Stumbo's XI	0
Milling Hotspurs	1	Luyengo Foxes	1
Sisonkhe	2	Malkerns	1
Fairview Cosmos	2	Boyane Young Aces	1
Sisonkhe	2	Dwaleni Star Point	1
Sacrament	0	Luve Cosmos	1
Seven Dreams	3	Nyakeni Heroes	1
Gocweni Trompies	2	Young Warriors	1
Dwaleni star Point	1	Ludzeludze Killers	2

Riverview Manzini Promotion League

African Chiefs	0	SibonisoSelwandle	8
New Generations	2	FC North	1
Villa Stars	0	Two Sticks Comrades	1
Young Tigers	0	Kholwane Flying Birds	3
Lwandle Classic	0	Mhlaleni United	4
Sueprstars	0	Home Sparrows	0
NkonkwaneCallies	1	Fairview Chiefs	1
Wise Kids	0	Combine stars	3

Riverview Manzini First Division League

Old Zakhele	0	Nhlambeni United	1
The Bones	2	Ngculwini All Stars	2
Bremer United	3	Manzini Bullets	0
Ngwane Park	0	Villa Sport	3
God's Property	0	Manzini United	1
Hot Beans	1	Skom Boys	1
Parachute	0	Chaos LTD	3

Save Mor Kwaluseni Promotion League

FC Matsapha	1	Dark City	1
Kwaluseni Rebels	0	Nsenga Comrades	3
Zama United	0	M Royal Swallows	2
Swazi Wore	0	Matsapha Auto Zone	1
Nhlambeni Real Heroes	3	Mhlane United	0
Zombodze United	3	SihhohhweniAmajita	0
Lozitha Spurs	2	Real Professionals	2

Save Mor Kwaluseni First Division

Ludzidzi	0	Fashion International	5
Mahashulane	2	Ludzeludze Celtics	0
Fletcher United	3	NsengaShagari XI	1
Shali United	3	Sihhohhweni	3
Ludzeludze Kicks	2	Kwaluseni United	2

S & S Malkerns Promotion League

Makhungutsha	0	Swazi Can United	3
Ndinda volcanoes	0	Power Sparks	2
1992 Home Talent	0	Cutter Cosmos	0
IyashisaBhe	1	Current Toasters	2
Mahlanya United	2	Power Sparks	4

Malkerns First Division League

Dynamite Hotspurs	0	Usuthu Rangers	0
Skom Boys	0	Thunder Bolt	0

Mkhiweni Promotion League

Step Ahead	4	Mbasheni Brothers	1
Bantu City	2	Mantshonga	1
Toronto	0	Ngonini Young Aces	1
Manchester United	0	LuveSuncity	1
Liverpool	1	Sangcotfo	3
Zama United	2	All Nations	3
Thuluzobona	1	All Stars	0
Colani United	2	White Killers	1
Luve Classic	0	Luve stars	1

Kukhanyeni Inkhundla Promotion League

Ngwazini	0	Mphola Celtics	0
Bhekinkhosi	1	1995 Mbuluzana	0
Mdayane	3	Mbijwana Rovers	1

Corban Mafutseni Promotion League

Emataliyane	3	Vultures	0
Young Carnivals	2	Dynamos	1
Supersport	2	Timbutini	2
Khamatfo	1	Nkongga Pirates	2
Bhudla Celtics	2	Sicamelosa-Chief	1
Moyeni United	1	Ma-G-Man	0
Young Killers	1	Madubula Rovers	2
Nkongga Pirates	1	Supersport	4
Mkhuzweni United	1	Vulamehlo Classic	0

Nsingweni Promotion League

Highland Blues	0	Nsuka Fighters	0
Nsuka United	8	Bhudlweni	0
AC Milan	2	Matsantsantsa	1
Young Madrid	2	Mfeni Pirates	1
Red Lions	1	Black Aces	0
Taliban	1	McengeniSudnows	1

MP Mankayane Promotion League

Super Eagles	2	Total	2
Vultures	0	Junior Bucs	1
Brazillians	4	Youngstars	0
Nkhangala Express	3	Boca Juniors	3

Swazi Trac Lubombo Super League results

Magwanyane	0	Rail United	1
Richmond Aces	1	Equator	1
XI Men	1	Black Swallow	0
Juventus	1	Ngcina F.C	1
Dangerous Darkies	0	Tabankulu Callies	0
Umbombo Flyers	0	CPL	0
Barcelona	1	Illovo	2
Young Aces	0	LubhukuLiverpool	0

Nsulutane zone

Black Dynamos	0	Gwaymane Swallows	1
Thuluzobana	2	Calabash	0
TKZEE	1	Classic Boys	3
Umsech	0	Barceona	4
Emalanda	1	Clay XI	3
Arsenal	1	Rebels	0

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DRAW



#YELELE: SwaziBank Cup Management Committee members Knowledge Manana and Pat Vilakati conducting the SwaziBank Cup quarterfinals draw yesterday. The games will be played next month on the weekend of April 1-2. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



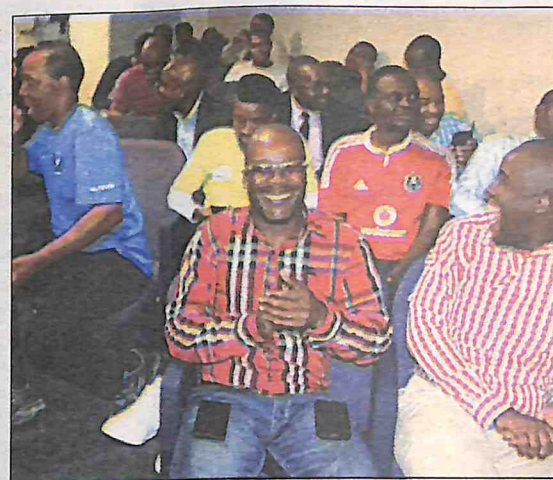
ATTENTIVE: PLS COO Pat Vilakati and executive member Peter Magagula with SwaziBank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele at the event.



CONCENTRATION: SwaziBank's Sifiso Mdluli and Lindiwe Shongwe with PLS' Ncamsile Mkhonta.



SUPPORT: Some of SwaziBank staff members who were present.



YES!: Vovovo FC PRO Stan Dlamini (left) reacts while Manzini Wanderers' Berger Nxumalo laughs.



LOOK: Magagula displaying Highlanders name which was drawn against Tambuti FC.



IT'S PAY BACK TIME: Manzini Wanderers representative Berger Nxumalo with Vovovo FC PRO Stan Dlamini shake hands.



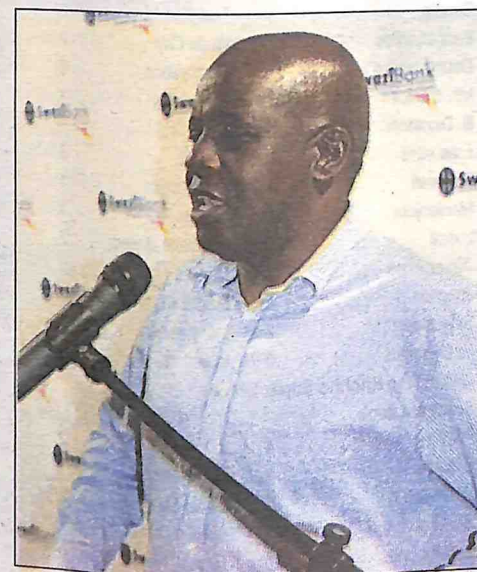
BUFFALOES VS CITY: Young Buffaloes PRO Sandile Gwebu shaking hands with Midas City counterpart Guy Magongo.

YOUNG BUFFALOES F.C.	Vs	MIDAS CITY F.C.	
MANZINI WANDERERS F.C.	Vs	VOVOVO F.C.	
MATSAPHA UNITED FC	Vs	MANZINI SUNDOWNS F.C.	
MBABANE HIGHLANDERS F.C.	Vs	TAMB'ITI F.C.	

TIGHT DRAW: The draw stands like this.



TRANSPARENT: Lukhele making sure that everything went smoothly.



IN CHARGE: Chairman of the tournament Johannes Sibozza directing the proceedings.

MBABANE SWALLOWS VS AZAM FC



BALL SHIELDING: Azam FC's Yakub Mohammed trying to mark Mbabane Swallows' Sandile Hlatshwako during the CAF Confederation Cup second leg at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



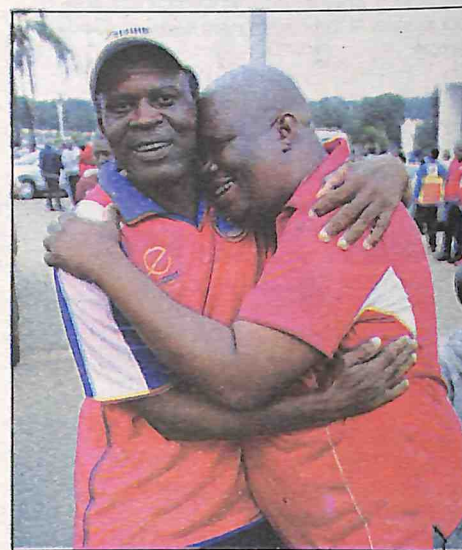
DON'T FOLLOW ME, FOLLOW THE BIRDS: Mbabane Swallows fans celebrating one of their three goals against Azam FC.



CAUTIOUS: One of Azam officials carrying the team's jersey in readiness for the kick-off.



STOP ME IF YOU CAN: Third goalscorer Sandile Hlatshwako being congratulated by 'Samba Jive' Nhleko.



SWALLOWS FOR LIFE: Sikontla and Gcina Dlamini celebrating the victory.



MY BALL: Salum Abubakar winning the ball from Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze.

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● Arsenal Manager Arsene Wenger plans to stay for one more year at the club but doubts remain over the future of Gunners playmaker Mesut Ozil, 28. (*Daily Mail*)



● The Gunners have approached Borussia Dortmund for their manager Thomas Tuchel, 43, to replace Wenger. (*Bild via Daily Star*)

● Chelsea believe they are in a strong position to sign Monaco midfielder Tiemoue Bakayoko, 22. (*Daily Mirror*)

● Real Madrid forward Gareth Bale, 27, is unhappy at having to play on the left-wing as the Spanish club's Manager Zinedine Zidane tries to accommodate Cristiano Ronaldo's desire to play further up field. (*Diario Gol via Daily Express*)



● Barcelona are lining up Liverpool's Philippe Coutinho, 24, and Paris St-Germain's Marco Verratti, 24, as replacements for 32-year-old midfielder Andres Iniesta, whose current contract expires at the end of next season. (*Daily Mirror*)

● Spurs and Liverpool will battle to sign Porto forward Moussa Marega, currently on loan at Vitoria Guimaraes. The 24-year-old has been nicknamed 'the Malian Jamie Vardy' and has a £35m release clause. (*Sun*)

● Tottenham are targeting AC Milan midfielder Suso, 23, as a potential summer signing. The Spaniard previously played in the Premier League for Liverpool. (*Daily Mirror*)



● Former Italy boss Cesare Prandelli, 59, claims he turned down an approach from Leicester City after the way they treated Claudio Ranieri. (*Sun*)

● Sunderland boss David Moyes, 53, has the support of owner Ellis Short and Chief Executive Martin Bain despite the Black Cats being seven points from safety at the bottom of the Premier League. (*Sunderland Echo*)

● Everton midfielder Tom Cleverley, 27, is one game away from triggering a clause in his deal to sign permanently for Watford this summer. The England international joined the Hornets on loan for the season in January. (*Watford Observer*)

● Crystal Palace boss Sam Allardyce says it is the "chairman's responsibility" to keep 24-year-old winger Wilfried Zaha, who has been linked with Tottenham, at the club. (*Daily Telegraph*)

● Bournemouth want Arsenal and England midfielder Jack Wilshere beyond this season. Wilshere, 25, has been on loan at the Cherries since the end of August. (*Daily Echo*)



● Chelsea, who have a 10-point lead at the top of the Premier League, will be even stronger next season, according to Manager Antonio Conte. (*Daily Star*)

● Middlesbrough's caretaker manager Steve Agnew says his players were reacting to provocation after they clashed in the tunnel with their Manchester United counterparts following their game on Sunday. (*Daily Express*)



THE SUCKER PUNCH POW!

...with Mphikeleli Msibi

[STRIKING, STRAIGHT AND STRENGTHENED]

Take a bow for Mbabane Swallows

RED and white glamour giants Mbabane Swallows are in a league of their own.

The 'Birds,' as they are popularly known, have clearly come of age.

The stunning victory over Tanzania's Azam FC on Sunday at the Somhlolo National Stadium did not only demonstrate just how matured, how seasoned and how mellowed this star-studded ensemble is but went on to prove that their dominance in the local front has been no fluke.

The manner in which they ruthlessly swept aside the bemused visitors was testimony enough that the Mbabane giants are no longer the region's whipping boys, who would freeze when it mattered the most. In the past, visiting teams would bully the Mbabane giants even at home, on and off the field that is. This is a different Swallows team altogether. The years spent campaigning in the continental competitions is paying off.

Team boss Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze's vision is finally taking shape. If there is one man who deserves all the glory, then it is Gamedze. His persistence, perseverance and resolve in ensuring that the team were consistent campaigners in the continental competitions, where they have amassed invaluable experience is now paying off.

It is no miracle the red and white side has for the first time qualified for the play-offs of the prestigious continental competition. They have worked hard. It has been sweat, tears and blood. They are an organised team that has become wiser and shrewder over the years.



Previously, their opponents would bully Swallows into submission. Not this current Swallows team. They are unshakable and unflinching. They have set sights on the bigger prize and it is showing. Well done to them for reaching this stage of the competition for the first time. This Swallows team has become the greatest in the team's 69-year old history. How wonderful that just on the eve of their 70th Anniversary Celebrations, the Mbabane giants would make such a breakthrough in the continental tournament. It is a landmark achievement, one that will be told from generation to generation. It is a milestone, ground-breaking and significant achievement, which cannot be ignored. They are becoming local football's barometer with each passing season. They are the measurement and the gauge of the local game.

Coming to the game on Sunday, my only worry was seeing that the team had no proven substitute on the reserves' bench. In actual fact, Swallows only had 11 players on the day in the absence of the suspended combative and workaholic midfielder Papy Kabamba Tshitshimbi, the team's 'Iron Man'.

That is why the team finished the game with the 11 players, who had started it. It was risky business really but we are glad things turned out the way they did.

The game plan was flawless. With Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu being assigned the anchorman role, the 'Birds' were at their creative best.

The left footed midfielder, who has had a season to forget by his standards, easily pulled the strings in the belly of the park and was involved in the all-too-important goal scored by the sensational Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa. Easily slicing through the opponents' defence just like a hot knife going through butter, Ndlovu then picked the razor sharp forward with an inch perfect pass for the opener.

The battle was always going to be decided in the belly of the field and with Ndlovu seemingly enjoying a new lease on life alongside the 're-born' Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze, Swallows were always going to have the edge.

In fact, the whole Swallows' machinery was functioning on the day. They were like a well-oiled unit and with twin strikers Sandile Hlatjwako and Ndzinisa being given so much space; it appeared to be a

matter of time before they rattled the net after fluffing numerous scoring opportunities in the opening minutes, as they searched for an early goal. It is a mystery that it took them 40 minutes before they could find the opener. As to how Azam held on for so long, only the gods would know.

In experienced wingers, Tony 'TT' Tsabedze and Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko, Swallows have gold. The two seasoned and gifted wingers give Swallows the cutting edge with their experience. They give them balance. Nhleko's scorcher, which was the second goal, was so beautiful, many would not mind watching it over and over again. It was a humdinger. A team goal, as over five players combined beautifully before the veteran winger rattled the net with the precision of a gynaecologist. I say he should not be allowed to retire from Sihlangu. The country still needs him. And new Sihlangu coach, Peter De Jongh must surely have been impressed. Wonder's name may have been the first on the new coach's list of players he will need.

Overall, it was obvious Swallows had done their homework. And by ensuring that the visitors, who came to Somhlolo enjoying a solitary goal lead from the first leg game did not score, half the job had already been done.

It is extremely difficult to stop Swallows from scoring if they are in the mood. On Sunday, they were definitely in a party mood.

Swallows should be cautious going to the next stage of the competition though. It is about to get tougher.

Gwaza Mkhonto Ka Shaka!

DRAW SETS UP EXCITING #YELELE QUARTERFINALS

THE SwaziBank Cup quarter-finals draw held yesterday intensified the excitement and suspense as the remaining top flight clubs wearily eye their lower division contenders for the coveted E1million first prize.

The quarterfinals draw follows the thrills of the last 16 fixtures where a number of top teams were given scares by lower league opposition.

National First Division ambitious side Matsapha United produced the biggest surprise of the last 16 when they beat defending champions Mbabane Swallows, while Royal Leopard were booted out by another NFD side Vovovo.

The SwaziBank Cup is testimony that no matter who or what the opposition is; guts, determination, and being part of the right team can help you achieve the seemingly impossible.

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As a bank with a heart, SwaziBank continues to partner and empower communities, current and future stars with the resources, opening of accounts, competitions and promotions.

The round of last 16 set the bar very high this year and I hope that the quarterfinals will continue on that path. We look forward to more exciting football and a plethora of goals.

SwaziBank Cup quarterfinals draw:

Young Buffaloes	vs	Midas City
Mbabane Highlanders	vs	Tambuti
Matsapha United	vs	Manzini Sundowns
Manzini Wanderers	vs	Vovovo

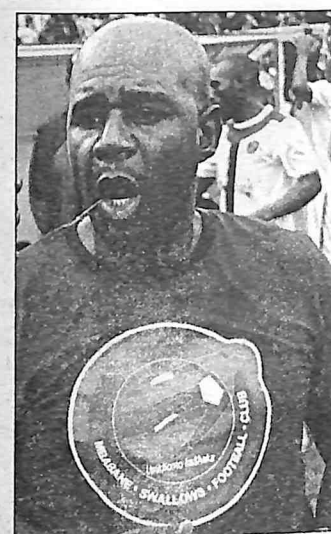
...But 'Koki' should wake up

THE team's technical bench headed by Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati almost let the entire nation down by failing to read the game well.

With about eight minutes to go and the score already 3-0 in favour of the local side, one would have expected the Swallows' technical bench headed by Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati to wake up and smell the coffee.

At that time, the visitors were all over Swallows. Had it not been for the brilliant goalkeeping of Swaziland's finest shot stopper, Sandile 'Nkomishi' Ginindza, we would be talking a different story today.

It was obvious that the Swallows defence was under extreme pressure and needed a break. 'Koki' could have seized the opportunity to substitute any one or two of his players just to kill off the tempo of the game and of course apply some 'decent' delaying tactics. It happens all over the



world. It was worse when the fourth official indicated that four minutes would be added on and still Vilakati and his assistants could not see that this was the perfect opportunity to give his defenders a break by breaking the visitors' rhythm.

Fortunately, things did not end badly but heading to tougher games now, as a coach, one expects Vilakati to know this.

FA VOTED FOR AHMAD DURING CAF ELECTIONS

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCKER – THE cat is finally out of the bag, National Football of Swaziland voted for Madagascan Ahmed Ahmed in the CAF elections held last Friday.

According to a list released to this publication, the national mother body through its President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa voted for Ahmed, ending Cameroonian Hayatou 29-year-old as the head of the continents governing mother body.

He joined the likes of COSAFA President Phillip Chiyangwa from Zimbabwe, South Africa's Danny Jordan and Zambia's Andrew Kamanga, who also voted for the new leader.

When quizzed about the news,

The list of the voters:

Issa Hayatou Camp

Anjorin Moucharafou (Benin Republic), Sidiki A Roko (Cameroon), Victor Osorio (Cape Verde), Andres-Jorge Mbomio (Equatorial Guinea), Pierre Alain Mounquengui (Gabon), Lamin Kaba Bajo (The Gambia), Mohamed Souare (Guinea), Augustino (South Sudan), Manuel Lopes Nascimento (Guinea Bissau), Jafaar (Libya), Vincent Nzamwita (Rwanda), Ravia Idarus Fahinda (Zanzibar), Jamal Malinzi (Tanzania), Mohamed Raouraoua (Algeria), Augustin Senghor (Senegal), Reverien Ndikuriyo (Burundi), Kossi Akpovy (Togo), Tourqui Salim (Comoros), Abdiqani Said Arab (Somalia), Mutasim Gafaar Sirelkhatim (Sudan)

Ahmad camp

Mclean Letshwiti (Botswana), Edouard Ngaissona (Central Africa Republic),

Mahamoud Mactar (Chad) Souleiman Hassan Waberi (Djibouti), Jean Michel Mbono (Congo), Domingos Monteiro (Sao Tome e Principe), Omani Constant Selemari (DR Congo), Augustin Sidy Diallo (Cote d'Ivoire), Boubacar Diarra (Mali), Hany Abo Rida (Egypt), Elvis Chetty (Seychelles), Juneidi Tilmo (Ethiopia), Kwesi Nyantakyi (Ghana), Salemane Phafane (Lesotho), Ahmad Ahmad (Madagascar), Walter Nyamilandu (Malawi), Mohamed Ally Samir Sobha (Mauritius), Fouzi Lekjaa (Morocco), Alberto Junior (Mozambique), Frans Mbidi (Namibia), Melvin Amaju Pinnick (Nigeria), Isha Johansen (Sierra Leone), Sita Sangare (Burkina Faso), Danny Jordaan (South Africa), Adam Mthethwa (Swaziland), Musa Bility (Liberia), Wadie Jary (Tunisia), Moses Magogo (Uganda), Andrew Kamanga (Zambia), Phillip Chiyangwa (Zimbabwe), Ahmed Yahya (Mauritania), Nicholas Mwenda Kithuku Artur de Almeida (Angola)

FA Media Officer Muzi Radebe declined to commit himself on the matter.

"I cannot commit myself on such matters since voting is confidential and it would be wrong for me

to release any information regarding the recently held CAF elections," he said.

'Bomber' was heard on national radio saying change is good.



VOTED: President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa.

'Downs wanted to beat the champions – Mbongwa

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCKER – YOUNG Buffaloes coach Mbongwa Dlamini said he was happy his side managed to salvage a draw against Manzini Sundowns because their opponents showed they wanted to beat the champions with their determined performance.

"Their performance showed they wanted to beat the champions. Sundowns really gave us a run for our money and I am happy my boys managed to come back. A draw is always better than a loss in this type of games."

He said the players fought until the end. "All in all, I am happy with the performance today (Sunday). We were unlucky because we created so many scoring opportunities that we should have easily scored, but we missed them."

His Sundowns counterpart, Penuel Malinga was also upbeat about their performance.

"I am happy with the performance the boys gave today. In the first half, I think that's when we really played very well. We linked up well and the trans-

sition was smooth, hence we managed to score the opener. In the second half, fatigue killed us. Our legs couldn't carry us any longer, and I'm happy we got a draw against the log leaders.

We must not forget that after all, this is a development side. We start competing in the Under-20's stage, so that's what we are training these boys for."



LIKHWA THE HERO AS 'BUFFS' HELD BY 'DOWNS'

By Sibusiso Dlamini
Manzini

Sundowns..... (1)1
Young Buffaloes..... (0)1

SOCCKER – YOUNG Buffaloes Under-17 lethal forward Likhwa Manyatsi was the hero once again for the army side when his 81st minute header cancelled out Kaylen Henwood's early strike to salvage a point for the log leaders.

His contribution on the day shrugged of a determined performance by Manzini Sundowns.

This was during the E200 000 Esibayeni Lodge League match played at the Old Trade fair ground on Sunday. The 'Kappa Boys' started the match like a house on fire as they would now and again string decent passes in the final third which resulted in a couple of scoring opportunities.

Their hard work finally paid off in the 28th minute

when captain Mthunzi Zwane picked Henwood Kaylen, just outside the area box, and the enterprising midfielder made no mistake and registered the opener with a stellar finish.

The match went to the break with Sundowns leading by the solitary goal. Buffaloes came back a much stronger side in the second half as they were firing on all cylinders, searching for the elusive equaliser. 'Amathole

Ezinyathi' created chances but strikers Likhwa Manyatsi and Siyabonga Gumedze missed great opportunities. Manzini Sundown's on the other hand, were determined to keeping 'Buffs' at bay, and then catching them on the counter for the winner.

The Mbongwa Dlamini led charges rallied on, and it was once again trusted servant, Likhwa Manyatsi, who rose to the occasion when he headed in an inch-perfect Lindani Matsenjwa cross on the left flank, to register his 13th goal of the campaign.

The match ended in a 1-all draw.



By Sibusiso Masilela

Revenge mission reigns in SwaziBank Cup quarterfinals draw

SOCCKER – THERE is always pay-back time, and this will be the situation when the teams take to the field of play in the SwaziBank quarterfinals.

All the quarterfinalists have previously met each other this season in different competitions and the SwaziBank Cup last eight draw has given teams an opportunity to avenge

early pain inflicted by their opponents. The games will be played next month on the weekend of April 1-2. Capital city giants Mbabane Highlanders have a date with their

hoodoo side Tambuti FC, a team that has beat them in the league and in the cup competition.

Army side Young Buffaloes will be out to avenge themselves when they

take on Midas City, who beat them 1-0 in their recent meeting.

We interviewed the teams' PRO and this is what they said:

Sandile Gwebu (Young Buffaloes)

"This is a tricky draw for us since we will be facing a team that has recently beaten us in the league. It was a wakeup call for us and now it is time to go and prepare for the match and strive for the best result. We will be all out in this match," he said.



Guy Magongo (Midas City)

"This is a fair draw for us and we will prepare hard for this match in order to advance to the semi-finals stage of the tournament. We have to put an extra effort as a team to win this match," he said.



Berger Nxumalo (Manzini Wanderers)

"Vovovo owes us big time because of what they did during our previous cup meeting. Let me assure every Wanderers supporter that Vovovo will not beat us this time around. We will give it our best shot in this competition," he said.



Stan Dlamini (Vovovo)

"This is going to be a tough match but we are not unfazed since it is part of our mandate to play in the Africa Cup where we want to compete next season after winning the SwaziBank Cup. We will put up a good fight during the match to keep our dream alive," he said.



Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini (Matsapha United)

"We expected to pick any team at this stage of the tournament and since we have picked Manzini Sundowns, we will be going out for revenge after they beat us in our previous cup competition meeting. Our coach is already preparing the players for this battle," he said.



Muzi Matsenjwa (Manzini Sundowns)

"This is a tricky draw for us since we will be facing Matsapha United but we are not threatened and intimidated by their cup form. Our Premier League experience will be the cutting edge for us in the match. We are looking forward to this match," he said.



Mphumekelo Mnisi (Mbabane Highlanders)

"This is a must win match for us since we have already lost twice to Tambuti this season. We want to turn the tables this time around and kick them out of this tournament. We are determined to revive our glory days by winning this competition and our journey goes via Tambuti FC," he said.

Nathie Dlamini (Tambuti FC)

"This is a tough draw for us as we will be playing against Mbabane Highlanders for the fourth time this season. We will not sit back but fight to make it through to the next round. We will prepare hard for the match and strive for another win against them," he said.



Neymar admits desire to play in the EPL



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TIGHT AFFAIR: Manzini Sundowns Muzi Matsenjwa with Matsapha United's Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini.



WE MEET AGAIN: Highlanders PRO Mphumelelo Mnisi and Tambuti counterpart Nathie Dlamini.

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● Games to be played on the weekend of April 1-2

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - THE much anticipated SwaziBank Cup quarter-finals draw has produced nothing but epic encounters with Manzini Sundowns and giant slayers Matsapha United headlining the draw.

The last eight draw was conducted at the bank's auditorium yesterday.

All eyes were on the National First Division leaders, popularly known as the 'Deep Blue Ocean' who eliminated defending champions Mbabane Swallows in a tightly contested clash that ended 2-1.

The Saul Chaminuka-led side will engage in a vengeance clash against Sundowns, who knocked them out of the Ingwenyama Cup last 16.

Speaking of vengeance, all the

hosting teams in Young Buffaloes, Mbabane Highlanders and Manzini Wanderers have a score to settle with their opponents.

Young Buffaloes recently suffered their third league defeat of the season at the hands of Midas City whom they were drawn against in the tournament.

The two sides locked horns in the last 16 of the same tournament last season and Young Buffaloes triumphed after penalty shootouts.

Manzini Wanderers were victims of giant slayers after going down 4-2 against Vovovo in the

last 16 of the recently ended Ingwenyama Cup tournament.

Tambuti have proven to have the upper hand over Mbabane Highlanders and the Lubombo based side didn't just knock the capital city giants out of the Ingwenyama Cup quarterfinals but avenged their 4-0 first round league defeat with a 2-1 victory at Mayaluka Stadium last weekend.

The head to head stats fuel the excitement going to the quarterfinals games.

The tournament's management committee Chairman Johannes

Siboza said the games would be played on the weekend of April 1-2.

Siboza went on to congratulate Swallows on their CAF Confederations 3-0 victory over Azam United at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

Swallows are participating in the tournament by virtue of being the SwaziBank Cup champions and Siboba urged this year's winners to represent the country well in the tournament the same way Swallows were doing.

"People have been dying from suspense and wanted to know who their teams would be up against in the quarterfinals. The games will be staged in the first week of April and other logistics will be announced in due time. We urge for co-operation from all stakeholders for the smooth running of the games," he said.

The full draw:

Young Buffaloes	vs	Mbabane Midas City
Manzini Wanderers	vs	Vovovo
Matsapha United	vs	Manzini Sundowns
Mbabane Highlanders	vs	Tambuti

'Birds' to know CAF opponents today

By Sabelo Majola

SOCCER - THE country's CAF Confederation Cup envoys Mbabane Swallows will know their play-offs opponents today.

The draw will be conducted at the CAF headquarters in Cairo, Egypt, early today.

This is according to information sourced from the CAF website.

The draw will pit the qualified teams from the 1/16th final of the Total CAF Confederation Cup 2017 against the losers from the 1/16th final of the Total CAF Champions League 2017 for a place at the group stage of the Total CAF Confederation Cup 2017.

The first leg matches will take place on the weekend of April 7-9 and the return leg on the weekend of April 14-16, 2017.

As revealed by the team's players after their 3-0 victory over Tanzania side Azam, Swallows' target in the competition is to reach the group stages and the ticket to their objective is winning the next two legged round. This is the first time in the history of Mbabane Swallows to have gone this far in the tournament. The 'Beautiful Birds' beat Azam 3-1 on aggregate to make it through to this stage of the tournament. Swallows lost 0-1 in Tanzania in the first leg before winning 3-0 on Sunday in the second leg. They first beat Orapa United from Botswana in the preliminary round. They won 1-0 away before winning 3-2 in the second leg at Somhlolo National Stadium.

Qualified teams from CC 1/16th final:

MC Alger, JS Kabylie (Algeria), Recreativo do Libolo (Angola), ASEC Mimosas (Cote d'Ivoire), El Masry, Smouha (Egypt), MAS Fes, Ittihad Tanger (Morocco), Rayon Sports (Rwanda), Hilal El Obeid (Sudan), Mbabane Swallows (Swaziland), Platinum Stars, Supersport United (South Africa), Club Africain, CS Sfaxien (Tunisia), Zesco United (Zambia)

Losers from CL 1/16th final:

RC Kadiogo (Burkina Faso), AC Leopards (Congo), AS Tanda (Cote d'Ivoire), TP Mazembe (DR Congo), Gambia Ports Authority (Gambia), Horoya (Guinea), CNaPS (Madagascar), AS Port Louis (Mauritius), FUS Rabat, Wydad Athletic Club (Morocco), Ferroviario Beira (Mozambique), Rivers United, Rangers (Nigeria), Bidvest (South Africa), Young Africans (Tanzania), KCCA (Uganda).

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