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(Pic: Wonderboy Dlamini)



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INDUSTRIAL COURT STOPS ANOTHER LEGAL STRIKE

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

THE strike that was supposed to start today by National Public Service and Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU) has been stopped by the Industrial Court.

The court made a decision to stop the strike yesterday, after government approached the Industrial Court to seek for an order interdicting the strike that was set to start today.

The matter between government and NAPSAWU was heard in the

judge's chambers yesterday.

NAPSAWU served a notice to strike last Wednesday.

The notice was to inform government of the union's intention to go on strike, starting today. NAPSAWU was trying to make a correction on the judgment issued by the Industrial Court last week Sunday. The court ordered NAPSAWU and SNAT to stop going on strike, after government filed an application seeking that order.

The court said the strike proposed by NAPSAWU was not valid due to not issuing the notice on time as

required by Section 86(8) of the Industrial Relations Act of 2000 as amended.

SNAT was told to go on strike from November 23, this year. According to sources within NAPSAWU, they were supposed to issue the notice to government (the employer) in not less than 48 hours before the start of the strike.

Yesterday, according to sources, government approached the Industrial Court again to try and stop NAPSAWU from going on strike. Government's argument is that NAPSAWU, like SNAT, is supposed to

go on strike from November 23.

What surprised NAPSAWU members was that Industrial Court Judge Dumisani Mazibuko had not given such an order to NAPSAWU, but only SNAT. The only problem with NAPSAWU was the notice, which is said to have not been issued timely. That confusion called on the Industrial Court judge to call the two parties to his chambers to clarify what he meant when issuing the judgment, concerning NAPSAWU.

According to a source within government, it emerged during the proceedings of the matter that part of

the judgment had been omitted, giving a distorted meaning to the judgment. A certain paragraph of the judgment is said to have been missing. That paragraph, according to the source, stated that NAPSAWU could only file a notice only after November 23, 2018 because at that time, a government would be in place. Clerks of the Industrial Court, according to the source, were blamed for this mess.

NAPSAWU Secretary General Celumusa Tembe preferred not to comment on the matter when called yesterday. He said the position that had been taken was difficult and he needed some time to issue an informed comment. He politely asked to make a comment today.

WILD SNAT MEMBERS SLAMMED FOR ASSAULTING SWAZI OBSERVER JOURNALIST

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

CASES of assault on local journalists have escalated in recent times but no one has been held accountable thus far, MISA has noted.

The Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) and the Swaziland Media Consortium (SMC), yesterday in a statement condemned the prevalent violent acts against media practitioners in their line of duty.

"Towards the end of September, Swazi Observer photojournalist, Mduduzi Mngomezulu was assaulted by members of the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) during their march to deliver a petition to the US Embassy Office. They confiscated his camera preventing him from carrying out his duties. Times of Swaziland Sunday, journalist Welcome Dlamini was also attacked by Siphofaneni market vendors, thanks to the transport operators who came to his rescue.

Peacemakers

Dlamini's assailants claimed to be supporters of Siphofaneni Member of Parliament candidate Gumdwane Gamedze who lost in the secondary race. They blamed the media for his loss. We are deeply concerned that it happened in the month of our commemoration of International Day for Universal Access to Information. It is worrisome that the police officers at Siphofaneni Police Station preferred to act as peacemakers instead of law enforcers in a criminal matter," reads the statement.

MISA appealed to Royal Eswatini Police (REP) National Commissioner Isaac Magagula to stop the habit of running to the state-broadcast-

● Is NatCom really waiting for a journalist to be killed before enforcing the law? Safety and protection of journalists should be his top priority as a protector of all Emaswati because information poverty prevents the nation from participating meaningfully in the Tinkhundla-based participatory democracy as well as forging ahead to attain the First World status



WILD: The last picture which our photographer managed to take before he was attacked and beaten by some of the teachers (circled) during the delivery of a petition at the American Embassy.
(Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

er to condone violent acts perpetrated against journalists, but see to it that the culprits are brought to book.

"We implore him to act professionally (*avutse bhe*) by enforcing the law without fear or favour. None has been brought to book though assaulting journalists inside and outside their newsrooms is slowly becoming an order of the day. Is NatCom really waiting for a journalist to be killed before enforcing the law? Safety and protection of journalists should be his top priority as a protector of all Emaswati

because information poverty prevents the nation from participating meaningfully in the Tinkhundla-based participatory democracy as well as forging ahead to attain the First World status," reads the statement. Mngomezulu was attacked by possessed SNAT members last week during a march by teachers to present a petition at the US Embassy. The mob attacked the journalist while in the line of duty.

He was kicked, shoved and had his camera confiscated. He was saved by a reluctant section of the SNAT executive.

Old SNAT executive hands over power to new blood

By Nozipho Sibiya

THE outgoing SNAT executive committee handed over the reins to the new committee headed by President Mbongwa Dlamini.

According to a reliable source, the hand over took place on Tuesday at the SNAT centre. "They had a handover meeting at the SNAT centre," stated a source within the SNAT structures. The proposed meeting on Saturday will be directed by the new executive committee.

Elected

Mbongwa replaces Freedom Dlamini, who has been holding the position for the past two years. Prominent football administrator Celucolo 'Dino' Dlamini was elected Deputy President. The flamboyant long serving Deputy Secretary Sikelela Dlamini replaced Zwelithini Mndzebele in the Secretary General position. Other members of the new-look national executive committee (NEC) include Simanga Khumalo, who is the Deputy Secretary General, Sithebe Khambule, who is the treasurer, Mlondi Dlamini who is the Organising Secretary and Emmanuel Dlamini, who is the recording secretary.

Exams Council selects examination markers

By Nozipho Sibiya

EXAMINATIONS Council of Swaziland Registrar Dr Edmund Mazibuko said all external examinations markers, who are teachers have been selected and trained.

He said they were currently in a process of sending formal letters to those that have been selected to mark the exams.

He also mentioned that they received overwhelming numbers of teachers who wanted to mark the external exams.

However due to the fact that there is a certain criterion of selection, they ended up not accommodating all the teachers that had applied for the task.

He advised parents and pupils not to

panic as the exam scripts would be marked without fail. He requested that they concentrate on the ongoing examinations.

The Form Five examinations began on Monday under tight police security.

Mazibuko said teachers would be marking the exams papers especially because they would be paid for that.

He said this was an individual decision, so each individual knows what he or she wants. Meanwhile, Mazibuko stated that exams were smooth going in almost every school of the country. He also stated that he didn't have the exact number of the Exams Council officers deployed to the schools.

On Monday, exams papers were brought to schools by police in collaboration with the Exams Council officers.

Form III, Standard V exams start on Oct 22, Nov 5

By Nozipho Sibiya

FORM Three final examinations will commence on October 22 while

the Swaziland Primary Certificate (SPC) known as Standard Five will start on November 5.

The Form Three external examinations will run until November 9 while

SPC will run until November 15.

This was confirmed by the Examinations Council of Swaziland (ECOS) Registrar Dr Edmund Mazibuko. Mazibuko said the Exams Council

will not reveal every detail of the external exams for now, instead they would continue updating the media with the exams dates for all the categories.

Advised

He advised pupils to come prepared

for the exams. "Pupils should study and come prepared for their exams," he said further stating that currently Form Three and Standard Five are doing practical and oral exams.

He said the teachers will be expected to have submitted the practical marks by the 31st of this month.

FOUR EX-MINISTERS TO LEAD BARNABAS' STATE FUNERAL

COVER STORY

By Sabelo Majola
Lozitha

FORMER Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini's state funeral will be held at his parental home in Ndzingeni next Saturday.

This was revealed by acting Prime Minister Vincent Mhlanga at a press conference held at the ministry of defence offices at Lozitha yesterday.

Mhlanga announced the funeral arrangements committee chaired by former Minister of Education and Training Phineas Magagula, responsible for preparations of the burial of the longest serving prime minister in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

Other members of the committee are former Minister of Economic Planning and Development Reverend Absalom Muntu Dlamini, former Minister of Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula,



ANNOUNCEMENT: Acting Prime Minister Vincent Mhlanga announcing the funeral date of the late former PM Sibusiso Dlamini at a press conference. The briefing was at the ministry of defence yesterday evening.

Magagula, Land Management Board chairman Clement Dlamini who is also a former cabinet minister and Reverend Nicholas Nyawo.

Advanced

"The arrangements of the state funeral are at an advanced stage and the committee will announce further details of the burial in due time," said Mhlanga

after announcing the committee.

The memorial service logistics are yet to be announced by the committee. The late former prime minister answered to the call of death last Friday while undergoing treatment at Mkihiwa Clinic in Manzini.

Dlamini's demise came at a time when the new government's induction

was on the cards and former legislators have decried the loss of the man they termed 'knowledgeable' stating that he still had a lot to offer in terms of consultations among other things.

Born on 15 May 1942, Dlamini served as Prime Minister of Eswatini from 1996 to 2003 and again from October 2008 to September 2018 before suc-

● Former Minister of Education and Training Phineas Magagula chairs the committee to lead the state funeral. Other members are former Minister of Economic Planning and Development Reverend Absalom Muntu Dlamini, former Minister of Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula, Land Management Board chairman Clement Dlamini who is also a former cabinet minister and Reverend Nicholas Nyawo

The funeral arrangement committee:

- Phineas Magagula-Chairman
- Reverend Absalom Muntu Dlamini
- Winnie Magagula
- Clement Dlamini
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cumbing to death after illness.

Condolences have been pouring in since Dlamini's death was confirmed by his sister Lomagugu. Dlamini has been described as a man who stood by his decision no matter what. Most of the cabinet team he led before his death heaped praise and described him as a true servant to the country.

Man (31) who speared schoolboy speaks out

Stories by Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

"THE boy has been sleeping with my wife for a very long time, and I tried to engage his family on the matter but it appeared to be all in vain".

This is the version given by the 31-year-old man who is alleged to have brutally killed a 17-year-old pupil in full view of his classmates. This was after he had suspected that he was having an illicit relationship with his wife. The tragic incident which has left pupils traumatised happened at St Holly Ghost Primary School on Monday. The school is situated at a remote rural area, KaShoba in the Lubombo region.

The suspect killer, Thabiso Dlamini made his first appearance before the Magistrate's Court yesterday. He is charged with murder, where it is alleged that he unlawfully and intentionally

killed one Melusi Bongiswa Gamedze by stabbing him with a sharp object from the back. Looking calm and collected, the accused was first ushered into the magistrate's chambers where he recorded a confession before a judicial officer.

Information gathered is that the accused person told the judicial officer that he was convinced that the deceased was having an affair with his wife as it had become common knowledge in the community.

Apparently, the accused spent most of his time at his workplace as he was employed by Inyatsi Construction.

In his confession statement, the accused is said to have stated that he attempted to have the matter amicably resolved at family level as he engaged the boy's family. He claimed that each time he visited the boy's family with the intention to discuss the matter the boy would bolt away upon seeing him entering the

premises.

He said at one instance, the boy's grandmother advised him to whip him upon meeting him on the streets.

"The problem is that each time I met him on the pathways, he would run away and outpace me, which is why I eventually decided to go meet him at school where I would find him inside a classroom," the accused is said to have stated. The accused said his initial intention was to have audience with the teenage boy and warn him against having an affair with his wife. He said however, he ended up stabbing him after he attempted to escape through a window.

Meanwhile, the accused person also made an appearance before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso where he was represented by Lawyer Mzobanzi Dlamini. The Crown filed an application to have the accused remanded into custody pending his committal to the High Court.

Principal blames it on lack of security guards at the school

PERHAPS if the school had a security guard manning the gate during lessons, the life of the Grade Seven pupil who was stabbed to death on Monday would have been spared.

Principal of the school, Patricia Magagula lamented financial constraints, saying that the school could not afford hiring enough security guards to man the gate at night and during the day. When asked about safety precautions at the school, the principal disclosed that the school only had a security guard at night.

During the day, the school gate is left open for anyone from the street to simply walk in and head to wherever he wanted. This puts the lives of pupils and teachers in serious danger. Magagula said the school was facing financial challenges, such that it could not afford hiring a security guard to work during



CONFESSION: The suspect killer, Thabiso Dlamini (31) who allegedly speared a schoolboy at St Holly Ghost Primary School as he suspected the pupil of having an affair with his wife being escorted by police after his appearance and confession at the Siteki Magistrate's Court yesterday.

the day. This is mainly because the school fully depends on government

funding, which in most instances, is insufficient.

MINISTRY SENDS PSYCHOLOGISTS TO ST HOLLY GHOST PRIMARY

SENIOR officials from the ministry of education and training yesterday descended to KaShoba area, to give emotional support to the traumatised pupils of St Holly Ghost Primary School following the brutal murder incident.

The officials were in the company of psychologists from the psychiatric centre, senior career guidance officers and police officers under the crime prevention unit. This was disclosed by Lubombo Regional Education Officer Dzabulase Mthupha when asked whether his office was doing anything to stabilise the mental state of the pupils following the incident.

Mthupha said the ministry found

it proper to conduct a thorough counselling for both the pupils and teachers.

The counsellors engaged the pupils according to their classes.

"The bottom line is that the mood here is still gloomy as the learners are still shocked from the incident. We are however hoping that after today, the situation will be better as we have professional psychologists engaging the pupils as we speak," said Mthupha. Apparently, the external class (Grade Seven) pupils will be starting their final exams on October 11. The deceased was doing the said grade when he was brutally stabbed to death.

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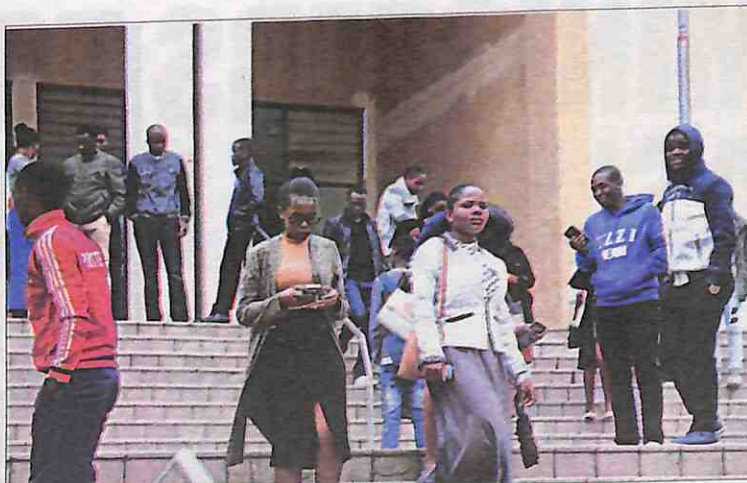
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BRIEFING: The Southern Africa Nazarene University (SANU) students with their lawyer Leo Dlamini after making his submission before acting Supreme Court Judge Judith Marry Currie at the High Court yesterday. This follows a judgment that was issued by the High Court which ordered that pending determination and outcome of an appeal noted by SANU against its judgment issued on September 14, the institution should register and allow the students into class within 14 days. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

SANU APPROACHING COURT WITH DIRTY HANDS ON APPEAL-STUDENTS' LAWYER

Stories by Sandile Nkambule
Supreme Court

The Southern Africa Nazarene University (SANU) has approached the Supreme Court with dirty hands in the current matter for an application to have a judgment of the High Court issued in favour of 84 students stayed pending an appeal the university had noted.

This was a submission made by lawyer Leo Ndvuna Dlamini yesterday who is representing the students during an application filed by SANU at the Supreme Court against the students.

This follows a judgment issued by the High Court which ordered that pending determination and outcome of an appeal noted by SANU against

its judgment issued on September 14, the institution should register and allow the students into class within 14 days.

Dlamini stated that immediately after the judgment of the High Court, the applicants were asked if they had intentions to file an appeal at the Supreme Court, and they replied to the negative, however the students were later served with a notice of appeal by SANU.

Delaying

This, according to Dlamini, is a clear indication that the university is delaying the students much to their prejudice as they suffer irreparable harm.

Making his submissions before Acting Supreme Court Judge Judith Marry Currie yesterday afternoon, Dlamini stated that they were anticipating that the applicant (SANU) would comply with the court order issued by Justice Nkosinathi Maseko that the students be registered pending the appeal at the Supreme court, but much to their surprise, the applicant contemptuously defied the order of court by preventing the students from going anywhere near the university.

Memo

Submitting a memo issued by the university and addressed to the students to Judge Currie over the bar, Dlamini submitted that the memo purporting to prevent the students from entering the university, is a clear indication that the institution is in complete violation of the court order since they are issuing their own orders and taking the law in to their own hands.

"My Lady we have been served with a memo ordering the students not to go to the university which is in complete disregard of the court aquo, this is clear contempt of court, the applicant was supposed to comply with the order of court and not to issue their own a civil contempt is a criminal offence punishable in law," Dlamini submitted.

Raising points of law, Dlamini submitted that the application for the stay of the execution of the High Court order by SANU should be dismissed with costs arguing that from evidence before the court aquo, there is no evidence that the results for the students were nullified arguing that the university did not prove in the court aquo that the students were involved in examination malpractice.

SANU adamant in closing university doors for students

THE SANU administration is adamant in closing doors for the 84 university students.

According to lawyer Fayia Tenbeh in his submissions, it is the applicant's (SANU) contention that the respondents (students) failed to substantiate grounds for irreparable harm on loss of time for study.

He submitted that the court aquo erroneously came to the conclusion that the students would suffer irreparable harm and prejudice due to loss of study time and that such a time would not be made up by SANU.

Fayia argued that should the order of the High Court as per Justice Maseko be executed, the 84 students will proceed studying in violation of SANU regulations adding that the SANU academic reputation would be compromised.

"As for the time loss in study, we submit that SANU has remedial measures in place to cover for the time lost by students, we humbly apply that the application for stay of the order of the court aquo be granted," he submitted.

He further submitted that since 95 per cent of the students are government sponsored.

Yesterday the Supreme Court was only dealing with the application filed by SANU for the stay of the execution of the High Court order to the effect that the students should be registered and enrolled at the institution pending determination and outcome of the appeal noted by SANU.

SANU applies for peace binding order

WITH the recent incident that saw students who are doing other courses at SANU boycotting classes in solidarity of the 84 students, the institution yesterday applied for a peace binding order before Acting Judge Judith Marry

Currie. "May we also make a formal application for peace binding as there has been violence at the university when the respondents demanded to effect the order, we have police reports attached to our papers to that effect,"

Currie.

When making his submissions, lawyer Fayia stated that as a result of the current status quo at SANU including the present litigation, there was violence at the university when the 84 students armed with the court order wanted to be allowed into class after being turned back by the institution.

"May we also make a formal application for peace binding as there was violence at the university when the respondents demanded

to effect the order, we have police reports attached to our papers to that effect," he submitted.

However, lawyer Leo Dlamini for the students argued that such could not have happened had the applicant (SANU) complied with the order of court.

Dlamini made it clear that the university brought such a situation upon itself since the students were armed with a court order

that they be registered and enrolled for their fourth academic year.

Submitted

Dlamini submitted that even the Manzini Police through their station commander did not assist SANU as they were aware that the students were armed with a court order alleging that SANU was in fact abusing the police by reporting that property was damaged during that action.



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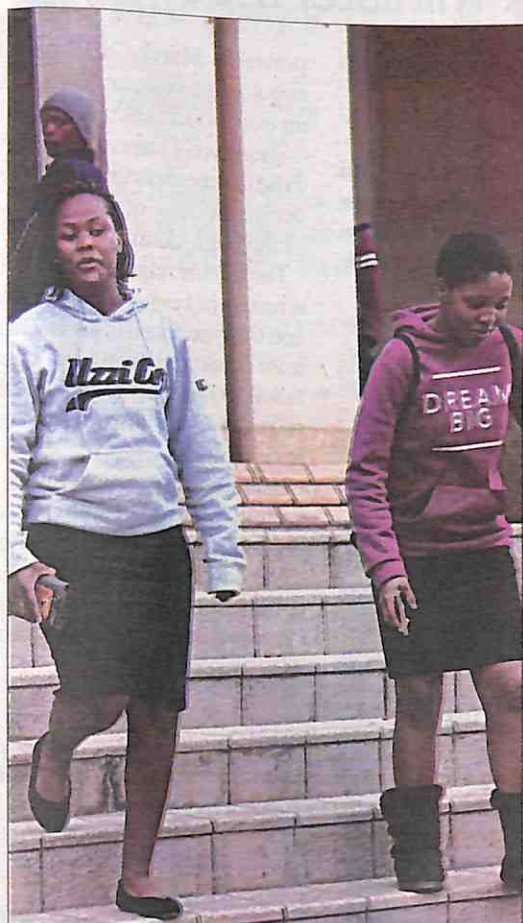
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WHAT NOW? SANU students listening to their lawyer outside the main entrance of the High Court building.



NOT A LAUGHING MATTER: Lawyer Leo Dlamini leaving after making his submissions.

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6 NATIONAL NEWS

OVER 620 000 SUBSCRIBERS REGISTER FOR MTN'S VELA

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

MTN has registered a total of 623 445 SIM cards in the past six months.

In September alone, about 77 091 SIM cards were registered across the country and it was noted that for most of the sites, the VELA registration team has managed to drastically bring down the number of SIM cards that remain unregistered.

This was revealed by MTN Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Luphondvo. He said from 100 000 unregistered SIM cards around Mhlaleni, they have since been reduced to about 3 094.

"MTN would like to register all SIM cards before the deadline, which is April, 2019.

With more SIM card registered, not only will subscribers be safe from harassment by strangers, but the ongoing challenge of SIM boxing is also expected to slightly decline. The SIM registration

exercise was officially launched on the first week of April and is led by the Eswatini Communications Commission. The SIM card registration is done in compliance with the laws of the country, one of which is the SIM Registration Regulation of 2016," he said.

Luphondvo said to stimulate interest in the exercise, the VELA activation team sets up gazebos and registers people in busy areas, located in all parts of the country.

Seamless

"MTN is working around the clock to ensure that SIM card registration process continues to be seamless, by reducing the number of SIM cards that have not been successfully verified, after registration.

To achieve this, agents who are facilitating SIM card registration have been further equipped with fresh skills on how they can reduce the incidence of registrations that have not been successfully verified. Once a SIM card is registered, information collected from

a subscriber needs to be verified by MTN back office. Once that is successful, confirmation for SIM registration can be ascertained and communicated to the subscriber through a Short Message Service (SMS)," he said.

Additionally, MTN has taken it upon itself to source inks for stamps to reduce rejection of registration on the basis of "faint stamps" in constituencies.

To be eligible to register, subscribers need to present their National ID cards and proof of residence which may be in a form of a utility bill.

"MTN is eternally grateful to its valued customers who have already come forward to register their SIM cards. Those who have not registered, are encouraged to do so, before the deadline, which is April, 2019," he added.

Luphondvo said the company further appreciated the support from the communications regulator who is also visibly encouraging subscribers to register their SIM cards before they are not switched off, come April, 2019.

Out of court settlement for ex-minister's 10 charges

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

FORMER Justice and Constitutional Affairs Minister Sibusiso Shongwe's corruption trial could not kick off yesterday morning.

Last Tuesday, the matter was postponed to yesterday as it was anticipated that the crown would read the charges to the former minister before parading witnesses.

Representing Shongwe yesterday was lawyer Vusi Thomo while South African Advocate Gareth Lapan who is instructed by Crown Counsel Thabo Dlamini approached Judge Mbutfo Mamba in his chambers where the matter was postponed to March, 2019 pending negotiations between the parties on an out of court settlement.

Shongwe's case was amongst those that are expected to be finalised before the close of the last session of the High Court.

The former minister was in 2014 arrested in connection to E2 million that was found in his law firm's trust account, which he allegedly failed to disclose its source when requested to do so by ACC Investigators.

His law firm practices under the style Sibusiso B Shongwe and Associates and is based in Mbabane.

Already there has been a pre-trial conference for the legislator and the crown is now expected to parade its witnesses.

Shongwe's charges

SHONGWE is facing a total of 10 charges and amongst these is defeating the ends of justice, according to the indictment filed at the High Court.

He is facing seven charges of contravening the Prevention of Corruption Act of 2006, one charge of defeating the ends of Justice, another for theft and the other for fraud.

Count One

The former minister is charged with contravening the Prevention of Corruption Act of 2006 in that on December 17, 2014 while at Mbabane, being a politician, he allegedly unlawfully accept or agreed to accept an advantage from another person who has links with Impunzi Wholesalers to the form of money amounting to E2million for his benefit and that of Impunzi in abuse of his position as a politician to an unauthorised inducement to bribe judicial officers. Alternatively, he is charged for abusing his position and authority and violating legal duties to bribe and influence.

Count two

Shongwe and his law firm Sibusiso Shongwe and Associates are charged under the same Act in that they jointly acted in furtherance of a common purpose by controlling funds amounting to E2million and upon being requested to give information on same failed to do so as requested by the ACC Commissioner.

Count three

while being a public officer he allegedly did control, pecuniary resources amounting to E2 million which was disproportionate to his present and past emoluments and failed to give explanation to ACC Commissioner.

Count four

Shongwe and his law firm are charged under the same Act in that they allegedly failed to disclose information in writing to Commissioner on E2million that was in law firm's Trust Account.

Count five

Shongwe alone on April 17, 2015 at Mbabane unlawfully accepted or agreed to accept from Michael Ramodibedi for his benefit through illegal, dishonest and biased manner or misuse of information required course or exercise or carrying out performance of judicial functions by Ramodibedi in a manner that amounted abuse of judicial position and violation of legal duties in unauthorised act of handling a warrant of arrest proceedings in High Court case 173/15

Count six

He is charged with defeating the ends of justice in that while he was a suspect in an investigation of criminal case 4/15 and case 173/15 Ramodibedi had presided over that matter and Fikile Nhlabatsi had provided administrative support in those proceedings, accused acting jointly with perpetrators stole a warrant of arrest application under case 173/15.

Count seven

He is charged with theft in that on April 17, 2015 at Mbabane, the accused person acting jointly with Ramodibedi and Nhlabatsi stole a warrant of arrest where the accused person was a suspect thus depriving the High Court and government of ownership of same.

Count eight

Shongwe is alleged to have while holding the position of minister of justice and constitutional affairs knew or ought to have known that Ramodibedi had committed an offence under Part III of the Prevention of Corruption Act Section 33(1) (b) and failed to report that knowledge to nay police officer.

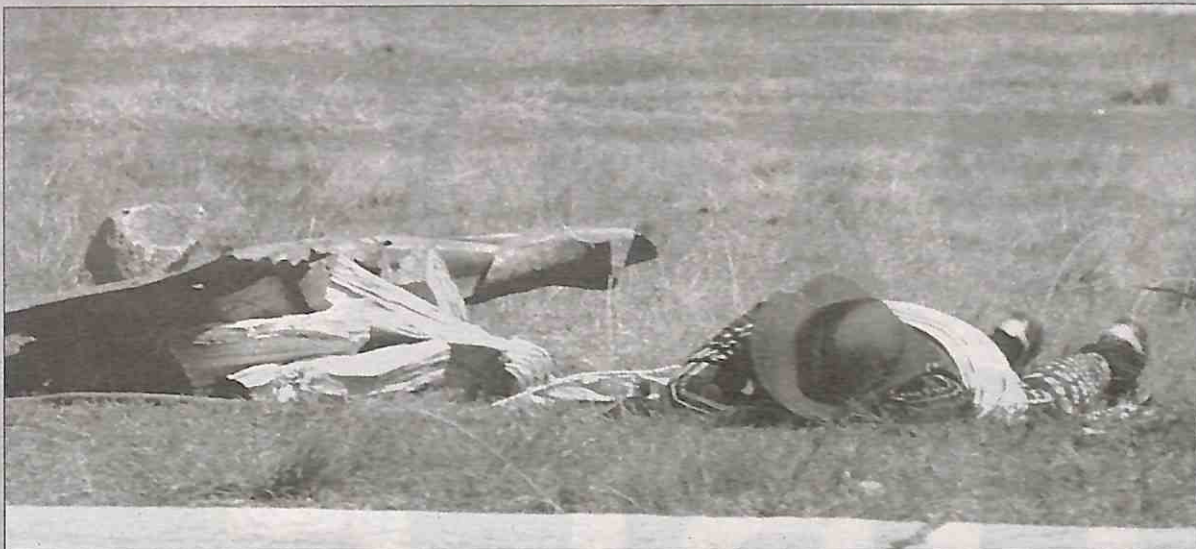
Count nine

Shongwe in alleged to have on March 12, 2014 directly or indirectly demanded from another person one Tsekane Shilubane immovable property Lot No 1532 situate at Mbabane Thembelinle Township to benefit either one or more of them through illegal, dishonest or biased manner and illegally transferred property to his name.

Count ten

he is charged with fraud in that he allegedly falsely and with intend to defraud, gave out and pretended to the Master of the High Court, Magistrate Court Judicial Officers, High Court and Supreme Court together with Christian Amoako Consultants and Thabiso Tsabedze that there was special power of attorney Paul Shilubane empowering Tsakane to dispose certain immovable property and that the accused was the owner of the property.

SLEEP HAS NO PLACE OR TIME



SLEEPING ON THE JOB: A street vendor fell asleep while waiting to start fire to braai some meat at Lobamba as the heat continued to take its toll in most parts of the Kingdom on Monday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Form V pupil misses exams as bail opposed

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

CHARGED with a string of armed robberies, a Form Five pupil in one of the reputable high schools in Manzini has already missed his exams and wants out of jail.

He has since filed an urgent application for bail at the High Court.

The pupil, who is charged with three of his suspected brothers in crime, yesterday had his application for bail postponed to the contested bail roll of the High Court as the crown is vigorously opposing the application.

The crown is vigorously opposing his bail application after the pupil violated his bail conditions in his initial bail by absconding his normal remand appear-

ances at the Manzini Magistrate's Court.

Appearing before Justice Mzwandile Fakudze yesterday morning, the 18-year-old whose identity has been deliberately withheld, was represented by Lawyer Beneme Makhosemvelo Dlamini.

Terrorised

According to the charge sheet, the pupil who is desirous to be released on bail is alleged to have with his alleged three brothers in crime, terrorised residents and businesspeople along the Matsapha Industrial site, Mbhuleni, Mbhikwakhe and Logoba corridor. They robbed different people of various sums of money and valuables.

The charge sheets states that the four are facing a total of 14 charges of armed robbery as they allegedly committed the offences while armed with bush knives, knives and other dangerous

weapons much against the violation of Section 3 (1) of the Dangerous Weapons Regulations of 1963.

Their victims were allegedly robbed of money in cash, bank cards, cell phones, clothing and other valuables including wrist watches.

The other suspects he is charged with are aged 20 and 22.

He submitted in his affidavit that he is still young and now misses school.

The young man added that he fears that his future would be jeopardised by his continued incarceration.

His father has annexed an affidavit stating that he is the parent and was the one who took his son to the police where he surrendered himself after being sought for failure to make court appearances and that he is prepared to stand in as surety for his son when granted bail.

AHF cares for 26 500 HIV patients

By Samkelisiwe Khoza
Mbabane

THE AIDS Healthcare Foundation celebrates (AHF) has celebrated one million HIV/AIDS patient care globally.

According to Dr Nkululeko Dube AHF Eswatini Programme Manager, the organisation celebrated an earlier milestone of 250 000 patients in care in November, 2013.

"In the two short intervening years until the announcement of 500 000 patients in November, 2015, AHF doubled the number of patients it reached. Prior to that, AHF marked 100 000 patients in care worldwide in 2009, a time when AHF operated in just 21 countries and with only 65 global treatment clinics total worldwide," he said.

Today, Dube said AHF provides in medical care and services in over 545 global treatment clinics in 40 other countries. He said last month, AHF Eswatini had surpassed 26 500 patients in care at its six dedicated clinics country wide.

Dube said this translated to about 14 per cent of the total patient population receiving care and treatment for HIV/AIDS in the Kingdom.

As a result, AHF is the largest non-governmental organisation offering HIV care in the country.

"About 26 500 Emaswati's lives are under AHF care and many more who are still alive in other facilities. We are supposed to have 15 000 patients in care by the year 2020, a target we now look set to double in the next 12 months. We are proud to play our part in saving lives and seeing infected people live fulfilling healthy lives," Dube said.

The manager acknowledged the country's government, the ministry of health, Manzini City Council, Matsapha Town Council, AMICAAL, Peak Timbers for the support they forward to them.

"We will continue to fight HIV/AIDS, the best is yet to come," said Dube.

In 2013, AHF kicked off Twenty Times Twenty a collective global advocacy campaign to try to get 20 million people living with HIV or AIDS worldwide in care and on treatment by the year 2020.

At the time, Dube said AHF made a commitment to get one million of those 20 million on treatment by 2020. He said the historic benchmark passed in September and the commitment was achieved two years earlier than 2020.



60 JOBS IN LIMBO as Nhlanguano Spar is taken over by new owners

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

ABOUT 60 jobs are in limbo at Nhlanguano Spar as new owners are taking over.

Nhlanguano Spar has been in existence for the past 18 years.

It is now being taken over by new owners.

This week, the employees were served with letters alerting them of the development, something which left a number of them perplexed with some also uncertain about their future. Insiders also revealed that some of the employees were called in groups to be served with letters notifying them that they would have their benefits paid at the end of this month as by the beginning of next month (November), the shop would be under new owners.

While the figure that is

employed by Nhlanguano Spar could not be easily ascertained, it's believed it is around 50 to 60 if not more than that.

Impeccable sources have further revealed that African Alliance which owns all Pick 'n Pay Supermarkets in the Kingdom of Eswatini has bought the shop (Nhlanguano Spar) and it will become Pick 'n Pay store.

Sold

"Some of us received the letters on Monday informing us that the shop has been sold to a local company and clearly stating that ownership is expected to change from November 1, 2018," said an insider.

It was also explained that the employees have been made aware that they will be paid all their benefits as required by the Employment Act.

In the possession of this newspaper is a copy of the letter

the employees were served with. It also highlights that the new owner will soon be starting the recruitment process and that the employees would have to apply if they are interested in being part of the staff under the new owners.

Philemon Tsabedze who is Nhlanguano Spar Branch Manager sounded blank about the issue despite claims that he was fully aware as the letters to the employees were served in his presence.

"I don't know what you are talking about, I have not heard anything like that," said Tsabedze when called yesterday. The issue is discussed in hush and low tones within Nhlanguano SPAR with several of the employees not comfortable being seen talking to reporters saying they feared being victimised or held responsible for leaking information.

Excerpt of the letter with
Nhlanguano Spar letterheads dated
September 30, 2018.

"THIS letter confirms the information given to you at the staff meeting this morning, that we have decided to sell Nhlanguano SPAR to a Swaziland company, African Alliance Swaziland (Pty) Ltd, and that ownership is expected to change from 1st November 2018.

African Alliance owns the entire Pick 'n Pay supermarkets in Swaziland, and Nhlanguano SPAR will become a Pick 'n Pay store.

We are required in terms of Sections 33.1 and 33bis (1) of the Employment Act to terminate the services of all employees and pay all their benefits due, up to the time ownership changes. Should this be 31st October 2018, then on that date, you will receive your final salary which shall include:

*October 2018 salary

*Accrued leave as at 31 October 2018, and

*Severance benefits as per the Basic Conditions of Employment (equal to 10 days' salary for every completed year of service, excluding the first year) which shall be (amount the employee to pocket) less any personal income tax (PAYE) that may be due as per the Swaziland Revenue Authority rates.

We will assist you in checking the accuracy of your final payments, any taxation liabilities, and also facilitate the completion and submission of your refund claim from the Swaziland National Provident Fund.

A certificate of Service will be issued at the time of your final payment.

All the above actions are a requirement of Government Labour Legislation and we are, by law, obliged to take this action on the sale of the business.

African Alliance will be seeking suitable staff and will shortly begin their recruitment processes. We are not involved in this process and it will be up to each individual to make application, in due course, should you be interested in seeking employment with the new owners.

Your service to our company is appreciated and we wish you well in the future and, in particular, that should you wish to make application for appointment by the new owners, that you will be successful.

Needless to say, your performance of your duties during the next month will be a positive factor in seeking new employment.

By Nozipho Sibiba
Mbabane

AN inmate tried his luck but in vain as he got captured and locked in jail, before he could vanish.

The male offender who is facing a murder charge was spotted by officers trying to escape through the wall of the centre.

His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) Public Relations Officer Gugulethu Dlamini said the inmate staged a daring attempt to escape from custody in broad daylight yesterday at the Mbabane Correctional Centre.

She said an attempt by the officers to stop the offender from committing yet another offense proved futile as he forcefully climbed the wall forcing his body through the razor wires and landed outside the centre. "Sensing that the offender was not prepared to comply with instructions, officers had no option but to chase after him," she said. While the chase ensued, the

Inmate tries to escape from jail but in vain

officers are said to have fired two warning shots in the air, cautioning the culprit to stop.

"He was eventually captured by the fast paced officers who apprehended him before he could disappear into the thick bushes near the Mbabane River," she said. HMCS Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase praised the officers for their vigilance and swift response in catching the inmate.

He thanked the officers for a job well done in bringing the culprit to book before he escaped to cause more havoc in the community. COMGEN praised the officers for their vigilance and teamwork. He said it was such vigi-



WELL DONE: HMCS Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase(c) pleased with his officers.

lance that played the vital role in spotting the offender on the act of escaping while working as a team. On the other hand, Ntshangase urged offenders to desist from the act of escaping from lawful custody. He said this was not helpful as it constituted another crime other than the ini-

tial offence faced by an offender. Instead of trying to escape, offenders are urged to serve their sentences. While in custody offenders are urged to take advantage of the various rehabilitation programmes aimed at transforming them into law abiding citizens.



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WATER IS LIFE: Borehole drilling at Meleti.



GIVING BACK: Mbongeni Gule provided employment for 20 residents.

Smallz for Divine Healing Ministries' worship and comedy Sunday

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

THE Matsetsa Divine Healing Ministries congregate will be treated to jokes and laughter as the church will host renowned comedian Smallz, real name Lungelo Gina.

The event which is dubbed 'worship and comedy Sunday' will be held this coming Sunday at the Matsetsa branch.

This was revealed by Divine Healing Ministries' Pastor Sikhumbuzo Shongwe who will be ministering the Word of God on the day.

Shongwe said they have invited newly elected Manzini North Member of Parliament Macford Sibandze as the guest speaker.

Sibandze is expected to deliver a motivational speech for the youth of the church. Artists who will be rendering music on the day are Phetsile Masilela, Khayaletu

Masuku, Vusi Siziba, Khayaletu Masuku and the church's Praise team. The event is scheduled to commence at 0930 hours and the entry is free.

"We invite members of the public to come in their numbers for a spiritual enriching gathering. We have a whole lot of acts lined up for the occasion and soul therapy in the form of comedy and the Word of God.

We have invited motivational speaker Macford Sibandze who has an inspiring message to share particularly with the youth of the church. We are also going to give thanks to God for the recently held national elections which were a success and we have business people around Siteki who will grace the event," he said.

Shongwe said the church has organised free transport for members of the public and it will depart from Siteki Park from 0900 hours and make stops to pick people along the way to Matsetsa.

'STJIFIRI' HAS MORE PROJECTS LINED UP FOR NDZINGENI

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

DESPITE losing in the race to the august house, Mbongeni 'Stjifiri' Gule has decided to continue with his charitable work for the Ndzingeni people.

Fresh from losing to Lutfo Dlamini in the secondary elections, Gule said he is ready to support and further assist in bringing development to the Ndzingeni constituency.

"Elections are over and I am fine with the results. It is also time for me to continue with the charity work I was doing for the people of Ndzingeni. In fact, what so ever I promised during our recent campaigns I will implement," Gule said.

On Tuesday, Gule visited Mgululu community where he is currently constructing a market for the women vendors there.

"Through our charity programme, I will be installing a borehole at Meleti next week. I am yet to install more boreholes around the constituency until the water crisis is conquered," he said.

"I am a resident of Ndzingeni and improving the place will not only benefit the residents, but me too. For me to continue with my charity work is to show that the target was not to win elections but to improve the lives of the people of Ndzingeni," he said.

Gule said he has however noted incorrect reports about alleged 300 duplicate votes that were made in Manzini.

"What shocks me is that I never posted anything on my Facebook page in relation with what is said in the article. Maybe an aggrieved person hacked my account and further posted whatsoever false information," he said.

Prior to the race to parliament, Gule had been doing charitable work around Ndzingeni wherein he installed three boreholes at Ndzingeni and Bulandzeni chiefdoms and further donated 180 pair of school shoes to needy pupil from primary schools under Ndzingeni.

What Gule has promised to do for Ndzingeni whether he is in parliament or not

- Installing borehole at Meleti
- Construction of market at Mgululu
- Repair boreholes around Ndzingeni
- Raising water tank at Mvuma



CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME: Tanks donated by Gule.



GOOD MAN: Donated water stands at Mvuma.



MAN OF GOD: Divine Healing Ministries' Pastor Sikhumbuzo Shongwe.



COMING: Gospel Artist Phetsile Masilela.

Gelane has nothing to say on ex-PM's death



NO COMMENT: Former Senate President Gelane Zwane.

Stories by Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

FORMER Senate President Gelane Zwane could not comment on the demise of former Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini.

Zwane politely asked not to say anything when sought for comment on the death of the former-PM.

"Can I please not comment my son, thank you," were her exact words through a phone interview before she hung up.

Dlamini succumbed to death last Friday night while admitted to Mkhiwa Clinic, where he was rushed to in the late afternoon.

The two have had public spats which were broadcasted by the media and at one instance; the senate president alleged that someone was out to take the king's powers, and it is alleged that she was referring to the late former-PM. Dlamini responded to the statement by claiming 'uyagula Gelane'.

The late Dlamini said he did not take what Zwane said personally because he was aware that she was a sickly person (uyagula) who had been away on sick leave.

Zwane then fired back at the former-PM by saying 'uyangicaphata' which is loosely translated 'he is mocking me'.

Ngoma condemns Emaswati making fun of ex-PM's death

FORMER Senate Deputy President Ngomuyayona Gamedze has lashed out on Emaswati who are making fun of the death of former Prime Minister Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini.

The enraged Gamedze said Emaswati are adopting an inhumane act, forgetting that death is a bridge that everyone will cross one day.

"Dlamini never appointed himself but he was entrusted with the responsibility of being the head of government by Their Majesties.

He took decisions and stood by them, he never left things hanging and very few people have that character.

It is very sad to see people making fun of his death, something which is totally against our culture as Emaswati.

You never speak ill of the dead because we are all going to die. Emaswati asangenwa ngumoya lomubi," he said.

Gamedze passed his condolences to the Dlamini family and the entire nation for the loss of the former PM.



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A CALL TO ALL RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) FORMULATION

MBABANE - The Municipal Council of Mbabane has embarked on the process of developing a 5-year plan for the City known as the Integrated Development Plan (IDP).

This is a super plan for the municipality that will give an overall framework for development during this period and the municipality calls upon residents and all stakeholders to participate during the development of the plan. Further information regarding meetings and other engagements will be communicated in

due course.

Its main aim is to co-ordinate the work of all players in the municipality especially central and local government as well as other service providers, in a coherent manner to improve the quality of life for all the people living in the City. It will take into account the existing conditions and problems and resources available for development.

The plan will look into economic and social development for the City as a whole, especially how land should be used, what infrastructure and services are needed and how the environment

should be protected.

The formulation of the IDP will be highly consultative involving all stakeholders of the City of Mbabane drawing on their views on what direction the City must take in its development.

These will range from residents of the City, businesses, the public sector and non-governmental organization. It is an all-inclusive undertaking. It is, therefore, crucial for all who are consulted to actively participate and make contributions and have their ideas captured.

This is the case because all subsequent plans and annual budgets of the municipality will be drawn from the IDP for the next five years which coincides with the term of office for Councillors.

As a comprehensive development plan, the IDP will analyse the challenges or problems facing the City and its people and what causes these challenges. Strategies will then be drawn on how these challenges can be addressed so that development and social upliftment are attained. This will lead to the identification of programmes and projects, the level of

which will be determined by resource availability. In the final analysis, these strategies, programmes and projects will be integrated to indicate how the municipality will deal with issues of spatial development, infrastructure development, economic development, environmental management, HIV/AIDS, poverty alleviation and disaster management, among others.

This is one of the most important functions of the Councillors the people of Mbabane elect and they need the support of all stakeholders, especially the people who elect them.



Municipal Council of Mbabane IPRO receiving Golden Key Award for the 2018

MCM WINS MOST OPEN PUBLIC ENTITY AWARD

MBABANE - The Municipal Council has officially been recognised by the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) as the kingdom's 'Most Open Public Entity'.

MISA commissioned an independent survey that looked at public entities in the Kingdom of Eswatini based on the accessibility of information from the targeted organisations.

The survey involved a study of the information available on organisation portals or websites, turnaround time after receiving

enquiries for information from the media and members of the public alike. Council received very good feedback and performed exceptionally well in the survey and won the Golden Key Award for the 2018 survey.

The organisation was pitted against some of the country's leading public entities. Some of the organisations that were part of the survey included the Public Service Pension Fund, the National Disaster Management Agency to name but a few.

Making his acceptance speech during the event at MISA office, the

Information and Public Relations Officer Lucky Tsabedze thanked MISA for the study which has not only given the municipality important feedback but has also measured the service rendered by the municipality against leading organisations in the kingdom.

"Council's slogan is responsive quality service on time and we are excited about the findings of this survey and we want to assure members of the public and other stakeholders that these findings will drive MCM to work even harder to deliver quality service on time," Tsabedze said.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MBABANE ISO 9001:2015 CERTIFIED

MBABANE - The Municipal Council of Mbabane is now ISO 9001:2015 certified. Mbabane was the first local government to be certified in ISO 9001:2008 in 2013.

In August 2018 the Council was certified into the revised ISO 9001 standard. This certification takes the Council's quality standards an additional step.

ISO 9001 is an internationally recognised standard that defines a systematic control of business activities to ensure that the needs and expectations of our customers are being met or exceeded.

ISO 9001:2015 specifies requirements for a quality management system for organizations. An organization that is ISO 9001:2015 certified has demonstrated its ability to consistently provide products and services that meet requirements from its customers and regulators.

The Council started its transition to ISO 9001:2015 from the previous ISO 9001:2008 standard in November 2016 through

documents review and transition training to align all processes to the new version of the standard. The journey towards the transition has been an inclusive of management and all staff

Some of the benefits of achieving ISO 9001:2015, as a business management system with customer satisfaction being at the forefront, are:

- 1.Improved attention to customer needs and treatment
- 2.Increased productivity and improved performances of staff
- 3.International recognition as ISO is recognised worldwide as the authority on Quality Management.
- 4.Fewer problems with failures in service quality and as we mature in quality management, we spend more time on improving our operations rather than fixing and reacting

The Council is principal quality goal is to promote more customer confidence in the services that it provides. It is always looking for ways to improve its successes. This is one of the main focus in customer satisfaction.

MCM DEDICATED TO EXCEEDING CUSTOMER EXPECTATIONS EVERY TIME

MBABANE - The municipal council has a quality policy statement that expresses their commitment of the organization in embedding the stakeholder's involvement in its structures and operational policies.

The Council has through this policy, mapped its stakeholders, identified significant issues, and produced information on its engagement initiatives and structures.

The Council annually provides budget to establish an annual stakeholder engagement programmes with specific stakeholder groupings formed and operationalised so that its unique contributions to all its assignments can be individually appraised and supported.

Current and future needs for customers are determined

through:

- 1.Budget Consultation Meetings
- 2.IDP Consultation Forums
- 3.Local Community and Ward Meetings
- 4.Mbabane Business Forums
- 5.Customer Satisfaction Surveys
- 6.Customer Complaints System
- 7.Customer Suggestion System

Processes and forums to understand our customer needs and expectations are pursued through Customer Satisfaction Surveys, Customer Complaints and Customer Suggestions. The Council has recently (August 2018) completed a Customer Satisfaction Survey and action plans will be discussed in the five year Integrated Development Plan (IDP).

Actions and feedback from Customer Satisfaction Surveys are developed into an action plan, progressed discussed

during Management Review Meetings and submitted to IDP for actions, resources and responsibilities with deliverable timelines.

Customer Complaints are actioned within specified timelines and progress is tracked monthly and reported to management. Failure or unjustified delays to action complaints results to a non-conformance action which is escalated to the next line of management.

Customer suggestions are also collected and actioned after approval by management. Access to logging of Customers Complaints, Suggestions and Compliments is available on our website for external customers and can be logged in the Council's Complaint.

TOURISM NEEDS IMPROVED BUDGET

By Mibono Muli
Mbabane

THE ministry of tourism and environmental affairs needs a huge budget in order for the country's economy to be turned around, former Minister for Tourism and Environmental Affairs Christopher Gamedze has said.

He said this yesterday when asked what needs to be done to improve the country, from a tourism point of view.

Gamedze said it was difficult for them to work as a ministry as government did not have enough money to meet the ministry's needs and targets.

"It is true that the budget was there, but it only existed in figures. The physical cash was not there and that made it difficult for us to work as a ministry," Gamedze said.

He said tourism in the country is still a growing industry, which needed to be nurtured so that it could grow and open many opportunities for people to also grow with the industry. Increasing the budget was one of the steps needed to be implemented to grow tourism.

Gamedze said tourism locally had the potential to turn around the local ailing economy. Tourism could cre-



MORE MONEY: Ex-tourism minister Christopher Gamedze STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini with Piggs' Peak Hotel exhibitors at the Eswatini stand at the INDABA 2018.

ate jobs for many people in the country and that could increase the revenue base for government.

Tourism could also generate income by allowing people from foreign lands to visit the country. This would force them to leave money in the country because they would be buying from local businesses.

The former minister said many countries of this world were developed because of tourism. Some of these countries did not have access to the sea, like Rwanda. Some countries did not have mineral resources, like Singapore. These countries, according to Gamedze, used tourism to stimulate their economic growth.

PM was an encyclopedia – Ex-minister Christopher

FORMER Minister for Tourism and Environmental Affairs Christopher Gamedze has described the late former Premier Dr Sibusiso Dlamini as an encyclopedia.

Gamedze said the country had lost a very important asset.

It was for that reason that Gamedze sent condolences to Their Majesties, the Dlamini family and the entire nation. He said Dlamini knew everything there was to know about the politics of Eswatini.

Gamedze said Dlamini's knowledge was so deep such that even if one would unexpectedly ask him a question, an answer would be provided there and then.

The former prime minister, according to the former minister, had a good memory.

"During our meetings as Cabinet, we will come across problems and he would refer to something that happened a long time ago to help us. One day he told us about a certain fund he established while he was still the minister of finance. No one knew about that and it

was found that the minister of finance at that time did not know about it.

Upon doing some research, the minister found that the fund was there and we would be helped," Gamedze said.

The former Mafutseni MP said what was good about the former PM was that he was not a temperamental person. Even if you made him angry, he would not shout at you and would not show his anger.

"He was also a person that gave himself time to listen to any person, even if that person would say something that did not make sense.

The former PM would then advise that straying person by giving them proper advice," he said.

He said he was aware that most people did not like the former prime minister, but he played a huge role in improving the economy of the country. He said as a minister, he worked very closely with Dlamini and discovered a different side of him that most people did not know.

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

MBABANE Businessman Walter Bennett says police are made scapegoats in the 'battle' between teachers and government.

Bennett said all fingers have been pointing to the police and they have been labeled brutal as there have been incidents of teachers, who are under the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT), being subjected to assault and injury during protest actions over the 6.5 per cent Cost of Living Adjustment (CoLA) demand from government.

Bennett said if anything, it should be the former Cabinet taking the fall because poor decisions and unfair distribution of resources led to the current situation and police are tasked with monitoring a situ-

ation that was instigated by the recklessness of the Cabinet.

He said there should be an independent group to monitor the situation whenever there is a strike and compile a report that will give all occurrences of that protest so that police are not made scapegoats.

"Police are permanent to the society and they are central to law. They don't go around exercising brutality to people but they are provoked and they retaliate.

It is the issue of attitude that has created all this confusion among Emaswati and we are now playing the blame game. The role of an independent monitoring body is needed so that there is no biasness," he said.

Bennett said people are making the mistake of attributing the financial crisis to other issues like the

Police are made scapegoats – Bennett



SCAPEGOATS: Outspoken Businessman Walter Bennett believes the police are made scapegoats.

purchasing of the over E1 million car for Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala which caused a public outcry yet government claims to be in a financial crisis.

"The CJ is an important figure in the country and purchasing of his vehicle was not an overnight decision, but a process

which might have dragged before it was implemented, so people should not then blame government for being bias in spending," he said.

The businessman said the country is now divided into two segments with one group blaming the other over occurrences.

He said that some are going to the extent of capitalising to the salary protest to push their own political agendas which was very wrong because it triggers the violence at the protests which then shifts the initial motive of the protest to a political turmoil.

Cops make breakthrough on man who terrorises motorists

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

POLICE have made a major breakthrough in the arrest of a man who has been terrorising residents of Siteki by breaking into their motor vehicles and stealing various items.

People who owned vehicles around Siteki, especially Mzilikazi were

spending sleepless nights as they would most likely find a vehicle broken into on a daily basis.

The arrest of the suspect is said to have come as a sigh of relief to vehicle owners. The suspect, Ntokozo Shongwe (34) appeared before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso yesterday, facing six similar charges.

On the first count, the accused is

charged with contravening Section 12 of the theft of Motor Vehicle Act 16 of 1991.

He was said to have wrongfully and unlawfully broken into a motor vehicle belonging to one Kyle Littler and stole items valued at E6 300.

These were mainly accessories such as a car radio and amplifier.

On another count, the accused is

said to have broken into a motor vehicle belonging to Sihle Dlamini and stole items valued at E5 000. The vehicle was parked at Mzilikazi.

He is further charged with theft on another count, on that he wrongfully and unlawfully stole items valued at E15 260, property which was in the lawful possession of Phinda Ginindza. The items were mainly

car parts and accessories. Information gathered is that the accused would then sell the stolen parts to mechanics and individuals.

He appeared before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso where he conducted his own defence. When asked on how he intended to plead to the charges, he stated that he would be pleading guilty. His application for bail was therefore denied. The accused was ordered to return to court on October 8 for commencement of trial.

90% OF CERVICAL CANCER DEATHS OCCUR IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Stories by Samkelisiwe Khoza
Mbabane

ABOUT 90 per cent of deaths from cervical cancer occur in low and middle income countries.

World Health Organisation (WHO) Country Representative Dr Tiget Ketsela Mengestu said globally, cervical cancer is the fourth most frequent cancer in women with an estimated 570 000 new cases in 2018 representing 6.6 per cent of all female cancers.

She said over 508 000 women died in 2011 due to breast cancer and 50 per cent of deaths occur in developing countries.

She was speaking on Monday during the launch of the breast cancer month held in Manzini.

"Breast and cervical cancer is one of the world's fastest growing and most alarming health problem," she said.

Breast and cervical cancer, Mengestu labelled as a silent epidemic and it remained one of the most common causes of death among women of the reproductive age.

She said these cancers are by far the most common cancers in women worldwide and the incidence is rising steadily especially in low and middle income



UNITED: Ministry of health and WHO staff during the launch.

countries due to increase in life expectancy and adoption of sedentary lifestyles.

She said WHO shared the concern about the growing epidemic of cancer and the challenges it presented to health systems in the world.

The organisation, Mengestu said promoted breast and cervical cancer control within the context of national cancer control programmes and integrated to non-communicable disease prevention and control.

Mengestu applauded the ministry of health for the development of compre-

hensive cancer control.

She said this showed commitment to improving the quality of life of the people of Eswatini.

The country rep said it is in line with the WHO global non communicable diseases action plan, which highlighted the cost-effectiveness of cancer control.

"It is also in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals, target 3.4 that calls for reduction of premature mortality from NCDs by one-third by 2030," she said.

'Society without women is stagnant'

WOMEN are the engine of the society.

A society without women is stagnant, it cannot reproduce, it cannot be sustained.

Speaking during the launch of the breast cancer month on Monday, the Ministry of Health Principal Secretary Dr Simon Zwane said breast and cervix cancer kill more women than any other forms of cancer in all parts of the developing world. Zwane shared global facts that nearly one of every eight women is diagnosed with breast cancer in their life time. He said this translated to one woman being diagnosed with breast cancer every 30 minutes. The PS added that about 40 000 women die from cancer each year.

Sadly, Zwane said more than half of cancer deaths could be prevented through healthy choices and regular screening.

Risk

The PS highlighted that not smoking, drinking alcohol in moderation, getting enough sleep and eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables have been shown to improve overall health and lower the risk of developing some cancers.

Moreover, he said cancers of the breast and cervix most often strike women in their forties and fifties, when they are still raising families.

Zwane said the key to fighting cancer is early detection. He urged the nation not hesitate to educate themselves on cancer and seek screening services.



HEALTH FIRST: Ministry of Health's Principal Secretary Dr Simon Zwane making his remarks at the event.

NEWLY ELECTED MPs

Strydom Mpanza - Shiselweni II

STRYDOM Mpanza will be representing Shiselweni II in parliament

He will be a first time legislator. He has a background in health and has spent 26 years in that field. When

it comes to health, he will be very helpful in his constituency.

Mpanza also aims to be helpful to the youth and women of that Inkhundla. He also wants to help the vulnerable groups, including people with

disabilities. He will do so by influencing policies and legislation in parliament. He says legislations that will result to the improvement of people's lives should be enacted in parliament.



1. Name: Strydom Mpanza.

2. Chiefdom and Inkhundla: Mkhitsini Chiefdom under Shiselweni II.

3. Age: 51.

4. Occupation: Regional Aid Coordinator.

5. Educational Background: Master's Degree in Human Resource for Health (New Delhi, India). Bachelor's Degree in Education (UNESWA). Certificate in Environmental Health.

6. Work Experience: I spent the past 26 years working at the ministry of health. During this time, I worked for the department of environmental health and the Swaziland National AIDS Programme (SNAP).

7. How Mpanza won the elections: He managed to assemble a strong team to campaign on his behalf. He was able to delegate many of his duties to his team to convince the people to see it worthwhile to elect him to parliament. Among the candidates in Shiselweni II, Mpanza dominated during the campaigning period of the national elections. One of the agents stated that putting up strong

campaigning messages helped them to win the support of the masses. Otherwise the competition was there and it was felt, as some of the competitors did not want to go down without a fight.

8. What do you promise to do once you reach parliament?: In parliament, we legislate. I can develop my area by influencing parliament to focus on pro poor policies. We need policies that will empower the youth, women and other poor people, especially those that live in rural areas. Emaswati in rural areas cannot sell their products. We need parliament to enforce policies that will enable the market to be available

for them.

The tendering process in government should be shaped in such a way that it is friendly to rural residents.

The products they produce are the ones that are needed by government on a regular basis.

Why not give them a chance to sell to government? I am worried about the change of the way in which the payment for education is done. If things were to go my way, we would find a way of reviewing this. Government should have subsidised tertiary education than primary education. Emaswati were able to work hard and pay for primary and high school education, but it is now hard to pay for high school education. This causes many young Emaswati to be stranded just because they cannot afford the tertiary education fees.

We also need laws that will improve the system of health.

Our road safety laws should also be reviewed because the vehicles we drive now do not conform to the speed limits placed on our roads.

The vehicles develop mechanical faults when driven in low speed and that causes people to spend money they had not planned for. This is also another cause of poverty.

Mduduzi Matsebula - Siphocosini

MATSEBULA seems to be a darling to the people of Siphocosini Inkhundla.

Matsebula's influence started spreading in Luhlendweni Chiefdom, where he won the primary elections.

His influence, during the campaigning period, spread across the whole Inkhundla, gaining agents in the process.

He now has agents in almost every corner of the Inkhundla as he promises hope to the people of the new Inkhundla.

Matsebula's campaign strategies helped him attract the favour of most voters in Siphocosini.

He tackled the most important topics

1. Name: Matsebula Mduduzi Mlondi

2. Chiefdom and Inkhundla: Luhlendweni under Siphocosini

3. Age: 45

4. Occupation: Senior Customs Officer- Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA)

5. Educational Background: NVQ4 in Accounting, Diploma in Fraud Auditing and Forensic Accounting Diploma in Auditing and Taxation, A number of Customs and Excise Related Certificates (regional and International), Currently doing a Bachelor of Commerce Degree at the University of Eswatini.

6. Hobbies: Hiking and Quad Biking

7. How he won the elections: Matsebula won the elections by emphasising on action during his campaign period. Whenever people made him aware about their challenges, he made an effort to address them. For example, he tried to provide water in Siphocosini when people told him that their challenge was water.

that included the improvement of roads, availing clean water and helping farmers produce quality agricultural products.

Uproar

Matsebula is the MP-elect that caused uproar when he announced that the people of Siphocosini Inkhundla would get an opportunity to win a Toyota Rav4 once he won a seat in the august House.

Matsebula's background as a finance person is critical and his education can surely help him be up for the challenge. Whether he becomes finance minister or not, he can still do something in helping the country fight the corruption scourge.



8. What do you promise to do when you reach Parliament?: I will advocate for and solicit sponsorship to help farmers and the youth to start micro-businesses. We should also establish a good working relationship with all government ministries and other stakeholders in order to improve the road infrastructure, which are currently a nightmare and other services like clean water and electricity. I will lobby for laws that will address the issue of top-up at schools. I will also advocate for laws that will force members of parliament to give feedback to their constituencies. We also need a performance management system that will clearly define the roles and expectations of Members of Parliament (MPs), including tindvuna and bucofho.

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MANZINI NAZARENE PUPIL HOISTS COUNTRY'S FLAG HIGH

By Simon Shabangu
Manzini

A Manzini Nazarene High School pupil has made the country proud by designing a winning logo for the African Girl Can Code which was selected a winner in Ethiopia recently.

This was revealed by the Principal Samuel Nkambule during the school's speech and prize giving day at the school last Friday. Sizolwethu Maphanga is the CEO of this year's Junior Achievement Company from the school, she attended African Girl Can Code Summit in the African Union Head Quarters. She was crowned a champion after a competition for coding. She coded a logo for the organisation which eventually became the winning logo that will be used for the next four

years. The principal told the elated parents that the school has been doing well both academically and in extra curricula activities, having won many trophies and became champions of the Junior Achievement competition locally and internationally. Nkambule lauded the school's Junior Achievement team for putting the school and country's name on the map through winning numerous prizes in the coveted competitions for the past three years running.

He said there had been a shift in mindset in as far as additional and extra curricula activities are concerned.

"In the light of Junior Achievement, we realised that the students are not only motivated to engage in business projects, but the projects are scientific, meaning we are seeing more and more of our

students engaged in science activities. I express my appreciation to the teacher who is behind all these students' success, Mr. Sabelo Dlamini. He is the engine behind all the successes you are seeing. He is not only dedicated but he sacrifices his time for the success of your children," he said.

He said their Junior Achievement teams have always been doing well in the competition stating that the last three years were exceptional.

"This year, the team again has won and became champions of the Junior Achievement Company of the year 2018. The students have developed a desktop application called IVOTE system which is meant to eradicate the old style of voting using the ballot system. It introduces an advanced way whose greatest strength is the absolute elimination of human errors, thus resulting to no biasness, hence maximum efficiency in the whole voting system. They have designed it such that it is also user friendly to even the elderly and people without computer skills. This therefore shows a high level of awareness to our learners on what the nation goes through during the national elections. We wish this group all the best as they will be representing the country in Accra, Ghana on December 5," he said.

He said the school did well in 2015 with the dog food production project using left-over food in the hostel which they named Econovative productions and they won the Junior Achievement National Company of The Year Competition. "They went to represent Swaziland in Gabon where they became champions by winning the African Company of the Year. They also won the best CEO prize and Best Corporate Social Responsibility prize. In



BRILLIANT: Sizolwethu Maphanga.

2016, during the draught season the country was experiencing, we had a group that developed a reusable ice cube using sour porridge. This product was bought like hot cakes by vendors in the bus rank. They become runners up in the JA National Company of the Year Competition. In 2017 another JA company came up with a very exciting product. They produced a herbal medicinal bath soap that removed pimples, black heads, dread raft for even toned skin. This group also became runners up in the Junior Achievement National Expo," he added.

Nkambule told the parents and the gathering that they were also excited about their academic in performance stating that students under the guidance of super team teachers performed very well. We had a total of 181 students who sat for the exam, 174 passed and seven failed. In terms of percentage, we got a 98.5 per cent pass rate, as follows: 23 Merits, 34 first class, 107 second class, 10 third class and seven failures. Three students made it to the top 10 in the country's overall pass rate and scored over 90 per cent pass mark. They are Malambe Kangiso, Dlamini Nontshikelelo and Mamba Sanele Nokulunga.

He said even at Junior Certificate level the school did well as they obtained over 80 per cent overall pass rate in all the subjects and a 100 per cent pass rate in English Language. He said Siyabonga Jele excelled in last year's SGCSE examinations by obtaining 8 A* and is currently studying in the USA. Another best performer was Lunga Mohammed who also did well in his studies and is in Mauritius studying Economics.

Nkambule however expressed concern about understaffing in school stating that the teachers are overloaded with work because of the lack of teachers.



Eswatini Medical Christian University

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Eswatini Medical Christian University (EMCU) is a Category A Public Enterprise and invites suitable Swazi registered companies to express their interest to be registered in the Authority's supplier's database for the supply of products and services in the following categories:

Category A

- A1 Stationery
- A2 Cartridges and Toners
- A3 Printing
- A4 Photocopying Paper

Category B

- B1 Advertising and Graphic Design Specialist
- B2 Promotional Material and Corporate Gifts
- B3 Production of Television Adverts & General Video recording

Category C

- C1 Office Fittings
- C2 Office Furniture
- C3 Office Equipment
- C4 Computer Hardware, Software and Accessories

Category D

- D1 Air Travel Agents
- D2 Transport Hire- Sedans, Van, Kombi, Quantum, Mini Truck, etc.
- D3 Tent hiring
- D4 Marque hiring
- D5 Consultancy

Category E

- E1 Plumbing materials
- E2 Electrical Consumables
- E3 Supply of Building Material
- E4 Protective clothing and Uniform

Category F

- F1 Lab Equipment
- F2 Reagents
- F3 Lab Waste Disposal

Category G

- G1 Cleaning Chemicals and Material
- G2 Toilet Paper
- G3 Litter bins

Category H

- H1 Catering services providers

Category I

- I1 Courier Services
- I2 Security services
- I3 Legal Services

Category J

- J1 External Auditors- Requirements

- Reputable and established audit practice with a proven track record.
- Expertise and experience in auditing the public sector
- Registered as a practising Auditor with the Swaziland Institute of Accountants
- Availability of specialty services resources including information technology, and Local and International taxation including the Republic of South Africa tax.

Category K

- K1 Software maintenance
- K2 Internet service; web hosting & networking
- K3 Biometric system
- K4 Sound stage & lighting
- K5 Conference system
- K6 Audio advert
- K7 Digital signage
- K8 Branding
- K9 IT Services

The application for Expression of Interest should include the following:

1. Full names and contact details of Directors and Shareholders.
2. Company Business Profile
3. Certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation
4. Certified copy of current Form J
5. Certified copy of Form C
6. Certified copy of current relevant Trading License
7. Certified copy of current Department of Labour Certificate of Compliance
8. Certified copy of current SNPF Employer's compliance Clearance Certificate
9. Current Tax Clearance Certificate
10. VAT Registration

Companies should submit the required Expression of Interest by close of business on the 31st October 2018. To be hand delivered at the **Reception**. Our offices are at Lomkiri Portion 69 of farm 73, Zone 4, Mbabane.

Submissions should be marked "Confidential" and state the Category. They should be addressed to:

The Procurement Office (Finance Department)
P.O. Box A624
Swazi Plaza, Mbabane.

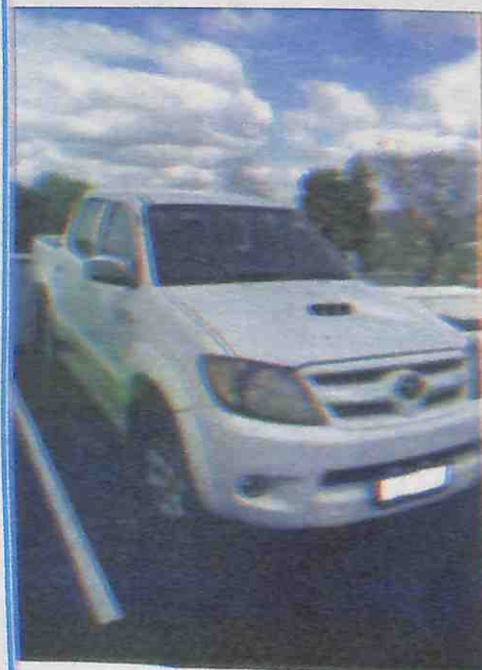
* Electronic submissions will not be acceptable.

If you don't get correspondence before 30th November 2018, consider your proposal unsuccessful.

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unicef for every child

UNICEF invites sealed bids for the sale of its used vehicle. The bid box is placed at the UNICEF Reception. The closing date for the bids is 12:30p.m Friday, 12th October, 2018. The opening of bids will be at 12:40 p.m same day at the UNICEF Conference Room, for those who will be interested to attend. The vehicle can be viewed at UN Office, Somhlolo Road, Mbabane, during working hours.



Model	Mileage as at 18 Sept. 2013	Reserve Price (E)
2008 - Toyota Hilux	162359	168,750.00

Conditions of Sale:

1. All vehicle will be sold on an "as is basis"
2. Payment will be required within a period of 10 days after notification to the successful bidder and after the elapse of the 10 days, the offer will be given to the next qualifying bidder without notification.
3. Payment terms is strictly cash or a bank guaranteed cheque.

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WOMAN ARRESTED FOR ATTACKING 7-YEAR-OLD

Stories by Samkelisiwe Khoza
Mbabane

The Royal Eswatini Police Services (REPS) stormed the seven-year-old attacker's home and handcuffed her.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed that a 45-year-old woman of Matsapha was arrested in relation to the assault of the minor yesterday.

The attacker, now identified as Tenele Nkosi, will appear at the Manzini Magistrate's Court today. According to Temazomba's father Mabandla Dube the minor has been discharged from the hospital, and will be attending school today. "She complains about soreness in her eye but is recovering. She is taking her medication which helps with the pain," Dube said.

"I guess she has suffered internal injuries on the eye, the doctors will perform more check-ups to see if the interior of the eye has not been damaged," he said.

The minor's mother, Fikile Shabangu



UNJUSTIFIABLE:
The assaulted
Temazomba
Dube after the
beating by her
playmate's moth-
er.

was thankful to the REPS for arresting her child attacker.

"I was so heart-broken when I heard that LaNkosi does not regret beating

up my child and that she even had the guts to say we would meet in court because her child was beaten as well," Shabangu said.



HURT:
Visible bruises
suffered
by the minor
after the
alleged beat-
ing.

Mkhulu (71) nabbed for theft of chocolate

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

An old man (71) was cautioned and released by the police after being caught stealing chocolate bars worth E22 at Boxer Supermarket in Pigg's Peak.

The senior citizen had hidden the chocolate bars inside his shirt sleeves.

The name of the senior citizen is known but has been withheld due to the fact he was only cautioned and not charged by Pigg's Peak police.

The senior citizen was appre-

hended by head of security at Boxer, Celiwe Simelane yesterday.

Simelane said the man hid the two chocolate bars under his sleeve before proceeding to fill his shopping basket with other groceries.

"I first noticed the man picking the chocolate bars and then inserting them under his sleeve. He then proceeded to fill his shopping basket with other goods inside the shop.

When he was done with his shopping, he then went to the register to pay for the groceries. At this point, I approached him and asked him where he had

left the chocolate bars" she said.

"He then informed me that the chocolates were left somewhere inside the shop. I then walked with him to the place where he said he had left the chocolates and didn't find anything.

I asked him to remove the chocolates that he had stuffed inside his sleeve. He followed my instruction and then, I took him to the administration and police were called" she added.

When reached for comment Pigg's Peak police said that they cautioned the senior and did not arrest him as indicated to do so by Boxer Management.

NO VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN IS JUSTIFIABLE

NO violence and abuse against children is justifiable.

Save the Children's Communications Officer Lusito Tsela said this during an interview yesterday. Tsela was responding to the published story about the seven-year-old girl of Matsapha that was admitted to hospital with a blocked eye and bruises after she was allegedly severely beaten by her playmate's mother with a stick last Friday.

He said protecting children from violence and abuse was essential for them to enjoy their rights to survival, development and participation.

Tsela highlighted that children always disagree when they play and that does not give parents the right to interfere and abuse other children whenever those children disagree.

He said parents should not interfere with children playing matters unless the children are putting each other's lives in danger. The officer pointed out that the act of violence by parents simply sets a bad example to the children.

Tsela said the children then grow up with the mentality that

they have to be violent whenever there is a disagreement.

He added that children that are exposed to violence are most likely to become violent and abuse perpetrators.

Tsela said physically abused children show a significant number of physical and psychological problems associated with child physical abuse. He said abused children compared with non-abused children may have more difficulty with academic performance, self-control, self-image and social relationships.

Temazomba Dube was allegedly thrashed by her playmate's mother after her five-year-old playmate cried while they were going about their playing which forced her mother to come running to enquire what the problem was. The seven-year-old was then allegedly assaulted with a stick by the enraged mother. The minor escaped with bruises all over her body and a blocked eye which landed her to hospital.

Tsela acknowledged the Royal Eswatini Police Services (REPS) for making it their priority to bring to order violence and abuse perpetrators.



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NOTICE OF NINETEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Nineteenth Annual General Meeting of Swaziland Empowerment Limited will be held at **Swaziland Water Services Corporation, Ezulwini on Friday 26th October 2018 from 10AM.** The agenda is as follows:

1. To confirm minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27 October 2017
2. Matters arising
3. Chairman's Report
4. Corporate Social Responsibility Report
5. Investments Report
6. Adopt Annual Financial Statements for year ended 31 March 2018
7. Appointment of Auditors
8. Confirm the re-appointment of the Directors
9. Any other business
10. Lunch

For the convenience of members who are unable to attend the annual general meeting but wish to be represented thereat, a form is provided. The attention of members is drawn to the fact that, if it is to be effective, a properly completed form of proxy must reach the company's secretaries, Price water house Coopers Services (Proprietary) Limited, Rhus Office Park, Karl Grant Street, P.O Box 569, Mbabane, H100, Swaziland at least 48 hours before the time appointed for the annual general meeting.

By order of the board

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Company Secretary

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FIRE RAZES TIMPHISINI HIGH SCHOOL HUT

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

PUPILS and teachers at Timphisini High School had to put out a fire that burnt down the school's hut.

The fire is said to have begun in the nearby residential fields that surround the high school. The fire began at 4pm

on Tuesday and lasted only 30 minutes as teachers and pupils battled the flames using buckets of water.

Speaking to this publication from the school, Timphisini High Principal Elizabeth Shabangu said the damage caused by the fire was not extensive at all.

"I was away on school errands when the fire started. At first, I was worried

but was later relieved to receive reports that the fire was put out quickly, thanks to pupils and teachers.

The fire originated from the neighbouring fields.

Unfortunately for the school, the nearby burning fields were left unattended by our neighbours, resulting in the fire moving towards the school" she said.

"The fire then burned the hut that is located at the far end of the school. The hut suffered structural damage but its support beams are intact. Pupils and teachers used buckets of water to put out the flames. We are very lucky that the school itself did not burn.

Police came and they found that the hut, as well as a few pupil's gar-

dens and an electrical line had been burnt. Nothing else was burnt and the ongoing external examinations were also not disturbed. The examination papers are also safe," she added.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the fire.

NO 28% SALARY RISE FOR JUNIOR OFFICERS

By Sisho Magagula
Mbabane

FOLLOWING reports that the recently promoted junior police officers have had their salaries increased by 28 percent, government has since come out to refute the reports.

In a statement released by Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Public Service Evert Madlopha, government has clarified that the salaries for the junior officers have not been increased.

"The Royal Eswatini Police officers have not received a 28 per cent salary raise as per the twisted and sensationalised version of the article. The police officers were simply promoted to higher positions which already had higher



NOTHING LIKE THAT:
Ministry of Labour PS Evert Madlopha.

grades," he said.

Madlopha went on to state that there

is a marked difference between a promotion and a salary increase.

"A promotion entails the elevation of an officer to a position of a higher rank and responsibility. On the other hand, a salary increment occurs when the salary grade of a position changes in monetary value to attract higher pay," he said.

Madlopha further explained that the promotions process within the police service commenced way before circular No. 3 of 2018 was issued.

"The circular serves as a control measure in view of the current fiscal challenges faced by government. This does not imply that crucial positions which are key in the efficient and effective delivery of services should be left vacant," he said.

Man spits on cop, arrested

By Mncedisi Dlamini
Mbabane

A disrespectful 26-year-old male suspect's bail has been revoked by the court following allegations that he spat on a police officer.

Andile Gwebu of Elangeni was arrested after failing to comply with his bail conditions.

The man who is alleged to have shown total disrespect to the law enforcement officer by spitting on her face, left the Mbabane Magistrate's Court yesterday in a sombre mood after learning that the Crown was opposing his bail application. The suspect had been slapped with a total of five charges before the day in question.

Three of those charges are for assault, resisting arrest and damaging a state motor vehicle. When the accused person's rights to legal representation were read out to him, he elected to conduct his own defence. The matter was before Magistrate Lenhle Zulu.

The Crown further brought it before court that more charges may be brought against the accused person.

Due to the new developments, the Crown submitted that it is yet to consolidate a trial date.

After the court had considered the submissions made by the Crown, Magistrate Zulu remanded the accused into police custody until the October 12, pending setting of trial.

What petrol bomb?, wonders cops

By Sizwe Dlamini
Endzingeni

POLICE have quashed as false rumours circulating around Ndzingeni and surrounding areas to the effect that the area's Inkhundla will be petrol bombed by election protesters before tomorrow.

A few police officers from the Pigg's Peak Police Station were interviewed on Tuesday after it was alleged that on Saturday, protesters who are against the election of Lutfo Dlamini as the area's MP were preparing to petrol bomb Ndzingeni Inkhundla.

The officers said the rumours were completely false as the protesters were now focused on the recent passing away of former prime minister Sibusiso Dlamini.

The police said the original idea of bombing the Inkhundla was first mentioned on Saturday during a six hour protest action for the sole purpose of attracting media attention.

"The protestors were overheard

by members of the community talking about assembling a petrol bomb to blow up the Inkhundla but this threat has no bases because some police officers approached the protesters and quickly drummed some sense into them. We, the police, told the protesters that the bomb threats will result in multiple of arrests. They smartly abandoned the idea," said the officers.

"Let us be honest for a few minutes; where will the protesters acquire a bomb? Better yet, who will sell the protesters a bomb or any bomb making material for that matter? Can the protesters even make a bomb?

All these questions need to be

answered before taking the bomb

threat seriously. What really hap-

pened here is that the protesters

were just making these threats in

order to attract media attention,"

they added.

Reached for comment, Chief Police

Information and Communications

Officer Superintendent Phindile

Vilakati said so far, nobody had

reported any bomb threats to the

police at Ndzingeni.



HEADLESS: A sign which gives warning to motorists that there is a zebra crossing for only the headless at the Industrial Site. Well, no the sign needs some fixing. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Smallz for Divine Healing Ministries worship, comedy Sunday

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

THE Matsetsa Divine Healing Ministries congregants will be treated to jokes and laughter as it will host renowned comedian Smallz, real name Lungelo Gina.

The event which is dubbed 'worship and comedy Sunday' will be held this coming Sunday at the Matsetsa branch. This was revealed by Divine Healing Ministries' Pastor Sikhumbuzo Shongwe who will be giving the Word of God on the day.

The church invited newly elected Manzini North Member of Parliament Macford Sibandze as the guest speaker and he is expected to deliver a motivational speech for the youth of the church.

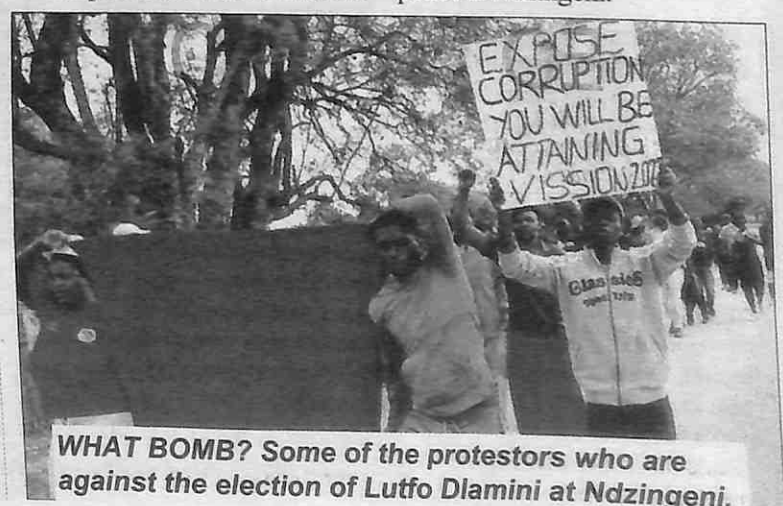
Entry

Artists who will be performing on the day are Phetsile Masilela, Khayaletu Masuku, Vusi Siziba, Khayaletu Masuku and the church's Praise team. The event is scheduled to commence at 9.30 am and entry is free.

"We invite members of the public to come in their numbers for a spiritual enriching gathering. We have a whole

lot of acts lined up for the occasion and soul therapy in the form of comedy and the Word of God. We have invited motivational speaker Macford Sibandze who has an inspiring message to share particularly with the youth of the church. We are also going to give thanks to God for the recently held national elections which were a success and we have business people around Siteki who will grace the event," he said.

Shongwe said the church also organised free transport for members of the public which will depart from Siteki Park at 9am and make stops to pick people along the way to Matsetsa.



WHAT BOMB? Some of the protestors who are against the election of Lutfo Dlamini at Ndzingeni.

DEAD EX-PM WAS EVERYTHING TO US

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

THE death of former prime minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini has left the National Emergency Response Council on HIV and AIDS (NERCHA) shocked.

NERCHA National Director Khanyakwezwe Mabuza said as an organisation, they were finding it hard to cope with what happened as the former PM was almost everything to them. NERCHA is a category A public enterprise whose parent ministry is the office of the prime minister. Dlamini was the champion behind its formation. The former PM passed away last Friday evening at Mkhiva Clinic. Executive Director of NERCHA, Khanya Mabuza sent condolences to Dlamini's family on behalf of the organisation.

"It's a drawback for us at NERCHA to lose a man of this calibre and someone who masterminded the establishment of this organisation after realising that the epidemic was threatening to wipe out the nation. He came up with ideas that we now feel have played an important role in making meaningful efforts to tackle this scourge. He worked hard for the organisation's set goals," said Mabuza.

Mabuza said Dlamini showed total commitment in supporting all programmes and initiatives that have to do with HIV and AIDS. He said Dlamini would give his full focus and concentration whenever he was requested to deal with NERCHA initiatives and activities which also made everyone working in the organisation feel motivated and inspired.

"He has been pillar of strength of the organisation and under his leadership, this country made notable strides in addressing any HIV and AIDS matter. Whenever he had to make an address, he never forgot to make mention of the scourge of HIV and AIDS. In the political

front, we had a strong and brave leader," said Mabuza. Mabuza said the last days he met with the former PM, they discussed several strategies meant to make sure that NERCHA successfully carries out all its plans in making the Kingdom of Eswatini an HIV and AIDS free nation by 2022.

"The last few days we met, the topic was how to see to it that Their Majesties mandate, which is to have the scourge of HIV eradicated by 2022. We have been discussing good ideas to make this happen and he seemed to have the zeal and vigour that what Their Majesties had commanded needed to be carried out.

Emotional

He said we needed to push and push harder to see Their Majesties wishes fulfilled," said Mabuza who sounded emotional on the other side of the phone during the interview with this newspaper yesterday. Mabuza said having worked closely with the former PM, what he noticed about him was that he was a good advisor and never wanted to see someone falling in any trap.

"He used to guide us and also warn us of any danger. He never failed to warn someone to be careful on an issue he felt could land that individual in trouble or danger. He was good at spotting things and also coming up with solutions," said Mabuza.

He said they were saddened by the loss of Dlamini and they were determined to make sure that what he implanted in NERCHA in ensuring that it successfully tackles all challenges, they owed it to him that such a mandate and expectations

that have to do with HIV and AIDS are carried out. "We have lost a great and important person in the organisation. He left at a time when we still needed his guidance. Sad as it is, we now have to make sure we follow all his guidelines. We have been really touched as an organisation. It's so sad and we take this opportunity

to pass our condolences to his family, as well as to the country's authorities and the nation at large," said the NERCHA boss.



HUGE LOSS: The late former prime minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini.

MAGADEYIWILE HAILS BARNABAS

CONTROVERSIAL Nhlanguano resident Wilson Magadeyiwe Mdluli has joined the long list of people who have sent condolences to the family of the late ex-prime minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini.

Mdluli said there was no doubt that Eswatini would never be the same again without Dlamini. He said for someone to be trusted by the country's authorities to be head of government for such a long time was a clear indication that he possessed skills that were not easy to match by anyone.

"We are a nation in mourning. We are a nation in prayer and we are a nation covered by a dark cloud. We are all in pain as we know that even though he was no longer in office, he was still expected to play a certain role in assisting this kingdom. He was a brave man and I feel that, was it not for his bravery, this country would not be where it is right now. I mean in terms of peace, stability and economy, the late ex-PM played a major role. Hate him or not, he made his impact and we are benefiting as a country because of his bravery," said Mdluli.

Mdluli said he was aware that the ex-PM earned himself more enemies than friends because he was someone who was not easy to convince.

"His fearless and understanding of issues, all made him to be a respected head of government. Had he decided to be lax in taking decisions, no matter how others interpreted him, I don't think we would still be Eswatini. That man was brave and I think that was the reason even the country's authorities had so much trust and confidence in him. Talk of dwindling economy, Dlamini came up with plans to assist in this regard. Talk of certain individuals that were planning to make the country lawless, Dlamini managed to deal with such situations," said Mdluli.

Mdluli said there would be a new PM but not as brave as Dlamini. He said Dlamini was someone well versed with almost all that was happening around the Kingdom.

"For those he wronged, they should now forgive him. The only person who is to judge him is God. I want to take this opportunity to pass words of condolences to his family and to Their Majesties, as well as the whole nation," he said.

SHISELWENI BUSINESS COMMUNITY SHATTERED

THE Shiselweni business community has passed its condolences to deceased former prime minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini's family and to the country's authorities.

Justice Nxumalo, the Chairman of the business community said the nation was in pain following the passing away of the longest serving

head of government. He said as businesspeople of the region, Dlamini's death was also a cruel blow.

"Most importantly, we feel sorry for his family and Their Majesties. His death has touched many lives and there is no doubt that it is going to take a long time for the wounds created by losing such a great man

to heal. We can only rely on the consolation and comfort from the Almighty God during this sad and painful period we have found ourselves in as a nation," said Nxumalo.

The businessman said Dlamini showed commitment to his work in all fronts and possessed great leadership skills.

"As a region, we benefitted a lot while he was still the head of government. He never disappointed the appointing authorities in all the years he served as prime minister and in other roles he was tasked with by the country's leaders. When tasked by Their Majesties on any assignment, be it outside or anywhere in the world, Dlamini never disappointed them," said Nxumalo.

He said as the business community, they were optimistic that His Majesty King Mswati III would get the Almighty God's wisdom on who he needed to appoint as the next PM in the government expected to be ushered very soon.

"We trust that God will assist the King in appointing the new PM. The country needs someone who is loyal, just as Dlamini was," said Nxumalo.

FINED E500 FOR ASSAULTING PREGNANT COLLEAGUE

By Mncedisi Dlamini
National Court

A 44-year-old female has been fined E500 after being found guilty of assaulting her four months' pregnant colleague.

Temasondo Mamba (44) of Mantabeni area under Chief Mashampu appeared at the National Court in Mbabane where she was facing a common assault charge.

Mamba is said to have assaulted Mukelwa Dlamini (25) using open hands and fists several times on the face.

It transpired during court proceedings that the accused person and Mamba know each other as they are said to be work colleagues.

When Dlamini took the stand at the witness dock, she first put it to the court that she had not in any way provoked the accused person on the day

in question.

Narrating events of the day, Dlamini told the court that while she was conducting her duties at their workplace along Gwamile Street in Mbabane, Mamba approached her and began demanding answers she did not have. She said Mamba demanded to be furnished with a list of people who normally gossip about her at their workplace.

Not knowing what Mamba was on

about, the complainant is said to have ignored the latter which led to her being attacked.

Assistance

During cross examination, Mamba told the court that she was now being ignored by her colleagues at her workplace and decided to seek Dlamini's assistance in order to get to the bottom of what was going on.

According to the accused, Dlamini responded in an unruly manner.

The accused told the court that she only acted out of anger and claimed she never intended to assault Dlamini.

Court President Lembelele Dlamini advised the accused person to refrain from taking matters into her own hands. She was advised to report the challenges that she faces at work to her superiors.

She was then sentenced to four months imprisonment or alternatively pay E500 fine.

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MELODY:
Dvokolwako High School pupils singing a song they composed for former minister Jabulile Mashwama during the speech and prize giving day. (Pics: Nozipho Sibiya)



DVOKOLWAKO HIGH SCHOOL TOP PUPIL SCOOPS 'MAKE MASHWAMA AWARD'

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya
Dvokolwako

A Dvokolwako High School pupil became the first to win the newly introduced 'Make Mashwama Award' at the school.

Ncobile Dlamini, a Form Three pupil, won herself a heifer, a cellular phone and books, courtesy of MTN Swaziland and Macmillan.

The Make Mashwama award was introduced by former Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama at Dvokolwako High School. The award will be won yearly by the most improved pupil who will also get the rare opportunity of being mentored by Mashwama. Speaking during the school's speech and prize day last weekend where she was the guest speaker, Mashwama said she would keep in constant contact with the pupil in order to mentor her.

"This cell phone should be of good use. I will call the pupil constantly to make sure that I mentor her until she becomes the best pupil in the near future," she said, further adding that she had many prizes she thought of giving the pupil who would be elected for the Make Mashwama Award.

Also present were Swaziland Water Services Corporation Managing Director Peter Bhembe, and Madlangemphisi Member of Parliament Sibusiso 'Scorpion' Nxumalo. The former minister also motivated the pupils to learn and practise the principle of delayed gratification. She advised the pupils to learn and practice the principle of delayed grati-

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CONGRATS: Ncobile Dlamini who won the Make Mashwama award receiving her gifts after she was announced the winner of the award.

fication which she referred as the ability to put off something pleasurable now in order to gain something more rewarding later.

She also launched the #PadAGirl Campaign movement which she made a commitment to provide a year supply of sanitary pads to all the girls at the school in collaboration with Swaziland Water Services (SWSC). She said she

was very pleased to be part of the speech day at Dvokolwako High School. She also thanked the parents for attending and listening to all the speeches that were delivered on the day. She also appreciated that Dvokolwako pupils composed a song for her.

"This is the first of it kind and I am thinking of recording the song," she said.

'Future belongs to parent, not pupil'

SWSC Managing Director Peter Bhembe says the future of a child belongs to the parent not the pupil.

Bhembe dropped this unusual quotation when delivering his speech at Dvokolwako High School during the speech and prize day.

Bhembe said it was a norm for parents to believe that the future of their children belongs to themselves; yet this is not true because the future of the child belongs to the parent. He said in the event the child doesn't make it in his or her career, the child becomes a burden to the parent.

"If the future of the child fades

away, the parent remains with the responsibility of taking care of the child. The same applies if the child get the best career, the pupil takes care of the parent," he said.

He therefore advised parents to encourage their children to study very hard.

Meanwhile, Bhembe advised principals not to play the administrative role only, but also bring resources to the schools.

"Principals should leave the comfort of their offices and scout for opportunities that will improve the school," he advised.



BEST OF THE BEST: Karate team also received awards after being crowned regional champions.

Dvokolwako makes huge turnaround

DVOKOLWAKO High School Principal Sabelo Sibandze said the school's academic record has improved.

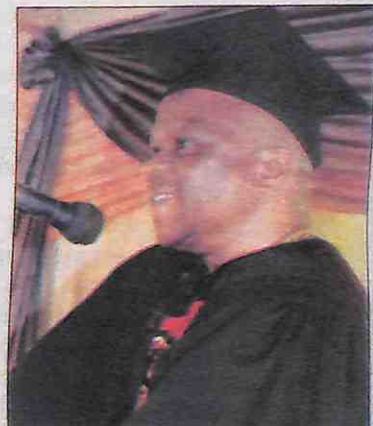
He said when he arrived at the school a few years ago, he did not have a good relationship with the parents. However, he said after engaging them, they started understanding him and his philosophy and were now working towards attaining the same goal.

He said his sole goal is for Dvokolwako High School to attain good marks.

He urged the pupils to take their work seriously in order to put the school on the map.

"We also thank the former minister who has now become our mother at the school for honouring our invitation," he said, adding that it was not the first time that the former minister had visited the school. He said she visited the school four months ago while she was a minister.

"She was here to inspect some of the school's projects which she felt



POSITIVE CHANGE: Dvokolwako Principal Sabelo Sibandze making his remarks.

were a good initiative," he said.

He also thanked the newly elected Member of Parliament Sibusiso 'Scorpion' Nxumalo for attending the speech and prize giving day. The principal clearly stated that he was going to engage him regularly.

He also advised him to do a constant visit at the school.

E265 000 boost for SOS

By Samkelisiwe Khoza
Mbabane

THE SOS Children's Village has received a E265 000 donation from different companies during this year's family fun day recently.

According to the Village's Programme Manager, Thokozani Maphalala, the family fun day is an initiative that started in 2013.

On this day, corporates are invited to donate and spend time with the children in their family house as each corporate is allocated a house.

"This initiative has grown over the years and there are companies that have supported this activity from its initiation," he said.

He mentioned that the companies also

supplied food for the day to the SOS families and some even brought toys and other valuable items for the children. This is mainly because, as a national association, they are required to raise part of the yearly budget locally as a sign of ownership and responsibility as a nation.

He applauded Nedbank for having contributed Cooperate Social Responsibility (CSR) to SOS Children's Villages which was done prior to the Family Fun Day.

"We greatly appreciate their contribution. Our dream for this initiative is to have as many companies as possible to support all the SOS families in the three SOS Children's Villages, namely, Mbabane, Siteki and Nhlanguano," he said.

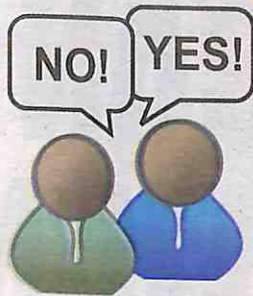
He said the initiative was good practice for the children as they get a chance



to interact with the corporates. It is said the children derive pleasure and joy in interacting with the people who work in corporate as they see them as role models which motivates them.

LIST OF DONORS

Liberty Life - E10 000	Royal Eswatini Police - E10 000
Lidwala Insurance - E25 000	EEC - E25 000
Stanlib Insurance - E10 000	SRIC - E25 000
DHL - E125 000	FNB - E25 000
Limkokwing - E10 000	



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MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE'S TRIBUTE TO A GREAT LEADER, DR BARNABAS S. DLAMINI

MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



BY SAMKELE MAHLALELA

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THIS edition of the Multisectoral Response pays tribute to the dearly departed former Prime Minister, Dr Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini.

I know for a fact, that I am the least qualified of people to write a tribute of such a great man, but an African saying says, "If a boy washes his hands, he can eat with kings", so please indulge me.

When the news of the passing of the country's erstwhile prime minister (PM), Dr Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini, filtered through all Saturday morning, my first thoughts were on his family and the sad journey they would endure – in losing a father.

A special father, one who had lived the better part of his life in public office and constant public scrutiny. As government leader and prime minister, Dlamini had to take many decisions – with some political decisions not so popular (depending on which side of the fence you stood).

One of His Majesty King Mswati III's longest serving and trusted servants, the death of the longest serving former-PM, who once referred to himself as "the lightening arrester", has been met with mixed feelings.

The consensus is that he was both a hero to others and a source of pain to others. For us in the national multisectoral response, he was the former, a frontline hero.

In his book titled, "Inspiration: The Personal Journey of a Prime Minister of Swaziland", he states that in 2001, along with Cabinet, he set up what proved to be the most significant catalyst in the country's fight against HIV and AIDS, NERCHA.

It was placed under the prime minister as the King's Office was not responsible for projects.

"I am sorry to say that the ministry of health opposed its establishment, and its later conversion into a coun-

cil, and even the rolling out of anti-retroviral treatment, evidently influenced by the misguided government policy in South Africa at the time."

As prime minister, Dr Barnabas was the line minister responsible for the multisectoral response led by the National Emergency Response Council on HIV/AIDS (NERCHA).

His Excellency was undoubtedly one of the greatest advocates for the national HIV/AIDS response, which he guided firmly with passion.

It was him who was in office when His Majesty King Mswati III declared HIV/AIDS a national disaster on February 19, 1999 during the opening of the Seventh Parliament of the Kingdom of Eswatini.

In reaction, he was responsible for setting up two high level committees, the Cabinet Committee on HIV/AIDS chaired by the then deputy prime minister and a multi-sectoral HIV/AIDS Crisis Management and Technical Committee.

As the brunt of the epidemic became deep, he spearheaded the creation on an institution with a day to day function to tame the epidemic, that being NERCHA.

TRIBUTE TO THE EX-PM

I cannot find the best words to describe Dr Dlamini, so I will borrow from Swarthmore College professor Timothy Burke in his personal blog, Easily Distracted, posted on December 6, 2013.

"When you say, 'He was a great statesman' credit what that means. It means that he looked ahead, kept his eye on the prize, and tried to do what needed doing, whether that meant taking up arms, or playing chess, or making a friendly connection with a potentially friendly jailer.

"If you are going to say it, then credit it first that there might be great leaders (and great movements) where you right now see only terrorism or revolution or disorder. That, so many people were wrong about Mandela should at least allow for that much,"

Titled "Be Nelson Mandela" the piece critiques world leaders for their lack of long-term vision, addressing those deemed to be falling over themselves to memorialise Mandela's life, who in his early years, was deemed together with his ANC as dangerous terrorists.

Moreover, for much of his life, Nelson Mandela himself was quick to say he as well made great many mistakes as both a leader and man.

We will never know everything there



PILLAR OF STRENGTH: Former prime minister Dr Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini.

is to know about His Excellency, but his work in the HIV and AIDS response is parallel to none.

● The early years

When the first HIV case was reported in Eswatini in 1986, Dr Barnabas was the minister of finance.

In the initial, the matter was handled by the HIV Committee of Principal Secretaries which operated from 1986 to the early 1990s, before government took the issue more seriously and created the Swaziland National AIDS Programme (SNAP) under the ministry of health and Social Welfare.

In his biography, Dr Barnabas refers to HIV and AIDS as the country's most dangerous enemy. I quote:

"When I was appointed prime minister in 1996, I, like the rest of the Swazi society was aware that we had a growing challenge in the form of the HIV and AIDS pandemic, but we had no idea of the extent to which it would slam into our nation, killing so many people and destroying families and communities.

It would become Public Enemy Number One.

And all of this against a background of stigma and denial. What is truly heart-breaking is that, before anti-retroviral treatment became generally available, so many people had to endure immense suffering and public shame within the certainty of eventually losing their lives".

Between 1994 and 1999 the HIV prevalence rate rose from four per cent to over 30 per cent of all women attending antenatal care – with academicians and pessimists alike predicting that the tiny Kingdom of just

one million people would be wiped off the face of the world map.

The prevalence rate continued to rise to 41 per cent over the next few years, prompting His Majesty to declare HIV and AIDS a national disaster.

His Majesty went on to appoint a representative group of Chiefs from the four regions to study best practices in Uganda, which at the time was reversing its prevalence rates, albeit due to high AIDS related deaths.

Later that year, Dr Barnabas presented Eswatini's HIV and AIDS case on behalf of His Majesty, at the African Union Heads of State Summit in Abuja, Nigeria.

The summit resulted in the signing of the Abuja Declaration. It was at this meeting too, that then secretary-general of the United Nations, Kofi Annan, proposed the establishment of a Global Fund to finance the fight against the pandemic.

● The turnaround years

In 2001 during a Cabinet retreat at the Orion Hotel, Pigg's Peak, on the AU suggestion, Dr Barnabas led the discussion to create NERCHA to convene stakeholders for common purpose and manage the new big global donor funder, the United Nations Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM).

In January 2002, Dr Derek von Wissell, a highly experienced professional and former Minister for Health, was appointed as the first national executive director of NERCHA and with a staff complement of just twelve officers – now a little over seventy.

The following year, 2003, Dr Barnabas

gave his personal support to the initiation of the antiretroviral treatment for people living with HIV and AIDS programme, much against a growing debate of misconception led then South Africa president Thabo Mbeki and minister of health, Dr Manto Msimang's Garlic and Beetroot debate.

Dlamini, a stalwart decision maker, stuck to science and this paid off as today over 170 000 of 210 000 people living with HIV are alive and on treatment and over 70 000 lives have been saved, including resultant orphan hood.

These were in combination with a plethora of programmes for preventing new infections, keeping PLHIV alive and reducing AIDS related social vulnerability. These being: Abstain, Be faithful and Condomise (ABC), Neighbourhood Care points and KaGogo centres, the OVC schools grants and later Free Primary Education and elderly grants.

LEGACY

Nothing best describes his performance than just last year in July 2017, at the national dissemination of the Swaziland HIV Incidence Measurement Survey (SHIMS2) where it was found that the country was winning the war on AIDS.

Little Eswatini (the Swaziland) had obtained the highest rate of reduction of new infections among six countries where similar studies were conducted.

Eswatini earned a standing ovation at the CROI conference when the results were presented.

This echoed a statement he had made at a Cabinet Retreat in Pigg's Peak in 2013 where he said, "I wish to leave a legacy when I leave my post as PM and health is an important part of my legacy."

In his biography, the premier states that "From the day NERCHA was established, my weekly meeting with its director, Derek von Wissell, were set in stone, (because) so important was NERCHA's work in my scale of priorities.

Lives were at stake, as well as the prosperity, and well-being of my country and its people." Well said!

The multisectoral response is mourning the death of its leader, Dr Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini who was a pillar of strength, and facilitated highest political commitment to the response, both nationally and internationally.

Uyibekile indvuku ebandla! Your legacy in the HIV response will live on. Nkhosi, Dlamini!

ON THIS DAY

...OCTOBER 4

1535 - The first complete English translation of the Bible was printed in Zurich, Switzerland.

1648 - The first volunteer fire department was established in New York by Peter Stuyvesant.

1777 - At Germantown, PA, Patriot forces and British forces both suffer heavy losses in battle. The battle was seen as British victory, which actually served as a moral boost to the Americans.

1876 - The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas formally dedicated by Texas Gov. Richard Coke. It was the state's first venture into public higher education. The college opened for classes two days earlier.

1881 - Edward Leveaux received a patent for the player piano.

1887 - The Paris Herald Tribune was published for the first time. It was later known as the International Herald Tribune.

1893 - The first professional football contract was signed by Grant Dibert for the Pittsburgh AC.

1895 - The first U.S. Open golf tournament took place in Newport, RI. Horace Rawlins, 19 years old, won the tournament.

1909 - The first airship race in the U.S. took place in St. Louis, MO.

1915 - The Dinosaur National Monument was established. The area covered part of Utah and Colorado.

1927 - The first actual work of carving began on Mount Rushmore.

1931 - The comic strip 'Dick Tracy' made its debut in the Detroit Daily Mirror. The strip was created by Chester Gould.

1933 - 'Esquire' magazine was published for the first time.

1940 - Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini met in the Alps at Brenner Pass. Hitler was seeking help from Italy to fight the British.

1948 - 'The Railroad Hour' debuted on ABC radio.

1953 - 'I Led Three Lives' was first seen in syndication. The TV show was never on network.

1954 - 'December Bride' debuted on CBS-TV.

1956 - 'Playhouse 90' debuted on CBS-TV.

1957 - 'Leave it to Beaver' debuted on CBS-TV.

1957 - The Soviet Union launched Sputnik I into orbit around the Earth. Sputnik was the first manmade satellite to enter space. Sputnik I fell out of orbit on January 4, 1958.

1958 - British Overseas Airways Corporation became the first jetliner to offer trans-Atlantic service to passengers with flights between London, England and New York.

1959 - The first World Series to be played west of St. Louis began in Los Angeles, CA.

1965 - Pope Paul VI addressed the U.N. General Assembly and became the first reigning pontiff to visit the Western Hemisphere.

1976 - Barbara Walters joined Harry Reasoner at the anchor desk of the 'ABC Evening News' for the first time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Rich Homie Quan
(Rapper) - October 4, 1989, (29 years)



Shontelle (rnb singer) - October 4, 1985 (33 years old)

THE NATIONS PRAY

A NATIONAL CALL TO PRAY



BEFORE reading this article, please read the following scripture verses:

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He has chosen for His inheritance" **Psalms 33:12**

"Righteousness exalt a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" **Pro. 14:34**

"Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping His commandments, and His Judgements, and His statutes, which I command thee this day" **Deut. 8:11**

"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" **Psm 9:7**

"Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you into pieces, and there be none to deliver" **Psm 50:22**

For hundreds of years' historians and scholars have carefully studied and evaluated the factors that have caused decline and death of great empires.

Their careful conclusions are readily available to those who really want to know them. Scholars like Edward Gibbon who wrote the classic 'The decline and the Fall of the Roman Empire', and Arnold Toynbee, who wrote 'A study of History', have set forth in great clarity and detail that twenty-one of the last great empires on earth all showed the same common signs of decline just before they dissolved and disappeared from world history. This simply cannot be refuted by any honest person!

History is littered with the remains of once great empires, each one having had their turn at the very helm of the world, rising so high, yet today they are only a memory. Will this be true of our nation?

Many historians have catalogued the 'commonalities of calamity' or 'the pathology of death' for human societies, and the diagnosis is alarming! Nations do not really die; they dissolve, a slow process of erosion.

They self-destruct due to disintegration caused by dangers lurking within. Let us list these common symptoms of the end, "harbingers of death" shared by all twenty-one of the last great extinct societies:

The social symptoms: 1. An increase in lawlessness and the promotion of the wrong people. 2. A loss of economic discipline and self-restraint; greed. 3. Rising government taxes and regulations, and growing bureaucracy. 4. A decline in the relevance and quality education.

The cultural symptoms: 1. An increase in materialism and selfish luxury. 2. The weakening of the foundational principles that build the nation and made it great. 3. Policies based on feelings and not moral discipline. 4. A loss of respect for established authority.

The spiritual symptoms: 1. A rise in immorality and perversion. 2. The lure of alien gods and the exaltation of man. 3. A decline in the value placed in human life as evidenced by abortion, brutality, loss of natural affection, and lack of care for the elderly.

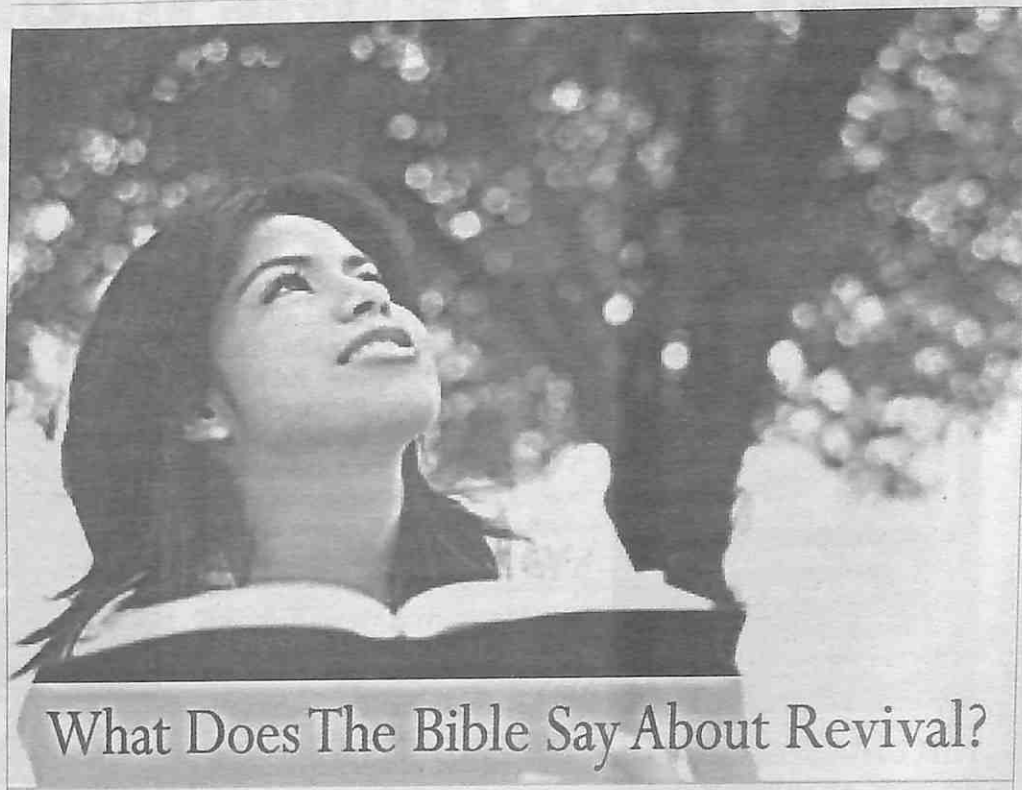
Nations ready to die are plagued by lawlessness, economic insolvency, loss of values, self-centeredness and the breakdown of social order.

Peace and order becomes impossible to maintain despite a deluge of 'new laws' to stem the tide. The Barbarians then come and infiltrate, and the nation cannot resist. It loses the moral fibre and the will to sacrifice is no longer present.

There are well-worn paths to disaster and

REVIVAL CAN SAVE A NATION

...A nation that has forgotten God has no chance!



What Does The Bible Say About Revival?

these are stark warnings to any nation. They are absolute reminders not to make the fatal movement away from God as the lord of all. The old expression, 'No man loves his alarm clock!' is appropriate here.

A nation that has forgotten God has no chance! The nation that does not fear Him has forgotten Him. The reason that history repeats itself is that most people do not listen the first time! Someone has said, "the future cannot be seen clearly without the past" (Job 8: 8-13, Ecc. 1: 9-10). It was Aristotle who first said, "Those who do not know history are doomed to repeat it". The lessons of history are meant to lead us to the Lord of history. It practically shouts at us that every individual and nation is accountable to Him. History will end at the feet of our risen Lord.

God repeatedly warns a nation and pleads with that nation, before He removes it, but history shows that nation seldom listen! The great hope is that God will send a mighty move of His Spirit in the nation and revive it to blessing and a right relationship to Him.

In the Eswatini kingdom, true revival will not come by simply becoming aware of our great need for it. It will not come even if we are successful in pointing out all our present grievous sin and error.

Revival

It will not come because of multiplied meetings to encourage us and to make us want revival; even sing at it. Revival will come only in God's sovereign grace when the people of God recover God's revelation of who He is.

We must have fresh revelation of God through His word. -Jesus Christ the Lord. Inherent in this revelation will come the glorious realisation of who He wants His people to be.

Then, the people of God must choose to authentically respond to Him in such a way to allow Him to clear up the discrepancies and contradictions. Submitted to Him, the Church will once again become 'salt and light'.

Friends. In our day, we seem to have lost sight of who God is. And because we don't see His holiness, there is no fear of God. Because we don't see our unholiness there is little brokenness. Because we don't see His forgiveness there

is no Joy. Because we see His plan we sense a lack of purpose.

Let us realise today-the nations is in grave danger and they are repeating the same mistake of the past of nations long gone.

In fact, we are out doing them in their error! And the fact that we have had so much blessing and truth from God only makes us accountable to Him. It is time to fall before Him in fresh repentance and faith.

If true revival comes it will make the Church a bull's eye for the world, not just a blessing.

Attacks will come from the world outside and from the worldly inside the Church. But God will own the Church in manifest power, and there will be fresh demonstration of resurrection life in His body.

She will worship the lord "in the beauty of His holiness" (psm. 29:2), and the gospel will go forth in power. Just imagine what the Church would be like if our wonderful lord had His way!

Oh, we need an epidemic of the glory of God! It is time for the Church of the Lord Jesus to heed the scriptures afresh! We must deal with the real issues of the heart-the one that have kept us from heavenly intimacy with God and passion for our lord. The world is waiting to see the New Testament Church clothed with power from on High and brimming over with the Joy of Resurrection life.

Isn't it true the Church cannot have a message for the heart of the world until the lord has the heart of the Church? The Church must be ignited by the Lord, or we will be ignored by the world. God loves a church aflame; He cannot abide in the lukewarm. It is time to seek the lord, to let the Holy Spirit burn the promises of **2Chronicles 7:14** into our very being. "Lord, send revival, and let it begin in me".

Join us for "The Nations Pray" monthly Revival prayer this month we will be with Zoe Christian Family Centre in Matsapha this Saturday 27th October 2018 past the Eteteni Engen starting from 2:15pm to 3:30pm. Please also visit our Facebook page The Pentecost Ministries International Trust and your feedback is also welcome to the revolutionarymandate@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC CHURCH RESISTS CHANGE – BUT VATICAN II SHOWS IT'S POSSIBLE

POPE Francis has asked the heads of every bishops' conference around the world to gather for a summit in February to discuss the issue of sexual abuse in the church.

Even as the pope takes these steps, debates continue about what he knew and whether there was a better way of dealing with the perpetrators of abuse.

There have been many specific recommendations about what Francis could do to fix the mess the church faces. These include everything from reforming canon law to elevating nuns to the position of Cardinal.

Many of these discussions acknowledge that bringing any real change in the Roman Catholic Church is hard, even for a pope.

However, as a scholar of religious change, I believe what's missing in these discussions are examples of when significant change was achieved in the church.

The pope's options

So what exactly can a pope do to change things? First of all, of course, the pope can make many administrative changes. For example, he can modify canon law or the rules that govern the behaviour of all priests and members of the hierarchy. He can 'reorganise' different Vatican offices, such as the conservative Roman Curia and issue encyclicals to set the tone and tenor of the church.

Pope Francis, for example, is well-known for decisions that emphasise simplicity and modesty. For example, after taking office he wore ordinary black shoes to office and chose to ride in an everyday car like a Fiat.

But the issue is that the next pope could reverse some or all of these changes. For a change to be permanent, the pope needs to exercise his right to speak infallibly – meaning that what he is saying can never be wrong, and in essence, cannot change.

Speaking infallibly is an incredible burden, in no small part because a pope must do it alone.

It has only been done once since papal infallibility was officially declared by the First Vatican Council in 1898. That was in 1950, when Pius XII declared the doctrine of the Assumption of Mary, that she was bodily assumed into heaven upon her death.

What about a council?

But there is a way for a pope to speak authoritatively and with great legitimacy about doctrine: he can call an ecumenical council. In fact, only a pope can call a council, and he does not have to do so in concert with anyone else.

An ecumenical council, by definition, means a gathering of all of the leaders of the world church.

Despite the fact that technically, any pope can call a council anytime, councils are rare events – occurring less than once a century on average.



Pope Francis prays in St Mary's Pro Cathedral, Dublin, for victims of abuse by the church. Stefano Reilandini/Reuters

The church's last council before Vatican II, Vatican I, ended prematurely in 1869 as a result of the Franco-Prussian War and did little of note besides declaring the doctrine of papal infallibility.

Prior to Vatican I, the church had not held a council since the Council of Trent in 1563.

The most recent, and most important, example of change occurring in the Catholic Church is the Second Vatican Council, or Vatican II. In 1998 I started research on Vatican II and gained access to everything from council leaders' personal correspondence to votes from the Vatican Secret Archive.

I believe, this is a moment to revisit Vatican II and examine what it can tell us about how the church can, and did, renew itself.

Vatican II

When Pope John XXIII called the council in 1958, the world was surprised as were, by all accounts, the Vatican bureaucracy. The council created a "political opportunity" in the church for those who wanted to bring change.

Vatican II was a monumental task. It took four years of preparations and four sessions of debates over three years, between 1962 to 1965.

Almost 3 000 bishops, cardinals, heads of religious orders and theologians from all over the world participated in the council. What is noteworthy is that these participants were not members of the Curia, the administrative offices of the Vatican that oversee the day-to-day workings of the church. These were people usually focused on administering to their local dioceses. But when the opportunity came to change the church, they took it.

The hurdles

The process was difficult and full of setbacks. During council preparations and over the course of council itself, the Curia tried to prevent changes. Indeed, deeming the council complete was in and of itself, an ongoing,

uncertain and often fraught process.

The initial drafts of statements about church doctrine that the Curia prepared before the council, did nothing other than enumerating errors and reiterating current church doctrine. These, however, were rejected in a dramatic confrontation during the first days of the council.

As I demonstrate in my book on Vatican II, such progressive victories were a result of the efforts of a group of bishops who believed in the "doctrine of collegiality."

Approved at Vatican II, this doctrine states that the bishops convening together have the same authority to discuss, debate or change doctrine as the pope. These bishops listened to each other and, most importantly, developed compromise positions that the majority of bishops could support.

Thus, for example, bishops who carried historic animosities toward Protestant missionaries learned how important it was to improve those relationships.

My analysis of council votes that I obtained from the Vatican Secret Archive demonstrated that ultimately, a majority of Latin American bishops voted for reforms that helped in better relationships with Protestants.

As a result of many other such dialogues, real changes came about.

The changes from Vatican II

Among the noteworthy ones were those that changed the way the church worshipped. The altar, for example, was turned around to face the people. Mass was changed to be in the vernacular, no longer in Latin. And women no longer had to cover their hair in church.

And these are but the most practical. Many of the bigger doctrinal changes were those that most Catholics were oblivious to, or knew about only in passing. The biggest of these was the Declaration of Religious Liberty.

By declaring that the only just form of government was one under which people were free to worship as they pleased, the church relinquished centuries-old preferential treatment for particular governments.

Prior to the declaration, the church had benefited from governments that either repressed other religious organisations, or otherwise provided financial or legal support for the Catholic Church.

In doing so the church gained more than it lost. Most of all, it gained legitimacy throughout the globe. Just one indication of this was that during the first papal visit to the United States in 1965, Pope Paul VI was invited to speak at the United Nations.

Time for Vatican III?

When Pope John XXIII announced the council in 1958, there was no real crisis in the church. It was, by many measures, a healthy, if ancient institution.

But today, the Catholic Church is facing a crisis: In many places of the world, mass attendance is down and a growing number of young Catholics are leaving the church.

In addition to these challenges, fewer and fewer men are willing to enter the priesthood. This trend, which began long before the clergy sex abuse scandal, is raising questions around whether the church needs to reconsider its insistence on a male, celibate priesthood.

And, of course, there are many other concerns that the church might want to engage with – for example, whether the 98 percent of practicing Catholics who use "artificial means" of contraception – meaning anything other than the rhythm method – are sinners.

It seems possible to me that given the depth and breadth of the issues it is facing, the church needs more than reflection. The church, I would argue, needs change. It needs another council.

THE CONVERSATION



"Don't waste your time in anger, regrets, worries, and grudges. Life is too short to be unhappy."

— Roy T. Bennett

"Believe in yourself. You are braver than you think, more talented than you know, and capable of more than you imagine."

— Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

"To shine your brightest light is to be who you truly are."

— Roy T. Bennett

"Let the improvement of yourself keep you so busy that you have no time to criticise others."

— Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

"Start each day with a positive thought and a grateful heart."

— Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

"Be thankful for everything that happens in your life; it's all an experience."

— Roy T. Bennett

"If you believe very strongly in something, stand up and fight for it."

— Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

"Listen with curiosity. Speak with honesty. Act with integrity. The greatest problem with communication is we don't listen to understand. We listen to reply. When we listen with curiosity, we don't listen with the intent to reply. We listen for what's behind the words."

— Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

"You are not rich until you have a rich heart."

— Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

"Even if you cannot change all the people around you, you can change the people you choose to be around. Life is too short to waste your time on people who don't respect, appreciate, and value you. Spend your life with people who make you smile, laugh, and feel loved."

— Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

"Stop comparing yourself to other people, just choose to be happy and live your own life."

— Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

"Surround Yourself with People Who Believe in Your Dreams:

Surround yourself with people who believe in your dreams, encourage your ideas, support your ambitions, and bring out the best in you."

— Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

"Do not set aside your happiness. Do not wait to be happy in the future. The best time to be happy is always now."

— Roy T. Bennett

"Great things happen to those who don't stop believing, trying, learning, and being grateful."

— Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

"Always remember people who have helped you along the way, and don't forget to lift someone up."

— Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

"When the going gets tough, put one foot in front of the other and just keep going. Don't give up."

— Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

"You cannot control the behavior of others, but you can always choose how you respond to it."

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.50%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	4.9%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10.25%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.0%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E13.30 per litre
Replacement	E13.35 per litre
Diesel	E13.30 per litre
Paraffin	E 9.65 per litre
Engen Garage	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 03 OCT 2018

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.3100	14.3600
British Pound/SZL	18.6023	18.6673
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.9248	7.9511
Swiss France/SZL	14.5264	14.5757
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3852	1.4015
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.2703	10.3090
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.1640	11.2021
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	16.5645	16.6224
Gold	1,204.6801	
Oil	74.5700	

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RSSC mill explosion disrupts molasses production

...The explosion incident compelled RSSC to sell 11 500 metric tonnes of molasses

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

AN explosion accident which occurred in one of RSSC's mills last year ultimately affected the production of molasses.

The damaged plant was also refurbished and re-commissioned last year.

RSSC is the Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation. Despite three separate independent inquiries, RSSC states in its integrated annual report that the ultimate cause of this accident could not be ascertained as the plant had been cold and out of production for cleaning at the time of the incident.

The explosion incident compelled RSSC to sell 11 500 metric tonnes of molasses to avoid stopping the sugar mills due to the risk of running out of storage space.

"With only the older and less effi-

cient No 1 plant available during the restoration of No2 plant, we could not process molasses fast enough," the report states.

Under these conditions, the quality of RSSC's molasses deteriorated as it had to be stored in less than ideal conditions. Some quantities were exposed to bacteria, thus lowering yield.

RSSC reports that repairs were made to the damaged plant at exceptional effort as it was back in operation in November last year.

Nevertheless, the limited output during the three months of repair had a knock-on effect on the marketing and sales of this product, with regular customers seeking for supplies elsewhere. Molasses now accounts for 41 per cent of RSSC's operating costs.

Unfavourable trading conditions, coupled with current pricing of molasses also hit the ethanol busi-

ness very hard.

The report states that the 2018 fiscal year was not a normal one for the ethanol market as a result of the explosion.

Worse still, the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) market share dropped due to the rationing of this product during the unscheduled shutdown. That market, according to the report, is still protected by non-tariff barriers such as restrictive labeling requirements which are reportedly making it difficult for RSSC to improve its market share.

RSSC also reported challenges in its European Union ethanol market whose prices have been on the decline since 2011.

"Owing to low fuel ethanol prices, most manufacturers have diverted biofuel into the traditional market for rectification purposes, thereby displacing imports of potable ethanol

into the EU market," the report states. Worsening the situation is that ethanol produced by Asian countries was sold at relatively cheaper prices which made it difficult for RSSC to break even with their prices.

Letshego clients honoured in customer service week

By Majaha Nkonyane

LETSHEGO joined in the commemoration of international customer service week which started on Monday.

"Letshego identifies with the theme because as a subsidiary and group we are continuously looking for ways to enhance customer experience.

"We recently formed a strategic partnership with MTN to pay customer's funds through Mobile Money in an effort to bring more convenience to our customers," Letshego Chief Executive Officer Mongi Dlamini said.

He said providing customers with exceptional service is all about providing convenience as the world has evolved tremendously to digitalisation.

Sophisticated

"Today's customers are more informed and sophisticated thus high quality service is what is expected by today's consumers," he said.

According to Dlamini, customer service week came at an opportune time as they launched their annual improving life campaign themed 'Sakhalikusasalakho'.

The campaign is a platform where the company's customers share their stories of how Letshego products are used to improve their lives.

"The stories shared in this campaign assists Letshego in understanding customer needs in order to provide simple, appropriate and accessible solutions," he said.

Dlamini also said excellent customer service can be achieved through full understanding of customer needs.

When an organisation understands its customers it will deliver services and products that will exceed their customer's expectation.

LPG GAS PRICES TO INCREASE BY E1.79

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE price of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) is set to hike to E25.51 per kilogramme from E23.72.

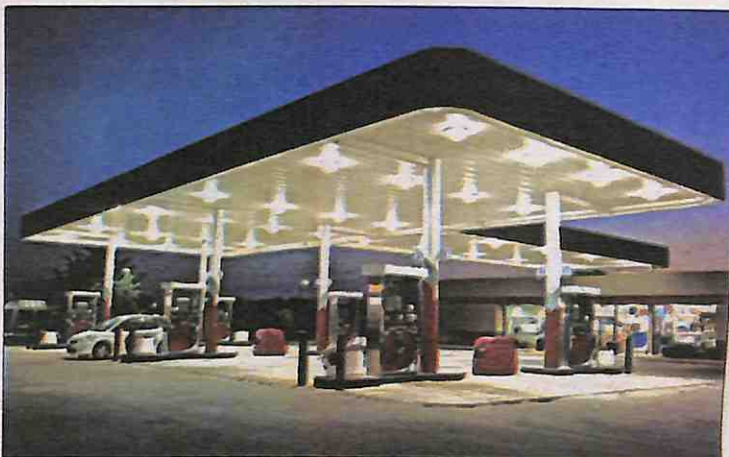
These new prices came into effect yesterday following an announcement by the South African Department of Energy.

The country's gas prices are aligned with South African ones. Locally consumed gas, according to the ministry of natural resources and energy, is imported from Durban refineries in South Africa.

The oil companies distribute gas products to filling stations and to commercial users.

The ministry reported in its website to be in consultation with key stakeholders as they explore the logistics of importing products through Mozambique to diversify the sources of fuel supply with the aim of enhancing security of supply in the country.

"One oil company is currently importing through Mozambique on intermittent basis.



For Eswatini the situation is that all petroleum products are presently imported from South Africa where there is a regulation of product prices.

Downstream

"The ministry plays a regulatory role in the petroleum downstream activities, in particular the pricing of all controlled petroleum products i.e. petrol, diesel and illuminating paraffin," the report said.

With the availability of natural gas in neighbouring countries, such

as Mozambique and Namibia, and the discovery of offshore gas reserves in South Africa, the gas industry in South Africa is now undergoing rapid expansion.

In addition to coal gas and Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG), South Africa produced about 930 000 tonnes of natural gas and 104 860 tonnes of associated condensate in 2017.

Gas manufactured from coal accounted for five per cent of net energy consumption, while LPG accounted for about six per cent.

2018 petroleum products prices in cents per litre

YR2018	03-Jan-18	07-Feb-18	07-Mar-18	04-Apr-18	02-May-18	06-Jun-18	04-Jul-18	01-Aug-18	05-Sep-18	03-Oct-18	07-Nov-18	05-Dec-18
COASTAL												
95 LRP (c/l) *	1393.00	1363.00	1327.00	1309.00	1438.00	1520.00	1543.00	1544.00	1549.00	1549.00	1549.00	1549.00
95 ULP (c/l) *	1393.00	1363.00	1327.00	1309.00	1438.00	1520.00	1543.00	1544.00	1549.00	1549.00	1549.00	1549.00
Diesel 0.05% (c/l) **	1234.93	1217.93	1170.93	1226.03	1285.03	1370.03	1396.03	1392.03	1392.03	1392.03	1392.03	1392.03
Diesel 0.005% (c/l) **	1237.33	1220.30	1176.33	1231.43	1289.43	1376.43	1400.43	1396.43	1396.43	1396.43	1396.43	1396.43
Illuminating Paraffin (c/l) **	779.488	760.488	737.488	732.588	784.588	866.588	888.588	892.588	892.588	892.588	892.588	892.588
Liquefied Petroleum Gas (c/kg) ***	2165.00	2142.00	2073.00	2111.00	2180.00	2318.00	2356.00	2372.00	2372.00	2372.00	2372.00	2372.00

SEPTEMBER BITCOIN'S MOST TORRID MONTH

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

SEPTEMBER was certainly not for the faint-hearted of Bitcoin investors as the world's largest cryptocurrency by market capitalisation was at its most volatile.

Even though the cryptocurrency space is highly unpredictable, Bitcoin prices oscillated between a low of E85 400 in September and a high of E104 006 which was still a far cry from its over E220 000 trading price in December last year. Cryptocurrency tracking website CoinDesk reported Bitcoin's trading range to be just over E21 000 over the course of September, which was by far the roughest month for this cryptocurrency.

Since December last year, Bitcoin has been on a bearish downward trend with prices plunging to its current all-time low. Rival cryptocurrency Ethereum recently traded at E2 422 down from over E19 400 in January. CBS news reported that the total value of the top 100 cryptocurrencies tracked by CoinMarketCap, once nearly a trillion dollars, was pegged most recently at E2 632 billion. The digital currency market's latest volatility comes



amid startling revelations made by online cryptocurrency tracker, dead coins, which show that over 800 cryptocurrency brands created between 2014 and now have simply vanished. Most cryptocurrencies were declared either as deceased, parody, hack or scam.

This means that all 800 cryptocurrencies created in different countries are now virtually worthless. Early this year, Standard Bank Chief Executive Mvuselelo Fakudze openly expressed skepticism of cryptocurrencies when

he advised people to consider investing in time-honoured institutions like banks, stock exchanges and the property market. He described cryptocurrencies as suspicious in the sense that one never knows who their money goes to. Another critic of cryptocurrencies is Warren Buffet, one of the world's successful and respectable businessmen. Buffet was quoted warning against an imminent fall of the cryptocurrency bubble. In an interview with CNBC, he referred to Bitcoin as "probably rat poison squared."

SPPRA, SEDCO sign MoU

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE Swaziland Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (SPPRA) is working on assisting Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to grow to a point of being able to supply government tenders.

This was revealed by SPPRA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Madoda Mngomezulu who was speaking during a signing of a memorandum of understanding between his organisation and the Small Enterprises Development Company (SEDCO) marking a partnership between the two entities.

Mngomezulu said SPPRA is mandated by per Section 10 (b) of the Procurement Act of 2011 to promote measures to facilitate participation by Eswatini companies in public procurement. Mngomezulu said they would achieve this through the newly established partnership with SEDCO.

"It was important for us to part-

ner with SEDCO because they are an institution which has contributed greatly to the development and strengthening of the SMME sector in the country. By promoting capacity building initiatives in the SMME sector, we will be introducing a more economically inclusive development model within the country.

Mngomezulu also acknowledged SEDCO's role in encouraging entrepreneurship through business education, training and consultancy services. "We believe that this will complement our role in the professionalisation of procurement in Eswatini for increased knowledge about the prescriptions of the procurement Act 2011 as it relates to preferential margins for local businesses," he said.

Mngomezulu said the collaboration will help meet capacity building objectives by leveraging resources, identifying potential stakeholders who share and facilitate greater private sector participation of local entrepreneurs.

Government urged to consider MSMEs in procurement

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE government of the country has been urged to consider Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the procurement process, as this will not only bring growth to them but it will help the country retain them as the world at large has potential to snatch them.

"I do hope that when time for implementation comes the measure of success will be how much business flows to small businesses and how easy they now access slices from the government cake. If this is not done the slices will start gravitating towards other countries due to the trade liberalisation efforts," SEDCO Managing Director Dorrington Matiwane said.

Matiwane said securing MSME participation in securing public contracts is particularly important because it is done fairly and transparently amongst bidders which ensure the delivery of quality services and products.

"This partnership will help catalyse the mass participation of MSMEs in public procurement through targeted interventions which include tendering skills development, doing business with the public sector, meet the buyer events and other related capacity building interventions," he said.

According to Matiwane amongst other synergies to be realised, the collaboration will further help identify barriers to MSMEs participa-

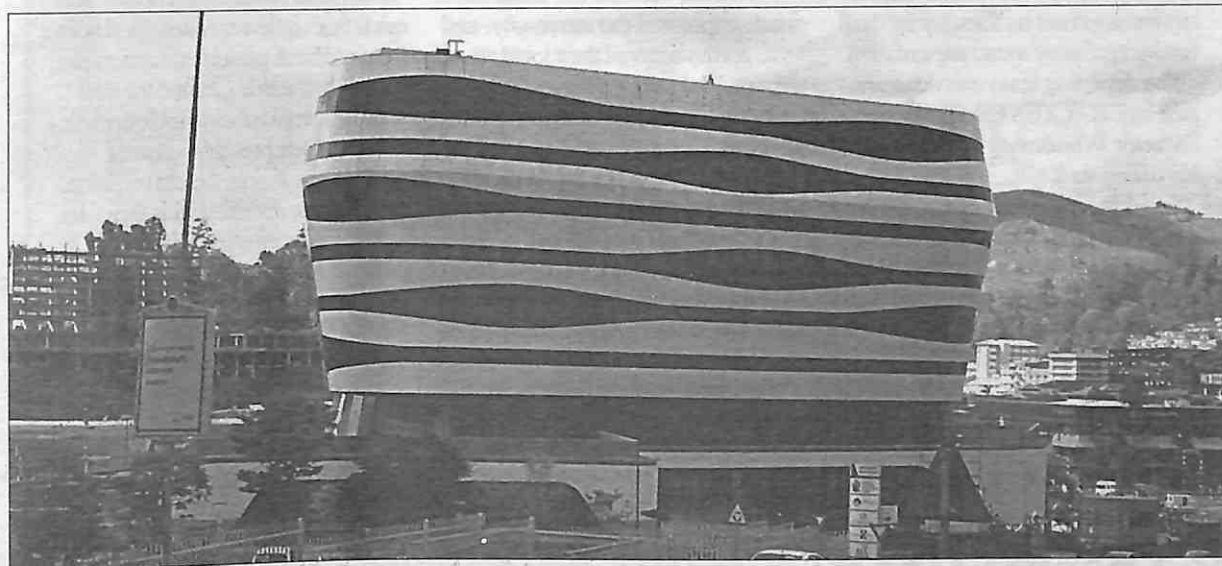


REVEALED: SEDCO Managing Director Dorrington Matiwane.

tion in public procurement. Matiwane also expressed his confidence in that through the collaboration, public procurement spending analysis will reflect a growing number of small businesses participating in public procurement.

"SEDCO is very conscious that MSMEs are a significant driver in economic recovery and those MSMEs arguably have characteristics and flexibility that gives them advantages over larger organisations even within the context of public procurement," he said.

According to Matiwane public procurement has been believed to be a space where only large firms can participate. This according to Matiwane has led to MSMEs being locked out of public procurement market.



ARTISTIC: The Hilton Garden Inn Hotel in Mbabane.

More Hilton Hotels for Africa

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

HILTON on Monday announced it was on track to more than double its African presence in the next five years with the opening of the Legend Hotel Lagos Airport.

In Eswatini, while the newly constructed Hilton Garden Inn hotel in Mbabane has not been officially opened yet, it is also another addition to the group's expansion into African soil.

Speaking ahead of the Africa Hotel Investment Forum (AHIF) in Nairobi, Hilton President and CEO Chris Nassetta said:

"We continue to innovate in Africa with new brands and products, and we are pleased to introduce our Curio

Collection brand here with the opening of Legend Hotel Lagos Airport. As the continent continues to undergo rapid urbanisation, with the UN forecasting that the world's 10 fastest-growing cities will all be in Africa by 2035, this hotel is a part of our strategy to connect guests to key cities and airport locations across the region."

Hilton said in a statement on Monday that there is a strong demand for its brands across the continent and expects to open eight hotels in total across Africa this year, three of which will fly under the Hilton Garden Inn flag. This brand appeals to the rising tide of middle class travelers into and across Africa and the company expects to open at least 16 Hilton Garden Inn hotels in the coming five years, including brand entries in Kampala, Ghana, Malawi, Eswatini

and many other strategic locations across sub-Saharan Africa.

Last year, Hilton launched the Hilton Africa Growth Initiative, which will support the conversion of existing hotels to Hilton brands with an investment of US\$50 million over five years. During that period, Hilton expects to secure 100 conversion opportunities with some 15-20 000 rooms added to its portfolio to meet the growing need for quality branded hotels across the continent.

Hilton is committed to growth and opportunity across Africa and has been a continuous presence on the continent since 1959. With 41 open hotels and 53 in its development pipeline in Africa, Hilton expects to double its footprint across the continent in the next five years. This includes market entries in 13 countries where it does not currently operate including Botswana, Ghana, Uganda, Malawi and Rwanda.

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SANU FOE TEAM LEAVES FOR ENACTUS WORLD CUP TO US

This week, the ENACTUS Southern African Nazarene University Faculty of Education (SANU FOE) team will leave the country for the ENACTUS World Cup 2018 to be held at San Jose, California in the United States.

The team will be up against other teams from 35 countries around the world at the ENACTUS World Cup which will run from October 9-11.

Last year, the Kingdom of Eswatini was represented by Gwamile Vocational and Commercial Training Institute (VOCTIM) at the ENACTUS World Cup. The team hoisted the country's flag high, by beating France, Russia, and Kyrgyzstan to advance to the semi-final of the contest.

"We are also confident that the SANU FOE team will continue to hoist the country's flag high at the ENACTUS World Cup, and make the Kingdom of Eswatini proud," says ENACTUS Eswatini Country Director Wonderboy Khumalo.

At the sidelines of the contest, the team will also be able to learn from the finest global industry experts through various sessions which are aimed to empower ENACTUS delegates at the World Cup. Condoleezza Rice, who was the first female African-American Secretary of State will be one of the keynote speakers of these sessions.

Rice is also an American Political Scientist and Diplomat, and a faculty member of the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

The team will also participate in the Innovation and Collaboration Hub, where they will experience diverse cultures within the ENACTUS network and visit unique displays created by each of the participating countries.



GEARED UP: The five SANU students who will be travelling to Silicon Valley this week.

Here they will showcase their Super Nova Reflector Belt project, which have helped reduce traffic accidents involving stray cattle on roads.

ENACTUS Eswatini is proudly sponsored by the Government of Eswatini, Coca-Cola Eswatini, Harmony Gold Mining Company, Nedbank Eswatini, MTN Eswatini, Eswatini Water Services Corporation (EWSC), Eswatini Bank, Swazi Observer, Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC), DD Williamson, Standard Bank, Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE), Strengths Inc, NAMBoard, Old Mutual, Sdudla Engineering, SEDCO, Eswatini Investment Promotion Authority (EIPA), Kushamiri, KPMG, TransMagnific, Eswatini Tourism Authority (ETA), Dups Group, and Ecosol.

TEAM RECEIVES BLESSING FROM UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT
The ENACTUS Southern African

Nazarene University Faculty of Education (SANU FOE) team has received a blessing from the university management as they prepare to jet off this week to represent the Kingdom at the ENACTUS World Cup.

The team, who are the national champions, met the SANU university management on Tuesday for their final preparatory round presentation.

The departing team was accompanied by ENACTUS Eswatini Country Director Wonderboy Khumalo and his office staff.

Speaking on behalf of the university, SANU Vice Chancellor Professor Winnie Nhlengethwa expressed her appreciation to the students and their advisors for their sheer dedication to ENACTUS activities.

"We will pray and support you in any way possible, because you have not only showed passion, but have also demonstrated that you are the



GOOD WORK: SANU students preparing to make a presentation during their ENACTUS competition.

cream of the nation, and have what it takes to succeed in the next round at a global level," she said to the departing team.

ENACTUS Eswatini Country Director Wonderboy Khumalo commended the SANU management for their sturdy support of the team.

"I am glad because the team have not disappointed the university, and have got the better of their local counterparts," he said.

Khumalo further stated the national champions were up against their SANU counterparts from the SANU Siteki campus during the final round of the national competition.

The SANU Siteki Campus team was crowned first runners-up, while the SANU Faculty of Education team was crowned national champions.

"I am praying passionately for the students to make history and return home with the ENACTUS World Cup prize.

This can further reflect their appreciation to the support afforded by the university," he added.

The winning project for the ENACTUS FOE team during the national championship was the Supa Nova project, which is bound to curb road accidents caused by stray livestock.

The Supa Nova is a reflector belt made from reflector material and belts from old back packs that farmers can put on their cattle (around the neck), in order to make them visible at night.

During their presentation to the university management, the team explained that they are optimistic that their idea is a viable innovation considering its positive impact.

Currently, the project benefits eight women from Ngculwini in the Manzini region, who have sewing skills.

The women are the ones responsible for sewing these belts. Each belt is sold at Khuba Traders in Manzini for only E25 or about \$2 for now.

Businesses can pay employees using Shoprite Money

DURBAN – Businesses can now send money to their employees through Shoprite Money.

Businesses that use Shoprite Money can pay staff salaries or make other multiple payments safely, conveniently for free.

Shoprite Money is a mobile transactional banking service which is available to everyone, even people that don't have bank accounts.

It is a mobile wallet which allows customers to deposit, withdraw or send money as well as buy groceries at any till point in all Shoprite, Checkers, Checkers Hyper and Usave stores.

Through the Shoprite Money account, customers can also send money and buy electricity or airtime, provided they have funds. Since this service was launched in May this year, Shoprite Money has attracted more than 100 000 registered account holders.

Shoprite Money is accessible at all till points, allowing customers to have easy



access to more than 20 000 ATMs.

Shoprite Money is helping businesses with their payroll needs and giving employees better accessibility to their salaries. All transactions are free however there is a R9.95 fee that only applies to cash withdrawals. The Shoprite Group absorbs all other costs.

Businesses using the service have a transfer limit of R5 000 per employee

per day. The monthly limit is R25 000 per receiver of the money. However, there is no limit on the total file value.

Shoprite Money is available to people over the age of 18 that have a valid SA ID document and an active cell-phone number. Users can register for an account by visiting a Shoprite, Checkers Hyper or Usave store.

Business Report Online

AVI pays R824.6m in gross benefits to BEE staff

DURBAN – Food and beverages company AVI has paid a total of R824.6 million in gross benefits to its black empowerment beneficiaries since it was started 10 years ago.

The group said in its 2018 annual report yesterday that the scheme allowed it to meet its transformation agenda with a 7.7 per cent issuance of 26 million of ordinary shares to its black staffers.

The group said participants would gain from growth over a seven-year period, with the first tranche, a third of the shares, vested after five years.

"Over the life of the scheme to date, 17 873 participants have benefited from the scheme and received a total gross benefit of

R824.6m, including 1 587 participants who left the company's employ in a manner that classified them as 'good leavers' and where these good leavers received a total gross benefit of R105.4m," the group said.

During that period, AVI's share price has rallied on the JSE, surging by more than 400 per cent.

AVI has an extensive portfolio of more than 50 brands, which includes Five Roses, Bakers, Freshpak and House of Coffees.

It also holds the licence for international brands such as Rimmel, Kurt Geiger, Yardley and Lavazza.

The group said that its transformation agenda extended to its subsidiaries.

Business Report



TWO MONTHS IN OFFICE: NO SIGN OF ECONOMIC TURNAROUND IN ZIM

HARRAE - Two months after disputed general elections in Zimbabwe, President Emmerson Mnangagwa's spirited efforts to turn around the economy are so far gaining limited traction.

His closest rival in the presidential race, Nelson Chamisa of the MDC Alliance, who got more than two million votes, quipped earlier this month that "you can change statistics of elections, but you cannot tamper with figures in economics".

Chamisa has argued that Zimbabwe's problems are owing to a political legitimacy crisis.

But Mnangagwa is hard at work. His international charm offensive has seen Britain engaged in talks with Harare to help revive the economy through the Lima Plan - the country's debt and arrears clearance blueprint brought to light during former President Robert Mugabe's rule in 2015. Mnangagwa is also banking on China to help with a \$2-billion



NO CHANGE:
Zimbabwe President Emmerson Mnangagwa.

bailout, despite failure to clinch the deal when he was in the oriental country for the Forum on China-Africa Co-operation (Focac) summit in Beijing.

However, for the ordinary man on the street, things are getting worse

by the week - if not by the day. Prices of basic commodities are spiralling.

"It's painful. But the good thing is that those that voted for Zanu PF are using the same money as us and are buying from the same shops and we earn the same money. We are all suf-

fering," said Liberty Ncube, who is employed at a manufacturing company in the country's second largest city, Bulawayo.

Zanu PF has admitted it is clueless about the reason behind the price increases. "The party is failing to understand what is triggering the price hikes," the party's political commissar, retired Brigadier-General Engelbert Rugeje, told members at a meeting in Bindura.

Before Rugeje's admission, Zanu PF invited the MDC Alliance to an inter-party dialogue meant to resolve the economic crisis. Last week a shortage of bread, a basic commodity, was announced by the Grain Millers Association of Zimbabwe. The situation has changed for the worse, as the association announced on Monday that biscuits and other confectionery products will not be getting an allocation of bread and self-raising flour for at least two weeks. *Times Live*

CHINESE ARRESTED IN ZAMBIA OVER ILLEGAL MILITARY TRAINING

ZAMBIA - Police say the group had been conducting training without clearance from the authorities.

Police in Zambia have arrested two Chinese nationals over allegations that they were giving illegal military training to members of a local security firm, the Lusaka Times reported on Tuesday.

Police said one was arrested on

Saturday and another on Sunday in the country's tourist capital, Livingstone. In total, at least 11 people, including Zambians, were arrested in the operation.

Those arrested included a Zambian director of Alert Safety Security in Livingstone while nine others were detained near the Livingstone Weighbridge.

The suspects were found in pos-

session of one pistol, seven shotguns, and one big air gun with a box containing shotgun ammunition, allegedly belonging to a security company based in the capital Lusaka.

Zambian police said the group had been conducting training without clearance from the police while the uniforms they were using look similar to the one used by National Parks and Wildlife Authority. *AFP*

At least 11 dead, 70 hurt in Sierra Leone military vehicle accident

SIERRA LEONE - Eleven people died and dozens more were injured when a Sierra Leone army vehicle overturned on a hill in the capital Freetown, the military said on Tuesday the day after the accident.

The army truck had been heading for a funeral service for a soldier who recently died when the accident happened in mid-afternoon, on one of the hills that surround the centre of Freetown.

"I was burying my cousin and just got news that my sister was involved in an accident on their way to the funeral," Mabinty Kamara said at the military war grave, tears rolling down her cheeks.

"Eight soldiers and three civilians have been confirmed dead," while 70 others were injured, the army said in a statement citing its medical chief Stephen Sevalie. Of the injured, 57 remain in the Freetown military hospital with injuries ranging from minor to severe, the statement added. They have been visited there by government officials. The death toll may increase, a mortuary technician told *AFP*.

An investigation has been opened into the incident. *AFP*



Melania Trump arrives in Ghana, aims to focus on children wellbeing

ACCRA - Melania Trump arrived in Ghana on Tuesday, choosing for her first extended international trip alone to visit Africa, a continent her husband has referred to derisively.

The US first lady touched down mid-morning in Ghana's capital, Accra, where she was greeted by the country's first lady, Rebecca Akufo-Addo, and a young girl who offered her flowers.

A welcoming ceremony of drums and dancing by men and women dressed in traditional attire followed. Trump clapped her hands and waved at a group of school children waiting for her at the airport. Trump then visited child health facilities and met caregivers during her stay in the cap-



IN AFRICA: Melania Trump.

ital. She has focussed on children as her signature issue and plans to promote child well-being during her four-country tour, which will include

stops in Kenya, Malawi and Egypt. President Donald Trump has not visited Africa since taking office in 2017, but he has reportedly said immigrants from Africa came from "sh*t-hole countries". He denied making the remark.

More recently, he said on Twitter, he had asked his Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, "to closely study the South Africa land and farm seizures and expropriations and large-scale killing of farmers."

South Africa has proposed land reforms but not implemented them. Forty-seven farmers were killed in 2017-2018 - a 20-year low, according to AgriSA, an association of agricultural associations. *Reuters*

BRIEFS

Yameen received \$1.5 million

MALDIVES - The outgoing strongman president of the Maldives, Abdulla Yameen, faced allegations on Tuesday that he received nearly \$1.5m (R21.55m) in illicit payments just before his surprise election defeat last month. The allegations that two cash deposits were made into a private account in Yameen's name came to light after local media reported that the Maldivian Monetary Authority (MMA) had lodged a police complaint. Yameen's spokesman Ibrahim Muaz Ali denied any wrongdoing, saying that Yameen maintained a separate account to receive election campaign funding. *AFP*

Japanese paint to help Zambia

ZAMBIA - A Japanese paint producer has launched the world's first mosquito-repellant paint in Zambia to help it reach a target to eliminate malaria by 2021, the company and a Japanese government official said. Malaria, spread by mosquitoes, is a treatable disease if caught early, but current anti-malarial drugs are failing in many areas as people develop resistance to them. Zambia aims to eradicate malaria, the country's biggest killer, within three years after deaths from the disease halved last year from 2014, the government said in June. *Reuters*

Bodies of 11 migrants recovered

RABAT - The bodies of 11 migrants were recovered and another 32 people were rescued in the sea north of Morocco, authorities in the North African country said. A boat carrying migrants ran into trouble on Monday off the coast of Nador, in the northeast of the kingdom, local authorities told *AFP*. "Thirty-two sub-Saharan Africans were saved and the bodies of 11 migrants were recovered," the same source said, without giving further details. The death toll was put at 34 dead by organisations that aid migrants. *AFP*



Rwanda bans cartoons of politics

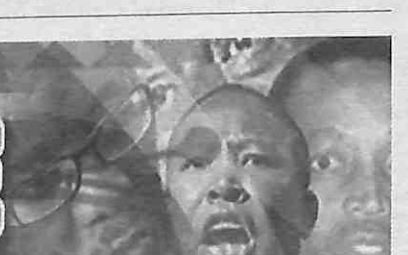
JOHANNESBURG - The careers and future of cartoonists in Rwanda are under threat following the Rwandan government's decision to outlaw cartoons that portray politicians in an 'unflattering' manner. Parliament passed the new law last month and is awaiting approval from President Paul Kagame who has been accused by human rights groups of ruling the East African country with an iron fist, brooking no political dissent or criticism. *ANA*

\$100m new bank notes not missing

LIBERIA - Liberia's Central Bank executive governor says that despite earlier government reports that about \$100m in newly printed bills went missing, the money is accounted for. Nathaniel Patray on Tuesday told reporters that the Liberian currency printed in Sweden had been delivered into bank vaults and recorded as arriving between 2016 and 2018. *AP*



Focus on SA Scene



MALEMA INTENSIFIES WAR AGAINST NENE, THREATENS TO REVEAL SECRETS

JOHANNESBURG - The EFF leader has threatened the finance minister with perjury charges if he lies at the Zondo inquiry into state capture.

EFF leader Julius Malema appears to have launched an all-out war against Finance Minister Nhlanhla Nene, who he has accused of being 'captured' by the Guptas.

According to SAfm host Stephen Grootes, Malema has tried to push Nene into resigning, threatening to reveal his "dark secrets" if he doesn't.

Malema also told News24 that he will approach the courts and attempt to lay charges of perjury against Nene if he lies under oath while giving testimony at the commission of inquiry into state capture: "He must answer honourably. Otherwise, we will approach the court for perjury."

Nene is expected to be confronted over his links to the controversial Gupta family while in the hot seat. TimesLive reported yesterday that Nene had several secret meetings



WAR ZONE: EFF leader Julius Malema.

with the Guptas during his first term as finance minister.

Nene also allegedly met with the Guptas while he was deputy finance minister and chairperson of the Public Investment Corporation (PIC), where they are believed to

have asked for Nene to intervene in a deal between them and Iqbal Surve's Sekunjalo Investment Holdings.

The Guptas are alleged to have tried to buy a stake in the Independent News and Media group and asked

Nene to get involved when Surve said no.

The EFF has also recently alleged that Nene had connections and worked closely with the Gupta family during his tenure as the deputy minister of finance and chairperson of the Public Investment Corporation (PIC).

The party said during this time, Nene "was captured by the Guptas and worked for them".

"He negotiated business deals for them and bullied those who sought money from the PIC to submit to the demands of the Guptas."

Malema and his party's animosity towards Nene seem to be a dramatic departure from earlier views.

Some, including the EFF's nemesis, Black First, Land First leader Andile Mngxitama, have accused him of flip-flopping in his views of Nene, pointing out that the party had welcomed his appointment and praised him as recently as February.

Citizen

Cars keep crashing into wall of Pretoria home

PRETORIA - This is the third separate incident in a year where a car ploughed into the family's property.

A family from Daspoort, west of Pretoria are cornered about their safety after yet another vehicle crashed into their property over the weekend, reports Pretoria Moot Rekord.

The house is located at the end of Wilhelm Street at a T-intersection with Claremont Street.

Rina Steenkamp, the sister of the homeowner Caren Dicks, said so many accidents had happened on their property, yet the Tshwane metro had done nothing to improve the road.

"This was the third incident [in a space of a year] where a vehicle had smashed into the property. In total, I can't recall how many vehicles landed into the property, it has been happening for years now and we want the municipality to build barriers to avoid further accidents," she said.

On Sunday morning, the driver of the bakkie was said to have ploughed into the fence and into the house around 2am.

"Early this morning, a man crashed into my sister's home. His bakkie crashed into one of the rooms, where a couple and their son were sleeping. Luckily they were unharmed." *Citizen*

EFF to open a case against Martinengo for calling Malema a monkey

JOHANNESBURG - The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) in Gauteng opened a case against former Hot 91.9 FM presenter Sasha Martinengo at the Douglasdale Police Station yesterday after he called party leader Julius Malema a "monkey" on air.

Martinengo was removed from his post at the North Riding-based radio station on Tuesday with immediate effect following his utterance.

"The EFF in Gauteng is deeply hurt by the racist insult brought onto the president of the EFF; the flagrant and repeated violation of his human rights is an unacceptable thing," the party said in a statement.

The station's managing director, Lloyd Madurai, said in a statement: "This morning an unfortunate and completely unacceptable incident took place during the Breakfast Show whereby, during the course of the broadcast, a reference was made by anchor presenter, Sasha Martinengo, who said, 'And people still listen to this monkey,' referring to Mr. Julius Malema."

Madurai said Martinengo had been removed from the station with immediate effect.

Times Live

Cold front: KZN disaster management on red alert

DURBAN - Disaster management teams have been placed on standby in KwaZulu-Natal.

This decision by the MEC for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (Cogta) Nomusa Dube-Ncube, follows weather reports that a cold front is expected to sweep through the province starting from Wednesday (yesterday) and today.

"Gale force winds and heavy rains which could lead to localised flooding in coastal areas, with snowfall in the southern and central parts of the Drakensberg," read the statement.

Dube-Ncube also urged motorists to drive carefully. "As a province we take

this weather alert seriously and we are monitoring the situation especially in areas that we know are prone to flooding.

"We are urging all motorists to be extra vigilant as roads can become slippery. We call for extra caution to be applied when crossing bridges especially in low lying areas. We also urge residents to not cross walkways or rivers. Those residing in low lying areas are urged to seek shelter on higher ground". Nearly a year ago massive winds and storms struck the city with a record 108mm of rain falling in 24 hours flooding large areas of South Durban.

The Independent on Saturday



BAD WEATHER: Nearly a year ago strong winds and heavy rains caused damage all over Durban.

I was fired for refusing to implement nuclear deal - Nhlanhla Nene

JOHANNESBURG - Finance Minister Nhlanhla Nene has told the state capture inquiry that he believes he was fired in 2015 because of his refusal to implement certain projects including the nuclear deal.

Nene was giving testimony at the inquiry yesterday. He believes he was removed as minister of finance on December 9, 2015, because he refused to release funds for certain projects.

"I believe I was removed from office because of my refusal to toe the line in relation to certain projects. In hindsight, it seems that those projects may have benefited the Gupta family and other close associates," said Nene. These pro-



TESTIFY: Nhlanhla Nene.

jects Nene said referred to the nuclear deal, which was punted by former president Jacob Zuma, and the projects within SAA. The SAA deals dealt with the approval of a proposal from the SAA board for the restructure of the reflecting transaction with Airbus in 2015. *IOL*

Man charged with raping goat

PORT SHEPSTONE - A woman heard her goat bleating during the early hours of the morning and saw the suspect fleeing from the kraal.

A 42-year-old man from the Louisiana area near Port Shepstone was arrested on Monday this week and charged with bestiality, South Coast Herald reports.

According to police spokesperson Captain Petros Mpinge, a woman said that she heard her goat bleating during the early hours of that morning and saw the suspect fleeing from the kraal.

"The man appeared in court on Tuesday this week and the case was postponed to December 13 for DNA results," said Capt Mpinge. *Citizen*

NEW WORLD ORDER: TRUMP WAS EARNING \$200 000 A YEAR AGED 3

NEW YORK - President Donald Trump's vast accumulation of wealth was made possible through numerous efforts by his father to steer resources into his son's hands by vastly undervaluing real estate values, obscuring gifts, and avoiding taxes, according to a bombshell investigation.

A trove of documents including Fred Trump's tax returns show countless efforts to enrich Donald Trump and set him up to be the successful businessman and public figure and politician that he became.

Many of the transfers were made in secret, often in advantageous ways that saved Trump and his siblings hundreds of millions of dollars, according to a deeply reported New York Times analysis.

In eye-popping detail it lays bare what it says were years of tax avoidance which it calls 'dubious tax schemes... including instances of outright fraud'.

Within minutes of its publication New York State tax authorities said they would investigate.

The trove of documents includes secret tax and bank documents, meaning their leak will set off an intense investigation inside the Trump world for who committed such a daring breach of security, and potentially betrayal - and will be fodder to Democrats demanding Trump release his tax returns.

They paint a picture of vast wealth matched by equally questionable accounting, all for the benefit of Fred Trump and his family.

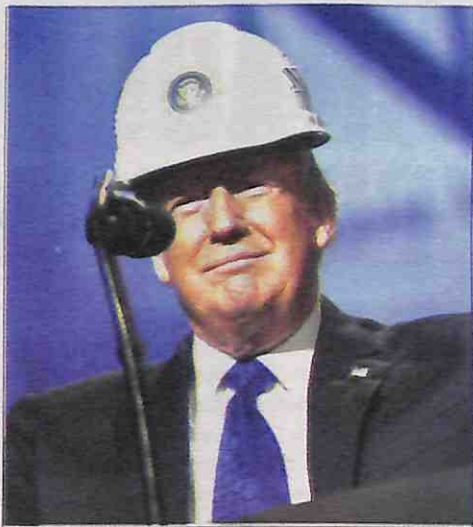
In just one example, sourced to the 1995 tax return of Fred Trump, a successful developer of large-scale housing construction projects, Donald Trump and his sibling claimed 25 apartment complexes with 6 988 apartments were worth only \$41 million. Less than a decade later, in 2004, banks valued them at \$900 million.

Trump was able to bank a total of \$413 million from father's empire partly through tax 'dodges,' according to the bombshell analysis.

At the tender age of three, Trump was earning \$200 000 a year in 2018 dollars from his dad's business empire, becoming a millionaire by age eight, according to the report.

By the time he graduated college - Wharton as Trump likes to point out - Trump was getting \$1 million a year in today's dollars - an amount that would jump to \$5 million a year by the time he hit his 40s.

The transfers and undervaluations had the effect of allowing the Trump children avoid potential gift taxes as well as estate taxes on the



REPORTING FOR WORK: A trove of documents including Fred Trump's tax returns show countless efforts his father took to enrich Donald Trump and his other children.

full value of assets.

Responded Trump lawyer Charles Harder: "Should The Times state or imply that President Trump participated in fraud, tax evasion or any other crime, it will be exposing itself to substantial liability and damages for defamation."

Harder distanced Trump and pointed the finger at lawyers and accountants. "President Trump had virtually no involvement whatsoever with these matters. The affairs were handled by other Trump family members who were not experts themselves and therefore relied entirely upon the aforementioned licenced professionals to ensure full compliance with the law."

As the story exploded across the airwaves and the Internet, White House Press Secretary Sarah attacked the story and complained that the paper 'can rarely find anything positive' to say about Trump - but did not seek to rebut specific allegations such as the avoidance of hundreds of millions in gift taxes.

"Fred Trump has been gone for nearly twenty years and it's sad to witness this misleading attack against the Trump family by the failing New York Times. Many decades ago the IRS reviewed and signed off on these transactions," she said.

"The New York Times' and other media outlets' credibility with the American people is at an all-time low because they are consumed with attacking the president and his family 24/7 instead of reporting the news," she said.

"The truth is the market is at an all-time high,

unemployment is at a fifty-year low, taxes for families and businesses have been cut, wages are up, farmers and workers are empowered from better trade deals, and America's military is stronger than ever, yet the New York Times can rarely find anything positive about the President and his tremendous record of success to report. Perhaps another apology from the New York Times, like the one they had to issue after they got the 2016 election so embarrassingly wrong, is in order," she concluded.

In just some of the other revelations:

- Trump collected laundry revenue from apartment buildings in his dad's portfolio;
- His share was \$177 million when the Fred Trump empire was sold off in 2004;
- Fred Trump transferred eight buildings with 1 032 apartment units to his children;
- Fred and Mary Trump transferred more than \$1 billion in current values in wealth to their children, the Times found, which would have brought \$550 million in taxes if they paid the full 55 per cent gift and inheritance tax at the time.
- Instead they paid a total tax of just \$52.2 million;
- Fred Trump gave his son three trust funds;
- In 1962 Fred transferred land in Queens to his children, then built an apartment building there and gave them the revenues and ownership;
- Seven apartment buildings were transferred to children with no apparent gift taxes;
- Donald Trump received air conditioner rental income from units in buildings his father and the government financed for seniors in East Orange, New Jersey - which Trump called a 'philanthropy';
- Trump drew a salary from his dad into the 1980s of \$260 000 in today's dollars; and
- Trump borrowed more than \$2 million in

● He got \$413 MILLION from his father, not the \$1 million loan he claimed, reveals massive trove of family's secret tax and bank documents which New York State says they will investigate

1979 from Fred Trump and his companies, according to New Jersey casino records.

Trump has not released his personal tax returns, despite repeated calls by rivals for him to do so during the campaign, as has been the tradition for nominees going back decades.

He signed into law a tax cut that doubled the estate tax exemption to \$10 million and indexed it to inflation.

TRUMP TRIED TO MAKE HIMSELF HIS FATHER'S ONLY EXECUTOR - AND SISTER SAID IT SMELLED

When big projects went bust, Trump used his father's empire to secure loans to sustain his business.

In 1990, he used the East Orange senior high rise to get a \$65 million loan.

At a time when he was facing down creditors, Trump also took steps to modify his father's will by presenting him with a codicil that would have strengthened his hand as sole executor of Fred Trump's estate.

It also protected Donald Trump's inheritance from creditors and his looming divorce from Ivana Trump, according to the Times.

But Fred Trump chafed at his son's presentation - which included no advance consultation, and was prepared with Trump's own lawyers.

Maryanne Trump Barry, Trump's sister, described her father's reaction in a deposition. "This doesn't pass the smell test," she says he told her".

Daily Mail



FAMILY: Donald Trump with mother Mary Anne and father Fred Trump in New York 1992.

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World News

TRUMP MOCKS KAVANAUGH ACCUSER AT MISSISSIPPI RALLY

MISSISSIPPI - The attack quickly drew scorn from critics, who said such taunts were part of the reason survivors of sexual assault are afraid to go public.

President Donald Trump on Tuesday openly mocked the university professor who has accused his Supreme Court nominee of sexual assault, joking about her inability to remember details surrounding the night of the alleged attack.

It marked an aggressive change of tactics after Trump had opted to show restraint towards Christine Blasey Ford, calling her a "very credible witness" following her Senate testimony against Judge Brett Kavanaugh last week.

"I had one beer, right?" Trump said, apparently re-enacting Blasey Ford's questioning by a Senate panel as he addressed a campaign rally in Southaven, Mississippi.

"How did you get home?" I don't remember. "How did you get there?" I don't remember. "Where was the place?"



MOCKER: US President Donald Trump.

I don't remember. 'How many years ago was it?' I don't know. I don't know. I don't know. I don't know," he added, to cheers from supporters.

"What neighborhood was it in?" I don't know. 'Where's the house?' I don't know. 'Upstairs, downstairs, where

was it?' I don't know. But I had one beer. That's the only thing I remember. And a man's life is in tatters. A man's life is shattered."

The attack quickly drew scorn from critics, who said such taunts were part of the reason survivors of sexual assault

are afraid to go public.

"A vicious, vile and soulless attack on Dr. Christine Blasey Ford," tweeted Michael Bromwich, a former high-ranking Department of Justice official who is currently representing the psychology professor.

"Is it any wonder that she was terrified to come forward, and that other sexual assault survivors are as well? She is a remarkable profile in courage. He is a profile in cowardice." In her emotional testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee last Thursday, watched live by 20 million Americans, Blasey Ford said she was "100 per cent" sure Kavanaugh had attempted to rape her in the summer of 1982, when they were both high school students attending a party. A defiant Kavanaugh came out with guns blazing, insisting the assault never happened, accusing Democrats of destroying his reputation and condemning his confirmation battle as a "national disgrace." **AFP**

Nepal bans porn websites due to 300 per cent increase in rapes

NEPAL - Nepal's government has implemented a sweeping ban on all forms of pornography in its latest efforts to tackle the country's rape problem.

A statement released by Nepal's Ministry for Information and Communication last Friday cited pornography as one of the primary drivers behind the country's rape problem.

"The Criminal Code 2071 article 121 and other prevalent laws prohibit the production and dissemination of sexually obscene contents.

"In order to prevent the access of such content through electronic media, the need of pulling down such websites inside Nepal has become necessary," stated the release from the ministry.

As part of the measures, the government of Nepal issued an order requiring local Internet service providers to block all pornographic sites in the country.

Providers are concerned about the prohibition of pornography, because it is difficult to implement new sites with adult content that appear almost every day, and the site has been blocked by one provider are not blocked by others.

However, some providers of Internet services in Nepal have already started to block porn sites. According to government figures revealed in the Nepali Times in June, the total number of rape cases has increased four-fold in the past ten years. **Daily Mail**

Man stabbed in chest with 12-inch blade

LONDON - A man has been stabbed in front of terrified commuters on a busy London train, sparking a 'stampede'.

A witness has described how the victim was stabbed with a '12-inch knife' on a moving train close to Hackney Central station shortly after 6pm.

Bunmi Ogunleye, 55, who was on the Stratford-bound overground train in East London, told MirrorOnline he saw a man bleeding from his chest.

The victim collapsed on the floor of the train, the commuter said.

Mr Ogunleye said: "I saw a man wielding a knife. There was a man who ran past everybody, he had been stabbed. He ran towards the back of the train, and then he collapsed to the floor. He was bleeding from his chest."

Mr Ogunleye said it happened "about a minute" from the station, and the man wielding a knife was "rambling inaudible words".

He said there was 'pandemonium' when the train arrived at the station, and said he injured his leg as passengers desperately tried to get off the train.

He estimated the victim was around 30.

British Transport Police have said a man has been arrested in connection with the attack.

Hazel Orton posted on Twitter: "Full on stampede on the train after a man was attacked on the train coming into Hackney Central, five feet away from where I was sitting, people dropped phones and bags, hope victim is OK." Commuter Joe Street posted: "Some guy just pulled out a knife on my overground train and the staff are saying he stabbed someone. Absolutely terrifying." **Mirror**

Johnson assaults May's Brexit plan

BIRMINGHAM - Britain's Boris Johnson on Tuesday launched a blistering attack on Prime Minister Theresa May's Brexit plan at a fractious party conference that came as Brussels pressed London for a compromise on leaving the EU.

Mixing breezy jokes with biting one-liners that always stopped short of attacking May herself, the former foreign minister called her strategy "dangerous and unstable".

"My fellow Conservatives, this is not democracy. This is not what we voted for. This is an outrage," he said in a 35-minute address that was interrupted by repeated bursts of laughter and cheers.

The wide-ranging speech was widely seen as Johnson's audition for



ATTACKS: Boris Johnson.

May's job before the party faithful at their annual gathering.

Some 1 500 people packed a conference hall room after queueing for

hours to see May's political nemesis deliver his biggest address since he quit the government in protest in July.

Johnson did little to douse suspicions of an eventual leadership challenge, using his characteristic swagger and wit to pick apart May's proposal -- while not actually spelling out what Britain should do instead.

He said he wanted to force May to reverse her bid to keep close economic ties with the European Union once Britain leaves in March.

May appeared intent on stealing Johnson's spotlight, scheduling a flurry of morning interviews at which she unveiled a new immigration policy a day ahead of schedule. **AFP**

BRIEFS

Wife is jailed for looking at hub's phone

UNITED ARAB - A court in the UAE jailed a woman for three months for looking through her husband's phone without him knowing. The woman's husband filed a lawsuit against her, accusing her of violating his privacy, and she was put on trial. A court in Ras Al Khaimah - the northernmost emirate of the United Arab Emirates and known for its Arabian Gulf beaches - found her guilty.

Daily Mail

French gangster Faïd is captured

PARIS - Missing French gangster Redoine Faïd has been recaptured after escaping prison in a hijacked helicopter. Special forces officers broke into a flat near Paris shortly after 4am and arrested Redoine Faïd, 46, along with four accomplices including his brother. All are believed to have helped Faïd evade some 3 000 police who had been involved in a nationwide manhunt. The raid took place in the early hours of yesterday in Creil in the Oise department, said an investigating source.

Mirror

Four charged over neo-Nazi riot

CHARLOTTESVILLE - US authorities charged four members of a white supremacist movement on Tuesday with inciting violence over the deadly 'Unite the Right' march in Charlottesville, Virginia in August 2017. The event culminated in a



man driving a car into a crowd of counter protesters, killing a woman and injuring 19 other people. US President Donald Trump infamously took 48 hours to respond only to blame 'both sides' despite overwhelming evidence that neo-Nazis were the principal source of violence.

Reuters

Ferry with 300 people stranded

COPENHAGEN - A ferry with around 300 people on board was stranded in the Baltic Sea on Tuesday after the ship experienced engine failure, the Danish operator said. No injuries were reported and an evacuation wasn't immediately necessary. The breakdown aboard the Regina Seaways produced smoke, which triggered the ship's fire extinguishing system in the engine room, Copenhagen-based DFDS Seaways said. The vessel was in international waters off Kaliningrad, Russia's Baltic Sea exclave between Poland and Lithuania.

AP

Dad guilty of murdering daughter

STAFFORDSHIRE - A father who stabbed his eight-year-old daughter to death after her mother started a lesbian relationship was convicted of the child's murder in little over an hour on Monday. William Billingham, 55, thrust a blade into the chest of little Mylee after dragging her into his bungalow by her coat hood as the child screamed, "Please daddy no."

Daily Mail



WITH: Simon Shabangu

CHURCH NEWS



CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES MOURNS FORMER PM'S DEATH

THE Eswatini Conference of Churches is mourning the death of former Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini.

In a statement released by the President of the Christian body, Bishop Stephen Masilela on behalf of the church leaders, the conference passed their condolences to the King, members of the royal family, Dlamini's family, church of the Nazarene and the entire nation on the passing of the great statesman.

"The late former prime minister has played a significant role in contributing towards Christianity in the country. He will be remembered for his endeavour in making sure that Eswatini remains a Christian country.

His participation in activities of our organisation and support towards all

Christians will not go unnoticed.

The loss of such a leader and scholar is indeed a great loss to the Kingdom of Eswatini and international community," reads the statement.

Bishop Masilela comforted the Dlamini family with verses from II Corinthians 1: 3 - 4.

The former prime minister passed on peacefully at Mkhiva Clinic last Friday night.

He was the longest serving politician after having served as prime minister for three terms. Preparations for his burial are ongoing and government has declared that he will be given a state funeral whose arrangements are yet to be announced.



RIP: Former prime minister Sibusiso Dlamini.

GNF Friday All Night Services attracting thousands

THE all night services happening at the God Never Fails Durban branch on Friday are getting very popular and attracting thousands of people every week.

The all night revivals attract people from all over the country and beyond who gather under the over 10 000 seater marquee. The people do not want the bishop to stop hosting the services. Every Friday is like a new day to the people who make the trip to the KZN's popular church to fellowship under the anointing of Bishop ND Nhlapho who launched a branch in the country a year ago. The church welcomes new people on daily basis who come to the church after hearing the many testimonies about the church through the healing and deliverance powers the bishop is anointed with. A visit to the Durban Park Station based church, this columnist,

confirmed the huge following the bishop and his church command not only in KZN but in the whole of South Africa as people came from all over the country just for the service. "The people of Durban are coming in numbers to be part of the services every Friday and I must say I am grateful to hear that God is doing wonders in the lives of the many people who come to fellowship with us every Friday. You will tell me when you have had enough of the all night services so that we stop," the bishop said much to the disagreement of the congregants who shouted a big no to the idea of stopping the services. The bishop hosted gospel artist Siphosiso Makhubane during last Friday's all night service. The same number of people was also found at the church's Sunday morning service which starts as early as 7am.

Sabelo Mavuso's Victorious Life Christian Church going big

SOME know him as a businessman who was the first local to invest in the private schools business, but Sabelo Mavuso is even bigger than that as the church he started in Durban some three years back is getting bigger by the day.

The church has relocated to new premises due to the ever increasing number of congregants. Mavuso who is a prophet says God is doing great things in his life as he has used him to help many people who have since come back to appreciate him in many different ways. He says most of the

people end up becoming full time members of the church after seeing the miracles that God has performed in their lives after interacting with the prophet. "We had to relocate from our old place because the hall was proving to be small as we receive new members almost every week. I thank God for the many miracles he is doing as we have witnessed a lot of things and many positive changes happening in people's lives. People come from as far as Johannesburg just for prayers which is a sign that we need to spread the work of God to other parts of the country," he said.

Last Sunday's service was an exciting day for the congregants as the prophet hosted gospel artist Siphosiso Makhubane who is also a minister of the Word of God himself. The testimonies and the sermon which Makhubane delivered on the day left the congregants motivated and blessed. Makhubane's sermon which was titled 'who was the first man on the fire' was a great motivation to the people to continue believing and worshipping God. Makhubane also shared his personal life story which was a great inspiration on its own.

MBABANE ALLIANCE CHURCH

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Prayer 6:00pm-7:30pm

Thursdays
Bible Exposition 6:00pm-7:30pm

Fridays
Youth 6:00pm-7:30pm

Saturday
Women 2:00pm-3:30pm

Sundays
English Service 8:30am - 10:30am
Siswati Service 11:00am - 1:00pm

Children's Ministry 8:30am
10:30am, 11:00am, 1:00pm

Men-Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month 6:00pm - 7:30pm

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Contacts 2404 0979

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Healing Ministries International

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6:00-7:30pm

Thursdays-Mid-week
Service 6:30-8:00pm

Sundays-Teachings
9:30-10:30am

Main Service
10:30am - 1pm

Mbabane Branch:
Tuesdays - Prayer
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Sundays-Service
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CONTACT:
7659 1921 / 7825 8913

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English Service at 0830hrs - 0955hrs

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Siswati Service -
1100hrs - 1300hrs

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1800hrs - 2000hrs

Last Tuesdays of the Month
Family Fellowship:
1800hrs - 2000hrs

Every Friday
Youth Services: 1800hrs - 2000hrs

Venue:
Evangelical Church
Nhlanguano Church Hall,
Opposite Nhlanguano
Central Primary School

Contacts
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CONTACTS
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10:45am - 1:00pm

Wednesdays Prayer
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Mondays Couples 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Mbabane FEA
below Mbabane clinic,
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24045807/76413201
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GOD IS ABLE

CHURCH SERVICE Times

SUNDAY SERVICES
MBABANE THEATRE CLUB
10:00 AM-1:00 PM

MANZINI SATELLITE
2:30 PM-5:00 PM

CONTACT 7605 3160

GOD'S GLORY ABLAZE CHURCH (NHLANGANO MATHEDELE)

Services

Mondays
6pm - 7pm home cells

Wednesdays 6pm - 7:30pm

Fridays 6pm - 7:30pm

Sundays
Morning prayer
5:45am - 6:30am
Main service
10:00am - 1:00pm

Contact
76638622/76471717
Host:
Pastor N.T. Dlamini

GROWING FAITH Ministries International

Mondays:
Prayer & Transformation 6-8pm

Tuesdays:
Transformation Class at Syney Williams in Manzini 6:30-8pm

Fridays:
Breakthrough Service 6-8pm

Sundays:
Prayer 9am

Main Service
10am - 1pm

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with
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10am-12pm

Venue:
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SUNDAY English service @9:00am - 10:45am

Siswati Service @11:00am - 1:00pm

Venue:
Zakhele, Nkambule street, Manzini

BY: Rev Msibi
Contacts:
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UZALO'S MAMLAMBO, NKUNZI COMING

By Ayanda Dlamini

UZALO' star polygamist 'Nkunzi' will be in the country next weekend with his onset junior wife Mamlambo.

The controversial actors from South African soapie; Uzalo have been roped in for a fund raising dinner for vulnerable children which is hosted by The House of Prayer for all Nations. The dinner is slated for October 13 at Mavuso Trade Centre.

Nkunzi formally known as Masotja Msiza will be sharing words of wisdom before the attendees whilst Mamlambo formally known as Gugu Gumede will be serenading the attendees with fine tunes as she is also a musician offset.

According to a press statement issued to the entertainment desk, tickets to the dinner are already out and available at Pick n Pay outlets, Shoprite (The Gables), Galitos (Mbabane, Corner Plaza) costing E 300 VVIP, E 250 VIP, E 200 general and E 100 for children under 12 years old.

SABC1 and South Africa's most watched prime time show, Uzalo, produced by Stained Glass Pictures, was on fire a week ago when Nkunzi (Masotja Msiza) was found before the altar with not just one but two brides locked in a vicious fight over him – and one of them with gun in hand.

The wedding day drama played out over two consecutive nights as Nkunzi was ready to marry MaMlambo (Gugu



VISITING: Uzalo's Masotja 'Nkunzi' Msiza and Gugu 'Mamlambo' Gumede

Gumede) but MaNgcobo (Dawn Thandeka King) was adamant to get her man even if she – dressed in her white gown and had to bring a gun to the wedding that Pastor Mdletshe would officiate. Masotja Msiza; the 52-year-old actor is also a poet. Masotja is best known for playing the role of Welcome on the e.tv drama series Umlilo, Mandla on Mzansi Magic telenovela Ring of Lies and Bhodlimpi on the Mzansi Magic soap opera Isibaya.

He has also appeared on Jozi Streets, Mtunzini.com, Scandal!, Isidingo, A Place Called Home, Sokhulu and Partners, Shreds and Dreams, Intersexions, Rhythm City, iNkaba, Zabalaza,

Ya Lla and Mfolozi Street.

If there are two things that still surprise people about Gugu Gumede, it's her age and who her mother is. The 26-year-old is the daughter of National Freedom Party leader, Zanele KaMagwaza-Msibi.

According to the mother and daughter interview on Move! Magazine, Gugu and her brother come from a single-parent household, raised solely by their mother who instilled a lot of great values in them while growing up.

DJ Cup, Slotta, Floewe on new track

By Nokwanda Sibandze

HOUSE music specialist DJ Cup and all round entertainer Slotta are to release their new track titled 'Take me away' featuring songbird Floewe.

The song will be released under New Life Records which is a division of New Life Entertainment.

New Life Entertainment has recently hosted SA's Busiswa and Dr Malinga. According to DJ Cup this song is the first ever house music track to be released under the record label.

"We are so proud to introduce our first deep house project under New Life Records coming out on October 17. The song will be available on all digital online stores such as iTunes and Traxsource and Beatport and many others," said DJ Cup.

According to the DJ

the song was composed and recorded at New life studio, mastered and mixed by Nicholas 'Slotta' Dlamini and Welcome Zama masked Dj Cup. The song was written by Floewe as she is also the vocals behind the song.

"Take me away is a jam in its own right and comes as a collaborative effort between three artists.

Teaming up with Floewe has been exceptional as she showed her experience in venturing into new territories. It is safe to say the "experiment" worked and this will be yet another fine piece delivered within the Eswatini house scene," said the DJ.

He also said that people should look out for this song as it is going to be a banger; he also promised that New Life Records would continue to give people good music as that is what the label is all about.



Destiny Group pumps in E50 000 for Linda's CD/DVD launch

By Nokwanda Sibandze

DESTINY Group has sponsored Linda Dlamini's CD/ DVD launch with E50 000 worth of equipment.

Just a few weeks before Linda Dlamini launches his CD/DVD, Destiny Group decided to sponsor the artist with equipment such as stage, lighting, screens and Backline.

Destiny Group Director Tom Lin said they saw it good for them to sponsor the gospel artist. "We have seen his work and efforts and we decided as a company to sponsor him with equipment worth R50 000 to make sure his production is high quality," said Lin.

The artist said he was overwhelmed by the act and does not have enough words to thank the company. "I am deeply humbled and excited about what Destiny has done for us. This proves that they are not just only on business but they are also willing to help and assist artists to grow and move forward in this industry. I would like to say thank you to the Destiny Group for the support and love they have shown," said Dlamini. Dlamini also continued to encourage people to continue to buy tickets because they are selling fast.

80 Script to host Yaya party

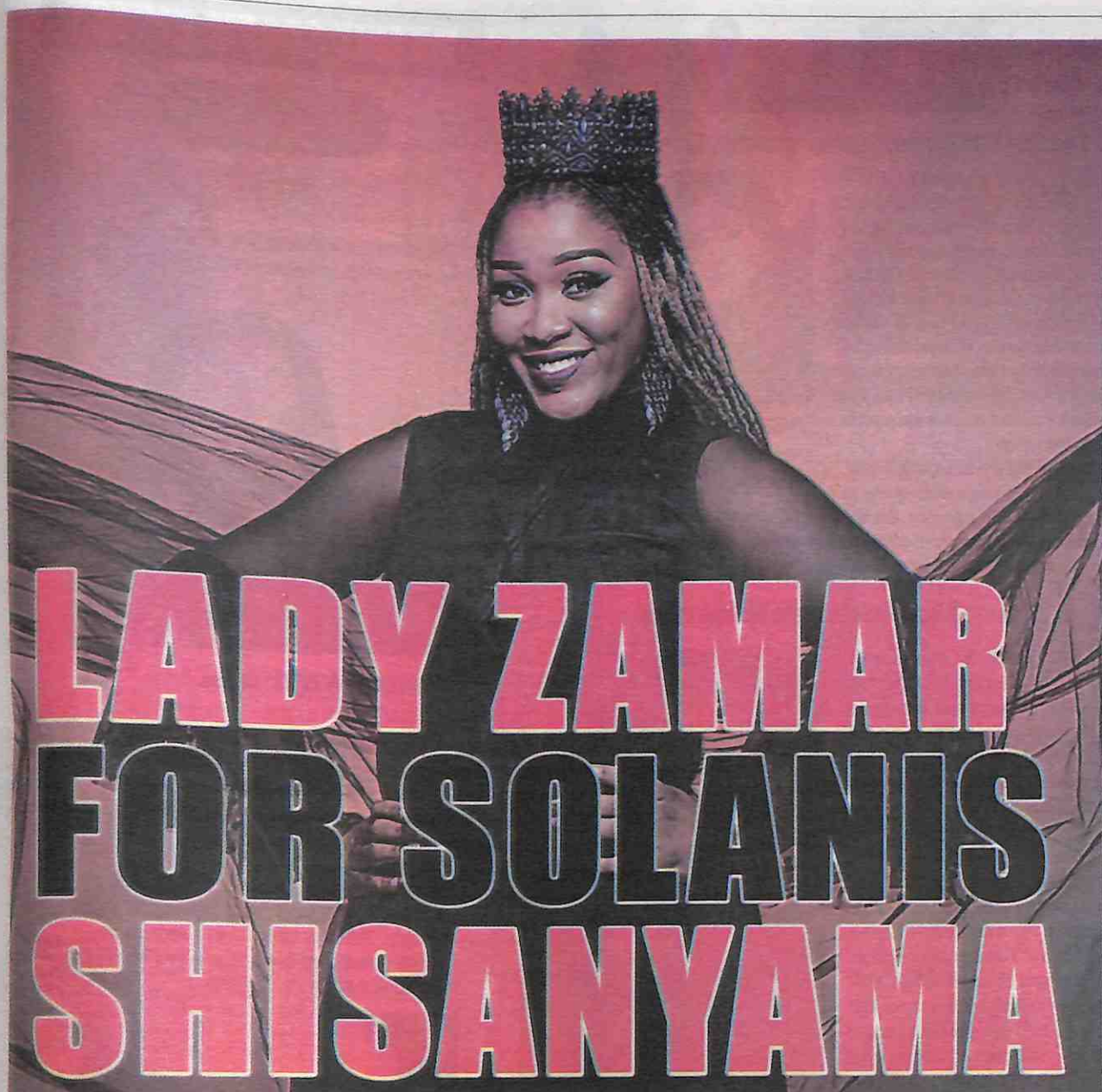
By Nokwanda Sibandze

80 Script's single 'Yaya' has not only been making rounds on international radio but also on social media. The artist has shared hundreds of videos of fans dancing to the song.

The song has been so popular that the artist has decided to host a party themed after the song. 2017 was a great year seeing him being crowned Hip Hop Artist of the year at the inaugural MTN SWAMA AWARDS and he still seeks to push the envelope even further with his hot single YAYA feat Una Rams and produced by C-TEA. 80 Script seeks to elevate Swazi hip hop in Eswatini by attempting to accomplish feats no other local rapper has accomplished. The rapper said he is pleading with music lovers to make this show a reality. "This song has become a huge success, with over 55 million views and downloads together, it proves that people are enjoying this song so I want us to celebrate the song together, which is why I am saying this party will only be possible if we all do it together," said the rapper.

The rapper also explained that 'yaya' in simplest terms means severing sauce. "I want everyone to get into it, not just girls, I also want the gents to understand that the song just means serving your sauce, in whatever you do just bring out your best," he added. The rapper said the party will be held at The George Hotel in December and the exact date will be communicated.





By Nokwanda Sibandze

SOUTH African singer, songwriter and philanthropist Lady Zamar will be making her way to the kingdom, to perform at Solanis Shisanyama on November 2.

The Collide hit maker has been one of the rising artists of the year, releasing music with some of the biggest DJs in South Africa.

Real name Yamikan Janet Banda has

over 10 songs but has been making rounds with hit songs such as 'Collide', 'It's You - Dreaming', 'Charlotte', 'Love's blind' and 'My Baby' to mention a few.

The artist recently collaborated with Sjava on a song titled 'Gravity,' Gravity is off the deluxe version of her highly successful debut album King Zamar. And it has three new songs added. Gravity is produced by impressive producer Ruff. The singer will be making her first appearance in the country and because

her career took off so fast it is anticipated that her show will be one of the most memorable shows in the country. More details about the show are to be communicated as the week progresses. Tickets to the show will cost E 130 available at the gate.

Solanis has been quiet for a while after bringing South African singers Busiswa and Miss P. The Shisanyama is famous for hosting big artist such as Sjava, Black Coffee, Black Motion and many others.

Afro Tenors for Jazz Gallery

By Ayanda Dlamini

JAZZ Gallery will once again come alive on October 23 as they will host the South African Afro Tenors; one of them being Joyous Celebration's Given Mabena.

Legendary Events under the directorship of Nelisa Lawton has been hosting the Afro Tenors intermittently for the past 12 years, lastly in 2013.

They have built a sizeable following for themselves across the opera, traditional, choral, jazz, hip-hop, old and young spectra.

This time around, one of the Afro Tenors, Given Mabena comes to the country annually as part of Joyous Celebration.

Lucky Sibande is also a regular in the country, adjudicating at choral competitions. Their music is a fusion of African tradition, jazz and Eurocentric Opera.

"We are particularly pleased about the fact that they will be backed by a band made up of five local musicians, who are soon starting intense rehearsals in readiness for this concert," said Lawton. Speaking to one of the Afro Tenors'



member Lucky Sibande, he said, "we've performed a couple of times in the Kingdom.

We've always received a warm reception and we've had great reviews. We're not going to disappoint but live to the standards we've always delivered.

What's even more interesting is that we'll be performing with a 99 per cent Eswatini based band, with a few surprises in our repertoire as usual."

E 180 gets you in the show which will be held at Eswatini Jazz Gallery, Mbabane.

TOOTHLESS THE DANCER PRESENTS 'THE JOURNEY'

By Nokwanda Sibandze

AFTER completing a walk which he dubbed 'The Journey', Toothless the dancer has decided to make a theatre show to bring his experience to life.

The theatre production is to take place at the Eswatini Theatre Club on November 23, where people will get to experience firsthand what the dancer went through during his journey.

The dancer confirmed that he will be showcasing his theatre production of the walk which is titled 'The Journey Part 2'.

Speaking at the launch yesterday at Eswatini Theatre Club, the project manager Sibusiso Makhanya said he was proud to have seen the dancer do so much to improve himself as an artist.

"I am very proud of Sthembiso not only has he proved that he is passionate about his talent but he has shown most people there are a number of things one can do by using the talent that they have," said Makhanya.

Makhanya also talked about the project that Toothless would be working on from today onwards, he said that the dancer will be, under his company Toothless Productions, coaching young people and groom-

ing them to become better dancers. Makhanya also said that Toothless will also be a commercial dancer as people can now book him for shows at a price.

Fulfilling his social responsibilities is also part of the projects that the dancer will be taking on. The dancer said he was happy to be getting support from local artists.

"I am happy that fellow artist in the country are supporting me on this journey, it shows that we are united and we all have one goal which is to grow the entertainment industry of the country," said the dancer.

Tickets to the show cost E100 and they will be available with the dancer and his team, the projects Marketing Manager Yolanda Bhembe said they will be going door to door in all offices selling the tickets because they believe that they will reach a greater number.

The show will also see local artist and DJs such as DJ MBO, DJ Cybos, Lubisi, Nonhlanhla the Poet, Dynamic Groovers and Dr Shakes as the MC.

TO ACT: Toothless.

Lulo Cafe to grace Déjà Vu Cocktail lounge

By Ayanda Dlamini

SOUTH African deep house spinner Lulo Cafe will be in the country on October 19 at Déjà Vu Cocktail lounge for his 'Black Ace Birthday Tour'.

Known for his deep house set, the spinner is not new in the country as he was here during the Flying fish Beach Festival in 2015 at Brookside lodge.

This time around he will be doing what he does best at Déjà Vu Cocktail lounge, Esibayeni lodge, sharing the turn tables with the country's best; DJ Crooks, ID, Mistosoul, Fantasy, Lungster, and Spice.

This was revealed by SwaziBoy Entertainment PRO Nozipho 'Ur Gal Zee' Masuku yesterday.

The Metro FM DJ injects a deep soul influence, incorporating funk, R&B and jazz influences, into his slick, hugely catchy beats.

The result is enhanced by some imaginative collaborations, among them Brazil-based Mozambican singer Lenna Bahule, who lends some bossa nova-style scatting to 'Impatano', a collaboration with Black Motion. Another highlight is 'Dlalel'apha Kum' featuring Bongeziwe Mabandla, who gives Vusi Mahlasela a run for his money with his powerful falsetto.

Entrance fee cost E 60 before midnight and E 100 after.



International
Celebrity News

Bieber, Baldwin want God to make their marriage official

HOLLYWOOD - Justin Bieber and Hailey Baldwin might be married under the eyes of the law – but they don't think they'll truly be until they proclaim it under the eyes of God. Our Bieber/Baldwin sources tell us Justin and Hailey don't consider themselves "officially" married because they haven't cemented their vows with the man upstairs. We're told they believe a church ceremony is necessary to make the marriage meaningful in the eyes of God. **TMZ**



NEXT STEP: Justin Bieber and Hailey Baldwin.

I wouldn't call our relationship romantic - Sophia Hutchins

LAS ANGELES - Caitlyn Jenner and her rumoured girlfriend, Sophia Hutchins, apparently have more of a mutual partnership than a true romance according to Sophia herself. TMZ obtained a clip of Sophia – who is also a transgender woman doing an interview with Jim Breslo for his podcast, 'Hidden Truth,' and she tells him she wouldn't call her relationship with Caitlyn romantic.

She tries to backpedal moments later, saying she and Caitlyn aren't going to get into the level of intimacy despite just making it clear they're platonic partners in life who do just about



JUST PARTNERS: Caitlyn Jenner and girlfriend, Sophia Hutchins.

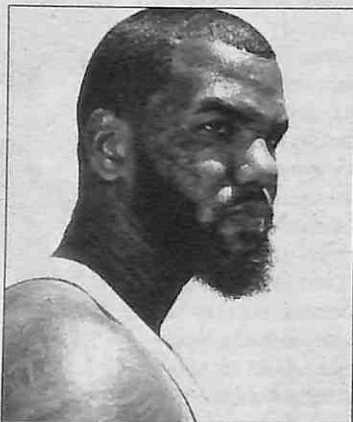
everything together, including live together. **News24**

The Game has 48 hours to comply in sexual assault case

HOLLYWOOD - The Game has a sexual assault case hanging over his head, and the judge is giving him 48 hours to comply, or the US Marshals will be on his ass, TMZ has learned.

Game's been lagging on producing a ton of documents in the sexual assault lawsuit he lost nearly two years ago. You probably don't remember at this point, but the rapper lost the case filed by Priscilla Rainey a contestant on his reality VH1 reality show, 'She's Got Game.' He was ordered to pay her \$7 million.

According to docs, a federal judge has ordered him to hand over a bunch of documents including his financial records, but he hasn't. An arrest war-



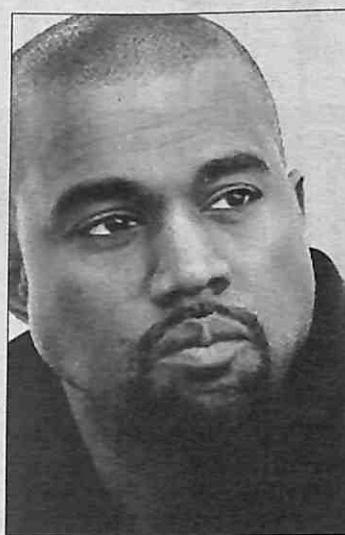
LAW: The Game.

rant has been issued, but the judge has given him until tomorrow at noon, Central Time to turn over the records. **(TMZ)**

Kanye West, Dad celebrate beating cancer

LAS VEGAS - Kanye West and his father are buggin' out in a good way to celebrate his old man beating cancer.

Ye just announced in a very unique way that his dad, Ray West, has kicked cancer's ass by sharing a photo of a plate full of bugs. West says, "My dad and I are going to eat this plate of bugs to celebrate him beating cancer. No more fear." Kanye was in Detroit Tuesday so it's unclear where he was able to find this cuisine. Ray was diagnosed with prostate cancer in July not stomach cancer as was first believed and Kanye dropped everything to help out upon getting the news. **(US Mag)**



CELEBRATING: Kanye West.

SA Celebrity News

Somizi shades fame-hungry SA designers

JOHANNESBURG - TV host and Idols SA judge Somizi has often grabbed headlines for his jaw-dropping red carpet looks, wearing some of the country's top designers, but says some designers are more obsessed with being a celebrity than pushing their clothing.

Speaking on his Metro FM Breakfast show with DJ Fresh on Tuesday Somizi said that he was amazed by the talent in SA but was concerned by the rise of designers who thought they were celebs.

"I spoke about it at the Durban Fashion Fair, South African designer's work should speak for itself ver-



AMAZED: Somizi.

sus them pushing the face before their work. They want to be famous. I don't want to know the designer's face. **Sowetan**

Riky Rick on violence

JOHANNESBURG - As the country watches the violence unfold during protests in Westbury, Johannesburg musician Riky Rick has called for an end to violence. Riky, who recently lost his friend took to Instagram to speak about the death and the scourge of violence in society. He said he was gatvol of violence taking those close to him. "I'm tired of all our people dying from all this f**king violence. I'm tired of my n*ggers getting shot. I'm tired of us shooting each other. I'm just really tired. I am tired." He said that it was a problem around the world that needed to be addressed. **Sowetan**



SPEAKS OUT: Ricky Rick.

"At some stage it needs to stop. I don't know when but at some stage it needs to stop. That's everywhere, around the world man." **Sowetan**

Car problem nearly derails Black Motion

DURBAN - Popular house duo Black Motion are frustrated and sad as they nearly lost out on two gigs in Durban after the car they were travelling in gave them problems as they were on their way to OR Tambo International Airport on Saturday.

The band, made up of Thabo "Smol" Mabogwane and Robert "DJ Murda" Mohosana, had taken their set of wheels to a Kia dealership in Centurion for a service but the Kia Sedona came back in the same condition as before.

Upon realising that the car was not fixed, the duo's road manager France Seema called the dealership to inform



CAR PROBLEMS: Black Motion.

them that the car was still showing signs that it needed to be serviced. **(Sowetan)**

Redi Tlhabi to host new SABC current affairs show

JOHANNESBURG - Seasoned radio broadcaster and columnist Redi Tlhabi has joined SABC News. Tlhabi will host a new current affairs show called Unfiltered that will be broadcast on the news channel and SABC3.

Unfiltered will be launched on Sunday at 8.30pm.

The weekly show will tackle the broad spectrum of issues affecting South Africans, including crime, corruption, education, politics as well as community and social issues.

Tlhabi, who is no stranger to the SABC, brings immense experience and knowledge in the television news domain, having worked for international



ON THE MOVE: Redi Tlhabi.

broadcasting platforms such as Al Jazeera and BBC World News. **(Times Live)**

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Dabula reveals his secret plan after the cleansing ceremony. Busi is disappointed by Bongani's lack of plans for their future.



DISAPPOINTED: Busi.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Seline manages to get a copy of Clive's UJ degree and hands it in to Ntombi. After a talk with Gatanga, Sibiya breaks down blaming himself for the six miners' death.



SUCCESSFUL: Seline.

Muvhango

TODAY

Moliehi goes to extraordinary lengths to fight for her marriage. Shumi makes a plan to catch Mulalo's attention. Tenda and Livhuwani put up a pretense.



FIGHTS: Moliehi.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Gail confesses the truth to David - but is it too late to make amends? Rene gets ready for her date with Mzi and Pearl finds out who it is. Puleng gets cold feet.



PREPARED: Rene.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

PEOPLE
WHEN THEY BORROW
WHEN YOU ASK FOR IT BACK



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Aquarius January 20 – February 18

Mixing business with pleasure is rarely a good idea—and under today's disruptive moon-Venus square, those blurred lines could spell disaster. Resist the temptation to go out drinking with coworkers (especially the one who secretly drives you mad with desire). And if you need a partner on a professional project, write up a job description and circulate it among industry contacts instead of asking a friend who doesn't have the right skill set to step in. Keep your relationships sacred, at work and in your personal life, by keeping everyone in their appropriate lane.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

You never met a flourish, fleur de lis or flambe that you didn't like, Pisces. But with a tangled angle between the moon and Venus, you could get lost in the bells and whistles today, losing sight of the goal post. Keep it simple, Pisces, and don't let the details distract you from your end game. If anything, make sure you've handled all the practical tasks first...THEN you can feather, fluff and finesse to your heart's desire.



Aries March 21 – April 19

Today's moon in Leo puts you in a romantic headspace, but thanks to a challenging beam from Venus in Scorpio, the green-eyed monster could make an unwelcome cameo. You could easily blow a dispute out of proportion or overreact to a perceived slight about...what exactly, Aries? Restrain yourself—or walk out of the room when you feel your temper heating up. The aftermath of any such meltdowns won't be fun to clean up. Want to break the ice? Pay attention to the little things. One astute compliment could get you everywhere.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

Your moods may fluctuate wildly today, Taurus, so don't rush to make any important decisions—and don't let anyone pressure you into saying yes or no before you are fully informed of your choices. Although this day can bring some ups and downs, be mindful of the impact your fluctuating feelings can have on the ones you love. You don't want to drag anyone along on an emotional roller coaster ride, or worse, snap at them when they're only trying to lend some support.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

There's nothing wrong with aiming for the best, Gemini; but have you set the bar so high that no one—yourself included—can reach it? Under today's moon-Venus dust-up, you'd be wise to dial down the idealism. Instead, try to find beauty in the so-called flaws and humor in the moments of surprise. Stay on track today and meditate on the wise words of author and spiritual healer Anne Wilson Schaef who said, "Perfectionism is self-abuse of the highest order." Rewind and be kind...to yourself first, then, it will be easier to exude genuine warmth to others.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

A little retail therapy can lift your spirits, Cancer, but under today's unrestrained square between the Leo moon and Venus in your hedonistic fifth house, impulse purchases can put you in the red. Before pulling out the plastic, get a firm grip on what your budget really allows. If you've got your sights set on a high-end item, set up a savings plan to make it happen. In the meantime, tide yourself over with an object in the "affordably chic" category. A little treat will still do the trick of satisfying your desire for something shiny and new.



Leo July 23 – August 22

Tame your people pleasing instincts today. As the Leo moon in your self-authorised first house clashes with harmonizer Venus, you could be too quick to concede simply because you want to keep the peace. But keep some fight in you, Leo. On days like this, nice guys will finish last. No, you don't have to unleash a ferocious roar—but don't let anyone mistake you for a timid little kitten. While expressing a divergent point of view might stir up friction, don't be afraid to vocalize your authentic perspective.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

Beware the smooth-talking salesman, Virgo, and remain somewhat wary when you feel a tug on your heartstrings. With the moon in a tangled angle to charming Venus, you could unwittingly fall for a hustler's sales pitch. Maybe people are the genuine article or maybe you're being duped. Today, it's just too hard to tell. Assume nothing until you have facts and figures in front of you. And if you're going to plunk down any hard-earned cash, get all your questions answered and give yourself a chance to sleep on the offer. If it's meant to be yours, it will be available tomorrow morning.



Libra September 23 – October 23

Today's Leo moon revs up your esprit de corps making you eager to continue a collaboration. But before you get in deeper, make sure everything you pool is being shared and distributed equally. With money-minded Venus squaring la luna, cash could be a source of friction among your friend group or team. You're as generous as they come, Libra, but when something feels unfair, your internal alarm starts clanging. To avoid a total squad meltdown, demand transparency around group spending, and make sure workload is equally divided among your collaborators.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

You have a vision, Scorpio, and a brilliant one at that. But under today's befuddling moon-Venus square, you may struggle to convince others of the merits of your plan. People may demand practical proof before signing on or need more time to mull things over. If possible, postpone any pitch meetings until you're ready—or arm yourself with all the necessary facts and figures to fortify your stroke of genius. Try imagine what people's objections may be and then, find ways to address each one.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

Seek and ye shall find, Sagittarius—as long as you're not searching through rose-colored lenses. Under today's moon-Venus square, you could fall into the trap of idealizing, preferring to ignore the unpleasant details instead of dealing with them. But this is a recipe for future disappointment. Remind yourself that no one or no thing will ever be perfect. Instead, try aiming for "beautifully human." Personality quirks can be endearing and factory defects can turn the ordinary into art! Try this on for size, Archer: What if true love was actually defined as accepting people for all that they are—and all that they are not.



Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Forget about keeping up with the Kardashians today, Capricorn. Instead, just keep it real. Your teammates don't need to see a brave front right now; they need to know how you're REALLY feeling. How else will they be able to not just support you, but also, co-create effectively? If you've been keeping important intel close to your vest, call a squad summit and let everyone in on the info.



BABY BLUES



BUCKLES



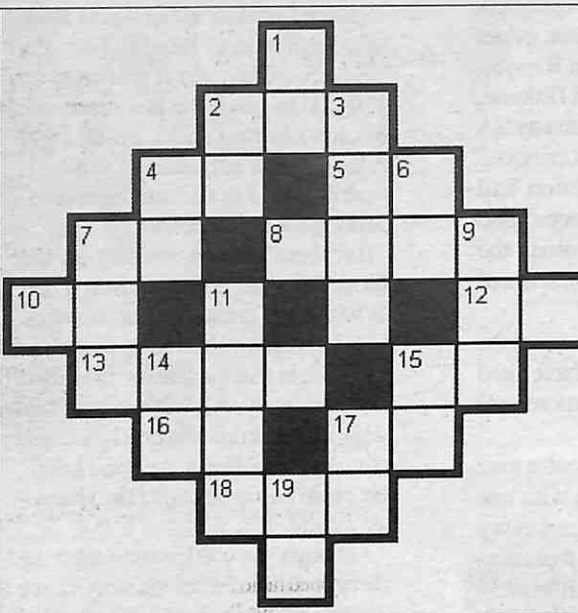
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



PUZZLE CHOICE

FIGURE IT

Look at the clues below and fill all the numbers you can into the grid. Then start again and use your answers to help solve the other clues.



Down

- 15 Across minus 10 Across
- Half of 15 Across
- 8 Across doubled plus ninety-four
- A fifth of 100
- Half of 17 Down
- Six times 107
- 18 Across doubled minus fourteen
- Numbers 1234 rearranged
- Eight times four
- Quarter of 140
- Five times sixteen
- 116 - 90 + 12

Across

- Four times thirty-one
- Number of days in four weeks
- Third of forty-two
- Number of minutes in an hour
- Three times 668
- 225 divided by five
- 8 Across plus 341
- Three dozen
- Quarter of eighty-four
- Five times seventeen
- 12 Across + 17 Across + 100

LOL

Laughing out Loud

STILL NO PAY

A man goes to a bar and says, "Barman drinks on me to you the owner and everybody else in here!" Comes the end of the night the man says...sorry man it seems I forgot my wallet. The barman kicks him in the guts and throws him out. The next day the man comes again, "Barman drinks on me to you the owner and everybody else in here!" Comes the end of the night the

man say...sorry man I don't have any money on me. The barman hits him in the face with bar stool brakes his leg and throws him out. The following day the man comes to the bar again, "Barman drinks on me for the owner and everybody else in here!" Barman says, "What am not getting a free drink tonight?" "Sorry man but you get violent when you drink."

USELESS FACTS

- Beetles taste like apples, wasps like pine nuts, and worms like fried bacon.
- Of all the words in the English language, the word 'set' has the most definitions!
- What is called a "French kiss" in the English speak-

ing world is known as an "English kiss" in France. 4. "Almost" is the longest word in the English language with all the letters in alphabetical order. 5. "Rhythm" is the longest English word without a vowel.

BRAinteasers
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERSYESTERDAY'S
BRAinteasers

- In Austria you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?
- How far can a rabbit run into the woods?

Answer: Halfway.

TODAY'S BRAinteasers

- What are the next three letters in the following sequence?
- What word describes a woman who does not have all her fingers on one hand?



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NEWS



IT'S CABBY VS LUSANDA - SPIRIT OF MZANSI

THEY came, they saw and they conquered

After a whirlwind that has taken our gang from the Volkswagen Plant in Centurion, to the scenic, rolling hills of beautiful KwaZulu Natal, Cabby and Lusanda finally take their respective places on the podium, as the two Spirit Of Mzansi contestants that were built to outmanoeuvre and outlast.

To say it's been an exhilarating journey for our Top 2, would be an understatement.

Cabby has had to contend with losing race after race as a member of Team Mzansi, amongst many other disappointments, while Lusanda has had to push herself (sometimes to the limit) to ensure her team maintained pole position constantly.

Through the good and the bad, there's one thing these two have been certain of; they would get to the finish line.



about
these two champions

Determination

All our contestants were selected

because

of their amazing skill behind the wheel

(amongst many other talents) and although many have done well on the road, 'Lady Lu' deserves a special mention.

Lusanda has taken the bull by the horns at all times since the game started. Never once has she flinched or backed down from a challenge. She's been determined and has worked hard every step of the way, something she should be proud of.

Poise

Hello, Mr. Good Deportment. When things threatened to (and eventually did) go wrong, Cabby was always the cool, calm and collected guy making all the jokes.

A bad day was not complete without Cabby doling out hugs and trying to help his disappointed teammates get out of their funk.

He's worked hard too and despite suffering many losses,

Cabby has never given up.

He's also never panicked, no matter what the situation looked like. We stan!

Don't miss the Spirit Of Mzansi finale this Wednesday at 21:30, only on Mzansi Magic

DStv Channel 161.

WE HAVE A WINNER! - PROJECT RUNWAY SA

KENTSE was crowned season 1 winner after a beautiful final runway show.

Kentse is heading to Paris! "It's a really big deal to win this competition," said judge Noni Gasa in an exclusive behind-the-scenes interview a few hours before Kentse earned the title of Project Runway SA winner. "Essentially we are choosing an ambassador tonight to represent us in Paris."

Judge Rahim Rawjee based his final decision on the commerciality, wearability and creativity of the collection - and

Kentse's runway looks ticked all the boxes!

Jaime, Kentse and Kireschen's 12-look collections



impressed host Lerato Kganyago, mentor Gert-Johan Coetzee, judges Noni Gasa and Rahim Rawjee, and guest judge Khanyi Dhlomo, but what is a Project Runway SA episode without honest critique? While Jaime's collection had "amazingly strong pieces" and showed great use of colour, the judges felt they had seen some of the looks before.

Kireschen's creativity wowed the judges, but they would have liked to see him show a little more craft and technical skill.

The judges felt that Kentse tried to showcase too much with one collection, and not every piece grabbed their attention, but ultimately she had enough "champions" to pull off the win. Have you heard the news? Project Runway SA is now casting for talented fashion designers from around the nation to compete in season 2 of the reality design competition series!

Getting to know HTGAWM's Gabriel Maddox

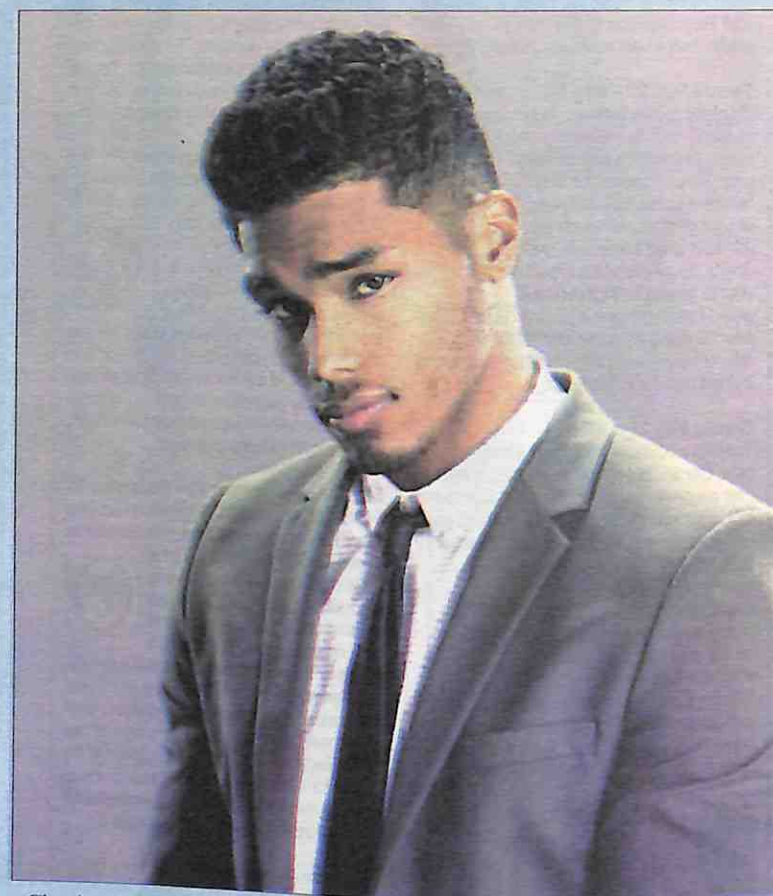
FIND out who plays Gabriel Maddox on Season 5 of How to Get Away With Murder.

Season 5 of How to Get Away With Murder premiered Express from the US on Saturday, and if you were up at 01:00 to catch the premiere, we wouldn't blame you for mistaking it to the first few episodes of Season 1, such as Annalise announcing a competition for her students.

But there's a new student on the show that at the end of Season 4, left us with more questions than answers. Gabriel Maddox showed up just when we thought that the season finale had ended happily. All we know at this stage is Maddox is somebody's child; but whose child he is, we don't know. He could easily be one of the character's child.

Although you will have to watch the show to find out what his story is, we can give you deets about the guy behind the character:

1. His real name is Rome Flynn
2. He has appeared on The Bold and the Beautiful, NCIS: New Orleans, Drumline: A New Beat. He'll also be making an appearance on Tyler Perry's A Madea Family Funeral, as well as The Thinning: New World Order
3. Rome has a baby girl named Kimiko who is four years old.
4. His current girlfriend and mother of his child is Camia Marie.



Chatting to TV Guide about his character, Rome said, "My instinct right now is [his character] going to be a little bit of a mystery."

Won't be too long, but I think, you know, Frank (Charlie Weber) seems to know who he is. But I don't know

who else does on the show.

And I think it's going to be really fun to slowly get to know Gabriel before we know his origins."

Don't miss Season 5 of How to Get Away With Murder every Monday at 20:30 on 1 Magic.

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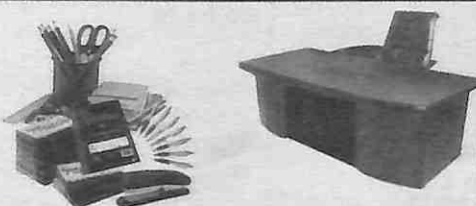
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R/N 204664 Dst 05/10/2018

Bongiwe Synthia Magagula nee Nyoni



Funeral: 06/10/2018
Vigil: 05/10/2018
Place: Dinner Times

Kwatiswa tihlobo ta Bongive Synthia Magagula nee Nyoni lebekasebenta ka Parnalat kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. I - memorial service ingaLesihlanu 05-10-2018 nga 12 emini eST Michaels Chapel. Umlindzelo use Dinner Times eKwaluseni ngaLesihlanu nga 10 PM. Utawungcwatiwa ngeMgcibelo ekuseni nga 6:30 AM eNgwane Park cemetery. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumyeni wakhe Sifiso Magagula.

Siniketiwe Masande Nkambule



Funeral: 06/10/2018
Vigil: Kute
Place: eNtabamhloshana

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni waSiniketiwe Masande Nkambule lotalwa ngu Allen Mncube Nkambule bana Dumsile Dlamini kutsi aka sekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bakagogo wakhe eMashobeni nebekhabonina ka Dlamini eMpholonjeni. Kwatiswa neba kaMaziya kagogo wakhe eSihlutse. Utawufihlwa ngeMgcibelo 06-10-2018 ekhayakubo eNtabamhloshana. Kute umlindzelo kutawuba nenkonzo lemfishane ngaLesihlanu nga 7 ntsambama. Bese ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo nga 5 ekuseni. Lala ngekuthula Msutfu Mswati Mlandzelalanga. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguyise Allen Mncube Nkambule egameni lemndeni.

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Dorothy Teyise Mbingo



Funeral: 07/10/2018
Vigil: 06/10/2018

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Dorothy Teyise Mbingo lebekendze kaMdluli eMliba kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa umndeni wasekhakhakhe ka Mdluli, baka Nkhosi, bakubo ka Mbingo, baka Ngcamphalala, ekhabo nina nelisontfo lakhe ST Johns. Utawufihlwa ngeLisontfo umuva kwemlindzelo lotawuba mhlaka 06-10-2018 ngeMgcibelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumyeni wakhe Sibusiso Mdluli.

Carlito Groening



Funeral: 06/10/2018
Place: Ngwane Park

Relatives and friends of Carlito Groening are notified of his sudden death. Funeral service will be held at Dups Chapel on Saturday 06 - 10 - 2018 at 12 PM and then proceed for burial at Ngwane Park cemetery. Announcement by his sisters and brothers.

Our Deepest Condolences

Death is only a bridge towards eternal life with God. Certainly Heaven is rejoicing for another soul has finally reached his true home.



May the gates of heaven open up to reveal strength and comfort in your times of trial and sorrow God will comfort you.

JOB 13:15

Though He slay me, yet will I hope in him; I will surely defend my ways to his face.

The LORD is close to the broken-hearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

it's almost unbearable when so much hope turns in deep sorrow wishing you much strength



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First National Bank of Swaziland Limited

Abridged Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2018

Statement of Comprehensive Income For the year ended 30 June 2018		
	2018 E'000	2017 E'000
Interest and similar income	459 293	428 587
Interest expense and similar charges	(116 872)	(106 662)
Net interest income before impairment of advances	342 421	321 925
Impairment of advances	(21 311)	(21 064)
Net interest income after impairment of advances	321 110	300 861
Non interest revenue	306 850	262 622
Other income	4 998	89
Income from operations	632 958	563 572
Operating and administration expenses	(356 496)	(313 632)
Income before tax	276 462	249 940
Indirect tax	(18 784)	(11 718)
Profit before tax	257 678	238 222
Income tax expense	(70 680)	(76 939)
Profit for the year	186 998	161 283

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2018		
	2018 E'000	2017 E'000
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	718 930	694 228
Advances	2 917 426	2 732 461
Investment securities	617 820	518 969
Derivative financial instruments	16 098	10 227
Accounts receivable	35 524	18 879
Amounts due from related parties	993 870	1 320 075
Deferred income tax asset	26 308	23 786
Property and equipment	70 476	77 194
Total assets	5 396 452	5 395 819
EQUITY		
Capital and reserves attributable to equity holders of the parent		
Share capital	27 642	27 642
Share premium	2 686	2 686
Other reserves	182 348	161 606
Retained earnings	769 051	602 795
Total equity	981 727	794 729
LIABILITIES		
Deposits	4 026 737	4 297 775
Share based payments liability	8 320	6 653
Derivative financial instruments	6 214	5 103
Defined benefit post-employment liability	27 786	27 786
Accounts payable	82 764	48 214
Provision for other liabilities and charges	25 523	25 017
Current income tax liability	4 934	9 964
Amounts due to related parties	232 447	180 578
Total liabilities	4 414 725	4 601 090
Total equity and liabilities	5 396 452	5 395 819

The annual financial statements have been approved by the Board of Directors on 08th August 2018 and are signed on its behalf by:

JV NDLANGAMANDLA
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

DENNIS TIKHALO MBINGO
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

27 September 2018

Directors:

JV Ndlangamandla (Chairman), DT Mbingo (CEO), DD Dlamini, S de Sousa, DE Wright, SL Balsdon, D Jones, EB Arden

Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended 30 June 2018		
	2018 E'000	2017 E'000
Cash flows from operating activities	290 430	272 283
Income tax paid	(78 232)	(73 144)
Net cash flow from operating activities before changes in operating asset and liabilities	212 198	199 139
Cash flow from changes in operating assets and liabilities	(206 276)	(197 539)
Net (increase) in advances	326 205	(489 997)
Net (increase)/decrease in amounts due from related parties	(16 645)	24 673
Net (decrease)/increase in accounts receivable	(271 038)	1 280 590
Net (decrease)/increase in deposits	51 869	(445 717)
Net increase/ (decrease) increase in amounts due to related parties	34 628	(113 856)
Net increase/(decrease) in accounts payable	1 667	953
Net increase in share based payments	506	(134)
Net increase/(decrease) in provisions for other liabilities and charges	(79 084)	58 793
Net cash flow from changes in operating assets and liabilities	133 114	258 112
Cash flows from investing activities	(10 003)	(30 050)
Acquisition of fixed assets	5 202	336
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets & insurance compensation	(4 760)	(8 721)
Net (decrease) in derivative instruments	(98 851)	(62 416)
Net (increase) in investment securities	(108 412)	(100 851)
Net cash outflow from investing activities	-	(100 000)
Net cash outflow from financing activities	24 702	57 261
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	694 228	636 967
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	718 930	694 228



Independent auditor's report on the abridged financial statements

Opinion

The abridged financial statements of First National Bank of Swaziland Limited, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018, the statement of comprehensive income, and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended are derived from the audited financial statements of First National Bank of Swaziland Limited for the year ended 30 June 2018.

In our opinion, the accompanying abridged financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements, in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Institutions Act of 2005 and have been presented as required by Inspection Circular 17 – Publication of audited financial statements. The abridged financial statements and the audited financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited financial statements.

Abridged Financial Statements

The abridged financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act of Swaziland as applicable to annual financial statements. Reading the abridged financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated 03 October 2018.

Director's Responsibility for the Abridged Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the abridged financial statements.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the abridged financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 820 (Revised), Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

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Our pre-match meals were pies at the garage - Hunt

JOHANNESBURG - Gavin Hunt revealed that he has been forced to change with the times when trying to relate to his players, adding that things have changed since his playing days.

The Bidvest Wits head coach led his side to a 2-0 victory over Cape Town City at the Cape Town Stadium last night, with the Students having turned their fortunes around compared to their form in the 2017/18 campaign.

Speaking to the media after the game last night, Hunt revealed that he had to change with the times in his coaching career, adding that back in his day as a professional footballer, things were very different.

"I've got to change, I've got to go with the times and accept it, the youth of today are soft, not as hard as we were, they're brought up differently," Hunt said.

"The old age when you used to lose games, you used to run

Monday and Tuesday, they are not going to respond to that like I responded, running up hills and mountains. Those days are gone, so I need to change.

"I've evolved, I had lunch with Alex Ferguson, and he said to me that the biggest thing he had to do was change with time, with the players, so they went from that drinking culture. In my day we drank, we drank for South Africa, my friend, cold Castle, ten of them in the changing room, these days there are ice baths, milkshakes, they're having pasta, we used to have chocolate bars and beer, but we ran.

"So that's changed, pre-match meals, we used to have tea and toast and a pie at the garage on the way to the game. So I have got to change, they can't cross the road and I could cross the ball with my eyes closed," he added.

Soccer Laduma



CHANGING WITH TIMES: Gavin Hunt.

CHIEFS COACH PREPARES FOR 'FUNERAL' IN DURBAN

JOHANNESBURG - What do you call a football match without supporters? A funeral.

Well that is at least according to Kaizer Chiefs coach Giovanni Solinas who has lamented the fact that his team will play Polokwane City behind closed doors at Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban due to a ban enforced by the Premier Soccer League's Disciplinary Committee following fan misbehaviour at the same venue in May.

Amakhosi fans rioted and vandalised the stadium after a 2-0 defeat to Free State Stars which also resulted in the resignation of former mentor Steve Komphela.

Speaking after the goalless ABSA Premiership draw at Highlands Park on Tuesday night, Solinas said he was now focusing on the next encounter.

"We now focus on the next game. It will be a difficult one because we will



PREPARED: Kaizer Chiefs coach Giovanni Solinas.

play without our supporters and also because Polokwane are a good team. We forget this one and focus on the next one.

"It needs special preparation mentally because the atmosphere becomes strange without the supporters. We need

to prepare psychologically for it. It is a pity because football is a spectacle and it is good when there are supporters. Supporters give the atmosphere. When they celebrate it makes the game. Without the supporters it is a funeral," he said.

Citizen

Giovanni Solinas critical of Makhulong pitch condition

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs coach Giovanni Solinas was critical of the pitch conditions at Makhulong Stadium during their ABSA Premiership clash against Highlands Park.

Chiefs were held to a goalless stalemate by the Lions of the North, who put out a resilient display and even had chances to steal all three points on Tuesday evening. With Khama Billiat kept quiet for much of the game, Amakhosi looked to be out of ideas in the attack-

ing third as they created only a handful of decent opportunities. Solinas felt a share of the spoils was a fair outcome for both teams, considering how his side struggled to adapt to the smaller field and lumpy surface. "Congratulations to Highlands Park, they fought to get the result, so I think the result was fair," said Solinas after the match.

"I'm happy with the attitude of my players because they fought and tried to win the game. It was not easy to play combination football because the field

dimension is small, and the grass was not good.

"I don't know why they did not cut the grass [because] the ball was bumpy. But, it's okay. We shift focus to the next game [against Polokwane City]."

Chiefs had been deadly in their previous three outings, mesmerising defences with their quick combination play up front, but the Italian bemoaned that such a surface required his players to resort to "amateur" football, and he refused to oblige.

Brazilians agree to Ndlovu deal with Maritzburg United

JOHANNESBURG - Mamelodi Sundowns have agreed a deal with Maritzburg United to bring midfielder Siphesihle Ndlovu to Chloorkop at the end of the season.

Maritzburg Chairman Farook Kadodia confirmed the switch has been agreed in principle, but says Ndlovu must still finalise personal terms with the ABSA Premiership cham-

pions. "The clubs have agreed in principle on the terms. The player still needs to agree terms, he hasn't signed yet," Kadodia tells KickOff.com.

According to sources, the clubs negotiated the move when the Brazilians signed Lebahang Maboe from the Team of Choice in August.

"Ndlovu was long [ago] signed by Sundowns and the deal was completed at the

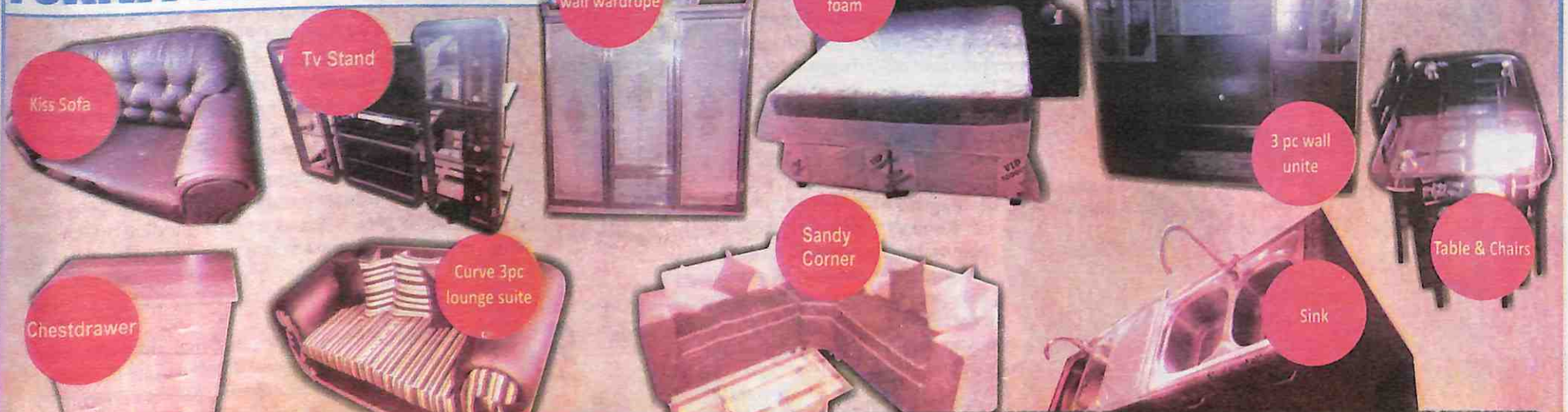
same time as Maboe," says a source. The source, who says Ndlovu's efforts have been questioned since the developments unfolded, initially had his heart set on joining Orlando Pirates, but Maritzburg received a better offer from Downs.

"Actually Ndlovu wanted to go to Orlando Pirates, the club he grew up supporting but their offer was little com-

pared to Sundowns', and the chairman said he'll take Sundowns' offer, not Pirates'."

Ndlovu was named the PSL's Young Player of the Season and Midfielder of the Season in 2017/18. However, the 22-year-old has made a slow start to the new campaign, featuring four times as he had to serve a two-game ban for a dismissal against Kaizer Chiefs.

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Arsenal keeper Cech out for a month

LONDON - Arsenal goalkeeper Petr Cech has been ruled out for a month with a hamstring injury.

Cech limped off late in the first half of Arsenal's 2-0 win against Watford on Saturday after suffering the injury while taking a goal-kick.

Arsenal said in an update on their official website ahead of their Europa League tie at Qarabag last Thursday that Gunners captain Cech had a "left

hamstring injury" and was "expected to return to full training in three to four weeks".

The former Chelsea star has not made the trip to Azerbaijan and will definitely miss Sunday's visit to Fulham, Arsenal's last Premier League before an international break, and the home game on October 22 against Leicester.

Bernd Leno produced an impressive display after replacing Cech against

Watford and boss Unai Emery backed the German to prove a sturdy understudy. Leno arrived from Bayer Leverkusen during the close season, but before Cech's injury had only featured in the Europa League and the League Cup. Arsenal also confirmed that Ainsley Maitland-Niles was expected back in full training during early October, quicker than initially suggested after he fractured his left fibula. **AFP**



OUT: Petr Cech receives treatment prior being substituted in Arsenal's victory over Watford on Saturday.

MOURINHO WON'T BE AT MAN UTD AFTER THE INTERNATIONAL BREAK

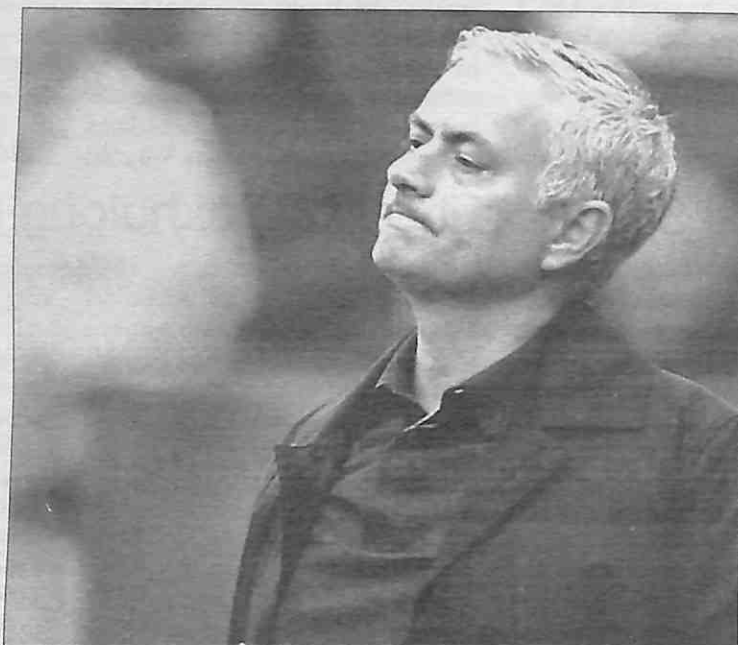
MANCHESTER - JOSE MOURINHO's exit from Manchester United could well be sealed after the international break.

That is the verdict of Sky Sports pundit Charlie Nicholas. And the former Arsenal forward believes calls for Zinedine Zidane to replace the Portuguese will only intensify this week. Mourinho saw his side flop again Tuesday night as United made it four home games without a win.

Valencia held them to a 0-0 draw at Old Trafford in their second match in Group H of the Champions League.

Pressure is mounting on Mourinho after United's poor start to the season, especially in domestic football. Crashing out of the Carabao Cup to Derby and three Premier League defeats to Brighton, Tottenham and West Ham have hurt United.

And links to Zidane, who is out of work after quitting Real Madrid this summer, are not going away with the Frenchman said to be learning English. Nicholas was report-



SET TO BE DISMISSED: Jose Mourinho.

ing on United's encounter with Valencia Tuesday night and he was far from impressed with what he saw. "Well it's a really tame, poor performance that lacked any real

desire," Nicholas told Sky Sports.

"Defensively they were OK, but this was another poor, boring, and dull Manchester United performance."

"Of course, all the pressure is going to come on the manager."

"There will be a bit that will get to Alexis Sanchez's door because he was taken off again, and Paul Pogba's door, but these players can go home tonight, they can turn up tomorrow and they'll get on with it."

"The questions will be asked, and it'll be Jose who's going to have to face the music. 'It's running down, I didn't expect him to finish this season but I didn't see it ending like this. I don't see this lasting."

"I think we might come back from the international break and if Jose is in the pain that he looks in, I think there'll be a deal done."

"Everyone is ringing this Zidane bell at the moment. It's going to get louder this week."

Manchester United host struggling Newcastle in the Premier League on Saturday (5.30pm) before the upcoming break.

And a shock defeat for the Red Devils would certainly leave Mourinho in a precarious position. **DailyStar**

Bruce slams fan who threw Cabbage at him

LONDON - Steve Bruce has experienced nearly everything in a football career spanning more than 40 years.

But never before been forced to take cover from a cabbage. That was what one, rather odd, Aston Villa fan decided to throw at Bruce before a remarkable 3-3 draw against Preston even kicked off, in a bizarre sign of the deepening tension at the club. Police have since confirmed they are trying to find the supporter who threw the cabbage at him.

For a manager who led Villa to within 90 minutes of the Premier League it was unsavoury and distasteful, if you pardon the pun.

Bruce responded to the incident with understandable anger and admitted for the first time that unrest among supporters would prompt him to consider his position. Although he vowed to battle on. Villa's board are understood to be concerned about the worsening atmosphere and Saturday's trip to Millwall is seen as pivotal.

"I'll reflect on it and roll my sleeves up, unless I really think it affects the individuals," Bruce said. "I will battle on. That's always been my philosophy until told otherwise. The one thing I've always had is the determination to roll up my sleeves and get stuck in. I'll always have a go. But you need results." On the cabbage being thrown, Bruce said: "Unfortunately, it sums up the society we are in. 'I find the whole thing hugely disrespectful. Certainly for someone like him I'm surprised he knew what a cabbage was.'" **Daily Mail**

Ramsey's agents confirm midfielder will leave Arsenal on free transfer

LONDON - Aaron Ramsey will be leaving Arsenal in the summer after contract talks collapsed, the agency representing the player has confirmed.

Wales international Ramsey will be a free agent in the summer with Arsenal open to offers during the January transfer window rather than allowing him to leave for nothing.

Ramsey and the club had been in negotiations over a possible new deal but Arsenal

have reached the conclusion that the 27-year-old no longer features in their future plans.

The news was confirmed by the player's representatives, Avid Sports & Entertainment Group, during a Twitter exchange with an Arsenal supporter on Tuesday night. Avid tweeted out a picture of Ramsey posing on a private jet after he became an ambassador for an aviation company with the message: "Delighted to broker this deal for @aaronramsey"

Arsenal supporter @afc-

charlie replied to the tweet by saying:

"Probably a bit muggy to announce this at the moment. Don't you think. Prob be best to just get on the plane and jog on for good I reckon."

Avid asked "why?" in response to which Charlie explained: "You got thousands of fans wanting to hear something on Ramsey. Whatever happens behind the scenes shouldn't be discussed as people don't know - fair enough."

Daily Mail



SET TO LEAVE: Aaron Ramsey.



A FLOP: Romelu Lukaku.

'Lukaku is disappointing and a dream to defend against'

LONDON - Romelu Lukaku is 'disappointing' and 'a dream' to defend against, according to two former Manchester United players.

Rio Ferdinand and Paul Scholes watched as Lukaku went a fifth game for United without scoring.

He was criticised after Jose Mourinho's side drew 0-0 with Valencia in the Champions League at Old Trafford on Tuesday night.

Ferdinand, a former England central defender, suggested Lukaku needed to position himself more intelligently because he is currently simple to defend against.

He told BT Sport: "When the ball is developing more in central areas of the pitch he just stands and really he's got to be moving even if he's sometimes standing offside."

"Make defenders think and at the moment defenders are seeing exactly where he is, he's not moving so you know what he's doing and for a defender that's a dream."

"You need players moving in behind, making your defender changing position and changing the eyeline." Scholes, who used to supply United's attacking line, said Lukaku needed to do more to help those making passes forward."

He added: "Lukaku is disappointing. His movement is non-existent at the minute." **Daily Mail**

FORMER BUCS STAR LAUNCHES WEBSITE

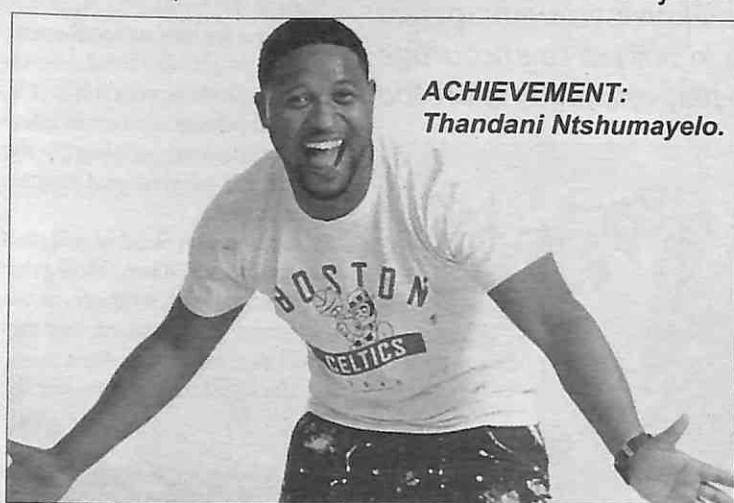
JOHANNESBURG - Thandani Ntshumayelo has launched his own website and will be using it to tell his story and change the lives of others who have, or could, go down the same road as him.

The website, www.thandanintshumayelo.co.za, has information about where it all started for the former Orlando Pirates and SuperSport United midfielder, but there's a lot more to it than just football. Ntshumayelo wants to use the website to give back to communities through motivational talks and charity work.

Most importantly, Ntshumayelo wants to raise awareness of the dangers of substance abuse, as well as having the wrong friends in life.

Ntshumayelo had been handed a four-year ban from football in September 2016 after testing positive for cocaine during a routine drug test conducted after an ABSA

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ACHIEVEMENT:
Thandani Ntshumayelo.

Premiership match towards the end of the 2015/16 season.

After serving two years of the

ban, Ntshumayelo was granted amnesty and is free to play again.

Ntshumayelo was recently invit-

ed to Durban by the South African Democratic Teachers Union (SADTU Durban) to share his experiences with the youth in KwaZulu-Natal. He's also been to Soweto to talk to the youth in the township.

The website will also give Ntshumayelo's followers an opportunity to interact with him.

"When I was banned, I was thinking about a lot of positive things that I can do so that I can have a platform to change things positively. I wanted to have a website, so that one day when I am not around my kid can see the positive things that I did. Maybe my story can save people's lives," Ntshumayelo, who has been training with Bidvest Wits, tells KickOff.com. **Kick Off**



LUCKY: Luka Modric.

Croatian court rejects false testimony charge against Luka Modric

MADRID - A Croatian court has rejected a charge against Croatia international and Real Madrid midfielder Luka Modric of giving false testimony in a criminal trial, the court said yesterday.

An email to Reuters by the Zagreb municipal criminal court said the court rejected the charge, made by the Croatia state attorney in March, but gave no explanation for its ruling.

The state attorney's office can appeal against the decision.

Modric testified last year at the trial of a tax official and three former senior officials from the soccer club Dinamo Zagreb, including its former chief executive Zdravko Mamic, about the dates of signing the annexes to his professional contracts which regulated transfer fees.

The state attorney's office said in June 2017 it was investigating allegations that Modric, awarded Best FIFA men's player of the year 2018 last month, had given false testimony at the trial.

In June, Mamic was sentenced to six-and-a-half years in prison, shortly after he left for Bosnia where he lives now. Other two Dinamo officials and the tax official were also sentenced to jail. All of them denied any wrongdoing and have said they would challenge the verdict.

Local media reported that the reason the court had rejected the false testimony charge was that it had been 'premature', in that it could not be raised before there was the final court decision in the tax avoidance trial.

Modric's lawyer Laura Valkovic told Reuters the defence had argued that the charge was premature. The final court decision in the case is still pending while an appeal process continues. Last month Croatia's state attorney also charged another Croatia international, Liverpool defender Dejan Lovren, with the same offence as Modric. **Daily Mail**

Arsenal squad revealed for Europa League clash

LONDON - Arsenal are aiming for an eighth straight victory today as they continue their Europa League adventure.

Unai Emery has sparked a fine run from the Gunners with the Spaniard a specialist in Europe, having won three straight titles with Sevilla.

The Gunners swept aside Vorskla in their opening game of Group E with goals from Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, Danny Welbeck and Mesut Ozil.

Next up is Qarabag, with Sporting Lisbon the other side in the group, with the Portuguese outfit also on three points to sit joint-top.

Emery can call on Sokratis Papastathopoulos again, after the Greek defender's injury vs Everton cleared up.

The Gunners boarded their flight at Luton Airport yesterday, with the squad in a relaxed mood. Emery will likely mix up his side again, with a view to remaining fresh for the clash vs Fulham this week.

Bernd Leno appeared to be in a jovial mood, with the German set to feature again in the Europa



READY: Arsenal players Lacazette and Guendouzi.

League.

Here is the squad for the trip to Baku, Azerbaijan: **Arsenal squad vs Qarabag**
Leno, Bellerin, Lichtsteiner, Holding, Mustafi,

Papastathopoulos, Kolasinac, Monreal, Xhaka, Elneny, Torreira, Guendouzi, Ramsey, Iwobi, Ozil, Welbeck, Lacazette, Aubameyang **Mirror**

Neymar predicts his three Ballon d'Or finalists, rules himself out

PARIS - Neymar has ruled himself out of the running to win this year's Ballon d'Or and tipped Kylian Mbappe, Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo to challenge for the gong.

The Brazilian, who came third in the 2015 and 2017 edition, believes his Paris Saint-Germain team-mate Kylian Mbappe, Messi and Ronaldo deserve to be the three finalists.

Asked who he thought has a chance of winning the coveted award, Neymar told AS: 'I would say, Ronaldo, Messi and Mbappe.'

Ronaldo is an obvious contender for the trophy - which will be officially presented in December - again after helping Real Madrid to a third consecutive Champions League title

HOW RONALDO, MESSI, MBAPPE AND NEYMAR COMPARE SINCE JANUARY

Player	Club	Country	Games	Goals	Assists
Cristiano Ronaldo	Real Madrid/ Juventus	Portugal	37	37	10
Lionel Messi	Barcelona	Argentina	43	38	18
Kylian Mbappe	PSG	France	44	24	11
Neymar	PSG	Brazil	28	24	7

last season.

The Portugal star claimed the prize for a record-equalling fifth time last year but will face stern competition as ever from Messi and teenage sensation Mbappe, who is also fancied to win.

The Frenchman is firmly in contention after his stunning displays in the summer helped his country to lift the World Cup for the second time in their history.

Neymar on the other hand has been given an outside chance by the bookies after an injury-plagued first season with PSG and an underwhelming performance at this summer's tournament in Russia.

The 26-year-old still managed to register an impressive 28 goals as PSG went on to win the domestic treble last season and has hit the ground running this term.

He has seven goals and three assists



from nine games, but believes his chances of winning the award are slim. **Daily Mail**



SHUKUMA



ESWATINI



COMMEMORATING DISABILITY WEEK IN STYLE

Shu....Shu....Shukuma Eswatini!
GREETINGS and welcome to another edition of your favourite column, Shukuma Eswatini.

SNSRC could not have started the week on a better note, as promised SNSRC paid a visit to our friend at the special schools in the country.

On Monday, our dynamic SNSRC team visited the Ekwetsembeni Special School.

It was a special day indeed for our special kids, who got the rare opportunity to engage in sporting activities and fun games.

From early morning hours, the children got to play and enjoy a number of sporting activities and fun games alongside their teachers. It was refreshing, stimulating and energising in equal measure, especially with the children showing so much enthusiasm. The children enjoyed games such as kids' athletics, tug of war and others, while also participating vigorously in activities like aerobics and dancing.

We at the SNSRC subscribe to the 'Sports-For-All, Sports-For-Life' ideology, which is inclusive of the disabled community.

For a long time, the disabled com-

● as promised, we visited the Ekwetsembeni Special School and St Joseph's Mission in our bid to encourage our children with disabilities to play and enjoy sport too



munity have been left out in a lot of developmental programmes and our visit to these two institutions marked the start of good things to come for people living with disabilities in the country in as far as sports are concerned.

Yesterday, the SNSRC team then visited the St. Josephs Mission in the hub of Eswatini, Manzini for a similar exer-

cise.

Our disability sport programme seeks to create opportunities that will increase the participation and involvement of people living with a disability in sport and physical activity.

Needless to say, we commemorated disability week in great style – with children, who obviously represent the future.

Sports associations honour review meetings

WE are glad that a number of our National Sports Associations have heeded the call to attend the review meetings with the Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC).

It is crucial for all associations to attend these meetings, which are meant to help them in a number of ways. The SNSRC will not assist in any way any association that has not bothered to attend the review meetings.

We have noted with pride howev-

er, that most associations have attended these important meetings and we would like to encourage those that are yet to do so, to ensure that they do, least they risk losing out on council's assistance.

Attended

Some of the associations that have already attended the meetings include the Athletics Association of Swaziland (AAS), Golf Union, Chess Association, Swaziland Schools Sports Association (SSSA), Judo Federation, the Swaziland

National Volleyball Association (SNVA), Cricket, Netball, Shooting Association, Gymnastics, Taekwondo, Darts, Swaziland National Basketball Association (SNBA), Swaziland Boxing Association (SWABA), Karate Association, the Swimming Association and the Swaziland Tennis Association (STA). If one's association does not appear in the list, it is advised that you contact your principal officers and remind them of the importance of these meetings.

Visit our website

THIS column did state a couple of weeks ago that the Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC's) website is now up and running again after experiencing some technical glitches that rendered it handicapped.

All one has to do is log on to www.sportscouncil.org.sz.

Visit our website and you will surely be glad you did, as you will get first-hand information on the SNSRC and its programmes, which include our flag-



ship one for mass participation, Shukuma Eswatini. We have also created the perfect platform for our associations to inform the world on their activities.

Associations are urged to contact the

SNSRC Media Officer, Dumisani Ntiwane for any information that they may want to be published in the website. Remember the SNSRC is here for you.

All set for Imbube Marathon on Sunday

THE eagerly anticipated Imbube Marathon takes centre stage on Sunday and all roads will lead to the Somhlolo National Stadium for this national event.

This will be the third edition of the marathon, which is quickly establishing itself as an international event, judging by the number of international athletes that partake.

Activities on Sunday will start as early as 5.30am. However, for some of us who are in the organising committee, our day will start as early as 4am.

The registered athletes for the

THE PROGRAMME

5:30 am – Singing of the national anthem
6am – Start of the 42km marathon
6:30 am – Start of the 21km race
7am – Start of the 10km race
7:30 am – Start of the 3.3 km fun run
9am – Aerobics session at Somhlolo National Stadium
11am – Awarding of prizes

different race categories are implored to be punctual, as we do not want to keep the country's leaders waiting.

On your marks, get set..... go!

From the CEO office:

Devastated by ex-PM's death

THE Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC) is joining the world in mourning the demise of the country's longest-serving Primer Dr Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini.

Dlamini passed away while admitted at the Mkhiva Clinic last Friday evening. The SNSRC Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Darius Dlomo has expressed the organisation's condolences to the Dlamini family following the ex PM's demise.

Dlomo has hailed the late ex-pm for becoming the first Prime Minister in the kingdom to establish a fully-fledged sports ministry, which is known as the Ministry of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs.

"That on its own is a clear testimony of his passion and love for sports. If I recall very well, Hlobisile Ndlovu became the first minister of sports in the country and this was obviously through Dlamini's vision and passion for sports. Whenever he was available, he would not shy away from attending sports related functions and events. He was truly a sportsman at heart.

"We are

devastated at his passing and on behalf of the entire sports movement in the kingdom of Eswatini, we mourn and send condolences to a person of no less stature than His Majesty King Mswati III, the Queen Mother, royalty, the last cabinets he led and the entire nation on such an upsetting loss," Dlomo said in his statement.

Dlomo has also implored the bereaved Dlamini family including the ex-PM's wife to put faith in the Lord to guide them through the tough times.

"We will forever be indebted to his leadership and the vision he had for sports. We pray fervently that the Almighty God will comfort his wife, children and his whole family. We believe that God Almighty will bandage the bleeding hearts and give them the strength soldier on. It is not only the Dlamini family that has lost a great man but the entire Swazi nation is poorer without him. We are all heartbroken and inconsolable at the latest," said Dlomo.



SAD LOSS: The SNSRC Chief Executive Officer Darius Dlomo.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Only he who keeps his eye fixed on the far horizon will find his right road" - **Unknown**

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MORE PICTURES ON RSSC CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



ARLET: RSSC team B captain Sibusiso Kunene carefully planning before making a stroke on the putting green.



WE HERE: Team HS Transport pose for a photo.



PARTICIPANTS: RSSC A team also participated.



POSE: KPMG team poses for a group photo.



COULDN'T MISS OUT: The Augusta Enterprises team was also part of the tourney.



YOUNGSTERS: The Zumcool team had young golfers, the eldest was 28 years old.



SPEED MATTERS: Speed Clean Team were also captured on the course.



UNITED: G-Fox employees captured in a group photo.



SUGAR: RSSC Charity Golf Tournament organising team.



● French champions Paris St-Germain are interested in signing Manchester United's France midfielder Paul Pogba, 25. (*Sun*)

● Barcelona may not be in a position to make a move for World Cup winner Pogba after announcing their financial results for 2017-18. (*Telegraph*)

● Former Manchester United midfielder Paul Scholes says he is surprised Manager Jose Mourinho was not sacked after Saturday's 3-1 defeat at West Ham. (*BT Sport*)



● Liverpool goalkeeper Alisson says he considered staying at Roma before joining the Premier League club. The 26-year-old Brazilian, who joined the Reds in July, said he cried when he left Rome, where his daughter was born. (*La Gazzetta dello Sport - in Italian*)

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● Arsenal forward Danny Welbeck is set to follow Wales midfielder Aaron Ramsey out of Arsenal on a free transfer next summer. The 27-year-old England international is in the final year of his deal and there is no agreement over a new contract. (*Mirror*)

● Gunners Manager Unai Emery has identified Napoli midfielder Piotr Zielinski, 24, as a replacement for Ramsey, 27. (*SportMediaSet, via Star*)

● Manchester City have been scouting Hoffenheim youth team midfielder Ilay Elmekies. The 18-year-old Israeli scored against City's development side at the weekend. (*Bild - in German*)

● Tottenham are ready to make a bid for Paris St-Germain's Adrien Rabiot in January. The 23-year-old France midfielder is out of contract next summer and can talk to clubs in January. (*Mirror*)

● Juventus defender Daniele Rugani's contract talks with the club have stalled, which could give Chelsea hope of signing the 24-year-old Italy international. (*Calcio Mercate - in Italian*)

● Argentina interim coach Lionel Scaloni says he has not spoken to Manchester City striker Sergio Aguero about returning to the national side. Aguero, 30, did not feature in the country's post-World Cup friendlies. (*ESPN*)



● Chelsea will offer Brazil midfielder David Luiz a one-year contract extension. The 31-year-old's deal expires at the end of next season. (*Evening Standard*)

● Borussia Dortmund winger Jadon Sancho, 18, is in line for his first England Under-21 call-up this week, with Aidy Boothroyd set to include him in the squad for the European Championship qualifiers against Andorra and Scotland. (*Times - subscription required*)

EFA IMPROVING OUR YOUTH LEAGUES - YOUTH CHAIRMAN

By Jongile Xuba

SOCCER - HHOHHO Regional Football Association (HRFA) Youth Development Chairman Ntokozo Tsela has praised the work being done by the Eswatini Football Association (EFA).

Tsela was making his remarks during the kit presentation of the Mbabane Midas Under-20 tournament. When addressing the audience, Tsela touched on how training of coaches had impacted the leagues.

"We have seen improvement in the standard of play from teams in the youth league. This is due to the youth coach training courses hosted by the EFA," said the chairman.

He also said it was now a must for youth coaches to be qualified.



"Under the HRFA, we have a lot of youth based competitions that need qualified coaches to lead the teams. A majority of our teams in

MY VIEW: HRFA Chairman of Youth Development Ntokozo Tsela making his remarks whilst Midas Marketing Officer Gcebile Vilakati listens during the presentation of the Mbabane Midas Under-20 tournament. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)

Hhohho have qualified coaches as we make it a requirement if teams want to compete," said Tsela.

He went on to make an example

of a coach who was present at the launch. The chairman also thanked Midas for their contribution towards the development of the sport in the country.

"We are learning a lot from the life skills classes hosted by Midas as part of the tournament. Young players got to mingle with their icons as well as learn what they need to do in order to achieve the same sort of success," said Tsela.

Former players such as Sibusiso 'Spoko' Dlamini and Mfanafuthi 'Taribo' Bhembe are examples of speakers, who have been part of the initiative.

The final of the tournament takes place this Saturday at Msunduzi Sports Ground. League games under the Under-20 league will be suspended to make way for the completion of the tournament.

Two Eswatini chess players become candidate masters

Stories by Jongile Xuba

CHESS - ESWATINI chess national team players Sikhanyiso Sihlongonyane and Nosipho Dlamini made history by becoming the first Eswatini to be awarded Candidate Master (CM) titles.

This was revealed by the Eswatini Chess Federation Tournament Director William Siame.

The two achieved the impressive feat at the Chess Olympiad currently being played in Batumi, Georgia. Manzini Chess Club player Sihlongonyane and Dlamini received the accolades after their recent wins.

"A win from Sihlongonyane saw him becoming the first Eswatini player to be given a Candidate Master title. This is given to players, who have managed to score a 50 per cent winning rate," said Siame. The impressive win came after Eswatini male team humbled Cape Verde 2.5-1.5, while the women team drew against Senegal. Sihlongonyane opened the scoring followed by Smilo Hlophe as well as a draw for

Eswatini team records another victory

CHESS - DAY eight of the Chess Olympiad in Batumi, Georgia saw the national men's team record another triumph.

The victory was an emphatic one against the island state of the Bahamas.

This is after they won their previous encounter against Cape Verde.

The men's team managed to overpower the Bahamas with a 2.5 - 1.5. Bahamas were left licking their wounds after Eswatini's newly crowned CM Sikhanyiso Sihlongonyane stunned Whym's Chapp with a 1 595 score.

Mbongeni 'Kasparov' Mabuza followed suit by beating Moncur with 1 873, before S'milo Hlophe rounded it off with a draw.

The only casualty in the men's team was Vuyo Nxumalo, who



NEXT MOVE: Eswatini chess players S'milo Hlophe and Mbongeni Mabuza in action at the Chess Olympiad in Batumi, Georgia. (Courtesy pic)

lost his match. It was not such a good day for the women's team

that stumbled to a 3.5 - 0.5 defeat against Honduras.

Mbongeni Mabuza and a loss from Sobhi Mzyako. "Nosipho Dlamini also managed to get a title as she

was awarded the WCM (Woman Candidate Master) title.

We have Smilo Hlophe who also

is not so far from becoming a CM should he win two more games," said Siame.

VA CUP QUALIFIERS TOURNAMENT FOR B LEAGUE TEAMS

By Jongile Xuba

VOLLEYBALL - TEAMS in the B Division will be taking part in a qualification tournament this coming weekend.

This was announced by the Eswatini National Volleyball Association (ENVA) Secretary Nonophile 'Afi' Dlamini. "We will have the VA Cup qualifications for teams in the B Division this Saturday. The tournament begins at 9am and will be played at the Police Academy in Matsapha," said the secretary.

Only the top four teams of the tournament will qualify for the VA Cup.

Dlamini went on to give the requirements for participation.

"All interested teams will have to pay E250 joining fee and we encourage all B division teams to take part in the tournament," said Dlamini.

The secretary said the eventual winners would walk away with a new playing kit.

"The prizes we have been sponsored by Embroidery Design Centre. Second and third place prizes will be announced in due

course as we finalise all the details," said Dlamini.

Dates for the VA Cup tournament are yet to be confirmed by the association.

Meanwhile, winners of the VA Cup will go on to represent Eswatini at the Zone IX Club Championships. The zonal games will be held in Durban, South Africa from December 1 until December 8.

With the league winding down and currently on break, the weekend competition provides a chance for volleyball fans to watch some action.



'BIRDS' CAF OPPONENTS HAVE ONE LEG IN FINAL

By Sabelo Gwebu

SOCCER – PRIMEIRO de Agosto have proven that seeing Mbabane Swallows out of the Total CAF Champions League was no fluke.

The two sides were involved in a must win group D match in Luanda back in August with the Angolan side winning 2-1, confirming their name in the quarter-finals of the continent's premier club tournament. Agosto have worked their way to the semi-finals of the tournament and have one leg into the finals after beating Tunisian giants 1-0 in the first leg.

Agosto and Egyptian heavyweights Al Ahly registered first leg advantages in the CAF Champions League last four on Tuesday. Eight-time winners Ahly recorded a 2-0 victory over Algerian side ES Setif in Cairo, while Agosto, the second Angolan club in history to reach the semi-finals of the Champions League – edged 1-0.

Both Ahly and Agosto will know that they cannot relax following the reed-thin leads, but they will take heart from not conceding in their backyards. This means they can try get away goals in the second leg to put the opposition under pressure.



A GOOD SIDE: Primeiro de Agosto getting ready for the match against Swallows in the early stages of the tournament.

A late goal from Luvumbo Pedro secured the victory for Agosto, who are looking to become the first club from Angola to qualify for the final. It was the first away goal Esperance conceded in this year's edition of the Total CAF Champions League.

Bad news for Esperance is that they will be without their captain Khalil Chemmam after he was sent off in the third minute of stoppage time follow-

ing a second bookable offence.

Primeiro coach, the Serbia-born Zoran Manojlovic told journalists, "I do not fear playing Esperance in Tunisia, only other factors such as refereeing. We continue to dream of reaching the final."

Ahly's victory, meanwhile, was secured thanks to goals from Walid Soliman and Islam Mohareb. Ahly could have bagged more goals had they not been denied by the woodwork twice.

E450 for all-catered for Soweto derby experience

By Sabelo Gwebu

SOCCER – AS neighbouring South Africa prepares for their biggest football derby, arguably the biggest in the continent, local football fanatics will pay as little as E450 for an all-catered for Soweto derby experience.

South African football heavyweights Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates will face-off in an ABSA Premiership match on October 27 scheduled for the FNB Stadium in Johannesburg starting at

3pm.

The E450 is payable to Bawinile Mabuza (7605 7267 via mobile money) and covers for transport (E350) and match-day ticket (E100). Supporters will leave the country on the morning of the game October 27 at 6.30am and return the following day. Accommodation has been arranged at Kempton Park and it is E195 for single and E295 for double. Mabuza said they were targeting 50 people and already 20 had paid.

"We encourage that fans pay early so

that match-day tickets can be purchased early," she said.

SOCCER DERBY DETAILS

Fixture: Kaizer Chiefs vs Orlando Pirates

Venue: FNB Stadium

Transport: E350

Ticket: E100

Accommodation: E195 single, E295 double

Contact numbers: Bawinile (7605 7267), Sandile (7672 2760), Sticks (7621 6254)

Eswatini Police A win inaugural Letsego shooting tourney

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SHOOTING – THE Royal Eswatini Police Services (REPS) are champions of the inaugural Letsego shooting tournament.

The tournament took place on Saturday at the Mzimphofu Shooting Range and the team made of Dumisa Bhembe, Nhlanhla Sithole and Bongane Sihlongonyane came victorious. The team amassed an impressive 951 points followed by Umbutfo Eswatini Defense Force (UEDF) B with 935.

The UEDF team was made of Apollo Ngwenya, Zakhele Sithole, Bhashini Dlamini and Somanisi Ngwenya. Coming third was UEDF A and the team consisting of Mshushi Mkhwanazi, Delisa Tsabedze, Lusekwane Dlamini and Meshack Myeni (916 points). In the overall section, REPS's Nhlanhla Sithole amassed 243 points while UEDF's Lusekwane Dlamini came second with



WINNERS: REPS celebrating their win as they receive their trophy from Letsego Financial Service's Head of Consumer Business Gcebile Simelane. (Pic: Sibusiso Dlamini)

240 points. Sithole's teammate Dumisa Bhembe came third with 239 points. In the females section, REPS's Jabu Vilane came first with 222 points and teammate Nontobeko Dlamini came second with 214 points. In the non-forces category, the Matsapha team A made up of Sipho Mavimbela came first while

Theminkhosi Fakudze and Senzo Mkhabela came second and third, respectively.

The scores:

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| 1. REPS A | 951 |
| 2. UEDF B | 935 |
| 3. UEDF A | 916 |

No Sihlangu call-up for MTN scorers' topping Musa

By Sabelo Gwebu

SOCCER – DESPITE being snubbed by Sihlangu selectors, speedy Green Mamba striker Musa Dlamini continues to rattle the net on consistent basis.

After the senior national team was announced on Saturday afternoon, hours before facing his former team Mbabane Swallows, Musa's spirits were not killed, opening the scorers chart for his fifth goal in just four MTN League matches. Sihlangu are in camp in readiness for next week's epic back-to-back matches against Egypt.

Musa is now tied on five league goals with Royal Leopard goal-

getter Lungelo Tsabedze. It promises to be an enthralling battle for the MTN Top Scorer prize after Mike Dombo netted his third of the season in Saturday's 2-0 win over Malanti Chiefs with Mfan'fikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze also on the scorers' chart on his 'Weslians' debut. A player who finishes top of the chart halfway through the season received an E8 000 incentive while it is E12 000 at the end of the campaign. Proven goal scorers are also gunning for the prize and on two goals apiece are the likes of Buffaloes' duo of Ndoda Mthethwa and Fanelo 'Order' Mamba, Vovovo's Mohammed Sabella among others.

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE SCORERS' CHART:

Name (Team)	Goals
Musa Dlamini (Green Mamba)	5
Lungelo Tsabedze (Leopard)	5
Mike Dombo (Wanderers)	3
Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze (Highlanders)	2
Mohammed Sabella (Vovovo)	2
Sizolwethu 'Nunu' Shabalala (Swallows)	2
Vusumuzi Mashaba (Sundowns)	2
Junior Magagula (Leopard)	2
Clement Sibandze (Matsapha)	2
Ndoda Mthethwa (Buffaloes)	2
Fanelo 'Order' Mamba (Buffaloes)	2
Ugochukwu Ohakwe (Tambuti)	2

MTN LEAGUE INDIVIDUAL PRIZE BREAKDOWN

	First Round	Second Round
Player of the Year	E8 000	E12 000
Top Goal Scorer	E6 000	E12 000
Coach of the Year	E4 000	E6 000
Fair Play Award	E5 000	E7 500
PRO of the Season	E2 500	E4 000

Zambia retains COSAFA Cup Under-20 hosting rights!

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – ZAMBIA will once again host the 2018 COSAFA Under-20 youth championships after being successfully granted by the regional governing mother body (COSAFA).

A source close to the matter said the annual youth competition would take place at the end of next month in Lusaka. "The competition is heading for Zambia after they were given the green light to stage the tournament during one of the recent executive meetings. The draw of the competition will be conducted on the first week of November, possibly in Lusaka or Johannesburg.

"The tournament will continue to be played under the same format of having the each group winner advancing to the semifinals

together with the best group runners-up," the source said.

Eswatini Football Association (EFA) Marketing and Communications Officer Muzi Radebe said he was yet to get an update about the tournament when contacted yesterday afternoon.

"I haven't received any correspondence regarding the tournament you are talking about and I can only be in position to comment once I have received a formal briefing," he said.

The local national Under-20 side will be under the tutelage of ex-Green Mamba coach Dumisani 'DU' Makhanya, who took over the reins from Mandla 'Sitofu' Dlamini mid last year. Other members of the local technical bench squad include Edwin Matsebula (assistant coach), Siyabonga Bhembe (physical trainer) and Samkeliso Mdluli (Doctor).





RESULTS

ABSA Premiership

Black Leopards	1-0	Baroka
Bloem Celtic	0-0	Mamelodi Sundowns
Chippa Utd.	1-0	Free State Stars
Orlando Pirates	0-0	Golden Arrows



RESULTS

Champions League

Lokomotiv Moscow	0-1	Schalke
Paris SG	6-1	FK Crvena zvezda
Atl. Madrid	3-1	Club Brugge KV
Dortmund	3-0	Monaco
FC Porto	1-0	Galatasaray
Napoli	1-0	Liverpool
PSV	1-2	Inter
Tottenham	2-4	Barcelona

DC acquits City for not attending game

By Sabelo Gwebu

SOCCER – THE EFA Disciplinary Committee (DC) acquitted National First Division side Mbabane City on Wednesday after failure to honour an MTN League fixture duly released by the PLE.

The DC headed by Thulani Sibandze noted blunder from the Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) prosecution team that City were charged with the MTN Premier League rules and regulations instead of that of the MTN National First Division. City was represented by top lawyer Bhanyaza Mdluli while Desmond Manda prosecuted for the PLE.

The charges read, "Mbabane City is hereby charged for contravening Article 4 (18) of the 2018/19 MTN PLE Rules and Regulations in that on the 16th of September 2018 at Prince of Wales Ground Mbabane City caused the abandonment of its official match with Tambankulu Callies by refusing to honour a fixture duly issued by the PLE."

Article 4 (18) of the MTN League rules and regulations states that, "A club walking out, refusing to play a match or refusing to honour a fixture duly issued by the PLE and/ or whose fans, supporters, officials invade the field of play and/or throw missiles or objects into the field of play which would result in the match officials stopping the game shall be deemed to have caused the abandonment of the match and shall, if found guilty of such an offence lose the match with three points and three goals awarded to their opponents and a suspension of not more than three months imposed on them plus a fine of not less than E50 000 by the DC."

Notably, the same article, Article 4(18) of the MTN National First Division reads word for word with the only difference being the fine, which is E20 000.

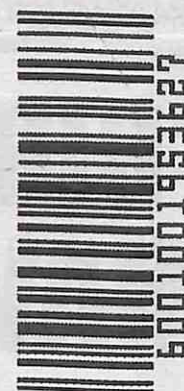
Mdluli confirmed his team was acquitted of the charges after the PLE drafted defective charges. It remains to be seen if the PLE will draft other charges or will sanction a replay of the match in question.

"I'm yet to get an update from our prosecutor on the hearings," said PLE Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Simanga Nhleko when reached.

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Legendary female athlete for Imbube Marathon...

THABITHA READY TO TSATSA

By Sabelo Gwebu

ATHLETICS – AFTER winning the Imbube Marathon back-to-back, renowned Zimbabwe-born female long distance runner Thabitha Tsatsa will be on a mission on Sunday to defend her crown.

Zimbabwe's leading daily newspaper The Herald yesterday confirmed that Tsatsa will grace the third edition of the richly sponsored race financially backed by Eswatini National Provident Fund (ENPF). The face of the tournament is His Majesty King Mswati III, who has religiously attended the two past editions and even partaking in aerobics last year much to the delight of the nation.

Once again, Tsatsa whose personal best time stands at impressive 2:29:20 hours will compete in the 42.2km race which carries mouth-watering E25 000 in prize money. This means that Tsatsa has made E50 000 from the Imbube Marathon in its short-as-sneeze history.

According to The Herald, Tsatsa (46), who calls herself "the queen of the road", is worried age might slow her despite her burning desire to successfully defend her title.

"I am going to Eswatini. Of course I have to defend my title.

But with my age now I cannot promise anything. And that course is too difficult and abnormal. I was injured after that race until now and I am still struggling with injuries. It's too downhill and too steep.

"I am not worried about time anymore, but for the youngsters it's not a good course.

It's the one which pays well in that country they should find a good course and use it to better their athletes for the world champs or Olympics.

- Says she is ready for race
- Has won the two previous editions
- Race to take place on Sunday

ABOUT THABITHA TSATSA

● Tabitha Tsatsa was born September 18, 1972 and is a Zimbabwean marathon runner.

● She set both a national record and a personal best time of 2:29:20, by finishing fourth at the 2008 Dong-A Seoul International Marathon, held in Seoul, South Korea.

● Tsatsa represented Zimbabwe at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, where she competed as a lone female athlete in the women's marathon. She successfully finished the race in forty-ninth place with a time of 2:37:10 hours.

● During the Women's Old Mutual Two Oceans Ultra Marathon 2013, Natalia Volgina from Russia won the race for the second time, after first winning it 11 years ago. She won it in a time of 3:38:38, followed in second by Tabitha Tsatsa in 3:39:57. Soon after Natalia Volgina tested positive for the banned anabolic steroid metenolone, she was stripped of her title with first place shifting onto Tabitha Tsatsa

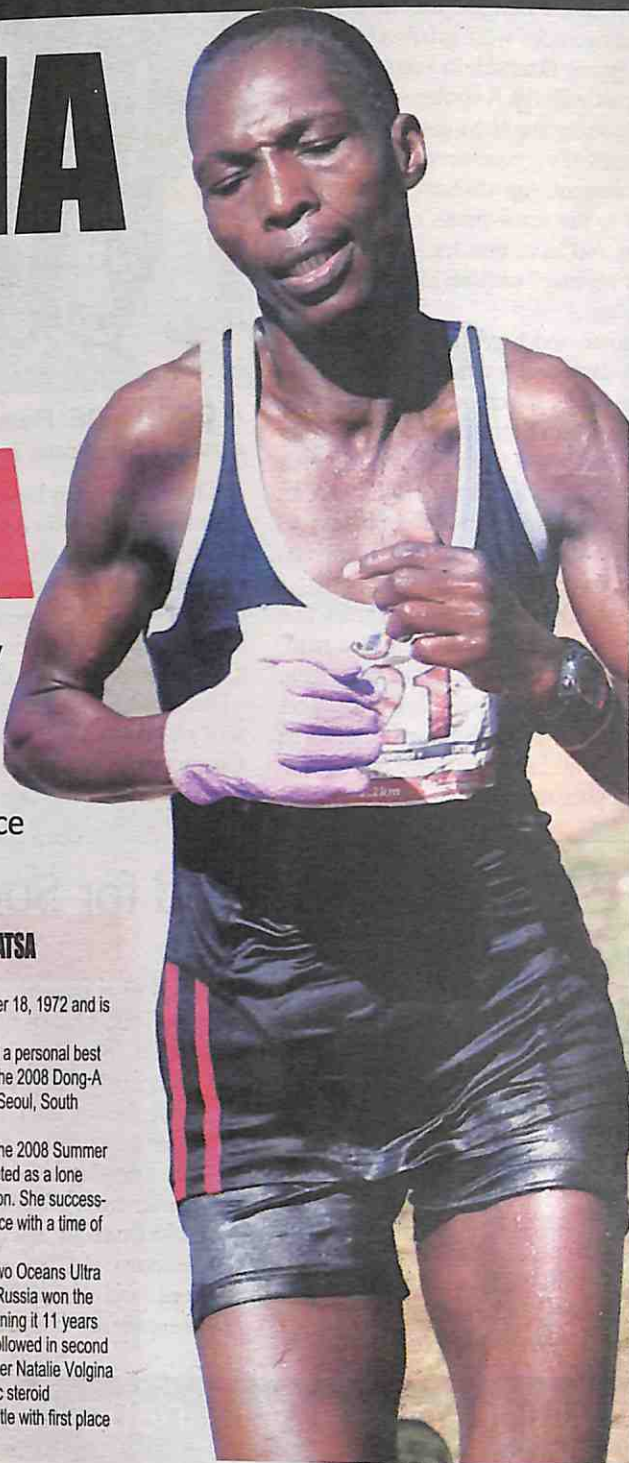
"I am coaching as well and I will always help their athletes as I have helped one of their best performing female who I taught how to manage her races together with other ladies," Tsatsa told The Herald from her South Africa base. In 2017, Tsatsa clocked in 3 hours 08 minutes 10 seconds to win it.

"I must say that it was a very tough route both up and down the hill. For a slower run-

ner like me the route is not as bad, but for a fast runner, it could have an effect on the muscles.

"It was endurance that kept me going and I was happy with my performance," she said.

The race starts at Somhlolo National Stadium in Lobamba to the capital city, Mbabane and back, up and down the notorious seven kilometre Malagwane Hill.



'Magidza' bounces back at Highlanders

SOCCER – FORMER Mbabane Highlanders Public Relations Officer Paul 'Magidze edzakeni' Masilela has bounced back in the team as the member of the communications department.

Masilela was roped in to work with current PRO Mphumelelo Mnisi in commuting news of the capital city side.

Masilela's responsibility will be to represent the team during radio programmes and fur-

ther be part of the marketing initiatives as he is expected to assume his new role before the end of the week.

Masilela referred queries to the acting Chief Executive Officer Thulani Khumalo when

contacted yesterday.

"I can't say anything for now please talk to the CEO," he said. Khumalo said they were still working on strengthening their communications department when also reached.

Masilela has served twice as the club's Public Relations Officer during the 2013/14 season and the 2017/18 season.

